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The latest problems come as the council is battling negative public perceptions over attempts to raise councillors' allowances. The latest crises have raised serious doubts about the council's ability to administer SA's second largest city and, say critics, are good examples of why municipal rates and service charges in Cape Town are among the highest in the country.

The computer consultant saga is astonishing. The council has been trying for nearly six years to develop an information systems strategy for its multimillion-rand computer network.

PE Corporate Services (PECS) was appointed to investigate certain aspects of the strategy in June 1986 and reported later in the year. For more than a year the council conducted its own inhouse study. It found that further investigations and development work were necessary.

After considering proposals from a number of consultancies, PECS was again appointed to conduct further investigations at a fee of R470 000. The council also appointed a steering committee comprising senior officials to monitor the work.

PECS completed its investigation a year ago and its report was approved by the council in January. The council had hoped to appoint a director of information services — a key player in the development of the IS strategy — earlier this year at a salary of R160 000. But this did not happen, even though 58 people applied for the position, including a number believed to be highly qualified and experienced.

According to council executive committee chairman Dick Friedland, none of the applicants was "ideally suited to the requirements of this specific post." The steering committee decided to manage implementation of the PECS strategy itself "on an interim basis.

It became clear after two months that the director's post was pivotal and in May PECS was asked to redeploy its consultant Malcolm Buxton as an interim IS director. His services for 16 days a month cost R255 an hour. He is expected to remain in his interim post until the end of the year.

City planner Neville Ryley, a member of the steering committee, confirms that town clerk Don Geyer is negotiating with an IS specialist to take the post next year. He is reported to be Old Mutual assistant GM Tony Hoffman. It is understood that Hoffman was approached last year but was unavailable at the time. When the FM asked Hoffman about this, he declined to comment.

The council denies that the process of advertising the director's post, interviewing applicants and appointing Buxton as interim director was merely an exercise to keep the seat warm for Hoffman who, it is understood, will be seconded from Old Mutual rather than employed by the council. Critics are sceptical.

The second controversy concerns allega-
Why all the fuss?

The Patriotic Front alliance patched together in Durban last weekend seems somewhat less important than its grand title (recalling Zimbabwe) and the attendant fanfare would suggest.

After all, the chief players — the ANC and PAC — had already adopted more or less the same stance over demands for a constituent assembly and a transitional government, even if their terminology differed. It is not clear what policy compromises have been made by either side, if any — apart from the PAC changing its mind about talking to the regime, which is a simple tactic and easily reversed.

There is doubt whether the ANC can keep the PAC in line but some observers suspect that the game′s purpose behind launching the front was to provide a rallying point at a time when opposition activity has been stagnant.

It will be interesting to see whether the general strike called by Cosatu for Monday and Tuesday will overshadow the formation of the front or be fuelled by it. Judging by the poor attendance at a couple of gatherings in the Cape last week, however, it appears that strike organisers have picked the wrong issue for a show of strength — whatever Cosatu may claim afterwards.

Position bargaining

The fact that the front was put together at all strengthens all the participants to some extent. The PAC′s image is flattered by the co-tails association with the ANC — and the ANC in turn, has seen its negotiating strategy win out (but not by much). On the negative side for the ANC, the demand for an elected constituent assembly has been hardened by the front, which reduces the ANC’s flexibility on this issue.

But such demands should be seen as pre-negotiation positioning. Of course, government is not going to concede a transfer of power to the majority at any such assembly before a new constitution is agreed and on the table.

It would seem that the ANC must hope for gains in the give-and-take that will inevitably occur at the all-party conference. This will include the NP and it could begin before the end of the year.

The ANC is now keen to get on with it, and the wording of the front resolutions, taken with remarks of the ANC′s front convenor Murphy Morobe (see page 43), suggest it has not closed the door on the issue of an elected assembly.

The remarkable development is the PAC′s decision to accept, in effect, that negotiation is the only game in town.

Whatever happened to its uncompromising stance that negotiation could begin only once the so-called settlers had returned the land to blacks, not to mention its other more colourful slogans? A less-than-charitable view of this about-turn is that the PAC simply does not have the membership nor organisational capacity to opt for an alternative to force the ANC′s black support. The PAC recognises that it will be left behind if it holds out against negotiations.

It is hard not to conclude that the PAC, which has no coherent programme, is being opportunistic while it still can. As one observer puts it, "The PAC has a leadership that is mercurial, policies that are fluid and a brand of rhetoric that would be difficult for the ANC to accept."

To the ANC, the value of the PAC shift (wrong from it between conference sessions) is that it won′t need to look over its left shoulder all the time. The PAC has a certain level of informal support, including some intellectuals, that the ANC would not wish to alienate. Exactly how many people back the PAC or Azapo has never been ventured by these organisations — a sure sign that the numbers are low.

The switch comes while the PAC′s ideological junior partner, Azapo, clings to its purist stance of wanting to negotiate only on the basis of a series of non-negotiables. While this stance implies a militant alternative route to liberation, there is certainly no sign of Azapo doing anything more activist than in the past.

It is worth remembering, as Wits political historian Tom Lodge points out, that the ANC and PAC have attempted a pact before. In 1961, the two formed the SA United Front of Exiles, mainly for international lobbying for the isolation of the apartheid State. While it made some diplomatic headway in Africa, that front — which the SA Communist Party was never keen on anyway — broke up in 1963 after constant bickering. Significantly, last weekend′s front declaration states: "On issues where consensus has not been reached, endeavours to find common ground will continue. Should consensus not be reached, organisations can act independently."

For now at least, the front holds and, though relations with the absent Azapo were strained by the conference, the ANC and PAC have decided to leave the door open for Azapo′s re-entry.

The more formidable force of the ANC and PAC, combined with a strongly worded declaration slamming government, appears to set the new partners on a collision course with the NP.

ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa, who read the terms of the agreement to the conference, said a meeting could be called within the next few weeks to settle the date and venue of the talks and work out who should convene them.

For the record, the front — comprising 92 organisations, including 15 pro-Cosatu parties — committed itself to an elected constituent assembly and in pursuit of this:
- Committed itself to a sovereign interim government and transitional authority that "shall at the very least" control the security forces, the electoral process, State media and certain areas of budget and finance
- Insisted upon the establishment of an interim government to ensure that "the De Klerk regime does not prejudice or manipulate the transition."
- Demanded the holding as soon as possible of an all-party congress/pre-constituent assembly under independent conveners, and
- Confirmed "our common understanding" that this assembly will underwrite the constitutional principles, find the modalities for drawing up the constitution through the constituent assembly, realise the establishment of an interim government, ensure the reincorporation of the TVBC states and define the role of the international community.

Buthelezi view

On Saturday Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi claimed that organisations attending the front were "ganging up". Weeks before last weekend′s conference, the IFP excluded itself from the meeting by calling the move "yesterday′s politics."

During an address to the IFP Women′s Brigade in Ulundi, Chief Buthelezi said, "The truth of the matter, of course, is that the ANC, SA Communist Party-Cosatu alliance and the hoped-for Patriotic Front will combine in the political forefront in such a way that it will effectively control the constituent assembly and thereby become both the controller and the player."

Buthelezi added, reasonably enough, that whoever controlled a constituent assembly would control the whole negotiating progress.

He added: "These are not the organising..."
ECONOMY & FINANCE

Cyril Ramaphosa "had already advised the IDT that it was opposed to the raising of loans on financial markets." This statement was forwarded, said the ANC, to investment bank J P Morgan, which was to act as lead banker for the issue.

Last week, ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu announced that the ANC had held discussions with the IDT and was "satisfied that a misunderstanding had arisen." The statement said "The ANC has instructed all its offices, including those in London and New York, accordingly. In the circumstances the IDT will continue with its presentations in Frankfurt and Zurich."

Thursday's meeting is expected to resolve remaining problems and an announcement is expected on Friday.

Mbeki was speaking after a World Economic Forum meeting in Geneva to discuss the economic future of southern Africa. Delegates and speakers included Minister of Economic Co-operation & Public Enterprises Dawie de Villiers, Treasury Director-General Gerhard Cloete, Mozambique Finance Minister Eneas Comche, Namibian Minister of Trade & Industry Ben Amathula, Botswana's Minister of Commerce & Industry Ponatshago Kedilakwe, and Isaac Sam, head of the southern African department at the World Bank.

Participants included ANC executive Trevor Manuel, Gavin Woods from Inkatha, African Development Bank vice-president Adewale Sangowanwa, NP secretary-general Stoffel van der Merwe, Old Mutual chairman Mike Levett and other businessmen and academics.

IDT BOND ISSUE

Next round

The ANC and Independent Development Trust (IDT) were due to meet on Thursday to discuss the IDT's projected US$100m Eurobond issue. This was confirmed by Thabo Mbeki, the ANC's head of international affairs, as the FM went to press.

In September, the IDT announced its plan to raise funds to build schools and provide clinics and clean water for rural communities. Director Jan Steyn believed the project had the backing of the ANC. However, on October 16, the ANC dissociated itself from the project because the issue would be backed by government.

The ANC put out a press release disclaiming the "bogus ANC-IDT statement." The press release said ANC secretary-general
Government’s fairly positive response to the outcome of the Patriotic Front conference paves the way for multi-party talks. Is it as simple as that? No. The level of invective which the major protagonists are levelling at each other has not diminished — nor is there anything approaching workable agreement on what is actually to be done.

Faced with such essential contradictions, all who hope for a new SA revived by economic prosperity have a tendency to gloom. Yet contradictions are not all bad — not if they result in a constitution which will not fray in a very short period of time indeed.

Outsiders may be forgiven for assuming that when the Nationalists speak of “transitional arrangements” and the ANC-PAC of an “interim government” the difference is semantic. And, of course, once a process of negotiation has been genuinely engaged, the difference may diminish. In fact, at this stage, the opposing sides are talking different languages. Herein lie dangers both immediate and long-term.

At the NP federal congress in Bloemfontein in September, F W de Klerk stated his party’s essential position: “Black domination is as unacceptable as white domination. The NP rejects both. Power domination spells catastrophe.” A proposed constitution was floated to enshrine this principle. But less attention has been paid to it than it deserves, probably because it was immediately conceded as a negotiable document. Yet it represents NP thinking pretty comprehensively.

The Nationalists believe in power-sharing — that is to say, a controlled process of inaugurating black participation in government. Each step of the way is to be negotiated, it must not be precipitate. The dangers of white reaction are frequently underlined by commentators as making the process subject to control by political need. This week, Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen — a wily survivor entrusted with such matters — made one of those breezy comments which closer inspection reveals to be a restatement of the principle of continuing government control.

The constitution, he said, could well be amended to permit the Patriotic Front — and Inkatha — a growing say in elements of government. This might be needed to assure smooth transitional arrangements and the changes could be made through parliament if they were not fundamental, in which contrary case they would have to be put to the white electorate by means of the referendum promised by De Klerk as the precursor to a new constitution.

Of course, this will not meet the demands of the ANC-PAC alliance — which are for a constituent assembly before discussions on the final form of the constitution. Indeed, the ambition of next week’s general strike has been shifted from its primary focus on the alleged inequities of VAT to the kind of power sharing which amounts to an interim government, though whether this should be put in place before or after an election for a constituent assembly is not clear.

Behind the statements of either side lie the elements of a huge power play. Both understand this, which is why the proposed strike has the aspect of a showdown. Either one side or the other will be strengthened by its success or failure. The Patriotic Front hopes, obviously, that the strike will be so successful that it will persuade government to narrow participation at the multi-party talks — if not compel it to accept the failed “two-sided table” at which nothing could be debated except the parameters of the transfer of final power. Inkatha would then be formally aligned with the NP.

In the way of things, no such clear-cut outcome is likely. More probable would be a variety of competing viewpoints, some strong in terms of notional electoral support, some weak. Out of such competition a constitution could then laboriously be assembled clause by clause. This would require a focusing of minds on the practicalities of governing SA in terms of its resources and potential, not on a division of the spoils.

Any extension of confrontational tactics to the negotiating table is certain to lead to a botted piece of work. Compromise is going to have to be thoroughgoing when one considers that the Nationalists at this stage propose three presidents — tripartite political structures are notoriously unstable — while the ANC would appear to want to leave property rights out of the constitution altogether, while legislating for affirmative action in the most sweeping sense.

At this stage, government is conceding less than it appears to be saying, and the Patriotic Front, which is unlikely to outlast protracted negotiations, sees apparent benefit in confrontation and haste. In assessing the impact of next week’s strike, these concealed agendas on both sides need to be borne in mind.
ANC sees pivotal role for private sector in creating wealth and jobs

THE ANC wanted a strong private sector to play a central role in a future democratic SA, ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa said yesterday.

However, businessmen should not take this as an invitation to become complacent, he told delegates at the Financial Mail Investment Conference.

The ANC had to pursue policies that enhanced investment, did not alienate investors or drive away skills.

Ramaphosa stressed the importance of foreign investment, saying competition for international investment would be fierce.

Eastern Europe, Asia and the Americas were strong contenders for investments and loans.

With such demand for capital, it would not come cheap or be abundant. A future SA would be dependent on its domestic resources to achieve very demanding objectives, Ramaphosa said.

SA had a potentially dynamic private sector and the ANC saw a central role for it in the creation of wealth and jobs.

"But it does not mean business as usual," he said.

The private sector, in co-operation with the public sector, must go out and create job opportunities," he said.

Individual business leaders might feel no direct culpability for SA's racist economic system and some might even believe they were contributing to its destruction.

"But whatever they believe, they are among the chief beneficiaries of apartheid economics and must pack in the front row of the struggle to end inequality." The ANC's objective was to revive investment within a framework that maximised the capacity to eradicate poverty, while remaining acutely conscious of the need to re-integrate SA's economy internationally.

Political democracy on its own would not satisfy black South Africans nor could democracy be guaranteed if economic inequalities were not, immediately addressed, he said.

Any democratic state had to accept that it had to address poverty and inequalities by redistributing resources. This could be done through "progressive taxation and a benefit or welfare system that supports those with low incomes".

### Private sector

SA had invested no more than 20% of GNP during the past eight years.

Public sector investment had shrunk a great deal and the private sector had failed to fill the gap."Instead the country has continued to suffer from the flight of capital," he said.

It was wrong to blame the ANC-SAfrican Cosatu alliance's insistence on sanctions for this. Apartheid had dealt a death blow to the investment climate, he said.

It was vital to create a climate conducive to investment strong and growing domestic and regional markets, political stability, transparent and consistent economic policies.

"We do not need fancy incentive schemes that will be harmful to our country and people. Evidence of the efficacy of financial incentives such as tax breaks in attracting investment is ambiguous at best. Such incentives can merely lessen the benefit derived by the country from the investment," he said.

In establishing a framework for economic growth government's role had to be determined carefully. It should provide information, co-ordinate and organise for the revival of investment.

The ANC wanted to re-integrate SA in the world economy, making it more competitive. Foreign investors and transnational corporations would be crucial in the organisation's efforts to restructure and regenerate the economy.

Ramaphosa said the ANC's think-tanks were developing an indacement package based on assurances rather than financial or industrial relations incentives. There were sound international precedents.

SA had to ensure that economic growth was revived in a way that benefited all. "We must ensure that employment, wages and profits spread rapidly into the disadvantaged and poor communities." SA's economy was falling because of the low level of investment. It was not capable of creating jobs for even one out of every ten new job seekers each year.

Most growing economies set aside at least 25% of GNP for investment. The successful industrialisers of the Far East invested about 30% of GNP during the 1980s.

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PAC to spell out its views on future SA

THE Pan Africanist Congress will meet Commonwealth, Secretary-General Mr Emeke Anyaoku on Sunday to brief him on the organisation's views about a future South Africa.

PAC secretary for foreign affairs Ms Patricia de Lille said yesterday the meeting would be held at the Carlton Hotel in Johannesburg at 3pm.

By IKE MOTSAPI

De Lille also said the PAC would brief Anyaoku on the fact that the organisation's demand for a constitutional assembly for South Africa was non-negotiable.

She said other issues on the agenda would be:

- The PAC's policy on a transitional arrangement before a constituent assembly;
- The Patriotic Front conference;
- That the PAC would investigate whether there was a role for the Commonwealth to play during the process of transition.

The PAC delegation will consist of deputy president Mr Dikgang Moseneke, general secretary Mr Benny Alexander, De Lille and secretary for publicity and information Mr Benny Desai.

Meanwhile, the Patriotic Front is to meet Azapo today.

"In pursuance of the decision of the PF conference, the convenors, namely the PAC and the ANC, have requested a meeting with Azapo," Alexander said yesterday.
Farewell to Mandelamania

WASHINGTON - There is no more brutal a comment on a book than the sight of unsold piles of the publication in shops. New York's bustling discount bookstores are wrestling with this problem at the moment, offering a recent biography of a famous man for less than one-sixth of the original price.

The discount is a verdict on the work - a devastating indictment on its truthfulness. And when the book is a biography, the person about whom it is written shares a good deal of the author's humiliation.

Such a book, currently on offer in New York for anything from $2.50 to $4.50 (the original price was about $26), is Fatuma Meer's biography of Mr. Nelson Mandela, Higher Than Hope.

Unsold stacks now join the ranks of dusty biographies of half-forgotten luminaries such as Harold Wilson, Kwame Nkrumah and Jawarlal Nehru. Taking into account reasons which might have caused the publishers to vastly miscalculate their market, the fact remains that Mandela does not transfix Americans as he did when he was released from prison, and there is some evidence that the American public has become weary of him.

Why should this be so? Only a short while ago he was given a hero's welcome and millions of Americans thronged the streets to catch a glimpse of him. Part of the answer would seem to lie in Mandela's and the ANC's changed image since those heady days.

Frankly, it is an image which has become a numbingly boring and only the ANC's enemies would wish to keep that fact away from them.

The ANC, and Mandela, offer the chants and slogans of yesterday, they clothe themselves in the discarded political apparel of a bygone age, they crusade for causes which the real world has long since abandoned and, in the process, they are made to look tiresome and even irrelevant.

Some recent examples: Earlier this month Mandela went to Harare and appealed to the Commonwealth and the world to retain sanctions.

The very next day Japan lifted sanctions, thus showing that all the world's major economic powers had deserted Mandela and the ANC.

A fortnight ago, one of the ANC's most influential allies in the US, the Africa Fund, ended a fund-raising campaign urging the public to boycott the floating of a $100 million loan for the

NELSON MANDELA

Independent Development Trust

The plea was ignored by all the major media outlets in the US, and it seems the loan will go ahead as scheduled.

At about the same time, TransAfrica, another pro-ANC lobbying group in the US, ended a boycott of South Africa and predictably concluded that sanctions should remain.

Its view was given much prominence in South Africa, but it was ignored in the US. A fact confirmed by a computer search through reports in more than 11,000 news publications.

This week, hot on the heels of Mandela's appeal for sanctions, the US Congress sent a letter to President George Bush urging him to launch a multi-million-dollar package for South Africa.

Granted, the aid would only be made available to a new government elected through a democratic ballot, but the letter could not have been written if sanctions were still the priority of Congress. In fact, the removal of sanctions was an essential prerequisite.

The fact is that Congress, and the US public, has outgrown sanctions. It's a dreary issue providing no vision of the future of South Africa.

In contrast, the aid programme has gripped the imagination of even the ANC's most enthusiastic supporters in Congress, among them members of the Congressional black caucus.

The American public, likewise, has grown out of concepts like nationalisation, and there is little patience with pompous threats that a future government may not repay loans granted to the present regime.

These are yesterday's ideas in a world desperately seeking a vision of tomorrow. But how can the ANC project a vision of the future when it remains so caught up in the past?

Mandela obviously continues to enjoy much admiration in America, but, as the sale of his biography suggests, and as the frequent defiance of his wishes testifies, affection is not inexhaustible.

He and the ANC are in real danger of discovering that nothing is quite as politically disastrous in America as becoming a has-been.
Press shuts out views against PF

The reports on the Patriotic Front Conference (25-27 October) has without exception given a picture of unanimity.

Anyone who attended the conference must be aware that mutinants of several organisations expressed their disagreement with the dominance of the ANOPAC positions.

The form and content of the PF as finally announced was certainly not unanimously accepted. Wosa consistently intervened, both by way of statement from the floor and press statement, to put a different view forward.

It is clear that there is a determined effort on the part of the media to silence any view that does not coincide with blanket support of the PF presently conceived. In response to the furore over the expulsion of Azapo from the organising committee of the PF, Wosa issued a press statement giving our perspective of the PF conference. Not only did the printed media fail to acknowledge the views expressed in the press statement, a number of newspapers chose to distort our position regarding attendance of the conference.

In the context of freedom of speech we trust that your newspaper will ensure that our voice is heard on this important issue.

HAROON PATEL
WOSA Transvaal Vice Chairperson
PAC wants outside talks

THE Pan Africanist Congress wants the Pre-Constituent Assembly Conference to discuss modalities of the constituent assembly to be held outside the country to ensure the equality of all participants.

This was said by PAC chief representative in Nigeria and member of the organisation's central committee Mr Maxwell Nemadzivhanani when addressing a meeting at Thohoyandou, Venda, on Wednesday night.

Nemadzivhanani said the neutrality of the venue and convener of the PCAC were important.

"The PAC position is that this should be held outside the country under the chairmanship of a neutral convener. However, the Patriotic Front did not specify where the conference should be held and we in the PAC can only hope that this is an understanding shared by all," he said.

Asked about the meanings and differences of the All Party Conference and the PCAC, Nemadzivhanani said the difference was a "question of semantics." He said all participants at the PF were agreed on the need for a conference to discuss the establishment of the constituent assembly.

He cautioned against the euphoria of seeing the Government's reform programme as the beginning of freedom, saying "the descendants of settlers can never become agents of liberation. It is a fallacy and a daydream that we must reject. We are our own liberators," he added.

Nemadzivhanani came into South Africa two weeks ago for the launch of the PF in Durban. He leaves for Nigeria today but will return in December to work on the PAC head office in Johannesburg.
 Accord on conveners for talks

By Peter Fabrius
Political Correspondent

The Chief Justice and two religious leaders are likely to convene the all-party/multiparty conference (APC/MPC) on negotiations expected to meet within weeks.

This compromise arrangement was tentatively agreed upon by the Government and the ANC at a meeting yesterday.

The ANC will meet the PAC today to report back on the meeting and to decide if the PAC will attend a multiparty planning meeting with the Government on November 15 when final decisions on arrangements for the APC/MPC will be made.

If the PAC decides to attend, it will be its first official encounter with the Government.

The November 15 meeting is in line with the Patriotic Front conference decision last month to convene a meeting of the ANC, PAC and Government on the APC/MPC.

It will probably also be attended by the Inkatha Freedom Party — and also the governing parties of the KaNgwane and Gazankulu homelands for the sake of wider representation.

The Government and the ANC have still not decided who else should attend.

The tentative decision on who should convene the APC/MPC follows negotiations stretching over several meetings.

November 29 still seems the most likely date for the conference to start, although a later date has been suggested as an alternative should this prove impractical.
Patrick Laurence assesses the balance of forces after the birth of the Front

Will their fingers form a fist?

The formation of the Patriotic/United Front raises questions about its impact on the balance of forces vying for dominance in our political arena.

Established largely on the initiative of the African National Congress and its old rival, the Pan-Africanist Congress, the Front unites many organisations in the fight against apartheid and for national democracy.

It is the product of a strategy designed to tilt the balance against President de Klerk's ruling National Party.

Constitutional Affairs Minister Gerrit Viljoen and his deputy, Tertius Delport, have no doubts about the motives which inspired its genesis. They see the Front as an attempt by the ANC-PAC axis to inspire a 'gang up' against the NP. Front spokesmen use different language to describe the same process. They speak of uniting forces representing the oppressed for a final assault against apartheid, deposing the Front as a bid to pre-empt plans by the NP to deploy a strategy of divide and rule at the negotiating table.

The Front has unquestionably seized the initiative and attempted to determine the pace and direction of the negotiating process. It has shifted the balance in its favour for the moment but whether it has done so decisively is another question.

The Front is a potentially formidable force, but it may not be as solid or as durable as its leaders claim publicly.

Extrapolating from the official list of participating organisations at the Front's three-day inaugural conference at Durban, ANC secretary general Cyril Ramaphosa has declared that it speaks for 22 organisations and at least 15 million people.

His statement exaggerates the Front's strength, however. The official list of organisations at the founding conference contains several duplications.

Some had observer rather than delegates status and thus cannot be assumed to have endorsed the final declaration.

Many organisations on the list have overlapping memberships with the ANC and the PAC. Some, like the National Soccer League, are apolitical organisations which cannot presume to speak politically for members.

The Front is, moreover, weakened by a number of significant absences from the list of member organisations, especially Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) and Pandelani Nkolvhoda's Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo).

Azapo sees the Front as an attempt to reconcile the irreconcilable.

Lesser political organisations are not on the Front's membership list either.

They include political parties associated with three tribal homelands. Lucas Mangope's Bophuthatswana Democratic Party, Oupa Gqozo's Ciskei-based African Democratic Party and Hudson Mtsweni's Ximoko Progressive Party in Gazankulu.

Since one of the Front's objectives is to deprive Mr de Klerk of black allies at the all-party talks and in the projected non-racial election, these admissions, like the exclusion of the IFP and the Azapo, cannot be dismissed as insignificant.

A last but not unimportant point about the Front's list includes the Pro-suspects, political organisations which attended for reasons of expediency rather than conviction. Their presence on the list of member organisations is explained by the desire to avoid casting as 'unpatriotic'.

Allan Hendricks' Labour Party, which has suffered serious losses to Mr de Klerk's ruling National Party, appears to be a case in point. If Mr de Klerk offers the Labour Party a route to survival during the pending all-party talks, they may well take it in preference to absorption by the 'patriotic forces'.

The failure of Qwaqwa's Chief Minister, Kenneth Mqoqi, to head the Dikwankwetla Party delegation to the Front's conference suggests he may be keeping a discreet distance between himself and the Front. The Front is, above all, a coming-together of the ANC, PAC and black allies at the all-party talks for more than 30 years of rivalry. Their new found unity is the cornerstone on which the Front rests.

The tensions which led to the secession of the PAC from the ANC in 1989 have not been completely excused by the formation of the Front. They are reflected in small but cumulatively important ways. The language of the Front's inaugural declaration illustrates the point.

For every term favoured by the ANC there is a counter-term used by the PAC. The Front's ringing declaration talks, clumsily, of an all-party congress/pre constituent assembly meeting and an interim government/transitional authority.

The two sides cannot even agree on the Front's label. ANC members refer to it as the Patriotic/United Front. PAC members talk of a United Front Organisers in a belated attempt to avoid a quarrel over the name of the Patriotic/United Front.

There are further outward differences during the black nationalist anthem, Nkosikazi Nke Afrika (God Bless Africa), ANC members respond with the clenched fist salute while their PAC counterparts give their own distinctive open palm salute.

These observable differences mask deeper ideological quarrels.
ANC condemns pupil expulsion

By Phil Molefe
Education Report

The ANC has condemned the actions of the students' representative council at Lydenburg's Mashishing High which expelled members of the Democratic Party from school this week.

ANC spokesman Saki Macozoma said yesterday it was not ANC policy to intimidate or threaten members of the DP or any other organisation.

"We do not condone such action and anyone who intimidates members of other organisations can never claim to be acting for the ANC," Mr Macozoma said.

He said there could never be a school for people who belonged to one ideology.

"A school is for everybody and we cannot prescribe to people to belong to a particular organisation," Mr Macozoma added.

The eastern Transvaal school came under the spotlight last week when the SRC ordered DP pupils to resign from the party or leave the school.

In the ensuing confrontation, DP members said they were dragged from exam rooms, their party T-shirts set alight, and on Monday were driven out of school and forced to write exams at an alternative venue.

The pupils said they were victimised because of their political affiliation, and claimed the SRC had links with the Congress of South African Students and the ANC Youth League.

ANC Eastern Transvaal publicity secretary Jackson Mthembu denied the allegations.
Keeping an open mind

The ANC's Murphy Morobe, a former leader of the United Democratic Front, is a convener of the Patriotic Front.

What is the significance of last week's "Patriotic-United Front" agreement?

Morobe: For the first time, organisations which had not worked together or seen eye to eye, jointly arrived at a common approach to resolving the crisis in this country. One could say that it was an approach whose time has come, given that the regime has itself come round to accepting that it can talk to people who represent our oppressed communities. It was expected that the liberation movement should respond in kind.

Government described it as a gangling-up.

We reject that charge for its ridiculousness, especially coming from the National Party, which has a history of seeking to divide the black community. It reflects the typical NP government mindset that we, as blacks, are not capable of organizing ourselves constructively and responsibly and it has the connotation of us being gangsters.

Do you have any reservations that the Inkatha Freedom Party is not part of the front?

Our premise is that every organisation has the democratic right to decide what it wants to do. To the extent that the objective of the exercise was to put together those forces who see themselves as being on the other side of the power equation and wanting to pool resources to be able to contend for power, I think any organisation would have to look at itself in relation to that equation.

It's up to the IPP to define where it sees itself. If they want to come over and join the front — well, the front has left sufficient room for organisations to become part of the process. There should be no fear of being dominated. The declaration does allow for joint, several and even individual actions. What about bringing Azapo back into the fold?

It's not an irreversible break. A constant theme at the conference was that it is going to be absolutely necessary for the front to seek ways of drawing in those organisations that have been left out. Azapo has given indications that he is willing to continue co-operating with various constituents of the front, this is a welcome sign. We look forward to Azapo being able to rejoin the key organisations involved here.

Can the agreement last, given the fundamental ideological differences between the ANC and the PAC?

There may be (such differences), but a most notable thing about the conference is that we moved from the premise that we understood our basic differences, ideological and otherwise, and, nevertheless, accepted that we needed to identify the major challenge of the time facing the liberation movement — that is, that we have arrived at a point in our history where the question of the transfer of power to the people is more than just a dream, but increasingly a matter of practical reality. It, therefore, became incumbent on the various parties to work out a way of narrowing their differences.

Individual organisations still retain the prerogative, where they don't find satisfaction in the collective approach, to attempt other solutions, while keeping in sight the broad strategic goal as set out in the declaration. It is a major advance in the way in which we are going to conduct our politics from now on. However, alliances or fronts like this one are only as strong as their component parts want them to be and that's the test.

The front's main demand is for an elected constituent assembly to draw up the constitution. Is this not putting the cart before the horse?

There are a myriad of parties and organisations claiming to represent the people. We say that for any constitution to be of any value it must from the beginning be democratically stamped in terms of who will draw it up.

The question is whether you need an election to do that, or a different system. I'm still waiting to contemplate a different approach for establishing representivity. But our major position is that an elected one will be the most democratic way.

The important thing about the constituent assembly is that it will have a very specific task. From the way it's going to be set up it will be understood that it is not there to be the government, but to devise a constitution.

That does not detract from our approach, which seeks the need for an interim government or transitional authority to ensure that, as the constitution-building process continues, orderly government does take place.

What we'll be putting forward at an all-party conference is a proposal as to who we think should constitute that interim government. It would need to have the broadest possible participation.

What about the idea of a committee of experts drawing up the constitution?

There's no doubt that you'd need people who are expert at constitution-drafting. However, you can't have those people locked away sweating somewhere and coming up with a constitution. We in the ANC have rejected that notion completely as unworkable. We want a method which will allow people to feel they have been participants. That is the cardinal principle.
AZAPO outlines its stand

The Azanian People's Organisation did not take part in the Patriotic Front conference last weekend after being expelled as co-convenor by the PAC and ANC. Azapo president Pandealan Nefolohodwe (pictured right) outlines the organisation's position.

Azapo believes that if the liberation movements contemplate negotiation, this means that the working class should be involved in consultations with the liberation movements. The idea of a committee forum as espoused in the declaration of the conference, falls short of the consultation needed between the liberation movements and working-class organisations.

The constitutional forum contemplated would include even the owners of capital and those who come from the owners that are opposed to the working-class constitution instead.

The position of Azapo is well known, and this forms part of the Kwalonza document which was signed by Azapo, BCM and AFM. Azapo regrets talks about talks as not substantive, not looking for negotiations that Azapo and the BCM and AFM will be amenable to.

To this end Azapo welcomes the decision to convene meetings on the question of the transfer of power from the majority to the minority. However, Azapo suggested that the question of neutral venue was not part of the declaration of the meetings. Azapo went on to voice its concern that the duration of Azapo's use of the co-convenor status had reached the extent of its transition period.

The pre-conference assembly conference was to be held on November 9 and 10 in Westonaria. Azapo is still committed to joint campaigns with other liberation movements. However, whatever programmes and activities do not coincide with those of others, Azapo has a democratic right to pursue its own programmes without compromising its policies and principles.

The conference that took place in Durban was closed in an opportunity to listen to Azapo's proposals about the future of its community.

No one can speak for Azapo and the Black Consciousness Movement as a whole.

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PAC report-back

By ALI MPHAKI

PAN Africanist Congress deputy president Mr Dikgang Moseneke will be among three speakers at an inter-branch meeting of all PAC branch executive committees in the West Rand region at Funda Centre, Soweto, on Sunday, 1/11/91. Issues to be discussed include a report-back on the Patriotic Front conference in Durban last weekend. Other speakers are PAC general secretary Mr Benny Alexander and a Qibla leader.

The meeting starts at 9.30am.
ANC lashes out at Mashishing SRC

ANC publicity secretary for the Eastern Transvaal Mr Jackson Mthembu yesterday condemned a students representative council for expelling pupils who belonged to the Democratic Party.

Mthembu left out at the Mashishing High School SRC after a visit to the school near Lydenburg - on Sunday by the DP to investigate allegations of discrimination against pupils belonging to the DP.

When the DP met the SRC, the student body “refused to acknowledge that the DP was entitled to operate as a political party and members were entitled to write exams”.

Mthembu said “The politically naive decision by the Mashishing SRC to expel pupils because they belong to another political party goes against the principles of the ANC and civilized society, and, as such, is condemned.”

He said the ANC had tried everything in its power to normalize the situation at the school.

“These efforts were frustrated by the intransigence of local DP leader - Sopa.”
THE Pan Africanist Congress delegation was embarrassed to find itself crossing a picket line on its arrival for the Patriotic Front conference at the Melotu Hotel.

Perhaps its tactical advantage, the African National Congress delegation was spared by arriving late—a recurrence of what happened when the ANC leadership was to address the Press Club prior to the signing of the Groote Schuur Minute in Cape Town.

Pickets from the National and Allied Workers’ Unions and South African Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers’ Unions—said they intended to use the conference as leverage in their campaign against retrenchment and casual labour, and it seemed to work.

An hour later the hotel entrance was cleared after an intervention by the PF liaison committee, recommending that the two parties enter into bona fide talks for an amicable resolution of the dispute.

The incident symbolised the mood and the outcome of the conference, with all efforts directed at consolidation and the drawing together of various contradictory views.

Indeed, midway through the conference, the ANC Women’s League’s Frené Ginwala, a member of the ANC support committee, complained that there were few female delegates at the talks. Hours later she was asked to chair a session while the main delegation went into caucus.

The conference drew more than the main players. As delegates arrived, onlookers and hotel staff thronged the hotel entrance.

Some argued excitedly among themselves as they identified leaders alighting from their cars—and there were various models in different colours, from diplomatic limousines to homeland-registered Mercedes-Benzes.

Under an overcast sky and a light breeze, delegates withdrew into the concourse, finding their way up the plush staircase to their seats in the conference room.

Seating was arranged in a way that encouraged former antagonists to interact awkwardly with each other. Asking for the water jug to be passed can encourage personal friendships among political enemies.

The Labour Party, led by Allan Hendrikse, seated at the front, was sandwiched by the liberation movements’ leadership on stage and the ANC support delegation at the back. Democratic Party leader Zach de Beer and Lebowa chief Nelson Ramodie were nicely cushioning the International Socialist Party of South Africa, from whom a radical voice was frequently heard.

Communists and nationalists, Christians, Hindus, Muslims and Jews as well as business people, traditional leaders, women and youth—all came together to portray a “people’s parliament”.

It was summed up by PAC vice-president Dikgang Moseneke. “The Patriotic Front conference is the first of its nature since the Congress of the People in 1955.”

Despite the wide diversity of viewpoints, Dullar Omari, national chairman of the National Association of Democratic Lawyers, argued for the conference to be conducted in the open: “We are opposed to secret negotiations,” he said. “By making deliberations of this conference open, we are setting an example.”

Debate was cordial and frank, yet critical. The approach appeared to be one of scrutinising the various viewpoints and seeking to persuade one another to close ranks and speak with one voice.

A hot argument revived over political parties’ right to participate in working out the modalities of a new constitution—whether the forum should be two-sided or all-inclusive. In the thick of ideological polemics, the ANC’s Jacob Zuma warned the conference of the lessons of Angola and Mozambique, where after independence “counter-revolutionary groups” like Umtata believed they were justified in waging civil war because they had been excluded from the constitutional process.

Although deliberations were serious, they had a humorous dimension as well—as when National Soccer League chairman Keith Kunene protested against time limits by reminding the conference that he was representing an organisation which allowed for “injury time.”

Ramodie stunned the audience when he endorsed the argument that the government—including “we” in the homeland governments—could not be trusted to oversee the transition process. The deafening applause that followed the “confession” clearly reflected an earlier appeal by a PAC-aligned Qhila delegate that “it’s better to compromise first among ourselves before making compromises with the regime.”

Unlike the Conference for a Democratic Future, which was characterised by acrimony, debate in the PF conference was conducted in a “comradely” manner. The only walkout came from the Muslim delegation, and it wasn’t a walkout—they were excused briefly for their Friday morning prayer.
20% of repair costs ‘wasted’

SA COMPANIES wasted a fifth of the R25bn they spent annually on plant maintenance and repair work, it was claimed yesterday.

P-E Corporate Services MD Martin Westcott said yesterday this was the result of poor staff utilisation, the unavailability of skills, wastage and poor inventory control.

Economic success, he told the Maintenance Management Convention in Johannesburg, required high productivity and a sound education system.

“We are finding new job opportunities for less than 10% of our assembly workers,” said Westcott.

The causes have included a stagnant or no-growth economy, an education system which has almost collapsed, unrealistic salary and wage inflation and international sanctions.

“The results have included more visible and violent trade union activity, a severe economic recession and running levels of crime and violence,” said Westcott.

“Performance improvements in the years ahead will depend on our ability to achieve a balance between our First World needs and Third World realities,” said Westcott.

Ancient hit at UCT attitudes

CAPE TOWN — The ANC Women’s League has rejected black male University of Cape Town students’ defence of sexual violence against women as “blatant oppression” (sic).

League spokesman Nomathyana Hangana said a new revolution — for the liberation of women — had started in SA.

The league was referring to claims by black men students in a UCT report on sexual harassment that it was their “customary right” to control women, even through physical violence.

Hangana said: “It puzzles one to hear men say that it is customary to discipline wives by beating them. It is not our tradition. It is nothing but blatant oppression. A massive task lies ahead of us.” — Sapa, 8/10/91
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HE spread as Slavo is a

developed person able to

speak at length on a number

topics.

He has a keen interest in reli-

gion, in the study of history, and

in the study of human values.

He is a religious person with

a deep understanding of the

religious principles that underlie

our society.

To the theologian, Slavo says,

“God is a living God, He

exists, and He is the source

of all goodness. He also

exists in the human

spirit.

Yet, it is not clear how he

reaches these conclusions.

He has never studied theology

or philosophy, but he has

read widely on these subjects.

Perhaps he has a natural

ability to understand

religion. He is a

religious person, but he

does not have a theological

training.

I cannot prevent a scientific

argument for the non-existence

of God, but then I cannot

prove the existence of God.

Having listened to his views on

life, his socialist views and

understanding of religion, I

suggested he might be a kind

of believing unbeliever.

Theologians have difficulty

in understanding Slavo's views.

He is not religious in the

traditional sense. He does not

believe in the traditional

concepts of God and

religion.

The anti-religious stance of

Marxism on religion, he insists,

as it is considered a

criminal activity by the

government.

Marxism views religion as a

hypocritical system that

exploits the poor.

To the extent that

Marxist views are correct, the

religion of Slavo is the

opposite of Marxism.

But he agrees that not all

religion serves this end.

In fact, many different

religions, he says, “have been

influenced by the same

philosophy.”

He believes that all religions

are a manifestation of

humanity's desire to reach

for something beyond

the material world.

“Marxism has done,” he

argues, “is to take the human

seeking for the perfect society

and incorporate it into a

socialist program.

“Since there are weaknesses,

times called sinful dimensions, to the

human character such as greed and

the lust for power. That is partly

why democracy is so important. It is

an important antidote against tyrani-

ny, a dangerous possibility that lies

depth within the human spirit.

“Also, I believe in the great-

ness of the human spirit, the abili-

ity of humanity to build a paradise

on earth, at least in the sense of

putting together a society that is

a vast improvement on what is seen

in either the capitalist world or the

former socialist countries of Eastern

Europe and the Soviet Union. I am

an unashamed socialist, and in

stead I remain one until the day I

die.”

Slavo points to the coexistence

of the world various of true Christians,

Jews, Muslims and socialists.

Of course we have all fallen into

translating our visions into practice.

But that does not invalidate the vi-

sions.

He believes there is a need for

religious people to rediscover the

moral values that constitute the

roots of all great religions. Sim-

ply, it is the task of socialists to

acknowledge the failure of socialist

countries, return to basics, and ask

what is socialist dream means in

peasant historical circumstances.

“Without a socialist vision,” he

argues, “I believe the world will be

a poorer place.”

One of the most

important parts of us is the

experience of our country. All

united.”

I asked Slavo to explain the

source of his reassurance. “What drives

you? Does the word transcendence

mean anything to you?”
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have only one meaning for you?"

his reply was decisive: "h ave a sense of human transcendence. I am driven by the incompleteness of society. I have a vision of what society can and ought to become, which functions as a lure, drawing me into social engagement."

He regards himself as having lived a privileged life, but all the tragedies and the hurts he has endured. To pursue a goal and to be driven by a cause is a glorious and fulfilling thing. When that goal and cause are recognised by global consensus to be right, noble and good, one can only be grateful to have been some small part of it.

And what is the nature of that goal? "First and foremost it is a non-racial, non-xenophobic, non-apartheid South Africa. The struggle for socialism is a longer term project."

asked why he is an atheist, the reply came quickly: "Because I fundamentally believe our fate is in our own hands rather than being determined by some mysterious force outside of history."

I suggested to him that the Biblical God is to be found within history - a dynamic, spiritual presence that gives the human spirit and history itself to work, completion, emancipation and hope. He responded: "Well, that is pretty close to what I used to say earlier. My concern is that the human drive for fulfillment be registered in an age of equality in a situation where morality and caring for the other is a crusade in a consumerist and practical manner in this world, not in some distant world-to-come."

"There is, I believe, a certain drive to this kind of fulfillment which is part of the human soul - a notion which I employ in a non-religious sense. Maybe I need to say I am agnostic rather than an atheist." Slovo insists on the absolute freedom of religion: "It is an essential ingredient of democracy."

"I totally and completely support the freedom of religion. I have no desire whatever to deny anyone the right to believe or the right to practice a religion."

I ask only that atheism and agnosticism be afforded the same right, without prejudice or coercion."

Raised a Jew in a Lutheran village, Slovo was educated at a school run by the local 'rabbi'. He had the Bible recommended to him; he paid a head over and over again. Not sure that he ever fully grasped the whole. It was getting at it a sense of being one with life and the identity in its face of the anti-semitism of the time.

His mother died shortly after he emigrated to South Africa, his family at the age of nine, and he grew through the ritual of saying prayers for the dead.

"While other boys were playing football, I had an unusual sense of guilt."

Compelled to leave school at the age of 15 he found employment as a dispatch clerk, becoming involved in the labour movement and the Communist Party. He later graduated with a BA LLB degree from the University of the Witwatersrand.

The religion of Sion's method is no more than a distant memory. A static religion can never meet the demands of a dynamic society. He is asked to comment on the challenge facing religious institutions in South Africa, his response is: "It has some meaning in the reaffirming their role. It is not an apologie but a self-renewal movement."

"There is a sophisticated, subtle and complex, in the sense of religious expressions. We believe we have a lot in common."

Slovo is reminded of one of Lenin's conciliatory comments on religion: "We must stop arguing about whether or not there is a paradise in heaven. Whatever we may believe about that matter, let's build a paradise on earth."

"That's about where I am at", he says. "And also, don't ever forget that there is a paradise in heaven, that would be a heaven!"
ANC's R1/2m lobby

pastor of the New Bethel Baptist Church in Washington, was a founding member of the Free South Africa movement which spearheaded passage of the 1986 Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act.

As chairman of a House subcommittee overseeing international banking, he also pushed to step up US financial sanctions on SA and tighten restrictions on SA access to the IMF.

Although he is influential in the powerful AME Baptist Church, he is not regarded as an astute politician.

Many observers were stunned by his decision to abandon his safe seat in Congress in hopes of succeeding disgraced Mayor Marion Barry.

His campaign was a disaster.

In 1984, he stunned a delegation of black South African trades unionists — including Cosatu's Jay Nalndo — by bursting into song at a conference held by the AFL-CIO.

Halfway through a keynote luncheon address, he suddenly launched into a stirring rendition of Frank Sinatra's "To Dream the Impossible Dream."

At the recent Notre Dame conference between the ANC and US business representatives, Fauntroy suggested US companies co-ordinate their SA plans through the ANC's representatives in Washington.

This idea did not receive universal acclamation from the businessmen.
Insurance giant to sponsor Ramaphosa's birthday bash

ANC secretary general Cyril Ramaphosa will be honoured with a lavish farewell and birthday party — courtesy of the Southern Life insurance company.

Company sources confirmed the party would be held for Mr Ramaphosa, former general secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, at the Old Edwardian's Club in Houghton, Johannesburg, on November 17.

They said the NUM had approached the company to sponsor the event. Originally 500 people were to have attended, but the guest list has since been trimmed to 250. Guests will be treated to a braai and an open bar from 16h00 until late that night.

Sources at Southern Life said the company had decided to sponsor the event because "the NUM has a provident fund with us which provides benefits for about 300 000 members. It was felt it would be beneficial to future business."

Southern Life is organising the event and has sent out the invitations. It has budgeted R20 000 to cover costs.

But a NUM spokesman said the event was "very private" and had been paid for mainly by NUM staff members from their "own pockets."

She said some individuals and companies connected with Mr Ramaphosa had also provided "small sponsorships" and that an official party would be held for Mr Ramaphosa in January next year.

A spokesman for Southern, Mrs Lorraine Sassenberg, said she could not comment.
ANC’s bill of rights Utopian, says Law Commission

The SA law commission has dismissed as unenforceable ANC demands that a bill of rights should compel the state to provide minimum standards of health, education and shelter.

The Law Commission’s draft bill of rights, released last night, also differed markedly from that of the ANC on the key issue of affirmative action.

While the ANC’s proposed bill of rights envisages a redistribution of wealth, the Law Commission wants affirmative action limited to a “vigorous programme of upliftment and guarantees of equal opportunity.”

The ANC has argued that certain socio-economic needs were so basic as to constitute the foundation of human rights claims.

These were rights to nutrition, health, shelter, employment and a minimum income. The ANC proposed that a bill of rights required the state to devote maximum available resources to these areas. It also proposed a minimum floor of enforceable statutory rights for each area.

Thus, the state would be compelled to ensure that each child had a minimum diet, all homes were provided with power and clean water and all children had access to compulsory and free primary education.

The Law Commission accepted that the state should be compelled to provide free and compulsory primary education, but rejected the rest of the ANC’s proposals as Utopian and unenforceable.

Attempts to enforce socio-economic rights in a positive way, the report said, would prove to be juridically futile and could plunge the country into a serious constitutional crisis.

Furthermore, the state’s inability to fulfill socio-economic rights included in a bill of rights would undermine the credibility of the bill as a whole.

The commission instead proposed that certain socio-economic or “second generation” rights be protected in such a manner that they could not be infringed by the state.

The report listed these rights under the categories of general rights, employee rights and employer rights. But, in effect, what it proposed was the elevation of existing labour legislation into fundamental human rights.

An example of a general right was that all people could join a union and would be able to take legal action against the state if it attempted to prevent them from doing so.

Employer rights included the right to work in safe conditions, the right to reasonable work hours, and the right to strike.

Employer rights included the right to expect adequate production of an acceptable quality from workers, the right to apply the principle of “no work, no pay”, the right to employ “scab” labour and the right to protection from unfair labour practices.

The Law Commission also proposed that all rights defined by the bill of rights be used as guidelines or directive principles by the state in the planning and execution of legislative, executive and administrative programmes.

The ANC’s clause on affirmative action stated that: “Nothing in the constitution shall prevent the enactment of legislative, or the adoption by any public or private body, of special measures of a positive kind designed to procure the advancement and the opening up of opportunities, including access to education, skills, employment and land, and the general advancement in social, economic and cultural spheres of men and women who in the past have been disadvantaged by discrimination.”

In its report, the Law Commission said the ANC’s proposals would make reverse discrimination possible and appeared to be aimed at paving the way for a redistribution of wealth.

The commission said it was unacceptable to take things away from one person and give them to another. It was also unacceptable that some people could be favoured at the expense of others.

The lesson to be learned from affirmative action under other constitutional systems was that it could only be justified if it was aimed at the realisation of the principle of equal opportunities for all.

It added: “A serious warning must be sounded against the misuse of the concept of affirmative action in an attempt to justify the nationalisation of land, or any redistribution of minerals, land and other assets.”

“Any attempt to lead juridical respectability to nationalisation and redistribution under the banner of affirmative action will simply not succeed.”

Such an attempt, it said, would effectively make the whole institution of affirmative action suspect and elicit resistance to it.

Rather, it said, the aim of an affirmative action clause in a bill of rights should be to authorise legislative programmes aiming to guarantee that all people were afforded equal opportunities in realising their potential.

The commission’s view of affirmative action was not one of reverse discrimination or retribution, but a vigorous programme of upliftment and guarantees of equal opportunity.
ANC has nothing to fear from federalism

Zola Skweyiya's letter in defence of the ANC's centralised unitary policy and against federalism (October 15) invites strong criticism.

Notwithstanding the favourable comments by members of the ANC's committee on their return from Germany where they apparently learned for the first time that federalism is not devoid of merit, or perhaps in response to this threatening notion, Mr Skweyiya tries to debunk federalism in SA.

First, he claims that federations "normally work where they evolve historically", that "they result from independent states coming together and surrendering part of their sovereignty while retaining a part for themselves" while this is often true, it is not necessarily so — witness Australia.

But let's be generous in accepting Mr Skweyiya's assertion for now, and ask How does South Africa stand? In the last century what is now SA comprised a number of subject, quasi-autonomous and totally independent political entities including a centralised Zulu kingdom, a British colony, a British protectorate, and two independent Boer republics. Their coming together to form SA amply fulfilled Mr Skweyiya's conditions for the formation of a federal as opposed to a unitary state.

Second, he asks "Why federalism at this time in our history?", as though it is something new. But what is new about it? Federalism was the major topic on the agenda at the 1910 Union conference.

The point is that federalism subsequently became a dirty word precisely because it was expediently, though illogically, associated with apartheid by those whose political instincts were then (and perhaps still are) supportive of the command systems of the socialist bloc.

And, lest we forget the NP, their rejection was because the implementation of the social engineering associated with their command state equally required a unitary state.

Argument

Third, Mr Skweyiya's warning that federalism encourages ethnicity takes us back to the ANC's hoary old argument of suggesting ethnicity must be stopped by all means — witness the ANC's 1986 Constitutional Guidelines outlawing the promotion of ethnicity and regionalism.

To the ANC, because apartheid promotes ethnicity, and federalism does likewise, then federalism is ipso facto evil.

But what credence can we really give the ANC's position? Yes, Mr Skweyiya talks of ethnicity in multi-national Yugoslavia and Nigeria, etc as problematic, which it is. But Nigeria is also beset by religious and regional sectionalism, and Yugoslavia should never have come into being as a state in any event.

He talks of the negative results of federalism in India and the Soviet Union as though a unitary approach would have resolved their ethnic problems. If federalism is the problem, would the ANC explain what the ethnic problem is in multi-national federal Switzerland?

Or perhaps how the unitary Turkish, Iraqi and Iranian states have managed to resolve the Kurdish problem? Indeed, how can Mr Skweyiya even use the term "multi-national" unless he accepts precisely that ethnicity is a fact of life that cannot be wished away.

Fictitious

Fourth, Mr Skweyiya's linking the ANC's opposition to colonialism and apartheid with its scepticism over federation encouraging ethnicity takes us back to the ANC's fundamental position of equating ethnicity and apartheid.

Yes, apartheid was premised upon promoting black ethnicity (and white racism rather than white ethnicity), but no, the reverse hardly holds true. Ethnicity is an important international problem precisely because the idealised basis of the modern nation-state has been more fictitious than concrete.

And in the face of a negative minority and ethnic perceptions of the ANC, the organisation's leadership is having to try to admit that its rigidity is counter-productive. Thus Mr Mandela's admission that coloureds wanting to be represented by coloureds is unnatural.

Whatever Zola Skweyiya and the ANC's constitutional committee believe then, there is nothing intrinsically anti-democratic or pro-apartheid about federalism. — Peter Smith, Inkatha Institute, Durban.
FW MEETS NELSON

President FW de Klerk and ANC president Nelson Mandela met for more than two hours at the Union Buildings in Pretoria yesterday. Mr De Klerk's office said the two had discussed a wide range of issues.

Observers believe they probably tried to resolve their differences following a recent verbal exchange.
Italians raise R10m to house returning exiles

A NEW organisation, set up for the educational and charitable upliftment of the poor in SA, moved into gear this week with a R10m Italian government-funded project to house returning exiles.

The Matia Trust, which was established in October last year, was an autonomous, non-partisan organisation drawing members from different political, educational, business, church and other organisations, said executive director Billy Modise yesterday.

A brainchild of the ANC and funded by local and overseas donors, the organisation was assigned the task of setting up practical programmes from catering for returning politicians to preparing South Africans for the new age.

One project the trust was to embark on soon was the Education for Democracy programme, which would generally prepare South Africans for the new democracy.

"SA is changing fast and, if there were to be an election now, there would be a lot of voters who were disqualified for some procedural and tactical mistakes," Modise said.

"Organisations which took on the task of educating people on the electoral system would be doing that to satisfy their own ends, hence an independent body such as Matia has to undertake this duty, giving education in civics and the electoral system," Modise said.

Modise said there were a number of programmes, including pre-university bridging programmes, information technology training, catering for people disabled through the liberation struggle and looking after the aged.

Modise has worked with the UN Habitat Settlement Secretariat in the US, was recruited by the UN Commissioner for Namibia and established a Commission for Namibia in Zambia, staying there for 12 years before offering his services to then ANC president Oliver Tambo in 1988.

The Board of Trustees, the policymaking body of the trust, includes Idasa director Van Zyl Slabbert, author Nadine Gordimer and lawyer Israel Ayob.

Others are Nafoce president Sam Motseweane, Soweto businessman Richard Maponya, Institute for Contextual Theology general secretary FR. Smanigale Mabatshwa, Turffontein University's Dr Benito Khotsoeng, Peninsula technikon rector Franklin Sout and ANC NEC member Barbara Masekiela.

PAC seeks early talks date

THE PAC at the weekend told Commonwealth secretary-general Emeka Anyaoku that a meeting with government should be convened within weeks to discuss the all-party/pre-constituency conference.<n
The PAC met Anyaoku for talks in Johannesburg on Saturday afternoon.

In a statement after the talks, the PAC said it had told Anyaoku the meeting with all interested parties would discuss the date, venue and an independent convenor for the first concrete step in the constitutional talks — Sapa.
The Democratic Party yesterday welcomed the election of Frederick Chiluba as Zambia’s new president, saying it was “right” that former President Kenneth Kaunda was removed from power “at this time.”

In an interview with The Star, DP leader Dr Zach de Beer said Dr Kaunda, like many leaders of his generation, “fell under the spell of socialists and believed that politicians, by interfering in a major way with the economic process, could help the disadvantaged people”.

Dr de Beer, who said Dr Kaunda had been a “good friend” of his when he lived in Zambia, said events in Zambia, eastern Europe and the Soviet Union had clearly shown the failures of socialism.

ANC head of information and publicity Dr Pelio Jordan said the ANC’s national executive committee would comment on the election later.

Azanian People’s Organisation president Pandelani Nkolokwedi, who said he knew President Chiluba when both were trade unionists, told The Star Azapo and the Black Consciousness Movement would send Mr Chiluba a message of congratulations today.

Inkatha Freedom Party spokesman Suzanne Vos said her party wished President Chiluba well and applauded Dr Kaunda and his party for “accepting the will of the people”.

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Negotiate on housing: ANC

THE ANC announced yesterday it is trying to establish a national housing and development negotiating forum.

ANC National Executive Committee member Mr Thozama Botha, at a housing conference in Durban, called on the Government to commit itself to discussion on the matter without preconditions.

He did not supply further details on the proposed forum.

Botha said the ANC believed that the Government had to stop privatising State-owned land during the county’s transition. Instead this land should be transferred to a democratically controlled land or housing trust or be held by the State until agreement was reached on a process of land redistribution.

Land ownership

"It does not make sense for any Government to proclaim housing as a basic right while continuing to completely privatise delivery systems and land ownership," said Botha.

He explained that the ANC was still developing a housing policy, which is to be guided by the Freedom Charter. The organisation may adopt a "mixed housing delivery strategy", he said.

"This could mean public rented accommodation, private sector housing tenure, public/private sector housing tenures, or co-operative housing tenures," Botha said.

"The security of tenure will depend on urban land ownership and State housing policy." - Sapa
ANC prepares for election

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG —
The ANC is preparing for a non-racial election campaign.

ANC spokesman Mr. Carl Niehaus said most of the organisation's 900 branches were addressing potential problems associated with such a campaign.

Statistics show that at end-September, there were 5,5 million registered white, coloured and Indian voters.

Central Statistical Service figures show the number of blacks aged over 18 is more than double, at 11,5 million.
ANC's Vula structures stay secret

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — A "substantial" part of the underground structures established by "Operation Vula" had not yet been exposed, according to Mr Siphelele Nyanda, the umKhonto weSizwe commander who led the operation. Interviewed in the magazine Work in Progress, Mr Nyanda said the ANC had been "building an enormous underground", which "gave a morale boost to our people and scared the hell out of the government."

The operation had been geared to "locate a national (ANC) leadership inside South Africa". Vula operatives interviewed said the operation, and mass actions, had convinced the government of the need to pursue negotiations.
East Cape ANC congress shake-up

PORT ELIZABETH — In a regional leadership shake-up, the ANC East Cape congress has voted out all but one of five executive members.

Mr Bonson Pihla was soundly beaten for the chairmanship by Umkhonto we Sizwe member Mr Landa Richmond Mtu, recently returned from exile.

Mr Pihla was elected an additional member, however.

The vice-chairman is Mr Thohle Mhlahlolo, also a former exile, who is also regional education officer for Cosatu.

Secretary general Mr Gugile Nkwintu was the only one of the top five to retain his post.

The vice-secretary is Mr Bongani Gxalaba and attorney Mr Glen Goosen is treasurer.

In his acceptance speech, Mr Mtu said the executive would give attention particularly to bridging the gap between urban and rural ANC.

ANC prepares for election

THE ANC is busy laying the groundwork for a non-racial election campaign, according to ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus.

He said most of the ANC's 900 branches were looking at potential problems associated with fighting such an election.

Niehaus said voter registration would be an enormous task. A massive effort, including an awareness campaign, would have to be made to get all eligible voters onto the roll.

Studies had been made of international election procedures and preparations which would ensure the ANC was well prepared when the time came.

A Home Affairs spokesman said there were more than 3-million blacks with ID books — 79% of the projected 12.5-million blacks over the age of 18 in SA.

He said a campaign was needed to get the rest to register.

Latest statistics show that at end-September this year there were 5.5-million registered white, coloured and Asian voters. White voters totalled 3.3-million.

Central Statistical Service figures show the number of blacks over 18 is more than double, at 11.5-million.

Political analyst Willem Kleynhans said preparing for black participation in SA's first one-man, one-vote election could take until the end of the century.

He said the current registrar could be used as a base for compiling an electoral roll for a future non-racial general election, but the matter would have to be resolved by political groups when they finally began negotiations.

Venter calls for new social legislation

PRETORIA — A new approach to social legislation should be considered, Health Minister Rina Venter suggested yesterday.

She told a think-tank on care for the handicapped that existing Acts should be made into one umbrella Act with subordinated Acts.

This would facilitate the task of placing those in the field, since they would no longer have to search through various statutes for appropriate legislation.

Umbrella legislation would form an integrated part of the programmes offered by the welfare system.

Venter said that without neglecting the secondary and tertiary services, more funds should be made available for primary services.

That means stronger focus should be placed on the development of people, families and communities.

At this stage 1.5% of GNP was spent on welfare services. It should, however, be increased to 3.2% and money should be made available to primary social welfare services, especially in underdeveloped communities, she said.

"In a Third World country which is endeavouring to make primary social services available and accessible to all its inhabitants, it is inevitable that both government and the private sector will bear a heavy financial burden," she said.

She said an aspect that needed attention was that people who could afford social services should be made to pay. — SAPS
HEATHER ROBERTSON reports on a UWC workshop that tackled unconscious prejudices:

Unlearning racial hatred

A group of Makamba players in skins and beads are enrolling a crowd in Cape Town with their pounding rhythms. "Look at those monkeys" comments a white spectator to an Indian man beside him.

On the day of Nelson Mandela's release, white and coloured activists were shouted down by a few black men who said, "We are black and we have suffered, thus is our leader, not yours", subsequently threatening them with an onslaught of the black race against "necroses and sellouts".

Mannenberg residents recently signed a petition and protest against the Tshwane square squatters on a vacant plot in their area.

Racism, discrimination and prejudice are part of the psyche of South Africans. It is the internalised disease unheard from 339 years of apartheid.

Last month a group of adult educators at the Centre for Adult and Continuing Education (CACE) at the University of the Western Cape decided to take the racist bullets by hosting a workshop called "Challenging Racism".

Twenty seven university staff and adult educators from churches, trade unions and educational institutions were taken through a gruelling five days where they were confronted with their own prejudices as well as institutional racism. While this kind of work is not going to stop racial bigotry or prejudice, it does make an attempt to acknowledge the problem and pave solutions, even if only in the adult educational sphere.

"We wanted to help adult educators develop a deeper understanding of racial oppression and internalised racism so that we could explore ways of developing educational practices that challenge racism," says Ms Antonette Zanda, a course facilitator.

In designing the course Zanda attempted to balance looking at personal attitudes and working towards structural change in the community.

Many participants were frustrated that the course focused on individual participants because they wanted theoretical information on racism.

"But that would have defeated the object of the course," says Zanda. "Theories are more comfortable than looking inside yourself."

Her approach is personal prejudices must be tackled before challenging racism on an ideological level.

"It's easy to think that because you understand racism you yourself are not racist," says Zanda. "People were shocked when they realised how they themselves perpetuated stereotypes."

Petha Sebotse, an ex teacher at the ANC's Somafme College in Tanzania, says she first realised the history of racism because they were relatively close to the bone.

"It was a highly emotional experience to talk about experiences of racism that have touched my life and the fact that I have been teaching through the process of self discovery. You need to be able to challenge racism at all levels as soon as you recognise it."

A DYING BREED? Will this type of sentiment continue

The workshop method, based on co-counselling where there is equal time for all participants, explored the root of discrimination, not only between ethnic categories such as coloureds, Xhosa, Zulus and Indians. Although people in these groups are prejudiced, it is only whites who are racist against Zandas. "We do not consider discrimination between, say, coloureds and Africans as racism. All coloureds experience racism, it is not about whether being racist, "

Zanda and the difference between discrimination and racism is based on which group has control over society. "Discrimination happens when one person expresses a pre-judgement or a stereotypical assumption about other people and acts accordingly. To be racist is to have institutional power such as laws, education and government behind your prejudices."

"In this country only whites can be called racist. They also have the ideology of superiority behind them which makes them operate from a dominant position of being more advanced than other groups."

"With internalised racism, when someone treats you in a racist way, you start operating from a position that is inferior," says Zanda.

Challenging racism has to happen on two fronts, says Zanda.

"Racists need to look at themselves, how they have internalised the belief that they have the right to dominate. We try and encourage people to look at and when and why they do dominate."

"On the other hand, people who suffer the brunt of racism often believe they are the only ones operating from a position of inferiority. Once in a group they are empowered by recognising others experience."

Zanda ran anti-racism workshops in Canada for five years. "In Canada I also dealt with the issue of a white system which acts against Vietnamese, Chinese, Indians and Palestinians," she said.

"In South Africa workshops of this nature are different because we are trying to change the power structure so that everybody can have access."

This method of challenging racism is remarkably similar to the Black Consciousness programmes of the seventies which emphasised black pride and self assertion. Zanda argues the reason why people dropped Black Consciousness was because whites became extremely threatened.

"White people benefited by encouraging coloureds and Indians not to get under the black umbrella. There have been awards for ethnic groups in South Africa for maintaining a separate identity."

But for her the bottom line is clear: "White people have two choices, either they support this kind of work and accept that both personal and structural change is necessary or they can sit it out and black power will achieve structural change anyway. If they don't accept this gesture they will never overcome."
ANC launches rural offensive

Apartheid has left South Africa with a legacy of urban bias and rural neglect — a status quo within which the ANC has operated, says Mr Johnny Issel.

"To correct this imbalance, the rural conference (organised by the ANC for December) will be a major offensive to empower rural people."

At its regional conference in September, the ANC in the Western Cape had almost 19 000 members in rural towns. However, members in rural areas have complained the organisation gives preference to urban areas, says Issel.

ANC members say because a high percentage of rural dwellers are poorly educated farm workers, building and maintaining branches is extremely difficult. They argue it was necessary for the ANC to practise "positive discrimination" towards deprived communities.

Factors impeding progress in rural areas include a lack of infrastructures, distances between areas and a lack of transport and funds.

"During the period of the UDF, we reached out to the rural areas in a resistance mode," said Issel.

"Because the ANC is facing an electoral/political battle, this requires different methods and approaches."

At a meeting in Worcester last month, 90 representatives from ANC branches and organisations met to flush out issues to be discussed at the conference on December 7 and 8.

The conference will give attention to socio-economic development of rural people.

Political development, affirmative action for rural women and the development of culture and sports in rural areas will also be on the agenda.

Housing and services, energy provision and environmental conservation were also identified as important issues for discussion.

"People also felt ANC campaigns were an urban matter and rural areas were often excluded," Issel said.

"The ANC has to take an upfront position on land problems, unemployment and local government issues. The projects in the rural areas will not be implemented immediately, but the conference will provide a framework for how we proceed."

"There is also a possibility of establishing a Rural Development Trust to facilitate development."
PAC backs talks

The West Rand branch of the PAC yesterday endorsed the call for a pre-constituent assembly to be held at a neutral venue under a neutral convener.

The PAC branch, which met on Sunday in Soweto, said it also supported attempts to have Arapo returned to the Patriotic Front.

However, the branch said it was “surprised at statements made by Mr Nelson Mandela to the effect that President FW de Klerk and he reached..."
ACCRA — The all-party congress in South Africa would take place before the end of November, ANC president Nelson Mandela said yesterday in Ghana.

He said the congress would work out mechanisms for setting up an interim government of national unity, draw up broad proposals for a new constitution and set out the modalities for the election of a constituent assembly that would define the constitution’s details.

The congress, he said, would be “the route through which the ANC will relieve the apartheid regime of exclusive responsibility for the management of the state and its resources.”

“De Klerk and I are convinced that a system of linkage between attainment of certain objectives in South Africa, like interim government and lifting of sanctions, is most likely to deliver best results”

Mr Mandela said the ANC leadership was trying to move South Africa away from confrontation with the minority government of Mr de Klerk.

He said the majority had already demonstrated that they could no longer tolerate a situation where the minority took decisions on their behalf.

It was difficult at present to secure the total involvement of blacks in the administration of South Africa “but it could happen any moment from now.”

From Ghana Mr Mandela flew yesterday to Ivory Coast and then will visit Senegal.

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Ex-ANC hijacker released

Johannesburg — A white former ANC and MK member, sentenced to 16 years in Tanzania for trying to hijack a Soviet aircraft in 1989, returned here yesterday after serving 18 months of his sentence.

Mr Bradley Stacey, 29, heard he was to be released yesterday and was flown here via Swaziland on a Royal Swazi aircraft after the ANC secured his release “on humanitarian grounds”.

On 18 May 1989, Mr Stacey and another man were seized by Soviet security guards when they tried to divert an Aeroflot flight carrying 200 MK guerrillas from Angola to Tanzania.

Mr Stacey said yesterday the hijack attempt came at a time of large-scale disillusionment among MK troops because of MK deployment on the side of the Angolan government against UDF. Mr Stacey said he fought against UDF for two years.
Azapo to meet ANC PAC over PF tomorrow

By JOE MDHLELA

THE Azanian Peoples Organisation is to meet the convenors of the Patriotic Front in Johannesburg tomorrow - a day before it holds its own national council meeting at Tweelkoepen in KwaNdebele on Saturday and Sunday.

But the meeting still has to be confirmed by both the African National Congress and the Pan Africanist Congress, according to Azapo's general secretary, Mr Don Nkadimeng.

Nkadimeng said the meeting was scheduled for last Friday but could not take place "because we were given only a day within which to prepare a delegation."

"We obviously could not attend a meeting when given only a day's notice. Their letter, which was dated October 30, called for a meeting on November 1," Nkadimeng said.

The meeting, the letter stated, would discuss Azapo's return to the PF, Nkadimeng said.

Available

He said Azapo suggested that the meeting be rescheduled for tomorrow "as this would give us enough time to prepare."

By yesterday both the ANC and PAC had not confirmed whether they would be available to talk to Azapo.
Mandela in Ghana

ACCRA - South African people were ready to complete the process of liberation in Africa that was started by Ghana in 1957, ANC president Nelson Mandela said in Accra on Tuesday. (11 A)

Mandela said unless the Pretoria agreed to a constituent assembly and transitional government, it would continue to be both player and referee.
Women hit out at Bill

THE African National Congress Women's League yesterday criticised the draft Bill of Rights for not mentioning women as a specific sector warranting special focus in a future constitutional order.

"We start off, therefore, not expecting much from the present draft," the ANCWL said in a statement.

"From the little we are aware of, the present draft carries no promise for the thousands of our women who have been the most oppressed as its drafters are negative towards affirmative action.

"Secondly, when they do mention women, it is to say that a future government must not make it compulsory for them to be in the military." - Sopa.
Buthelezi warns of white backlash

A HIGHLY militarised white population could produce an awesome backlash to any straight majority government which sought to walk the ANC path, Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said at the weekend.

The Inkatha Freedom Party leader was addressing the secretary-general of the Commonwealth, Chief Emeka Anyasoku, and his entourage during their visit to Ulundi at the weekend.

In his statement, Chief Buthelezi said contrary to the Harare Declaration, which called for the handing over of power to "some kind of interim political executive in South Africa", politicians would need to resolutely "produce a reconciled South Africa."

He said reconciliation which simply amounted to the handing over of power to a former revolutionary organisation, "because that is what happened elsewhere in Africa", would be disastrous.

The Inkatha leader said the assumption that the ANC always had been a government-in-waiting and that ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela was most certainly going to produce the first government after apartheid, simply had to be reviewed.

"We have been witness to the disaster of this approach in Mozambique and Angola."

"The Harare Declaration assumes that the catastrophic consequences of what Frelimo and the MPLA did could be avoided in South Africa," he said.

He said it was possible that the forces at work in the political arena were developing what would become a multiparty majority which would form a government.

Buthelezi criticised the Patriotic Front, saying it was the "gangup of one group against another group."

"Dr Mandela is making an error of judgment by pouring new wine into old wine skins."

"The old liberation politics of attempting to produce a united front of the Patriotic Front kind must be regarded as suspect," he said.
Azasco hits out at homeland leaders

THE Azanian Students Convention yesterday accused homeland leaders of having a double agenda.

Azasco president Mr Sipho Maseko was reacting to the consent by homeland leaders and tricameral parliament representatives that Minister of Constitutional Development Dr Gerrit Viljoen should negotiate on their behalf with other parties over moves to get the multiparty conference off the ground.

This agreement was reached at a meeting at the Union Buildings in Pretoria at the weekend.

The meeting came a week after the Patriotic Front conference convened in Durban by the African National Congress and the Pan Africanist Congress.

Maseko said the homeland leaders' participation in the PF had reduced it to a "pathetic front."

He said: "Azasco's refusal, and that of the Black Consciousness Movement as a whole, to participate in the PF has been vindicated."

"This meeting has proved beyond reasonable doubt that these bantuist leaders are not redeemable."

"There is no way that these leaders can be part of the freedom movement, yet still be madly in love with this Government."

"Azasco believes this is the time when we need a real PF, which will isolate these puppets and their mentor," Maseko said.
Fireworks expected at congress

Next week's African National Congress Youth League congress promises a battle for the presidency and heated debates over the youth movement's autonomy. By HUBERT MATLOU

BATTLE lines are being drawn between the African National Congress Youth League's provisional president, Peter Mokaba, and his secretary-general, Tapalane Molekane, as the two run for the organisation's presidency at its "inaugural" congress in Kwandoalebe next week.

The former hand-in-glove pair is now at loggerheads, each trying to test his popularity in the 500,000-strong youth movement.

Elections for the presidency are expected to cause a sharp debate on Mokaba's credibility following The Weekly Mail's revelation that the ANC's security department was investigating allegations that he was a spy — charges Mokaba has vehemently denied.

Ironically, the row is between two stalwarts both accused of having agreed to spy for police during a spell in detention. The difference is that Molekane informed the ANC on his release that he had made this agreement in order to get out of detention; Mokaba was accused of not informing the movement.

The row took a better turn during last week's PWV conference, which saw the organisation's most powerful region nominate Molekane for president.

For the first time Mokaba, the fiery "young lion", is being challenged. He led the now-defunct South African Youth Congress from 1987, and later was appointed to lead the national provisional committee of the Youth League following the unbanning of the ANC.

He is reported to be fighting for his political life after the ANC failed to satisfactorily clarify and resolve the controversy surrounding him. The row is steadily gaining momentum as the national congress draws nearer.

The battle is reported to be taking regional and national dimensions, with factions beginning to emerge. The Natal Midlands and Border regions have come out in support of Mokaba, whereas the organisation's biggest region, Eastern Transvaal, is reported to be throwing its full weight behind Molekane.

Other regions such as the Eastern Cape, Transkei, Western Cape and Northern Free State, have refused to divulge their nominations.

Mokaba reportedly has visited the Northern Transvaal, his home constituency, in the past two weeks in an attempt to boost support. He is also said to have consulted Umhondo weSizwe chief-of-staff Chris Ham, Winnie Mandela and Steve Tshwete to persuade ANC president Nelson Mandela to intervene on his behalf.

Sources within ANCYL indicated that it is the second time Mokaba has refused to step down as a nominee, arguing that such a move would validate charges that he was a police spy. The first instance took place when Mokaba was elected to the ANC's national executive committee during the July congress, leading to increased consternation...
ANC losing support, and in present guise cannot be trusted'

By Peter Fabricius and Kaiser Ntombela
Political Staff

President de Klerk said last night that it was becom- ing clearer by the day that the ANC could not be trusted in its present guise.

He warned that he would be obliged to take serious steps to combat violence if the National Peace Accord did not succeed.

De Klerk, addressing a meeting in Pretoria, said the ANC was preparing to cause violence.

'If it is becoming clearer by the day that the ANC cannot be trusted in its present guise,' he said.

'It is glaringly inconsistent, for example, he continued, 'to issue conflicting statements on national policy.'

'The ANC is in a position to be held responsible and is undermining its reputation as a government,' he said.

'The National Party will continue to seek understanding through discussion and negotiation. Our hard work will get the maximum compromise, he added.

Referring to Catoa's anti-VAT strike, de Klerk warned the ANC's economic and industry if they did not act within the law, they could be held responsible.

FW warns of crackdown

A possible crackdown by President de Klerk, who is known to be one of the leaders of the abortive boycott of the ANC, has been threatened.

In the meantime, he said, the ANC was preparing to cause violence.

'We cannot allow the ANC to continue to cause violence,' he said.

'If it is becoming clearer by the day that the ANC cannot be trusted in its present guise,' he added.
The Independent Development Trust's projected $100m Eurobond issue appears to be in limbo. No announcement followed last week's meeting with the ANC and neither side was prepared to comment.

The reluctance to comment and the fact that no further meeting is scheduled suggests that differences have not been resolved.

The issue was announced by the IDT's Jan Steyn in September. Soon afterwards, an ANC press release repudiated what it described as "the bogus ANC-IDT statement".

The ANC said it had advised the IDT that it opposed raising loans (though not grants) on financial markets. This was followed by another ANC statement which created the impression that obstacles had been removed. And in the week of October 14-18, the IDT made presentations in London, Zurich and Frankfurt.

The problem now is that lead banker J P Morgan is not prepared to settle for just a neutral stance on the part of the ANC. The bank is not willing to go ahead without the explicit backing of the ANC — which is not prepared to go so far.

In the circumstances, Steyn might have been tempted to publish a letter from ANC president Nelson Mandela which initially led him to believe the ANC would back the issue. But it seems likely that he will refrain from doing so for the interest of future good relations.

There is no immediate pressure on the IDT to follow its presentations with a launch. Now that contact has been established with potential investors, an issue can be initiated in weeks. But eventually, if no way out of the impasse is found, the IDT will have to make new plans and possibly step back in the queue of would-be foreign borrowers.
The SA Law Commission's report on human rights is essentially a liberal document. It emphasises the rights and freedoms of the individual, believing that "group" rights would follow from such protection.

The report pays the usual homage to the vital abstract freedoms of speech, movement, assembly and political affiliation, it supports accepted Western principles of justice, and favours a nonracial universal franchise.

But its crucial recommendations are found in two particular Articles of a proposed Bill of Rights, without which those abstract freedoms would be of little comfort. These articles would provide that:

- "Everyone has the right freely and on an equal footing to engage in economic enterprise, which right includes the capacity to establish, manage and maintain commercial undertakings, to acquire property and procure means of production, and to offer or accept employment against remuneration";

- "Everyone has the right individually or jointly with others to be or to become the owner of private property."

The commission defends the first article against protests from the affirmative action, redistribution and socialist lobbies. It says the article embodies "no more than common law rights or freedoms and it is purely coincidental if they are characteristic of a capitalist structure."

In writing the property clause, the ANC's proposed Bill of Rights was considered by the commission. The report finds that while the ANC "pays lip service to the concept of private property, this concept is undermined rather than respected." For instance, in the ANC's proposals, "the existing right to ownership in any natural resource is overturned."

The commission also finds fault with the ANC's recommendations on compensation for expropriated property. The nature and extent of expropriation could be legislated, rather than determined by market value and there would be no appeal to the courts against inequitable rulings.

"In short," says the report, "the whole question of compensation is manipulated" by the ANC to provide for arbitrary nationalisation of private property.

The ANC proposals on property, says the commission, compare badly with Article 16 of the Namibian Bill of Rights, which recognises private property and provides simply for fair compensation in the event of expropriation.

The commission also considers what are known as secondary rights, which are intended to meet material needs such as medical care, food and shelter and to guarantee education and employment. It points out that these go beyond protection of the individual, which is the watchdog role of the classical rights. They would demand positive action by the State — which, in turn, would mean the allocation of resources to enforce them.

There are obvious practical problems with these rights. The commission, while noting the problems, sees a need to "afford them a greater measure of practical recognition."

Thus, for instance, it recommends that free and compulsory education at primary school level be made a right.

The minefield is immediately clear what if the State and the private sector combined are simply unable to pay for enough classrooms and teachers? How can this "right" be enforced? And if it cannot, the legitimacy of the entire Bill of Rights would be undermined.

In this area the commission's thinking seems as confused as that of the groups it criticises so forcefully. It is difficult to see why an acknowledged national priority should be made into a "right."
ANC, in the clutches of radicals, will lead SA to disaster

PRETORIA — The ANC was in the clutches of radical and communist elements and could not be trusted in its present guise — it would steer South Africa into disaster, President F W de Klerk said last night, opening the NP Transvaal congress.

In a fierce attack on the organisation, De Klerk said that the ANC was no longer able to "hide behind apartheid and the image of a disadvantaged and banned organisation, it stands exposed to the glaring spotlight of public attention (and) it is becoming clearer that the ANC cannot be trusted in its present guise."

The ANC was glaringly inconsistent, especially with its conflicting statements on economic policy. The dying SA Communist Party was clinging to the ANC like a parasite and was undermining its international and domestic reputation.

"Cosatu general secretary Mr Jay Naidoo is leading the ANC by the nose and involving it in actions detrimental to the country," he said.

He warned business leaders and individual employers that the ANC had targeted workers and, through them, the economy of the country to win political power. "If organised commerce and industry as well as individual employers — do not stand firm, they and the country will pay a high price."

Only if employers acted purposefully and in an organised manner to ensure that trade unions acted within the law, would they be able to retain their independence.

"Only if employers help, motivate and discipline their workers against succumbing to intimidation, will they be able to help prevent radical trade union leaders from gaining a stranglehold."

The NP was not prepared to allow the ANC or any other party or movement to take over power, De Klerk said. Those who had a perception that the ANC and its allies would take over control were not taking the NP into account, Sapa reports him as saying. No solution was possible without the NP. "The NP has never asked for a mandate to transfer all the power to the ANC or anybody else."

De Klerk said further steps to combat violence would be taken if the application of the new mechanisms in terms of the peace accord proved inadequate.

Such steps would have "serious implications". He would not elaborate but said it would not be in the country's interest if the government were to "take things further. It would be far better if leaders were to cooperate now to combat the violence, including that perpetrated by their own followers."

"It was not government's fault that there was black-on-black violence. Nationalists do not perpetrate the violence, the supporters of other political organisations do. And their leaders, including Mr (Nelson) Mandela, have to do something about it themselves."

De Klerk also said that the situation regarding sport had been exploited by the...
A politician who has never held public office, but who speaks in public as if he soon will be running the country, is confident indeed. That is what ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa did last week at the FMA investment conference. Coming from Neil Kinnock, leader of Britain’s opposition Labour Party, such confidence would be construed as intolerable arrogance; coming from Ramaphosa, in the context of SA’s political history, it was unremarkable.

The looming burdens of office have clearly tempered official ANC rhetoric. Few conference delegates could quibble with Ramaphosa’s assertion that the ANC and, by implication, the country, “must pursue policies that distribute the benefits of this economy more equitably. However, in doing this we must pursue policies that enhance investment. We would, therefore, be very unsafe if we were to alienate investors or drive away the skills that we have in this country.”

But Ramaphosa also pointed out that the link between investment and redistribution is critical to future stability and he neatly summed up the public debate: “One side fears that redistribution will stop investment, while the other fears that the pursuit of investment will be at the expense of redistribution.” And he called for the development of a “common framework of approach” to these issues.

As for the measures to achieve redistribution, Ramaphosa demonstrated an acute sense of occasion. The tone was conciliatory, the style dignified — but the remedies were vague. How else should a politician behave? He spoke of “a combination of progressive taxation and a benefit or welfare system” of the need to “ensure that employment, wages and profits spread rapidly into the disadvantaged communities.” The ANC wants “to achieve redistribution of new income (that) differs markedly from the other process of redistribution concerned with welfare and equality of opportunity.”

The word “nationalisation” did not appear in the prepared speech, though it cropped up briefly at question time. Even then, Ramaphosa referred to it in the context of transferring rents from the ownership of their established tenants. Whatever “redistribution of new income” was intended to mean, it did not sound very threatening. Such phrases were sufficiently vague not to upset either the assembled businessmen or the ANC’s constituency beyond the Carlton Hotel.

Similarly, the role of government “would have to be in carefully selected economic activities.” No obvious problem there for capitalists, or in the statement that “the ANC envisages a future democratic SA where the private sector plays a pivotal role in the creation of wealth and jobs.” SA has a potentially very dynamic private sector and the government of the future has a duty to ensure that the potential is fulfilled.”

The private sector knows very well it is not perfect and so it was no hardship to hear Ramaphosa warn against complacency and an attitude of “business as usual.” The private sector no doubt agrees that it must help government to “go out and create job opportunities” and help “end the inequality of economic opportunity.”

And no delegate would have disagreed that “the challenge is to encourage investment by providing a general economic climate that is conducive to investment.” This might have been Barend du Plessis or Julian Ogilvy Thompson speaking. To achieve this climate, said Ramaphosa, we need growing markets, political stability, consistent economic policies, a well-trained and productive work force. Again, no nightmares for capitalists.

What about sanctions? Ramaphosa spoke as if some other organisation beyond his control was responsible for these. He argued that “foreign investors in general, and transnational corporations in particular, will be crucial in our effort to restructure and regenerate the SA economy.”

Perhaps the key to the speech, shrouded as it was in charm, lies in that word “our.” Did it refer to the ANC in partnership with the present government or to the ANC when it comes to power? We suspect the latter and perhaps the speech should be seen in that light.

Some of the assembled businessmen were disappointed by the speech, and with reason, but they should also have been encouraged — even though ANC economic policy is doubtless still full of goblins, which Ramaphosa shrewdly kept in the closet.

The importance of the speech is that it demonstrated that the ANC, government and business are playing the same political game, in a way that neither F W Botha (with
'Concern' over PAC struggle

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The government has called on the PAC to clarify its position on its armed struggle.

Constitutional Development Minister Dr Ger-rett Viljoen said yesterday the PAC's armed struggle was a "cause for serious concern".

Dr Viljoen was reacting to a claim by a PAC spokesman that the PAC's armed wing was responsible for a weekend attack in Soweto that killed a policeman and injured his colleague.
All-party talks this month - ANC

Acera - The all-party congress in South Africa would take place before the end of this month, according to ANC president Nelson Mandela.

He told a news conference in Acera on Tuesday that the congress would work out mechanisms for setting up an interim government of national unity, draw up broad proposals for a new constitution and set out the modalities for the election of a constituent assembly that would define the details of the constitution.

The congress, he said would be "the route through which the ANC will relieve the apartheid regime of exclusive responsibility for the management of the state and its resources."

"De Klerk and I are convinced that a system of linkage between attainment of certain objectives in South Africa, like interim government and lifting of sanctions, is most likely to deliver best results."

**Leadership**

Mandela said the ANC leadership was trying to move South Africa away from confrontation with the minority Government of President de Klerk.

He said the majority in South Africa had already demonstrated that they could no longer tolerate a situation where the minority took decisions on behalf of the majority.

It was difficult at present to secure the total involvement of blacks in the administration of South Africa, "but it could happen any moment from now."

Expressing regret that some African governments had started establishing links with the apartheid regime, Mandela said such links were premature.

"I will give the signal at the right time," he said.

Earlier, the head of Ghana's military government, Flight-Lieutenant Rawlings, told Mandela that Ghana would continue to give help to "black South Africa."

*Sowetan Correspondent*
Bill must wait - Azapo

By MATHATHA TSEDU

AZAPO has rejected the implementation of the draft Bill of Rights by the Government.

The organisation has, however, accepted the draft published at the weekend.

Azapo secretary-general Mr Don Nkadimeng said the Bill, if enacted under present conditions, would entrench black dispossession of land and other properties and should therefore await ratification by a constituent assembly.

Nkadimeng said the notion of inviolability of private property, which is included in the Bill drawn by the Law Commission, should be approached with "extreme caution".

"The simple difficulty with this provision is that the wealth of this country is concentrated in the hands of a few white people. More importantly, whites own and occupy 87 percent of our land.

"Azapo's position is that the people themselves, through the constituent assembly, can decide which rights should be made sacrosanct and which not and at what stage."

The Bill has been welcomed by several bodies, including the National Party, ANC and Democratic Party.
**Trust to go ahead with Eurobond issue**

THE Independent Development Trust (IDT) is to go ahead with its proposed $100m Eurobond issue, IDT chairman Jack Steyn said yesterday.

This is despite unresolved discussions between the IDT and the ANC over the proposed issue. The two had agreed not to comment on the discussions other than to say they were proceeding, he said.

He did not give details about proposed dates for the issue, which is being lead-managed by JP Morgan bank, although uncertainty surrounds JP Morgan's role in the issue should the ANC not back it.

The issue has been plagued by contradictory statements about the ANC's stance on the issue.

**City council takes over coloured health services**

THE Johannesburg City Council is set to take over certain primary health care services traditionally provided by the House of Representatives, Representatives' Health and Welfare Department chief director Dr Eric Jarodan said yesterday.

Jarodan said the parties would sign an agreement in Johannesburg today.

He said the House of Representatives had asked Johannesburg to undertake services on its behalf but had stipulated that these had to be rendered on a nonracial basis and "according to need".

Another proviso was that primary health care services in Johannesburg would be coupled to an aggressive literacy campaign to make services more effective, he said.

House of Representatives regional offices in Johannesburg and the City Health Department had identified six sites or centres in Johannesburg to be used as pilot projects, Jarodan said.

The centres, which would be operated on a nonracial basis, would be equipped with computer-driven literacy programmes.

The linking of primary health care to computer-based literacy training would be a first for SA, he said.

A council spokesman said the move was in line with recent statements by National Health and Welfare Minister Rina Venter that more primary health care services should be rendered by local authorities.

Venter signalled last month government was moving towards ending the duplication of health structures created by the own affairs system.

She said the fragmentation of health services had to be eliminated but added that this would have to be done within the limitations of the present constitution.
ANC policy on medicine

PRETORIA — An ANC government would incorporate major sections of the medical private sector into a national health service under government control, ANC health spokesman Dr Asham Dasso said yesterday.

Dasso told a Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association of SA conference that in reorganising health services the ANC would aim to provide health care through an improved and strengthened public service accountable to the communities it served.

The public sector health service would attempt to attract staff and to absorb major sections of the private sector. It had to be accepted that the health care system in SA was an obscene perversion which needed replacing, not reforming, he said.

Dasso, an executive member of the SA Health Workers' Congress, said the right to free health care should be legally entrenched in a future bill of rights and that there had to be a preferential allocation of resources to promote health care within the most vulnerable sectors of the community.

The ANC would strive for a nonracial, single national health system for all. All health services would have to be the responsibility of a single authority.

Viljoen challenges PAC

GOVERNMENT yesterday called on the PAC to clarify its position on the armed struggle.

Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen said the PAC's armed struggle was "cause for serious concern".

Viljoen was reacting to a claim by PAC Harare spokesman Victor Phama that the PAC's armed wing, the Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla), was responsible for a weekend attack in Soweto that killed SAP member Martin van Wyk and injured his colleague M M Tuge.

The PAC also claimed responsibility for killing two policemen at Killehong on the East Rand recently.

Viljoen said in reply to the attacks, "Any organisation acknowledging responsibility for continuing armed action and for assassinations is very seriously imperiling its own involvement in genuine and peaceful negotiations."
Mandela is ‘willing’
to go even to Ulundi

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Mr Nelson Mandela told millions of Radio Zulu listeners last night he was prepared to meet Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi at any time and at any place — even in the KwaZulu capital.

"I am ready and prepared to meet Mr Buthelezi anywhere in KwaZulu, whether in Ulundi or KwaNongoma," Mr Mandela said in response to calls from listeners demanding to know why he seemed reluctant to meet Chief Buthelezi in the KwaZulu homeland.

In the past, efforts to set up a meeting between the two leaders have been delayed over the choice of venue.

"I have repeatedly telephoned Mr Buthelezi since I was released from jail in an attempt to set up a meeting between the two of us, but all in vain. Buthelezi has not telephoned me even once," Mr Mandela said during a phone-in interview broadcast here.

Mr Mandela told listeners that the current violence would not stop until the two leaders sat down and discussed all issues which caused misunderstanding between the two organisations.

Confronted on kangaroo courts, Mr Mandela said his organisation opposed such courts. He also denounced neck-lacing and urged the perpetrators to stop it.

Chief Buthelezi could not be contacted for comment last night.
PAC checks reports

The Pan Africanist Congress is to seek clarification of reports that it claimed responsibility for a number of recent attacks on policemen from commanders of its military wing.

The PAC's secretary general, Mr Benny Alexander, said he was not in a position to confirm or deny the reports.

He said the Azanian Peoples' Liberation Army (Apia) had its own command structures in Dar es Salaam.

Mr Alexander said the reported Apia claims in no way jeopardised the PAC's commitment to ending violence. — Sapa
ANC goes commercial in search of new funds

NELSON MANDELA'S African National Congress is going commercial.

South Africa's biggest and oldest anti-apartheid movement is wooing agents to market designer clothes in its familiar green, gold and black colours, along with books, jewellery, videos and recordings of Mr Mandela's speeches.

"The ANC is looking at a range of business opportunities to boost funds and utilise the buying power of our membership," said Mr Peter Roussos, general manager of the ANC's wholly-owned marketing subsidiary, Movement Marketing Enterprises.

"We will look at anything that has fund-raising potential for the ANC. For example, we are getting into marketing progressive literature, that is not about the ANC, at a discount," he said.

Mr Roussos said the company had a strong response to an advertisement in an influential newspaper for agents to market licensed ANC memorabilia countrywide.

"Generally, we would look at a royalty of about 15 per cent, but if we are going to market it directly we will want a much bigger share," he said.

The ANC has opened a retail shop on the ground floor of its Johannesburg headquarters and Mr Roussos said mail-order marketing to more than 500,000 people on its mailing list had started.

"The ANC is looking at other opportunities, too. We are thinking about a travel agency, for example, and a separate ANC publishing house," he said.

Mr Roussos said that, in line with the ANC's affirmative action policy, small producers were being encouraged to turn out ANC-related items such as beads in the movement's colours.

The advertisement for agents made it clear only established businesses with sound credit references should apply.

Mr Leon Louw, head of the independent Free Market Foundation, said he found the left-leaning ANC's resort to commerce "ironic to say the least". "The zeal with which they market lapel badges with a hammer and sickle is something to see.

"There certainly is a contradiction between this enterprise and the ANC's carefully cultivated image. But it is pretty much in line with their carefully worded economic policy documents which favour a mixed economy," he said.

Mr Louw said the greatest irony was in the ANC's insistence on agents with a proven track record. "After all, the ANC is always saying affirmative action means big business should take on blacks at the top who have no track record."

Movement Marketing Enterprises was launched with ANC Treasurer General, Thomas Nkobi on the board and black businessman Mr Moss Nxumalo as chairman.

ANC finance department spokesman Mr Henry Mabhgothi said the venture was intended to raise funds and protect the movement's name and image. The ANC is funded largely by contributions from supporters abroad but Mr Mabhgothi said: "We can't rely only on foreign funds in the long term. We have to make new provision for income.

"The ANC became aware that a lot of people were cashing in on our logo and our leaders and making a lot of money without any kind of consultation. If these things are going to be sold, the ANC would like to derive some benefit from it," he said.

Mr Roussos said the ANC had secured the copyright to its name, logo, colours and slogans and the names of its leaders.

Citing one example, he said company lawyers prevented the registration recently of a fast-food shop under the name "Chris Hani Takeaways", a reference to the leader of the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe (Spear of the Nation).

"We are in the process of protecting the names and images of a lot of the leaders, people like Mr Hani and Mr Mandela," he said.

Mr Roussos said most sales were by mail order or at ANC conferences and rallies because of township violence.

"But when the situation settles down and it is no longer dangerous to walk down the street wearing a political T-shirt, I think we will do very well," he said. — Sapa-Reuters.
The population that the NP was simply surrendering power.

"The President, in making the speech, has clearly indicated that this is not what we plan. It does not impact on negotiations, but rather puts the situation in perspective."

Yesterday, on the last day of the congress, Mr Du Plessis accused Mr Naidoo of continuing with untruths until they became flagrant public lies. He said Mr Naidoo was acting like a politician - the closer the negotiations, the more political he became.

He questioned Mr Naidoo's right to be concerned with politics.

"What is the name of his political party and how is he qualified to be concerned with politics," asked Mr Du Plessis.

At a media briefing after the congress, Mr Du Plessis said he did not think Mr De Klerk's hard-line stance on the ANC in his speech would jeopardise the pending talks.
Defining the arena for talks

WITH the all-party talks scheduled to start soon, South Africa has finally come to the end of the pre-negotiations phase that started symbolically at the Dakar meeting organised by Idasa in June 1987.

Comparative studies show that, for the actual negotiations to succeed, the phase of pre-negotiations must achieve two goals. On the one hand all the parties must develop a common commitment to negotiations as a way of solving disputes. On the other hand they must come to a common definition of the problem that has given rise to the dispute.

What, in essence, has gone wrong in our pre-negotiations phase is that progress towards a commitment to political negotiations has occurred at the expense of defining the problem virtually all South African parties from the Left to the Right extremes of the spectrum are now formally committed to political negotiations.

However, no real progress has been made towards a common definition of the problems, without which no solution is possible. In fact, the degree of fervour in support of negotiations has been in inverse proportion to the capacity for a dispassionate analysis of the problems. In many cases the commitment to negotiations has come nothing but an incantation. As any reader of the ANC and the NP-supporting press will testify, the basic rhetoric of the "system" and the "struggle" has not changed markedly.

Defining the problem is, of course, considerably more difficult than working up enthusiasm for negotiations in the abstract. For it is in engaging in such an enterprise with an adversary that cherished myths and hidden flaws are exposed. Yet such a task is unavoidable if negotiations are expected to lead to a joint search for solutions that can be jointly carried out — which is the only basis for peace in South Africa.

Broadly speaking, there are the following conflicting definitions of the problem in South Africa:

The first is the disagreement over the historic causes of South Africa's economic ills and political conflicts. For those in the liberation movement the answer is simply that it is apartheid (without specifying if it is a policy stretching back to 1948, 1910, 1876 or 1652) and the racially skewed capitalist state acting as reinforcement of white domination South Africa experienced, as the ANC used to put it, colonialism of a special type whose whole dynamic was the exploitation of blacks for the benefit of whites. Hence the present desire for radical economic intervention to address the historic injustices.

For its part the NP would concede that its policies since 1948 exacerbated South Africa's problems. In its view, however, South Africa without apartheid would still have been torn by ethnic and other conflicts and be burdened by an economic growth rate far too low for a population that grows much too fast. Hence the solution rapid growth as the only method of effectively addressing unemployment and poverty.

The second major disagreement is over the nature of the political struggle. On the one hand there is the definition of the liberation movements, shared by some liberals, that South Africa without apartheid is a normal, nearly homogeneous society. All that is necessary is for racially allocated power and privilege to be removed and for individual citizens to have trust in their constitution and the common law.

The NP, by contrast, believes South Africa is divided into a society as Yugoslavia, one where ethnic tensions not properly contained can easily blow the fabric of society apart. It tends to believe that people in South Africa derive their identity from the groups they belong to and that the real goal of the ANC is to replace the white nation in which blacks were byborders with a black one in which whites would be the byborders.

The NP would feel its view vindicated by an ANC discussion document of September stating that as "a non-racial and democratic movement for change, the liberation movement represents the new nation in the making".

These differences are not of mere academic importance. For a party's definition of the problem will to a large extent dictate the solution it believes should be sought. If apartheid going back to 1652 is seen as the root cause of all the trouble blacks have experienced and if patriotism is defined as opposition to apartheid — as the Patriotic Front did recently — how can the ANC hope to justify to its followers a negotiated settlement which leaves an "unpatriotic force" such as the NP holding key positions in government?

And, if South Africa is deemed to be a regular society suited to a normal form of majority rule, how can the ANC accept a constitution in which the minority parties are protected through numerous checks and balances?

For the NP there is the same dilemma. As the survey of the
Azapo rejects all-party talks invitation

Own Correspondent

The Azanian Peoples' Organisation will not join the ANC and PAC in multiparty talks with the Government at the end of the month, the Azapo National Council decided yesterday.

More than 250 delegates, meeting in KwaNdebele, decided that multiparty/all-party talks would emasculate any constituent assembly.

The rejection followed a meeting on Friday when the ANC and PAC are reported to have asked Azapo to join them in talks with the Government.

Azapo publicity secretary Stmnl Moodley said although Azapo had not attended the patriotic front conference after losing its status as co-convener, it was committed to the principle of unity.

He said other resolutions taken by the Azapo National Council included a call for a national consumer boycott to begin next month.
Step towards multiparty talks

By SONTI MASEKO

TOP-LEVEL talks between the Government and the Patriotic Front will take place on Friday.

The talks, to be held at the Carlton Hotel, Johannesburg, will make preparations for a multiparty conference on November 29.

Yesterday, Azapo held a meeting at a secret venue in KwaNdebele, reportedly to decide whether to rejoin the PF and take part in Friday's talks.

Sources in the PAC said this week's talks were in line with a PF conference resolution to press for a constituent assembly by engaging the Government in talks as soon as possible.

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Govt to meet Patriotic Front

The Government, on the other hand, sees the multiparty conference as the organ to draw up the future constitution of the country. It is opposed to a constituent assembly and interim government.

Friday's talks will mark the first contact between the PAC and the Government. The PAC insists the event is not tantamount to negotiations, but a preconstituent assembly meeting.

"The PAC has never been opposed to the peaceful resolution of problems, if there is a chance for a peaceful resolution, we will grab it," a spokesman said.

It is also expected that the Government will demand that the PAC denounce violence or APLA, its military wing which lately claimed responsibility for the killing of Soweto police. PAC have said this is out of the question.

An official of the PAC last night also said PF officials would be discussing the appointment of a convener for the multiparty conference, a venue, agenda and chairman.
Support for economic forum

THE ANC favoured an economic forum to negotiate the macro-economic restructuring of the SA economy, separate from the multiparty negotiations forum, ANC department of economic planning head Trevor Manuel said yesterday.

Manuel said although Cosatu had invited and had accepted the invitation, up to far as he was aware the ANC had not received an invitation.

Meanwhile, the outspoken leader of the ANC Youth League, Peter Mokaba, gave notice yesterday he would be standing for the league's top post at its first congress in 30 years next month.

The congress, to be held in Nkosi, KwaNdebele, will mark members' first opportunity to elect leaders since the organisation was banned in 1990.

A provisional leadership group, headed by Mokaba, was established in October last year at a conference aimed at re-establishing the league.

Mokaba said about 1 500 delegates would attend the congress. Main issues on the agenda would be the multiparty talks, the ANC's proposed interim government, the role of the youth, and violence.

Mokaba said yesterday the maximum age limit for youth league members set by the ANC at its August conference was 35 years. He would definitely stand for president.
Stayaway just first salvo

Cyril Ramaphosa is a man who weighs his words carefully and is seen as someone who does not take himself too seriously. When he was asked about the recent trade union strike that he described as a "stayaway," he said, "It's the first time I've been faced with such a situation." But he quickly added, "I am not taking this lightly. This is a serious issue and I am committed to resolving it."
Campaign for 'Black Christmas' in S Tvl

By Kalser Ntatsumba
Political Staff

The Azanian People's Organisation will join the Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal to arrange a consumer boycott over the Christmas season, Azapo publicity secretary Siphiwe Moodley said yesterday.

He said his organisation's national council meeting at the weekend had decided on a nationwide anti-VAT boycott and would discuss this with other bodies.

He said Azapo would "consider most favourably" CAST's decision to call for a "Black Christmas" from December 15 to January 10 in the southern Transvaal to protest against the police's failure to bring to book the assassins of fo-

mer CAST publicity secretary Sam Nhlum, who was shot dead two months ago.

The police have denied reluctance to bring assassins of anti-apartheid leaders to book, reiterating their commitment to the National Peace Accord.

ANC national executive committee member and spokesman Gill Marcus said she would have to consult her colleagues about a boycott.

ANC PWV regional spokesman Ronnie Maboea said his region would discuss the proposed Black Christmas as soon as CAST had approached it.

Cosatu spokesman Bangumzi Sifingo said the union federation would also discuss a Black Christmas drive.
PAC, Govt to have first talks

By Kaiser Ntotsumba
Political Staff

The Pan Africanist Congress and the Government will have their first official contact at a meeting to be held this week, PAC deputy president Dlangan Moseneke has confirmed.

The meeting, to be held in an as-yet-unknown venue, will involve the Government "and its allies" on one hand and the newly formed Patriotic Front — including the PAC — on the other hand.

The focus of the meeting will be the multiparty talks to be held on November 29, which will mark the beginning of formal negotiations.

Dlangan Moseneke... first official contact.

Mr Moseneke said the fact that the PAC would attend this week's meeting was now "public knowledge" after he had said as much at a meeting in Lenasia at the weekend.

However, he would not disclose where and when the meeting was scheduled to take place.

A senior ANC official yesterday confirmed the meeting was on.

The official revealed that the ANC and the Government would hold talks today to finalise details for the meeting, and these were likely to be made available to the press on the same day.

The PAC, which retains its armed struggle, has always refused to have any contact with Pretoria, claiming the Government was illegitimate and that the PAC therefore did not recognise it. This week's meeting will be the first direct contact between the two parties.
WCC set to halt aid for ANC and PAC

The African National Congress has reacted cautiously to an announcement by the World Council of Churches yesterday which said the ANC and the Pan African Congress would no longer qualify for WCC "racism grants" once they had joined an interim government in South Africa.

The WCC announced yesterday it was giving $141,000 (about R400,000) to the ANC as part of its annual grants to combat racism.

But it said the ANC and PAC would no longer qualify for WCC money once they had joined an interim government.

Reacting to the announcement, ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said the decision would be premature. At that point — when the ANC and PAC had joined an interim government — the country would still have no constitution, with free and fair elections.

The political, he said, the country would not be complete.

Mrs Marcus said the decision should be implemented with the completion of an elected constitution assembly. The ANC would discuss the matter with the WCC, she added.

There was no comment forthcoming from the PAC after repeated telephone calls PAC official Carter Seleke was liaising with colleagues before comment could be issued on the matter, his office said.

South African Council of Churches spokesman Dr John Lamola said that when the ANC and PAC, had joined an interim government, they would be part of and running the government.

The WCC, he added, did not cater for governments but for humanitarian responsibilities of liberation movements.

The Geneva-based WCC, which groups 320 Protestant denominations, said in a statement that its 1981 anti-racism grants would total $305,000 (R1.4 billion).

The ANC and PAC are the biggest beneficiaries by far of the 48 groups that receive the grants worldwide. - Sapa.
Harsh criticism of Mandela

JERUSALEM — Nelson Mandela's embrace of Yasser Arafat and Muammar Gaddafi will long not be forgotten or forgiven in Israel. They surfaced again yesterday in the Jerusalem Post, where the Palestine Liberation Organisation and Libyan leader were described as "soul mates" of Mr Mandela.

In an editorial comment lavishing accolades on President de Klerk, it criticised the ANC's communist element and accused Mr Mandela of being a relic of thinking that had been dramatically overtaken by history.

Mr de Klerk's visit is very much in the news, sharing prominence with the burial in Jerusalem of publishing magnate Robert Maxwell.
Chances set to stop aid to ANC

JOHANNESBURG - The ANC has reacted cautiously to an announcement by the World Council of Churches that the ANC and the Pan Africanist Congress would no longer qualify for WCC money once they had joined an interim government. The WCC yesterday said it was giving R400 000 to the ANC as part of its annual grants to combat racism. ANC spokeswoman Ms Gill Marcus said the decision to stop the grants should be implemented only with the completion of an elected constituent assembly. With an interim government, the country would still have no constitution with free and fair elections, she said — Sapa-Reuters
Dinkins leaves for SA

THE mayor of New York, Mr David Dinkins, left for South Africa on Sunday on a trip designed to develop his city's ties with a future post-apartheid South Africa.

Dinkins, whose city has the largest population of blacks in the United States, flew out of Kennedy Airport on a two-week trip accompanied by more than 30 officials and business people.

He is scheduled to arrive in Johannesburg today after a stopover in Rome.

Dinkins has been invited to South Africa by African National Congress president Nelson Mandela.

He is scheduled to meet South African Government officials, including Constitutional Development Minister Dr Gerrit Viljoen.

"South Africa is a very, very rich country and someday they are going to be free," Dinkins said before leaving.

He said it was important for him to keep pressing economic sanctions against South Africa's white minority government and to support the black majority.

He left with a laggage full of books and balloons for schoolchildren. - Sapa-Reuter.
Dinkins expected to arrive today

NEW York Mayor David Dinkins arrives in SA today for a five-day tour as a guest of the ANC.

Dinkins is scheduled to meet ANC leaders, representatives of the national peace committee and leaders of Cosatu, the FAP and Azapo. He is also provisionally scheduled to meet President F.W. de Klerk.

ANC president Nelson Mandela and US Ambassador William Swing will meet Dinkins at Jan Smuts Airport this morning.

Dinkins, New York's first black mayor, was invited to SA by Mandela when he visited the US last year.

The mayor's trip was initially set for September, but was postponed because of a lack of funds.

The original cost of the trip was to have been $65,000, but informed sources said the final cost would be less than half that amount.

A Democrat and an outspoken opponent of apartheid, Dinkins was elected in 1989, ousting mayor Eddie Koch — also a Democrat.

He is accompanied on his tour by New York dignitaries, opponents of apartheid and union leaders.

Dinkins received Mandela warmly in New York last year.

He is considered a moderate Democrat, in a different mould to former presidential candidate Jesse Jackson.

As New York mayor, Dinkins has no say in his country's policy-making process, but the emotional value of his visit — the second by a black American politician — is great.

His influence on Democrats in Congress and on other Democratic politicians who continue to support sanctions on state and local levels is considered significant.

Dinkins's hardline stance on apartheid and closeness to the ANC — out of keeping with his moderation on other policy matters — can be attributed to his electoral base.

"The US perception of SA is very simplified, more so than in European countries," said a diplomat who did not want to be named.

Political analysts say most of Dinkins's political support comes from groups which fervently oppose apartheid and support the ANC's position on current SA politics, so it is unlikely that he will deviate from his position.

He recently risked the wrath of his electorate by submitting a budget plan for the city, which is on the verge of bankruptcy, to cut public services by $1.5bn.
Hani to shun senior SACP posts

By Esmare van der Merwe
Political Reporter

Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Chris Hani said yesterday he would not stand for any of the top five positions in the South African Communist Party to be elected at the party's first legal conference in the country in more than 40 years.

Mr Hani's announcement came in the wake of the ANC's decision not to second him to the SACP to complement the SACP's leadership, weakened by the illness and heavy ANC workload of outgoing general-secretary Joe Slovo.

Mr Slovo and Mr Hani, the two most powerful and popular SACP leaders, told a press conference in Johannesburg they would not contest the position of general-secretary to be elected by secret ballot at the congress. Mr Hani said the interim leadership committee would seek endorsement for a campaign of solidarity with Cuba, a long-standing ANC/SACP/Cosatu ally which, he said, was under severe political and economic pressure from the neighbouring United States.

The campaign would be aimed at collecting medicine — in short supply in Cuba — and to educate South Africans about "the achievements of the Cuban revolution".

Other campaigns to be proposed included a focus on the plight of workers and the poor to ensure that their needs would be sufficiently addressed by a new democratic government, and a campaign for the release of political prisoners remaining in jail.

Mr Slovo said the SACP had established 259 branches country-wide since its relaunch in the country last year and currently had a paid-up membership of some 20,000.

About 400 delegates would attend the congress, as well as representatives from communist and socialist parties in other countries. Among those attending would be the general-secretary of Israel's Communist Party, Meir Winor.

Mr Slovo said the congress would be a watershed occasion in view of the failures of socialism in Eastern Europe and the growth of the SACP.

"It will mark a new launching pad for the Left and the socialist project."

However, he expected "considerable debate" on issues such as the role and character of the party in the unique SA conditions, the lessons from Eastern Europe and the relevance of socialism for SA.
Hani pulls out of SACP election race

UMKHONTO we Sizwe chief of staff Mr Chris Hani will not stand for any of the top five positions in the South African Communist Party at the party's first legal conference next month. Hani announced this at a press conference in Johannesburg yesterday.

His announcement comes in the wake of the ANC's decision not to second him to the SACP, which has been weakened by the illness of outgoing general secretary Mr Joe Slovo.

Slovo also announced he would not contest the position of general secretary at the party's four-day 39th congress, which starts in Johannesburg on December 5.

He would, however, be available for the other four top positions - assistant general secretary, chairman, deputy chairman and treasurer - while Hani would only stand for election onto the SACP's central committee.

Briefing the media on arrangements for the congress, Hani said the interim leadership committee would seek endorsement for a campaign of solidarity with Cuba which, he said, was under severe political and economic pressure from the neighbouring United States.

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Top ANC leaders greet New York mayor

By Kaizer Nyatumba
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The top ANC leadership turned out at Jan Smuts Airport yesterday morning to meet anti-apartheid activist and New York mayor David Dinkins.

Mr Dinkins, who ousted fellow Democrat Eddie Koch in 1989 to become the first black mayor of the United States' financial capital, arrived in South Africa on a five-day visit as a guest of the ANC.

On his arrival yesterday, Mr Dinkins told a press conference he had brought along with him about 35 people who were experts in different fields and could therefore be of assistance to South Africa.

He said not only South Africa would benefit from his visit, New York City and the United States could also benefit from “a free and unshackled South Africa”.

The New York mayor, who first met Nelson Mandela when the ANC leader visited the US last year, praised Mr Mandela for his sacrifice in the struggle against apartheid over the years, saying he had become “a hero and a role model” to himself and many others.

Mr Dinkins said that as an African-American he had become acutely aware of SA’s abuse of human rights, and the fact that he was black was “an important aspect” of his visit.

Welcoming Mr Dinkins, Mr Mandela said the New York mayor was visiting the country at a very important period when the key political players were preparing for an all-party congress which would charter the way forward towards a new South Africa.

“If it is correct and proper for mayor Dinkins to visit our country at this time because he has been one of the foremost anti-apartheid fighters in the US, He has been able to mobilise almost the entire population of New York to rally behind the anti-apartheid campaign.

“We consider it fortunate that a man with that track record should visit our country at this time,” Mr Mandela said.

South Africa’s economy, Mr Mandela added, was in tatters and the ANC had already taken actions to restrict the damage done to it. However, Mr Mandela said, all kinds of pressure on Pretoria, including sanctions, had to be maintained.

He revealed that during his visit to New York last year he had started discussions with Mr Dinkins with a view to establishing a post-apartheid development bank. He hoped to discuss “practical measures” with Mr Dinkins on his visit.

Mr Dinkins, who is accompanied by his wife Joyce and his deputy Bill Lynch, yesterday toured Baragwanath Hospital and Mandela Village before attending a reception in his honour at the Mandelas’ home in Orlando West, Soweto.

Mr Dinkins will hold talks with various ANC leaders, Constitutional Development Minister and Acting State President Dr Gerrit Viljoen, the National Peace Committee, Nobel Prize laureate Nadine Gordimer and civic organisations.

Also at the airport were ANC general-secretary Cyril Ramaphosa and his deputy Jacob Zuma, international affairs director Thabo Mbeki and publicity head Dr Pailo Jordan.
WCC grant to PAC

The PAC yesterday welcomed a grant of R263,000 made by the World Council of Churches to it for 1991. A PAC spokesman said in the past grants had contributed towards eradicating apartheid and placed the churches on the side of those who struggled against racism and oppression.
Balancing the scales of power

Alfred Nzo noted at the ANC's national conference in June, the NP had "succeeded in creating an image of being winners", while the ANC was giving an impression of dismay and lack of direction. People kept asking derisively when the ANC was going to get its act together.

For President de Klerk this secured well for the negotiations. The balance of forces was strongly in his favour, which meant he would be well placed to force the ANC into accepting compromises much closer to his own positions than its own.

That is why he looked so relaxed and confident.

Now the situation has changed. The turnaround began with the Inkhata shuffle funds scandal in July, which seriously tarnished President de Klerk's image. Doubts arose about the role of the police in the ongoing township violence.

For its part, the ANC did indeed get its act together at its Durban conference, with the election of a better integrated and more effective leadership.

The election of Dr Allan Boesak as Western Cape leader began to recover lost ground among the coloured people. South Africa's return to international sport demonstrated that the ANC, not President de Klerk, held the key to readmission.

But most important of all was the forging of the Patriotic Front alliance in Durban two weeks ago, followed by last week's spectacularly successful protest strike against VAT.

The first turned the long Nationalist strategy of divide and rule on its head. Everything the Government has done since unbanning the ANC was aimed at trying to split it, so that the NP could forge an alliance with the supposed moderates that would keep off the "extremists".

But the ANC, for all its diversity, proved more cohesive than these strategists realised.

What the Nats overlooked is that it is the only liberation movement that never split in exile.

Instead, it has now expanded its alliances to present a widened front of black unity, while it is

Afrikaner nationalism may soon present a picture of deepening disunity when the forthcoming Virginia and Potchefstroom by-elections are held.

The strike, meanwhile, has demonstrated the black alliance's ability to mobilise formidable economic pressure.

Analysts have been taking it for granted that the ANC no longer had a revolutionary option open to it. Now it has shown it has an even more potent option, which is the ability to cripple the economy if it chooses.

These two factors together greatly increase the bargaining strength of the ANC and its allies.

They do so, moreover, as the negotiations are about to begin. It seems certain that agreement will be reached before the end of this week for the multiparty conference to start on November 29, convened by the Chief Justice, Mr Justice Joho Corbett, and presided over by the Rev Johan Heyns of the Dutch Reformed Church and Bishop Stanley Magoba of the South African Council of Churches.

That is why the NP is no longer so relaxed and confident.

The shirll note that came out of the Transvaal congress last Thursday, the sudden reversion to old-style bluster and threats by President de Klerk, are reflections of new anxiety and tension.

The Nationalists have been shaken by the realisation that they are not going to be able to call the shots in these negotiations the way they thought they would.

All negotiations are a projection of the real strengths of the competing parties. The Nationalists can pass resolutions inside the conference room. A trade union that does not have the capacity to call a strike will gain little at a wage negotiation with a powerful employer.

So, too, with these negotiations. Both sides go into them with opening positions, but the ANC demanding an immediate commitment to run the country while one-person-one-vote elections are held for a constituent assembly to draft a new constitution, the Government insisting that it must continue to govern and that the new constitution must be negotiated by all parties equally, regardless of size.

Beyond that are the opening positions on the constitution itself. The ANC is demanding a Westmins- ter-style "winner takes all" constitution with a Bill of Rights to protect minorities, the NP proposing a complex "loser keeps all" formula in which consensus requirements and minority vetoes
Steering committee meets on Friday

All-party talks vital step closer

By Peter Fabrieks
Political Correspondent

The negotiating table will become visible in outline for the first time on Friday when a steering committee convenes in Johannesburg to make final arrangements for multiparty constitutional talks.

It is expected that senior leaders representing up to seven parties will attend the historic meeting. The National Party and ANC will certainly be present, and sources close to the negotiations process are hopeful that the PAC, Democratic Party and Inkatha Freedom Party will also.

Sources told The Star yesterday that the date, venue, agenda, convenor, participants and other details about the long-awaited all-party conference - which marks the end of the "talks about talks" phase of negotiations - would probably be announced after Friday's meeting.

The Government and the ANC were expected to meet last night to finalise arrangements for the steering committee meeting and to make provisional proposals on the "modalities" of the multiparty talks.

One issue they were likely to consider was whether or not the IFP should form part of the steering committee. Last week IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, in his capacity as Chief Minister of KwaZulu, agreed that Constitutional Development Minister Dr Gerrit Viljoen should represent him and other homeland leaders as well as parliamentary administrations in preparatory talks.

It is not clear, however, whether this arrangement referred to the KwaZulu government exclusively, or if it included the IFP as a political party.

Thrashed out

Although it is understood that most of the arrangements for the all-party talks have been thrashed out in meetings between the Government and the ANC, they will only be finalised by the steering committee.

ANC and Government sources characterised Friday's meeting as something of a formality. By contrast, PAC sources suggested that they saw the meeting - their first official encounter with the Government - as a chance to negotiate arrangements from scratch.

This has led to uncertainty about the length of the meeting. "It could last a morning or a few days," one source said.

Important issues were still unresolved before last night's ANC-Government meeting. One was whether the Government should send a separate delegation to the multiparty talks, distinct from that of the NP.

The Government feels that separate representation is necessary to deal with practical governmental matters, such as transitional arrangements. Such a delegation would have no voting rights.

Another outstanding issue is whether organisations such as Cosatu, which are not political parties or movements, should be included.

November 29 and 30 are still regarded as the most likely dates for the start of the all-party conference, with December 9 as an alternative date.

The first meeting of the all-party conference is expected to take place in a non-Government, neutral venue somewhere between Pretoria and Johannesburg.
SACP to send aid to Cuba

JOHANNESBURG — The South African Communist Party will campaign for greater solidarity with Cuba, central committee member Mr Chris Hani said.

Mr Hani said at a news conference here yesterday that the SACP would embark on a programme to send aid and medical supplies to Cuba.

He praised the Cuban government for aiding liberation movements in the past.

The SACP will hold its first national congress within SA in more than 40 years in Johannesburg next month — Sapa (July 1988)
Youth threaten to desert the PAC

JOHANNESBURG. — The PAC youth wing, the Pan Africanist Students Organisation, has threatened to withdraw completely from the PAC in protest against the parent organisation's decision to go into "pre-constituent assembly" talks with the government.

Paso, which claims a membership of 195,000 nationwide, threatened to leave it to the present PAC leadership to organise a new body for "Africanist" students and pupils.

The PAC and ANC are to meet the government on Friday to discuss an all-party conference at which the demand for a constituent assembly will be made.

Branding the PAC leadership as opportunist, Paso said yesterday that it was opposed to the meeting. "This sudden shift by the PAC leadership from an understanding of the grassroots has forced us to rethink our position as a component structure of the PAC," said Paso general secretary Mr Lawrence Nqandela.

PAC deputy president Mr Dikgang Moseneke said: "Paso is an extremely important component of the PAC, having incredible support among the youth. The statement by Mr Nqandela is unfortunate because there has been extensive consultation at meetings where he was present."

The organisation's general secretary, Mr Benny Alexander, said a formal response would be made in due course. The PAC leadership had arrived at its current position after extensive consultation with branches throughout the country.

"We have also consulted the Azanian People's Liberation Army, and all PAC national leaders met in Zimbabwe a month ago to consider the way forward. Besides all this, we have a PAC congress resolution to engage the regime on the modalities of a constituent assembly" — Sapa
SACP planning a new socialist vision

The SA Communist Party would next month hold its first legal congress in 41 years in Johannesburg, where it would draw up a manifesto on a new socialist vision, the organisation announced yesterday.

The congress will consider collecting money to buy medical supplies for Cuba.

SACP secretary-general Joe Slovo said the congress would be a watershed because of the party’s changed circumstances and because of the failure of communist governments in Europe and the Soviet Union.

About 400 delegates from 299 branches would attend the congress, representing the SACP’s roughly 20 000 members, he said. Elections would be held for the four top SACP posts — secretary-general, national chairman, deputy secretary-general and treasurer — and for 21 other central committee positions.

Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Chris Ham and Slovo both said they would be unavailable for the secretary-general’s job.

However, Slovo was prepared to serve as a portfolio holder and Ham was prepared to serve on the central committee.

Ham said three campaigns would be proposed at the congress, a campaign to support Cuba, a focus on the poor, and a campaign to ensure the freedom of Umkhonto members currently in prison.

He said Cuba was suffering because of the US financial blockade and the collapse of the Soviet Communist Party. The collection of funds for medicines, which were in short supply in Cuba, and organisation of marches on the US embassy to protest its interference in Cuban affairs would be proposed.

Cuban observers would attend the December 5-8 conference Party representatives from Nicaragua, France, China, Vietnam and the general secretary of Israel’s Communist Party, Men Vilner, had confirmed that they would attend, Ham said.

A new constitution for the SACP would be passed at the congress.

A draft constitution says the party intends to become the leading political force in SA’s working class but does not claim “a natural or constitutional right” to occupy a vanguard position. “In leading the working class towards national and social emancipation the party is guided by those principles of Marxism which have proven universal validity by historical experience,” the draft says.

The party would work to end capitalist exploitation in SA and establish a democratic socialist society based on common ownership and control of key means of production.
Petane: Minister says no

Political Staff
MINISTER of Law and Order Mr Hernus Kriel has turned down an ANC request for a meeting with its Western Cape executive over the arrest of a senior member of the executive.

Mr Mxolisi Petane was arrested on November 6 at the ANC's regional headquarters in Woodstock.

In a statement yesterday, the ANC said it had received a letter from Mr Kriel, in which he said he had requested the regional commissioner, Major-General Nick Acker, to organise a meeting with the Western Cape executive.

"The ANC considers his reply to be flippant and an indication that the minister is not taking our request seriously."

Mr Petane was facing serious allegations, the statement said. "His life has been placed in danger and his reputation has been slurred."
DO some or all of the major players in South African politics really have a double agenda?

This question comes to the fore as the prospect of multiparty or multilateral talks becomes real.

The ANC is already talking to the Government, the PAC is ready to talk and the Government talks about talking.

Representatives of the Pan African Congress (PAC) and the South African Communist Party (SACP) met this weekend to prepare for multiparty talks scheduled for November 29.

Special note should be taken that multiparty is used here for convenience of language and is not intended to take a side in this debate.

What is now pertinent is the position of homeland and tricameral parliament leaders. Are they hunting with the hounds and running with the hares?

Secondly, how far will the ANC and the PAC succeed in getting the Government to stop being player, referee, linesman and selector for all teams? Lastly, do the ANC and the PAC have agendas of their own?

At its Durban conference from October 25 to 27, the PAC resolved to work towards an all-party conference or pre-constituent assembly conference which would include the Government and all interested parties.

The PAC also said the Government was illegal and agreed on the establishment of a democratically elected constituent assembly to draw up the country's constitution.

The Front also agreed that an interim government or transitional authority was needed for the transitional phase.

Significant is that homeland and tricameral parliament leaders - notably Mr Nelson Ramokgopa of Lebowa and the Rev Allan Hendrickse of the Labour Party - have endorsed these calls.

Although welcome at the PF, Ramokgopa, Hendrickse and others of their ilk were accused by some Front participants of having a double agenda in furthering an allegiance to the Government while at the same time touting to be with the people.

The Azanian Students Convention, a major AzAPO formation, put its trust “The double agenda pursued by these homestead people is obvious for everyone to see. We cannot dare to reject something in winter and embrace it in summer.”

Two weeks later homeland leaders indicated that they were not going to be caught up in a two-track policy.

A meeting at Union Buildings called by State President FW de Klerk, they endorsed Constitutional Minister Mr Gerrit Viljoen as their negotiator.

As the Government has rejected most PF resolutions, for which these selfsame leaders voted in Durban, it blows the wind to understand their logic.

In negotiations between the Government and the PF, which hat will they be wearing?

More confusing still, Ramokgopa said his organisation strove for a united South Africa and was not a bantustan extension.

Also at the Union Buildings meeting, homeland leaders decided to hold a meeting to include the ANC and SACP leaders to make the PF’s position clear.

Mr Nelson Ramokgopa

REV ALLAN HENDRICKSE

MR NELSON RAMOKGOPA

Politics and breast-beating.

This is due to the fact that the PF - especially the PAC, which joined the ANC at the negotiating table for the first time on Friday - is acting on consensus from 90-plus organisations to negotiate the National Party Government out of power.

Secondly, the Government is aware of the odds against it with regard to the PF’s brief.

Is De Klerk therefore ready to negotiate the NP out of 48 years of power? Or is he about to begin negotiating how to remain in power?

From his latest statements it is obvious he is not about to negotiate himself out of power. Also, as the man paying the salaries of these homeland leaders, he is now going to expect more loyalty from the Ramokgopas.

With the PF not likely to tolerate double agendas any more, homeland leaders may soon have a hard choice to make.
THE Pan Africanist Congress suffered a blow yesterday when its militant youth wing, the Pan Africanist Student Organisation, criticised the leadership for going into “pre-constitu ent assembly” talks with the Government.

At the same time Paso, which claims a membership of 195 000 nationwide, threatened to withdraw from the PAC, leaving it to the current leadership to organise a new body for “Africanist” students and pupils.

The PAC and the ANC are scheduled to meet the authorities on Friday to discuss an all-party conference at which the demand for a constituent assembly will be made.

Branding PAC leadership as opportunistic, Paso said yesterday it was opposed to Friday’s meeting between the Government and the PAC/ANC.

“This sudden shift by the PAC leadership from an understanding of the grass-roots has forced us to rethink our position as a component structure of the PAC. These acts of desperation will never be supported by the PAC youth,” a statement read.

“The clearest of a preparatory meeting for the pre-constitu ent assembly is nothing but a statement towards negotiation,” said Paso general secretary Mr Lawrence Nqandela.

In his initial reaction, PAC deputy-president Mr Dikgang Moseneke said he was shocked.

“Obviously, Paso is an extremely important component of the PAC, having incredible support among the youth. The statement by Nqandela is unfortunate because there has been extensive consultation at various meetings where he was present.”

Later, the organisation’s general secretary, Mr Benny Alexander, also shocked at first by the youth wing’s stance, said a formal response would be made in due course, but he added the PAC leadership had arrived at its current position after extensive consultation with branches throughout the country.

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New S Africa will help US - Dinkins

THE United States would also benefit from a free South Africa, the mayor of New York, Mr David Dinkins, said yesterday.

He was speaking at Jan Smuts' Airport shortly after his arrival for a four-day visit. He is accompanied by a delegation of more than 30 educators, tourists and business people.

The trip, at the invitation of ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela, is designed to develop ties between New York and a future post-apartheid South Africa.

Asked how his visit would help South Africa, Dinkins said because New York was rich and a gateway to America its people had the capacity and expertise to assist in this country's housing, health care and education problems.

He described Mandela as his hero and role model.

"I am amazed that Mandela emerged from 27 years' imprisonment without bitterness or anger. Who among us could undergo the same degradation and physical punishment and then sit down to negotiate with one's captors in good faith and goodwill," he said.

Mandela said Dinkins' visit came at a significant period when preparations were under way for an all-party conference.
Mandela confirms November date

Stage is set for start of all-party talks

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GOVERNMENT, the ANC and other political organisations will sit down together at the end of the month for a preparatory meeting expected to lead to full-scale constitutional negotiations early next year.

The meeting is set for November 29 and 30 and will be held at the World Trade Centre near Jan Smuts Airport.

It is being called a Convention for a Democratic Future.

Government and the ANC have been calling for a meeting before the end of the year to show the nation and the world that negotiations are finally under way.

ANC president Nelson Mandela confirmed the dates yesterday after meeting Italian Deputy Foreign Minister Andrea Borutti. He said the first meeting would be on November 29, but refused to divulge details of the venue, agenda or framework.

IGNITION FANZ reports Constitutional Development Minister (and Acting President) Gerrit Viljoen last night criticised Mandela’s announcement, calling it “strange and presumptuous.”

This announcement is an improper attempt to create the impression that he or the ANC are unilaterally arranging matters with regard to the multiparty conference,” Viljoen said the date had still to be finalised.

Mandela said “The all-party conference is set down for November 29 and 30,” adding that arrangements were well in hand.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus told Sapa that November 29 was “absolutely” the date, but a tentative date proposed by the ANC. “From our side we would like November 29,” Marcus said.

The ANC and government/NP met again last night to iron out finer details for Friday’s steering committee meeting at the Carlton Hotel in Johannesburg.

In terms of agreements between the parties discussing the preparations, no details should be divulged until after the steering committee meeting.

It is understood that leaders from about eight political organisations will attend the committee meeting set to finalise the arrangements for the convention. These include the ANC, NP, Inkatha, the SAPC, the DP and theLabour Party. The CP and Azapo have also been invited but it is not known if they will attend.

Sources said yesterday the first multiparty meeting on November 29 would be low-key in terms of getting down to the nitty-gritty of real negotiations.

The convention is expected to start with speeches by all the parties’ leaders, then working groups to deal with the detailed constitutional principles will be set up. It will end with a statement of intent.

Other issues that might be dealt with are the setting up of a credentials committee, the agenda for constitutional negotiations and the procedures to be followed.

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A step to real talks as main players meet

THE main players in the political scene take steps towards real negotiations when a steering committee, of representatives of the Government, the Patriotic Front and other parties meet for preliminary talks tomorrow.

A complete list of political parties which will attend is still being kept secret, but sources have indicated that at least seven of the main players will attend the talks.

It is also uncertain whether Inkatha Freedom Party will attend IFP leader and KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi agreed last week that the Government would represent his movement.
THE PAN-Africanist Students' Organisation (Paso) has threatened to break away from the PAC following the organisation's decision to talk to the government.

The student organisation threatened to leave it to the present PAC leadership to organise a new body for “Africanist” students and pupils.

Paso general secretary Mr Lawrence Nqandela said the sudden shift by the PAC leadership had forced Paso “to rethink its position as the component structure of the PAC.”

The ANC and the PAC are to meet with the government this week for preparatory talks to work out logistics for the impending All Party Congress meeting.

In a statement the PAC said it doubted if Nqandela “had a mandate from Paso” as the organisation had consulted with all branches nationally prior to the decision.

“Paso president, Mr Lungelo Mbizamayo, spoke in support of the Patriotic Front meetings with the regime on behalf of Paso,”

“We furthermore consulted with the Azanian People's Liberation Army and all leaders of the PAC—political, military, internal and external—a month ago to take a decision on the matter. At the Patriotic Front conference in Durban, PAC component structures represented themselves and supported all the decisions reached. Mr Nqandela was among those who represented PASO.”

The statement pointed out the PAC had “a congress resolution to engage the regime on the modalities of a Constituent Assembly.”

PAC national secretary for Foreign Affairs, Ms Patricia de Lille, said the meeting this week would continue as scheduled despite the threats.

She said the PAC was attending the meeting as a Patriotic Front member to discuss, among other things, the venue and a neutral convener of the envisaged All Party Congress.

Paso president Mr Lungelo Mbizamayo distanced himself from the statement issued by Nqandela.

“The statement purported to be issued by the secretary general of Paso cannot be said to be issued on behalf of PASO as the national executive committee of PASO and myself have no knowledge of that.”

He expressed “unequivocal support for the present PAC leadership” and promised that “the alleged behaviour of the secretary general will be fully investigated.”
SADF help a sensitive issue

THE African National Congress has not endorsed a call by the Cape Town Peace Committee for South African Defence Force troops to be deployed in townships affected by the taxi war conflict, the ANC's regional publicity secretary, Mzwonke Jacobs, said yesterday.

However, the ANC acknowledged that certain communities affected by the on-going violence had "in desperation" asked the Peace Committee to request that the SADF patrol major township transport routes.

Jacobs was approached to clarify an earlier press statement by the ANC's Western Cape region in response to a call by the Peace Committee this week for the SADF to step in following another outbreak of violence at the Nyanga taxi terminus on Tuesday.

He said the call for SADF involvement in the townships was "a sensitive issue" which was being urgently discussed within local ANC structures.

Jacobs said the appeal for SADF involvement was made by communities in Nyanga-East and parts of Khayelitsha following community meetings in these areas.

He emphasised however that the call for the troops indicated a lack of confidence in the ability of the police to bring an end to the violence.

Jacobs said the role of the security forces in the violence reinforced the ANC's call for an interim government which would exercise independent control over the police and SADF.

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AZAPO president Mr Pandelem Nefolovhodwe left the country on Wednesday night for a three-week tour of Britain, the Netherlands and Canada.

Nefolovhodwe, who was accompanied by Azapo's foreign secretary, Mr Mbulelo Rakwena, will be joined in Britain by a senior official of the organisation, Professor Ilumeleng Mosala.

By MOKGADI PELA

Mosala said the delegation would meet several black groups, the Labour Party Black Caucus, trade unions, British government officials and the Opposition Labour Party.

Nefolovhodwe and Mosala will proceed to Canada where a series of meetings have been arranged for them by the Black Consciousness Movement of Azama Canada chapter.

The BCMA Canada region's spokesman, Mr Gerald Phokubye, said the Azapo delegation would also address two meetings at the University of Toronto and an international media conference.

He added that of particular interest was Azapo's "expulsion from the Patriotic Front and its views regarding the future of South Africa."

Nefolovhodwe said his deputy, Dr Nchaupa Mokoape, would take charge of the organisation until he returned.
Talks obstacles can be resolved

By Peter Fabricius and Esmé van der Merwe

The Government, ANC and other political players are confident they can resolve the disagreements which led to the cancellation of today's crucial meeting of a steering committee to prepare for multiparty negotiations.

The meeting fell apart late on Wednesday because of disputes among the parties about who should take part in the steering committee — and because of Inkatha Freedom Party anger at feeling sidelined in preliminary arrangements.

The delay in convening the steering committee has raised serious concerns about the chances of the Convention on a Democratic Future — which signals the start of "real" negotiations — starting on November 29 as planned.

It is hoped that the postponed steering committee meeting can be held next week — possibly on Tuesday.

In a tense week of behind-the-scenes negotiations, Constitutional Development Minister Dr Gerrit Viljoen rebuffed ANC president Nelson Mandela for having let slip the planned date for the convention, and IFP national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose warned that his party might scupper the talks if it were treated as subservient to bilateral ANC-Government decisions.

Strange

Yesterday ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said Dr Viljoen "completely overreacted" by labelling Mr Mandela's remarks "strange and presumptuous".

Mr Niehaus said there was nothing wrong in Mr Mandela's public statement that November 29 was the ANC's target date for starting formal all-party negotiations.

Complicating matters was the IFP's insistence yesterday that it had never even agreed to today's meeting — despite confirmation from the Government and ANC that the meeting had been scheduled but called off.

IFP executive member Walter Felgate said the IFP had only been asked on Wednesday to attend today's meeting. This was too short notice to convene its negotiating team.

Yesterday Dr Viljoen said "Speculation and premature announcements, such as those about supposed dates for the first meeting of a multiparty conference or for preparatory meetings with a view to calling an MPC, have had a retarding effect on negotiations."

Government, ANC and IFP sources agreed yesterday that intense negotiations would continue over the next few days. They were confident that differences could be patched up.
DIFFERENCES between political parties have sunk today's talks on an all-party conference between the Government, its allies and the Patriotic Front.

The curt message yesterday from the African National Congress, Pan Africanist Congress and the Government was: "It's off."

An ANC source did, however, stress that all was not lost and that negotiations were proceeding to try and rescue the talks.

"The feeling here is that this was one of those little stinkers that can be overcome," the source said.

Disagreement

On behalf of the Government, acting State President Dr Gerrit Viljoen said in a statement yesterday that diverse opinions given over the past few days had had "a retarding effect on negotiations."

Viljoen was referring to a statement by ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela on Wednesday when he told journalists that a multiparty conference was scheduled for November 29.

He said Mandela had acted against the spirit created by negotiations over the past 18 months where statements were made only after the different parties had reached agreement.

However, two sources from different parties close to the centre of the deliberations last night confirmed that the biggest problem was disagreement on many issues with the Inkatha Freedom Party.

The sources said the IFP was specifically against the number of participants in today's aborted talks - it preferred to talk only to the Government and ANC.

Other parties also objected to their exclusion and the ANC echoed this by saying that the three parties were not the only main players.

The ANC wanted as many as 11 parties to attend the talks, including the Democratic Party, the Conservative Party and the Azanian Peoples Organisation.

The IFP was also angered by suggestions this week that the Government and ANC had been most of the arrangements for the multiparty conference.

This included an apparent agreement that it should be called the "Constitution for a Democratic Future."

The PAC yesterday also confirmed the postponement but would not elaborate.

The PAC also had its differences with the rest of parties over exactly what today's meeting and the tentative meeting which was mooted for November 29 would discuss.
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Land issue key to problems - Azapo

SOUTH Africa's political problems could be solved only when the land question had been addressed, Azapo general secretary Mr Don Nkadimeng said at a symposium held at the University of the North yesterday.

The seminar, organised by the Department of Agriculture, heard viewpoints from representatives of political organisations such as the ANC, PAC, Democratic Party, Development Bank's Dr Simon Brand and Natco's Mr Sam Motsuenyane.

Notable exclusions were National Party and Inkatha who were initially called to address but had their invitations withdrawn due to pressure on campus.

Differing radically from earlier speakers, Nkadimeng said more than 80 percent of the population of the country do not have access to 87 percent of the land.

"Few white farmers control about 95 percent of agricultural land and an economy, particularly agricultural economy, cannot be built under such circumstances," he said.

Mr Sipho Ngwenya, representing the ANC, said his organisation believed that the land issue was a political problem rooted in ideology and policies of the past governments.

"There should be redistribution of wealth with just compensation because the country cannot afford to have vast sums of unused land while people are suffering.

"Our objective is that agricultural land should be used productively to address the question of poverty," Ngwenya said.

Mr Mark Shinners of the PAC said agriculture and, in particular, the farmer should be the backbone of the economy.

"Economic programmes should be in line with agricultural development so as to stimulate growth," Shinners said.
Paso praised for stand on talks

THREE youth organisations aligned to Azapo have congratulated the PAC's youth wing, Paso, for criticising its leadership on its plans to hold pre-constituent assembly talks with the Government.

The Azanian Youth Organisation, the Azanian Student Convention and the Azanian Students Movement have praised Paso for its position it has taken on today's meeting between the Government, the ANC and PAC.

Paso threatened to withdraw from the PAC and join forces to organise a new body for "Africanist" students and pupils.
Mandela in Ghana

ACCRA — The people of South Africa were ready to complete the process of liberation in Africa that was started by Ghana in 1957, ANC president Nelson Mandela told a public audience here last night. Mr Mandela, who is leading a 10-member ANC delegation, said that unless the South African Government agreed to a constituent assembly and transitional government it would continue to be both player and referee in the transitional process.
Necklace death violates ANC, PAC truce

JOHANNESBURG. — Fighting erupted last night between African National Congress supporters and Pan Africanist Congress members in Munsieville, west of Johannesburg, a day after a truce to end a long-drawn feud.

At least one person, believed to be a member of the PAC, was reported killed in the clashes that erupted at 5 pm.

Police said that about 10 men stormed a house in Munsieville, seized an occupant, stabbed him with a garden fork and set him alight. The man died in the blaze.

PAC claimed the necklaced man was one of their members.

Police spokesperson Captain Henriette Bester said calm returned to the township after an arrest by the SAP.

— Sapa.
These black leaders forsake townships for life in the city

WHILE their followers stay in the townships, some leaders of the liberation movements have moved into some of Johannesburg’s relatively affluent suburbs.

Activists, many of whom are former political prisoners, seem to be enjoying having swopped prison cells for luxury apartments.

Before February 1990, anti-apartheid leaders who lived in the “white” sections of Johannesburg were mostly those on the run from the police.

But now it has become fashionable for activists to meet in yuppy pubs and enjoy dinners in exclusive restaurants while their followers have to contend with crowded township shebeens.

Among prominent anti-apartheid leaders who have moved to the suburbs are:

- Dr Paul Jordan, head of the ANC’s information department, who is understood to live in Ponte City.
- Themba Khoza, Inkatha’s Youth Brigade leader in the Transvaal, who lives in Hillbrow.
- Pandelani Nefolovhodwe, president of Azapo, who lives in a flat in central Johannesburg.

The ANC supports political leaders leaving the townships to start new lives in town. Snd PNP spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa “After all, we have long been deprived and this is what we have always fought for — to live where we please, without restrictions.”

Dr Jordan said the whole question depended on affordability. “If I have money and there is no Group Areas Act, I will live where I choose. There’s no reason blacks cannot live in Sandton if they can afford it,” he said.

He was not happy when asked where exactly he lived. “You journalists should be writing about the scandalous, criminal shortage of housing for black people and not inquiring about where the ANC leaders live.”

Inkatha’s West Rand leader Humphrey Ndlovu said “I find nothing wrong in my colleague Themba (Khoza) living in town.”

Another Inkatha official, Suzanne Vos, said she had nothing against anti-apartheid leaders living where they chose, including in the suburbs.

“But whether that is politically sound is another thing,” she said.

Mr Nefolovhodwe left the township after living in the four-roomed house he had rented was put on sale.

He too would not say where he lived in town. “I am hiring a flat. I cannot afford to buy a property,” he said.

But not everybody is so accepting of political leaders living in greater comfort than their followers. Azapo education secretariat head Dr Gomo-Leomo Mokae said he could not support activists “preoccupied with integration euphoria.”

“Leadership by remote control from the rarefied atmosphere of Waterkloof, Lower Houghton or Durban North can only go against the grain of liberatory aspirations,” he said.

Dr Mokae added that people in leadership “should serve as beacons of hope by being literate in the thick of things with the oppressed.”

Dr Mokae lives in Mabopane, outside Pretoria.
ANC, NP 'have same goals for their people'

THERE can be no political settlement in South Africa if it is not backed by the country's most important "nationalistic" organisations, the NP and the ANC, Rapport said this week.

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"And, both draw their power from moral values. Reconciliation is possible. But only if the ANC purifies its soul of hot-headedness and communism," the editorial said.

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Hani warns of clampdown on reds

SOUTH AFRICAN communists were warned by Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Chris Hani yesterday to "prepare for the worst" - including a possible state of emergency, detentions and the "rounding up of activists" - in the run-up to a democratic S.A.

And he urged all those involved in the struggle for liberation to "use our weapons" to push for the start of the multi-party conference.

One weapon could include "mass action" if the conference was stalled.

The recent stayaway was proof of the power which could be commanded by the alliance and trade unions.

Mr Hani was speaking at the opening of an SACP Western Cape Branch regional conference in Cape Town.

Accusing the NP of delaying the proposed multi-party conference, Mr Hani said: "We have shaken the regime with our cohesion."

The "ruling class", he said, must not be allowed to set the pace of reform.

Mr Hani, who is also a member of the ANC's national executive committee, launched a scathing attack on Inkatha, which he said had only two or three percent support.

He also reiterated the SACP's commitment to the SACP/ANC alliance.
Talks go ahead in spite of setbacks

THE preliminary talks before the multi-party conference are on track.

A dozen political organisations will meet in Johannesburg on Wednesday to set up a steering committee for the talks.

The meeting, which was to have begun on Friday, was postponed after conflict about the role of the Inkatha Freedom Party in the discussions.

Government officials will meet Inkatha tomorrow and the ANC on Tuesday to discuss details of the preliminary meeting which is likely to be held at the Carlton Hotel.

Other parties expected to take part include the NP, the PAC, the SA Communist Party, the DP, the Labour Party, Solidarity, and some homeland parties.

It is not known if approaches will be made to other parties, including the Conservative Party.

Irritation

Meanwhile, Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen fired a broadside at ANC President Nelson Mandela for revealing that the first multi-party talks would begin on November 29 and last for two days.

He said such "premature announcements have a retarding effect on negotiations."

On Tuesday, the ANC apparently rejected these suggestions. The following day, reports cast doubt on whether Inkatha would take part in steering committee talks.

A strong feeling emerged in some quarters that the government was using Inkatha to mask its own unwillingness to enter talks.

Among the issues to be discussed are a neutral venue, the convener of the all-party conference, who should chair proceedings until an overseer of the electoral process was appointed, the financing and administrative methods of an election, the role of the homelands' voters rolls in a future election and the form and type of interim or transitional government during the talks.

By CHARLENE SMITH

Even before the first steps to national reconciliation were due to begin, irritation was the strongest element emerging from all sides.

The ANC and PAC were said to have wanted Inkatha to take part in the government's side — an idea opposed by Inkatha.

The ANC denied this and said it saw "no sides, nor should there be major and minor players."

Actors

Inkatha said it wanted to operate separately as part of either a "powerful group of three or five" (with the ANC and the government, and possibly the PAC and the DP) which would determine who would take part in multi-party talks.

Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi gave an indication of this when he addressed the European Parliament on Thursday.

He said the NP, Inkatha and the ANC were being thrust together "as the major actors in the process of change. If we do not have a genuine three-way division of interests and if there is not a three-way division of the South African electorate, there will be no real democracy."

However, even as he spoke conflict was brew-
DP delegates allege ANC intimidation

CAPE TOWN — ANC supporters had burnt down houses belonging to black DP members, attacked them and prevented them writing exams in Transvaal and Free State townships, delegates to the DP's national congress said at the weekend.

Despite the public tensions within the party over some MPs' links with the ANC, the DP emerged from its two-day national congress convinced that it should remain an independent force and that it would grow next year.

Hillbrow MP Lester Fuchs said he had seen how DP members were prevented from writing exams at Mabola near Lydenburg because they belonged to the DP. Also, the DP chairman's house had been burnt down.

Welkom delegate Rhett Kahn said DP members had been attacked in Thabong in Welkom and the houses of two members had been burnt down.

DP delegates had been burnt down in another township nearby.

The group of MPs strongly opposed to closer links between the party and the ANC suffered a setback at the congress. Although the congress discussions were free of blatant tension, it was clear that these MPs had little support.

Delegates made it clear they had had enough of the public conflicts between MPs and that they rejected alliances or coalitions with other political groupings at this stage.

On Saturday morning Fuchs threatened to bring caucus tensions out into the open. Fuchs said he was "most perturbed" by his colleagues' statements that "the aim of the DP should be to take our membership into the ANC, that the DP should be in alliance with the ANC, that DP members should be at liberty to accompany their spouses or children to ANC functions and that the DP should join the ANC in asking the US to threaten to reimpose sanctions.

DP leader Zach de Beer said in his closing address "The DP comes closer than any other substantial political group to being able to achieve trust to the left and to the right. Here lies the unique nature of our contribution to peace and to recovery."

Delegates gave him a standing ovation.
CALLERS to the Soweto/Radio Metro Talkback Show expressed jubilation at the collapse of the administrative talks about negotiations.

Mike of Johannesburg said the negotiations were a circus for ordinary people.

He said these negotiations showed that the imperialist leadership was being brainwashed by the capitalists as they run after United States dollars.

"The settlement would not benefit ordinary people," he said.

Liberation

"We have not been struggling for constitutional changes. We want complete liberation," Themba of Katlehong said.

Thembisile of Meadowlands discussed any kind of talks, saying "the land was taken from us by the sword and that is how we should reclaim it."

Rodney of Hillbrow disagreed. The problems of the country could only be solved at the negotiation table.
ANC, PAC accused of ganging up

By JOE MDHLELA

THE ANC and PAC are out of touch with their followers' thinking by insisting on a negotiated settlement with the Government.

Former executive committee member of the Pan Africanist Students' Organisation, Mr Thabiso Raditaba, said this during the Media Workers' Association of South Africa's Southern Transvaal regional congress in Johannesburg yesterday.

Raditaba also accused the organisations of ganging up on the Azanian Peoples Organisation.

He said the ANC and PAC were uncomfortable with Azapo because of its "unwillingness to collaborate."

"That explains their ganging up against Azapo which was expelled from the Patriotic Front conference three weeks ago," Raditaba said.

He said that Azapo was right in rejecting the idea of "sapping" with whites and homeland leaders in the PF conference.

He said both organisations referred to homeland leaders like Oupa Gqozo and Bantu Holomisa as patriots.

"There is nothing patriotic about these leaders. They have been discredited for collaborating with the system of apartheid," he said.

The regional executive office bearers were returned unopposed, headed by chairman Mr Tsolo Raditaba. Mr Joe Mdhlulela was elected vice-chairman.
Committee on talks to meet this week

By Esmae van der Merwe
Political Reporter

The "steering committee" preparing for the all-party conference was scheduled to meet in Johannesburg on Wednesday and Thursday, sources close to the negotiation process confirmed yesterday.

The committee was supposed to have met on Friday last week but the meeting was cancelled after Inkatha Freedom Party objections to the delicate pre-negotiations talks.

The IFP was said to have objected strongly to a perception that decisions were being taken by the Government and the ANC to its exclusion.

Matters were complicated further when ANC president Nelson Mandela last week unilaterally announced that the Convention for a Democratic Future would start on November 29.

Although this date was agreed upon between the main political groupings, the Government and the IFP felt that Mr Mandela's unexpected announcement was an ANC attempt to create the impression that it dictated the pace of negotiations. The ANC dismissed the allegation as an "over-reaction".

Sources said the Government and the IFP were scheduled to meet tonight to discuss the complications.
Hani wants action on talks

MASS action must be used to force the government to convene an immediate all-party conference, says senior SA Communist Party member and ANC uMkhonto weSizwe chief of staff, Mr Chris Hani.

Delivering the keynote opening address on Saturday at the SACP's two-day Western Cape conference in Salt River, he criticised the decision to delay Friday's planned meeting of the all-party steering committee.

"If the government fails to convene the all-party conference, we should use our weapons of struggle to force them to convene this conference without further delay," he told about 110 delegates from 20 branches throughout the Western Cape.

Mr Hani reiterated the SACP's commitment to its alliance with the ANC.

A draft resolution on violence called for the establishing of self-defence units, consisting of representatives from all organisations in the community.

The conference elected a 16-member executive committee. Chairman is Mr Fred Gona, deputy chairman is Mr Larumo Kalaba, general secretary is Mr Laza Nkosi, deputy general secretary is Mr Garth Strachan and treasurer is Mr Fred Cammason. Also elected were Mrs Jenny Schreuder, Mr Brian Bunting, Mr Lizo Ngqungwana, Mr Noxolo Nivenansi, Ms Noluntu Ntsa, Mr Dumisa Reshele, Ms Des Angelis, Mr Trevor Oosterveld, Mr Mandla Gqannyana and Mr Leonard Ramatlakane — Staff Reporter and Sepe
NIC to remain independent

DURBAN — The Natal Indian Congress (NIC) resolved at a meeting here at the weekend to continue as an independent political organisation. NIC president Mr George Sewpershad said a conference at the University of Durban-Westville also decided to continue supporting the ANC.

The conference had called again for the scrapping of the tri-cameral parliament and supported the call for a constituent assembly and interim government.
Critical power shift to ANC in the build-up to negotiations

By ALLISTER SPARKS

As the major political contestants move rapidly towards the negotiating table, there has suddenly been a critical shift in the balance of power between them.

For more than a year and a half, from when President De Klerk made his epochal speech on February 2, 1990, the National Party held the initiative, taking one box-office step after another that kept the African National Congress and its allies in a constantly reactive phase, struggling to adjust to the changes the Government was initiating.

Steadiest the ANC saw the position of strength it had built being eroded its dominant influence on international opinion, the pressure of sanctions, its ability to keep South Africa isolated in virtually every field, its mobilization of mass action and its passbooks.

Mr. De Klerk was in the spotlight and a relieved world, eager to reward him, was lifting sanctions and inviting him for state visits. Internally the NP began making inroads into the coloured, Indian and white liberal democracies.

Derivative

As outgoing Secretary-General, Alfred Nzo noted at the ANC’s national conference in June that the NP had “succeeded in creating an image of winning winners”, while the ANC was giving an impression of disunity and lack of direction.

People kept asking derivative-ly when the ANC was going to get its act together. For Mr De Klerk, this augured well for the negotiations.

The balance of forces was stronger than ever, with the ANC, which meant he would be well placed to force the ANC into accepting compromises much closer to its opening positions than its own.

That is why he looked so relaxed and confident.

In the situation has changed. The turnaround began with Inkathagate in July, which seriously tarnished Mr De Klerk’s image and damaged the NP’s main potential black ally. Foreign invitations dwindled. Doubts arose about the role of the police in the ongoing township violence.

For its part, the ANC did, indeed, get its act together at its Durban conference with the election of a better integrated and more effective leadership.

Alliance

The election of Dr Allan Boesak as Western Cape leader began to retrieve lost ground amongst the coloured people. South Africa’s return to international sport demonstrated that the ANC, not Mr De Klerk, held the key to readmission.

But most important of all was the forging of the Patriotic Front alliance in Durban two weeks ago, followed by last week’s spectacularly successful protest strike against VAT.

MR ALFRED NZO: Noted the NP had “succeeded in creating an image of being winners”.

The first turned the long Nationalist strategy of divide-and-rule on its head. Everything the Government has done since unbanning the ANC aimed at trying to split it – the communists from the nationalists, the pragmatists from the radicals. So that the ANC could forge an alliance with the supposed moderates that would keep out the “extremists”.

But the ANC, for all its diversity, proved more cohesive than those strategists realised. What the Nats overlooked is that it is the only liberation movement that never split in exile, making it unlikely that it would do so now that its goal was in sight.

Instead it has now expanded its alliances to present a widened front of black unity, while it is African nationalism that may soon present a picture of deepening disunity when the forthcoming Virginia and Potchefstroom by-elections are held.

The strike, meanwhile, has demonstrated the black alliance’s ability to mobilise formidable economic pressure. Analysts have been taking it for granted that the ANC no longer has a revolutionary option open to it. Now it has shown it has an even more potent option, which is the ability to cripple the economy if it chooses.

DR ALLAN BOESAK: Election as Western Cape leader began to retrieve lost ground.

These two factors together greatly increase the bargaining strength of the ANC and its allies.

They do so, moreover, as the negotiations are about to begin. It seems certain that any agreement will be reached for the Multi-Party Conference to start.

That is why the NP is no longer so relaxed and confident. The shrill note that came out of the Transvaal congress, the sudden reverie to old-style bluster and threats by Mr De Klerk, are reflections of a new anxiety and tension.

Opening positions

The Nationalists have been shaken by the realisation that they are not going to be able to call the shots in these negotiations the way they thought they were.

All negotiations are a projection of the real strengths, which the competing parties possess outside the conference room. A trade union which does not have the capacity to call a strike will gain little at a wage negotiation with a powerful employer.

So, too, with these negotiations. Both sides go into them with opening positions that the ANC demanding an interim government to run the country while one man, one vote elections are held for a constituent assembly to draft the new constitution, the Government insisting that it must continue to govern and that the new constitution must be negotiated by all parties equally, regardless of size.

Beyond that are the opening positions on the constitution. The ANC demanding a Westminster-style “winner takes all” constitution with a Bill of Rights to protect minorities, the NP proposing a complex “labor keeps all” formula in which consensus requirements and minority vetoes would entrench as much of the status quo as possible.

Imbalance

Where the compromise agreements are reached between these opening bids will depend on the bargaining power each side brings to the table.

The danger in all such situations arises if there is an imbalance of power. If one side is able to dominate the process and force the other to accept compromises too great for its constituents to accept.

If that happens the deal will not survive. The negotiating party that has been forced to yield too much will be discredited in its own constituency, which will turn in frustration and disgust to more radical leaders promising a more militant approach. That is the road to anarchy and ruin.

It is the road on which the disproportionate strength of the NP and its aggressive approach to the negotiating process threatened to put us now. Fortunately, there has been a redrawing of that balance. The two sides are more evenly matched. The Nationalists are upset that they won’t have it all their own way. But as South Africa may get proper compromises which stick.

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ANC asks UK to probe escapers

OUT OF HIDING... Henry Martin (left) and Adrian Maritz outside South Africa House in London last week.

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Debts pile up in Zambia, say officials

MIKE HALL, Argus Africa News Service


Zambia has played host to the movement for 20 years or more, but when the ANC departed it left behind scores of bills, running into millions of rands.

Earlier this year the head office of the ANC-in-exile here owed Zambia's state-owned Posts and Telecommunications Corporation (PTC) alone R1 million. The PTC has since been paid just over a quarter of the amount.

One department of the ANC had a phone bill of more than R100 000 when it closed down.

The new occupants of the offices, one of Zambia's election monitoring groups, had to plead with the PTC to reconnect the phones so that they could set up their operation before the recent elections.

A spokesman for the PTC's accounts department said: "In addition to the ANC's composite account there are individual members who owe us much more."

He was unable to give the total figure owed by individual ANC members.

The movement also owes large sums to the Lusaka Water and Sewerage Company, the electricity corporation Zesco and the National Housing Authority, from whom the movement rented property.

Little food money

Officials from these state-owned authorities were not prepared to disclose how much they were owed.

Scores of private landlords who let property to ANC exiles are also owed large sums in unpaid rent and other bills. Many, who are themselves being sued by the utility companies, are taking legal action against the ANC.

One ANC official who has stayed in Lusaka and who declined to be named, said there was hardly enough money to pay for the food of scores of members still living in Zambia.

"It's unlikely we will be able to pay any other bills," he said.

Until last year, when ANC officials began returning home — some after decades in exile — there were up to 3 000 members of the ANC in Zambia. Most returned to South Africa earlier this year.

The organisation's former head office, in a muddy back street near the city centre, has been bought by the Zambian government and will be turned into a museum of liberation movements who fought from Zambian soil.
22 parties may be invited to arrange talks

UP TO 22 parties and homeland governments could be involved in arranging all-party talks due later this month.

Senior PAC and DP sources said yesterday all parties that would take part in the scheduled talks would be involved in preparatory arrangements.

Government and Inkatha met yesterday to try to reach a compromise that would include all parties in arrangements leading up to the talks.

The meeting followed last week's postponement of a preparatory committee meeting which was to have decided on a venue, convener and agenda for the talks.

Neither government nor Inkatha released a statement after yesterday's meeting.

A spokesman for Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen's office said discussions were continuing but would not disclose who government was meeting.

However, Business Day understands that government is trying to persuade Inkatha to abandon its idea of a troika -- the NP, ANC and Inkatha -- making up the preparatory committee.

A senior PAC source said yesterday parties due to take part in the talks had faced three options. The first option -- a troika -- was opposed by the ANC and PAC because it elevated the status of Inkatha above other homeland parties. The second option -- the three principal parties being joined by the DP and the PAC in preparatory arrangements -- was rejected by Inkatha.

Subsequently the ANC proposed all parties due to be represented at talks should have a hand in convening them.

Transkei military ruler Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa yesterday insisted his government would insist on being part of the talks from the beginning.

In a reference to Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Holomisa said: "If other homeland leaders are attending, Transkei will be there."
Attempt to rescue talks

AT least 20 parties are lining up to meet tomorrow in an attempt to rescue last week's abortive preliminary talks that will lead to a multiparty conference scheduled for later this month.

Sources last night confirmed that "high-level and top-priority talks were under way yesterday" among the various participants.

It is understood that a Government delegation was yesterday trying to "sort out the Inkatha issue".

Last Friday's talks were sunk after the Inkatha Freedom Party raised objections to matters relating to representation.

The IFP preferred to plan a formal talks forum with the Government and the ANC only - in a kind of troika

But the ANC rejected this and said that the IFP was represented by the KwaZulu administration along with other homeland groups.

Tomorrow's talks have been scheduled for Johannesburg.

In the meantime, it seems likely that an MPC will be held at the World Trade Fair in Midrand on November 29 despite the tacit rejection of the date by Constitutional Development Minister Dr Gerrit Viljoen.

Viljoen was reacting last week to a statement by ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela that the MPC had been planned for this date.
Patriotic Front must not give in

IT IS interesting that the ANC, PAC, Azapo, Nactu and Cosatu are now entering the world of Black Consciousness. Indeed, the existence of the BC movement is to bring about greater unity within the ranks of the oppressed, exploited black masses.

However, care must be taken that the Patriotic Front must not complicate Government allies. The involvement of bantustan bosses and liberals is too dangerous. It will derail our struggle, reactivate Asanks, the CCB and cause confusion. One cannot pursue black aspirations from a platform meant for the oppression of blacks.

In a sense, the oppressed must shape their own destiny, without white input, speak as one voice and direct themselves to a common goal, the National Party and its allies. We ought to remember that there are those who pretend to be liberal fighters whereas they are neo-colonizers.

Liberals are capitulating to the whims of the Nats and bantustan bosses who are leading blacks to a divided struggle to speak as Zulus, Xhosas, Sothos, etc. What is more important about a united Patriotic Front of liberation movements is not to isolate the responsibility of Umkhonto we Sizwe, Azania and the Apla forces. We must avoid a situation where black skins replace white skins.

All along it was agreed that the oppressed should unite but to my surprise people who get rich from our labour are likely to be included in the PF. Remember to use unity to achieve black liberation.

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ANC owes millions to Zambia

By Mike Hall
Star Africa Service

LUSAKA — The African National Congress owes Zambia a large debt. Not only has the movement for the last 20 years or more, but when the ANC packed its bags and went home it left behind scores of halls running into millions of rands.

When it closed up earlier this year, the head office of the ANC-in-exile here owed Zambia’s state-owned Posts and Telecommunications Corporation (PTC) alone the equivalent of about R1 million PTC has since been paid just over a quarter of this amount.

"In addition to the ANC’s composite account of 16 million kwacha, there are a many more individual members who owe us much more," said a spokesman in the accounts department of PTC. He said he was unable to give a total figure owed by ANC members.

The movement also owes large sums to the Lusaka Water and Sewerage Company, the electricity corporation Zesco and the National Housing Authority, from whom the movement rented property. However, officials were not prepared to disclose how much was owed.

Scores of private landlords who let property to ANC exiles are also owed large sums in unpaid rent and other bills. Many, who are themselves being sued by the utility companies, are taking legal action against the ANC.

One ANC official who has stayed in Lusaka and who declined to be named, said there was hardly enough money to pay for the food of scores of members still living in Zambia. "It’s unlikely we’ll be able to pay any other bills."

Until last year there were up to 3,000 ANC members in Zambia. Most returned home earlier this year.

The former head office of the organisation has been bought by the Zambian government and will be turned into a museum of liberation movements who fought from Zambian soil.
Johannesburg — Urgent talks are on the cards to resolve tensions between two liberation movements following the death of a member of the Pan Africanist Congress — allegedly in a clash between PAC and African National Congress supporters on Friday.

And in a statement issued yesterday, the ANC PWV region gave the assurance that if allegations against its members were found to be true "disciplinary measures will be instituted".

On Friday in the Munseville township near Krugersdorp, Mr. Abner Mongwagela was reportedly killed in a clash between supporters of the PAC and the ANC.

In its statement yesterday, the ANC said its PWV region decided on Sunday to hold "urgent discussion with the PAC West Rand Region about the recent outbreak of violence in Munseville".

"The regional council condemned this latest outbreak of violence as an act designed to seriously undermine the peace process."

In the view of the ANC "problems of this nature should be dealt with through political structure of the two organisations rather than the medium of the press." — Sapa
ANC will pay debts

All bills owed in Zambia to be met

Political Staff

THE ANC is to meet all its bills with the Zambian government.

Acknowledging that it still had outstanding bills in Zambia, where it had its exiled headquarters for more than 20 years, the ANC said it had had discussions with the Zambian government.

"The bills that we are responsible for (specifically those with the Posts and Telecommunications Corporation) will be met in full," said ANC spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus.

The ANC owes the PTC Rs million and large sums to the Lusaka Water and Sewerage Company, the electricity corporation Zesco and the National Housing Authority.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said today that debts owed by the ANC as an organisation would be paid by the organisation as soon as possible.

Debts owed by individual ANC members would have to be paid by those members.

She was commenting on reports from Zambia, saying both the organisation and many of its members who were based in that country had left behind a trail of debts.

"It is regrettable that some of our members left without paying their bills. Those individuals who left Lusaka without paying their rents and other debts acted irresponsibly, and it is their responsibility to settle the debts," Miss Marcus said.

In another development, Miss Marcus said today she had no information about rightwingers Henry Martin and Adrian Maritz's request for "assistance" from the ANC.

The two men, who fled South Africa to Britain last month on the eve of their trial for murder, are reported to have contacted the ANC's London office yesterday asking for "assistance."

An ANC spokesman in London said the request had been forwarded to the organisation's head office in Johannesburg. Miss Marcus said she knew nothing about the request.
ANC vows to go on with boycott

An ANC community meeting in Ndalem, near Richmond, on Sunday resolved to continue a 13-day-old consumer boycott of white businesses in the Natal Midlands town.

The boycott will continue until demands are met. These include convening a meeting between the ANC and police and handing over a taped cassette of last week's National Party meeting in Richmond.

The ANC leader in the town, Mr Sifiso Nkabinde, said yesterday that the ANC believes events at the meeting had led to the murder of three people in Magoda township later that night.

"We demand a cassette of the meeting and a full report by the town board of what happened because that meeting led to the killing of our people,"

**Volatile**

The meeting was addressed by Natal MEC Mr Peter Miller who said afterwards that the situation was extremely volatile and needed one incident to "make the situation ugly".

Angry farmers and townfolk at the meeting vowed to fight back against the ANC's boycott which they claimed was riddled with intimidation, and many voiced their support for the Inkatha Freedom Party.

IFP Midlands leader Mr David Ntombela at the meeting called for unity among white residents and Inkatha supporters and said the IFP would act against alleged intimidators enforcing the boycott.

That night, two white men allegedly abducted and assaulted an Indian man who worked at an Indian-owned garage, while three people were killed in the ANC-supporting Magoda township. - *Sapa.*
Union official is chairman of Western Cape SACP

A CONSTRUCTION and Allied Workers Union shop steward, Mr Fred Gona, has been elected secretary of the Western Cape region of the South African Communist Party by an independent election. Mr Lerumo Kalako was elected deputy chairman.

In a statement on Sunday, the SACP said another meeting of the regional conference discussed a wide range of political and organisation issues in preparation for the SACP's national congress.

Political discussions centred on the SACP's draft manifesto and constitution due for adoption at the national congress.
Lenasia groups join hands

Organisations with diverse ideological views in Lenasia, Johannesburg, have formed a community forum to represent the interests of residents.

Forty-three organisations, including major religious groups, health groups, sports organisations, various political groups, traders' associations, women's organisations and parent-teacher associations held a joint meeting for the first time on Sunday.

Among the tasks to which they have pledged themselves are to facilitate local participation in the drawing up of the country's new constitution, ensure community involvement and control over development and to contribute to negotiations for a democratic, non-racial local authority. - Sapa.
Agreement on talks steering committee

GOVERNMENT, the ANC and Inkatha have agreed on a preparatory committee of 22 parties to draw up final arrangements for all-party talks on a new constitution.

The agreement was reached at a meeting between Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen and Inkatha national chairman Frank Mdlalose in Durban on Monday night.

Political sources agreed yesterday all-party talks aimed at devising a constitution were rapidly taking shape and might still begin by the end of this month.

A spokesman for Viljoen said yesterday: "We are in the process of finalising arrangements."

The ANC said bilateral discussions were taking place in preparation for the talks.

An ANC source said a meeting of the preparatory committee would take place shortly. He said the talks had been delayed because government was waiting for an assurance from Inkatha that the 22 parties to take part in the talks would be part of the preparatory meeting. This assurance had now been obtained.

Mdlalose said yesterday Inkatha and government had agreed on the composition of the steering committee but would not provide more details. But, he said, November 29 was just one date for the talks and a range of dates between then and December 9 were possible.

Business Day understands the issue of who will chair the first meeting is still under discussion.

TIM COHEN reports President F W de Klerk said yesterday the negotiations process was "basically on track" and he was confident multiparty negotiations would take place before the end of the year.

De Klerk told journalists he did not want to tie himself to dates, but he had reason to believe "things are moving in the right direction."
Saved from the gallows...

to scratch in dirt bins

By Rehana Rossouw

WHEN she was released from death row in May, Upington grandmother Mrs Evelina de Bruin described her two years in the shadow of the gallows as a “living death”.

Now, after five months of freedom, she is wondering whether she might not have been better off in jail — at least there she was fed.

This week Upington Dutch Reformed Church minister, the Reverend Aubrey Beukes, found De Bruin scavenging in dust bins in the centre of town for her family’s next meal.

“I’ve been scratching in bins for empty tins,” De Bruin said. “The children in the town showed me how to sell them to make money.

“Our lives are bitterly difficult. Some days I don’t collect enough to buy bread.”

De Bruin is finding it difficult to distinguish between nightmares and reality.

She often wakes up at night after dreaming she is still on death row — but increasingly her bedroom in Upington holds more nightmares than her death cell.

De Bruin and her husband, Mr Gideon Madlongolwane, both applied for pensions, but since their release have been foiled off and told their applications are “being processed”.

They have received one grant of R100 from the Red Cross and applications for further grants are also “being processed”.

“If I could work, I would. I’m not scared of hard work but both Papa (Madlongolwane) and I are too sick to find jobs.

“Papa hasn’t eaten for three days. To take both of us to the doctor will cost R40 and we don’t have the money.”

De Bruin said in their first few months of freedom scores of journalists were at her door, begging for interviews which were sent around the globe.

Senior ANC activists also visited, promising support and a better life.

“But none of them helped me, and my heart feels very sore right now,” she said.

“I spoke about my problems from the morning till the night, tiring myself, but no one listened to what I was saying.

“I was asking for help but the world was deaf.”

De Bruin said after she was released her clothing no longer fitted and all she received was two dresses from her children.

Last week, messengers of the court were sent to repossess her furniture, but she managed to borrow R100 from a neighbour to pay them.

“Now I’m begging your newspaper, don’t just use me, help me.”

While De Bruin is heartbroken about the circumstances she finds herself in, Reverend Beukes is spitting angry.

“Evelina de Bruin was exploited; for a good story and a political campaign,” he said.

“Now that the media glare is gone, people have simply forgotten about her.

“If this is how so-called progressive organisations treat their people then, I’m sorry to say this, but they are just like the National Party.”

Beukes said he wrote a letter to ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela two months ago, telling him of the plight of people in the rural areas. He has not received a response.

He also wrote to House of Representatives Health and Welfare Minister Mr Chris April, asking him to speed up the couple’s pension application.

“At least Mr April responded,” he said. “But I feel absolutely frustrated that nothing concrete has been done to help these people yet. Just as an indication of how people treated them — a few days after they were released, a high-profile activist came to visit.

“He didn’t ask how they experienced death row, he didn’t ask how they felt now that they were released — all he wanted to know was whether the television cameras had been to their home yet.

“This is political prostitution of the worst kind.”
PAC insists on talking at neutral place

THE Pan Africanist Congress has threatened to pull out of any talks if there was no agreement between itself and the African National Congress on a neutral venue for the pre-constituent assembly conference.

The decision was taken during a PAC conference in Butterworth, Transkei, at the weekend.

The conference was addressed by the PAC's secretary for political affairs, Mr Mahlubi Mbandazayo.

**Threat**

According to Mr Zingisa Mabbi, the PAC's publicity secretary in Transkei, the conference resolved that the pre-constituent assembly meeting or the all-party conference had to be held outside South Africa under an independent convenor such as the Organisation of African Unity, the United Nations or the Commonwealth.

The conference agreed that if the preparatory meeting of the conference - which had been scheduled for November 15 but has since been postponed - failed to agree on the venue and modalities of a constituent assembly, the PAC should pull out of "any further engagement".

The PAC's threat - which could not be immediately confirmed with the organisation's official media spokesmen at its Johannesburg headquarters - followed earlier media reports that the ANC and the Government had already agreed that Jan Smuts Airport would be the venue for the talks, that the Chief Justice would chair the meeting and that they would be held on November 29 and 30.

The PAC meeting in Butterworth slammed these arrangements and accused the ANC of violating the resolutions of the Patriotic Front conference which was held in Durban recently. - Sapa
Necklacing 'a threat to unity'

The Patriotic Front would be in jeopardy unless the ANC was seen to take strong action against its members who allegedly necklaced a PAC supporter in Munsieville last week, PAC deputy president Dlengani Moseneke said yesterday.

He spoke at a media briefing after a senior PAC delegation had toured the township for two hours following the murder on Friday of PAC member Abner Mongwagela. He was stabbed with a garden fork, then set alight.

The delegation included publicity secretary Barney Desai, West Rand chairman Ntsundeni Madzuna and secretary of religious affairs Mike Matsobane.

Mr Moseneke said the Patriotic Front had formed to achieve unity among blacks and to practise political tolerance.

However, the PAC would not sacrifice human lives for the sake of preserving the ANC.

Mr Moseneke said the PAC did not want to think fellow oppressed Africans, but would not continue to do so if there were further attacks.

"The PAC will not allow such behaviour from ANC members any more. We urge the ANC to take strong action against the culprits," he said.

The murdered man's father, Rammela Mongwagela, told the delegation that he knew the identity of the man who had led the group of attackers.

Mr Moseneke told journalists the same group had on Monday threatened to kill the family if they proceeded with funeral arrangements.

—Staff Reporter.
Zambia takes legal action over ANC debts

A writ for seizure (ieri facias) has been issued against the ANC, whose cadres allegedly left huge outstanding bills with various landlords in Lusaka, Zambia, when they were repatriated to South Africa.

Many more ficta suits are expected to be lodged in the Lusaka High Court by lawyers representing various landlords and other firms claiming to have been bluped by the ANC cadres.

Property in the ANC’s representative office is threatened with seizure unless concerted efforts are made to settle the huge amounts.

About 3,000 ANC exiles were repatriated back home in July in about 18 chartered flights, and contracts for rented tenancy expired in about June.

ANC general-secretary Cyril Ramaphosa, in a circular in May, appealed to all ANC exiles to make quick arrangements to be on the 18 flights, warning that those who opted to remain in Zambia would be doing so at their own risk.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said yesterday that the organisation had held discussions at the “highest level” with Zambia’s post and telecommunication authorities and the Zambian government.

“The ANC is quite clear that any debts for which it is responsible will be met,” she said.

The lawyer for one of the landlords, Claydon Hakasenke, said yesterday that bailiffs would seize property from the ANC offices in Lusaka.
Steering committee meeting delayed

By Peter Fabricius and Jacqueline Myburgh

The first meeting of a steering committee to set up all-party talks on a new constitution has again been delayed and seems unlikely to take place today as earlier scheduled.

Sources involved in the negotiations said a meeting today was "logistically impossible" because of complications and disagreements.

The meeting was scheduled to take place at 8 pm at a Johannesburg hotel.

It is not clear when the meeting will take place now or even if it will be this week.

This means the target date of November 29 for the multiparty conference to start looks increasingly unlikely.

On Monday night, the Government met the Inkatha Freedom Party to try to resolve differences and yesterday an ANC delegation met the Government.

The parties involved in negotiations about the steering committee have been wrangling mainly about which parties should serve on the committee.

The meeting was originally scheduled for last Friday.

Despite the delays, President de Klerk yesterday expressed confidence that the multiparty conference would still take place this year.

"Yes, there have been hitches, but the multiparty conference will take place before the end of this year," he said when addressing the South African Institute of International Affairs in Johannesburg.

But Mr de Klerk said he would "not make the same mistake" as ANC president Nelson Mandela by tying himself to dates.

"But things are basically on track — dates are not important. What is important is that this is of the essence.

"The start of the multiparty conference is fundamental to the curbing of violence and bringing it to an end."

It was important that leaders should be seen to be conversing amably and peacefully, he said.

Sources said yesterday speculation that 22 parties would attend the steering committee meeting was premature.

The ANC, PAC and other parties want as many as 18 or 19 parties to attend the talks, including many parties from the self-governing territories.

The IFP, on the other hand, has all along favoured a much smaller group — at one stage proposing just itself, the Government and the ANC.

Sources close to the talks said yesterday that a PAC demand for the all-party conference to take place outside South Africa was not an ultimatum.

They were responding to a statement from a PAC conference at the weekend that the PAC would pull out of negotiations if the all-party conference was held inside South Africa.
ANC outlines its intentions

HARARE — The ANC did not envisage SA's post-apartheid economy being "centrally commanded," Tito Mboweni, head of the organisation's economy planning department told a metal and steel conference yesterday.

Mboweni said the ANC saw a strong role for the state in selected sectors, both in joint ventures and as an entrepreneur in its own right, but it recognised mining was "the lifeblood of the SA economy." He regretted SA's dependence on imported machinery and intermediate capital items and believed the mining sector could generate the foreign exchange needed to reconstitute the economy.

Mboweni said the ANC was considering the introduction of anti-trust laws and other policies to promote competition. The ANC was anxious to prevent the exhaustion of mineral reserves which might be important for future industrial development. A post-apartheid government would want to see greater commitment to developing technology and downstream industries.

Both Mboweni and Jourdan were heatedly challenged from the floor on going against world economic trends.

In a low-key answer, Mboweni answered "I am sure we can knock together something," urging a pooling of ideas. Jourdan insisted the principle of anti-trust legislation was no more radical than in the US, where it originated.

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ANC president Nelson Mandela yesterday criticised the "current rhetoric between actors in the negotiation process" but said the search for a nonracial system of government was on course.

He spoke after meeting US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Herman Cohen. They expressed confidence that the peace process was on track.

Mr Mandela's remark followed a week of verbal quarrels between the Government and the ANC about Mr Mandela's unexpected announcement of the date for the start of multiparty negotiations, followed by accusations by the Government that the ANC was stalling on negotiations and a counter-attack by the ANC that President de Klerk's attacks on it were aimed at winning support in two parliamentary by-elections — Staff Reporters-Sapa
Necklacing places 'strain' on Front's fragile peace

JOHANNESBURG — Mr Abner Mowngwageloa, 22, attended a peace conference on Thursday last week. On Friday he was necklaced.

Mr Mowngwageloa's death — he was stabbed with a garden fork and then set alight with a burning tyre — has caused public strife between the African National Congress and the Pan Africanist Congress in Munsieville near Krugersdorp.

It has also brought some strain to the Patriotic Front, a peace agreement and show of solidarity whose main signatories are the PAC and ANC.

A group of senior PAC officials led by PAC vice-president Mr Dikgang Moseneke and publicity and information officer Mr Barney Desai visited the township yesterday.

At a press conference in Johannesburg afterwards, Mr Moseneke said his organisation had information which indicated that ANC members had killed Mr Mowngwageloa.

Mr Mowngwageloa, a member of the Pan Africanist Students' Organisation and the PAC, had been forced to flee the township by ANC members, according to his family. He had returned on November 14.

The ANC issued a statement last night which also condemned the murder and endorsed a decision by its PWV office to investigate allegations that ANC members were to blame.

Mr Mowngwageloa's funeral will be held in Munsieville on Saturday. — Sapa
Mandela briefs Cohen on talks

ANC president Nelson Mandela yesterday said the search for a nonracial system of government in SA was on course, but he criticized the "current rhetoric between actors in the negotiation process".

He made the remarks after meeting US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Herman Cohen in Johannesburg. Mandela briefed Cohen on the movement's latest position in the negotiation process. Mandela told Cohen of "our confidence that the peace process is on track".

"Our discussions were very fruitful," Mandela said of the first high-profile meeting with Cohen since he arrived in SA on Sunday.

Cohen said he had a feeling the "negotiation process is on track" and "we should see considerable movement towards a solution in 1992".

"I feel the situation (towards constitutional negotiations) is much improved," Mandela said. He explained to Cohen the ANC's position on nationalisation and discussions with business leaders on an alternative to confront economic imbalances. — Sapa
Minister praises creation of PF

WINDHOEK — The creation of the Patriotic Front in South Africa is the "most significant" step towards democratisation, Namibian Foreign Affairs Minister Mr. Hage Geingob said.

"We see particularly heartened by the fact that the oppressed people of South Africa, led by the national liberation movements, have been able to strengthen unity and are continuing to consolidate that unity," he said after talks yesterday with a PAC delegation.

Mr. Geingob condemned the leadership of the PAC, ANC, and all other parties, on reaching this point.

"By the time they meet the National Party government delegation, they will be speaking on behalf of the overwhelming majority of the people of South Africa who are demanding an end to apartheid and also the creation of a democratic, non-racial, united South Africa."

PAC deputy president Mr. Dikkany Mosekete and foreign affairs secretary Mrs. Patricia de Lille are in Namibia to brief the government and locate an alternative venue for the All-Party Conference scheduled for December 20 and 21 in South Africa.

— Sapa
All-party talks collapse again

Political Correspondent

TODAY'S preliminary talks between political organisations on the convening of a multiparty conference are off.

In a statement issued in Johannesburg last night, the African National Congress said there would be no convening meeting, but bilateral talks between the various organisations were under way to resuscitate the endeavour.

No clarity emerged last night on the reasons for the postponement - the second after last Friday's aborted meeting - but a source close to the groups indicated it was "the same issue" that DE KLERK scuttled last week's proposed talks.

Last week's proposed meeting collapsed after objections by Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party about the status it was given for the conference as an ordinary member.

The main issue the IFP objected to last week was giving the IFP "honorary status" in a political troika with the Government and itself, but instead wanted every political organisation in the preliminary stage to have an equal say and representation.

Alarm

On the other hand, a key figure in the talks said last night that there was no cause for alarm and that discussions were well under way.

A confident President FW de Klerk yesterday also told Sowetan that the present problems were not insurmountable.

He said he was confident that a multiparty conference would be held before the end of the year.

The ANC objected to...
Mandela to open Idasa conference

ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela is to open a three-day conference of the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa titled "Democracy: A Vision for the Future".

The conference starts in Johannesburg tomorrow.

Mandela will address questions on the prospects for democracy in a society "as divided and violent" as South Africa's as well as prospects for the future and other important issues, Idasa said in a statement this week.

Nigerian political scientist Dr Claude Ake will discuss democracy in Africa.

Issues relating to education, civil society, nationalism and nation-building will be addressed by various panels of specialists including Mr Aggrey klaaste, editor of Sowetan, Dr Pallo Jordan, ANC head of information and publicity, Dr Stoffel van der Merwe, National Party general secretary, and Mr Wynand Malan, former Democratic Party leader - Sapa.
Western Cape ANC-SACP alliance has been affirmed, a SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT reports:

Boesak: ‘May God bless the SACP’

GOD BLESS THE SA Communist Party, declared Dr Allan Boesak at the SACP’s Western Cape conference last weekend.

The address by the outspoken priest and ANC chairperson in the Western Cape signalled a new unity in the ANC-SACP alliance in the region.

Prior to joining the ANC, Boesak had argued that the organisation needed to be aware that many South Africans were unhappy about its alliance with the SACP.

But this week, he said that most people had realised that peace in the region was possible if the two organisations found common ground.

On the issue of unity, Boesak said the party should address the issue of unity and the ANC-SACP alliance.

The conference was held in Salt River, and Boesak said that the ANC-SACP alliance had produced a number of resolutions.

He said the resolutions were a positive step towards unity, and that the ANC and SACP should be united.

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Under the leadership of Comrade Hans, the ANC-SACP alliance has become a powerful force in the region.

Communist and Christian

Chris Hans and Allan Boesak at the SACP conference in Salt River
Ciskei crisis not over for Gqozo or the ANC

Ciskei’s state of emergency has ended, but the crisis is not over for the military government or the ANC.

The lifting of the emergency underlined military ruler Brigadier Oupa Gqozo’s increasingly weak position and lack of control over his forces. It also highlighted the ANC’s ambivalent strategy towards the homeland.

During an extensive visit to the region last weekend, ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela persuaded Gqozo to lift the emergency.

The meeting on Sunday had itself been the subject of dispute. Initial attempts by the ANC to arrange it failed, and on Saturday afternoon Mandela launched a stinging attack on Gqozo, calling him a “coward” and accused him of avoiding a meeting because he had broken every clause in the national peace accord.

ANC president Nelson Mandela

to end the emergency and — reluctantly — to allow protest marches against his rule. In return the ANC gave a promise to stop mud-slinging.

The release of hundreds of detained civic leaders and ANC members began almost immediately, and by Monday all had been freed or charged. The detainees included a group of Umkhonto we Sizwe guerrillas.

However, a number of issues remain unclear. During the emergency residents’ associations were banned and detained ANC members told their organisation was banned, but there was no announcement on the status of ANC-aligned groups.

The emergency seems to have been an expensive mistake for Gqozo as it severely undermined his already shaky political support base.

South Africa seemed embarrassed by the move, and there was speculation it might drop him.

Opposition to his rule has deepened, and it is unlikely widespread protests against him will stop.

Mass protests organised by the ANC against him were planned to begin on Monday, but lifting the emergency seems to have taken the wind out of protesters’ sails. Several marches and pickets failed to materialise as planned on Monday.

But opposition remains deep. An ominous indicator of continuing tensions was the petrol bomb attack on the house of ANC leader Rev Arnold Stofie. The attack came on Sunday night — hours after Mandela’s agreement with Gqozo. The bombs did not ignite, and little damage was caused.

Detentions continued. In the Seymour region on Monday, activists were again reported detained and even assaulted. A total of 415 people are believed to have been detained.

The emergency has strengthened calls for the military government to step down. The Border Peace Conference, representing business, the local ANC and local MPs, backed the call.

While calls for Gqozo’s removal are clear, the ANC’s strategy for dealing with him is less so.

While it agreed to stop public mud-slinging, the organisation firmly insisted on its right to continue campaigning for his removal.

The meeting between Mandela and Gqozo occurred despite previously firm policy by the regional executive not to have dealings with Gqozo.

Mandela first signalled his more conciliatory approach at the beginning of October, when he said the ANC would do everything to hold direct discussions with Gqozo.

On the same visit, Mandela tried unsuccessfully to telephone Gqozo, a move local officials later described as “a personal contact by Mandela”.

Although there was no public criticism of the NEC’s conciliatory moves towards Ciskei, regional officials cautiously said they had not made a “definite decision” about calling for a meeting with Gqozo — Escn
5 ANC items for talks list

Political Staff

THE ANC would propose five items for the agenda of the all-party conference and that working groups be established for each, deputy head of its department of international relations Mr Stanley Mabizela said yesterday.

He also said although the ANC favoured a constituent assembly, "we remain open-minded about this position lest there is a better alternative."
PAC uproar over talks

SHARP divisions within the Pan Africanist Congress deepened on the eve of next month’s multiparty conference.

Two splinter groups - calling themselves the Joint East Rand and West Rand Facilitating Committee - yesterday announced a weekend conference to overturn the present “moderate stance” of the organisation.

The groups said they would host a national consultative conference at Lethukuthula Secondary School in Kälechong on Saturday.

The meetings starts at 9 30am

A member of the facilitating committee, Mr Victor Petu, accused the PAC central committee of having deviated from the ideological principles of the organisation.

But Mr Tumeliso Modise, secretary of the (official) West Rand region of the PAC, said in a statement: “We wish to state categorically that no structure known as a Joint East Rand and West Rand Facilitating Committee is in existence, neither officially nor unofficially.”

He said the moves were being made by individuals “in order to try and cause confusion”.

“Members of the PAC do not behave in this manner and we have no reason to doubt the hand of the system in what is going on with the false statement,” Modise said.

Petu, meanwhile, said the Patriotic Front was the last straw in which the PAC flouted the principles of non-collaboration and non-recognition of the “colonial settler regime”.

On the constituent assembly, Petu said “The move can hardly be called tactical owing to its bankruptcy in addressing the aspirations of the Azanian masses.”

He added that the national executive of the PAC would not be welcome at the conference.

Last week the Pan Africanist Student Organisation criticised the PAC for going into constitutional talks with the Government. The organisation threatened to withdraw from the PAC if talks proceeded.

Twenty-two parliamentary and extra-parliamentary organisations, leaders of homelands and self-governing states were yesterday formally notified of Friday’s convening meeting on multiparty talks.

It is not yet clear what effect the row within the PAC will have on the organisation’s attendance at
PAC colours to adorn right-wingers' venue

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA — The Skilpad Hall — traditional venue for rightwing party congresses and gatherings — will be draped in the yellow and black of the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) for a fundraising dinner on January 18 next year.

PAC Atteridgeville branch publicity secretary Mr Forte Mthembu said the organisation hoped to raise R500 000 by selling 200 tables to businesses and organisations keen to learn more about the PAC's policies.

The main speaker will be PAC deputy president Mr Dikgang Moseneke.

Tables will seat 10 people each — six from the company which purchased the table and four from the PAC.

"The purpose of this arrangement is to give people from your company a chance to talk informally with people sharing your table over meals about the PAC's policy and position. It also provides an opportunity to build new friendships and open channels for further communication," said branch secretary Mr J.P. Dau in a letter sent to city businessmen.

Copies of Mr Moseneke's speech as well as documents explaining the PAC's policies will be available to guests.

Mr Mthembu said that although he was well aware of the Skilpad Hall's rightwing connotations, he had no fears of retribution from that quarter.

He said that although it was still too early to judge the response to the fundraising dinner, he had spoken to a number of people before setting up a date and the idea had been received favourably.

The dinner is scheduled for January 18 next year.
PAC and ANC to talk at UN

PAN Africanist Congress president Mr Clarence Makwetu and his African National Congress counterpart Mr Nelson Mandela will address the United Nations on December 2.

This was confirmed yesterday by a PAC source.

Mandela and Makwetu will address the UN General Assembly on progress that has been made in South Africa in relation to a political settlement.

Both organisations were asked by the UN to compile reports on the progress. The reports were submitted earlier this year. The General Assembly had in the meantime compiled its own progress report, using its own consensus Declaration of December 1989 as a yardstick.

The declaration said the South African Government had to unilaterally remove all obstacles to a negotiated settlement, much of which has been done.

The December 2 address will be followed by a four-day debate on South Africa.

It has been learnt from a reliable source that a major rift has emerged between the ANC and PAC over the holding of an all-party or multiparty conference.

The ANC wants the talks to be held before Mandela goes to the UN and the PAC wants a later date to allow maximum democracy to run its course in the run-up to formal talks between the parties in the Patriotic Front and the Government.

Unconfirmed reports have said that President FW de Klerk, Mandela and Makwetu will be out of the country during the first two weeks of December.
"This is the real thing at last"

Key three set the date for negotiations

GOVERNMENT, the ANC and Inkatha yesterday signalled the start of negotiations for a new dispensation when they jointly announced a preparatory meeting for November 29 to arrange all-party constitutional talks which they said were envisaged for December 20 and 21.

The announcement — issued simultaneously by Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen, ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa and Inkatha national chairman Frank Mdlalose — follows months of wrangling over preliminaries and at least two delays in calling a preparatory meeting.

The meeting will launch SA into formal negotiations aimed at devising a new constitution and ultimately a new government. Political sources have speculated that its deliberations could continue until late 1993.

A DP source said "This is the real thing at last."

The announcement came after what a senior ANC source described as a "long and intense meeting" between government and ANC delegations, which ended in the early hours of yesterday morning.

Government and the ANC — in its capacity as the leading party in the patriotic front — sent invitations yesterday to homeland governments and political organisations to send three representatives each to the meeting.

Yesterday's announcement read in part: "Parties are being consulted on their possible participation in such a preparatory meeting and certain further aspects still have to be clarified and agreed upon. No final decision on a venue for the preparatory meeting has been taken yet."

The ANC source said the organisation's delegation had put government under intense pressure to make the announcement, arguing that outstanding issues could be resolved at the preparatory meeting. Both government and the ANC have been accusing each other for months of delaying the start of talks.

The source said all 22 parties expected to take part in the full-blown talks would be involved in preparatory arrangements, a compromise that came after the three major parties failed to reach agreement on the composition of a preparatory committee. This means about 66 leaders will be seated around the table in discussion.

Political sources said Inkatha remained opposed to the proposal that two clerics — Methodist Church president Stanley Mogoba and former NGK moderator Johan Heyns — serve as conveners together with Chief Justice Michael Corbett. The issue would now be tackled at the preparatory meeting.

The meeting would also seek final agreement on a date, the chairmanship and an agenda. ANC and DP sources said there was already a large degree of consensus on an agenda. It would probably include the reincorporation of the homelands, an interim authority, broad constitutional principles and a timeframe for the transition process, a mechanism for drawing up a new constitution and the role of the international community.

Political sources have speculated that an all-party conference could evolve into a body that would have some form of role in monitoring the coming session of Parliament and possibly even evolve into a constitution-making body.

Sapa reports that the PAC has confirmed it is prepared to attend multiparty talks if the venue is outside this country, and if a neutral conciliator is chosen to oversee the meeting.

Such a person would come from either the OAU, the UN or the Commonwealth "in that order", PAC general secretary Benny Alexander said yesterday.

Alexander said the PAC had discussed the issue of a preparatory meeting with ANC president Nelson Mandela and had agreed to it in principle. Such a meeting would once again have to be at a "neutral" venue, he emphasised, although it could take place within SA.
ANC in Daveyton denies collecting money for funerals

By IKE MOTSAPI

Officials of the Chris Han action committee at a squatter camp in Daveyton on the East Rand yesterday denied having collected money in the name of the African National Congress for funerals in the area.

The committee, which comprises members of the local ANC Youth League and ANC members, distanced itself from reports that they had taken money from residents.

The secretary-general of the ANCYL in Daveyton, Mr Malibongwe Kanjana, said an emergency meeting was called by the action committee, the ANC and his organisation to establish the truth of the allegations, which were published in Sowetan on Tuesday.

He said: "I want to state clearly that we do not know of people collecting money in this area for their personal gain.

"We talked to various bereaved families who said they did not know of such people."

"It is unfortunate that our name has been dragged into all this," Kanjana added.
Azapo backs neutral talks venue call

The Azanian Peoples' Organisation has supported the call by the Pan Africanist Congress for constitutional talks with the Government to be held outside the country.

Azapo was reacting to the decision by the PAC at the weekend in which the organisation said it would only take part in the all-party or constituent assembly talks if they were held outside the country.

In a statement Azapo official Mr Khanye Makhado said any talks with the "regime" on the setting up of a constituent assembly should take place outside the country under a neutral and independent mediator.

"This will remove the regime's territorial advantage and will go a long way towards placing the negotiating parties on an equal footing."

Azapo would insist too that agreements reached at such a meeting be guaranteed by an international agency, preferably the Security Council of the United Nations.

The movement described as a "non-starter" of the all-party talks being planned by the "regime" - the Inkatha Freedom Party, the African National Congress and PAC as it could not deliver "our constituent assembly."

The PAC call for political tolerance following the fights between PAC and ANC members in which a PAC member was necklaced, was supported by Azapo.

"Both the oppressor and oppressed alike must know that the days of political hegemony are over. "Patriots do not attack and kill each other and no black lives should be lost simply to create and preserve political hegemony," Azapo said.

-Sapa
Mandela talks publicly of his years in jail

By Kaizer Nyatumba
Political Staff

ANC president Nelson Mandela last night for the first time spoke publicly about his 27 years in jail, saying it had been a fate he would not wish on his worst enemy.

Opening a three-day conference organised by the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa in Johannesburg, Mr. Mandela said the best part of his life had been given to the struggle against black and white racial domination.

He had dedicated his life to the struggle for freedom for all South Africans.

"Yet my convictions will always be worth more than the anguish they may cause. However, my fate is not one I would wish upon even the worst of my enemies."

"It is a cruelty to which no decent society would want to expose its citizens. It is a tragic inadequacy from which any sane society will seek to shield its children," Mr. Mandela said.

The ANC president has up to now refused to speak about his years in jail.

In one of his most conciliatory speeches in months, Mr. Mandela called on all South Africans to "begin sowing the seeds of national healing and reconciliation" to lay the foundation for a new future they would be proud to bequeath to their children and grandchildren.

"Now was the time to make a clear and decisive break with apartheid — denounced all over the world as a crime against humanity — and help build a bright future for all South Africans."

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The alternative, he said, was "anarchy, chaos and more violence", and time was not "at our mercy".

As a democratic society struggled to be born, apartheid continued with attempts "to dictate the terms under which it should give way to a democratic order."

Apartheid sought to adapt itself rather than yield to "the overwhelming need for fundamental change", and its strategic objective was "to try to manage, contain and, possibly, reverse its terminal crisis."

"If this were to succeed, the consequences would be too ghastly to contemplate," Mr. Mandela said.

Although Mr. Mandela and President F.W. de Klerk have criticised each other vehemently in recent weeks, the ANC leader did not once refer to Mr. de Klerk and his Government, nor did he refer to the Inkatha Freedom Party or any other organisation or party.

Instead, he appealed to all South Africans across the political spectrum to work for the attainment of freedom and democracy, which would lay the foundation "for a just and lasting peace and prosperity for all."

A united, nonracial and non-sexist society would one day be judged the finest achievement of the struggle for democracy, he said.
Towards the All Party Congress

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The convocation of the All Party Congress ushers in a new era in South African politics. Considering that up to now the majority of South Africans have been excluded from determining their destiny, a meeting of different political parties to discuss ways of transforming South Africa from being an undemocratic country to a fully-fledged democracy is highly significant. The holding of the All Party Congress will be one point on a long road travelled by the oppressed in their quest for freedom. It is through the struggles of the oppressed that the regime was forced to consider entering into negotiations with the organisations of the oppressed.

The long road

Since the time they were dispossessed by colonials, African people have continued to fight for what they consider to be their political rights. In fact, the formation of the ANC in 1912 was a response to the establishment of the Union of South Africa in 1910. The laws and the National Conventions that led to the establishment of the union in 1910 denied the majority of South African people the right to vote. Organisations of the oppressed such as the ANC, as a response to the undemocratic National Convention, campaigned for a gathering in which a democratic constitution would be formulated. This they did up to 1960 through non-violent methods such as petitions, delegations, marches, and stayaways. Even after its banning and after the turn to armed struggle, the ANC continued to call for a National Convention that would be different to the 1908 - 1910 one in terms of involving not only representatives of whites but organisations of oppressed people.

The call for a Constituent Assembly

But unlike the National Convention which the ANC called for before 1985, the All Party Congress, according to the liberation organisations will not draw up the constitution. There is an agreement amongst a broad range of organisations that it is only an assembly of elected representatives that can write a new constitution. There is an awareness that those sitting in the All Party Congress would not have been elected and the support of their parties would not have been tested in open elections. There is therefore a commitment amongst organisations like the ANC, PAC, AZAPO, SACP, COSATU and NACTU to a Constituent Assembly. The role of the All Party Congress is to work out the mechanism of how to get to a new South Africa - which according to the liberation organisations can only be through the Constituent Assembly and Interim Government.

Harare Declaration

The Harare Declaration makes it quite clear that after the creation of a climate for negotiations, the liberation movement must enter into negotiations with the regime on the mechanism of getting to a new South Africa. We all know that the climate that exists now is not conducive to free political activities. There are still political prisoners on death row. The violence even after the signing of the National Peace Accord is continuing. What is clear is that there is no way that we can expect the present minority government to create the climate for free political activity. The experience in the phase of talks about talks is that the government and its agents such as the SADF and SAP are major stumbling blocks. It is for this reason that the ANC has decided that the most pressing task is the removal of the National Party government and the establishment of an Interim Government.

The big question is, how is this task going to be achieved? How is the convening of the All Party Congress going to assist in the march towards the Constituent Assembly and the Interim Government?

Recent experiences

One of the things that has emerged in the last few months is that the minority regime is not prepared to hand power to the majority. A look at the constitutional proposals at the National Party reveals the determination on the part of the present regime to protect minority interests. The issue of violence and the involvement of the SADF and SAP in the destruction in the townships has confirmed the double agenda of the regime. The agenda of the ruling class is to introduce changes without threatening the interests of the minority capitalist class. The state and ruling class want changes that would give an impression that things have changed when nothing would have altered the conditions under which the majority live and work.

Challenge

The challenge that faces the mass movement is how, in the light of obvious plans to frustrate the struggle of the majority for genuine freedom, can the aims of the ruling class be defeated. As we enter the phase of real negotiations, the question of how we are to ensure that negotiations do lead to a total transfer of power becomes pressing. How can we ensure that our demands for a democratic Constituent Assembly and an Interim Government become a reality?

These are important questions in the light of some of the glaring weaknesses that have emerged within the mass movement. Despite the rhetoric about mass action, in the last few months, with the exception of the action around VAT, we have witnessed a deep in the involvement of the masses in struggle. This has been accompanied by a general weakening of organisational structures. Some of the pillars of struggle such as the underground component, the armed struggle and international solidarity also seem to have weakened.

Unless solutions are found to these problems, the possibility of making negotiations a real site of struggle will not be realised.

Next week we will look at the different positions of some of the relevant political organisations.
Date set for all-party talks

By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN and Sapa

THE Government, African National Congress and Inkatha Freedom Party said yesterday an all-party congress could take place on December 20 and 21.

The Pan Africanist Congress has confirmed that it is prepared to attend such multiparty talks if the venue is outside South Africa and if a neutral conciliator is chosen to oversee the meeting.

Such a person would come from either the Organisation of African Unity, the United Nations or the Commonwealth "in that order", PAC general secretary Mr Benny Alexander said yesterday.

Sapa, the Government, and Inkatha Freedom Party had agreed to hold a pre-party congress meeting in November "with a view to discussing arrangements for an all-party congress envisaged for 29 and 30 December 1991."

The clarifications were contained in the parties' statements yesterday.

"No final decision on a venue has been taken yet," the statements said.

The IFP's statement was signed by Dr Frank Alexander, chairman, and the PAC's, by Mr Nelson Mandela and PAC president Mr Nhlanhla Nene. Mr Mandela had "agreed in principle" to attend the congress, and had agreed to meet again at an unspecified venue.

"This is all behind us now and the next step is for us to actually sit down," he said.
Nonzwakazi's mayor makes history

COLESBERG - When the mayor of a small Cape settlement rose to speak to a meeting in Colesberg recently, another division tumbled into the South African dust. Sunday 22/11/91

The mayor was Mrs Gladys Ngcanga of Nonskwazi, a township outside the Karoo village of De Aar; among the audience were many whites from nearby Colesberg, listening directly for the first time to a black community leader and rising spontaneously to their feet to join in the singing of Nkosi Sikelelwa Afrika.

The meeting in Colesberg's Town Hall was a "morning of goodwill" organised by the South African Communication Service, formerly the Bureau for Information, and the message from Ngcanga was that women should forget about apartheid, bloodshed and differing cultures. "These things will always be with us. Instead we must enter the new South Africa with confidence."

"Soon we are going to have one educational system and, if we start now, it will be much easier to adapt to the multicultural classrooms of tomorrow."

"The teachers as well as the children of all population groups are going to have to get used to the idea," she said to enthusiastic applause. - Sapa
African National Congress president Mr Nelson Mandela yesterday made a strong plea for national reconciliation, democracy and peace.

Delivering the keynote address at the conference of the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa, Mandela, however, warned that the country stood at the crossroads.

"Will it be forward to freedom and democracy or a throw-back into disaster and permanent strife? The pendulum could swing either way unless we take it upon ourselves as South Africans to secure our common future.

"The time to begin sowing the seeds of national healing and reconciliation is now. The alternative is anarchy, chaos and more violence," he said.

Without accusing any party or organisation, Mandela also warned that attempts were being made to maintain and prolong apartheid.

"It (apartheid) seeks to adapt itself rather than yield to the overwhelming need for fundamental change. If this were to succeed, the consequences would be too ghastly to contemplate."

Nothing less than real freedom and democracy for all would lift the country out of its current crisis.

"The new South Africa had to be "constructed on the sacred rule of the fundamental worth of every human being, the sanctity and the inalienable right of every person to liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

It was in the interests of all "to have the courage."
December 20-21 is the new date for the All-Party Conference — but wrangling over convenors and venue for the talks could still prevent the talks being held this year.

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

The government and the African National Congress yesterday agreed on a tentative date of December 20 and 21 for the All-Party Conference (APC), but there is still disagreement between the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) on who should convene and chair the talks.

And while all sides reported this week that the talks were on track, disturbing trends have emerged that could yet prevent the conference getting off the mark before year-end.

PAC, Inkatha may rain on the all-party parade

The first is the role of the IFP as spoilers, raising one obstacle after another and prompting the delay that led to the conference being shifted back almost a month from November 29.

The second is the growing fear that the ANC ranks that the National Party is using the IFP as a delaying mechanism to slow down the talks.

The third is the spectre of factionalism within the Pan Africanist Congress and the movement's unrealistic insistence that the APC be held in a neutral state.

This could yet see the conference proceed without the PAC, largely nullifying last month's Patriotic Front conference.

The main sticking point between the IFP and the ANC is over who should chair the conference. In earlier preparatory talks, the government and the ANC agreed that Chief Justice F. J. Corbett be the convenor and that two church leaders — Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk assessors Dr Johan Heyns and Bishop Stanley Mogoba, head of the Methodist Church — chair the proceedings.

However, the IFP objected that the church leaders were hostile to Inkatha and insisted that Corbett alone chair the proceedings. The ANC had originally opposed Corbett as the chairman.

PAC's main talk: paralyzing effects

The PAC's main contribution to the talks has been to paralyzing effects on the talks, says an American diplomat.

"The PAC is the main obstacle to a successful APC," the diplomat said.

"They are demanding too much, and their demands are unrealistic. They want a say in the proceedings, and they want to block the talks at every turn."

The diplomat said that the ANC and the IFP were also trying to block the talks, but that the PAC was the main obstacle.

"The IFP is trying to block the talks on technicalities, but the PAC is blocking the talks on principle," the diplomat said.

"The PAC is a force to be reckoned with, and they will be a major obstacle to a successful APC."
A cross-Atlantic embrace from the Big Apple crew

"We welcome our brothers and sisters from across the Atlantic, some of whose forefathers were snatched from Africa by slavery, we are here to receive you on your homecoming. The blood that ties us is thicker than the water that divides us."

— Adelaide Tambo

The warm African night was redolent with imagery. A real-life reunion of a centuries-old separation between Afro-Americans and their ancestral brethren took place last Saturday night, right here in Johannesburg, at a pink Mediterranean mansion a few blocks from Hyde Park Corner.

It was the New York City mayor's second last evening in South Africa and we — all 250 of us — were at a sit-down dinner party thrown in his honour by Oliver and Adelaide Tambo. It was the night of a thousand contrasts, the night when Radical Chic met up with Nouveau Northern Suburbs and threw stereotypes out of the window.

Mayor David Dinkins, his wife, Joyce, and several members of the mayoral posse, struck a sartorial pose that was more African than the Africans they came dressed in — in their traditional attire, fiercely patterned and free-flowing with matching headresses in the West, rather than the South, African idiom.

By contrast, most of the South Africans, with the exception of Adelaide Tambo who wore a gorgeous traditional gown decorated with flowers, dressed up in designer suits and ties.

If Dinkins' malign tour had received hostile treatment from some people, here and back home in the Big Apple, there was no sign of it now. Tonight, the mayor and his wife and an entourage of deputees, city administrators and civil rights workers, were among friends — assorted diplomats, bureaucrats, liberation aristocrats, peaceniks, revolutionaries, Tambo relatives and a whole host of familiars including M-Net boss Tim Ellis, business guru Richard Maponya, musician Jonas Gwangwa — on his first trip home in decades — Dorkay House-mother, Queeneth Ndaba, all were strung out like coloured Christmas lights across the mossy, landscaped garden.

There were even one or two neighbours from down the once exclusively white street.

New Yorkers in West African wear, South Africans in severe suits. It was a night of a thousand contrasts as the Big Apple's mayor, David Dinkins, and entourage were entertained by the Tambos.

Charlotte Bauer was at the exclusive party of the year. The Tambos recently moved into. These days, the street is just exclusive.

In the brilliant white marquee festooned with flowers and Regency bows, guests arranged themselves at random, there being no apparent pecking order to be observed, other than a request that all the American brothers and sisters spread themselves more or less evenly among their South African siblings.

As Oliver Tambo, who had been discharged from hospital only the day before after a serious bout of bronchial pneumonia, haltingly made his way to the makeshift podium, everyone rose to sing the anthem — Nkosikize, naturally — including one blonde waitress who carefully put down her tray of drinks, raised a clenched fist and sang every verse to the manner born before scampering back to her duties.

The honorary life president of the African National Congress looked drawn, but he gamely spoke a few welcoming words before sinking back gratefully into his chair and letting his wife read the rest of his speech. Adelaide Tambo, who could never be described as the archetypal meek-wife-of-an-important-man, not only read her husband's speech, but followed it with a praise poem she herself had penned for the occasion.

In a way, it was Adelaide's night. From the warmth with which she greeted each guest at the front door, whether they were known to her or not, to the strong, sure manner with which she performed the ceremonial niceties, this diminutive woman in old-fashioned horn-rimmed specs was a bold, though never overpowering, presence.

If there was a presence that threatened to overpower the reigning jove de varie, it was the sacrificial ram that suddenly came staggering across the pink marble tiles on the end of a rope to be offered up as a traditional gift to David and Joyce Dinkins.

For a brief moment, despite all Mayor Dinkins' efforts to establish his status as a true son of the African soil, he could not disguise the fleeting expression of shock that passed over his features as the terrified ram was held down at his feet shortly before being dragged off to the slaughter. The meat, explained Adelaide, would be donated in Dinkins' name to a local creche.

As the moment passed in a flurry of solemn activity, Dinkins recovered himself and remembered that he too had brought with him a gift, a gift symbolising his city. Someone at our table wondered aloud whether it might be a couple of ounces of crack. But of course, it was an apple, one delicately crafted in crystal and snuggled inside a coveted Tiffany's box.

By now the 106th mayor of New York City was, in his own words, filled with emotion and he made a pretty speech that spun around slavery, Malcolm X, his own humble beginnings (he once made a living on the street selling shopping bags), his marriage, South African heroes, his hosts and the universal courage of children. He also defended himself against "all those who ridiculed me when I said I was coming here. We knew we were right," he said to sympathetic ululations and Amens from guests, "so it's their problem — not ours."

Rapturous applause mingled with a great clattering of cutlery signalled time to eat — practically everything but mutton — while the Orlando Inter-Denominational Choir sang us through it with a repertoire embracing a range of freedom songs including We Shall Overcome.

"Tonight we are part of history in the making," said a breathless Barbara Sobol, a City of New York employee as she left the party to dash back to her hotel and write a report.

"Lead us, Tambo, lead us," reverberated the refrain of a praise song in progress. "Yebo!" yelled a man who had spent the evening stacking crates on the bar and who now began to dance a silent toyi-toyi by the light of the electric blue swimming pool.
Ram to the slaughter ... the New York mayor was a little taken aback by this traditional gift

Photograph: JURGEN SCHADERBERG
**Azapo threatens disruption**

THE Azanian Peoples Organisation has launched a major campaign of disruption aimed at politics, commerce and sport.

Yesterday, the organisation vowed:

- Not to attend multiparty talks scheduled for late December, saying these were designed to subvert the campaign for a constituent assembly.
- To step up disruption of the ATO World Doubles tournament at Johannesburg's Standard Bank Arena and intensify protests against both international and national tournaments where participating sports bodies have not achieved unity.
- To hold demonstrations of up to 1,000 people at cricket matches at Kingsmead, Durban, in the next few weeks to protest against "the false start" made in sports unity.

Speaking at a media briefing in Durban yesterday, Azapo publicity secretary Strini Moodley reiterated that the Government had to indicate its intention to resign before the organisation would attend any meeting dealing with mechanisms for setting up a constituent assembly.

The meeting would have to take place outside South Africa and should be overseen by a neutral mediator, said Mr Moodley.

"No meeting of any nature can adequately discuss the question of constitutional principles without there being fair and free, one-person-one-vote elections in a unitary state in order to put in place a constituent assembly, the only viable mechanism by which a new constitution can be drawn up," he said.

Azapo deputy-president Nchaupe Mokoape said plans for the Christmas consumer boycott were going ahead.

Azapo was consulting at grassroots level and talking to other organisations, and had received overwhelming support for the action.

Several towns had already launched a consumer boycott, Mr Moodley said. Azapo had been joined by the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal, which was also calling for a "black Christmas."

"We see this not only as an opportunity for black people to intensify the demand for VAT to be scrapped, but also a chance for black people to tighten their belts and prepare for the economic hardships of 1992."

"Rather than spending recklessly this year, it would be wiser for all of us to save our bonuses and other perks for the new year, when we shall find the prices of uniforms, school books, food, rent, electricity and water rocketing to higher levels," Mr Moodley said.
Azapo to skip all-party talks

Political Staff

DURBAN — Azapo will not be at the multi-party talks on December 20 and 21, or at the preparatory meeting next Friday, publicity secretary Mr Srin Moodley said yesterday.

Mr Moodley said it was evident the talks were being planned "by the ANC, the PAC, the government and the IFP to subvert the campaign for a constituent assembly".

"The fact that constitutional proposals will be discussed is clearly an indication that the constituent assembly is no longer an issue as far as the ANC is concerned," he said.

Mr Moodley also said Azapo was planning a "black Christmas" boycott of white businesses. He said white-owned shops would be targeted because they formed the "backbone" of the government."
SACP fights on for a ‘cruel hoax’

SOUTH African communists are fighting on for their cause amid the collapse of world communism and socialism — dubbed a “cruel hoax” by US assistant secretary of state for Africa Herman Cohen.

This is clear from the SA Communist Party’s draft constitution and manifesto to be considered for adoption at its crucial eighth party congress in Johannesburg next month.

Decisions taken at that congress — the first of its kind since it was unbanned — could have a profound effect on the coming constitutional negotiations and on the SACP’s close links with its allies, especially the African National Congress.

A deep dilemma facing the SACP is that the more it asserts itself and its vision of a communist South Africa, the more its faithful partner the ANC will be plunged into tensions between communist and non-communist members.

The potential for such ideological division and conflict was starkly illustrated this week by warnings from two major Western powers.

The German government, in a message conveyed by visiting German deputy foreign minister Helmuth Schaefer, gave a blunt warning to the ANC not to indulge in nationalisation and socialist economic experiments.

Mr Schaefer, who had talks with ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela in Johannesburg, and 40 years of socialism in Eastern Germany had been “diastrous”, and the problems Germany inherited were “terrible”.

United States assistant secretary of state for African Affairs, Mr Herman Cohen, warned that SA needed economic solutions to the country’s problems.

He said in Johannesburg the economy needed to grow to provide a cure for the country’s vastly distorted health, housing and educational legacies of apartheid, to absorb the 400 000 jobseekers entering the economy each year, and to provide equal access to economic power and decision-making.

And then Mr Cohen warned: “The communist model, which long tantalised some of South Africa’s citizens, has revealed itself to be a cruel hoax.”

But the SACP, undaunted by the rejection of communist ideology even in the Soviet Union — the cradle of communism — is set to reaffirm its commitment to building a communist society.

In its present form the SACP’s new draft constitution, to be proposed at its party congress in Johannesburg next month, commits its members to such aims as:

- Seeking to be the leading political force of the “South African working class”;
- Educating, organising and mobilising the working class and its allies in support of the SACP and its objectives of “national liberation and socialism”;
- Working towards the “ultimate aim” of building “a communist society in which all forms of exploitation of person by person will have ended and in which all the products of human endeavour will be distributed according to need”;
- Ending the system of “capitalist exploitation in South Africa” and establishing “a democratic socialist society based on the common ownership of wealth and participation in, and control by the producers of the key means of production”.

Beneath the obscure, complex wording the basic aims of the discredited traditional communism seem intact.

Members are urged to maintain dialogue with all organisations committed to “a socialist future”.

A proposal of the draft constitution which analysts pinpoint as a potential source of tension and conflict between communists and non-communists in the ANC states: “Every member of the SACP has a duty in his or her personal conduct to act in a manner which will bring credit to the party and to be a standard bearer of the highest communist ethic and morality.”

The SACP’s draft manifesto refers to the collapse of socialism in eastern Europe and the “profound problems besetting the Soviet Union”.

However, the SACP manifesto persists with its socialist dream. It says: “Whatever the weaknesses of socialism in eastern Europe, the new capitalist dispensation that is rapidly emerging in many of these countries is bringing little joy to the working majority. Millions of eastern European workers are now unemployed and they face a bleak future. Socialism has collapsed in eastern Europe, but socialist forces will reassert themselves.”

And then: “Socialism is itself a long transitional period between capitalism and full communism.”
A man who weighs every word he utters

Like most blacks of his generation, Moosa, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and physics, taught at a high school for three years until he was dismissed for his "political views".

After taking stock of his future, Moosa, then 23, decided to enter politics on a full-time basis. Having made a clean break with BC, Moosa became a member of the Transvaal Indian Congress executive committee in 1965. The same year the United Democratic Front was launched and he became its first Transvaal general-secretary. He was also elected to the UDF's national executive committee.

At 26, Moosa had now entered national politics. The formation of the UDF, says Moosa, "posed the real challenge to the regime." The mounting battles-government with both the UDF and the ANC were said to have precipitated the "crisis of apartheid" and sapped the needs of today's negotiations.

Moosa had no time for this. He was determined to bring about a change in South African politics. This was the task he set himself, and he set about it with determination.

According to Moosa, the release of these MK members and the discussions held with them broadened his political horizons.

"What I realized was that BC did not lend itself to the struggle."

Given the strength of the system at the time, he realized that he could not involve the broad cross-section of the people.

Moosa, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and physics, taught at a high school for three years until he was dismissed for his "political views".

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It did not take long for the government to realize the threat posed by the UDF. As a result, its leadership was subjected to continuous harassment by the State, some of its members died under mysterious circumstances, and an extensive programme was started to silence or disband the UDF.

Moosa had a farewell share in these problems. If it was not in detention, he was on the run across the state, in prison, or being watched by security police. Even when he was on the run, he continued working clandestinely for the cause.

Moosa is married to a "wise builder", Elzabe Wessels. They have a 5-year-old daughter called Kim.
A Step Forward for Unity

PROSPECTS for a negotiated constitutional settlement within two years took a step forward last week when South Africa's three main political parties agreed on the dates for a preparatory meeting to be held in December 1992 and an early agreement on transitional arrangements to govern the country after the elections set for September 29 and all-party talks on December 21 and 22.

The ANC's statement is seen as having the backing of its alliance partners - the PAC and the IFP - and the NP's refusal to take part. PAC spokesman Azapo says the talks are expected to attend the All-Party Conference in the coming conference is to be held.

The composition and functioning of the actual unity talks are not yet decided. The ANC and the IFP say they need to consult with their members before announcing their decisions. For the first time, the unity talks are seen as a direct result of the talks, which are expected to be held on December 21 and 22.

Consensus

However, it is understood that it was agreed that 22 parties, including representatives of the homelands, will be co-opted to the talks. The purpose of the talks is seen as a showcase for the new government's commitment to unity.

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SHARED RULE MONTHS AWAY

THE National Party wants a transitional government involving the ANC in place by the second half of next year. Party leaders have agreed that a referendum is expected to be put to the public on the transitional arrangements to be made at the New Year's Day meeting. The National Party has confirmed this week that a referendum on constitutional change is necessary for the next presidential elections.

The timetable for negotiations was announced last week, with the aim of having the final constitutional arrangement in place by the second half of next year. The National Party has set a target of December 31 for final constitutional arrangements.

The National Party sources indicated that the first meeting of the multiparty negotiations would be held in the new year. The National Party has said it is committed to the process of constitutional change and that it would work towards a consensus on the final constitutional arrangement.

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Mandela, Makwetu for UN

The president of the African National Congress, Mr Nelson Mandela, and Pan-Africanist Congress leader Mr Clarence Makwetu are heading for New York where both are expected to address the UN General Assembly. Mr Makwetu will address the assembly on December 2.

The PAC's deputy president, Advocate Dibonge Mosenekane and PAC Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Ms Patricia de Lille, will pay an official visit to Namibia on Tuesday "to strengthen ties with the Sam Nujoma government."

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus confirmed on Friday that Mr Mandela will visit the United States from December 1 to December 8. He could not confirm reports that Mr Mandela would be addressing the United Nations General Assembly on December 6, but this was "very likely."
CHALLENGE FOR MOKABA

The powerful PWV region of the ANC Youth League has nominated a challenger to Peter Mokaba, the controversial current leader of the organisation. The decision to challenge Mr Mokaba’s position as interim national chairman, taken at the last week, is said to have been hurt by reports that Mr Mokaba and Mr Moleka, the present interim secretary general, received a blow with reports that he was being investigated by the ANC for allegedly being a police informer. Mr Mokaba has denied the allegations.
Mandela to address UN, says Dinkins

NEW YORK — ANC president Nelson Mandela is to visit New York next month to speak before the UN general assembly, a spokesman for New York mayor David Dinkins said last week.

Mandela is expected to arrive in the US on December 2 and to speak at the UN on December 6.

He will also visit businesses to inquire about future opportunities for SA once apartheid is completely dismantled.

Meanwhile, the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore announced that Mandela had accepted an invitation to speak at its Martin Luther King celebration on December 4.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus confirmed in Johannesburg at the weekend that Mandela would visit the US from December 1 to December 8. He could not confirm that Mandela would address the UN — Sapa-AP.
Parties meet to choose delegates

PATRICK BULGER

POLITICAL groups taking part in this week's preparatory meeting before all-party talks next month met at the weekend to choose their representatives and to finalise their approaches.

The meeting on Friday is being held to decide on a venue, a convener and an agenda for a multiparty conference scheduled to sit on December 20 and 21.

The ANC's national executive committee is to meet today to mandate its team and its approach to Friday's meeting, which is likely to be held at a Johannesburg hotel.

Although the PAC will attend the meeting, its call for a neutral conference venue is unlikely to gain wide support. An ANC source said "we are not keen to go outside the country as we will be cutting ourselves away from the people".

Sapa reports that Inkatha's central committee met yesterday to decide on its talks team. Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi said on his return from Europe at the weekend that his party would approach the talks with an open mind.

"We do not intend going to the multiparty conference with non-negotiable stances. We need now to take the steps to enable us to initiate the negotiation process which will culminate in elections for a new government," he said.

He rejected a venue outside SA.

It is understood the NP also held a high-level meeting yesterday.

Azapo yesterday repeated that it would not attend the talks.
Monopolies a threat to democracy

Mandela warns cartel

The biggest threat to democracy, socio-economic progress and economic growth in South Africa was the monopoly control by a few companies of the whole economy, ANC President Mr. Nelson Mandela said at the weekend.

He attacked the idea of attacking the ANC, particularly in the context of their recent attention from the alliance between government and big business against labour and the development of small and medium businesses.

Mr. Mandela was delivering the opening address at a meeting at which the ANC and Cosatu demanded a central role in South Africa’s economic policy and its implementation, took the first steps towards establishing a national economic policy institute to shape a future economy.

The work of the institute, known as the National Institute of Economic Policy, will dovetail with ANC efforts to have an impact on present economic affairs through a proposed economic forum which would consist of the government, business and the Cosatu/ANC/SACP alliance.

The idea of the forum was first put to the government by Cosatu during negotiations on VAT. The government had not formally responded to the proposal, but the forum is viewed in ANC and Cosatu circles as the potential economic equivalent of the anti-apartheid talks.

In his address at the weekend, Mr. Mandela said the ANC would not allow the government to explain itself to the economy in the transitional phase. Even if it needed, it would do so.

He stressed the importance of the new economic institute, saying that not only did the ANC have to formulate economic policy to meet the challenges of democratic South Africa, it also had to address immediate socio-economic problems of the majority of the people.

"Without an economic policy framework we cannot frame economic policies and positions adopted by the regime and its supporters," Mr. Mandela said.

He said that the "inordinate political destabilisation and economic policies adopted by the ordinary people appeared to have a deliberate strategy to disrupt and cripple the ANC in the run-up to possible elections for a transition to a non-racial, democratic South Africa."

"On the one hand there is a systematic campaign to blame the ANC for the violence, for the loss of the ANC as a mass struggle organisation."

He said that "monopoly control" of the media by the state and big business made it difficult for the ANC to present its case, and that the ANC was being incapable of formulating economic policy and implementing a massive nationalisation programme.

It was evident that the present hierarchy that characterised big business and government responded to the ANC debate on economic policy was an attempt to foreclose discussion on any option that the ANC might choose in defining its policy objectives.

"This nationalisation is presented as an ANC policy objective when it is in fact one among many economic instruments that may be used to achieve growth through redistribution."

State intervention must ensure equal opportunities for hitherto disadvantaged communities and, through the provision of incentives, must ensure also that small and medium businesses grow from the service sector towards manufacturing and the production of input and consumption goods.

Mr. Mandela said the ANC’s draft resolution on economic policy identified the overall goals which would provide the guidelines from which its economic policy could be formulated.

Among other priorities, it would have to concentrate its efforts on job creation, raising real incomes, correcting racial and gender imbalances, implementing land reform, promoting rural and urban development, providing housing and infrastructural needs and encouraging the growth of small and medium businesses.

"We have to provide the community and industry with adequate means of transport, electricity and fuel requirements so as to ensure infrastructural stability for economic growth. These objectives must be the foundation of our policy framework."

Mr. Mandela said that after the installation of a new democratic state and the subsequent lifting of economic sanctions, the issue of markets for goods, services and finance would be brought to the top of the agenda.
Azapo's foreign secretary Mbulero Rakwena and publicity secretary Stini Moodley at a Press conference yesterday.

Azapo chief cuts short world tour

AZAPO president Mt. Pandelami Nefolovhodwe has cut short his three-week overseas tour because of political developments at home.

Nefolovhodwe, who returned from a two-week visit in Britain where he met parliamentarians and interest groups in the UK, was accompanied by Azapo's secretary for foreign affairs, Mr Mbulero Rakwena.

Addressing a Press conference in Johannesburg yesterday, Nefolovhodwe said political developments at home made it necessary to cut short the trip, originally scheduled for three weeks.

Planned visits to Canada, the US and the Netherlands were called off.

"We received reports from our office here that there is some activity geared at the allparty congress, we decided it was necessary that we should be back so we could watch developments," Nefolovhodwe said.

He reiterated Azapo's stand against the multparty talks and its demand for the establishment of a constituent assembly.

He said the dialogue would continue between Azapo and the British government.

On Azapo's Black Christmas call, Rakwena said the organisation was engaging other interested parties like trade unions and the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal, who have "independently taken the same decision," to ensure that the call for protest was a success.
Nats to unveil a power-share plan

A PLAN aimed at granting extra-parliamentary organisations a say in the running of the country is to be proposed by the National Party at the multi-party talks next month.

The basic differences between the ANC and Government with regard to an interim arrangement revolve around the principle of where responsibility should start and where it should end, and where "power-sharing" should start and end.

By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN
Political Correspondent

A senior Government source yesterday confirmed that the National Party was in favour of effective power-sharing during the transitional period.

Problem

It has also been learnt that President FW de Klerk last week told a visiting diplomat that the time of the Government making unilateral decisions "must come to an end".

"The problem is that if the ANC or PAC, for example, have a say in how to spend money from the budget - both movements have to take responsibility for raising money for the budget," the source said.

This would mean that if the ANC or PAC (or Patriotic Front) were given a role in the Government they would have to encourage economic investment.

The NP is expected to reveal its blueprint for an interim arrangement at multiparty talks scheduled for December 20 and 21.

It is believed that Government will demand that the ANC and whoever else it meets at multiparty talks then would have to come to produce details about envisaged constitutional models.

Policy

This could mean that the ANC would be forced to make detailed statements on its economic policy for the new South Africa - something which the movement has shied from since its unbanning on February 2 1990.
The DP’s young, bright black star

IN 1989 Mr Sam Leseme, then a member of Umkhonto we Sizwe, was jailed for two years in Kroonstad for sabotage and possessing explosives.

He was indemnified in April, released in June and joined the Democratic Party.

Leseme is one of a growing and somewhat embattled core of black members of the liberal opposition in the Free State Goldfields.

Symbol

He is, in large measure, a symbol of the DP’s hope to play an increasingly influential role in shaping the politics of the new South Africa.

Recruiting people like Leseme to the DP cause was angled out as the priority for 1992 at the DP’s annual congress in Sea Point last week.

Leseme, from Welkom’s Thabong township, accompanied several other black delegates to the congress and, though he was an observer, this fresh recruit was acutely interested in the exchanges of his political kin.

Strategies

He joined the DP because of the party’s strategies and policies. “I support their policy and I believe in peaceful politics. I do not believe in mass action because our struggle has changed,” he said in an interview.

Leseme, who is actively engaged in recruiting DP members, is helping to form a DP youth branch in Thabong.

At 20, Leseme has had his fair share of the hurly-burly of political activism.

In 1986, as a 15-year-old in Standard 5 and Cosas member, he was arrested for sabotaging a school in Ondelaalas. He was detained for seven months and then sentenced to seven strokes.

Two years later, in Johannesburg, he was arrested for having an MK pamphlet and held for three months.

Explosives

During this time he joined Umkhonto we Sizwe, helped harbour fellow cadres and was trained by the Free State commander of MK in weaponry and the use of improvised and anti-personnel mines.

Then, in 1989, he was arrested for sabotaging a school in Thabong and for possessing explosives. He was held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act for 11 months and then sentenced to four-and-a-half years’ imprisonment, two suspended.

But within two months of his release from Kroonstad prison, Leseme, a hardened activist, took a brave decision. He joined the DP.

“Members of the ANC know me well and they accept that I am member of the DP.

“But some members of the DP are intimidated. One man, who was accused of being a sell-out, had a gun pointed at his head.”

Problems

Dr Rhett Kahn, chairman of the DP’s Goldfields formation said black members had encountered many problems from ANC youth and members of civic organisations who did not heed their leaders’ calls to cease intimidation.

However, the DP had a good relationship with senior members of the ANC.

The DP’s influence in the Free State goldfields goes back to 1987 when, as the Progressive Federal Party regional representative, Kahn won some adherents in Virginia’s Meloding township.

Meloding

The DP’s contribution to a new housing development in Meloding was formally recognised when the site was named DP Park.

But the party has had to revoke the name and revert to the original name of the farm on which the township is built.

And it is worth noting that DP Park is now called Stitle Park.
SACP elects union man

JOHANNESBURG. — A senior official of the National Union of Mineworkers, Mr Gwede Mantashe, has been elected chairman of the SA Communist Party's PWV region. "Post and Telecommunications Workers' Association official Mr Bob Mabaso was elected deputy chairman. Mr Jabu Moleketi regional secretary. — Sapa.
ANC, Azapo, PAC not disturbed

The ANC, Azapo and the PAC are not perturbed by the Democratic Party and National Party’s shift in policy to win black support.

Since the mid-eighties, when it became legal for people to join political parties of their choice and not on racial lines, the DP has accrued only minimal black membership and support.

It has, however, recently been running a campaign through the black media for support, and a spokesman for the DP has said it plans to intensify this next year.

The NP, on the other hand, "opened up" to all races last year and has since been developing black membership without emphasizing this drive. The NP calls it a drive for "non-traditional" support.

Azapo’s secretary general Mr Don Nkadimeng said support for the NP would be marginal. Most of the black people who supported the NP and DP would be what he called high-profile blacks.

"They can forget about grassroots. Because any black person who knows what is going on (in South Africa) will never support them," Nkadimeng said.

Commenting on the marked drive of both the DP and the NP, the ANC’s Mr Carl Niehaus said his organisation was not disturbed by this.

Niehaus said that the ANC did, however, believe that black support was needed for true liberation in South Africa is within the liberation movement.

Referring to the NP, he said prospective black members should judge parties by their past - and the "mustache" associated with this.

He added “It was nevertheless the democratic right of every South African to join or support a political party of his or her choice - and the ANC will never support anything to the contrary.”

A PAC source said people who joined the NP were "giving the regime credibility when it should be isolated.

However the source added that it would not interfere with the constituency building among black people by the NP."
Opposition within ranks to PAC stance on negotiations

By Kaizer Nyatsumba
Political Staff

The PAC faces opposition to its position on negotiations from some of its members on the Reef, who yesterday called for a national consultative conference "to address the crisis in the PAC".

At a press conference in Johannesburg, six members of the "Joint East and West Rand Facilitating Committee of the PAC" — a structure unknown to the organisation — announced that a consultative conference would be held at the Lethukuthula Secondary School Hall in Katlehong on Saturday.

Facilitating committee members Joe Khumalo and Victor Petu said the PAC leadership had strayed from PAC policy by embracing demands for a constituent assembly and forming a Patriotic Front (PF) "with capitalists and reactionary forces".

Mr Petu and Mr Khumalo accused the PAC leadership of:

- Endorsing a constituent assembly position which did not "emanate from the ideological position of the PAC".
- Forming a PF "with capitalists and reactionary forces whose objective is to 'negotiate the new constitution with the colonial settler regime' and not to repossess the land and establish a socialist order".
- Deviating from the PAC's principle of non-collaboration with the Government and government-created structures.

"These and several other examples of deliberate and flagrant disregard of PAC policies and principles have necessitated the need for PAC branches to convene a conference which should address such issues."

Contacted for comment yesterday, PAC general-secretary Benny Alexander said the PAC was not aware of such a structure of the PAC, and referred inquiries to PAC West Rand leader Ntsundeni Madzunya.

He said that if the members of the facilitating committee understood the PAC's basic document, they would realise that the formation of a PF was one of the PAC's main policies.
17 in court after city ANC ‘protest’

Staff Reporter

SEVENTEEN people have appeared in the Cape Town Magistrate’s Court in connection with an alleged ANC Youth League protest at the Cape National Party offices in Burg Street in May.

Six others, including ANC lawyer Mr Willie Hofmeyr, did not appear.

Mr Hofmeyr, 38, of Woodstock, and several ANC Youth League members were arrested in May while allegedly waiting for a response to a petition demanding the release of political prisoners and the unhindered return of exiles.

Mr Wayne Field, Counsel for Mr Hofmeyr, said his client was ill.

Miss J Flescher, counsel for the other five, said one of her clients was attending circumcision rites in Transkei and the others were students and could not attend the court proceedings.

The 23 are charged with trespassing and resisting arrest.

Prosecutor Mr G Olwage said all the accused had applied for indemnity from prosecution.

The case was postponed to February 20.

Magistrate Mr Marnie Du Toit was on the bench.
WINDHOEK. — The Pan Africanist Congress is looking for a venue outside South Africa for the All-Party Conference due to take place late in December, PAC deputy president Dikgang Moseneke has said.

"We have been looking at various venues and our present visit may or may not be related to that," he told a media briefing at Windhoek Airport.

He declined to comment on whether Namibia might be a likely venue.

Mr Moseneke and the PAC's secretary for foreign affairs, Mrs Patricia de Lille, are in Windhoek to brief President Sam Nujoma on events in South Africa regarding the newly formed Patriotic Front.

"We are looking around to see who will be appropriate hosts for part or all of such a conference," he said of the planned All-Party Conference.

Apart from wanting the conference held outside South Africa, the PAC also wants international involvement in the steps leading to a free and democratic South Africa.

"If we are to have a lasting agreement in the face of the violence and intrigue that goes on in our country, it's going to be important that we agree on the nature and the extent of the role of the international community," he said, adding that a complete document on the subject would be presented at the preparatory talks on the All-Party Conference.

"The bottom line is there must be international participation, there must be guaranteeing of the agreement," Mr Moseneke emphasised.

The PAC delegates are due to meet senior government officials and Swapo representatives during their stay — Sapa
PAC talks ‘not on’

By ISAAC MOLEDI

Regime

"We cannot talk to the regime at this moment when they still have the monopoly of power.

"The membership of the PAC has agreed to talk to the Government at a neutral venue under a neutral chairman. So the present leadership decided to talk to the Government, then that is not PAC policy.

"Peter said he did not see anything wrong with the ANC talking to the Government.

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ANY flexibility in adapting to negotiating with the Government is now unacceptable and contrary to the Pan Africanist Congress’ stand.

Callers to the Sowetan Radio Metro Talk-back Show told DJ Tim Mokuse yesterday that the PAC’s present position in regard to talking to the Government was nothing but collaboration.

Peter from Natal condemned the PAC leadership’s position of wanting to talk to the Government as unacceptable and out

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All must take part - ANC

WHEN a new constitution is drawn up, participants must include everyone - from trade unions, health organisations, women's movements, the churches and civic associations.

This was said over the weekend by Mr Jeff Radebe, the newly elected chairman of the Southern Natal branch of the ANC.

The news release which detailed the results of the ANC's regional conference was, however, only published on Wednesday.

Radebe replaced recently appointed ANC deputy secretary-general Mr Jacob Zuma.

He also repeated the ANC's frequent accusations that the violence - while South Africa was in a stage of transition - formed "part of the agenda of the State and conservative forces to weaken and destabilise the ANC". - Sapa.
FRIDAY'S meeting of the "steering committee" for next month's multi-party talks is an important curtain-raiser to the final rounds of the new South Africa challenge, on two levels.

Obviously, it will lay the places at the negotiating table. But its significance goes beyond the listing of organizational 'Ts' and crossing of logistical 'Ts' when the members of the steering committee take their seats around the table, they will do so on the unspoken understanding that real political will henceforth begin to replace mere grandstanding.

Throughout this year, the key parties have enjoyed the luxury of making broad policy pronouncements without locking themselves into detail. Thus, in many vital areas, the impression of a high degree of consensus among rivals could be created - without spelling out the substance.

Terminological gymnastics was the useful method employed the public could be forgiven, for example, for assuming there was not much difference between the NP's proposed "transitional arrangements", the DP's "transitional government", the PAC's "transitional authority" and the ANC's "interim government". There was, of course, and still is.

Friday marks the beginning of this period of easy, mutually beneficial ambivalence. The various parties mean entirely different things in using these terms, and the formidable task of the multiparty talks is to thrash out a detailed compromise.

The NP, strategically as ever, is already playing publicly with the concept in preparation for some smart moves at the negotiating table. From an initial position that held that the Government's authority during transition was sacrosanct - and the likes of the ANC could hope at best for an "advocacy" role - the party is suddenly releasing trial balloons on methods of pre-emptive power-sharing.

The NP is playing with the ingenuous idea of softening its opposition to the notion of interim government - thus appearing flexible and conciliatory - while subverting the meaning and purpose of the concept as envisaged by the ANC.

The ANC wants an interim government that would wholly usurp the powers of the State for a limited period, constituting the transition to majority rule elections. The NP is thinking in terms of such a structure accruing powers and responsibilities - incrementally, and developing an (indefinite) life of its own. The apparent convergence in terminology, therefore, disguises diametrically opposing strategic objectives.

For the ANC, the idea is to get the NP out of the political driver's seat as soon as possible. For the NP, it is quite the reverse - allowing a few back seat drivers on board might ensure that President de Klerk is able to keep his grip on the steering wheel well into the journey.

The ANC is already showing signs of not being quite sure of what the NP is up to, but instinctively assuming the worst. The latest edition of the ANC mouth-piece Mayibuye observes "It is reliably learnt that the NP wants a drawn-out transitional process with an interim constitution and Interim Government taking 10 years or more." (Note that the ANC is preparing itself for the possibility that the NP will take the wind out of its propaganda sails by agreeing to an "interim government". A key ANC slogan could thereby be rendered worthless.)

Mayibuye continues "With this kind of weird approach and with its unworkable constitutional proposals, the position of the NP is therefore tenuous. It has few friends as more and more forces... join the quest for a fair and just transition."

This interpretation might be a useful tonic for the troops reading Mayibuye, but it is exceptionally sanguine under the circumstances. The use of the word "weird" in describing NP strategy suggests a degree of ANC confusion.

In truth, the NP idea is from its own point of view - anything but weird. "Shredded" would be a more appropriate term. If the party can succeed in locking its opponents into a form of shared rule on its own terms, it will benefit on many levels. The exercise of power, even pieces of power, will have an inevitably moderating effect on those who have previously been confused to the role of critics, the image of representativity at government level will lessen the pressure for "all-or-nothing" constitutional solutions, and the urgency for holding an election will decrease.

Then there is the ANC assumption that the NP is increasingly friendless as the countdown to the new South Africa begins. What is in fact remarkable is the extent to which NP proposals for avoiding a "winner-takes-all" result are receiving sympathetic hearings, notably in international circles. In the US, most of Europe and the Soviet Union, a uniquely South African solution - including "weird" arrangements restricting a new government's power - are anything but anathema.

The world in 1991 is very different from that of 1980, and foreign governments now listen carefully to any proposal they think might ensure that the future does not dissolve into ethnic chaos, as in Yugoslavia. For these reasons the ANC might be well advised to confront and combat politically NP tactics, rather than dismiss them. And, come Friday, the time for starting to do that will be well and truly right.
PAC taking part in talks despite internal dissent

By Kaiser Nyatsumba
Political Staff

Despite opposition from some of its members to its involvement in negotiations, the Pan Africanist Congress will attend the preparatory meeting for multiparty talks to be held on Friday, according to PAC publicity secretary Barney Desai.

In an interview with The Star yesterday, Mr Desai said that at the meeting the PAC would demand that round-table talks be held in a neutral venue outside the country so that Pretoria would not have an "unfair advantage".

He said the PAC rejected the Chief Justice as convener of the talks because he was "a functionary of the State".

His confirmation comes a day after some members of the PAC, calling themselves the Joint East and West Rand Facilitating Committee of the PAC — attacked the PAC for its willingness to take part in talks with the Government.

Members of the "facilitating committee", who claim to have the support of various PAC structures across the country, called for a national consultative conference to be held in Katlehong on Saturday to "address the crisis in the PAC".

They accused the PAC leadership of having strayed from PAC policy by embracing demands for a constituent assembly and aligning with "reactionary forces".

Committee member Victor Petu yesterday told The Star at least 500 delegates from across the country were expected at Saturday's meeting. He warned that the incumbent PAC leadership could be ousted "for its deviation from PAC policies and ideologies".

Mr Petu said his group had the support of the PAC's student, youth and women's wings, the Pan Africanist Students Organisation, the Azanian National Youth Unity and the African Women's Organisation.

He said delegates attending Saturday's meeting would come from across the country, representing the organisation's rank and file.

The organisation would also call for the involvement of the international community during the negotiation process.
Officials raise issue with Nujoma

PAC to flex muscles over talks venue

THE PAC will present Friday’s preparatory meeting called to arrange all-party talks with its first challenge by proposing that the talks be held at a neutral venue, probably Namibia.

The proposal is believed to be part of a PAC attempt to demonstrate its ability to make an impact on national decisions.

PAC deputy president Dikgang Moseke was in Windhoek yesterday for discussions with Namibian President Sam Nujoma and Foreign Minister Theo-Ben Gurirab. PAC information secretary Barney Desai said Moseke and PAC foreign affairs secretary Patricia de Lille had briefed Nujoma on developments in SA and had discussed Namibia as a venue.

On arrival in Windhoek, Moseke refused to comment on whether a Namibian venue would be discussed, but said the PAC was looking into a number of venues in southern Africa.

As a result of yesterday’s meetings, the PAC hopes to be able to put before Friday’s meeting solid information on what it would require to arrange a Namibia venue.

A source in the Namibian foreign ministry said the former SA territory could be an ideal venue because of its own recent experience of peaceful transition based on negotiations. Delegates would be able to see in Namibia’s stability the utility of negotiations.

The venue issue has been dismissed as unimportant and even trivial by ANC government and Inkatha sources. However, it conceals an anxiety within the PAC leadership to show its constituency that it can have a decisive impact on negotiations.

PATRICK BULGER

The ANC has been careful not to reject a foreign venue out of hand partly because the PAC’s presence at the talks adds legitimacy to the process. The PAC’s Namibia proposal was given qualified support by Transkei leader Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa who said he would agree to an outside venue if that was the consensus on Friday.

The PAC is facing intense grassroots pressure not to go to the negotiating table. A faction styled the East Rand and West Rand Facilitating Committee has said it will host a national consultative conference at Katlehong at the weekend to try to change the PAC’s stance.

Desai, however, dismissed the faction, saying the PAC had decided at its congress last year to engage government in a meeting to sort out modalities for the election of a constituent assembly. He conceded that “there are people in the PAC who genuinely feel apprehensive about the talks” but said the movement was keeping its branches fully informed.

Meanwhile, the ANC’s national executive committee yesterday finished a meeting in preparation for the onset of negotiations. Among the issues discussed was whether there should be separate NP-government representation. ANC negotiator Mohammed Valli Moosa said the matter had yet to be finalised with government Friday’s meeting, to be held at the Jan Smuts Holiday Inn, is taking place to arrange a venue, chairmanship, convener and title for the multiparty conference.
PAC moves to hold all-party talks in Namibia

Political Staff
DURBAN. — The PAC is moving to have the all-party talks held in Namibia, it emerged yesterday.

The organisation’s vice-president, Mr Dikgang Mosekeke, held talks with Namibian President Sam Nujoma in Windhoek during the day and sources have indicated that the possibility of holding the discussions in the Namibian capital was raised.

A Namibian Department of Foreign Affairs source and a senior PAC member in Johannesburg both confirmed last night that the matter had been dealt with during the meeting between the two men.

PAC publicity secretary Mr Barney Desai said he could not comment, but added that “we are investigating different venues”. On Monday Mr Desai had said a neighbouring African country would be an ideal venue.

The organisation has insisted that what it calls the “pre-parliamentary assembly talks” must be held outside the country and a neutral conciliator should be convened to oversee any meetings.

“We are insisting on international mediation, observation and verification,” said Mr Desai.

However, IFP president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi has flatly rejected the suggestion that the talks should be held outside the country and the government is also extremely unlikely to agree to this.

The ANC’s position at the moment appears to be neutral and a senior member said last night it would be talking to the PAC on this issue.

The ANC will also be holding talks today with the government. These will centre on whether the government and the NP will be separately represented at the multi-party talks.

ANC department of information and publicity member Mr Carl Niehaus said yesterday that it was unlikely the organisation would accept separate representation.

“There will only be political organisations at the talks,” he said.

However, there is a growing feeling in some circles that government representation might be needed at the talks to allow it to effectively implement decisions during the transition stage.

Meanwhile, Solidarity, the majority party in the House of Delegates, has said it will be represented at the talks by party leader Dr J N Reddy.

national chairman Mr Ismail Omar and deputy chairman Mr Baldeo Doo-
Let's talk in Namibia insists PAC

By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN
Political Correspondent

The Pan Africanist Congress insists that next month's multiparty talks be held in Namibia.

This is what the PAC will lay on the table on Friday when delegations from 22 political organisations meet - possibly at the Carlton Hotel in Johannesburg - to discuss convening multiparty talks on December 20 and 21.

However, the Government has rejected this proposal, saying it is out of the question.

PAC's deputy president Mr Dikgang Moseneke and the movement's internal secretary for foreign affairs, Ms Patreia de Lalle, yesterday met Namibian President Sam Nujoma and his Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Theo Ben Gurub

Mr Barney Desai, the PAC's publicity secretary, confirmed the meeting. He said the discussion "covered a wide range of topics."

The possibility of holding multiparty talks in Windhoek was also addressed, he said.

Meanwhile, the PAC confirmed that it would attend Friday's talks. The rift that surfaced in its ranks this week was "not serious," the PAC leadership said.

It said the fissures could be ascribed to membership being misinformed over its intentions.

The movement would continue its call for a constituent assembly elected on the basis of one-person-vote and was not on the verge of changing the mandate it was given by its congress in December last year.
Minister praises creation of PF

WINDHOEK — The creation of the Patriotic Front in South Africa is the "most significant" step towards democratization, Namibian Foreign Affairs Minister Mr. Taco-Bein Gurirab said.

"We are delighted and heartened by the fact that the oppressed people of South Africa, led by the national liberation movements, have been able to strengthen unity and are continuing to consolidate that unity," he said after talks yesterday with a PAC delegation.

Mr. Gurirab commended the leadership of the PAC, ANC, and all other parties, on reaching this point.

"By the time they meet the National Party government delegation, they will be speaking on behalf of the overwhelming majority of the people of South Africa who are demanding an end to apartheid and also the creation of a democratic, non-racial, united South Africa."

PAC deputy president Mr. Dikgang Mosebenze and foreign affairs secretary Mrs Patricia de Lille are in Namibia to brief the government and locate an alternative venue for the All-Party Conference scheduled for December 20 and 21 in South Africa.

— Sapa
ANC accused of secret pact with govt

SECRET meetings between government and the ANC had led to an agreement on an interim government by February next year, joint decision-making on future legislation and the lifting of all remaining sanctions, the PAC claimed yesterday.

Producing what it said were the minutes of a briefing given by ANC international affairs director Thabo Mbeki to African ambassadors to the UN earlier this month, the PAC asked for the minutes to be read into the record and pressurized the ANC to accede to its demands.

But its deputy president Dikganyo Mosunekhe said the PAC would still attend tomorrow's preparatory talks for a multiparty conference.

Both government and the ANC yesterday denied the PAC claims.

Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen said neither government nor the ANC had negotiated with the ANC on constitutional matters. "Negotiations of the government with the ANC have so far centre on the negotiation process and security problems," he said.

TIM COHEN reports ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa said "The ANC utterly repudiates the unfounded assertions... and shall seek means other than the mass media to pursue them with the leadership of the PAC."

At a hastily called news conference last night, Mbeki said no minutes were kept at the meeting.

Mbeki said everything told him the meeting was in line with the ANC's position "someone is trying to create mischief."

Ramaphosa said the PAC's statement, although reckless, was only a "hocus-pocus" in the ANC relations with the PAC and would not affect the patriotic front.

A senior NP source said the declaration of intent referred to in the minutes had in fact been discussed in meetings between the ANC and government.

A declaration of intent has been mooted for the agenda of the (multiparty conference) meeting on December 26. It was mooted in meetings with the ANC, the source said.

The PAC's document is two pages long and purports to be the minutes of a "lively meeting" which lasted for three-and-a-half hours. The PAC said Mbeki had asked the ambassadors to exclude the PAC's UN representative from the briefing.

Asked why the PAC was not invited to the meeting, Mbeki said last night he had gone to the UN to assist with the drafting of resolutions about SA, and the ANC had therefore called a meeting of states, because they were the ones that could cast votes "The PAC does the same."

Based on what has emerged regarding negotiations in the past few weeks, much of the document is correct.

It says: "The steering committee on the 29th of November will first consider a declaration of intent. The declaration of intent will set up the legal basis for the decisions of the conference. It will set (out) how decisions will be arrived at and how they will be incorporated into the SA law. Provision of the declaration of intent will override present SA law wherever the two...

Secret pact

Africa lost the initiative at Abuja (scene of the OAU summit earlier this year), hence they will have to lag behind events. "It would be difficult to support or advocate sanctions after the acceptance of the declaration of intent on November 29, 1991."

Legally, once the declaration of intent is accepted, apartheid will be dead.

Mr Mbeki dealt with the issue of the army and police forces. He said Africans accounted for more than half the police force and that they were very supportive of the present changes. Senior white officers too were co-operating in the army, only the top brass understood the situation. The rank and file feared for their positions."
INKATHA will be represented at preparatory multiparty talks tomorrow by national chairman Frank Mdalyane, deputy secretary-general S H Gumede and central committee member Walter Pelgate.

The ANC's delegation is believed to be secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa, Thabo Mbeki and Mohammed Valli Moosa.

The PAC team will consist of Barney Deys, Wilie Seriti and M Mbhandusayo while the Transkei delegation will be led by military leader Maj-Gen Bantu Holomusa.
The DP plays go-between

GETTING a line on the various players’ ideas for a new constitution is like trying to nail a blancmange to the ceiling.

But the DP’s new proposal for a constitutional conference offers something altogether more substantial — and could lead the way for a compromise between the ANC and the National Party in the drafting of a new constitution.

The new policy is contained in an amendment put forward by DP leader Colin Eglas, which was overwhelmingly accepted.

Essentially, it suggests that an all-party or multi-party conference first agree on basic constitutional principles. These principles are to be achieved, that the country would then go to the polls to elect a 200-member constitutional conference on the basis of universal franchise, through a system of proportional representation. Each member would represent parties with at least one percent of the vote — ensuring it is truly representative, and that smaller parties also get a say.

The constitutional conference would then sit as long as it takes to draw up a new constitution, with a cut-off point after two years, when there would have to be fresh elections. Once a draft constitution emerges and a government of national unity is in place, a referendum to ratify the new constitution would be held.

“An all-party conference would be representative enough to draw up a new constitution,” Eglas said. “None of the parties — extra-parliamentary, tricameral, bantustan — can claim to be elected representatives of today’s South Africa.

“It’s important they come together, to ring down the curtain on the current conflict, but they shouldn’t be responsible for deciding on a new constitution.”

By limiting the life of the constitutional conference, and avoiding talk of absolute sovereignty in its decisions, there would be no danger of members voting themselves into office or disregarding the basic principles agreed to at the all-party conference, Eglas said.

“This is why the DP uses the term ‘constitutional conference’ rather than ‘constitutional assembly,’” Eglas said. “In Namibia, the constitutional assembly became the government.”

In addition, provision has been made for three veto powers: to one-third of the members of the constitutional conference, to the majority party at the conference and to the NP.

According to Eglas, this triple veto is “more a method of achieving consensus, than blocking decisions.

“You need an overall majority, but must also take into account the attitudes of the two major parties. The veto is a way of achieving consensus between the majority and the two major parties.”

So how does the DP’s proposal compare with those of other players? Much depends on how one interprets what they intend.

The NP has rejected the ANC’s proposal for a constituent assembly out of hand. President FW de Klerk has, however, identified the need for the job to be done by a body that is fully representative, with proven support.

The ANC and the Pan Africanist Congress are calling for a constituent assembly — but it’s as yet unclear whether they intend to act as a sovereign, interim government. If they see it instead as a body bound to comply with the basic principles agreed to during an all-party conference, with a limited life-span, then less ground need to be covered in reaching a compromise than many would have thought.

For this reason, the DP’s proposal has as much to do with strategy as policy. We’re trying to look past the impasse the Nats and the ANC find themselves in at present to the common ground which lies beyond,” Eglas said.

“We’re not trying to dictate, but we think we could offer the possibility of consensus. If the Nats had produced this proposal, the ANC would have shot it down and vice versa. The DP is in a position to provide a possible solution.”

As such, the proposal links in with DP leader Zach de Beer’s belief that the party remains close to any other substantial political grouping in the country to achieving “mutual trust to the left and the right.”

According to Professor David Welsh, of the Department of Political Studies at the University of Cape Town, the DP seems to be presenting viable possibilities for compromise on issues such as a constituent assembly, an interim government and other transitional arrangements — ensuring for itself a significant brokerage role in the power plays that are ahead.

Zach’s pack paints it black

Weekly Mail Reporter
One of the strongest things the Democratic Party has gone for is its liberal niceness. But its whiteness is still its Achilles heel.

This is why people like Etienne Phofofolo are considered such bright stars in the DP firmament. An insurance broker in Katlehong, Phofofolo has displayed recruitment efforts which have elevated that region into one of the party’s key growth areas.

Phofofolo joined the party in 1969, when, as the Progressive Party, it was the “only party allowing blacks to join.”

As chairman of the party’s Eastern Transvaal region, Phofofolo has recruited more than 1,000 new members among the communities of Katlehong, Thokoza, Nelspruit, Lydenburg and Barberton since he launched his campaign in February.

Those joining were people “who are disillusioned with the African National Congress, the Pan Africanist Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party.

“People like the DP’s policies. They know about Helen Suzman and what she did for the black people, and they know about the DP’s anti-apartheid history,” Phofofolo said.

“Two or three people are joining every day — but in the Free State,” membership is increasing even faster. At the DP’s Free State regional congress, 150 of the 200 delegates were black,” said Phofofolo.

Recruiting significant numbers of black people to its ranks is crucial for the DP’s continued existence, given the extent to which white support has eroded.

Zach de Beer, elected party leader for another term, urged delegates to get down to the serious business of signing on new members.

If it succeeds in making itself and its policies known in black areas, the DP will stand a fighting chance of realising the vision de Beer holds for it — a party capable of bridging the gap of mutual distrust between the Nats and the ANC. It would remain a niche party but one whose significance far exceeded its actual size.
IN AN apparent move to oppose talks with the government, two splinter groups are threatening to oust ANC leader, Mzilikaziwa, from the PAC. A number of PAC leaders, including Mzilikaziwa, have been expelled from the PAC, citing "lack of support for the PAC's anti-apartheid agenda." Mzilikaziwa's supporters have called for an emergency congress to discuss the future of the movement, which has been under increasing pressure from the ruling government in recent months.

ANC denies PAC's shock accusations of secret deal

By Sabatia Ngcasi

The ANC has rejected PAC's accusations that it is negotiating a secret deal with the government. In a press statement, the ANC said that such reports are "false and misleading." It said that the ANC has been in talks with the government on a number of issues, including a national reconciliation conference and a constitutional convention, but that these talks are open to all political parties and not exclusive to the ANC. The ANC added that it would welcome any genuine efforts to resolve the country's political impasse.

Angry parents allege abuse of children

By Heather Robertson

OVER a hundred angry parents met last Thursday at the Norwood Primary School in jetblack dress to express their anger at the school's handling of sexual abuse allegations. The parents, who have been demanding the resignation of the headmaster, said that the school has failed to take action against the alleged abusers. The Headmaster, who is on leave, has denied all allegations.

Man dies in cell of unnatural causes: but cops still on duty

By Rehana Rossouw

NONE of the police officers implicated in the death of 23-year-old Luyanda Bello, who was arrested last week by police officers, have been charged with murder. Bello died in police custody, but the police said that he was found dead in bed at a hospital. The police said that they were investigating the circumstances surrounding Bello's death. Bello was arrested on suspicion of armed robbery. The police said that they were investigating Bello's activities before he died.
South Africa is on the threshold of negotiations. DAMIAN DE LANGE preview the issues.

AFTER decades of minority rule and threats of open conflict, the “talks about talks” may soon give birth to fully-fledged negotiations. But will the process end in a democratic South Africa?

A preparatory committee is expected to be established to finalize arrangements for an all-party meeting. Among the issues to be resolved are where these negotiations will be held, who will chair it, who will convene and who will take part.

Events for this historic meeting have to be agreed on. Various names are in use, each coming from specific political groupings. Among them are the ANC/AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS, the Pan-African Congress, the United Democratic Front, and the South African Institute for Race Relations.

A major issue is whether these talks will agree to the election of a Constituent Assembly or to setting up a system of transitional rule to lay the foundations for elections. The ANC wants the elections to be the elections of a Constituent Assembly. The ANC, despite its official position, has indicated flexibility, which is a welcome development.

Despite the breakdowns and stalling that characterized “talks about talks,” a wide spectrum of political opinion agrees this final stage of negotiations should incorporate all political parties. This has yet to be achieved.

Political parties are divided. Some, such as the African National Congress and AZAPO, insist they will not take part. Others, like the African National Congress, remain undecided.

Despite these refusal the preparatory committee is expected to reach consensus that will prepare the way for the first session of an all-party meeting on December 20 and 21.

When New Year dawned the first moves toward a political framework will have been made. Microwaves will begin at the first session and will continue throughout the projected six months of negotiations. Each political party will attempt to maintain the high ground that guarantees a place in the conference room.

Another “Inkatha” would weaken the National Party while divisions and disintegration could weaken the Pan African Congress.

Without agreement on the process, the terms of the talks will not be agreed on. If the talks succeed these parties will have to devise new terms.

If a transitional arrangement is agreed upon, it will be agreed on political differences do not lead to violence, bloodshed and death. Unresolved issues as a yardstick, the prospects are bleak. In sheer desperation, with a clear advantage to the National Party. Some form of regulated and equal access to the mass media may be arranged. Following these parties, the form of interim government is crucial.

The National Party will benefit if transition drags on, and it can co-opt and restructure other parties within the government's structure.

The ANC and its allies prefer an interim government with a time limit of 18 months. How the mandatory body exercises its authority and who it must answer to must be agreed on.

And who will run the country while the interim government prepares for elections? Will it be the NP or the interim government?

Negotiations have seen parties surface claiming significant support bases from which to launch their version of the new South Africa. Informed sources indicate that the preparatory committee phase that each interested party has the same number of delegates. During this phase the number of delegates per party is likely to be reduced.

These invited to the All-Party talks may be limited to political parties. Labor federations or other groups which have played a role in the South African labor movement, such as women and youth bodies, could be excluded.

The Patriotic Front enters talks with a successful anti-VAT campaign behind it. The NP-led coalition, despite its gains on the sanctions front, is held accountable for the violence, inflation and drought, is still accused, of being a puppet, of being unable to make some form of minority rule.

For the ordinary person as well as the members of political parties in the next two years will be complex as political parties struggle for a place in tomorrow's South Africa.
WCC shifts funding from ANC and PAC

By Sâbata Ngcai

FUNDING for South Africa's premier liberation movements is drying up as the World Council of Churches (WCC) shifts emphasis from financing the anti-apartheid ANC and PAC to combating racism elsewhere in the world.

In a statement this month, the WCC explained: "As South Africans appear to be moving towards an All Party Conference later this year, we can now look towards a different relationship with the liberation movements in South Africa.

"Should they form part of an interim government, it will no longer be possible to provide the support we have given over the years."

It said that the WCC emphasis would now focus on "Indigenous People and the Struggle for Land Rights" and "Women under Racism" in different parts of the world.

"We need to increase provision to racial and ethnic minorities in Europe, North and South America where violence has become systematic."

Out of a grant of $505,000 on offer from the WCC, a sum of $235,000 was given jointly to the ANC and the PAC.

The rest was given to Asian and Australasian countries, Europe, North America, United Kingdom and Latin American countries.

The money was donated by the WCC Special Fund to Combat Racism.

The statement said that this year's allocations "mark the beginning of a shift of emphasis from groups struggling for the elimination of apartheid in South Africa."

ANC regional general secretary, Mr Tony Yengeni, said the time had not yet come for funding from any source to be terminated as our organisation is in need of money. "We do not hold the WCC to task because it is also subject to other forces at play."

"We can't condemn the WCC because we understand the context within which it operates," he said.

Yengeni called on the international community for more financial assistance.

In a statement, the PAC said the relaxation of pressures against South Africa would be "premature" at this stage.

"Any relaxation of pressures until an elected Constituent Assembly draws up a new constitution and a democratic non-racial government is in place, is premature and counter-productive."

It said the PAC would discuss the matter with the WCC "to ensure gradual transfer of power is transferred from a racial minority to an elected majority."

The two organisations had been the recipients of the anti-racism grants since 1970.

The money for the WCC Special Fund to combat racism comes from contributions made by WCC members, congregations, ecumenical councils, church agencies, anti-racism groups and governments.
"They are defying the constituent assembly in face of their own "constitutional decision""
THE PRE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY MEETING
TRANSFER POWER TO THE PEOPLE

PAC DEMANDS

- Constituent Assembly
- Transitional Authority
- Neutral Venue
- Neutral Verification
- Neutral Convenor

PAC'S CASE

The PAC convinced from its inception that peace and democracy can only be attained through the overthrow of White Domination as stated in the Second Aim of the PAC Constitution.

The PAC having been banned in 1960 had no option but to embark on the armed struggle to achieve this goal.

When the regime unbanned the PAC and other organisations in 1990, the PAC remained convinced that the regime having caused a lot of pain and anguish to the majority of our people could not midwife democracy and liquidate itself.

The PAC, as it did in 1959 under conditions of legality put the only internationally acceptable and democratic solution of ending white domination and set our country along a democratic path.

This solution is a convocation of a democratically elected Constituent Assembly to draw the New Constitution.

This has been and is a minimum position of the PAN AFRICANIST CONGRESS of Azania. To facilitate the convening of a Constituent Assembly, the PAC puts forth its proposals to effect change forthwith.

THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

By virtue of resolutions of the second conference of the PAN AFRICANIST CONGRESS OF AZANIA and in terms of the Declaration of 92 Organisations of the PATRIOTIC FRONT, the PAC will engage participants at tomorrow's Pre-Constituent Assembly Meeting (PCAM) to demand that the regime negotiate the terms for the calling of the Constituent Assembly which will draw up a democratic constitution and facilitate the transfer of power to the people.

Elections to the Assembly will be on a basis of one-person-one-vote, on a common voters roll, by proportional representation and in a Unitary State. PAC will further demand that immediate steps be taken to dismantle all homeland structures and the re-incorporation of the TCVB states into AZANIA.

TRANSITIONAL AUTHORITY

The PAC, convinced that the regime cannot be trusted to oversee the process of change to democracy and full self-determination, proposes the creation of a Transitional Authority to ensure that the elections to THE ASSEMBLY are free and fair. The Transitional Authority must assume control over the Security Services, the electronic media (T.V. and RADIO) must monitor the elections for the ASSEMBLY.

The UN Consensus Declaration contemplates the involvement of the International Community in the transitional process. This has been accepted by both the PAC and the ANC.

We propose that the OAU, COMMONWEALTH and UNITED NATIONS should play the role of mediators, observers and instruments of verification of agreements reached. The tenure of the Transitional Authority must be of limited duration viz. the period that it takes for THE ASSEMBLY to draw up a democratic constitution.

PAC is totally opposed to an Interim Government which is open ended. We do not wish to rule by decree nor to be co-managers of apartheid.

The regime must abdicate as soon as a New Constitution has been adopted by THE ASSEMBLY. Power must be transferred to the people.

INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION

VENUE: PAC views the regime as illegal and illegitimate. In order to ensure the equality of participants in the talks, concerning the modalities of a Constituent Assembly and Transitional Authority, the PAC proposes that talks be held at a neutral venue preferably outside the country.

CONVENOR: State appointed functionaries are unacceptable as convenors of the talks. The Chief Justice fails in this category and is therefore totally unacceptable as convenor. The PAC proposes that independent convenors be sought through the agency of the Organisation of African Unity, the Commonwealth of Nations and the United Nations. They should mediate, observe and verify all agreements reached.

IZWE LETHU I' AFRIKA! PANSI NGE BACKDOOR NEGOTIATIONS
ANC, Govt deny secret deal

By Shaun Johansen
Kairos Nyatsumba
and Peter Davies

The ANC and the Government last night dismissed a bombshell allegation by the PAC that the NP and ANC have struck "secret deals" to run the country jointly.

At a hastily called media conference, ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa and international affairs chief Tshoelo Mokoena denied the PAC claims, saying no talks on constitutional matters had taken place with the Government in the last six months.

Mr Mokoena said a document produced by the PAC to substantiate their claims was "a lot of mischief (invented by someone) who wants to discredit the ANC.

Mr Ramaphosa expressed regret that the PAC - the ANC's ally in the Patriotic Front - had chosen to make "reckless charges" through the media.

Davies tipped to lead NP team - Page 3
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Yesterday afternoon the PAC produced a document alleging that the NP and ANC had secretly made deals which would allow the two parties to "rule South Africa in alliance by decree for many years to come."

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Mob storms villa, beats up hated Khmer Rouge leader

PHNOM PENH (Cambodia) - An angry mob screaming "Joe" and "Murderer!" yesterday surged past sympathizeing police and beat a top leader of the Khmer Rouge, day's attack at the very least delayed what was to have been the first meeting of a national reconciliation council comprising the four warring factions, including the

3 held after gang kills two on train

By Motos Oosterbroek

Three men were arrested after two people were killed and two others seriously injured in an attack on train passengers on the Reef last night.

The men were arrested at the New Canada station in Soweto and three firearms, including a home-made rifle, were confiscated.

Detective Capt. Ida van Zyl told the attack took place on the train travelling between the George Goch station downtown Johannesburg and the Nancefield station in Soweto at about 8 pm.

Two people were killed at the Langlaagte station by a gang that rampaged through the carriage.

One of them was stabbed and beaten to death on the platform and the other was knocked above the train after being thrown off.

Two people were injured when the train pulled in at Langlaagte station.

One person was stabbed and thrown off the train and the other jumped off the train with his leg after the attackers hit him.

Called to rescue an army vehicle outside the ransacked villa of Khmer Rouge leader Khieu Samphan. Pictures AFP
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The PAC document contained what the organisation claimed were the minutes of a confidential briefing given by Mr. Mbeki to a group of African ambassadors at the United Nations last week.

A copy of the minutes was allegedly obtained by the PAC's chief representative in New York, a Dr. Phoko, and forwarded to the organisation's Johannesburg headquarters. Dr. Phoko had been excluded from the New York meeting "at Mr. Mbeki's request."

According to the document, Mr. Mbeki told the ambassadors in a two-hour briefing that secret meetings between the ANC and the NP were held. In the course of these meetings, it is alleged, plans were made for the convening of the steering committee and the all-party conference itself.

An eight-point agenda for the conference was agreed to:

1. Rejecting the claims last night, Constitutional Development Minister Dr. Gerrit Viljoen said it was clear that in the recent past, disinformation about the negotiations between the Government and the ANC had been given to the press.
2. Neither the Government nor the NP had conducted any negotiations with the ANC about constitutional change, he said.
3. In his statement, Mr. Ramaphosa said the ANC "utterly repudiates the unfounded assertions in the PAC's media release, and shall seek means other than the mass..."
MEC Hoods quits Labour Party

By Esmare van der Merwe
Political Reporter

The Labour Party yesterday suffered another defection blow when its national chairman, Transvaal MEC Dr Wilhe Hoods, announced his resignation from the party.

The LP has recently lost a number of valued members to the National Party.

The LP leadership immediately challenged Dr Hoods to "fulfil his moral and ethical obligation to the party by resigning as MEC of Transvaal" as he had been appointed to the position as an LP nominee.

Dr Hoods said he had not yet decided on his future party-political preferences, but in a statement applauded President de Klerk's reforms.

LP sources predicted that Dr Hoods, elected party chairman early this year, would soon join the NP.

Dr Hoods said he could no longer identify himself with the LP leadership's course and with its association with the Patriotic Front, which was established recently with the ANC alliance and PAC as main partners.

Dr Hoods said "I wish to submit my view that the course the party is taking runs counter to the general spirit of reconciliation found nowadays among all the people of South Africa."

Unhappy with Labour Party
Dr Willie Hoods
ANC ‘angry’ at PAC

MICHAEL MORRIS
Political Correspondent
and Political Staff

EFFORTS were launched today by the ANC to smooth relations with its major Patriotic Front partner, the PAC, in the wake of allegations of a secret deal with the government for an interim administration from early next year.

The ANC is angry that the PAC made a public outcry over the claims without discussing them privately with the ANC leadership first.

However, the PAC’s bombshell claim, which strains relations between the two major black groupings, is not thought to be a threat to the all-party talks. The first preparatory steering committee meeting starts tomorrow.

Indeed, observers believe the PAC’s outburst was motivated by internal conflict over its decision to join the talks process and that it used the claims about ANC/National Party duplicity as a signal to its supporters that it is going into negotiations in fighting form.

The PAC’s decision to join the talks process is not universally popular in the movement since it is seen as a compromise.

The ANC last night dismissed the allegation that it had struck “secret deals” with the NP to run the country jointly from early next year.

At a hastily called media conference, ANC secretary general Mr Cyril Ramaphosa and International Affairs chief Mr Thabo Mbeki denied the PAC’s claims, saying no talks on constitutional matters had taken place with the NP Government in the last six months.

Mr Mbeki said a document produced by the PAC to substantiate their claims was “a lot of mischief (invented by someone) who wants to discredit the ANC I don’t know what or who would be responsible for that.”

Mr Ramaphosa expressed regret that the PAC had chosen to make “reckless charges” via the media.

The PAC yesterday produced a document alleging the NP and ANC had secretly agreed to “rule South Africa in alliance by decree for many years to come.”

In a furious attack, coming less than 48 hours before the first meeting of the steering committee on multiparty talks, the PAC leadership released a confidential document which they said proved the ANC planned to:

- Drop its demand for a constituent assembly
- Have an interim government installed in just over two months from now
- Surprise tomorrow’s steering committee meeting with a proposal for a “Declaration of Intent”, with profound political implications
- Stop advocating sanctions after tomorrow’s meeting

HOME LANDING: The fuselage of a light aircraft lies among broken furniture after crashing into a flat in the northern Italian town of Cremona. The pilot escaped unhurt. No one was injured in the building.
PAC under fire for 'treachery'

TWO PAC-affiliated organisations this week supported the Joint East and West Rand Facilitating Committee in efforts to overturn the PAC's involvement in constitutional talks with the Government.

The Pan Africanist Students Organisation, a student body affiliated to the PAC, and the Azanian National Youth Unity both welcomed the call for a conference on the issue, which is to be held over the weekend.

The conference will be held in Katlehong by the Joint East Rand and West Rand Facilitating Committee, comprising the PAC splinter groups, according to committee member Mr Victor Petu.

Victor Petu, in a telephone interview, said the PAC leadership was tactless in its decision to accede to talks with the Government.

Petu described the involvement of South Africa's liberation movements in talks with the Government as 'misguided collaboration with the minority racist settler regime and imperialists'.

Azania publicity secretary Mr Mayaya Molefi yesterday accused the PAC leadership of 'having deviated from the organisation's principles and teachings of the revolution.'

The denunciation of the PAC leadership follows its 'recognition of bantustan leaders by having formed a Patriotic Front with them,' he said.

He encouraged the Facilitating Committee to stand firm and ignore 'the stander from the imperialist henchmen and the blue-eyed boys of the PAC leadership who want to sell the birthright of the Azanian masses.'

He said Azanya was committed to scientific socialism.

On reply, the West Rand region of the PAC has disowned the splinter groups.

The latest outcry has been described as deepening divisions within the PAC, but it is not known to what extent it will affect constitutional talks.

South Africa's major political organisations and leaders of the country's homelands have been invited to a convening meeting on multiparty talks tomorrow.

The invitation has been declined by Azanza and the Conservative Party.
PAC accuses ANC over PF ‘deceit’

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The ANC and the Government had held secret meetings and that the ANC had kept its allies informed about this.

There had been complications with the setting up of dates for the steering committee to meet, but that consensus had been reached in November 29 and December 20.

The Government had agreed to amend the Referendum Act.

The ANC "has problems with its constitutional assembly demand which would delay the process up to a year.' "The ANC saw the interim government installed by February 1992.

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Education Issues 6: Organisation Then and Now

Learning Nation spoke to Sipho Masoko, the President of the African Students Congress (AZASCO), and Mooti Npuru, the National Projects Officer of the South African Students Congress (SASCOC), about the results and prospects of the education struggle over the past fifteen years.

LN: How do you see the current situation in the education struggle?
AZASCO: From the side of the democratic movement there are a number of political processes taking place, the latest being the Patriotic Front Conference. The education system is being overtaken by these national political events. There's no sign that the education crisis is being addressed at this level. While the National Education Crisis Committee (NECC), of which we are part, is involved in discussions with government, AZASCO believes education must be addressed at some level as part of the national negotiations towards a political solution. Like COSATU on economic conditions, we don't want to be left with the legacy of 40 years of apartheid education once the national political process is resolved. Our central demand in that context is the creation of a non-racial democratic department of education in South Africa.

AZASCO: What is happening now is the state wants to push black students out of secondary schooling. This is essentially what their proposals are. The Education Renewal Strategy (ERS) amount to an attack on the elementary education system. It is unanswerable black students who will be the process left out when it comes to secondary schooling.

At a tertiary level, the cut in government subsidies will have a similar effect. Black students simply can't afford to pay the current fees, let alone increased fees. And now that the acemical community has been effectively duped by the Klein's, the amount of bursaries open to black students is negligible.

LN: What are the main differences for the education struggle between the situation today and the period between 1976 and the unbanning?
AZASCO: In terms of the education system itself, there have been no important changes. apartheid education, fragmented from top to bottom on racial lines, still intact. All the issues we have struggled against over since 1976 are still on the table. And the struggle by students to topple apartheid education is still central. For example, when we called on students to go back to school last year, they went back. But the schools were overflowing and students were sent back. These were not enough. Textbooks were over-stocked and so on. All these kind of problems are still there and still have to be fought against.

But the main difference today is that we now have to push the government while trying to do something about the crisis ourselves. It is not easy to find a balance between these things. But our Back to School campaign and Intensive Learning campaign are part of our efforts to try and solve the crisis while resisting the state.

AZASCO: Well, the main difference is that at the seventies and early eighties the student struggle was informed by the policies of freedom. Today it is the policies of power. We need to concentrate on how to free ourselves instead of who is going to be in power. So we want to make the political situation today worse, more complex, more diverse. In the past the student struggle was taken from the classroom to the streets. We want to try and win the whole community. Today political demonstrations are taken from the streets into the classrooms. Yesterday students took their struggle out of apartheid education and threw it in the oppressor's face. Today they take their political intolerance and throw it at each other.

Despite this, our experience of struggle has taught us to distinguish different methods of struggle which we must use to reflect the maximum damage on the enemy at any given time. Boycotts, for example, must not be used as an end in themselves but as a tactic. Every boycott must be reviewed from time to time in terms of its own limits and the specific objectives it is meant to achieve. This way we won't end up as victims of the system even in the limits of apartheid education. Its a weapon to achieve a particular goal.

LN: What is the way forward? What are your priorities now?
AZASCO: We want a non-racual democratic system of education. We have managed to build strong organisations and to get our SRCs' recognised. Now our programme must be geared towards the transformation of all apartheid educational institutions. We must fight to make all educational institutions accountable to the people who work and learn there. We must intervene to change the curriculum content to something that meets our needs. We must improve the quality of our membership and thus require the political power of students. And we must build unity among all students. We need a kind of Patriotic Front of student organisations. Earlier this year there was an initiative to set up a National Students Consultative Conference with this aim in mind. It collapsed. AZASCO believes the time is right to revive that initiative again. AZASCO must be able to create political democracy and accountable SRCs and PTA's. They must function like courts and mediate between the parents and teachers irrespective of their political beliefs. The minute an SRC, for example, goes beyond its mandate serving as police of the school, or political police, it loses its respect and integrity. A key element for the organisation of parents and teachers, who are workers, have the power to help students to win their demands. We need more political organisations representing all students and parents and teachers irrespective of their political beliefs. The minute an SRC, for example, goes beyond its mandate serving as police of the school, or political police, it loses its respect and integrity. A key element for the organisation of parents and teachers, who are workers, have the power to help students to win their demands. We need more political organisations representing all students and parents and teachers irrespective of their political beliefs. The minute an SRC, for example, goes beyond its mandate serving as police of the school, or political police, it loses its respect and integrity.
NP making diplomatic gains

PRETORIA — SA’s international gains in legitimacy were benefiting the NP, at the ANC’s expense. RAU political scientist Deon Geldenhuys said yesterday. He told an SA Institute of International Affairs meeting the NP and ANC had, in a sense, reversed roles.

It was the ANC which was now struggling with something of an international credibility problem.

In the past six months SA had played host to ministers and deputy ministers from Australia, the UK, Germany, France, Italy, Greece, Finland, Japan, the US, Romania, Kenya, Cameroon, Cape Verde, and Ireland.

Since the beginning of the year, 65 official delegations from African states other than the SADCC countries had met members of the SA government.

The ANC was apparently not pleased with the growing diplomatic traffic.

Another indication that diplomatic isolation was collapsing was the expansion of the country’s missions abroad, Geldenhuys said.

A total of 34 internationally recognised states were officially represented in Pretoria, 20 of them at ambassadorial level.

SA was in turn represented in 49 states, in 26 of them by ambassadors.
NEGOTIATIONS

Getting to the beef

This Friday's preliminary meeting of 22 parties, dominated by the National Party and the ANC, is expected to prepare the agenda for multiparty constitutional negotiations, starting on December 20.

That second-round meeting is expected to see the NP present its proposals on the shape of an interim authority. If they are acceptable to the ANC, financial sanctions against SA might be lifted almost immediately (see Face to Face).

Yet it remains to be seen whether the ANC will then have crossed the threshold by accepting joint responsibility for public policy — including the "unpopular" bits, which still leaves some in the ANC dubious about what they refer to as "dual power".

The pace of change may have been so dizzy that nobody has noticed, but Friday's meeting could effectively be the start of SA's second national convention. A new constitution might even be in place in about two years' time.

While Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party alone has raised objections to two of three NP-nominated conveners of the multiparty conference, the Nats and ANC met separately last week to plan strategies and tactics for this week's meeting.

Inkatha, no doubt pleased at being apparently relegated to second-level status in all this, has agreed with the nomination of Chief Justice Corbett as convenor of the all-party talks. Its reservations concern the other two Nat-proposed candidates — former NGK moderator Johan Heyns and Methodist Church president Stanley Mogoba. This will not, however, present a serious hurdle in the preparatory meeting, says an ANC source, who adds that Inkatha "are back in line — for the moment". The main thing is to get the ball rolling.

Also on the agenda of the preparatory meeting, which is really concerned with administrative matters, is the mechanics of decision-making at the multiparty conference, who will issue invitations, and the number of working committees to be set up.

Of crucial importance here will be the one on constitutional matters. If this committee is able to reach agreement on fundamental principles for a new constitution, then the NP might then go along with the demand for an elected constituent assembly to fill in the details.

The ANC could also raise the question of a separate forum to negotiate economic policy, as demanded by its ally Cosatu.

Related to the setting up of working committees (others suggested by the ANC include one on interim government arrangements, on incorporation of the TBVC states and the role of the international community) is the status of parliament. There have been "whispers" that parliament may be adjourned for a while next year to get the multiparty conference going, partly because a number of MPs would be involved in its various preparatory committees.

One benefit expected from the big indaba is that the violence, which largely hobbled an earlier commencement of the all-party conference, will at least abate, if not end altogether. Perhaps that's being too optimistic. But government and the ANC, at least, are determined to keep the negotiations on track, the stakes are too high to risk their derailment and each side recognises that the other is needed for a successful outcome.

government, as well as areas of difference and possible conflict.

Thus the NP is unlikely to have serious problems from the ANC over

- The ANC's wish for a united, democratic, non-racial, non-sexist, unitary SA with a bill of rights,
- Three branches of government and separation of powers,
- A bicameral legislature,
- Secret, regular elections,
- An independent judiciary,
- Citizenship,
- A justiciable bill of rights,
- Elimination of discrimination, and
- Provisions for declaring a state of emergency.

Some of the areas of probable difference and conflict identified by Olivier (in last month's South Africa International)

- The ANC's demand for an interim government (though there has recently been some convergence on this), and for a constituent assembly,
- Majority government as against the concept of power sharing,
- Unitary or federal structure,
- The nature of affirmative action,
- The election, powers and functions of the president,
- Whether the Cabinet should be formed on a multiparty basis,
- The electoral system, and
- The language issue.
Towards the All Party Congress: 2
Issues around the All Party Congress

Constitutional Principles

The fact that the government has up to now not raised objections to the idea of an All Party Congress being drawn up by the ANC, PAC and others, and the National Party thinking that they will not try to find something that would break them up, suggests that the ANC may have a different view. It is not clear yet, however, whether the ANC is going to be prepared to come up with an agreement on how the Congress will be constituted.

Many people have been puzzled by reports in the last few weeks about the convening of talks amongst different political parties on the future of the country. The first reports said that the talks would start on 29 November. Then there were reports that the meeting was to be held on 20 November. It seems that there has been disagreement on who should convene the meeting and who should participate in it. The ANC and the National Party were both invited to participate. However, it was not clear whether or not they would attend. The ANC has been invited to participate in the Congress by the government.

The questions that the liberation organisations are raising at the moment are:

How will the South African government be governed in the process of transition so that no political party is disadvantaged?

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What formula should be used to draw up a new constitution?

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Reaching an agreement.

The two points of view raise the question of how agreement will be reached at the APC. It also raises the question of how decisions will be made in the conference. The last point is related to the issue of representation.

- Can the delegates at the conference vote whether the Constituent Assembly is the best forum for drawing up a new constitution?
- How will the role of the different parties be determined?
- Having allies at the conference is seen as strengthening one's position.

The battle for allies is reaching a climax. In the preparation for the conference, a suggestion has been made that the delegates at the conference be reached on the basis of consensus, which means compromise. That would be fine if the parties that would be sitting at the negotiating table had some common interest. It is difficult to imagine how consensus would be reached on the issue of a democratic Constituent Assembly and an Interim Government. The options are clear: the mass movement either compromises on its stand on the Constituent Assembly and the Interim Government or the regime gives in to the demands of the majority.

The question of keeping people informed about developments is vital for any agreement that understands the role of the masses in the whole process. The mass movement needs to devise ways of ensuring that the masses are fully aware of developments on the negotiations front at all times. But it is not just the question of informing people that is at stake here. The question of the actual involvement of the masses in decision making is at stake. This raises the question of mass meetings and regular reports back. The suggestion that mass meetings and reports are a form of constitutionalism needs to be carefully considered.

It seems that there has been disagreement on who should convene the conference and who should participate in it. There were reports that the preparatory meeting was convened by the ANC and the National Party, while others objected to the announcement by the ANC that Nelson Mandela, the leader of the ANC, had received the invitation to attend the meeting. There are also different views on who should attend the preparatory meeting. The regime, for example, wants the conference to be attended by representatives of all political parties.

Two points of view

Broadly, there are two points of view on the role of the APC:

- The government and the ruling class have argued that the role of the APC is to draft a new constitution. This view is in line with the government's rejection of the demands of the Constituent Assembly. According to the government, the APC should have elections for a Constituent Assembly after the Constituent Assembly has agreed upon it by the major parties, to put the cart before the horse. From the arguments of government spokesmen it is clear that there is a fear that a constitution that emerges out of a forum of elected representatives will clearly not protect minority interests in the same way that apartheid has been a benefit for a tiny section of the population. So for the ruling class the Constitution must come out of the Multi-party Conference and not a Constituent Assembly. The fact that the strength of the different parties will be being amended the APC is in terms of mass support would not have been tested as it was for the National Party.

- Recognising that the APC will not be a forum of elected delegates, the liberation organisations like the ANC and PAC have been opposed to the insistence by the government that the conference draws up a new constitution for the country. Instead, they have argued that the Constituent Assembly is the only body that can draw up a new constitution. In line with the Harare Declaration, the liberation organisations have defined the role of the APC as working out ways and means of getting to a new South Africa.

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CAREERS AND JOB TRENDS

Many South African people are employed by the state, either in some state department or in those industry's which are state owned. Of particular note is the fact that the number of workers in the private sector is currently almost the same as in 1980. This implies that the increase in employment from 1980 until now took place almost exclusively in the public sector. This picture is just more alarming if we consider the mismatch in the number of jobs against an annual growth rate of more than 2.5% of the economically active population.

For Black people the area of greatest job growth has been in the area of local and provincial government. This is a result of the decision by the state to do away with job reservation in the civil service. The result is that the number of Blacks employed as clerical workers and administration staff has increased significantly. And with the trend has been the growth of the civil services in the Homelands.

Two of the most important and skilled jobs in the state sector which have long been popular amongst African people are teaching and nursing. Given the fact that more and more skilled white nursing staff are becoming scarce, and that the public hospitals, there are opportunities for Black people to take on the load of nursing in the state health services. Similarly since 1976, when the state began to build more schools for African and improve the qualifications for African teachers, there have been job opportunities in the education sector.

There is a contradiction here though in that while the estimated teacher shortage will be 300,000 by the turn of the century, current state policy is to freeze the number of teaching posts. While health conditions continue to deteriorate, state policy is to cut the health budget. Both of these trends would limit opportunities for those traditionally sought after jobs in the near future.

Other state sector jobs which offer good opportunities show the same contradictions. The postal and telecommunications services and the transport services are two sectors which now officially take an equal opportunity stance on employment. As a result, more Black people are being employed in a range of jobs from postmen, to telephone technicians, to clerical workers. But both the postal services and the transport services are on the road to privatisation through what is called commercialisation. This means that they are operating strictly on commercial principles of making a profit. The result is that whereas formerly these services served as the means of promoting white working class employment in the 1940's - 1960's, the current trend is to cut down on staff.

The Private Sector

Throughout the 1980's the bosses have been cutting back on investment in new industries and replacing workers with machines. The result is that most sectors in private industry are cutting back on employment.

Again here we have a contradiction between the fact that the bosses are employing more Black labour and yet the total number of jobs is not increasing. The proportion of African workers employed in semi-skilled operative positions nearly doubled between 1965 and 1985 (from 40% to 73%) and also expanded in middle level categories such as clerical and sales workers. There has been increased employment of African women at lower levels of the economy.

On the other hand the number of apprentices in South Africa dropped by 36% from 1983 to 1987. Since the Wartime Commission published its report, opportunities were opened up for African apprentices to enter the lucrative artisan labour market. Some economists envisaged the day of the apprentices was over. The result is that the number of apprentices dropped by 57% from the 1960s to just more than 5,000 in 1987. What continues to dominate in every occupation except machine operators and African people are a small minority of those who receive training. The decrease in the number of apprentices is probably due to the fact that firms are employing Africans in positions for which they have the skills but are not registering them as apprentices. And many jobs are being de-skilled due to changes in the production process, with the result that even when bosses do not send their workers for training and apprenticeship.

What kind of skills will help us get a job?

With the increases in unemployment and retrenchment, school leavers and workers should be asking themselves what kind of skills will increase our chances of getting a job? Clearly the skills needed will depend on the kind of job available and the use of technology in that particular sector. In general, however, at times of increasing unemployment, it is better to have a range of skills rather than be limited to one realistic skill. For instance it would be better at present to learn say bricklaying and carpentry rather than just bricklaying. It may not always be possible to get a formal certificate in each of these skills but an ability to have a range of skills can improve job prospects.

At the moment there is also an international trend to get workers to work in workshops. This trend is being copied in certain industries like the electronics industry in South Africa. In these workshops workers have to be multi-skilled - they have to have the skills to produce the whole product. Again this shows the need to have many skills rather than one
The call for a more orthodox Marxist-Leninist perspective and a vanguard role for the South African Communist Party has surfaced strongly as the party prepares for next week's national conference — the first since it was unbanned.

Some party activists are not happy with what they see as the SACP leadership's attempts to water down socialism in the wake of its collapse in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

They are seeking to "extensively" revise a draft manifesto drawn up by the SACP leadership which they regard as too reformist and not Marxist enough.

They insist they are not returning to old-style dogmatism but want to prevent the SACP from moving into social democracy under the guise of "democratic socialism".

This concern was aired at the Communist Party's PWV conference last weekend.

Regional chairman Gwede Mantashe, while holding that the SACP had never changed its position on Marxism, said the term democratic socialism had been used "to emphasise the democratic content of socialism which suffered because of Stalinism".

However, he said that the congress had decided that there was no need to "place adjectives in front of socialism because the socialism that Marx and Lenin gave was always democratic in content".

In a statement released after the congress, the PWV region said, "The crisis of socialism is in no way proof of the failure of the theory of Marxist-Leninism."

One delegate said the feeling at the congress was that the "incorrect application" of Marxism in Eastern Europe led to the collapse of socialism in those countries.

The Western Cape congress also wanted the Communist Party to establish a vanguard role for itself.

"Not in a vulgar sense by which we subject society to the party," said one delegate. "But by earning the role of the leading representative of the working class. We realise we will be competing with other parties for that role," he explained.

SACP members in the PWV agree. "Unity of the left is vital if we are to build socialism and prevent the kind of rightwing backlash occurring in Europe. We have to build socialism in South Africa along with other formations but we see ourselves earning the leading role in that process."

SACP Central Executive member, Ronnie Kasrils welcomes the debates in the region.

"We never expected the congress to be a rubber stamp. The draft manifesto is a discussion document to which the regions must contribute."

He does not believe the outcome of the debate around democratic socialism will influence the party's commitment to democracy. "The understanding that democracy is integral to socialism is entrenched in our party," he said.

According to Kasrils, the overwhelming majority of the SACP's membership remains committed to the economic transformation in South Africa, but this does not necessarily mean old-style communism or the Eastern European-style command economy.

Putting the red back into the party

Give us Marx and Lenin say rank-and-file South African Communist Party activists who are not happy with their leaders' apparent shift to social democracy

By Paul Stober

However, like capitalism, socialism also brought benefits to those countries and these are being totally ignored. We need to use the benefits socialism can bring, like free health and education, to popularize socialism and in the absence of any model, use Marxist theory to build a South African socialist project.

At the Western Cape regional congress a week earlier there were also reservations about the lack of Marxist-Leninist terminology in the SACP's draft manifesto.

The deputy secretary of the SACP in the region, Garth Strachan, said there had been a debate at the congress about "how rapidly" to review the old approaches in the light of new conditions.

A branch representative at the congress said that some delegates wanted to apply an orthodox Marxist-Leninist, or class, analysis to the present situation in South Africa and the crisis in socialism internationally. "Marxist-Leninist would also confirm the democratic content of socialism," he said.
Fireworks expected at congress

Next week's African National Congress Youth League congress promises a battle for the presidency and heated debates over the youth movement's autonomy. By HUBERT MATLOU

BATTLE lines are being drawn between the African National Congress Youth League's provisional president, Peter Mokaba, and its secretary-general, Tapalane Molekane, as the two are vying for the organisation's presidency at its "inaugural" congress in KwaNdebele next week.

The former hand-in-glove pair is now at loggerheads, each trying to test his popularity in the 500,000-strong youth movement.

Elections for the presidency are expected to cause a sharp debate on Mokaba's credibility following The Weekly Mail's revelation that the ANC's security department was investigating allegations that he was a "spy"—charges Mokaba has vehemently denied.

Ironically, the row is between two stalwarts both accused of having agreed to spy for police during a spell in detention. The difference is that Molekane informed the ANC on his release that he had made this agreement in order to get out of detention; Mokaba was accused of not informing the movement.

The row took a better turn during last week's PWV conference, which saw the organisation's most powerful region nominate Molekane for president.

For the first time Mokaba, the fiery "young lion," is being challenged. He led the now-defunct South African Youth Congress from 1987, and he later went on to lead the national provisional committee of the Youth League following the unbanning of the ANC.

He is reported to be fighting for his political life after the ANC failed to satisfy the police to resolve the controversy surrounding him. The row is steadily gaining momentum as the national congress draws nearer.

The battle is reported to be taking regional and national dimensions as factions begin to emerge. The Natal Midlands and Border regions have come out in support of Mokaba, whereas the organisation's biggest region, Eastern Transvaal, is reported to be throwing its full weight behind Molekane.

Other regions such as the Eastern Cape, Transkei, Western Cape and Northern Free State, have refused to divulge their nominations.

Mokaba is reported to have visited the Northern Transvaal, his home constituency, in the past two weeks in an attempt to boost support. He is also said to have consulted Umkhonto weSizwe chief-of-staff Chris Hani, Winnie Mandela and Steve Tshwete to persuade ANC president Nelson Mandela to intervene on his behalf.

Sources within ANCYL indicated that it is the second time Mokaba has refused to step down as a nominee, arguing that such a move would validate charges that he was a police spy. The first instance took place when Mokaba was elected to the ANC's national executive committee during the July congress, leading to increased consterna-
RAIL CRISIS: The ANC alliance looks at the ousting of Sarhwu’s leaders, reports FERIAL HAFFAJEE

A HIGH-POWERED “tripartite alliance” commission is looking into the ousting of the entire executive of the South African Railway and Harbour Workers’ Union (Sarhwu) by disgruntled workers earlier this month.

The commission, drawn from the Congress of South African Trade Unions, the South African Communist Party and the African National Congress, has been mandated to make a finding early next year.

Sarhwu members used their power as employers to suspend general secretary Martin Sebakwane, his assistant Johnny Potgieter and president Justice Langa.

Citing the recently concluded wage agreement with Transnet as the reason for the palace coup, workers accused the executive of not consulting the rank and file before signing the agreement.

They claimed the wage agreement was prejudicial and barred them from taking mass action unless they opted to forgo their bonuses. The agreement, which ended a six-month dispute, makes provision for the payment of an attendance bonus to workers who are absent from work for no more than one day a month.

Sarhwu members from the Southern Transvaal region occupied union offices at the beginning of October, five days after the signing of the wage agreement.

They continued their occupation despite a national executive committee (NEC) meeting called to resolve the issue.

At a second NEC meeting in Kimberley at the end of October, the suspension of the entire six-member national management committee, including Sebakwane, Potgieter and Langa, was ratified. In addition, Southern Transvaal regional office bearers have been suspended because of the office occupation. Only then did the Southern Transvaal workers vacate the offices.

“The meeting noted that the national management committee deviated from the tradition and norms of Sarhwu by signing an agreement without mandate,” said Sarhwu’s honorary president, Archie Sibeko.

Elected to deliberate on Sarhwu’s crisis are Cosatu national administrator Jeremy Baskin, the SAPC’s Siphiwe Nyanda and Jabu Moloketi of the ANC.

Baskin said that the commission had sat for the first time last week and he was confident that the inquiry would be completed in the mandated two months.

The leadership crisis is having sad consequences for a number of exciting developments in which Sarhwu is involved.

At stake is its contribution during the crucial preparatory stages of the newly established Transnet industrial council.

Although Sarhwu members have attended industrial council meetings, they have no mandate and are unable to take decisions.

This allowed the conservative Black Trade Union (Blatu) to take a leading role in the council’s fledgling deliberations.

In addition, the unity talks between the Transport and General Workers’ Union and Sarhwu will have to be mothballed until the crisis is resolved.

Transnet labour executive Vic van Vuuren confirmed that the crisis had had a negative impact on labour relations. He said that Sarhwu and Transnet had, from a position of conflict, moved to a more fruitful and positive relationship.

Saying that he had absolute faith in the suspended executive, he added that it was currently impossible to communicate with the union.
Stage set for serious horse trading

The constitutional negotiations process gets off the ground today with an historic first meeting of almost all the major players by PHILIP VAN NIEKERK and GAVIN EVANS

SOME delegates and hundreds of advisors will cram into a Johannesburg hotel this morning for the historic beginning of negotiations to forge a democratic South Africa

Although the talks about talks will simply set the terms for the December 20 and 21 Convention for a Democratic South Africa before has such a dense collection of people representing a variety of views gathered together under one roof.

After almost two years of often acrimonious preliminaries, the talks are well on track — even if the National Party and the African National Congress this week strenuously denied Pan Africanist Congress claims that they had committed in a secret pact.

The way the process has been set up largely prevents the possibility of deadlock until February, when all the major parties will themselves be too locked into the talks to withdraw with ease.

Today’s meeting is the first step in a process that, once started, is likely to move more rapidly than many have predicted.

The envisaged convention on December 20 and 21 will be similar to last year’s Groote Schuur and Pretoria meetings.

The aim is that the parties emerge with some form of a declaration of intent, which will set up a working committee, and narrow the differences on substantive issues.

Issues on the agenda of the convention include the broad constitutional principles, an interim government, the role of the homeland leaders, the role of the international community, and the time frame within which to achieve these.

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The first fissure among the 24 parties involved has been between the 20 who have chosen to participate and the four who are staying away — the Conservative Party, the Herstigte Nasionale Party, the Afrikaner Weerstandsbewegting and the Azanian People’s Organisation.

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A new start to a new epoch

The constitutional talks get off the ground today with an historic first meeting of the major players. After almost two years of acrimonious preliminaries, the talks are well on track. Even though the National Party and African National Congress had to formally deny Pan Africanist Congress claims this week that they had connived in a secret pact.

What South Africa can expect is several weeks of walk-outs, sell-outs, poses and postures, of new best friends and fresh antagonisms, break-downs, start-ups, optimism, pessimism, pockets of peace, and waves of violence. And in the end, perhaps, lasting agreement.

The PAC, which caused controversy this week with its persuasions against the ANC, is the first casualty of negotiations with a major split looming. The most interesting issue from today's talks will be whether the PAC stays in the process.

So far the PAC has made two impossible demands: for an external venue and an external mediator. They will find no support for either of these today.
Cosatu ‘sneaks’ into the APC

Cosatu assistant general secretary Sam Shilowa said the proposal had successfully been canvassed with the federation’s allies.

The emergence of an integrated approach to dealings with the state on all fronts is an important sign of growing alliance co-ordination, as South Africa moves from “talks about talks” to negotiations proper, comments Cosatu information officer Neil Coleman.

In regard to the APC, it represents a shift in Cosatu’s thinking. In September, the central executive committee decided that the federation should attend the conference as an independent organisation, subject to discussions with its alliance partners.

The view was that although Cosatu was not a political party, it was an important political force — in fact, the strongest formation of the left. Government moves to narrow attendance at the APC to political parties were seen as a dodge to weaken the ANC and marginalise Cosatu’s mass base. “The feeling was that Cosatu’s role had been underplayed and the negotiating process impoverished as a result,” Coleman said.

The rethink arose from a Cosatu wish not to impede the APC process, in the face of the state’s continued insistence that labour could not attend in its own right.

The Vital thing, it was felt, was that all major players were directly or indirectly represented, rather than “Mickey Mouse organisations whose leaders represent no-one but themselves and their jackets”, as Shilowa puts it.

Cosatu’s presence at the APC will stiffen ANC snarws on three vital issues: the constitution-making arena, macro-economic negotiations and the timetable for interim rule.

The unions are adamant that only broad constitutional principles — those embodied in the Harare Declaration, such as universal adult suffrage — may be discussed at the APC.

The current approach is an integrated team in both arenas, with the ANC leading the political thrust and Cosatu playing the spearhead role on the economy.
We are still in the dark

THE Kwa Thema branch of PASO is fully behind comrade general secretary Lawrence Ngandela who on November 13 said "the clever talk of preparatory meeting of a pre-constituent assembly is nothing but a statement towards negotiation."

As the oppressed and dispossessed African students we are still in the dark about the Patriotic Front and the resolutions adopted at that meeting.

Now PAC, amidst all the confusion, is leading us to another devastating crisis that will negate the spirit of revolution amongst the dispossessed masses of occupied Azania.

If the PAC leadership has a double agenda let it say so. Then we the students can take it upon ourselves to lead members to a revolution and establish a democratic, socialist order in our motherland.

Our struggle is not one of tactics or ideas but the struggle to topple this minority, cruel, barbaric regime of settlers.

The PAC leadership is now being manipulated by some liberal-minded members who are after their own personal gains at the expense of the oppressed, dispossessed masses.

We as PASO cannot go into this tunnel (PF) with the belief that there are lights at the end of it.

We appeal to our national executive to urgently reconsider its position as the component structure.

Yours in revolution,

Zwelelehu

MA AFRICA,
MERRIATO NTUNI,
PASO Branch,
Springs.
2 judges may chair meeting

By Peter Fabricius and Esmarie van der Merwe

Today's historic preparatory committee meeting to set the scene for next month's multiparty negotiations may be chaired by two Supreme Court judges, The Star has learnt.

As last-minute arrangements for the historic meeting were made yesterday, the names of Mr Justice P J Schabert and Mr Justice I Mohamed — the country's first black judge — were mentioned.

The meeting is scheduled to start at 10 am at the Jan Smuts Holiday Inn, near Kempton Park.

Sources said late yesterday the main players had been consulted, and the Government, ANC and DP had already agreed to the issue of the chairmanship.

But it was possible that all the parties would not reach agreement before talks started and the meeting itself would have to decide.

Another proposal was that the chairmanship should rotate among the five bigger parties — the Government, ANC, PAC, IFP and DP.

About 20 parties — including the six self-governing national states and the four TBVC states — will attend.

The dispute about the chairmanship underlined the sensitivity about arrangements which has characterised preparations for the meeting. Exactly what would happen at the meeting remained something of a mystery yesterday.

Because the meeting has not officially been convened by anyone, no official agenda has been prepared. The meeting itself will have to decide on one.

This week, the ANC finalised a "statement of principles" to be presented at today's meeting. It outlines basic ANC policy on a new constitution, stating that the country should be a non-racial, non-sexist democracy, that there should be free political choice, that human rights should be entrenched in a bill of rights, and that there should be an independent, representative judiciary.

The statement also said there should be a separation of powers between the legislature, executive and judiciary.

Today's meeting will take place behind closed doors and the participants themselves will decide whether to issue a statement or hold a press conference afterwards.

The meeting is expected to continue tomorrow.

The PAC yesterday sent a delegation to some embassies in Pretoria to drum up support for its demand for an outside venue and neutral convener for the multiparty conference. Sources said the PAC did not receive a sympathetic hearing.

President de Klerk yesterday confirmed that the NP's Cape leader, Dr Dawie de Villiers, would lead the NP delegation to the meeting and that Constitutional Development Minister Dr Gerrit Viljoen would lead a separate Government delegation.

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'Deal' authentic, insists PAC

By Esmaire van der Merwe and Peter Fabricius

The PAC/ANC row over alleged 'secret deals' between the Government and the ANC on constitutional negotiations continued yesterday on the eve of today's crucial meeting to prepare for next month's multiparty conference.

Following vehement PAC and Government denials that they had agreed to set up an interim government by February next year, the PAC remained emphatic that its document revealing the "deal" was authentic.

The document was leaked to the PAC's New York chief representative, Dr Motseko Pheko, by a diplomat who had attended a recent briefing of African diplomats at the United Nations by ANC international affairs head Thabo Mbeki.

The PAC yesterday denied reports that Ghanaian president Jerry Rawlings was the source of its information.

The PAC claimed, among other things, that the ANC and Government had already decided on a "declaration of intent" which would form the basis for decisions by the multiparty conference.

The declaration would state that conference decisions would over-ride existing law wherever they clashed, and would signal the end of apartheid and allow sanctions to be lifted.

However, sources close to the talks indicated yesterday that the PAC had put the matter too strongly and that no decisions had been made by the ANC and Government.

PAC sources said the row between them and the ANC had been smoothed over.

Both parties were concentrating on today's talks, they said.

PAC general secretary Benny Alexander yesterday said his party was not trying to score political points by releasing the damaging report shortly before the preparatory meeting.

Mr Mbeki on Wednesday said the document was "a lot of mischief" invented by someone.
ANC briefing to UN envoys could spell doom for Front

GERRIT VILJOEN  ROELF MEYER  BENNY ALEXANDER

THIS week's disclosures by the Pan Africanist Congress that African National Congress foreign affairs secretary Mr Thabo Mbeki had briefed African ambassadors to the UN on the Patriotic Front could spell doom for the initiative.

Mbeki's briefing to the ambassadors at the United Nations has once and for all shattered the grand illusion that the Patriotic Front, as it exists, is a watertight and workable concept for meaningful political change in South Africa.

Senior PAC leaders have for weeks secretly complained that the ANC was not honouring agreements which were reached at the launch of the PF in Durban last month.

When on November 20 Mbeki told the UN ambassadors of a series of behind-the-scenes agreements that the ANC had reached with the Government - without consulting its PF partners - the movement irrevocably broke the trust which it had engendered when it entered into the front.

It also enhanced the position of organisations such as the Azanian People's Organisation and the Conservative Party who for different ideological reasons are refusing to enter into multiparty talks.

For the ANC, the revelations signal a last, all-costs dash for the winning post even if it means ignoring its PF partners.

The ANC has only one avenue left for attaining power. This is through negotiations and if it fails (to attain maximum power) because of hardline influences in the PF it is sunk.

Sanctions are on their way out, the armed struggle is not feasible in the present world order and President FW de Klerk has suggested that he could use force to quell unwanted developments - he was not specific though.

The fact is, recent market research results had lent a measure of authenticity to the notion that the ANC was the putative government of South Africa.

Other polls have given the NP the majority of the vote. Effectively, between the two of them, the NP and ANC must feel that they can win an election without any help.

It is an established fact that senior and very influential Government people are not in favour of the Patriotic Front.

Constitutional Development Minister Dr Gerrit Viljoen referred to the PF as 'a ganging up by the ANC and its allies against the Government'.

Defence Minister Roelf Meyer said earlier this year: "It is extra baggage which the ANC does not need."

A conclusion that can be drawn from what appears to be moves towards closer unity between the Government and the ANC, to the extent that it excludes every other political party, is that neither the ANC nor Government any longer need the PAC or the Patriotic Front.

The ANC needed the PAC in the PF to gain credibility among more militant black people and the Government needed the PAC to say yes to multiparty talks so it could gain credibility for having "done everything in its power to bring all sides to the negotiating table."

In the final analysis, the Government's Machiavellian scheme of incorporating sections of the liberation movement while it continues to gain friends and influence people at home and abroad is working.

Commenting on the "deal" between the Government and the ANC, PAC secretary general Mr Benny Alexander said on Wednesday: "We believe that the ANC is in cahoots with the regime and is aborting our common resolve."
IT'S down to business.

South Africa gets its first real crack at national reconciliation today as the political leaders of this country go behind closed doors to unfold bold plans for a democratic future.

All but four of the country's major political organisations are expected at today's steering committee talks.

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Azapo, the Conservative Party, the Herstalig Naasionale Party and the Afrikaner Weerstandsbewegung will not be there.

And, by the end of the day, all political leaders in attendance are expected to have produced a declaration of intent - to which a multiparty forum scheduled for December 20 and 21 will give legal teeth.

Mr Mohammed Valli Moosa of the ANC's negotiations commission yesterday told Sowetan in a briefing that a next month's multiparty talks will be a waste if the laws of the country can simply overrule decisions made and agreements reached there.

For this reason, he said, the ANC's legal team was looking into ways of giving "legal force" to decisions taken at a multiparty forum.

The tentative agenda for today's meeting is:

- Appointment of chairman or men for multiparty talks;
- Adoption of the agenda;
- What the multiparty talks will be called;
- The overall purpose of the multiparty forum that emerges from the December 20-21 talks, and;
- Agreement on an agenda for future progress.

The ANC will today propose eight items for the agenda for those talks after wide-spread consultations.

The eight points are:

- Climate for free political participation;
- General constitutional principles;
- The creation of a constitution-making body;
- Interim government/transitional arrangements;
- The future of the homelands - both "independent" and otherwise;
- The role of the international community;
- The timeframe for change, and;
- Any other issues that arise.

Moosa said the ANC saw a "very big role" for the international community in the role of observing and monitoring the transitional period.

He also said the Government had initially opposed the inclusion of Transkei, Ciskei, Venda and Bophuthatswana at multiparty talks, saying that such talks should be between "the political parties of the Republic of South Africa."

Moosa said "It has been now agreed that they (TBVC) would be at tomorrow's (today's) preparatory meeting - which is quite significant, in that even before the first shot is fired it has been accepted what the definition of what South Africa is.

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NP holds all the cards in this game

THE National Party's position in the driver's seat during the transition period could become the biggest setback to attaining democracy in South Africa.

The ANC and the PAC have since their unbanning led the call for an interim government - with the latter going as far as to declare the National Party Government illegitimate.

The PAC's claim is to some extent substantiated by the argument that the NP has never, in more than 40 years of rule, governed by consensus of the governed: it has never been voted into power by more than 15 percent of the country's population.

Be that as it may, indications are that the Government will not give up its position of strength while it tries to win black support for future elections.

The PAC's Wednesday continued the call for the essential opposition for an interim government.

Speaking at a briefing where an alleged ANC/NP "pact" was made public, PAC secretary general Mr Benny Alexander said the Government could not be trusted to oversee the transition period.

"The transitional authority must assume control over the security services, the state-controlled electronic media, defined areas of budget and finance and must monitor the elections for the (constituent) assembly," Alexander said.

His comments were not that misguided if one considers the following scenario:

The NP has become a two-headed beast: one continues to govern while the other seeks support among black people whom it has, through apartheid, rendered poor and underprivileged.

While the one NP holds out its hand to win support, the other pays for it (with taxpayers' money) through "safety nets" and money freed from strategic oil stockpiles.

Similarly, the spiral of violence in the country - which many people have suggested is the Government's creation - stops periodically only after Government troops have been sent in.

Altogether, when the poor and underprivileged black people vote, they will first vote with their stomachs for the party that can provide "safety nets" and secondly with their fears for the party that has troops to quell the violence.

In the final analysis, the NP has the media, the military, the money and a party - led by former Education and Training Minister Dr Stoffel van der Merwe - to win the next election.

A cursory tour of the political horizon produces this startling picture of imbalance and perhaps uncertainty.

There is every indication that today's meeting could be decisive - provided the ANC, PAC and its Patriotic Front allies revert back to its original agreements.

But time alone will tell.

See page 19.
Leak not from us

THE Ghanaian government last night denied that its military ruler, Lieutenant Jerry Rawlings, had leaked the minutes of a meeting addressed by the African National Congress foreign affairs director, Mr Thabo Mbeki at the United Nations on November 20.

The Pan Africanist Congress this week alleged that Mbeki had told Rawlings that the ANC and the South African government had entered into a "secret pact" on various issues including an interim government.

The Ghanaian Foreign Ministry, however, rejected the claims about the source of the leak to Rawlings as "inaccurate".

- Sapa-Reuters.
NP making diplomatic gains

PRETORIA — SA's international gains in legitimacy were benefiting the NP at the ANC's expense, RAU political scientist Deon Geldenhuys said yesterday.

He told an SA Institute of International Affairs meeting the NP and ANC had, in a sense, reversed roles.

It was the ANC which was now struggling with something of an international credibility problem.

In the past six months SA had played host to ministers and deputy ministers from Australia, the UK, Germany, France, Italy, Greece, Finland, Japan, the

Gerald Reilly

US, Romania, Kenya, Cameroon, Cape Verde and Ireland.

Since the beginning of the year, 65 official delegations from African states other than the SADCC countries had met members of the SA government.

The ANC was apparently not pleased with the growing diplomatic traffic.

Another indication that diplomatic isolation was collapsing was the expansion of the country's missions abroad, Geldenhuys said.

A total of 24 internationally recognized states were officially represented in Pretoria, 20 of them at ambassadorial level.

SA was in turn represented in 49 states, in 26 of them by ambassadors.

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ANCS accused of colluding with government
Azapo has to join the only game in town

Very few black political leaders around the age of 40 would seek to deny the seminal contribution of the Black Consciousness movement in the South African liberation struggle.

At the height of ruthless State repression, it was young political activists of the Black Consciousness tradition who held the fort and tirelessly reminded the oppressed to hold their heads high and struggle for total liberation.

No wonder that young leaders like Steve Biko came to the fore together with many others who now occupy senior positions in leading liberation movements like the African National Congress, Pan Africanist Congress and the Azanian Peoples Organisation.

Ironic

Today the standard bearer of the Black Consciousness tradition is Azapo, under the capable leadership of Pandelam Nefolovhodwe.

It is therefore both ironic and tragic that when the struggle for liberation (of which Azapo and its predecessor have been an integral part) is about to reach its zenith with the convening of the multi-party/all-party conference — Azapo decides not to be part of this historic moment.

Perhaps Azapo's main weakness in this regard is its failure to adapt its tactics and strategies to the changing political environment.

It is this changing political environment that now sees erstwhile so-called "sell outs" and "liberals" (in Azapo's vocabulary), suddenly transformed into crucial voters and power brokers who will decide who governs this country in a few years' time.

Their vote will carry the same weight as any other vote in the coming election.

Indeed, shrewd political strategists in the ANC and PAC have already taken note of this fact and are now busy courting this vote, as was evidenced by the recent Patriotic Front conference.

It is political strategy — and not ideological purity — that wins the votes, and it is today's and not yesteryear's politics that we are about.

It would indeed be a pity if Azapo's unique perception of the intellectual dimension of the liberation struggle ends up by being absent from the negotiating table.

Similarly, it would be a pity if Azapo, through its pursuit of ideological purity and dogmatism, commits political suicide by marginalising itself.

We urge the leadership of the PAC to intensify their reported efforts to engage Azapo in dialogue aimed, not only at influencing Azapo to rejoin the Patriotic Front, but also at convincing this organisation that the only game in town at present is negotiating democratic transformation.
20 parties, governments to take part in ‘Convention for Democratic SA’

D-Day set for vital talks

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NEGOTIATIONS for a new constitution will be formally launched on December 20 and 21 when at least 20 political parties and governments will sit down at the Convention for a Democratic South Africa — to be known asCodesa.

Codesa will take place at the World Trade Centre near Jan Smuts Airport and will be observed by guests from the United Nations, the Organisation of African Unity, the Non-Aligned Movement, the Commonwealth and the European Community.

The name Codesa replaces the unsavoury and conflicting name for the multiparty conference proposed by different organisations.

Report, picture on Page 2.

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The committee agreed that Codesa's agenda would include general constitutional principles, a constitution-making body or process, transitional arrangements or interim government, the future of ethnic states and the international community's role.

Twelve delegations from each of the 20 political parties and governments represented at the preparatory committee will be invited to Codesa.

A standing committee of the 12 delegations is likely to be formed to make detailed arrangements for the talks.

The next duties will be to try to secure the attendance of the parties at decision meetings to the preparatory meeting.

Those among the Conservative Party, Partei Die Nationale, the Afrikaner Weerstandsbewegung and others.

After weeks of wrangling among parties, the preparatory committee meeting's first day went extremely well.

Most delegates said the mood of the meeting had been good with occasion.

Eerie combination of slaughter, family bliss

BRONWYN WILKINSON

I'M SORRY was all John Scott had to say in a note left on his kitchen table after brutally stabbing to death his wife and two young daughters the previous night.

The 44-year-old managing director of a German chemical company also left instructions on how to dispose of his R2 million fortune.

'These are your last words and hang on to them,' he wrote.

The domestic servant could not get into the house and did not call a neighbour who called the SAP. Policemen broke a garage window and found Mr Scott's body lying in the car.

According to the police, the letter Mr Scott left on the kitchen table raised more questions than it answered.

A successful businessman, Mr Scott was the managing director of the German company Wacker Chemicals.

He had been to Germany on a busineess trip last month.
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A steering committee of the 20 delegations is likely to be formed to make detailed arrangements for the talks. One of its duties will be to try to secure the attendance of the parties which declined invitations to the preparatory meeting. These were the Conservative Party, Herstigte Nasionale Party, the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging and Azapo.

After weeks of wrangling among parties, the preparatory committee meeting's first day went extremely well. Most delegates said the mood of the meeting had been good, with occasional moments of tension.

**Triggered**

African National Congress secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa said: "We have triggered a process that will lead to a democratic dispensation in which our people will have won the freedom they have been struggling for for years and years."

A senior Government delegate described the meeting as a "watershed" in the long historical process since 1910 of broadening the base of the constitution.

The only real sour note was struck by the Pan Africanist Congress, which said afterwards that a joint statement issued by the two judges who chaired the meeting had not reflected their views.

Only the PAC, which wants the conference to be held outside the country, opposed the decision to hold Codesa in South Africa. It was overruled.

As a consolation to the PAC, Justice Minister Koele Coetsee is understood to have agreed that all PAC exiles would be indemnified to attend the convention.

The meeting also agreed that the Government would be represented at Codesa as a separate delegation from the National Party, but with no voting power.

The PAC voiced its dissent from the start by objecting to the choice of two Transvaal Supreme Court judges, Mr Justice Iqbal Mahomed and Mr Justice Schabort, as chairmen of the meeting. However, the PAC did not walk out, raising hopes that it is now fully aboard the negotiations process.

One of the contentious issues which will have to be resolved today is who will convene and chair Codesa.

The PAC wants the convener to be a foreign organisation and there are also differences between the ANC and IFP on whether clerics should be involved.

But it is widely accepted that the meeting will agree today on remaining issues.

At yesterday's meeting, the IFP asked for separate representation at Codesa for the IFP, the KwaZulu government and the Zulu people. The meeting provisionally agreed there should be only one delegation for this grouping.

The Government delegation at first rejected the proposal for the Non-Aligned Movement to be invited to Codesa but relented after Constitutional Development Minister Gerrie Viljoen telephoned President de Klerk.

In the absence of a chairman at the start, Democratic Party leader Dr Zach de Beer opened the meeting.
Delay in IDT loan bid raises eyebrows

POLITICAL STAFF

THE Independent Development Trust's surprise postponement of its Eurobond issue to help fund a national school and clinic building programme has raised eyebrows in international banking circles - and prompted questions about the African National Congress's reliability.

The IDT this week announced it was calling off until next year a bid for a $109 million loan because it appeared that the ANC had at the last minute withdrawn its support for the venture.

Observers said that if there was no unanimous support in South Africa for the loan, it could make potential investors wary of showing interest next time around.

Saturday Star understands that the IDT decision - announced in newspaper advertisements this week - represents the failure of a 10-month-long process of consultation and preparation.

The IDT, headed by former judge Jan Steyn, said this week that explicit support for the venture had been sought - and received - from key political leaders before the loan bid was made.

Statement

These leaders included President de Klerk, Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and ANC president Nelson Mandela.

The IDT said shortly before it was to make its first presentation in London in mid-October that the ANC had suddenly issued a statement claiming that its support (for IDT fundraising efforts) was confined to grant-funding, not to the raising of loan finance.

It is understood that the ANC decided that the IDT proposal, if successful, would constitute a breach of financial sanctions - a policy it still adheres to.

Mr Mandela is believed to have said his initial support was due to misunderstanding of the implications of the ANC's sanctions policy.

The IDT said the ANC's October statement was "insupportable". It had gone ahead with its presentation on the basis that whatever "misunderstandings" had arisen would be resolved after its delegation's return from London.

"It appears that despite the support originally given to the venture, the ANC now regards the inflow of loan funds for a national school-building programme... as being in conflict with its policy on financial sanctions," said the trust.
BLACK POLITICS

ANC's plan for the press

By EDYTH BULBRING
Political Reporter

AN ANC media charter, which the organisation hopes will form part of future constitution and bill of rights, is being considered by the ANC's national executive committee.

According to the draft charter, everyone would have the right to freely publish, broadcast and disseminate information and opinion. People would also have the right of free access to information and opinion.

All legislation and institutions restricting the free flow of information or imposing censorship over the media would be forbidden.

But the citizen's right to privacy and any other freedoms entrenched in the bill of rights would not be violated on account of the free writing and the technical means for the receipt and dissemination of information, including electricity and telecommunications.

Diversity of ownership of media production and distribution facilities would be assured and affirmative action would be taken to provide financial, technical and other resources to deprived sectors of society, the charter states.
Clouds lifting after tough year

By MICHAEL SCERR, publisher of BUSINESS AFFAIRS Consultancy Anglo American

On the international front, there has also been rapid progress.

The negotiations have made significant advances, and it is hoped that a final agreement will be reached in the near future. This development is expected to have a positive impact on the global economy.

Rhetoric

There is a progressive closing of the gap between the parties on the issues of transitional arrangements.

But much remains to be done, and it is important that the parties continue to work towards a solution.

In addition, there is a growing sense of optimism among South Africans, which is reflected in the increase in foreign investment.

Useful

In terms of the economic policies, there is a need for a clear roadmap to ensure sustainable growth.

Businesses and governments must work together to create an enabling environment for businesses to thrive.

Assurers full of life as shares rocket

By DAVID SOUTHEY, investment analyst, Edley, Rogers & Co Inc

LIFE ASSURANCE shares are seen as good defensive investments in uncertain times.

The market is expected to remain strong, with good dividend prospects.

The overall insurance index — including short- and long-term insurers — rocketed by more than 5% from 1% to 6.2%.
CONFERENCE BRIEFS

At least one person from every organization present at the preparatory All-Party Conference talks yesterday will be present at the Convention for the Democratic South Africa (Codesa) scheduled for December 20 and 21.

The decision that the National Party and the government would field separate delegations to Codesa was welcomed by all the delegates.

A list of nine items was compiled for the Codesa agenda, which included:

- Creation of a climate for free political participation;
- General constitutional principles;
- Constitution-making body/process;
- Transitional arrangements/interim government/transitional authority;
- Future of the TBVC states;
- Role of the international community;
- Implementation of decisions of Codesa; and
- Other items to be identified by a Steering Committee and decided upon by Codesa.

Parties which had been invited but did not attend the preparatory talks will also receive invitations.

The PAC accused the ANC and the government of supporting each other’s proposals throughout the “talks about talks.”

Speaking at a Press conference held separately from the joint media conference addressed by the rest of the delegates, PAC delegation leader Barney Desai said that by lunchtime a decision-making pattern had emerged.

Bophuthatswana’s participation in the conference should not be seen as capitulation on the issue of reincorporation,” said Bop Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Israel Menong.

The Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday insisted that KwaZulu be represented by additional delegations—one from the KwaZulu government and another “from his Majesty, the King of the Zulus.”

The majority of participants agreed that Justice Jamal Mahomed and Justice Petrus Schabort—present co-chairmen of the “talks about talks”—should preside over the Codesa, which would be held at the World Trade Centre in Kerpトン Park.
By SEKOLA SELLO and Sapa

THE PAC yesterday temporarily withdrew from the constitutional talks with the government and 20 other organisations in protest against alleged collusion between the government and the ANC.

The PAC is one of four major participants with the ANC, the government and the IFP, who have withdrawn from the constitutional meeting as seen as a blow against the constitutional 'talks about talks'.

Hopes are still high, despite setback

The PAC was in a sombre mood during the opening day of the talks on Friday, when all the organisations' proposals were rejected by the participants.

Despite the setback, it is all systems go for the launch of a new, nonracial and democratic South Africa.

The historic two-day preparatory meeting between the government, ANC, IFP and 18 other organisations, with the PAC being a lone dissenting voice, was adjourned on Tuesday without any of the obstacles leading to a new constitutional dispensation.

At the end of yesterday's meeting the parties had resolved the contentious issues of chairmanship and timing of the December 2021 conference now officially known as the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Contralesa). Judges Ndoshe Mohamed and Paul Pretorius were appointed chairmen and conveners.

Another contentious issue, the conference meeting place, was resolved on Friday with the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park chosen as the venue.

Constitutional Development Minister Gerry Valji set the tone for the meeting by asking the conference that it was their show.

In other news, the conference meeting place was also chosen yesterday at a meeting of the PAC, which ILO warned of the outbreak of conflict between the ANC and IFP.

The PAC conference had been a long time coming for Democratic Party leader Dr Zac de Beer.

The ANC and PAC had quarreled over several issues during the preparatory meeting. "It is clear the CPP is on a collision course"," he said.

ANC delegation leader and party secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa said, "We have all been prepared to work together to achieve the objectives of this conference.

Ramaphosa said the 'successful' conclusion of the preparatory meeting marked the opening of genuine negotiations.

None of us can afford the luxury of clashing party political interests. The South African nation needs all of us to work together for the country," he said.

Refugee burial sparks row

By SOPHIE TEMA

THE alleged secret burial of Mozambican refugees shot by the security forces has torn apart the small Eastern Transvaal village of Jerusalem. Villagers said they had been told the bodies were of Mozambican refugees and that they were to be buried in a secret location.

Former NSA chairman Roger Saba will turn State witness against Al- hal Bhammee when Bhammee appears in the Rand court.

The matter came to a head when the "secret" plans to bury the refugees were discovered in Jerusalem. Villagers said they had been told a meeting at the royal kraal that the bodies were of Mozambian refugees and that they were not to be buried in a public place.

Sishio to testify against Bhammee

By DESMOND BLOW

FORMER NSL chair man Roger Saba will turn State witness against Al- hal Bhammee when Bhammee appears in the Rand court.

Executive members of the NSL have been subpoenaed, including Bhammee's head Sam Rama-

African newspapers, two Johannesburg attorneys who were members of the NSL.
SACP bids for 50,000 recruits

THE South African Communist Party aims to increase its membership to 50,000 over five years, senior party officials said this week.

A resolution to this effect is expected to emerge from the party's first legal conference inside the country since it was banned in 1960.

The SACP, relaunched inside the country in July last year with a membership of 5,000, has recruited more than 20,000 members.

SACP national organiser Charles Nqakula said that building the party would be the main issue for debate by 400 delegates at the congress in Johannesburg next weekend.

Crucial to this question was the kind of party that people wanted to build. The SACP wanted a membership of political workers who would actively promote socialism.

These members would influence the policies of the organisations in which they worked, he said.

The SACP would therefore not try to attract a membership of 'sleeping members', he said.

The conference would also debate the establishment of an independent party platform. Some believed that the SACP had been submerged in the policies and programmes of the ANC, he said.

To achieve an independent platform and to boost membership, the SACP would embark on campaigns devoted to nationalisation, jobs, food and housing.

Much of the three-day conference would be open to the media and afterwards the party would no longer have secret members.

While Robben Islander Ray Mhlaba is the popular choice to replace Mr Joe Slovo as general secretary, officials said this week it was doubtful whether Mr Mhlaba would agree to leave Port Elizabeth and move to Johannesburg.

If he did not, the general secretary would probably come from the ranks of the unions, the officials said. An obvious choice would be National Union of Metalworkers general secretary Moses Mayekiso or fellow unionist Sidney Mahumadi.

Possible candidates to be his deputy are Mr Blade Nzimande and Mr Sydney Mufamadi.

It was likely that Mr Slovo would be elected as chairman of the party, while Robben Islander Govan Mbeki would be a popular choice as his deputy.

Those likely to compete for the eight positions on the central executive committee are Chris Hani, Ronnie Kasrils, Jeremy Cronin, Sydney Mufamadi, Harry Gwala, John Gumede, Cheryl Carolus, Geraldine Fraser, Charles Nqakula, Siphiwe Nyanda, Ray Mhlaba, Blase Nazambe, Sizakele Sigxase, John Nkadimeng, Billy Nair, Ben Martins and Sam Shilowa.

Other topics for debate at the conference are the crisis in the Soviet Union, a new manifesto and the ratification of a new constitution.

Guests from China, Britain, Austria, France, Israel, Reunion, Cuba, Mozambique, Nicaragua, India, Italy, Senegal and Portugal are expected to attend.
SACP's (SACTA) dubious friends

THAT well-known refrain of yesteryear — "When will they ever learn" — must apply to the communist brotherhood in South Africa.

According to the chief of staff of the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, Comrade Chris Hani, who also doubles as a senior member of the South African Communist Party, the latter organisation is about to engage in a campaign of solidarity with Cuba.

One of the reasons he advanced was that South Africans must be educated about "the achievements of the Cuban revolution." That is true, but certainly not in the sense Mr. Hani intended.

South Africans should be made aware, if they do not know full well already, of the brutal oppression of the Castro regime, the grinding poverty, the shattered economy, the maltreated or worse political prisoners and the costly and failed military adventures designed to boost the dictator's image.

Other than that, South Africans have naught to learn of value from Cuba except to be reminded of the phrase: "By their friends ye shall know them." — A. Sutton, Pretoria.
No more torture in SA, says Hani

By PETER DENNEHY

"THERE will never be torture of human beings in this country again," uMkhonto weSizwe (MK) chief of staff Mr Chris Hani vowed at an MK 30th anniversary rally in Langa yesterday.

Dressed in combat fatigues at the rally in the Langa stadium attended by 2,000 to 3,000 people, Mr Hani said apartheid had created a machinery which "tortured and humiliated our people."

Police search

"We are coming into a new South Africa where not a single South African will be tortured by the security police. We will entrench a clause against torture in a new constitution," he said.

There was a strong police and army presence at a roadblock close to the stadium, and virtually every man and every vehicle going through it was searched. The Cape Times saw a knife and a stick being confiscated.

At least one gun must have been smuggled in, however, as MK fired a 21-round salute to fallen soldiers during a "minute of silence" in Mr Hani's speech. Police were watching from outside the stadium, but the gunman was concealed behind the truck on which Mr Hani stood.

Mr Hani read out a list of 31 names of local people who had died in the armed struggle in Angola, Rhodesia, Lesotho, Botswana, Transkei, and Bophuthatswana.

Thirty relay runners carried two symbolic spears from Khayelitsha, through the roadblock, and presented these "spears of the nation" to Mr Hani. Two local platoons of unarmed but uniformed MK soldiers drilled on the field and were inspected by Mr Hani.

Mr Willie Hofmeyr, assistant secretary of the Western Cape ANC, complained after the rally that the police searchers seemed to treat the attenders of ANC rallies differently from the way they treated those who went to Inkatha rallies.

Police spokesman Captain Attie Laubscher responded that the searches had been conducted for the safety of those who attended the rally. "We would do the same for anybody," he said.
ANC youth gear for first congress

PREPARATIONS are at an advanced stage for the first ANC Youth League (ANCYL) conference in the country after three decades of banning.

Taking place from December 9 to 12 in KwaNdebele, the conference will elect a national executive committee and will look at issues facing the youth today—the crisis in education; unemployment; the high crime rate, violence, youth development—and autonomy from the ANC.
A dying breed?

Not in the least

In a series of profiles on South Africa's up-and-coming policy-makers, City Press assistant editor SEKOLA SELLO speaks to South African Communist Party national organiser Charles Nqakula.

Golden City Post and Inno He later joined Inno on a full-time basis, first as a sports reporter and later as political correspondent.

His abilities as a journalist attracted a wider audience and he was recruited into the Daily Dispatch.

"Modestly, I think I transformed it into a serious newspaper," he says.

Nqakula became the newspaper's political correspondent at the King William's Town bureau for several years.

Being a journalist at the time was no bed of roses, he recalls. At the time the government took a direct view of crushng journalists in general and black ones in particular.

Nqakula was a constant target of harassment by the security police and in 1981 he was banned for three-and-a-half years. He was also placed under house arrest.

At the time of his dethronement, he was a long-serving secretary of the ANC.

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There were lots of political problems and repression in the Cape. The Sebe brothers (Charles and Lennox) were absolute tyrants.

They ruled the homeland with an iron fist. It required the least excuse to disgrace people.

"I realised that the truth was suffering and decided to launch Veritas to show the truth." Nqakula continued his underground ANC/SAACP activities while working for Veritas. In 1984, one of his underground colleagues was arrested.

He fled to Lesotho and proceeded to Tanzania and Zambia before going to Angola where he received military training.

In the late 80s he entered the country several times escaping the security police and the ANC.

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A rough ride for

By SEKOLA SELLO

The Patriotic Front sealed three months ago between youth leaders, ANC and the PAC seems to be coming apart at the seams. Contrary to recent claims by both organisations the PF is now increasingly looking more and more like a paper agreement some even say it is not worth the paper it is written on.

Conceived largely at the instigation of the national leaders of the organisation of African Union as the desirable weapon to confront the South African Government, the PF has in its first eluded enthusiasm from the ANC or PAC.

In 1961, three years after the PAC split from the ANC owing to certain issues that the ANC leadership was dominated by communists and non-Africans, the two groups had a shortlived relationship even sharing offices in London.

However problems surfaced again and both organisations went their separate ways. After the ANC engaged in networking at earlier stages, the two groups had in the 1950s and '60s been true representatives of the black masses in the struggle against apartheid.

In recent years the DUV has been the more vocal of the two to bemoan their differences. But when the ANC was formed in the 1970s, the ANC took over. The DUV has in recent years been called the ANC Would you describe the relationship between the pac and the ANC? It is a relationship that has been rocky from the beginning, with both organisations having different agendas and goals. The PAC has been more focused on the youth and the ANC on the overall struggle for liberation.

The PAC's youth wing, the PAC youth, has been active in the township, holding protests and rallies. The ANC, on the other hand, has been more focused on organizing and mobilizing the masses for the overall struggle.

The rivalry between the two organisations has intensified in recent years, with tensions rising over issues such as the leadership and the direction of the struggle. This has led to a split within the ANC, with some members supporting the PAC and others remaining loyal to the ANC leadership.

The PAC and the ANC have both been active in the struggle for liberation, but their approaches have been different. The PAC has been more focused on the youth and the ANC on the overall struggle. This has led to tensions and disagreements between the two organisations.

The PAC is also well-organized and well-funded, and they have a well-structured leadership. The ANC, on the other hand, has struggled to maintain its unity and cohesion.

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Rivalry stretches back a long way.

ANC LEADER... Nelson Mandela. OAU pressure prompted Front's formation, but will it last?

The PAC is also plagued with factions and its membership is diminishing. The fact that they released the contents of their secret talks without prior consultation with the ANC shows the extent of polarization.

The fact that both the ANC and PAC attended the preparatory talks with the government on Friday and will also attend the December 20-21 talks for the final talks with the Government and threatened to withdraw their membership, claimed to be 195,000.

President Langa Mkhize reported on the PAC, which has a very important component of the PAC. Another group of members calling themselves the Revolutionary Watchdog have been stepping up the leadership for several months this year. Earlier on they were regarded as mavericks lacking any support. However, recent events indicate that divisions within the PAC could be running deeper.

Although the strengths of the various factions expanding the PAC leadership are not known, their criticism is a source of embarrassment to the leadership and shows divisions within the movement.

A divided PAC would be a further blow to the PF, now dually referred to as the Pan-African Front.
Walkout 'storm in a teacup'  

THE African National Congress yesterday criticised the Pan Africanist Congress for walking out of preparatory talks for negotiations and said the PAC had held secret high-level talks with the Government.

He also said the ANC would do "all in its power" to help President P W de Klerk.

Addressing a media conference at his home in Soweto, ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela described the PAC's walkout on Saturday as "a classic storm in a teacup.'

ANC general secretary Mr Cyril Ramaphosa told the conference that Justice Minister Kobie Coetzee had disclosed the secret meetings between the Government and the PAC, which has consistently rejected any dealings with the Government.

"We don't think the Patriotic Front is going to be weakened. The Patriotic Front does not consist of the PAC and ANC alone.

"The PAC alleges collusion between the Government and the ANC in order to create the perception that they are the true revolutionaries of our country," Mandela said.

He added, "A wide gulf exists between their (PAC) rhetoric and their actions. We experienced similar posturing and manoeuvres in the preparatory and holding of the Patriotic Front.

"On another point Mandela said the rightwing posed a threat to De Klerk and pledged that the ANC would do all in its power to consolidate his position.

"He is the only person we can negotiate with. We are keen to do anything in our power to strengthen his position," he said. Sapa
Patriotic Front in tatters after talks

BY ISMAIL LAGARDIEN
Political Correspondent

BY the end of Saturday the Patriotic Front, launched with much fanfare a month ago, lay in tatters.

When the PAC on Saturday walked out of the preparatory meeting for a Convention for a Democratic South Africa, scheduled for December 20 and 21, the movement's deputy president Mr Dikgang Moseneke was careful not to go as far as actually saying that the PF was dead.

However, when asked by the Sowetan whether the PF did at any time during the two-day meeting function as a front, Moseneke emphatically said, "No."

Yet the very presence of the PAC at the talks was inspired by the creation of the PF on October 26.

When the PAC was first invited to enter into negotiations with the Government soon after it was unbanned on February 2 1990, the

Africanists responded that they could not meet with the ruling National Party alone.

They maintained that a "united front of the oppressed" must confront the Government.

Hence the launch of the PF earlier this year.

At the launch in Durban, PAC president Mr Clarence Makwetu said that the primary aim of the PF was "to unite the oppressed and democratic forces behind the just demand for the establishment of an elected constituent assembly."

There was a lot of excitement at the launch at the time, and expectations rose of a speedy settlement leading to a PF coalition government headed by the PAC and ANC.

And then last week the PAC received what it said were transcripts of an address made by ANC director for international affairs, Mr Thabo Mbeki, to African ambassadors to the United Nations.

In this speech, Mbeki was reported to have broken all confidences established by the PF.

He allegedly told the UN meeting that the ANC had entered into tacit agreements with the Government on a host of issues of which the PAC had no knowledge.

Pact

The PAC cried foul. What then, it asked, had become of the pact that had been established by the PF?

The ANC denied making such a speech, but that did nothing to lift the spirits of the PAC as it entered this weekend's talks.

The PAC deputy president said at the end of the talks that by lunch time on the first day, it had emerged that the PF was dead.

The Government and the ANC were initiating all decisions at the meeting and the homelands and tri-cameral parties were "rubber stamping" them, the PAC said.

"Throughout the proceedings, parties, except for the PAC, did no more than endorse positions which were the result of prior consultation and agreement principally between the ANC and the regime," Moseneke said.

"Without exception proposals made by the PAC were opposed by the ANC or the regime and would not be supported by the homeland or tri-cameral leaders. It became increasingly clear that this pattern would persist throughout the rest of the meeting," Moseneke said.

Leader of the Democratic Party Mr Zac de Beer also noted that the front was defunct.

"I cannot recall the Patriotic Front functioning as a front at all," De Beer said.

PAC leader Dikgang Moseneke.
Codesa could get legal teeth

New style of rule

SOUTH Africa could have a new style of rule within months - when decisions taken at multiparty talks on December 20 and 21 are expected to be given legal clout.

The talks, which will be called the Convention for a Democratic South Africa, will be held at the World Trade Centre near Johannesburg.

And when Codesa does get legal power, the very nature and function of the South African Parliament as it has existed since 1910 will be changed.

This will irreversibly change South Africa into a federal state and set up a provincial system of government.

In the words of Constitutional Affairs Minister Dr Dregt Viljoen, the weekend’s preparatory meeting for Codesa signalled a “clear break with the past.”

“It engages well for the implementation of a new South Africa with equal rights and equal opportunities for all its people and for everybody living within its boundaries.”

ANC general secretary Cyril Ramaphosa (left) and South African Communist Party leader Joe Slovo arrive at the venue where 22 political groups gathered for two days of talks to prepare for constitutional negotiations expected to begin this month.

Ismail Lagardien
Political Correspondent

Viljoen said in a statement after the meeting, the African National Congress’ general secretary, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, said the political parties had “jointly taken” the future of South Africa into their own hands.

“We shall continue to ensure that the government of the day maintains political stability and makes progress for a new South Africa,” Ramaphosa said.

The Pan African Congress is to hold a consultative congress in Cape Town on December 15 to meet a fresh mandate from its followers after it emerged out of the Codesa meeting on Saturday.

It accorded the Government and the ANC of trying to turn their discussions into the “rubber stamp” support of the political parties of the new state parliament and the broad-based leaders.

The PAC, however, asserted that the ANC had...
Long, uphill road that led to Codesa

IT was never going to be easy to formally bring South Africa's political parties together in the same room - and nobody had any delusions to the contrary.

There was a point during the days and weeks before this past weekend's preparatory meeting for multiparty talks - which will now officially be known as the Conference for a Democratic South Africa - when the ANC wanted to call off the whole concept of a multiparty conference as the launching pad for constitutional negotiations.

It was on Wednesday, November 20, after an intense six-hour debate with the Government that the ANC decided that perhaps the idea of a multiparty or all-party conference was not going to work, and that perhaps its following had to come up with a better configuration to launch actual negotiations.

However, after having decided that negotiations were the only viable option for a democratic South Africa, to bury apartheid once and for all, there was no way the ANC could call them off.

The leadership did a double- take they sat down again and resumed deliberations.

The ANC's leadership first raised the issue of an "all party congress" on January 8, which incidentally sounded similar to the idea of a "multiparty conference" which the Government was playing around with at the time.

In terms of ANC thinking at the time, such a conference would include all political parties and was aimed at reaching agreement on constitutional principles, interim arrangements and on the constitution-making body.

The ANC then entered into "exploratory constitutional talks" as stipulated in terms of the Pretoria Minute.

At the first, and only, such a meeting, at the "exploratory level", the possibility of an APC/MPC was discussed. The ANC's "open letter" to the Government on April 25 then cut these discussions short because of the violence in the country.

However, the revelation of South African Police collusion and the Inkhatha funding scandal, brought a new sense of urgency in the country.

The ANC felt that the longer the process dragged along on half power, the greater the danger was of the country being plunged into total chaos.

A member of the ANC's negotiations' commission, Mr Muhammad Valli Moosa, said the movement realised then that "in terms of our analysis, the violence in the country could not end as long as the minority regime was in power."

"The existence of a white minority regime and peace was just not compatible because that was the basis of their existence."

It was then, at a meeting of the ANC's National Executive Committee on July 31, that the ANC decided to start making preparations for an APC/MPC, and simultaneously elevated the demand for an interim government of national unity "as the immediate and primary demand," he explained.

Wide-ranging discussions with the various political organisations, trade unions, religious bodies and within the movement itself commenced with a newfound sense of urgency, and in search of a mandate for an APC/MPC.

By the beginning of October, the ANC's negotiations' commission resumed its discussions with the Government for the first time since its open letter - ostensibly to discuss the possibility of an APC/MPC.

At the time the negotiations' commission was made up of Mr. Joe Slovo, Mr Thabo Mbeki, Mr Jacob Zuma, Ms Barbara Masekela, and headed by the ANC's secretary-general, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa.

This commission was strengthened at last week's NEC meeting by the inclusion of Mr Mac Maharaj and Mr Joe Modise.

A number of bilateral meetings between the Government and the ANC took place on how an APC/MPC should take place, what the possible functions, agenda, venue, participants and principles of such a conference should be.

Among other issues, too, was the question of the involvement of other organisations in the actual planning of an APC/MPC.

An intense haggling took place during most of the meetings over the shape and size, who should be the conveners and where an APC/MPC should take place.

There was another development running concurrently with the planning of an APC/MPC - the Patriotic Front.

The Front was launched on the weekend of October 26 and its birth strengthened the resolve of the extra-parliamentary force. Inclusion of at least the major signatories of the front in the preparatory meeting for multilateral talks was inevitable.

However, as greater consensus on the APC/MPC grew, the suggestion arose that the preparatory meeting should be arranged by the ANC, the Inkatha Freedom Party and the Government.

This was when things fell apart.

The IFP felt it was uncomfortable with the ANC and the Government only as partners in the preparatory meeting.

The ANC dug its heels in and wanted a large preparatory meeting, which included as many political parties as possible - and more especially its Patriotic Front allies.

Lengthy and sometimes acrimonious haggling took place. And it was during this period that the wheels almost came off.

But consensus grew in tandem with the proposals of the size of the envisaged preparatory meeting.

Two postponements later, and that near death of the APC/MPC (before it was even born) the number of delegates to the preparatory meeting had dwindled from the three to seven, and then lurch to 24. The ANC was baying.

Then came this weekend's actual preparatory meeting.

In summing up the meeting, the ANC's secretary-general, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa said "Through the conclusion of this meeting, we have jointly taken the future of our country into our own hands. Our people will not forgive us if we do not seize this moment and move speedily towards a democratic future."

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Able women at meeting but none in charge
Nujoma not our source says PAC

THE Pan Africanist Congress has strongly denied reports that Namibian President Mr Sam Nujoma was responsible for leaking the minutes of Mr Thabo Mbeki's diplomatic briefing to the Frontline states.

The alleged briefing resulted in accusations that the ANC and the Government were co-operating secretly.

In a statement yesterday general secretary Mr Benny Alexander said he "emphatically denied" that Nujoma was the source.

"I want to make it clear that at no stage were these revelations discussed with him," Alexander was reacting to a report in a Sunday newspaper which claimed that the source of the leak was Nujoma whose diplomatic representatives apparently passed the document on to him.

"We regret any inconvenience this type of irresponsible reporting would cause Nujoma, as he is a trusted friend of both the PAC and the ANC.

"I reiterate that the source of our information is based in New York," Alexander said. "Sapa."
Preparatory talks were important more for style than content, Peter Fabricius reports.

**Lion lies down with the lamb**

It was in a sense the first Parliament of the new South Africa. Sixty delegates representing 20 parties and governments from across almost the whole political spectrum sat down together to discuss the country's future, in the broadest convention of its kind in South Africa's history.

Presiding over them were two judges, functioning very much like the Speaker of Parliament. "It had very much the atmosphere of Parliament," one delegate said.

"There were some sharp disagreements but afterwards everyone was friendly again."

There was a small but telling moment when ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa got up to oppose an African National Congress party proposal that it and the KwaZulu government should be allowed to send separate delegations to this month's Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa).

Before doing so Mr Ramaphosa asked the conference to join him in wishing IFP delegation head Frank McLachlin a happy birthday.

This was a long way from the killing fields of Natal or even the hostile rhetoric of ANC and IFP party-political platforms.

Democratic Party leader Dr Zach de Beer opposed motion that IFP and KwaZulu send separate delegations.

Zach de Beer said beforehand that the most important aspect of the meeting would be the style of negotiations it set.

If political parties were ready to seek compromise in the national interest, it could succeed.

If they came, instead, looking to grandstand and score party-political points, it would be disastrous for the future.

In the event, that approach prevailed with all but the Pan Africanist Congress.

One encouraging feature was the performance of the IFP, which, like the PAC, was expected to be at odds on some issues.

But it never broke ranks. It scored one minor victory — the decision not to involve clerics in the chairmanship of Codesa — and took a bit of a knock in the defeat of its proposal that the KwaZulu government should be allowed a separate delegation.

However, the PAC made it clear from the start that total consensus would not be possible.

It objected to the very first decision of substance, the choice of judges Ismail Mahomed and Peter Schabert as chairman, and then to almost every other decision.

But on every point of difference the PAC stood alone, out-voted 19 to 1.

The PAC hung in until part way through, and then walked out in protest against what it called "the virtual decision of the ANC on the main issues." The conference survived this threat rather effortlessly.

In fact, Dr de Beer said the PAC departure caused "hardly a hiccup" in the conference.

No one followed the PAC out and all the other major players condemned it, more or less explicitly.

The principle of "sufficient consensus" has been successfully demonstrated and a new style of negotiations had been born.

The success of the conference undoubtedly enhanced the status of this sort of multi-party, consensus decision-making.

The conference decided that this should be the decision-making mechanism for Codesa.

The performance of the two judges was such that they were selected again to chair Codesa.

Essentially this was the method of negotiations favoured by the Government. And the preparatory meeting must surely have boosted the chances of it being the style of negotiations for the new constitutional assembly.

The Government, the ANC — and more significantly perhaps, the IFP — denied that any secret deals had been done before the conference.

But no one denied that there had been an enormous amount of one-to-one consultation where many differences had been removed.

In fact, Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Vlok said the conference owed its success to the preparatory work.

Nonetheless, the PAC did have a point when it complained that the conference was doing little more than rubber-stamping prior decisions by the Government and the ANC.

The term "sufficient consensus" demonstrated another political theory, the centripetal effect of negotiations.

As negotiations gather momentum, they tend to pull centrist parties closer together and increase the tension in peripheral parties.

The PAC's walk-out proved that its decision at last month's Patriotic Front conference had aggravated tensions among moderates and hardliners.

Similarly, Conservative Party moderate Koos van der Merwe's "inadvertent" appearance at the meeting, underscored and aggravated the tensions in his party between negotiators and hardliners. Conversely, the conference benefited a perfectly centrist party such as the Democratic Party.

One of the unexpected features was the emergence of Dr Zach de Beer as an honest broker in negotiations.

The delegates spontaneously elected him to open the conference in the absence of a chairman they chose him to take the chair during the difficult two-hour debate on who should chair Codesa and he was elected again to chair the steering committee which will finalise plans for Codesa.

The DP's convergence theory seemed to be working.
If De Klerk disappears, we are back to square one – Mandela

ANC backs FW against Right

By Guy Jepson

ANC president Nelson Mandela yesterday pledged to do everything in his power to ensure that President de Klerk's power base was not eroded by the resurgent Conservative Party.

Addressing a press conference at his Soweto home on the eve of his departure for a series of top-level meetings in the United States, the ANC leader also said a serious attempt would be made to woo the CP to the negotiating table.

At the conference, ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa charged that there had been "repeated secret meetings" between the PAC and the Government — a charge the PAC has recently made against the ANC.

"At press conferences and public meetings the PAC has continued to deny that such secret meetings have taken place. However, at a private level, some of their leading officials have admitted such meetings have been held," Mr Ramaphosa claimed.

Discussing the question of the political threat posed by the white right wing to the throng for a negotiated settlement, Mr Mandela said there was "no doubt in our minds that the CP was a danger to the NP Government."

Although the ANC had "reservations" about Mr de Klerk and had previously perceived that his Government was playing a "double game", the State President remained "the only person with whom we can negotiate" a new constitution, said Mr Mandela.

"If de Klerk disappears, we are back to square one," Mr Mandela said, adding that the ANC would do "everything in its power" to assist the State President in the face of the CP threat.

The ANC leader said the launch of real multiparty negotiations on December 20 under the auspices of the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Cdesa) was of "crucial importance" to South Africa.

He described the controversy over the walkout of PAC delegates at Saturday's preparatory meeting as "a classic storm in a teacup."

"I am not prepared to spend a sleepless night over it. The forward movement to a democratic South Africa does not depend on the PAC. Nor can they do anything to slow down the process."

Earlier, Mr Ramaphosa read out a statement condemning the behaviour of the PAC before and during the preparatory conference as "dishonest, destructive and manipulative."

"It is clear the PAC came to the preparatory conference with a decision to walk out. We have no doubt that this is a pure showman- ship and that they will return to participate in Cdesa on December 20," Mr Ramaphosa said.

Mr Mandela was scheduled to fly to the United States last night where he is due to address the United Nations General Assembly and meet President Bush and US Secretary of State James Baker and members of Congress.

He will also be seeking financial support for the integration of political exiles. Meetings with top American business leaders and show-business personalities are also on Mr Mandela's itinerary.

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Woman may be UK's 'spymistress'

LONDON — Britain, traditionally secretive on the subject of spies, is staying silent about reports that a woman could be named to run its foreign intelligence service.

The Sunday Express newspaper said that two women, both of them high-ranking diplomats, were among short-listed candidates for the job of the director of the Secret Intelligence Service (SIS), the foreign intelligence arm known popularly as MI6.

"The appointment of Britain's first 'spymistress' to succeed Sir Colin McCall in the post of the prime minister of MI6, who retires on his 70th birthday in September, would end 100 years of male dominance," the paper said.

It named the two as Margaret Ramsay (53), just retired from the diplomatic service and Rosemary Jane Spencer (50), an assistant-under-secretary at the Foreign Office.

The Foreign Office refused to discuss the article.

"We never comment on intelligence matters, an FO spokesman said.

Britain is among Europe's most secretive states on its intelligence affairs. Until recently, anyone who published the names of the heads of MI6 or domestic intelligence or MI5.
The Convention for a Democratic SA (CDSA) was set to become an informal interim government to implement the new constitution. The CDSA, led by Inkatha Freedom Party leader Thabo Mbeki, aimed to transform SA into a more democratic country.

Inkatha delegation leader Frank Mdlalose said that SA was clearly on the path to a new, democratic dispensation. "We are very pleased that the preparatory committee will now show the world that South Africans can put right what is wrong. The IFP concludes its participation in the first phase of this process with a feeling of optimism," he said.

One representative of each of the participants at the weekend's meeting will sit down on Wednesday in a steering committee to finalise CDSA's logistics and funding arrangements.

In the meantime, talks between government and the political parties will continue in an effort to reach consensus on the specifics of transitional arrangements. Government wants to increase pressure on the ANC to be more supportive of a trilateral decision-making process involving the ANC, IFP, and CDSA.

A government source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the ANC would be required to work with the IFP and CDSA to prepare a new cabinet which must reflect the new constitutional dispensation. The government's role would be to ensure that the new cabinet is inclusive and representative of all political parties.

The government plans to hold a meeting with the leaders of the IFP and CDSA to discuss the implementation of the new constitution and the formation of the interim government.

The government source also said that the ANC would need to work closely with the IFP and CDSA to ensure a smooth transition to the new government. The source said that the ANC would need to be transformative in its approach to governance, and that it would need to work closely with the IFP and CDSA to ensure that the new government is inclusive and representative of all political parties.

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Preparatory meeting sparks off controversy

By Kaizer Nyatsumba
Political Staff

The weekend’s historic two-day preparatory meeting for multiparty talks has left in its wake raging controversy in various quarters.

As the dust settled after the conference:

● ANC president Nelson Mandela criticised the PAC for walking out of the conference, saying “forward movement to a democratic South Africa does not depend on the PAC.”

● Cosatu yesterday demanded that Codesa pave the way for constituent assembly elections within 18 months. Cosatu also said that if it could not attend Codesa in its own capacity, it would not attend at all.

● Government sources were quoted as saying the idea of Codesa becoming a form of interim government was one of many ideas being considered, but the ANC strongly rejected this possibility.

● The PAC leadership, which observers believe staged a walkout to save face in the wake of dissent within its ranks, was criticised by its Transvaal regions for having attended the November 29-30 conference.

● The Azanian People’s Organisation, which did not attend the conference, accused the ANC of entering into secret deals with the Government and attacked all participants in the conference.

● The Conservative Party yesterday reprimanded Overvaal MP Koos van der Merwe after his appearance at the conference.

CP leader Dr. Andries Treurnicht said the party’s executive had had discussions with Mr. van der Merwe yesterday following “occurrences” at the hotel.

“The executive reprimanded Mr. van der Merwe over certain errors of judgment he made,” Dr. Treurnicht said. “Mr. van der Merwe assured the executive that it was not his intention to harm the party, and apologised for embarrassment to the party. He reaffirmed that he fully endorsed the CP’s standpoint on the all-party conference and negotiations.”

Mr. van der Merwe told reporters at the talks in the wake that he was there to introduce an Angolan delegation to Finance Minister Barend du Plessis and not to attend the conference.
Coetsee tells conference PAC made secret deals over

PAC leaders had recently arranged deals with government at secret meetings not disclosed to the PAC's patriotic front colleagues or its supporters. This was disclosed at the weekend preparatory meeting.

The PAC delegation walked out 10 minutes from the end of the conference after two days of PAC opposition to proposals from the ANC, Inkatha and government.

The PAC last week accused the ANC and government of negotiating secret deals. Government delegate Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee expressed surprise at the PAC's demand that, because of the number of its senior members in exile, the convention for a Democratic SA (Codesa) be held outside the country. Agreements had been reached in this regard in secret talks with its leadership, Coetsee said.

Among a range of issues discussed in the past few weeks was the granting of indemnity to exiled members of the PAC. He said he had assured the PAC, and it had accepted his assurance, that the Justice Department would facilitate the return of its exiles in time for Codesa.

At a briefing following the PAC's walkout, deputy president Dikgang Moseneke said there was no inaccuracy in Coetsee’s statement with regard to the PAC's expulsion.

However, PAC delegate Barney Desai admitted that leaders had held talks with government, but in their capacities as lawyers and not PAC leaders.

Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen predicted the PAC would return to the negotiating table after consulting its members at a special consultative congress on December 10.

Diplomats and delegates said the PAC action was aimed at the more militant section within the PAC.

ANC delegates said they believed the PAC would also be back once it had consolidated its constituency. The ANC and PAC said the walkout would not threaten the patriotic front agreements.

Moseneke refused to be drawn on what the PAC leadership's proposal to its consultative congress would be but said the PAC believed that where critical national issues were being decided it should be involved.

Delegates at the conference said they had expected the PAC walkout, and it appeared that they were attending with the full intention of making political capital out of the event.

DP leader Zach de Beer said the walkout had come when the conference was tugging up loose ends right at the end.

It is understood the PAC had tried to have the venue discussion moved to the end of the conference agenda so it could walk out during this debate and appear to be taking a stand on a point of principle.

It is also understood that the PAC had been putting pressure on the ANC to join its delegation in bilateral talks with government prior to the preparatory conference to disguise the fact that it was talking to government. But the PAC was told by ANC negotiators it should set up independent meetings with government, the source said.
PAC and Pretoria had 'secret meetings'

JOHANNESBURG — The ANC has disclosed that the PAC held secret high-level talks with the government, which could embarrass the militant movement.

The ANC castigated the PAC for storming out of Saturday's preparatory negotiations talks.

ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela called the walkout "a classic storm in a teacup."

"I am not prepared to spend sleepless nights over it," said Mr Mandela, addressing a news conference at his Soweto home hours before he was scheduled to leave the country for a visit to the United States.

ANC secretary-general Mr Cyril Ramaphosa said that Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee had revealed that secret meetings took place between the government and the PAC, which has consistently rejected any dealings with Pretoria.

"It came as a surprise for us to learn from Minister Kobie Coetsee on Friday at the preparatory meeting, a charge that the PAC did not deny, that there have been repeated secret meetings at the highest level between themselves and the PAC," he said.

"At a private level, some of their (the PAC's) leading officials admit that such meetings have been held," he added.

Mr Ramaphosa, charging that the PAC had entered the talks with a mind to walk out, branded the move "pure showmanship".

Mr Mandela dismissed the PAC action and said it would not have any serious impact on negotiations, which get off the ground on December 20.

The PAC delegation stormed out of Saturday's meeting after accusing the ANC, its partner in the Patriotic Front, of colluding with the government.

Mr Mandela sought to minimise the damage the accusations could have on their alliance that buried decades of political rivalry.

The Argus Political Staff reports that PAC deputy president Mr Denis Moseneke said claims of secret meetings between the government and the PAC were "utter nonsense."

He said a full statement would be issued at a press conference today — Sapa.
INKATHA, PAC reject black Christmas call

Shopping sprees and parties will be a no-no for supporters of the Civic Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) and Azapo this Christmas. Inkatha and PAC members in the PWV can let their hair down.

The ANC will decide only this afternoon whether to support the call by its ally Cast for a black Christmas.

Cast president Moses Mayekiso told a news conference in Johannesburg yesterday that township violence made Christmas a time of mourning. Cast was not issuing a directive but merely calling on residents to refrain from excessive spending and throwing big parties in an attempt to press government and big business to take "decisive steps" to end violence.

The PAC's Transvaal regions, however, said yesterday they would not participate in Cast's black Christmas, calling it "patristic" and "counter-productive".

Inkatha spokesman Suzanne Vos said the call was a destructive strategy not conducive to the peace process, but Azapo spokesman Strini Moodley said his organisation had also made such a call.

Cast vice-president Kgabashe Mosunkuthu stressed that buying basic foodstuffs and medicine from white-owned shops would not be affected, while Mayekiso urged the public not to heighten "tension and confusion" by buying fireworks.

Mosunkuthu said the call was the first in a series of campaigns to force government to address "grievances".
AZAPO yesterday accused the ANC of misleading the public and attacked all groups which participated in the weekend preparatory conference about negotiations.

AZAPO also attacked the Pan Africanist Congress which walked out of the talks on Saturday for meeting "the bantustan and tricameral puppets."

In October Azapo was ejected from meetings convened by the ANC, PAC and other organisations to try to form a Patriotic Front prior to last weekend's talks.

Azapo did not attend last Friday and Saturday's meetings yesterday Azapo president Mr Pandelani Nefolovhodwe said a true PF was not formed in October.

Homeland leaders and organisations participating in the racially-segregated tricameral parliament, who had attended the PF meeting, had shown in the past months that they were "still glued to their master - the De Klerk regime."

Nefolovhodwe then referred to allegations by the PAC last week that the ANC and Government had secretly made agreements prior to the all-party talks.

Misleading

He repeated the allegations and accused the ANC of misleading the public by pretending "that these matters were not agreed upon prior to the Jan Smuts meetings."

"Azapo and those who are fighting for the total liberation of black people should brace themselves for another fight," he said.

The Government's strategy was to divide the liberation movements and it was "quite thrilled" at separating the ANC from organisations such as the PAC, BCMA and National Union of Mineworkers.
Win-win was the name of the game

ALL 20 political parties, organisations and governments taking part in the preparatory talks at the weekend walked away feeling they had won much more than they had lost.

This was what experts in negotiations would call a win-win situation, and it certainly set the scene for all South Africans - barring the right white - to be hopeful that the political leaders will indeed be able to find a negotiated political settlement.

From the ANC point of view, they feel they won because, as secretary-general Mr Cyril Ramaphosa said in words that filled media headlines around the world, "More than ever we are convinced that we are walking the last mile."

Ramaphosa went on to say "The possibilities of achieving a democratic South Africa through negotiations have now become real. The successful conclusion of the preparatory meeting marks the opening of genuine negotiations." This raises the question whether the ANC now thinks the reform process is irreversible, and if so would the ANC allow more sanctions to drop away?

Given the words of Dr Gerrit Viljoen, Minister of Constitutional Development, the Government and National Party seem happy. "After a long series of obstacles on the way in the long process of talks about talks, we have now come to where the real talks have commenced."

On a broader perspective, the NP is contributing to change in South Africa in a way few of their opponents thought possible before February 2 last year, so the future of their party and their own political careers is a lot brighter now than it was two Christmases ago.

The whole of South Africa, apart from the right wing, won when Viljoen said the talks "represented a definite, clear and irreversible break with the past."

The Inkatha Freedom Party won in the words of national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose "The deliberations to date have been better than we had anticipated and this augurs well for the future."

Mdlalose said the IFP walked away with a feeling of optimism.

This feeling was undoubtedly shared by most South Africans.

The smaller parties walked away pleased that they had finally broken into the negotiation circle which has now opened to democratic participation, and were finally seeing some action.

Parties from the Tripartite Parliament and those based in the national states left, grateful that they were being recognised as legitimate by the ANC and PAC, and worthy of making some contribution to the process of change. The ANC and the PAC have not received enough credit yet for dropping their hardline opening position of having nothing to do with the national state-governing parties and those based in Parliament.

While the TBVC states will definitely disappear in the new South Africa, their delegations left the talks with at least the comfort of knowing that they would be able to play a part in their own disbandment and would not be summarily overthrown - a prospect that once seemed inevitable.

Also, in their own way, the PAC left feeling they had won, well, at least won a moral battle.

While other parties have accused the PAC of playing to the gallery, the PAC are actually engaging in a very democratic exercise. Their leaders said look, we got beat at every turn in the opening talks on who the convener should be, where the talks should take place, and the need for an immediate constituent assembly. Before we go further we are suspending our participation pending a fresh mandate from a special conference of our members on December 16.

The PAC feel they won morally also because they alone specifically called for trade union federations to join the talks.

While others said the PAC alone tried to score political points, and that they would not be missed, a place has been left open for them on the steering committee.

Dr Zach de Beer, the Democratic Party leader and now chairperson of the steering committee, said the preparatory talks continued without a hitch when the PAC walked out just before lunch on the steering committee.

"The smart money, however, says the PAC will be back. In an ambiguous answer, Mr Dirk Moeneke, vice-president of the PAC, reply when asked what direction leadership would give their special committee. He was aware there are critical national issues and by and large we will remain engaged."

What emerges then is a perception that delegates displayed a very mature attitude to the preparatory talks. As the talks were behind closed doors, this verdict of the atmosphere was based on what delegates said as they came out of the room to be pounced on by the media waiting in the foyer.

Their message was that there was a measure of responsibility, with people wanting to make sure they did not wreck the party just for the sake of making politics.

Delegates spoke of a willingness to accommodate, and accepted each other's commitment to find answers and move forward. As Ramaphosa said, "All organisations recognised the need to rise above party political interests and be guided by the national interest."

Selecting De Beer as chairman of the steering committee, as proposed by Mr Roos, the Minister of Defence, demonstrated the maturity. De Beer stands for reform. He is the one person who would not make political mileage out of the honour bestowed on him. Although impatient with fools, De Beer would never forgive himself if any person thought he acted improperly as chairman of the steering committee.

As a journalist, if serving as chairman was not an honour, De Beer replied in his usual straightforward way, "It is one of those things that comes with age."

All the positive points earned by delegates at the preparatory talks will be challenged by the tough negotiations that lie ahead, and everybody agrees that they will be tough.

There is also widespread agreement that political violence is going to continue despite the best efforts of peacekeepers.
'Climate at talks was not right'

THE PAC found neither the Government nor the ANC were listening to them and therefore decided to walk out of the preparatory talks, PAC general secretary Mr Benny Alexander said yesterday.

Alexander was speaking during the Swenetan/Radio Metro Talkback Show.

He said the PAC had gone into the talks with a clear mandate to convince the meeting that any meaningful talks would have to be held outside the country.

"We were also uncomfortable with the fact that the two presiding judges are employees of Mr Kobus Coetsee.

Conditions

"When we made our objections both the ANC and the Government criticised us. We obviously could not continue under those conditions," Alexander said.

The general secretary of Azapo, Mr Don Nkabende, said Azapo rated the talks no better than the Patriotic Front conference talks.
PAC denies 'secret deals'

By THEMBA MOLEFE, Political Staff

PAC general secretary Mr Benny Alexander yesterday said the organisation had no secret deals with the Government except for above-board legal meetings to secure passports and visas for its exiled members.

Such meetings had been held between PAC lawyers and the Government, Alexander said.

"I think it is important that we had secret constitutional talks behind multi-party talks and made them public. It is a weak attempt by the ANC and Government to save face after being caught out by the PAC. The PAC's attitude has always been to open everything up to the media," he said.

Meanwhile, president of the Azapo Mr Pandelani Nefolovhio said Azapo was not surprised by the PAC's walkout.

He said Azapo and the ANC should have long realised the collision between the two. He said.
Hopes are high for ‘refuseniks’

THE National Party delegation at its Friday preparatory meeting for the Convention for a Democratic South Africa was seated between the SACP delegation and that of the PAC.

The Government delegation sat at one end of the horseshoe-shaped table and the Inkatha Freedom Party’s delegation sat at the other.

This was the nature of the status of the representation at Friday’s talks.

Although the Government delegation and that of the NP might at first appear to be a duplication, the obvious conclusion of which would be that the Government had any unfair advantage, the Government was there as a type of observer, or in a non-vote carrying position only - not that any voting was expected.

There were four blank spaces on the official guest list under the names Arapo, Conservative Party, Herstigte Nasionale Party and Afrikaner Weerstands beweging but there were great expectations that this too will pass.

Last week’s meeting resolved to extend to the four ‘refuseniks’ a second invitation to multiparty talks and Codex.

There were nevertheless 60 delegates from 20 political parties and organisations from South Africa (including the homeland and self-governing states) at Friday’s meeting.

In alphabetical order, they were:

ANC - Mr C Ramaphosa, Mr MV Moosa, Mr J Zuma
Bophuthatswana - Mr SG Mthethwa, Mr R Creng, Mr BE Keikelame
Democrate Party - Dr ZJ de Beer, Mr D Dalling, Mr KM Andrew
Dikwankwetla Party (QwaQwa) - Rev TJ Mohapi, Mr JSS Phatang, Mr RT Ramasa
Inkatha Freedom Party - Dr FT Mdlatose, Inkosi SH Gumede, Mr WS Folgate
Intando Yeswe Party - Mr MS Mahlangu, Mr NJ Mahlangu, Mr SV Mahlangu
Inyandza National Movement (KuNgwan) - Dr E Gimgundza, Dr P Maduma, Prof SS Ripunga
Labour Party of South Africa - Mr M Richards, Mr P Hendrickse, Mr CJ April
National Party - Dr DJ de Villiers, Mr BJ du Plessis, Mr RP Meyer
National People’s Party - Mr A Rajbars, Mr K Panday, Mr S Nadoo
PAC - Mr B Desai, Mr M Mbandaray, Mr W Senti
Solidarity - Dr JN Reddy, Mr D Doekie, Mr I Omar
SACP - Mr J Slovo, Mr S Matamadi, Mr M Mayekhu
SA Government - Dr G van N Viljoen, Mr HJ Coetzee, Mr SS van der Merwe (not to be confused with Stoffel van der Merwe)
Joint delegation of Transvaal and Natal Indian Congresses - Mr C Saloojee, Dr P Meer, Mr PJ Gordhan
Transkei - Maj-General HB Holomusa, Chief P Ndamase, Mr Z Titus
United People’s Front (Lebowa) - Mr MJ Mahlangu, Mr MI Mopoanoche, Mr Ramshe
Venda - Mr TG Ramabulawa, Mr S Makanya, Mr VS Landela
Xhoko Progressive Party (Gazankulu) - Prof HWE Nisanwisi, Chief SDW Nxumalo, Mr EPP Mhmea
ANC slates Cape NP official's 'party' offer

CAPE TOWN — The ANC yesterday said it would not stomach suggestions by a "brown Nat" at the weekend that the NP would like to boost attendance at its meetings by offering food and drink.

The Cape branch of the ANC said it was astounded by the admission of prominent "new Nat" and western Cape MP Abe Williams, that if funds had been available he would rather have organised a party to attract the public following a poor turnout at an NP meeting.

Fewer than 40 people attended the first NP public meeting in a colourless area at Austerville outside Durban, on Saturday night.

Former Labour Party secretary and now Deputy Minister of National Education, Williams told reporters: "If we had the funds, we'd throw a party — that would attract the people."

The ANC said in a statement issued by assistant regional secretary Willie Hofmeyr that the ANC always believed the purpose of holding political meetings was to attract views of the public.

"It surely demonstrates a remarkable lack of faith in the National Party's policy when its leaders confess that they have to hold parties (with an implicit promise of free food and drink) to attract the public to their meetings."

"It appears that the NP, and the 'New Nats' in particular, still bankier after their old ways of organizing; in other words, the effort made was to 'buy' voters through free parties and other forms of entertainment," he said.

Hofmeyr said the ANC hoped that future free elections would not be conducted in this way, but that voters would have the opportunity to make an informed choice.

TrustBank cancels cheque guarantee

TRUSTBANK has withdrawn with immediate effect its automatic R200 guarantee on its ordinary cheques because of rising costs associated with fraud.

Letters to clients said: "Automatic cheque guarantees on ordinary cheques offer too many opportunities for fraud and misuse by criminals when cheques are lost or stolen."

However, the bank said clients would still be able to get guarantees on an individual basis.

A "standardised" cheque guarantee system was being introduced which TrustBank said would provide greater protection.

The decision, the bank said, was "in the interest of ensuring greater security and curtailing the costs relating to fraud, and forms part of our programme of creating a safer banking environment."

Sources in the banking industry expressed little surprise at the move, suggesting TrustBank should never have offered such guarantees in the first place because of the risks of fraud. They pointed to TrustBank's ordinary clients being in the same league as those of Nedbank, which also guarantees ordinary cheques.

Nedbank said in a statement that it would not withdraw its automatic R100 guarantee on its ordinary cheques.

"Nedbank has had very few instances of fraud, as we find our clients act responsibly with their cheque books."

The R100 guarantee could well be increased.

Rembrandt co-founder Hertzog dies
Refrain from discussing this topic. This instruction is about a political issue. If you have any questions or need assistance with another topic, feel free to ask!
ANC slates Govt’s Masterbond move

By Dennis van der Merwe
Political Reporter

The ANC yesterday labelled as a little strange the Government’s willingness to assist Masterbond investors by using taxpayers’ money to rescue victims of the failed investment scheme.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said the Government should rather spend all available funds on critical national needs such as housing and education.

Political parties across the spectrum have criticised the Government’s intention to jump to the assistance of investors in the Masterbond group.

Their criticism followed an invitation by the director-general of the Department of Health Services and Welfare, Dr Jamie Pienaar, who said earlier that special arrangements had been made for Masterbond investors who were strapped for cash to apply for grants.

Democratic Party finance spokesman Ken Andrew said the Government should be pressured into launching an in-depth investigation into legislation and regulations “to ensure that people feel more secure when investing in properly registered deposit-taking institutions.”
SACP sees itself as ‘best force for socialism’

The South African Communist Party, which holds its eighth national congress this week, regards itself as “the best organised force for socialism in the country”.

At a press conference in Johannesburg yesterday, SACP national organiser Charles Nqakula said the congress, which runs from Thursday to Sunday, would be attended by guests from a number of socialist countries.

He said the SACP was in favour of a mixed economy, but would nationalise all major industries.

“People in this country have been oppressed in the most atrocious of ways. We want workers to be in charge of production and distribution in particular in major industries.”

Mr Nqakula said the SACP wanted to “revive the international communist platform” and would pledge solidarity with Cuba, the party’s long-time ally.

It was not known where the congress would be held because the original venue had had to be changed “for security reasons”.

Reflecting the party’s new openness, Mr Nqakula released the agenda and a list of countries from which guests would be coming.

He also disclosed that the party, which had started with about 5 000 members when it came into the open after its unbanning last year, had registered 20 000.

Most were also ANC members and some were members of the Pan Africanist Congress and the Azanian People’s Organisation.

Mr Nqakula said at least 400 delegates were expected to attend the congress.

Speakers would include ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu and Cosatu general-secretary Jay Naidoo.
PAC leaders slated for being at talks

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The Transvaal leadership of the Pan Africanist Congress yesterday criticised the PAC national leadership's decision to attend the multi-party preparatory talks at the weekend, but affirmed its confidence in the leaders.

...At a press conference in Johannesburg, three PAC regional chairmen said the organisation's regional structures held a meeting at Hammanskraal on the weekend to discuss the national leadership's decision to attend the November 29-30 preparatory meeting.

The three - Nsundeni Madzunya (West Rand regional chairman), Lucas Mahlangu (Northern Transvaal regional chairman) and Thami Plaatjie (Vaal regional chairman) - said the Hammanskraal meeting had resolved that "the presence of the PAC at the weekend talks was grossly unjustified"...They said delegates at last year's congress had mandated the PAC leadership to enter into negotiations with the Government only to discuss the modalities of creating a constituent assembly. The Government had not agreed to a constituent assembly, which did not even feature at the weekend talks.

...In a statement, the three men said that what made matters worse was that the PAC's proposals at the conference that talks be held outside the country and be chaired by a representative of one of three international bodies were rejected.

...However, the men said they stood "behind the PAC leadership in these trying times".

The PAC in the Transvaal had declared that the recently formed "Patriotic Front" had been "grossly compromised", they added.
Cosatu calls for full say at Codesa

By Mike Sihluma

South Africa's biggest labour federation, the Congress of SA Trade Unions, has increased the temperature of the negotiations process by demanding the holding of constituent assembly elections within 18 months.

In a hard-hitting statement yesterday, Cosatu also announced it would only take part in the Convention for a Democratic SA (Codesa) — which holds its first meeting in two weeks' time — if it was allowed to attend in its own right, not as part of a delegation of either the ANC or the SA Communist Party.

Announcing the decision at a press conference, Cosatu general-secretary Jay Naidoo said, "We believe that the process of political transition should involve as many major players as possible, and that includes Cosatu."

"We want to see democratic, one-person, one-vote elections within 18 months, if not sooner. We believe that 18 months is enough for Cosatu to complete its task of preparing for the installation of an interim government which will focus on ensuring free and fair elections to a constituent assembly."

Mr Naidoo said the decision was taken by Cosatu's central executive committee (CEC) — its highest policy-making body, after congress — after considering recent developments, including meetings between the Government and the ANC, as well as deliberations within the Cosatu ANC/SACP alliance.

"The CEC resolved that if Cosatu could not take part in Codesa in its own right, it would not do so at all. Cosatu would throw its weight behind the ANC-SACP negotiating teams," Mr Naidoo said.

Flowing from this, Cosatu had set up a six-person committee "to liaise and strategise with the ANC and SACP in the negotiating process".

The Cosatu decision, which effectively overrules one taken last month by the federation's national executive committee, favouring the integration of Cosatu into ANC and SACP delegations to the talks, betrays fears about the Government's intentions and a desire by the organisation to reassert itself on the political stage.

It is understood from union sources that Cosatu's decision to insist on attending the talks separately followed the Government's and other conservative parties' resistance to the participation of unions.

Cosatu is understood to have been offered seats on the delegations of the ANC-and the SACP, but the feeling among the 80-person CEC, was that participation in this way would hinder the Cosatu delegates from independently articulating the federation's views.

Other CEC decisions included urging the Government and employers to agree to the establishment of a macro-economic negotiating forum.
Youth league to carve out role

THE ANC youth League will hold its 17th congress since the formation of the original league in 1944 from December 9 to 14 in KwaNdebele.

ANC secretary-general Mr Cyril Ramaphosa said the historic congress, whose theme is “Youth in the vanguard of mass united struggle for peace, freedom and democracy”, will be opened by the honorary life president of the Youth League, also ANC national chairman, Mr Oliver Tambo.

The keynote address will be delivered by deputy-president Mr Walter Sisulu.

The programme will centre around the building of a broad youth front which will champion the cause of nonracism and democracy.

He said the ANC noted with regret the “unfounded accusations levelled against Rapu Molekane and Peter Mokaba who are both Youth League leaders and presidential candidates for the coming congress”.

The allegations were aimed at disrupting the congress and sowing seeds of division among the youth, Ramaphosa said.

He said they were confident the congress would be successful despite the allegations.

The Youth League said deliberations of the congress will be aimed at carving out the role that should be played by the Youth League in accomplishing the immediate strategic objective of the ANC which was the transfer of power into the hands of the democratic majority.

Central to that was the speedy progression of the current talks about talks phase into genuine negotiations.

“The ANC Youth League has an obligation to ensure that the pending transition and negotiation processes give birth to a genuinely nonracal, united, democratic and non-sexist South Africa,” the league said in a statement.

The statement further said the draft constitution and code of conduct, policy document, autonomy of the league, international relations, affirmative action with specific reference to women’s emancipation and the building of the league would be discussed at the congress.

The hallmark of the congress is expected to be the adoption of a programme of action that will be expected to marshal the overwhelming majority of the youth into active struggle on all fronts.

The congress will also address issues such as the education crisis, escalating crime, health, unemployment and the provision of social amenities relevant to young people.
SACP opts for Nasrec venue

THE South African Communist Party's first legal congress inside the country since it was banned in 1950 will be held at Nasrec, just outside Johannesburg.

For security reasons the SACP was forced to change the venue, the party announced on Monday.

The four-day congress, starting tomorrow, would be held under the strictest security, SACP central committee member Mr. Bhekizizwe Dlamini said yesterday.

The original venue had been the Safari Hotel in Berea, Johannesburg, he said.

Security reasons and a sudden surge in the number of delegates; international guests and media representatives had forced the change, Dlamini said. - Sapa
Azayo rejects Codesa

THE Azanian Youth Organisation has rejected the 'newly' formed Convention for a Democratic South Africa.

Azayo deputy president Mr George Ngwenya said Codesa was no different from the National Convention, which was mooted by former State President PW Botha in 1979.

The only difference might be that Codesa enjoyed the support of the African National Congress and the Pan Africanist Congress, he said.

"The formation of Codesa is a direct betrayal of our people's resolve to liberate themselves."

- Sowetan Reporter
Mandela hopeful about the new SA

NEW YORK - There was no reason why South Africa's new constitution could not be drawn up within a year, ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela said last night.

He told the 46th session of the United Nations' general assembly that a constitution-making body or elected constituent assembly should be established speedily after the Convention for a Democratic South Africa had finished its work.

"Once established, we see no reason why this assembly should not conclude its work of drawing up the new constitution within a year."

Mandela also called for continued international pressure to encourage speedy movement forward, but said sanctions should be lifted in phases to correspond with the actual progress being achieved in South Africa.

"The two major phases ahead of us would be delineated by the establishment of an interim government and secondly, the election of the new government in terms of a democratic constitution."

"We would therefore urge this assembly and its member states to handle the issue of sanctions in this manner. We are convinced that this is the best way to use this form of pressure to realise our common objective of securing a speedy end to the system of apartheid."

He said it was "critically important" that the international community support the peaceful process leading to a democratic South Africa and stressed the ANC expected the UN to participate in the political processes in the country.

Decisive

Mandela said it was "of decisive importance" to the work of CODESA that the National Party make a commitment that the decisions of the convention be given legal force.

"Unless this is done, the convention will be no more than a mere talking shop. Obviously, this cannot be allowed."

He described CODESA as an "important step forward" in the process leading to a negotiated political resolution.

He said the convention would seek speedy decisions on a number of issues, including principles to underlie the new constitution, mechanism for its drawing-up, an interim government that would take charge of the country until a new democratically elected government was formed, the reincorporation of homelands into South Africa, the time frames for the transitional period as a whole, and the role of the international community."
SA Communist Party (SACP) central committee member Jeremy Cronin yesterday predicted there would not be a split between the party and the ANC, even in the long term.

Speaking in an interview on the eve of the SACP's eighth congress, Cronin said he would venture that a split between the SACP and the ANC in the long term was neither inevitable nor necessary.

There was no prospect of a split in the short term, he said.

Cronin said the SACP's draft manifesto, which will be one of the major focuses of the four-day conference, stated that change in SA would not be complete without socialism.

"To deepen and defend national democratic change, socialism enters into the picture. At such a time it will be possible and necessary to persuade the overwhelming number of ANC members to move in that direction.

"Whether we will merge with the ANC or whether there will be a compact of forces, one does not really know, but as a relatively small party we cannot make the socialist revolution alone."

The congress, the SACP's first inside SA for 40 years, will give the majority of the SACP's newly acquired 23 000 members their first opportunity of electing leaders.

According to nominations received from SACP branches, the frontrunners for the top SACP post of general secretary include Numsa general secretary Moses Mayekiso, Cosatu assistant general secretary Sidney Mafumadi, SACP national organiser Charles Nqakula and central committee member Chris Ham.

Ham has already indicated he will not stand for the post, although he would accept nomination to the central committee.

Frontrunner for national chairman is current SACP general secretary and de facto leader Joe Slovo, while central committee member Raymond Mhlaba has been nominated Slovo's deputy chairman.

Figures released by the party indicate its strongest support comes from the Border region which will send 94 delegates.

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ANC language policy

The ANC has decided to set up a standing commission to make proposals on a language policy for a new SA. Earlier proposals for 10 official languages were criticised because of the expense and difficulties of such an arrangement.

Yesterday the ANC announced its arts and culture department's three-day conference had decided to establish standing commissions to make proposals on the implementation of a language policy, monuments, museums and national symbols, and how arts and culture should be financed.
New constitution could be ready in a year, Mandela
tells the UN

ANC president Nelson Mandela told the UN General Assembly he was confident SA could draw up a democratic constitution within a year, signalling that all economic sanctions could be lifted within this period.

He said that after CODESA had done its work it would have to move quickly to establish a constitution-making body, which the ANC believed should be an elected constitutional assembly.

“We see no reason why this assembly should not conclude its work of drawing up the new constitution within the year,” Mandela said.

At the same time, Mandela told the annual UN debate on SA standards of the people as a whole and the quality of life were not addressed. That was why the growth of the economy and its restructuring to serve the needs of the entire population had to be an integral part of the process of reconstruction.

A democratic, peaceful and stable country could not be attained if SA had to rely entirely on its domestic resources, it would require the support of the international community. Economic sanctions should be maintained until an interim government was in place, the remaining sanctions should be lifted once a new government had been elected.

But the international community should make preparations to enable it to lift sanctions immediately.

He reiterated his call on the world body to implement measures of censure and sanction on any organisation acting contrary to the purpose of the peace accord to help create a violence-free process.

He also urged the International Atomic Energy Authority to “move with all speed to inspect the nuclear installations in our country” to ensure compliance with the nuclear non-proliferation treaty.

He hailed the convening of CODESA later this month and said “We can see rising on the horizon the new glorious entity which shall no longer be spoken of as the pariah among the nations, the detestable example of what is impermissible in the ordering of human relations.”

Brett Paddock reports PAC president Clarence Makwetu told the General Assembly on Monday that President F W de Klerk's government had introduced only a veneer of reform.
Breaching the barricades of compulsory consensus

A POTENTIALLY important new procedural precedent was established during last week’s preparatory meeting for the Convention for a Democratic South Africa — a new principle of “sufficient consensus”. Several times during the two-day meeting of the joint chairmen, Mr Justice Peter Schabert and Mr Justice Ismail Mahomed, applied this concept in overruling minority party vetoes — mostly against the PAC — when it was clear an overwhelming majority of the 20 parties agreed.

In doing so they gave a mixed interpretation to the notion of consensus politics, ruling that it means more than a simple majority but less than unanimity, but without defining precisely where the line should be. What is clear, however, is that this ruling removes the power of a minority party veto from the concept of consensus decision-making.

Later, in considering the decision-making mechanisms to be used at Cdesa, the preparatory meeting agreed that this principle of “sufficient consensus” should be applied there as well.

The implications are far-reaching, for consensus decision-making and minority-party vetoes lie at the heart of the National Party’s constitutional proposals. As this column noted last week, President de Klerk’s concept of “power-sharing”, as distinct from “majority rule”, is built around an elaborate system of consensus requirements in the senate, a multi-party cabinet and a tricameral presidency that would effectively give minority parties, such as the NP, a veto power enabling them to paralyse a black parliamentary majority and entrench the status quo of white advantage.

Now the very core feature of that proposal has been bent.

What makes it doubly significant is that it was the NP that proposed that this flexible concept of consensus decision-making should be applied at Cdesa too.

As the NP’s delegation leader, Dr Dawie de Villiers, put it: “At all times the chairman must seek unanimity, but we must accept the principle that the convention cannot be held up by a small minority.”

Well, if the principle of unanimity cannot be strictly applied in the all-important process of making the national constitution, it surely cannot be required either in the constitution that that process produces. If the convention cannot be held up by a small minority, then neither can the political process that it initiates.

Yet there are problems of implementation in this intriguing new concept. On Saturday the Bo- phuthatswana delegation wanted to know what the position would be if there was a disagreement on the homeland’s future to which everyone else agreed and it was the only dissentier. Would it be overruled on the grounds of “sufficient consensus” and then be bound by the majority decision?

No, said the South African Government. If one party was so vitally affected, it would have to be part of the consensus.

Where does that leave us? The Government and the ANC, the two major players, will be vitally affected by every decision at Cdesa. Does that mean they will have a veto, but lesser parties not?

It was also the general feeling — dare one say consensus? — of the preparatory meeting that the issue should be left to the chairman’s judgment they should strive for unanimity, but if this was unattainable they would have to judge whether they could declare a decision taken on a majority basis without causing a breakdown.

A good, pragmatic approach, but where does it leave us in terms of principle? Again, objections by the big parties are more likely to cause breakdowns than objections by small parties.

In the end the steering committee was asked to lay down guidelines for the chairmen. A difficult task, but not impossible. And, the good news is that a breach has been made in the paralyzing principle of decisions by unanimity.

Speaking of the steering committee brings me to another point of note about the meeting. This is the special role in which the Democratic Party has been cast, with its leader, Dr Zach de Beer, having been asked to perform several key functions as conference starter and interlocutor with delicate moments in last week’s talks, and then elected chairman of the steering committee to make the official arrangements for Cdesa.
CP man 'not ruling out talks with ANC'

Political Staff

Conservative Party general secretary Andries Beyers yesterday appeared to endorse the view for which CP MP Koos van der Merwe was rebuked by the party on Monday — raising fresh speculation over differences in the CP over negotiations.

In a front-page article today, Beeld newspaper reported that Mr Beyers, the CP candidate in the forthcoming by-election in Potchefstroom, indicated that the CP could change its policy and negotiate with the ANC if it fully acknowledged the Afrikaners' right to rule themselves.

Contacted for comment today on Mr Beyers' statement, CP deputy leader Dr Ferdi Hartzenberg said he was not prepared to comment on the issue.

However, he said it sounded to him "like a mistake" and that CP leader Dr Andries Treurnicht had "a lengthy statement" — to be issued today.

Andries Beyers shift in CP's stance on talks?
The challenge of a new era

Patrick Lawrence looks at the issues that confront the SACP at its congress
ANC 'no' to Azapo

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The Azanian People's Organisation's call for a "Black Christmas" this month suffered a major blow yesterday when the ANC's most influential region, the PWV, decided not to support it.

Azapo said blacks have nothing to celebrate over the Christmas period and should therefore withdraw their buying power from mid-December to mid-January.

The action would also be in protest against VAT and the Government's failure to end violence.

The ANC PWV regional committee's decision last night means that the major forces in black politics - the ANC, the PAC and the Inkatha Freedom Party - are opposed to a "Black Christmas". This could turn Azapo's "Black Christmas" into a flop.

The PAC's Transvaal regional leaders said this week that they were not in favour of a Christmas consumer boycott because there had been "no adequate consultation". Boycotts were tantamount to token resistance bound to cause division among the people, they said.

The IFP, on the other hand, is always opposed to boycotts of any kind.

ANC PWV regional spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said last night that the ANC PWV regional executive committee decided that the community deserved a break from mass action.

"We believe our people should be accorded the opportunity to celebrate Christmas and New Year in a spirit of goodwill, and to use that period to regain their strength and dedication to launch higher forms of mass action next year," he said.

The community had been involved in the recent two-day national campaign against the introduction of VAT and it would therefore be difficult to organise a national consumer boycott in the short space of time before Christmas, Mr Mamoepa said.
A challenge for communists

TIM COHEN

SACP members are completely new to the organisation. Many are union shop stewards and some are even PAC members. Many join because they wish to develop their political understanding — an educational service the ANC is too large and too caught up in immediate issues to offer effectively. Explaining and debating the party's policy will be a major function of the congress.

The congress will also mark another important break with the past: the organisation's membership will no longer be withheld, apart from exceptional situations. Up till now membership has been a closely guarded secret (other than the obvious exceptions), to the extent that SACP regions recently asked the head office to circulate to them the names of the current members of the central committee.

Party insiders concede that large numbers of talented party members have neglected their party work in favour of greater involvement with the ANC. There is some sarcastic speculation about the motives of the people concerned — the prospect of power is clearly alluring. Cronin concedes that the drift away from the party has and will weaken it.

But the one issue that does not appear to be hugging the agenda is the SACP's relationship with the ANC. Cronin is quite unshaken about the nature of the relationship — the SACP's role is to influence the ANC, to strengthen its resolve and to protect the interests of the working classes.

This role is the raison d'être of the SACP at the moment, but it involves problems the SACP appears unwilling to bring into sharp focus. The SACP appears to be walking a tightrope between wanting to develop its own identity and the necessity of subsuming its own identity in order not to clash with the ANC.

SACP members have claimed at the moment, there are no differences between its goals and those of the ANC, or, alternatively, that it is more a matter of emphasis than a matter of substance. Cronin says the SACP will not attempt to play a constructive role within the alliance, which he does not see collapsing either in the short or long term.

But whether the new membership will be satisfied with playing second fiddle to the ANC remains to be seen.
SACP, ANC ‘never to split’

JOHANNESBURG — SA Communist Party central committee member Mr Jeremy Cronin yesterday predicted there would not be a split between the party and the ANC, even in the long-term.

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ANC calls off boycotts on Reef for Christmas

JOHANNESBURG.— The ANC in the PWV region will not support calls for a “black Christmas” — a consumer boycott of white-owned businesses over the festive season.

This was decided at a meeting of the ANC’s regional executive committee late yesterday, spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said.

The regional leadership believed the community deserved a break from mass action.

“We believe our people should be accorded the opportunity to celebrate Christmas and New Year in a spirit of goodwill and to use that period to regain their strength and dedication to launch higher forms of mass action in the new year,” he said.

The community had been involved in the national campaign against Value Added Tax and it would be difficult to organise a national consumer boycott before Christmas, Mr Mamoepa said.

The campaign “was not sufficiently canvassed ... and may cause more confusion and unnecessary conflict,” he said.

Azapo is the only political organisation fully committed to a “black Christmas.”

The organisation’s stance is that the black community has nothing to celebrate. — Sapa.
All smiles as SACP meets

THE South African Communist Party begins its eighth congress today with glowing confidence - in the wake of a staggeringly high membership enrolled in less than two years.

The recent collapse of Eastern-Euro communist dictators notwithstanding, the 400 delegates will grapple with burning issues over the next four days.

These issues include the debate on communism: from a heavily centralised government to a "democratic-socialist" concept which embraces a multiparty system in a democracy.

In a new development, all plenary sessions of the congress will be open to the media, and therefore by proxy to the public, to allow the world a view of debates during the congress. The party's Mr Jeremy Cronin said on the eve of today's meeting:

"Growing self-respect within the SACP is also inspired by its burgeoning membership and the establishment of 24 branches in eight regions nationwide."

The SACP will also wrestle with the question of whether it should be a vanguard party - as it existed during its period underground - or a mass-based party in line with the Leninist thinking of opening the party to "hundreds and thousands" of workers, in order to change its character in the light of material changes in the world.

If this week's congress accepts the multi-party approach and "democratic socialism" and indications are that it will, the SACP will, on its own, have rewritten the rules of communism as it has traditionally been known.

This will mean the SACP will, through participatory democracy - also a subject which will be debated at the congress - advocate continuous participation in the parliamentary system.

Slovo is expected to brief the congress on developments in national politics, especially progress made during negotiations and the Convention for a Democratic South Africa, which has been scheduled for December 20 and 21.

While he will stand down as general secretary, Slovo will make himself available for the post of chairman of the party.

Mr Charles Nqakula, Mr Sydney Nyalimbi and Mr Moses Mayekiso have been nominated for the position of general secretary.

The congress will also elect a new central committee, and a second chairmanship has been suggested. Mr Raymond Mhlaba is the main nominee for one of the proposed chairmanships.

Elections will be held by secret ballot and an independent election-monitoring group will oversee the procedure.
Task groups for talks set up

ANC moves to woo CP into Codesa

The Codesa steering committee has set up its first task groups to get constitutional negotiations moving.

And while it met at a Jan Smuts Airport hotel yesterday, the ANC reached across the divide to the CP, offering it a face-saving way to join the process.

Tilting the scale in favour of the pre-negotiation faction within the CP, ANC national executive committee (NEC) member Saki Macozoma said his organisation would welcome the CP and place its key demand of self-determination in a white homeland on the Codesa agenda.

At the Codesa preparatory meeting at the weekend 19 parties resolved to endeavour to woo the CP and other right-wing groups to the negotiating table.

Macozoma was responding to CP chief secretary Andre Beyers' statement that his party was not entirely inflexible on its opposition to joint negotiations if the ANC acknowledged the right of Afrikaners to rule themselves.

"There is no reason why there demand, that whites have a right to a homeland where they rule themselves, cannot be put on the Codesa agenda," Macozoma said.

He said while the ANC was opposed to fragmentation and was involved in trying to reintegrate the homelands into a unified SA, the organisation would listen to the CP and evaluate its proposals carefully.

He questioned the practicality of establishing a whites-only homeland and said its acceptability would depend on a number of factors, including where it could be situated, who would have to be removed, the implications of the removals and the relationship it would have to a unified SA.

Macozoma said no party could go into negotiations demanding that certain of its policies be accepted — this would be unreasonable and defeat the essence of negotiations. But the CP was entitled to raise its key demand at the Codesa talks.

On Sunday ANC president Nelson Mandela also made a conciliatory gesture towards the CP. He said the ANC "understood the CP's people's fears of being a minority and feeling dominated". But this should not happen in a democracy.

President F W de Klerk and Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen have also assured the CP that they would fight for its right to negotiate as an equal partner and put forward its views at Codesa.

Beyers is the CP hardline candidate for the Potchefstroom by-election. His statement yesterday, which he qualified by saying he did not differ with CP policy, indicated the CP stand on joint negotiations was not inflexible.

Yesterday's steering committee meeting decided to form three task groups to organise and plan draft documents and statements for Codesa and to deal with the process behind the plenary meeting, chairman Zach de Beer said last night.

He said the committee had made steady progress and the consensus was that government would foot the bill. The budget for hosting more than 240 delegates to the
The multiparty organisers of negotiations have begun to assert their independence from the Government by establishing their own infrastructure and issuing invitations to five international bodies to attend the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa).

As President de Klerk led his Cabinet and other senior executives into a countrywide retreat yesterday to discuss negotiations strategy, the negotiations process began to take on a life of its own.

Codesa's first steering committee meeting yesterday decided it, and not the Government, would invite "guest observers" from the United Nations, the Organisation for African Unity, the Commonwealth, the European Community and the Non-Aligned Movement.

It is understood that Foreign Minister PwC Botha telephoned ANC Secretary-General Cyril Ramaphosa on Tuesday night suggesting that the Department of Foreign Affairs should issue the invitations.

It is understood too that the Government is still sensitive about the possibility of a person such as PLO leader Yasser Arafat attending Codesa.

To prevent this, it persuaded the weekend preparatory committee that only officials of international organisations and representatives of internationally recognised states should be invited.

Confirmed

The steering committee also decided to employ a private company to handle administration for Codesa rather than the Government, which has so far done most negotiations administration.

The chairman of the steering committee, Dr Zach de Beer, confirmed that invitations to the five international organisations would be sent today. They will be signed by Codesa's co-chairmen Mr Justice Schabort and Mr Justice Mohammed.

Invitations will also be sent to organisations which refused to attend the preparatory meeting at the weekend - the Conservative Party, the Afrikaner Weerstands Beweging, the Herstigte Nasionale Party and Azapo.

The PAC will also be invited again after its delegates stormed out of the preparatory meeting...
Serote spells out views of ANC on arts and culture

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The ANC's department of arts and culture (DAC) would like a non-sectarian arts council to be established within the next six months, well-known writer and DAC head Mongane Wally Serote said yesterday.

He told a press conference at the ANC's head office in Johannesburg that DAC had opened informal discussions with the four provincial arts councils but would soon formalise these discussions.

The ANC, he said, would like a new and non-sectarian arts council to be formed in the country within the next six months — around the same time an interim government would have been installed.

Mr Serote said the department last week held a four-day in-house conference in Broederstroom, attended by delegates from all over the country, which discussed the various art forms and established four standing commissions.

The four commissions were on symbols, museums and monuments; language, Government funding of the arts "purely on merit"; and on negotiations with the arts.

Also discussed at the Broederstroom conference was "a foreign policy for culture". Mr Serote said the ANC would encourage exchanges with the international community while insisting that such exchanges should help "bring down the invisible walls of apartheid."

The DAC chief and his team told the press briefing they were opposed to the unilateral restructuring currently going on at the SABC. They said the Government had no right to privatise "a national asset" and that an interim government would have to radically restructure the corporation.

The DAC team said it would call for the establishment of an interim broadcasting consultative committee representative of a broad spectrum of the community and negotiated in the forthcoming Convention for a Democratic South Africa.

Mr Serote said that while the ANC approached the question of national symbols, museums and monuments with great sensitivity, it nevertheless believed these had to be more representative of the entire South African population.
SACP defends decision to bar Soviet academic

By Kaizer Nyatsumba
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On the eve of its first national congress on South African soil in 41 years, the South African Communist Party yesterday defended its decision to deny a Soviet academic observer status at its congress, saying only organisations and not individuals had been invited.

SACP central committee member Essop Pahad yesterday told The Star that Dr Vladimir Tikhomirov’s request to be granted observer status at the four-day congress had been rejected not because the party had anything against him, but because he wanted to come as an individual.

“There are no political reasons behind the decision. We simply have not invited individuals, but rather organisations and parties from inside and outside SA as observers.”

He was responding to a statement issued by the South African chapter of the conservative and staunchly anti-communist International Freedom Foundation (IFF), accusing the SACP of having snubbed Dr Tikhomirov.

Dr Tikhomirov, a visiting lecturer in the University of Potchefstroom’s political science department and an IFF visiting research fellow, is the deputy director for the Centre of Southern African Studies at the Institute for African Studies attached to the Soviet Academy of Sciences in Moscow.

Meanwhile the SACP’s eighth national congress — which will be open to the press — gets underway today at Nasrec, south of Johannesburg.

The congress, which will end on Sunday, is to be attended by guests from a number of socialist countries around the world and is expected to be the SACP’s most important in years. It takes place at a time when communism and socialism have suffered severe setbacks.

At a press conference in Johannesburg this week, SACP national organiser Charles Nqakula said the party, which had started with a membership of about 5 000 when it came into the open after its unbanning last year, was experiencing very high morale and had now registered 20 000 members.

At least 400 delegates are expected to attend the congress, which will be opened by SACP chairman Dan Tloome, who is still based in Zambia. ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu and Cosatu general-secretary Jay Naidoo will also address the congress today.
Opinion

Senior Assistant Editor Joe Latakomo examines ANC-PAC relations

Lessons of the war of the allies

THE claim last week by the PAC that the ANC and the Government had struck a deal to co-manage the country as an interim measure from as early as February is an indication of the PAC's mistrust of its Patriotic Front partner — and the walk-out from the weekend preparatory conference was further indication of how that mistrust has deepened.

While the PAC knew it had to reconsider its options on whether to take part in the talks aimed at paving the way for a political settlement, it was wary of the ANC, which had jealously guarded its own turf gains in the negotiation stakes and was not about to share those gains without its partner going through a similar process of support erosion because of its shift in policy.

For that reason, every move the PAC felt left out, or not consulted, it saw as part of what its supporters term the "arrogance of the ANC." The PAC therefore kept up its guard at all times, and was often very sensitive to statements or actions by the ANC.

The PAC's Western Cape region chairman, Ntsawend Madzvanyi, described his organisation's relations with the ANC as being "strained, to put it mildly." The important point for the ANC is not to be seen to have been co-opted by the Government, while at the same time working towards accommodation of white interests in line with the mission of the Freedom Charter.

At a press conference hosted by the PAC's Transvaal regional chairman, the ANC was described as "pseudo-revolutionaries and puppets who are supporting the Government," while Mr. Mandela described the PAC walk-out as a "clumsy stunt in a tenseup.

Although both the Government and the ANC have denied in particular strong terms the existence of any "minutes" reflecting a deal, there seems reasonable grounds for believing that ANC international affairs director Thabo Mbeki did make certain statements during a briefing of African diplomats in New York.

All allegations by Cyril Ramaphosa that the ANC had information from Justice Minister Kobi Coetzee that the PAC had been involved in high-level negotiations with the Government have also been strenuously denied PAC deputy president Dikgang Moseneke said that some time ago the Government offered to allow PAC refugees to return provided they accepted certain conditions. The PAC's response was that there would be no deal. If such communication was considered by some as "negotiation", then "you are welcome to call it that.

The PAC's suspicions must have been aroused by the exclusion of its United Nations representative from the ANC's briefing. It argues that, as a partner in the Patriotic Front, it was at least more entitled to information than the African diplomats.

It was therefore no surprise when the ANC went about ferreting out information about what transpired at the meeting. Even if it is assumed that the document the PAC produced was the personal interpretation of one diplomat, it is not correct. The status of the diplomat suggests it would be a fair reflection of proceedings. Desperate efforts to trace the source of the document also suggests there may have been some truth in the document's contents.

Did the ANC then strike a deal with the Government? Only details of which may be wrong in this interpretation? That is perhaps part of the fire in this row.

However, there is another element the PAC had been under siege from some of its grassroots constituencies to withdraw from the talks. Their understanding was that the mandate from the PAC conference had been to talk about the modalities of handing over power and setting up the mechanisms for an election for a constituent assembly, which would then write a new constitution.

When units calling themselves the Joint East and West Rand Facilitating Committee called a meeting in Katlehong — ostensibly representing factions within the Pan Africanist Students' Organisation, Azanian National Youth Unity and Azanian Women's Organisation — it sent shock waves through the PAC.

Although the PAC dismissed the group, claiming it did not have or speak for a constituency, there was much running around among ascendant loyalty to the leadership. This was found to a large extent — and led to the PACE leadership announcing that, if members were dissatisfied, they would use existing channels in the PAC to address those issues and not unauthorised or undemocratic meetings. This seemed to indicate at least a level of support for the leadership, however, the decision of participation still haunted the organisation.

For its part, the ANC has gone through precisely this kind of baptism when the leadership first decided to engage the Government in talks. Largely because the ANC then did not have any grassroots structures, the groundswell of opposition could not be handled directly. Instead, the organisation had to work through mostly United Democratic Front and Congress of South African Trade Union structures. In response, the ANC leadership went into a "revolutionary mood", after self-shoeing it with the Government and being host to it at lavish occasions.

The ANC averted major divisions at that time is a measure of the negotiating and leadership skills of Mr. Mandela, and all was well by the time the ANC congress arrived.

This is the first time that the PAC leadership is being tested, and Clarence Makewo and his deputy will be required to take it to the road and explain to their constituents that unless the organisation gets on board, there is a grave danger that it will be left out of any solution and that there is a need for the PAC's voice to be heard up front, instead of it being seen as an armchair critic.

The leadership skills of the team will be measured against the success or failure in this regard.

Added to that, there is extreme pressure on the liberation movements from their funding and moral supporters to find a settlement soon. The PAC, in particular, has not been as well endowed financially, and there must be a limit to how long it can hold out without beginning to show financial bankruptcy, something no political organisation can survive.

Realpolitik will determine whether the PAC remains a significant player in the political scenario over the next few months and that is clearly not being appreciated by the organisation's grassroots structures.
In order to guide the process of re-establishing the ANCYL, a draft constitution was drawn up and distributed to all Youth League structures for discussion. The constitution was then perfected and adopted as an ANCYL constitution in the forthcoming congress.

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ANC

On the question of the ANCYL relationship within the ANC, the ANCYL draft constitution states the following: “The ANCYL shall be organisationally autonomous. Based on this broad political perspective of the ANC, the policies and programmes of the Youth League shall, however, be determined by its membership in accordance with this constitution. The ANCYL shall closely liaise with the ANC at all levels.”

A good example of this is that from national to branch level the Youth League sits in the executive meetings of the ANC. The national chairperson and secretary general of the ANC Youth League are, of course, members of the ANC National Executive Committee. The same applies to regional and branch executive committees. The only other bodies in all the political and departmental committees of the ANC, where the National Youth League only sits in almost all the special and departmental committees of the ANC, there is no such faculty to facilitate communication between the Youth League and the ANC, but to ensure that the ANCYL plays a dynamic and effective role in the formulation of policy of the ANC and the execution of the direction the organisation is taking.

These constitutional provisions are supplemented by regular meetings that take place between the leadership structures of the two organisations whenever the need arises. A specified number of Youth League members are granted delegate status with voting rights at all ANC national conferences. This practice may have to be extended to regional level.

On the same relationship the ANCYL Constitution states the following: “The ANCYL shall be autonomous within the overall structure of the ANC, of which it shall be an integral part, with its own constitution, rules and regulations, provided that these shall not conflict with the constitution and policies of the ANC. Members of the ANCYL over the age of 18 shall be expected to play a full part in the general political life of the ANC. A member of the ANCYL shall not be eligible for any position as an officer bearer of the ANC or to attend ANC conferences, members or executive meetings of the ANC unless specially invited unless he/she is a full member of the ANC.”

The meaning of independence or autonomy

In broad political and legal terms the term autonomy as used in the two documents quoted above means ‘independence’. This independence is however not absolute or in a way it is qualified. In order to explain our understanding of the exact meaning of this autonomy or independence let usconfine ourselves to the ANCYL draft constitution.

The ANCYL draft constitution refers to organisational autonomy of the ANCYL from the ANC. Organisational autonomy in this particular case also implies administrative autonomy. It means independence in structure and activity. It is not merely an auxiliary or appendage of the ANC but should have organisational and administrative life of its own. This form of autonomy means the right of the Youth League, to convene and hold its own conferences, to take resolutions which affect it and its programmes and to elect its own leadership. It has the right to establish its own information, its own bank accounts and to set up and run its own projects.

Political allegiance of the ANCYL to policies and programmes of the ANC is founded on the common objective of liberating our country from Apartheid colonialism and establishing a non-racial, non-sexist, universal and democratic South Africa. This allegiance means adherence to the policy, political programme, strategy and tactics plus the ideological view of the ANC. On the other hand, the ANC always welcomes those ANCYL political positions which help enrich its own policies. In cases where the conference and other leading structures of the ANCYL take decisions which affect these policy positions, those decisions are subject to approval or rejection by the ANC.

CORRECTNESS OF AUTONOMY

The ANCYL draft constitution states that membership of the Youth League is open to all South Africans between the ages of 14 and 35 who support the policy and guidelines and objectives of the ANCYL. Youth League Young people under the age of 18, who can become members of the Youth League, cannot join the ANC. On the other hand, even if a young person is a member of the ANCYL, membership of the ANC is not automatic on reaching the age of 18. Such a young person may make his/her own individual voluntary application for membership to the ANC. This means that there is a significant section of the membership of the ANCYL, over which the ANC cannot lay any constitutional claim.

On the other hand there is a sizeable membership of the ANC between the ages of 18 and 35 which is not part of the membership of the ANCYL. For them to become members they have to make a deliberate and conscious decision to join the Youth League. Membership in the ANCYL cannot be imposed, coerced or manipulated.

We acknowledge the fact that the youth can only effectively participate in the liberation of our country and be involved in the building of a democratic South Africa on the basis of the total knowledge and experience handed over to it by the older generations. At the same time young people should not be encouraged merely to copy or assimilate what is handed over to them. They should develop their own distinctive and original investigative and critical approach. Through many better struggles our youth have shown that they are able to be the real successors of those who struggled before them.

We refer to the real education in struggle and development of the youth cannot be separated from their independent involvement in political struggle. A profound appreciation by the youth of the democratic ideals we are fighting for is better consolidated if verified by their independent experience in struggle.

The autonomy of the Youth League will offer the opportunity to the realisation of the boundless resources of energy, enterprise, initiative and free thinking in the creative potential of our youth.

It would be a big mistake to confuse the Youth League’s genuine and real organisational independence with insubordination, dissent or lack of confidence in the ANC.

Shifting the development of the youth movement from one side to the other, that is our youth is the reserve force for our future struggles. It is only a nation that does not leave its future to which can define the development of its youth.

What is stated above does not mean that the older generation should abandon its responsibility of guiding the youth. Its guidance and criticism of the youth should appreciate the individual character of the youth and the nature of the Youth League movement, as well as the need to avoid stereotypes and uniformly rigidly imposed from above. It should be conducted patiently, persuasively and politely.

We should strive to combine mutual trust and respect between the young and the old. In the event of persistent differences of opinion the supreme judge should be what objectively unites them, the liberation of our country and the construction of a democratic society. The autonomy of the Youth League movement shall make it easier for it to involve the youth independently in struggle, to organise, educate and unite. In the process of doing that it shall train itself and those who look up to it for leadership. It shall also increase their support from the older generation and contribute towards the enrichment of the ANC policy, activity and tradition of struggle.

SAYCO LAUNCH

Finally, the South African Youth Congress was formed in Cape Town on March 28 1919. The Congress was taking place at the height of the state of emergency, the launch was a dramatic event. Many delegates clandestinely came together for the gathering. Deliberate disinformation was lacked to direct the police. The police, however, more than 200 delegates from youth congresses all over the country met secretly in Cape Town. SAYCO adopted a militant and far-reaching programme of action. It also adopted the Freedom Charter as a guiding document for the establishment of a non-racial, democratic and unitary South Africa. The organisation came out unambiguously in

acknowledging the centrality of the ANC in the resolution of the political conflict in our country. It’s slogan, “Freedom or Death, Victory is Certain”, struck fear into the hearts of the regime.

Sayco was the UDF’s biggest affiliate. Among the demands it vigorously put forward were:

• the unbanning of the ANC;
• the release of detainees and political prisoners;
• the release of all political malprisoners;
• the freeing of prisoners on Death Row;
• the withdrawal of troops from the townships and villages;
• the establishment of a National Assembly of the South African people.

Sayco structures played a vital role in mobilising the rural people. Together with other democratic organisations, they won over millions of people leaders to the side of the democratic movement.

The ANCYL’s one objective is to establish the ANCYL as the democratic centre of the ANC. The ANCYL Section, Sayco, SA National Student Congress, Cosatu, National Union of SA Students, Black Consciousness Students and other democratic youth organisations came together in 1990 to launch a Provisional National Youth Committee at Orlando Stadium. This process saw the rebirth of the ANCYL in the country.
The ANC Youth League is a youth organisation of the ANC which has about 500,000 members throughout its 14 regions. The structure of the League is based on the ANC's national congresses, which are held every five years. The structure consists of a central executive committee, provincial executive committees, and branch structures. The League has a strong tradition of youth activism and has been involved in many significant political struggles, including the struggle against apartheid and the establishment of a democratic South Africa. The League continues to be an important voice for youth issues and has a strong presence in the country's political landscape.

The structures of the Youth League

SOUTH AFRICA

If the ANC Youth League has not gone beyond establishing recruiting committees due to the discussions that are still taking place between us and SASCO on the matter.

The Branches

- The Youth League only formally constitutes a branch once 100 youth have been recruited in a particular locality. The branch membership is divided into several sub-committees which deal with various aspects of the organisation like campaigns, recruitment, fund-raising, media, political education, culture, sport, pioneer organisation and liaison with students and other organisations. The sub-committee is intended to achieve maximum participation by the entire membership in the activities of the organisation. The membership of the branch meets once a year in an annual general meeting to elect a branch leadership, the branch Executive Committee.

- To facilitate co-operation between branches and the regions and eventually the national headquarters, the regions are divided into numerous zones. For instance, seven zones make up the PWV region, namely Pretoria, Johannesburg, Vaal, East Rand, West Rand, Soweto and Far East Rand.

The size and number of branches in each zone is determined by the proximity of branches to one another and the extent to which co-operation between such branches can be easily sustained.

Zonal and Regional Congresses should, according to the draft constitution which is to be adopted at the coming national congress, be held once a year. The different regions will come together once every two years to elect the National Executive Committee and to determine the policy and programme for the following two years. At the National Congress representation is proportional to the size of each branch. Each branch is entitled to two delegates for the first 100 members and one for every additional 200 Unlaunched branches have observer status at the congress and can only send one such observer.

The National Executive Committee shall consist of seventeen (17) members (20 members shall be determined by the National Congress) and the 14 regional chairpersons and secretaries. This means the ANC Youth League should eventually end up with an NEC of 42 members or so.

The ANC Youth League's operational work is carried out by its various departments: organisation, women, students, cultural activities and publicity, political education, pioneers, labour, finance and projects, religion and international.

The regional departments are responsible for setting up Youth League structures throughout the country. The organisational work is carried out by the Regional Executive Committee in collaboration with the branch executive committees.

The ANC Youth League is a youth organisation that is dedicated to fighting for the rights of all South Africans, especially young people. The League is committed to the establishment of a democratic and non-racial South Africa, and it continues to be an important voice for youth issues and has a strong presence in the country's political landscape.

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Youth at the cutting edge

Section was established to cater for the interests of youth in exile and to become involved in building the national youth movement inside South Africa.

The Youth Section cultivated bilateral relations with international youth movements, which helped foster a spirit of international solidarity and complemented the ANC's work for the international isolation of the apartheid regime. The Youth Section's work included fostering cultural and sporting activities, as well as providing educational and welfare services. The section also supported youth organisations and campaigns for the democratic transformation of South Africa. The section's activities were spearheaded by the Youth League, which played a central role in the formation of local youth congresses.

The formation of youth congresses took place at a time when community-based mass struggles and civic organisations were gaining momentum. Youth activists played a central role in organising residents around their immediate demands. These included demands for affordable rents and bus fares, upgrading of services and facias, the recognition of councillors and so on.

FREEDOM CHARTER

Youth congresses were voicing in projecting the Freedom Charter as a programme for the democratic transformation of apartheid South Africa. They fearlessly chanted slogans and sang songs of the ANC and MK at a time when these organisations were still illegal.

The youth congresses brought together the young militants of the 7677 period with the emerging Young Lions of the '60s. In the midst of battles against police and soldiers occupying the townships, the youth were enforcing political and organisational resilience. They used sticks and stones and defence units to protect their communities.

The organised youth also played a key role in the UDF, which was formed in August 1998 and united hundreds of organisations nationally.

As local youth organisations multiplied, the need for national co-ordination became evident. An internal youth national structure was therefore formed.

After the UN General Assembly declared 1985 the International Year of the Youth, a national co-ordinating structure was set up and campaigns, cultural festivals, workshops and seminars were organised to mark the event.

Youth organisations often play a key role in anti-apartheid opposition, youth and student activists became the main target for detentions and assassinations. Like with the 1976 generation, another wave of young people led the country for military training.

Repression aimed at crushing countrywide resistance was reaching unprecedented levels. Mass funerals became regular events. By the end of the year, the country had become ungovernable, true to the ANC's call at the time to "render the country ungovernable and make apartheid unworkable". Apartheid structures in many townships collapsed and community councils...
Challenges facing the youth

The ANC Youth League’s 17th National Congress, which begins in KwaNdebele on 9 December 1991, bears particular historical significance because it is the first national congress of the Youth League since the unbanning of the ANC.

After 30 years of inactivity, the ANC Youth League re-emerges as a force unifying all democratic youth organisations and individuals who held aloft the banner of the ANC during the years of illegality. That delegates to the congress will be coming from different parts of the world – Africa, Europe, America and Asia and, of course, from our 14 regions – is an illustration of the wealth of youthful experience that the congress is bringing together.

The congress comes at a time when the ANC is contending with the task of transferring power into the hands of the majority of our people. The immense nature of the responsibility is reflected in the pressure placed on the national liberation forces by leaders of big business and apologists of white domination to renounce on basic tenets of fundamental political and socio-economic transformation.

Countless efforts are being made by forces of reaction to manufacture a “frolic” whose primary objective is to defeat our revolutionary objectives. Equally significant and irresistible is the expectation of the oppressed majority that the ANC should, in unambiguous terms, detail how it is going to redress the legacy of devastated communities and peoples.

In pursuit of their nefarious goals, the regime and its allies have unleashed an unprecedented campaign of violence to weaken the ANC and to defeat the effort for the establishment of a truly united, non-racial, non-sexist and democratic South Africa.

The ANCYL National Congress has the challenge of not only participating in the further elaboration of ANC policy, strategy and tactics, but must also work out ways of how the above objectives can be realised within the shortest possible time.

The intentions of reaction have been eloquently echoed by the National Party’s constitutional proposals, which seek, at whatever cost, to preserve white domination and privilege. The proposals are a manifestation of the racist stature in which the National Party still wallows. The ANCYL should therefore formulate its perspectives and programmes well aware of the extent to which the adversary is still committed to the white racist ideology.

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Forward to Congress!

At the cutting edge

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The white minority Pretoria regime was shaken to its roots. The political situation in South Africa would never be the same.

In the 1980s and early 1990s, the Pretoria regime launched some successful attempts in suppressing the liberation forces, particularly following the banning of the ANC. However, by the mid-seventies, the tide was turning.

The apartheid government responded to the peaceful protests with brute force, killing and maiming thousands of unarmed students and youth.

Following this assault, thousands of youth left the country for military training rather than to continue fighting for homeland freedom as cannon fodder for Pretoria’s security forces.

They swelled the ranks of Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK), the glorious fighting arm of the ANC, ready to occupy the forwardmost trenches of battle.

The events of 1976 and 1977 revitalised the ANC politically and militarily. The old stream of ANC activists fused with the militant young generation thrown up by the popular uprisings.

In the 70’s, several youth and student organisations were formed as an organisational expression of the determination of young people to continue the struggle against white minority domination. These included the South African Students Organisation (Sasco), the South African Student Movement (Sasm) and the National Youth Organisation (Nyoa). The political orientation of these organisations was Black Consciousness.

Sasco rose to prominence in 1975 when it pioneered “Viva Frelimo” calls to celebrate Mozambique’s independence from colonial rule.

While thousands of young people were mobilised into action, the organisations at the time were unable to develop a solid and cohesive mass base.

In addition, there was a lack of national political and organisational youth leadership to guide, instil political cohesion and organise thousands of disorganised youth.

In October 1977, Sasco, Sasm and a number of other organisations were banned.

However, the flames of resistance could not be extinguished.

The post 1977 period was qualitatively different from the previous period. The ANC and MK were reasserting themselves. The Freedom Charter, non-racialism and democracy, and the centrality of mass mobilisation and organisation were gaining prominence. Black Consciousness as a philosophy was increasingly seen as having serious limitations as an effective instrument to marshal the democratic forces.

The perspectives of the Congress movement were on the ascendancy. By the late seventies, more and more young people were beginning to embrace the Freedom Charter and non-racialism as guiding perspectives of the liberation movement as led by the ANC.

The formation of the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) in 1979 stands out as a significant achievement. A tight and coherent layer of activists schooled in the policies and perspectives of the ANC-led liberation alliance emerged.

Cosas, which developed into a strong national movement of high-school students, laid the foundation stone for significant political developments.

Whereas in the 1970s, students erroneously believed that they could lead the national democratic struggle, Cosas deepened the awareness of the central leadership role of the working class.

Cosas also formulated a programme which linked students’ immediate grievances with national political and community-based struggles. This approach was to inform the method of mass organisation in the 80’s.

In exile, youth in the ANC and MK were making a powerful political impact. Many of the 1976 generation rose in the structures of MK and the ANC, including its international missions. The ANC Youth...
The central theme of the Youth League philosophy was the struggle for national self-determination, which would be brought about by "building a strong national unity". The organization supported a non-violent mass action, a method of struggle new to the ANC and one which was bound to strengthen the ANC and hasten the march to freedom.

The "Our Creed", which became the guiding document of the ANC, marked a profound development in the policies of the ANC. The emphasis on Africanism was a "radical departure from the pre-modern and traditional and liberal thinking of the ANC" at that time.

The creed forecast the formation of the Organisation of African Unity twenty years prior to its birth. The emphasis on African unity and the subjugation of ideology to popular demands and aspirations were significant milestones in the development of progressive and revolutionary thought. It was, however, important to note that the Africanism of the Youth League was devoid of racial prejudice. It sought to emphasize the unity of the African people and the need to fight for self-determination by the Africans themselves.

In addition, the African youth should be united, committed, disciplined and disciplined because, from their ranks, future leaders would emerge. The document went on to explain the policy of the ANC and the Africanised policy on the conviction that the "contact of "the white race with the black has in the recent past been a distressing and uncomfortable, and outlooks on life which seriously hamper South Africa's progress to nationalisation".

The leaders of the time, possessed superior military strength and superior organising skills, and knew how to utilize the masses. They knew how to make the ANC meet their need and embolden the Africans' will to present a united national front against all forms of oppression.

**FUTURE LEADERS**

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**One who was there**

The ANCYL spoke to Godfrey Pitje (right) an active Youth League in the 1940s and 1950s.

"I was a member of the Youth League from 1945 to 1950. We were a small group of young men who were dedicated to the struggle for independence. We met regularly and discussed political matters. We also organized protests and demonstrations to raise awareness about the fight for freedom."

"We were influenced by the ideas of the African National Congress, which was committed to achieving self-determination and independence for South Africa. We believed that the youth had a crucial role to play in the struggle."

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"I left South Africa and went to Britain where I continued my work for the struggle. I returned to South Africa after the Sharpeville massacre in 1960. I played a key role in the formation of the Pan Africanist Congress."

"We fought against all forms of oppression and injustice. We were united and dedicated to the cause of freedom. We believed in the power of collective action and the importance of solidarity."

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"I will always remember the dedication and commitment of the ANC Youth League. We were a small group, but we stood strong in the face of adversity. We were united and we knew our mission."

"We fought for a better future for South Africa. We believed in the power of education and knowledge. We read and studied to deepen our understanding of the struggle."

"I am proud to have been a part of the ANC Youth League. I am committed to the fight for freedom and justice. I will continue to fight for the rights of the oppressed and the liberation of South Africa."

**Programme of Action**

The programme of action of the ANC Youth League was focused on education, agitation, and unity. They believed in the power of young people to create change. They engaged in a variety of activities, including political education, the distribution of pamphlets, and the organization of protests. They sought to inspire and mobilize the youth to join the struggle for freedom.
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The university students of the 1970s, led by Winnie Mandela, gnawed at the very foundations of apartheid, more so than at any time before.

YOUTH ORGANISATION

The antecedents of the National Congress Youth League (NCYL) can be traced back to Nkululeko's founding in Ngqura during the 1940s and the Soweto Youth Congress in 1951. The ANC Youth League, also known as the People's Command Youth, was established in 1962.

Sasol workers, the Free State Youth, and the Freedom Fighters Youth were formed during the mid-sixties as student-based organisations that worked in conjunction with the ANC Youth League.

The 1970s saw the rise of the South African Students Organisation (Saso), the South African Student Movement (Sasm) and the Youth National Organisation (Nayo). These organisations were formed as an organisational expression of the increasing number of young people to continue the struggle against white minority domination.

In the 1970s, the ANC Youth League was instrumental in the development of the ANC as an international liberation movement.

Young people were mobilized into action, the organisations at the time were unable to develop a solid and coherent mass base. In addition, there was a lack of national political and organisational youth leadership to guide, instill political cohesiveness and organise thousands of disorganised youth.

In October 1977, Saso, Sasm and a number of other organisations were banned.

However, the forces of resistance could not be extinguished.

The post-76-77 period was qualitatively different from the previous period. The ANC and MK were reconstituting themselves. The Freedom Charter, non-racialism and democracy, and the centrality of mass mobilisation and organisation were gaining prominence. Black consciousness as a philosophy was increasingly seen as having serious limitations as an effective instrument to marshall the democratic forces.

The perspectives of the Congress movement were on the ascendency. By the late seventies, more and more young people were beginning to embrace the Freedom Charter and non-racialising perspectives of the liberation movement as led by the ANC.

The formation of the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) in 1979 stands out as an important achievement. A tight and coherent layer of activists schooled in the policies and perspectives of the ANC-led liberation alliance emerged, which developed into a strong national movement of high-school students, leading the foundation stone for significant political developments.

Whereas in the 1976 period students erroneously believed that they could lead the national democratic struggle, Cosas deepened the appreciation of the central leadership role of the working class.

Cosas also formulated a programme which linked student's immediate grievances with national political and community-based struggles. This approach was to inform the method of mass organisation in the 80s.

Young people in the ANC and MK were making a powerful political impact. Many of the 1976 generation rose in the structures of MK and the ANC, including its international missions. The ANC Youth League

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Youth predominate at a mass funeral in Gaankuwa at the height of Sycos' popularity in the late eighties.
SACP: Hani urges growth

JOHANNESBURG —
The SA Communist Party has to become a bigger party because it wants to influence the political process, SACP central committee member Mr Chris Hani says.

Speaking on the eve of the party's first legal congress in the country since it was banned in 1956, he said "You can't influence the political process if you are just a small party."

The SACP's eighth national congress, to be attended by some 400 delegates, opens today outside Johannesburg.

— Sapa (商报)
MEMBERS of MK and the ANC Youth League charged with the murder of Mr. "Pro" Jack have not been suspended by their organisations.

The ANC said: "We cannot suspend our members on the mere say so of the police as we have seen on numerous occasions that the police have brought completely spurious charges against ANC members for political reasons."

The ANC, which has started its own investigation, said it will wait for a "fairly constituted hearing where the charges must be put" before considering disciplinary measures.
ANC ‘no’ to boycott call

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

THE ANC in the Western Cape has rejected a call by the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) for a consumer boycott over the festive season.

"The ANC wishes to state very clearly that it has made no call for a consumer boycott over the festive season," it said in a statement by its publicity secretary in the region, Mr Mzwonke Jacobs

The ANC had met with Azapo on November 29 to discuss Azapo's proposal for a consumer boycott in protest against VAT over the festive season.

The ANC's response had been that any protest action against VAT should be co-ordinated by the VAT Action Committee.

"The ANC raised concerns about the lateness of the call as people are already preparing themselves for the festive season."

The ANC added that it would find it very difficult to support any call for a consumer boycott over the festive season.

ANC in the PWV area as well as the PAC and the Inkatha Freedom Party have also rejected Azapo calls for a black Christmas, as has the ANC in the Northern Transvaal.
'No peace without land deal'

PORT ELIZABETH — Former ANC executive Govan Mbeki warned yesterday that there would be no peace in South Africa unless the question of the redistribution of land, income and wealth was addressed properly by government.

Mbeki told the Eastern Province Clothing Manufacturers' annual lunch the ANC specifically wanted land taken from blacks in the past 40 years to be given back.

It also wanted government to honour its promise made in 1936 for the acquisition of additional land. The division of land made in terms of the Native Land Act of 1930 which favoured whites at the expense of Africans was a cause for concern.

"At the time it was estimated that the total area of SA was 143-million morgen. The 1.23-million whites took 133-million morgen and left the 4-million Africans 10-million morgen."

In 1966 government promised Africans a further 7-million morgen, but all the land had not yet been bought by the state. Meanwhile the African population had grown to an estimated 30-million.

The ANC would have to take steps to change the whole network of policies which affected the disadvantaged people.

Mbeki said the state should intervene to make education accessible to disadvantaged people. "It is estimated that 60% of the able-bodied workforce is illiterate."

He said the ANC was interested in economic growth because only a growing economy could give employment to the millions of jobless.

The manufacturing sector needed investment on a big scale to provide for exports, but in a situation where the rate of unemployment was high stability could not be expected. Prospective investors would steer clear of unstable areas.

Business should in its own interest force government to provide training. It was not enough for business to wait for ANC policy proposals and then criticise them. Business should also make suggestions on how to address poverty.

He said the intervention of the state in the economy should be aimed at helping to solve the poverty problem. For this reason the ANC opposed the privatisation of public utilities.
SACP will resist ‘hardline acts’ by govt

SA COMMUNIST Party (SACP) general secretary Joe Slovo hinted yesterday that his party would use force to oppose any hardline acts of government, which, he predicted, would use every device at its disposal to prevent a full-blooded democracy.

At the opening of the SACP’s eighth congress, the first inside SA for 40 years, Slovo said as the “moment of truth” drew near, government’s agenda was being spelt out “with ominous clarity.”

Government feared “like the devil” the idea that the final shape of the constitution would be left to a constituent assembly elected by the whole of SA’s population.

In a wide-ranging speech, Slovo criticized Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, defended the SACP’s alliance with the ANC and said his party would press for increasing degrees of socialism.

He spoke in glowing terms about Marxism and the Russian revolution, but said there was nothing in Marxist theory which prescribed the one-party state as a permanent feature of socialist rule.

There was room for compromise in negotiations, but he warned the SACP was facing an enemy “with an agenda to rescue racist privileges in key political and economic sectors of post-apartheid SA.”

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SACP in policy shift

THE SACP opened its first legal congress in South Africa in more than 40 years and in no uncertain terms supported the idea of participatory and economic democracy.

This phenomenon is a remarkable shift as communism advocates a highly centralised bureaucracy in a one-party state and a command economy.

Speaking at the eighth congress at Nasrec near Soweto yesterday, the party's outgoing general secretary, Mr Joe Slovo yesterday described the much heralded 'death of socialism' around the world as 'mumification'.

Those 'corpses', he said, referring to the collapsed communist dictatorships of East and Central Europe, were 'drained of the life-blood' of socialism. That which is 'based on participatory and economic democracy'.

'This places the SACP in a position where they will encourage and participate on an equal basis in any multi-party democracy with a democratic economy'.

The alliance between the ANC/Cosatu and the SACP was also emphasised by the leaders of the alliance with patriotic speeches by the ANC's deputy president, Mr Walter Sisulu and Cosatu's general secretary, Mr Jay Nkomo.

Delegates came from eight regions and was attended by the communist parties of Cuba, France, Britain, the People's Republic of China, Reunion as well as Leftist Parties from Portugal, Italy, Germany, the United States of America and Fretilin.
A nation of worried pessimists

SOUTH Africans are unduly cautious about the timetable for political negotiations, research has revealed.

Johannesburg-based Marknor Research Group said yesterday a Gallup poll in September showed that only 42 percent of whites and 39 percent of blacks were confident that negotiations would begin this year.

Since then, preparatory talks have been successfully completed and negotiations for a new constitution should begin this month.

Marknor polled 2 300 urban adults and discovered deep-seated concern about the outcome of the talks, particularly among whites.

Two-thirds of these whites and nearly half the blacks were "not very confident" or "not at all confident" that the talks would reduce the level of violence.

More than half the whites and 44 percent of the blacks believed the major parties would fail to agree on a new order.

Even if a new constitution was agreed upon, most whites (63 percent) and nearly half the blacks (44 percent) worried that it would not bring about peace and harmony.

Christine Woessner, deputy marketing manager of Marknor, said the higher level of pessimism among whites was because they felt they had a lot to lose.

But, she added, the picture was not entirely gloomy.

"We had about 26 percent of whites and nearly 40 percent of blacks who expressed confidence in the negotiation process.

"Hopefully, developments over the next few weeks will help reinforce their views..."

Among the 1 300 black participants in the poll, regional differences were rife.

Port Elizabeth and East London scored 49 percent for those who believed talks would reduce violence and that agreement would be reached, and 56 percent believed in a peaceful outcome.

In Cape Town, only 19 percent believed less violence would result.
Rivalry, high stakes make for suspicion

THE dramatic claim by the PAC that the ANC and the Government had struck a deal to co-manage the country as an interim measure indicates its deep-lying mistrust of its Patriotic Front partner.

While the PAC knew it had to reconsider its options on whether or not to take part in the talks aimed at paving the way for a political settlement, it was wary of the ANC. Jealously guarding its own turf gams in the negotiation stakes - sometimes against the wishes of some of its more radical constituents - the ANC was not about to share those gams unless its partner also went through a similar process of support erosion because of their shift in policy.

For that reason, every time the PAC felt left out, or not consulted, they saw it as part of what their supporters referred to as the "arrogance of the ANC". They therefore kept their guard up at all times, and were often very sensitive to statements by the ANC, or actions by their members.

The PAC's West Rand regional chairman, Mr Ntshundu Madzunya, described the relations between his organisation and the ANC as being "strained, to put it mildly."

The important point, for the ANC, is not to be seen as having been co-opted by the Government, while at the same time working towards accommodation of white interests in line with the mission of the Freedom Charter.

At a Press conference hosted by the PAC's Transvaal regional chairman, the ANC was described as "pseudorevolutionaries and puppets who are supporting the Government", while Mr Nelson Mandela described the PAC walk-out as a "classic storm in a teacup."

Although both the Government and the ANC have denied in particular strongly terms the existence of any "minutes", reflecting a deal, there seems reasonable grounds for believing that ANC international affairs director, Mr Thabo Mbeki, did make certain statements during a briefing of African diplomats in New York.

And the allegations by Mr Cyril Ramaphosa that they had information from the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetzee, that the PAC had been involved in high-level negotiations with the Government have been strongly denied.

Clearly, the PAC's suspicions must have been aroused by the exclusion of their representative at the United Nations from the briefing. They argue that, as a partner in the Patriotic Front, they were entitled to more information than the African diplomats.

It was therefore no surprise that they went about ferreting out information about what transpired at the meeting. Even if it were assumed that the document they produced was the personal interpretation of one diplomat of what was said, the status of that diplomat suggests that it would be a fair reflection of proceedings. Added to that, desperate efforts to trace the source of the document also suggest that there may be some truth in the document's content.

Did the ANC then strike a deal with the Government, only details of which may be wrong in this interpretation? That is perhaps part of the fire which exists in this row.

However, there is another element: the PAC had been under siege from some of its grassroots constituents to withdraw from participation in the "talks", with their understanding being that the mandate from the PAC conference had only been for talking about the modalities of handing over power and setting up the mechanisms for an election for a constituent assembly which would then be charged with the task of writing a new constitution for the country.

When units calling themselves the Joint East and West Rand Facilitating Committee called a meeting in Katlehong, ostensibly representing major factions within the Pan Africanist Students Organisation and youth body, Azanian National Youth Unity, and also, Azanian Women's Organisation, it sent shock waves through the organisation.

Although the PAC dismissed the group, claiming they did not have or speak for a constituency, there was much rumbling around ascertainment loyalty to the leadership.

This was found to a large extent and led to the PASO leadership announcing that if members were dissatisfied, they would use existing channels within the democratic structure of the PAC to address those issues and not through unauthorised, or undemocratic meetings. This seemed to indicate at least a level of support for the leadership, although the question of participation still haunted the organisation.

For its part, the ANC has gone through precisely this kind of baptism when the leadership first decided to engage the Government in talks. Largely because the ANC then did not have any grassroots structures, the groundswell of opposition could not be handled directly. Instead, the organisation had to work through mainly United Democratic Front and Congress of South African Trade Union structures.
Dhlomo denies money crisis: We’re in the black he says

THE Institute for Multi-Party Democracy has denied reports that it is facing a financial crisis, saying that for an organisation which depends solely on donations its situation is “far from critical”.

In a statement issued yesterday, IMPD executive director Dr Oscar Dhlomo said the institute had received a donation of R5.2 million from the United States Agency for International Development at the beginning of the year and had so far spent less than R1 million of that money.

The German-based Hans Seidel Foundation, Dhlomo said, was also sponsoring the IMPD’s Political Leadership Programme for almost R1 million, in addition to other “relatively smaller donations”. The institute had received from the private sector and some Western governments.

Dhlomo was responding to an article in this week’s Financial Mail, which claimed the IMPD was “under severe financial strain” and had outstanding claims of more than R600 000 against it.

The FM story, based on the contents of a confidential internal memorandum, said IMPD financial chairman Mr Robin Lee had instructed institute financial and administrative manager Ms Marian Nell to “place a moratorium on all future payments . until further notice”.

In his response, Dhlomo said the confidential memorandum was a projected cash-flow analysis for December that anticipated “a temporary cash-flow crisis” this month if outstanding money from donors were not paid on time. Some of this money had since been paid “and the crisis the memorandum foresaw did not materialise”, he said...

In another development, IMPD national director Dr Sulbs Cooper has not renewed his contract with the Institute. Dhlomo has confirmed.

Cooper, former leader of the Azapo before leaving for the United States in 1986 to further his studies, yesterday said he had not renewed his contract “for a variety of personal reasons”, but will remain a member of the institute’s board of trustees.

Cooper will resume lecturing psychology at the University of the Western Cape - Sowetan Correspondent
Editor-in-Chief Richard Steyn reviews a book on power-play in political bargaining

Tactics for transforming SA

Delegate to the forthcoming constitutional talks would do well to study carefully a short, timely and well-argued primer on bargaining tactics for transforming South Africa. The author, Pierre du Toit, a Stellenbosch University political scientist, pours a bucket of cold water over prospects for successful “quick-fix” negotiations. Not for him the wishful thinking of angst-ridden liberals or the claptrap about “democracy” emanating from some of the progressive camp. He points out forcefully that the basis needed for a genuine democracy — namely a community that shares values and agrees on fundamental principles — is absent in South Africa.

Does this mean that the contending parties should pack their briefcases and cultural weapons and head back to the trenches? Not at all. But if it does mean that the journey towards democracy will be long rather than short, and that its driving force will be the power the main contenders hold over each other. Crucially, it suggests that the proper tactics for a democratic outcome are to increase the mutual dependence of each main political force upon the other. No one stands to gain from winner-takes-all tactics.

Du Toit’s argument may be simply stated. The foundation of any successful negotiation is that each party has some commodity to offer the other. A bargaining relationship is maintained by a mutually profitable exchange of commodities. The way for one party to increase its power is not to undermine its opponent, but to make that opponent more dependent upon it. Coercive tactics like strikes, sit-ins and sanctions, which undermine the mutual profitability of the exchange, threaten the relationship itself.

The point has been partially grasped by both the Government and the ANC. By conceding the armed struggle, the ANC has locked the Government into certain commitments, thereby making the ANC rather more than less powerful in negotiations. The Government, while weakening itself by concessions to the ANC, has gained the major prize: international recognition and a loosening of sanctions. By giving away a measure of power, each side has actually gained power over the other.

But each side has made life difficult for its opponent. The coercive tactics used in the past — sanctions and strikes by the ANC and an assortment of destabilising tactics by the Government — have damaged any future relationship. Together, sanctions, sit-ins, strikes and boycotts have exacted a huge toll in human suffering and made the task of national reconciliation much more difficult. By raising the costs to their opponents, pro- and anti-apartheid forces have raised their own costs considerably. Forces have been set in motion that are eroding the basic structure of civil society.

Economic hardship, unemployment, low growth, poor education and a general breakdown of law and order have combined to produce a poisoned chalice from which any future government will drink.

The point is important enough to bear repeating: If you make the country ungovernable for others, you make it ungovernable for yourself. The advocates of sanctions will have to reckon with the damage they have inflicted, at the same time they have strengthened the hand of those needing to create wealth in the new South Africa. Given Du Toit’s view that a liberal-democratic constitution, while eminently desirable, is not possible without the existence of a middle ground, how does he propose to create conditions under which a democratic polity might develop?

He falls back on Professor Donald Horowitz’s complex proposals for an electoral system that takes account of ethnic differences and forces public representatives to compete for support across ethnic boundaries. The three contending “regime models” currently on offer — the “radical” people-oriented vision of the ANC, the “technocratic” vision of the NP and the “liberal” vision of the DP — are largely incoherent, he says. The middle ground will have to be manufactured by the bargainers themselves.

One of the toughest questions that Codies will have to resolve is how to bring a new constitution into being by fair and reasonable means. The ANC insists that a constituent assembly, chosen by the people, should devise the constitution. The Government argues that to do so is to put the cart before the horse: a new constitution should first be negotiated and then put to the popular vote. The standoff, Du Toit argues, is unsolvable by purely democratic means. The only way out is to use undemocratic procedures — such as were used centuries ago in Britain and America, when an unrepresentative Parliament and a group of Founding Fathers respectively laid the foundations for democracy without obtaining a prior mandate from the people.

Transitional societies, the author points out, do not have the luxury of a consensus on basic preconstitutional matters. Yet there are examples of successful transitions that might be followed here. Democratisation by “heavy-weight pact” of political parties has worked in Spain, Israel and Hungary, while negotiated agreements by opposing forces within authoritarian regimes have been successful in Poland, South Korea and Hungary. A similarly undemocratic though well-intentioned arrangement may be needed to break the logjam here.

But the options are narrowing as the economy falters and social pressures grow. Successful transitions to democracy seldom take place in rapidly declining economies. As every newspaper reader knows, the threat posed by an underperforming economy and the accompanying social dislocation is now at least as formidable as the political conundrum confronting our constitution-makers.

*Power Plays — Bargaining Tactics for Transforming South Africa by Pierre du Toit (Southern Books)
Cash squeeze may put SACP in the red soon

THE SA Communist Party was facing cash constraints and would soon be in the red if it did not solve its cash squeeze, national organiser Charles Nqakula told the party's congress yesterday.

Presenting his report, Nqakula called on members to raise funds. "We must consider all possible avenues of fund-raising to keep out of the red."

The SACP had depended on the ANC and Cosatu for facilities such as computers and fax machines, he noted.

Nqakula said the biggest dilemma for SACP regions was that the party was operating openly with a constitution designed for underground activity.

"Our experiences as cadres from exile and from the mass democratic formation internally led to differences on the type of party we wanted to build."

During this period some people within the interim leadership, particularly the national office, were "marginalised", often because they were working for more than one organisation.

This "many hats syndrome" made it impossible to create a cohesive collective of dedicated activists to serve at regional offices and the national office also suffered "tremendously", Nqakula said.

But despite these problems, membership had grown by leaps and bounds in the past six months. The party had about 25,000 members in eight fully fledged regions, and another region still had to be launched.

General secretary Joe Slovo said yesterday former Operation Vula trialist Mac Maharaj had resigned. In answer to a question from the floor, Slovo said he had resigned in a letter in which he stated that his resignation was "non-revocable and non-discussable".

Maharaj resigned from his post in the interim leadership of the ANC shortly after being released from prison, but rejoined the ANC during its August conference.
Slovo accuses De Klerk of war talk

SACP general secretary Joe Slovo accused President F W de Klerk of "the worst kind of war talk" during his opening speech at the party's eighth congress yesterday.

He said de Klerk had once again begun to use the "language of the Vasters and Bothas" threatening emergencies, the use of his army and police force and what he menacingly calls "other measures."

"He should be warned that he is not the only one with the power to use other measures," Slovo told about 600 delegates.

"What de Klerk has been saying recently is not talk talk, it is the worst kind of war talk. It is the kind of talk which can only help pollute the air surrounding the forthcoming Convention for a Democratic SA (Codesa)."

Non-negotiable

Slovo described the convention as a "major watershed" but to ensure that it did not become a mere talking shop, its decisions had to be binding and have the force of law.

He said also the calling of a democratically elected constituent assembly to finally decide on a future constitution was "absolutely non-negotiable."

Slovo welcomed the new sense of realism across a wide political spectrum that had been displayed at the recent preparatory meeting which discussed Codesa.

In a sharply critical attack on the Soviet Union, Slovo said its president Mikhail Gorbachev had "completely lost his way" - it was saddening that some of those in the Soviet Union who helped diagnose the disease have now allowed themselves to be pushed into a treatment which addresses the disease by killing the patient."

Gorbachev responded to the attempted coup by hardline Stalinites by issuing a Stalinist decree to dissolve the party "as if it were his personal property," said Slovo.

"He is colluding in the chorus of vilification against Leonid Brezhnev, the greatest Soviet and world revolutionary who this century has produced," he said.

"The 10 days of October that shook the world are being treated like a shameful family legacy.

November 7 this year was officially wiped out from Soviet history.

Even simple patriotism is being sold in an attempt to fill the begging bowl of charity from the West."

The record of Soviet internationalism, despite a number of Stalinist perversions, was a "shining inspiration" to every struggling person.

"This too has been completely sacrificed on the altar of the so-called new world order. And nowhere is this more evident today than in the indecent haste with which the new Soviet establishment is rushing to make friends with racist Pretoria."

The SAPC rejected "old-style statism and commandant bureaucratic control" and its draft constitution committed the party to respect all personal non-exploitative property "and such other private property as may be necessary for effective economic development and growth."

This was the broad vision of the SAPC for the immediate shape of the post-apartheid mixed economy "But we give notice that we will exert every political effort to orientate this mixed economy in a socialist direction."

"This must imply a steady growing socialisation of the economy involving the independent participation in economic life of social organisations and the people as a whole, in their capacity as producers, consumer and owners."

Slovo said he respected members who were critical of the notion of "democratic socialism", but emphasised that some supporters genuinely questioned whether, in the light of East European practices, socialism could ensure real democracy.

They also questioned whether the SAPC, as earlier supporters of these practices, could be trusted to respect real democracy. Therefore inclusion of the word "democratic" in the phrase was justified.

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CONSTITUTIONAL NEGOTIATIONS

The end of the beginning

Multiparty negotiations on a new constitution formally kicked off in a good and optimistic spirit at last weekend’s preparatory meeting of 19 parties and organisations, dominated by the ruling National Party and the ANC.

Though marred a little by the non-attendance of the rightwing parties, the most important being the Conservative Party, and by the staged walkout of the Pan-Africanist Congress, the parties agreed to style their watershed forum the Convention for a Democratic SA. And so the latest acronym, Codesa (the emphasis is on the second syllable), is set to loom large in SA politics.

The name — suggested, incidentally, by SA Communist Party chief Joe Slovo — recalls another historic indaba the 1990 National Convention which led to the formation of the Union of South Africa Agreement, and that was fairly easy on appointing Judges Petrus Schabert and Ismail Mohammed as chairmen and, after some disagreement, it was settled that the Chief Justice, Michael Corbett, together with religious leaders, would ceremonially convene Codesa’s first substantive meeting on December 20-21.

Optimism is not misplaced, says a member of the ANC negotiating team, Mohammed Valli. The reason was the meeting’s swift agreement on procedures, which, he observed, can often hold up negotiations.

Delight at the outcome of the preparatory meeting was palpable “More than ever,” said ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa, “we are convinced that we are walking the last mile.” Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen, who led a separate government delegation (as distinct from the NP one led by Economic Coordination Minister Dawie de Villiers), declared that the meeting represented “a clear, irreversible and definite break with the past.”

Inkatha chairman Frank Mdhlawu was similarly upbeat the meeting had shown that South Africans could overcome the difficult and divisions of apartheid and the violent society it had created.”

According to Ramaphosa, the preparatory meeting “marks the opening of genuine negotiations.” He went on to say “The main characteristics of this meeting have been the demonstrable commitments of the overwhelming majority of organisations that attended to show flexibility in engaging in discussion so that the process can move forward.”

If there have been any jarring moments they have not been of a nature that can arrest this process now under way to realise a democratic SA.

“And yet it is necessary for us to say to all formations that remain outside this process the entire SA people demand their involvement. None of us can afford the luxury of clinging to party political interest.”

This spirit, Ramaphosa added, must be the foundation stone of Codesa. There would be many difficult moments, he warned, however “the only assurance we have that we shall achieve democracy is this commitment to the national interest that has inspired us over the last two days.”

Through the successful conclusion of this meeting, we have jointly taken the future of our country into our hands. The momentum must not be lost.”

Despite the PAC-ANC slanging match over an alleged secret deal between government and the ANC, the latter is convinced that the Afrikaners will attend Codesa’s first meeting in a fortnight’s time. Nor does it seem cut and dried that the CP will stand aloof from Codesa. The appearance of the CP’s leading pro-negotiations advocate, Koos van der Merwe, at the venue last Saturday clearly had more to it than his claim that he had previously arranged an appointment.

there Van der Merwe caused a bit of a spectacle by not only claiming the nameboard prepared for the CP, but by having Slovo, of all people, autograph it as well.

The preparatory meeting decided that all parties, including the CP, HNP, AWB and Azapo — none of which attended last week — would again be invited to the meeting later this month and that each could send up to 12 delegates. That would allow Inkatha to include, as it demanded, a team from the KwaZulu government as well, and the ANC, perhaps, to include Cosatu representatives.

Further, observers from the UN, EC, OAU, the Commonwealth and the Non-Aligned Movement would be invited to Codesa.

The convention’s momentum is being maintained. A logistical steering committee composed of a representative from each organisation and temporarily chaired by Democratic Party leader Zach de Beer, was due to meet as the FM went to press.

The steering committee is expected to draft a Declaration of Intent and to refine the agenda for the December 20 plenary meeting, to take place at the World Trade Centre near Jan Smuts airport.

The agenda agreed last week includes:

- Creating a climate for free political activity,
- General constitutional principles,
- Transitional arrangements,
- The future of the TBVC States,
- The role of the international community;
- Time-frames, and
- Implementation of decisions.

The December 20 meeting, says NP secretary-general Stooffel van der Merwe, will deal with certain procedural matters such as electing a chairman and hearing opening statements then, most important, it will appoint a number of working committees which will meet from time to time between plenary sessions.

Delegations to Codesa: (L) ANC’s Valli, Ramaphosa and Jacob Zuma; (R) IFP’s Mdhlawu and Gumede

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Determination as to whether the sponsor gets 30% (category A events) or 15% (category B) depends on how important and international the event is.

The criteria are vague but if it attracts a "substantial number" of participants from outside the country and is of "material advantage" to SA sport, it could be classified as category A.

Though the export allowance concession will be repealed on March 31, the wording of the legislation suggests that as long as the sponsor makes a legal commitment before that date, the allowance will be granted even if the money is spent after the cut-off date.

Does this mean there will be a rush of applications for sponsorships of events which will only be held much later in the year — or even in 1993? Almost certainly not, believes Wendland, an entertainment/sports legal consultant.

For one thing, he says, "the test is when the sponsor is legally obliged to pay the money without condition." Most sponsors would have to acquire exchange control permission and that would be unknown unless the planning of an event is already far advanced.

Sponsors are not likely to make commitments to vaguely conceptualised future events.

The Olympic sponsors, however, are likely to benefit because of the timing of the Barcelona sport fest in June. They are almost certain to have made their commitments well before the deadline.

On the other hand, the Olympics is an event of such appeal that it might not need the extra tax breaks to persuade them to get involved. "With the Olympics, the marketing side-benefits have become much more important than the tax benefits," says Wendland. "The tax break is just a bonus."

Though 1991 was a slow year, with growth of only 19%, sponsorship spending has been expanding at a steady rate of around 25% a year since the mid-Eighties. At least 1000 companies are estimated to be involved in backing everything from cycling to the Rothmans July.

Flame racing is the biggest beneficiary, receiving something like R20m last year. It is followed, in order of importance, by golf, soccer, rugby, motor racing, boxing, tennis, road running and cricket.

Money wise

Not all of them are spending their money wisely, however. One mistake many sponsors make is to assume that it is a substitute for advertising. For an event such as the Comrades, which takes a whole day to complete and during which the sponsor's names are exposed repeatedly, that may be true. But, in general, it is not enough to rely on the exposure of a product or company name during TV coverage of the event.

To make sponsorship work, the experts advise, additional money must be spent on advertising. The rule of thumb among experts is that every rand spent on sponsorship should be matched by R1 to R1.25 in back-up advertising. Though the figure is increasing, local sponsors spend only about 90c in advertising per rand of sponsorship.

"The most basic function of advertising is to create awareness," says Erik du Plessis, MD of Impact Information, which runs a monitoring service called Sponsortrack. "In most cases, the awareness of sponsorship is remarkably low.

"The advertising of sponsorships should never be seen as a secondary exercise to the sponsorship or the event itself, but the sponsor is irresponsible if he believes he can merely announce the sponsorship and sit back. He should be building the event and his brand."

Without the tax breaks, the onus on sponsorship to work as a marketing tool is stronger. "The industry has changed overnight," says Grinner. "'Gone are the days of exclusive ownership of an event. Secondly, international sponsorship has become much more expensive. If we want to bring an overseas team to SA, we have to pay enormous appearance fees. Most sports have become professional in this way.

Multi-sponsorship deals are likely to become more common, believes Grinner. The main sponsor would have either a naming right (for example, The Ford Marathon) or a presenting right (The ATP World Doubles Championship presented by Standard Bank). Then there would be up to five official sponsors of, for example, refreshments, running shoes, clothing or car hire.

The practical limit would be about five sponsors. "More than that and it gets too diluted," says Grinner.

Critical to the success of such sponsorship is TV coverage, which broadcasts the sponsors' names to an audience of millions.

Though local coverage in the past has generally been provided by SABC without charge, the trend towards sponsors paying SABC for coverage is already established and is likely to grow. Ideally, this should be done by the official on-ground sponsors of the event. If they are not involved, the sport might not benefit the way it should.

TV coverage of the Comrades Marathon this year, for example, was paid for by Oldson's Lager. SABC purchased from the organisers the right to broadcast the event and in turn sold the sponsorship to SA Breweries.

Grobler: demands on the sponsor are becoming too great

Wendland: tax break simply a bonus for the Olympics
Other issues, such as a constituent assembly, will no doubt be placed on the agenda too — though "not by us," avers Van der Merwe. He adds "This is where transitional arrangements become important. They have to be the result of negotiated agreement. When and whether this will happen is problematic and will require very intricate negotiation."

The NP has some fundamental objections to a constituent assembly. Van der Merwe points out. It would require a great deal of negotiation simply over mechanisms and even the ANC, he says, has acknowledged it would have to operate under predetermined constitutional principles.

Another problem with such an assembly is that it necessitates an election. At this point, Van der Merwe asks, on what platforms would it be held? His point is that, in being forced to distinguish their platforms, the parties would become locked into them, thus making the process of give and take much more difficult. In any case, the precise strengths of the parties is not material since their consent would be needed in any case for drawing up the constitution. The constitution should "preferably be drawn up by Coedsa," though "some kind of election" would of course be needed to give it legitimacy.

"We say, let's negotiate and see how far we get," is how Van der Merwe puts it.

He is loath to place a time-frame on all of this, though the NP "would like the process completed as soon as possible." The life of an interim government would depend on progress at Coedsa, as some form of transitional arrangement would be needed "until a new constitution is in place."

To the ANC, interim government appears to mean suspending the present constitution, which is not on as far as the NP is concerned. While Coedsa has no legislative powers, says Van der Merwe, morally it would have some sway and resolutions it agreed on would have to be honoured and translated into law.

The hard part — aside from agreeing, further down the line, on constitutional nuts and bolts and in what forum that should occur — seems at this stage to have settled on the mechanics of arriving at an interim government (as the ANC would have it), or government's transitional arrangements.

While government sources had indicated that Coedsa could, as one option, transparently into an interim government, the ANC rejects this notion. The ANC's Valli says Coedsa is a negotiating forum and cannot be an interim government. "Its task is to negotiate what sort of interims arrangements are necessary for the transition."

Interim government is viewed by the ANC as having certain sovereign, though temporary, powers, which will set up a constituent assembly and elections to it and oversee the transition.

Van der Merwe was somewhat peeved by a newspaper headline after the preparatory meeting, which said "Coedsa set to be informal interim government." Though the convention "would have developed into something like that informally, and with good results, this avenue is now closed because it is perceived as an NP aim," Van der Merwe explained. He sounded a bit dubious.

However, says ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus, there is already enough agreement on the question of interim arrangements to start a discussion. Coedsa will determine their precise shape based on "sufficient consensus" being reached. It was impossible to put a time-frame on this matter, but the weekend's good progress had left everyone feeling pretty "upbeat," Niehaus said.

The ANC envisages an interim government as having a "limited life-span with clearly defined goals. That is, to create conditions for an equal playing field preparatory to constituent assembly elections."

Valli says the ANC sees an interim government being in place for "a maximum of 18 months," whereas, he believes, government would like it to go on "for 10 years."

Interim government will come "after all the items on Coedsa's agenda have been agreed on," Valli reckons. "Its first task then would be to organise elections for a constituent assembly. The interim government will conduct these elections in terms of the new constitution and as soon as a new government is elected the interim government will dissolve."

However, the constituent assembly has to draft the new constitution, Valli maintains. What then, is the point of Coedsa looking at general constitutional principles in terms of its agenda? To the ANC — at least according to Valli — this is meant merely to act as "a vision," and the ANC would, therefore, like this embodied in a statement of intent.

The ANC wants early agreement on a constituent assembly "so we can get down to the business of constitution-making. The regime places less emphasis on this than on transitional arrangements."

Such has been the apparent "convergence" of government-ANC thinking — at least over the stuff of which constitutional preambles are made — that it is hard to detect serious differences emerging over "a vision." (Current Affairs November 29) Yet there are different nuances and emphases. Valli points out. Similarly, while there is, "at the level of general principles," agreement on a bill of rights, "the details are for the constituent assembly" to work out.

Another big problem area that Valli foresees is over the time-frame. He believes government wants to drag out the process as long as possible and detects nervousness on its part at the speed at which events are moving, since "once the process is over, they won't be in power anymore."

But surely government's whole thrust is on power-sharing precisely to ensure a place for itself in running the country? But the NP notions of a multiparty Cabinet and so forth "just won't go down and haven't received support from any quarter. We are convinced it won't fly, " asserts Valli. He dismisses the Nat proposal for an upper house of parliament based on equal representation and a veto regardless of voter strength.

So where, then, will the trade-off be? "Look at the preparatory conference," Valli suggests. "All the positions agreed on were ANC [ones]. Government will find it difficult to resist our proposals. The concessions have all along come from the government. Remember they have not agreed to Coedsa, or our unbanning, or Mandela's release out of choice."

Perhaps much of that can be taken with a pinch of salt as bargaining for position — even now. After all, the real bargaining has yet to begin.

Chairman (L) Justices Mohammed and Schaborg; (R) government's Kobie Coetsee and Viljoen
Calls for a Black Christmas are not making much headway
The idea emanates mainly from the Civics Association of
Southern Transvaal (Cast) — the body which has sought to
replace "government" township authorities with itself in
conditions of violence and uncertainty for which it must bear
some responsibility.

A Black Christmas is one in which blacks neither buy
anything nor celebrate on the basis that there is nothing to
celebrate. In fact, of course, this would mean a consumer
boycott over the holidays, enforced, one must assume, by a
variety of means. It must be expected that in certain areas
Christmas gifts will have to be taken home in brown paper
parcels disguised as essential medicines and foodstuffs which
are exempt from the boycott.

Retailers are gloomily anticipating a Black Christmas in
any case. Consumer spending is depressed and likely to
remain so for some months. What most people want for 1992
is a job. To compel entire communities to forgo any enjoy-
ment that the coming season might bring is to compound
misery with discomfort. Perhaps that is the point.

What Cast and Azapo both appear to need is reassurance
that nothing whatsoever is getting better — not the political
situation, not the daily lot of average people, not even a sense
that someday violence will abate and normality return

Cast's demand that government should take decisive steps to
end township violence is either meaningless or disingenuous,
a Christmas consumer boycott would bring with it fear and
recrimination in the affected communities.

What such calls and demands have in common is that they
monotonously insist upon seeing blacks as perpetual victims.
They are the sackcloth to go with the ashes of destitution. By
implication, blacks can never improve their political or
economic lot except through the negative force of boycott.

As last weekend's preparatory meeting on constitutional
negotiations demonstrated, blacks are perfectly capable of
sitting down to make significant deals on a common future
The presence of the ANC, for example, suggests that the
main liberation movement now sees its best advantage in
smoke-filled chambers of debate rather than in the streets —
a major shift in emphasis from its stance earlier this year
when it suspended negotiations because of violence.

The big question for next year is not who can appear most
revolutionary in terms of street theatre. It will be whether
the sharing of power will also mean, as it should, the sharing
of responsibility. It is one thing to rant about taxes and the
redistribution of wealth — quite another for an interim
government to take a cold look at the national accounts and
decide what is best for all.
SACP battles to stay out of the red

By Esmaré van der Merwe
Political Reporter

The SACP would have “serious problems” if funds were not urgently raised, the convenor of the party’s national organising committee, former journalist Charles Nqakula, said yesterday.

Delivering his report to the SACP’s eighth annual congress — the first to be held in South Africa in 30 years — Mr Nqakula said the party’s recruitment campaign had been badly affected by a lack of funds.

“We must, at this congress, consider all possible avenues of fund-raising in an effort, in banking terms, to keep out of the red,” he said.

In a frank review of the party’s state of organisation, Mr Nqakula said the SACP had tended to “tail” its partners in the tripartite alliance and had not engaged in programmes which would have confirmed its independence.

With a paid-up membership of about 25,000, the party had failed to attract women into its structures. However, the party had decided that communist women should remain active in the ANC Women’s League rather than duplicate structures by setting up another forum for women.

He described the party’s lack of contact with and guidance to still-exiled members as “a very sad indictment against us.”

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Gorbachev has lost his way, says SACP chief

By Esmare van der Merwe
Political Reporter

South African Communist Party general-secretary Joe Slovo yesterday launched a stinging attack on Mikhail Gorbachev, saying the Soviet leader had "completely lost his way".

Mr Slovo chose the opening day of the SACP's first legal annual conference in South Africa in 30 years to make the surprise attack.

The 400 delegates, representing 25,000 communists, at the conference held at Nasrec outside Johannesburg murmured in surprise at Mr Slovo's remarks.

He said the Soviet leader had sacrificed true socialism on the altar of a new world order. This was evident from the "indecent haste" with which the Soviet Union had pursued "make friends with 'racist Pretoria'".

Mr Gorbachev had responded to the attempted coup earlier this year with Stalinist treatment, by banning the party as if it were his personal property.

The 10 days of Lenin's October Revolution, which had shaken the world, had been treated like a shameful family history and erased from modern Soviet history books.

Mr Slovo said the majority of the Soviet people would in the long run not allow "a new breed of power-seeking bureaucrats" to undo some of the positive advances of the October Revolution.

All "genuine communists" in the Soviet Union could count on SACP solidarity, he added.

Mr Slovo also told President de Klerk to "keep his nose out of our affairs" and to stop telling the SACP, whom it should "choose" as its allies.

Responding to a recent statement by Mr de Klerk that the SACP was a dying party that was clinging to the ANC like a parasite, he said "One thing is certain we will certainly outlive the decadent National Party. This is their nightmare. As much as it makes their hearts bleed, our alliance with the ANC remains firmly in place."

The conference was opened by SACP chairman Dan Thohane. Messages of support were delivered by ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu and Cosatu general-secretary Jay Naidoo.
Bush and I agree on pressure — Mandela

WASHINGTON — ANC leader Nelson Mandela said yesterday that he and US President George Bush seemed to agree on most issues, including the need for continued US pressure on South Africa to end apartheid.

"I come out of this meeting full of confidence and hope that we are seeing eye to eye with the president on a number of points," Mr Mandela said at a news conference after he and Mr Bush had held a half-hour discussion at the White House.

"One thing is clear the American government is deadly opposed to apartheid and any form of racial discrimination.

"There are, of course, differences on the question of how we should tackle the question of apartheid. But I believe that he (Bush) is exerting pressure on (President) De Klerk to speed up the reform process. And we urged that this morning," Mr Mandela said.

He said he and Mr Bush had been in frequent contact since they met during Mr Mandela's first trip to the United States 18 months ago.

Mr Mandela is on a week-long visit to the US to promote investment in a post-apartheid South Africa.

On Tuesday he addressed the UN General Assembly in New York and urged other nations to continue economic sanctions against South Africa until apartheid was ended.

Reforms

The United States lifted its sanctions on Pretoria recently.

Mr Mandela said the De Klerk Government should be replaced with an interim government while reforms were being worked out.

"It is a minority regime, without credibility, without legitimacy, and that is why we are demanding the installation of an interim government of national unity, which can be seen by the masses of our people that this is a government which represents all South Africans, without discrimination," Mr Mandela said.

Mr Mandela said the ANC believed in a free-enterprise economy but with some intervention by government.

"You require a measure of State intervention to ensure that land is equitably distributed," he said.

Mr Mandela said Mr Bush had shown a great deal of interest in a proposed development bank to promote investment in post-apartheid South Africa, which the ANC supports.

He was optimistic about the success of meetings beginning on December 20 between the ANC and other anti-apartheid groups and the SA Government to discuss a new political system.

"We are hoping that that convention will constitute a milestone in our quest for a democratic South Africa. It gives an opportunity to all the people of South Africa to be involved in determining the future of this country," he said. — Sapa-Reuters.
Corruption alleged in DET matric marking

JOHANNESBURG — Maladministration and corruption in the marking of matriculation exam papers under the auspices of the Department of Education and Training will result in thousands of black matriculants being assessed unfairly, the SA Democratic Teachers' Union said yesterday.

The Sadtu statement called for "speedy movement" towards establishing an interim government to resolve South Africa's education problems.

The teachers' union said that after investigation it had come to the conclusion that "once more there are gross irregularities" in the marking of matric exam papers.

The DET's inability to follow a clear criterion for marking, maladministration at various levels, favouritism in the appointment of markers, nepotism, corruption, victimisation of markers who were Sadtu members and lack of proper planning were among the causes of the high failure rate, Sadtu said. — Sapa

Women defy police, march

RICHMOND. — About 300 women defied police orders and staged an illegal protest march from Ndaleni township to Richmond in the Natal Midlands yesterday to demand that riot unit members alleged to be inciting violence be withdrawn from the township.

The Richmond district was declared an unrest area in Wednesday's Government Gazette. More than 200 people have been killed in Richmond's townships this year. (R.R) CT b [2] 44

Police told the ANC-supporting women who gathered in Ndaleni yesterday morning that they would be dispersed or arrested if they marched.

The singing marchers were, however, adamant about delivering a memorandum to Richmond's police station commander and they ignored police orders. — Sapa
SACP battles to keep out of the red

Johannesburg — The South African Communist Party was facing cash constraints and would soon be in the red if it did not solve its cash squeeze, national organiser Mr Charles Nqakula told the party's congress yesterday.

Presenting his report, Mr Nqakula called on members to raise funds. "We must consider all possible avenues of fund-raising to keep out of the red," he said.

The biggest dilemma for SACP regions was that the party was operating openly with a constitution designed for underground activity.

General-secretary Mr Joe Slovo said yesterday that former Operative Vula-trialist Mr Mac Maharaj had resigned in a letter stating that his resignation was "non-reversible and non-discussable."
Mandela on US crusade for billions

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WASHINGTON, -- African National Congress president, Mr. Nelson Mandela is crusading in America for massive investment in South Africa -- but has repeated the ANC stance on sanctions and has hinted that they are reviewing their position on nationalisation.

During his week-long tour of the United States, he urged President Bush and the president of the World Bank, Mr. Lewis Preston, to back two multi-billion-dollar aid programmes for South Africa.

Members of Mr. Mandela's entourage confirmed he had repeated his appeal for massive aid and investment and the response had been "most encouraging".

They emphasised, however, that Mr. Mandela's call was for investment and aid in a post-apartheid South Africa and that until a new government was in place the ANC believed sanctions should be retained.

Asked whether the ANC's views on nationalisation would not discourage aid and investment, Mr. Mandela said "Since the Freedom Charter was drawn up in 1955, attitudes have changed."

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While the PAC fracture deepens

By WALLY MBHELE

THE Pan Africanist Congress suffered a powerful rupture at the weekend when delegates from more than 50 branches around the country declared their autonomy from the PAC's leadership and its policies.

As the organisation's leaders were walking out of the preparatory meeting for the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa) on Saturday, in protest against the alleged collusion between the government and the African National Congress, little did they know of bitter accusations levelled against them by "loyal members of the organisation".

At a conference, attended by more than 400 people, at Lethukuthula Secondary School in Katlehong, the PAC leadership was accused of "selling out the African masses" and creating confusion within the organisation.

The Katlehong conference, which was organised by a splinter group known as the East and West Rand Facilitating Committee, was characterised by a militant mood among the delegates who denounced their leaders as "co-managers of imperialism". One delegate won a standing ovation amid the reverberating chant of "one settler, one bullet" when he said that "we have been betrayed by the people we loved".

He attacked PAC president Clarence Makwethu's support for the Constituent Assembly as "arrogant". "Our hopes and aspirations are being toyed with. They have lost our love and respect," he said. "Negotiations are like a minefield. Once you go, you'll never come back."

The Katlehong conference saw the election of a National Steering Committee and the adoption of resolutions with far-reaching implications.

The committee was asked to convene the "2nd National Congress of the PAC" on April 6 next year and a motion was adopted that last year's congress should be declared "null and void".

Meanwhile, after suspending their further participation in the preparatory meeting, the PAC announced a special congress in Cape Town on December 16, to obtain a mandate on whether to take part in Codesa or boycott it.

However, it was the very question of mandate which brought the PAC leadership on a collision course with its members.

Blasting the leadership for acting without a mandate, delegates at the Katlehong conference rejected the Constituent Assembly and the National Council of Black People as a "sell-out" and "betrayal of PAC policy". "The land question," argued the delegates, "was non-negotiable and the Constituent Assembly could not guarantee the unconditional return of the land..."

The Constituent Assembly was adopted at the PAC's first congress within the country since its unbanning while it acted as a co-convenor of the National Council of Black People on October 25.

The organisation's sudden departure from the preparatory meeting and the immediate announcement of a special congress on December 16 is seen by observers as an attempt to avoid a split in the PAC.
The tussle for leader of the youth

Peter Mokaba has for years been undisputed leader of the youth. But this weekend, the ANC Youth League must choose between the Lion of the North and a surprise challenger.

HERBERT MATLOU profiles two hardened activists from the same militant mould.

RAPU MOLEKANE ... Christian and communist

I have always seen Christianity as a source of our duties for liberation," he explains. "At the same time, I have been inspired by the works of people in the South African Communist Party."

"Communists fought side by side with the nationalists, as reflected in the history of our liberation struggles. Moreover, most communists have religious backgrounds. The philosophical differences between the two don't stop their adherents from working together."

Molekane's credentials for the position of president of the African National Congress Youth League, currently held by Peter Mokaba, will be put to the test at the league's congress next week.

He served as national publications officer for the Young Christian Students before his election to the executive committee of the Soweto Youth Congress in 1984.

He continued working for the Christian movement until 1987, when he was elected secretary-general of the South African National Congress, the ANC's youth wing, and became a principal in the movement's strategy.

The ANC was arrested on May 9, 1986, and the party's leadership was arrested the same night. The ANC then went underground as it fought for democracy.

"Some posters for the march were made at my house," he recalls. "As a result, the posters didn't come as a surprise but were打击ed by the large number of arrests.

At a 16-year-old Standard Six pupil, Molekane joined the procession as it snaked past White City until it was halted by police gunfire below the bridge overlooking Orlando stadium.

His first taste of prison came the following year when, during the anniversary of the student revolt, he spent a night in Jobnburg police station.

With the student "exodus" to the rural areas in the post-1976 years, Molekane went to Transkei and attended Ngqotsho Secondary School. He returned to Soweto in 1979, where he made his first contact with the Congress of South African Students.

(Petersburg) after registering at Mapelise-Tiwane Secondary School.

At the time, the Department of Education and Training was attempting to diffuse student militancy by closing down Moria Isaacman High School, referred to as a "hot spot" and suspending students at various other schools. But the move backfired, leading to the consolidation of Cosas at Mapelise-Tiwane.

Molekane says the most striking feature about Cosas was the organization of political workshops. "I remember we worked at Mangosuthu University at which I drew students from Soweto, Berea, Hillbrow, and Umlazi. Discussions centered around arguments raised in Lail Callumson's, Goddard Workers' and

PETEOK MOKABA ... in and out of jail

"The youth have a special duty to support the ANC in making this [for a transitional government and a constituent assembly] a reality, but we also have to ensure that the good negotiations achieve a democratic South Africa is not watered down," he says.

In 1987, Molekane was elected president of the Soweto Youth Congress. When the ANC was forced out of the ANC Youth League, he was detained for three months in solitary confinement.

After his release from detention in 1987, he was elected as the ANC's president in 1989.

Molekane has been charged with criminal and political offenses. He was arrested on May 9, 1986, and was later acquitted of the charges.

He is one of the leaders of the ANC's youth movement in the North that led the defiance of the government's laws.

He spent in the mountains at night, evading arrest until 1991, when he was captured in November 1991.

Molekane was later acquitted of charges of illegal possession of arms and ammunition.

He has been in and out of jail for years, leading to his trial in 1990.

Following the banning of the ANC in February 1990, Molekane was appointed as the president of the ANC Youth League. When the ANC was forced out of the ANC Youth League, he was arrested for the second time in 1991.

His trial is scheduled for May 8, 1991, and he is facing charges of treason, conspiracy, and seditious activities.

If convicted, Molekane could face up to 15 years in prison. If acquitted, he could face up to seven years in prison.
SACP chooses Hani

SACP that it needs to assert its independence to counter the impression that it is an ancillary to the larger ANC. (IMA)

Mr Slovo was the only nominee for the position as SACP chairman, a less onerous post than the general secretaryship. Charles Nqakula, a former journalist and guerilla fighter, was nominated as deputy secretary-general SIRK 7/12/97.

"Discussion at yesterday's plenary session of the SACP congress focused on its draft constitution, drawn up, in large measure, to take account of the changed situation in South Africa since the party was unbanned on February 2 last year and in a world where communism is on the retreat.

In contrast to communist parties in Europe, the SACP proudly affirmed it was a communist party by re-adopting its name in the new constitution. The 400 congress delegates then re-proclaimed their commitment to Marxism-Leninism.

Where the drafters of the new constitution - understood to have included Mr Slovo - studiously avoided that phrase, the congress wanted it written into the constitution. The un-amended draft constitution was deemed, judging by delegates' comments yesterday, to have relegated Lenin in the hierarchy of revolutionary leaders.

Complaints were raised about the draft manifesto which does not even mention Lenin, committing the SACP to work for the return of socialism to "its true and original vocation as envisaged by Marx, Engels and many other great socialist pioneers."

In another critical decision, the congress voted overwhelmingly against a phrase describing the aim of the SACP as the establishment of a "democratic socialist society.""

The chairman of the SACP's Natal Midlands branch, Harry Gwala, was cheered when he spoke in favour of not putting the adjective "democratic" before the word "socialism."

Many delegates argued that the word "democratic" was superfluous because socialism was "intrinsically democratic."

A majority of the leaders on the podium voted for the use of the word "democratic." They included Mr Slovo and Mr Hani.

Afterwards Mr Slovo cautioned against reading too much into the vote. The SACP had unequivocally committed itself to democracy by its acceptance of earlier clauses in the draft constitution, he said.

One clause committed the SACP to work for its "acceptance as a vanguard (party) by democratic means and in ideological contest with other political parties."
PAC’s absence from negotiations is a signal of good news for rest of us

LONG may the PAC continue to walk out of negotiations. As long as that is happening, most South Africans will be able to sleep soundly at night.

Why do I say that? Simply because it means that everything is on track. Like the puff of smoke from the enclave of cardinals at the Vatican, it tells the world waiting outside that what’s happening inside is going smoothly.

More specifically, PAC walkouts tell the world waiting outside that, inside, the National Party and the ANC are getting closer and closer.

Don’t misunderstand me. I don’t have it in for the PAC any more than I do for any other political grouping.

But reality dictates that a serious and workable settlement will have to be between the National Party on one side and the ANC on the other.

The PAC appears to be a limited power base and, therefore, the more it squeals, the more it is being margined as the Nat/ANC bloc.

The same, to greater or lesser extent, will apply to the other would-be major player jostling for power at Codesa – Inkatha.

For the rest, like the various odd and ends masquerading as homeland political parties, discount them from the political game — they are doing nothing more than wasting oxygen.

Don’t be alarmed, either. When I mention the Nat/ANC bloc this is unlikely to turn into a permanent political alliance, with one party swallow-
Mangope slates ANC League over protest call

MAFIKENG - Bophuthatswana President Lucas Mangope yesterday launched a scathing attack on the ANC Youth League for appealing to the homeland's residents to engage in mass action against his rule.

Speaking at a ceremony to mark his third term as president since independence 14 years ago, Mr Mangope told more than 3,000 people that the Youth League had called for action to 'bring Mangope to his knees and make Bophuthatswana ungovernable'.

Delegates from the breakaway Soviet republics of Latvia and the Ukraine heard Mr Mangope reveal that he had altered his internal security laws to permit organisations such as the ANC to register as political parties and fight him at the polls.

He would welcome it if the ANC or other parties challenged him, he said.

The Youth League's attack on his government had resulted in homeland residents having false expectations similar to 'those expensive and attractively wrapped Easter eggs - once you have opened them they are hollow and empty inside'.

Mr Mangope also accused newspapers of printing propaganda about him.

He said his government should not be accused of oppression if it reacted to the organisations involved in subversive activities aimed at toppling his government.

SAPA reports that 60 members of the ANC were allegedly arrested yesterday in Winterveld, north of Pretoria, shortly before embarking on protest action against the 14th anniversary celebrations.

Ronnie Mamooepa of the ANC PWV region said the protesters were meeting at the local Riba Primary School when homeland police rounded them up.

They were arrested shortly before marching on the local police station to hand over a memorandum calling for the reincorporation of Bophuthatswana into greater South Africa.
Hani is SACP boss

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

IN a shock move, Mr Chris Hani last night bucked directives from both the ANC and uMkhonto weSizwe and bowed to overwhelming SA Communist Party pressure to take over its leadership.

The surprise turnaround by the MK chief of staff and member of the ANC's inner cabinet caught the ANC off guard and could fuel tensions with his SACP alliance partner.

Mr Hani's unexpected decision to take over as general secretary of the party from the ailing Mr Joe Slovo comes just weeks after the SACP formally lost a tug-of-war contest for the charismatic leader.

The recent ANC national executive decision that Mr Hani would not be allowed to transfer to the SACP full-time followed an earlier unanimous resolution by a special MK congress calling on the ANC to retain Mr Hani as MK chief of staff and to decline an SACP request for him to work full-time for the party.

The unopposed nomination of the militant, high-profile and extremely popular leader to the leadership of the SACP comes as a major coup for the party and is likely to boost its popularity during a difficult period in its history. Mr Hani received the most votes during elections for positions on the ANC's executive at its July conference in Durban.

After Mr Slovo announced recently that ill health prevented him from standing for re-election to the demanding general secretary post, the contest for the position seemed wide open.

However, shortly before nominations closed last night, Mr Hani - in the words of SACP central committee member Mr Jeremy Cronin - "howed to the overwhelming pressure from congress (to stand), which happens to coincide with his personal feelings".

When the Cape Times broke the news of the sudden move, it reported that Mr Hani was at the ANC's Luthuli House headquarters and had decided to take over immediately.

Hani leads SACP

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Mr Hani's decision to take over the top job in the SACP to ANC spokesman Mr Saki Macozoma, he responded "I'm as surprised as you are!"

However, he added "Whatever the ANC or MK feels about this, ultimately Mr Hani will have to follow his personal inclination. Other structures in the (ANC-SACP-Coastal) alliance can say what they want to say."

Mr Cronin told the Cape Times that while Mr Hani felt a commitment towards MK and the ANC, the SACP had been his "first choice" all along.

He hoped that Mr Hani's decision would not lead to tensions and strains with the alliance partners.

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Mr Hani's decision to take over the top job in the SACP to ANC spokesman Mr Saki Macozoma, he responded “I'm as surprised as you are.”

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Why secret talks almost faltered

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any further we shall be in very deep water indeed.”

Mr Ramaphosa agreed, saying, “We do have to have a cut-off point. If we open the floodgates, the flood will just sweep us away.”

Mr Desai, a former Cape Town city councillor, attacked Mr Ramaphosa, saying he found it astonishing that he could support the exclusion of trade unions.

Mr Ramaphosa replied that the ANC had discussed the matter with Cosatu, its alliance partner. It was clear Mr Desai was not well-informed.

The question of whether there should be separate delegations for Inkatha, the KwaNdebele government and the Zulu king - still unresolved - featured prominently at the meeting.

The minutes show that Dr Frank Mdlalose, Inkatha chairman, launched into a lengthy dissertation on KwaNdebele’s history to support his point.

The minutes also reflect intense debate on the choice of chairmen for the first meeting of the CDESA conference.

Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee proposed that Mr Justice Schabort and Mr Justice Mahomed should continue as co-chairmen but that Chief Justice Corbett officiate at the first meeting.

There was unanimity on the two judges continuing as co-chairmen, but the ANC, SACP and PAC objected to the choice of the Chief Justice. The ANC and SACP later conceded the point.

During debate on the issue, acting chairman Dr De Beer clashed with Mr Desai...
INSIDE THE SECRET TALKS

Revealed: Judge Mahomed's angry clash with communist delegate

By Norman West: Political Reporter

THE secret minutes of last week's multi-party talks show that they came to the point of breakdown when the two chairmen threatened to walk out after an attack on their impartiality by prominent communist Moses Mayekiso.

One of the chairmen, Mr Justice Ismail Mahomed, rescued the situation when he forced an apology from a reluctant Mr Mayekiso.

The Sunday Times has acquired a 400-page transcript which reveals the drama behind the breakdown at last week's preparatory meeting of the Constituency for a Democratic South Africa.

The meeting at the Jan Smuts Holiday Inn set the ground rules for the historic December 29 and 31 talks which will negotiate a new constitution for South Africa.

The minutes show that a crisis loomed when Mr. Justice Mahomed felt his impartiality, and that of co-chairman, Mr Justice Petrus Schaap, had been impugned.

The drama arose after Mr Justice Mahomed had allowed considerable debate by the Inkatha Freedom Party delegates on why the KwaZulu government and the Zulu king should have separate delegations.

Mr Mayekiso remarked that it seemed as if "you want to satisfy a certain party..."

"The judge responded, "No, I do not think that is fair. If there is any issue as to my impartiality, let us develop it straight away, because I do not particularly need to be here..." If there is a perception that this (his efforts to resolve conflicts) constituted bias on the part of me and my colleagues, we are quite prepared to carry on in our present position.

Apollogise

"We need the confidence of this assembly in order..."

Doctors' fury over Rina's bid to slash health bills

By Charlene Smith

Doctors are fighting a proposed new law which would allow the establishment of medical care systems that have proven they can slash medical costs by almost half.

Such schemes, claim their supporters, could extend medical benefits to 1.4 million more South Africans.

Anger at the proposed law is at the root of the recent demand by the 12 000 doctors in the Medical Association of South Africa for the resignation of Dr Rina Venet, the Minister of Health.

The new Medical Schemes Act, which has been rejected in its entirety by the doctors, would for the first time allow medical schemes to contract only with doctors or medical services that are prepared to operate within affordable rates.

I would also spur the establishment of what in the call of Managed Health Care Sys-
Mandela gives Hani go-ahead as SACP chief

ANC president Nelson Mandela gave permission at short notice for Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Chris Hani to become leader of the SACP after he was telephoned in America by his deputy, Mr Walter Sisulu.

The decision to elect Mr Hani as general secretary of the SACP at the party's first legal conference in South Africa in 40 years was taken despite initial strong opposition from the ANC and MK.

But the party had no alternative after the only other leading candidate, former Cosatu assistant general secretary Sydney Mufamadi, told members he was not available for a top position.

Mr Hani will resign from the ANC's national working committee and is likely to resign as chief of staff of MK.

**Surprise**

Former SACP general secretary Joe Slovo was not available for re-election because of ill-health and work commitments elsewhere. He was elected unopposed as party chairman.

Former JointNST and Operation Vula activist Charles Nqulaza was elected unopposed as deputy general secretary, former Sactu president Kay Moonsamy was elected unopposed as treasurer and Robben Islander Ruy Mhlaba was elected deputy chairman.

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Mr Hani said he believed he could still play some role in MK, although he doubted it would be as chief of staff. He would retain his position on the ANC's national executive committee.

He said his nomination had come as a surprise, as he had said before the congress that he was unavailable for an official position. Mr Hani is now likely to lead the SACP delegation in the CODESA talks.

Delegates at the congress reaffirmed their commitment to socialism as the only viable solution to South Africa's problems.

The crisis in Eastern Europe featured prominently in lively debate — which was open to the media — by more than 400 delegates.

While recognising that socialism had failed in the Soviet Union because of its distorted implementation and a lack of democracy, delegates reaffirmed their commitment to socialism and Marxist-Leninism.

They also committed themselves to multi-partyism and the pursuit of socialism by democratic means.

Debating the party's constitution, delegates voted overwhelmingly to scrap the word "democratic" to qualify socialism.

Operation Vula activist Ronne Kasrils and full-time SACP worker Jeremy Cronin topped the polls in the SACP central committee elections.

Cosatu vice-president Chris Dlamini, Mr Mufamadi and Cosatu deputy president John Gumomo captured the third, fourth and fifth positions respectively.

Former general secretary of the South African Congress of Trade Unions John Nkabinde was elected executive committee member.

National Union of Metalworkers of SA general secretary Moses Mayekoswa was elected executive committee member.

Nzimande came ninth and Natal Midlands ANC regional executive committee member Blaine Heuwel came 10th.

Others elected to the remaining 15 positions on the central committee are: Zizamele Sizhake, Essop Pahad, Geraldine Fraser, Raymond Sutner, Jenny Schreiner, Sam Shilowa, Tony Yengeni, January Masilela, Garth Strachan, Thejivwe Mihlatsi, Stan Nkosi, Brian Bunting, Govan Mbeki, Matthew Mkhakha and Nozizwe Madlala.
Mandela, Bush agree

ANC president Nelson Mandela said on Thursday that he and United States President George Bush seem to agree on most issues, including the need for continued US pressure on South Africa to end apartheid.

"I come out of this meeting full of confidence and hope that we are seeing eye to eye with the president on a number of points," Mandela said at a news conference after he and Bush had a half-hour discussion at the White House.

"One thing is clear that the American government is deadly opposed to apartheid and any form of racial discrimination."
No black Christmas, says ANC

THE ANC's PWV region will not support calls for a "black Christmas" - a consumer boycott of white-owned businesses over the festive season.

Spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said this was decided at a meeting of the ANC's regional executive committee.

The regional leadership believed the community deserved a break from mass action, he said.

"We believe people should be given the opportunity to celebrate this festive season in a spirit of goodwill and to then regroup to regain their strength and dedication to launch higher forms of mass action in the new year."
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MARXISM-Leninism—has
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eighth congress held at
Nasrec, near Soweto, at
the weekend.

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member of the ANC
NEC, Harry Gwala, drew
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Mhlaba was elected de-
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after standing against the
incumbent Dan Tloome.

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Azayo slams talks

BY SUSU MOTSHUTSHU

THE newly-formed Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa) will come under the spotlight during a conference of the Azanian Youth Organisation (Azayo) in Port Elizabeth next weekend.

Azayo president Thami Mecerwa told journalists in Johannesburg this week that Codesa was trying to find "a quick-fix solution" to the country's problems.

Mecerwa said Codesa would compromise the liberation struggle and was doomed to fail like the Patriotic Front.

He also criticised the ANC's rejection of a "black Christmas", saying Azayo would continue the campaign.

About 1000 delegates, including ANC members, are expected to attend the conference in New Brighton's Centenary Hall from Saturday to Monday, he said.
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SACP to go own route, but strengthen alliance

By Esmé van der Merwe

The South African Communist Party is developing an independent political force while, on the other hand, strengthening its alliance with the ANC and Cosatu.

At the conclusion of its eighth annual congress - the first legal congress to be held in South Africa in more than 30 years - the SACP said it remained a revolutionary party committed to a radical transformation of the country into a socialist state.

Newly elected general secretary Chris Hani - who indicated that he would step down as chief of staff of the ANC's military wing Umkhonto we Sizwe - told the congress that the advance to socialism had become unstoppable.

"Surely the National Party, which is trying to destroy us, must feel uncomfortable to see us united and invigorated to continue the struggle. They must be perplexed to see that we are prepared to continue until we get a socialist South Africa," he said to loud applause from more than 400 delegates representing the party's 25,000 members.

Mr Hani said that asserting the SACP's independence did not mean it would necessarily clash with the ANC or Cosatu.

Prisoners

The alliance partners would continue to pursue common strategies. However, if the SACP did not "see eye to eye" with the ANC on certain issues, it would not hesitate to say so, he told a press conference after the congress at Nasrec outside Johannesburg.

Mr Hani added that the party would devise its own strategies for constitutional negotiations.

The SACP said it intended to use the upcoming Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa) to demand the release of all remaining political prisoners before Christmas.

Congress resolved that its negotiating team should demand that all decisions taken at Codesa on December 20/21 should have the force of law.

New SACP national chairman Joe Slovo, who stepped down as general secretary because of heavy ANC workload and ill health, said Codesa's decisions could only be legally enforced if entrenched by the existing Parlia-

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SACP to go own route, keep ties

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Attempts to "delay the adoption of a new constitution by proposing that interim arrangements should last for an unacceptably long time".

The SACP also demanded that President de Klerk and the NP retract their statements that they would never hand over power to the ANC.

In a resolution on the tri-partite alliance, the SACP noted that consultations between the parties on major initiatives - particularly on negotiations - were inadequate. The alliance had often failed to give decisive leadership at national, regional and local levels.

Congress resolved that alliance structures should be strengthened at all levels, and that a common programme of action should be developed, including mass campaigns to strengthen the alliance in the negotiation process.

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SACP slams lack of consultation in alliance

SACP delegates yesterday sharply criticised what they said was a lack of consultation within the SACP/ANC/Cosatu alliance and resolved to develop the party's independence within the alliance.

Following four days of discussions, the SACP congress committed itself to abide by the result of free and fair elections, support the continued participation in the Congress for a Democratic SA (Codesa) and provide support for Cuba.

Newly-elected SACP general secretary Chris Ham said after the congress that he would have to be phased out of his job as Ukholo Wo Izwe chief of staff as he would be working full time for the party.

In his closing address, Ham criticised capitalism as "a danger to humanity." He also expressed support for Cuba and the international socialist movement.

In the party's resolution on negotiations, the SACP noted that it had not adequately consulted its membership in working out its positions and participation in the negotiations process.

It also slammed the NP for attempting to delay the adoption of a democratic constitution by proposing that interim arrangements should last for an unacceptably long time.

Codesa should establish an interim government to govern for a period of not longer than 18 months and all its decisions should have the force of law.

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Hani likely
to step down as MK chief

By Esmeré van der Merwe
Political Reporter

Newly elected SACP general-secretary Chris Hani indicated yesterday that he would step down as chief of staff of the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK), to work full-time for the SACP.

Mr Hani said the ANC would soon be requested to "phase out" his MK duties since he clearly could not do justice to both positions.

However, ANC president Nelson Mandela gave the green light.

Asked whether he would resign as MK chief of staff, he said: "Well, I will be working full-time for the SACP. As soon as possible we will sit down with the ANC leadership, where I think the request will be made that I be phased out."

Mr Hani's availability for the job came as a surprise, as he had indicated earlier that he would not be available.

The ANC, which had earlier turned down an SACP request to relieve him of his MK duties to build up the SACP, has not yet officially responded to Mr Hani's unanimous election.

ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu said on Saturday the ANC would have to accept Mr Hani's election and that it would not cause friction between the two parties.

"It is true that the ANC wanted Mr Hani. They did not want him to take other positions.

"But once the congress of the Communist Party meets, it is its prerogative to appoint a man they've got confidence in, and we granted them that," he said.

At its first legal congress in South Africa in more than three decades, the SACP elected a new leadership of 30 people.

Outgoing general-secretary Joe Slovo was elected national chairman, former journalist Charles Nqakula was elected deputy general-secretary and Robben Island stalwart Raymond Mhlaba was elected as deputy national chairman.

The position of treasurer went to former SA Congress of Trade Unions president Kay Moosamy.

Other members of the SACP's central committee, in order of the number of votes attracted in the secret ballot conducted among 413 delegates, were Jeremy Cronin (407), Ronnie Kasrils (400), Chris Dlamini (392), Sydney Mufamadi (387), John Gomomo (385), John Nkandla (366), Billy Nair (361), Moses Mayekiso (350), Blade Nzimande (339), Harry Gwala (338), Sizakele Sigxashe (329), Essop Pahad (329), Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi (324), Raymond Suttner (321), Jenny Schreiner (321), Sam Shilowa (325), Tony Yengeni (283), January Maniela (276), Garth Strachan (267), Thenjiwe Mmmbela (266), Stan Nkosi (258), Brian Bunting (258), Govan Mbeki (252), Matthew Makhubu (231) and Nozizwe Madlala (249).

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SACP delegates score major coup

PATRICK LAURENCE appraises the significance of the SA Communist Party's historic eighth congress.

The South African Communist Party at the weekend that it would, where necessary, pursue an independent course of action as a mere ancillary to the ANC.

The election of Chris Ham, a senior member of the ANC and chief of staff of Umkhonto we Sizwe, as SACP general-secretary is a clear manifestation of the independent-minded mood of the 400 delegates who attended the congress.

It is common knowledge, as Mr Ham acknowledged at a news conference after the election, that the ANC was loath to release him to serve as a full-time officer of the SACP.

Yet the delegates, who occupy leadership positions at local branch level and who reflect grassroots opinion in the SACP, insisted that he make himself available to accept Joe Slovo as general-secretary and take over the single most important position in the party.

They simply refused to take "no" for an answer, either from Mr Ham, who spoke jokingly of their insistent "friendly persuasion", or from the ANC leadership.

Nelson Mandela and Walter Sisulu, ANC president and vice-president respectively, were informed of the mood of the congress and raised no objections, Mr Slovo, who was unanimously elected as SACP chairman, told journalists. One wonders, however, whether they had any option but to consent.

By persuading Mr Ham to stand and the ANC to release him, the SACP delegates scored a major coup for the party. Mr Ham, a charismatic man with popular support, can only strengthen the SACP's appeal in the black community where, in large measure, the ideological battles of the future will be won or lost.

It is true that there are fraternal relations between the SACP and the ANC. It is true, too, that Mr Ham was quick to point out, that he will not be the first man to hold top posts in both the ANC and SACP. Two of the best-known black communists from an earlier era, Moses Kotane and Moses Mahbuda - held senior positions in both.

But these are different times and, to quote Mr Ham, "the position of a general-secretary in the SACP is a full-time job." The SACP will thus be the primary party to mould its talents, energy and popularity.

A measure of Mr Ham's popularity was given in July at the ANC's conference when he received the support of 300 of the 400 delegates for the 50 seats on the national executive chosen by popular vote after the election of the six major office-bearers.

Another indication of the SACP's independent role emerged during the news conference after Mr Ham's election. Mr Ham will almost certainly lead the SACP team at the pending Codema negotiations, with the seasoned Mr Slovo at his side.

In the emergence of a mood favouring a higher profile and a more independent role for the SACP, one should not over-emphasise the point. The SACP is not about to part company with the ANC. It remains a key partner in the tripartite alliance with the ANC and the Congress of South African Trade Unions.

"Each of the organisations in the alliance discusses the negotiating process," Mr Slovo said.

He pointed the use of the phrase "democratic socialism", opting instead, against the wishes of Mr Slovo, to say that socialism in the newly adopted party constitution. It chose, too, not to reject a request to describe the SACP as a Marxist party - and thus to play the role of Lenin - rather than a Marxist-Leninist party.

The words were interpreted by some observers as a rejection of Mr Slovo's attempts to reassert the importance of democracy and a resurgence of pre-Gorbachev communism in the SACP. Mr Slovo, however, disagreed when that interpretation was put to him.

"There was no rejection of the concept of democratic socialism, there was only rejection of the adjective 'Marxist'," he said.

"If you look at the balance of the constitution - which was adopted unanimously - you will see that the delegates unanimously told themselves to multi-party cooperation, to pay respect for the right of all political and social organisations to exist. "What they were doing in removing the adjective was to state their belief that socialism incorporated democracy."

Against that, however, when Harry Gwala argued for the resumption of the phrase "Marxist-Leninist", the meeting cheered widely, Mr Gwala, an old-style hardliner, as the chairman of the region which sent a congratulatory message to the man who tried to out-Soviet the Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and restore the old Brezhnev regime in the Soviet Union in August.

Mr Slovo is on record, too, as arguing that what passes for Leninism is often no more than disguised Stalinism.

The SACP congress was, however, true to the post-Brezhnev concept of glasnost or openness, it fulfilled a promise - made by its leaders more than a year ago - to discard the secrecy which had characterised the SACP underground existence and led to its removal or clandestine manipulation of the ANC.

Elections to its central committee - the highest policy-making body after the congress itself - were held during the congress, with independent organizers ensuring that everyone knew who the candidates were and that all delegate could exercise a secret vote.

The names of the central committee were published at the congress and released to the press. They were headed by Jeremy Cronin, with 407 votes for Mr Slovo, and were noted for the absence of refereeing strong and indisputable links between communism and democracy.
Mike Siluma reflects on the SACP conference which ended yesterday

Who speaks for SA’s workers?

The weekend conference of the SACP once more brought into focus the need for the unions to carve a niche for themselves. The need was first articulated after the ANC conference, and again recently when Cosatu demanded representation at the multiparty talks.

After nearly 40 years as an underground party, the SACP formally re-launched itself into a South Africa where its mantle as the defender of the interests of the working class has, in practice, been usurped by the union movement, primarily Cosatu.

While SACP membership currently stands at a claimed 25,000, its ideological allies, the unions, command far greater visible support among workers. Cosatu, for instance, claims a membership of more than a million, while the National Council of Trade Unions boasts more than 300,000.

In addition, a new survey of the political views of Cosatu shop stewards has shown that if an election were called today, an overwhelming 94 percent would vote for the ANC. A paltry three percent would vote for the SACP.

The survey, commissioned by Cosatu and carried out in September by the Community Agency for Social Enquiry (CASE), also showed that of the 800 shop stewards interviewed, 70 percent believed Cosatu was the body best able to represent workers’ interests during the constitutional negotiations, against nine percent for the SACP and 21 percent for the ANC.

Senior CASE researcher Sipho Pityana, who co-ordinated the survey, ascribed the low support for the SACP to two main factors — the party’s lack of an independent political profile as a result of its participation in the ANC/Cosatu alliance, and Cosatu’s prominent political role in recent years.

“Until the unbanning of ... the ANC and SACP, Cosatu played the role of representing workers’ interests both politically and on the shopfloor, and won the workers’ confidence.”

SACP executive member Charles Nqakula was dismissive of the findings. “We do not place a lot of emphasis on such surveys. The fact that our membership has grown from 5,000 at the beginning of the year to 25,000 shows that there is a lot of interest among the working masses in the SACP.”

He points out that many Cosatu shop stewards are also active as party activists at branch level. Also, key Cosatu leaders hold party executive posts.

“The party is the political home of the working class. The labour movement largely concerns itself with the situation at the factory floor. The main objective of the party in the short term is to work with the ANC to achieve national liberation for all our people. In the longer term our aim is to introduce socialism in SA.”

But what common ground is there between Mr Nqakula’s views and those of union leaders?

Plenty, it seems, in the case of Nactu assistant general secretary Mahlonoma Skhosana. “We see the SACP as an important organisation. We believe that a strong communist party in SA can help to fight the economic imbalances in the country.”

“Unions are reformist by the nature of their work, whereas the party is a revolutionary body which is a necessary complement to the unions’ struggle.”

Cosatu general secretary Jay Nkodoo agreed there was a convergence of objectives in as far the party and Cosatu wanted “a democratic socialist SA”, but added that, while Cosatu’s primary role was to look after workers’ interests such as wages, employment and economic issues in general, the federation remained a major political player.
Boesak says rural success vital to ANC

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

Dr Boesak said that despite talks at national level for a new constitution, it often appeared as if nothing had changed in the rural areas.

He said some farmers were paying their workers between R12 and R20 a month — "and people are expected to live on this".

Dr Boesak said that although the Labour Party now formed part of the Patriotic Front, LP-controlled management committees "are throttling our people in the rural areas."

"The government may be willing to change, but its hangers-on are not."

Earlier, the ANC's director of information, Dr Pallo Jordan, said the conditions experienced by the oppressed in the rural areas of South Africa was "a scandal that would put any other country to shame".

He slammed the use of prison labour and migrant labour on farms as a way of keeping wages down.
Top ANC people on committee were among the top trade unionists elected. Prof Jeremy Cronin was voted in by 407 delegates. Members of the electoral commission were: Prof Kader Asmal (an expert in constitutional law), Mr Alan Taylor (a senior administrator at the University of the Western Cape), Prof Pink Haysom (of the Centre for Legal and Applied Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand) and Miss Lauren Richter. The South African Communist Party also decided not to change its name.
Mandela surprised by US award worth R280 000

HUGH ROBERTON
The Argus Foreign Service

WASHINGTON. — A wealthy oil industry heiress gave ANC president Nelson Mandela a surprise $100 000 (R280 000) award at a Houston ceremony where he honoured recipients of another award.

Mr Mandela had just completed a speech honouring the winners of the Carter-Menil Human Rights Prize, which commemorates six Jesuit priests murdered by government forces in El Salvador in 1989, when Mrs Domnique de Menil ushered him back.

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ANC men keep posts

Mr. Mathew Phosa and Mr. Joe Nzima were re-elected to their positions of regional chairman and regional secretary respectively at the ANC Eastern Transvaal conference.

In a statement yesterday the ANC Eastern Transvaal branch said Mr. Johannes Shabangu, former death row and Robben Island prisoner for Umkonto we Sizwe activities, was elected regional treasurer.

Mr. Crosby Moni was unanimously elected deputy chairman and Mr. Jacques Modipane was elected deputy secretary.

Mr. Jackson Mthembu retains his position in the regional executive committee as regional spokesman. - Sapa
Natal women form alliance

A HISTORIC alliance of women’s organisations, cutting across political, social and economic boundaries, was established in Natal at the weekend.

The front, to be known as the Women’s Charter Alliance of Southern Natal, has as its main objective the drawing up of a national charter for women’s rights.

Participants in the southern Natal alliance are the ANC’s Women’s League, the Federated Women’s Institutes of Natal and KwaZulu and the Business and Professional Women’s Association.
Groups gather to oppose Codesa

A NEW front is emerging in opposition to Codesa after the apparent collapse of the Patriotic Front.

The Black Consciousness Movement of Azania, Azapo, Workers Organisation for Socialist Action, the New Unity Movement and the PAC could form a new front.

Stopping short of saying that the move towards unity of the non-participants in Codesa is an attempt to re-launch the floundering Patriotic Front and - if need be - without the ANC, Azapo's Mr Pandelani Nefolovhodwe yesterday suggested that ANC political thinking was "merging with that of the regime (Government) and the liberal establishment".

History had shown that during a country's political redevelop management, "a section of the liberation movement and its leaders" was always co-opted to fit into the grand scheme of the government of the day.

"What we are about to witness is a new alliance between the old bosses and a new induna class. It happened in (pre-independent) Zimbabwe, where the Ian Smith government installed (Bishop Abel) Muzorewa - but real freedom came much later," Nefolovhodwe said.

He said Codesa, as it stood without the PAC, was a continuation of talks about talks between the ANC and the Government and not the Government and the PF.

There was a chance of the PF surviving in some form or another with the PAC and ANC at the preliminary talks - but that ideal was horribly shattered, Nefolovhodwe said.

The PF failed to "act as a front" at Codesa's planning meeting on November 29 and 30, most political observers agreed.

This apparent collapse sparked the walkout of the PAC from the meeting, leaving the ANC alone against the Government and its allies.

Nefolovhodwe said: "As an alternative, Azapo is looking into a broad consultation of all those organisations and groups which are still committed to total liberation of our people."

The wild card in the pack is the PAC.

They walked out of Codesa's preparatory meeting on November 30.

The movement's publicity secretary, Mr Barney Desai, said at the time that the PAC had to return to its membership for "a fresh mandate to participate in Codesa."

The PAC's Mr Benny Alexander yesterday confirmed that the organisation was holding its consultative conference at the University of the Western Cape near Cape Town this weekend where the movement will put the framework for participation in Codesa to its membership.

Nefolovhodwe said without the participation of the PAC, Azapo, the BCMA, the NUM (not to be confused with National Union of Mineworkers) and Wosa, Codesa was worthless and not representative of the black working class.

Codesa was not the appropriate means for "the transfer of power from the minority to the majority."
Govt 'agrees to carry out Codesa decisions'

By Peter Fabriicus
Political Correspondent

The crucial question of what force the decisions of the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa) will enjoy, is close to being resolved in multiparty talks, it is understood.

Sources said that the Government had agreed yesterday to commit itself to carry out the decisions of Codesa. But where they clashed with the law, the law would have to be changed constitutionally, through Parliament.

The issue was thrashed out in one of the three Codesa task groups which met for the first time yesterday at the World Trade Centre, near Jan Smuts Airport where Codesa will be held on December 20 and 21.

Codesa will have to reach agreements on far-reaching questions such as the nature of an interim government or transitional authority, the kind of institution which will draft a new constitution and the broad principles that will underlie a new constitution.

According to some sources, the issue of the status of Codesa's decisions took up so much of the time of the task group on drafting, that the group will have to meet again today.

The ANC has previously expressed the view that Codesa's decisions will have to be given the force of law or it will degenerate into no more than a talk shop.

Some sources said that the issue was complicated by the Government's commitment to go back to its white electorate for a mandate to make any fundamental changes to the constitution.

It is now clear that the Inkatha Freedom Party is digging in its heels over its demand that it, the KwaZulu government and the Zulu king should be allowed to send separate delegations to Codesa.

IFP sources said that the KwaZulu Government could not be dealt with like any other homeland. This refers to the decision that only the majority parties in the six self-governing territories should attend.

The Star learnt yesterday that the NP delegation to Codesa will include some of the coloured MPs from the House of Representatives who joined the party this year, mostly from the Labour Party.

Among the NP delegation are likely to be senior coloured members such as Deputy Minister of National Education, Abe Williams.

The NP delegation will also include NP secretary-general Dr Stoffel van der Merwe, Finance Minister and Transvaal leader Barend du Plessis and Defence Minister Roelf Meyer. It will be led by Cape Leader Dr Dawie de Villiers.
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With former US president Mr Jimmy Carter, she set up the Carter-Menil Human Rights Prize.

Mandela appeared surprised by the award but was quickly ushered by De Menil into a huge marquee where 1 000 guests were waiting to meet him. He was not available for comment on Sunday and was due to leave the US yesterday.
Azapo talks
stance firm

TIM COHEN

AZAPO yesterday reaffirmed its rejection of Codesa and said it would embark on a new process of consultation with groups outside the negotiating process.

Azapo president Panti- lam Nefolovhodwe told a Johannesburg news conference Azapo still stood for comprehensive sanctions, including the sports and cultural boycotts.

"Today's opportunists have substituted what they call sports unity for the real demand of the masses which is no normal sport in an abnormal society."

Nefolovhodwe said Codesa was a government plot to derail efforts to establish a constituent assembly.

Without Azapo and the PAC, Codesa participants fell into two camps, government and its "satellites" and the ANC, whose thinking was merging with that of government and the liberal establishment.

Nefolovhodwe said Azapo was aware a section of the liberation movement would be co-opted.
THREE Codesa task
groups made good progress
yesterday in preparation
for today's steering com-
mittee meeting, sources
said.

The steering committee
will prepare for next
week's Codesa summit at
which at least 20 political
parties will negotiate SA's
future constitutional direc-
tion. The task group was or-
ganised and planning
positive atmosphere, a
source said.

PAC representatives,
who walked out of the pre-
paratory meeting, did not
attend the talks.

None of the groups com-
pleted their agendas and
will meet again next week,
but substantial progress
was made, one source said.
ANC urges land sales freeze

THE ANC's first rural conference has called for a moratorium on major land sales, particularly in rural reserves and homelands, until a national land dispensation has been negotiated.

The conference, held in Worcester at the weekend, urged government to call in the debts of unproductive farmers and distribute their land to productive, disadvantaged communities.

More than 300 delegates attended the two-day conference, which was organised to identify development problems in rural areas and strengthen the ANC's organisational structures there.

The conference called for the formation of a land claims court to address the grievances of dispossessed communities and to make legal aid available to help them regain their land.

The conference also resolved to urge the establishment of a permanent land commission to assert rural communities' rights to land and resources and to provide advice on matters relating to land and property.

The commission would also be responsible for monitoring the implementation of the moratorium on land sales and providing support to communities affected by land dispossession.

In a statement yesterday, ANC president Cyril Ramaphosa said the conference had reached a consensus that land reform was critical for the development of rural areas.

He said the ANC would continue to work closely with other political parties to ensure that land reform was implemented in a inclusive and participatory manner.

A pamphlet 'a fake'

A PAMPHLET directed at peace-makers in the nine-month-old Cape Town taxi war was designed to sow confusion and discredit Sabta, the tax organisation said yesterday.

The toll in the war between two taxi organisations was 87 people killed, 88 houses burnt down and R21m damage to vehicles, Sabta national media manager Fanyana Shuburi said.

He said a pamphlet, released on Friday and purporting to have been issued by Sabta, attacked members of the Cape Town peace committee and the taxi crisis co-ordinating committee as "political fat cats" who should be rejected by taxi operators.

Shuburi said Sabta acknowledged the efforts of the Cape Town committees as partners in the task of working to bring peace and "completely dissipated itself" from the pamphlet.

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'No peace without Left'

If the Azanian People's Organisation and other organisations on the Left were not involved in negotiations, South Africa would not know peace, Azapo said yesterday.

Azapo president Pandelani Nefolovhodwe said those in the Convention for a Democratic South Africa had to realise there would be no true settlement if these groups were excluded.

Azapo argued that no group could transfer power — Political Reporter 1979.
Azapo in majority rule drive

JOHANNESBURG — The Azanian People's Organisation yesterday committed itself to a broad consultation drive to mobilise its campaign for the transfer of power to the black majority. Azapo president Mr. Pandelani Nefolovhodwe said no amount of pressure, whether from the international community or African allies, would change the demand for majority rule. He said the organisation would make contact with groupings 'within and outside the' anticipated Convention for a Democratic SA formations. — Sapa
$100 000 windfall
ANC leader Nelson Mandela left Houston with an unexpected $100 000 on Sunday. Houston philanthropist Dominique de Menil, president of the Carter-Menil Human Rights Foundation, presented Mandela with a $100 000 dollar cheque as "a token of our solidarity against apartheid".

ANC Youth League plans to buy shares

EMBEZZLED funds and a shortage of foreign funding have left the ANC Youth League's finances in a parlous state, says a confidential report prepared by the organisation's treasurer.

The report discloses that the league has plans to invest in blue chip shares.

The report was to have been discussed on the first day of the league's 17th national conference in Siyabuswa, KwaNdebele, yesterday.

"Apart from joining fees disappearing, head office discovered embezzlement of funds in two regions."

"In one region criminal charges have been laid. Investigations are still continuing and appropriate action will be taken," says the report, which has been given to the 1,000 delegates.

It says foreign funding to political organisations is drying up and urges the league's 500,000 members to become its chief source of income. It notes that 99% of the almost R5m the league spent this year came from the ANC. However, "very few members are paying their monthly subscriptions."

The league's financial problems had forced it to abandon a number of projects to boost self-sufficiency. A 6.5ha farm at Zuurbekom outside Soweto, which the owner wanted to sell for R190,000, will no longer be bought because the ANC cannot provide an additional R1.8m it promised its youth wing.

An agricultural project in Venda will not be established for a similar reason. Plans to establish a jazz club in Yeoville, Johannesburg, have also been abandoned.

The league's financial problems notwithstanding, the organisation is planning to move into the capitalist sector by putting aside 10% of all subscriptions to buy blue chip shares on the JSE, property that it will let to tenants, and shares in mortgage participation schemes.
PAC to thrash out talks issue

By BARRY STREEK

CRUCIAL decisions about whether the PAC will participate in the all-party Codesa negotiations are to be taken this weekend at the organisation's two-day consultative conference in Cape Town.

The PAC has openly admitted divisions within its ranks on the issue.

The conference is to be opened by PAC president Mr Clarence Mathebula at a public rally at the University of the Western Cape tomorrow morning.

Between 700 and 1,000 delegates will then meet behind closed doors tomorrow and Monday to discuss the PAC's possible participation in Codesa.

The organisation's publicity secretary, Mr Barney Desai, said yesterday a number of issues had to be discussed.

"There are those in our organisation who believe we must continue to fight for a constituent assembly inside Codesa. There is a contrary view that being involved in Codesa is a useless exercise."

Mr Desai said some foreign observers, including representatives from Libya, were expected at the conference.
Nothing sinister in ANC objective

SOUTH AFRICANS have lived through an eventful few days recently which saw the birth of the Convention for a Democratic South Africa and the withdrawal of the PAC and accusations by it of collusion between the ANC and the government.

The PAC accusation is as hollow as it sounds and therefore there is no need to respond. As a liberation movement, the ANC has remained steadfast in its objective of achieving the transfer of power from the white minority regime to the people as a whole.

There is nothing sinister in this. In concrete terms it implies an end to white minority domination and the establishment of a non-racial, non-sexist, democratic South Africa based on one person, one vote.

The ANC bases its approach on the OAU Declaration adopted in Harare in July 1969 and the UN Consensus Resolution of December 1969, both of which call on all parties to enter into negotiations for a new constitution based on democratic principles (which are spelt out). There is therefore no uncertainty as to the objective of negotiations. For the ANC, entering negotiations is not just a publicity gimmick. We are serious in our resolve to explore every possibility of achieving our objective (namely an end to apartheid and the achievement of a truly democratic constitution) by peaceful means.

Right to exist

Our fundamental objective insofar as CODESA is concerned is to win an elected constituent assembly which will be responsible for drawing up and adopting a new constitution for the country.

The South African regime is seeking ways of bypassing a constituent assembly and getting the parties to adopt a new constitution at CODESA itself. This is unacceptable to the ANC. While all existing parties need to be involved in the process of negotiations, these parties can demand no more than the right to exist, to subject themselves to elections, to campaign for support in the political process and to participate in elections to determine their representivity and support.

In South Africa the central issue is to transform South Africa into a democracy. Elections form the core of democracy. Hence it is elections that must determine the composition of the body which must draw up the constitution for the country.

None of the parties represented at CODESA can claim either to be representative or mandated. A constitution produced by such a body will lack legitimacy and will not last much longer than the Muzorewa constitution did in Zimbabwe in 1979.

Fair manner

Central to the strategy of the ANC at CODESA will therefore be the winning of such an elected constituent assembly. All the other demands underpin this central demand.

Thus we want an interim government now because elections to a constituent assembly cannot be left in the hands of the De Klerk government. It is inherently incapable of managing the period of transition in a fair manner. It cannot be referee and player at the same time.

At CODESA, therefore, we also want to win an interim government made up of the various parties. This interim government must be at the very least take control over the electoral process, security forces and certain areas of finance and budget, to ensure that the transitional process is not manipulated and that the elections to the constituent assembly are fair and free.

The government has a different view it wants to remain in control over the process, from beginning to end. It argues that it is the lawful government and South Africa has a valid constitution. It argues further that the unicameral parliament will remain in existence throughout the period of transition and ultimately adopt the new constitution.

This means that the process itself will remain at De Klerk's mercy until the very end, thus making the process of transition irreversible at De Klerk's instance. The transitional measure the government has thus far proposed and implies being sucked into government-created structures.

Obviously this is unacceptable to the ANC. De Klerk's government must give way to an interim government. De Klerk and his party would become part of an interim government but in an entirely different capacity.

Time frame

At CODESA the ANC also wants a clear time frame to be agreed upon for the whole process.

The ANC also wants maximum participation by the international community in the transitional process, especially to ensure that elections are fair and free, that peace is maintained and that there is no intimidation or violence.

At CODESA the issue of the reincorporation of the Bantustans must feature high on the agenda. It is our view that the people of the Bantustans should have the right to participate in the process of constitution-making from the very beginning and that the fragmentation of South Africa must come to an end.
ENCOURAGING progress was made at a Codesa steering committee meeting yesterday, with a consensus being developed that the group should meet on a monthly basis until a new constitution was in place, sources said.

The steering committee, which was given the task of preparing next week's first Codesa meeting, ended yesterday without issuing a formal statement.

But sources said the committee intended to propose that Codesa should meet monthly or at least bi-monthly, even if agreement was reached that a Constituent Assembly should draw up a new constitution.

There was growing consensus that even if there was acceptance of proposals by the ANC and other groups for a constitutional assembly and interim government, there would still be work for Codesa to do, the sources said.

Between Codesa meetings, it is proposed that task groups should be formed to discuss and achieve consensus on specific issues.

Three task groups have already been established by the steering committee. The first has been charged with drawing up a statement of intent, which will be Codesa's founding charter.

This task group has been further charged with discussing, among other things, a statement of commitment which will indicate Codesa's guiding principles.

The second task group has been discuss-

Government slams AWB war talk

The ministers of Law and Order and Constitutional Development slammed the AWB yesterday for its "irresponsible" war talk.

Law and Order predicted the AWB could expect to be monitored by state security forces.

Their statements follow AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche's threat this week that the AWB would prepare for war after he walked out of a meeting with Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen on Monday.

Viljoen said yesterday it was unfair and irresponsible of the AWB to conclude there was no alternative to armed conflict and added that the door to Codesa remained open.

Terre'Blanche said yesterday that the AWB was not prepared to present its demands in front of communists and anti-Christian groups and claimed government was not prepared to consider its demands for a Boerestaat in any forum other than Codesa.

Viljoen said it was incorrect for the AWB to presume its policy would be discussed when it took part in debate.

The organisation and planning of Codesa while the third, called the "process task group," has been discussing possible future mechanisms such as the Constituent Assembly and how the country should be governed during the transitional period.

This task group will continue meeting during the week, and will report back to the steering committee, which is due to meet again on Wednesday next week.

Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen said yesterday encouraging progress had been made, emphasizing the personal understanding that was developing among negotiators.

Chairman of yesterday's meeting, DP leader Zach de Beer, agreed, saying many of the participants did not know each other before the meetings began and so the development of mutual trust was of the utmost importance.

De Beer said the issue of Inkatha's demand that it, the KwaZulu government and the Zulu king all be represented independently of one another was not debated at yesterday's steering committee meeting, apart from the meeting deciding the issue should be discussed at a later date.

Delegates said the steering committee was making substantial progress and there was, at this stage, no intention to delay Codesa, which is due to take place on December 20 and 21.
Agreements pave way for negotiations

By Kaizer Nyatsimba
Political Staff

Agreements were reached in meetings of the steering committee and task groups of the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa) this week, paving the way for the beginning of serious bargaining when real negotiations begin next week.

Democratic Party leader Dr Zach de Beer, who heads the Codesa steering committee, confirmed to The Star this morning that the Monday-Tuesday meetings had reached some crucial agreements.

These, Dr de Beer said, included the appointment of the ANC’s Murphy Morobe to head a Codesa office at the World Trade Centre where the negotiations will be held.

Isolation

Mr Morobe, a former United Democratic Front (UDF) leader, was among those who publicly called for the isolation of Winnie Mandela at the height of the Soweto Lepele controversy in 1989.

After his return from a year-long study programme in the US this year, Mr Morobe has gradually risen in ANC structures. He was the ANC’s representative in the Patriotic Front’s preparatory committee and was also nominated by the organisation’s powerful PWA region for the position of regional chairman, but he did not stand.

Other issues agreed on at the steering committee meetings included that:

- Transkei will have a role, jointly with the South African Ministry of Law and Order, in being responsible for the security of delegates.
- This development is sure to enhance Transkei’s military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa’s position in Codesa, especially after various agreements, spokesmen had often alleged General Holomisa had been harbouring and training Umkhonto weSizwe cadres.
- The ANC and the Government will be responsible for media arrangements for the conference. However, a special media committee made up of representatives of all convention participants will be created to handle publicity.
- Dr Temba Eloff’s Consultative Business Movement will handle the administration and logistics for Codesa, with the help of participating parties’ representatives.
- Deon Swanepoel of the Department of Constitutional Development was appointed head of finances, and will also have an office at the World Trade Centre with Mr Morobe.
- The Government and the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) will be responsible for a protocol at the convention.

The steering committee meeting also ratified the November 29-30 preparatory conference’s decision that each delegation to Codesa will have 12 delegates each. However, the committee decided that each delegation can bring along “a support component” of five members and 12 others who will not be allowed into the hall.

Despite these agreements, the steering committee left unresolved the question of whether Codesa’s decision should be given a force of law and whether the IFP’s demand that it, Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini and the KwaZulu Government should have separate delegations.
Putting party before power

Chris Hani knows that many South Africans — most of them, certainly — think he is crazy to have accepted the leadership of the South African Communist Party, thus leading a detachment of an ideological army that is in full retreat all over the world. But he also thinks they don’t understand why he has sacrificed his role as a “crown prince” in the ANC. The ANC is a completely committed socialist, a true believer. In the first major interview since Mr. Hani’s election, Political Editor Shuen Johnson presses the new ANC general-secretary on why he is loyal to a doctrine that has been discredited, even in its birthplace. Here is Chris Hani in his own words:

On why the ANC must take a stand despite growing pressure from external sources, who would not take no for an answer: They threaten to put the party in Congress. The ANC has made no such backing decision on me, and the MK conference (which refused to release him) is only a branch of the ANC. I had no choice but to act.

The ANC needs a formidable team at the top. The ANC has established itself. This is the time for the party to benefit from the experience of a few of us.

On his ultimate political loyalty: Objectively and finally my loyalty is with the Communist Party. I joined the party three years after I joined the ANC. It has a lot to do with growing up among the poor in Township. I don’t want to move away from my associations with the widespread of the world. It is not more in the ANC than I love now. And I want to work with people to live better too. But I don’t believe in racial egalitarianism. Where we must all wear the same clothing that’s wrong.

On socialism in the ANC context: We accept social democracy as an interim phase. But it is a phase leading towards socialism. “I accept the gradualist vision. We do not have the resources to bring about radical restructuring straight away. But with the liberation of the ANC in the South African context we begin to challenge things — housing, water, schools, transport.”

On why he left the Mandela: The principles of Marxism-Leninism have been proved to be universal, not just in a general way, but by Lenin, in a similar way to how capitalists are guided by Adam Smith. We do not even think of having a Bible — you are guided.

On the ANC’s relationship with the ANC: Socialism in our era is not just that of the ANC. The ANC is a part of a race.

On the vision of socialism: I am a socialist because I want to live better than I live now. And I want poor people to live better too. I don’t believe in racial egalitarianism. Where we must all wear the same clothing that’s wrong.

On his view of the SA context: All should be allowed to be socialist. But the ANC is the leading party. We must not split the vote — for example, with the National Party.

On the new parliament and government: We have a joint programme, and the list of the people. They must reflect the people. They must be socialist.

On why the ANC must be ‘punished’ for apartheid: “There should be a radical restructuring of the ANC. We have to be realistic and look at what we can achieve.”

On why socialism failed in Eastern Europe: The idea of people having more freedom, more self-determination, more control over their lives, was the basis of socialism. The collapse of the Soviet Union led to a loss of that.

On the role of the Soviet Union: The collapse of the Soviet Union was a turning point. We had to look at what we could achieve. The objective conditions for socialism are now different. If socialism in the USSR had adopted an allowed to go forward, we might not be where we are today.

On whether socialism is dead: “Not necessarily. But we must be realistic and look at what we can achieve. We cannot go back to the days of the USSR. We must look at what we can achieve in the current conditions.”

On the European Union: “The European Union is a step in the right direction. It is a move towards a more democratic and socialist Europe.”

On what the future holds: “The future holds promise. We must work towards a more democratic and socialist world.”

Looking ahead: “I don’t even think I’ll be around in the next five years,” says Chris Hani.
Mandela and De Klerk make peace on day SA is reborn

By SEKOLA SELLO, THEMBA KHUMALO and Sapa

CODESA had made a giant leap forward from the days of apartheid South Africa, co-chairman Nelson Mandela said yesterday in his closing address to the convention yesterday.

Future South Africans would identify "that day and this moment," as the time when South Africa was reborn, he said.

The four-day CODESA meeting ended yesterday amid high hopes that the new government would proceed at a "concerted and genuine" pace toward national unity within the next 12 months.

"State President F.W. de Klerk and ANC leader Nelson Mandela publicly shook hands and made peace at CODESA's closing yesterday after their bitter clash on the first day of the convention.

De Klerk, who attacked the ANC for refusing to dismantle its armed wing, and Mandela later launched a scathing attack on the State President, saying he was not fit to be a leader of a state and was guilty of double-dealing, talked peace and ending warfare against the ANC at the same time.

After the two leaders publicly made peace, former communist Pik Botha told delegates the NP had been badly hurt by its previous stand which, he said, had not been in the interests of conciliation.

Although both De Klerk and Mandela were not prepared to bind themselves to specific time frames, both said an interim government should be implemented soon.

Mandela went as far as saying that given the shortcomings of the assembly, "the next step was the two most outstanding achievements of CODESA yesterday. The State President and the President of the ANC by agreeing to the formation of a one-party government were not a variant of the traditional parliament or a forced chamber for blacks. He said the NP firmly supported universal suffrage.

If whites did not give their mandate to proposals for an interim government "we will go back to the negotiating table," he said at a press conference at the close of CODESA. However, he reiterated the government's well-known stand that it was not a new dispensation no majority must be in a position to abuse its position in a democratic society.

On his stand that Enkanzi, or welfare, would be continued, De Klerk said this applied equally to right-wing forces such as the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging.

He said he had not been pressured to take the step in his speech to CODESA on Monday, but the new government of "weaker" would be a "weak" policy.

Soccer boss on car theft charge

By DESMOND BLOW

SAMIU Malo, better known as Coloured Passmore, a 44-year-old chief of Blacks in cars, has been charged with car theft.

Passmore, one of the most flamboyant characters in the local black community, appeared in court on Tuesday charged with theft of R4 million in cash and jewellery.

He is accused of stealing the cash and jewellery from the arms of an international company on the premises of a glass company in Johannesburg.

Passmore, who lives in a luxury home in Johannesburg's northern suburbs, is the manager-director of the high-profile company, the Johannesburg Evening Post.

The charge sheet alleges that the theft occurred at the time of the alleged rape of a woman at the company's offices.

No evidence was led in the case. The case was postponed until next week.
SACP won't veer off chosen course

LAST week, as the cradle of socialist revolution - the Soviet Union - finally dissolved like a sand castle in a monsoon, the South African Communist Party, at its eighth national congress, reasserted itself as the holder of the key to pristine socialism.

And in an almost wicked stonewalling of a loosening up of the SACP's outlook, the rank and file rejected outright the dumping of Leninism, and decreed the association of democracy with socialism as unnecessary.

Nevertheless, the draft constitution accepted at last weekend's congress, contained only nominal changes to existing communist doctrine, and made no great departure from that which is widely understood to have led to the collapse of the East Bloc. It did however accept the principle of a multiparty democracy as a departure point for the eventual creation of a "communist society".

According to the SACP, what caused the collapse of the communist governments in Central and Eastern Europe, and indeed the Soviet Union, was not socialism but a perversion of it.

The general feeling among the delegates and leadership was that the SACP would do it right, and prove that the East Bloc regimes were wrong.

More specifically, and in the words of the former secretary-general of the SACP, Mr Joe Slovo, the dictators of the former East Bloc had separated democracy from socialism.

Slovo has on numerous occasions referred to them as dictators.

Slovo however rejected this after the congress. He said that the objections from the floor were merely semantic.

On the other hand when the self-proclaimed Stalinist, Mr Harry Gwala, argued in favour of the re-insertion of the phrase Marxist-Leninism he received a rapturous applause.

This praise for Gwala and evident rejection of Slovo’s and Ham’s concept of democratic socialism and instead political pluralism is alarming, especially when one notes Gwala’s scurrilous comments on democracy.

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Writing in the African Communist, the official journal of the SACP, Gwala notes “To speak of democracy in abstract is as wicked as speaking of society in general. “Democracy in abstract is nothing but bourgeois pluralism.”

“Unless we make it clear today (that) democracy means capitalism we shall ourselves do the work of the bourgeois theoreticians and deceive the working masses.”

On the issue of the alliance between the SACP and the ANC, there was virtual unanimity on the question of paying its own path into the next South Africa - stopping short only of severing the alliance.

In the final analysis, the SACP is assuming more of an identity of its own. It will participate in the forthcoming multiparty talks separate from the ANC. It is understood that Ham will lead the delegation to Codesa.
ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela returned to South Africa from his United States visit yesterday saying he was looking forward to the forthcoming Convention for a Democratic South Africa.

On hand to greet him at Jan Smuts Airport were his wife Winnie and Mrs Adelaide Tambo, wife of former ANC president Mr Oliver Tambo.

**Delegation**

The ANC delegation to the US, including international affairs head Mr Thabo Mbeki, landed on a British Airways flight from London at 9.15am, about 40 minutes late.

Pressed for comment from national and foreign journalists, Mandela would only say he was looking forward to Codesa.

A smiling Mandela was warmly welcomed by a small group of supporters and admirers before being taken away in a black luxury car.

His wife Winnie stayed behind to receive the first group of 120 exiles from Tanzania expected to arrive at the airport on a chartered Tanzanian Airways flight at 11am.

Their return is part of the R84 million repatriation programme - Sapa
IT MIGHT come as a thought-provoking revelation to ANC president Nelson Mandela to know that his seven-day visit to the US last week was eclipsed—in terms of media coverage—by the rousing hyperbole of his friend and ANC colleague Chris Ham, newly-elected general-secretary of the SA Communist Party.

And it is bound to come as a worrisome revelation to many South Africans to know that a computerised scrutiny of the major newspapers and news agencies in the US last week showed almost as much coverage of Mr Ham's election and the SACP's congress as was given to the multilateral talks that were hailed in South Africa as a watershed.

Yet all this should be so only if something is wrong with which Mr Mandela and the ANC might usefully reflect, for there can be little doubt that in their still-evolving relationship with the US something is going amiss and the dysfunction is bound to have as much impact on SA as it does on the ANC.

Already, for instance, it would be reasonable to assume that at least some of the constructive message that Mr Mandela delivered to the movers and shakers of US banking and business last week was undermined by the SACP and Mr Ham, since they are seen—with every justification—as being as much a part of the ANC as Mr Mandela.

When a party, which by all accounts is small but has a significant representation at the highest levels in the ANC, declares itself to be a revolutionary organisation committed to the radical transformation of SA into a socialist state, Americans cannot be expected to believe it, or to lightly dismiss the implications. Neither, surely, can South Africans.

When it also denounces the US and launches a campaign of solidarity with Cuba armed at exposing “imperialism”, the ANC would hardly expect American reactionaries to rise, or doubt not to emerge about the words of friendship uttered in the US only a few days before by the ANC president.

And when the ANC president lends credence to the doings and sayings of Mr Ham, he cannot expect to be received with anything more than the friendly politeness that, reportedly, characterised his discussions in the US.

When Mr Mandela was asked about the ANC's attitude to Cuba at a Washington press conference, he made an ill-advise comment: “Do not make the mistake of believing that your enemies are your friends,” he said.

The US had turned its back on the ANC during the years of the armed struggle, while Cuba had embraced it and given it the means with which to wage the battle. The ANC would not turn its back on Cuba.

Therein, perhaps, lies the reason for so much continuing doubt in the US about the ANC, for Mr Mandela's statement begged the question does the ANC place political indebtedness above principle, its sense of obligation to Cuba above its commitment to human rights? And that leads to a host of other questions.

If there is doubt about the ANC's commitment to human rights, what about its commitment to democracy and free enterprise?

And if Mr Ham and the SACP can embark on a campaign to vilify the US and prop up the crumbling edifice of communism in Cuba, and with Mr Mandela sharing their support of the Castro regime, have they not indeed become what the ANC's right-wing critics in the US disparagingly call them—the only moving parts in the ANC machine?

To many Americans there seem to be no parts in the machine moving in a contrary direction, and until there are they will continue to believe they were justified in placing greater importance on the rantings of Mr Ham and the machinations of the SACP than on the visit of Mr Mandela or the start of constitutional talks.
Don't let old wine in new bottles deceive you

ON A recent Agenda programme on television the new general secretary of the South African Communist party was interviewed by John Bishop.

Since Bishop was unable to challenge comrade Chris Hani on any of the essentials of communism, Hani was able to pull off the same kind of revisionist deception about communism as did his predecessor Joe Slovo.

Comrade Hani expressed embarrassment about the outcome of communist rule in Eastern Europe, but indicated that this was because of errors in implementing communism properly.

He asserted that communism is essentially democratic and that somehow the State abused its power in Eastern Europe.

South African communism, in contrast, would be

CHRIS HANI
in favour of multiparty democracy and a mixed economy, though capitalism is an evil that relies on the exploitation of labour.

He also condemned capitalism for supporting apartheid, ignoring human rights, generating huge profits and for an inequitable distribution of wealth.

What Mr Hani is advocating is “not” the Marxism-Leninism that he claims, he is advocating the very state capitalism (Fascism) that has existed for decades in South Africa.

Marx did not advocate private property but rather

JOE SLOVO
state ownership of all production. He was not for multiparty elections but for dictatorship of the proletariat (working people).

What comrade Hani means by “empowerment of the people” is state control by a handful of politicians in the name of a very evil, failed ideology about which he is trying to deceive us.

Mr Hani, like other communists worldwide, has realized that parasitic, repressive communism cannot long exist without the aid of productive capitalism.

He is willing to let some capitalism exist so that the non-productive can use it to survive. Capitalists should be content to have the state regulate and redistribute the wealth created by capitalism in the name of “socialism.”

Comrade Hani misses the point of basic economics. People will take action only when there is an incentive to do so. There must be gain or profit for anyone to expend effort.

Communism and to a somewhat lesser extent, fascism, robs people of their dreams to excel and attain excellence.

Don’t be deceived by old wine in new bottles. Comrade Chris Hani wants the destruction of freedom and prosperity for all South Africans.

STEVE WHITE,
Florida Hills.
West Rand.
Codesa goes to work

The Convention for a Democratic South Africa is poised for action.

Steering committee chairman Dr Zac de Beer said yesterday a great deal of progress had been made over the past few days to clear the way for Codesa to commence on December 20 without any foreseeable hitches.

He confirmed that duties such as administration, organisation, funding and security had been farmed out to various political organisations, while at least two office bearers had been installed at the venue.

The ANC's Mr Murphy Morobe had been appointed to head the Codesa office, established at the World Trade Centre near Jan Smuts Airport.

This office has been rigged up with fax and telephone facilities, while Codesa also has its own letterhead and a postal box at Isando Post Office.
Except for the name and cover page, the rest is as printed in the British Journal of Scientific Literature.
Senior Assistant Editor Joe Latakgomo on the prospects for continued interstate strife.

**Title:** Reading the writing on the wall

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The message is quite clear. There will be no peace without freedom. It is not a message from the African National Congress nor its military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe. Nor is it from the Pan African Congress nor its military arm, the Azanian People's Liberation Army.

This message, which adorns overhead bridges, road signs and every possible vantage point in some towns and cities, is from the right wing. That it is in Afrikaans is perhaps a measure of the bitterness that seems to have revisited the Afrikaans-speaking community a generation after the defeat of the old anti-British sentiment that resulted from the Anglo-Boer War.

There is an irony in this message. Though for years, the Afrikaner, through the National Party, and even before that, systematically eroded the rights and freedoms of the black people of this country. When blacks spoke of the doctrine of consent, which states that no government is legitimate if it governs without the consent of the governed, they were jailed and banned. Through repression, white interests were protected and black interests suppressed.

Even as the right wing — and it would be wrong to assume it is only Afrikaans-speaking — has concluded its message of fear or doom and pleads the need for its own freedom, the Azanian People's Organisation is making the same statement. For it, too, there will be no peace without freedom.

Its statement, however, is made for different reasons, but it is significant that both organisations have chosen to use the same clarion call.

Pandelani Nehlovozabe, president of Azapo, declared that without the involvement of the ANC organisation the Black Consciousness Movement of South Africa, the PACT, the New Unity Movement and the Workers' Association of South Africa in real negotiations, there would be no peace, justice or freedom in this country.

When people no longer feel obliged to obey those in authority, the slide to anarchy clearly begins. While the ANC and the National Party may believe that they have the support of a reasonable majority of people, it must be clear that unless they wish to rule through sheer terror and repression — political and democratic demands, based on legitimate issues, will continue being made.

The very instruments used by the ANC can and will be used in pursuit of political ideals. Only this time it will not be only black opposition. The country is ungovernable.

The temptation to draw parallels with the events in the Soviet Union is often great. That Mikhail Gorbachev has been caught in the rush of his own creation could suggest that perhaps President de Klerk will face the same here.

Clearly, resistance to reform in the Soviet Union provided the initial inertia, and it is for that reason that Mr de Klerk and his partners will need to move with considerable haste if they are not to be caught in their own creation. He will need to deliver, and delivery well to survive politically and create a climate that would say to the right wing, in particular, that it was worth it in the end.

Already the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging has warned that it would be preparing itself to go to war after leader Eugene Terreblanche walked out of talks in Constitutional Development Minister Dr Gerrit Viljoen. Mr Terreblanche and others have refused to be interviewed in English by an independent radio station. The AWB's position was stated quite clearly — it would not negotiate with "communists and the anti-Christ".

While the AWB demands the destruction of the 'boerestaat', it has stated clearly that it is not prepared to be ruled by "foreigners". It also refuses to deal with the black supermarket manager who has to deal with hostile whites, the black supermarket manager who has to deal with responses like "Do I look like somebody who needs help?" when asked in the simply courteous manner demanded of him whether he can be of help.

To them the threat is real and not just a matter of politics. What leaves doubts in the minds of black South Africans is the response of whites generally would be when the crunch came.

And they had to make a cross in the appropriate box. Would communism prevail and whites vote for the best person or would they simply vote with their hearts and hope for the best? Privately most whites express concern about their future. Like the filling station owner who invites me into his office then in an almost hostile manner demands of me whether his son has a future in South Africa. Even before I can answer he declares that he will make sure that the boy has a future — even if he has to use his gun to secure that.

The boy is obviously proud of his father. But no, my son, and the sons of other blacks and right-wingers. And so the stage looks set for continued hostilities. What if the Government and the ANC reached some solution excluding some of the major black and white political players, and civil war broke out? Could the country deal with such a situation, or would we make Yugoslavia look like a Sunday school picnic?
Celebrate with us!

80th anniversary of the ANC

On January 8 1992 the African National Congress launches in Bloemfontein a year-long observance of our 80th Anniversary. This historic occasion will mark 80 years of struggle against racial oppression and discrimination for a united, non-racial, democratic and non-sexist South Africa.

Throughout these decades, the ANC has stood for these ideals. It has survived a sustained campaign of persecution unleashed by successive white minority regimes. When the time came to resist apartheid oppression and repression arms in hand, the ANC did not shirk its responsibility. It is thanks to the efforts of the majority of South Africans, led by the ANC, that today our country stands at the threshold of democracy and reconciliation. Those who sought to destroy the ANC today pretend to embrace some of its ideals. This further testifies to the justness of our cause and the nobility of the ideals we have cherished for eight decades.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to the unity of South Africans across ethnic and racial lines. The ANC will spare no effort to rid our country of apartheid - a crime against humanity - and create a united, non-racial, non-sexist and democratic society.

As we approach our 80th anniversary, the ANC is more confident than ever before that our beautiful country will soon breathe the sweet fragrance of freedom, peace and social justice.

We invite all our people and our friends internationally to join us in celebrating this, South Africa's historic moment.

Nelson Mandela
President

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PAC groups in bid to stop talks

By Sabata Ngcail

In an eleventh-hour attempt to avert negotiations with the government, two PAC splinter groups are threatening to overtake "the undemocratically-elected PAC leadership" in its forthcoming national congress.

The PAC National Steering Committee (NSC) member, Mr Victor Petu, said the PAC leadership "was not in touch with its members at grassroots level."

"The leadership is only consulting with a section of the grassroots which connive with its interests."

The NSC was elected at a recent PAC National Consultative Conference convened by the Joint East Rand and West Rand Facilitating Committee.

The committee, purporting to be part of the PAC, resolved to convene a second National Congress on April 6, 1992 to elect a new leadership.

Labeling last year's national PAC conference "unconstitutional and imperialistic," Petu said: "The issues discussed at the congress were not discussed at branch level."

He said the time for constitutional negotiations with the regime was still far away.

"Negotiations cannot be considered in the near future as we are still in a very weak position. If we negotiate at this stage, we will only accept what will be given to us by the government, which is in a strong position."

Petu said to win self-determination and freedom for the oppressed masses, "the armed struggle is the only weapon we will use to overthrow the regime and return the long lost land to the Africans."

"It would only be at this stage that constitutional negotiations could be necessary."

Petu said the PAC would rely on fundraising to achieve its objectives.

"We are aware of the fact that the imperialists won't support us because they have vested business interests in South Africa. We will rely on ourselves by raising funds so that we continue with the armed struggle."

PAC publicity secretary, Mr Barney Desai, dismissed allegations by the dissident group as "nonsensical, wild and irresponsible."

"There is no question about the legality of last year's PAC congress."

"They call themselves revolutionary watchdogs, but they are doing nothing to advance their cause."

"These people are disruptive and we question their motives."

Dean said the dissident group had attacked the constituent assembly, "but they didn't attack the late PAC president, Mr Zeph Motopeng, when he called for it last year."

In their National Consultative Conference, the dissidents dismissed the constituent assembly as a "bourgeois concept" which was "inimical to the interests of the Azanian masses."
Deep in the heartland of Ashley Kriel territory: a Nat MP

The ‘interesting struggle’ of Patrick McKenzie

Mr Patrick McKenzie, the black National Party MP for Bonteheuwel, who regards himself as a comrade, represents the township of ailing ANC cadre, Mr Ashley Kriel.

“I guess the struggle was and is my life,” he says firmly.

His “very interesting experience of the struggle” goes from dodging police bullets to calling his oppressors “liberators.”

Patrick McKenzie moved from District Six, the “weakness” of apartheid, to Mowbray and then to the “concentration camp of Bonteheuwel.”

“The old National Party destroyed our dignity and our heritage,” he believes.

Involved in every part of the struggle, McKenzie claims he was instrumental in the 1976 Bonteheuwel riots as part of the black consciousness movement.

Nostalgically he recounts running down Turvey Road in Bonteheuwel “with the police helicopter shooting at me”, the police van parked outside has door to keep him under virtual house arrest, sleeping in his jeans and T-shirt so he would be ready if the police came to arrest him.

The turning point in his “radicalism” came in a visit to the United States and Britain.

After meeting many revolutionaries from South America, as well as Mr Oliver Tambo, he reoriented his role in the struggle.

Then I was a young person and highly emotional,” says the 39-year-old MP. “I hated the regime and anyone white and thought change could only come through the barrel of the gun.”

Following a wave of soul-searching nationalism, McKenzie realised his stones could never measure up to the guns in the hands of virtually every white person.

“I will not swim through rivers of blood in order to get freedom,” says the compatriot who had only the air between him and police bullets in 1976.

Political strategies were studied, including those of Mahatma Gandhi and Mao Tse-Tung.

“Today, like I was until yesterday, I believe in peace as the way to victory,” he says.

You see, my dear, if I continued on the violent road, it would have been mass suicide for our people. Why did I need to burn down today what I was going to use tomorrow?”

He was part of the Labour Party for 23 years; he signed up in 1962 when he was about 16.

“That was a time when I called a period where spies were spying on spies,” he whispers confidentially.

“All our organisations were either locked up or banned and I went to the Labour Party where I could at least have a political platform.

“The parties at that time enjoyed mass support and people viewed it as fighting against a wicked regime.”

But as a coloured-only party, the LP has served its purpose and President FW de Klerk, oppressor of yesterday, is now a freedom fighter.

“You can’t blame De Klerk for what Verwoerd did, even though De Klerk benefited from apartheid.”

Besides joining the NP for less money, McKenzie also now has more members in his constituency since joining the NP.

The liberation movements had “positive effects” towards what De Klerk has done, he concedes.

“When I joined the National Party, I told Mr De Klerk that he will have to support the people of South Africa if you are going to win in SA.”

He saw the effects of communism on a trip to East Germany five months ago. “Reeds were Flow, not concrete in Bonteheuwel.”

The poverty was appalling. Poverty in Khayelitsha is worse but that is only because of urbanisation.

Despite the massive opposition to the 1994 tricameral elections, McKenzie firmly believes he was asked by the people of Bonteheuwel to stand for election.

Nowhere in any of my speeches have I ever condoned the tricameral parliament. Other radical parties were destroying apartheid from the outside. I wanted to destroy it from inside.

“If the National Party is part of murdering people, the people who asked me to join the NP must give me a fresh mandate,” he answers after I show him Nico Bastos’s allegations that De Klerk is directly involved in political violence.

Young people in his party want his constituency and if people need any further information or want to meet him, he does house calls.

When I questioned the NP’s bona fides during democratic elections, he says NP constitutional guidelines make provision for other parties to take part in the transition, and therefore Mr Nelson Mandela would also be part of the presidency. If any abuses occurred, the world would know.

I pont out the world was in Namibia (in the form of the United Nations), yet it did not stop the South African government’s dirty tricks.

The UN was not part of the Namibian government, he snaps.

“Like in any job, some things get away,” he adds as an afterthought.

Confident a new parliament could be elected in the next three years, he is convinced the NP is strong enough to win an election without alliances.

He refuses the possibility of a Conservative Party-NP alliance.

Yes, Inkathagate hurt Inkatha, and Chief Mangosutho Buthelezi’s support base, but Inkatha is anti-Communist and stands for a “free world.”

Although the NP was implicated in Inkathagate, it was the “old” NP that was responsible. When I pont out it happened in the post-February 2 period, he says the NP did explain the money was used in anti-sanctions campaigns.

McKenzie leaves, assuring me the black Nats will not repeat the LP’s electioneering style of bash old people to polling stations.

“Things of past and present will come out. The electorate must keep the NP on its toes — the people will govern.”
ANC army celebrates 30 years of struggle

By Rehana Rossouw

A SPEAR will be carried across the Peninsula this weekend as ANC members celebrate the 30th anniversary of their organisation's military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe (Spear of the Nation).

Members will run with the spear and a shield from Khayelitsha, through Guguletu, Heideveld and Bontheuwel before handing them to MK chief of staff Mr Chris Ham in Langa.

Ham will address a rally at the Langa Stadium which starts at 12 noon on Monday December 16.

MK's history will be recalled this week at a three-day celebration in the Western Cape.

The ANC launched its military wing on December 16, 1961, with bombings at government offices and installations in Johannesburg, Durban and Port Elizabeth. The blasts signalled the ANC's departure from solely non-violent resistance.

One of the first campaigns of MK was to fight alongside the Zimbabwean freedom fighters in the late 1960s.

Codenamed the Wankie Campaign, MK soldiers in the Luthuli Detachment were sent to assist the Zimbabweans and find routes into South Africa. MK commander Mr Joe Modise and Ham were among those who saw action in this campaign.

The seventies saw MK sending cadres into South Africa to build underground structures under more favourable conditions following the liberation of Angola, Mozambique and the intensification of the war in Zimbabwe.

The improved capacity of MK led to attacks against police stations, army barracks and several government installations.

As retribution, the SADF raided Lesotho, Zambia, Botswana, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Swaziland, resulting in some ANC members being killed and many being captured.

Although MK has suspended its armed struggle as part of the negotiation process, the army has not disbanded.

It continues to recruit members and upgrades their skills to prepare them to form part of the regular army in the post-apartheid South Africa.

On Saturday an exhibition of material depicting the history of MK will be opened at the University of the Western Cape auditorium by ANC national executive committee member Prof Kader Asmal.

The exhibition, prepared by the Mayibuye Centre for History and Culture in South Africa, will portray the role of MK from the early sabotage actions to the development of the strategy of People's War.

There will also be speakers at the Wankie Campaign and the role of women in MK.

On Saturday a "gumba" kicks off at the Guguletu Civic Centre at 2pm with a range of cultural events.
By Rehana Rossouw

DESPITE losing their charismatic leader to the South African Communist Party (SACP), Umkhonto we Sizwe officers are confident the position can be filled by a younger soldier.

Last weekend Mr Chris Hani was elected general secretary of the SACP, an appointment which could lead to him resigning his post in MK.

He said while he believed he could still play a role in MK, he doubted he could continue serving the organisation as chief of staff.

According to MK sources, Hani could be heading for a more prominent national political role in the SACP.

Already, his new post could see him leading the party's delegation to the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codasa) talks.

Although MK has not yet officially discussed the implications of Hani’s new position, sources say that, while his departure would be a loss, it is also a positive development for young officials of the armed wing and Hani’s political career.

Described as a “reluctant soldier”, Hani has indicated frequently in the past few months that he sees himself as a politician rather than a soldier and would welcome an opportunity to play a role in the forthcoming negotiations.

His willingness to serve the SACP in a full-time capacity is also seen as an indication that the party’s role is regarded as more important than MK’s in the present political climate.

Finding a replacement chief of staff will be a “process” which has both organisational and political implications for MK and the ANC as a whole.

“Obviously we recognise his leaving MK is going to affect the organisational capacity of the leadership structures of the army,” said a senior MK official. “His contribution has been incredible at that level and it will be important to ensure that his successor plays the same political role in MK as he did.”

All indications are the ANC and MK will not be rushed into finding a new chief of staff.

While MK officials are reluctant to name a likely successor, two contenders for the post could be Mr Sphiwe Nyanda, Operation Vula commander and former Robben Islander Mr Tokyo Sexwale.

The strongest contenders, sources say, are Mr Ronnie Kasrils and Mr Lambert Motoli.

“What must be understood is that choosing a new chief of staff is a political decision,” said the MK source. “The future of MK must in no way be marginalised. Having Chris Hani take up a senior position in a political organisation in a way ensures that MK is continually placed on the political agenda.”

The chief of staff fulfils a key organisational role in MK and has the responsibility of overseeing the day-to-day functioning of the army.

The chief of staff’s duties include attending the welfare of MK members, their deployment and setting up the army’s infrastructure.

“There are many young people in the army who are ready to fill this gap. Given the opportunity, they can fulfil the political role as well,” said the MK source.

“We must not create an institution of Chris Hani. Despite his incredible contribution, things will not grind to a halt because he is leaving.”

Because Hani’s successor will be a political appointment, the decision will be taken by the ANC’s national executive committee, with input from the military leadership as well.
Commonwealth to send observers

Top-level teams named for Codesa

HOPES rose yesterday for a successful start to constitutional negotiations with the announcement of high-level national and international delegations to next week's Codesa meeting.

The Commonwealth announced a six-member observer team, including former British foreign secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe and former Zimbabwe president the Rev Canaan Banana.

President F W de Klerk will lead the government delegation, which includes the outgoing non-Cabinet member, the NP delegation, led by its Cape leader Dawwe de Villiers, includes three coloured members.

The ANC will announce its delegation soon, but it is sure to be led by its president Nelson Mandela and include secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa.

The Commonwealth delegation includes two other former foreign ministers Malaysia's Tan Sri Ghazali Shafie and India's Shri Dinesh Singh. The other members are former Australian governor-general Sir Ninian Stephen, and Telford George, former chief justice of the Bahamas.

Commonwealth secretary-general Chief Emeka Anyaoku said the attendance of the delegation was an important development in Commonwealth relations with SA.

Other foreign organisations invited to attend — the EC, the OAU and the UN — have yet to announce their delegations.

The NP delegation also includes Natal leader George Bartlett and two other Ministers — Defence Minister Roelof Meyer and Law and Order Minister Hermus Kriel.

The other members are Natal chairman Jurie Mouton, Cape vice-chairman the Rev Andrew filley, NP leader in the House of Representatives Jache Rabe, Bloemfontein North MP Frik van Heerden, Durbanville.

MP Frik van Deventer, President's Councillors Anne Routier and Peter Marais, and secretary-general Staffel van der Merwe.

The government delegation includes Foreign Minister Frik Botha, Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Vlok, Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee, Finance Minister Barren du Plooy, Education Minister Sam de Beer, Health Minister Dr Rina Venter, Provincial Affairs Minister Leon Wessels, Deputy Development Aid Minister Piet Marais, Deputy Constitutional Development Minister Tertius Delport, Deputy Education Minister Abe Williams and Constitutional Affairs director-general Fanie van der Merwe.

Du Plessis has switched from the NP delegation at the preparatory meeting to the government delegation for Codesa.

Anyaoku said yesterday he would personally return to SA “from time to time” next year as negotiations proceed, bringing with him “appropriate advisers whose expertise might be helpful to (Codesa)”.

He expected the observers “to hold consultations with the leaders of the political parties and to be available to assist in whatever way might be helpful.”

SAPA reports that US President George Bush expressed his support for the negotiation process to De Klerk by telephone conversation on Wednesday.

The President’s office said in a statement De Klerk told Bush he was completely confident that good progress would be made, and informed him of problems expected to be the main point of focus in the weeks ahead.
Azapo youth plan to mar talks

A PROGRAMME of action to make the Convention for a Democratic South Africa a failure will be tabled at the second annual congress of the Azanian Youth Organisation later this month.

Addressing a Press conference yesterday, the organisation's president Mr Thamj Mcerwa said hasty decisions and early compromises by some sections of the liberation movement compromised the struggle for the liberation of black people.

"Codeesa, like the Patriotic Front, is doomed to fail because reconciliation is not acceptable to the masses at this stage," he said.

"The militancy of the youth is being diluted and misguided. We believe the youth should stand up and wage a genuine struggle for liberation."

Fighters

The congress, to be held at the Great Centenary Hall in New-Brighton, Port Elizabeth, from tomorrow until Monday, will be addressed by Mr. Richard Zikhali (ZuluPF Youth League) and former Azapo president Mr. Itumeleng Mosala.

The theme of the congress is "Fighters arise, seize the time for a socialist Azania."

Among issues to be discussed are Codeesa, implications of an interim government, constituent assembly, consultative conference of the youth, formation of a genuine Patriotic Front and launch of an anti-alcohol and drugs campaign.
PAC faces some difficult choices

THE Convention for a Democratic South Africa is not in a crisis because of the PAC's uncertainty over taking part.

The leadership of political parties who will go to the convention on December 20 and 21 are emphatic that the show will go on with or without the PAC.

In fact, Codesa is already coming into view, say sources within the steering committee that was established after last month's preparatory meeting.

It is perhaps the PAC that is in crisis.

And when it meets at its consultative congress in Cape Town on Sunday and Monday it will have to find a way out.

The PAC did what it believed to be the honourable thing and walked out of Codesa's preparatory meeting on November 30 on the grounds that the ANC and Government had in preliminary discussions secured a series of agreements.

The PAC contended at the time that the Government and the ANC were using the preparatory meeting for the purpose only of receiving a "rubber stamp" of approval from the self-governing states, homeland governments and political parties within Parliament.

Another contention was that the ANC had broken all the agreements made with the PAC at the launch of the Patriotic Front.

The PAC therefore felt that it could not continue to participate in Codesa within the framework that had been established by the preparatory meeting, and that it had to seek a fresh mandate from its membership to continue.

Hence this weekend's consultative congress.

The PAC thus finds itself at a crossroads with the question of entering into formal multiparty talks - which Codesa has officially become.

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Thus, a top-level PAC source says, is what lies in store for whoever takes part in Codesa and eventually the interim government of national unity.

It is known that the Government has a bent for what it calls an interim government of national unity that will last for five to 10 years.

The Government wants to use this time to "stabilise the economy and encourage economic growth" as well as to create jobs and preserve the basic infrastructure of the country like roads, railways and the communications system.

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The Government appears to have a well worked-out plan, and it also has a well-oiled engine to suck in whomever it chooses.

After incorporating into a super-cabinet, as many political parties as it chooses (to give it maximal credibility), the interim government could then safely run the country for up to 10 years.

On the other hand, the ANC has said it prefers an interim period of up to 18 months.

The PAC has not come out with an interim plan.

Both the ANC and PAC have exposed themselves to the possibility of being incorporated into the kind of transitional government that the National Party has in mind.

In the final analysis, the PAC has to decide whether it wants to live on the periphery of South African politics or lose its ideals and identity.
Exiled PAC chiefs jet in

A HIGH-POWERED Pan Africanist Congress delegation from outside the country, including first deputy president Mr Johnson Mlambo, will attend the organisation's congress in Cape Town this weekend.

The congress will determine the PAC's future in the Convention for a Democratic South Africa.

Former chairman of the PAC's central committee and leader of its military wing, Mlambo returns from Tanzania with PAC representatives from various overseas countries.

Mlambo left the country in 1983 after serving a 20-year prison sentence. He is probably the most powerful PAC leader to return to South Africa since the organisation was unbanned on February 2, 1990.

His presence is likely to pull the rug from under the feet of dissident PAC radicals who have campaigned against...
Mandela’s cargo cult

The cancelled visit of President F W de Klerk to the leaders of the former Soviet Union nonetheless represents a remarkable development. It shows a diplomatic détente unthinkable only a brief time ago, when the spectre of communism produced rabid responses in Pretoria. Now communism is dead. De Klerk will yet be in Moscow.

Of course, as diplomacy establishes its priorities, it will be a problem for the President, in the months ahead, to know precisely with whom to resume full diplomatic ties. Ethnic fissure on even a sub-Yugoslav scale could well replicate itself across the remnants of Stalin’s empire. Boris Yeltsin’s newly announced Slavic commonwealth — Russia, Ukraine and Byelorussia — is obviously a big-ticket number, but it is inherently unstable.

That aside, the significance of the mooted visit was that De Klerk would get to Moscow before ANC president Nelson Mandela. This was extraordinary, given that the Soviet Union was the major backer of the ANC throughout its years of exile. Mandela has at least twice cancelled trips to Moscow because the time was not propitious — leaving the impression that the fate of the ANC is now of less commanding interest to Mikhail Gorbachev than it might once have been.

Mandela’s response to news of the De Klerk visit was ungracious. “We have no objection to the visit. Whether he goes to a country or not makes no difference to us because nothing can advance his cause. Nothing can advance the cause of racial oppression in our country or in the world.”

This is sufficient to suggest that Mandela still hasn’t got the idea of what the fall of communism means. Strictly interpreted, he also appears to believe that De Klerk is attempting to extend the life of apartheid, but this is probably not so.

Mandela must understand that if Gorbachev and Yeltsin give their blessing to De Klerk’s reforms, it will be all that more difficult to persuade ANC followers that the “liberation struggle” remains a purely black-white affair with inevitable victory for the victims of oppression, hand in hand with progressive nations.

This is rather like the belief that once Mandela is in Tuynhuys, foreign aid and handouts will rush to the rescue of an economy that sanctions have helped to ruin. It has the authentic ring of the cargo cult — the faith that, as one encyclopaedia has it, “a new paradise will be heralded by the arrival of a supernatural cargo of goods brought by spirits.”

It takes no cognisance of new world realities.

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Aside from being rattled by the PAC’s allegations of having already done a deal with government, the ANC seems euphoric to a fault about a successful outcome of constitutional negotiations.

Based on the smooth run — more or less in its favour — of the recent preparatory conference (which was only procedural), senior ANC figures seem remarkably convinced that matters will, via the Convention for a Democratic SA (Codesa), just go their way. The optimism extends to their firm demand for an elected constituent assembly to write a new constitution.

The first meeting of Codesa next Friday is not expected to get down to the central and linked issues of an interim government and constituent assembly. Instead, working groups will be set up to develop proposals for the second and most important plenary session in January or February, at which more detail on those two key questions may have emerged.

What the ANC will be pushing for on December 20 and 21, however, is to secure government’s commitment to being bound by all Codesa decisions, and to giving these legal force through the present parliament. Sources in the National Party indicate that government acceptance of these apparently drastic demands is not unlikely. But if they are accepted, would this not amount to the setting up of a form of interim government and the undermining of the sovereignty of parliament?

The ANC further hopes to dispense with the second item on the agenda set by the preparatory conference — general constitutional principles — by the disarmingly optimistic device of getting Codesa to adopt broadly the ANC’s own statement of principles. This is a broad, nine-point statement about SA being united, democratic, nonracial and nonsexist, with equal citizenship, universal suffrage on a common voters’ roll based on proportional representation, the separation of powers, human rights protected by a Bill of Rights, equality before the law and an independent judiciary.

Even if this apple-pie stuff is unlikely to be seriously opposed by any of the parties involved, it is hard to imagine the debate on fundamental constitutional principles simply ending there, with the nuts and bolts to be decided in an ANC-dominated constituent assembly.

But the ANC seems genuinely to believe so. It is dead against Codesa being turned into a detailed policymaking body of any kind — let alone having it transform itself into an interim government or constitution-making forum, as government had hoped it might become (Leaders December 6).

As the ANC sees it, Codesa is strictly a negotiating forum concerned with the “modalities” of transition.

The ANC also intends seeking early agreement — “sufficient consensus” is the term that has emerged — on the principle of an elected constituent assembly. It wants this secured before agreement emerges on an interim government or transitional arrangements, because it can then be established precisely what an interim government is for, as well as what its lifespan will be.

There is great wariness of government wanting the life of an interim government drawn out for as long as possible, and suspicion that it seems to be seeking an interim constitution. It is pointed out that the issue of a “constitution-making body/process” appears on the agenda before the item on transitional arrangements (or interim government or transitional authority, as the agenda has it). This matter is to be raised by the ANC at Codesa 2 early next year.

On the key question of when an interim government will be set up, much will turn on how well negotiations proceed in the working group, and an indication should emerge at Codesa’s second meeting.

To the ANC, simply appointing members from its organisation, the PAC and anyone else to the Cabinet is emphatically not an interim government. Further, it believes that the life of such a government must be limited and tied to the time it takes to hold universal suffrage elections. The ANC envisages a package of agreements including an interim government and constituent assembly.

Though difficult to define, “sufficient consensus” refers, in effect, not so much to numbers as to agreement between the NP and ANC, without which the process can’t go forward. Others may spoil, only these two can exercise an automatic veto.
Despite the stated intention of both parties to try to heal the breach, there is no sign of a meeting to patch things up between the ANC and the PAC — key parties in the Patriotic Front (PF) formed in October.

PAC spokesman Barney Desai describes relations with the ANC as "rather strained" at the moment and the PF as not quite dead but "rather lame." This follows PAC disclosures alleging that a "secret deal" has been done by government and the ANC over transitional arrangements.

The charge is claimed by the PAC to be backed up by the minutes of a briefing that the ANC's Thabo Mbeki gave to Frontline States recently. The ANC vehemently denies all of it — including the allegation that it is downgrading the demand for a constituent assembly.

Despite the existence of consultative mechanisms like the PF liaison committee, the PAC went public on this charge only days before the multi-party preparatory conference recently. Worse, the PAC walked out of that historic conference, claiming that the ANC had failed to support it on the question of an outside venue for Codesa.

The ANC was publicly slammed for "deceit and duplicity," to which it responded by describing the PAC's behaviour and statements as "dishonest, destructive and manipulative."

The ANC is convinced the PAC will return to participate in Codesa on December 20. Whether it will could depend on the outcome of a special PAC congress in Cape Town this weekend. Desai's feeling is that "we should consolidate our struggle on all fronts and we need to watch Codesa," which suggests a belief that the PAC should be there.

To the statement "we are walking the last mile," made by ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa after the preparatory meeting, Desai says the best response came from the PAC's deputy president, Dikgang Moseneke, that "Cyril is very bad at distances."

According to the ANC, its extensive bilateral discussions with a host of parties, including government and the PAC itself, in the run-up to Codesa were public knowledge.

In discussions with the PAC as well as at the PF, says the ANC, the PAC committed itself to certain positions.

- That "given their difficulties within the organisation, they would put their position regarding international convenors on the table to satisfy their constituency but would be willing to accept the consensus proposal of independent convenors, and"
- "Similarly, with regard to the venue they would merely state their position but undertook to support the proposal for a neutral venue inside the country."

The ANC says a wide gulf exists between the PAC's rhetoric and actions and that similar posturing occurred in the preparation for the PF.

"The PAC alleges collusion between the government and the ANC in order to create the perception that they are the true revolutionaries of our country. This is in keeping with their conduct throughout their existence," says the ANC, adding that it will "never negotiate behind the backs of our people."

Desai maintains that as a partner in the PF, the ANC "did not inform us of what they were up to." Early this year, after the ANC floated the notion of an all-party conference, it had said, maintains Desai, that such a conference could be transformed into an interim government. The PAC all along rejected that on the understanding that the primary goal was a constituent assembly.

"Our perceptions are clearly that the ANC would ditch the constituent assembly if they found it difficult," says Desai.
ANC, IFP argue, form peace body

By Jacqueline Myburgh

The establishment of a local dispute resolution committee (LDRC) for Greater Soweto was almost called off yesterday — for the second time this week — because of a dispute between the Inkatha Freedom Party and the ANC.

Transvaal IFP leader Themba Kgosi said yesterday's meeting to set up the LDRC was adjourned twice because the ANC had refused to accede to an IFP demand that the organisation apologise for blaming the IFP for the Dobsonville massacre last Sunday.

An investigation by The Star's sister newspaper, the Sowetan, has revealed that the killing of nine people in Dobsonville on Sunday night was the result of a lovers' tiff.

Val Paquet, personal assistant to National Peace Committee chairman John Hall, said the LDRC was established yesterday afternoon after a meeting in Soweto between various parties representing a wide section of the community.

Mr Kgosi said although the LDRC had been formally established, new structures had not yet been formed because of a disagreement over who should serve on the committee.

The next meeting of the committee on January 15 would decide on the future structures.

The LDRC was to have been established on Monday but was postponed in the wake of weekend violence.

During one of the adjournments in yesterday's meeting, Mr Kgosi mistakenly informed Sapa that the meeting had been cancelled "due to the failure of the ANC to apologise about their statement concerning the Dobsonville massacre."

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said the ANC had said nothing for which it had to apologise, since its statement had simply called for an investigation into the Dobsonville killings.

Mr Kgosi said the murders could not have been politically motivated since the victims had not been members of the IFP or the ANC. The IFP accepted that the killings had been the result of a lovers' squabble.

Mr Kgosi also accused the ANC of trying to destabilise IFP rallies and inciting violence.
Rallies planned as MK turns 30

By Esmaré van der Merwe Political Reporter

The ANC has organised 13 rallies countrywide and one in Uganda to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) on Monday.

Details of the celebrations were announced by MK’s top leadership — including chief of staff Chris Hani, Ronnie Kasrils, Tokyo Sexwale and Rashid Patel — at a press conference at the ANC’s head office in Johannesburg yesterday.

In a statement, MK said it would be the first time in its history that people could take part in “the public rallies and peaceful manifestations of their army.”

The anniversary would focus attention on the State’s continued military aggression against people by highlighting the ongoing violence and “crimes committed by the notorious death squads”, as well as the ANC army’s role in the negotiation process and the strengthening of “self-protection units.”

Mr Hani declined to give details of MK’s soldier numbers or the number of self-defence units which had been set up with MK assistance.

MK said it continued to recruit, train and develop cadres for a future nonracial army. It would not disarm or disband its force before achieving its goal of a nonracial, democratic, united and non-sexist South Africa.

Inviting all democrats to join in the celebrations, MK noted it was neither a private army or the army of a political party, but a people’s army of national liberation.

The main rally will be held at Orlando Stadium in Soweto on Monday, addressed by ANC president Nelson Mandela, MK commander Joe Modise and ANC national chairman Oliver Tambo.

Additional policemen and troops are being moved into Soweto to watch over the rally.

The district commissioner of police for the Soweto region, Major-General Kobus Malan, yesterday asked for the cooperation of all participants in the rally to avoid violence.

“The SA Police has, with additional costs, acquired reinforcements from outside Soweto, as well as from the SA Army, to do everything in the security forces’ capabilities so that violence will be avoided,” General Malan said.

He added that the security forces did not want to “put a damper or restrictions” on the rally, but requested the organisers and participants to behave within the parameters of South Africa’s laws, “and not create a situation for conflict and violence.”

On the same day, Winnie Mandela and Mr Kasrils will speak in Port Elizabeth and Chris Hani in the western Cape. The venues of other rallies on Monday include Durban, Welkom, Nelspruit, Middelburg (TV), Turffontein and Pretoria.

Tomorrow Mr Hani and Mrs Mandela will address a rally at Umtata in Transkei and on Sunday MK soldiers who have died in the struggle against apartheid will be commemorated at a rally in Kagiso.
The PAC has to decide this weekend whether to rejoin Codesa, writes Ismail Lagardien

The Africanists stand at the crossroads

The Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa) is not in crisis as a result of the PAC walkout. Leaders of the various political parties who will gather at the World Trade Centre next week are emphatic that the show will go on with or without the turbulent Africanists.

In fact, so confident are they of pressing on regardless that "Codesa 2" is already being discussed, according to sources within the steering committees established after last month's preparatory meeting.

It is perhaps more accurate to say it is the PAC that is in crisis over its on-off participation in Codesa. This makes its special consultative congress in Cape Town on Sunday and Monday extremely important. The organisation will have to find its own way out of the impasse.

The PAC did what it believed to be the honourable thing when it walked out of Codesa's preparatory meeting on November 30, on the grounds that the ANC and the Government had in preliminary discussions secured a series of "agreements" during bilateral discussions. The Africanists contended at the time that the Government and the ANC were using the preparatory meeting for the express purpose of receiving the "rubber stamp" of the self-governing states and homeland governments, as well as the political parties within Parliament for these agreements.

Another contention was that the ANC had broken all the agreements it had made with the PAC at the launch of the Patriotic Front. The PAC therefore felt it could not continue to take part in Codesa within the framework that had been established by the preparatory meeting, and that it had to seek a fresh mandate from its members.

Hence this weekend's consultative congress. The PAC thus finds itself at a crossroads on the question of entering into formal multiparty talks -- which Codesa has officially become. For the PAC, the options are twofold: if it decides not to continue in Codesa, it could be relegated itself to the periphery of South African politics, if it chooses to continue, it stands to play only a marginal role in the creation of the next South Africa.

Going into Codesa and retaining its integrity as a liberation movement is the PAC's biggest problem -- and it sees the ANC losing the initiative in this regard. The thinking in the PAC is that the ANC has fallen for the Government's "grand scheme", will gradually be sucked into a compromising position where it will be forced to drop its role as a liberation movement, will lose the support of the international community (against the Government) and be forced to drop the sanctions campaign.

This is not a fate the PAC would like to share, and PAC sources are worried that it might inevitably be what lies in store for whoever takes part in Codesa -- and in turn an interim government or national unity. It is believed the Government favours some sort of interim structure with a lifespan of five to 10 years. The Government wants to use this time to "stabilise the economy and encourage economic growth", as well as create jobs and preserve the basic infrastructure of the country -- including roads, railways and communications systems as well as the civil service.

The Government believes, too, that through such an interim government it will be able to stop the violence in the country.

The problem is compounded not only by the fact that the Government appears to have a well-worked-out plan, but that it also has an equally well-oiled engine to implement it. The PAC fears Pretoria's capacity to co-opt outsiders into a "super Cabinet" and interim structure through which it will co-administer South Africa.

After incorporating into this super-Cabinet as many political parties as it chooses (in order to give it maximum credibility) the interim government could then safely run the country for an extended period. The PAC's problem -- and that of the ANC -- is that it has no better thought-out alternative.

The ANC has said that it prefers an interim period of about 18 months, but has given little additional detail. The PAC has given no detail at all. Both parties have thus exposed themselves to the possibility of being incorporated, by default, into the kind of transitional or interim government the National Party has in mind.

In broad terms, these are the reasons why PAC leaders' brows will be furrowed this weekend. The PAC faces a tough choice -- made tougher by the uncompromising militancy of many of its followers. It can choose to stay "pure", but will then have to watch mute as Codesa takes off without it.
Govt arrogant over call-up – Hani

The ANC and its military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, have strongly criticised the Government's decision to maintain the 12-month period of military national service for white males.

MK chief of staff Chris Hani said yesterday the decision, announced by Defence Minister Roelf Meyer, reflected the arrogance of the Government "when dealing with serious matters".

With multiparty constitutional negotiations formally starting next weekend at the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Condsa), he would have expected the Government to have negotiated all matters regarding the defence forces with the ANC and other liberation armies.

The head of the ANC's department of information and publicity, Dr Pallo Jordan, said continued conscription for one racial community was alarming.

"In its conception, structure and whole ethos, the SADF is not a defence force of the people but the military arm of the dominant white minority," he said.

Addressing a press conference in Johannesburg to publicise details of MK's 30th anniversary celebrations on Monday, Mr Hani added that MK would never amalgamate with the SADF.

A new defence force would have to be formed, including elements of all armies, including the SADF, MK and homeland armies, once a new government was in place.

Mr Hani added that MK commands had been set up in several regions of the country to exercise control over the army and soldiers returning from exile.
Mandela gets his cash

DETROIT has finally handed over more than $1m raised during Nelson Mandela's US tour, nearly 18 months after the ANC president visited the city. Mayor Coleman Young said the transfer of $1.1m had been finalised this week.
R2.8m for Mandela fund

DETROIT, -- The city has finally handed over more than R2.8 million raised during Mr Nelson Mandela's US tour -- nearly 18 months after he visited the city.

Detroit yesterday finalised the transfer to the Mandela Freedom Fund, which will send it to the Matla Trust Fund, the mayor, Mr Coleman Young, said in a written statement. Mr Coleman said the money had been withheld because of red tape.

Mr Mandela asked that the money be transferred to the trust fund, Mr Young said. The fund was organised in October 1990 to support education and charitable activities. -- Sapa-AP (118) 05 03 12 12
MK to train in India — Hani

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC’s armed wing, uMkhonto weSiswe, would send members to India for training in conventional warfare, chief of staff Mr Chris Hani said yesterday.

He made the announcement at a news conference held to announce a series of nationwide uMkhonto weSiswe meetings to mark its 20th anniversary.

The focus of the celebrations will be a meeting planned for Orlando Stadium in Soweto, which will be addressed by ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela, the organisation’s chairman Mr Oliver Tambo and uMkhonto weSiswe commander Mr Joe Modise.

ANC national executive committee member Mrs Winnie Mandela will speak at two of the 13 meetings planned, all except one of which will be held on Monday.

The anniversary celebrations are intended to mark the first bomb blasts of the “Sabotage Campaign” and the launching of uMkhonto weSiswe on December 16, 1981.

In a statement the organisation said it would continue to recruit and train its members for a future army.
Charismatic leader risen to high office

Chris Hani

held the ANC's "radical ideas on socio-economic matters" such as partial nationalisation and drastic reorganisation of the economy.

ANC President Nelson Mandela's utterances in the United States that the movement was reviewing its position on nationalisation would have to be put to a national congress of the ANC, says Hani.

"We have supported the ANC on the basis of these policies," he says. "Any departure from that programme would lead to a situation where some of us would have to reassess our role in the African National Congress."

Hani professes a passionate commitment to multiparty democracy, and dismisses any "wrong impressions" one might glean from the fact that the rank-and-file at last weekend's congress knocked the adjective "democratic" off democratic socialism.

"Our people talked about the distortions of socialism in the Soviet Union," he says. "They said there was no material basis for socialism in Eastern Europe — it was imposed as a result of the victories of the Red Army."

"I thought that was an important observation to be made by delegates at the congress. They were saying we don't have those distortions because they are not inherent in socialism."

However, the insistence by the rank-and-file that socialism doesn't need to be qualified because it is inherently democratic, in the light of the history of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, "puzzled me very much", particularly given the prominence of the congresses of honoured guests from the People's Republic of China.

Hani strongly defends their presence, one suspect being the party truly needs their financial backing, with other sources such as the Soviet Union drying up.

"I met talk at the political conference of the Chinese people towards the liberation of the people in the Third World," says Hani. "They are united with the Chinese in our support for socialism, as our hatred and our determination."

"I'm sure there are serious problems in China. There are some comments that the Chinese are making."

"Even capitalised countries have the propensity to use violence when trapped against the wall. I am not defending the Chinese. What I am saying is I am not prepared to stay away from the Chinese because I disapprove of what they did at Tiananmen Square.

"Our position has always been to accept assistance from all those willing to give without strings attached. The Chinese are not saying adopt our methods. Those are their methods. They came here to express solidarity with the struggle of the workers."

"But we will not implement Chinese socialism. We have our own road to socialism in South Africa."

Hani is more passionate on the issue of Cuba, which has supported Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union as the model for many South African communists.

"Why should we not believe in some of the positive aspects of the Cuban revolution?" asks Hani. "Why should we not believe in the internationalism of Cuban communists who came to Africa to shed their blood for the liberation of Namibia, who stood up against the assassins of racist South Africa? Why shouldn't we admire people who, though poor, were able to train doctors and teachers for us?"

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Hani underpins the question of whether he sees a role for the ANC and the SACP in the current political landscape.

"It is not a question of the ANC and the SACP standing as one entity in elections — even though the National Party views the party as one of the ANC's biggest electoral liabilities."

There is on the question of the second phase — on socialism and economic policies — that the two diverge. Communists have a role, says Hani, to

Outgoing SACP general secretary Joe Slovo and ANC national chairman, observer at SACP's congress, Oliver Tambo.

Photo KEVIN CARTER

"we don't want to be on the offensive," says Hani.

"People are forgetting the terrible things that are happening in the capitalist countries. Britain is experiencing a second recession — no one writes about that. In America there are millions without jobs. Young blacks are either as prisons or being brutalised."

"Drug trafficking has become a serious problem. Take Brazil and the other countries of Latin America. Some of them are in a worse situation than Cuba."

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Mokaba wins Youth League vote

By HUBERT MATLOU

In a move widely perceived as a closing of the ranks, the African National Congress Youth League yesterday elected Fefer Mokaba as its president.

Syvolo youth leader Rapu Molekane, who was expected to contest the position in the election, which rounded off the organisation's four-day congress in kwaNdebele, failed to secure nomination.

The presidential race seemed to turn on a behind-doors meeting attended by delegates of all regions on Wednesday, in which the presidential race was discussed. Observers say consensus was reached that a contest for the position could be damaging, and that defeat for Mokaba could give credibility to allegations earlier this year that Mokaba had security police links.

In the first round of nominations yesterday, Molekane failed to receive the necessary one-third support from the house to make his candidacy possible. Molekane was instead chosen as the Youth League's secretary.

Lula Johnson, from the Eastern Cape, was elected vice-presidential. Mpho Lekgoyo of Atteridgeville was voted deputy secretary and Ignatius Jacobs, of Riverlea, is the youth league's new treasurer.
By GAVIN EVANS
LOCAL-LEVEL negotiations between members of the Conservative Party and the African National Congress are happening in several areas of the country — in direct defiance of a CP ban on such contact.

While the ANC is keen for the Conservative Party to be drawn into talks at both national and municipal level, the CP officially remains implacably opposed to meetings at any level with the ANC, the Pan Africanist Congress or “unelected” civic associations.

Putting the official party line, acting CP general secretary Paul Fouché said that it was completely against party policy for even individual town councillors to be engaged in talks with such organisations.

However, CP councils and councillors have been involved in negotiations with ANC, PAC and Congress of South African Trade Union members in areas such as Standerton, Messina, Phalaborwa, Louis Trichardt, Uitenhage and Witbank — in most cases in response to consumer boycotts.

In Standerton, in the south-eastern Transvaal, the town council is CP-controlled while the Sakhile Civic Association (SCA) includes members of the ANC, PAC and Inkatha.

Negotiations began after rent and consumer boycotts led to the resignation of the local black councillors. “It puzzles me that the CP says there are no negotiations, because we have been involved in negotiations with the Standerton Town Council,” said SCA chairman Dan Soko.

He said the CP mayor, Ian Thorn, went as far as raising money from local businesses to help the community pay back its electricity arrears, and the council appointed one of its members, HV van der Merwe, to administer the township after the resignation of the councilors.

Thorn, who confirmed that he and most of his council were CP members, said he had “a lot of meetings” with the SCA and that he’d raised R80 000 to pay off the arrears.

A very different situation exists in Louis Trichardt where the CP mayor, Louis Hartzenberg, was involved in talks with the ANC-controlled Tshukudu Consumer Boycott Committee last year.

The issue at stake was that the boycott committee and the local residents’ association wanted the new township incorporated into a single municipality while the CP council wanted a separate black authority.

CP members were involved in talks whenever a new consumer boycott got off the ground, but so far this year there have been no boycotts and no talks, and the council has dug in its heels by refusing to meet the residents’ association.

This was also the initial strategy adopted by CP-controlled council in Phalaborwa — which stated emphatically it would never talk to the ANC.

But last month, after a long consumer boycott they nominated their town clerk to attend meetings between the ANC-dominated boycott committee and the chamber of commerce.
TWO THINGS can come out of the PAC’s consultative congress in Cape Town tomorrow and Monday, at which the Africanists expect to receive or be refused a mandate to resume a role in Codesa.

Delegates could either ask the leadership to return and continue fighting its cause, or can ask the leadership to remain out of Codesa and seek an alternative platform, possibly with Azapo and the other leftist splinter groups who have chosen not to enter into multiparty talks.

The PAC suspended its participation in the talks at last month’s preparatory meeting for such talks on the grounds that the ANC and the Government were steamrolling through decisions which they had jointly worked out before, and denying the Africanists a decisive role in Codesa.

However, the PAC’s survival in the short and medium term is dictated more by the success (or failure) of Codesa than by any immediate political or ideological decisions, departures or directions the PAC takes.

If Codesa fails — which the PAC and indeed Azapo and its fellow travellers of the Left are holding out for — the Africanists believe they would step in to rescue the democratisation of SA.

Azapo president Pendelan Nefolovhu noted this week expressed exactly this sentiment, citing the Zimbabwean experience where the government of Abel Muzorewa, who was installed by the Ian Smith administration, failed and was replaced in a landslide victory by that of Robert Mugabe.

But Codesa could succeed, and the PAC and Azapo could find themselves marginalised.

This could see them in a situation similar to that of post-independence Angola and Mozambique. In these countries, the liberation movement (as it were) split at independence. The faction that did not make it into government waged a guerrilla war against the first post-colonial government.

This latter option is however improbable, for the simple reason that no leftist guerrilla movement can today garner enough military or even financial support to sustain a war. The present world order is not conducive to this.

There are strong indications that Codesa will succeed, simply because the Government and the ANC have vested all their efforts in it. Prominent Government and Codesa sources have in no uncertain terms said this — some have gone as far as to speculate on a time and place for Codesa.

It is thus safe to assume that Codesa will be the vehicle for at least initial change in South Africa.

Unless the conclusion is that the PAC has arrived at with regard to Codesa are at variance with these realities, their decision is made for them stay on board Codesa.

It is no small coincidence that the PAC’s top political leadership is in South Africa in time for the December 20 and 21 meeting of Codesa. If the future looks as certain as it does through Codesa, the PAC would do itself a great political service if it shifted into a more conservative position.
Socialist ideals born of

Charismatic leader has turned his back on role as ANC's	

Everybody has strong feelings, one way or another, about Chris Hani. But where does he come from and what is he like? SHAUN JOHNSON and PATRICK LAURENCE try to provide some answers.

S OON after his elevation to the position of South Africa's executive head of state, Chris Hani found himself in a television studio about to be interviewed. Just before the cameras rolled, the presenter leaned over to him and said, "Well, what should I ask you?"

Hani's response: "Ask me if I'm normal. Ask me if I believe in popular participation for advancing a policy that has been so discredited!"

The presenter disarmed — which was a pity, because the answer would have been revealing of Hani's blunt, straightforward style. He is a surprisingly direct, even blunt man for someone who has spent the best part of his adult life occupied in the most secretive of political work.

Hani is among the most controversial political figures in South Africa, so that he elicits strong reactions from both sides of the political spectrum. No one feels neutral about the wobbly, ill-omened, controversial, multiracial, ambivalent, Luthuli, and admirer of Luthuli.

In the northern suburbs (the area where Hani was born), he is a hero without peer, the man who fought "the system" with guns and who refuses to be any white man's poodle.

To the professional in the suburbs he is evil incarnate, the unacceptable face of the democratic future. To the toy-toy in the townships he is a hero, the man who destroyed the white man's system.

Those who know Hani well lean towards the latter scenario. An understanding of his life story, they say, presents a reasonably explicable picture of how the man ended up where he is.

For these people — and they include some detractors — Hani is a fair, uncharacteristically committed in that his belief stems from a very personal experience of poverty combined with a razor-sharp intellect.

He did not begin life as an eccentric, he became one when conversion was veiled first.

H ANI WAS born in a very poor area of Transkei called Cofimvaba, not to the far from glamorous Qunu. "I had to travel 29km to the nearest railway station to go to school at Lwandle. My mother had to queue there at least two people to help me carry my luggage. There were no taxis.

"There was no clinic near my home. When one of us was sick we had to be driven to a place called Lady Fever. If one of the kids at the primary school had asthma, most of them didn't even have truncheons. They would put on their father's long shirts. That kind of thing is a back

ground of poverty, unemployment and disease." When he began to study, Hani was immediately attracted to the idea of the redistribution of wealth. I felt strongly that in our country a small group of people monopolized the wealth and used this position — in this case it was white — to deprive us of the basic things in life.

"So when I began to be exposed to (communist party) literature, the idea of socialism really caught on. It addressed what I had never heard ad dressed before — the idea of social justice. I looked at the capitalist system and I felt it had no answer whatever to this question. I was more than ready to join and to apply the theory to African conditions. So my leaning to the left was not a question of who was the product of this or that environment."

Hani's parents had
ideals born of poverty

Mother has turned his back on role as ANC crown prince

in 1906, 100 years after his father was included in the first list of ANC leaders.

His death in 1911 was a blow to the movement, and his ideas continued to inspire the struggle for freedom.


effect in him: “My father was a migrant worker. He was born in a small village in Cape Town, where he worked as a construction worker.

He was a humble man, but he had a strong will to fight for what was right.”

The struggle for equality and justice continues to this day.

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MAN BEHIND FLIGHT INTO EXILE

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IT was a time of oppression, a period when the apartheid ideologues were spreading their gospel of segregation, an action which asked for armed retaliation.

Mr Christmas Tinto, immediate past president of the ANC (Western Cape) and former Robben Island prisoner, was one of those who joined the armed struggle against the National Party’s policies.

His full story, like that of many Umkhonto we Sizwe soldiers, cannot be told — not if he is to stay out of prison.

But the unbanning of the ANC and beginning of serious negotiations have cleared the way for him to tell how he helped Umkhonto chief of staff Mr Chris Hani and others escape from Cape Town and skip the country.

Mr Hani is credited as the man who played a major role in rebuilding MK, recruiting cadres and planning operations. For years he was one of the most wanted men by assassins for state agencies.

But back to Mr Tinto and his story.

He recalls that Mr Hani, Mr Archie Sibeko, now deputy ANC leader in the Western Cape, and two others whose first names he could not recall, were released on bail in March 1983.

“We feared that they would be jailed and the ANC high command gave instructions that they should leave the country.”

While making arrangements for them to slip out of Cape Town, he found accommodation for the four in Ny17 Guguletu.

“In those days Guguletu was a squatter area. We knew the police would be searching the settlement and decided that they should stay with non-ANC members.”

He and Communist Party official Mr Fred Carneson arranged for them to be driven to Johannesburg from where they left for Botswana and exile.

Mr Tinto was present in court on the day when the four were due to appear.

“As soon as they did not appear, Mr Sauerman, a security policeman, looked up at me and said, ‘I know I had something to do with their failure to be in court.’”

He was detained and held for 90 days “during which I was closely questioned about the disappearance of Mr Hani and Mr Sibeko.”

Today when they get together Mr Tinto, Mr Hani and Mr Sibeko “laugh” when they recall his role in their flight into exile.

Mr Christmas Tinto ... helped Mr Chris Hani escape.
THE United Nations resolution echoed recent decisions by the Organisation of African Unity and the Commonwealth to lift "people" sanctions until a transitional government was in place in South Africa, said ANC international affairs head, Mr. Thabo Mbeki. He added that the resolution was in line with the lifting of remaining economic sanctions to the establishment of a transitional government.
Women on march for female rights

BY ROY RÜDDEN

SOUTH AFRICAN women have begun mobilising for a battle aimed at enshrining gender rights in the new constitution.

A rapidly growing Women's Charter Alliance — already flourishing in the Western Cape and launched in Natal at the weekend — is expected to take the country by storm.

It leaps political, racial and religious barriers and has the backing of women's organisations representing thousands of members.

This week, alliance member Dr Nkosazana Dlamini, a leading figure in the ANC, put out at what she called all-too-vague references to non-sexism in both the ANC's and the Law Commission's proposed bills of rights.

She urged women to put aside political, cultural, social and religious differences and to mobilise in the common cause of fighting to incorporate clauses against sexual discrimination in South Africa's future constitution.

Dr Dlamini is married to ANC deputy general secretary Jacob Zuma and is chairman of the Southern Natal region of the ANC Women's League.

Along with prominent people such as Democratic Party MP Carole Challenwood (who initiated the alliance), she is at the forefront of the Women's Charter Alliance of Southern Natal.

Chart

Delegates from 34 organisations have decided to survey the needs of women of all races to reach a consensus on the content of a women's charter.

"It's not enough to refer to a 'non-racial, non-sexist South Africa' in the bill of rights," Dr Dlamini said.

"We want to spell out what non-sexism should mean and not leave it to men to decide what is good for us."

"That's why it is essential for all women to have the opportunity to contribute to the final charter of women's rights."

Discriminatory issues to be dealt with include customary and other marriage laws, employment practices, sexual harassment, property buying which requires husbands' consent, housing policies (such as the denial of home-owners' subsides to wives who are government employees) and taxation..."
WE, THE PEOPLE

ON TUESDAY the Codesa working group charged with drafting a Declaration of Intent will meet. Before them they will have draft proposals from the two major participants — the ANC and the National Party. The Sunday Times today publishes the full text of the draft declarations. Drawing from both, Codesa will have to decide which values and principles will guide the new South Africa.

NATIONAL PARTY DECLARATION OF INTENT

WE, the participants to the first meeting of the Convention for a Democratic South Africa hereby commit ourselves

■ TO bring about through peaceful negotiations an undivided South Africa with one nation sharing a common patriotism and loyalty, pursuing amidst the diversity of our community, freedom, equality and security for all regardless of colour, creed or culture, free from apartheid or any other form of discrimination or denigration,

■ TO create a climate conducive to peaceful constitutional reform by eliminating political violence, intimidation and destabilisation and by promoting free political participation,

■ TO follow procedures conducive to achieving maximum support and consensus,

■ TO map out the road to a new constitution based on the following principles

ONE: South Africa shall continue to be a sovereign Republic constituted of all its citizens and exercising authority over the whole of its territory.

TWO: The constitution shall be the supreme law, and everything done by the state and its organs shall be justiciable by an independent judiciary in terms of the constitution and of a Charter of Fundamental Rights.

THREE: There shall be an effective separation of powers between the legislative, executive and judicial authority,

FOUR: There shall be three tiers of government, namely central, regional and local and the division of powers and functions among the three tiers shall be defined and entrenched in the constitution,

FIVE: The constitution shall guarantee a multi-party democracy based on universal adult suffrage and the right to form and join political parties,

SIX: The constitution shall guarantee the entrenched protection of the fundamental rights of all citizens, minorities and communities,

SEVEN: Economic growth and development shall be promoted by an orientated economic system with minimum state intervention based on free enterprise, private initiative and the right to own property and to contract freely and there shall be social responsibility on the part of the state and the private sector to enhance the quality of life and ensure equal opportunities for all the people,

EIGHT: The constitution shall acknowledge the plurality of cultures and the ethnic diversity of the citizens of South Africa.

ANC'S PROPOSED DECLARATION OF INTENT

WE, the representatives of the political movements and administrations, aware of the responsibility that rests upon all South Africans to work towards healing the divisions of the past and bringing peace, justice and the advancement of all to our country, declare our solemn commitment to

■ BRING about an undivided South Africa under one nation sharing a common citizenship, patriotism and loyalty — pursuing, amidst our diversity, freedom, equality and security for all irrespective of race, colour, sex or creed a country free from apartheid or any other form of discrimination or denial,

■ WORK for the establishment of a free and open society based on democratic values where the dignity, worth and rights of every South African man and woman is protected by the law,

■ SET in motion the process of arriving at a constitution which will ensure

THAT South Africa will be an undivided, democratic, non-racial and non-sexist state,

THAT there shall be a multi-party democracy with regular elections in which all South Africans will be able to vote for the parties of their choice on the basis of universal suffrage and one person one vote on a common voters roll,

THAT in general the basic electoral system shall be that of proportional representation,

THAT there shall be a separation of powers between the legislature, executive and judiciary with appropriate checks and balances,

THAT all shall enjoy universally accepted human rights, freedoms and civil liberties, including freedom of religion, speech and assembly, protected under an entrenched and justiciable Bill of Rights,

THAT the legal system shall guarantee equality of all before the law,

THAT South Africa has an independent, non-racial judiciary representing the skills, wisdom and life experience of all South Africans.

WE FURTHER solemnly commit ourselves to be bound by the decisions of Codesa and in good faith to take all such steps as are within our power and authority to realise their implementation,

WE AGREE that Codesa will establish an implementing mechanism (which shall include the government) whose task it will be to determine the procedures and draft the texts of all legislation and executive and administrative acts necessary to give effect to the decisions of Codesa.
Mokaba's task is to blunt the teeth of his Young Lions

By EDYTH BULBRING
Political Reporter

PETER MOKABA, president of the ANC Youth League, calls many of his supporters "the prisoners of history". He believes many of the league's half-million members are locked into the politics of the past, still nursing the barbed wire of former struggles and bogged down when they were Young Lions of the underground. But, says Mr Mokaba, enough is enough. This week, 1,000 league delegates picked a candidate from a named lists of KwaZulu Natal had to recall, in between those who, if not defeated, will consider an uncertain future. It was the league's first congress inside the ANC in 39 years.

Mr Mokaba sees his main task as leading the Youth in adapting to changed political circumstances — the phase of negotiations.

This, he says, involves a different strategy in fighting apartheid and ensuring the ANC's victory in elections. He says part of the problem of adapting is that the battle lines are no longer as clearly drawn as they were.

It is necessary to gain the support of individuals within the system rather than alienate them during negotiations. He says the Youth League will not be an easy target in the negotiations because it has the solid backing of the ANC as a whole.

Mr Mokaba says that expectations during this period are a problem. He says the youth need to understand that many of their expectations will not be achieved by the raising of a flag.

The Youth League will campaign for the right to work, but this right has to be earned by attaining skills, Mr Mokaba says. But how does one tell children who have been brought up on a diet of revolutionary rhetoric about the evils of 'Bantu Education'?

Mr Mokaba urges his appeal in language his followers understand.

"You tell them, 'Go back to school, we need skilled soldiers in Mk.' Mr Mokaba's biggest challenge is not to change and direct the fire of the youth, but to combat the lethargy which changed political circumstances ten years ago."

Since the unbanning of the ANC, the youth feel they have been sidetracked from their role. While the Youth League is administratively permanent, the ANC is guided by its current policies and political line.

Mr Mokaba says consultations between the Youth League and the ANC have been satisfactory.

The Youth League has asked the ANC to include youth representation in every department and on every committee during negotiations. While the ANC has no objection, there has been no follow-up.

The Youth League has been asked to form its own negotiations commission and draft its own constitution. In the ANC's negotiations committee, Mr Mokaba says, representatives from the youth also have been asked to take part in the ANC's negotiations committee, he says.

Mr Mokaba says the meeting among the ANC and the youth has also been conducted by a drop-off in mass action and difficulty in sustaining campaigns.

The Youth League will campaign for the right to work, but it will have to become more focused and include all sectors of the community. The main issues on the agenda are education, land, textiles and housing.

In KwaZulu Natal, this week the ANC held a state meeting among the youth. The ANC has given the Youth League the mandate to represent the youth in different campaigns and with the ANC's support.

One delegate from the ANC's Black Consciousness movement in the ANC's negotiations committee, he says.

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When thousands of schoolchildren countrywide defied the Department of Education and Training in the mid-80s, setting "liberation now, education later" as their battle cry, they were drawn to the popular bandwagon. While the threat of pupils to stay away from school was the official policy, an estimated 200,000 pupils went to school, the majority of whom were black, as a protest against the educational system. The Movement for South Africa (Masoela), which was formed in 1984, was one of the most prominent groups behind this movement. Its leaders called for educational reform and the end of government control over the schools.

Masoela's leader, Sipho Masoela, was a key figure in the fight for educational reform. He was a renowned activist and politician who was known for his strong leadership and dedication to the cause. His vision for the future of education in South Africa was one where black students were given the same opportunities as their white counterparts. He believed that education was a fundamental right and that all students, regardless of race, should have access to quality education.

Masoela's efforts were not in vain, as the government eventually began to make changes to the educational system. The country's educational system underwent significant reforms, and black students were able to access higher education opportunities. Today, black students are no longer excluded from educational opportunities, and South Africa's educational system is considered to be one of the best in Africa.

Apart from Masoela, who is now a lawyer and remains a strong advocate for educational reform, the country's educational system has continued to improve. The government has invested heavily in the education sector, and the country has made significant progress in terms of access to education and educational outcomes.

WALKING IN BIKO'S FOOTSTEPS... Azasoe president Sipho Masoela is not one to just hop on to the popular political bandwagon.
Two problems for Codesa

POLITICAL parties were this weekend locked in intensive discussions to resolve two remaining obstacles to a successful launch of South Africa's second national convention next week.

The issues that have not been resolved are:

- Inkatha's insistence that the Zulu king be allowed to participate in the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa).
- An ANC proposal that all parties, including the government, commit themselves to abide by decisions taken by Codesa and that the convention establish an implementing mechanism to draft the text of all legislation necessary to give effect to decisions of Codesa.

A solution to the first problem, at present being discussed, centred on issuing invitations to all tribal kings and chiefs to attend Codesa as observers.

Dispute

The second obstacle was proving more intractable.

The government objected to the ANC’s proposal for an implementing mechanism on the grounds that it was a backdoor attempt to introduce an interim government. Its draft declaration of intent made no provision for an implementing mechanism.

A sub-committee consisting of Public Enterprises Minister Dawie de Villiers, the ANC’s Perox Cachalia and one other has been appointed to try resolve the dispute.

A government spokesman said the resolution of the problem lay in defining what was meant by “sufficient consensus” — the manner in which decisions were taken by Codesa — without creating the impression that some parties were more important than others.

The spokesman said rather than stipulate that Codesa itself draft legislation, government believed a process similar to that followed in setting up the peace secretariat should be followed. This involved the parties agreeing on what course of action to follow and government drawing up the required legislation.

However, ANC secretary general Cyril Ramaphosa said yesterday that it was important that all parties, especially the government, committed themselves to abiding by decisions taken by Codesa and also to giving legal effect to those decisions.

It was vital that Codesa had an implementing mechanism.

He rejected suggestions that this could be construed as bringing about an interim government through the back door.

Mr Ramaphosa said the ANC believed that Codesa should have a relatively short lifespan and that the first non-racial elections should be held no later than in 12 months.

ANC President Nelson Mandela will head the organisation's delegation at Codesa. Others in the delegation will be Cyril Ramaphosa, Jacob Zuma, Mohammed Yaha Moosa, Barbara Masakela, Joe Modise, Allan Boesak, Getrude Shope, Peter Mokaba, Marlon Sparg and Sam Shilowa.

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Major parties sending top men to constitutional talks

BY SEKOLA SELLO

THE arduous task of putting South Africa on the road to a democratic future takes place in Kempton Park near Jan Smuts Airport on Friday and Saturday.

Having removed the obstacle of deciding who gets invited to the constitutional negotiating forum, the real job of sorting out South Africa's future begins.

Two major players -- the government/National Party and its allies and the ANC and its allies -- are now all geared up to enter full-blown constitutional talks.

Although there are 19 political organisations, including the government, taking part in the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa), the real contest is between the ANC and the government.

Who will line up behind the ANC or the government is still not known. But, in the true nature of politics, alliances will be made and dissolved depending on the exigencies of the moment.

That next week's talks are considered crucial can be deduced by the high-level delegations the major parties are sending.

The government will be headed by State President FW de Klerk, with seven cabinet ministers and three deputy ministers, while the ANC is expected to be led by its president, Nelson Mandela, and senior members of the national executive committee.

The PAC, which walked out of the preparatory talks two weeks ago, is expected to take part.
Despite the significant swelling of the South African Communist Party (SACP) to 25,000 members within two years of its unbanning, it has suffered some losses as well.

A few of the party’s pre-February 1990 “big shots” were nowhere to be seen during the party’s eighth congress at Nasrec, near Johannesburg.

Thabo Mbeki, Mac Maharaj, Aziz Pahad and Jacob Zuma did not attend either as guests or observers.

Central Committee member Ronnie Kasrils says they are still welcome to join the party at any time.

“Not specifically referring to the four, we have said that from the time of this congress we would have no secret membership. Those who have been in the party in the past have to decide whether they would like to emerge as members of the party,” says Kasrils.

“If they do not, if they make that decision for whatever reason, it’s up to them. And if they do not want to emerge openly, they will no longer be considered members of the party,” says Kasrils.

Another critical issue that is haunting the party is that although it has finally been truly Africanised, it still has only a handful of African “theoreticians.”

Presently, most of those who reportedly prepare theoretical drafts for the party are white – notably Joe Slovo, Jeremy Cronin, Ronnie Kasrils, Brian Bunting and Raymond Suttner.

Kasrils says this temporary imbalance is because of historical developments and educational backgrounds. But, he adds, there are some exceptional black theoreticians emerging.

Kasrils says the party will be establishing night classes like those which the original Communist Party of South Africa was running in the ’30s and ’40s to raise the ideological and educational level of party members – AIA
Who's who on far left of political spectrum

AS Codesa picks its way cautiously forward, there is a growing vacuity of opposition from a cluster of groupings on the political left.

Who are these foes of Codesa? What support do they have?

The largest among them is the Pan Africanist Congress which will today begin thrashing out the issue of whether or not to rejoin the NP, ANC Inkatha and the 18 other organisations in Codesa.

Estimating the size of the PAC is difficult. It does not have a gene rate membership figures and registers little more than a blip on opinion polls.

Following its unbanning, the PAC made an attempt to patch together a leadership which comprised former Robben Island prisoners, exiles and Africans who cut their teeth in the National Council of Trade Unions.

Surprisingly, this disparate formation has held together. But the decision, taken at the recent Patriotic Front conference, to participate in multi-party talks has not gone down well with the party's more radical membership.

The PAC is likely to decide to rejoin Codesa — but probably at a price. Radicals who have developed strongholds in the East and West Rand branches might well choose to walk.

The principle beneficiaries in that case would be the Azanian Peoples' Organisation (Azapo).

The party, which proclaims a philosophy drawing on both black consciousness and Marxist-Leninism, pulled out of the Patriotic Front conference on the grounds that it objected to the presence of parties that had participated in the tricameral parliament.

What is more likely is that Azapo realised earlier than the PAC that the end result of the conference, in which the ANC was easily the main partner, would be participation in all-party talks and that it would not be able to justify this to its support base.

The level of popular support for Azapo is difficult to determine. Its leading figures were thus-week not prepared to hazard an estimate.

The only member said to know the real membership figure was away on holiday.

Opponents put it at no more than 5 000.

Broadly speaking, Azapo's game plan would seem to revolve around the ANC Alliance getting involved in an interim government which would be unable to deliver to black workers, while it would be in a position to provide a home for the disaffected.

The Workers' Organisation for Socialist Action (Wosa) — with 1 000 members (20 percent working class) according to its own estimate (or 250 intellectual Trotskyites according to its opponents) — envisages a similar outcome.

Wosa believes that the Codesa process will lead to a realignment of the left involving Cosatu, breaking its ties with the ANC and linking up with parties such as Wosa.

The range of parties on the left does not end with Wosa. The International Socialists of SA (membership about 100 by their own estimate) split from Wosa on the grounds that socialists needed to provide unconditional, but not uncritical, support for the nationalist movements (the ANC and PAC) and over their analysis that the Soviet Union was a state capitalist society.

There is also, within the ANC, the Marxist Workers' Tendency, a Trotskyite grouping which believes in working within the major nationalist organisation to propound its beliefs.

Finally, there is the Cape-based New Unity Movement. It has raised the principle of non-collaboration to levels of sectarianism bordering on an art form. As a result it is difficult to find anyone who regards it with any seriousness.
It's 30 years of MK!

Chief of staff Chris Hani yesterday in Umtata inspected a guard of honour of 16 uniformed fighters in MK's first open military parade inside the country.

The 16, who were unarmed, performed a drill display before enthusiastic crowds at Umtata Independence Stadium.

During his speech Hani paid tribute to MK members who fell during the armed struggle, and a 21-shot salute was fired. Other speakers were Winnie Mandela and Billie Nair.

The occasion was part of national celebrations to mark the 30th anniversary of MK's public launch.

Veritas

Political comment and newsbriefs by E. Sihlo, headlines and sub-editing by S. James, both of 2 Herb Street, Johannesburg.
Delegates thrash out SACP manifesto

CENTRAL to the eighth conference of the South African Communist Party (SACP) held from December 5 to 8 in Johannesburg was the adoption of a manifesto.

A 16-page draft manifesto was circulated prior to the conference. The manifesto was peculiar in that little space was devoted to the formation of actual policy. The first 10 pages are devoted to an analysis of the global and national context, with some implicit policy statements.

Globally, a central focus is the "collapse of bureaucratic socialism in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union." The collapse is blamed on three key factors:

- The undeveloped nature of the USSR at the time of the revolution.
- The undemocratic nature of the societies in question.
- The undemocratic nature of the political system under the leadership of the working class.

The manifesto concludes that "it is not possible to sustain and develop socialism in an authoritarian environment.

The manifesto reiterates the party's commitment to "a multi-party democracy, a justifiable bill of rights, an independent judiciary and the basic freedoms of speech, association, worship and press freedom.

However, these basic freedoms are seen as not nearly enough. It is argued that for democracy to become effective, what is required is the "building and strengthening of an independent guardian party of the working class" and "the development of a vast network of democratic organs of popular participation in both the economy and the political system under the leadership of the working class."

How this will work in practice is not spelled out.

Furthermore, the economy would have to be restructured so that there is "a decisive increase of the sectors of the economy under social control and subject to democratic planning."

The enormous concentration of wealth and control in the economy is seen as a major problem. It is argued that "as long as the commanding heights of the economy are monopolised by a small group of powerful capitalists, the deepening and defence of democratic gains will be limited and under constant threat."

The manifesto gives little indication as to how this enormous concentration of capital will be resolved.

A major debate at the conference revolved around the question of democracy. The draft manifesto used the phrase "democratic socialism" presumably making clear the break with "past practices. However, the use of the term was strongly challenged by many delegates.

In one view socialism was inherently democratic and thus there was no need to place "democratic" before it. Another argument said "democratic" gave the impression that the party was lapsing into a social democratic mode and forgetting that it was a militant, fighting party.

Linked to this debate were strong objections from delegates about the failure to portray the party as the vanguard party of the working class which was guided by "the principles of Marxism-Leninism."
Albertina Sisulu to be honoured

ALBERTINA Sisulu will receive the Albert Schweitzer Humanitarian Award at the Riverside Church in New York on Tuesday.

The ANC said Sisulu, wife of ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu, and a president of the now defunct United Democratic Front, will leave for the United States today.
ANC accuses PAC of showmanship

By DESMOND BLOW

WITH a week to go to the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa) conference, the ANC has launched a strong attack on the PAC calling their behaviour "dishonest, destructive and manipulative."

The ANC accused the PAC of "showmanship" by staging a walkout at the preparatory talks and accused the PAC of planning to do the same at the Codesa talks. In a press statement the ANC said the PAC was using the negotiations on which the ANC had embarked to continue a posture of non-negotiations and walkouts.

"The PAC alleges collusion between the government and the ANC in order to create the perception that they are the true revolutionaries of our country."

The statement said opinions and agreements reached, in consultations with the PAC, guided the ANC in its meetings with the National Party/government meetings.

The ANC claimed the PAC had asked to accompany the ANC to meetings with the government but the ANC said they should arrange such meetings themselves.

"It therefore came as a surprise for us to learn from Minister Kobie Coetsee on Friday at the preparatory meeting that there have been repeated secret meetings at the highest level between themselves and the PAC.

"We repeat the ANC does not, and will not, negotiate behind the backs of the people. Our meetings with the government are known to all..

"Our commitment is to ensure that the people of South Africa, through all their political formations, determine the destiny of this country."

In a separate statement on this week's Codesa conference, ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa is quoted as saying the ANC was more than ever convinced that "we are walking the last mile."

Ramaphosa said there had been no secret deals, nor would there be.

"The momentum must not be lost. Our people will not forget us if we do not seize this moment and move speedily towards a democratic future."


JOHANNESBURG — The South African Communist Party, in alliance with the African National Congress and Cosatu, will use mass action in support of its demands for an interim government within the next six months and a constituent assembly within two years.

This was said by Mr Chris Hani yesterday in his first interview since his appointment as the new SACP general-secretary at the party’s eighth national congress, outside Johannesburg.

Mass action would play a key role in the tripartite alliance’s negotiating strategy, Mr Hani said.

“We feel that at the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa) there must be a commitment, a declaration of intent, that there’s going to be an interim government,” Saps said.

“Immediately the interim government is in place we expect that interim government to begin the process of preparing for a constituent assembly, by registering all the voters in this country so that they can begin to elect their own representatives to a constituent assembly.”

“We want this process to be taking place within the next 18 months or two years.” — Saps
No gun licences for ANC members

By Themba Khumalo

Several frustrated ANC members who wanted to defend themselves in the township violence applied for firearm licences this year - but were turned down by government officials, senior Umkhonto weSizwe commander Tokyo Sexwale said this week.

Speaking at a press conference in Johannesburg to mark the 30th anniversary of MK, Sexwale said the ANC was aware that their supporters were concerned about the level of violence.

He said they were not dismayed because they understood why the ANC suspended the armed struggle.

However, Sexwale said MK commanders were helping in the formation of defence units.

Outgoing MK chief of staff Chris Hani said MK would soon set up military commands in certain regions in the country.

“Our comrades will soon be deployed because they have a role to play in defending our people,” Hani said.

Speaking about the 12 remaining MK combatants still imprisoned, MK intelligence chief Ronnie Kasrils said Mthetheleli Mncube, Mzondelele Nondula, Robert McBride and Sibusiso Masuku were disciplined MK soldiers whom the government should free immediately.

Twelve rallies to mark MK’s 30th anniversary will be held throughout the country tomorrow.

The biggest will be held at Orlando Stadium where ANC President Nelson Mandela, national chairman Oliver Tambo and MK commander Joe Modise will speak.

Other rallies will be held at Rylands Stadium, Cape Town, Curries Fountain, Durban, Phillip Smith, Welkom, Turfloop, Northern Transvaal, ThabaNkwanzi, Western Transvaal, Tulamahashe Stadium, Eastern Transvaal, Open Air Arena, Kimberley and at Moretele Park in Mamelodi.
Hani departure angers MK cadres

By THEMBA KHUMALO

TENSION is mounting in the ranks of Umkhonto weSizwe cadres after hearing about the impending departure of their chief of staff, Chris Hani, from the guerrilla army to his new post in the SACP.

At a press conference in Johannesburg this week to launch the 30th anniversary of the guerrilla army, Tokyo Sexwale told City Press that Hani’s news was met with discontent and frustration by cadres.

Hani was almost irreplaceable, Sexwale said.

Sexwale, who is chairman of the ANC PWV region and one of Hani’s right-hand men, emphasised that the guerrillas’ decision at a conference in Venda four months back that Hani be left alone with MK, still stood.

Sexwale said: “Comrade Hani’s popularity among both our soldiers and politicians makes him a unique man. He is liked by everyone in the ANC-SACP alliance.

“After his appointment last week, Comrade Hani said he would like to be given a less important post in MK so that he could devote more of his time to the new post.

“As much as we would have preferred him remaining in the army, there is very little that we in MK leadership can do to discourage him from going away. That’s against the principle of democracy.”

Immediately after his appointment as general-secretary of the SACP, Hani said he would like to remain in MK in an advisory capacity.

Sexwale would not elaborate on the matter as Hani’s appointment was subject to the decision of the ANC’s national executive committee.

The imposing Sexwale, who served 13 of his 15 years’ imprisonment on Robben Island, would not be drawn on speculation of who was Hani’s possible successor.

However, sources close to MK point out that Hani’s successor will possibly be chosen from MK’s right-hand men.

Among them are Sphiwe Nyanda, the commander of “Operation Vula” which made headlines when the police uncovered it last year.

Rodney Rashed, the MK commander from the Eastern Transvaal, is another of the names mentioned for Chris Hani’s military post.

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PAC set to rejoin Codesa talks after indaba

By NORMAN WEST
Political Reporter

THE Pan Africanist Congress will decide today whether it will rejoin the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa) in Johannesburg next weekend.

The PAC walked out of last week's preparatory talks on Codesa, after failing to convince the meeting of the need for a "neutral venue" and "neutral chairman".

The PAC's role in future talks will be discussed at a national consultative conference, to be opened by its president Mr. Clarence Makwetu, at the University of the Western Cape this morning.

Information and publicity secretary Mr. Barney Desai, who led the walkout at Codesa said last night the PAC leadership was "confident" that there was a "consensus developing among divisions in favour of continued participation and those against it ... and that it would be in the best interest of PAC's political philosophy to engage the regime at Codesa".

He conceded, however, that there were "strong views against participation" but said these were "normal and healthy disagreements" on which consensus would be reached.

He said the PAC leadership who attended the November 28-29 Codesa preparatory meeting, would explain to the conference that, although they had not succeeded in securing a "neutral venue" and a "neutral chairman", the PAC should not shun Codesa.

The PAC's bottom-line demands for an "elected Constituent Assembly" and a "transitional authority" were issues still to be debated "and we must engage the regime itself on these matters at Codesa", said Mr. Desai.

Informed sources said the PAC would find a "rationale" to extract itself from the dilemma it landed itself in when it walked out of the Codesa talks.
PAC unsure of Codesa's role

CAPE TOWN — The Pan African Congress had to decide whether the forthcoming Convention for a Democratic South Africa was a democratic forum which would ensure the transfer of power or "merely an instrument of the regime designed to give the illusion of negotiations". PAC president Clarence Makwetu said yesterday.

He was speaking at the start of the PAC's consultative congress at the University of the Western Cape.

About 300 delegates, including a delegation from the PAC's external wing based in Tanzania and diplomats from Libya and Iran, are attending the two-day conference to decide on the PAC's continued participation in the Codesa talks which begin on Friday.

Mr Makwetu said the PAC had pioneered the demand for a democratically elected constituent assembly to draw up the new constitution for South Africa. But he claimed that the Government wanted to subvert this demand by "putting into place the so-called interim government of national unity of long duration without a democratic mandate".

"This is a form of co-option that we have categorically rejected and will continue rejecting because it means government by decree and not by popular mandate," Mr Makwetu said.

He said the Government had "pre-packed" the talks with leaders from the homelands and the tripartite Parliament — Sapa.
PAC set to boycott Codesa

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

DESPITE internal divisions, despite internal divisions, the PAC seems set against the all-party Codesa negotiations at the end of the week.

PAC members, apparently in the majority, yesterday repeatedly chanted "Down with Codesa" ("Phantsi i-Codesa") at a rally at the start of its consultative conference.

PAC president Mr. Clarence Makwetu also strongly criticised Codesa and said most participants in the talks had been "thoroughly rejected by the oppressed and exploited African masses and cannot and will not test their popularity at the polls."

He was also loudly applauded when he said, "If this congress decides that it is a dangerous instrument of the regime, then the question of our participation falls away."

There was, however, no applause when he added, "If the congress decides that it is a legitimate forum, then we have to decide on our role in it."

The mood of the 5,000-strong crowd at the opening rally at the University of the Western Cape was clearly against joining the negotiations.

But most of those were not delegates to the behind-the-scenes conference, which began debating the issue yesterday afternoon, and some PAC members, particularly in the leadership, are in favour of joining the talks.

PAC information and publicity secretary Mr. Barney Desai has said that the organisation's leadership was confident there would be consensus in favour of continued participation and it would be in the PAC's interest.

SALUTE . . . Delegates to the PAC's Special National Congress give the open-handed salute of their organisation before the opening address by their president, Mr. Clarence Makwetu (right). On the wall behind them is their slogan, "One Settler, One Bullet."

No lack of support for PAC

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THE Pan-Africanist Congress, often dismissed as a minor factor on the political scene, yesterday demonstrated that it cannot be ignored.

In just two weeks, hastily organised a two-day conference of almost 400 delegates, including representatives of its Dar es Salaam-based external mission and its Harare branch.

Delegates have come to Cape Town for the two-day consultative conference, which would be "prepackaged with puppets of the regime and delegates from the inner-camera structures", but the decisions at preparatory talks "confirmed our worst fears."

Mr Makwetu added, "It soon became obvious that the regime is intent on side-tracking the constituent assembly by putting into place a so-called interim government of national unity of long duration without a democratic mandate."

Mr Makwetu also criticised the ANC indirectly by saying the PAC had discovered that issues which they had agreed in the Patriotic Front conference should be taken up collectively had "already been dealt with," contrary to the PAC's original positions.

The PAC had rejected a multi-party conference, which would be "prepackaged with puppets of the regime and delegates from the inner-camera structures", but the decisions at preparatory talks "confirmed our worst fears."

Mr Makwetu added, "It soon became obvious that the regime is intent on side-tracking the constituent assembly by putting into place a so-called interim government of national unity of long duration without a democratic mandate."

The PAC, he said, would be in the PAC's view, "only help-give legitimacy to the regime's undemocratic practices."

This process of undemining international pressures will not enhance the democratic process in South Africa, he added. The contrary it will delay our liberation," Mr. Makwetu said.

Although he did not take a firm position on participation in Codesa, his comments suggested that he was not in favour of PAC involvement in the negotiations, and this seemed to be the position of majority of delegates.

A press conference will be held at noon where the decisions of the conference will be disclosed. ---
Bravery and pain both part of MK's story

THE history of umkhonto weSizwe (MK) was full of heroic deeds and great bravery, said the ANC's assistant secretary, Mr. Willie Hofmeyr. It was also "a history of a lot of pain and suffering," he said on Saturday, while opening an MK exhibition at the UCT "Joy of the Week" Western Cape as part of MK's 30th anniversary celebrations.

"We must remember those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom, now that we are on the brink of freedom."

A Western Cape MK squad sang and drilled outside the venue, before being despatched for sentry and security work.

The squad's commander, Mr. Sindy Mphahlwa, said he had trained as a guerilla in Angola during his 11 years of exile before returning to Cape Town, where he had grown up.

The expectations of the 2,000 people who attended the MK rally in Uitenhage on Saturday, to mark the start of MK's celebrations, were dashed when only 16 "soldiers" turned up for the parade through the city's streets.

During a ceremony at the Independence Stadium, MK's chief of staff Mr. Chris Hani read out the names of 28 MK members from the Transkei who had died in clashes with the South African security forces inside and outside South Africa.

An MK member then fired 21 shots from his AK-47 rifle in a salute to the dead.

Mr. Hani said the ANC would accept the outcome of a democratic election even if it lost.

Speakers at the rally included Mrs. Winnie Mandela, executive member of the ANC, Mr. Bly Nair, and Transkei Defence Force acting commander Brigadier Temba Matanzima.

The celebrations ended in Cape Town this morning with an address in the Langa Stadium by Mr. Hani - Political Staff and Sapa
Rally ban defied by Umkhonto

The Argus Correspondent

KING WILLIAM'S TOWN — Umkhonto we Sizwe defied a ban by the Ciskei's military government and held a rally in Zwelitsha to commemorate its 30th anniversary.

Although both Ciskei and South African police kept a careful watch on proceedings in the Zwelitsha stadium yesterday, no attempt was made to stop the rally.

ANC spokeswoman Mm Marion Sparg said the organisation's regional office had been phoned on Friday by Ciskei security police, who had said no MK rally would be allowed in Ciskei.

At another commemorative rally in Umtata on Saturday, MK chief of staff Mr Chris Hani appealed for people to defy the ban.

The main speakers at yesterday's rally were MK's former intelligence chief, Mr Ronnie Kasrils, and a member of the national executive, the Rev Arnold Stofile.
PAC renews fight for constituent assembly

DENNIS CRUYWAGEN
Political Staff

PAN Africanist Congress President Mr Clarence Makwenzi has re-committed his movement to fighting for a constituent assembly and has cast doubts on the role of Codesa.

In a fiery speech at the University of the Western Cape yesterday, the first day of the movement's two-day consultative conference, he said delegates had to decide on "the so-called Codesa".

"This congress will have to decide whether Codesa is a democratic forum that can ensure the transfer of power or merely an instrument of the regime designed to give the illusion of negotiations."

If delegates resolved that Codesa was a legitimate forum the PAC would take part, he said.

"If this congress decides that Codesa is a dangerous instrument of the regime, the question of our participation falls away."

He warned that the vast majority of participants in Codesa had been rejected by the exploited and oppressed African masses.

"They cannot and will not test their popularity at the polls. It is inconceivable that they will risk an election for a constituent assembly. The chances of their agreeing to the establishment of a constituent assembly are very limited, indeed."

He said the PAC had always adopted a positive and consistent attitude to the solutions of the country's problems.

"We are therefore always ready to discuss the issue of an elected constituent assembly with all interested parties."

He said the PAC was still committed to the decisions and principles of the Patriotic Front.

Referring to the nationwide violence, he said the PAC believed "it is part of the strategy of the De Klerk regime to dismember the liberation movements and to destroy the resolve of the African people to liberate themselves."
ANC will rule within two years says Ramaphosa

The African National Congress will rule South Africa within two years, a top official of the organisation said at the weekend.

In a British Broadcasting Corporation radio interview, ANC general secretary Mr Cyril Ramaphosa said apartheid would end soon.

"We would expect that the nightmare of apartheid will end fairly soon and within two years we will have a government of the people," Ramaphosa said.

Addressing a meeting on Sunday, he said constitutional talks with the South African Government could quickly reach a stalemate and "other means" might be needed to force the Government to capitulate.

Ramaphosa, Mandela's right-hand man in the talks that start on Friday, said serious differences would arise once substantive issues were addressed next month.

"The apartheid regime will want to frustrate the aspirations of our people," he told the Transvaal Indian Congress, an ANC ally.

"But there are certain issues on which there can be no compromise," he said, citing the ANC's demands for an interim government and a constituent assembly.

"Our people as a whole must be in a position of readiness to engage the apartheid regime in all forms. The real negotiations are not going to be at the table, they are going to be in broader society," Ramaphosa said.

Ramaphosa said talks so far with the Government and other parties including the Inkatha Freedom Party had gone smoothly because they dealt mainly with procedural matters.

"Comrades, the conflicts are going to emerge in January when the real negotiations start, when we are going to see that Government leaders have plastic smiles," he said. "I have never been able to vote in my life. I want very much to be able to vote for a constituent assembly by December 1992," he said. - Sapa-Reuters.
Barney Desai is not telling truth

I WAS disturbed by Barney Desai's remarks in Sowetan November 26 that the late PAC president Zeph Mothopeng was the one who first came with the idea of a constituent assembly.

It is not true for Desai's information, Uncle Zeph was the president of PAC and not Pan Africanist Movement. The idea of a constituent assembly was adopted by PAM at its Bloemfontein conference last year.

The then PAM general secretary Benny Alexander and his other friends approached the PAC president before the PAM conference and asked him to deliver a speech on the constituent assembly. Uncle Zeph did just that. And for that matter explained that a constituent assembly is only a mechanism for drafting a new constitution.

He further explained that you can only talk of a constituent assembly after the land had been returned to its rightful owners and State power had been completely seized.

Now Barney Desai, ex-service-president of the tribalist and collaborationist Coloured People's Congress, is trying to sow confusion in the ranks of the PAC.

The politics articulated by Desai are Coloured People's Congress politics and not the PAC. Therefore stop lying.

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ANC denies issuing declaration of intent

By Kaiser Nyatsumba
Political Staff

The ANC yesterday denied it had released a draft declaration of intent before the start of the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa) this week.

In a statement yesterday, the ANC said a statement published in the Sunday Times this week was not an ANC draft declaration of intent as reported.

However, it was "a compromise document" with input from various parties and organisations taking part in Codesa.

Discussed

The ANC said the statement, which appeared side by side with what was described as a National Party draft declaration of intent, was a product of "lengthy discussions and several consultations" and had "expressly included" texts from an NP document.

"Terminology was discussed with many participants, including the NP representatives. The document, then, is in fact a proposal with across-the-board support, not an ANC document.

"We have no idea if the version attributed to the NP is correct. It was not submitted to the group established by the Codesa Preparatory Committee to draw up a declaration of intent acceptable to all.

"If the NP wishes to negotiate through selective presentations to the press, all we can say is that is not our way. What is more important is that they not be permitted to leak documents in the name of the ANC that are not ANC documents," the ANC said.

The ANC's northern Transvaal region is to seek a meeting with Venda's Military Council to discuss reincorporation of the homeland into South Africa, it was announced yesterday.

At its second annual northern Transvaal regional congress at the weekend, the ANC called on its newly elected regional executive committee to discuss an Incorporation Forum instituted by Brigadier Gabriel Ramushwana's military government "and other matters related to the whole transitional period".

The regional congress also resolved to improve relations between the ANC and traditional leaders who "had an important role to play in the transitional period and in a democratic future".

The congress also recommended that traditional leaders should be accorded observer status at Codesa.
Makwetu denies crisis in PAC

By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN

PAC president Mr Clarence Makwetu said on Sunday that the PAC was not in a crisis.

He was addressing a militant crowd at the University of the Western Cape at the opening of the PAC's special consultative congress.

The PAC leadership as a whole is constantly trying to dispel the notion that there is dissent in its ranks and gross dissatisfaction among its membership with the leadership with regard to participation in Codesa, and association with "non-Africans" or settlers as the rank and file calls them.

This past weekend in Cape Town was a perfect example of the growing - if not glaring - dissent among the PAC rank and file.

When the news broke before last weekend that the powerful Mr Johnson Mlambo, the PAC's former chairman and present leader of the military wing, was coming into the country, sources in and around the leadership suggested very strongly that Mlambo's visit would strengthen the pro-talks leadership.

To say there is a pro-talks faction within the PAC suggests that there is an anti-talks faction.

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When the PAC entered into the Patriotic Front with a motley collection of other organizations on October 25 and 26, a faction known within the PAC as "the watchdogs of the revolution" accused the leadership of associating with "bourgeois liberals, white capitalists and puppets of the ruling class".

This faction went one further and said that the external leadership was behind it and that the PAC's military wing, the Azanian People's Liberation Army, was supported of the "non-collaboration" dictum.

Senior PAC leaders, and advisers always argue that the "watchdogs of the revolution" are a very small but very vocal group.

And when Mlambo arrived, sources said, the hand of the pro-talks faction in the PAC would be strengthened.

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But going back to this past weekend and Makwetu's opening address which was delivered more than two hours late.

When Makwetu finally delivered his speech, the almost more than 2 000 strong crowd had gone into a hypnotic frenzy, through repetitively chanting "One settler one bullet, one bullet one settler" and other equally rhetorical - but not less militant - slogans.

Makwetu's speech differed markedly with the sentiment in the crowd - arguably because he is the leader of an organisation that takes pride in not forcing a party line but letting "the grassroots membership decide for themselves".

The dichotomy was very clear, Makwetu very diplomatically and eloquently told the crowd of the pros and cons of participation and non-participation in Codesa.

However, the crowd had already intoxicated themselves - after more than two hours of cant - with the cry "Down with Codesa!" (Panw Codesa).

The crowd in fact, delivered an impromptu, and monotonous song (and give) with this slogan.

So intoxicated were they that there were moments when it seemed as if the din was going to sweep the entire crowd into a kind of nether world where you go when nothing that anybody else says makes sense to you.

This marked a vehement rejection of "settlers" and Codesa was nowhere in the speeches of the leaders.

The second deputy-president of the PAC, Mr Dikgang Moseneke who chaired the meeting, cried, "viva" to every wing of the
THE Pan Africanist Congress decided at a crucial meeting in Cape Town yesterday against returning to Codesa, saying the forum was a charade and a farce from which no democratic solution could come.

Delegates and leaders - some of whom came from different parts of the world - were unanimous in their decision.

The PAC suspended its participation in Codesa at the preparatory talks held in Johannesburg last month, alleging that the talks were contrived and stage-managed.

The PAC’s secretary for foreign affairs, Mr. Gora Ebrahim, yesterday said his movement would enter into talks with the Government only to discuss one-person one-vote elections to a constituent assembly.

By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN
Political Correspondent

Ebrahim said Codesa was a “collection of people” who were invited by the Government, and not people who were elected to the gathering in a democratic manner.

“If a democratic solution was going to be found in South Africa, a democratic process must be instituted from the beginning to reach this goal,” he said.

The entire leadership of the PAC, the delegates and membership were emphatic that no democratic solution could be reached through Codesa.

The PAC is also planning a meeting of the leaders of the Frontline states in Arusha, Tanzania where the ANC would be invited to explain to African leaders why it had “dejected the agreements reached at the Patriotic Front,” according to a senior PAC source.

He said the Government and the ANC had, even before the preparatory talks, reached agreement on the date, venue and convenors of Codesa.

“Moreover, the ANC and the Government are stage-managing the whole show. It’s a charade and a farce. Delegates at today’s congress expressed that explicitly. We would be bound by decisions reached in an undemocratic way,” the source said.

Commenting on the decision not to continue talks, Ebrahim said this did not mean there was no way out of the deadlock.

He said the PAC was still in favour of meeting the Government to discuss the means of creating a constituent assembly, but it had to be at a neutral venue.

Reading the declaration of the congress at the end of the two-day session, Ebrahim said:

“The PAC has consistently maintained that the new democratic constitution can be drawn up only by elected representatives of the people, and not invitees of the regime.

“The election must be to a constituent assembly. The method of election must be one-person, one-vote on a common voters’ roll,” he said.

“The PAC believes that voting has to be for political parties, and representation in a constituent assembly must be on a basis of proportional representation as the country was divided on racial lines, thus making it almost impossible to split the country into constituencies.

“This constituent assembly would be truly representative and enjoy the mandate to draw up the new constitution,” Ebrahim said.
PAC refuses to take part in negotiations

THE PAC yesterday pulled out of Codesa, saying the convention was undemocratic and had refused to convene at a neutral venue under a neutral convener.

In another development, ANC leader Nelson Mandela warned that no further progress would be made at the talks unless Codesa’s decisions had the force of law.

The PAC decision came a day before working groups involved in the talks met to discuss how Codesa’s decisions will be arrived at. The issue is critical because the NP is unwilling to accept a clause in the ANC-drafted declaration of intent which would effectively give Codesa the power to draw up legislation to be rubber-stamped by Parliament.

NP negotiators are convinced the dispute can be resolved by refining the currently accepted method of arriving at decisions, which is by “sufficient consensus”.

Sapa reports the PAC’s special consultative congress in Bellville unanimously endorsed — to a standing ovation — the decision not to take part in Codesa. The PAC reaffirmed its commitment to the demand for an elected constituent assembly and reiterated its leadership to reconvene the patriotic front as soon as possible.

Meanwhile Mandela, speaking at a rally in Soweto to mark Umkhonto we Sizwe’s 30th anniversary, said the ANC would insist that government unequivocally accept decisions made at Codesa be given legal force. If Codesa’s decisions did not have legal force, it would simply become a “talk shop” or a propaganda platform.

But he remained optimistic about Codesa, saying that never in his life had he experienced so much unity among all South Africans, including the NP, in striving for democracy and peace.

He urged South Africans to unite in the demand for the immediate installation of an interim government and the election of a constituent assembly and pointed out that financial sanctions would be lifted if an interim government was installed.

The ANC said yesterday that there was across-the-board support for a proposal that the declaration of intent — which is planned should be adopted at the December 29 and 31 conference — should bind participants to Codesa decisions and commit them to “take all such steps as are within our power and authority to realise their implementation”.

Government negotiators have expressed opposition to giving Codesa the force of law because they argue this would jeopardise the sovereignty of Parliament.

They were concerned that Codesa might come to a decision which it was constitutionally unable to implement, like the reincorporation of the TVBC states, sources said yesterday.

NP chief negotiator Stoffel van der Merwe said the solution to this dilemma might lie in refining the method by which

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decisions were arrived at, which in practice would mean more closely defining the currently accepted method of coming to decisions by “sufficient consensus”.

Van der Merwe appeared to be arguing that the sovereignty of Parliament would not be undermined if all Codesa decisions required NP acquiescence.

Labour Party spokesman Peter Hendriks yesterday rejected this position, saying it would effectively give the NP a veto.

Van der Merwe said this construction misconstrued the situation, because all parties had veto powers over decisions affecting them. “It works both ways,” he said, adding that “sufficient consensus” was a valuable tool, but its strength and its weakness was its vagueness.

Codesa task groups meet today to discuss decision-making and other issues, including the Zulu king’s demand that the Zulu king be present. Hendriks said the Zulu king appeared to have dropped its demand that the king and the KwaZulu government be present. He said parties seemed willing to accept the presence of the king, and other tribal dignitaries as observers.
ANC plans to expand army

UMKHONTO we Sizwe commander-in-chief Joe Modise said yesterday that the ANC's military wing would upgrade and expand its forces as it prepared to form part of a new SA national army.

Modise, speaking at a rally at Orlando Stadium, Soweto to celebrate Umkhonto's 30th anniversary, said Umkhonto would not be dictated to in its decision to continue training officers.

A tense atmosphere prevailed and there was heavy security. Speakers included ANC president Nelson Mandela and ANC national chairman Oliver Tambo.

Modise said Umkhonto was a people's army, readying itself for the role of becoming a defence force for SA, not a private army as its critics suggested.

It reserved the right to upgrade and expand its forces as part of the process of change in SA. Many young officers were undergoing training in modern military techniques in a number of countries in preparation for Umkhonto's future role in a revamped defence force for SA, he said.

Tambo warned that the apparent inability of government to stop the current violence could only lead to a further poisoning of the political atmosphere.

He said he felt a sense of pride and vindication that Umkhonto had grown into a formidable army of liberation that strikes fear into the hearts of oppressors.

Modise and Tambo called for all remaining political prisoners to be released.

The Mkheng Anti-Repression Forum, a group campaigning for the release of political prisoners in Bophuthatswana, said last week there were 11 political prisoners remaining in the homeland.

But Modise said yesterday there will still be "many MK cadres" being kept in jail in the homeland, and accused government of acting with the "utmost arrogance" in refusing to release remaining political prisoners.

Sapa reports only about 18 Umkhonto members took part in a parade around the stadium which was supposed to have been the highlight of the proceedings.
Temper erupt at MK rally

By Zingane Mkhuma and Montshwane Moleko

A shot was fired and several clashes between the police and ANC youths took place as tem-
pers flared at the 30th anniversary of the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, at
Orlando Stadium yesterday.

About 10,000 ANC members attended the rally, which was addressed by ANC president
Nelson Mandela, national chairman Oliver Tambo and MK commander Joe Modise.

But the rally was marred by several police clashes with people coming to the rally.

The people accused the police of provocation by conducting searches at the gates.

Weapons

However, Captain Joseph Ngobeni of the Soweto police denied the allegations, saying
the police had the prerogative to conduct searches anywhere.

Crowds from various areas converged on the stadium by bus, minibus and taxi while
others arrived on foot.

They chanted slogans and freedom songs and hoisted ANC, SACP and Cosatu flags.

Sections of the crowd were seen carrying an assortment of weapons, such as spears,
pangas, sticks, axes and iron bars, as they entered the stadium.

Tension grew before the rally when a shot was fired on the eastern side of the stadium.

Angry youths accused the police of firing the shot but the police denied doing so.

A potentially explosive situation was averted by the intervention of senior ANC officials
when police detained a 17-year-old Soweto youth, known only as ‘‘Saddam’’ for wearing
"flag" uniform.

The youth was driven away in a Flying Squad car while a crowd milled around, shouting
and demanding that the youth be brought back.

After negotiations between the police and some ANC members, the youth was returned
to the stadium minutes later. He was allowed to keep his military-style shirt and the crowd
responded by applauding.

Just as tensions seemed to be flaring, a policeman collapsed on the ground to the delight of the
crowd, who screamed, ‘‘Die, you devil!’’

In another incident, police grappled with youths travelling in a minibus taxi and threatened to
arrest the driver for allegedly driving a stolen car.

There were heated exchanges between the two sides and an ugly situation was averted
when the police decided to let the man go.

There were several roadblocks on roads leading to the stadium and the police maint-
ained a heavy presence outside the arena.

In what was supposed to have been the highlight of the day, only 18 khaki-clad MK mem-
bers drilled in a military parade. Part of the crowd expressed disappointment at this
small number of participants.

However, the majority of the spectators ululated and whis-tled enthusiastically as the
small squad marched around the soccer field.

Also in attendance at the rally were a number of prominent ANC Women’s League
members, including president Gertrude Shope, who was dressed in a military outfit.

The African Youth Band, Sipho ‘‘Hotstix’’ Mabuse and Jonas Gwangwa entertained the

Thirty years of armed struggle. Raymond Mhlaba (left), Oliver Tambo, Nelson Mandela
and Isaac Ndobi are some of the ANC leadership who attended the MK anniversary celebra-
tion at Orlando Stadium yesterday.

Picture: Herbert Mabuza
Codesa a charade, say PAC leaders

By Ismail Lagardera
Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — The PAC yesterday decided against returning to Codesa on the grounds that it was a charade and farce from which no democratic solution could come.

Delegates and leaders of the PAC who had travelled from around the world to the crucial consultative congress to reassess the Africanism participation in Codesa were unanimous in their decision.

The PAC suspended its participation in Codesa at the preparatory talks at the end of last month, alleging at the time that these talks were contrived and stage-managed.

PAC secretary for foreign affairs Ahmed Gora Ebrahim yesterday said his movement would only discuss with the Government one person, one vote elections leading to a constituent assembly.

Mr Ebrahim said Codesa was a collection of people who were invited to talks by the Government, and not people who were elected to that gathering in a democratic manner.

"If a democratic solution was going to be found in South Africa, a democratic process must be instituted, from the beginning, to reach this goal."

The entire leadership of the PAC, the delegates and members who attended the congress were emphatic that no democratic solution could be reached through Codesa.

Deadlock

The PAC was also planning a meeting of the leaders of the Frontline states in Arusha, Tanzania, where the ANC would be invited to explain to African leaders why it had "deserted the agreements reached at the Patriotic Front", a senior Africanist said.

He said the Government and ANC had, even before the preparatory talks, reached agreement on the date, venue and conveners of Codesa.

"Moreover, the ANC and the Government are stage-managing the whole show. It's a charade and a farce ... delegates at the congress expressed that explicitly. We would be bound by decisions reached in an undemocratic way," the source said.

Commenting on the decision not to continue talks, Mr Ebrahim said it was not that there was no way out of the deadlock.

He said the PAC was still in favour of meeting the Government to discuss way of creating a constituent assembly, but it had to be at a neutral venue (in a foreign country) and with a neutral convener.

Reading the declaration of congress at the end of the two-day session, Mr Ebrahim said: "The PAC has consistently maintained that the new democratic constitution can be drawn up only by elected representatives of the people, and not invitees of the regime."

The PAC believed that voting had to be for political parties, and representation in a constituent assembly had to be on a basis of proportional representation as the country was divided on racial lines thus making it almost impossible to split the country into constituencies.

"This constituent assembly would be truly representative and enjoy the mandate to draw up the new constitution," Mr Ebrahim said.
'Talks must carry legal force'

Staff Reporter

The ANC will insist that the government give an unequivocal undertaking that decisions taken at the forthcoming Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codessa) be given legal force, Nelson Mandela said at the 30th anniversary rally of the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, at Orlando Stadium in Soweto yesterday.

"Rain has to mark MK's anniversary," he said. "MK and ANC will address by MK and MK supporters, including ANC national chairman Oliver Tambo, MK leader Joe Modise and ANC Women's League president Gertrude Shope.

"It all means MK and MK are the real leaders of the ANC, " he said. "MK and MK mean we are the real leaders of the ANC."
Buthlezi hits out at ANC in UK interview

By Garner Thomson
Star Bureau

LONDON — Chief Mangosuthu Buthlezi has accused the ANC of "seeding" white towns with black squatters in order to upset the vote in the forthcoming South African elections.

This, together with a bitter attack on the ANC and its leader Nelson Mandela, forms the basis of a two-page interview with Chief Buthlezi by Brian Hitchen, editor of the London Daily Star.

Chief Buthlezi says: "It is happening on a very large scale. They (the ANC) are encouraging squatter camps so that the people will be lined up to vote for them when the time comes and have specially selected areas to overturn the existing vote."

The Inkatha leader, described as "every inch a leader" and "the political torchbearer of democracy", also accuses the ANC of ensuring that violence will continue throughout the country.

Plotting

And in an astonishing personal attack on Mr Mandela, he tells the Daily Star: "Mandela is fashionable. Out of his release the press created the impression that he was the leader of South Africa. That he was the future president."

"But they forget to mention why he was put in jail in the first place. He was a convicted terrorist plotting the very bloody overthrow of the Government."

He claims the ANC's "cultural weapon" remains the AK-47 and says Mr Mandela's refusal to disband Umkhonto we Sizwe contributes to the danger of violence in the months to come.

"Definitely there is going to be violence if the ANC thinks it can take over the running of South Africa as some sort of government returned from exile, they can think again. I am afraid there will be terrible violence."

Chief Buthlezi also warns British readers of an alleged white backlash if they are "rolled up in a certain way against their will", and attacks sanctions as "pulverising the country". He calls on Western offices to lift sanctions as soon as possible.

"While they are still in force, economic pressure will continue to add to South Africa's problems," he says.
FOR the PAC, which withdrew from Codesa at the weekend, it is the beginning of the struggle.

The immediate plan, or the one for the short or medium term, has not yet even come into view on a formal basis, but personalities in the party’s boiler room have expressed grave concern (stopping short only of panic) over the road ahead for the Africanists.

And the road ahead is treacherous, one of the PAC’s strategists has said.

Pointing to the decisions which were endorsed by 92 organisations at the Patriotic Front and the alarming alacrity “with which each and every one of them dropped them” at Codesa’s preparatory talks is cause for concern, he said.

“Who knows what other concessions will be made and what else will be removed from the agenda to get to power,” he said.

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But be that as it may, the PAC has chosen the lonely road of pristune principles as opposed to the conciliatory and concessionary course which Codesa seems to represent.

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A very highly placed source has confirmed that the PAC will work very hard, in a tactful manner, to try and influence whites next year.

The “influence” will not be a drive for membership, but more a conversion process of the PAC’s policies to make them more amenable to the public, this source explained.

Diplomacy

Another source in the movement has told this correspondent that a group of youngsters” might leave South Africa early next year to do a short course in diplomacy in an Asian country.

The PAC has also been making friends among the Frontline states over the past year.

They have been invited to, or have opened offices in most of the sub-Saharan countries into which they were formerly not allowed.

There is also an outside chance of the Patriotic Front being revitalised next year, if the PAC manages to get the ANC to a meeting of Frontline states in Arusha, Tanzania, in the first week of January.

At this stage, where the PAC will benefit most is if Codesa does not reach agreement on elections to a constituent assembly.

In this event, as in the talks about talks between the Government and the ANC, the PAC will stand on the sidelines and gain from agreements reached there.

Its leaders will not miss a chance to prove its support at the polls.

But for the time being, the work has just begun for the PAC.
Callers divided over PAC’s stance

The enemy is now using our brothers who are seen to be influential among us to oppress us,” he said.

Moses of Rockville, Soweto, said the PAC was a classic case of a tail wagging the dog.

“arid leaders should have shown their membership the way,” he said.

Patson of Venda said he did not understand the PAC’s position and how it hoped to achieve democracy without negotiating.

“Do they think they will go back to the bush?” he asked.

Michael of Eldorado Park, Johannesburg, supported the PAC’s stance as it had received a mandate from its members.

“(Nelson) Mandela is only calling for its legalisation because he has already taken money from foreign countries,” Jonas of Botshabelo in the Free State said the PAC’s decision was a grave mistake and a sure way of keeping the National Party in power.

“They should have participated and then made their call for a constituent assembly after the interim government has been set up,” he said.

Sanna of Diepkloof, Soweto, said the PAC had made the correct decision as CODESA was called by the “racist regime.”
Hold Patriotic Front together, ANC is told

THE Northern Transvaal ANC region has instructed its leadership to have talks with the Venda administration to discuss the incorporation forum formed by the homeland's military leaders.

The instruction was part of the four resolutions adopted at the regional conference at the University of the North over the weekend.

The national office was also urged to do everything possible to keep the strangled Patriotic Front intact and to bring other organisations of the oppressed together.

Venda's incorporation forum was formed by Brigadier Gabriel Ramushwana this year, in an effort to reincorporate the homeland into South Africa.

The conference also decided that the region, in consultation with the national office and homeland administrations, should urgently work out the process of phasing out the homelands.

It was recommended that traditional leaders should have observer status at CODESA talks.

The conference ended with a rally to mark the 30th anniversary of the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto We Sizwe.
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-Sapa
The Africanists have chosen the lonely road of pristine principle, writes

The PAC's job has just begun

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How can the PAC do this when its front office is in a mess? When half the staff at its national headquarters don’t know how to answer a switchboard, and the other half has never even seen a fax machine — to name but two infrastructural implements of crucial importance in an age where people are flying to the moon on a bit more than a candy bar?

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Hat trick for Mcwera

Twice president of the Azanian Youth Organisation, Thami Mcwera was unanimously re-elected to the position at Azayo's second annual congress in Port Eliza, Beth at the weekend Mr Mcwera held the post for 1990 and 1991 Phundi Mayvezo is deputy president
Mandela and FW must co-operate to build a new order

DENIS WORRALL

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Neither is it a case of an old and a new order, with those of the old order handing over power to those in the new order and disappearing. Both De Klerk and Mandela have come from the old order. De Klerk's institutionalised power is rooted in apartheid. Mandela's future will be derived from his role in the struggle against apartheid. Together, in the process of forming a new system of democracy, they must convey the conviction that they, and therefore their followers, will both be part of the new order.

These are some of the challenges facing these two remarkable men at a time when apartheid is critically lessons to SA in the years of transition may be embodied in the words of freedom. Neither can refuse the call to greatness which history offers them.

Worrall is constitutional spokesman for the DP.
Govt, ANC locked in talks to decide on status of Codesa

GOVERNMENT and the ANC were locked in talks last night to resolve their opposing positions on the status of decisions to be taken at Codesa.

Indications were that they would be able to reach some form of consensus.

The parties are due to report on this issue, and the question of how decisions will be arrived at, at a meeting of Codesa's steering committee today.

The main point of contention arose in the task group preparing Codesa's statement of intent. The ANC insisted in it that Codesa would establish an implementing mechanism (which would include government) to determine the procedures and draft the texts of all legislation necessary to give effect to Codesa's decisions.

The ANC does not want any body, including Parliament, to overrule Codesa decisions. It is prepared to accept that Parliament passes all legislation because this is the body with constitutional and legal power. Government is concerned that this would amount to a suspension of the constitution and create a constitutional vacuum. Yesterday Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen lashed out at ANC president Nelson Mandela and rejected his demand that automatic legal force be given to the decisions of Codesa.

He criticised Mandela for raising "a delicate matter in public on which parties are still negotiating". CODESA's agreements could not be legally binding; the only way this could happen was through the present constitutional structures of Parliament.

However, he said that any organisation party to any of the agreements would "be bound by it as far as it is within their power - implement those agreements or not promote their implementation".

NP secretary-general Stoffel van der Merwe issued a similar statement last night, saying the NP would be honour-bound to promote any necessary changes in legislation.

Mandela and the ANC insist this is not enough and claim unless such a mechanism is put into effect, Codesa risks relegation to a "mere talking shop" or leaving its decisions to be interpreted by government officials. It says this is what happened with the Groote Schuur and Pretoria Minutes.

"People were ecstatic that exiles would return and political prisoners would be released, only to find later . . . there were certain conditions and interpretive decisions made that were not clear at the negotiations," constitutional committee member Albie Sachs said.

One ANC source said the ANC was not trying to prevent Parliament from carrying out its functions, but was insisting on the drafting of legislation to be done jointly to avoid unnecessary problems.

He said all parties in Parliament except the CP were represented at Codesa so there would be no usurping of Parliament.

The task group dealing with decision-making has decided to recommend to the steering committee today that all decisions must be taken on the basis of sufficient consensus to ensure the negotiating process continues.

Meanwhile, Mandela called last night for all the highest-ranking traditional leaders to be involved in Codesa and attend the proceedings as observers. This would include Zulu king Goodwill Zwelithini, apparently Inathi and his president Mampu-suthu Buthelezi have agreed that observer status be accorded to traditional leaders. Sapa reports that CP leader Andries Treurnicht called yesterday for an immediate suspension of Codesa and warned that the agenda for a majority government in a unitary SA would suppress the white minority to such a degree that it could lead to unprecedented bloodshed.

Reiterating his stand that his party would not attend the talks, he said the entire negotiation process would have to be restructured - and that the starting point for talks would have to be the autonomous rights of nations.
Be vigilant, Tambo tells ANC youth

While the “regime” was conceding ground on numerous fronts, the fundamental need for struggle had not waned, said ANC Youth League (ANCYL) honorary president Oliver Tambo yesterday.

Opening the ANCYL conference at KwaMhlanga, in KwaNdebele, Mr Tambo said the youth had been at the forefront of the ANC struggle.

“As a result of the contributions of our youth and other formations, we are poised to grasp our freedom. However, the forces of the past are still intent on arresting our march to freedom. This is not the time to lower our guard or to be complacent. If anything, we have to be more bold, more vigilant and more imaginative,” Mr Tambo said.

“Our call for the installation of an interim government of national unity should grow louder by the day.”

ANCYL president Peter Mokaba said various forces had unleashed a low-intensity war against the league’s middle leadership in a bid to stop the organisation amassing support.

Mr Mokaba told delegates the purpose of the disruptive campaign was to make blacks sue for peace at all costs.

“The regime rejects our proposal for a constituent assembly. Alternatively, they would like to bypass it by making the all-party conference the constitution-making body,” Sapa
No easy road to democracy in SA

DIVISIONS: The PAC’s Patricia de Lillie and Benny Alexander take a break during preliminary Codesa talks

Politically, it has forced a wedge into the Nationalist Party/Inkatha axis. Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, once the black moderate hope of the NP, has subsequently become an embarrassment to President FW de Klerk. The two parties certainly will not be going to Codesa as a united bloc, which lumps the NP’s clout. The scandal also placed in serious light the role of the two players in South Africa’s “low intensity civil war” — that they are being increasingly perceived as the guilty parties, diminishes their chances of reaching the moral high ground during talks.

The common ground among most Codesa participants is the establishment of an interim government to oversee transition up to democratic elections. However, the ruling period for this structure and its nature will be difficult for Codesa to agree on. Government sources have indicated they would like to see an interim government manage the country for at least a decade. The ANC is saying its lifespan should be no more than 18 months — its brief being to set up and oversee impartial conditions for an elected constituent assembly whose representatives arrive at a new South African constitution.

These impartial conditions would include the establishment of joint control over the SABC, security forces and other measures aimed at ensuring free and fair elections. The government will be pushing for the interim government to draft South Africa’s new constitution, by-passing a constituent assembly. Whether the government will capitate to the ANC’s desire remains to be seen and will largely depend on the impact the ANC-aligned forces make outside the negotiation arena during this time.

Many organisations from the democratic fold will currently be having their yearly congresses — an opportunity to coherently conceptualise how best to assist the ANC’s agenda at this complex historical moment.

The maintenance of discipline during their forthcoming programmes as of vital importance — the NP cannot be given the space to get away with another crippling state of emergency during renewed mass action.

At the same time, however, the voice of ordinary South Africans must be clearly heard at the negotiation table. Delegates should be left in no doubt as to what the majority of South Africans want, expect and demand from Codesa before they preach how best South Africa can be democratised.

If organisations fail to co-ordinate these efforts, Codesa could very well establish a transitional government that is more than an NP-controlled caucus, successful in co-opting the ANC leadership into its programmes. Pointing to black faces in this government from pressure from within the NP might move pressure from within the NP towards democratic elections.

**A new key issue for Codesa’s agenda is the re-incorporation of coloureds. There seems to be enough unanimity to suggest their long overdue reinstatement will be cemented at the talks. The ANC’s policy of expanding support among homeland leaders will pay dividends during this point on the agenda.**

Codesa’s steering committee, geared to draw up a common set of constitutional principles, shouldn’t be a major stumbling block to proceedings.

The majority of groupings will almost certainly pay lip service to a most democratic-sounding document. It will probably include provision for a bill of rights, a common voters’ roll, with one person one vote, proportional representation, an independent judiciary and some form of minority protection.

Whether allegiance to this democratic rhetoric will be transformed into real commitment during later stages is altogether questionable.
Mcwere re-elected president of Azayo

PORT ELIZABETH. — Two-time president of the Azanian Youth Organisation Mr Thami Mcwera was unanimously re-elected to the position at Azayo's second annual congress here at the weekend.

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Mr Ngwenya said the congress had resolved to organise a national anti-Codesa campaign. — Sopa
A watershed year in politics, economics, and culture

At the point of no return

Despite the sabre-rattling of politicians, a fundamental shift took place in South African power relations in the past six months. At the Copeses talks this weekend, 19 political parties, only three of them white, will make decisions from which there can be no retreat.

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

South Africa by numbers

How the statisticians summed up the year

INFLATION
South Africa's highest since 1973.

POPULATION

CAPITAL FLIGHT
Capital flight from South Africa.

FIREINGS
More than 300 arrests were reported last year.

POLICE DEATHS
Two police officers were killed in the line of duty.

MALNUTRITION
About 15 percent of black children under the age of five are malnourished.

JAIL POPULATION
Between 130,000 and 200,000 South Africans are behind bars.

ASSASSINATIONS
37 black officials and 40 ANC officials were killed.

On the streets

Wild in the streets

Protesting students and angry farmers faced armed police.

The streets were more violent than ever, but behind closed doors there was more frequent attempts to negotiate peace.

By HEIN CARTER

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Reaching the point of no return

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The struggle to bring the ANC into the government in the 1990s was marked by a series of negotiations, setbacks, and political manoeuvres. The struggle for a peaceful and democratic South Africa was far from over, and the road to democracy was fraught with challenges.

The ANC's decision to take part in the first all-party negotiations in 1990 was a significant step towards a new South Africa. However, the process was not without its challenges. The negotiations were complex and contentious, with various political parties and interest groups advocating for different outcomes.

The ANC's recognition of the importance of negotiation and dialogue as a means to achieve a peaceful transition to democracy was a key factor in its eventual success. However, the process was not without its setbacks and controversies. The negotiations were marked by a series of concessions and compromises, with the ANC at times being forced to make significant sacrifices in order to achieve a deal.

The negotiations ultimately led to the adoption of the Constitution of South Africa, which was hailed as a significant achievement. The new constitution provided a framework for a democratic and non-racial society, and it established a path towards reconciliation and healing for the country.

The ANC's decision to participate in the negotiations was a crucial step towards achieving a peaceful and democratic South Africa. However, the process was not without its challenges, and the road to democracy was far from smooth. The ANC's commitment to negotiation and dialogue was a key factor in its eventual success, and the new Constitution of South Africa provided a solid foundation for the country's future.
# FUTURE OF HOMELANDS

**ANC, SAPC, TIC-NIC, TRANSKEI MILITARY COUNCIL, INYANZAZA**

Support the immediate reoccupation of the four 'independent homelands' and the removal of the authority of the self-governing territories. The TIC-NIC and Transkei military councils will withdraw their forces, while the Transkei military council secures power in the homelands, according to the decision of the people.

**INTANDA YESZWE PARTY, TSISHUKO PROGRESSIVE, VENDA MILITARY COUNCIL, LAGOUR PARTY**

Also favour reoccupation of all homelands but intend to favour a more heavily based constitution.

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

Supports the reoccupation of all homelands and a federal constitution with strong powers for the regions, as well as regional representation in the upper house of parliament.

**INNATHA FREEDOM PARTY**

Supports the idea of a unified state including the independent homelands and self-governing territories, with the conditions of the 'reoccupation' of the TIC-NIC states to be subject to negotiation. Transkei is a state power, with each state being represented proportionately in the national assembly, having a strong legislative, executive and judicial power in the constitution.

**CISEELE GOVERNMENT, NATIONAL PEOPLES PARTY, SOLIDARITY, OKWANGWELLA PARTY**

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# INTERIM GOVERNMENT

**ANC, SAPC, TIC-NIC, TRANSKEI MILITARY COUNCIL, INYANZAZA**

All strongly believe that Codesa should have the function of setting up an interim government to govern during the transition period prior to the first all-race election. This should replace the authority of the present government, though it is not known whether it can function adequately as it should assume all its roles. They believe that Codesa should not be transformed into an interim government and should have a short lifespan. They reject the idea that their members be incorporated into the current government for the purpose of the transitional administration, an arrangement which the most prominent government should be replaced by the new government.

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Most of these parties have come out in favour of an interim government or are on the side of that direction.

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

Supports the idea of a Transitional Government of National Reconciliation, which should be the product of Codesa. Amongst the functions should be the drafting of key government functions such as a police force, the media, elections and security agencies. This should be headed by a Council of Leaders appointed by Codesa, representing the major political parties. The transitional government should continue to exercise all executive functions provided for in the constitution on the advice of the Council of Leaders, except the foreign and defense ministers.

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The task of reaching "sufficient consensus" may be made easier by the Pan Africanist Congress' decision to pull out of the conference and the Conservative Party's decision to drop its participation in the conference. The government should have come to an agreement on representation and negotiations which can begin on the key agenda items of internal government or transitional arrangements, the form of the constitution-making body, and the reoccupation of the TIC-NIC states. On the first point, there appears to be agreement among the parties about the return of exiles and the National Peace Accord. But there is still some discussion relating to several political policies. The ANC is pressing hard for the release of exiles such as Robert MacBride and Mandinka Mamba in Monthero, and Joshua Nkomo in Rhodesia. The ANC's demands are clear: the release of all political prisoners and the restoration of all political rights.

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# CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

**ANC, SAPC, TIC-NIC, TRANSKEI MILITARY COUNCIL, INYANZAZA**

All support the idea of an elected constituent assembly, but agree to be flexible on the issue of direct democracy. A constitutional assembly will be elected on a one-person, one-vote basis, with one per cent of the South African population. The assembly will be elected by a democratic election process. It will be preceded by a referendum, which will be held in the Constituent Assembly, and the result of which will be binding on the people. The assembly will be elected by a democratic election process. It will be preceded by a referendum, which will be held in the Constituent Assembly, and the result of which will be binding on the people.

**INTANDA YESZWE PARTY, TSISHUKO PROGRESSIVE, VENDA MILITARY COUNCIL, LAGOUR PARTY**

Most of these parties have come out in favour of an interim government or are on the side of that direction.

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

Supports the idea of a Transitional Government of National Reconciliation, which should be the product of Codesa. Amongst the functions should be the drafting of key government functions such as a police force, the media, elections and security agencies. This should be headed by a Council of Leaders appointed by Codesa, representing the major political parties. The transitional government should continue to exercise all executive functions provided for in the constitution on the advice of the Council of Leaders, except the foreign and defense ministers.

**INNATHA FREEDOM PARTY**

Supports the idea of a transitional government which prepares the way for a new democratic order. The transitional government should be formed by the major political parties and will have the power to make laws and act in the name of the state.

**CISEELE GOVERNMENT, NATIONAL PEOPLES PARTY, SOLIDARITY, OKWANGWELLA PARTY**

All in the same breath support the idea of an interim government in the manner which prepares the way for a new democratic order. This government should be formed by the major political parties and will have the power to make laws and act in the name of the state.

**SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, NATIONAL PARTY**

Here still not to change their position on the reoccupation of the TIC-NIC states, despite the fact that the government is under pressure and that the TIC-NIC states are dependent on the ANC. However, the ANC is expected to return to the ANC. The government has been shown some sympathy, which means to accept the inevitability of returning to the South African fold.

**BOPHUTHATSWANA GOVERNMENT**

Still opposes its own reoccupation and believes that Bophuthatswana should continue to exist as a separate state, possibly as part of a confederation of states.

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# NEGOTIATIONS

Negotiations begin this weekend in a client-advocated tension between the parties at the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codasa). With the ANC being accused of receiving funds from the police and the ANC having been accused by the African National Congress of being a client–advocated tension between the parties at the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codasa). With the ANC being accused of receiving funds from the police and the ANC having been accused by the African National Congress of being a client–advocated tension between the parties at the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codasa). With the ANC being accused of receiving funds from the police and the ANC having been accused by the African National Congress of being a client–advocated tension between the parties at the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codasa). With the ANC being accused of receiving funds from the police and the ANC having been accused by the African National Congress of being a client–advocated tension between the parties at the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codasa). With the ANC being accused of receiving funds from the police and the ANC having been accused by the African National Congress of being a client–advocated tension between the parties at the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codasa).
Parliament could soon be just Number Two

However, as Codesa decisions will have to be taken on the basis of "sufficient consensus", it will not be able to take major decisions without government consent.

On the other hand, if the government delegation does resist demands, for instance on an interim government and a constituent assembly, supported by virtually all other parties, it risks collapsing the entire negotiating process.

And it would give credibility to claims by the Pan Africanist Congress that Codesa is little more than a "ploy" of the regime.

Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Gerrit Viljoen said this week that Codesa did not have legal status and its agreements "of themselves" could not have legally binding force.

He was apparently slapping down African National Congress demands that Codesa decisions be given legal force.

However, Viljoen conceded that while Codesa's decisions could not "of themselves" have legally binding force, organisations would be duty-bound to implement such agreements or promote their implementation.

The other thorny issue — the Inkatha Freedom Party's demand that the kwaZulu government and the Zulu king both be allowed to send delegations — was not yet resolved yesterday.

IFP president Mangosuthu Buthelezi's strong demand for their inclusion as separate delegations did not appear to sync with the stand of the IFP's own representatives on the steering committee, who had agreed to drop the demand for a separate kwaZulu delegation and downgrade the king to observer status.

The ANC's compromise proposal is to invite all paramount chief and kings to attend the historic first session of Codesa, due to start at the World Trade Centre near Jan Smuts on Friday.
Aggrieved Buthelezi won’t attend but...

Codesa ready to roll

By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN
Political Correspondent

A DECLARATION of intent will top the agenda at this weekend’s historic inaugural meeting of the Convention for a Democratic South Africa:

The two-day convention, which starts tomorrow, will be at the World Trade Centre in Johannesburg.

The declaration will lay the ground rules for future negotiations of a political dispensation for a new South Africa.

An early setback, however, is the refusal by KwaZulu’s Chief Minister, Mangosuthu Buthelezi, to attend the convention in a dispute over his insistence that Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini...
Political Staff

The serious politicking is about to get under way at Codesa — but not just yet.

Yesterday's urgent preparatory meetings at the World Trade Centre were leavened by a non-political disagreement between the Ciskei and SA Communist Party delegations.

It transpires that Ciskei representative Dr Denise Bjorkman was somewhat taken aback when "a female member of the Communist Party unveiled her breast and suckled her infant during a heated (preparatory committee) debate involving a male-dominated negotiating team."

Dr Bjorkman noted that "the men did not lose focus on the discussion at hand and the women accepted it as a normal function when serious discussions about the future of a country take place."

"It was the most powerful statement on dual role and communal crisis management. It certainly makes history," she said.

SACP representative Essop Pahad was not amused by Dr Bjorkman's observations, however.

"Facetious remarks relating to the gender question say very little for the spokesman for the Ciskei government at a time when this country needs to take decisive steps to eliminate gender discrimination."

"All possible help needs to be given to parents with little babies so that they may be able to play a rightful role in negotiations," he said.
LONDON - When the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa) opens in Johannesburg tomorrow, it will be under the watchful eye of illustrious observers from a range of international organisations.

The observers will be just what they say they are: observers, not participants or monitors or advisers - not mutually, at least.

Pretoria wrestled with the decision to admit international observers, although not quite as hard as it wrestled with the decision earlier this year to allow the UNHCR (UN High Commissioner for Refugees) to assist with the repatriation of exiles to South Africa.

It still nurtures deep, primeval fears about "foreign interference," the most dramatic manifestation of which was its torpedoning of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group's visit to South Africa a few years ago.

**Blurred**

Times have changed since then. The dividing line between "foreign interference" and South Africa's reassertion into the international community is a blurred one these days.

Anyway, the whole concept of the sanctity of a country's sovereignty is waning thin, as recipients of Western aid, IMF and World Bank support and US approval around the world will testify.

Pretoria cannot regret its decision to admit the UNHCR, nor is there any reason why it should resist the arrival of other UN agencies, such as the World Health Organisation.

The UNHCR is sharing responsibility, including financial responsibility, for the repatriation of refugees, and the WHO similarly would share responsibility for healthcare projects.

"Foreign interference" is a small price to pay for such benefits.

The fact that Codesa's distinguished visitors will be only observers does not mean they will serve no useful purpose. Their presence will be highly significant for several reasons.

First, the observers will give Codesa an international imprimatur, and this in itself carries implications.

**Weight**

It means that Codesa is being taken seriously. The more progress it makes towards agreement on an interim authority and a new constitution, the more South Africa's return to the world community will be assured (and incidentally the more obsolete sanctions will become).

The presence of the international observers will give added weight to Codesa. It can begin its deliberations tomorrow as a heavyweight assembly, and thereafter it will be in its own hands to maintain that status.

The Commonwealth Secretariat in London, announcing the names of its six distinguished representatives last week, went so far as to say that the arrival of its delegation "will begin a new phase in its relations with South Africa".

This is likely to be true of all the other international organisations represented at Codesa.

It is interesting to note that, while the Commonwealth "at this stage" of its involvement will only be demonstrating its strong support for Codesa and helping to promote "mutual trust among the various parties," it envisions consultations with leaders of Codesa's political parties and making itself "available to assist in whatever way might be helpful to the negotiating process".

**Helpful**

As the negotiations proceed, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, Chief Emeka Anyaoku, will visit South Africa from time to time "with appropriate advisers whose expertise might be helpful to the Convention."

Pretoria will keep a wary eye on this offer, but there are no indications that the Commonwealth intends to be anything but helpful, or that Pretoria may find this help useful in some future point.

The very core of significant aspect of the international presence at Codesa is that, hopefully, it will cause the 240 delegates to conduct themselves with dignity and decorum. This is a large number of delegates, and the gathering could become unwieldy and undisciplined.

If the effect of the presence of the observers is to keep the rhetoric, the posturing and the walkouts down to a minimum, this alone will be a valuable service.

The delegates must realise by now that whatever will be happening at Codesa is that South Africa's political parties will be judged in situ by what will be an international jury, and that this judgment will be passed not only on the government, but also on the ANC, Cope and Space, and not only by the ANC, but also on the present government.

Judgment will be of performance, not on who is moral high ground we once occupied.

- Soetan Correspondent
The day we, the black people of South Africa, have been looking forward to for over 100 years, has at last arrived.

Since our ancestors were crushed militarily between the years 1877 and 1883 by the physical might of the British and the Boers, the blacks have been calling on the white government to bring together the representatives of all the races of South Africa to discuss how this country should be governed.

At long last that day has arrived. Oddly, there is no dancing in the streets - a clear enough testimony to how difficult the South African problem has become.

No one expects miracles will happen at the Convention for a Democratic South Africa, Codesa, which convenes in Johannesburg tomorrow. This is because "the miracle" has already happened. It happened a few years ago when PW Botha, then state president of South Africa met his regime's long standing opponent and prisoner, Nelson Mandela. Since that day the whites have been coming to terms with the realisation that they have to sit down with blacks and talk about how this country should be governed.

Quite how difficult this decision was for the whites - and still is for many - is reflected in the fact that PW Botha is still agonising over it. History, however, has moved on and the "miracle" continues to reveal itself in many strange ways.

The whites are not the only ones however who are caught in the painful vice of history, many blacks are also just as shocked by the unfolding events. Perhaps it is this shock more than the anxiety about what lies ahead that explains the absence of celebrations by the blacks.

Many blacks cannot believe what is happening. It is therefore more comforting for some to convince themselves that things have not changed from the day their ancestors were defeated and their centuries-old social systems smashed in the 19th century and subsequently. This is the position of many in Azapo, PAC, Wowa and even in the ANC.

From the standpoint of black South Africans, Codesa has to reverse what happened in the years 1877-83. It has to reverse the humiliation that went with the crushing defeats of those years. It has to cure the painful aftermath of that conquest. This demand takes several forms, the demand for socialism for example, or for nationalisation. These are only polite words for expropriating from the whites and returning what is perceived as the assets of that conquest.

The conquest of the Africans meant their complete subjugation to the whims of the whites. It also meant hundreds of years with unbridled power by the whites over the blacks. The Group Areas Act, and the forced removals that went with it, the Bantu Education Act and the emasculation of black culture and education that went with it, the Industrial Conciliation Act, and the exploitation of black workers that went with it - are only a few examples of this naked power. Some of these laws may now have been repealed by their initiators but the social and economic reality of these laws were designed to bring about, have been left intact.

From the standpoint of the whites, Codesa is therefore intended to preserve the social and economic reality created during the past hundred years, but without the racially based laws which have led to so many black revolts in the past and to the wrath of the international community against South African whites.

The whites however have also learnt their lessons from the decolonisation of Africa. They have learnt that black government in Africa does not necessarily lead to the loss of white privileges.

From the point of view of the whites Codesa will therefore succeed even if it leads to a black or a black-dominated government provided this does not lead to the collapse of white privileges.

How then is Codesa likely to reconcile these apparently mutually exclusive positions? Tomorrow Why there's hope for Codesa
PAC plan to fight Codesa

THE PAC would meet Commonwealth delegates to Codesa today and would outline a campaign it intended launching next year under the banner "Death to Codesa," PAC secretary-general Benny Alexander said yesterday.

Alexander said the PAC and the ANC would meet members of the frontline states early next month, when the ANC would have to explain why it deviated from decisions made at the Patriotic Front conference.

He said Azapo had proposed the formation of another front. The PAC would meet Azapo but would press for the continuation of the current front.

DARIUS SANAI reports that former Zimbabwean President Canaan Banana, spokesman for the high-level Commonwealth mission to Codesa, said yesterday he hoped the PAC and right-wing parties could still be persuaded to join the negotiations.

Banana said the delegation thought Codesa was a "highly significant moment in the history of SA."

Our Durban correspondent reports that a PAC splinter group calling itself PAC of SA has announced it will attend the talks.

The National Mazee Producers' Organisation says the SA agricultural industry cannot expect politicians to decide the future on its behalf, Sapa reports.

Nampo said it was clear the agricultural policies of the NP and the ANC were contradictory.
Buthelezi quits over ‘snub’ to king

Codesa given go-ahead to draw up laws

GOVERNMENT agreed yesterday that Codesa would be involved in drafting all legislation needed to give effect to convention decisions, steering committee sources said.

This and other key issues were resolved during yesterday’s steering committee meeting.

But just as it seemed that all systems were go, with parties expressing their satisfaction at the progress, Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi announced he was withdrawing from Codesa because the committee had failed to reach agreement on Inkatha’s demand that Zulu king Goodwill Zwelithin have his own delegation.

Buthelezi said the committee’s inability to reach a decision on the king’s participation amounted to an insult to his dignity.

“I simply cannot endorse this by attending Codesa with the knowledge that the king has been snubbed,” he said.

LINDEN BIRNS reports that Inkatha, however, decided that, as a party, it would remain in the talks despite its leader pulling out. The decision would go before a meeting of the full Inkatha delegation today.

Steering committee chairman Zach de Beer had said last night the committee had been unable to resolve the issue of the Zulu king’s participation in Codesa and he would thus not be an active participant.

In reaction to Buthelezi’s announce-

ment, De Beer said later he had not been informed.

“I think it is a pity that Dr Buthelezi will not attend. He is a leading SA figure and it would have been nice to have him, but Codesa is much bigger than all of us and it must continue,”

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said the organisation regretted Buthelezi pulling out but there had been agreement that any issues that could not be resolved in the steering committee would be referred to the Codesa plenary tomorrow. The ANC expected Buthelezi to abide by this decision.

Defence Minister and member of the NP delegation Roelf Meyer said “It is a great pity that he will not be there personally, because of the importance of Codesa. It is very disappointing.”

Yesterday the steering committee agreed to recommend to Codesa that an implementing mechanism be set up to meet the ANC’s demand that decisions of Codesa be given legal force. It was also decided that a working group, with government involvement, would be given the task of drafting legislation for Codesa.

After a Codesa plenary session agreed to draft legislation, government would be
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obliged to put this to Parliament, to vote

Because most parliamentary parties —

apart from the CP — would be involved in
drawing up the legislation through Codesa,
it was likely Parliament would pass it.

NP secretary-general Stoffel van der

Merwe said yesterday the ANC and
government/NP had resolved the question
of the legality of Codesa decisions and
agreed it could not be regarded as a legally
constituted body with the force of law.

Government also agreed to a clause
binding it to do everything in its power to
have Codesa decisions implemented.

A source said government faced the
threat that if it did not reach agreement on
an implementing mechanism, this would
be raised on the open agenda at Codesa and
be debated before the international
community.

The implementing mechanism and other
major agreements, including broad constitu-
tional proposals, will be enshrined in the
declaration of intent, which all parties
agree is one of the most important docu-
ments that will emanate from Codesa.

The steering committee also decided to
recommend that five working groups be
established to negotiate critical areas for
the way forward. These are:

☐ Creation of a climate for free political
participation and the role of the inter-
national community;

☐ General constitutional principles and a
constitution-making body, such as a con-
stituent assembly;

☐ Transitional arrangements and an interim
government;

☐ The future of the TBVC states; and

☐ Timetables and the implementation of
Codesa decisions.

Another key issue agreed to by the par-
ties was a set of standing rules for negoti-
ation at Codesa. Among these was a defini-
tion for decision-making.

NP delegation leader Dawie de Villiers
said consensus was the basis of decision-
making and if all parties did not agree,
then sufficient consensus to ensure the pro-
cess “moving forward effectively” would
be employed.

It is understood mechanisms for arbitration,
motivation and bilateral negotiation have
been included in case there is serious
disagreement preventing progress.

Before the steering committee had com-
pleted its discussions on the participation
of the king, Inkatha released an “intern-
Press statement” which said Inkatha could
not accept being put in a position in which
it could be interpreted that it had “en-
dered the elbowing out of the Zulu king
and the Zulu nation from participating in
shaping a new SA”.

At the preparatory meeting at the end of
last month, it was decided that only politi-
cal parties or organisations would be invit-
ed to Codesa as delegates.

Yesterday the committee decided also
that religious leaders would not be includ-
ed even as an observer role at tomorrow’s
meeting. But they may be called upon as
specialists later in the process to give spe-
ific input.

De Villiers said thus had been decided
because it would have meant trade unions,
business organisations and other interest
groups would also have to be included, and
this would have become unmanageable.

Mixed security teams would also be a
feature of tomorrow’s meeting. A security
committee has been set up which includes
representatives from the ANC, Inkatha,
Transkei, Ciskei and Venda, among others.

The parties also agreed in the statement
of intent to leave a door open for parties
that have refused to attend Codesa. It
makes provision for participating parties
to add items to the agenda for debate.

Van der Merwe said the democratic
principle of defending any party’s right to
debate and put forward proposals was be-
ing adhered to by Codesa in the hope that
the CP, PAC, Azapo and others wanting
to join still could, and have their proposals
given fair treatment.
ANC after billions for upliftment scheme

A drive to create a $2 billion (about R14 billion) scheme for development purposes is currently being spearheaded by top ANC officials, including Nelson Mandela and Thabo Mbeki, with the project possibly coming into existence in the new year.

To be called the South African Trust for Equity and Development (Sated), it would disburse large amounts of money for housing, education and other socioeconomic projects.

Sources linked to the project said it was designed to level the playing field by allowing the ANC's similar patronage that is currently available to the National Party through the Government in the run-up to constituent assembly elections. Its board would be independent.

In an interview yesterday, Mr Mandela said he would not put a figure to the scheme, but in an earlier interview the organisation's director for international affairs, Thabo Mbeki, said the ANC was initially aiming for $2 billion.

Full details were still being worked out. Mr Mandela pointed out, "We do not have a constitution for the trust as yet, but have the principles of what it should be.

Expectations

"This trust would operate once we have installed an interim government of national unity," Mr Mandela said.

Sated was an initiative of the ANC and the Rockefeller Foundation's Peter Goldmark, he continued, but as it affected all South Africans, it would be independently controlled.

Mr Mbeki, however, warned against the expectations of the people being fully satisfied.

"The SA Trust for Equity and Development will not handle the whole problem of socioeconomic development in South Africa. There have been distortions of the economy on a wide scale over the last 300 years. It would take much more than Sated to rectify those problems," he said.

Mr Mbeki said in the earlier interview that the finance would come from public and private sources and would need to be "new money", rather than resources diverted from existing pledges to the African Development Bank.

The head of the local technical committee overseeing the trust fund is University of the Transkei rector Professor Wiseman Nkuhlu.

It is believed former First National Bank chief Chris Ball has been approached to be a director. — Sapa.
An objective look at mass action

Joe Latakomo reviews a new book from the Institute of Race Relations

Disruption resulting from mass mobilisation can result in actions that are determined by foreign investment or war. This warning, from a senior academic in strategic studies, comes from a verbatim note that makes up a new book published by the South African Institute of Race Relations.

"Forced on Mass Mobilisation" focuses primarily on the African National Congress and the African Democratic Movement (MDM), and specifically the resolution by the MDM at its July 1989 Lusaka meeting, to strengthen mass action in order to control the pace and agenda of the negotiation process.

The tragedy, the book concludes, is that none of the major political players involved in the Government on the one hand and the ANC on the other - is capable of stopping mass action even if it wanted to. The Government, for example, failed the ANC for continuing with mass action, which it seems as contrary to the Pretoria and Groote Schuur Minute while the ANC sees that it is an legitimate weapon to press the Government and to ensure itself a major role at the negotiating table.

The study is structured around interviews with several political participants, academics, police and journalists. These interviews are based on the same questions, without attempting to define "mass mobilisation", and each of the respondents gives his own interpretation of what it means. The book lists several incidents of "mass action", ranging from rent boycotts to consumer boycotts, disruptions of schools and attacks on black councillors.

This method of presentation ensures an objectivity - limited only by the selection of participants - which would otherwise be impossible in an inter-disciplinary documentation. It leaves judgment on the various issues raised to the reader, and thereby makes a practical contribution to the debate on the whole issue of mass mobilisation - an issue which will be with us right into the new South Africa, judging from statements made by some of the interviewees.

Dr. Anthea Jeffrey points out that the ANC had decided to make 1991 "the year of mass action for the transfer of power to the people", a resolution taken at the organisation's national congress last year. This action had resulted in local authorities being owed more than R1,6 billion in rent and service charges, while services to 23 towns had been cut off at various times over the year. Consumer boycotts had been called in several towns, for several reasons - but mostly because of the refusal by Conservative Party-controlled towns to grant permission for the holding of marches.

On the education side, there have been class boycotts throughout the year, including the expulsion of teachers - particularly principals - from school premises. Work stayaways have been called over issues such as the demand for a constituent assembly election. The Institute points out that the last stayaway on November 4 and 5, held in Walmer, where an estimated 15 million people were absent from work, cost workers in excess of R20 million in lost wages, with the economy suffering substantial losses.

A senior state official is quoted as saying that mass mobilisation "will collapse the existing system. We want to build - not from a state of collapse - but from what we have now. It will also lead to a mass exodus of skilled and entrepreneurial people from South Africa if it goes too far.

"A senior academic in strategic studies warns "Countries which are prone to this kind of atmosphere suffer from almost perpetual sanctions afterwards. This is the best summed up in the phrase developed in Argentina, where they talk of 'self-imposed' sanctions. They went through a period of instability with mobs on the street, now nobody wants to spend money or invest there."

A spokesman for the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (CAST) says that no single organisation is responsible for mass action throughout the country. The contradiction becomes clear when the spokesman says "we have suspended the armed struggle, clearly referring to the position of the ANC, and in the next breath says "we will not stop mass mobilisation, even under a new government."

"We will intensify mass mobilisation to get rid of apartheid. We do not trust the Government to get rid of apartheid without the pressure of the people who feel its pinch," he says.

On the question of intimidation and the role this plays in the success of mass mobilisation, the spokesman said, "The Government talks of intimidation. This is propaganda." Organisations do not stop agitation. And again, in contradiction to "it does happen however by some individuals who are not instructed by their organisations do this."

CAST's campaign to force the resignation of black councillors has led to the burning of homes and killings. But the CAST spokesman says "This is not encouraged or authorised by CAST. But the council police use violence against the people and then the people resort to violence against them. We understand why people are using violence. We do not sanction it. But we also do not condemn it."

A spokesman for Cosatu says that "the whole history of South Africa in the last 20 years is one of brutal repression of any attempts to engage in any peaceful protest and demonstration.

"What the South African state has done is to criminalise all opposition by the disenfranchised majority. So that various forms of action - now described as mass mobilisation - which sprang from specific grievances which people were expressing in schools, communities and theatres, all these forms of mass mobilisation came to be seen as legitimate targets for State brutality; detentions, shootings, burnings, etc."

The ANC is, for its part, aware of the dangers of mass mobilisation and is trying to control and limit the violence associated with it. A spokesman for the ANC says that "it is important to understand the dynamics of mass mobilisation, how it is used and its limitations. It is not a process that can be simply turned on and off. It is not a tool that can be used to achieve specific goals without considering the broader political context."

In conclusion, it is clear that mass mobilisation is a complex and multifaceted phenomenon that demands careful analysis and understanding. The challenges and opportunities associated with mass mobilisation are significant, and it is essential that all stakeholders take account of their history and context.
Codesa will have say in law-making

By Peter Fabricius and Esmare van der Merwe

In a far-reaching move, the Government agreed yesterday to give Codesa — the Convention for a Democratic South Africa — a role in drafting legislation to give effect to Codesa's decisions.

This critical agreement will give real teeth to Codesa's multipartite negotiations for a new constitution.

However, both ANC and Government sources stressed that this would not impinge upon Parliament's constitutional sovereignty as legislation would still have to be tabled and passed by Parliament. The breakthrough — a concession to the ANC, which wanted Codesa's decisions to have the force of law — was achieved after a day of hard bargaining at the Codesa steering committee yesterday.

Feverish activity to thrash out political disagreements and make final arrangements for Codesa continued yesterday.

The high-powered Commonwealth delegation arrived and the Codesa administration announced that members of the OAU and European Community delegations would start arriving today. The United Nations and the Non-Aligned Movement are also to attend.

The commitment to abide by Codesa's decisions and to agree on a mechanism for implementing them will form a major part of a declaration of intent to be made by 19 political parties and homeland administrations at the first Codesa meeting.

The declaration will include a commitment to broad democratic principles such as multiparty democracy and an independent judiciary. However, it is understood that the Government will make a separate commitment, phrased slightly differently but with the same meaning.

The declaration will ensure that Codesa — the most representative constitutional gathering in South African history — will launch the country irreversibly on the road to a new democratic constitution.

The steering committee agreement to give Codesa a role in drafting legislation to implement its decisions went a long way towards satisfying the ANC demand that Codesa should be more than just a "talk shop".

However, in an important compromise to the Government's concerns about its sovereignty being undermined, the steering committee agreed that the SA Government and the TBVC administrations would jointly draft Codesa legislation with Codesa itself.

Undivided

Detracting from the general mood of agreement between the parties, Bophuthatswana government delegate Rowan Cromie said after the steering committee meeting that his government would not be bound by any Codesa decisions which affected the homeland's existence.

It is understood that the statement of intent clearly spells out that South Africa would be a unitary and undivided country.

Government sources also made it clear that its commitment to abide by Codesa decisions was only made possible by the steering committee's decision that Codesa decisions should not lead to a breakdown of Codesa.

This will in effect give the Government — and the ANC — a veto right.

And National Party secretary-general Dr Stoffel van der Merwe stated clearly at a press conference yesterday that there was another proviso to the NP's commitment to implement Codesa's decisions.

He said it was subject to approval by the white electorate in the referendum which President de Klerk had promised if major constitutional changes were planned.

Yesterday it was also agreed that the Government, the ANC, the SA Communist Party, the IFP, the Transkei government and the Intando yisizwe Party of the KwaNdebele homeland government should be given joint control of the security force to protect Codesa delegates.

However, Government sources said a private understanding had been reached with the other parties that in the event of an emergency, only an SAP officer could give commands to other policemen.

The Codesa administration also released the Codesa logo — a rising sun against a bright yellow and red background — and said this symbolised "the dawn of a new era in South Africa's history".

The symbol was accepted as politically neutral, it said.

The administration also released the agenda for Codesa.

The meeting will start with a formal opening by Chief Justice Michael Corbett, and then prayers, before co-chairpersons Mr Justice Piet Schabot and Mr Justice Ismail Mahomed take over.

The heads of the 10 delegations will make opening remarks, and then the declaration of intent will be considered.

On Saturday, Codesa will discuss its standing rules and the formation of working groups to discuss major issues such as an interim government and a constituent assembly.

The last item on the agenda will be the way forward, including the date and venue for the next plenary meeting of Codesa.
Inkatha delegation considers its position

Buthelezi pulls out of Codesa

A blow was dealt to the Convention for a Democratic South Africa last night when Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi announced his withdrawal because of an impasse reached on separate delegations for the KwaZulu government and Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini.

However, the IFP will retain its participation in Codesa, pending a meeting of the full delegation in Johannesburg today.

In his statement from Ulundi, Chief Buthelezi said the impasse, which arose during the final meeting of Codesa's steering committee, amounted to an insult to the dignity of the king and that he could not "endorse this by attending Codesa".

"We find it contradictory that his majesty the king, the KwaZulu government and the KwaZulu Chiefs' Caucus attended the National Peace Convention with full delegations, and this is now being denied them," he added.

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"It is well known that Inkatha has been seeking additional representation, and the fact that this was not awarded might have been expected to elicit negative reaction." ANC media official Gill Marcus said last night that while the ANC regretted Chief Buthelezi's decision, the organisation hoped the IFP would retain its full participation in Codesa.

Dr Dawie de Villiers, leader of the National Party delegation to Codesa, said that although the withdrawal of Chief Buthelezi was a disappointment, he was confident the process would continue successfully and that Chief Buthelezi would eventually return to continue playing his important role.

"It is heartening to note that the IFP presence will continue and therefore I believe that this action is only connected to the issue surrounding the king, which could not be resolved in Chief Buthelezi's view in a satisfactory manner."

The Transkei delegation to Codesa was expected to have raised a storm should King Goodwill Zwelithini have been admitted to the forum.

Speaking in Umtata yesterday, brief Transkeians on several points to be raised at the convention, military leader and leader of Transkei's delegation Mayor-General Bantu Holomisa said Transkei's preparatory committee had raised the question of the king's admission.

"We want equal representation at Codesa. Should he be admitted it will mean that all our five paramount chiefs and kings from the other national states should be on standby to fly to Johannesburg for the convention," he said.

"Dead men don't rape," says a poster that appeared in Cape Town's St George's Mall this week, following the acquittal of William Kennedy Smith on charges of sexual battery. The poster, bearing his photograph with telescopic sight cross-hairs superimposed on his face, was produced by a group calling itself Women on the Warpath.

South African experts may disagree about the imposition of the death sentence for rape, but they were outspoken about the message conveyed to the public.

"We are light years away from enlightenment about rape, and these posters indicate the total frustration not only with the existing legal system but public opinion..."
Political Correspondent

THE SA Communist Party (SACP) yesterday named its team of 12 delegates and five advisers to attend Codesa. The SACP delegation, which will be led by its newly elected general secretary Mr Chris Hani, will comprise Mr Joe Slovo, Mr Sydney Mufamadi, Mr Ronnie Kasrils, Mr Raymond Mhlaba, Mr Essop Patshad, Mr Blade Nzimande, Mr Thembile Mntungo, Mr Skunjana Reyi, Mr John Gomomo, Mr Moses Mayekiso and Mr Nonxwe Madlala.

The five-person back-up team of advisers are Mr Raymond Suttner, Mr Gwede Mantashe, Mr Faku Ndamase, Mr Howard Yawa and Mr Dipuo Mvelase.

In a statement issued after a meeting of its central committee yesterday, the SACP said it was going to Codesa because the party was committed to peace.

"We support all reasonable efforts to secure lasting peace."
Inside the hallowed hall

DO YOU remember how President de Klerk announced the unbanning of political organisations at the very moment that unknown protesters marched on Parliament to demand the unbanning of political organisations? Nelson Mandela being late for his own release? The President's son falling in love with a woman who was definitely not of the volk? And so on? It's a crazy country we live in, we're a crazy people, and this makes for crazy political events.

But the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Cdesa), which is an epiphany of sorts in the reform epic that started on February 2, 1990, looks set to top all of these. The future of South Africa will begin to be determined tomorrow morning.

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It is a World Trade Centre that has seen precious little world trade, and this is its big moment. With less than 24 hours to go before the start of Cdesa, the nerves inside the deasa Security", "Codesa Administration", "Codesa Media" and "Codesa Site Managers" at work.

The big boys - the National Party and the ANC - have roomy accommodation, complete with sofas, and, in the NP's case, an ethnic sculpture. The Democratic and Solidarity parties are not quite so fortunate, being stuck at the end of a very long corridor in rather less salubrious surroundings. Delegates' ayes have entered into the spirit of the tunes a zealous Xhosa Progressive Party devoutee has stuck a hand-drawn sign on his office window: "Hlamba lilela", it reads, "We show the way". And the XPP helpers are as good as their word, showing the way-smilingly to the nearby Inkatha Freedom Party office.

The IFP office sports on its door a large poster of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi. Above the leader's portrait is a slogan: "Come share the feeling". Below it is another: "Come feel the thunder!" The door is closed, leading the casual passer-by to eschew both invitations.

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It is a World Trade Centre that has seen precious little world trade, and has seen its big moment with 24 hours to go before the start of Codesa, the scenes inside the World Trade Centre are extraordinary. In the murky half-light one is confronted by figures teeming and shuffling around in amiable chaos. Many of those one bumps into are recognizable ("Ah, there's Dr Viljoen, and Mr Ramaphosa, and Mr Rabie and many more are not, although they speak importantly into two-way radios. The aural backdrop is an interesting mixture of conversation, vacuuming, furniture-shifting, and mumbling "leaking" from political figures to loneliness journalists. A large South African flag, moments of some less momentous occasion, being bundled into a storeroom with maximum noise and minimum ceremony.

The bustling, within ear-plugging distance of Jan Smuts Airport, and complete with red-and-blue checked carpeting, this is the unlikely chamber in the World Trade Centre, where Codesa meets tomorrow. Picture. Karen Fisher.

Behind a pair of wooden doors which look surprisingly like the entrance to a lavatory, the steering committee under the chairmanship of Dr Zach de Beer is meeting. He is in court with those who are absent, with other business on their minds.

The focal point in the cavernous, labyrinthine complex is a gargantuan debating pit, ranged by a viewing platform. It is rather like an ersatz Superbowl, red-and-blue check carpeting, ghastly chandeliers and all the rest. It is where the delegates will sit and make up their minds about the kind of country we are going to live in tomorrow.

Off to one side, glass-fronted offices have been (in some cases are still being) constructed for each of the 20 12-person delegations and their helpers. To find them, one must negotiate one's way through several rickety fashion boutiques, which still appear to be operating. A shop manager is bemused when asked for a list of her delegates to Codesa, but politely refers all inquiries to the office of Intando yiseSizwe, cunningly located behind the lingerie. Nearby, a computer is sitting in a shop window, surrounded by summer fashions, typifying a political press statement.

The offices in between the boutiques have been fitted with thick black linen curtains, producing an effect not unlike that of Von Wielig Street escort agencies. The other offices, for administrators, are not so coy, and the passing observer can peer through the glass to watch "Come share the feeling."

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The South African Communist Party is minutely accommodated to the Ciskei government ("Ag, but this is what internationalism is all about" says a friendly SAPC staff member, and the Transkei government is even closer.

The mood is buoyant, however, with no signs of an immediate resurrection of the KwaZulu war. In the canteen - which, as a colleague pointed out, is a re-taste of the dashing hall of the new South Africa's parliament — nationalists, democrats, communists and exponents of most imaginable political "ums" queue for appropriately unremarkable sustenance.

The juke-box and pinball machine in the corner are in constant use. The choice of music available is highly appropriate among the songs on offer are "Everybody Wants To Rule The World" "Many Rivers To Cross", "Children Of A Lesser God", and "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For" "Without You", another option, seems as appropriate a ballad for the PAC as could be asked for, and "Don't Stand So Close To Me" says a lot about current feelings between the IFP and ANC.

Murphy Morobe, the amiable and able man in charge of arangements for Codesa, is unfurled. It will be ready by Friday, he says, and he will get a bit more sleep thereafter. He surveys the bizarre hive of activity with some pride and fondness.

The World Trade Centre, Kempton Park, is the oldest locale ever chosen for a nation's date with its destiny. But it is the place in the history books now, and no one can take it away.
One big bantustan is the aim says Azapo

By MOKGADI PELA

The Convention for a Democratic South Africa was an attempt to increase the ranks of those who the regime could co-opt and turn the country into one big bantustan, Azapo said yesterday.

Mr Lyoba Mabasa, Azapo’s projects co-ordinator, told a Press conference in Johannesburg that Codesa would not transfer power from “a white minority to a national majority.”

He said the best Codesa could do was to keep white structures intact. “Our people are not fighting for inclusion in the system, but to completely destroy it and install a just and democratic order in the country.”

Mabasa said Azapo president Mr Pandelani Nefolovhodwe said “The Patriotic Front constituted in Durban has collapsed as we predicted.”

“A true front of patriots must be formed not because the OAU or UN wants it, but because our people demand it.”
Pullout by PAC hailed

By JOE MDHLELA

The withdrawal of the PAC from the "sham schemes sponsored by the Government" has given impetus to the need for the establishment of an alternative to the Convention for a Democratic South Africa.

This was said yesterday by Mr Nkosin Schune, a publicity officer of the Black Consciousness Movement of Azania.

Speaking from Harare, Schune said the BCMA had always said it was not prepared to negotiate the "desirability of the transfer of power".

He said the movement had always maintained that the Government was a minority that was both illegal and illegitimate.

"If such a government has undergone a Damascus transformation, similar to that which turned biblical Saul into St Paul, it should not find it hard to relinquish power and hand over to the majority," he said.

The BCMA would be prepared to meet the Government once this undertaking had been made, he said. He restated that such a meeting would have to take place outside South Africa under an agreed neutral convener.
FOREIGN observers were needed to ensure that universal democratic principles were adhered to during the Codesa talks, callers to the Sowetan/Radio Metro Talkback Show told DJ Tim Modise yesterday.

Bonginkosi of KwaMashu said South Africa needed United Nations observers as they would determine whether or not sanctions should be lifted. International organisations given observer status at Codesa had helped black South Africans during their struggle.

Simiso of Katlehong wanted to know who invited the foreign observers and whether they were not interfering in the internal affairs of a sovereign state.

He said the pull-out by Azapo and PAC spelled doom for Codesa.

Tsepo of Berea said UN and Commonwealth observers were needed to ensure that if the interim government was formed it did not end up ruling forever. “They will be there to safeguard liberation movements in case of a logjam,” he said.

Steven of Dobsonville, Soweto, said American observers were needed to go back and start lobbying for reinvestment.

Victor of Secunda said foreign observers would have influence on cultural and economic relationship. “Their presence will also ensure that participants try to look good and impressive,” he said.

Andries of Tsakane, Brakpan, said observers were just so that no influence should be expected as they were neither monitors nor participants.
IFP confirms it will attend historic talks

THE Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday confirmed it would attend and participate in the Convention for a Democratic South Africa today and tomorrow.

The IFP was fully committed to the success of Codesa, national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose said at a media conference at the World Trade Centre yesterday.

He, however, placed on record the party's "profound scepticism" regarding the political significance of Codesa debates that would take place or solutions which would be reached in the absence of "relevant players", in particular Zulu king Goodwill Zwelithini.

He said IFP president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's decision to decline his personal invitation to attend was supported by the IFP, as the king of the Zulus and his delegation had been snubbed.

Mdlalose said the issue of the king's attendance at negotiations had been raised "long before the preparatory talks on November 29."

He said each time the issue was raised with the Government, it had given a clear statement to the effect that "there would never be opposition to it at all."

He said the issue had been raised at the November 5 meeting in Pretoria and it was not opposed then.

"Despite these reservations, the IFP still stands committed in this historic occasion," Mdlalose said - Sapa.
Who's who at the big talks

NATIONAL PARTY
Leader: De Wet de Villiers, George Bizette, Herman Kriel, Reoof Meyer.
Nelie Mentz, Andrew Jutis, Jack Rabor, Frans van der Wee, Annegret van der Merwe

SA GOVERNMENT
Leader: FW de Klerk, Pik Botha, Gerrie Viljoen, Koos Coetsee, Benard du Plessis, Sam de Beer, Ruas Venter, Leon Wessels, Piet Matzies, Terence Delport, Abe Williams, Fanie van der Merwe

LABOUR PARTY
Leader: Alan Hendriekse, Mole Mole, Chris April, David Carr, Peter Hendinckse, Sumi Legum, Douglas Josephs, John Dow, Desmond Lockey, William White, Anrur Ester, Godfrey Muncagh

SA COMMUNIST PARTY
Leader: Chris Ham, Joe Slovo, Sydney Mufamudz, Ronnie Kasrils, Raymond Mhlaba, Frans Pahali, Blaise Nazimande, Temmye Mtwato, Skhumbana Rupi, John Gumane, Moses Masele, N Molea

XIMOKO PROGRESSIVE PARTY
Leader: Professor Hudson Ntsama, Mr SPP Mbang, Chief CIM Kiancha, Chief SDW Nkandu, Chief MS Mhlaba, Chief M Nhleko, Mr AE Nkondi, Mr IR Myakaya, Mr DZ Mokwe, Mr SE Muthwenu, Mr EE Nyobeni, Mr BM Tshabalala, Mr LB Kholo

Ciskei Government
Leader: Cpa Guzoo, Mr N Nqanno, Dr HZS Kayser, Mr LW Mungoena, Dr A Petersburg, Mr EV Notane, Mr DR Tokola, Chief WP Zulu, the Rev Madikane, Mr M Wold, Mr DS du Plessis, Mr S Chaskalala

Bophuthatswana Government
Leader: Lucas Masoe, Rovu Conje, Rilapum Xolokana, Godfrey Mthuthu, Tom Seba, Gert Nkomo, Clements Sehulume, Serone Kgotokwe, Simon Sera, Hlonzelo Mungoena, Jack Reid, Schalk Pinaa

Transkei Government
Leader: Bantu Holomusa Mr AT Sithapa, Mr EZ Nylon, Mr M Tshik, Mr Z Tshiva Mtse Sgcua, Mr P Holomusa, Mr M Nokonyama, Mr LL Mhla, Mr G Zinka, Mr NV Ndaba, Mr N Boeza

Venda Government
Leader: Matlala Ramathlaba, TGC Matlala, KRB Mqaye, SM Mathibhu, GM Lopeka, PM Mhlwa, TA Mhlonela, M Ndoni, MJ Mushinga, T Dau, M Mphaphuli

Solidarity Party
Leader: JN Reddy, T Omar, Y Moilla, K Rapoo, DS Rayph, K Moodley, Pl Devon, L Chetty, N Qumisa, Y Moloi, A Khan, AS Akoob

Entando Yesizwe Party
Leader: JS Malala, NJ Malala, BS Malala, JG Mthiti, ES Masango, JS Mabonza, NM Mabonza, MP Malala, MS Malala, C Malala, LS Malala

United People's Front

Democratic Party
Leader: Zach de Beer, Colin Eglin, Ken Andrew, Helen Seeman, Denis Wernick, Koos Jordaan, Dave Dalling, Peter Steal, IE Moeo, Richard van der Ross, M Rappe, DW Gau

Inyanza National Movement
Leader: MC Zelitha, EN Gauteng, SS Rupapa, Dz Mkhwanazi, MS Gwanda, PDM Mabula, MM Kuhnazi, JJ Mabula, D Ramone, C Alberts, E Mabula, Z Mabula

Inkatsha Freedom Party
Leader: Femke Millic, Walter Fugate, P Selby, NCR Mafu, BS Nkomo, I Mloti, ET Bhele, SE Ntombi, ZM Myeni, Suzanne Vos, FG Gona, E Barnard

African National Congress
Leader: Nelson Mandela, Cyril Ramaphosa, Jacob Zuma, Thabo Mbeki, Vuyo Moleo, Barbara Mantshi, Joe Moshue, Gerfrieda Skye, Alan Beka, Maroon Spero, Peter Molsa, Sam Shikowa

Dikwakwele Party
Leader: TK Mpe, RH Mpe, LC Mota, DT Mokoena, TJ Mokgosi, SM Mpolo, SP Matla, JSS Phatung, RT Ramaa, MM Mankane, M Mpolo, MM Mxakakile

National People's Party
Leader: A Rabe, D Govender, T Pandey, S Naidoo, R Jera, D Govender, C Ndou, S Sibisi, AS Pillay, AK Bhengu, DK Pukachy
Bids to sway PAC over talks

DELEGATIONS from the South African Council of Churches and the Commonwealth met separately with the Pan Africanist Congress in Johannesburg yesterday to discuss the movements position on the negotiation process.

The SACC delegations met for an hour before deciding to resume talks later in the day. The PAC officials left to keep an appointment with the Commonwealth delegation in South Africa to observe the Convention for a Democratic South Africa which starts today.

Yesterday's meeting was convened by the SACC, whose delegation was led by its general secretary, the Rev. Frank Chikane. The PAC delegation was led by deputy president Mr. Dikgang Moseneke.

"Church leaders have expressed concern, prior to last weekend's decision by the PAC not to take part in Codesa, that the negotiation process should include as many parties and groups as possible," said Moseneke.

"The PAC delegation remained defiant after a three-hour meeting with the Commonwealth observers. Moseneke said the observers largely agreed with his organisation on why the PAC had pulled out of the Codesa preparatory meeting of December 8."

More about Codesa on
Watershed 48 hours

However, the discussions over the next 48 hours are a watershed in South African politics.
It is the first time in the history of the country that people of various ethnic, racial, social and political persuasions are to sit down under the same roof with the singular objective of creating a democratic political order in South Africa.

Political groups which have chosen not to participate have done so for political and ideological reasons.

Commenting on the absence of a portion of the liberation movement (the PAC and Azapo), the Rev Canaan Banana, a member of the Commonwealth delegation which is attending Codesa as an observer, said it was a pity that they were not part of the discussions.

"We believe that the process for change in South Africa must involve all the people of South Africa who have been part of the struggle for change.

"We're disappointed to learn that the PAC was not prepared to participate in these proceedings," Banana said.

A spokesman for the United Nations Secretary General said he wished Codesa success in its efforts to create a new order in South Africa.

"The Secretary General expressed his best wishes for the success of the convention and hopes that the goal of achieving a peaceful transition to a new democratic order will be reached as soon as possible," he said.

The United Nations has also sent an observer delegation.

Other international observers include representatives from the European Community, the Organisation of African Unity and the Non-Aligned Movement.

The presence of these organisations at the opening meeting of Codesa will weigh heavily against the Government which will be led by State President PW de Klerk.

The Government was allowed to send a separate delegation from the National Party in an attempt to brand it, at least morally, to decisions taken at Codesa.

Today's meeting is seen by many as the inception of the new South Africa, but the PAC and Azapo view it as nothing more than a charade.
Codesa can never deliver

DIKGANG MOSENGEKE, deputy president of the PAC, details his organisation’s stand on Codesa, and why it will not participate.

THE supporters of Codesa argue that Codesa is the only forum that can bring reconciliation, peace and democracy in a so-called new South Africa.

Many others hold that Codesa is a creation of the present regime, prepacked with political puppets to weaken the legitimate demand for majority rule and thereby ensure that the status quo remains unchanged.

Central to the struggle of the African people in Azania is the termination of white colonial racist domination, the reconquest of the land and the establishment of a nonracial democratic order free from economic oppression and social degradation.

The PAC has from time to time identified and implemented appropriate methods of struggle and, at this stage, has opted to retain them all.

On the political front, the PAC, in its congress resolution of December 1990, reaffirmed that it has no policy, principle or tactic which bar it from seeking a democratic solution. National Congress then dedicated itself to a democratically elected constituent assembly on the basis of one person, one vote on a common voters’ roll within a unitary state.

This would be the democratic mechanism for the transfer of power from the racist minority to a democratic majority.

Our December 1990 congress further resolved on the formation of a united front in order to increase the fighting capacity of our people. This front would be led by the broad liberation movement. The Patriotic/United Front, financed and supported by the OAU, was then formed in Durban in October 1991.

It accepted the establishment of an elected constituent assembly as the bedrock of the Patriotic/United Front.

Other significant agreements arrived at the Front conference are that “the most urgent necessity of struggle” was “transfer of power from the white minority regime to the people as a whole.”

“The De Klerk regime is illegal, illegitimate and must be removed.”

Neither Codesa nor its puppets have the right to shape the political future of this country. Those who are right are the leaders of the liberation movement. We are not prepared to be locked into processes such as Codesa where our homeland and our people will be tyrannised; where the puppetry of certain leaders is to be allowed to continue as a guarantee of their continued rule.

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"De Klerk's constitutional proposals are intended to entrench minority privilege.

"The holding as soon as possible of an All-Party Congress/Pre-Constituent Assembly meeting, which shall be brought together by independent and neutral convenors, was necessary to prepare for a democratically elected constituent assembly", and

"The APC/PCAM shall find modalities for drawing up the constitution through the constituent assembly"

The Front conference also agreed that the Front should execute all issues agreed upon at conference.

Issues not agreed upon should be pursued in discussion until agreement was reached. If agreement cannot be reached the parties will continue with their own programmes on these issues. The Front also agreed that an interim government or transitional authority should be set up "in order to ensure that elections of the constituent assembly are free and fair."

The interim government or transitional authority's lifespan was seen as bound to that of the CA and not one which should be achieved without a CA.

Can Codesa deliver, if not all, a substantial part of all these goals of the Patriotic United Front which are also the minimum demands of the PAC?

Of the 20 delegations which attended the preparatory meeting at Jan Smuts Holiday Inn, 14 are homeland ruling parties, rulers of military junta and tricameral parliament parties, two are the National Party and the SA regime; three are from the Congress Alliance (ANC, SAP and South African Indian Congress) and the PAC. The National Party, the regime, Inkatha Freedom Party and several of the homeland leaders and tricameral parties are dead set against the CA.

It is not surprising. They do not, and have never had the support of the oppressed in this country. It will be remembered that at the preparatory meeting all of these opposed the PAC proposal that the CA be placed on the agenda of Codesa by name. Codesa will thus never deliver the CA the decision-making mechanism of "sufficient consensus" is farcical and undemocratic. Does the vote of the 14 tricameral and homeland leaders constitute "sufficient consensus" against the NP or regime? By what fact, logic or principle does each of the tricameral and homeland parties enjoy an equal vote with any of the liberation movements?

What would "sufficient consensus" mean against our demand for a CA? Would the PAC and ANC - if they remain faithful to this demand - be bound by such consensus of the regime and its allies?

Would the NP and regime give legal force to the "sufficient consensus" in favour of the CA?

These questions, in my view, effectively expose the structural and procedural inability of Codesa to deliver a CA and our related demand for a transitional authority.

The PAC proposal that Nactu, Cosatu and independent trade unions should be part of Codesa was rejected by all parties at the preparatory meeting, including the ANC alliance, through "sufficient consensus." How on earth
Little room for women in Codesa

WOMEN comprise an estimated five percent of the more than 400 delegates and advisers expected to attend this weekend's Convention for a Democratic South Africa.

Twenty-three women will attend as delegates and advisers, but a snap survey has shown that women are in the majority as typists, secretaries and receptionists.

High-level

The largest high-level female representation is in the Natal Indian Congress, which has sent seven women.

The Inkatha Freedom Party has four women delegates, the SA Communist Party and the African National Congress three each and the Lebowa and Ciskei governments one each.

The Democratic Party and the Solidarity Party each have one woman as an adviser, while the National Party and National People's Party each have one woman delegate.

The Government has Minister of National Health Dr Rina Venter as its only woman delegate.

The NIC's Natal woman delegate is Ms Ela Rampobon while the Transvaal division has Ms Rehana Adam as an adviser. The NIC also has five other women on the Codesa sub-committees as decision-making delegates.

Inkatha's four women delegates are Mrs ET Mhentu, Mrs FX Gosa, Mrs I Marx and Mrs Sue Vos, while the SACP's women are Ms Thengwe Mthintso, Ms Nozise Madlala and Ms Geraldine Moleketsi.

The DP has Ms Dene Smuts as an adviser. Inkatha member Ms Denise Bjorkman will attend as a delegate for Ciskei, while the ANC's three women delegates are Ms Marion Sparg, women's league president Mrs Gertrude Shope and Ms Barbara Masekela.

Both the Labour Party and the Bophuthatswana government do not have women in their delegations.

Ms Mthintso, one of the SACP delegates, and yesterday she considered the near-total lack of women on the decision-making level "very distressing, quite shocking and typical of our patriarchal society".

Democratic Party spokesman, Mr Ken Andrew yesterday also expressed disappointment at the low representation of women. - Sapa
NP may stall but ANC needs a quick accord

ACCUSATIONS, counter-accusations and all manner of posturing promise to make the Convention for a Democratic South Africa which convenes today the stuff of great historical dramas are made of.

We can safely guess that many of the protagonists who will be staring at one another across the table, are finding it hard to sleep soundly at night.

Many must be asking themselves how future generations will remember them as the Tshombeys of South Africa, as heroic liberators of their long suffering people, or, as larger-than-life figures but doomed from the start by the inexorable logic of a Greek tragedy?

Yesterday we identified two apparently diametrically opposed positions that have evolved during the past hundred or so years.

These positions drove South Africa nearly to self-destruction during the past three decades since the Sharpeville massacre of 1960.

On one side are the demands of the blacks that their conquest and the legacy of that conquest must be reversed. To achieve that the blacks want to re-conquer the country, not by throwing the whites back into the sea, but by making the whites live like blacks, as equals in all respects.

If that means sharing in the prosperity, well and good, but if it means sharing the poverty and the squalor, so be it.

The whites, on the other hand, feel that everything they have, they deserve by right of conquest or, for the more thoughtful, by right of their ingenuity and hard work.

They are willing to share political power with the blacks or even to surrender it provided that does not affect the material gains whites made as a result of what took place during the past 100 years.

These are the two core issues that Codesa has to resolve. The matter of the interim government - or transitional mechanisms if you wish - next month or next year, the matter of the duration of that interim government, the matter of the constituent assembly, and so on.

All these are important matters for Codesa to talk about, but relative to the core issues, they are of secondary importance. After all, the interim government and the constituent assembly are only means to an end - black liberation - they are not an end in themselves.

Can Codesa solve this seemingly impervious equation? The answer surprisingly is yes and the reason is not as complex as one might think.

The delegates who are meeting at the World Trade Centre today are not the black people of South Africa and they are not the white people of South Africa notwithstanding the fact that some are black and some are white.

The people who are meeting at Codesa are representatives of political parties and political parties are not identical with the people they represent.

It is because political parties are not synonymous with the people that in theory, and practically, it is feasible for political parties to reach agreement while the people they purport to speak for continue to hold strongly opposed, even antagonistic, positions.

When such a situation arises what becomes important is that the political parties must be able to persuade the people they claim to represent that the agreement they have reached is in their best interests. This reflects the fact that political parties are relatively independent of the people they say they represent.

The degree of that independence is of course a matter that has to be constantly negotiated with the followers to ensure that the party does not become completely alienated from its supporters or vice versa. This poses the interesting question of what are political parties. That however, is another story we cannot go into here.

That agreement can be reached between the political parties meeting at Codesa should not distract from the immediate difficulties, especially those faced by the ANC and its allies in the current round of negotiations.

Looking at the National Party/Government side first, it is clear that they are bringing into Codesa all their strongest forces with them. Besides the NP and its government, there will be an array of players from the treecrasher parliament and the bersuitists who owe them very existence to the NP.

What is more, the NP has by and large manoeuvred itself out of economic, sports and diplomatic sanctions. We can therefore expect the NP to play for time. The longer the NP can string out the whole process of negotiations, the longer its supporters will enjoy their privileges.

The NP and the Government are well practised in the art of playing for time. After agreeing to the independence of Namibia with the United Nations Resolution 435 of 1978, the South African regime obstructed the resolution's implementation for more than 10 years.

The ANC and its allies are faced with almost exactly the opposite situation faced by the NP. De Klerk and the Government have consistently refused to allow black trade unions to participate in Codesa. This means that the liberation movement is actually entering the wrestling match with one arm, the unions, tied behind its back.

To make headway at Codesa, the ANC will therefore have to depend more on its agility and cunning than on its brute strength.

There are of course all sorts of bit players in between who have a multitude of agendas. One thing one could perhaps safely predict about Codesa is that the participants will have plenty to tell their grandchildren.

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Papers succeed where Codesa fails

WHERE Codesa has failed, the Sowetan/Vrye Weekblad State of the Nation report has succeeded.

The summer edition of the quarterly report has been able to bring together disparate groups like the CP, Afrikaner Volkswag and Azapo and the PAC to express their views on negotiations.

Its table of contents, based on the theme “Negotiating the Future”, cut across the political spectrum.

Former leader of the Opposition in Parliament, Dr Frederic van Zyl Slabbert, espouses the meaning of democracy and the likelihood that in South Africa “its first few years go through turbulence and uncertainty.”

The report tackles two of the key actors in the negotiation process through in-depth question-and-answer interviews with the ANC’s Mohammed Vahl Moosa and the National Party’s general secretary, Dr Drits Feil van der Merwe.

Moosa expects major areas of conflict in the negotiation process, especially in areas like an elected constituent assembly and a timeframe for an interim government.

Van der Merwe gives the assurance that in spite of eroding white support, the NP is committed to seeing “the negotiation process to its logical conclusion”.

Soulmate

In an interesting encounter, Sowetan Editor Aggrey Klaaste and a colleague attempt to “beard” the Lion of the Waterberg, Dr Andre Teurnicht in his den.

The interview results in a trip in a time machine back to the Verwoerdian years. Teurnicht promises to turn back the clock and reintroduce apartheid measures like the Group Areas Act.

His soulmate on the Right, Professor Carel Boshoff, articulates an erudite and convincing argument for a separate state for Afrikaners, albeit removed from world realities.

Boshoff promises that whites will not automatically become citizens of his “Volksraad” and blacks will not automatically be excluded.

Chopping at Codesa from the left is Azapo’s Sยอม Moodley, who warns organisations like the ANC that participation in the convention is like “going to duel with an unloaded gun”.

Moodley avers that the only victor in the negotiations up to now has been the Government.

Other contributors to the report are Sowetan’s Themba Molefe who looks at the clouded future of the Patriotic Front, Raymond Suttner on the ANC’s constitutional proposals, Mangosothu Buthelezi on Inkatha’s vision for the future, editor of Die Patriot ZB du Toit who calls on Codesa to disband and Barney Desai who outlines the PAC’s constitutional ideas.

On a different note, Professor Adriaan Kurn of Unisa says groups other than politicians should be part of shaping South Africa’s political destiny.

Sesho Chongo of the Institute for a Multi-Party Democracy looks at the proposals of all the parties and concludes that coalition politics is here to stay.

The State of the Nation report is posted to 10000 of South Africa’s senior leaders at all levels of society.
Hopes rise on eve of talks

IN a major coup for negotiations political leaders have slipped easily into the initial stages of a transitional government by agreeing to extra-parliamentary groups drafting legislation for Parliament's approval.

“It is far enough to say this is the first stage of a transitional government,” Democratic Party leader and chairman of the steering committee of the Conference for a Democratic South Africa Dr Zach de Beer said yesterday.

Priority

The new era was achieved yesterday - even before Codesa's official start at the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park today - as 19 political groups and the Government prepared for two days of talks which will inscribe negotiations as the priority next year.

"There is a deep commitment to the success of Codesa of all the parties," De Beer said, "and I would say that includes Inkatha, in spite of all the trouble."

He was referring to a dispute between the Inkatha Freedom Party and other Codesa members over a demand that Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini be allowed to take part fully in the conference with his own delegation.

IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi on Wednesday night withdrew from the IFP delegation in protest against his king's exclusion as a separate entity. He said the monarch had been snubbed.

In a far-reaching move, the Government gave Codesa and Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda and Ciskei a role in drafting legislation to implement Codesa's decisions.

This crucial step effectively gives teeth to the multiparty negotiations, easing ANC fears of it apasing into a mere "talk shop."

Both ANC and Government sources stressed that this would not impinge on Parliament's constitutional sovereignty. Legislation would still have to be tabled and passed by Parliament.

The committee to abide by Codesa's decisions and to agree on a mechanism for implementing them will form a major part of a declaration of intent which will be made by 19 political parties and homeland administrations at the inaugural meeting.

The declaration will include a commitment to broad democratic principles such as multiparty democracy and an independent judiciary.

The declaration will seek to ensure that Codesa - the most representative constitutional gathering in South African history - will launch the country irrevocably on the road to a new democratic constitution.

Decision

Government sources also made it clear that its commitment to abide by Codesa decisions was only made possible by the steering committee's decision that Codesa decisions should not lead to a breakdown of the convention.

This will in effect give the Government, and the ANC, a veto right since Codesa could not continue without them.

The steering committee overcame another problem yesterday by agreeing that the Government and five political parties would jointly command the security force protecting delegates to the convention.

Command

The Government had wanted the South African Police in sole command. The ANC and other parties had wanted the Venda government to be in command of security outside the World Trade Centre - and the Transkei government second-in-command inside.

The Government firmly rejected this position, arguing that only the SAP had the legal authority to arrest or shoot people should this become necessary.

It was agreed that the Government, ANC, the SA Communist Party, IFP, the Transkei government and Intando Yesizwe Party of the KwaNdbele homeland, should be given joint control of security.

The Government noted, however, that a private understanding had been reached with the other parties that, in the event of emergency only an SAP officer could give commands to other policemen.

This is the seating arrangement for political parties at the Convention for a Democratic South Africa at the World Trade Centre near Kempton Park, Johannesburg.
Codesa says SA on an arduous course towards democracy

BILLY PADDOCK and TIM COHEN

The most important decision to be taken today and tomorrow will be the public acceptance of a declaration of intent. For the rest, most of today will be taken up with the delegation leaders making opening speeches.

Codesa will also consider its standing orders and the format and terms of reference for the five proposed working groups.

The most significant document to be presented at the preparatory meeting at the end of the last month have moved with what one negotiator described as "breathless speed" to achieve an agreement on almost all substantive matters.

The most difficult issue to be resolved has been the question of the role of the negotiation process and the declaration of intent.

The proposed declaration includes a number of constitutional principles that are intended to ensure that Codesa decisions are implemented. This means that government will be required to go to the courts to enforce its decisions.

This was one of the ANC's principal demands at negotiations (that after agreements were reached in the past, government officials had interpreted them differently from the spirit in which they were agreed).

The standing rules include a codification of the methods by which decisions have been arrived at so far, providing a unique and somewhat vague definition of consensus.

The key to decision-making is "sufficient consensus" which defines as any agreement that allows the process to move forward. Although negotiators are reluctant to be specific, they believe there will be a clear guide for the chairmen.

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ANC trust’s role explored

CAPE TOWN — A close working relationship — even a merger — between the ANC’s new $5bn development trust and a restructured Development Bank of Southern Africa was likely in future, bank GM Johan Kruger said yesterday.

He said there had been consultations between the ANC and the bank’s executive chairman Simon Brand on the establishment of the new trust, to be called the SA Trust for Equity and Development (Sated).

The establishment of Sated has raised questions about the future role of development agencies such as the Development Bank and the Independent Development Trust (IDT). Duplication and a lack of coordination in the development sector has already been criticized by former auditor-general and Finance director-general Joop de Loo, who recommended in a report on housing earlier this year that development institutions be rationalized.

The ANC is apparently discussing its view of Sated’s position in relation to other development agencies.

“SA cannot afford too many development institutions because of the scarcity of manpower and lack of co-ordination,” Kruger said.

Links between the two bodies are likely to be further strengthened by the fact that the proposed chairman of Sated’s steering committee, Transkei University rector Wiseman Nkhulu, is also on the board of directors of the Development Bank.

ANC (c)

Kruger said if Sated were to become a permanent institution, rather than an interim body established to address SA’s development needs in the period of transition, there definitely would be potential for duplication of the bank’s work.

In that event Kruger foresaw that the two bodies would need to work very closely together, or even merge. A merger would be likely if the ANC became the future government as government was the major shareholder in the Development Bank, owning 64% of its shares. The TBVC stated were also shareholders.

Brand has recently raised the prospect of reconstituting the Development Bank.

The bank was aware of perceptions of it being an “apartheid-linked” entity and for some time had considered changing its control structure. However, it had been hesitant to do so until there was clarity on the outcome of the constitutional negotiations. Various options for restructuring the bank had been formulated, Kruger said.

The formation of Sated might create a potential for conflict over funding between the different agencies. The initial aim is for $5bn to be raised for Sated for housing, education and other socio-economic projects, areas in which the IDT is also involved. ANC president Nelson Mandela has said the scheme had received a favourable international response.

The ANC’s announcement about Sated comes shortly after the IDT’s postponement of its plan for a $100m Eurobond issue, partly because of ANC opposition.

But an IDT spokesman said the IDT in no way regarded Sated as a slab in the face for its own efforts. He said SA’s development needs were “colossal” and the IDT did not have any monopoly in meeting these needs. He did not foresee any competition for finance.

PETER DELMAR reports that the CP yesterday slated the planned trust, saying it was aimed at favouring the ANC over other political groups.

Deputy leader Ferdis Hartzenberg urged government to exercise greater control over “the financing of revolutionary organisations such as the ANC.”
When consensus is sufficient

Nelson Mandela wants decisions taken by the Convention for a Democratic SA (Codesa) to have “legal force.” Government has rejected the demand. This is hardly surprising. To accept it would mean transferring the sovereignty of parliament to Codesa, which—despite its multiparty composition—is even less representative of the people than the white House of Assembly. Codesa is not an elected assembly. It is a collection of appointed debating teams.

If the future were to be left to the leaders of the African National Congress and the National Party, working without the prospect of soon being accountable to a vast electorate, they would probably reach an accommodation rapidly and then happily get on with running the country. There are far more points of agreement than disagreement between them and both are essentially conservative organisations.

But both have broad and nervous constituencies to keep happy and neither can afford to give the impression that too much is being conceded to the other. The ANC wants Codesa to be more than a talking shop, government refuses to share power without also unloading some responsibility. If the ANC is terrified about being co-opted by stealth, the Nats are scared of an interim government by stealth.

But however much they wrangle, the ANC and the National Party are the Siamese twins of negotiations. This is the real meaning of the Codesa concept of “sufficient consensus.” If the big two agree, nobody else has enough weight or credibility to veto their proposals, if they disagree, the other parties simply cannot proceed without them.

Despite the threats, neither the NP nor the ANC has any option but to press on. The trick will be to maintain equi-poise as they do so, to give the impression—as they huff and puff—that the rope being used in the tug-of-war is not moving too far either way at any stage.

And this gives credence to the PAC’s accusation that the ANC and the Nats are in some kind of deal together, though it may be unspoken and uncomplicated, and the less acute leaders on each side may as yet be unaware of it.

Sometimes others see us more clearly than we see ourselves. The Economist has pointed out that Codesa, with its 200 delegates, will be “a bureaucratic monster without some agreement, however tentative, between the two strongest powers in the land, the monster will be able to do nothing but wobble at some point in the transition to democracy, the two giants will have to work as partners. It suits neither to bring the partnership into the open just yet.”

The point is that the partnership is in operation already. It is threatened mainly by elements outside it, which are prepared to turn to violence.
Some kind of beacon

Joe Slovo, who was recently elected chairman of the SA Communist Party, is a leading strategist in the ANC's delegation to attend the Convention for Democratic SA (Codesa) this Friday.

FM: What does the ANC hope to achieve at the first meeting of Codesa?
Slovo: The most important objective we must all set ourselves is that those who reach agreement at Codesa will undertake to be bound by its decisions. This applies more particularly to government itself because it will be an absolutely useless exercise if it ends up without any commitment that government will be bound by the decisions.

For the rest it's pretty obvious. The broad guidelines for a new SA that we hope will be contained in the declaration of intent - though it is not a constitution in itself - will provide some kind of beacon towards which to aim and will inform the follow-up work.

The statement of intent is being worked on by a task force. There have been a number of drafts which are being worked over. We hope that by the time Codesa meets there will be some kind of broadly acceptable draft that, of course, will still have to be debated.

What would such a statement encompass?

It can be no more than a broad declaration of the kind of vision of a future SA to which all parties tie themselves. It can't begin to spell out in any detail the modalities of how we're going to get there or the details of what's going to happen when we get there.

This is separate from the item "constitutional principles" on Codesa's agenda.

We do want to negotiate the constitution at Codesa, that's the task of a representative body - a constituent assembly or whatever you call such an elected body.

There are going to be two tendencies - the one, that one senses will come from government and the National Party, will be to try to tie down the body to kind of fixed provisions about the future SA. In other words, to try to transform Codesa itself into some kind of constitution-making body.

We are going to resist that. We think there's only one legitimate constitution-making body and that's an elected body, whatever you call it. This doesn't mean there won't be room for discussion about broad objectives. But we are going to resist replacing the constituent assembly with Codesa.

Mandela spoke (last Monday) about the demand for a transitional government of national unity. Can you see Codesa becoming that?

Not at all. Codesa will have to work out the parameters for such a structure and obviously, for it to be given the force of law, it will have to be legislated for. And this can really only be done by existing legislature.

Codesa has no judicial basis or powers. Its decisions depend upon implementation, in the first place by government. Codesa could work out the broad framework for an interim structure, but it would have to be given the force of law.

How soon before a decision is taken to set up an interim government?

The process envisages the first stage - December 20-21 - at which working groups will then settle down to see whether they can reach some kind of consensus and report back both majority and minority views, or consensus if there is consensus on any of these issues. So it's difficult to work out the precise time-frame.

But again, there's evidence, publicly at any rate, of different emphasis in regard to time-frames. Government has been talking generally about a 10-15 year period of transition to us that's completely unacceptable.

We're looking at a year to 18 months and a speedy end to the Codesa process itself so that its decisions can be implemented.

Does the ANC want acceptance in principle of a constituent assembly before you get on to the question of transitional government?

A transitional government is by definition one in transition to something. As far as we're concerned, it's transition to the election of a body that will finally determine the constitution. But it's obvious that such a body when it meets will not ab initio begin to debate the principles of the constitution. Between now and the time that it meets there will obviously have to be a negotiated process, so that by the time we get there, whatever gaps there are will be narrowed.

Where do you see the trade-off coming, or is President De Klerk simply negotiating himself out of power?

I'm sure it's not his intention and I'm sure he'll try his best (and he has announced it at NP congresses) that he will not hand over power to the ANC. That is his political objective. But whether he'll achieve that is not completely in his control, because if the process takes the kind of course we all agree it should take - that is, ultimately a sort of democratic endorsement of the future - that must surely depend on what happens in an election.

But could a trade-off emerge over things like minority representation or economic principles?

We've got a general bias against Codesa trying to pre-empt the precise nature of the future of the SA economy. We are obviously open to accepting broad principles, like all dedicating ourselves to economic growth, to redressing imbalances, equalising the gap between races. But beyond that we're going to resist getting tied down so that this basically unrepresentative gathering of people determines the precise nature of future society.

Our position on questions of private property, market mechanisms, minority parties and so on are public and clear. We've got a Bill of Rights that does safeguard the interests of individuals and, by implication therefore, the interests of minorities as well. We've accepted that there'll be a role for the market, a mixed economy.

Beyond this we don't see Codesa setting down to commit itself to the precise way in which all of these objectives will be achieved.

Will the ANC concede a place in an upper house, say, for all parties with "significant support"?

However you clothe it, the ANC, I believe, will not concede an arrangement that in effect will give minorities the right to veto on fundamental questions.

Would you comment on the PAC's decision not to attend Codesa?

It's very mistaken. One hopes they will see their way clear as this process continues not to isolate themselves from the future, which is what they're doing.

Do you foresee an ANC government in place within two years?

It's not an unreasonable projection. If there's an election in the next two years, I've no doubt the ANC will win a majority. Which doesn't imply that it will ride roughshod over even minority political groupings. It might well be considered in the interests of the post-transition period to try to create a broader consensus than just a single party monopolising all levels of power and government.

But that's a different question that has been answered by agreement and negotiation. It mustn't be by some provision which forces you into coalitions or governments of national unity.
Who'll be who in Parliament?

Political Editor Shaun Johnson on an early estimate of how the parties will fare

You know the transition process is in full swing when analysts start predicting, in precise figures, the composition of the new South Africa's first Parliament.

This is the stage we have now reached — and the first detailed attempt at non-racial electoral number-crunching will not please the likes of the National and Inkatha Freedom parties.

As delegates scurry through the cavernous halls of the World Trade Centre outside Johannesburg, ready to take their seats at today's historic Convention for a Democratic South Africa, they do so with unspoken but common purpose: Each hopes fervently that, after the series of codesas, they will be rewarded by the electorate with a seat in parliament or a constituent assembly: Will their hopes be realized?

According to the calculations of Logan Naidu, a prominent Durban-based professional consultant, the answer for a great many of them is no. Drawing on a Development Bank of Southern Africa report on voter estimates, as well as a June Markmun poll and other sources, Mr Naidu has played prophet and come up with a breakdown of party support in a putative constituent assembly. It makes for fascinating reading — although it should obviously be approached with extreme caution due to the arbitrary assumptions any analyst must make, and the volatility and variability inherent in transitional politics.

Mr Naidu proceeds from the basis of the Development Bank's estimate of the total number of voters in South Africa (that is people over the age of 18) at 31.7 million. In terms of the old-style South African racial breakdown, he divides this up as follows: 13,800,000 Africans, 1,900,000 whites, 1,300,000 coloured people and 642,000 Indians. This gives Africans just more than 80 percent of the vote, whites nearly 9 percent, coloured people a touch more than 7 percent, and Asians a little less than 4 percent.

Assuming a 50/50 split in the African voting population between urban and rural areas, and using available opinion polls, he forecasts the following levels of support for existing political parties, expressed in actual votes (percentages in brackets): African National Congress: 8,609,000 votes (54.2 percent); National Party: 3,632,000 (22.9); Inkatha Freedom Party: 694,000 (4.37); Pan Africanist Congress: 630,000 (3.97); Azanian People's Organisation: 620,000 (3.97); South African Communist Party: 620,000 (3.97); Democratic Party: 492,000 (3.04).

Conservative Party: 315,000 (1.86); Labour Party: 130,000 (0.82); Solidarity: 64,000 (0.4); National People's Party: 64,000 (0.4).

Then assuming, for purposes of the exercise, that a constituent assembly comprises 200 members, and that parties attracting less than one percent of the overall vote do not qualify for representation, Mr Naidu converts these figures into seats for each party as follows: African National Congress: 118 seats; National Party: 47; Inkatha Freedom Party: 9; Pan Africanist Congress: 8; Azanian People's Organisation: 8; South African Communist Party: 8; Democratic Party: 6; Conservative Party: 4.

Thus would mean that no single party enjoyed a two-thirds majority, but clearly if alliances were constructed the ANC could theoretically achieve this level of control — subject to the co-operation of the PAC and Azapo. The CP would be marginalised, and the DP would have to choose an alliance to increase its influence.

An NP/IPF alliance would be significant, but a majority one, nevertheless, Mr Naidu concludes that on the level of pure voter support, "there is only one 'major player' in South African politics — the ANC."

Mr Naidu's prognosis is, like all similar attempts at political crystal ball-gazing, subject to a great deal of scepticism. For example, he has had to estimate rural votes himself — no reliable surveys being available — and he has not included any homeland-based parties, save Inkatha. He has not allowed for the formation of new parties.

Moreover, he is even more unrealistic in his assumption that the (ANC-PAC) party would be a "normal" political party, with a stable and continuing support base.

It is also an assumption that the ANC-PAC would be a viable party, given its inherent incapability to participate in a coalition, rather than arrive at the point in the pre-electoral negotiations where the moderate forces are required to negotiate with the ANC-PAC, rather than be legislated to do so.

South Africa is moving towards a new "normal" brand of politics, and the election is inextricably linked to the point where the ANC-PAC and others are compelled by constitutional, rather than electoral rules, to form a majority government. This said, however, his exercise is informative. He is making the important point that the ANC-PAC has not only an electoral mandate, but an inherent ability to form a government, which will have to be reckoned with, and which will have to be negotiated with. It is his hope that this process of negotiation will be an inclusive and democratic process.
The man behind the scenes

Former UDF activist Murphy Morobe is "Mr Codesa" — the man charged with organising the historic negotiations now under way. He talks to political reporter KAIZER NYATSUMBA.

ONE MAN surveying today's Codesa meeting with pride and relief is the ANC's Murphy Makson Morobe, as he has carried Codesa's organisational can for the past two weeks.

It is quite a change of role for Mr Morobe, a former Robben Island prisoner, UDF activist and escaped detainee. From an office in the World Trade Centre he has co-ordinated arrangements for one of the most complicated political gatherings ever staged in South Africa.

His surprise appointment to the job came after a two-day meeting of the Codesa steering committee early last week.

His responsibilities included overseeing the setting up of an infrastructure to prepare for Codesa, and overseeing the deliberations of the crucial preparatory committees.

Mr Morobe (35), born in Orlando East, Soweto, became deeply involved in student politics, eventually becoming deputy president of the Soweto Students Representative Council.

He was one of 11 people found guilty of sedition in 1979 and sentenced to seven years' jail.

When he was released in 1982 he worked for the General and Allied Workers Union, and the following year was involved in the formation of the UDF, an organisation he was later to serve as acting publicity secretary for a number of years.

He was active in the formation of youth congresses in 1983, and represented the UDF on various platforms abroad as well as co-ordinating its One Million Signature Campaign.

Mr Morobe and two others made world headlines in 1989 when they escaped from prison and took refuge at the US Consulate in Johannesburg.

Describing himself as "an eternal optimist", the father of two says he is confident that Codesa will be successful.
Weekend celebrations to mark the 30th anniversary of the founding of the ANC's military wing Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) again highlighted the difficulties involved in creating a defence force for the new SA.

MK chief of staff Chris Ham (recently elected general secretary of the SA Communist Party) insists that the organisation can't simply be swallowed up by the SADF. In an attempt to avoid this, MK personnel are due to attend conventional army training courses in India. On the other hand, senior SADF officers have repeatedly insisted that the two forces won't simply merge. Suitable members of MK will be recruited and retrained.

Defence Minister Roelf Meyer said last week that the SADF needed to be repositioned as a symbol of nationhood. At a function in Durban he contended that the SADF was apolitical, professional and not open to party-political interference.

The ANC disputes this view and has repeatedly accused the SADF of acting like the military wing of the NP. But MK, according to Ham (who is to relinquish his post as chief of staff once a replacement is decided), is not a private army but a "people's army".

For the time being constitutional talks will dominate the agendas of both the ANC and government. The future defence force will be dealt with later.

In a recent paper published by the University of the Western Cape's Centre for Southern African Studies, Laurie Nathan, author of war resistance in SA and a critic of the SADF, says the "new defence force will probably be dominated by white SADF officers. A kind of dual power may exist after apartheid with formal political power held by the ANC while the military and police institutions effectively remain in the hands of the incumbent security establishment."

In contrast to Zimbabwe and Namibia, where the numerical strengths of the opposing armies were about equal, the SADF is "generally regarded as the most formidable force in Africa." He says it is estimated to have an active force of 77,400 and reserves of 425,000.

MK on the other hand is "a comparatively ill-equipped and ill-trained guerrilla army" which some analysts estimated to be 10,000-strong. Those analysts will presumably have revised their estimates after the pathetically small turnouts (fewer than 100 in total) at three MK "parades" over the weekend.

In interviews in Lusaka, MK members told Nathan they did not see themselves as career soldiers and did not expect to join a post-apartheid defence force.

Nathan says that in spite of MK attempts to address the imbalance between its capabilities and those of the SADF, through more sophisticated foreign training, it was likely that MK soldiers would be absorbed into the SADF after apartheid.

"Some of those soldiers may be placed in top posts in the new defence force for political reasons, but for practical reasons most of the senior and middle positions will be filled by white SADF officers with the skills and experience to manage a large and complex organisation."

Such an arrangement could also pay political dividends for the current government. Quoting Canada-based SA-watcher Herbert Adam, Nathan says in return for giving up political control, Afrikaner nationalists are likely to insist on a "security fallback" in case constitutional guarantees are violated.

Nathan concludes that the new government's overriding consideration in restructuring the defence force may be the need to avoid antagonising the white officer corps — "to ride the tiger without ending up inside her."

The military establishment's hand will obviously have been strengthened by the weekend's evidence that MK exists almost entirely in the minds of ANC propagandists. 
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No turning back now

The obstacle created by ANC president Nelson Mandela's demand that decisions of the Convention for a Democratic SA (Codesa) should automatically become legally binding — and which government in the shape of Gerrit Viljoen quickly rejected — is more apparent than real.

Addressing an Umkhonto we Sizwe rally on Monday, Mandela's remark was a classic example of position-bargaining before the first Codesa meeting this Friday, when parties will start getting into the meat of the negotiations (see Face to Face).

The issue of "implementation of decisions" was, after all, placed on the agenda at the multi-party preparatory meeting at the end of November.

There will doubtless be many more examples of the major parties stating their maximum positions to the faithful — only to have them inevitably watered down in the bargaining process.

In any event, close reading of Viljoen's response to Mandela's demand smacks a little of hair-splitting, or talking at cross purposes. Viljoen, who was disappointed at the "insensitive and inopportune" way in which Mandela had made public this sensitive matter, reportedly said that to acquiesce in the ANC demand would indirectly amount to suspending the constitution and creating a vacuum.

Legal implementation of Codesa decisions, the Minister added, would have to take place according to the normal constitutional route — that is through parliament and the organs of government. Viljoen observed that Codesa had no legal status.

All of which is perfectly well known to the ANC — as Joe Slovo, for example, has acknowledged to the FM (see page 30).

In reality, what Viljoen rejects is the notion that decisions of the convention should automatically become law, not that they should (and some of them will have to, at some stage, if they're to have any meaning).

"Obviously, where parties agree at Codesa, this would imply that as far as it is in their power, they will implement them through the proper legal and institutional channels," said Viljoen. "But it is inconceivable that they can automatically acquire legal or binding force."

This is stating the obvious — but the game has to be played on two sides. The ANC sets out its position, even if it knows in advance that its demand will be rejected — and that this rejection will not result in its withdrawal from the talks. Government knows all this — but it must also go through the motions of explaining why it rejects the ANC's position.

If Viljoen had been silent after Mandela's statement, this might have been construed as evidence of a shift in government's position.

Noting that the issue was already being discussed in committee, Viljoen was confident that a compromise would be found.

The irony of Mandela's demand is that it would effectively transform Codesa into an interim government. That's something government would like — and the ANC says it wants to avoid.

The major political players are now in the fourth and final stage of a process that was identified by Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert.

Some years ago Slabbert set out the process in the form of a mantra, reflecting the dominant demands in radical opposition politics: "Unban, release, dismantle, negotiate." Without this, he argued, peaceful reform would not be possible.

Now organisations are unbanned, leaders have been released from prison, apartheid laws are largely dismantled — and the talks are under way.

The process is now surely irreversible.
We reaffirm our decision – PAC

After meeting for more than an hour with the Commonwealth Observer Delegation yesterday, the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) confirmed its decision not to attend Codesa.

PAC deputy president Dikgang Moseke warned that his organisation would start campaigns which would destroy Codesa. He added that the PAC had explained its position to the delegation.

"They understood some of our views, but feel that these views should be put to Codesa."

Mr Moseke said this was not possible with the Government and the ANC "dead set" against a constituent assembly. Besides, Mr Moseke explained, Codesa was a prepacked forum with the National Party and ANC and their affiliates, including the unrepresentative homeland delegations, predominating at the proceedings.

Last minute attempts by a church delegation lead by SA Council of Churches general-secretary Dr Frank Chikane to persuade the PAC to rejoin Codesa have also apparently failed.

In a statement released after talks with the PAC, the SACC "expressed sorrow" at the breakdown of Patriotic Front co-operation — Staff Reporter and Sapa
Talks a betrayal of workers - Azapo

THE highly publicised preparatory meeting of the all-party conference was a crucial step in the betrayal of working-class interests, Azanian People's Organisation executive member Mr Enos Nephawe said at the weekend.

Nephawe was speaking to several hundred Azapo members at Sibasa, outside Thohoyandou in Venda.

He said the final outcome of negotiations - "will be the sharing of political rights."

"Political freedom is not enough for the millions of disadvantaged black workers who have been ruthlessly exploited through the capitalist system."

Nephawe was applauded when he echoed the organisation's policy of non-cooperation "with the Government and its creations."

He said that was the main reason Azapo was not part of the so-called 'Patriotic Front'.

-Azapo, the Conservative Party, the Herstigte Nasionale Party and the Afrikaner Weerstands beweging refused to attend this past weekend's preparatory talks about negotiations.

Laughing out at the Press, Nephawe said two liberal Press is going out of its way to create an impression that the only progressive thing to do was to enter into talks with the Government.

"As if they care about Azapo, the Press warn us that we will be marginalised if we shun the negotiations."

"The truth is that to negotiate under the present conditions is to betray our people and to legitimise economic exploitation."

-Sopa
When ANC will reveal arms caches

JOHANNESBURG — The ANC would reveal its arms caches once an interim government was in place, Umkhonto weSizwe chief of staff Mr Chris Hani said last night.

He was speaking after President FW de Klerk's attack on MK at Codesa and Mr Nelson Mandela's stinging response.

Mr Hani, who is also the general secretary of the South African Communist Party, accused Mr De Klerk of trying to use Codesa for party political gain.

"It was wrong, it was in bad taste, for De Klerk to raise this issue at the Codesa conference, because he knows our position. "We will immediately sit down with an interim government to devise the best possible methods of joint control of these weapons.

"You must remember that ultimately those weapons, including the arsenal of the SADF, will be handed over to a new South African army once there is a democratic government in place in SA," Mr Hani said.

"This position has been stated several times, and there will be no way the ANC will hand over arms or disband Umkhonto weSizwe until we have reached a situation where we are not ruled by the National Party government."

Mr Hani denied that MK's arms caches were a "threat to the government," and said they were in "very safe" hands.

"But we will continue to push hard for the integration of all armed formations in the country," he said.

Earlier, Mr Hani told a press conference called by the SA Communist Party that the integration of the country's varied fighting forces was a complex problem but the process was "inevitable."

He said the time was approaching when the armies of the state, the ANC, the PAC and the homeland governments would have to sit down together to resolve the problem. — Political Correspondent and Sapa
FW, Mandela clash over disarming of ANC

IT WAS unacceptable for State President de Klerk to insist that the African National Congress had over its arms to those regarded by the people as responsible for the ongoing massacres, ANC president Nelson Mandela said yesterday.

Speaking at a press conference after the first day of Codesa, he said that the perception still existed among blacks that innocent people were being murdered by elements in the security forces.

"No political organisation can commit suicide as he (Mr de Klerk) is recommending," he said.

Mr Mandela said death squads continued to prowl the country and the right-wing was arming itself.

"It is therefore unacceptable for him to insist we hand over our arms to those regarded as responsible for the massacres.

Mr de Klerk's remarks at Codesa had been unacceptable, as he had raised issues which were unresolved and were the subject of ongoing bilateral discussions between the government and the ANC.

Asked if Mr de Klerk's actions would affect their relationship, Mr Mandela said, "The incident occurred, it is past and I have forgotten about it."

Despite the acrimony, the ANC agreed to sign the declaration of intent drawn up by Codesa.

Mr Mandela revealed that it had agreed to do this despite reservations by the national working committee of the ANC.

He said the NWC had wanted him to insist on an amendment proposing that all political parties and the government should give legal effect to decisions taken by the convention.

"Mr de Klerk persuaded me not to press this demand," he said. — Sapa
Thabo Mbeki urges LP: Let’s walk same road

The ANC and the Labour Party yesterday signalled their willingness to enter an alliance.

Mr Thabo Mbeki, the ANC foreign affairs chief, told about 1 500 delegates at the Labour Party’s 29th annual conference in Durban yesterday that a message had been dictated to him by ANC president Nelson Mandela.

He said Labour and the ANC should walk the same road as they were on the “same side” having signed the National Peace Accord, the codes of declaration of intent and having been co-founders of the Pan-Africanist Front conference.

The ANC and the LP are also both committed to an inner-government and an elected consultative assembly to write a new constitution for South Africa.

Indicating that past differences should be dissolved in a new joint attempt to arrive at a new South Africa, Mr Mbeki said he had been called “terrorists” and “communists” by the LP, for participating in the tripartite forum.

A letter apologising for it was sent to him by the LP.

He said Labour and the ANC had “redefined our relationship” and both bodies had to strive towards achieving a new constitution “within two years or less”.

He said Labour’s opening address by Labour leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse, in which he indicated a decision would have to be taken today on an alliance with the ANC, sparked sharp debate.

Most delegates who were against such an alliance cited the ANC’s ties with the “ungodly Communist Party”.

But this morning the congress will be called on to take that decision — already anticipated by Mr Mbeki in his address.

The Inkhatha Freedom Party leader, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, was a letter apologising for it to attanding, saying that he had not expected when he accepted an invitation to address the congress that he would be occupied with a “serious crisis” involving the exclusion from Congress of King Goodwill Zwelithini and the Zulu nation.

His speech was read out by Dr BS Ngubane, a member of the Inkhatha central committee member.

Another serious matter facing Labour today is questions about the R500 000 that auditors could not trace in the party’s books.

On Friday, the party’s finance and administration committee met behind closed doors to discuss the financial report to be tabled this morning by treasurer Douglas Josephs.

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Assessments

Assets

According to the auditor’s report, Labour’s balance sheet should reflect assets of at least R1 million.

Instead it shows assets valued at R62 000.

There is also no account of a cheque No 033, for R21 880, drawn on January 30 this year, plus another cheque for R6 000 (No 122), sources told the Sunday Times.

Only the members of the finance and administration committee knew about this, the sources added.
Fiery first round as leaders clash over MK

An extraordinary gloves-off exchange between State President FW de Klerk and ANC leader Nelson Mandela at the opening session of Codesa is being seen as the opening shots in the battle for control of South Africa.

Their confrontation has proved to be the most dramatic way that old style politics are dead and the new has arrived.

In a confrontation unprecedented in South African politics, stunned delegates and dignitaries heard Mr Mandela reprobately barangue Mr de Klerk for nearly half an hour in the closing session of the first day of the Convention for a Democratic South Africa.

The issue was the continuing existence of Umkhonto weSizwe, the ANC's armed wing, which Mr de Klerk personally of using the last speaking slot granted to him by the ANC to "launch an attack on the ANC, and in doing so he has been less than frank."

"He has abused his position because he thought I would not reply," said Mr Mandela. "He is mistaken, because I am replying now."

A calm but icy Mr Mandela said "even the head of an illegitimate, discredited minority regime (Mr de Klerk) has certain standards to uphold..."

Mr Mandela said Mr de Klerk had given no indication in a telephone conversation the night before Codesa that he would raise the issue in such a way.

The ANC leader, using

SHOAUN JOHNSON Political Editor

Klerk had attacked his opening remarks at Codesa on behalf of the Government. Mr de Klerk had issued an apparent ultimatum to the ANC to dismantle its armed wing, or disqualify itself from entering into binding agreements.

Drama

The drama began after the signing of the Codesa Declaration of Intent by 16 of 19 delegations, when Mr Mandela requested permission from Codesa co-chairman Mr Justice Ismail Mahomed to "raise a matter of national importance."

He took the podium and accused Mr de Klerk of not intending to attack in silence, was eventually granted the right of reply by co-chairman Mr Justice Piet Schabort.

Mr de Klerk then launched into a rebuttal of Mr Mandela's accusations, saying it was a vital matter of principle that no party should have a private army.

Mr de Klerk said he had reluctantly raised the issue at Codesa because no progress had been made in extended meetings with the ANC on the subject.

Mr de Klerk said there had been no intention of apologising for his words.

"Yes sir, I said it... (We cannot have) a party with a pen in one hand and claiming the right to hold arms in the other." Mr de Klerk said the disagreement was an example of "how democracy should really work" adding that he "hoped that having cleared the air in the best interests of South Africa, we will find a way to resolve the problem."

He then made an unapologetic plea for goodwill at Codesa.

Mr Justice Mahomed attempted to defuse the tense situation when closing Codesa's first session, saying "that the journey would be easy. But it is a journey we must make."

The exchange of the last half hour or more did not detract from what the Declaration of Intent has said

Mandela, FW clash

The angriest language to pass publicly between himself and the president, said Mr de Klerk had to "forget the idea" that he can impose conditions on the ANC..."

Mr Mandela said the Government spoke from a position of weakness because it had failed to stop violence in the country, and berated Mr de Klerk for trying to undermine the ANC.

The ANC realised that neither the NP nor the ANC should undermine each other, Mr Mandela said, because that would not be in the interests of the country.

Mr Mandela said the president had distorted the situation about Umkhonto, and claimed that confidence had been broken about ongoing discussions on the subject.

The ANC would not "commit suicide" by disbanding Umkhonto now, he said.

"He can do what he likes. We are not going to disband Umkhonto weSizwe."
Power-sharing parliament is key to interim government plan

10-YEAR JOINT RULE: FW'S AIM

SOUTH AFRICA will have an interim government for a minimum of 10 years in terms of proposals to be put to South Africa's second national convention by the National Party. The proposals will be submitted to CODESA in January.

This follows President FW de Klerk's announcement this week that the NP is prepared to accept a democratically elected interim government which would share power, govern the country and negotiate a new constitution.

CODESA Development Minister Ger-riet Viljoen said yesterday the proposals to CODESA would contain some of the principles and guidelines contained in the NP constitutional model unveiled earlier this year.

Key elements of the model include a presidency composed of the leaders of the three largest parties, an enfranchised cabinet and a two-chamber parliament with the first house elected on the basis of one man one vote by propor- tional representation, while in the second chamber all regions would be accorded an equal number of seats.

Dr Viljoen said the NP proposal to CODESA would definitely contain a two-chamber parliament and measures to protect minority interests.

He said the NP believed that the parliament elected under its envisaged interim constitution would be a far more repre-}

One man's scorn and another's blind spot

By KEN OWEN

CODESA held its fourth of a few forays before seven o'clock on Friday evening when Mr Nelson Mandela sat out, coldly and deliberately, the assassination of the character of President de Klerk.

He began by asserting the president of moral turpitude and duplicity, and went on to pile insult on insult, scornfully, abusively, venomously, and when it was over nobody could doubt
Ten years of joint rule

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Mr Ramaphosa has surprised our expectations.

Mr Ramaphosa said the ANC wanted a sovereign interim government to exercise jurisdiction over all areas of government. The very minimum it would be prepared to accept was that the interim government exercise control over those areas specified by the recent Patriotic Front conference in Durban.

Ensure

These include control of security forces, state media, the electoral process and defined areas of the budget and finance.

Mr Ramaphosa added that the ANC accepted that the existing parliament was the legally constituted body that should usher in such an interim government.

The government, meanwhile, is still insisting that any constitutional changes will have to be put to a referendum. All South Africans will be able to vote but the existing voters’ rolls will ensure that the white vote will be counted separately. Mr de Klerk has made it clear that if a majority of whites opposes the plan, the NP will go back to the drawing board.

The ANC, for its part, this week made it clear that it would not accept a racially based referendum.

Feelings

Codeta ended its two-day meeting yesterday with the shadow of the blaring row between Mr Mandela and Mr de Klerk over the disbanding of the ANC’s armed wing still hanging over delegates.

Yesterday, senior government officials were adamant that Mr Mandela knew the issue was to be raised at Codeta and that it was necessary to put the matter on the table before negotiations could continue.

Mr Ramaphosa, however, denied that the ANC had been informed that it would be raised.

After formal proceedings at Codeta yesterday, the hard feelings raised the previous day were somewhat allayed by a conciliatory speech by Mr Mandela which he concluded by shaking hands with Mr de Klerk.

Hurt

But Foreign Affairs Minister Pak Botha was not that easily appeased when he said after the ANC leader’s speech “On behalf of the SA government it is my duty and the will of my heart to tell the leader of the ANC and the ANC that we were badly hurt yesterday very badly hurt by his remarks yesterday.”

Mr Botha said that the Afrikaner could also go back in history to list the injustices against his vote.

In his closing remarks, Mr Mandela praised the “excellent and even-handed manner” in which three judges had chaired Codeta.

“There performance was evidence that some of the traditions of great judges of the country have not altogether been lost.”
Moves to get PAC back into negotiations

By CHARLES LEONARD and NORMAN WEST

THE UN and the OAU plan to play the role of facilitators to get the PAC back into the Codesa fold.

"It will be a continuous process through our organisations," said Professor Ibrahim Gambari of the UN Special Committee Against Apartheid and Nigeria's permanent representative at the UN.

"Both the PAC and the ANC have observer status at the UN and the OAU. The role we will play there will be those of observer and facilitator.

"However, we do not intend to pressurise anyone — it is ultimately the people of South Africa who have to find the solutions in establishing a new SA."

Professor Gambari's sentiments were echoed by Chief Segum Otaosa, Nigeria's ambassador to the OAU and the representative at Codesa of the chairman of the OAU, President Babangida of Nigeria.

The OAU will continue to play any role it is required by the South African people to play. We will not impose ourselves, though," Chief Otaosa said.

Meanwhile, a revolt is reportedly brewing in PAC ranks after militants forced the organisation to quit Codesa at their consultative conference this week.

PAC president Clarence Makwetu — a leading hawk — said on Monday the PAC had decided unanimously to quit Codesa, mainly because the government and the ANC appeared to have collaborated in rejecting his organisation's demand for a neutral venue and convener for Codesa.
Gatsha to tell LP ‘all’

By NORMAN WEST, Political Reporter

INKATHA leader Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi is expected to use the Labour Party congress in Durban on Saturday to explain his withdrawal from Codesa.

Dr Buthelezi will be a guest speaker at Labour’s 28th national congress, to be opened on Friday by LP leader Rev Allan Hendriksz in Durban’s Exhibition Centre.

Dr Buthelezi rocked Codesa on Thursday when he announced his personal withdrawal, claiming that the inability of the Codesa steering committee to resolve the question of separate representation for the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP), KwaZulu Government and the Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini, was “an insult” to his monarch’s dignity.

Ironically Eszoue in Natal was the venue for the ‘LP’s watershed congress in January 1983, where its relationship with Dr Buthelezi ended when it decided to participate in the Treasonal Parliament despite the exclusion of blacks.

Before that the LP and Inkatha, then a Zulu-based cultural body, had formed the main components of the South African Black Alliance (Saba).

The LP decision, taken the day after Dr Buthelezi had officially opened the congress, was seen by Saba as a “treacherous act” and by Inkatha itself as “betrayal”. Saba immediately warned the LP to reverse its decision, resign from Saba or face expulsion. The LP chose to resign. But after Mr Hendriksz resigned from the PW Botha cabinet in 1987, the LP and Inkatha again gradually moved closer.

Saturday’s congress will also serve as a barometer of Mr Hendriksz’s support after the past year, during which more than 25 of his MPs joined the NP to form the official Opposition in the House of Representatives.

There is deep dissatisfaction in the LP over Mr Hendriksz’s “unilateral” decision to align the LP with the Patriotic Front and particularly, the ANC-SACP alliance.

The LP has also invited representatives from the ANC and PAC to address its congress. The PAC has not responded but the ANC has indicated that either its leader, Mr Nelson Mandela, or a top executive member, would attend.

Although Mr Hendriksz came within a hair’s breadth of being dehorned during the last session of Parliament, he is unlikely to lose the Party’s leadership.
Squabble over founding charter

CODESA's Declaration of Intent, the founding document of the convention, started out as a diverse set of political statements, writes Brian Pottinger.

In hours of negotiations it was honed into a charter of basic values which were broad enough to satisfy most parties but precise enough to have real meaning.

Yet three parties initially failed to sign and the ANC expressed reservations.

What, then, were the key issues?

The main one, which also exercised the National Convention of 1906, was about how much power should be held by the central government and how much given to the regions.

The convention it was the old debate between a unitary state versus a federal one.

The Inkatha Freedom Party, essentially a regionally based party, believes in as much decentralisation of power as possible.

It objected to the words "an undivided South Africa" in the declaration and suggested they be replaced by "a new South Africa". It also suggested scrapping a statement that a new constitution would exercise "sovereign authority ... over the whole of its territory".

These words, Inkatha claimed, implied a commitment to a unitary state and ruled out the possibility of federalism.

The government and ANC publicly said they respected Inkatha's right to differ.

The second major problem arising from the Declaration of Intent can be summed up in the word "sovereignty" — the exact powers of Codesa and the status of its decisions vis-a-vis already established bodies such as parliament and homeland administrations.

At the one pole stood the ANC. It originally wanted decisions of Codesa to have legal force and suggested implementing mechanisms to achieve this. The South African government and Inkatha opposed the idea — both because they saw it as abrogating their sovereign powers.

President Lucas Mangope of Bophuthatswana also had reservations. The sovereignty of his homeland would be abolished. The government and the ANC eventually compromised: Codesa and the government would jointly draft legislation to implement Codesa decisions.

But Inkatha remained intransigent and in the end, together with Bophuthatswana and Ciskei, were not among the delegations troop ing up to the dias at Codesa to sign the declaration on Friday.

The Ciskei later capitulated and signed yesterday. The final version of the Declaration of Intent, agreed all delegations to the Convention, was a very fine thing. But for two parties apparently not quite fine enough.
RURAL approval will play a key role in who will rule the roost in a "post-Coldesa" South Africa — and the political parties and organisations which neglect the rural voters will pay the price when the country finally holds free and fair elections.

Cold statistics show that the largest majority lives in South Africa's rural areas — and that any party can organise sufficiently to win over this largely politically illiterate constituency can be virtually assured of ascendancy to power in the new South Africa.

It is this reality that has sparked renewed interest in this otherwise unseen and often neglected cinderella segment of society, which has suddenly acquired a new political importance.

Statistics provided by the Development Bank of South Africa (DBSA) show that whoever aspires to rule will need rural approval.

DBSA figures show that South Africa has 17,319,120 potential voters, 5,784,870 of whom — 34,12 percent — live outside the homelands.

A further 3,151,694 live in the TBVC countries and 4,753,156 in the other homelands.

Based on these figures it is clear that the party or alliance that can capture the confidence (and votes) of the majority of blacks will have the majority proportionate representation in a future government.

If the fact-seeking organisations now refusing to participate in Coldesa have their way and elections take place on the present ethnic basis — assuming blacks will also have the vote — then "white", "coloured" and "Indian" representation will be of little significance in future.

Statistics show there are a mere 1,5 million white voters — constituting 8,8 percent of the total population of South Africa — 1,3 million coloured voters (7,2 percent) and 642,520 Asian voters (3,7 percent).

Significantly, the millions of potential black voters are not in the cities but in the rural backwaters — and canvassers will have to travel "deep into the bush" in search of votes.

Both mainline political adversarics, the NP and the ANC, appear to be responding to the DBSA's figures for rural voters, as evidenced by last weekend's historic ANC Rural Conference at Worcester.

Dr Allan Boesak, chairman of the ANC's Western Cape Region, had a blunt message for the conference if the ANC did not succeed in the plat-
Outlining visions for a democratic SA

DAWN BARKHUizen reports on the fears, hopes and foibles of the speakers on Codesa's first day

The 320 delegates and advisers at Codesa, the largest representative gathering of political leaders in the country's history, reflected the full breadth and complexity of the nation.

All, to some extent, focused on the details of constitutional principles, the methods of change and the objectives of Codesa.

Mr. Nelson Mandela predictably demanded that the government make way for an interim government to supervise the transition, and made a call for Codesa's decisions to be translated into full legal force.

"It is inconceivable that a democratic constitution be reached except by a constituent assembly. We see no reason why an election for a constituent assembly should not be possible during 1992," he said.

Mr. Chris Hani of the SA Communist Party, equally predictably, endorsed his ally.

"We demand the immediate establishment of an interim government. Parties should commit themselves to ensuring the establishment of an interim government, and elections for a constituent assembly should be completed within 18 months."

President F.W. de Klerk, less predictably, offered an elected interim government, but was coy on the details. He also took time out to hector the ANC for its failure to disband its military wing, and accused it of dragging its feet that led to a bitter retort by Mr. Mandela.

But that was not really what Codesa was about. There were many other agendas hidden away in the rhetoric.

Exclusion

Like the homeland leaders' concerns about their sovereignty and, more often than not, traditional roots and values.

Inkhatha was strong on this. Referring to the exclusion of King Goodwill Zwelithini and the subsequent decision by Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi not to attend, the IFP delegation leader, Dr. Frank Mdlalose, said "The exclusion of the Zulu people is tragic and we should all support the president of the IFP, who, in his other role as traditional prime minister to His Majesty the King of the Zulus, had no alternative but to stand by his king and campaign for the acceptance of the rightful role of the Zulu people in reshaping South Africa."

President Lucas Mangope of Bophuthatswana also spoke at length about his people's history.

"It is not fair in terms of our history and economic performance to be regarded as just another so-called self-governing territory or 'TBVC state,'" he said plaintively before making it clear that he would not be dragged into surrendering independence.

The problem of reincorporation played on some other people's minds as well.

Ciskei's Brigadier Oupa Gqozo: "Ciskei cannot be reincorporated into a constitutional vacuum. During the transitional period constitutional structures should be kept in place till a new dispensation has been established."

Economic concerns also featured:

There were those who called for economic redistribution. The Intando Yeziizwe Party's Prince James Mahlangu "We call for a system that will aggressively address the economic imbalances."

Venda President Brigadier M. Ramushwana concurred: "Land is a burning issue because of the imbalances and the cruel removals. It stands to reason that any future government should reconsider redistribution."

Pensions

But in case anybody thought he was calling for too much redistribution, he hastened to call for a declaration from Codesa protecting the interests and pensions of civil servants in a new South Africa.

There were those who spoke, instead, of enterprise. Solidarity Party leader Dr. J.N. Reddy: "There is a need to inculcate the work ethic."

There were bitter reminders of the past. "Labour Party's Reverend Allan Hendriek: "It must not be possible to do what was impossibly done by the NP when they removed the so-called coloured people from the common voters roll."

And apologies for the past. National Party delegation leader Dr. Dawie de Villiers: "It was not the intention to deprive other people of their rights and to contribute to their misery, but eventually the policy of separation led to just that. Insofar as that occurred, we deeply regret it."

Then there were warnings for the future. Graanek's Mayor-General Bantu Holomusa: "The failure of Codesa will spell economic disaster. South Africa can no longer afford an economic siege."

And challenges for the future. The Democratic Party's Dr. Zach de Beer: "The new government of South Africa will have, above all, two tasks - to restore law and order and to establish sustained rapid economic growth."

"One of the great tasks Codesa must fulfill is to produce a constitution which prevents the abuse of power by government."

Finally, there was even a word for those who were not there. The National People's Party's Amichand Rajbans: "Our regret is the empty chairs."

"It is our task to mediate so that the empty chairs can be filled with people from the PAC, Azapo, AWE, the CP and others."
De Klerk said it was not the government's intention to cling to power or to misuse its powers during negotiations. De Klerk said he was not representative of the whole population. Such a generally representative government will not only take care of the administration of the country, but it can also initiate further constitutional changes.

The perception that the government was opposed to any form of interim government was incorrect. The government's views were:

- "We are prepared to start negotiating immediately about amending the constitution to make possible an interim power-sharing model, on a democratic basis."
- "We are convinced it would be in the best interests of South Africa and all its people that, as a first phase, we institute a government which will be broadly representative of the whole population. Such a generally representative government will not only take care of the administration of the country, but it can also initiate further constitutional changes."
- "We are equally convinced that the completion of Parliament should be amended during the first phase to include the whole population in a reasonable manner."
- "We are ready to table specific proposals in this regard which will naturally have to be negotiated - together with the proposals from other people."

De Klerk said the government was not prepared to allow the circumvention or suspension of the constitution. Any meaningful constitutional amendments, even those aimed at transitional measures only, must be passed by Parliament after a mandate had been obtained in a referendum.

If the proposals on interim measures were fair to all people, the answer from all sections of the population would be "yes."

"All South Africans must participate in such a referendum," he said.

De Klerk said he wanted to make it clearer than ever before that the government was prepared to accept a negotiated form of transitional government which could be introduced quickly in a democratic and constitutional manner.

ANC President Nelson Mandela told Codessa the present government must make way for an interim government of national unity to supervise the transition to democracy.

"The incumbent government is not suited to the task of overseeing the transition to democracy. Its oft-stated commitment to democracy must now compel it to make way for an interim government of national unity," Mandela said.

Codessa would set the country on the road to democracy, and Mandela, and the strength of its initiative lay in the range of political parties and persuasions represented.

However, Mandela warned that Codessa would not deliver democracy singlehandedly. Even absolute consensus at the convention would still leave an apartheid constitution in place.

He called for an immediate amnesty "in the spirit of our convention" to be proclaimed for all remaining political prisoners.

While several representatives of political organisations and parties participating in the Codessa endorsed its Declaration of Intent, Bophuthatswana and the IFP were the only ones which struck a discordant note.

Bop President Lucas Mangope refused to sign the Declaration of Inten-
Mandela and De Klerk make peace on day SA is reborn

By SEKOLA SELLO, THEMBA KHUMALO and Sapa

CODESA had made a giant leap forward from the days of an apartheid South Africa, co-chairman Sasol's Thabo Mbeki told delegates to the convention yesterday. Future South Africa would identify that day and that moment as the time when South Africa was reborn, he said.

The CODESA meeting ended yesterday amid high hopes that the two leaders and government would be part of a Constituent Assembly to be elected within the next 12 months.

"We are confident," South African President F.W. de Klerk and ANC leader Nelson Mandela publicly shook hands and made peace at CODESA's closing ceremony yesterday after their bitter clash on the first day of the convention.

De Klerk attacked the ANC for refusing to dismantle its armed wing and Mandela threatened a walking out. The two leaders, however, publicly made peace, foreign minister Pik Botha told delegates.

After the two leaders publicly made peace, Migrants' Union leader Peter Botha told delegates the NP had been badly hurt by the convention but had not hit back in the interests of conciliation.

Although both De Klerk and Mandela were not prepared to bind themselves to specific time frames, Botha said in his address that the government should be implemented soon.

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High Hopes...ANC President Nelson Mandela addresses a historic gathering. (Inset) President F.W. de Klerk, both expressed optimism at the end of the two-day convention.

Soccer boss on car theft charge

By DESMOND BLOW

SALOMEO Coloured Mdau, better known as Coloured Passmore, a footballer in Abdul Allrene's RT 4 million theft trial - has been charged with car theft.

Passmore, one of the most flamboyant characters in top-flight football, appeared with co-accused Moroka Swallows coach S Jacko Bheki in the Benoni Regional Court on Thursday. Bheki was charged with Passmore's burglary and assault - at the time of the alleged theft of a Toyota Hilux.

No evidence was led. The case was postponed until next month.

Passmore, who lives in a luxury home in Johannesburg's northern suburbs, is the managing director of Highlands Park Soccer Club and an executive member of the NSL.

The charge sheet alleges that the theft occurred in Benoni between June 30 and July 30. The stolen vehicle's owner stated that the thief took...
SA is reborn! De Klerk make peace on day Mandela and

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A YEAR OF HOPE AND

By SELMA SELLO

POLITICALLY speaking, 1991 was a year of great expectations but few realised goals.

Great hopes for an end to the violence tearing the country apart were fuelled early in the year following a meeting between ANC leader Nelson Mandela and Inkatha's Mangosuthu Buthelezi. But, the Royal Hotel meeting in Durban failed to stop the orgy of bloodletting.

Another event which raised high hopes among our people was the launch of the much-vaunted Constitution Front between the ANC and PAC and several other smaller organisations.

Today, as the year treks to an end, the PF which was also launched in Durban, exists in name only.

It was also a year when the government showed it could act tough against right-wing extremists.

In the past two years the government, the ANC and Inkatha have joined together in a campaign to neutralise the powers of the right-wing extremists.

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Great expectations, but the bloodshed continues...

March

The Dutch Parliament Surrey another body to those still confronting the security campaign by urging the EEC to lift sanctions. In a surprise move, Archbishop Desmond Tutu calls for the withdrawal of sanctions.

Several ANC officials on Robben Island refuse to sign an agreement with the government.

Cape Town. The ANC proposes a national agreement to deal with violence, but no reaction from the government.

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Hope and Turmoil

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C O D E S A  SUNDAY TIMES WRITERS ASSesses THE BUILD-UP AND WITH THE BEST

10 BEGAN with a few tentative messages by Prisoner Nelson Mandela, via his warders, to the government in 1988. This led to a conversation with President PW Botha in Tshwane on May 6 1989 and on Friday this dialogue culminated in the Convention for a Democratic South Africa. That first encounter between President Botha and Prisoner Mandela, secretive and elliptical as the record now suggests, was not exactly a meeting of minds. But it did set the context for what was to follow.

Botha agreed that they wanted, at the minimum, a peaceful solution to South Africa's problems. It is now known that Mr Botha was already signalling to the ANC that he accepted the inevitability of black power in black South Africa. This idea was in fact the basis of the ANC's policy statement, which was presented in 1974.

But Mr Botha was not sure if he was going to pursue the matter. On August 14 he told his president and just over a week later Mr Botha told Mr De Klerk he was in favour of this talking point that the countdown to codesa, and this week's historic gathering at the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park, really began.

Direct

In December 1989 Mr De Klerk first met Mr Mandela - still a prisoner. Since then 28 such face-to-face meetings and numerous telephone conversations have taken place, though few of them concerned anything of substance. The talks, VAT protests, threat of bloodshed are in fact, every time, whenever the ANC has felt an indiscreet to be necessary.

The immediate advantage of doing business has sometimes escaped Mr De Klerk but it had one advantage - constant, direct communication between the two most important men in the two most important countries.

The immediate foundations of codesa were, however, laid elsewhere - in the crepe of bodies and forums which sprang up after Mr De Klerk's February 2 1990 speech. The most important, as far as codesa is concerned, was a steering committee set up by the government and the ANC to organize the preliminary talks between the two major parties at Groote Schuur in May 1990.

These meetings, called the Joie, came the Whitney-hood of Paragraph Nine Working Committee. And referred to the Joint Political Committee, which was asked to plan for a possible multi-party talks, including a party conference of the ANC (labeled Mr Rooi, Mayor). The government, for its part, wanted to turn the ANC on this committee.

Chiding

By the end of October the government and ANC were back to talking to each other in the negotiations committee, both sides were now predicting an imminent start to preliminary talks about a constitutional forum.

A week later the Patti Front - an alliance of generic "anti-apartheid" groups - met in Durban. The National Party was excluded, despite a chiding demand by Mr De Klerk to one ANC member that he, too, should be allowed to attend as he was also anti-apartheid.

The government was at first suspicious of the Patti Front meeting, fearing it would disrupt the progress of constitutional talks. It need not have worried.

The ANC and the other main participants at the Patti, the Pan African Parliament, agreed, pro forma, to hold an elected constitutional assembly and an interim government. Furthermore, there was a rapid accord. On September 15, the first day of the assembly, the principle of full accountability on the part of the state and political parties for the actions of their servants or supporters was in order. In addition, it was agreed to adopt a constitution and to hold a new assembly.

The Patti front can at least draw some comfort from history. When the white representatives of the four major political parties met in 1948 in the Klerksdorp convention, the smaller parties also complained that they had been sidelined by inter-party dealing among the "Big Three". The result was a new party, the New Life Movement. Several other smaller parties, inspired by the National Party convention, the re-election of the governing ANC and the National Party, the inclusion in the assembly of all political parties, are being held over for codesa to debate in the coming months.

Incise

The same day, Mr Mandela's release, the ANC and the National Party, according to a spokesman, have decided to start drafting a new constitution. Mr Mandela will be a member of the assembly. The new constitution will be submitted to the new Assembly for approval.

The question now is whether the new constitution will be acceptable to the new Assembly. The ANC has already indicated that it will not accept an amended version of the new constitution. The National Party has already indicated that it will not accept a rejected version of the new constitution.
One man's scorn and another's blind spot

By KEN OWEN

CODESA came to life on the morning of December 7 with a bomb attack by ASCII on the Union Buildings. The attack was a direct challenge to the new government's commitment to peace and reconciliation. The ANC responded with a statement condemning the attack, but the government's official response was silent.

The ANC's statement stated that the attack was an act of terror that would not deter the ANC from continuing its struggle for freedom. The government's silence suggested that it was still unsure of how to respond to such attacks.

Paralysis

The attackRead more...
ANC probe nears end

By AYESHA ISMAIL

The African National Congress has confirmed that its own investigation into the arrests of ANC members in connection with the murder of ANC member, Mr Pro Jack, and the attempted murder of Mr Rose Neto, is nearing completion.

ANC spokesman Mr Willie Hofmeyr said, "good progress" had been made.

Mr Hofmeyr said the ANC expected "certain standards" of behaviour of its members and violent attacks against anybody were "totally unacceptable".

Police liaison officer, Captain Alfred Leitshcker, said that although suspects have appeared in court, police were still investigating.
What’s being debated and where the different

AN ambivalent relationship between the ANC and NP will dominate the proceedings of Codesa as the convention moves beyond procedural discussions to the real work of hammering out a new constitution.

On many of the issues to be negotiated, the ANC and the NP hold clearly differing views and it is here that the role of the smaller parties will become crucial.

Five working groups were appointed yesterday by Codesa to deal with a range of issues. They have been described as the “hearts” of Codeda and it is in these forums that political alliances will be formed around issues and tactics.

Here is a checklist of the main groups, the issues and the possible alliances.

The first working group will look at creating a climate for free political participation and the role of the international community.

The second working group, perhaps the most important, has been asked to explore a myriad of constitutional principles.

On many, such as a Bill of Rights, equality before the law, and proportional representation in elections, there is already broad agreement although, on the first, much of the fine print has still to be settled.

But two conflicting constitutional proposals have emerged. One is that South Africa should be a unitary state, the other that it should be a geographical federation or confederation.

The SA government can expect support for the federal option from the Democratic Party, the Labour Party, the National People’s Party and Inkatha. The ANC, which favours a unitary state with regional authorities that derive their power from the central government, will get the backing of the SAPC, NIC/TIC, Transkei and perhaps Inyandiza.

This working group will also decide on the crucial issue of a constitution-making body.

Mr de Klerk proposed on Friday that Codeda negotiate an interim constitution which, after approval by a referendum in which votes would be counted on a racial basis, would be put to parliament for approval. Thereafter an interim government would be elected which would both govern and serve as a negotiating forum for a final constitution.

The ANC proposes that Codeda work out only broad constitutional principles and that a constituent assembly be elected to fill in the details.

The Democratic Party has a proposal that fits somewhere between the two. It proposes that a constitutional conference be elected on the basis of one man, one vote with a one-percent cut off. Both the majority party in the conference and the minority party in parliament would have veto rights.

On this issue the ANC can expect the support of the SAPC, NIC/TIC, Transkei, Inyandiza, the Inkatha Freedom Party, the Ximiko Progressive Party, the Venda Military Council and the Labour Party.

Inkatha, the Ciskei government, the National People’s Party, Solidarity and the Dikwankweta Party oppose or appear to oppose the idea of an elected constituent assembly.

The third working group will deal with transitional arrangements/interim government. Here the ANC and the NP are far apart.

The ANC proposes that Codeda set up a sovereign interim government of national unity to oversee the holding of constituent assembly elections.

In terms of Mr de Klerk’s proposal, an interim government would be elected after Codeda has worked out an interim constitution. According to Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen, the interim constitution and government could be in place for 10 years or more.

On this issue the DP has proposed a Transitory Government of National Reconciliation headed by a council of leaders appointed by Codeda. The state president would exercise executive functions on the advice of the council.

The breakdown of support of the ANC on this question is much the same as that on the constitution-making forum.

The fourth working group will debate the future of the homelands.

Here all parties, with the exception of the Bophuthatswana government, agree on reincorporation. But Codeda has decided that if a party is materially affected by a decision with which it does not agree, it shall be deemed that there is not sufficient consensus. Heated debate on this can be expected.

The fifth working group will talk about time frames.

The National Party wants the negotiating process to proceed swiftly until an interim government is in place, followed by a long period before a final constitution is decided. The ANC wants Codeda to finish its work by the middle of this year and constituent assembly elections to be held within 18 months.

The other parties have not clearly spelled out their views on this issue but most would favour a shorter rather than an extended negotiating period.

With such differing viewpoints on so many issues, it is difficult to see how any resolution can be speedily achieved. It becomes doubly difficult to envisage when one considers that both the NP and ANC have effective veto rights.
The rocky road ahead

THE rocky road process of the new South Africa started at Codesa on Saturday, but when it will end is blurred by growing conflict between the Government and the African National Congress.

According to National Party sources, the Government wants an interim (transition) phase for as long as 10 years while the ANC wants a transition period of no longer than 18 months.

With the determination of the actual time frame for the transformation has been delegated to one of the working groups of Codesa, the issue is threatening to drive a wedge between the ANC and the Government.

Interim government

At the end of the weekend's convention, State President FW de Klerk refused to be drawn into discussing the National Party's proposals - which contain a blueprint for a 10-year interim government.

In his reaction to the NP's plan, ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela, without committing himself in any way said: "We are ready to consider the proposals which the Government says it is almost powerless to present concerning these matters".

But other senior ANC leaders have repeatedly stated that any drawn out interim period is "totally unacceptable." Some going as far as calling the NP plan a "trap".

De Klerk did, however, touch base with the ANC on the issue of Codesa reaching a swill end to its business when he suggested that an interim government of national unity should replace the present parliament.

"We are convinced that it is in the interest of South Africa and all its people for us to institute expeditiously, as a first phase, a government that is broadly representative of the whole population," De Klerk said.

Reconciliation

He spoke at the end of the first day of deliberations of Codesa where South Africa's immediate political horizon was re-arranged to make way for national reconciliation.

Codesa established confidence and its participants adopted a declaration of intent which propelled the country into a transition period and which finally brought truth to the notion that the process of change in South Africa was irreversible.

Five working groups were established to deal with the stated aims and objectives of Codesa. The working groups will deal with the creation of a climate for free political activity, constitution, national principles in a new dispensation including a Bill of Rights, a transitional authority or interim government, the future of the homelands, and the time frames for the implementation and execution of the decisions of Codesa.

Codesa will not automatically be granted legal force, but its decisions will go to a committee that will draft legislation that will be placed before Parliament.

If the legislation is accepted at (Codesa) committee level - where all the parliamentary parties will be represented except the Conservative Party - it is unlikely that it will not become law.

The five working groups that were established at Codesa will meet again soon after the opening of Parliament, when De Klerk is expected to announce his party's proposals for an interim government.
We, the duly authorised representatives of political parties, political organisations, administrations and the South African Government, coming together at this first meeting of the Convention for a Democratic South Africa, mindful of the awesome responsibility that rests on us at this moment in the history of our country, declare our solemn commitment.

1. To bring about an undivided South Africa with one nation sharing a common citizenship, patriotism and loyalty, pursuing amidst our diversity, freedom, equality and security for all irrespective of race, colour, sex or creed, a country free from apartheid or any other form of discrimination or domination.

2. To work to heal the divisions of the past, to secure the advancement of all and to establish a free and open society based on democratic values where dignity, worth of rights of every South African are protected by the law.

3. To strive to improve the quality of life of our people through the policies that will promote economic growth and human development and ensure equal opportunities and social justice for all South Africans.

4. To create a climate conducive to peaceful constitutional change by eliminating violence, intimidation and destabilization and by promoting free political participation, discussion and debate.

5. To set in motion the process of drawing up and establishing a constitution that will ensure inter alia that South Africa will be a united democratic, non-racial and non-sexist state in which sovereign authority is exercised over the whole of its territory.

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1. That the present and future participants shall be entitled to put forward freely to the convention any proposal consistent with democracy.

2. That Codesa shall establish a mechanism whose task it will be to consult with administrations and the South African Government, to draft the text of all legislation required to give effect to the agreements reached in Codesa.

3. That Codesa negotiate an interim constitution which, after approval by a referendum in which there will be participation on a non-racial basis, would be put to Parliament.

The fourth working group's task, that of determining the role of the homelands, face the wrath of Bophuthatswana's Chief Lucas Mangope. While all the other homeland leaders have either implicitly or explicitly accepted re-incorporation, Mangope is obdurately clinging to his position.
Codesa spells end to revolutionary struggle

WITH the advent of the Convention for a Democratic South Africa political reform appears to have replaced the revolutionary struggle in the country.

The directives taken at the World Trade Centre at the weekend will now put a question mark against the continued relevance of the revolutionary liberation movement, as represented by the African National Congress, Pan Africanist Congress and the Azanian Peoples Organisation.

Where does each of the three stand at this juncture?

The ANC was the first to engage the South African Government in negotiations.

Its president, Mr Nelson Mandela, said on Friday the black majority had forced the "regime" to go to the table.

He hinted that Codesa was a culmination of a negotiation process dating back to 1986 when he was still in prison. The first government representative he spoke to was Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee.

However, authority has it that Codesa is actually a climax of a process initiated by the regime itself. The Broederbond, the secret power behind the Afrikaner throne, proposed in 1986 that there should be a black president and that liberation movements, ostensibly the ANC, should be engaged in negotiations.

However, to the ANC the "struggle" has taken a new dimension, that of setting up the mechanisms for a new government and constitution. According to the ANC, Codesa is a victory for the "people".

The movement also views President PW de Klerk's acceptance of the notion of an interim government as a capitulation.

The PAC, on the other hand, has pulled out of the process and begun a campaign it calls "Death to Codesa".

The organisation is supported by the ANC and PAC over the PF in January.

The PAC leadership has stated that its decision to pull out of the talks was not reversible.

PAC deputy president Dikgang Msaneke told journalists last week, after meeting Commonwealth observers, that negotiations were still "irreversible.

But the organisation needs assurances that it will not be co-opted into a conspiracy, allegedly between the ANC and the Government to jointly run the country.

Political commentators think the PAC's stance is temporary and that it will eventually join the convention (Codesa Two is being planned for March next year).

The mood at the convention was that the PAC should not be left out of any decision-making mechanism on South Africa's future. The ANC, the Government and the international community - UN and the OAU - say so.

It is thus a matter of time before the PAC joins Codesa.

This leaves Azapo alone, steadfastly maintaining a revolutionary posture.

Kicked out

Azapo was "kicked out" of the PF convening committee when it objected to the participation of organisations and parties "created by the Government.

The organisation has also ruled out negotiations with the Government and also advocates what it calls a "front of patriots and of organisations of the oppressed".

Whether Azapo will succeed in going it alone or harnessing support on its side will determine the future of revolutionary struggle in South Africa.
Black businessmen laud Codesa moves

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

BLACK business has welcomed the launch of the Convention for a Democratic South Africa as an important milestone that might bring socio-political and economic development in the country.

They expressed hope that the parties which either pulled out or refused to participate in Codesa will change their minds and join in the political transformation taking place in South Africa.

The National African Federated Chamber of Commerce and Industries, the Foundation of African Business and Consumer Services and the Soweto Independent Shopkeepers Association, also condemned the violence.

Nafecoe vice-president Mr Joe Hlongwane said Codesa was a good move towards liberation from the shackles of oppression provided black leaders avoided being co-opted by the Government.

It was unfortunate that some of the black organisations were not present at the signing of the historic agreement.

He said black business should be invited to make a contribution because "political power without economic muscle will be useless in the post-apartheid South Africa."

He did not believe that sanctions against South Africa would be lifted immediately but said he expected they would slowly go away in the aftermath of Codesa.

Nafecoe was concerned about the majority of black people who were poor and disadvantaged as a result of apartheid and wanted to see them economically empowered.
Long Overdue, but What a Fight

Political Editor Shaun Johnson on the psychology of the Mandal/De Ker battle
Weighty issues on cards for Codessa 2

By Peter Graham

The latest Codessa 2, the successor to the Codessa, is expected to revolutionize the printing industry. With its advanced features and capabilities, it promises to meet the demands of modern printing needs.

Design
The Codessa 2 comes with a sleek and modern design, ensuring it stands out in any printing environment. Its compact size allows for easy integration into existing workflows, while its intuitive interface makes it user-friendly for operators of all skill levels.

Innovation
One of the key innovations of the Codessa 2 is its ability to handle a wide range of materials, from traditional paper to more futuristic substrates. This versatility makes it ideal for a variety of printing applications, from commercial printing to graphic arts.

Efficiency
The Codessa 2 is designed to maximize efficiency, reducing waste and improving overall productivity. Its energy-efficient design also contributes to a smaller environmental footprint, making it an excellent choice for businesses looking to reduce their carbon footprint.

Conclusion
The Codessa 2 represents the future of printing technology. With its advanced capabilities and innovative design, it is poised to lead the industry forward, offering businesses a competitive edge in the world of printing.
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Daphne Mashile... of 19 political organisations at Codessa, not one gave their women a significant role to play.

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New govt ‘by 1993’

By Peter Fabricius
Political Correspondent

South Africa could get its first, fully representative, non-racial government by 1993 or even sooner with F.W. de Klerk, Nelson Mandela and other black leaders as co-presidents.

This may be the effect of President de Klerk’s forthcoming announcements on the government’s new policy on the interim government.

He declared at the Commonwealth Meeting at Harare that his government was ready and eager to install an interim government for negotiations with the opposition and a new, elected Parliament, representing all sections of the population.

Apart from running the country, the new government would draft a new constitution – in effect making it a constituent assembly.

Mr. de Klerk’s proposals would thus go a giant stride closer to that of the ANC. Government sources say that Mr. de Klerk will present not a detailed plan for an interim government but a general outline at the opening of Parliament on January 24.

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It will then go to one of Cabinet’s meetings on February 8. This group will report to Codres’s security sub-committee scheduled to take place before the end of March.

Theoretically a final agreement with the opposition could be reached then, but sources close to Codres believe this is more likely to be an interim meeting to report progress.

But these sources believe this agreement should be reached later next year.

In the government view, a referendum would then have to be held to win approval for the constitution from the different population groups (whose votes will be counted according to population).

If approved, the interim constitution could be adopted and a government formed during the 1995 parliamentary session – although the second half of Parliament could be held during the second half of 1995 if agreement were reached soon enough.

Elections for South Africa’s first new fully representative Parliament would then be held – and a government installed.

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Mr. Mandela said in a statement on Saturday that the ANC welcomed the fact that the government had acknowledged the legitimacy of various aspects of ANC policy.

These included the demand that the NP should not be relieved of responsibility for the interim government. The ANC would be established after that, and the present constitution and the tricameral Parliament had no legitimacy.

Another looming obstacle is the Government’s growing insistence that the ANC abandon its armed struggle.
Celebrate Christmas with dignity

THE Azanian Peoples Organisation has called on black people to celebrate Christmas with dignity by focusing on the liberatory role of Christ.

In his Christmas message, Azapo president Mr. Pandelani Nefolovhodwe reminded black people that Christ was born to liberate the oppressed and exploitated "and not to enrich the capitalists."

"As we enter the Christmas period, we should remember that the regime and the capitalists have turned the birth of Christ into a profit-making ceremony.

"Azapo's 'black' Christmas call is meant to restore the dignity of Christ's birth to its original purpose, and it is not meant to debar the oppressed from celebrations of the birth of the Son of Man," Nefolovhodwe said.

He added that 1991 had ushered in "talks about talks that have not brought anything substantive for the poor. Some exiles have returned only to find the oppressive regime still intact. Political prisoners have been released only to be subjected to violent killings and harassment."

Nefolovhodwe further called on black people to remain vigilant in the wake of President FW de Klerk's "so-called reform process."
Mandela was right - callers

This is the last Sowetan/Radio Metro Talkback Show this year. Keep watching Sowetan for details about next year's arrangements.

CALLERS to the Sowetan/Radio Metro Talkback Show yesterday expressed optimism about the first round of the Convention for a Democratic South Africa. In addition, they said Mr Nelson Mandela's attack on President FW de Klerk was correct because "he had asked for it".

However, two callers attacked the ANC for participating in the convention and described its move as "capitulation of a liberation movement".

The guest speaker on the show, Mr Moeteta Mbeki, Cosatu's head of communications, said Codesa I was a "step forward in that it brought all major players into discussing the creation of a peaceful democratic South Africa".

He regretted that other political players such as the PAC, Azapo and the Conservative Party were absent. He added "There is still room for them to rejoin Codesa and it will be in their interest to do so".

On the heated exchange of words between Mandela and De Klerk, Mbeki said Mandela's speech did definitely unsettle the National Party and the Government.

"Mandela's performance was commendable. De Klerk was wrong to bring some of the issues which pertain to the ANC and the Government to the convention. He tried to pressurise the ANC and he got what he deserved."

But Joseph of Sebokeng said the whole exercise was a blow to the oppressed majority. He said De Klerk had succeeded 80 percent into co-opting Mandela. What now remained for him to obtain 100 percent was to get the Umkhonto We Sizwe and the PAC...
SOUTH Africa could get its first fully-representative, non-racial government by 1993 or even sooner - with Mr Nelson Mandela, Mr FW de Klerk and other black leaders as co-presidents.

This may be the effect of President de Klerk's far-reaching announcements on the Government's new interim government policy at the weekend Convention for a Democratic South Africa.

He disclosed that the Government would draft a final constitution before installing an interim Parliament and a new, elected Parliament, representative of the whole population.

Apart from running the country, the new government would draft a final constitution-making a constituent assembly.

De Klerk's proposal takes the Government's position a giant stride closer to that of the ANC.

Government sources say De Klerk plans to present a detailed plan for an interim constitution to Parliament on January 1.

It will then go to one of Codesa's working groups on February 6. This group will report to Codesa's second plenary meeting, scheduled to take place before the end of March.

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If approved, the interim constitution could be submitted and passed during the 1993 parliamentary session - although a special interim Parliament could be held during the second half of 1992 if agreement is reached soon enough.

Elections for South Africa's first non-racial fully-representative Parliament would then be held - and a government installed.

Although De Klerk has declined to divulge much detail, he said a Codesa Press conference that he didn't intend merely adding a fourth black chamber to the tricameral Parliament, as some ANC officials suspected.

Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen said at the weekend that the NP envisaged an interim government would be based on the NP's proposals for a permanent constitution.

Its main features are a joint presidency of three to five leaders of the biggest parties and two equally-powerful legislative houses with strong protection for minorities.

De Klerk's major concessions to the opposition demands for a sovereign interim government and an elected constitution-drafting body, have dramatically improved the prospects for successful negotiations at Codesa.

Gerrit Viljoen
Negotiations have begun

THE era of real negotiations has begun with the successful completion at the weekend of Codesa 1

After 17 of the 19 groups in the convention signed a Declaration of Intent embodying broad constitutional principles for a post-apartheid South Africa, Codesa set itself a timetable for dealing with critical issues of the transitional period.

Nominations for the five working groups are to be finalized by January 10 and they will meet for the first time on January 20 to elect chairmen and to work out a programme as required.

The first working sessions of these groups will be on February 6. Codesa’s management committee meets on January 13 to elect a chairman.

Codesa 2 is to take place not later than the end of March where it is expected that the working groups will report back on progress rather than on final agreements.

The working groups are to thrash out consensus on transitional arrangements, on a constitution-making body or process, the creation of a climate for free political activity, constitutional principles, the future of the TBVC states and the time scales for implementing decisions.

At the first meeting of Codesa this weekend all organisations and governments except Inkatha Freedom Party and Bophuthatswana signed the declaration.

All parties reached consensus on agenda for the working groups.

Participants hailed the first meeting as a success. ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela said “We firmly believe that from what we have achieved to date we can have a new constitution in place by Christmas 1992.”

President FW de Klerk said Codesa 1 had attained “wonders” in two days.

SACP general secretary and Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Mr Chris Hani said Codesa’s success was “beyond our expectations” and had ushered the country into a new era of politics.

De Klerk said the Government was ready to negotiate an elected interim government and a fully representative Parliament.

The Government would be ready to table its proposals at the working groups’ first meeting.

But the proposal would have to be supported by a majority in each group.

If accepted, Parliament would have to approve the new constitution and then an election would be held among the whole population for a new Parliament.

An interim government would be formed which would draft a new constitution.

NELSON MANDELA

Sowetan Correspondent

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Keep out Mangope - Metsing

PRESSURE continues to mount on Bophuthatswana leader Chief Lucas Mangope's bona fide at the Convention For a Democratic South Africa.

Yesterday leader of the territory's banned People's Progressive Party and ANC executive member Mr Rocky Malebane-Metsing, said his party and others in the homeland were pressing for Codesa to exclude Mangope from future talks.

"We demand that the people in that part of South Africa be represented at Codesa by their rightful leaders," Malebane-Metsing said.

He said he would use his influence in the ANC to pressure Codesa to replace Mangope's administration with the PPP, which he said would sign the "Declaration of Intent" which the homeland delegation refused to sign.

Declaration

"Mangope rather refused to sign the declaration solely on his behalf," Malebane-Metsing said.

He said the latter was the reason why Mangope kept on referring to "I" when answering questions at a news briefing at the weekend.
CODESA I is over. Now that President F W de Klerk and ANC president Nelson Mandela have papered over the cracks after their angry exchange on Friday night, the parties can get down to the real hard work of negotiating their proposals for an interim government, a constitution-making body and a final constitution.

De Klerk, whose presidency has been characterised by playing his cards close to his chest, pulled an ace from his sleeve at the week-end determined to regain the initiative, he pre-empted two central ANC demands — a sovereign interim government and a constituent assembly.

He announced that government would propose a sovereign elected interim government based on universal adult suffrage. This government would be charged with drafting a new constitution. The two-in-one proposal, to be tabled at a Codesa working group in January, means De Klerk has in some way bridged an important chasm between his government and the ANC.

He might have taken a gamble that could lose him the whole game.

Government has consistently rejected the notion of a sovereign interim government and an elected constituent assembly, claiming this was unnecessary, costly and made negotiation more intractable.

The major argument of De Klerk and the NP has been that holding elections during the negotiating process would result in political parties and organisations hardening their positions, making compromises even more difficult to achieve during negotiations.

He has now firmly placed both items on the agenda and will be bound, in accordance with the commitment signed in the declaration of intent, to negotiate in good faith and abide by Codesa decisions.

De Klerk did not give many details of his proposal, but from the outline he disclosed it is possible to piece together a six-stage plan:

1. The proposal for an interim constitution, based closely on NP constitutional proposals unveiled earlier this year, is put before working group 3 of Codesa for negotiation.
2. The proposal, with or without amendments, must be agreed by Codesa itself, which then drafts the question to be put to the electorate. The question could also be drafted in such a way that it mandates the interim government to finalise and accept the final constitution. The process to get to this stage could be wound up within the first six months of next year.
3. A referendum, taking another three months, polls all races but is conducted in such a way that the participants in the tricameral Parliament can be assessed separately.
4. Should a majority of whites reject the plan, De Klerk and the NP go back to Codesa to renegotiate and steps 1 to 3 are repeated. If whites approve the constitutional proposal, the tricameral Parliament is asked to pass it into law as a new interim constitution.

This is in keeping with the undertaking that Codesa decisions will be given the force of law and could be completed by early 1993.

After this, an election based on one man, one vote in terms of the new interim constitution is conducted to set up an interim Parliament and government.

The new interim government is convened as soon as possible to elect a new president (or collective presidency) of the leaders of the three largest parties represented in Parliament and Cabinet. The new Parliament starts governing the country and drafting a final constitution for the new SA.

The interim government proposed by De Klerk could be in place by the second half of 1993.

De Klerk does not want any time limit placed on the lifespan of the interim government, preferring to leave it open-ended so that a new constitution can be drafted at leisure.

Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen says that to justify the radical changes the interim government should remain in place for at least five years, but possibly 10.

The ANC opposes such a long lifespan of the interim government, wanting a final constitution by Christmas 1992.

If the ANC wins the day at Codesa, it will seek to have a limit placed on the duration of an interim government. But it also manages to change De Klerk's plan so drastically that government is forced to comply with what the ANC wants.

The ANC will also not allow a minority white veto right. If De Klerk loses the white referendum, the ANC believes this is his problem, not its.

It also objects to the idea of a white veto overriding Codesa decisions.

The risks to De Klerk are enormous, but if he wins, he gives the NP a much longer hold on power than would be the case under the ANC proposals.
Labour Party to report back on Codesa

INKATHA Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and Mr Thabo Mbeki, the African National Congress secretary of foreign affairs, will speak at the 26th congress of the Labour Party in Durban.

Labour Party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse will deliver the keynote speech at the opening of the congress this evening. Buthelezi and Mbeki will speak tomorrow.

The Labour Party also invited the Pan Africanist Congress to address them but the PAC has not yet replied.

Proceedings at the congress will be dominated by last week's Convention for a Democratic South Africa. The Labour Party's representatives at Codesa will report back on the event.

Delegates will discuss their proposals for an interim government and a constitutional assembly and the Labour Party's role in the Patriotic Front.

In keeping with the recent defections from the Labour Party to the National Party, Hendrickse has to look for a new national chairman following the resignation of Dr Willie Hood.

Party sources said the vice-national chairman Mr Chris April was likely to be elected to the post.

Mr Tommy Abrahams, the Wentworth Member of the House of Representatives and Minister of Education and Culture in the HoR, was among the possible candidates to become vice-chairman, party sources said.

The party will hold a national executive meeting tomorrow before the congress begins - Sowetan Correspondent.
Female fury

SOWETAN Correspondent

WOMEN have strongly backed the call by former MP Helen Suzman at Codesa at the weekend for a greater role to be given to members of their sex to prevent accusations of gender discrimination.

Sheena Duncan, Black Sash national executive member and vice-president of the National Council of Churches, labelled as "disgraceful" the fact that only five percent of the 228 delegates to Codesa at the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park were females.

"This is particularly bizarre in view of resolutions about a future non-racist, non-sexist democracy in South Africa," said Duncan.

Women are the backbone of most political parties, doing most of the constituency work as well, and can expect to be seen up-front when it comes to decision-making.

"The truth is that women are simply not taken seriously when it comes to power in our patriarchal society which has been fashioned by men," she said.

She warned all political groups seeking support from the electorate that females comprised more than 50 percent of the electorate who would take a long, hard look at the status of their sex when it came to casting a vote.

Martin, a member of the ANC Soweto Crisis Committee, said out of the 19 political organisations represented in Codesa even a single one gave their women a significant role to play.

Sidelined

"All the speeches were read by men while the few women who were there were accorded observer status. Women work hard at grassroots levels and are being sidelined for leadership positions," she said.

Masutha warned that if women did not get involved in the political decisions being made now, other people would decide their fate in future.

The Government should not make the trend to get more women into leadership positions and all extra-parliamentary organisations should follow suit, she said.

However, publisher of Who's Who in Southern Africa, Lise Esberberger, believed the reason why women got involved in middle-management positions, but never went on to leadership positions, was that they were not assertive enough.

Culture

She said only 20 percent of the 7,000 biographers in Who's Who were women and the publisher had had to push hard to get some of them into the book.

"There is still a problem for women to assert themselves - perhaps it has to do with our culture. If we compare ourselves to European and American counterparts, we are far behind.

"But I agree that women have an important role to play and they should be given an opportunity to get involved in any future discussions on the constitution of the country," Ms Esberberger said.

Moran Waitok, actress and chief executive of Drive Alive claimed: "We are three generations behind the world when it comes to women's equality. South Africans tend to display third world symptoms where women are not considered as important people.

"If South Africans want to continue as a first world country with a new dispensation, everybody must realise that women must have an equal say - if they qualify to do this," she said.
Home care call for people with AIDS

SPouses, children and other immediate relatives of AIDS victims will need to be trained to take care of the sufferers in their own homes, because hospitals will be unable to cope, says AIDS expert Prof Ruben Sher. 82/113 27/12/11

Sher estimated that more than 200 000 South Africans were already HIV positive. 'There is no way we will be able to hospitalise all these people, and the number of cases doubles every 10 or 11 months. Some form of home care is the only answer.'

The latest independently published AIDS Bulletin and Information Update reports that in the US the average life-time cost of treating an AIDS patient is about R250 000. The annual cost of treating HIV positive people prior to their developing full-blown AIDS is about R14 500.

Sher said in SA treatment costs tend to be lower, depending on the amount of prophylactic medicines used to suppress symptoms.

The most widely used drug, AZT, sells for about R4 a tablet in SA. Dosage varies between three and five tablets a day, driving costs beyond the reach of all but the most affluent.

Sanctions on the agenda of Labour Party's congress

THE annual Labour Party congress, which starts in Durban today, would renew its call for the lifting of sanctions and the dismantling of the tri-cameral system, party leader the Rev Alan Hendrickse said yesterday.

About 100 delegates would attend the congress, which Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi and ANC international affairs director Thabo Mbeki were expected to address tomorrow.

Hendrickse said the congress theme, "forward together", emphasised Labour's need to establish an independent identity in changing political circumstances and its policy of co-operation with other parties.

Resign

Congress delegates would elect a new chairperson, secretary and treasurer, as these portfolio holders had defected to the NP.

Hendrickse said all the MPs who had defected to the NP had been sent letters demanding that they resign their seats and fight elections. However, no response had been received.

Labour almost lost control of the House of Representatives in June this year. It survived a no-confidence motion by three votes after a mass exodus of MPs to the NP.

There are currently 43 Labour MPs and 38 NP MPs in the House.

The party suffered another blow when its national chairman, Willie Hood, resigned last month in protest against Labour's association with the Patriotic Front.

"We have always said that it was immoral for the NP to accept these people who were elected on a Labour ticket, but so far none of them have resigned."

Despite having lost many of its leading figures, Labour's support had remained intact, Hendrickse said. "The hot pollies are still with us," he said.

Delegates would be briefed on the recent Cosasa convention and would be called on to ratify decisions taken at it.

Hendrickse said Labour would reaffirm its call for the lifting of sanctions.

It was the right time to call for the lifting of sanctions as SA was on the road to democracy, he said.

Although Labour felt Parliament should continue, it wanted the separate administrations, including the tri-cameral Parliament, dismantled. Now "there is no sense in waiting."

Hendrickse, who is unlikely to be opposed as party leader, said current party chairman Mylne Richards and acting treasurer Duggie Josephs were likely to be returned unopposed.

There was doubt about whether Chris April would stand for the post of deputy chairman, but if he did he was also likely to be unopposed, Hendrickse said.
PAC linked to killings

The PAC refuses to distance itself from the killings brought to its attention by its military wing, according to PAC officials. The PAC’s military wing, led by Andy Alexander, a former secret society leader, claimed responsibility for the killings.

In the past three months, four PAC soldiers were killed by the security forces. Aloha, a prominent member of the PAC, was killed in a shootout with the military. The PAC has also claimed responsibility for the murders of five other pacificers during the past three months. Aloha has become the national leader of the PAC.

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PAC won’t slam killings

Own Correspondent
Johannesburg. — The PAC refuses to distance itself from the killing of policemen carried out by its military wing, says PAC general-secretary Mr Benny Alexander.

The Azanian People’s Liberation Army (Apla), the official military wing of the PAC, claimed responsibility for the killing of a Soweto policeman in an ambush earlier this week. Apla has also claimed responsibility for the murders of five other policemen during the past three months.

Reacting to this week’s killing, Mr Alexander said: “I do not seek to distance myself from the killings, nor can I at this stage confirm that those involved are involved with the PAC; that is the job of Apla.”

Asked if he condoned the killing of policemen, Mr Alexander said he needed to know the exact circumstances before commenting. “At the moment, I can neither condemn nor condone it (the killing). I can confirm that Apla is the official military wing of the PAC, and we are affiliated in that way.”

He likened the relationship between the PAC and Apla to that between the outlawed paramilitary Irish Republican Army and its legal political wing, Sinn Fein, in Ireland.
PAC will ‘continue fight’

**Weekend Argus Political Staff**

The Pan Africanist Congress has threatened to continue “all forms of struggle” until a constituent assembly has been elected and charged with the duty of creating a new constitution for “a free Azania.”

The warning, by PAC President Clarence Makwetu, came just days after the murder in an ambush of a young policeman in Soweto and a subsequent claim that the killing was carried out by the armed wing of the organisation.

Yesterday, the government launched a strong attack on the PAC and its general secretary Mr Benny Alexander for failing to condemn the murder.

Constable M Z Macheto, 26, was shot dead by an occupant of a car at a service station in Soweto on Monday night, and his colleague wounded.

After the attack, a man claiming to represent the military wing — the Azanian People’s Liberation Army (Apla) — phoned a news agency to claim responsibility for the killing.

The PAC’s refusal to distance itself from the killing would be viewed “with disgust” by all law-abiding South Africans, said a statement issued by Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze yesterday.

The Minister, Mr Hernus Kriel, was reacting to a report which quoted Mr Alexander as saying he would neither condemn nor condone killings claimed by the Azanian People’s Liberation Army.

Mr Kriel said: “Murder remains murder, and the PAC’s view illustrates clearly that the politics of armed struggle are morally bankrupt and offer no solution to South Africa’s problems.”

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Mr Alexander would only confirm that Apla was the military wing of the PAC and that the two bodies were affiliated. He said Apla was based in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, while PAC headquarters were in Johannesburg.

He likened the relationship between the PAC and Apla to that of the IRA and its political wing Sinn Fein in Northern Ireland.

Apla have claimed responsibility for the murders of five other policemen during the past three months.

In his “festival season message” Mr Makwetu said Africans should strive for a “genuine process directed at a true democracy capable of advancing the quest for liberation.”

He said the PAC was not prepared to be locked in a process such as Codesa (Convention for a Democratic South Africa) which could not deliver a democratically-elected constituent assembly.
THE PAC would maintain "all forms of struggle" until a constituent assembly had been elected and charged with creating a new constitution for "a free Azania", Pan Africanist Congress president Clarence Makwetu said last night.

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Mandela's hopes for new year

A DEMOCRATIC constitution was one of the goals that should be set for 1992, ANC president Nelson Mandela said in a new year message released exclusively to the Sunday Times.

"No one in South Africa can be truly free as long as the racist constitutional order remains in place — a democratic constitution is one of the goals we must set for this year," he said.

"The new year could be one when our country takes this giant step necessary to win international acceptance — for the sake of our country and ourselves, we dare not fail.

"Let us begin this new year not as separate and distinct racial and ethnic language groups but as South Africans, ready and willing to work jointly.

"Let us seize this opportunity to make a new beginning by creatively harnessing what is best in our past to build for the future," he said.

Mr Mandela appealed to all South Africans to put every effort into making the National Peace Accord work.

He said: "We should mark this new year not in a spirit of self-congratulation but rather as an occasion for sober and calm reflection on the path our country has traversed, and to take stock of the tasks that lie ahead.

"We can all justly take pride in the success of the first meeting of Co-desa, which brought together the overwhelming majority of political parties, organisations and formations in our country.

The tragedy of South Africa is that Co-desa comes after 80 years of costly struggles by the majority of South Africans.

"After the numerous missed opportunities in the past eight decades it represents a promising window of opportunity for all South Africans to collectively map out the future of our country," he said.

Prisoners

Referring to the violence of the past few years, Mr Mandela said: "There is little merit today in attempting to determine who fired the first shot.

"But it is abundantly clear that no one — other than those who wish to preserve the apartheid order — benefits from the continuation of this bloodletting."

Mr Mandela welcomed home political prisoners, for many of whom this year would be the first spent outside prison.

But he added that the remaining political prisoners were "a slight that must continuously spur us to ever greater efforts to secure their unconditional release."
Hani to visit Umkhonto bases

UMKHONTO will visit the ANC’s military training camps in Uganda and Tanzania next week to discuss Umkhonto’s future in those states.

The visit will be the first step in the process of eventually disbanding the camps when an interim government comes into being in SA.

However, Hani has warned that the ANC is not prepared to consider joint ANC-government control of Umkhonto weapons caches.

Hani said yesterday he would meet government officials in Uganda and Tanzania to investigate upgrading the camps from guerrilla to conventional training bases.

Hani to return men and military material to SA,” Hani said. Although Hani would not say how many Umkhonto cadres remained in other African states, the number has been estimated at 10,000.

In terms of an agreement the ANC has reached with government, the ANC has suspended its armed struggle and undertaken not to set up additional underground structures in the country. Existing underground structures remain in place as the ANC has not agreed to disband these. It has also agreed not to conduct military training in SA, although training outside the country is continuing.

Hani yet again dismissed government’s long-standing proposal to allow joint government-ANC-Umkhonto control of Umkhonto weapons caches. He said Umkhonto had to be incorporated into a new defence force when an interim government was installed.

Referring to the Codesa clash between ANC president Nelson Mandela and President F W de Klerk, Hani said De Klerk’s insistence on the ANC permanently abandoning the armed struggle was premature. He said Umkhonto retained its military capacity but hoped not to have to use it again.

He was also in the process of arranging the return of military personnel — among them air force pilots and officers — from the former Soviet Union.

He said the Ugandan and Tanzanian camps might be disbanded when an interim government — the ANC’s priority political demand — was installed in SA.

"I will be looking at the situation of training and morale in the camps and will be discussing with those governments the upgrading of the camps," he said.

"They will be disbanded one day and we will have to start looking at arrangements..."
ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela yesterday appealed to all South Africans to put peace and democracy first.

In his New Year message, Mandela said for 1992 to be a truly happy and prosperous year, all the people of South Africa had to “spare no effort to make the Peace Accord work and to bring peace into our lives”.

Azapo president Mr Pendelini Nefolovhodwe, in a grim message to Sapu yesterday, said the West was bent on destroying the mind of black South Africans, and added that the present process of political redevelopment in the country was lamentable.

The PAC also used the New Year to attack political developments in the country, repeating its belief that Codesa was a tragic plot to “frustrate the legitimate goals of the liberation struggle”.

“In 1992 we shall maintain all forms of struggle until a democratically elected constituent assembly has been elected and charged with the duty to create a new constitution for a free Azania,” the PAC said in its presidential New Year message.

Slavery

From Harare, the self-exiled Black Consciousness Movement of Azania said in its New Year message that it would launch a new “struggle” to liberate the people of South Africa from what he called economic slavery.

“As 1992 dawns, let us sharpen our wits and resolve to engage the racist regime in active struggle,” Mr Mosabudh Mangena, the BCM's chairman said.

Lebowa’s Chief Minister Mr Nelson Ramodike told Sapu that the National Party sought to secure power for itself through creating a regional dispensation.

In his New Year message, Ramodike said “It is rather interesting that now that the National Party sees chances of losing power it now suddenly tries to demonstrate the need to devolve it to regional governments in a federal type of dispensation.”

While Mandela’s New Year message was more hopeful than that of other political leaders, the ANC president encouraged guarded optimism only abundantly clear that none other than those who wish to preserve the apartheid order - benefits from the continuation of this bloodletting.

“I appeal to all the leaders of our people, to spare no effort to make the Peace Accord work and bring peace to our lives.

“For the sake of our children, for the future of our country, and to ensure that the democratic order so many have sacrificed so much to achieve is not stillborn, the killing must stop now. Not another life should be lost in this futile violence,” Mandela said.

He also paid tribute to the more than 400 political prisoners who were still in jail across the country.
ANC president Nelson Mandela said yesterday he was confident SA could have both an interim government and a new constitution in the coming year.

Delivering his New Year address at ANC headquarters, Mandela said differences between the ANC and government did not appear insurmountable.

"The principle of one person, one vote on a common voters roll is accepted by everybody." A new constitution in 1992 is a realistic expectation. By the end of 1992 we should have been able to overcome all our differences. An interim government is possible in less than 12 months," he said.

Mandela went out of his way to address white fears in a future SA, saying it was his personal view the ANC should make a gesture to whites to assure them they had nothing to fear from a democratic SA.

"In order to build nonracialism we have to address their fears and ensure that in any new dispensation they are properly represented," Mandela said.

Looking back over the past year, he said South Africans could feel pride at the first CoB document, he said, "represents a promising window of opportunity for all South Africans to map out the future of our country together."

He appealed to all sectors of society to make the peace accord work and said not one more life should be lost in political violence.

He said the process of fundamental change had enabled the ANC to embark on the phased lifting of sanctions, starting with people-to-people sanctions.

"The establishment of a democratic constitution would allow for all remaining sanctions, including financial sanctions, to be lifted and enable us to take our place with pride in the international community."

Investors are keenly interested in progress we make. If we accomplish these goals, the world will open to us," he said.

"The year 1992 can be the year in which our country takes this giant step which is necessary to realise our goal of democracy and win international acceptance.

"Let us begin this new year by resolving not to perpetuate distinct racial, ethnic and language groups, which are the legacy of apartheid, but to set as fellow South Africans, ready and willing to work together. Let us seize this opportunity to make a new beginning by creatively harnessing what is best in our past to build for the future."
Mandela pleads for peace and reconciliation in 1992

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ANC president Nelson Mandela yesterday made a strong plea for reconciliation and peace in South Africa in 1992, and called on all leaders to “spare no effort to make the Peace Accord work and bring peace into our lives”.

Delivering his New Year message at a press conference in Johannesburg, Mr Mandela said 1992 could usher in a new era of hope for all South Africans.

He said he was confident 1992 would see the establishment of an interim government of national unity, which had been made possible by the foundations laid at the recent Convention for a Democratic South Africa.

The attainment of a democratic constitution, he said, was an ANC priority in 1992.

Mr Mandela called on all political, church, business and trade union leaders to ensure that the violence which racked South Africa this year was a thing of the past.

He said there was “little merit” in trying to determine who had fired the first shot in the bloodshed which afflicted Natal and other parts of the country, and that nobody could benefit “from the continuation of this bloodletting”.

“For the sake of our children, for the future of our country, and to ensure that the democratic order so many have sacrificed so much to achieve is not still-born, the killing must stop now,” Mr Mandela said.

He said that as 1991 drew to a close, many South Africans faced homelessness, hunger and poverty, and millions were denied fundamental human rights. The future, he said, would be “seriously flawed” if these issues were not addressed.

Mr Mandela said the establishment of a democratic constitution would allow for the lifting of all remaining sanctions, including financial sanctions, and enable South Africa to take its place “with pride in the international community”. The ANC leader said that while much had been achieved in 1991, including the release of some political prisoners, well over 400 political prisoners — including Robert McBride, Mthetheleli Mncube and Maqateli Nondula — were yet to be freed.

He said Codesa, which came after 80 years of “costly struggles” by the majority of South Africans who had been excluded from the National Convention of 1990, represented “a promising window of opportunity for all South Africans to map out the future of our country together”.

Mr Mandela also denied that the Patriotic Front was in trouble as a result of strained relations between the ANC and the Pan Africanist Congress, and rejected a racial referendum to test whites’ opinions of the constitution, saying the ANC would prefer a nonracial referendum.
Azapo warns of threat from West

As 1992 dawns, several political organisations yesterday spoke about their hopes and fears.

Azanian People’s Organisation president Pauveli Nkole said his New Year message that Western powers — particularly the US — that this followed the demise and/or weakening of the economic and political power of certain Frontline states.

"Millions of millions of rands are being pumped into our country through various organisations in the name of development and black economic empowerment," he said.

He warned black people never to make the mistake of thinking that these were meant to facilitate their self-reliance and self-determination.

Citing the recent "destruction of the economies and weakening of governments" in Angola, Mozambique and Zambia, the Azapo leader warned that Western powers would add "Azania to the list of their victories.

On the concept of black economic empowerment, Mr Nkole said this was a conspiracy to reflect that "the system is delivering the goods.

He lamented the present process in South Africa whereby "former" friends of the oppressed and exploited were openly urging the "Azanian people to accept to be co-opted into the system."

Year of action

The Tjaneske government hoped 1992 would be the year of action to implement the "total framework" from the National Accord and Codesa, the homeland's military ruler, Major General Bantu Holomisa, said in his New Year message.

He also hoped the SA Government would impose a blanket ban on cultural weapons.

The only course open to the Government was to see it that Codesa was a success.

"Should it fail, there might be a problem for the entire southern Africa region, " he said.

"Let's sharpen our wits and resolve to engage the racist regime in active struggle."
LP seeks interim govt within year

DURBAN — The Labour Party has called for an interim government of national unity within the next 12 months.

In resolutions adopted at its congress in Durban yesterday, the party also accepted the principle of a constituent assembly but emphasised that its parameters and powers should be determined by Coesa and that the duration of such an assembly should not exceed 12 months.

The LP also skirted the potentially divisive issue of entering into a formal alliance with the ANC by supporting "in-depth talks" with all organisations on common aims and strategies.

While acknowledging that "alliances will be a determining factor in the future of SA", delegates were adamant that the LP should retain its identity and autonomy.

The LP's involvement in the Patriotic Front was also endorsed "with the clear understanding that the party's identity and autonomy is not compromised".

In another resolution, the LP called on the Government to transform the unicameral Parliament into a single chamber in preparation for an interim government of national unity.

The Government's proposed referendum among whites to seek endorsement for a new constitution was rejected in favour of a national referendum among all South Africans.

The Rev Allan Hendrickse was yesterday elected unopposed to a 14th term as leader of the Labour Party.

And, in a surprise move, a woman was elected as deputy to new party chairman Chris April. Yvonne Bassier, secretary of the LP's Natal region, beat MPs Desmond Lockey and Luwellyn Landers to become vice-chairman.

Mr April, who is also Minister of Health and Welfare in the House of Representatives, fills the vacancy left by Dr Wilhe Hoods who recently joined the NP.

LP stalwart Miley Richards retained the deputy leadership.

Eddie Samuels, a Cape MEC, was elected secretary-general, beating LP heavyweights Mr Lockey, Abe Delpot and Pat Wagenaar. President's councillor Mr Delpot became deputy secretary-general.

The MP for Riversdale, Doug Josephs, who has acted as treasurer since the defection of Paul Kleenstradt to the NP, was elected unopposed to that post. Ken Lategan retained the job of national organiser.

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Labour calls for a single parliament

DURBAN — The Labour Party called yesterday for the abolition of the tri-cameral parliament and the establishment of a single chamber in preparation for a "government of national unity".

At the close of the party's annual congress delegates rejected government's recommendation for a racially based referendum to be held before the establishment of an interim government.

The conference also decided to hold discussions with the ANC, Inkatha and other organisations and parties.

Natal-based delegates appear to be strongly in favour of entering into an alliance with Inkatha, while other regions lean towards the ANC.

"Any alliance with the NP is out," a leading Labour Party member said.

The congress called for the establishment of an interim government within 12 months to preside over the security forces, state-controlled media and aspects of the budget.

There is a strong feeling in the party that Codesa should operate from parliament.

It was resolved that Codesa should draw up constitutional principles but its powers should be limited.

The Labour Party called on the international community to lift sanctions without delay.

Party leader Rev Allan Hendriks moved that the party should call for basic foodstuffs, medical care and electricity and water to be exempted from VAT.

There was a traitor in the ranks of the national executive committee who had fed false information on the financial status of the party to a Sunday newspaper, said party treasurer Dougie Josephs, presenting the financial report yesterday. A newspaper report stated that auditors acting for the party had failed to trace more than R560,000 in party funds.

Josephs said all amounts had been accounted for and the bulk of moneys reported as "missing" had in fact been invested.

"The Labour Party of SA is far from bankrupt," he said.

The Labour Party said at the weekend that it was expecting 800 delegates to attend its congress and not 100 as reported in Business Day last week.