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Hani’s successor

By Quentin Wilson

JOURNALIST, communist, soldier, music composer and poet are all descriptions which fit the newly-appointed SACP general secretary, Mr Charles Nqakula.

Born in Cradock, the 50-year-old Nqakula has been given the task of filling the portfolio of the assassinated Chris Hani.

After banning orders and frequent detentions in the early eighties, the former United Democratic Front publicity secretary for the Border region spent his time in the underground, specialising in ANC propaganda.

Nqakula left the country in October 1984 and received military training for Umkhonto we Sizwe in Angola, the Soviet Union and East Germany. In 1985 Nqakula joined the SACP.

Three years later he infiltrated South Africa to command Operation Vula in the Western Cape.

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MULTIPARTY negotiations were pulled back from the brink at the last moment yesterday to close on a high note.

A day of drama at the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park saw negotiators seesaw between exasperation and desparation.

Urgency

However, a resolution calling for urgency in the talks and for elections to be held by next April was tabled minutes before the meeting — which looked set for deadlock — ended.

The resolution will be discussed when the national council meets again on Friday.

Earlier, negotiators spent hours near-locking. 'At one stage it looked as though the Inkatha Freedom Party was going to walk out. A last-minute compromise proposed by the planning committee

saved the talks.

The negotiations deadlocked when IFP national chairmanship Dr Frank Mdlalose insisted on reading to the meeting a six-page document accusing the ANC and the Government of collusion in violence against IFP members in Natal. The document, distributed on Monday, called for the disbanding of all "private armies" before constitutional negotiations could continue and elections could be held. It accused the ANC's Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) of killing hundreds of IFP office-bearers in Natal.

The document said the Government was unwilling to act against the ANC and MK as it did not want to "upset the bilateral applicant".

If the talks were held, they would be held in black and white.

Members of the Afrikaans Volkspartei and the Conservative Party backed Mdlalose, insisting that he be allowed to read the document.

The ANC and its allies strongly opposed the motion. A Transkei government delegate warned that if the IFP were allowed to read the document, the Transkei would "rock this forum".

Bophuthatswana Minister of State Rowan Cronje asked for a 15-minute adjournment so a compromise could be found. The planning committee then asked the IFP to table the document, with the agreement that the question of violence would receive continuing attention.

Orders

SOURCES said Mdlalose was in constant contact with IFP leader and KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi in Umhlanga during the impasse, and that he was under orders "to read the document in the meeting or not come back to Umhlanga".

After nearly two hours, the IFP agreed "as an interim measure" to the creation of a technical sub-committee to study the IFP document, discuss violence and liaise with the national peace committee. However, Mdlalose said the sub-committee could be established only after his delegation had reported back to its principal.

The negotiating council also accepted the planning committee's recommendation that technical committees be established to deal with constitutional issues and human rights.

The technical committee on constitutional issues would deal with the negotiating council — on the form of state and constitutional principles, a constitution-making body, an interim constitution, transitional re—

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Admin hold-ups the least of the problem

Mum’s the word for women delegates

SOME people might say the multiparty talks are delaying the new South Africa, not hastening its birth, but some of the delegations are at least trying.

After all, the Government, the Indian women as a delegate to the Negotiating Council, one Xhosa homeland is led by a ginger-haired lawyer, and one Zulu-speaking ex-African National Congress delegate in the Rhodesian Cabinet speaks to the Tswana.

Rebecca Ngcojo, a Minister from the Zulu Anya Smith and President Lucas Mangope from since 1992, is on the conference floor at least the other Bophuthatswana delegation.

The Ciskei team is similarly formally, leaving the talks to King William’s lawyer, who has been an adviser to the King, it being a positional.

All at the end of the hollowed- shaped conference floor, Dievoge Go- venor — Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Delegates — sits alongside Reol Mokgalwa with heavy-weights like Teruru Dafata and Fana van der Merwe taking a back seat.

There is a similar situation at the adjoining table where Dowie de Villiers has Mathilde Ngobondwa alongside him as a National Party delegate. She is involved with the National Party in Tshwane.

Neither Govender nor Ngobondwa have said a word in two days of talks, but then they have not been. Despite the decision taken that every delegate should include one woman as a delegate, "yellow men left to our meetings", as Webb put it.

Two delegates sit in the front row of talks and have speaking rights, while others sit in the row behind.

On Monday, for instance, 27 men and their say before the first woman got up. There was a brief flurry of voices by women just before lunch, including a tongue-lashing from the South African National People’s Party who said it was no surprise that little progress had been made when the men simply talked on and on. That was without so much as a word from Ciskei, which was kept out of the National Party’s discussions.

The only party that has not accepted the instructions on women’s delegations is the Conservative Party. That prompted Colin Eglise of the Democratic Party to ask whether the Le Roux on their list was Mrs or Miss. Even Frank Le Roux, member of Parliament for Brakpan, couldn’t resist a chuckle.

COSAG leaders say they won’t sacrifice any part of the process just to allow an imperfect system to be introduced, writes Chief Reporter JOHN PERLMAN.

Some of the static, the COSAG men said, was the result of mutual mistrust. Said Webb: "Everybody is being held back by the debate for hidden agendas."

Cronje felt accusations of spoiling had "not helped to improve the atmosphere."

Webb said wrangling over the order in which issues were tackled was no more than just political point-scoring. Ciskei wanted violence at the top of the agenda. Followed by discussion of the "form of state."

"To have an election date when you don’t yet know the constitutional form means you are always working to a crisis," he said. An election date would mean "inflation and political confusion is bound to increase. Our first task should be to talk about the violence, to take all the fires out of the situation. Then..." the constitutional principles should be determined and referred to a committee of experts.

Pelgate said the IFP, which had lost 270 office bearers to violence, wanted the issue addressed first. In a very specific way. "Umkhonto we Sizwe must go, full stop. No party has suffered anything like such casualties. ANC members have died in mob violence and in mass action, but they haven’t been singled out for killing in their beds and in their houses. That is serious. We have a special claim to say ‘no more violence’.

Cronje describing the wrangling as a "regrettable but inevitable part of the process," said: "Where issues are put on the agenda doesn’t matter to me. But there are people who think the negotiations process is unpredictable, with major issues to resolve. How can you set a date and then try to force the process to meet that date?"

Cornerstone

"We would prefer that we determine in broad terms the shape of the constitution at a very early stage, because this influences other aspects like the boundaries, functions and powers of the various states."

A cornerstone of COSAG policy was a belief in a federal-type state, with significant powers devolved to individual regions. Enabling that in a constitution, rather than setting an election date, would defuse political tension, said Webb. "You won’t have Joe Slovo leading an election campaign in the western Cape. The white, usually comes from outside."

COSAG also differed from the ANC and others which believed that the final constitutional should be drawn up by an elected assembly. Said Cronje: "All the parties will not necessarily be part of a new government. We say 70% of the process should be all-inclusive as possible. The fact that it is taken by a majority doesn’t make the decision right."
The impossible dream?

Laurie Nathan

THE REALISATION of multi-party control of the security forces is made impossible by the problems and difficulties inherent in this political demand. We simply do not have the mechanisms, short of a democratic government, to achieve this.

The current ministries have no control over the security forces, so it is difficult to believe that a multiparty committee will enjoy more success.

Working Group 3 of Codesa, in their report, motivated for a formal sub-committee on defence and law and order. There was agreement in principle on this, although political organisations have not been able to follow through the mandate spelled out in the report.

The difficult question is whether the sub-committee will have executive authority. The government would like it to be an advisory body while the ANC is pushing for a body with executive authority.

An advisory body will have no real influence and will not be a major step forward. If it has executive authority, it could play the role of a ministry of defence and police until a democratic government is elected.

It will need a mandate to pass legislation, the authority to determine where the security forces are deployed, draft a code of conduct and be given the power to begin the process of integration of the security forces.

These requirements, politically sound as they may appear, present almost insurmountable problems. How will the committee reach consensus and exercise executive authority if 26 political parties are participating in it? This is completely incomprehensible.

Even if they reach consensus easily, political control of the armed forces is not operational control. The committee will require a mechanism to implement its decisions from a political level to an operational level.

What is worth establishing, however, is a joint military high command responsible for implementing decisions relating to defence.

Sorting out policing is more difficult. Not only the government has to be contended with but the bantustan police forces as well.

The fact that there is no progressive equivalent to the South African Police would also pose difficulties for the liberation movements.

Another massive problem is the numbers of parties represented on the sub-committee. Perhaps five to six of the major political players could limit the size and the other parties could be invited to advise the committee.

The sub-committee’s decisions could go to a transitional executive council meeting for debate, but to what extent will the committee be allowed to act independently?

Multi-party control of the security forces is only possible under a democratic government. The government would be responsible for the security forces and other parties would participate through parliamentary sub-committees.

I doubt whether political parties will be able to reach agreement on this issue before elections for a democratic government are held.

Political organisations should not be naive about what they can achieve in the short term. They should rather look at which stepping stones can be put in place to realise the long-term objectives.

The best solution to the problem of the control of the security forces is a massive international monitoring force, like we saw in Namibia.

The army was confined to barracks in the run-up to the Namibian elections and the police were accompanied by not only peace observers, but police observers too.

International monitors present the most attractive option as it is feasible in terms of logistics, finance and politics.

While the demand for multiparty control of the security forces is important politically, players on all sides need to think it through more extensively.

The problem with a lot of the Codesa and bilateral talks proposals is that there is agreement in principle, but the details are left until later to be worked out.

Details have everything to do with deciding whether a plan is feasible or not.

If the ANC is serious about their demand, they have to come up with viable proposals.

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Mass action plan 'to win support'  

By Quentin Wilson

DETAILS of the ANC's mass action campaign in the Cape will be released at Saturday's May Day rally, said ANC regional secretary, Mr Tony Yengeni.

Yengeni said the six-week campaign would involve taking up regional issues as well as national political demands.

"It will be different from last year's mass action campaign. It must win us more supporters rather than alienating people."

"We do not want a mob running around throwing stones. We want to take our message to the people so they understand our political objectives," Yengeni said.

Saturday's events will include a memorial service for Oliver Tambo... and Chris Hani.

There will also be a soccer match between Cape Town Spurs and Lightbodys and a march past of uMkhonto weSizwe soldiers.
Spirit of Codesa lives on in revived multiparty talks

The large number of agreements forged laboriously over many hours at the Codesa negotiations last year are to be used to facilitate progress in the new revived multiparty negotiations — and not consigned to the archives. The detailed agreements, running to hundreds of typed pages, have been summarised by a drafting subcommittee and presented in a consolidated document for consideration by the present negotiators.

The aim is to speed up discussion on the Codesa accords by making it pertinent and directed and, wherever possible, to incorporate these agreements into the present negotiating process.

Participants in current negotiations include several parties which did not take part in Codesa, including, significantly, the Pan African Congress and the Conservative Party.

In a sense the agreements rest on the Declaration of Intent, in which nearly all the parties at Codesa committed themselves to the establishment of a united, democratic and non-racial South Africa.

The declaration contained an addendum, which, at the request of the Inkatha Freedom Party, was to be made specific that the declaration did not exclude adoption of a federal or even confederal constitution.

A clarifying statement by the Codesa management committee stipulated that there was nothing to stop any participant from making submissions on the issue of self-determination. "It may have helped persuade the CP to join the present discussions." Codesa agreed further that there should be a two-stage "transition to democracy"

- The first stage included preparations for the holding of free and fair elections for a parliament under an interim constitution, the elections themselves and the drawing up of the interim parliament by a new constitution. The interim parliament would simultaneously serve as a legislature until a new — or, as distinct from an interim — constitution was implemented.

- The second stage included the holding of elections under the new constitution and the installation of a new government, under it. (The latter bilateral accord between the De Rijk administration and the ANC on the need for an interim government of national unity during the first stage is clearly based on the Codesa agreement.)

The Codesa agreement stipulated that the final constitution would be drawn up in accordance with "general constitutional principles".

Agreement

A Codesa list of principles on which there was agreement included: supremacy of the constitution; independence of the judiciary; separation of legislative, executive and judicial branches of government; representative and accountable government, meaning multi-democracy and regular elections; and acknowledgement of linguistic, cultural and religious diversity.

In addition it was agreed that a multiparty transitional executive council (TEC) should be established, consisting of the TEC and its sub-committees. Several different sub-committees would function under the TEC, including committees on regional and local government, finance, law and order, defence, foreign affairs and elections.

The election subcommittee would work closely with an independent election commission charged with "responsible for holding free and fair elections" and consisting of suitably qualified persons drawn from a broad cross-section of the population. The independent election commission would, however, be independent of the TEC and its sub-committees.

On the pending election the Codesa parties agreed that the citizens of the nominally independent TBVC states should participate, and that their votes should be recorded in such a way as to enable them to signify whether or not they were in favour of reincorporation.

Rahubatheswa — which did not sign the Declaration of Intent because it did not want to commit itself to reincorporation until it knew what kind of South Africa would emerge from the process — recorded its reservations about the election arrangement.
Role of security forces a thorny issue

ALTHOUGH there is almost universal concern among most of the organisations and parties negotiating at the World Trade Centre about the need for a multiparty transitional executive council (TEC) to be established as soon as possible, there is as yet no consensus about the powers of the TEC and its sub-councils.

The ANC and its allies would like a TEC set up as soon as possible, and want it and its sub-councils to have "effective, thorough-going and binding powers".

They envisage a situation where the TEC would be a supreme body, ranking the country on basic issues and with absolute say on matters relating to "the levelling of the playing field" with regard to the forthcoming elections.

Although the ANC, the IFP and KwaZulu are also opposed to the establishment of a TEC, as well as to the holding of elections for a constituent assembly to write the country's new constitution, the IFP and some of its allies in the Concerned Southern Africans group do envisage an interim phase during the transition, and are opposed to the installation of a TEC and a government of national unity which would emerge after elections for a constituent assembly.

The ANC is alive to the possibility of challenges to its programme of elections within a government of national unity, and would like to see the security forces "and all other armed formations" come under joint control by the TEC.

PRETORIA agrees that the TEC and its sub-councils would have power over matters related to the elections but sees it as a body with advisory powers. As President F W de Klerk said in Cape Town this week, the Government considers itself the legitimate ruler of the country, and says it will surrender power only to an elected government of national unity.

Another potential divisive issue, which has yet to come up in the multiparty negotiations forum, is the exact role and powers of the TEC sub-council on the security forces.

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Unlike the government and the ANC, the IFP and KwaZulu are also opposed to the establishment of a TEC, as well as to the holding of elections for a constituent assembly to write the country's new constitution.

Instead, they would like to see the multiparty negotiations forum an assembly constituted with the concurrence and present it to the public for approval in a referendum. Only then, they argue, can elections be held.

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IFP claim on violence to be non-partisan
Musclemen evoke spiritual strength of African women

NSP "enthusiastically pleased" to win Sunday Star account

"First Sunday Star in the minds of..."
Love affair with Britain

NELSON MANDELA tells JOHN CARLIN in Johannesburg why he still harbours a genuine fondness for 'the old country'.

WHENEVER Nelson Mandela has a choice, he flies British rather than South African air. He prefers to stay in a hotel like his South African rivals, but BA had the wisdom right from the start of his frequent, high-profile visits to Britain to pamper him as could a head of state.

Another reason, it turns out, is that the 70-year-old former ANC leader, who once claimed an historical esteem for Britain, a "long sense of identification, which the victory of present times has not dimmed," fandals will visit London on Tuesday for the first time since he was released from prison on February 11, 1990 and for the fifth time in his life.

In its first visit was in 1962 after he had gone underground in London as the head of the ANC's armed wing Umkhonto we Sizwe.

He managed to slip out of the country, toured the UK and arrived in London in June.

Tignitey almost over

The ankle is broken, but he has only a minor injury. Nelson Mandela now has his first chance to return to the UK, the place where he lived for years on the run.

He will be reunited with his old friends and the place where he spent most of his childhood.

Where Nelson Mandela feels at home

He feels like a foreigner in South Africa. He is in a country that is not his home, but he feels at home in London.

The London government has been very kind to him, providing him with a house and a car. He feels that he is treated like a king in London.

He is often seen walking down the streets of London, enjoying the fresh air and the sunshine.

But he also spends a lot of time in his London home, reading, writing and reflecting on his life.

He feels a strong connection to Britain, the place where he started his political career, and where he has made many friends.

He often says that London is his second home.

Nature and Of course, he is a nature lover. He enjoys going on walks in the parks and gardens of London. He is also a keen birdwatcher and spends hours watching the birds in his garden.

Food Nelson Mandela is a great lover of food. He enjoys trying out different dishes from around the world. He is often seen at fancy restaurants in London, trying new dishes and enjoying the atmosphere.

Philosophy Nelson Mandela is a great admirer of the British philosopher John Stuart Mill. He often quotes Mill's ideas on democracy and human rights.

Culture Nelson Mandela is fascinated by British culture. He enjoys watching movies and listening to music from Britain. He is also a great fan of the British Royal Family.

Politics Nelson Mandela is a great follower of British politics. He often reads newspapers and watches BBC news to stay up to date with the latest events.

In short, Nelson Mandela feels at home in London. It is a place where he feels welcome and at ease. He is often seen walking the streets, enjoying the life and culture of this great city.
In the coming weeks the demand for joint control over the security forces will resonate in ANC-led mass campaigns. One party cannot control the security forces in the transitional period. It would be unwise, for example, to allow the government — as one player in the negotiation process — to have absolute control over the SADF and SAP during the period leading to elections.

To level the playing fields it is up to the multi-party forum to establish organs that can neutralise any force which can upset the creation of a democratic South Africa.

The Transitional Executive Council (TEC) will have to curtail any military activity which threatens the route to democracy.

We are not saying the TEC's sub-council on defence should actively manage all armed formations during the interim period. But they should be accountable to this multi-party structure and accept it as their legitimate short-term authority.

In our meetings with the government, Umkhonto we Sizwe and the ANC have tabled proposals for political and operational control of the security forces.

It spells out how we envisage the implementation of multi-party control of security including defence, police and intelligence.

We are awaiting a government response.

The ANC proposes a TEC sub-council on defence which will:

- Require participants in the TEC to submit all decisions related to military developments for its consideration and approval;
- Require participants not to proceed with any military development which will undermine or prejudice the transition;
- Propose legislation on defence, restructuring military formations; formulating budgets; the appointment of officers to the general staff; the manufacture and procurement of weaponry; strategic planning; training;
- Oversee the disbanding of the State Security Council (SSC) and all structures flowing from the National Security Management System (NSMS), including the Joint Monitoring Committees (JMC),

- Have the power to review and suspend existing legislation related to defence and military formations.
- Ensure that the SADF's role be confined to protecting the borders of South Africa against foreign aggression.
- Advise the TEC on the circumstances under which a military formation may be deployed in an operational capacity.
- Formulate a Code of Conduct which shall bind on all members of military formations of participants in the TEC;
- Have unrestricted access to all information which concerns defence and military formations of TEC participants;
- Have the power to hear complaints concerning military formations from the Independent Electoral Commission, the Goldstone Commission, National Peace Accord structures and the TEC;
- Have the power to begin the process of formulating policy for the integration of armed forces;
- Have the power to establish a Joint Military Co-ordinating Committee, comprised of representatives of military formations of TEC participants, to oversee the implementation of its decisions and instructions.

The violence of the crisis week following Chris Hani's death has amplified the ANC's call for multiparty control of the South African security forces.

Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Siphiwe Nyanda explains why the ANC has made this demand and how it will be implemented.

Military analysts Rockland Williams and Laurie Nathan disagree on the viability of the plan:
Anger is not enough, mourners told

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BEING angry with a political system which forced ANC national chairman Mr Oliver Tambo into exile was not good enough, ANC national committee member Mr Dullah Omar has told University of the Western Cape students.

He said blacks should also hate the system.

At a memorial meeting for Mr Tambo — who will be buried in Benoni tomorrow — he said the media was portraying the late ANC leader as a pacifist.

"If I were to describe him I would say Comrade Oliver Reginald Tambo was a revolutionary. The real 'OR' (as he was intimately known) has prepared the people to storm the Bastille."

Mr Tambo died at a time of intense struggle in South Africa.

"Throughout our land our people are rising, our people are angry. We must understand our people are in revolt."

But the people were not angry enough.

"If we are angry we must be consistently angry. We must learn to hate oppression and love freedom."

He added: "OR prepared our people to storm the Bastille. I want to say to you let's take up that spear and storm the Bastille."

Earlier, ANC constitutional committee member Professor Kader Asmal said Mr Tambo was part of a group which included ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela and his deputy Mr Walter Sisulu who gave the anti-war ANC "a bold new spirit of militancy."

UWC rector Professor Jakes Gerwel said few other leaders or public figures inspired the love and warmth which Mr Tambo had generated.

"These days we are looking for spirit and revolution, but there's almost a serenity to one's sadness today. There's a real sense of dignity in the death of OR."
The mass was conducted by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the sermon delivered by Archbishop Trevor Huddleston, a long-time close friend and associate of Mr Tambo.

Archbishop Huddleston heads the Anti-Apartheid Movement in Britain.

The frail and ageing Archbishop Huddleston powerfully recalled his 50-year-old friendship with Mr Tambo, whom he met when Tambo, as a young graduate from Fort Hare, came to teach at the famous St Peter's Secondary School in 1943.

A perfect description of his friend, Archbishop Huddleston said, was captured by the English poet Robert Browning.

Browning wrote of "one who never turned his back but marched straight forward".

Archbishop Tutu, in a glowing tribute, said that Mr Tambo's quiet dignity gave the ANC and its cause a credibility and respectability with people and leaders throughout the world.

Dozens of messages of condolence and praise were read out, while the Imilongi ka Ntu choir performed an awesome version of Mayibuye i Afrika and Letta Mbulu exalted Mr Tambo's memory as "Iqawe la Maqawe" (A Hero of Heroes).

Mr Tambo's body will lie in state at the cathedral today.

The funeral service, which will be attended by important South African and international political figures, begins at 8.30am tomorrow at the FNB stadium, Soweto — the same venue as that from which Mr Hani's funeral was conducted.

Among the international luminaries expected to attend are Mr Julius Nyerere, former president of Tanzania; Dr Kaunda; Mrs Graca Machel, widow of Samora Machel; Sweden's first lady, Ms Lisebeth Palme and the secretary-general of the South West Africa People's Party, Mr Moses Garouh.

The funeral service will be conducted by the Archbishop Huddleston.

The ANC has warned mourners not to travel to the cemetery at Waterville in the East Rand, where Mr Tambo will be buried, because of space limitations.
Inkatha move delays talks on settlement

By THEMBA KHUMALO

DESPITE some progress made in multiparty talks at the World Trade Centre on Friday, Inkatha has warned that it might pull out if the negotiating forum pressed ahead with a constitutional settlement without properly addressing the question of violence.

The warning came through a lengthy document which Inkatha general-secretary Dr Frank Mdlalose unsuccessfully tried to read to the delegates on Friday.

Other delegates objected strongly to Inkatha being permitted to present the paper to the forum because of the serious allegations it contained which would warrant a response from the government, the ANC and the Transkei government.

After a two-hour delay it was agreed that the document be referred to a special technical committee which will report to the forum next Friday.

The detailed document on violence, which Inkatha said was spurred by the ANC and the government "convenience" to sideline it, said it would be folly for the negotiating forum to hasten the fixing of an election date while violence continued unabated.

Killed with AK-47s

"The fact of the matter is that the IFP can’t see its way through to negotiating a settlement if this forum continues to pretend that the violence only needs to be sorted out later.

"When is later? What happens in between? Are we to lose another five or 15 or 25 leaders? Is there to be a repeat of the nine massacres in Natal/KwaZulu that took place in the last few months of last year, mostly committed by hit squads in uniform?" Inkatha asked in the document.

It maintained that 270 of its leaders have been systematically killed with modern weapons, including AK-47s.

Among those who allegedly called for the killing of Inkatha leaders was the late SACP leader Chris Hani and several ANC leaders in Natal, the movement claimed. It said Hani had in the past publicly called for the murder of Buthelezi and members of the IFP Central Committee.

Inkatha said it found it strange that despite the Groote Schuur and Pretoria Accords and the National Peace Accord, the government was party to an agreement permitting the continued training of the "selfsame cadres that are being deployed against us in SA".

It accused Pretoria of being party to another pact that put all the blame on political violence on Inkatha, whose hostel supporters were to be fenced in like animals while totally exonerating those attacking them.

The document also called for the banning of private armies, both from the left and the right and called on Pretoria "to stop treating MK with kid gloves."
THOUSANDS of people took part in May Day rallies nationwide yesterday, but the turnout was much smaller than expected and focused more on politics than labour issues.

At one of the larger events outside Cape Town, Allan Boesak, a regional leader of the ANC, told a cheering crowd that he expected President FW de Klerk's government to be out of power by May Day 1994.

"We are trying to bury the old South Africa to give birth to a new order," Boesak told some 2,000 supporters.

The Congress of South African Trade Unions, which arranged more than 20 rallies across the country, had hoped for bigger turnouts, particularly since thousands of blacks have taken to the streets in recent weeks to protest the April 10 assassination of Chris Hani.

Despite yesterday's relatively small showing, tens of thousands of blacks are expected to gather today for the funeral of Oliver Tambo, president of the ANC from 1967 until 1991. Tambo, 75, died of a stroke April 24.

Close to 1,000 people packed St Mary's Anglican Cathedral in downtown Johannesburg yesterday to pay respects to Tambo, who lay in state.

A solemn Nelson Mandela, who replaced his longtime friend as president of the ANC, was among those attending. Tambo's coffin was draped in the green, gold and black flag of the ANC, but the event was a traditional religious service and no political leaders spoke. - Sapa-AP
Foreign relations deal could boost aid

By EDYTH BULBRING
Political Correspondent

The government and the ANC have agreed on how they want foreign relations to be conducted after June this year.

Their agreement will set South Africa on the path towards the complete normalisation of relations with the rest of the world, opening up avenues for investment and financial aid.

The deal, to a large extent thrashed out between the ANC's Thabo Mbeki and Foreign Minister Pik Botha, foresees the establishment of a multi-party sub-council on foreign affairs under a multi-party transitional executive council.

It is expected to be established before July, once agreement has been reached at the multi-party negotiating forum.

The foreign affairs sub-council will dictate and influence the course of SA's foreign relations leading up to elections, it is envisaged — with a view to charting the foreign policy course for a government of national unity.

While the powers of the sub-council will largely be limited to foreign policy — the establishment of diplomatic ties, trading initiatives and international agreements — it is unlikely that the government will appoint diplomats or embark on foreign trips without the agreement of the sub-council.

The government is confident that its membership of the Organisation of African Unity and its full membership of the United Nations will be considered favourably in view of the establishment of the transitional executive council.

However, the ANC is opposed to these steps until an elected government is in place.

It is, however, prepared to call for the lifting of sanctions once an election date is set — and will promote SA's participation in World Bank aid programmes and access to IMF loans.

The economic benefits that the complete normalisation of international relations will bring are seen by the government as crucial to stability and growth in the country.
NEGOTIATING council delegates who fly into Jan Smuts airport pass an advertising hoarding on their way to the World Trade Centre. Selling trips to Sydney, it reads: "It's time to cross this bridge."

After a long day of negotiating, the council had clearly heard the sign and taken its first step towards negotiating the transition to non-racial rule — even if Joe Slovo and Cyril Ramaphosa bantered about whether progress could be measured as one inch or several.

The gain came on Friday — an inch or two — when for the first time party-political games were laid aside and the Ciskei's Mick Webb, in his capacity as a member of the planning committee, persuaded the council to adopt a move he personally did not completely support.

With reasoned emphasis he talked the council through the need to set up technical sub-committees that would rope legal and constitutional experts into the process.

Their task will be to transform the raw positions of the 26 parties into submissions which will bring some needed structure to the debate. They will also have to marry positions which, once the clutter of rhetoric is cleared, are not always at the same level.

Seven committees will be set up to work this magic on constitutional proposals, human rights, the problem of violence, arbitration, ensuring independent elections, and the country's democratic political system, and probably the most contentious, one which will attempt to ease the passage of the Transitional Executive Council.

The technical committees were effectively sanctioned by the council before lunch. By late afternoon it was still trying to work out what it had agreed to.

Uneasy

The IFP and KwaZulu government delegations and their allies remain uneasy about the committee, believing them to be another sign of the council putting the cart before the horse in attempting to sort out crucial issues such as violence at the same time, or even after, discussing the federalism issue.

A technical committee will also — for the moment at least — be the resting place of a highly contentious IFP statement on violence calling for the disbanding of Umkhonto we Sizwe.

After the bizarre sight of the document being debated even though it enjoyed no status — it had been distributed but not read or tabled at that point — the planning committee cut a deal with the IFP's Frank Mdlalose and shuffled the speech off into the committee loop.

The planning committees, on which 10 delegates sit in their personal capacities to formulate proposals for debate by the council, is also the repository of all attempts at public politicking in the council chamber — but not a very secure one. It had tried to block the IFP statement at least twice before Dr Mdlalose — himself a member of the PC — brought it into the open anyway.

Whether it will stay safely in committee is moot as Dr Mdlalose is clearly under pressure from Umkonto we Sizwe to read it into the record come what may.

But, not for the last time, parties to the right of the ANC were reduced to merely recording their objections or reserving their right to revisit issues as momentum and an impatient public carried them forward.

The SACP's Joe Slovo launched his politicking soon after the council met on Monday, dropping the dreaded (to some) word "elections" into the meeting.

The smaller parties squawked and fanned at the mention of the E-word before Mr Slovo explained that all he sought was the meeting's approval for placing on the agenda the setting of a date by the planning committee.

When the planning committee met in camera to debate the matter, Mr Slovo suggested mid-April 1994. Why not early March, countered another member in the spirit of "more transparent than thou".

Discussion was deferred, but Mr Slovo kept his election theme alive by introducing, just before the council adjourned on Friday, a "Declaration of Intent on the Negotiating Process".

Mr Slovo spoke in support of the resolution — which contains no advance on the government's preferred timetable of elections by April next year — in impassioned terms: "If we want this process to sparkle in the eyes of our people, we must set a date for an election."

The struggle at the World Trade Centre is only partly ideological, only partly between national and local interests; overwhelmingly it is, as was observed of the framing of the United States constitution, between inertia and energy.

This week, inertia ruled — but momentum is breathing down its neck.

— Claire Robertson
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Dancing to the tune of death

By JOHANNES NGCOBO

THE "freedom songs" sung by ANC marchers in recent week are filled with words of death and violence against the "boers".

ANC Youth League leader Peter Mokaba recently outraged white farmers when he danced to a song which called on white farmers to be killed.

The ANC has since announced a review of all the songs. The Sunday Times this week held its own review of some of the songs.

Some samples:

- Hamba Kahle Mkhonto We Sizwe Thina Abantu bomichonto Sizimisele Ukwana bulala wona lamabunu — We members of Umkhonto are prepared to kill all the boers.

- Amabhunu Akhuphe Abazali Fihayo Bathile Ziphile Izinguane Zabo Sizobashaya Nge Aka Sizobashaya Nge Bazooka:

Whites or boers are troubling our parents at home ... we are going to hit them with our AK47 and bazookas.

- Khwela Phethukwendlu Ubatshie Umanishaya Lhunu Umanzi Uqgqobula — Get on top of the roof and tell them that when I hit the boer my mother becomes happy.

Reviewing

The songs of hate are chanted by other organisations including the Mass Democratic Movement, the Congress of South African Students, South African Allied Workers' Union and the now defunct United Democratic Front.

The ANC's Ronnie Mamoepa said his organisation was reviewing songs with racial connotations.

"Some of these songs have been used in mass mobilisation of the people, but we see no need to raise political tempers of other people now," he said.

But the ANC Youth League's Parks Makahalana said his organisation would not review the songs.

"We are not going to stand up and stop people (from singing the songs)," he said.
Pallo Jordan ‘not bitter’ at arrest

But lesson learnt about human rights

The Argus Correspondent

Johannesburg. - Despite being held for six days in solitary confinement - four weeks without a change of clothes - the ANC's information chief Pallo Jordan said he was not bitter about his arrest.

Testifying this week before the Commission of Inquiry into alleged human rights abuses in ANC camps, Mr Jordan recalled his arrest in Angola in 1985. He said he was arrested for criticizing the activities of the Department of Security and Intelligence.

He was told he had been arrested for allowing that the department of security had acted "in a lascivious manner".

Referring to a background to his arrest, Mr Jordan said he was not bitter because at the time the movement was under a lot of pressure due to discrimination by South African agents.

It was during a time when an entire camp had been poisoned and another camp at Ponte blown up by the South African Air Force.

A number of attacks had also been carried out against ANC members in Cape Town.

He said he had been well treated in detention, given these meant a day and allowed walks.

Asked if he was ever tor-

"Tortured, he replied: "No. There was not even a suggestion of torture physically or otherwise.""

In his answer to another question he said a lesson learnt from his detention was that human rights could not be taken for granted.

"Neglect for human rights is not a luxury you adopt when things are good and discarded when things are bad," he said.

To redress the situation the ANC later established an office of justice as well as a tribunal through which people could directly express their complaints.

Ronnie Kasrils told the commission that he had informed the organization that he was unhappy about conditions at Quatro camp in Angola where ANC prisoners were detained.

Although the camp had been neat, ventilation in the cells was inadequate, he said. He was also unhappy about the visits of the commandos who were in charge of the camp who did not have the "duty" to handle the type of responsibility they were charged with.

His visits to the camp's inmates, which have been linked to alleged human rights abuses against detainees by the ANC, elicited no reports of maltreatment.
ANC president Nelson Mandela finally received his honorary doctorate from the University of Natal — an offer he initially turned down because the man who was to cap him was dubbed a “murderer” by irate students.

Mandela last year turned down the offer to be honored as Doctor of Laws after students charged their chancellor, retired judge Justice Ramon Leon, with the “murder” of an ANC guerrilla. He informed the university that “for reasons of state” he wouldn’t attend the graduation ceremony.

Justice Leon passed five death sentences on Umkhonto weSizwe guerrilla Andrew S’busiso Zondo, hanged in Pretoria in 1986 for bombing an Amanzimtoti shopping centre, and earned himself the unequivocal name of “The Hanging Judge” — a stigma which did not endear him to University of Natal students.

Five people were killed in the 1985 blast which has been immortalised in many ANC slogans and toy-toyi songs.

There were cheers and Mandela received a standing ovation as he bowed his head on Friday to be capped by new chancellor the Most Reverend Denis Hurley, one of the most tireless fighters for human rights.

In the wake of Chris Hani’s murder, and two days after a bomb exploded in the same Amanzimtoti shopping complex which was devastated by Zondo in 1985, Mandela was under tight security at the university.

City Press counted at least 20 security aides milling around the tall statesman, accosting people who tried to get a closer look at the smiling patriarchal figure.

Mandela commended support programmes which had been embarked upon to help educationally disadvantaged students in tertiary education.

“Efforts to make tertiary education accessible to our communities need to be expanded and developed in line with attempts to address the issues of curriculum, teaching methods and the needs of our new society,” said Mandela.
By SANDILE MEMELA

MOTORISTS passing the Johannesburg Civic Theatre in Braamfontein this week must have done a double take when they saw the ANC flag billowing on flagpoles.

It symbolised a kind of coup to mark the ANC’s Culture and Development Conference.

The youth who toyed around the building must too have relished the chance to join in subverting this icon of apartheid culture.

Conference delegate Prof Themba Sirayi explored the significance of transforming these former castles of privilege in his discussion paper “Heritage Resources”.

“For the majority of our people, most cultural institutions are seen as monuments of privilege, a waste of money, institutionalisation of proof of hegemony and abuse of the environment and culture,” he opined.

“They are regarded as racist, elitist, Eurocentric, alienated and irrelevant and not belonging to the people.

“Inevitably, these institutions are notorious for marginalising the history and culture of the oppressed majority.”

“This conference is committed to overcome the legacy of inequality and injustice created by colonialism and apartheid and to ensure democracy and encourage the flourishing of the feeling that this country belongs to all who live in it.

“We have to promote a common loyalty to and pride in the country and create a universal sense of freedom and security within all its boundaries,” said Sirayi.

Although there was no mistaking the quite palpable euphoria among the hundreds of delegates from township-based organisations who attended the five-day conference, it remains to be seen if it will be a watershed for ordinary folk to dictate the cultural pace.

Over the past five days, hundreds of international and local artists, writers, filmmakers, photographers, performers and cultural administrators gathered at the JCT.

They had come from universities, township theatre groups, backyards, studios, farms and small towns, big cities of the world, posed executive offices and various corners of the earth.

Like a magnet the Department of Arts and Culture (DAC) had pulled them together to fashion guidelines for a new government to consider a new arts and culture policy.

No bones were made about the fact the ANC was the government in waiting — could only formulate its future culture policy after mass-based consultation.

The line of thinking was to ensure that all interested parties from outside and inside the country made their voices heard in creating a new cultural policy in SA.

This was summed up in a significant moment when ANC president Nelson Mandela told delegates that everybody had to make their contribution to the new culture.

“The ANC does not own culture. Creativity has no fences, and expression is free,” said Mandela to a wildly cheering audience.

However, three days into the proceedings, the conference was haunted by the perception that the conference was an attempt on the part of the ANC to control all facets of life in the new society.

DAC founder member Barbara Masekela was acutely aware of it. In her presentation, which focused on the “need for unity,” she badly noted the absence of various cultural organisations, especially the National Arts Initiative, who only took observer status at the conference.

“There is no such thing as an ANC culture because culture can only come from and belong to the people,” she said.

“It is in this context that we make an appeal for unity. The responsibility of the liberation movement is to interpret accurately the mood of the cultural organisation and take it into account.

“We sadly note the absence of the National Arts Initiative but . . . we are on the same side,” said Masekela.

She was trying to say the DAC did not intend to dictate cultural life.

It became evident that hundreds of delegates from various township organisations had not been exposed to a conference of this magnitude.

To a large extent the conference was a series of lectures from international speakers and prominent pro-ANC individuals with very little time devoted to question and discussion sessions.

The significant lesson to be gleaned from the “Culture and Development Conference” is that the struggle for meaningful participation by marginalised organisations has only begun.

The conference was a grim reminder that the quest to lay the foundation for a future foundation of a new South African culture will take many years.

However, the conference must be seen against the background of the ANC’s historical role in mobilising all sectors of South African society in the struggle against racism and domination.

DAC chief Wally Serote, who outlined the ANC’s view on the relationship between state and culture, said the future government should “enshrine the principle of artistic freedom.”

“The future government must seek ways to harmonise the diversities in our culture as well as ensure that a democratic relationship exists between the needs of the artist and government programmes.

“Cultural workers must be involved in funded structures set up by the government.

“There is a palpable fear that the government’s involvement in the arts and culture will lead to artistic control but this fear derives from the artists’ experience with apartheid.”
OR did not live, die in vain

By Lulama Luti and Themba Molefe

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Other messages of condolence were received from the following countries: Cuba, India, Portugal, Canada, Mauritius, Malaysia, Malawi, Cape Verde, Ghana, Lesotho, Botswana, Namibia, Tanzania, Swaziland and Zambia.
AN anonymous phone call made to the SABC claimed there was a car-bomb outside the Wattville Cemetery shortly before African National Congress chairman Oliver Tambo was buried there yesterday.

ANC security officials on the scene said they were on the look-out for suspicious-looking cars in the area.

An unidentified Umkhonto we Sizwe cadre urged people on the scene not to panic and told them to go to their cars in an apparent effort to identify any suspicious vehicles. Hundreds of heavily-armed and chanting hostel dwellers took to the streets of Wattville township in a show of strength ahead of the arrival of the funeral cortege of the ANC leader.

The hostel — a known Inkatha Freedom Party stronghold — is situated along the route to and about 3km from the cemetery where Tambo will be laid to rest.

**Area cordoned off**

The funeral procession was to have passed the hostel on the way to the cemetery but an alternative route was taken.

Police cordoned off the area with hundreds of metres of razor wire to keep armed hostel dwellers from marching on the cemetery.

**Shot rang out**

Earlier, there were reports that a Commonwealth observer was shot at from inside the hostel.

“We heard a shot ringing out but we managed to get out of the way in time,” she said.

“I don’t think they were shooting at us,” she added.

There were also unconfirmed reports from peace observers and Umkhonto we Sizwe cadres that members of the militant rightwing Afrikaner Weerstandsbeveging had gathered on horseback just outside the township.

Peace monitors allegedly went to the scene to prevent the AWB members from approaching Wattville.
Tambo is laid to rest

By Luama Luthi, Themba Molefe, Abbey Makoe and Sapa

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AWER Mr Oliver Reginald Tambo, who led the ANC for 30 years, was buried at the Wattville Cemetery in Benoni yesterday after a solemn and dignified funeral service at the FNB Stadium near Soweto.

Tambo (75) died at the Milpark Hospital in Johannesburg on April 24 after a severe stroke.

ANC marshals battled to control a large group of people who charged the gates of the cemetery.

Thousands of boisterous people, who had gathered outside the gates, tried to force their way into the cemetery, prompting the marshals and Umkhonto we Sizwe cadres to cordon off the area.

About 800 people, including ANC vice-president Mr Walter Sisulu, veteran anti-apartheid campaigner Archbishop Trevor Huddleston and Archbishop of Cape Town Desmond Tutu, had entered the cemetery just before 4pm.

Crowds of people, who gathered on rooftops and lined the dusty streets to the cemetery, cheered wildly as the procession passed through the township.

The only ugly scene reported was when two men were attacked by inmates of the Wattville Hostel after the funeral.

According to the police, the two were, however, not seriously hurt.

The coffin was draped in a flag in the yellow, green and black colours of the ANC.

Glowing tributes, mainly from foreign governments, were paid at the funeral service.

A touching moment came when, straight from the heart, ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela referred to Tambo as his brother, underscoring the long years of their comradeship which began when they were young lawyers practising in Johannesburg during the turbulent 1950s.

"As you instructed, we will bring peace to our tormented land. As you directed, we will bring freedom to the oppressed and liberation to the oppressor.

"As you commanded, we will defend the option of a peaceful resolution of our problems," Mandela said in his address.

Among the foreign dignitaries was an 18-member special delegation headed by US Secretary for Health and Population Development Donna Shalala, sent by US President Bill Clinton.

In contrast, Archbishop Trevor Huddleston, who is leader of the British Anti-Apartheid Movement, mentioned that the British Government had never supported the liberation struggle in South Africa and said lack of support was evident even at the funeral.

There was a heavy security force presence outside the stadium. No incidents of violence were reported. ANC security personnel, who had an easy day, praised the more than 20 000 mourners for their behaviour.
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Opponents of tyranny

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Dear brother:

We know you yourself a task which only the brave would dare. Somewhere in the mystery of your essence, you heard the call that you must devote your life to the creation of a new South African nation.

It may be that all of us — your dear wife, your children, those of us who are proud to count ourselves among your friends, your closest comrades — it may be that all of us will never be able to discover what it was in your essence which convinced you that you, and us, could, by our conscious and deliberate actions, to heal our fractured society that out of the terrible heritage, there could be born a nation. All humanity knows what you had to do to create the conditions for all of us to reach this glorious end.

There are many who would not understand that to heal we had to lay the body.

There are some who cannot comprehend that the right to rebellion against tyranny is the very guarantee of the permanence of freedom.

We demand answers from all those who have set themselves up as your critics, but still dare to call themselves democrats.

We want to know — if life itself was threatened, to apartheid threatened the very existence of those who are black, was it not necessary for everyone to do everything to end apartheid, and if necessary, by force of arms?

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Delegates, including the ANC's Cyril Ramaphosa, register for the second round of talks at the World Trade Centre, Kempton Park, on Friday.

Negotiators pleased by 'major progress'

NEGOTIATORS say major progress was made on Friday, in spite of the appearance that little was achieved.

Several serious problem areas were leapfrogged; seven areas of agreement for moving ahead were identified, a mechanism for structure debate was decided on; and negotiators agreed to tackle talks with a solution-orientated approach.

DP chief negotiator Colin Eglinton said it had been decided at the meeting that parties would put forward the names of people they wanted on the seven technical committees. The planning committee would present a structure of these committees at Friday's negotiating council meeting.

There were two methods of approaching constitutional negotiations: either delegations tackled the "fair" problems where lots of difference existed or smaller committees would look at solutions to issues for debate by council.

"The first approach would have landed us in trouble right at the start of the talks, where parties are still trying to find their feet in working with others. Their positions would have been inflexible, and the possibilities of grandstanding and deadlocks much greater," he said.

Government and the ANC would try to avoid tackling serious differences at the start of the process, rather locking parties into the process and facilitating compromises to achieve agreement.

Eglinton said the council had decided to refer issues to be debated to committees with instructions that solutions — not policy positions — be sought. "The committees would look at the areas of agreement and expand these into areas of difference to encompass as much as possible under the agreed areas before confronting the areas of substantial differences," he said. This would give the talks momentum and make it easier to deal with the differences later.

The committee would not be negotiating issues on behalf of parties but rather looking at ways of solving problem areas and presenting scenarios to be discussed and negotiated by the council. The issues would be referred back and forth until agreement was reached in council.

It was decided that no single agreement would be implemented until a full package of agreements was in sight.

ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa said while progress was slow, he was pleased that the major hurdle of appointing technical committees had been passed.

Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer said he was more optimistic than after Monday's meeting, at which no substantive issues had been debated.

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'Police may have foiled bloodbath'

JOHANNESBURG. — The Minister of Law and Order, Mr. Hernus Kriel, yesterday claimed police may have foiled an Apla attack on a Chinese restaurant in Yeoville on Saturday night.

And police said yesterday that a "bloodbath" in Natal may have been averted following the arrest of Apla members in the province.

Police spokesman Colonel Johan Mostert said he would name the Natal targets shortly.

Colonel Mostert said police had arrested three men at the restaurant on Saturday night and confiscated a stick grenade, 250g of TNT explosives and a kilogram of plastic explosives.

"Police were in possession of information that at least two restaurants were targeted for attacks with explosive devices last night (Saturday). The group arrested appear to have been poised to carry out these attacks," he said.

Mr Kriel said: "All the available information indicates that Azanian People's Liberation Army members were involved."

PAC legal head Mr Willie Seriti said his organisation did not know what evidence police had to conclude that Apla members were involved. — Own Correspondent, Saps
Fitting, solemn tributes for ANC stalwart

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As his body lay in state at St Mary's Cathedral in Johannesburg on Saturday, the church was uncharacteristically quiet.

When the coffin arrived in Walthryn, Pretoria (unofficially renamed Tamboville after the squatter camp that has sprung up nearby), thousands lined the streets to get a glimpse of the bear. Others were on rooftops singing freedom songs.

Forward march

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TAMBO FUNERAL Scenes from First National Bank Stadium as Tambo is honoured

An Umkhonto we Sizwe soldier stands to attention next to the coffin at a marquee at the FNB Stadium yesterday.

CHILDREN of the late former ANC national chairman carrying wreaths at St Mary's Cathedral where his body lay in state on Saturday.

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Supporting the anti-apartheid movement.

SA Council of Churches general secretary Frank Chikane likened Tambo to Moses, sent to free the people from slavery.

He said the people of SA were sad, because their father “saw the promised land from the mountain, but died before he could enter it.”

Among messages of support read out by ANC NEC member Thabo Mbeki were those from UN general secretary Boutros Boutros-Ghali and Canadian President Joe Clarke.

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Bomb scare at cemetery after anonymous phone call

AN anonymous phone call made to the SABC claimed there was a car-bomb outside the Wattville Cemetery shortly before African National Congress chairman Oliver Tambo was buried there yesterday.

ANC security officials on the scene said they were on the lookout for suspicious-looking cars in the area.

An unidentified Umkhonto we Sizwe cadre urged people on the scene not to panic and told them to go to their cars in an apparent effort to identify any suspicious vehicles. Hundreds of heavily-armed and chanting hostel dwellers took to the streets of Wattville township in a show of strength ahead of the arrival of the funeral cortège of the ANC leader.

The hostel — a known Inkatha Freedom Party stronghold — is situated along the route to and about 3km from the cemetery where Tambo was laid to rest.

Police cordoned off the area with hundreds of metres of razor wire to keep armed hostel dwellers from marching on the cemetery.

Shot rang out

Earlier, there were reports that a Commonwealth observer was shot at from inside the hostel.

"We heard a shot ringing out but we managed to get out of the way in time," she said.

"I don't think they were shooting at us," she added.

There were also unconfirmed reports from peace observers and Umkhonto we Sizwe cadres that members of the militant rightwing Afrikaner Weerstandsbeveging had gathered on horseback just outside the township.

Peace monitors allegedly went to the scene to prevent the AWB members from approaching Wattville.
The price for doing our job may be too high

LLOYD COUTTS

Statistically, journalists' chances of running into trouble are high. My own initial reaction was to avoid the townships and any other life-threatening situation.

Journaists tread a fine line in the townships and have to read situations carefully. Television crews have raised this ability to a fine art. But the variables have become numerous and complex.

Colleague Brian Sokutu summed up the changes while driving through Sebokeng the other day: "In the '80s, you knew where the trouble was coming from. Now it comes at you from all sides."

Despite the new and constant dangers, the townships have to be covered. Journalists have a duty to report the horror, not to encourage it. The perils lie in the attitudes where atrocities are commonplace and life is cheap.

The greatest danger probably comes from the dreaded, growing "criminal element". It is virtually impossible to distinguish criminals from demonstrators. And often there is no difference.

Journalists covering the funeral of Chris Hani were robbed, assaulted and abused by "mourners". (One MK member resisted similar treatment from "mourners" but was told: "F--- off. You're white.")

We have a high profile in the townships and appear to be easy pickings. Another problem is the so-called "lost generation". With nothing to lose, it is seemingly bent on taking advantage of political gatherings to satisfy atavistic instincts.

And the PAC factor, as it affects working journalists, has become too disturbing to ignore. Journalists are regularly verbally and physically abused by young thugs marching under the PAC flag.

I seem to be singled out for a special rendition of "settler settler, bullet bullet" every time I set foot in the townships. A black journalist with a white skin. I am an all-round target.

During a demonstration in town, one such miscreant not older than 13 told me I would definitely be singled out for special retribution by APLA.

I ignored him. In tense times, journalists generally refrain from being provoked, though I sometimes marvel at what foreign correspondents get away with.

But the "settler, settler" rubbish is beginning to unnerve me.

And then, of course, there is an old favourite for journalists: getting caught in the crossfire. Everyone appears to be armed these days. When there are three sides to crossfire, the stakes are upped.

Thankfully, harassment and arrest by police appears to be a thing of the past. These days I say a little prayer every time I see a police vehicle, although township residents probably do not share this sentiment.

Many start to visit townships. When working, they experience only a fraction of the tensions residents experience daily.

Residents are prey to the same thugs and politicians journalists are after. Residents face from time to time time. Residents who are journalists live a special kind of nightmare.

Condemnation of Thuso's killing by political organisations was swift, as was the ANC's response in apprehending the alleged killers. The organisation appears keen to send a distinctive message that it will not tolerate attacks on journalists.

The PAC has also offered protection to journalists.

There have been calls for the education of township residents on the need for journalists to move about freely to perform their function, which is to tell South Africans and the world what is happening.

Yet calls for tolerance are falling on increasingly deaf ears. I fear that journalists - black and white - will remain in mortal danger every time they enter the townships.

Some colleagues have spoken of a news blackout as a response to attacks, but this is neither feasible nor constructive.

Journalists are still going into the townships, driven by the compulsion to be in the middle of a story when it happens and the belief that the truth must somehow emerge.

Last week journalists demonstrating in Sebokeng against the killing of Thuso heard the news that television cameraman Sam Msihi had been shot in Katlehong. The demonstration, for all its good intentions, lost its meaning.

I want to do my job. Yet the price may be too high. There are savages out there who will kill me for my watch.
OR did not live, die in vain

By Lulama Luti and Themba Molefe

IN his message of condolence, United Nations secretary-general Boutros Boutros-Ghali said in this critical phase of the multilateral negotiations, South Africans could rely on the goodwill of the international community.

The leader of the Palestinian Liberation Organisation, Yasser Arafat, said the people of South Africa should not mourn Tambo’s death but should rather re-dedicate themselves to the struggle for liberation.

In his address, Tambo’s friend of 50 years and president of the British Anti-Apartheid Movement, Anglican Archbishop Trevor Huddleston, said when he met Tambo he was already a dedicated and mature instrument of liberation.

He said Tambo was charged with the task of ensuring that the ANC survived in exile and his exile tested him to the full.

Leaders of foreign countries praise his achievements:

“I thank God for the greatest gift of friendship given to me in Africa 50 years ago when I came here,” said Huddleston.

American civil rights leader the Reverend Jesse Jackson said Tambo had not died in vain and would live in the memories of millions of South Africans.

“Oh no! The new South Africa is here. The struggle that Tambo fought for is almost over,” Jackson said.

A representative of US president Bill Clinton, Ms Donna Shahata, said the Clinton administration recognised the struggle of the ANC and Tambo and that indeed South Africa had lost a great leading figure in the resolution of the constitutional crisis.

“Today we are celebrating Tambo’s achievements as the negotiations are about to deliver a solution,” she said.

Zimbabwean Foreign Minister Dr Nathan Shamuyarira said Tambo’s death was a blow to the broad liberation struggle and the ultimate realisation of freedom.

“Comrade Tambo’s struggle was not futile and his contribution to the leadership of the ANC has laid the foundation for the organisation to forge ahead with its programme,” he said.

Former Swedish first lady Liesbet Palme said Tambo’s memory lived on in her mind and that of the Swedish people.

She remembered the close relationship between Tambo and her late husband, former Prime Minister Olaf Palme, who was assassinated.

Other messages of condolence were received from the following countries: Cuba, India, Portugal, Canada, Mauritius, Malaysia, Malawi, Cape Verde, Ghana, Lesotho, Botswana, Namibia, Tanzania, Swaziland and Zambia.
NEWS Glowing tributes from many foreign governments

Tambo is laid to rest

By Lulama Luti, Themba Molefe, Abbey Madee and Sapa

Lawyer Mr Oliver Reginald Tambo, who led the ANC for 30 years, was buried at the Watville Cemetery in Benoni yesterday after a solemn and dignified funeral service at the FNB Stadium near Soweto.

Tambo (75) died at the Milpark Hospital in Johannesburg on April 24 after a severe stroke.

ANC marshals battled to control a large group of people who charged the gates of the cemetery.

Thousands of hoisterous people, who had gathered outside the gates, tried to force their way into the cemetery, prompting the marshals and Umkhonto we Sizwe cadres to cordon off the area.

About 800 people, including ANC vice-president Mr Walter Sisulu, veteran anti-apartheid campaigner Archbishop Trevor Huddleston and Archbishop of Cape Town Desmond Tutu, had entered the cemetery just before 4pm.

Crowds of people, who gathered on rooftops and lined the dusty streets to the cemetery, cheered wildly as the procession passed through the township.

The only ugly scene reported was when two men were attacked by inmates of the Watville Hostel after the funeral.

According to the police, the two were, however, not seriously hurt.

The coffin was draped in a flag in the yellow, green and black colours of the ANC.

Glowing tributes, mainly from foreign governments, were paid at the funeral service.

A touching moment came when, straight from the heart, ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela referred to Tambo as his brother, underscoring the long years of their comradeship which began when they were young lawyers practising in Johannesburg during the turbulent 1950s.

"As you instructed, we will bring peace to our tormented land. As you directed, we will bring freedom to the oppressed and liberation to the oppressor.

"As you commanded, we will defend the option of a peaceful resolution of our problems," Mandela said in his address.

Among the foreign dignitaries was an 18-member special delegation headed by US Secretary for Health and Population Development Donna Shalala, sent by US President Bill Clinton.

In contrast, Archbishop Trevor Huddleston, who is leader of the British Anti-Apartheid Movement, mentioned that the British Government had never supported the liberation struggle in South Africa and said lack of support was evident even at the funeral.

There was a heavy security force presence outside the stadium. No incidents of violence were reported. ANC security personnel, who had an easy day, praised the more than 20 000 mourners for their behaviour.
ANC chairman and former president Oliver Tambo was buried in Bunoni yesterday. British author and ex-Durham magazine editor ANTHONY SAMPSON reflects on the internationally respected leader's life.

OLIVER TAMBO, the president of the ANC over three decades, was probably the most influential black South African leader of his time — and from an extraordinary position: he was in exile for almost the whole of his presidency, and his statements could not be published in his own country.

His personal style was that of a priest or scholar rather than a politician, and he was a devout Anglican who was near the Church. With his slow walk, his grey side-whiskers and his long shirts, "the Old Man" (as his colleagues and friends often said) always appeared abroad from the political fray.

But his faith and firm principles helped to give him a unique authority as a leader, with the ability to view setbacks over a long perspective.

He was a steadfast politician and diplomat, who could hold rival factions together through patient conciliation and persistence.

Tambo's world reputation was eclipsed by that of his lifetime friend and colleague Nelson Mandela. But he was also the indispensable partner to Mandela — in and out of jail.

Tambo became a mathematician at St Peter's mission school in Bosveld, Johhnnsburg — at the time run by the then Rev Trevor Huddleston, who remained his lifelong friend.

But Tambo, like Mandela, turned to law as the most effective means of working for black rights. Together they set up the firm of Mandela and Tambo in Johannesburg which became a focus for black grievances and political discussion in the early 1950s.

When the ANC was banned in 1960, Tambo was chosen to head the ANC in exile, and he only returned to South Africa in December 1990, 19 months after the unbanning of the ANC and Mandela's release. Tambo had not been fully fit since suffering a stroke in 1989 and Mandela succeeded him as president of the ANC in July 1991. At the time of his death Tambo was still working three days a week.

Tambo's style was in total contrast to any picture of a terrorist leader: gentle, avuncular, with great warmth of friendship and expressed in long speeches. When meeting someone he interested him, he liked to look them straight in the eye and say "I am for you. He travelled constantly, defying his doctors' pleas.

But when in London he was often immersed in family life with his wife Adelaide and their children in their Muswell Hill home.

His informality and apparent vagueness made some Westerners sceptical of the strength of his leadership, but his colleagues treated the "Old Man" with respect and affection.

Last respects ... thousands of mourners attended the funeral service of Oliver Tambo at the FNB Stadium outside Johannesburg yesterday. Picture: Joao Silva
ANC thinks again on Maritzburg blockade

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The African National Congress Natal Midlands region has called off a planned blockade of the Maritzburg city centre tomorrow. The blockade was to have formed part of the week-long campaign of rolling mass action that begins today. After discussions between the ANC and the South African Police, it was decided a repeat of the damage caused in the city during a memorial service for the slain South African Communist Party leader Chris Hani should be avoided at all costs.

ANC Midlands regional secretary Sifiso Nkabinde said that instead of the blockade there would be a march to police headquarters.

Meanwhile the week-long programme of rolling mass action begins today with a march to the Natal Provincial Administration headquarters.

The ANC says the mass action is part of its campaign to speed up the process of establishing a transitional executive council and to push for the early announcement of an election date for a constituent assembly.

Nkabinde said the week-long mass action in Maritzburg would be assessed at the end of the week, after which further action focusing on other Midlands towns, including Richmond, Mooi River and Bruntville, would be considered.
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His personal style was that of a priest or scholar rather than a politician’s. He was a devout Anglican who nearly went into the Church. With his slow walk, his grey side-whiskers and his long silence, “the Old Man” (as his colleagues called him) often appeared aloof from the political fray. But his faith and firm principles helped to give him a unique authority as a leader, with the ability to view setbacks over a long perspective.

He was a shrewd politician and diplomat, who could hold rival factions together through patient cajolery and persuasion. Tambo’s world reputation was eclipsed by that of his lifelong friend and colleague Nelson Mandela. But he was always the indispensable partner to Mandela — in and out of jail.

Tambo became a mathematics teacher at St Peter’s mission school in Rosettenville, Johannesburg — at the time run by the then Rev Trevor Huddleston, who remained his lifelong friend.

But Tambo, like Mandela, turned to law as the most effective means of working for black rights. Together they set up the law firm of Mandela and Tambo in Johannesburg which became a focus for black grievances and political discussion in the early 1950s.

When the ANC was banned in 1960, Tambo was chosen to lead the ANC in exile, and he only returned to South Africa in December 1990, 10 months after the unbanning of the ANC and Mandela’s release. Tambo had not been fully fit since suffering a stroke in 1960 and Mandela succeeded him as president of the ANC in July 1991. At the time of his death Tambo was still working three days a week.

Tambo’s style was in total contrast to any picture of a terrorist leader: gentle, avuncular, with great warmth of friendship expressed in long hugs. When meeting someone who interested him, he would hug them. He travelled constantly, defying his doctor’s pleas. But when in London he was often immersed in family life with his wife Adelaide and their children in their Muswell Hill home.

His informality and apparent vagueness made some Westerners sceptical of the strength of his leadership but his colleagues treated the “Old Man” with veneration.

Last respects... thousands of mourners attended the funeral service of Oliver Tambo at the FNB Stadium outside Johannesburg yesterday.

Picture: Joao Silva
Pik Botha visits Tambo's widow with condolences

By Kaizer Nyatumba
Political Correspondent

Foreign Affairs Minister Pik Botha yesterday visited ANC national chairman Oliver Tambo's widow, Adelaide, at the family's Sandhurst, Sandton, home to convey the Government's condolences.

Accompanied by his spokesman, Amos Marais, Botha arrived at the Tambo residence shortly before 5.30 pm and spent about 30 minutes in the house.

ANC international affairs director Thabo Mbeki had arrived at the Tambo residence only a few minutes before Botha got there.

Speaking after his meeting with Mrs Tambo, Botha said he had come to pay his respects and deliver the Government's condolences to her.

"This lady has been quite a strong force, standing by her husband for many years."

Botha ... delivered Government's condolences.

"She is so dignified, very strong, very faithful and has been an example to us all," Botha said.

Asked why the Government had not sent a delegation to Tambo's funeral on Sunday, the Minister said that was "a very delicate matter" which could only be discussed by the Government and the ANC.

According to a diplomatic source, Botha was a VIP guest at a function at the Carlton Hotel in Johannesburg on Sunday for the many diplomats who flew in for the funeral.

The source said Botha arrived "and threw his arms around Mandela in a bear-hug that lasted a while, to the incredulity of some of the Americans and others who had flown in, but not of those who know him well."
Planners make modest progress

Negotiators stressed that the 10-member planning committee has the power only to make recommendations to the larger forum, but were optimistic that yesterday's deliberations could lay the basis for substantive progress on Friday.

Cosag - whose main members are the Inkatha Freedom Party, the Conservative Party and Ciskei government - wants regions in a new constitution dealt with early and in detail, and wants the issue of violence pushed up the talks agenda. The spirit prevailing in the planning committee could calm Cosag fears.

The planning committee's package of proposals deals with a range of issues, including details for seven technical sub-committees, guidelines on how to deal with demonstrations and criteria for deciding on new applicants to the Negotiating Council.

"I think we've got very good chances of making real headway on Friday," South African Communist Party chairman Joe Slovo said after the meeting.

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"I will second Mr Slovo's suggestion," Rowan Cronje of Bophuthatswana said. "I think by Friday we should get the process really going with the appointment of the technical sub-committees."

The proposals on the sub-committees include timeframes, management, terms of reference and composition.

But Dr Ben Ngubane, senior Inkatha Freedom Party official and leader of the KwaZulu delegation in the Negotiating Council, warned the moment of truth was still to come in multiparty negotiations.

"Substantive issues - that is where the crunch is going to come," he said.

Pan Africanist Congress secretary-general Benny Alexander - who chaired the session - said a letter had been sent earlier yesterday to all 26 parties requesting nominations for the sub-committees.

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Sub-committees dealing with issues such as a constituent assembly and form of state would need more "political decision-making" and would therefore be bigger in size.

"For those matters which are purely of a legal nature, such as repeal of (discriminatory) legislation (and) prohibiting free political activity, you just need about three people."

"When it's more technical, it is smaller, when it is more political it will be bigger," Alexander said. "We are also going to put forward a proposal on how to deal with demonstrations."

The IFP has already said it wants a separate sub-committee to deal with a future form of state. The party does not want the matter discussed in a sub-committee also dealing with other constitutional matters.

National Peace Committee chairman John Hall attended the planning committee meeting to discuss co-ordinating efforts on violence with the National Peace Accord.

A meeting between the planning committee and the National Peace Committee was agreed to and will be arranged soon. - Political Staff, Sapa.
Come clean on Askaris, urges ANC

The ANC last night called for full disclosure of the circumstances around the disbandment of the SAP's Askari unit of turned ANC and PAC members.

Police last week announced the disbandment but refused to give details.

Police spokesman Capt. Sally de Beer said: "To a certain extent, political pressure had an influence on the members' request to terminate their services and on the SAP's decision to grant their request."

The Askaris, implicated in police anti-revolutionary operations and death squads, were unified into the Organised Crime Support Unit after left-wing political organisations were unbanned in 1990, she said. The ANC said yesterday:

"The public has a right to the full disclosure of the assets, activities, names of those involved and the funding of these units."

-- Staff Reporter and Sapa.
ANC president Nelson Mandela will meet Commonwealth secretary-general Chief Emeka Anyaoku in London today, before meeting Prime Minister John Major tomorrow. He is scheduled to address a joint sitting of the British parliament tomorrow afternoon, and is expected to call for new investment in South Africa once a transitional executive council has been established and a date for elections set. He will also hold talks with Labour leader John Smith.

After a few days at leisure in Britain he will visit Germany on Monday for talks with Chancellor Helmut Kohl. He will return home on Tuesday.
Black militants claim credit for hotel attack

THE Azanian National Liberation Army (Azania) yesterday claimed responsibility, in a phone call to Sapa, for Saturday's attack on East London's Highgate Hotel which left five men dead and seven people injured.

A man claiming to be an Azania cadre said he had co-ordinated Saturday's strike and warned there would be more attacks.

The caller, who would not identify himself, said the attack had been carried out by three cadres. A driver had waited in the car.

But a spokesman for the Harare-based Black Consciousness Movement of Azania (BCMA) cast doubt on the claim.

The spokesman, who would not give his name, told AFP that the Harare office "has no information about this". He said he would expect to have been informed if the attack had been carried out by members of the movement's military wing.

One of the suspects named by police on Sunday was briefly detained by police in February — reportedly as a suspect in the King William's Town Golf Club attack.

PAC member Lungisa Nintili was arrested in East London while driving from Butterworth to Transkei to Alice in Ciskei. The other suspect was named as Thembelani Xundu.

Nintili, a former Zwelitsha teacher, was detained for two days on suspicion of being an accomplice to a murder, but was freed later.

Police declined to comment.

Our East London correspondent reports that the PAC said in King William's Town it did not know who was responsible for the attack.

PAC national organiser Maxwell Nondzivamani confirmed that one of the two suspects, Nintili, was a PAC member. He did not know the other man. Nintili was a PAC member, but had no links with Apla.

He said that on the day of the attack Nintili was in Butterworth where a southern Transkei branch of the PAC was launched. There was no way he could have been at the shooting on Saturday evening as he had only left after 6pm. He said the police were trying to put the PAC and Nintili in a bad light.

In King William's Town yesterday, about 500 PAC supporters, some wearing empty holsters, marched to the town's police station demanding gun licences to enable members to protect themselves and their leaders.

In other incidents yesterday, a security force member was killed when about 250 youths went on the rampage in Mthlakeng outside Randfontein and in Kagiso near Brakpan.

Several cars, trucks and a motorbike were petrol bombed and several people were injured, police said.

In one of the incidents police gave chase when they saw a group of youths carrying petrol bombs.

The youths were cornered and one of the boys tried to steal a policeman's pistol. In the struggle a shot went off, killing an SADF member.

A woman was seriously injured when she and her husband tried to enter Mthlakeng to trade in the township. Their bakkie was set alight.

Randfontein building contractor Fanie Scheepers was seriously injured and his car gutted by youths.

Police reinforcements were called and police appealed to businesses to avoid the townships.

STEPHANE BOTHMA reports that the charred body was found at a Germiston railway station on Saturday night.

Benoni resident Jacques Loots was shot and wounded in an attack on Sunday. He returned fire and wounded two of his attackers, police said.

In the Heidelberg township of Randfontein yesterday morning, two policemen were attacked when they tried to help a man who had been stabbed.

Gunmen wounded one of the policemen and took their weapons.
Joint peace force may be on talks agenda

THE ANC’s proposal that a combined armed force of about 3 000 “peace soldiers” should be mobilised to keep the peace during the elections phase could be on the negotiations agenda soon, sources said yesterday.

Umkhonto we Sizwe commander Joe Modise said yesterday the ANC had proposed a brigade of crack MK, SADF, SAP and homeland soldiers be mobilised after a transitional executive council was in place to deal with violence in “volatile areas”.

Parliamentary sources said such a proposal could soon be discussed in one of the negotiations technical committees. Although no official confirmation could be obtained yesterday, the discussions would follow a meeting between MK and SADF heads a week ago, where “certain concepts” were discussed.

Modise said in an interview that the brigade would form the nucleus of a national peacekeeping force to ensure elections were free and fair.

“Without this kind of force, you cannot have a levelling of the playing fields. The peacekeeping force would not replace the police, but would be used in the most volatile areas to ensure the climate is created for free and fair elections,” he said.

The joint force would have legitimacy with most South Africans. “I think this is the only way we can go now, with the tarnished image of the police and SADF.”

DP MP Dene Smuts said to achieve real security in the run-up to elections it might well be necessary to create an armed force with specific tasks. This would not be an indictment of the SAP or the SADF as it would be operating in extraordinary circumstances with a prescribed role.

Other sources were sceptical, pointing out that the establishment of a rigorous command structure would be complex and to set it up in the short time before elections would be difficult.

Modise said he feared a future government would be faced with the enormous task of ending the cycle of violence.

The peacekeeping force would be scrutinised by international observers and would have to be totally neutral, he said. MK soldiers would hand over to the authorities those witnessed to be involved in violence.

Modise said about 3 000 MK members from within Sizwe had been mobilised to maintain order at Oliver Tambo’s funeral.

Modise said the formation of an unarmed peace corps to protect communities from violence was also being discussed by MK. The corps, which needed to be formed immediately, would also act against banditry in communities.

MK had also recommended to the ANC that it become involved in training marshals in crowd control. He said the burning of two men in their homes near the FNB stadium during a service for the late Chris Hani “hurt us a great deal”, and the incidents of violence around the stadium would have been avoided if MK had been deployed in the area.

Modise denied that self-defence units had received MK training as government alleged. “It is no secret that weapons are flowing across the borders of this country. We hope that the ways and means will be found to stop this. They are not only being used to kill whites, but to kill all of us.”

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Callers attack the ANC and violence

By Abbey Makoe

CALLERS to the Sowetan/Radio Metro Talkback Show last night condemned the escalating violence in the country while some criticised the leadership of the African National Congress.

Schoolchildren aligned to Congress of South African Students were also criticised by furious parents who said they were against violence during marches.

Tambo praised

The late ANC leader Mr Oliver Tambo was praised as one of the greatest statesmen.

Show host Tim Modise said it was a pity Tambo could not be quoted in the Press during his three decades in exile.

As a result, Tambo had died without most of his followers and admirers ever getting to know what kind of a man he was.

"He came back to the country a very sick man and could not address rallies," said Modise.

Lazarus, of Sebokeng said: "I commend all those who attended Tambo's funeral." He said although the ANC had good leadership, it had failed to discipline its followers.

Mantombi of Soweto complained about some elements in Soweto who were attacking Telkom, Eskom and Rand Water Board employees working in township.

Modise responded: "I wonder what goes on in the minds of such people."

David of Cape Town complained about a newspaper in his area for giving prominence to the killing of five whites at a hotel in East London last Saturday.

He said the killings were given "full colour-page coverage. Yet it was not the case with the Sebokeng massacre where 19 people were killed".

"The ANC leadership is flamboyant and Shell House is moving away from the people daily. I will vote for them in the first elections so that they win but thereafter ..."

"The East London killings were senseless since things are going nicely today."

"In a changing South Africa all radicals should be stopped."

"Leaders of the TBVC states are opposing what the majority of the people want."
Mandela on VIP UK trip

Soweto Jan 4: Stalwart to address MPs:

ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela will meet Commonwealth secretary-general Chief Emeka Anyaoku in London today ahead of his meeting with British Prime Minister John Major tomorrow.

Mandela, who last week postponed his trip to Portugal to attend ANC national chairman Mr Oliver Tambo’s funeral on Sunday, left Johannesburg last night.

He is scheduled to address a joint sitting of the British Parliament and is expected to call for new investment in South Africa once a transitional executive council has been established and a date for elections has been set.

Apart from Major, Mandela will also hold talks with Labour Party leader Mr John Smith and Foreign Affairs Minister Douglas Hurd tomorrow.

From Thursday to Sunday he will be holidaying in Britain.

Next Monday he will visit Germany for talks with Chancellor Helmut Kohl and will return to South Africa next Tuesday. - Sowetan Correspondent
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with Tim Modise

Liberation, then socialism - SACP

By Isaac Moleodi

THE South African Communist Party’s ultimate goal was to establish a socialist dispensation in South Africa, newly-elected SACP general secretary Mr Charles Nqakula said last night.

Nqakula, who succeeded assassinated SACP leader Mr Chris Hani, was speaking as a guest on the Sowetan/Radio Metro Talkback Show.

He said national liberation must, however, be attained first before a socialist dispensation could be implemented.

He said SACP and other parties in the ANC-led alliance would fight the impending elections under the banner of the ANC.

Nqakula slammed people who did not want the present negotiations to continue.

He said while the Government was responsible for protecting the country’s citizens, he called on people to protect themselves and not to be intimidated.

Dismissing perceptions that the SACP wanted to manipulate the ANC, Nqakula said: “It is without doubt that the ANC is led by fine and tested politicians. It’s an insult to say they are being manipulated by a small clique of communists.

“Our role in the liberation struggle is well known. The SACP is the first party to talk about non-racialism. We also took part in establishing the ANC’s military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, when all avenues of the struggle were closed.”

“I am quite interested in knowing about the marriage between the SACP and the ANC. What is going to happen after the elections?”

Alexandra Sabelo

“I’m worried about those whites who keep on complaining about communism. I want to tell them today that I’ve been oppressed by apartheid. I don’t know anything about communism but I can write volumes about apartheid.”

Dudu, Newcastle

“It seems to me that communists are failing to put their propaganda across. What we now know about communism is what we have been told by the South African Government. They have never told us anything about it themselves.”

Doreen, Joubert Park

“The main issue here is change and we want that change. We also want our leadership to be protected. Joe Slovo must be protected because there are already threats against his life.”

Anonymous, Katlehong
ANC 'expects UK to help'

JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC expected Britain to assist fully in bringing about parliamentary democracy in South Africa, ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela said when he left Jan Smuts Airport last night for a short visit to Britain.

Mr Mandela, who is going at the invitation of British Prime Minister Mr John Major, will meet Mr Major and opposition Labour Party members, and address a joint sitting of Parliament. He will encourage British and German leaders to invest in South Africa once a transitional executive council has been established.

His overseas visit comes after Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's recent trip to Britain and Italy, where he promoted foreign investment and met the Institute for the Reconstruction of Industry.

Mr Mandela told a press conference before flying out: "Britain can play a major role in ensuring that free and fair elections take place in this country."

The ANC leader will holiday in Switzerland from Thursday to Sunday and will meet Chancellor Helmut Kohl in Germany on Monday. — Sapa-Reuters
Dissent on what tops talks agenda

Will it be regions or violence as groups prepare to parley?

By Ismail Lagardien
Political Correspondent

THE Negotiations Council will on Friday consider proposals on the question of how the country will be divided into regions. The planning committees on Monday agreed that sub-committees would prepare the proposals, along with others, on matters such as public demonstrations.

The decision to look at proposals on regions has been interpreted as a move to placate the Concerned South Africans Group, who insist on the form of the new state before negotiations can commence, and that there should be agreement on the powers, duties and functions of regions.

The decision is expected to ease the negotiation process and Friday’s meeting is expected to be productive.

“I think we’ve got a very good chance of making real headway on Friday,” SA Communist Party chairman Mr Joe Slovo said yesterday.

However, sources in the African National Congress and Pan Africanist Congress warned yesterday that it was still too early to make a decision on regions.

The Government insists that the question of violence, should top the agenda. Minister of Constitutional Negotiations Mr Roelf Meyer has said that he hoped violence would take precedence at Friday’s meeting.

Sovereign state for coloureds sought

By Kaizer Nyatsamba
Political Correspondent

A new political organisation which calls for a "sovereign and independent state" for coloureds in a new dispensation was introduced to the media in Eldorado Park, Johannesburg, yesterday.

The organisation, called the National Liberation Front (NLF) and headed by University of the Witwatersrand geography lecturer Malcolm Lupton, has as its main purpose the creation of an independent homeland for coloureds.

Lupton... we are used as political pawns.

Lupton (39), who is the new organisation's general-secretary, criticised both the National Party and the ANC, accusing them of regarding coloureds "as expendable pawns" in their efforts to get votes.

"In their hidden agendas, both the ANC and the NP regard our people as expendable pawns," he said.

Lupton said the NLF had about 500 paid-up members.
ANC rejects protest Bill

The ANC has rejected a proposed Bill governing mass demonstrations published by Goldstone commission chairman Judge Richard Goldstone last week, because it was not consulted adequately. "The ANC believes that poor legislation is worse than no legislation at all, but that the outstanding problems with the Bill can be easily resolved," the statement said.

The ANC welcomed consultations on the previous draft, many of which were incorporated in the redrafted version. However, the commission ignored the ANC's subsequent comments. The Bill is inconsistent in its approach to the right to demonstrate and is difficult to interpret. It fails to establish consistent and simple procedures for demonstrations.

"It imposes a wide ranging statutory civil liability on organisers of demonstrations," the ANC said. Other problems included the Bill's restriction on demonstrations near courts and Parliament. Goldstone would not comment yesterday.

Commonwealth rethinks SA role

The future of the Commonwealth observer mission to SA hangs in the balance with its Durban office scheduled to close down in weeks and the strong possibility that funding for its observer force may be cut soon.

Mission head Duncan Chappell said yesterday representation had been made to the Commonwealth's London head office in an effort to change the decision to close the Durban office.

Financial constraints had led the Commonwealth to rethink its role in SA. ANC president Nelson Mandela was scheduled to discuss the future of the mission with Commonwealth secretary-general Chief Emeka Anyaoku in London yesterday, he said. It is believed he urged Anyaoku to retain the mission.

ANC peace desk official Sydney Mafumadi said it would be "most unfortunate" if the mission were to close its offices with elections drawing closer and violence continuing unabated.

Chappell said Commonwealth headquarters was considering replacing observers, who were scheduled to return to their home countries in mid-May, with a smaller team of "technical assistants".

A well-placed monitoring source said it was likely that the mission's Johannesburg office would be reduced to a skeleton staff.

Mafumadi said the ANC believed all international missions should remain in place.

There was a strong possibility that violence would be stepped up by "spoilers" wanting to undermine future elections.

Mission spokesman Colleen Low-Morner said yesterday the 10 observers scheduled to leave in mid-May would be replaced by "a new cast of characters" to deal with changing political circumstances in SA.

TIM COHEN reports from Cape Town that the EC has appointed an ambassador-level diplomat to oversee its observer mission which will continue to operate for at least another six months.

Former German ambassador to Addis Ababa Paul Joachim von Stulpnagel said yesterday the existing 16 mission members felt they had made a difference.

Stulpnagel said four or five of the existing observers had asked to remain in SA and the others would be replaced. They would continue to operate within the guidelines set down by a UN Security Council resolution stipulating that observers should work with local organisations to encourage peace.

Stulpnagel, who met Foreign Affairs Minister Pik Botha yesterday, said the existing observers had told him that their mere presence at mass gatherings had played a positive role.

Being policemen, the observers were able to contribute expertise to multiparty discussions about peacekeeping, he said.
ANC-Govt clash over Arms Bill

By Chris Whitfield and Brendan Templeton

CAPE TOWN — The ANC was last night locked in bitter dispute with the Government over a warning by Deputy Law and Order Minister Gert Myburgh that tough new arms legislation would apply to the organisation’s arms caches.

In an angry reaction, ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said that if this were the case it would be a breach of the DF Malan Accord.

He was backed by the organisation’s legal adviser Matthew Phosa, who said the ANC would refuse to hand over its weapons.

Myburgh defended his comments, saying: “I am prepared to cross swords with them on this issue.”

The row comes amid increasing tension over recent violence, including the apparently racially motivated attack on an East London hotel in which five whites were shot dead.

Democratic Party MP Peter Gastrow warned in Parliament yesterday that the “clouds of civil war” appeared to be gathering on the country’s horizon.

Myburgh had told Parliament while replying to the second reading debate on the Arms and Ammunition Bill yesterday that it would apply to the arms caches.

The legislation, which now has only to be voted on by Parliament before it becomes law, contains provisions for sentences ranging between five and 25 years for anyone caught in possession of certain illegal arms or explosives.

It also includes an indemnity from prosecution for those handing in their firearms within 60 days of the Act’s commencement.

Myburgh said people associated with arms caches would be dealt with in precisely the same way as others in possession of illegal firearms.

It was incumbent on all political parties to compel their followers to toe the line.

Niehaus said: “The Bill should not affect our arms caches.

“We have an agreement on that, in terms of the DF Malan Accord, where the ANC will look after its own arms caches.

“ Anything which they unilaterally try to push through Parliament will be seen as a breach of the accord.”

Phosa accused Myburgh of acting irresponsibly and said the ANC, “whatever they do or say… won’t give (the Government) our AKs”.

Myburgh defended his statements, saying the proposed legislation “most definitely does not contravene the DF Malan Accord”.

The accord between the Government and ANC was signed in early 1991 and dealt primarily with security issues, including control of arms caches. However, it has since given rise to differing interpretations by the two organisations.

In an earlier statement, yesterday the ANC had said that while it believed that there should be greater control over the distribution of all firearms, it was opposed to the proposed minimum sentence.

As long as there was a perception of racial bias in the legal access to firearms, “this harsh measure will be seen as… designed to disarm black people but not whites”.

Gastrow, speaking during yesterday’s debate on the Bill, said South Africa had a white population which was legally armed to the teeth and a black population which was in the process of arming itself — largely with unlicensed weapons.

There was no way the Government could disarm the population through legislation, he said.
ANC, SAP in pistols row

Two pistols found after a tavern brawl in a northern Free State township last month have become the centre of a dispute between the ANC and the SA Police, leading to the Goldstone Commission being asked to intervene.

The ANC yesterday claimed the pistols were evidence security forces in the northern Free State were aiding and abetting forces opposed to the ANC.

The pistols were shown to the press in Johannesburg yesterday and were then handed over to Goldstone Commission representatives.

"We have reason to believe that an attempt to murder a regional ANC leader was frustrated in Thabong, near Welkom, on April 9. On that occasion two persons were involved in a tavern fight, during which one of them lost his life," the ANC said.

During the fight, the pair were disarmed. Their weapons were then handed over to the ANC, which had "strong reason" to believe they were SAP-issued.

The Goldstone Commission is to investigate the weapons' origin.

Police denied the allegations, saying the pistols had been stolen from two off-duty policemen who had gone to the tavern and were assaulted.

"One of the members later died in hospital of his injuries. Both members were allegedly robbed of their firearms."

Police called on the ANC to hand over the weapons because the ANC's possession of them was unlawful and it was withholding evidence. — Sapa.
A forgotten hero

By Juanita Williams

VERY few people know who John Gomas was, yet in 1931 he was the first black person to speak in Parliament, giving a rousing speech which ended with him pelting the members with leaflets.

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Inquiries about the Johnny Gomas Memorial Trust Fund should be sent to P.O. Box 424, Howard Place, Pinelands, 7450 or tel. (021) 691 2285 or fax (021) 531 2484.
SA's progress remarkable – FW

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — It was essential to reach all South Africans during the coming months to explain to them the significance of the coming elections, President FW de Klerk said in Cape Town last night.

Speaking at an International Public Relations Association dinner, he said it would also be necessary to create the circumstances in which they would be able to take part freely and meaningfully in the process.

The dramatic change in direction in South Africa just more than three years ago had turned out to be “a long-distance marathon towards our goal of a new and democratic South Africa”.

There were no illusions at the outset that it would be an easy race. Given the diametrically opposed ideologies at the outset, the deep-seated animosities and suspicions, and the legacies of prejudice, fear and envy in the society, it was clear there would be many difficulties.

But remarkable progress had been made, De Klerk said.

Nearly all the major parties in South Africa had been drawn into negotiations, and substantial agreement had been reached on fundamental departure points and goals.

Apartheid victims ‘will not vote NP’

People who had been treated as second-class citizens all their lives were not going to vote for the National Party, Mohammed Vally Moosa of the ANC’s negotiating team warned yesterday in an address to the Johannesburg Municipal Combined Employees’ Union at the City Hall.

He told about 300 members of the largely coloured and Indian union that the National Party had been claiming the support of the majority of coloured and Indian people.

Also addressing the meeting, the head of the ANC’s local government unit, Thozamile Botha, said interim local councils to replace existing councils in black and white areas should be in place by July 1.

These interim councils would be responsible for the rationalisation of services and the unifying of the budgets of the various local authorities in order to address the service crisis facing the country. — Staff Reporter.

Mdlalose accusations referred to Goldstone

By Helen Grange

Accusations made last month by IFP chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose that the Government was involved in a smear campaign against the IFP will be referred to the Goldstone Commission for possible investigation.

A statement by the National Peace Committee (NPC), detailing decisions made at Monday night’s NPC executive meeting, said Mdlalose had raised issues relating to criminal action which fell within the scope of the Goldstone Commission and could not be dealt with by the complaints investigating committee.

In his address last Monday to the Negotiating Council, Mdlalose said Government intelligence agencies were involved in a smear campaign against the IFP and were “involved in providing support to those seeking our demise”.

He also suggested that the police were deliberately neglecting to investigate perpetrators of violence against the IFP.

The NPC distanced itself from recent inflammatory statements by Winnie Mandela and ANC Youth League president Peter Mokaba.

Speaking at a press conference yesterday, NPC chairman John Hall said the NPC was very concerned with violations of the Peace Accord, which needed strengthening to further bind signatories to its terms.

The option of affording the accord legislative power to punish transgressors was, however, not being considered.

Hall said the greatest obstacles to the Peace Accord’s success was the absence of a new political dispensation and the crippling socio-economic situation on the ground.

Action plans would, however, be launched to address immediate threats to peace in the form of mass action, political intolerance and broken-down relations between political parties.

IFP plans to force talks on violence

DURBAN — The Inkatha Freedom Party is planning a programme of mass demonstrations to demand that violence tops the agenda at multi-party negotiations.

Inkatha spokesman Ed Tillet said yesterday that IFP supporters would march and picket in the streets from May 15.

The first march would take place in Durban.

“The IFP’s view is that violence has reached such a level that it should be tabled at the top of the agenda at the multi-party forum,” he said.

His statement echoed that by IFP president Mangosuthu Buthelezi on Monday.

IFP national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose attempted to read a statement on violence to last week’s negotiating council, but it was referred to a subcommittee on violence.

The memorandum calls for the immediate disbanding of all private armies. — Sapa.
Billion-dollar pledge for SA

From Simon Barber
WASHINGTON. - Western nations may pledge up to a billion dollars (about R3bn) in development assistance to South Africa once an agreement on a transitional executive is reached, according to a top Washington-based consultant who has been advising the World Bank on South Africa.

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From Chris Bateman
LONDON. - A commission of independent experts should be appointed to review the "unacceptable" control of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange by four major conglomerates and advise a new government, ANC president Nelson Mandela said yesterday.

Addressing an international media conference, he said he had urged British business to invest in South Africa as "this was now becoming crucial".

As soon as "the date for elections" was announced the international community would be asked to invest.

Mr. Mandela said stiff trade competition from Eastern Europe and hard-billed business sense had prompted the ANC to try to encourage investors by guaranteeing to repatriate their property and to allow full repatriation of dividends and profits.

"Entrenched"
Asked about the move by the former police and army generals to consolidate right-wing opposition, he said they were saying "nothing different" from what the late Mr. Turenow had always said.

He saw the right-wing as the "greatest threat" because they were entrenched in the system.

To allies and rivals alike, he had met police generals and policy-makers of the Dutch Reformed Church - "the National Party in prayer," he said. "A plug, said" at least one has been done which is paying dividends.

Another crucial move would be to lower expectations of blacks because it must take as long as five years before a new government can address serious social-economic problems.

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White schools:  
ANC clarifies

JOHANNESBURG. — Although the ANC had publicly opposed a call to occupy white schools it did not necessarily reject the idea, ANC PWV regional secretary Mr Obed Bopape said yesterday.

He told a press conference here the matter would remain high on the agenda until the government became part of a forum to address the education crisis.

He was answering a question on a joint statement by the ANC and the SA Communist Party PWV regions, southern Transvaal regions of the NECC, SA National Civic Organisation, SA Democratic Teachers' Union, Congress of SA Students and SA Students' Congress.

— Sapa
Concern over halt in ANC, Inkatha talks

BILLY PADDICK (11)

MEMBERS of the diplomatic corps in SA yesterday expressed "great concern" that talks between Inkatha and the ANC had been "placed on the back-burner for the sake of multiparty negotiations".

They indicated they might take up the matter with the parties.

A joint Inkatha/ANC preparatory committee met several times to finalise arrangements for a summit between ANC president Nelson Mandela and Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi. But since their last meeting in February no further contact has been made.

Yesterday national peace committee chairman John Hall said the two major obstacles - Mandela's claim that Inkatha was a government surrogate and not an organisation with which the ANC would enter into agreements over violence, and the failure of MK to disband - had not been cleared up.

The summit is seen as an important step in reducing hostilities between the warring factions in Natal that have been responsible for more than 4,000 deaths in the past three years.

"It is vital that the bilateral meeting between these two parties take place as soon as possible," one senior diplomat said.

He argued that one of the main reasons for Inkatha and Concerned South Africans Group members hedging in talks at the World Trade Centre was because of their distrust of the ANC's intentions.

Meanwhile government is set to have two bilateral meetings in the next week - one with Inkatha at the weekend and another with the ANC next week to discuss constitutional matters.

There are still clear differences between government and the ANC over:

☐ The powers and functions of a transitional executive council and its sub-councils;

☐ The arrangements for a regional dispensation during the transition; and

☐ How to ensure reincorporation of the TBVC states.
ANC criticises arms Bill's mandatory 5-year sentence

THE ANC said yesterday it was opposed to the minimum, five-year sentence proposed under the Arms and Ammunition Bill.

The Bill, now before Parliament, recommends the sentence for anyone found in possession of certain categories of firearms, particularly automatic weapons.

Sapa reports that the ANC said the Bill attempted to punish people for possession of firearms without dealing with the reasons why there was such a demand.

This, the ANC said, was because of "personal insecurity arising out of the failure of the law enforcement machinery to adequately protect black South Africans".

Mandatory minimum sentences, the organisation said, would remove the discretion of the courts to identify an accused who was a law-abiding citizen with a genuine fear for his safety.

"Minimum sentences do not distinguish between those who should receive a harsh punishment because they intend to use the weapon for anti-social purposes, and those who do not," the ANC said.

"There is a line of decisions handed down by the courts, including the Appellate Division, which have strongly enjoined Parliament not to enact minimum sentences but to leave the question of sentence to the discretion of the courts."

The ANC said it was also concerned that for as long as there was a racial bias in the access to firearms, "this harsh measure will be seen as a measure designed to disarm black people but not white."

"In particular, concerns have been raised about the modus operandi and status of the firearm recovery unit of the SA Police, which is perceived to be predominantly, if not exclusively, concerned with the recovery of firearms from blacks in general and ANC members in particular."

"Our political staff reports from Cape Town that Deputy Law and Order Minister Gert Myburgh told Parliament the Bill would also apply to ANC arms caches."

"Replying to the second reading debate yesterday, Myburgh said people associated with arms caches would be dealt with in exactly the same way as others illegally in possession of weapons."

Myburgh said it was physically impossible for the police to monitor the influx of arms across the country's borders. A political solution was needed to resolve the problem of illegal arms.

MP Peter Gastrov (DP Durban Central) said it appeared that the clouds of civil war were beginning to form on the horizon.

SA had a white population which had armed itself to the teeth and a black population which was in the process of doing so — mainly with unlicensed weapons.

Independent MP and ANC member Jannie Mombarg said his organisation endorsed the principle of the Bill, although it believed it would be unhelpful to try to control arms without long-term objectives.
Council to focus on date for all-in election

By Kaizer Nyatumba
Political Correspondent

A commitment to the holding of South Africa's first all-in election not later than April next year is the first issue to be debated when the Negotiating Council meets at the World Trade Centre this week, according to reliable sources.

Top negotiators told The Star that the commitment, tabled in a declaration of intent towards the end of last week's meeting, would be the first item on the agenda of Friday's council meeting.

The declaration further commits the 26 parties and organisations represented in negotiations to ensuring that an exact date for the election is set within the next five weeks.

"The question of a date for elections is first on the agenda. It is one of the issues facing us. "Without getting an election date, it will give the impression that the negotiations are endless," said SACP national chairman Joe Slovo yesterday.

The Democratic Party's Colin Eglin confirmed that the election date would be the first issue to be dealt with at Friday's talks.

Eglin also said he expected the technical committees agreed upon last week to be formally constituted on Friday, following recommendations to be made by the 10-member planning committee which met on Monday.

Both Slovo and Eglin are members of that committee.

The planning committee — whose members participate in their personal capacities and not represent their parties — this week agreed to make recommendations on both the composition of the technical committees and the time-frames during which they will be expected to report back.
ANC rejects call to borrow

By Paul Bell

The ANC will not be party to any applications to borrow from the World Bank or International Monetary Fund (IMF) any time soon — despite being urged by the United States government to do so immediately.

The organisation, looking to elections within a year, remains concerned that premature applications for funding by South Africa could see borrowings from the Bretton Woods institutions (as the World Bank and the IMF are collectively known) undermining a future ANC government’s freedom of economic decision-making, as well as being wasted by what it regards as the inefficiencies of the country’s present economic management.

ANC economics chief Trevor Manuel said this yesterday in response to advice last week from US ambassador Princeton Lyman that South Africa should immediately invite the World Bank to develop a portfolio of project proposals.

Lyman, obliquely addressing the ANC, said it would take the bank between 18 months and two years to move from proposals to implementation. “That means that unless the bank begins now, a newly elected government will be faced with as much as two years’ wait before being able to utilise this assistance for the pressing needs of the population,” he said.

But Manuel said the ANC was not prepared to consider any binding arrangements with the Bretton Woods institutions before the introduction of democratic government in South Africa.

“The integrity of domestic policy formulation must be supreme in a democratic dispensation,” he said. “There are civil servants who might consider it in their short-term interests to borrow from the World Bank.”
Investors have nothing to fear, says Mandela

By Tim Whitfield

LONDON — The violence in South Africa cannot be stopped until a democratic government is elected, but overseas investors have nothing to fear if the ANC comes into power, this was the message Nelson Mandela put forward in London yesterday.

The ANC president seemed determined to allay fears of foreign businessmen during a press briefing only hours after arriving in Britain. But he warned that violence would continue until a democratic government was elected.

"As long as violence continues it will be difficult for businessmen to invest in our country."

The ANC is taking measures to allay any fears from potential foreign investors.

"We have an investment code that emphasises there will be no appropriation, and that dividends will be freely transferable overseas.

"We have taken the position that as soon as the date for elections is announced, we will invite foreign businesses to invest in our country.

"Violence is a serious obstacle to their doing so, but that can only be addressed when a democratic government is elected."

The reasons the current Government cannot address the violence is because they have no legitimacy, lack credibility and are massively corrupt," he said.

A democratic government had the advantage of legitimacy and having the confidence of the political majority.

Mandela also touched on the reports that whites are leaving in anticipation of the ANC taking over government.

"The white community has had opportunities not available to the rest during the years of apartheid. But without them and their expertise it will be difficult to address the substantial socio-economic problems, therefore we make an appeal for them to remain in the country."

He added that the greatest threat to the peace process was not from black organisations ... the greatest threat was from the Right.

"We cannot ignore the Right because their supporters are firmly entrenched in Government structures."

Mandela met the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, Chief Emeka Anyaoku, yesterday afternoon and today will meet British Prime Minister John Major, Foreign Secretary Doug las Hurd, and the leader of the Labour Party, John Smith.

He leaves for Geneva tomorrow.
Surge of hope
for the bridge-builders

WHEN writer Mewa Ramgobin said that art and culture could heal the bruises of a nation and bring unity to a divided people, his words seemed glib enough.

They were simple and effective, but most would agree that the statement couldn't possibly have any real value in a country threatened by violence and opposing ideologies.

But Ramgobin, a prominent figure in the ANC's Department of Arts and Culture (DAC), may indeed have been vindicated.

The event which spurred his statement, the DAC's Culture and Development Conference held at Johannesburg's monolithic Civic Theatre last week, was more than a meeting of a few hundred local and international cultural workers. It was a surge of inspiration and hope.

Imbalances

From soaring, colourful banners promoting peace and friendship to the thundering feet of dozens of toy-toying delegates, the spirit of goodwill at the conference provided convincing reasons to start believing in the new South Africa.

Everyone was 'Comrade', but the sobriquet had no socialist overtones; it was a verbal means of extending the hand of friendship.

The issues the conference set out to address concerned the cultural imbalances created by apartheid, and the exploration of ways to attain cultural equity for all South Africans.

At no point during the week-long conference did a single delegate suggest that should the ANC enter Parliament with a majority, culture as South Africans know it today would be replaced.

Reconciliation was emphasised, and where there were recalcitrant comments from the floor, these were debated and usually outmanoeuvred.

It was agreed that under a new political dispensation, much attention would have to be given to the promotion of African languages.

International speakers from multilingual countries advised that one of the only means of realising this was to guarantee the right of individuals to speak the language of their choice, and this was strongly endorsed.

The controversial subject of cultural edifices like monuments and memorials was scrutinised both in a general forum and in a working group. Although it was recommended that memorials which reflect the history of black South Africans be constructed, there was no suggestion that all present monuments and memorials be destroyed.

Rather, it was suggested that such symbols be contextualised, perhaps with revisionist plaques putting the particular monument or memorial into historical perspective.

Symbols like the Voortrekker Monument may be returned to specific sectors of the community, whose responsibility it would be to maintain and promote the building.

The advancement of indigenous forms of artistic endeavour was high on the agenda, and it was generally accepted that the future allocation of funds for the performing arts would have to be democratic.

Reservations

The dismantling of the Performing Arts Councils in their present form was approved by the delegates, and — with some reservations — by three of the four directors of the performing arts councils.

In all areas of culture, delegates warned against State intervention, except on the issue of funding and facilitation of new structures.

Perhaps the words which most signified a gesture towards unity were made by the ANC's Barbara Masekela, who warned against the belief that the ANC was a government in waiting.

"Although we do expect to enter a new political phase with a majority vote, we will never be an ANC government with ANC culture. We will be a government for all the people of South Africa." — □
Mandela’s solution to violence in sight

ANC leader confident of stemming ebbing white tide:

LONDON - The installation of a "legitimate and credible government" in South Africa was the only solution to escalating racial violence in the country, ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela said yesterday.

Government illegitimate

"One of the reasons that the present Government has been unable to address the question of violence is that it has no legitimacy, no credibility. It's corrupt," Mandela told a Press conference in London at the start of a two-day official visit to Britain.

He will meet Prime Minister Mr John Major, Foreign Secretary Mr Douglas Hurd and Labour Party leader Mr John Smith today before addressing the House of Commons.

Mandela acknowledged a burgeoning exodus from South Africa, mostly by whites who feared for their safety amid the escalating racial violence.

"It is normal in a transition for minorities to be concerned, to ask: 'What is going to happen to me, to my family?'" said Mandela.

"We must be prepared to address those concerns. I am very optimistic that we will be able to withstand the tide of people leaving," he said.

Foreign investment

Mandela said he would renounce sanctions and launch a campaign to attract foreign investment as soon as the date for elections had been announced.

The ANC president said he was counting on Britain's help in installing "parliamentary democracy" in South Africa. - Sapa-AFP.
Azapo to vote on multiparty talks

By Joe Mthihele

The Azanian People's Organisation is not against negotiations but has serious misgivings about negotiations of the liberation movement sitting on the same side of the table as the Government as it is happening with the present multiparty talks.

Such a state of affairs was unacceptable and would render the movement impotent, Azapo deputy president Pandelani Nkolovhodwe said this week.

This and other crucial issues will form part of Azapo's agenda at the special congress scheduled for the Willam Green Fellowship Centre near Roodepoort on Saturday and Sunday.

Azapo decided at its council meeting in Bloemfontein last month to hold an extraordinary congress at which it would decide whether or not to join the multiparty talks at the World Trade Centre.

The emergency congress is also going to give delegates a chance to debate views about the armed struggle and the role this strategy plays in forcing the Government to surrender political power to majority rule.

Azapo believes the transfer of power to the majority is nonnegotiable and should not be left to the Government to decide.

No right

The notion that negotiations cannot happen at the same time as the armed struggle is flawed, said Nkolovhodwe.

"This belief is not only naïve, it also fails to recognise that the Government has no right to determine the course of our liberation," he said.

He said the Government pretended it had the sole right to arm itself, while it expected the liberation movement to disband its armies.

Nkolovhodwe said the issue of the armed struggle and the role the military wing of Azapo, the Azanian National Liberation Army, would play now and in the future, would be thoroughly discussed at the congress.

In the same way that the Government makes a lot of noise about the unattractiveness of the armed struggle, it should be told its security forces need to be questioned and "kept to the barracks" until a political settlement had been reached.

The liberation movement should unite against the "oppressor" and its allies, Nkolovhodwe suggested, saying that was the quickest way of ending the "ilegitimate role of the white minority.

He suggested initiatives aimed at liberating blacks would be doomed to failure if they were allowed to be controlled by the Government.

"And that is precisely what is happening at the World Trade Centre.

"I do not think it is possible for the Government to determine its own political fate and therefore its future. Only an external optimist and the naïve are capable of harboring such thoughts.

"We at Azapo think it might be wise to turn our attention back to the liberation movement to think the World Trade Centre will provide solutions to the country's political problems," he said.

For as long as the Government propped up bantustans therefore giving them legitimacy, there was no earthly reason why they should not be regarded as republics, he said.

"The leaders of these bantustans must be treated as Government puppets, even though some pretend to have had their sins of apartheid purged.

"The demand for the removal of bantustans from talks held in Azapo being, not the process of the Patriotic Front in 1991. Chairman of the Black Consciousness Movement of Azania Mr Motsoaledi Mangana this week said his organisation would follow events at Azapo's deliberations with great interest.

"Azapo as our sister organisation and we are in agreement with them on many issues, including the refusal to attend multiparty talks. We will see where this leads as far as that stand goes. We think Azapo is right and will support them fully on this emergent standpoint," Mangana said.

"We were the liberation movement's dynamic and 'put their heads together' to form a united front, the liberation of the black people would have been hastened," Mangana said.

"The topping of the ruling class would be in order.

"He said once the Government had been defeated, the various liberation forces would be free to go their separate ways and fellow programmes of their choice.
INKATHA, which has criticised the ANC for embarking on mass action to achieve its demands, has decided to do the same.

Inkatha's Durban spokesman Ed Tillet announced yesterday that his party was planning mass action to demand that violence be stopped at multi-party negotiations, and that the state's future be given priority. Tillet said Inkatha supporters would hold marches, pickets and placard demonstrations, starting in Durban on May 15.

On Monday, Inkatha leader Maqg Mongothu Buthelezi said violence had to be the first item dealt with at talks. Inkatha's delegation leader, national chairman Frank Mdhlalose, attempted twice last week to read a lengthy statement at negotiations council meetings. First it was referred to the planning committee, and later, to a technical committee still to be set up.

Meanwhile the planning committee made limited progress on Monday and will meet again today to prepare the ground for "real headway" at Friday's meeting of the negotiating council.

The 19-member committee has agreed to a package of proposals to be put to Friday's meeting and the council is to begin addressing the concerns of the Concerned South Africans Group.
JSE holdings must be reviewed — Mandela

CHRIS BATEMAN

LONDON — A commission of non-aligned experts would be appointed to review the “unacceptable” control of the JSE by four major conglomerates and advise a new government. ANC president Nelson Mandela said yesterday.

Mandela told a media conference he would use Prime Minister John Major’s invitation to urge British business to invest in SA as this was now “becoming crucial”.

“I want to convey the message that as soon as a date for elections is announced the international community will be allowed to invest,” he said.

Sapa reports he did acknowledge, however, that violence was the “main obstacle” to outside investment.

Emphasizing that the economic commission was his “own view”, Mandela said there could be no free market on the ownership of shares if 75% of the JSE was owned by four conglomerates.

He said he saw the right wing as the “greatest threat” because they were entrenched in the system.

To allay white fears and to stem an exodus he had met police generals in January and policymakers of the Dutch Reformed Church last Monday.

Another crucial move would be to lower expectations of blacks because it could take as long as five years before a new government could address serious socioeconomic problems.
Mandela charms London with vision of future

BENJAMIN POGRUND of The Independent reports from London

NELSON Mandela put on a bravura performance in London yesterday. Within a few hours of arriving on an overnight flight from Johannesburg, he was at a Park Lane hotel facing 60 journalists, a score of photographers and a dozen television cameras. For an hour he fielded a stream of questions, fluently, courteously and to the point.

The only evidence of his 74 years, and tiredness, was his request to a few questioners to come closer or to speak up "because I am hard of hearing." But he might as easily have blamed the room's acoustics.

He was in Britain, he said, at the invitation of the Prime Minister, who had shown "a great deal of interest" in what was happening in South Africa.

Mr Mandela said he had been in regular touch with Margaret Thatcher when she was prime minister and that now applied to John Major.

"I have found his advice fairly useful on a number of issues," he said. "We have never forgotten that Britain is the home of parliamentary democracy and that is what our efforts are directed at. We naturally expect Britain to play a role in this."

He said that there was a difference of opinion about methods. "We believe in sanctions, they do not. But on the basic issue of the overthrow of apartheid we see eye to eye."

Mr Mandela is to meet Mr Major today, after lunch with Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd, and a meeting with Labour leader John Smith. This evening he will address members of the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

"The greatest threat to the peace process in South Africa is not with black surrogate groups as De Klerk and others are trying to convince South Africa and the world," said Mr Mandela. "The greatest threat . . . is from the right wing."

But, he went on: "We can only address this when there is a democratic government to replace the present one, which was "corrupt and has lost credibility."

Mr Mandela also expressed concern that white South Africans may want to leave South Africa if the ANC came to power.

"The white community has had opportunities not available to the rest during the years of apartheid. But without them and their expertise it will be difficult to address the socio-economic problems, therefore we make an appeal for them to remain in South Africa," he said.

As the press conference drew to a close a television journalist put the obvious but hitherto unspoken question: what was the state of his health? Mr Mandela laughed. "Tomorrow I plan to jog," he said, and invited her to join him.
**PAC meeting**

THE Mamelodi branch of the Pan Africanist Congress is calling on local residents to attend a meeting to address the education crisis.

PAC official Mr Brutus Manna said the meeting would be at the Mamelodi East Redhibile Hall on Saturday at 2.30pm. The PAC's education policy will be outlined at the meeting.

**Cop rescued**

A GROUP of passengers on a bus went to the rescue of a policeman who had been shot and wounded on Tuesday night and arrested his attackers.

Police spokesman Captain Bala Naidoo said yesterday that Sergeant MA Maphumalo was on his way home when he was attacked at Isipingo by three men on the bus. He was shot in the stomach.

"Before the gunmen could flee, passengers confronted them and arrested them. The three were later handed over to the police."
Marching to the Airfakranland

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The image contains text that appears to be discussing a map or a geographical area labeled "Marching to Airfakranland." The text is not legible enough to provide a clear context or translation without further clarity or context from the image.
Mandela addresses House of Commons

Emotional welcome from British MPs

GARNER THOMSON

The Argus Foreign Service

LONDON. — Mr Nelson Mandela was given an emotional welcome by 250 MPs of all parties at the House of Commons.

He was greeted with a standing ovation when he arrived yesterday and MPs rose in prolonged applause when he finished speaking.

Mr Mandela gave a detailed and wide-ranging speech on the difficulties South Africa faced in the transition from apartheid to multi-party democracy, and he called on Britain and the EC to help achieve a peaceful transition and an early election date.

He said South Africa had a special need for training and education.

He said: "We request that you use such contact as you have with political actors (in South Africa) to persuade them to abandon their selfish and sectarian positions and stop blocking movement forward."

Mr Mandela assured the MPs that the ANC was doing "everything in our power" to address the issue of political violence in South Africa.

"But it is nevertheless incontestable that the government of the day has to do a lot more to deal with this matter, and so must other parties. Accordingly, we urge that you put pressure on those concerned within South Africa to carry out their obligations."

The ANC leader also called for "material and political" assistance to help speed a resolution to South Africa's problems.

British companies could take part in the process of achieving a higher rate of growth in the South African economy, central to the development of all South Africans.

Development assistance, too, was needed to help "the majority of our population, which happens to be black (and which) lives in conditions of dire poverty."

In return, Mr Mandela pledged that "a genuinely democratic South Africa will be your reliable partner as the international community continues to grapple with such critical matters as a democratic world order, human rights, development, peace and the protection of the environment."

Conservative MP Peter Bottomley spoke afterward of the political importance and symbolism of the event. Some of his colleagues, he said, had supported apartheid. Now all that was over.

"Mandela is a good and wise man to come here and say that the non-racial freedom charter would have no threats to anyone. It is good to be able to say: 'God bless South Africa' in a way which means something to everyone, when 10 years ago it was regarded as a revolutionary."

A Labour MP remarked: "It's nice to see your hero sometimes."

Earlier Mr Mandela met Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd and Prime Minister John Major.

Mr Hurd welcomed Mr Mandela's remarks on Tuesday about the need for British investment in South Africa. Both Mr Hurd and the Prime Minister expressed "strong support" for the political process in South Africa.
Verwoerd out in front for W Province ANC

CAPE TOWN — A grandson of Dr H F Verwoerd, former prime minister and mastermind of apartheid, will spearhead the ANC’s electioneering assault on the Cape Peninsula’s Afrikaner heartland next week.

Wilhelm Verwoerd of Stellenbosch will be one of three main speakers at a public meeting at Parow Civic Centre, favoured political stomping ground of former State President PW Botha and Conservative Party leader the late Dr Andries Treurnicht.

Verwoerd, whose wife is an active member of the Stellenbosch ANC executive, was introduced to the media at a briefing yesterday without any direct mention being made of his grandfather.

But as he presented Verwoerd, ANC regional chairman Dr Allan Boesak, quipped: “I know why everyone is smiling.”

“I am an ordinary member,” Verwoerd said, “and cannot speak in any leadership capacity.

“Over a long period, I had agonised over the past and came to a realisation as to what had happened.”

Apartheid had not only been a failure in policy, it had been a moral failure, he said.

“That places a particular responsibility on the leaders of the Afrikaner.

‘Liberating’

“After all my years of agonising it has been a liberating experience to become part of a majority of people composed from a wide variety of backgrounds, languages and cultures.”

Boesak said the ANC felt the time was opportune to move into the white Afrikaner-dominated northern suburbs of greater Cape Town.

The movement must stress its non-racialism and make all people feel at home in the ANC.

Sapa.
Govt push to end mass action

CAPE TOWN — Government gave notice yesterday that it intended to demand an end to mass action when violence was discussed in negotiations — which were currently balanced on a razor's edge.

Delivering a generally optimistic speech in Parliament yesterday, Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer, however, issued a stern warning on mass action.

Introducing his department's budget vote, Meyer said there were encouraging indications that in coming weeks agreements would be formulated regarding a whole series of key elements of a new constitutional dispensation. "The process is balancing on a razor edge, but we are on the threshold of a breakthrough."

He said the planning committee of the negotiations forum would tomorrow recommend the formation of a specialist committee on violence.

Government will expect that committee to investigate and identify the causes of violence and the organisations and people responsible for it. "I am giving notice that the government will there adopt the standpoint that at the present time mass action leads to violence and gives rise to a climate of violence."

Government would also test the standpoints of other parties on peace by the extent to which they would be prepared to give practical effect to their recommendations to the committee and their reactions to its recommendations.

However, the process had to proceed simultaneously with these discussions "in a spirit of positive aggression", he said.

Meyer said other important negotiations issues were details of the transitional constitution and the terms of reference and composition of a commission on regional government.

On the date for an election, Meyer said only that government believed this date should be before April next year.

Acting CP leader Ferdi Hartzenberg delivered a fiery response, warning that failure to meet the CP demand for self-determination would lead to bloodshed.

He said Meyer's speech was evidence that the negotiations were regarded by government as a rubber stamp for what it had already agreed with the ANC. Any group that attempted to deviate from what was already agreed with the ANC was portrayed as a spoiler.

For the CP, self-determination was a principle that should be decided on before the form of state was decided.

Although the CP was trying to avoid it, failure to acknowledge this principle would lead to bloodshed. "Do not force us to offer blood."

Our political staff reports that Tony Leon (DP Houghton) said a "deal" that was "simply stitched together" by the NP and ANC privately could not be binding on the negotiation process until the other parties had agreed to it.

While every party deserved to have its views taken seriously, a distinction had to be drawn between those negotiating in good faith and those who were not.

Leon said Bophuthatswana President Lucas Mangope had said there was no question of the homeland giving up its independence or control over its security forces. But Mangope's advisers were at the negotiating table. If he had no intention of giving up independence why were they contributing to the creation of structures of which they would never be a part? he asked.

UK owes SA, says Mandela

LONDON — ANC president Nelson Mandela yesterday blamed Britain for sowing the seeds of violent upheaval in SA, telling parliament members "history demands... that you help us".

Mandela told a bipartisan group of MPs that Britain's Act of Union, forming the constitution which created SA in 1969, paved the way for apartheid. "Your right to determine your own destiny was used to deny us to determine our own," he said.

The ANC president, who earlier had met Prime Minister John Major, Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd and Labour opposition leader John Smith, asked MPs to urge the SA government to set a date for elections and to stem violence. — Sapa-APP.
Verwoerd to head ANC drive

CAPE TOWN — Wilhelm Verwoerd, grandson of former Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd, the architect of apartheid, will spearhead an ANC recruitment drive to woo Afrikaners.

The ANC is to hold its first public meeting next week in the predominantly white Afrikaner town of Parow, constituency of Law and Order Minister Hermann Kriel.

Verwoerd will address the meeting, regarded as a breakthrough by the ANC. It has been billed as the ANC’s version of President F.W. de Klerk’s visit to the AWB stronghold of Ventersdorp.

“We feel confident and strong enough to take the NP on in their own backyard. The process will begin in the western Cape and then be carried out nationally. A number of programmes will be announced both here and in Johannesburg in the near future,” ANC western Cape assistant secretary Willy Hofmeyr said at a news briefing yesterday.

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He said there was much misinformation about the ANC in the white community. Verwoerd, a lecturer in political philosophy at the University of Stellenbosch, said he had struggled long and hard with what had happened in SA. This had led his family to regard him as a traitor.

Apartheid was not just a policy, it was immoral and evil and it was the responsibility of Afrikaners who were in a position of power to make a contribution to the emerging society. He felt his membership of the ANC was the best way to do this and felt privileged to be part of the majority rather than of a threatened minority.

Hofmeyr said strict security measures would be enforced at the meeting and the ANC had approached SA and international monitors to assist.

The ANC expected the SAP to play a role and was also investigating the possibility of employing a private security company to assist with frisking and searching for weapons.

Regional chairman Allan Boesak said it was necessary for the ANC to make whites, and Afrikaners in particular, aware of the organisation’s standpoint and intentions.

“It is essential that we build up the nonracial basis of the ANC to be as strong as possible and make people of all races feel at home in the ANC,” Boesak said.

Growing numbers of whites were moving towards the ANC as they were disillusioned with the political process, disenchanted with the NP’s lack of vision and frustrated by the NP’s total inability to break decisively with its past policies.

The lack of moral leadership in the country was starkly displayed after Chris Hani’s assassination when ANC president Nelson Mandela emerged as the true leader of the nation. Boesak said these events had given impetus to the movement of Afrikaners into the ANC.

Wits ‘maintains its standards’

WITS University vice-chancellor Robert Charlton yesterday defended his institution against rumours of falling academic standards.

Speaking at a Wits Business School seminar, Charlton said the question of what standards were appropriate for SA had become the subject of hot debate, with some maintaining that talk of “high standards” was merely a device for denying access to disadvantaged groups.

He said Wits succeeded in maintaining its world-class standards through the controls of the external examiner system, and regular inspection of professional disciplines for accreditation purposes.

Quoting the example of an exam taken by doctors emigrating to the US, Charlton said: “The average pass rate of all foreign graduates is 14%; in contrast, the pass rate for Wits graduates is 89%.”

Although many of the 6 000 black students — of a total of 18 500 — had gaps in their schooling, a strong academic support programme gave them the opportunity to bridge the gap, he said.

KATHRYN STRACHAN
ANC to put 3,000 marshals through crash course on police work

The ANC was putting 3,000 of its marshals through an advanced six-month training programme dealing with criminal investigation and crowd control and conducted by former policemen sympathetic to the organisation, ANC organisational head Steve Tshwete said yesterday.

The marshals would form the nucleus of a future police force.

Tshwete said the organisation’s marshals had been given a “general mandate” to act against crime and violence in the townships. Marshals recently arrested three men allegedly involved in the killing of an ANC cameraman in terms of this mandate, he said.

Once they had been fully trained, marshals would be graded and given rank, and the ANC was investigating remuneration and rewards for outstanding activity. The marshals would remain an unarmed force.

“We believe in the ANC that in any public activity, the element of social responsibility has to be projected in a vigorous manner. We are not saying that the present police force is going to be chased away, but the marshals will be a big force in the future of policing,” he said.

Police had not been approached to assist in training because this was an internal ANC initiative, he said.

Police spokesman Col David Bruce said there were instances where marshals had done good work, but added that police had to take action and take the criticism that resulted when situations went out of control. He said the force remained open to any South African who “meets the criteria of the police, but policemen cannot be members of political parties”.

ANC marshalling head “Rocky” Malebane-Metsaing said training would include crash courses in policing, crowd control, drilling skills and “investigating crime on the spot”. He said co-operation between police and marshals on the control of public gatherings was good and marshals were able to defuse situations where police action could lead to violence.

He said the ANC had more than 20,000 marshals countrywide.

Tshwete said the ANC had no objection to a suggestion by Inkatha that the two organisations jointly train marshals.

Umkhonto we Sizwe commander Joe Modise said the ANC was considering a proposal that marshals receive advanced training in crowd control from MK.

Sapa reports that police are considering laying charges of abduction and assault against ANC members in Witbank who handed over three looters to police during a march there last week.

Police said the youths had been assaulted before being handed over to them. An ANC spokesman admitted the youths were assaulted, but said he was surprised by the decision to press charges.
Chris Whitfield argues other parties should take the new image seriously

Nats aiming for SA’s black vote

THE National Party’s bright new flag and logo have given rise to cynical responses: can this particular leopard change its spots so easily?

Critics have been quick to argue that the very name of the party will forever be associated with apartheid, and that cosmetic tinkering does not necessarily equate with fundamental change. We can expect that parties preparing to oppose the NP in elections will adopt a similarly dismissive attitude — but they might be making a mistake in doing so.

The recent unveiling of the sunny new insignia and party paraphernalia — President de Klerk was moved to remark that they had come as a “culture shock” to him — effectively marked the start of the NP’s drive for black members. De Klerk chose the occasion to make an apology for apartheid — a move certainly not aimed at whites, and one which duly received widespread media coverage.

The NP has engaged an advertising company to run its election campaign, and is already studying surveys on potential support levels and perceptions in the black community.

The news contained in these has not been all bad, say party workers. Significantly, the NP has recently taken to shying away from talk of an election alliance with the Inkatha Freedom Party. It has discovered that while this might be welcomed by whites, it will drive blacks away. Its research has, incidentally, shown considerable support in the black community for an interim government alliance embracing both the ANC and the NP.

The NP’s strategists believe the ANC has lost its “untouchable” status in the townships and many former supporters will have to be convinced of its ability to govern before voting for it.

There must, however, be obvious doubts about the NP’s capacity to recruit significantly in the black community.

Still, there are interesting political nuances to be found. At a recent NP function a Soweto businesswoman, asked in conversation, how he could even contemplate being an NP member, had a simple answer: “I am looking to the future... The past is past.”

In addition, in Natal there is a substantial body of blacks people disillusioned with both the ANC and IFP. Could the NP provide them with a political home?

These disparate signals do not amount to an indication of significant black support for the NP, but the party is feeling encouraged. Those given the responsibility of running the NP campaign have extrapolated from their research that no single party will get 50 percent of the vote. Publicly they say the NP aims to be the senior partner in a power-sharing deal, but in private are more inclined to talk about being a “strogg partner”.

There have been signs recently of strains within the NP and this has apparently been reflected in a weakening of the party’s once awesome election machinery at grassroots level. Again, though, it would be a mistake for opponents to be lulled into a false sense of security by this.

The NP’s campaign chiefs believe the country’s first democratic election will be fought more through propaganda than by knocking on doors. Radio — which will surely be deregulated by then — and, to a lesser extent, newspaper and television advertising, will be the battlegrounds.

And what the NP has not lost is its ability to play the political game, coupled with a shrewd sense of timing — witness its performance in the referendum. For opponents to say the NP is a spent political force, as an ANC national executive committee member recently told journalists, could be to fall right into a trap.
Azapo to finalise stance on talks

By Kaizer Nyatumba
Political Correspondent

The Azanian People's Organisation will hold its all-important special congress at the weekend to finalise its position on negotiations, Azapo publicity secretary Dr Gomolemo Mokae said yesterday.

The meeting, to take place at the Wilgespruit Fellowship Centre near Roodepoort on Saturday and Sunday, will review Azapo's stance on negotiations.

So far the organisation has refused to engage in talks with Pretoria.

With the PAC now represented in multiparty talks at the World Trade Centre, Azapo is the only well-known organisation on the Left not involved in negotiations.

Also to be discussed at the weekend congress is the armed struggle and the role it could play to force the Government to surrender power.

Although Azapo has no armed wing of its own, its sister organisation, the Zimbabwe-based Black Consciousness Movement of Azania, has an armed wing, the Azanian National Liberation Army (Azala).

Someone claiming to be an Azanla cadre this week claimed responsibility on behalf of the guerilla army for the latest attack on whites in the eastern Cape. At least five people died in the attack, with many others injured.

However, a daily this week reported that a man who described himself as a cadre of the PAC's Apla had also claimed responsibility.
ANC warns against Boer breakaway

Staff Reporter

Major-General Tienie Groenewald’s warning that a Boer state could break away from South Africa within months was "shortsighted and dangerous", the ANC said last night.

Groenewald said on Tuesday: "I don’t think that the South African security forces will ever fight against their own people."

But the ANC said South Africans would not "allow themselves to be blackmailed into accepting schemes that seek to turn South Africa into another Bosnia".

It said white South Africans should not be be fooled into thinking Groenewald spoke for them, and appealed to the international community to warn the general and his "bedfellows" not to try such a move.

The general’s utterances and apparent confidence about the possible connivance of security forces confirmed the Government’s failure to act decisively against the right wing, it said.

White South Africans should not support the perpetuation of "apartheid in a disguised form" when the time had come to stand up for democracy and the rule of law, the ANC added.

● Eca reports that the Ciskei government has parted ways with Multi-Media Services, owned by Groenewald, after revelations that the company had influenced political developments in the homeland.

This followed Ciskei leader Brigadier Oupa Gqozo’s order that the homeland review its ties with the company, which advised it on "public relations and image-building".

● Mace reports

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Enduring hero on difficult mission

NELSON Mandela is a noble man. Imprisoned for 27 years for his dedication to the cause of black majority rule in South Africa, he emerged a hero not just in his own country but across the world. Astonishingly, given today’s tendency to cut down “tall poppies”, he has remained a hero.

He is in London this week, partly to drum up investment for the country of which everyone expects him to become president once democracy is in the saddle.

It is a churlish spirit that would not wish him well on a very difficult mission for, as he acknowledged this week, the climate of violence in South Africa is not conducive to investment.

Since he believes the far Right of the political spectrum lies at the heart of the present darkness, he reckons the violence cannot properly be tackled until there is a new government.

Nonetheless, he will be calling for foreign investment — and thus for an end to any remaining sanctions — once the date is set for the first non-racial elections.

In some ways the prospects are not quite as bleak as they seem. In the week after the assassination of Chris Hani, when emotions ran high and millions of grief-stricken and angry blacks took to the streets, the number of political killings was lower than usual.

But the level remains high by any normal standards, and is certainly bad enough to deter most potential foreign investors. They will inevitably be even more comprehensively frightened off if there is an increase in the killing of whites by blacks on what seem to be purely racial grounds.

If whites are emigrating out of fear for their lives, foreign companies will not want to risk their own staff in South Africa.

Investors will have other, more purely politico-economic fears.

Mandela stressed this week that the ANC had abandoned its former policy of widespread nationalisation and spoke of guarantees for investors, including the right to repatriate profits.

It will take time for news of that conversion to spread, and there will be doubters who will want to see firm evidence from an ANC-led government; first in a clear enunciation of economic policy, with a firm commitment to a liberal market economy, and then in deeds that support it.

A second concern will be the prospects for profits. In the longer term these must be good, given South Africa’s natural resources, its rapidly expanding non-white middle class, its underdeveloped potential for tourism and its sound infrastructure.

But in the short term there is not just widespread poverty and massive unemployment, but an economy running at only 75 per cent of its productive capacity.

If South Africa can achieve political stability, there will be no lack of Britons ready to take a stake.
MPs give Mandela emotional welcome

By Garren Thomson
Star Bureau

LONDON — Nelson Mandela was given an emotional welcome by 250 MPs of all parties at the House of Commons yesterday. He was greeted with a standing ovation when he arrived, and MPs rose in prolonged applause when he finished speaking.

Mandela gave a detailed and wide-ranging speech on the difficulties South Africa faced in the transition from apartheid to multiparty democracy, and called on Britain and the EC to help achieve a peaceful transition and an early election.

He said his country had a special need for training and education and a wide market for South African products which would bring employment to the black people.

He said: “We request that you use such contact as you have with political actors (in South Africa) to persuade them to abandon their selfish and sectarian positions and stop blocking movement forward.”

Mandela assured the MPs the ANC was doing “everything in our power” to address the issue of political violence in South Africa. But, “it is nevertheless incontestable that the government of the day has to do a lot more to deal with this matter, and so must other parties . . . . Accordingly, we urge that you put pressure on those concerned within South Africa to carry out their obligations with regard to this matter.”

The ANC leader called for “material and political” assistance to help hasten a resolution of South Africa’s problems.

Poverty

British companies could help the South African economy achieve a higher rate of growth, central to the development of all South Africans. Development assistance, too, was needed to help “the majority of our population, which happens to be black (and which) lives in conditions of dire poverty.”

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Conservative MP Peter Bottomley spoke afterwards of the political importance and symbolism of the event. Some of his colleagues, he said, had supported apartheid. Now all that was over.

“Mandela is a good and wise man to come here and say that the non-racial Freedom Charter would have no threats to anyone. It is good to be able to say: ‘God bless South Africa’ in a way which means something to everyone, when 10 years ago I was regarded as a revolutionary.”

A Labour MP remarked: “It’s nice to see your hero.”

Earlier, Mandela met Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd and Prime Minister John Major. A spokesman for the Foreign Office said: “Comprehensive discussions were almost entirely about the situation in South Africa and the prospects of the multiparty talks, including the timing of the establishment of the transitional executive council, the holding of the elections and some of the constitutional issues which were examined in some depth.”

Hurd welcomed Mandela’s remarks on Tuesday about the need for British investment in South Africa. Both Hurd and Major expressed “strong support” for the political process in South Africa.

Mandela left for Geneva yesterday.
Mandela: UK has duty to help SA

From Chris Bateman

London. — Britain had a moral duty to help South Africa “rediscover” democracy because its historical decisions had condemned South Africans to resolve conflicts through violent means, ANC leader Mr. Nelson Mandela told MPs here yesterday.

Speaking in the House of Commons, Mr. Mandela appealed to the MPs to use their influence to ensure the earliest possible establishment of a transitional executive council.

He urged British companies to raise the level of capital formation, modernise the South African economy through technology transfer, open new markets and create jobs.

Mr. Mandela said there was a “false perception” created by South Africa’s classification as a middle-income country, which impacted on its receiving overseas development assistance. The reality was that the majority of people lived in dire poverty.

He also urged the MPs to influence the European Community to enter into a mutually beneficial agreement with the new South Africa as soon as possible.
ANC drive into Cape 'lion’s jaws'

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

THE ANC will launch a nation-wide campaign next week to draw whites — particularly Afrikaans-speakers — out of the closet and into the ANC.

The ANC has chosen to launch its drive in the Parow Civic Centre — described by ANC Western Cape chairman Dr Allan Boesak as the organisation's first major public meeting in an Afrikaans-speaking white stronghold.

"There should be no illusion that we are going into the lion's jaws — with the AWB on one side and (Parow MP and Minister for Law and Order) Hernus Kriel on the other," Dr Boesak told a press conference yesterday.

Similar meetings are planned across the country because "the time is right for people in the Afrikaans-speaking white community to hear directly from the ANC".

ANC organisers said yesterday that elaborate steps were being taken to ensure that right-wing groups like the AWB did not break up next Thursday's meeting.

Dr Boesak — who will join Dr Hendrik Verwoerd's grandson Wilhelm and other ANC speakers on the platform — said he expected "the same level of protection" afforded by police to President F W de Klerk when he visited the AWB stronghold of Ventersdorp a few years ago.

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Toyi-toying 'won't get white vote'

Staff Reporter

THE ANC's campaign methods were seen as unconverted and would have to be toned down to attract support from whites in the northern suburbs, Kraaifontein mayor Mr De Wet Marais said yesterday.

Scenes of mass rallies, toyi-toyi youths and marches did not endear the organisation to people, he said. The ANC is to launch a campaign in the northern suburbs on Saturday.

Business

Permission for the ANC's meeting in the Parow Civic Centre was granted in the light of a 'business contract', a municipal spokesman said. Mayor Mr Jan Burger declined to speak on the ANC's potential support base there.

Bellville acting mayor Mr Carel Cronje said 'the way I know Bellville, I don't think the ANC will get strong support here.'

Goodwood mayor Mr Koos Sadie said he did not expect ratepayers to flock towards the ANC and although there was 'small support for the AWB' the strong political parties in the area were the CP and NP.
THE decision not to fly the national flag at half-mast on the day of ASCP secretary-general Mr Chris Hani's funeral was based on previous policy and convention, President F W de Klerk said yesterday.

The government had no ulterior motives in deciding this, he said in reply to questions in Parliament by Mr Jannie Momberg (ANC, Simon's Town). The flag was only flown at half-mast on government buildings when a head of state or head of government died in office.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Pik Botha said the South African ambassador in Washington, Mr Harry Schwarz, had used his own discretion when he decided to fly the flag at half-mast at the embassy after Mr Hani's death.
ANC calls on PAC to ‘show accountability’

JOHANNESBURG. — The African National Congress Youth League has called on its members and the youth generally to work together with progressive sections of the police, notably the Police and Civil Rights Union (Popere), to apprehend the gunmen who attacked a police vehicle in Dobsonville on Wednesday, killing four police members and injuring five. (1)

Speaking at a press conference yesterday, ANCYL secretary-general Mr Rafis Moekane condemned the “opportunistic behaviour of certain sections of the liberation movement who have claimed responsibility for racial attacks against policemen”.

“We call upon the Pan-Africanist Congress leadership, in particular, to start showing accountability to the community they purport to serve.

The ANCYL also condemned the failure of the government to bring to book the murderers of black policemen and called upon the government to act against the right-wing. — Sapa
Town council rapped over knuckles

- Loss of over R13 million uncovered:

By Ruth Bhengu
Investigations Staff

THE Auditor-General has uncovered mishandling of finances by the Daveyton Town Council, which has resulted in the loss of over R13 million.

The council, which incurred a deficit of R13 599 366 for the financial year 1990-91, was also rapped over the knuckles for "several highly unsatisfactory and disturbing financially related aspects of the council’s activities."

"It is evident that a total lack of control exists over the financial administration of the council’s activities," the Auditor-General said in his report.

He also rapped the council for not having a proper and meaningful audit of various transactions.

Daveyton town clerk Mr DJ Erasmus said the council had submitted a reply to the Auditor-General’s report and was awaiting a response. He said he could not comment any further.

According to the report the council's transgressions included:

- Unsubstantiated loans totalling R52 621 921;
- At least R7 1 million missing receipts for the year under review, which were neither accounted for in the cash register audit nor in the relevant banks accounts;
- Firearms not accounted for — of the 25 303 rifles in the Council’s possession 19 were sold. The rest were unaccounted for;
- Unauthorised expenditure in excess of the approved budget amounting to R8 323 703 not yet submitted to the committee for approval;
- Outstanding services and rent accounts. These debtors amounted to R30 788 781 in June 1991 as against R13 635 103 in 1990, an increase of 125.8 percent.

The auditor-general found four buses totalling R7 408 790 despite a council resolution in 1991 to dispose of the entire bus fleet. In addition, the council spent over R2,6 million on transporting employees who have not been working since May 1990.

"It is clear from the comparative data of estimated and actual expenditure as well as revenue that a sound basis for budgeting and control does not exist and that more efficient measures are necessary," said the Auditor-General.

Azapo indaba

THE Azanian People’s Organisation will hold a special emergency congress tomorrow and on Sunday.

The congress is expected to deal with negotiations and the role of the armed struggle as a catalyst in the liberation of blacks.

At least 500 delegates are expected to attend the congress at the Witserspruit Fellowship Centre near Roodepoort. Azapo president Professor Humeleeng Mosola will deliver the main address.

Sowetan Reporter
ANC urges supporters to catch police killers

THE ANC and its youth league yesterday called on their members to apprehend those responsible for the "wanton and indiscriminate" killing of four policemen in an ambush in Dobsonville on Wednesday.

A man claiming to represent the PAC's military wing Apla claimed responsibility, but police have made no arrests and say the identity of the killers is unknown.

ANC Youth League official Rapa Molekane urged members "to build communal relations with progressive sections of the police, more especially the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union".

The PAC leadership should take "direct responsibility for all their armed formations" to smooth the transition to democracy. "The PAC leadership has a duty to explain to the public what its programme is on the security forces. Is it the total wiping out of black policemen in particular, or the total abolition of apartheid?"

Separately, the ANC called on peace-loving members of the Dobsonville community to "root out criminal elements". Molekane described the attack as "totally irresponsible and devoid of politics in both its plan and execution. In our view, none of the acts so far against black policemen in particular contribute to our freedom."

He said the league's programme of removing "white racist policemen" from the townships would go ahead but would be totally non-violent.

PAC Azanian National Youth Unity national chairman Mosotho Petlane responded that the killings were a legitimate part of Apla's "year of the storm". "To us any person who makes sure the structures of the regime are intact is an enemy."
E Cape 'king' seeks reparation

PORT ELIZABETH - Judgment in the hearing of a Uitenhage man seeking a court order compelling the Government to recognise his claim as the king of the eastern Cape will be given in the Port Elizabeth Supreme Court today.

Patrick Cuntu (29), who also claims he is Jesus II, is also seeking R23 million from the South African Government for its attempt "to impair my sovereign dignity by refusing to recognise me and my kingdom".

He has named Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer as respondent.

In papers before court yesterday, Cuntu said that by "divine right" he was the king of the Zion World Autocratic Kingdom (ZWAK), which, he says, is roughly the whole of the eastern Cape, excluding Ciskei and Transkei.

He said that in terms of its constitution he enjoyed legislative, judicial and executive powers. He is also head of the ZWAK police and defence force and chief judge of the supreme court.

He has named ANC president Nelson Mandela as his prime minister, Cosatu leader John Gomomo as vice-president, BP Mayekiso as bishop of the church of ZWAK and UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali as Minister of Order and Defence.

Like all serious lawyers, Cuntu thumbed through mountains of papers he had prepared for court, shuffling through a plastic bag holding more documents.

Cuntu also wanted Mr Justice Jenett to compel the Government to pay him not less than R1,500 as a "temporary subsidy" while his claim was being disputed. He also wants a house, because he is at present having problems with the people with whom he lives in Uitenhage, and a car.

"A Jetta will do. And now I sit," he said, ending a four-hour submission.

— PEN.
Threat of secession at defiant meeting of white rightwingers

Farmers reject ANC rule

By Paul Bell

Defiant farmers say no to ANC rule

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bility with the Government for the security forces, right-wing Afrikaners would be called on to withdraw from their local commandos and from all arms of the police and defence forces.

The murder of one more white farmer would be regarded as an act of war by the ANC and PAC, and farmers would respond by defending themselves with all the means at their disposal. To this were added calls for a rural curfew and hot-pursuit raids into black townships.

Goos summed up the mood and objectives of the white Right by saying that while the ANC was presented to them on all sides as a moderate organisation, this was merely an attempt to pull the wool over the eyes of Afrikaners.

Therefore I say to the world, the Boer — as a Christian and a peace-loving person — will not be governed by the ANC. Please accept that as final.

Viljoen warned the Government that there would be trouble if the security forces were brought under joint command before the settlement and introduction of a new constitution.

He said violence was being directed against whites and farmers because negotiations had reached a critical stage in determining the future form of the State. Those behind it were trying to scare the negotiators.

Viljoen said the security forces had been set an almost impossible task as a result of the Government's decision to allow communists to operate freely in South Africa, and called on the farmers to support the security forces.

"If we don't, who will?" he asked.

Earlier in the day, farmers vowed to disregard the new labour laws that have been extended to farmworkers, and demanded that their leaders refuse even to negotiate the question with the Government.

South African Agricultural Union president Boet Fourie, whom the farmers blame for not representing their views properly to the Government, was loudly booed by the crowd and denied an opportunity to speak.

The farmers also demanded a five-year moratorium on interest payments on farm debt, bans and tariffs on agricultural imports, and the lifting of VAT on red meat.
About-turn on control of armed forces

Contradicting earlier demands, the ANC is now ready to drop its demand for joint control of the armed forces before elections.

By CHRIS LOUW

The African National Congress is set to drop its demand for joint control of the armed forces in the run-up to elections.

Shared control of the armed forces by the cabinet and a sub-council of the transitional executive council, representing the parties involved in negotiations, was seen as one of the major mechanisms to ensure the levelling of the political playing field.

Yesterday senior ANC negotiator Mac Maharaj told The Weekly Mail that the ANC would not insist on being represented in the command structures of the South African Defence Force. It would accept that the powers of the sub-council for defence and for law and order would be limited to a supervisory role.

This directly contradicts the ANC's earlier demand to have joint control over the armed forces. Conflict over control was seen as one of the major stumbling blocks in reaching an agreement on how the transition should be managed.

Maharaj did not rule out changes in the present command structures of the SADF and the police, but said the ANC was not prepared to take responsibility for "the mess of apartheid". Covert operations, however, were a source of concern and some resolution would have to be found to ensure that the elections were free and fair.

The ANC's compromise follows tough speeches last weekend in Port Elizabeth by Local Government Minister Terence Deltorph and Deputy Law and Order Minister Gert Myburgh at a regional conference of National Party officials.

Myburgh said the government "was not in the market" for joint control of the security forces before the election of a transitional government. The police formed a "thin blue line" against anarchy, and would not be "given away".

Deltorph in turn promised party officials that the government had no plans "to throw the keys to South Africa across the table" to the ANC.

In an interview earlier this week senior ANC election commission member Patrick "Teror" Lekota said he "understood" the Nationalists' unwillingness to share control of the armed forces with other parties, including the ANC.

"Relinquishing control of the security forces will be the ultimate indication to the NP that they are no longer reforming apartheid, but that they are in fact terminating their power, that they are finally breaking with domination. It is obviously a very difficult decision for them to take."

Maharaj yesterday said the ANC would still want to be fully informed about what was happening within the forces. "We will not claim executive powers — or the power to initiate actions — but in terms of the powers of the transitional executive structures we will be in a position to say 'stop' if the forces act in a way contrary to their brief."

This differs markedly from the position taken in an ANC booklet published earlier this week, entitled Seven Steps to Democracy — An ANC Guide to the Negotiations Process. Under the heading "The ANC's Objectives", it is stated unambiguously: "All armed forces, including the South African Police and SADF, must come under effective multiparty control in the period before elections."

Demand for immediate joint control also featured prominently on banners and in speeches at the mass rallies following the murder of South African Communist Party leader Chris Hani.

It is believed that the ANC's compromise is partly due to a reassessment of the effects of reunification in the South African National Party if it has to take co-responsibility for harsh security force action in pre-election township violence.
Help root out criminals and killers — ANC

By Kaizer Nyatsumba and Brendan Templeton

The ANC yesterday strongly condemned the "callous murder" of four policemen in Dobsonville, Soweto, on Wednesday and called on its members in the area to "root out criminal elements from our communities" and embark on citizens' arrests.

Echoing the call, the ANC Youth League (ANCYL) said the PAC could no longer plead ignorance of its armed wing's activities as a "valid excuse".

This followed a telephone call to Sapa shortly after the attack by a purported PAC military wing spokesman who said the Azanian People's Liberation Army was responsible for the attack. But the PAC has been unable to confirm whether Apia was responsible.

The ANC said in a statement the attack was the work of "enemies of peace and democracy" who had to be exposed.

"The indiscriminate attacks on these policemen, the massacre of scores of our people in Sebokeng, the murder of people in Wattville and East London remain the heinous deeds of enemies of peace and democracy. Such criminal elements have no place in our ranks, and society has a responsibility to expose their activities."

ANCYL general secretary Bass Molekane said it was clear that "black policemen have been singled out for murder and attack".

But PAC spokesman Jaki Seroka said it was ironic that the ANC could make such statements when some of its own members had been arrested in connection with the death of three people in March, when gunmen shot up a car carrying schoolchildren in Eikenhof, south of Johannesburg.

The ANC further said: "The ANC calls on the peace-loving members of the Dobsonville community to follow the example set in other communities — like the Vaal Triangle and Witbank — in rooting out criminal elements from our communities."

Members of the ANC carried out citizens' arrests in Sharpeville and Witbank over the past two weeks.

5 days

Staff Reporter

The panel appointed a new SABC board announced that observers nominated by the board may be heard
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Rainfall

 Pretoria: 0.2 mm
 Vereeniging: drops

TVL/OFS

Natal

Partly cloudy and warm but hot over the north and lowveld.

OFS: Fine and mild.

CAPE

Fine and mild in east becoming cold; cloudy and cold over western Cape.

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Say, here’s a place that might be hiring.

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Policeman culpable for train death
Court Reporter
A Soweto policeman was yesterday found culpable in a Johannesburg inquest court for the death of a train passenger who was shot during a train search in 1999.
Magistrate C G de Lange found that the life of special constable G P Mdlazi was not in danger when he shot the passenger with a shotgun. The passenger, whose identity was never established, died of head wounds after the shooting at Chiawelo station in Soweto on October 19, 1999. An innocent passer-by, Ronald Mhlanga (32), was wounded in the jaw.

Poor response to ANC offer to repair graves
The public has responded poorly to an offer from the ANC alliance to repair an estimated 180 graves damaged during the burial of the South African Constitution Party general secretary Chris Hanu, the Germiston municipality said yesterday.
"The reaction from the public has been very poor," said Germiston town clerk Lionel Heyneke. "I don't think we have more than 10 claims."
He said the ANC attitude was "it would only repair graves for which claims were made, adding that as time went by there was less likely the public would come forward to claim them." Germiston Parks and Recreation and Development spokesman Sylvestor Dixon said yesterday 100-plus graves had been damaged — mainly headstones — during Hanu's burial at South Park Cemetery on April 19. Damage was estimated at about R60 000.
ANC secretary general Cyril Ramaphosa gave an undertaking the day after the funeral that the ANC alliance would repair the damaged graves.
He told a press conference the alliance would accept the damages and because graves were now becoming more a “sensitive matter” all the people would be taking steps to ensure that those graves that were damaged will be repaired. Heyneke said the arrangement with the ANC was that the municipality would forward claims as they are received. He said there had been "no confidence that the claims will be met." — Sapa

Woman fined for soliciting
An attractive Johannesburg woman was yesterday fined R200 (60 days) for soliciting for the purpose of prostitution.
But more costly for 23-year-old Samantha Smith, who was arrested in Hillbrow on February 8, was her behaviour in the Johannesburg Magistrate’s Court.
The day after her arrest, she was granted bail of R10 000. When magistrate A M Motshibi refused her application to be released on warning, Smith began weeping. Motshibi duly found her guilty of contempt of court, and the transgression cost her a further R500 fine (or 30 days). — Court Reporter.

3 weather

TVL/OFs
Vereeniging: drops

Natal
Partly cloudy and warm, getting colder from south with light rain.

Cape
Fine and mild in east becoming cold; cloudy and cold over western Cape.

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Tropical House of Commons member of the Johannesburg Symphony Orchestra.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Franchise
Cellular phones elitist, says ANC

The African National Congress has called for the Government to suspend the call for tenders and the awarding of licences for the proposed cellular phone system.

Spokesman Gill Marcus said the ANC believed a strategy should be developed to provide an affordable telephone service to all who needed it.

The plan for a cellular phone service would only provide a service to the urban privileged at a huge cost to the country.

The ANC said it had already formed an ad hoc committee to discuss the situation.

Marcus said the decision did not affect the appointment of Durban attorney and prominent ANC member Linda Zama to a Government panel that would decide who should be given the licence to operate.

She said Zama played a broader role in the panel than merely helping decide who should operate a cellular phone service. Zama represented the ANC's views and ideas on telecommunications in general.

— Staff Reporter.
Defiant ANC youth promise mass protests

BY RONALD MORRIS

A DEFiant ANC Youth League (ANCYL) said yesterday unspecified white areas, government buildings, and "other buildings of power" are to be occupied and protests will take place at newspapers and the SABC.

In a statement regional secretary Mr Neville Naidoo said continuous attacks on the democratic forces — led by the ANC — were a reflection of the NP's strategy of clinging to power.

"Suddenly statements and songs by Peter Mokaba are blown out of proportion ... We are being told to change our songs and slogans to suit our opponents and critics."

Announcing the start of its mass action campaign on May 18, the ANCYL said it would aim to speed up the announcement of an election date, the enactment of transitional executive councils, joint control of the armed forces, and government control of the right-wing.

"We also wish to warn the press and the SABC in particular to lay off the youth. Although we support freedom of the press we cannot allow them to create the conditions for threats and the assassination of our youth leaders."

 Asked how the ANCYL would be able to control its members after the violence and looting which followed the assassination of Mr Chris Hani, Mr Naidoo said the league would do everything in its power, but it was impossible to guarantee 100% discipline.
Mandela meets ‘ugly face of British racism’

LONDON. — ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela yesterday saw the ugly face of racial violence in Britain, meeting with the London parents of a black matric pupil stabbed to death by a gang of white teenagers.

He emerged from the encounter to express “great concern” at the worldwide resurgence of racism. “This is a very disturbing development especially in a place like Britain, the home of parliamentary democracy — we are used to this kind of thing in South Africa,” he said.

Earlier Mr Mandela claimed, after a meeting with British premier Mr John Major, that there was a virtual breakdown in law and order in South Africa. He said the right-wing wanted to plunge the country into civil war.

The ANC leader said crime was getting out of control in South Africa and he trusted British businessmen would be “objective and realistic” in realising that investment would help contain crime by providing jobs for the seven million unemployed.

Mr Mandela spent 20 minutes chatting with the parents, Mr Neville and Mrs Doreen Lawrence, whose son Stephen, 18, was stabbed twice by a group of about six white teenagers while waiting for a bus in south-east London two weeks ago.

Mrs Lawrence said after meeting Mr Mandela that she was “deeply grateful” that he, unlike any British leaders, had taken the trouble to see her family.

Mr Mandela flew from London to Geneva yesterday and is due to meet Chancellor Helmut Kohl, of Germany today before returning home.
Hani’s Murder Threatens to Restart the ‘Chicken Run’

By Paul Taylor

JOHANNESBURG — For a man whose business has never been better, Tom Ansley can’t remember feeling worse. His international moving company has been getting 100 phone inquiries a day — twice the usual number — since the assassination of black leader Chris Hani a month ago galvanized the country’s worst bout of nerves in years.

“It’s a sad state of affairs,” said Ansley, 50, a fourth-generation South African who vows never to emigrate but says he is “desperately” afraid his grown daughters are about to. “Some of the callers don’t even want us to come out to their homes to give an estimate. They want a quote over the phone and a moving date as soon as possible. You can hear the panic in their voices.”

White South Africans have a name for this sort of behavior. They call it a “chicken run,” and they’ve seen it before, after the Sharpeville massacre in 1961, the Soweto uprising in 1976 and other turbulent milestones of the apartheid era of racial separation.

It is too early to tell if this latest run — touched off less by Hani’s assassination than by the intimations of anarchy in the demonstrations among angry black youths that followed — is a passing fright or the start of a long-term flight. Yet either way, the specter of a mass white exodus already occupies a central place in South Africa’s transition to black-majority rule. Politically, it operates as a blend of threat, bluff and bargaining chip. Psychologically, it’s a hedge, a safety valve and a profound human dilemma.

The rule in the rest of sub-Saharan Africa has been that when blacks take power, white colonizers take their leave. South Africa, however, is different. Whites arrived in the 17th century as settlers, not colonists. As a people, they’ve been here nearly as long as whites have been in North America.

Although they got the politics famously wrong, they built the most sophisticated economy on the subcontinent. Now, they’re hoping to remain economically indispensable even after they become politically disposable. “To whites, we say we want you to stay, we need your skills,” African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela said recently, when reports of a new chicken run first surfaced in the local media.

Analysts say the vast majority will stay, probably even the majority of his callers. “You can tell they’re not very proud of what they’re doing, and lots of them are making quiet inquiries, just to have a backup plan in place,” he said.

Except for a few of the most turbulent years, immigration has outpaced emigration in South Africa throughout the apartheid era. The official 1992 figures were 6,668 immigrants to 4,239 emigrants.

Those statistics, however, miss what many experts believe is a sizable unofficial flow in both directions.

Even with all its problems, South Africa is not an easy country to leave. Stringent currency exchange laws effectively limit the assets emigrants can take out with them to about $60,000 per family. “You have to cheat your assets out, and while plenty of people do it, lots of people don’t want to risk it,” said Gerald Stewart, a real estate broker who says the current chicken run is mild compared with those of 1961 and 1976, when the financial disincentives were not so stiff and “it seemed like every second house had a ‘For Sale’ sign on it.”

For Afrikaans speakers — about 60 percent of the white population — there’s a bigger problem: Where to go? Descendants of Dutch, German and French settlers, they have created their own unique language and culture here. There is no motherland to go back to.

Yet even with all those disincentives, Ansley senses a new dynamic that could tilt the calculations toward exodus. “In the past, people left because they were afraid of political change,” he said. “Now, they’re leaving because they’re afraid for their personal safety.

South Africa’s 5 million whites are not natural candidates for sympathy. They comprise 13 percent of the population and own 86 percent of the land, control 96 percent of the wealth and have six times the average family income as the country’s 28 million blacks, 3.2 million mixed-race Coloreds and nearly 1 million Asians.

Whites are frightened. The crime rate has skyrocketed in the three years since President Frederik W. de Klerk signaled the end of apartheid. So has political violence. The murder rate is 10 times that of the United States, and although most victims are black, whites seem to talk of little else. Indeed, one of the unspoken white rationales for supporting a negotiated transfer of power has been the expectation that a black government will keep the angry mob at bay more effectively than a white police state.

The aftermath of the Hani killing has cast some doubts on that premise. Mandela and other black leaders appealed for restraint during the period of mourning following Hani’s death, but black youths looted and burned their way through places like Cape Town’s downtown shopping district — the symbolic heart of the good life that whites have built for themselves here.

Despite those images, Ansley is determined to stay put. He says he is deeply ashamed of apartheid and feels guilty that he personally did not do more to bring it to an end and is looking forward to retiring in five years so he can spend the rest of his life as a kind of missionary, teaching blacks the secular gospel of entrepreneurship.

He has no illusions about what the future may mean. “Nowhere else in Africa when the blacks have taken over have they shown the slightest degree of sympathy for the whites. They will redistribute wealth as fast as they can. There will be massive taxation on people like us. The luxury of our lives will be impossible to maintain.” Still, he wants his family to stay. Like many self-made businessmen, he wants to pass along what he has built from scratch — in his case, a moving company with annual sales of $25 million — to his children.

“Perhaps it is selfish, but I still think that opportunities for them here are going to be greater than anywhere in the world. For them to leave is too ghastly to contemplate.”
CHARLES NQAKULA

Moving into Hani’s shoes

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And he practises what he preaches. He believes a different work ethic, together with education for all, are fundamental if SA and Africa are to have any hope in the long term. He is not prepared to commit himself to a short-term outlook.

Clearly, education has played an important role in his life. Apart from taking law degrees at UCT, Wits and Cambridge, he was chairman of the Council of St John’s College and the Association of Private Schools, now renamed the Association of Independent Schools. He was instrumental in persuading government to lift its restrictions prohibiting blacks from attending private schools in so-called white areas.

He feels his experience at Cambridge had as much to do with living outside SA as it had with furthering his education. “I realised SA is but a pawn in the world context.” This is not to say he trivialises SA’s importance; he believes SA is ideally placed to serve the needs of a developing Africa.

His political and economic views are given some perspective by the fact that he holds Maggie Thatcher in some awe. “History will prove her correct.”

Gnodde says he has few interests outside his work — he describes himself as boring. But he has always loved history and he thoroughly enjoyed his recent revisit to the history of Africa through reading Thomas Pakenham’s The Struggle for Africa.
CONCENTRATING THEIR MINDS

Getting elected to the new parliament won't be easy

Nothing concentrates a man's mind so wonderfully, noted Samuel Johnson, than the knowledge that he is to be hanged in the fortnight. With elections now likely within a year, the 308 MPs serving out the dying days of the tricameral system are restless; fewer than a third have much hope of returning. Aspirant MPs in the extraparliamentary opposition are also restless; the corridors of power are beckoning.

But most of those who can expect to get back, as well as the majority of outsiders clamouring to get in, face a tough battle simply to be nominated for possible election. There is now little doubt that SA's first representative parliament will be elected under some form of party list system.

Details are still being considered but current talk is of a 400-member constituent assembly, with 200 elected on a national list and the rest from regional lists. Parties with strong regional support — such as the Inkatha Freedom Party in Natal and the National Party in the western Cape — stand a chance of winning more representation than they would in a purely national poll.

The cut-off for representation is likely to be low — possibly as low as 1% nationally and 3% regionally. In an 85% poll, drawing on an estimated 21m voters, a party would need 178,500 votes to qualify for representation — which would be two seats.

This means that only the leadership elements of the ANC, the NP and the IFP are assured of election. Those three are likely to have no trouble securing the minimum vote.

The first group of new MPs will, therefore, include the likes of ANC president Nelson Mandela, President FW de Klerk, IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi and Walter Sisulu, Pik Botha, Frank Mdledlole, Thabo Mbeki, Dawie de Villiers and Ben Ngubane.

Conventional wisdom gives the ANC about 60% of the vote, the NP 20%, the IFP 10% and various smaller parties the rest. On this basis, in a 400-seat parliament split equally between national and regional lists, the ANC would hold 240 seats, the NP 80, the IFP 40 and smaller parties 40.

But the ANC alliance's projected total is by no means assured. It could be more; it could easily drop to 200 or even fewer if current forecasts are incorrect. So far, we have only the dubious results of opinion polls to go on; political developments between now and the election could have a dramatic effect on party performances. Either way, the ANC will struggle to accommodate the demand for seats from thousands of loyal officials.

Even those who do get on to the ANC list will be vulnerable at around the 190-210 mark. Most of these are likely to be middle-level leaders from the regions, people who don't make the headlines but work hard for the party — and whose loyalty and commitment are important.

It appears that the ANC may be able to deal fairly effectively with the apparent problem of accommodating its SAPC and Cosatu alliance partners on its lists. Though details have not been finalised, it is understood that the list will be compiled following a full consultative process beginning at local level.

Regional conferences will vote for candidates, whose names will go forward to a national nomination conference. The final list will be ratified by the national executive committee.

Criteria for nomination are likely to include issues such as local popularity and expertise. It's also probable that each block of 50 names on the list will have to be representative of race and sex. The ANC's election campaign platform is being coordinated with its alliance partners, mainly the SAPC and Cosatu. These groups will not nominate their own candidates but allow their members to stand for nomination. However, all candidates will be accountable to the ANC and have to campaign within the parameters of ANC policy, regardless of which organisation they belong to. It will be interesting to see how the more radical communists and unionists adapt to this discipline; if they do not, the contradictions in ANC campaigning will be readily exploited by the Nats and Inkatha.

There should be no problem in getting alliance leaders like Cosatu's Jay Nadoo and Chris Dlamini and new SAPC chief Charles Nqakula high on the list. The difficulty will come lower down, when place number 200, for example, is allocated.

The ANC's list will also need to appeal to communities in which it struggles for support, such as coloureds in the Cape and whites nationally. Cape regional leader Alain Boesak, though not the drawcard he was expected to be when first chosen, is likely to be high on the list, as are the ANC's five white MPs: Jan van Eck, Janie Mombarg, David Dolling, Pierre Cronje and Rob Haswell.

The NP faces possibly the most difficult task in drawing up its lists. Rhetoric about winning power aside, it can't be sure of more than 80-100 seats. This would barely please the Nats now hold in all three chambers of the tricameral parliament.

The NP's campaign efforts will concentrate on coloureds in the Cape; Indians in Natal and the Transvaal; and blacks in the northern and eastern Transvaal, where it believes it can win significant support. It assumes that most whites will vote NP.

Putting coloured, Indian and black faces high on the lists will be important — but at the moment there are very few leaders from those communities backing the NP. No credible black or Indian leader openly supports the NP. Coloureds high on the list will include the two new Cabinet Ministers, Jac Rabie and Abe Williams. However, fortunately for the NP, most coloureds (and probably most Indians) apparently consider De Klerk's leadership as more important.

By the same token, it appears that the NP hopes to use Pik Botha as the main vote-catcher in the northern Transvaal, where he is said to be reliable with traditional leaders in rural areas. It might just work.

The NP has appointed a special committee of its Federal Council, under the chairmanship of Chief Whip Alex van Breda, to determine the most appropriate way to compile its list. The general approach is that the process must be democratic within party structures. Candidates are expected to come from the party ranks following some sort of nomination procedure. The final composi-
tion of the list is likely to provide for regional balance, with some mechanism to ensure appropriate representation for all communities within the party.

The IFP’s lists are likely to focus on Zulus and whites. The party is said to be losing support among Zulus — but gaining among whites. High on the list will be its three white MPs — the former Nats Jurie Mentz and Henrie Bekker, and Mike Tarr, formerly of the DP. It is possible that more white MPs party’s leaders are due to meet this weekend to hear a report back.

The PAC faces similar problems to the DP and is not expected to win more than four or five seats. Top of the list are likely to be people such as PAC president Clarence Makwetu, secretary-general Benny Alexander and former deputy-president Dikgang Moseneke.

The CP, if it contests the election, could win about 10 seats at most — if its supporters aren’t frightened into either the NP or IFP camps. Because it does not have to structure lists to suit interest groups, the party’s current hierarchy will probably be listed in order of seniority, starting with Ferdi Hartzenberg.

For traditional white parties, the list system will pose new challenges and culture shocks. Instead of rival candidates contesting geographically defined constituencies, with the winner being the one who wins the most votes (which could be a minority of the total in a contest between three or more candidates), voters are asked to choose a party which is then entitled to MPs in direct proportion to the number of votes it wins.

It’s a simple and theoretically equitable system, when contrasted with the anomalies produced by the Westminster-style constituency system — but party lists pose greater difficulties for aspirant candidates and for smaller parties.

Parties with concentrated regional support tend to do better under a constituency system. The DP is a good example; in the last election it won more seats in parliament than its proportion of the total vote. The CP, on the other hand, won fewer seats than it would have under a list system.

Perhaps the best SA example of how skewed the constituency system can be is the 1948 general election. The NP came to power by winning 52.7% of the seats in parliament — but only 42% of the votes. The United Party alliance won 51% of the votes — but only 47.3% of the seats.

Under a constituency system, a locally popular figure is better placed for nomination than under a list system, where the favour of party bosses plays a far more important role (Currents April 30). But compiling the list goes well beyond simply choosing favourites and strongmen. The lists will be critical in maintaining balance within party structures and in attracting voter support. The composition of a list — the names as well as the order in which they are placed — could sway voters as much as a broader policy and image.

Where, for instance, would the ANC be prepared to place its Youth League leader, Peter Mokaba? Too high, and he could scare moderates; too low, and the youth vote might be alienated.

In the regions, the minimum number of votes needed for representation would vary considerably and would have to be adjusted to compensate for fractions of seats.

A detailed proposal on how this could be achieved was included in a President’s Council report on proportional representation published last year. The report, most of which is understood to be based on the ideas of Stellenbosch University political scientist Hennie Koizze, is regarded as one of the most worthwhile exercises the PC has ever undertaken. The research is expected to form the basis of whatever proportional system is finally adopted.

With the multiparty conference scheduled to announce an election date within the next six weeks, negotiators will probably be grateful for the hard work that’s already been done.

The announcement of a date will concentrate the minds of all politicians with an eye to election. For those who are fairly senior within the ANC and the NP, the best option is obviously to stay put. Relatively junior ANC members are likely to be prepared to work their way up the ladder of the majority party. Inkatha members are also likely to stay where they are, both for ideological reasons and because they expect a strong showing for the IFP in Natal.

It is the DP and CP that will be watched with particular interest. Some of the younger DP members, in particular, must be seriously considering their options. Assuming they could adapt ideologically, they must calculate what chance they would have of being elected for the ANC, the IFP or the Nats. It is not impossible that, by the time the election takes place, the DP will have disappeared as an electoral entity.

The CP is less likely to suffer defections by MPs but its voter support might collapse under it if conservative whites, resigned to the loss of white supremacy, decide that De Klerk needs all the support he can get. At the last white general election in 1989, and indeed until the referendum in March 1992, rightwingers genuinely believed in the possibility of taking power and somehow reversing De Klerk’s reforms. Now that vision — always a mirage — has vanished.

It seems that De Klerk could draw many thousands of white voters who did not support him in 1989, the main counterattraction to the Nats will not the CP or the DP, but Inkatha.
Last Friday's meeting of the multiparty negotiating council seemed set to implode when the IFP and KwaZulu delegates — clearly under instructions from Ulundi to tighten up their act — seemed set to dig in over settling the questions of violence and the "form of state" before anything else.

However, at the end of the day (and a long adjournment) progress — of sorts — was chalked up in the shape of a planning committee compromise. This was that the IFP document on violence (which the IFP's Frank Mdlalose uncharacteristically insisted he should read in full, even though it had been distributed the previous Monday) would be tabled and that the violence question would receive continuous attention.

The IFP agreed only conditionally to the creation of a technical subcommittee to deal with its document, which basically accuses the ANC and government of colluding in violence against it and of refusing to act on disbanding the ANC's armed wing, MK. Mdlalose let it pass, but said the subcommittee could be formed only after he'd reported to his principal — that is, Mangosuthu Buthelezi. There was almost a feeling of sympathy for the IFP delegates who had to return to Ulundi, having been unable to face down what were eminently reasonable compromises on their negotiating orders.

Thus they were unable to detach "form of State" from "constitutional principles" which the planning committee report, read by Ciskei's Mick Webb, had down as one item among eight (and possibly more) on which technical subcommittees, it was agreed, are to be formed.

The others: Constitution making body/constituent assembly; transitional/interim constitution (for which Buthelezi sees no need); transitional regional and local government; fundamental human rights; transitional executive council, its subcouncils, the independent elections and media committees; future of the TBVC states; and self-determination.

A declaration of intent, which says an election date not later than April should be set within five weeks, was not adopted.
ANC police plan criticised by govt

An ANC plan to train 3,000 of its marshals to form a nucleus "future police force" will spark violence and polarisation, Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said yesterday.

Capt Kotze said the plan was "a fundamental contradiction of the principle that the police force should serve the entire community on the basis of apolitical professionalism and impartiality".

"A future police force cannot be based on a blatant jobs-for-pals system owing loyalty only to a specific political organisation. This plan will therefore throw policing back into the dark ages of political policing and will spark violence and polarisation," he said.

The ANC was reported yesterday as saying it was putting the 3,000 marshals through an advanced six-month training course dealing with criminal investigation and crowd control.
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By FERIAL HAFFAJEE and JACQUIE GOLDFING

"ONE settler... one bullet... Peace among men... Izwelelethu!" shouted seven-year-old praise poet Hartie Dasuga at Oliver Tambo's funeral last Sunday...

He's so cute... you could easily forgive this popular young imbongi his ideological contradictions. Dasuga came with a group of African National Congress supporters from Phola Park, Wattville and Thokoza, almost invisible among a forest of pangas, steel pipes and traditional weapons.

Intent on getting into the graveyard, the group caused a few moments of panic for suited security men before more persuasive Umkhonto weSizwe soldiers got them to sit outside in the early winter sunshine.

A megaphone - well-worn and held together with tape - was hailed out and a "speaker" called to stave off boredom.

Instead of the usual rambling ideology, the slightly built and rather shy Dasuga, dressed in a "Top Action" tracksuit, was lifted from an old man's lap and hoisted to the front of the crowd.

From the moment the megaphone was lifted to his mouth, all coyness was forgotten. He launched into a five-minute incantation of praise to a range of leaders from Nelson Mandela to... wait for it... Margaret Thatcher.

His voice rose and fell, it shouted and chided, his hands moved, showing the crowd when to ululate and when to be quiet. The convoy of dignitaries due to arrive was temporarily forgotten by the entranced audience.

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Members of the crowd welded their pipes and axes, telling loudmouths in the group to "Ai wena, shoosh!" as they clanged to listen to their tiny muse. Proud father William Dasuga gave him a drink of Coke and made him go again, nervously mouthing the words, willing his son to get it right.

Hartie goes everywhere with the group: "We all know him," said one of the few women around. And this was obvious from the way he mingled comfortably with everyone, moving aside a spear here, a pipe there to make a space for himself on the grass.

He attends school but speaks no English. His father speaks via a translator explaining that his son has always been interested in the singing and toyi-toying of his older counterparts in the Phola Park squatter camp.

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We want culture, not commissars

Dear Wally Serote and Mewa Ramgobin

After watching the Agenda programme in which Mewa Ramgobin (African National Congress), Professor Njabulo Ndebele (National Arts Initiative) and George Loopuyt (Capab) debated the future of the arts, I feel compelled to write this letter.

If the content and style of Ramgobin’s input and his antagonism towards the ANC represented the ANC’s view on the arts, it signifies what many feared, but hoped was not the case: that the ANC is threatened by independence in the arts and, in fact, seeks to control and manipulate the arts in ways not too dissimilar to our past rulers.

Ever since the initiative was launched at the National Arts Policy Plenary (NAPP) in December last year, which saw the largest and most representative gathering of artists practitioners commit themselves to a politically independent process in which they rather than politicians or bureaucrats — would formulate recommendations for future policies to promote and protect the arts, you have sought to undermine it with disinformation, slander and political manipulation, using the power and influence of the ANC to block the NAPP at every possible turn.

The last thing we desire is to have our energies and resources diverted from the main task at hand, and be sucked into a debilitiating fray with the ANC in which we all lose. As the Agenda programme clearly illustrated. Besides, we expected the ANC to welcome a democratic process of arts-policy formulation and we in fact hoped that the ANC would be a strong ally in ensuring that the democratic voice and will of artists practitioners would be taken seriously within a future government. Accordingly, the NAPP has met you to attempt to reach a mutually respectful understanding that there was ample space for all players to be involved in the arts sphere in a complementary rather than antagonistic way.

Those meetings have obviously been to little avail, as it now apparent that you do not wish to be one player, but rather the only one, at least, the leading player in the arts. In crude terms, it is a question of power. It is good that these issues have become public since meetings behind closed doors do little to pacify the beast of power, and it is in the public’s interests to know the beast, in order, perhaps, to tame it.

You have slandered the NAI as a “National Party initiative” simply because the NAPP was supported by a grant from the Department of National Education: as if by being supported by our taxes, Codesa, the Olympic team and the Peace Secretariat are all “National Party initiatives”. You have accused us of “sleeping with the enemy” because we thought that a democratic, participatory policy formulation process would need to include representatives from state-subsidised arts institutions, not unlike the constitution-making processes in which the ANC happily and necessarily “sleeps with the enemy”.

One can only conclude, then, that it is a matter of “as long as the ANC is doing it, it is permissible but it is criminal to do it without the ANC”. Which makes one come to see that the “enemy” may no longer be “them”: rather, the enemy may be amongst us — enemies of democracy, unless they are in charge; enemies of truth, unless they are defining it; enemies of independent thought, unless they are sanctioning it; enemies of art, unless they are prescribing it.

We are vilified because we have chosen to be politically non-aligned, because of our belief that the arts should not be controlled by or dictated to by the state or any political movement, because we have apparently not nodded sufficiently in the direction of the ANC. The slander and disinformation against the NAI and actions such as Ramgobin’s disruption of the NAPP meeting in Natal have of course had damaging effects; coming from the ANC, they create at best, a climate of confusion and divided loyalties for many who would like to be involved in the NAI, and at worst, a climate in which “open season” is declared on the NAI for all kinds of attacks.

Once artists and independent thinkers were labelled communists, now they are reactionaries. Once they were enemies of the state, now they are enemies of “the people”. Our crime? To want control over our own lives, to be independent of state or party political control, to speak and create without fear of victimisation or censorship — — the stuff of democracy. Funny thing, history. New powers set new moralities, only to justify old tyrannies.

Romantics that we are, we hope that reason can defeat propaganda, that rational argument will triumph over emotional rhetoric, that vision will be the victor against political correctness and that the pen and paintbrush are indeed mightier than the sword. But we watch despairingly as the long line of artists donors, artists, administrators, city councillors and some media journalists wait their turn to give you their gold, frankincense and myrrh as they genuflect to the king-to-be. With horror, we watch again as the arts are sacrificed on the altars of political expediency, had ransomed by the egos of commissars, conscripted by party political agendas.

Of course, the ANC would deny this. On the Agenda programme, Ramgobin tried to illustrate the ANC’s commitment to independence and non-sectarianism in the arts by pointing to the Board of Trustees which the ANC was about to appoint at its conference on the arts. While I know and have high regard for many individuals on the board, I also know that many of them are ANC members or known ANC sympathisers. How can such a board be independent and non-sectarian? The ANC correctly criticises the government for unilaterally appointing the board of the SABC: they question the political independence of state-funded arts institutions because their governing boards are appointed by the state, yet now the ANC would have us believe that the board which they appoint to control or oversee the arts is independent and non-sectarian? Then the ANC criticises the NAI whose leadership has all been elected by people directly involved in the arts, a leadership which does not owe its position to a political group which may still pull the strings from the shadows. What a depressing case of deja vu!

Those of us who fought alongside you against apartheid thought that now we will have the space to create, to sing, to laugh, to criticise, to celebrate our visions, unhindered. We were wrong. We now realise that that space can never be assumed; it must continually be fought for. Of course, some of us will yield to the temptations you offer, many will conform to the new status quo (already self-censorship and fear of criticising the ANC is rife), some will go into exile and a few will say “Nyet!” Those few will struggle against numerous odds — political marginalisation, the cutting off of resources and character assassination to name but a few — for the right to have independent minds, to have hands which create, unproscribed, and the right to serve humankind, not politicians or political programmes. We do not ask you to give us that right — it is not yours to give. It is a right we claim because we are human.

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Van Graan has written this letter in his personal capacity. Wally Serote has been invited to respond next week.
Right wing Stan 1693 makes hay of Niehaus speech

POTCHEFSTROOM — The African National Congress's Carl Niehaus walked into another rowdy reception on an Afrikaans university campus when he addressed a meeting of University of Potchefstroom students last night.

After constant heckling throughout his speech on the ANC's position on the concept of a "volkstaat", violence almost flared in the audience when Students Representative Council members tried to pull hecklers from the audience.

They resisted, and after a few minor scuffles the SRC members withdrew to the side of the auditorium again.

Outside, police with dogs kept a watchful eye on a small group of right-wingers who had been barred from the auditorium.

Niehaus . . . flow of foreign exchange.

Right security prevailed at the meeting, with members of the audience being body-frisked on arrival, apparently in view of threats on Niehaus's life.

Right-wing students, who comprised half the audience, repeatedly sang the national anthem and Die Lied van Jong Suid-Afrika, interrupting Niehaus's speech.

Niehaus shared the stage with Volksstaat advocate Prof Carel Bosshoff, who said afterwards the students' conduct was "not that unusual if one looks at the circumstances".

The right-wing students finally staged a walkout from the auditorium singing the anthem once again. — Sapa.
ANC’s thin khaki line forms basis of future police

RAY HARTLEY

Members of Wits Vaal peace structures, who engineered the compromise around unrest areas in the region, have established themselves as legitimate neutral authorities on the most effective ways to prevent violence. This has taken painstaking months of negotiation with antagonsitic parties to persuade them to give up hardline positions in the interests of peace.

The regional peace secretariat, headed by Barlow Rand director Andre Lamprecht, demonstrated the extent to which it had benefited from the mediation skills it had been taught by the Independent Mediation Service of SA. Perhaps SA’s constitutional negotiators could learn from this.

Having first won the trust of both parties, they established a platform for the groundbreaking deal on policing during the funeral proceedings.

Police have come to realise that the maintenance of order is not their sole preserve. They have seen how marshals are the obvious force to control the immediate peripheries of demonstrations. Showing a great deal of restraint, police have agreed to become the third line of defence during demonstrations, with marshals on the front line and monitors on the second.

The compromise has given police the confidence that, when they act, they can do so as a last resort after other methods have failed. In turn, the ANC has grudgingly acknowledged – and therefore legitimised – the police as a low-key police presence to deal with matters should they get out of hand.

In the little-publicised agreement on “three lines of defence” was concluded at the same time as the agreement for unrest areas. Although the agreement applied only to events around the Hani funeral, its success in controlling events has set a strong precedent that cannot be ignored in future demonstrations.

ANC organising department head Steve Tshwete says the ANC is serious about turning its marshals into the well-trained core of a future police force. “It’s the way they are able to speak to the people. They are able to communicate to defuse the situation,” he says.

The ANC is planning to train 3,000 marshals for six months in criminal investigation methods, crowd control and drug training. After their training, the marshals will be graded and given rank with the possibility of remuneration being considered.

Tshwete is at pains to stress that the existing police force will not be “chased away” or disbanded, but he adds that it will have to receive “injections” of new recruits with credibility in the community.

While police spokesmen are reluctant to praise openly the work being done by marshals, policemen on the ground have tacitly endorsed this approach by sticking to their undertaking to remain at a tactical distance from crowds.

With political parties beginning to warm to the idea of an unruly youth “peace corps” which would act against criminal and political violence in the townships, the moves towards cooperation between the ANC and the security forces are all the more significant.

Another dramatic compromise proposal for dealing with violence is being put forward by MR’s usually bellicose commissar Joe Modise. Modise says a crack brigade of 5,000 MR, SADF, SAP and homeland security soldiers should be mobilised to move into “volatile areas” and quell endemic violence.

The idea is to form the nucleus of a “peacekeeping” force with the legitimacy to enforce freedom of movement and speech for political leaders and elections. Eng. Modise’s suggestion may be branded as an ANC plot to win joint control of the security forces. Law and Order spokesman cable Chief Constable Radebe has already voiced this suspicion.

Others have cautioned that the marshals could become the ANC’s new private army, acting only when government’s interests are threatened and turning a blind eye to the actions of ANC members.

While the traditional animosity between government and ANC over security-related matters remains unresolved to a large extent, there is a general recognition that drastic measures need to be taken to end the violence.

At the same time, the current moves by the ANC are changing the face of the debate on law and order and raise the issue of the practical steps that need to be taken to eradicate violence.

It would be a pity if the ANC’s willingness to shoulder joint responsibility for security is dismissed by a security force leadership obsessed with maintaining sectional control over law and order.
Cracks show as govt strategy remains unclear

WHILE disputes in negotiations are focused on the rift between the ANC and NP on the one hand and the Concerned South Africans Group on the other, a remaining potential obstacle is the failure by the NP to concede that there will be majority rule in SA.

This is creating further divisions in the Cabinet and explains some of the contradictory messages emanating from it.

The NP/government “inner circle” — President F W de Klerk, the National Intelligence Service, Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer, constitutional adviser Fanie van der Merwe and former NIS boss Niel Barnard — which is dictating the negotiating strategy and pushing the party into the future, probably has worked out a clear bottom line. But there is no agreement on this in Cabinet.

Even this inner circle has not yet fully conceded that the NP could end up being the opposition in a new Parliament. Its members believe that the reasons the ANC has accepted the idea of a five-year government of national unity will still prevail after the five-year period has elapsed.

They believe the ANC will still need the white bureaucracy, and that the military, under the control of the NP, will still be an obstacle to outright majority rule.

Centre for Policy Studies director Steven Friedman agrees that it is obvious that there are divisions in the Cabinet and that the NP has not yet conceded to majority rule. He argues that Meyer does not have a mandate from his party constituency, or Cabinet. “He gets his mandate from De Klerk and the NIS.”

Not even the full negotiating team is aware of the details of the strategy being pursued by the inner circle. The result is sometimes reflected in perspectives expressed by the likes of Minister of Finance Phillip Dupont.

Friedman says that De Klerk may be having problems selling the bottom line NP strategy to his own Cabinet and that is why the divisions are so clear and the strategy seemingly confused. While there is broad agreement on the “deal” between government and the ANC, the interpretation and understanding of the implications are very different.

This results in Kriel and like-minded Ministers on the right of the party grandstanding so as to appear not to be giving up anything, while Meyer concedes the very same ground in talks. An example is the future of the security forces.

Some Ministers firmly believe the NP will still be in government in 20 years while others, like Manpower Minister Leon Wessels, have very different attitudes. Wessels, too, sits on the negotiating team.

Former NP secretary-general Staffel van der Merwe says that in his time the NP federal congress, constitutionally the party’s highest structure, could easily be manipulated by careful stage management.

Friedman agrees that this might therefore be a deliberate strategy: “They act tough and grandstand in public while not worrying about the details. The Volk, including MPs, will just follow.”

But, he warns, this strategy might work in the short term but in the long term it will backfire and lead to instability.

He says it is quite ironic that, while everyone had believed that the ANC had the biggest problem selling a deal to its constituency, it was the NP that had ended up with the problem. The ANC had dealt with it in a sophisticated way.

“Since the Bisho march the ANC leadership has made a conscious effort to prepare its constituency ahead of time and get the agreement of the national executive committee,” says Friedman.

When the parties get round to finalising agreements on such issues as regionalism, the transitional executive authority and an interim government and constitution, these divisions and contradictions could see the NP/government teams left out of town with their constituencies.

Already on Wednesday during his budget vote, Meyer was showing signs of shrugging up his support by drawing a very fine and even esoteric distinction between an interim government and the transitional executive council.

The council was not a transitional government to which government was going to hand over power, he said. It was merely a mechanism to level the playing fields. The fact of the matter, as he has agreed to on countless occasions, is that the council is the first stage of an interim government and it effectively controls government decisions.

The powers, duties and functions of the council are still a bone of contention between government and the ANC, but even taking government’s stated position on the council it will be a de facto super-cabinet.

Political analyst Van Zyl Slabbert has warned on numerous occasions that the party leadership has to keep close contact with its constituency if the settlement is going to have legitimacy.

Government and the ANC’s deadline for reaching agreement on an election date and the establishment of the council is only three weeks away, and if this is achieved the reality of interim government will strike home firmly. Already we see the ANC training marshals in police work and its members carrying out citizens’ arrests and handing criminals over to the police.

These developments are not lost on the CP and Afrikaner Volksunie, who are ready toounce and take full advantage of the divisions in the ruling party.

No wonder Meyer says the negotiations are poised on a knife-edge.

Dear Sir,

LETTERS
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"We are deeply touched by the brutality of this murder, even though it is commonplace in our country," Mandela said after seeing the family of Stephen Lawrence. "It seems that black lives are cheap."

Lawrence was stabbed by a gang of white youths who, witnesses said, made racist remarks as he waited for a bus late last month. He was the third victim of a racial killing in south London this year.

After meeting Lawrence's relatives at a central London hotel, Mandela told reporters: "We are concerned about attacks on black people wherever they occur ... the Lawrences' tragedy is our tragedy."

Stephen's mother Doreen said: "He was really touched by what had happened, and to us it seems as though people from abroad are far more concerned about this than our own Prime Minister and government."

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"We are deeply touched by the brutality of this murder, even though it is commonplace in our country," Mandela said after seeing the family of Stephen Lawrence. "It seems that black lives are cheap."

Lawrence was stabbed by a gang of white youths who, witnesses said, made racist remarks as he waited for a bus late last month. He was the third victim of a racial killing in south London this year.

After meeting Lawrence's relatives at a central London hotel, Mandela told reporters: "We are concerned about attacks on black people wherever they occur ... the Lawrence's tragedy is our tragedy."

Stephen's mother Doreen said: "He was really touched by what had happened, and to us it seems as though people from abroad are far more concerned about this than our own Prime Minister and government."

— Sapa-AFP-AP.
ANC to send marshals on crash course

The ANC is planning to give its marshals "a general mandate" to act against crime and violence in the country and to put 3,000 of them through an advanced crash course in criminal investigation and crowd control, ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa confirmed yesterday.

Mamoepa said the newly trained marshals, who would be graded and given rank, would then form the nucleus of a future police force.

But Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze yesterday said the ANC's plan would spark violence and polarization.

The plan was "a fundamental contradiction of the principle that the police force should serve the entire community on the basis of apolitical professionalism and impartiality".

According to ANC organising section head Steve Tshwete, the marshals will remain an unarméd force.

The ANC, Tshwete said, was investigating remuneration and rewards for outstanding work done by the marshals.

The organisation's marshals have maintained strict control at recent ANC-organised events.

Some of them have also made citizens' arrests.

In Sharpeville two weeks ago they arrested three men allegedly involved in the murder of SABC journalist Calvin Thusa-go. — Political Correspondent.
No funds: PAC ‘faces closure’

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON. — The Pan-African Congress faces closure in eight weeks because of a serious cash crisis.

The minutes of a PAC National Working Committee meeting — leaked to East London’s Daily Dispatch — said the treasurer, Mr Thompson Gazo, “presented a grim picture of our finances. Unless there is another windfall, PAC could close down within eight weeks”.

The meeting on April 17 was also attended by the PAC president Mr Clarence Makwetu and secretary general Mr Benny Alexander.

The document paints a picture of an organisation battling to keep itself financially afloat amid growing staff absenteeism, absence of publicity personnel and inactive structures.

It also discloses that “indiscipline” had caused new problems “eg armed robberies and other acts that are carried out without consent”.

In the document the PAC commits itself to continue “exposing the ANC as anti-unity”.

Reaction from senior PAC officials yesterday ranged from concessions that there were financial difficulties, to no comment, to outright denials.

The minutes note Mr Makwetu was urged — “in light of pledges not yet honoured” — to write “letters of reminder especially to Windhoek and Lusaka”.

Funding was “slackening the process” for obtaining experts on negotiations, the minutes added.

A source told the Daily Dispatch that the PAC had become financially embattled as a result of the continuing armed struggle of the Azanian People’s Liberation Army.

A recent report claimed Paso’s national executive had been mandated to request that the PAC contribute 50% of its finances to Apla.

Asked for comment yesterday, PAC publicity director Mr Waters Toboti said: “I am not saying there are no financial problems.”

But he stressed the organisation would survive.

Mr Toboti denied PAC members were involved in armed robberies.

Mr Gazo wanted to know the source of the Daily Dispatch’s information and refused to comment, saying he had no authority to do so to outsiders.

Mr Alexander claimed the minutes were a police fabrication and maintained the PAC had recently given its staff a 50% increase.

He said while the PAC was “far short” of its election budget of R240 million “we are not near panic buttons”.

Mr Alexander denied there had been an NWC meeting on April 17.
No waste dump in our backyard!

IT SMACKED of the heated rhetoric of the past few weeks. With hundreds of eyes intently focused on him, the ANC official warned: “We are prepared to mobilise thousands of our people. We will fight!”

And before his last syllable had died away, there was a wave of thunderous applause — only this time from an audience of hundreds of whites!

They weren’t from trendy Left Yeoville, modestly Marxist Melville or even diffidently Democratic Dunkeld. They were from middle-class Birch Acres in Kempton Park, within marching distance of sprawling, often neglected, Tembisa.

Message

ANC official Bengeza Mthombeni blinked in surprise at the enthusiasm. And he couldn’t suppress a grin when a voice boomed out from somewhere in the middle of the hall: “Can we come and toy-toy with you?”

The township dwellers and suburbanites sit on different sides of the political and social divide, but they had one thing in common: they share the same backyard. The message that went out clearly on Tuesday night at a protest meeting at the Birch Acres Primary School was: “Not in our backyard!”

That backyard is a wide-open space at Chloorkop, which is about to be turned into a hazardous waste dump (a development they were not aware of until a few months ago, and about which the first “consultative meetings” took place only five weeks ago).

Threat unites most unlikely bedfellows

STAFF REPORTER

What the good burghers of Kempton Park may have previously lacked in environmental awareness, they certainly made up for in enthusiasm, clustering around Mthombeni after the meeting, shaking his hand and demanding to get down to the nitty-gritty. There was steady talk in the air of “mass action” — marches on the Kempton Park Civic Centre, picketing of the dump site, operations against Waste-Tech, even consumer boycotts...

But the newly formed “rainbow coalition” may not have much time. Acting Kempton Park town clerk Jan Malan, who attended the meeting, spoke ominously about “certain rights” already having been granted to Waste-Tech to operate the dump.

He was plainly uncomfortable as he tried to explain how difficult it would be to undo what has already been done in terms of granting permission.

Also at the meeting was Waste-Tech managing director Ken Bromfield, who received a roasting from an angry heckler virtually every time he tried to speak. Throughout it all he remained pleasant but firm: Waste-Tech had the right to go ahead and the site would be operational “about the middle of the year”.

“Thad June — only a month away!” shouted a woman before her protests were swamped by other shouts of derision at the discredited Bromfield.

Department of Water Affairs deputy director Leon Breedenhahn, whose department carried out environmental impact assessment studies on the dump site over a four-year period from 1986 and later granted an operator’s permit to Waste-Tech, took his fair share of slings and barbs from the angry homeowners.

He tried to reassure those present that their fears about pollution were unfounded (greeted with hoots and jeers) but told people that if they felt aggrieved they could approach the Minister with an official objection.

Bromfield battled through continuous verbal beating as he tried to give the Kempton Parkers the big picture. Waste, he said, was an unavoidable by-product of our society and our lifestyle. It has to go somewhere. If left where it lay, an environmental disaster would be the result. Better to manage it in a controlled way.

Environmental activist Peter Lukey, of Earthlife Africa, didn’t have to try hard to win his audience over when he sketched for them his version of the big picture. In Britain, laws were much stricter than here, yet one of Britain’s biggest waste-management companies had been accused of a host of crimes.

Midrand management committee member Alan Dawson was one of the star turns. His council, he said, was never consulted about the project, even though it was close to the Midrand border. Midrand would oppose it because it was “environmental madness”, because Waste-Tech had a bad record with a similar site at Clayville, and because the Chloorkop site contravened basic community health rules which said such sites should not be closer than 800 m to existing or planned housing. Chloorkop would be only 400 m away.

“We will fight in court if necessary and we will use our money — our ratepayers’ money — to fight this!” vowed Dawson in a stirring conclusion which brought the hall to its feet in a standing ovation.

The combined soothing words and assurances of Malan, Bromfield and Breedenhahn did nothing to calm the troubled waters.

Demands

In a resolution passed unanimously cheering and clapping at the end of the meeting, the people demanding that construction on the site cease immediately, that permission for the site to be used as a dump be withdrawn by the Kempton Park council and that Waste-Tech be barred from operating any waste-management facility in an urban area.

It won’t be an easy fight, but the combined communities of Tembisa and Kempton Park — with a little help from their friends in Midrand — will be formidable foes when their mass action gets rolling...

Perhaps there’s a lesson somewhere in there for the rest of the country...

SOUTH AFRICA'S AGONY: In a nation gripped by violent psychosis, drastic measures are needed to force peace on the intolerant

Time for shock treatment

IF PEOPLE will not be tolerant willingly, they must be compelled, argues HENRY LEVER in a controversial article about ways to resolve South Africa's predicament.

THE OLD South Africa, based on apartheid, was an unjust society. The future South Africa, if present indications are anything to go by, will be nasty, brutish and ugly. A foretaste of what the future South Africa will be like emerges from trends which have become evident since the Rubicon was crossed and the country committed itself to negotiate a new constitution.

We have become all too familiar with incidents such as the burning of vehicles, the demands for assassins to be handed to the people to administer justice, the deliberate and cold-blooded shooting of a bus load of schoolchildren, inflammatory remarks to "kill the boere", attacks on the elderly and, above all, the endemic killings of IFP and ANC supporters.

In the worst days of American gangsterism, the rival mobsters could at least say that all they were doing was killing each other. For the thugs in the IFP and the ANC, however, anyone who gets in their way is fair game.

THE late Jan Hofmeyr pointed out that throughout the country's history there have been forces pulling South Africans together and others pulling them apart. We now have the best opportunity yet of coming together, but it seems to be slipping rapidly beyond our grasp.

The main culprits for the strains in which we find ourselves are the ANC, IFP, PAC, and National Party, but the Church, and more especially the South African Council of Churches, must share some of the blame.

Once the country had committed itself to a negotiated constitution-making process, it was no longer necessary for churches to continue identifying with resistance movements. Their task then should have been to revert to a neutral position and ensure all parties acted responsibly and with commitment to the awesome task entrusted to them. Instead, they identified too closely with the ANC and, as a consequence, are now in danger of losing their moral authority.
THERE is a tendency to say the "present violence is part of a transitional phase" South Africa is entering. It is true in some respects. But it is also true that the transitional phase is being complicated by an increase in the number of people who are being killed. The increase is partly due to the high rate of violence and murder, which is a major problem, and partly due to the fact that the government is not taking adequate steps to deal with it. The government has been accused of being too slow in taking action, and of not doing enough to prevent violence. There is also the problem of the high rate of unemployment, which is a major cause of violence. The government has been criticized for not doing enough to create jobs and reduce unemployment. It is a complex situation, and it is difficult to find a solution that will work for all. However, it is clear that more needs to be done to address the problem of violence.
Verwoerd to address Parow ANC

By Quentin Wilson

WILHELM VERWOERD was two years old when his grandfather and apartheid's architect, Dr Hendrik Verwoerd, was assassinated in 1966. Now the 29-year old Verwoerd is taking ANC politics into the heart of his late grandfather's stomping ground: Parow.

Next week, the ANC is to hold its first public meeting in the traditionally white conservative town, and Verwoerd, together with ANC publicity officer, Mr Carl Niehaus, will address the Parow locals.

"I grew up hearing only positive things about my grandfather," says Verwoerd, who joined the ANC last year. "But my beliefs began to change when I spoke to people whose lives had been wrecked as a consequence of apartheid."

"It is not enough for us as white Afrikaans-speaking South Africans to apologise for the mess apartheid has created. We have to take on a large part of the responsibility of building a new nation," he said.

Verwoerd says his ANC allegiance has effectively cut ties with many family members.

But, says Verwoerd, his political home in the ANC has also "liberated" him from "a very narrow, impoverished view of life" and he is happy "being part of the South African majority".

Dr Allan Boesak, ANC Western Cape chairperson, said it will be the first time in ANC history that the organisation has planned a public meeting in a traditionally conservative white suburb. It is time for the ANC to move into the northern suburbs and to educate conservative whites about the ANC."
Labour puts its case for an ANC alliance

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South Africans lived in a very rigid racially structured society. Each group was insulated and estranged from the others. This apartheid situation provided the so-called coloured community with a false sense of security.

Since 1990, South Africa has embarked on the long and difficult road of democratisation. We have now entered the stage of a radical transition from the abhorrent apartheid state to the ideal of a non-racial democratic social and political order.

While the political elite in our country have adapted to this transition, one finds that their responses have not adapted as easily to the new circumstances.

One of the reasons is the inadequate political organisation which has thus far failed to break through traditional social and political boundaries, especially amongst the democratic forces.

In order to successfully campaign in a community one needs to intimately understand the nature of such a community.

The so-called coloured community is by nature very conservative and religious. The vast majority are only prepared to get involved in politics if it does not affect their traditional socio-economic network.

As a deprived community this characteristic sometimes makes them vulnerable to the policies of parochial parties the NP has very successfully applied to for.

One also finds that as a conservative community the majority of coloureds fear radical change in the social political order. This fear for the unknown drives them to support the status quo.

It is very clear that decades of NP propaganda against the ANC and Africans, coupled with the social isolation experienced under apartheid have made the so-called coloured people fear the prospect of majority rule in South Africa.

While some vividly respond to the injurious insults upon them by the NP, the bulk seems to be either apathetic or suffer from amnesia when it comes to the track record of the NP.

It would appear that the majority of coloured people have less repercussion for the evils of apartheid, than for the prospects of a genuine democratic majoritarian government.

It is against this complex backdrop that one approaches the campaign for the

speaking out

Desmond Lockey, Labour Party of SA, House of Representatives, MP for Northern Cape

coloured vote in South Africa’s first democratic election.

The LPSC who for the last 27 years together with others struggled for a non-racial democratic order believes that it is incumbent upon us to make our contribution to address these misconceptions and learn, and to ensure that the so-called coloured community will make the right choice in such an election.

We believe that by entering into an electoral alliance with the ANC we can break down the perception that it is a black organisation struggling primarily for the advancement of black people’s rights and needs.

We can help to protect the ANC as South Africa’s only truly non-racial political organisation, where all communities are adequately represented.

We believe that in the election campaign greater emphasis should be placed on the political empowerment of communities to drive home the idea that, through their political involvement in the democratic forces, they can protect what is dear to them, provided that it is conducive to democratic values.

The LPSC has more experience than any other political organisation in campaigning amongst the so-called coloured people.

We can contribute towards a breakthrough for the democratic forces.

We share the ultimate goal of a non-racial democratic political and social order. However, it remains a continuous challenge and struggle to transform our abhorrent apartheid structured society into this ideal.

It is in undertaking to do this that we have unconditionally extended our party’s hand of friendship to the ANC.

We hope that through co-operation and joint action in an electoral alliance under the leadership of the ANC, we can instil the confidence among all our people that democracy can work in South Africa.

We hope that this will lead to an overall improvement in the quality of their lives.
Azapo looks to the future

CAPE TOWN — The president of the Azanian People's Organisation, Professor Itumeleng Mosala, is a busy man: he heads a political movement while teaching at a college at Cambridge University in the UK to assume his Azapo post full-time until the end of the year.

He believes that Azapo's unique experience of having confronted the Government from inside the country over the years has helped the movement develop a clear picture of the Government's "deceit and evil manoeuvres".

Azapo was also striving to represent the neglected interests of ordinary black people whose land was controlled by a white minority. Until the land was restored to its rightful owners, democracy was a farce.

This weekend Azapo, so far the only significant political organisation shunning constitutional talks, is holding a special congress in Johannesburg to decide whether to use the negotiating table to agitate for "ordinary black people's interests".

Though Mosala, who is in South Africa for the congress, refused to commit himself on whether the movement would join the talks, he said it was encouraging that what Azapo had relentlessly fought for was now on the negotiating table: a constituent assembly, the need for an international monitoring team and the installation of a transitional executive authority.

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"Ordinary people will suffer. We have fooled around for three years. The issue should have been the transfer of power from the minority to the majority. Of course, this should have been done through democratic processes."

Mosala (43), who, like many of his colleagues, worked with Steve Biko — credited with being the father of Black Consciousness (BC) philosophy — believes that the ideology is still relevant today.

There was a lack of respect for black life, and the violence within the black community was patently criminal and not revolutionary, he said. The core of the BC philosophy was respect for each other and encouragement of people to take charge of their lives. But most people were colluding with the oppressors by being meek.

Mosala rejected the accusation that Azapo members were armchair critics, saying that the BC movement was being subverted through the denial of resources. Since the rise of the United Democratic Front, BC organisations had been deliberately starved of vital resources by bantustan. It had to rely on its members' contributions. Despite this, the movement would not be "pulled away".

Commenting on the future, Mosala said freedom-loving black people should form a united front and present their demands to the Government. "If we can't get it right now, we may never be able to get it right," he said.
Relocate SA fugitive, urges Zambia

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trial. He escaped from South Africa and found his way to Zambia in March 1991. He has since been living in Zambia.

Zambian security officials had made it clear they would not return Dec. Jahangir to South Africa for fear of his life.

"He is in preventive custody in Zambia and we are trying to settle him in another African country," Zambian officials said.

A faction of the Zambian government has been calling for the extradition of Dec. Jahangir, a senior Iranian official, who is wanted in connection with the 1983 bombing of the Khomeni Palace in Tehran. The Zambian government has not yet decided whether to extradite Dec. Jahangir.

Most whites query Mandela's sincerity

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Immigration curb soon

MANNY JINW ANS

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Azapo reviews stance on multi-party negotiations

CTB: Political Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) will hold a conference this weekend to review its stance on negotiations.

Azapo resolved at its congress in Port Elizabeth at the end of last year that it would not engage in talks with the government. The only item it was prepared to discuss with the government was the handing over of power to the majority.

The meeting at Wilgespruit, near Roodepoort, will review this stance, particularly now that the PAC is represented at multi-party talks.
Azapo will decide on negotiations

PROFESSOR Humelelang Mosala, president of the Azanian People's Organisation, is a busy man. He heads a political movement while teaching at a Cambridge college about 10 000km away.

But Professor Mosala is unperturbed about the workload — in fact, he believes, his movement has an important role to play in preventing the country from sliding to total disaster.

In June the UCT senior lecturer in religious studies plans to return from his three-year sabbatical leave at Cambridge to assume his Azapo post full-time until the end of the year.

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Plotting and planning in the 10-man committee

Cyril Ramaphosa
He gives a point while he scores an advantage

Colin Eglin
The DP man who is able to bring squabblers to heel

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He then timeously intervenes to settle the room, he is an enthusiastic first-time player, thriving on the process, but not allowed by the courtship dance of the government and the ANC of the Cosag lobby. He takes a middle road in promoting the process, careful never to rock the boat.

His neighbour to the left is the slightly built and Bowish Constitutional Minister and chief negotiator Reif Meyer. He takes a fair and apparently honest approach in debating, always maintaining his cool when riled.

When trying to convince the participants, he seldom raises his voice and often uses a self-effacing manner. Across the table is the ANC’s secretary-general and chief negotiator, Cyril Ramanaphosa, who sometimes finds the contents of his electronic diary more interesting than the proceedings. When his intervention is necessary — and in a manner too smooth even for a marginal advertisement, he slowly and patiently explains his party’s viewpoint.

He will magnanimously concede an insignificant point to a Cosag opponent and then shrewdly scores a major advantage in the second breath.

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On the edges, watching the first round as the government and the ANC struggle to convince the Cosas lobby that their deas are the best course for the country, are the PAC and the DP.

The Planning Committee has less than a month to produce the goods.

Leader of the Cosas lobby is Inkatha's Frank Mdlalose, a medical doctor, the party's national chairman and the planning committee's self-appointed elder statesman.

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He then tenuously intervenes to settle the feathers with the kindly voice of Cosas reason. He can be stoically stubborn and maintains a tolerant but dignified silence at the waves of hilarity that often convulse the room.

Seated on his left is his Cosas ally, Mick Webb, the overweight and red-faced adviser to Kisel leader Oupa Gqozo and a King Williams Town lawyer. He is quick to raise his hand to question any perceived slight, over-anxious to go on the attack and is undoubtedly the most dominant voice in the proceedings.

He is bolstered in his quakerousness by Bophuthatswana minister of defence Rowan Crane, a former minister under Rhodesia's Ian Smith and brother-in-law to CP MP Tom Langley.

Meticulously toureped, he is smooth and articulate, always agreeable to ensuring the continuation of negotiations but careful to often reserve the tiny homeland's right to abstain from binding decisions.

Separating the Cosas lobby from the government representative is the PAC's Benny Alexander, neatly dressed in suit and tying, having forsaken his grenadilla-coloured wrestling outfit and uncompromising rhetoric displayed at the talks forum last month.

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**Logical**

Often forgetting to switch on his microphone, he will irritably bellow forth what he sees as the most no-nonsense approach to a particular issue, and for some reason, the rest of the squabblers come to heel.

Communist Party chairman Joe Slovo, habitually dressed in his tired red socks, makes his points best by leaning forwards on his crossed arms.

His arguments are always calm, reasoned and logical, never disregarding principle for consensus, but neither sacrificing progress for political gain.

The proceedings of the 10 are kept for the record by Gillian Hutchings, a seconded employee from the Consultative Business Movement.

Ever watchful over the proceedings is the CBM's Theuns Elloff, head of administration for negotiations who constantly anticipates the moment which will spell either breakthrough or chaos.

— EDYTH BULBRING
Negotiate devolution or conflict and partion will follow, writes Simon Jenkins

SA’s ‘Great Barter’ continues

The death of Chris Hani is a tragedy but not a disaster. He was that rarest of politicians, a man who could translate demagoguery into reality. He was charismatic and pragmatic. He understood the balance of power in his country. He had won the confidence of the white-led army, and was a plausible future leader. That is why he was killed.

The result has not been the predicted bloodbath, 'political violence' in South Africa is, according to the Race Relations Institute, at its lowest level since 1980, even after Hani’s death. Hugos efforts have been made by black leaders to end intercommunal killings.

So what is happening? South Africa refuses point blank to conform to the apocalyptic model which analysts have tried to impose on it since the Soweto riots of 1976.

That model is a lurid picture of white fascist repression, bloody black rebellion, white retribution, state-sponsored intervention, the collapse of order and the advent of black rule. The hands on this clock are always set at five minutes to midnight. Time is always running out. Everything from the birth rate to the price of gold spells doom. Karl Marx may have been wrong everywhere else, but here on the tip of Africa he can make his last stand.

This is rubbish. I have been visiting South Africa for 15 years, and the model has served neither as analysis nor as prediction. It still underplays news reports, congressional inquiries, sanctions and debates. The one blessing of the model is that for two decades it has kept South Africa politically and economically isolated. Americans, Europians, the United Nations, everybody has twisted thumbs and waited for 'Africans to collapse'. It has not done so. This has protected both black and white leadership from the curse of divided societies, meaningful intervention by foreign powers.

Meanwhile, sanctions disciplined the South African economy and has marginally strengthened it. The country was not inflated and rotted by IMF and World Bank loans behind a protectionist wall. Imports were cut and exports promoted. South Africa had to manage its budget and restrict capital outflow. Meaningful about the economy is second only to rugby as a national sport, but the result of the sanctions is the most powerful commercial machine in the southern hemisphere.

My preferred model to help explain South Africa is different and messy. There is no tidy post-colonial handing over of the seals of office, no lowering of the flag, no sounding of the last post.

There is simply a continuation of the Great Barter, the negotiated change in the composition of South Africa's ruling elite. The ANC's moderate leadership, tenaciously built around Nelson Mandela and the party boss, Cyril Ramaphosa, is as bright as President de Klerk of full and early elections. Under proportional representation, the ANC will gain an overall majority of seats its immaturity and factionalism would be on public display.

The barter in which both leaders are involved is as old as the hills. It is that of a ruling elite widening its popular legitimacy in exchange for a share in the spoils of office. Such bartering is far more true to the historic spirit of Afrikanerism than the whites escape into the apartheid of the 1960s and 1970s. It is a barter for group survival.

The deal is taking two forms: co-opting leaders of the ANC into actual government, and setting up a separate, rolling debate on constitutional change. This debate has democracy on the horizon, but with a gulf of fog in between.

Cooperation is well under way. To the visitor, South African politicians are extraordinarily polite. They meet at conferences, at seminars, at negotiations, on holidays even, and they talk power. There are no intermediaries, no elder statesmen, no interfering great power diplomats. It is as if the isolation of the last decade have left both sides with nobody else for conversation: when Mandela left Robben Island for a mainlained prison, the former state president, F.W. de Klerk, was said to have genuinely enjoyed their occasional chats.

President de Klerk and Mandela are likewise close. They made separate and simultaneous appeals for calm following Hani’s killing. They now stand together, joint leaders of their country, despite neither having won a nationwide election. Those who predicted that both of them would by now be undermined by extremists have been proved wrong.

The finance ministry has a full corporatist structure in place, disclaiming the black market and the ANC’s economics team everything from housing policy to the budget has been meticulously revised. They are making novel progress, some would say socialist. All talk of devolving power to regions around the country remained.

Mandela’s nationalism, social-corporate roots have been revitalised by contact with township politics. Chris Hani was involved in integrating the army command. By the end of the year, De Klerk’s interim executive council will formalise this multiracial coalition.

Few involved in the constitutional debate expect or want an immediate handover of power to the ANC. All know that the result would be a shambles (Africa has come far since the 1960s). Mandela acknowledges that full black rule is unlikely until the turn of the century. He knows that the economy and South Africa’s fractious political needs stability and a strong hand at the top if there is to be any progress towards a new constitution. Stability must be built upon a new de facto black coalition.

Those who wish to worry about South Africa should worry less about the extremists, hag the headlines and now mayhem through that centre. The centre will hold because it has too much to lose, and the firepower and ruthlessness to keep it. South Africa is too rich a prize to be sacalificed to the guns of the Right or the pangs of the Left.

In any new constitution emerging from the negotiating process, I believe the danger lies elsewhere. The new white-black coalition is already centrist, some would say socialist. All talk of devolving power to regions around the country remains.

If President de Klerk and Mandela cannot see that, then no constitutional process will hold for long. Devolution must be negotiated or conflict and partition will follow. Does anyone need telling that today?

Simon Jenkins is former editor of The Times.

The Times
CAPE TOWN — Senior Anglican clergy yesterday defended Archbishop Desmond Tutu against criticism over the style in which he delivered his sermon at the funeral of slain South African Communist Party general secretary Chris Hani.

This follows a number of individual and parish objections from within the Anglican Church from people who, the archbishop's press secretary John Allen said yesterday, appeared unhappy with his performance.

The Cathedral Chapter of the Anglican Diocese of Cape Town said in a statement "those unaccustomed to political funerals in the black community" may have been alarmed by proceedings.

But Allen said Archbishop Tutu's style "helps to ease people's frustrations."

He said the objections probably came largely from conservative white members. — Sapa.
Split Azapo to announce talks stance

By Kaizer Nyatsumba
Political Correspondent

The Azanian People's Organisation will announce its final position on negotiations today after its two-day special consultative conference at the Wilgespruit Fellowship Centre near Roodepoort at the weekend, Azapo publicity secretary Dr Gomolemo Mokae said yesterday.

At the time of going to press last night, top Azapo strategists and rank-and-file members from across the country were still debating a resolution drawn up by a technical committee on negotiations.

Sources within the organisation said Azapo was divided down the middle on negotiations.

While one group felt that now was the time for the organisation to take part in multiparty talks, the other remained sceptical of the Government's willingness to relinquish power to a democratically elected constituent assembly, and therefore opposed negotiations.

And sources yesterday believed the anti-negotiations group would win the day.

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ANC planners to meet in secret

By Chris Whitfield
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The ANC's national working committee (NWC) will meet in secret for three days this week to discuss strategy — including the need for members to avoid actions that could be used to stir up right-wing resistance.

It is understood that the need for disciplined behaviour at meetings and elsewhere will share the agenda with discussions on the negotiation process.

NWC member Joe Slovo said last night that the meeting would be on "strategic perspectives ... to reflect on all recent events, including the new moves by the right wing".

Slovo said he had been encouraged by President de Klerk's weekend warnings to the right wing.

"You don't get anywhere by appeasing fascism," he said.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus confirmed that the meeting will be held at an undisclosed venue this week.

At the weekend, De Klerk lashed at extremists on both the Right and Left.

Part of the President's statement is being interpreted as a final warning to the right wing.

A senior Government source said last night: "What the President is doing is putting them on notice that if they push further ... then he will act." He said it was significant that the President had specifically warned against trying to politicise the security forces.

Warned De Klerk: "Any attempts to undermine the integrity of the security forces or to subvert their loyalty to the State are viewed in an extremely serious light."

Extremist right-wing pressure groups were "playing with fire, and violations of the law by their side will be dealt with just as strictly as violations by left-wing extremists".

● Inkatha Freedom Party president Mangosuthu Buthelezi said "the future might be too late" to remedy South Africa's turmoil. He urged De Klerk to discuss the nitty-gritty of negotiations with him, reports Sapa.
Bring to light plight of women

By Shirley Woodgate

Women needed sharp teeth and big mouths "to bite" and draw their plight to the attention of those in power to whom they are invisible, ANC Emancipation Commission deputy chairman Frere Ginwala yesterday said to resounding cheers from 150 women.

ANC research department head Ginwala was speaking at a three-day seminar on gender equality held by the fledgling Women's National Coalition in Johannesburg.

Co-sponsored by the Washington-based Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, the seminar was addressed by local speakers and guests from Canada, Australia, the Netherlands, Uganda, Namibia, Thailand, Bangladesh, Norway, Kenya and the United Nations' Angela King.

Thailand speaker Suteera Thompson said women constituted half the world's population, produced half the world's agricultural production, headed a third of the world's households and worked two thirds of the world's working hours.

Yet they earned only a tenth of the world's income, owned a hundredth of the world's property and constituted two thirds of the world's illiterate population.

This was despite the adoption of the Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women by the United Nations in 1979 which was accepted by about 100 nations by 1989.

Ginwala said it was significant no parties competing to become the government had given any thought to women, and the two major technical committees at Co-desa -- those on constitutional affairs and independent elections -- consisted entirely on men.
ANC, allies still want action

JOHANNESBURG. — The African National Congress PWV region and its allies at the weekend re-affirmed their commitment to “rolling mass action”, saying such protests ensured the current political process was given the necessary urgency.

At a media briefing after a meeting here to assess mass protests, ANC regional spokesman Mr Jabu Mleketi said the situation at grassroots level had changed since the death on April 10 of SA Communist Party (SACP) general-secretary Mr Chris Hani.

People were now more organised around specific issues.

He said the meeting had focused on four areas of mass action.

Proposals covering these areas would be put to other organisations at a meeting on Thursday.

“Our proposals include consumer boycotts, marches and mass demonstrations,” said Mr Mleketi.

Another congress official, Mr Paul Mashatile, said there was no conflict between the ANC PWV region and ANC headquarters over mass protests.

On Friday night, ANC secretary-general Mr Cyril Ramaphosa said a meeting would be held soon to review mass action in the light of the dramatic progress made at constitutional talks.
Time provisionally wound up

TIME Holdings was provisionally wound up in the Rand Supreme Court on Friday, soon after obtaining liquidation orders against three subsidiaries.

The Time group applied for provisional winding up orders against subsidiaries Time Property Developments R McCarthy and Time Housing late on Thursday.

An application for the provisional winding up of Time Holdings was brought by Time Consolidated Investments on Friday.

Time Holdings CEO Colin Hibbert blamed the group's situation on financial institutions' withdrawal from the mass housing market and on R5m unexpected damages arising from an unresolved dispute with Basil Read.

Hibbert said in spite of the boom in housing built by Time, prospective purchasers were unable to obtain mortgage finance.

As a result, Time found itself having to service about R5m interest a year on borrowings without having the requisite sales to finance this.

Hibbert said the dispute with Basil Read over timeous completion of a project in Roodebank had left the group having to finance unforeseen damages of more than R5m until the dispute could be resolved in arbitration.

Time's bankers had refused to advance the group bridging finance until the damages could be recovered from Basil Read, Hibbert said.

ANC concerned about farm exodus

Ray Hartley

The ANC was concerned about a potential flight of agriculture skills as white farmers became increasingly worried about their security. ANC agriculture official Derek Hanekom said at the weekend.

He said farmers seemed to be staying put for the moment, but a marked increase in inquiries by farmers considering selling up and leaving SA had been reported.

He admitted that ANC youth league official Peter Mokaba’s “kill the farmer” slogan had made it more difficult for the ANC to address misconceptions about the organisation’s future agricultural policy with farmers.

A spokesman for a western Cape estate agency dealing in agricultural property said farmers from elsewhere in SA were showing growing interest in wine and fruit farms in the area because they were not the target of violence.

Transvaal and Natal farmers were, however, struggling to sell their properties at reasonable prices, indicating a declining interest in agriculture in those areas.

Adrian Hadland reports that Transvaal Agricultural Union president Dries Bruwer said farmers would not be intimidated into leaving their land.

The meeting of farmers in Potchefstroom last week demonstrated a new spirit among the farming community underlying their determination to defend their properties and livelihood, Bruwer said.

While some farmers had left SA and headed for Zimbabwe, this had been for economic and not political or security reasons.

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ANC ‘may insist’ on marching

THE ANC might insist that it be allowed to proceed with marches and demonstrations even when it has not received permission, spokesman Carl Niehaus said yesterday.

The ANC’s PWV region reaffirmed its commitment to “rolling mass action” to speed up the political negotiations. While the ANC had not taken a decision actively to defy an order banning marches, Niehaus said that such a ban would not simply be accepted.

He said the ANC was worried about a “growing tendency” for government to clamp down on marches. On Friday a Cosass march through Johannesburg was banned and police prevented students from leaving the townships.

Niehaus said that the ANC would meet various parties such as the police and national peace secretariat before proceeding with demonstrations.

But the organisation would be “extremely reluctant” to obey a ban, he said. He claimed the ANC’s concern about marches being banned was shared by several international observer bodies.

“They are concerned that people are being denied their democratic rights,” he said.

Sapa reports that at a media briefing after a meeting in Johannesburg at the weekend to assess mass protests, ANC regional spokesman Jabu Mbeki said the grassroots situation had changed since the murder of SA Communist Party head Chris Hani.

He said people were now more organised around specific issues such as the education crisis.

He said the meeting had focused on four areas of mass action — civic struggles, worker issues, the creation of a peace corps to allow communities to police their own areas and other sectoral matters.

Proposals, which include consumer boycotts, marches and mass demonstrations, would be tabled at a meeting next week.

Another congress official, Paul Mashitela, said there was no conflict between the ANC PWV region and ANC headquarters over mass protests. On Friday night, ANC secretary general Cyril Ramaphosa said a meeting would be held soon to review mass action in the light of progress made at constitutional talks.

Reuters reports from East London that businesses in the Border area have joined the ANC’s mass action campaign.

The Border Business Action Committee yesterday announced a two-week plan of action starting on Wednesday.

On the same day, the ANC planned to start a 24-hour occupation of Border towns, but the BBAC has suggested a rally instead of occupation. It said action had to be peaceful and avoid disruption of industry and business.

Cosatu’s call to Derek Keys

COSATU has called on Finance Minister Derek Keys to investigate the investment of R20bn in three major projects.

The federation said most of the money would be spent overseas, whereas “the national economic forum is arguing about spending only R6bn on job creation”.

The three projects are Columbus and Alusaf and the proposed cellular telephone system.

Cosatu made demands aimed at suspension of tenders for the phone system and for other contracts to be placed locally.
ANC slams spoilers

The African National Congress (ANC) has called on the Government to take legal action against rightwingers who incite racial hatred and threaten to use violence to undermine constitutional negotiations.

"They must be charged and brought to book to the fullest extent of the law," the ANC said in a statement on Saturday.

The organisation was objecting to racist slogans by farmers at a western Transvaal rally last week. [1A]

Thousands of Transvaal and Free State farmers gathered in Potchefstroom on Thursday to protest violence against white farmers and to highlight rightwing demands for self-determination within a future political dispensation.

The ANC said that faced with such provocation "the people of South Africa will not fold their arms and allow themselves to be blackmailed into accepting schemes that seek to turn South Africa into another Bosnia."

"We will take the necessary steps to ensure that negotiations proceed with speed and that firm decisions are taken about the introduction of a transitional executive council and an early election date."

The ANC believed that everyone, including those who gathered at Potchefstroom, had the democratic right to place their proposals on the negotiating table.

"However, like all participants in the negotiations, they must be prepared to accept the basic rules of a democracy. If they are not, they must be prepared to accept it. The African National Congress is similarly prepared to accept the final outcome of a fully democratic process." -- Sapa
IFP marches for 'fair' coverage

ANC's mass action also on receiving end:

SECURITY forces on foot and in scores of armoured vehicles threw a ring of steel around the SABC on Saturday afternoon when about 6 000 Inkatha supporters arrived to hand over a memorandum protesting against alleged bias from the corporation.

One of the memoranda was addressed to the African National Congress alliance although the earlier plan had been to deliver it to the ANC offices at Shell House.

Mr Hennie Bekker, the IFP's new white parliamentary recruit, said that in the interests of peace the party had rescinded this idea.

The IFP youth brigade, which organised the event, accused the SABC of marginalising the IFP and of biased coverage.

It said in the memorandum it did not want to get special treatment from the corporation, or from the print media, but only fair and equal coverage, the same as that given to the ANC alliance.

The political playing field should be levelled, said the youth brigade.

The memorandum also called on the ANC to halt its intended mass action campaign because it would create violence and was detrimental to the economy. -- Sapa.
Azapo to announce today its 'final stance' on talks

Groups split on Nats' willingness to relinquish power

Political Staff
THE Azanian People's Organisation will today announce its final position on negotiations following its two-day special consultative conference at the Wilgespruit Fellowship Centre near Roodepoort at the weekend, Azapo publicity secretary Dr Gomolemo Mokae said.

The conference, attended by top Azapo strategists and rank-and-file members from across the country, was last night still debating a resolution drawn by a technical committee on negotiations.

The meeting had been expected to end about noon.

Azapo's stance on negotiations will now be announced at a press conference in Johannesburg today.

Sources within the organisation said Azapo was divided down the middle on the question of negotiations.

While one group felt that now was the time for the organisation to take part in multi-party talks, others remained sceptical about the government's willingness to relinquish power to a democratically elected constituent assembly, and therefore opposed negotiations.

And yesterday sources believed the anti-negotiations group in the organisation would win the day.

"It appears this (negotiations) is an involved matter which Congress is taking very seriously. The congress was supposed to have ended four hours ago, but it had to be extended because of the nature of the discussions."

"We are optimistic that whatever position is taken will be a unifying one," said Dr Mokae.

So far the Black Consciousness organisation has steadfastly refused to engage in talks with Pretoria, and has called on President De Klerk's government to resign before Azapo could talk to it.

The organisation last year appointed a facilitator to present its views to the government and arrange a meeting between the two parties, but early this month Azapo put a moratorium on talks between itself and other parties and organisations until this weekend's special congress.

With the Pan Africanist Congress now represented in multiparty talks at the World Trade Centre, Azapo is the only prominent organisation on the left not involved in negotiations.
ANC bid to avoid fanning right-wing ire

The ANC has called a three-day Bosbekaad this week to thrash out new strategies "to take the negotiating process into its next phase", with the perceived right-wing threat topping the agenda.

Senior negotiator Joe Slovo said yesterday a central focus of the national working committee meeting would be to look at ways of ensuring that "our members do not play into the hands of the right-wing counter revolutionary forces".

Slovo said ANC members often fuelled or encouraged right-wing backlash, and the meeting would try to thrash out an internal code of conduct. "We will be looking at the finer details of how our members conduct themselves in all facets of their lives, the slogans we have been using and statements made at our meetings."

He identified a growing concern that mobilisation efforts by the group of retired generals could be aimed at a coup. Slovo did not believe the generals had a strong enough base to carry out a coup successfully, "but they are desperate and we know that anything is possible — and there is potential for them to do a lot of damage".

The ANC was encouraged by some extent by President P W de Klerk's weekend statement which showed "he is not allowing himself to be terrorismised by the right wing, and that swift action to a settlement is the only way to proceed." However, "one problem we have is that De Klerk seems to be contemplating interfering in democratic rights of other people."

Friday's negotiations, he said, had virtually cleared the way to agreement on substantive constitutional matters. With a view to smoothing the path, the ANC would be taking a closer look at several issues, including refining its stance on regionalism. It would discuss the powers, functions and duties of regions, with the main focus on regional operations during transition. Finality on regional powers would be decided by an elected constituent assembly.

Another NWC member said it was time Inkatha and the Concerned SA Group saw clearly how far the ANC had moved on regionalism. "There are going to be regions with entrenched powers and functions within a unitary structure with strong central control." The Bosbekaad would have to look at ways of increasing pressure on government either to cut its ties with Inkatha or to drag it into agreement. "Government cannot continue trying to have an alliance with Inkatha while also trying to move us into a government of national unity. De Klerk must exert pressure on Inkatha and withdraw the funding which allows them to continue operating as spoilers."

Slovo said the ANC was still insisting on some form of joint control of the security forces. But it was not interested in day-to-day control at the level of the SAP's crime control operations. The SAP structures "must have the power to influence the command levels so that we can ensure the security forces do not interfere with political process".

Friday's negotiations were considered successful as parties now had a target to work towards, following agreement that an election date be set within four weeks.
Attacks on media slammed

THE ANC and the PAC yesterday condemned attacks on journalists, saying this was not consistent with democratic practice.

The organisations said a campaign to educate their followers was necessary if youths were to understand the role the media played.

Representatives of the organisations were speaking at a media workshop organised by the Media Workers Association of South Africa held at a Johannesburg hotel.

ANC spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa for the PWV region said the media had a vital role to play in the democratisation of society.

"As such I do not think political organisations should seek to silence the media."

PAC official Mr Basner Ngcaba decried "inflammatory utterances by all political organisations".
Security call stands - ANC

The ANC has flatly rejected suggestions that it is shifting its position on joint control of the security forces. ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said last night it still insisted on multiparty control - through the proposed transitional executive council sub-council on security matters - during the election run-up. — Political Correspondent.
ANC plea to Germans

BONN — ANC president Nelson Mandela said yesterday he wanted German companies to help black South Africans emerge from white minority rule.

Sapa-AP reports that Mandela also asked Chancellor Helmut Kohl for financial help for the ANC.

The ANC needed money for its electoral campaign and for educational programmes for black South Africans, who had never voted before, Mandela said. He would not say how much he sought, but said: "I do not expect to return to Johannesburg empty-handed."

Mandela did not meet business leaders during his one-day stop but said he wanted to encourage German companies to come to SA.

CHRIS BATEMAN reports from London that Mandela and ANC deputy international affairs head Aziz Palad left Frankfurt for home last night.

They also met Social Democrat leader Gunter Verheugen, Foreign Secretary Klaus Kinkel and his predecessor — an old friend of Mandela — Hans-Dietrich Genscher.
ANC set to join Met Chamber

By Jo-Anne Collinge

The ANC is poised to join the Central Wits Metropolitan Chamber and will press for the speedy installation of a nonracial interim government for Greater Johannesburg, says ANC local government head Mathole Motshekga.

He confirmed yesterday that the ANC, in a joint workshop with the SACP and Cosatu, had decided to join the Met Chamber. But, he added in an interview with The Star, the ANC believed that basic restructuring of the chamber was necessary.

Furthermore, the ANC would not endorse any decisions on new service tariffs for Soweto until a nonracial interim government was in place in the Greater Johannesburg metropolitan area.

At a conference in Sandton yesterday, Motshekga said that all apartheid local authorities should go, and go soon. “Our struggle should no longer be limited to harassing black councillors.”

At the same conference, Minister of Local Government Dr Tertius Delport reiterated the view that the only way to stabilise local government was to introduce elected councils as soon as possible.

Reshaping our cities

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Residents’ rights group launched

By Cyril Madlala

An non-political organisation to protect the rights and interests of Johannesburg inner city residents was formed last night at a meeting chaired by DP MP for Hillbrow, Lester Fuchs.

The Johannesburg Democratic Residents’ Association (Jodra) said its objectives were to negotiate equitable rentals; promote property values; promote homeownership and educate residents on their rights and duties.
Battle lines are forming amid talks of settlement, writes Patrick Laurence

Reality tempers the optimism

POLITICAL conflict is looming in the coming months, which — barring a comprehensive resolution — points to a protracted negotiation process, and the immediate future is uncertain. The talks — the so-called "talks of settlement" — are aimed at resolving the crisis in South Africa.

The African National Congress (ANC) has been negotiating with the African National Congress (ANC) since the 1990s, with the aim of ending apartheid and establishing a democratic government. The talks have been bogged down by disagreements over issues such as the release of Nelson Mandela, the dismantling of apartheid, and the transition to democracy.

In large measure, that problem is subsumed in another: who will draft the final constitution, an elected assembly, as agreed by the ANC, the PAC and the Nationalist Party, or the multiparty forum, as mooted by the IFP and the Coloured leaders? The IFP and the Coloured leaders have been advocating for a multiparty forum to draft the constitution, while the ANC and the PAC have been advocating for an elected assembly.

Friday’s adoption of the multiparty negotiating council of the declaration of intent — like the earlier adoption of the Cross of the Cross, the principle of self-determination — has generated a great deal of euphoria, a sense that the politicians are at last, moving forward.

But optimism, however sorely needed, is tempered with reality. Friday’s declaration of intent must be juxtaposed with another event which took place at about the same time: the formation of the Pretoria of the right-wing African National Congress (ANC) as a reaction to the "present political vacuum and the constitutional-making process" and as an attempt to implement the declaration of intent.

These fine-sounding phrases mean that the delegates will have to concord on the form of the future South African state, including the key questions of where and how the new state will be formed.

The formation of the ANC signifies the death knell of hopes for the creation of a new state — which led to the birth of the AVU — was a prelude to further fragmentation of the right wing and its disappearance as a political force.

It simultaneously serves as a warning that the IFP and the AVU are members of the right-wing — will withdraw from negotiations if they believe that the principle of self-determination is neglected or dismissed at the multiparty talks. As Ferdi Hartenbos, an IFP member, said: "If this door is closed, we shall not stay there and arrange our own funeral."

The ANC’s primary objective is to unite Africans in defense of their right to self-determination. Its secondary objective is to ensure that the ANC can defend itself as a constitutional government.

But optimism is beginning to haunt De Klerk’s NP — continuing defections from its ranks to a revitalized ANC. The ANC is forming regional bodies among the ANC, the National Front and the Coloured leaders, and is negotiating with the IFP and the Coloured leaders.

The ANC sees the struggle for an African state and for black ethically based states as a bid to perpetuate apartheid in a disingenuous form. It warns: "The new South Africa will not be true to its original principles, if it is not a people of the people, abandoned to their fate."
DESPITE the optimistic noises coming from the World Trade Centre, the negotiations are in fact at a particularly difficult and dangerous stage.

On the one hand, agreement is tantalisingly close. The Government and the ANC, representing perhaps 80 percent of the population, have narrowed their differences to a point where they could reach agreement right now.

But the dual cannot be closed because the lesser parties in the COSAG alliance — the so-called Concerned Southern Africans Group — are holding out for demands which the major parties cannot concede.

And while the haggling continues inconclusively, it is becoming clearer by the day that delay is explosively dangerous. In the emotionally charged atmosphere following the assassination of Chris Hani and the arrest of three Conservative Party members, the radical wings of both the black Left and the white Right are whipping each other up with fiery rhetoric and threats of a race war.

Both the major parties are coming under increasing pressure from these radical elements. As one key negotiator confided, if there is no agreement by the end of May, the ANC is going to be under heavy pressure to withdraw from negotiations.

It has to be able to show results to its impatient youth; it cannot just sit there month after month getting nowhere.

Likewise with the Government. There was a time when the National Party felt time was on its side, letting the ANC twist in the wind while it put together its own multi-party alliance.

No longer. There is a keen awareness now that the longer the talks drag on, the more the Government loses legitimacy, the more the violence increases and the more the National Party loses support to the Conservative Party and, in Natal, to the Inkatha Freedom Party.

As a Cabinet Minister put it last Friday: "The worst scenario is if the major parties reach agreement but lose control over their own constituencies. Then we'll have a very dangerous situation instead."

So time is critical. What is needed to neutralise the wild voices on the Left and Right is for the parties of the centre to move forward fast to an agreement and then an election, giving the country a sense of momentum and letting the voters cut the obstructive minority parties down to size.

But this cannot happen as long as there are holdouts: the minority parties of COSAG for their unattainable demands; the Conservative Party for its separate white state, unacceptable because there is no part of the country with a white majority which means blacks would have to be forcibly removed from the Boerestaat or dispossessed; and the Inkatha Freedom Party for a form of confederacy designed to set up Natal for a Katalanga-style succession.

Both insist that the form of state embodying these demands must be agreed upon now, before an election, and be binding on the elected constituent assembly which will draft South Africa's new constitution.

The reason they are demanding this up-front decision is that they know the election will reduce them to minority status, too small to achieve what they want in the constituent assembly. Which is why the major parties will not agree in advance to such Balkanisation.

Meanwhile, the haggling continues, with the IFP and the right wing holding out for what cannot be conceded — and as time ticks by the threat from the extremists increases.

What is to be done? Some analysts are saying the only way is for President de Klerk to move forward to an election with the ANC and other supporting parties, and if necessary lock down on the dissenting minority parties. But it is doubtful whether De Klerk has the political will to do that.

Dr Van Zyl Slabbert has said that De Klerk should hold an all-race referendum to legitimise such a move. But to hold a national referendum and a general election in quick succession in South Africa's present climate of violence is a daunting prospect.

It would also leave the problem of dealing with the dissenters unresolved. Both Inkatha and the right wing, with the ex-generals in command, would be certain to oppose the referendum and seek to disrupt it in areas they control.

Implicit in the suggestion, therefore, is that De Klerk would have to be prepared to crack down on the dissenters, perhaps even declaring martial law. For him to act thus against his own skin and kins would be political dynamite.

The only alternative is to try to coax the IFP away from its unholy alliance with the right wing.

The trouble is that while this may be possible in the give-and-take atmosphere of the negotiating committee, the man responsible for the IFP's decision-making is not there.

While his chief negotiators, Frank Mdlalose and Ben Ngubane, show signs of flexibility in the discussions, the IFP remains isolated from the chemistry of the negotiating process in his capital of Umtata, surrounded by foreign advisers of dubious motivation.

There is an umus here on those international governments and agencies which have supported Buthelezi over the years and inflated his ego and expectations well beyond what his support on the ground justifies.

Buthelezi is in large measure the creation, just as Jonas Savimbi is in Angola, and if these countries and foundations do not want to see another disaster in South Africa as they are currently witnessing in that ravaged land, now is the time for them to use their influence on the IFP leader to let the process move forward to agreement.

They must persuade him that the near-independent status he demands for KwaZulu-Natal is a non-starter. No constitution-making forum could possibly accept such a thing as a binding precon.

Let Chief Buthelezi argue for it in the elected assembly by all means, but then he must be prepared to accept the verdict of the democratic process.

Every region and every cultural group is entitled to fair consideration in the building of a new nation. But none is entitled to hold the country to ransom.
Even moderate hearts are hardening

By Abbey Makoe

AFRIKANER leaders such as the AWB’s Eugene Terre’Blanche were hardening the hearts of even the most moderate blacks.

This was said by callers to the Sowetan/Radio Metro Talkback Show last night.

An irate Edith of Alexandra Township, told host Tim Modise “white people’s land is in Holland”.

“Terre’Blanche does not have land if the one he talks about falls within the boundaries of South Africa,” Edith said.

She said to the best of her knowledge, when white people came here many years ago they brought with them “about five or six wives.”

When Modise asked her about the multitude of white people in the country, Edith responded: “They are so many today because so many crooks came here.”

Last night’s show was an open line.

Suki, who called from Tembisa, criticised both Cosas and the National Education Co-ordinating Committee for convoking with each other before imposing decisions about school boycotts on the communities.

Suki said Cosas’ call to pupils to return to classes was also a mockery as, on Monday, most left school as early as 11am.

“I was impressed with the way Felicia Maphuza-Suttle handled the issue of the aged on TV.”

Nicolás Tshabalala, Durban

Pusho, Hillbrow

He was less optimistic about the recovery of lost teaching and learning time, dismissing claims of “seriousness about catching up” as feeble.

A Wattville, Benoni, resident, James, criticised some Radio Metro announcers for using “American jargon” while on the air. He said foreign pronunciation mised children.

Eddie, of Cape Town, said Jay Naidoo of Cosatu was misleading workers in the clothing industry with promises of more money from long-term savings.

Nokuthula of Soweto suggested

there should be a Children’s Day, just as there was a Mother’s Day and Father’s Day, to which Modise said he thought every day was children’s day.

“Inkatha supporters sometimes do wrong things. They harass and kill innocent people when they return from their rallies.”

Nicolas Tshabalala, Durban

Pusho, Hillbrow
ALBIE Sachs is such an attractive front man for the ANC/SACP alliance - soft-spoken, warm- sounding, ever-smiling even though partially crippled by a bomb attack from the regime - that it is hard to avoid being beguiled by what he has to say.

Besides, he writes as well as he speaks, which makes it all the more necessary to look carefully at what he glosses over in *Advancing Human Rights in South Africa*.

In all honesty this slim work should be called *Advancing ANC/SACP control of South Africa*. Then at least we would know where we were.

Take for instance his discussion of federalism. He sets up the concept as a kind of straw- man argument, intending only to knock it down.

It is called "reverting to the four old provinces, or else recognising the bantustans with their ludicrous boundaries. Neither of these solutions is defensible. The only rational justification for federal boundaries would be ethnic autonomy. Yet this is totally unacceptable in South Africa ..."

Why so? Nowhere does he give a direct answer. Rather, he uses the technique of labelling previous attempts at devolution as having been associated with "authoritarianism, corruption, underdevelopment, and marginalisation..."

All good, clean rhetoric, but irrelevant to the question. If he looks around the world, rather than just at his two narrowly selected examples of Germany and the United States, he will discover that where minorities of whatever kind really want effective devolution, it is generally first called "unacceptable" by the majority.

"You want devolution because of religion? Unacceptable, they say in Lebanon. You want it on language grounds? Ask them in Switzerland or Belgium, where they fought before coming to terms with it. On ethnic grounds? Totally unacceptable to Azeris and Armenians ... which might be why they are currently cutting each other's throats. On religious/language/ethnic grounds all at once? Tito said it was unacceptable, and look what is going on in the former Yugoslavia. On economic grounds? No way, they say in the United States ... as various social classes lock themselves up in their chosen suburbs, demanding the right to tax and educate themselves as they see fit.

In other words, if people care enough, on whatever "unacceptable" grounds, they will fight for the right to be their own bosses.

Read Sachs on "affirmative action and black advancement in business", as one chapter is headed. "We are against group rights, whether in the realm of politics or of business," he writes, going on to explain how quotas must be imposed on business in the name of, well, group rights. He approvingly cites Nafoco's 5-4-3 programme (in each case not less than 30 percent of boardroom members black; equity held 40 percent by blacks; 50 percent outside purchasing from black suppliers; and 60 percent black involvement in management).

Implementing all this is to be the responsibility of business, he writes. Nowhere does he suggest that those wishing to own or control business have a duty to themselves to get on with it, rather than expect it to be given to them.

The Afrikaners mobilised their capital - educational and monetary - and broke the Anglo- Saxon/Jewish monopoly of mining finance. At various times all sorts of groups have found and exploited economic niches out of all proportion to their ethnic percentages of the total population.

Should Greek Cypriot cafe owners be forced to hand over the equity they have struggled for? Jewish dentists make way for those less qualified? Portuguese grocers? Coloured fishermen? Afrikaans farmers?

If so, I think Mr Sachs should tell us. He should also tell us who, if anyone, will protect us from an over-mighty government.

*Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?* To dismiss the judiciary of the past as supine or excusable minded is all very well. Now to deny the right of judicial review in the future for fear that it will automatically be violently anti-statist is a little ingenious. Either one or the other, please, Mr Sachs.

**The author is Books Editor of The Star.**

**Advancing Human Rights in South Africa** by Albie Sachs (Oxford R34.99).
Cape schools defy ANC, stay away

By Phil Molefe
Education Reporter

While it was back to school yesterday for thousands of pupils countrywide who heeded the call by the ANC to return to classrooms after a week-long protest action, western Cape high schools remained empty.

Department of Education and Training (DET) spokesman Geoffrey Makwakwa said there was a total stayaway in Cape Town.

The ANC was battling yesterday to arrange an urgent meeting with the western Cape branch of the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) to persuade it to suspend the protest over a R48 matric exam fee.

ANC western Cape leader Dr Allan Boesak said that while the organisation sympathised with Cosas, the ANC was concerned about action which may lead to injury and loss of life.

A spokesman for the Cape Town office of the National Education Co-ordinating Committee, Siha Moon, said normal tuition could resume tomorrow.

Schools in the eastern Cape, Pretoria, Soweto and on the East Rand reported good attendance, and principals said they hoped the situation would soon be normal.

Makwakwa said it was "quite encouraging" that certain regions had heeded the call to go back to school.

A survey in Soweto yesterday showed most schools reported attendance of up to 80 percent.
Police general heads investigation

Rightist plot to murder Slovo

By Jacques Pauw

The Star has uncovered details of a right-wing plot to assassinate SA Communist Party national chairman Joe Slovo.

Sources allege four right-wingers — three South Africans and an eastern European — planned the Slovo hit, also a member of the ANC's national executive committee (NEC) in front of his Observatory home in Johannesburg between May 13 and 21.

Planning of the "hit" began a month ago and reached the final stages yesterday.

The SAP was informed of the plot late last week and Pretoria's General Johan le Roux of police headquarters has personally taken charge of the investigation. He is being assisted by two warrant-officers.

ANC legal adviser and NEC member Matthew Posa yesterday said Police Commissioner-General Johan van der Merwe had confirmed the plot and subsequent police investigation.

Posa said he was disturbed by the fact that the ANC and Slovo were informed about the plot only yesterday — three days after police discovered evidence that right-wingers may be plotting Slovo's death.

Allegations of the assassination plot follow the murder of SAPC general secretary Chris Hani in front of his Boksburg home last July. After the arrest of Pollak-born Janus Waluz, police discovered a hit list containing, among others, the name of Slovo. His life has been threatened several times over the past few years.

The Star was told that the police had, as yet, been unable to make any substantial breakthroughs in their investigation, nor had they been able to establish the exact right-wing links of the alleged conspirators.

The names of two of the four conspirators are known to the Star.

A WB links

The alleged leader of the cell is an English-speaking Johannesburg electronics expert, whose name the Star is withholding for legal reasons. His right-wing connections are at this stage still unknown, although he is said to have links with the Afrikaner Weerstandsbewegung.

Another is Peter Slovak (phonetic spelling), a jobless eastern European who is said to have left Hungary some years ago and has since been involved in the Johannesburg underworld.

Slovo met the alleged leader of the plot in a bar in Berea, Johannesburg, about a month ago and was recruited soon afterwards to drive the assassin's getaway car. The leader allegedly promised Slovák that the "organisation" would look after him after the assassination had taken place.

Since then, regular meetings have taken place between the two men.

According to the Star's information, they met yesterday to finalise plans for the assassination.

Plot to murder Slovo

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The assassins plan to get access to a tower next to the offices from where they would be able to see Slovo's house.

They plan to assassinate him with a hunting rifle fitted with a telescopic sight as he leaves for work in the morning.

According to their planning, it will take officers from Yeoville station at least three minutes to reach Slovo.

The getaway car is said to be a Ford Laser registered in the name of a German immigrant who has left the country.

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ANC launches campaign against criminal element

THE ANC Eastern Transvaal regional executive committee has requested its branches to continue arresting criminal elements outside and within the movement who hijacked legitimate protest actions for criminal purposes.

However, branches were called upon not to hand criminals and agents provocateur to the SAP for formal prosecution, but to "local prosecutors" for "community prosecution".

Last week the ANC and its youth league called on members to apprehend those responsible for the killing of four policemen in Dobsonville, and to build relations with "progressive sections of the police".

However, in yesterday's statement the region urged branches not to assault or abuse suspected criminals.

"The ANC will ensure that the peace corps are well trained in all aspects of community policing," the committee said.

The committee condemned the arrest of three members of its leadership in connection with the citizen's arrest of alleged looters during a protest march in Witbank on April 23.

The ANC members were arrested and charged with assault after executing a citizen's arrest of three men the organisation claims were found looting and burning shops during the march from KwaMashu township.

Police spokesman Capt Theo du Bruyn said the alleged criminals brought to the station by the ANC were released as no evidence or witnesses were presented.

He said the man had been heavily assaulted before being handed over to the police, which was why charges of assault and abduction were laid against those who "arrested" them.

He said the assault accused included the ANC's Witbank secretary Lazarus Madumia, 20, ANC chairman Hussain Varecha, 32, and 28-year-old Patrick Khosa, alias Banda.

The men appeared in court on May 7 and were then released with a warning to appear again on June 4.

Jobs on show at Career 2000's latest expo

PRETORIA — SA's largest employment exhibition, Careers 2000, opened its doors to the public at the Pretoria showgrounds yesterday.

About 60 exhibitors, including some of SA's biggest employers and employment bodies, would be providing information on career choices and employment opportunities, exhibition director John Toerien said.

The exhibition was aimed at providing appropriate information to all those seeking a career choice, Toerien said.

The exhibition, open from 9am to 6pm daily, closes on Saturday.
PRETORIA — SA had reached the ‘moment of truth’ and, despite the violence, “something wonderful” was happening in the country, President F W de Klerk said yesterday.

“We are on the brink of a breakthrough to reaching an accord in which a stable and prosperous SA can be built. If we can overcome the last few hurdles we stand to play a decisive role in southern Africa,” he told an international conference at the CSIR.

It was the third time in a week that De Klerk had expressed optimism about the negotiations process. Similar sentiments were voiced at the end of last week by ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa and other key negotiators.

De Klerk said SA was ready to enhance the living standards of the entire population of southern Africa by providing agriculture and its related sectors with the best technology.

Addressing delegates to the conference on cereal science and technology, he said more and more African countries were reaching out to SA as the gateway to sub-Saharan Africa. With the involvement of the international community, “we can become that.”

Political factors that had hampered cooperation were changing. Today SA was back in the international community. “I believe our vision of a just, stable and prosperous SA will become a reality. We are on the brink of a breakthrough.”

This would bring about closer co-operation in southern Africa. The dream of a southern African economic community would become a reality.

Agriculture would play a major role. To ensure food security and adequate economic activity to provide a livelihood for a growing population, agriculture, of necessity, had to be developed to its full potential in the region.

SA had the capacity and the desire to make available its technological services to its neighbours on a partnership basis. SA was not only self-sufficient in food production but was a net exporter of food.

The total contribution of farming to the national economy amounted to 35%. Agriculture was one of the most important stabilising factors in SA and it was the logical starting point of any strategy to get Africa out of the doldrums.

It was up to leaders in Africa and international agencies involved in Africa to accept the challenge to improve living conditions. The alternative was hunger, famine and destabilization.

De Klerk stressed that a thriving agricultural sector could be maintained only if technology kept pace. Research and development in agriculture had had outstanding results. SA had attained the status of leader in food production on the continent.
Azapo rejects negotiations

By Kaizer Nyatumba
Political Correspondent

The Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) has decided against participation in the multi-party negotiations, arguing that the forum as constituted is undemocratic.

Announcing the decision at a press conference in Johannesburg yesterday, Azapo president Professor Itumeleng Mosala said although his organisation was not opposed to negotiations in principle, it would not participate in multi-party talks.

This was because the negotiations forum as presently constituted was "undemocratic and incapable of delivering a lasting political solution for our country and people".

However, Azapo would engage the Government, which was the negotiator wielding power in the country, in bilateral talks in Botswana soon when discussions would focus on a constituent assembly and a transfer of power to the majority.

The decision was taken at a special two-day national congress at the Witsespruit Fellowship Centre in Roodepoort at the weekend, attended by 1,500 delegates.

Mosala said the meeting with the Government, arranged by Azapo's Botswana-based facilitator Archbishop Khotso Makbudu, could take place "very soon".

Azapo's Zimbabwe-based sister organisation, the Black Consciousness Movement of Azania, would attend.

Mosala said Azapo, which was opposed to a government of national unity, would like the Botswana meeting with the Government "to decide more specifically" on general elections for a new government.
No to multi talks

Azapo maintains status quo and 'intensifies struggle':

By Lulama Lulu

THE Azanian People's Organisation continues to play its cards close to its chest, opting not to join the multi-party talks. Scabdom 115198

Instead, the organisation decided at a special congress in Roodepoort at the weekend to maintain bilateral talks between itself and the Government.

The organisation also resolved to retain Archbishop Khotso Mahadhutu of the Central and Southern Africa Province of the Anglican Church as facilitator of the talks between Azapo and the Black Consciousness Movement of Azania on the one hand and the Government on the other.

Addressing a press briefing in Johannesburg yesterday, Azapo president Professor Ilumengqo Moulala said his organisation believed the current multiparty talks were never intended to deliver freedom to (black) people.

Reason for houses backlog

No national policy:

THE lack of a uniform national housing policy for South Africa was partly responsible for the country's housing backlog, regional director of the Department of Housing, Mr John Africa, said in Cape Town yesterday.

Addressing the 21st World Housing Congress, he said that until 1985 all State housing projects were undertaken without consultation.

The department's self-help programme, had provided homes for 80,000 people in seven years. — By Joshua Raboroko and Sapa

THE Kagiso branch of the African National Congress has vowed that the consumer boycott aimed at white businesses in Krugersdorp will make previous ones seem like a Sunday school picnic.

The consumer boycott, launched on Saturday, followed the arrest of Mr Clive Derby-Lewis and his wife, Gaye, in connection with the assassination of South African Communist Party general secretary Mr Chris Hani.

Linked to the protest action is a set of eight demands which would determine the resumption of buying in the white Conservative Party-controlled town. These include the resignation of all Krugersdorp city councillors, the installation of an "interim administration accountable to the democratic majority in Krugersdorp" and the provision of security for "all leaders of the people".

Three die in crash

TWO staffers at the Soweto campus of Vista University and a seven-year-old child were killed when their car collided with a taxi on the Old Potchefstroom Road in Soweto on Sunday night.

The dead are Mr Richard and Khumalo's daughter, Mhali.

Khumalo (33) of Protea North, was chief librarian at East Rand campus of Vista University. The taxi driver allegedly ran away.

Pig put in coffin

THE Nuanu firm of undertakers in Honolulu has agreed to apologise and pay about R2 million in compensation for putting a dead pig in the coffin of Mimi Goldberg, whose family's Jewish faith regards pigs as unclean.

It was an accident, the undertakers explained in a statement.

R20,000 grabbed

THREE armed men robbed a petrol station in Athlone, Cape Town, of more than R20,000 yesterday.

The police said the haloclad clad men threatened a petrol attendant before demanding the money and escaping.

Offices vandalised

THE Inkatha Freedom Party's Youth Brigade offices in Germiston were vandalised by unknown assailants on Sunday night, an official claimed.
ANC to review developments

Movement will focus on Chris Hani's assassination:

By Themba Molefe
Political Reporter

THE national working committee of the African National Congress meets for a three-day lekgota from today to discuss current developments in South African politics.

Spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said the lekgota was a regular strategic getaway to "discuss the current situation". He would not disclose the agenda and venue.

The NWC is expected to focus on events since the Chris Hani assassination on April 10 up to the formation of the Afrikaner Volksfront last Friday.

Negotiations and the progress made so far at the World Trade Centre would influence strategy.

The ANC is especially concerned about the emergence of the far right wing coalition and will focus on its impact and assess whether this poses any threat to peace now or in the future.

The NWC will formulate guidelines regarding the use of slogans in the wake of the "kill the Boer, kill the farmer" debacle.

Already worrying over the exodus of whites from South Africa amid fears of an impending civil war, declining economy and increasing violence, the ANC is also concerned about a potential flight of agriculture skills as white farmers become increasingly worried about their security.
Azapo rejects multiparty negotiations

AZAPO yesterday reaffirmed its opposition to multiparty talks and its commitment to all forms of struggle for liberation, including an armed struggle.

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Mosala said Azapo's constituency rejected the current multiparty talks as they had failed to resolve the political impasse. "For that reason, Azapo resolved to limit itself to bilateral talks — on neutral ground — with the regime through the facilitating structure already set up."

Mosala said Anglican archbishop for central and southern Africa Khoiso Mak Hudu had been appointed by Azapo to facilitate talks between itself and government. A meeting between the two parties would be held in Botswana soon. Azapo wanted the agenda to include activities of all armed formations, a constituent assembly acceptable to all people and the transfer of power to the majority.
ANC to thrash out strategy

Political Correspondent

THE ANC's national working committee today begins a three-day bosberaad — or lekgotla — to thrash out negotiation strategy.

Issues likely to receive attention include:
- The latest moves by right-wingers.
- The ANC's position on regionalism.
- The use of mass action.
- A possible shift in ANC's demand for joint control of the security forces.
Azapo bent on struggle

Own Correspondent

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Mandela calls on Germany for aid

BONN. — ANC-president Mr Nelson Mandela, who sought to discourage investment in South Africa during a visit three years ago, said here yesterday he wanted German companies to help black South Africans emerge from white minority rule.

Mr Mandela also asked Chancellor Helmut Kohl for financial help for the ANC. Mr Mandela left Frankfurt for Johannesburg last night after meeting with the German premier and opposition leaders.

Mr Kohl told Mr Mandela he endorsed plans for an all-party transitional government in South Africa.

He also stressed Germany's willingness "to promote peaceful change" in the country, as well as "forge wide-ranging co-operation with a new South Africa", a spokesman said.

Mr Mandela said the ANC needed money for its electoral campaign and for educational programmes for black South Africans. He would not say how much he sought in his meeting with Mr Kohl, but said: "I don't expect to return empty-handed to Johannesburg." — Sapa, Own Correspondent
Police investigate
plot against Slovo

LLOYD COUTTS

POLICE yesterday refused to release de-
tails of an alleged plot to kill SACP chair-
man Joe Slovo, but said they were doing
everything possible to investigate death
threats and apprehend those responsible.
The ANC announced yesterday that
preparations to assassinate Slovo had been
under way for weeks.
It said while police had received a con-
fession from an alleged conspirator last
week, no action had been taken to date, and
police had yet to inform Slovo of the plot.
Police spokesman Maj Ruben Bloomberg said police were not prepared to com-
ment further on the sensitive investigation.
An earlier police statement claimed
Slovo had been informed of the plot, and
added the SACP chairman had been satis-
fied with his own safety arrangements.
Progress in the probe into the alleged
plot had been destroyed by a reporter con-
trusted with sensitive information who had
published it without consulting police.
The Star reported yesterday that it had
uncovered a right-wing plot — finalised on
Monday — to kill Slovo, which was said to
involve three South Africans and an eastern European.
Slovo told a news conference yesterday
he had not been contacted by police.
Police, however, said he had been "con-
tacted telephonically" by a liaison officer.
The ANC and SACP had taken immedi-
ate measures to address Slovo's security
but believed the prime responsibility for
his protection rested with the state.
ANC holding internal talks

JOHANNESBURG. — The African National Congress’s senior planners met yesterday to discuss the organisation’s strategy at multi-party talks aimed at moving South Africa to democracy.

Although the venue and agenda of the three-day meeting has been kept secret, senior ANC strategist Mr. Joe Slovo said the mobilisation of the right-wing to press demands for a white homeland would be discussed.

White supremacists have threatened that if their demands for a separate state were not met they might resort to secession. — Sapa
ANC president Nelson Mandela yesterday called on the Government to act against the "very serious" right-wing threat.

He was speaking at Jan Smuts Airport on his return from Europe.

Commenting on the uncovering of a right-wing plot to assassinate SACP chairman Joe Slovo, Mandela said the ANC "unreservedly condemns violence as a means of settling political problems or of dealing with opponents".

"We hope the Government is going to carry out its duty of maintaining law and order and of ensuring that people carry out their activities in a peaceful atmosphere," he said.

"We must take the threat from the right wing very seriously because they are firmly entrenched in Government structures," Mandela said when asked about the Afrikaner Volksfront, launched while he was overseas.

"We hope the Government will stop warning us about the danger of black surrogates and will concentrate their attention on the real threat to negotiations in South Africa — that is from the right wing," he said.

He said precautions had been taken for his personal safety, and described his trip overseas as "worthwhile".

In London he met British Prime Minister John Major, among others, and addressed parliament. In Germany he met Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

"There is a great deal of goodwill for South Africa overseas and the reception I received was very warm," a relaxed-looking Mandela said.

"The response to the critical issue of resources was also very positive and I come back feeling that our friends are there, that they are strong and prepared to play a positive role in helping to see that the process moves forward as speedily as possible," he said.

Mandela will receive the International Activist Award from the Gleitsman Foundation today in Johannesburg for his "extraordinary commitment towards abolishing apartheid in his native land".

The Gleitsman Foundation is an American non-profit-making organisation promoting social activism, according to an ANC statement.
NP ‘sukkels’ to sign up coloureds

Many political analysts and observers believe that Coloureds could vote for the National Party. But CHRISTELLE TERREBLANCHE says they might be wrong, if NP membership figures are anything to go by.

I T HAS almost become a truism that the National Party will “take” the Western Cape in a national non-racial election. Expecting that there will be a regional or federal government system, the NP believes it could rule the Western Cape.

And just to be sure, the party is putting a lot of its resources and election expertise into the region.

Most of the available opinion surveys suggest that at least 60 to 65 percent of coloureds are pro-NP inclined, despite being disenfranchised by the same party.

This has led several analysts to predict that the NP could have a landslide in the Western Cape.

But a closer look at the membership figures of the two biggest political groups in the Cape — the ANC and NP — does not necessarily reflect the conventional wisdom.

According to internal NP figures leaked to SOUTH, the party might have considerably fewer card-carrying coloured members than the ANC in the Western Cape.

Analysts say the available figures are complicated because membership is not documented across racial lines. But the branch figures can be assessed according to group areas and membership.

The ANC has launched 62 of its Western Cape branches in exclusively or predominantly coloured areas. These branches have to have at least 100 members each, although most have around 200.

This gives the ANC a minimum of 8 000 card-carrying coloured members, excluding those who have signed up in predominantly white or non-racial areas and branches.

No up-to-date figures on NP membership could be obtained.

The confidential internal document shows that during July 1991 to June last year, the NP set up 42 new branches in the Belland, the Peninsula, Tygerberg and Southern Cape — almost all in coloured areas.

These branches accumulated an amount of 3 430 signed-up members in that period, some branches having less than 50 members.

The NP has stressed that it takes to sign up coloured members in existing — traditionally white — branches. So the total could be more by now.

But if perhaps if it were so, the NP would not be so easy about disclosing figures.

Mr Carrel Greyling, executive secretary of the NP in the Cape Province, says coloured membership is definitely on the rise, and a lot more branches are being set up.

He declines, however, to give figures for branches or membership.

A quick analysis of the available statistics, however, makes it doubtful whether the NP matches the amount of coloured card-carrying members of the ANC.

The NP’s biggest area of coloured support in the Western Cape seems to be Matroos, part of the Atlantic constituency of Mr Abe Williams. The NP had 644 card-carrying coloured members there a year ago.

At the same time, its membership for Macassar, also represented by a NP MP, was 47, in Malmesbury 25, in Rondebosch 34, in Strandfontein 31, in Harare 30, while Robertson had 80, Fieldsdale 87 and Bethal 82.

Boothalk, which according to myth is now openly NP, had 92 members, while Bishop Lavis went in 281 and Elsenvlei 184.

Of course, membership figures are no indication of electoral support, although they may help a party’s campaigning and canvassing.

What is noteworthy is that membership of either the NP or the ANC is only a tiny percentage of the estimated coloured voters in the Cape of Good Hope area. A Codeva working document puts these around 1.5 million and at least half of the nearly three million voters in total in the region.

The assessment that the NP might get up to 80 percent of the coloured vote, also needs to be seen against research showing that 50 percent of coloured people, mainly women, are either uncertain about their alliances or are apathetic.

Based on the fact that they admire President FW de Klerk and support his reforms in opinion surveys, it is then extrapolated that they might vote NP in an election.

In fact, they may constitute a swing vote — and more either way. Some may switch from voting altogether.

The NP also has to compete with the Democratic Party for the coloured vote, while the Labour Party has the support of at least seven to 10 percent of coloureds.

Mr Cameron Dugmore, regional organiser of the ANC in the Western Cape, says the region’s own survey showed that at least 30 percent of urban middle class coloureds will vote ANC, and a minimum of 10 percent the NP.

In the case of the working class coloureds, he said, the NP would vote NP.

Dugmore says there has been a flurry of coloureds and whites who joined after the announcement and the Agenda TV debate on the coloured issue.

“We are confident we will take more than 50 percent of the coloured vote in the Western Cape”, he says.

A lot could still happen in the run-up to an election. But the NP might “sukkel”. The NP’s standing up the coloured vote will not be plain sailing.
ANC ready to enter AWB den

By Chris Whitfield
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The ANC tomorrow goes into what it has described as the “lion’s den” when it launches a campaign for Afrikaner support in the conservative stronghold of Parow.

The northern Cape Town suburb is regarded as a stronghold of the AWB, which has warned that the ANC is "sticking its head into a bee's nest".

ANC western Cape chairman Dr Allan Boesak said last night that the organisation was taking all possible precautions to ensure that the meeting goes off without incident — particularly in the light of a number of anonymous threats and some anxiety expressed by the public.

The ANC met with the regional peace committee on the issue yesterday. Boesak repeated a demand that the Government take issue on threats from the right wing.

The meeting in the Parow Civic Centre — which lies in Law and Order Minister Herm  Kriel's constituency — is the organisation's first attempt to hold a gathering in an Afrikaans-speaking white stronghold.

Similar meetings are planned across the country.
‘Gang leader’ talks to Star

Winnie, Mokaba on hit list

By Brendan Templeton, Bronwyn Wilkinson, Karen Nyatsumba and Charmelia Bhagwani

The alleged leader of the gang planning to assassinate Joe Slovo last night told The Star the group had also targeted Winnie Mandela and ANC Youth League president Peter Mokaba.

After The Star exposed the plot yesterday, the man — whose name is known to this newspaper — came forward to claim in an interview that the two had been marked for assassination, along with SACF chief Slovo.

He denied being leader of the group, and after initially saying he had decided while serving in the SADF to kill Slovo, he later said he was merely prepared to offer help to those who would be assassins “within the law” and would do nothing that was illegal himself.

In a rambling interview littered with racist remarks, he described himself as a “sympathetic confidant” of the assassination.

He said the scheme to kill the three ANC leaders was hatched the day SACF chief Chris Hani was assassinated.

The final decision to go ahead with Slovo’s assassination had been made on Saturday, he said.

Asked what he hoped to achieve by their assassination, he said: “Nothing really. We will just rid society of a few radicals.”

He denied he had met the other men on Monday afternoon as stated in The Star, saying he had been at work from 8 am to 11 pm. But The Star’s sources are confident that he met the other conspirators that day.

He said he had decided in 1987 while serving with the Defence Force’s Reconnaissance Battalion that one day he would kill Slovo.

‘Gadgets’

But later he said he would never do anything illegal and had no plans to kill the SACF leader himself. He was willing to give his confidants as much legal assistance as possible, he said.

He also denied he was an electronics expert as stated in The Star yesterday, but said he had worked for Armcor and had helped them design “gadgets”.

He became very emotional at one stage, breaking into tears when a song came over the restaurant’s loudspeakers. The song reminded him of his sister and mother, he explained.

Meanwhile, a row has developed between the police and Slovo over whether police had warned Slovo of the plot to assassinate him.

The Star yesterday revealed that four rightwingers — three South Africans and an eastern European — planned to shoot Slovo between May 15 and May 21.

Slovo told a Johannesburg press conference yesterday that the first he had heard of the plot was when The Star’s investigative reporter Jacques Pauw contacted him.

But Colonel Johan Mostert, spokesman for SAP public relations headquarters in Pretoria, was adamant that police had twice told Slovo of the plot and he had twice refused offers of police protection.

In radio, television and telephone interviews yesterday — as well as in a statement — Mostert gave different dates for when police had spoken to Slovo.

At the press conference yesterday, the ANC expressed grave concern that the police had not informed Slovo of the plot.

Slovo’s name was on the hit list found in the Pretoria home of Polish-born Janus Walusz, who has now been charged with the murder on April 10 of SACF general secretary Chris Hani.

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Slovo said he had not been offered protection. But Mostert said Slovo had refused SAP offers, saying he had a career and life to lead and could not allow threats to rule his life.

Slovo said it was clear that as much progress was made in multi-party negotiations, the right wing was becoming more desperate.

ANC NEC member and lawyer, Phosa said not even SAP Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe had been told about the plot when he first spoke to him on the telephone on Monday.

He said it was not until an hour later that Van der Merwe told him he had since been briefed about it.

The ANC said a number of ANC leaders, including ANC PWV regional chairman Tokyo Sexwale and spokesman Carl Niehaus, had received death threats since Hani’s murder.

The organisation took the threats very seriously and had since stepped up the security of its leaders.

However, both Slovo and the ANC said it remained the police’s responsibility to provide protection to all South Africans.

The ANC, therefore, expected “a thorough and accountable” investigation into the plot and would like the surrounding environment denoted and home and work “to be secured in consultation with us”.

According to Pauw’s sources, the four rightwingers planned to shoot Slovo in front of his home in Observatory.

He was to be shot with a hunting rifle from a nearby communication tower.
This is an edited version of a speech given by Professor Itumeleng Mosala, president of the Azanian People’s Organisation, at the organisation’s meeting at Wilgespruit, Roodepoort, at the weekend:

Soweto
12/5/93

Not a crime
This freedom is to be exercised everywhere and all the time. We think and let think.
We do not have a history of ideological labelling as a strategy for criminalising our own members. That practice is not about to start or be tolerated.
The contrary can only obtain at the cost of a fundamental change in the nature of the organisation and of its relations to some of its members, the present speaker not excluded.

Today, as in 1990, when De Klerk emerged with his strategy of short circuiting the Azanian revolution, the real issues that affect freedom of black people are still being sidelined.
It is instructive to examine the language of politics.

No one, except ourselves, speaks of liberation any longer. There is not even an attempt to disguise the deep-seated reformation.

Not even freedom is envisaged for our people.

Today, as in 1990, only Azapo continues to insist that (President FW) De Klerk has a constituency that he answers to and that elected him. To expect him to serve any other constituency is downright stupid and makes for unforgivably bad politics.

Today, as in 1990, white people continue to despise black people notwithstanding what their international cousins say on their behalf.

They continue to act purely on the basis of white interests and refuse to come to terms with the reality that they have overstayed their welcome in Azania and abused the hospitality of their hosts. It is time plain language is used in talking to white South Africans and in preparing them for a future under black majority rule, if they care to stay.

Unless the settler-colonial mentality of the likes of Roelf Meyer changes, the future may be less than pleasant for the white settlers in this, our land.
Anger at plot to kill Slovo

By Mzimasi Ngudle

A ROW IS BREWING OVER THE RESPONSE of the police after a plot to assassinate South African Communist Party national chairman Mr Joe Slovo was uncovered.

The African National Congress yesterday refuted claims by the police that they (police) had informed Slovo about the plot.

ANC head of information and publicity Dr Pallo Jordan told a Press conference in Johannesburg that the police had failed to act and inform Slovo after receiving a full confession from one of the alleged conspirators.

"It is also cause for concern that, although police received a full confession from one of the participants on May 7, no action appears to have been taken and to date police have yet to inform Joe Slovo of the plot," Jordan said.

The confession is reported to have included the names, addresses and car registration numbers of the conspirators. The Star newspaper reported yesterday that four rightwingers — three South Africans and an Eastern European — had planned to shoot Slovo at his Observatory, Johannesburg, home between May 15 and 21.

Police spokesman Colonel Johan Mostert said police became aware of the plot on April 29. "We told him the following day and he declined police protection," he said.

Slovo denied this yesterday, saying the police had never told him about the plot.

"I first heard this last Friday from The Star journalist Jacques Pauw. They've not yet come to me," Slovo said.

Jordan accused the security forces of lacking the will to stop rightwing terrorism, which had increased since the assassination of SACP leader Mr Chris Hani.

Slovo said: "There are still people within the level of the State apparatus who are not as anxious to protect political leaders. Police failed to act when AWB leaders, immediately after Hani's death, uttered words which were an open and blatant incitement to murder."

Jordan said the ANC wanted to know how investigations were progressing.

He said the ANC wanted to know what action Law and Order Minister Mr Hermus Kriel took after Police Commissioner-General Johan van der Merwe was contacted by the ANC on May 10.

Jordan also said the plot and several death threats to ANC leaders were part of a broad rightwing conspiracy to sabotage negotiations.

He said two NEC members, Mr Tokyo Sexwale and Mr Carl Niehaus, also received death threats.

Slovo warned that assassinations of political leaders might "bring the negotiation process to the brink of collapse."

He said the plot was directly linked to the assassination of Hani. Slovo's name appeared at the top of the hit list found by police at the home of Mr Janus Waluz, Hani's alleged assassin.
People are a vehicle for freedom

Sowetan & Radio Metro

Talkback

By Abbey Makoe

MEMBERS of liberation movements were a vehicle for the total emancipation of the oppressed masses, a senior member of the Azanian Peoples Organisation said last night.

Speaking during the Sowetan/Radio Metro Talkback Show, Mr Lybon Mabasa said this did not necessarily mean that vehicles were always in good condition.

Mabasa, who is Azapo's assistant general secretary, was Tim Modise's guest on the show.

Explaining why Azapo was still refusing to participate in the multiparty talks, Mabasa said: "Blacks will be interested in negotiations where the transfer of power will be on top of the agenda."

Asked what would Azapo do if there was to be an agreement on an election date, Mabasa responded: "Voting does not necessarily mean freedom. How elections are handled is a determining factor to freedom."

"It is all very well talking about elections at Kempton Park but the issue of political power is not being addressed," Mabasa said.

He said Azapo was not of the view that apartheid could be democratised.

"Except for the ANC, PAC and the SACP, the current talks are full of parties who know nothing about democracy," he said.

He called on the security forces to be "guaranteed" before elections.

Asked if that was possible, Mabasa said Namibia was a living example that it was.

"Oppressive regimes the world over do not relinquish power," Mabasa said, adding that that was why Azapo was prepared to fight for freedom "by any means necessary."

"We need not limit the struggle of the people. Azapo has not placed a moratorium on any form of struggle," Mabasa said.

Daniel of Hillbrow said Azapo was seeking publicity by staying out of the negotiations, to which Mabasa said: "If we wanted publicity we would perhaps have gone to Kempton Park."

The PAC and the ANC have no business sitting around the negotiations table. There are no gains that they have made so far.

"I really appreciate Azapo's strategy. You and the ANC are doing very, very well."

"The ideal point for us would be for the liberation movement at large to confront the regime from the same point."

Lybon Mabasa

Chris, Cape Town

Jabu, Soweto
Leaders at 'mercy of NP'

THE leadership of the ANC, PAC and SACP who have been returning to South Africa since 1990, remain in the country at the mercy of the National Party.

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They would not receive absolute indemnity until they had abandoned the armed struggle, the Minister of Justice, Mr Koos Coetzee, said in Parliament last night.

"They (the ANC) have only suspended the armed struggle, they have not abandoned it," he said.

He was defending a motion placed before Parliament yesterday which, if passed, will give President FW de Klerk the power to extend indemnity to leaders of liberation movements for another year.

In simple terms, only De Klerk can decide whether the leaders of the liberation movements are arrested en masse.

ANC-aligned Independent MP Mr Daan Dalling said last night the motion was particularly outrageous as it gave the Government a hold over the leaders of the liberation movements, probably in an effort "to make them more pliable in negotiations".

Sowetan regrets the error

IN a report in Sowetan yesterday on the closure of the University of Bophuthatswana, a sub-headline inadvertently referred to Turfloop University having being closed until further notice. Sowetan regrets the error.
'Why I withdrew from plot to kill SACP's Slovo'

A POLICE informer implicated in the alleged plot to kill SACP chairman Mr Joe Slovo yesterday said he told the police of the scheme on April 29, the day after he had been approached to take part in it.

Identified only as "Slovak", the balaclava-clad informer told a media conference in Pretoria he had told the police of the plot because he knew another political killing, following the assassination of SACP general-secretary Chris Hani, "could lead to civil war".

Slovak, believed to be of Hungarian descent, told how the plot had been disclosed to a "fake police captain" who turned out to be Jacques Pauw, the reporter who broke the story in Sowetan's sister newspaper The Star.

According to police, the premature leaking of the story severely jeopardised their investigation into the role of the shadowy figures behind the plot.

They said they were investigating possible charges against Pauw. - Sapa.
Students come together in drive for peace

By Michael Sparks

The loudest applause at yesterday's launch of a "students for peace" initiative went to one of the youngest speakers there—12-year-old Kirsty Matthews from Kensington Junior School.

She read out a letter she and five classmates had written to ANC president Nelson Mandela the day after Chris Hani's funeral. The girls had apologised that, in wanting to work for peace, all of them were white, and asked Mandela whether he could refer them to black girls of the same age who might want to work for a similar goal.

The peace initiative at the Barnato Park High School in Berea, Johannesburg, brought together representatives from 10 schools to light candles as a symbol of peace. Student representatives would pass the message of peace on to at least two other schools.

Included in the initiative were schools from Soweto, Alexandra, Kensington and Hluhluwe Girls School.

David Storey of the Wits/ Vaal Peace Secretariat told the more than 700 pupils that it was very moving for him to see so many people working for peace since so much of his work involved watching violence and its effects.

Barnato Park students' representative council chairman Benny Motau, who was instrumental in setting up the initiative, told the students it was no longer good enough to wait for adults to try to provide peace.

"We, the youth, need to make peace, and perhaps show the adults how to work for peace," he said.

Activist Award for Mandela

By Brendan Templeton

The plot to kill South African Communist Party chairman Joe Slovo was an attempt to force the ANC into violent confrontation, ANC president Nelson Mandela said last night.

Accepting the Gleitsman Foundation's International Activist Award at the Carlton Hotel in Johannesburg, Mandela said right-wing elements wanted to spark off a racial civil war.

Activist Helen Joseph was granted a posthumous award at the same ceremony for her contribution to social and political change.

The Gleitsman Foundation said Mandela was chosen for the award because it was "an appropriate time to honour the commitment of a man whose name has virtually become synonymous with equality and human rights".

Mandela shared the award of $100,000 (about R318,000) with Chinese dissident Wei Jingsheng, China's longest-held political prisoner.
Boycott over Mandela ends

MIAMI — An economic boycott launched by Miami's black leaders against South Florida's tourism industry has ended, nearly three years after local politicians infuriated the black community by snubbing South African anti-apartheid leader Nelson Mandela.

The boycott, in which local black leaders pressured national organisations to cancel conventions or ignore Miami as a possible venue for their meetings, is estimated to have cost south Florida $50 million (about R150 million) in tourism revenue.

The boycott, launched after Mr Mandela was ignored by local politicians during a trip to Miami, ended with an agreement between the black community, business and civic leaders, black lawyer H T Smith said. The agreement includes more loans to black businesses, increased deposits in black-owned banks and a move to heighten the presence of blacks on corporate boards, he said. — Sapa-Reuters.
Indemnity sword over ANC leaders' heads.

By Chris Whitfield
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Several leading ANC members could expect full indemnity from prosecution for politically motivated crimes only if the organisation abandoned the armed struggle, Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee said yesterday.

His remarks came after sharp criticism in Parliament from ANC Sanbona MP Dave Dalling, who said several top members of the organisation had a sword of Damocles hanging over their heads because the Government had not granted them full indemnity.

Coetsee said: "The sword of Damocles is made of ANC reluctance to abandon the armed struggle. They have only suspended the armed struggle.

Complete amnesty can only go hand in hand with the abandonment of the armed struggle."

Several members of the ANC national executive committee have temporary indemnity in terms of the Indemnity Act of 1990.

According to Dalling they include Thabo Mbeki, Steve Tshwete, Joe Slovo and Umkhonto we Sizwe commander in chief Joe Modise. Yesterday's exchanges came during a debate in Parliament on a notice of motion tabled by Coetsee calling for the extension of the Act for another year.

Democratic Party MP for Houghton Tony Leon said the motion had been tabled because half the ANC executive would be locked up if the legislation were not extended.

"They will not accept the Further Indemnity Act and, to the credit of those who have chosen not to shelter behind the (Act), we support this motion," Leon said.

Dalling said that while he supported the motion, it was outrageous that many among the top leadership of the ANC had not been granted permanent indemnity. He said Coetsee was trying to hold the ANC leaders "hostage".

The extension of the Act was accepted by all parties.
The man who told police about the plot to kill Strolovský was under police protection while a search was being conducted for others who may be involved in the plot. The police confirmed that a person being sought was not the man who told the police about the plot. The police also confirmed that the man who told the police about the plot had been warned about his safety.

The man who told the police about the plot was a police Informant in South Africa. He had been living in South Africa for several years. He had been warned about his safety by the police.

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Now: Nkosi in Afrikaans

ANC 'mouse' versus National Party 'lion'

TheANC's secret weapon to win over Afrikaner hearts in Parow tonight is an Afrikaans translation of Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika, the Xhosa hymn generally regarded as South Africa's black national anthem.

Hundreds of copies of the Afrikaans version will be distributed in the Parow Civic Centre tonight when the ANC holds its first meeting in the conservative northern areas stronghold.

ANC spokesman Mr Willie Hofmeyr said the movement believed the hymn would unite South Africans.

"It's important for people to sing Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika in their language. They will not only feel comfortable, but understand that they have nothing to fear."

Meanwhile, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Hermans Kriel, who is the MP for Parow, has assured Western Cape ANC chairman Dr Allan Boesak that "the lion will not hurt the mouse" tonight.

He was reacting to a remark by Dr Boesak that the ANC was going "into the lion's den" by having a meeting in Parow.

'Feel free'

Mr Kriel said: "I want to give him the assurance that the lion will not hurt the mouse."

"He can feel completely free to have a meeting in Parow. The Nationalists of Parow will not bother him because they recognise the right of all political parties to meet in our town."

"I trust the ANC will keep to its undertaking to come and talk to the people of Parow and that it will not call in bulldozers of its supporters from elsewhere. This would make a joke of its meeting."

"I also understand that if I hold a meeting in an ANC 'area', Dr Boesak will guarantee me the same right of freedom of speech", Mr Kriel said.

ANC spokesman Mr Willie Hofmeyr said the meeting would be in the minor hall of the Parow Civic Centre, which seats 284, starting at 8pm.

"We're expecting a big turnout."

The meeting has been widely advertised in the Western Cape but the movement has not laid on buses to bring supporters from the townships.
Police take steps to protect farmers

The SAP would take immediate steps to improve the security of people living on farms and smallholdings and, where possible, policemen would be placed on farms of vulnerable elderly people, police commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe said yesterday.

The move followed a number of murders which apparently had a political motive, he said.

But SA Agricultural Union (SAAU) president Boet Fourie warned that if the police security measures were not effective it would be difficult to stop retaliatory action on the part of farmers' communities.

The SAAU has called on President FW de Klerk urgently to reintroduce the death penalty and to use the full power of the state to combat murder and lawlessness, particularly on the placebo.

The appeal came after discussions yesterday between the SAAU's general council and Van der Merwe and other police generals.

Van der Merwe said the police had, for some time, been busy with comprehensive steps to improve the security of those living on farms who were regarded as being particularly vulnerable.

Manpower in the affected areas would be increased as soon as possible and, where necessary, police would be placed on the farms of the elderly, he said.

Patrols would be intensified and Van der Merwe appealed to all residents in affected areas to protect themselves.

Police spokesman Capt Nina Barkhuizen said "every member of the force that can be spared" would be used to protect people living in "sensitive areas".

She said police reservists would also be used in affected areas, which included the Free State/Transkei border where several attacks had taken place recently.

All training for reservists in the eastern Transvaal had been called off for service following recent attacks on elderly people in the area, regional commissioner Maj-Gen Chris Smith announced.

Since the death of SACP leader Chris Hani on April 10 there have been nine attacks on old people in the region, and during 1982 there were 67 attacks.

Roadblocks, patrols and police visits to farms have been stepped up.

"The SAUA discussions with police top brass yesterday, Fourie said where necessary unrest areas would have to be proclaimed and curfews introduced.

On the controversial issue of labour legislation for the agricultural industry, Fourie said the SAAU had decided it would not talks with government only on a basis of a single amended Act.

The SAAU, he said, rejected the possibility of extending the principles of the Wage Act to agriculture.

This view would be passed on urgently to Manpower Minister Leon Wessels.

The general council reaffirmed that unity and co-operation within organised agriculture was imperative. It pledged itself to establishing an "unstoppable" united front in the interests of the farming community.

Sapa reports that Lettek Opperman, 62, was shot dead in her bed on her White River smallholding by two burglars early yesterday. Her husband was wounded.

Security firms invaluable, says ANC

PRETORIA - Private security companies would be an invaluable resource for SA, but the industry needed to be better regulated, ANC security head Joseph Nkhasiha said yesterday.

Speaking at a conference on security in SA at Pretoria University, Nkhasiha said the industry should consider introducing its own code of conduct to prevent intervention by the state.

In order for the private security companies, which currently employs 300,000 personnel, to "assume a positive role in the unfolding situation," adequate conditions of employment, training and compensation would have to be standardised.

It was also vital that the industry ensured its members were politically neutral, Nkhasiha said.

Brig Gert Jonker of the Correctional Services Department told the conference, organised by the Institute for Strategic Studies, that communities had to assume more responsibility for the rehabilitation of criminals.

Structures such as correctional boards and local parole boards should be used by the community to combat crime at a grassroots level, Jonker said.

Representatives from the SAP and the Namibian police also presented papers.
Leaders at 'mercy of NP'

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ANC memorial service in UK

Own Correspondent

LONDON.—Political and human rights representatives from many countries and organisations are to attend a memorial service for former ANC president Mr Oliver Tambo here on Saturday. The ecumenical service will be led by Archbishop Trevor Huddleston.

Mr Mendi Msimang, head of the ANC's British mission, said they had been overwhelmed by messages of condolence and respect from around the world.
JOHANNESBURG. — Mrs Winnie Mandela yesterday denied she wanted the youth to physically take over the fight for democracy in South Africa.

Mrs Mandela was defending her call, made in the days following South African Communist Party leader Mr Chris Hani's assassination, for the youth to take over the struggle and defend the revolution.

The statement had been taken out of context and she had only meant that the ANC leadership should be infused with younger blood, said Mrs Mandela.

She blamed the media for projecting a distorted image of her as a militant and controversial figure.

She said she believed in negotiations that were genuine and that would bring a lasting solution and peace to South Africa.

No sane person could not believe in negotiations, she said.

But leaders at talks had to represent the sentiments of their constituencies and had to carry the support of the "masses" with them.

Politicians should be careful not to be seen to be "selling out the masses", she said.

Mrs Mandela also denied reports published recently in a London newspaper that she had said some members of the ANC hierarchy were involved in Mr Hani's death.

She said that was "lunacy on the part of the reporter", and the story should be "rejected with the contempt it deserves". — Sapa
ANC coup in conservative suburb

By Chris Whitfield
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The ANC poured into the conservative stronghold of Parow last night for its first meeting in the white, predominantly Afrikaans, northern Cape Town suburb.

The Parow Civic Centre was packed with more than 500 ANC supporters of all races while a group of rightwingers stood outside.

Some tried to get into the hall but were ejected when they refused to be searched.

There was a heavy police presence outside the hall.

Hundreds of ANC supporters had to be turned away because the small hall was full.

Those inside heard ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus calling on all Afrikaners to stand together.

"If you are genuine patriots and believe in democracy, then ... there is just one place for you, (and) that is the ANC."

Wilhelm Verwoerd, grandson of apartheid architect Dr Hendrik Verwoerd, told the gathering of his "great relief" when he realised he could be part of the broader South African community and not a "small, threatened" part of it.

Sapa reports there was not a murmur of protest when everyone was asked to stand halfway through the meeting to learn and sing the new Afrikaans version of Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika.

The audience, at least half of them white and local, did it again at the end.

"It is a liberating feeling to take this step and no longer be part of a fearful and threatened minority," said Verwoerd to applause and foot stamping.

He told the audience how he had grown up traditionally Afrikaans and Nationalist, and how as recently as 1988 in Lusaka, he felt almost a traitor to his brother doing military training when he had to reluctantly shake the hand of the South African Communist Party's Joe Slovo during a student mission to Zambia.

"I am much more than just the grandson of a symbol," he said.

"I am the symbol of a new generation which wants to stand up for democracy."

Too many were still caught up in the "we" and "them" syndrome, sitting behind high walls fearing the "they" who were threatening "our" houses, he said.

"Accept that we are all together in this country. It is a new and exciting way to think about who you really are."
ANC man 'blocked inquiries'

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Former ANC security department official Mr Mzwai Pilliso had refused to co-operate in efforts to investigate complaints of human rights abuses in ANC camps in Angola between 1985 and 1987, ANC legal department head Mr Zola Skweyiya said yesterday.

Mr Skweyiya was testifying on the first day of public hearings by the Motlouenyane commission into alleged abuses by ANC members in the camps.

The commission, headed by former Nafoce president Mr Sam Motlouenyane, was appointed by ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela last year to investigate whether abuses had taken place in the Angolan camps.
ANC plans to expand in northern areas

ROGER FRIEDMAN

ANC strategists have cast the Parow meeting as the start of a "major effort" to extend the movement's influence in the northern areas.

They believe the meeting was "a huge success".

Regional chairman Dr Allan Boesak told guests at a cocktail party before the meeting he hoped "that seeing each other here will be the beginning of a network.

"We hope to ensure that after tonight people will see each other again to swap ideas and offer advice."

ANC deputy secretary in the Western Cape Mr Willie Hofmeyr said the "success" of the meeting had disproved misconceptions about the ANC and its support base.

"We think it was a huge success," he said.

"The number of people who attended exceeded all our expectations and we believe this can be the start of a major effort by the ANC to extend our influence in the northern suburbs."

Responding to criticism of the size of the venue, Mr Hofmeyr said the minor hall at the Parow Civic Centre had been one of the biggest venues available. The large hall is being renovated.

"We tried to organise sound outside but the police would not allow it," he said.
By Isaac Moledi

The South African Communist Party's ultimate goal was to establish a socialist dispensation in South Africa, newly elected SACP general secretary Mr. Charles Nqakula said last night.

Nqakula, who succeeded assassinated SACP leader Mr. Chris Hani, was speaking as a guest on the Sowetan/Radio Metro Talkback Show.

He said national liberation must, however, be attained first before a socialist dispensation could be implemented.

He said the SACP and other parties in the ANC-led alliance would fight the impending elections under the banner of the ANC.

Nqakula claimed people who did not want the present negotiations to continue. He said while the Government was responsible for protecting the country's citizens, he called on people to protect themselves and not to be intimidated.

“Dismissing perceptions that the SACP wanted to manipulate the ANC, Nqakula said: “It is without doubt that the ANC is led by fine and tested politicians. It's an insult to say they are being manipulated by a small clique of communists.”

“Our role in the liberation struggle is well known. The SACP is the first party to talk about non-racism. We also took part in establishing the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, when all avenues of the struggle were closed.”

“I am quite interested to know about the marriage between the SACP and the ANC. What is going to happen after the elections?”

Alexandra Sabelo

“I'm worried about those whites who keep on complaining about communism. I want to tell them today that I have been oppressed by apartheid. I don't know anything about communism but I can write volumes about apartheid.”

Dudu, Newcastle

“It seems to me that communists are failing to put their propaganda across. What we now know about communism is what we have been told by the South African Government. They have never told us anything about it themselves.”

Doreen, Joubert Park

“The main issue here is change and we want that change. We also want our leadership to be protected. Joe Slovo must be protected because there are already threats against his life.”

Anonymous, Katlehong
Romancing the whites of Parow

By GAYE DAVIS: Cape Town

THE African National Congress, all set to woo white Afrikaners in conservative Parow, found itself pipped to the post by the Inkatha Freedom Party this week.

No sooner had the ANC announced it would be entering the lion's den to hold its first-ever public meeting in the former National Party stronghold, than IFP posters sprouted, advertising a meeting in the same venue a day earlier.

IFP organisers said this week they had not planned to steal the ANC's thunder, having planned their meeting several weeks ago. It was the IFP's third public gathering in the western Cape, all of them so far held in white suburbs. Media liaison officer Cletze Breytenbach said more meetings, reaching deeper into the heart of Afrikanerdom in the Boland and along the Cape's West Coast, were planned.

The ANC intends doing exactly the same. Announcing his organisation's recruitment drive among Afrikaners, western Cape ANC chairman Allan Boesak told how Chris Hani's murder had prompted a stream of calls from Afrikaans-speaking whites saying the time had come for them to join the ANC.

"We have a growing conviction that many white South Africans are totally disillusioned with the political process and the lack of leadership and vision in the NP, which cannot break with its past and can't present anything acceptable for the future," Boesak said.

Buthelezi offers them hope because he wants a federal system with no dominance by a central government — and he's saying the same things now he said 20 years ago."

The good burghers of Parow may feel flattered at the attentions they're receiving, but would do well to closely scrutinise their political suitors' motives.

Political analyst Robert Schrire, professor of political studies at the University of Cape Town, sees the ANC's move as an imaginative, bold step, but ultimately a symbolic attempt to demonstrate a commitment to non-racialism which it has so far been unable to realise on the ground.

The IFP, on the other hand, he sees as engaged in realpolitik — trying to present itself as a credible alternative to the NP, and boost Buthelezi's waning image as a national leader.

Buthelezi's appeal to whites, said Schrire, lay in his being a symbol of the tame black man, the guy you can do business with. But, he warned, it was likely this "romantic support" — similar to that whites once showed for UNITA leader Jonas Savimbi — would erode as people came to know more about the personalities involved and what was at stake.
SOUTH AFRICAN socialism mirrors the international predicament of the philosophy: confused and badly in need of a kickstart.

Organised workers under the Congress of South African Trade Unions are moving in a "corporatist" direction, seeking co-determination of industry with business.

Despite the socialist elements within the Freedom Charter, notably its call for the nationalisation of the banks, mines and monopoly capital, the African National Congress distanced itself from socialism a long time ago.

And while the South African Communist Party is growing (it has almost 90,000 members in nine regions), its philosophy increasingly sounds like Western European-style social democracy, rather than socialism in the Marxist sense.

The SACP's immediate plans are to fight the election under an ANC banner and not on a socialist ticket. The challenge, says Poliburo and central committee member Jeremy Cronin, is to get democracy in place and to strengthen the fast-fracturing working class. There will be no one-party state; instead, the SACP says that socialism will have to be achieved within a multi-party democracy.

For now though, the party has thrown its weight behind a reconstruction accord with the ANC (as the future government) and the Mass Democratic Movement — a term Cronin uses to speak broadly of civic organisations, women's organisations and trade unions.

In return for its electoral support, the ANC will have to commit itself to key gains for the working class, including job creation schemes and social benefits such as pensions and free health care.

The reconstruction accord is a stepping-stone to socialism for Moses Mayekiso, a central committee member of the SACP and the head of the South African National Civic Organisation.

Other building blocks include the rearrangement of production to empower workers on the shopfloor — such as the raising of skill levels and a union role in framing industrial policy — and the creation of negotiating forums (economic, housing and electricity) to give unions a say in the allocation of resources and the delivery of services.

"We are faced with stages," says Mayekiso; "socialism doesn't just drop from the sky."

Cronin says that conditions for socialism in South Africa are good: workers are well-organised into unions, civics and other organisations. There is a grassroots understanding of socialism and "anti-capitalist sentiments are strong." The assassination of its leader, Chris Hani, has ironically galvanised strong support for the SACP, its leaders and communist symbols on the ground.

But some question the "stepping-stone theory" — the idea that a worker state can be gradually constructed on a co-determinist foundation. "Reconstruction accords and forums can open the way to socialism, but nobody is asking how this will be done," complains Karl von Holdt, editor of the South African Labour Bulletin.

There is a perception that social democracy may be the end, not the beginning of the SACP's programme. Many of the party's Stalinist socialist aims, including "a mixed economy and the opening of markets," says Von Holdt, are in fact classic social democratic tenets.

What of the party's relationship with the ANC? There are widespread predictions that once a new government has been elected and the ANC is in power, many of its socialist members will peel off and join more radical organisations.

The party does not discount the possibility of contesting a future election as a workers' party with a clear socialist manifesto. "I hope this won't be necessary," says Cronin, adding "I would like to see the ANC transforming itself into a working class, socialist party in the medium-term. There's time and the soul of the fight stays true to its historic battle, according to a more fundamental socialist organisation or a socialist organisation debate," he says.

If there has been a rift in a "reformist" direction European corresponds, Cronin says "this" centralisation at smaller-scale privatisation to continue.

In its latest paper, "The transition to democracy and the state of the ownership," Cronin says "the realisation is neither sufficient, nor the only or most effective ownership." In the transition phase, joint control of resources at a state level and worker parti put in place at factories would be empowering of the workers.

Other left organisations, like the Marxist roots, will examine or redefine the 20th century's need to redefine socialisation. The lesson of the less powerful workers have to be needed to trade unions. There is more of disaffection and solidarity at the unemployed and collective build a workers' party.

The Workers' Or Action (Woa), are waiting for a return to "class struggle" and for an electorate. But its general secret committee has established such as "worker ownership" need not. These must be part of the economy and as working class is not organised as in the past.

For Joe Kelly, of the South African, a theme of South Africa, a theme last year split from "debatable" isolationist socialists to debate and plan.

Cronin would like the South American grouping of 250 organisations from that can put up the challenges of the future.

But, perhaps the "true socialist" in the Mayekiso: "There is disarray... in the
ZULU King Goodwill Zwelithini is expected to call a number of mass rallies (imbizos) — one of which would be attended by African National Congress president Nelson Mandela and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi — in a fresh initiative aimed at ending the carnage among his subjects.

This is the latest sign that Zwelithini is set to move above party politics on the question of violence.

At a rally in Wema, near Durban, two weeks ago, Zwelithini stunned Inkatha supporters by departing from his prepared speech to tell them: “I know some of you carry weapons and are involved in the violence. Enough is enough. Stop the killings.”

The king’s about-turn stems from a series of meetings between a “Concerned Group of Zulus”, who include Inyanda Chamber of Commerce president Roger Sithi, ANC leader Jacob Zuma and Pan Africanist Congress leader Joe Mkhwanazi, and advisers of the king. Among the latter are Inkatha national chairman Frank Mdhlase and kwaZulu deputy minister of works, Veliaph Ndluvu.

The initiative also has Buthelezi’s support, suggesting he is prepared to share the monarch with the ANC.

Sources said that at a meeting last Friday, the Concerned Group and Zwelithini’s advisors had agreed that the king should call mass rallies attended by members of both organisations.

The first rally, most likely in Durban, would be attended by regional ANC and Inkatha leaders. Mandela and Buthelezi, the sources said, would attend a subsequent rally — the first time that the two have shared a platform, though Buthelezi has been pressing for it since Mandela’s release three years ago.

The Concerned Group and Zwelithini’s advisors — who have formed a joint committee — will meet Natal businessmen today to urge them to make funds available for the rallies. “It must be a non-party initiative,” said one source.

Once Zwelithini is satisfied that all the groundwork has been laid, he will call a major press conference, announcing plans for the rallies and assuming a new role in South African politics.

Both sides stand to gain by the initiative. Buthelezi, who has been increasingly marginalised in the national political scene, would once more capture the limelight.

The ANC stands to benefit by loosening Buthelezi’s stranglehold on Zwelithini, in the hope that this will erode the IFP’s support among Zulus.
Murder: jail term suspended

Court Reporter

A former police reservist was given a wholly suspended sentence following his conviction in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday for murdering his mother’s boyfriend during an argument about rape of a 12-year-old relative.

Mr Justice Hannon found Barend van der Walt (28) of Fairview, Johannesburg, had been acting under “a high degree of provocation” when he shot Francois Jean Stephen Cronje on April 17 last year.

Agreeing with a witness who described Cronje as “a pig”, the judge said Cronje had made Van der Walt’s mother’s life a misery. He accepted Van der Walt was afraid of Cronje and that there was no love lost between the men.

Although Van der Walt should have reacted differently, the judge found mitigating factors outweighed aggravating factors. He sentenced the first offender to six years, suspended for five years.

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Info on camps was classified, ANC probe told

By Montshiwa Moroke

The head of the ANC’s constitutional department yesterday told an ANC-appointed inquiry that he had been threatened with detention while trying to establish whether the organisation had held prisoners.

The existence of ANC detention camps was classified information known only in ANC military circles, Zola Skweyiya told the commission of inquiry chaired by Dr Sam Motsuenyane.

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“I could not perform my duties because of the lack of cooperation from some ANC members. Some even threatened to detain me.

“Most of the detainees were from the 1976 generation. Before then detention camps were unheard of.”

The commission was appointed by ANC president Nelson Mandela to investigate, among other things, whether specific ANC members had committed acts of cruelty towards former detainees, whether there were missing people and, if so, the circumstances under which they disappeared.

The commission plans to present its report to Mandela by the end of June.

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ANC camps-probe official tells of detention threat

Holding of prisoners 'was known only to MK members'

The Argus Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG. — The head of the African National Congress constitutional department has told an ANC-appointed inquiry that he was threatened with detention while trying to establish whether the organisation had held prisoners.

The existence of ANC detention camps was classified information known only in ANC "military circles", Mr Zola Skweyiya told the commission of inquiry into allegations of human rights abuse of ANC prisoners and detainees.

The commission, under the chairmanship of Dr Sam Motsamayane, is sitting at the FNB Stadium outside Johannesburg.

Other commissioners are Judge Margaret Burnham from the United States and advocate Mr David Zanhiri, a former permanent secretary for justice, legal and parliamentary affairs in Zimbabwe.

Mr Skweyiya said rumours had been circulating that the ANC was holding prisoners, including people believed to have infiltrated the organisation. The information was a secret known only to those within Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK), the ANC’s armed wing.

"As head of the justice department, I wanted to know who they were, how many they were, where they were and why they were detained. I could not perform my duties because of lack of co-operation from some ANC members. Some even threatened to detain me."

"Most of the detainees were from the 1978 generation. Before then detention camps had been unheard of. For those who had left the country between 1962 and 1966 discipline was carried out through political action."

"We came from ANC branches and were delegated to MK, unlike the 1976 crop who went straight to MK. They first had to be politicised, to be disciplined before they could get the honour of carrying a gun."

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Earlier, ANC stalwart Andrew Mlangeni said that during one of his visits to Kampala, Uganda, he had seen ANC prisoners who had either been caught smoking dagga or had been punished for having left camp at night to go to a nearby village.

None of them had complained about maltreatment, he said.

ANC intelligence and security man Lizo Njenje (alias Gibson Makhandu) said "the struggle" at various stages had put pressure on executive members.

Cross-border raids had created a general climate of fear and uncertainty.

The hearing continues.

● The German-based International Society for Human Rights released a summary yesterday of its report on ANC abuses of dissenters in which it recommended that a special United Nations fund be created to provide compensation to victims of ANC maltreatment.
Top award for those who make ripples of hope

IT'S not easy to live a useful life; most of us are too damned busy getting by.

Which always bothered Alan Gleitsman, a social activist trapped inside the body of a Los Angeles television and movie distributor — until he sold his business seven years ago and set out to reward those to whom he had been given what he himself had been denied by the exigencies of ownership.

Thus it was that at an award ceremony at the Carlton Hotel on Wednesday night, 63-year-old Gleitsman found himself at the side of Nelson Mandela as his Gleitsman Foundation, established to recognise and promote social activism worldwide, presented a $100,000 (R380,000) cheque to the ANC president — a man whose life, in Gleitsman's view, epitomises the power of activism.

It was Robert Kennedy, speaking in Cape Town during his tour of South Africa in June 1966, who defined for all time the imperative to activism:

"Few will have the greatness to bend history itself; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of those acts will be written the history of our generation," he said.

"Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centres of energy and daring, these ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

Gleitsman took the first paragraph for his foundation's statement of purpose. It began its work in 1968, setting up boards of judges and advisers that included such luminaries as South Africa's Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Walter Sisulu, former UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, and Jehan Sadat, widow of assassinated Egyptian president Anwar Sadat.

The foundation makes three types of awards for social activism. The first, for "people who make a difference", honors American citizens "who have risen to challenge and correct injustice in their neighbourhood and the nation".

The second is directed at full-time college undergraduates; five are selected each year for their efforts.

This week Nelson Mandela had the International Activist Award bestowed on him by the Gleitsman Foundation in recognition of his contribution to the struggle for social justice. Paul Bell gives a background to the foundation.

The third is the International Activist Award, made for the first time this year and shared by Mandela and jailed Chinese dissident Wei Jingsheng. It will be offered every alternate year.

Gleitsman himself is a quiet, soft-spoken man who appears deeply grateful for the opportunity he has created to associate himself with the work of social activists. These people move him.

He tries to comprehend the magnitude of their suffering or struggle and manages only to express wonderment, saying frequently of people — Mandela, Wei, or the man he spoke to while visiting an informal settlement earlier this week: "I can't put myself in his shoes."

And he is battling to come to terms with South Africa.

After all he has read and heard and watched on television, he is amazed to find that "while the rest of the world is splintering, South Africa is coming together".

Does he really think Mandela needs yet another award? "No", said Gleitsman. "There's nothing the Gleitsman Foundation could ever do to add to Nelson Mandela's importance to the world. To us he just epitomises the results that activism can achieve."

And where does the money go? "Well, that's a very personal thing. We give it to the individual, not to organisations. Most times the recipients have very little of their own. One once told me he would put it aside for his retirement. Another gave his award back to the foundation: But it does materially contribute to their ability to be activists...."

Which doubtless goes to the heart of Alan Gleitsman's own activist imperative. He couldn't be there himself but the money he made behind the lines, he's now sending back to the front. It's inside the Kennedy guidelines.
Consensus breaks out

After a month of stress and tension triggered by the Han assassination, last Friday's meeting of the 26-party negotiating council ended on a note of high optimism, pulling itself back from the jaws of disaster and leaving it staring at a settlement instead.

Little wonder that President F W de Klerk has since been sounding so upbeat about the future. "Something wonderful is happening in the country," De Klerk said, referring to an imminent breakthrough in the talks, when he addressed delegates at an international science and technology conference this week.

The political centre appears to be firming — not least because of threats from the extreme Left and Right to trash negotiations and bring on a race war. The danger in April's events seems to have had a chastening effect on all the players, hardening their resolve to find each other across the negotiating table.

"This has been one of the most constructive meetings ever at the World Trade Centre," chimed the leader of the NP delegation, Public Enterprises Minister Dawie de Villiers, after the May 7 indaba. "I noticed an urgency to get on with it. The whole spirit was good." It was indeed, and seemed to have rekindled the bonhomie that marked the early days of Codesa.

Even the Inkatha and KwaZulu government teams, in contrast to the previous week, seemed far more relaxed and in tune with the flow towards consensus. The way now seems clear, after weeks of procedural wrangling, to resolving substantive constitutional issues, based on draft formulations by technical subcommittees, the first of whose reports are expected at today's meeting of the planning committee.

De Villiers's sentiments were echoed by government's chief negotiator, Reoif Meyer, who said the agreements had vindicated his optimism in the negotiations process, the PAC's Benny Alexander (who has taken so well to the process after his time spent dissembling over the activities of Apla), and the ANC's Cyril Ramaphosa.

"We see the resolutions on the formation of technical subcommittees and the setting of an election date within the next four weeks (for elections to be held not later than April), as a clear victory for the negotiation process, whose stature is raised, it will inspire confidence among our people." For, aside from the national interest, progress — specifically towards one man, one vote elections — is vital to the ANC's leaders. They need to contain the mass action hotheads in the organisation who argue that three years of negotiation have not advanced the cause.

Ramaphosa said the resolutions adopted would ensure speedy progress. Describing the decision to set an election date within a month as a "gigantic step," he said announcement of the actual date would "shoot like a star across the SA sky ... We've now come to grips with the real negotiating process and are proceeding with urgency."

Regionalism, too

Another important development was unanimous agreement to a late suggestion by Bophuthatswana negotiator Rowan Crone for the planning committee to consider appointing another technical committee to look into the boundaries, functions and powers of regions. This, said De Villiers, was something the NP had urged in bilateral talks. "Unless there is agreement on this issue, progress won't be forthcoming. This is therefore a very constructive decision," he explained, adding that the day's events augured well for the future.

Ramaphosa, asked if the gap could be bridged with the CP on regionalism, said that "negotiations are about trying to find one another and reaching compromises." He looked forward to negotiating with the CP on the regional question.

Meyer, who signed out the agreements on setting up technical committees charged with constitutional matters and on the question of violence, said important outstanding issues concerned: how a transitional constitution would function; the decision-making procedure and functions of a transitional executive council; regionalism; and power-sharing. It was not possible to expect final detailed agreement on a constitution, but, rather, on principles and the ways of taking the process forward. The decision on setting an election date had shown that consensus could be developed within a few meetings, across a spectrum ranging from the CP to the PAC.

The CP's Tom Langley and Ciskei's Mick Webb, however, reserved their positions on the declaration of intent that includes setting an election date.

The Afrikaner Volksunie supported the declaration on condition that a decision was reached accommodating "the Afrikaners' reasonable demand for self-determination and a strong regional dispensation"; violence was curbed and intimidation ended before an election is held; and private armies were disbanded.

Asked why consensus had broken out, Meyer said all 26 parties had indicated their commitment to the process. "The feeling I got was of urgency to make progress and overcome the difficulties of this period."

Of concern to the press after the meeting was the question of the rightwing mobilising under retired generals, following their Potchefstroom saamstrek the previous day at which the Afrikaner Volksfront was launched under a bewildered-looking former SADF chief, Constand Viljoen.

The closer we moved to a settlement, said Meyer, the more we can expect this kind of thing — which is aimed at preventing one coming into being. It was a danger from Left and Right extremes and partly reflected uncertainty as to the next step. The best way to cope with it was to ensure clarity in the process. Ultimately, it was only through a negotiated political settlement that a solution would be brought about, said Meyer, adding that the extremists had to be brought in to the process.

The CP and AVU, as representatives of the right wing, were part of the process and both had indicated in parliament that they wanted bilateral talks with government. The AVU was meeting De Klerk on Tuesday and the CP's Fodile Hartzenberg had agreed in principle to a similar meeting. As to groups such as the AWB, "the security forces are always in a state of preparedness." AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche had last week met Law & Order Minister Hernus Kriel — suggesting that matters were under control.

Don't invite

De Villiers emphasised the need for all political leaders to reduce inflammatory statements and create a climate conducive to tolerance.

SA Communist Party chairman Joe Slovo — who, it emerged this week, might be on an assassination hit list — said the ANC alliance supports a government of national unity "precisely as a way of clipping the wings of such (rightwing) forces. We must be careful not to play into the hands of the Right by demagoguery. They will be only too happy."

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The political breakthrough for which both government and the African National Congress tell us we are poised is wonderful news, coming after much mayhem, indiscriminate slaughter and pervasive fear.

Division rather than unity is the more usual outcome of such morbid situations. Indeed, with the farmers massing in Potchefstroom and black schoolchildren turning on their teachers and almost everyone besides, there is certainly evidence of growing social strain in our broader society.

Why, therefore, should we take seriously the "something wonderful" that President F W de Klerk says is emerging from the constitutional talks? The answer is that, for some time now, despite the frequent setbacks and the obvious obstruction from reactionary and radical fringes, the leadership of the National Party and the ANC have been enlarging their common ground.

Both sides know that whether they gain power or not in an election based on universal franchise, both would be irrelevant if anarchism should consume the country.

Both know that the prospects for peace and democracy are critically dependent on the performance of an economy that experienced a decade of declining growth in the Eighties and has shrunken during the first three years of the Nineties, with new fixed investment now so low that we are consuming our future means of sustenance.

Both know that black education has to be improved if what Lord Macaulay called the race between education and democracy to produce responsible citizenry is to be won.

Both feel the constraints of a common impotence — the government, because it cannot move towards either democracy or economic revival without the explicit support of the ANC, and the ANC, because it does not have the legitimacy of responsibility in government.

Both lack the moral rigour and political cohesion of their former ideologies: socialism for the ANC and apartheid for the Nats. They are both ideologies that have been exposed as socially and economically bankrupt.

The ANC has watered down its collectivism to demands for anti-trust laws and a policy of affirmative action. Both have had such dubious utility in the US that they are unlikely to be vigorously pursued.

The Nats are embracing capitalism with all the rigour of recent converts — but implementing the reforms necessary for its achievement with what might be considered circumspection by some and cunning subversion by others.

In addition, the ANC has a leadership that is lacking in vigour and is fearful of losing support in a demographic situation that does not necessarily favour its often assumed dominance.

Should most Indians and coloureds, some Zulus and nearly all whites vote for the Nats — and with a significant proportion of young ANC supporters below voting age — the ANC will have a tough election fight on its hands.

For their part, the Nats are understandably reluctant to use their former instruments of oppression to enforce social order, in case such action should fan an already inflammatory social fabric and erode their reform credibility.

The elites on both sides have something else in common — a shared inclination for individual power and prosperity. Almost all fundamental dissent between the two has either disappeared or is disappearing. Common cause is greater across the narrowing leadership gap — though ostensibly it is widening at grassroots level.

The prospects are robust for rapid agreement. With them goes a tacit understanding that speed is important if they are to become tangible.

The outcome will most likely be a government of national unity, embracing ruling elites who are more class-conscious than race-conscious and who increasingly seek to make common cause with business rather than the trades unions.

The attitude of the ANC to the first Derek Keys Budget made that very clear: what criticism there was came from the unions, not from the mandarins in Shell House, who claimed they would have conceived something similar.

Once the elites are united in government, sharing in the responsibilities inherent in that role, many of the demands for education, housing, electrification and other social facilities will assume a new — and less daunting — proportion. For current aspirations extend far beyond the deprivations caused by apartheid and are as much the consequence of industrialisation and urbanisation as they are of that unfortunate social experiment.

Where social policy falls short of calming rebellious youth, the governing elites will draw on their legitimacy by election to justify whatever authoritarian measures might be required.

Increasingly, the dissenting groups and ideologues, the radical or conservative minorities will be stigmatised as disruptive of good order.

The great potential for their marginalisation seems to have penetrated with precision to neighbouring and client capitals, especially Umlundi.

There is nothing novel in this interpretation. In similar circumstances, the outcome of independence in countries like Kenya and Malaya was much the same. What is required of a new administration if order is to triumph over anarchy is the capacity to recognise the public interest in the broadest sense and the determination to pursue it with vigour, honesty and good government.
Radicals and rumps

Beyond the confusion and turmoil that SA is experiencing, a pattern is emerging in political positions and debates. It became evident in the stalemate of the Eighties: the intense mobilisation of opposition could hurt the regime but not overthrow it and the regime could contain but not defeat the opposition. The result was February 1990.

This outcome deeply influenced the character of political conflict and debate. It determined that the leaders of the NP and the ANC/SACP/Coasatu alliance would negotiate around the premise that there will be a basic continuity in the State system.

Both partners made significant changes in policy and strategy. The government had to effect an internal reform without a reliable electoral base, in the face of an apathetic bureaucracy and hostile elements in the security establishment. ANC leaders had to extricate themselves from making foreign unguerrnightable while avoiding alienating constituencies which remained committed to mass action. It also softened demands for the radical reconstruction of the economy.

The continuities in the State, the attempt to demobilise mass action without alienating its leaders and the formation of a consensus involving the main political actors are not rare in recent transitions. Similar developments took place in Italy after 1944, Kenya during the Sixties and Zimbabwe during the Eighties. All experienced intense mobilisation against the regime, with a broad spectrum of opposition combining in a liberation struggle involving mass action, industrial strife and peasant rebellion. These culminated in a broad coalition. Conservatives predominated; radicals were minor partners.

The new regimes retained important features of the old: administrative powers; continuities in the civil service, judiciary and security apparatus; and controls over political activity. Radicals were extruded from the alliance, marginalised and sometimes criminalised. Virtual one-party states were established in Zimbabwe and Kenya, and a stable conservative coalition in Italy.

This pattern suggests that there will be three main elements in our political life: a centrist coalition, a radical opposition and the rump of the old regime.

The main force will be a centrist coalition dominated by those leaders occupying the key positions in the NP and the ANC/SACP/Coasatu alliance, who are committed to the notion of national unity, maintenance of law and order, and economic growth combined with a degree of land redistribution, some of it symbolic.

Among them, they could initially command the support of upwards of 80% of the electorate. They will supply the main elements of the leadership, policies and ideas of the next decade. The ANC will constitute the most important element in this coalition; it will of course itself be a coalition of diverse interests in African society — businessmen and professionals, unionists, civic and traditional leaders. The Nationalists could disappear as a distinct group but the space they occupy will probably attract support from conservative coloureds and Indians as well as most of the whites.

The radicals will seek support from groups opposed to or apathetic towards the compromises demanded of the participants in the centrist coalition. Without a clear political identity or leadership distributed among all the main African movements, these radicals sense that a new political constitution will expose a huge constituency which will not benefit from changes in the State’s policies or the complexion of its policy-makers. They will be susceptible to demands for more radical measures. How the centrists will deal with the challenge from the radicals will partly depend on the way the radicals play their hand.

There are several options: co-option, inoculation and repression. Co-option involves bringing opponents into government. It is a strategy that usually fails as political divergences become difficult to paper over. Inoculation involves taking over some of the opposition’s policies or strategies, enough to render them impotent but insufficient to produce significant changes. (Land redistribution policies are important strategies aimed at disarming radicals.)

Changes will come slowly for the unemployed, the uneducated and the people in the countryside.

Radicals might be tempted to try to force the pace through an effort to seize power or disrupt government, thus inviting repression.

One element of the rump of the old regime, the white Far Right, could be propelled by dreams of a restoration into armed uprising or terror.

The other part of the rump, comprising elements in the homelands which will be unable to gain sufficient support to win a place in the national political arena, might also wage campaigns of violence against opponents.

There is a real possibility that repression will be used against either or both of the groups — the radicals and the rump — that will occupy the peripheries of the political society.

They will offer a new regime that takes decisive action against them the opportunity to win a great deal of political support.
Cracks in ANC, Cosas link

By GLYNNIS UNDERHILL and RAMOTENA MABOTE

CRACKS in the relationship between Cosas and the ANC appeared yesterday at a Mass Democratic Movement press conference in the wake of violence related to the continuing education crisis.

Cosas vowed at the press conference to continue to stone and burn vehicles owned by “big business” and the Department of Education and Training and said it would continue attacks on the freeways because this was where these vehicles passed.

A statement handed out at the press conference said the organisations present condemned the attacks on motorists and vehicles — but Cosas spokesman Mr Ndom Ngemtu insisted that the controversial “Operation Barcelona Flames” would not cease.

At another meeting, attended by more than 1000 students, staff and workers at the Peninsula Technikon in Bellville, ANC regional secretary Mr Tony Yengeni joined Cosas in criticising those leaders who had slammed students’ actions “without understanding what was happening on the ground”.

At the MDM meeting Mr Ngemtu stressed that the Cosas attacks were not racist and cited the example of a white DET representative whose vehicle had been burned in Nyanga this week. “Nobody harmed him or hurt him. He just walked away,” he said.

He claimed there was no rift between Cosas and ANC leaders.

“Cosas is an independent student movement. We will never be tired of listening to the ANC. They are the leaders, of course. But they know they cannot say they will stop our campaign. They know they don’t have a right to do so.”

The students would not stop learning and study groups were being encouraged at home and at school, Mr Ngemtu said.

ANC assistant regional secretary Mr Willie Hofmeyr said it was hoped that, through the discussions under way, the organisations would be able to reach a common perspective.

ANC spokesman Ms Sue de Villiers said last night that the regional leaders had not had time to answer questions put to the organisation by the Cape Times yesterday.

The Cape Times wanted to know if Cosas had been asked to stop the “Operation Barcelona Flames” by the ANC and if it was being defied by the student organisation.
Struggle to keep the peace as ANC enters ‘lion’s den’ in Parow

Tension high, but meeting ends virtually without incident

ROGER FRIEDMAN and MICHAEL MORRIS
Staff Reporters

TENSION gripped the milling crowd outside the Parow Civic Centre as strained peace monitors, observers and marshals kept the peace in a five-hour stand-off between ANC supporters and angry rightwingers.

A bomb disposal truck in front of the hall, a medics station and ambulance at the back and scores of Red Cross and St John Ambulance first-aiders set the scene at the Voor- trekker Road venue of the ANC’s first meeting in the “lion’s den” of the northern areas.

But it went off virtually without incident.

Ranks of police stood by across the street as AWB supporters gathered on the open concrete forecourt and, only metres away, ANC supporters began chanting and toyi-toying.

The hall, with a capacity of 450, was packed well before 6pm, and another estimated 500 people stood outside.

The ANC crowd of several hundred, cut off from proceedings inside, milled uncomfortably, cheek-by-jowl with their arch-opponents, the AWB, who stood their ground and looked on grimly, sometimes taunting others or cursing them.

Peace monitors and marshals had their hands full.

One of the burliest of the AWB supporters insisted on repeatedly pushing his way through the ANC crowd, declaring it was his right to walk wherever he wanted to in this part of the world.

Marshals linked arms to cordon off sections of the opposing sides on countless occasions or rushed to calm angered supporters.

Free Cape Movement protesters carrying sharply phrased posters — “ANC in ’93 means war in ’94” and “The Cape says no to communist mobs” — above their heads were largely unmolested as they meandered through the crowd, a section of which pounded the steps in an almost constant toyi-toyi to “struggle” chants and shouts of “Viva, ANC”.

And grey-haired Ms Ray Carter of Women for Peace, clutching a candle and a handful of pamphlet prayers, weaved her way unconcernedly among chanting pupils and towering, bearded men, spreading the Gospel of peace.

But, as the evening wore on, the tension rose.

AWB (Western Cape) leader “General” Steph Jacobson, who had arrived with about 20 “heavily armed” followers, said the AWB was “not interested in listening to the ANC”.

“They will soon listen to us. We are just going to watch, but if the s... hits the fan...”

A youthful follower armed with a truncheon and bopper boots said he had turned out to “protect my town from the barbarians”.

Elsewhere in the crowd, a SEA OF FISTS: Hundreds of black and white clenched fists are raised during the singing of Nkosi Sikelel’iAfrika in Afrikaans at the end of last night’s Parow meeting — the ANC’s first in the conservative northern areas.

Monte Vista resident said he was “coming to watch the show” while a Parow resident said he was open minded and had come to see what was going on.

A National Party supporter told of his “hard week’s work” and resultant desire to have a good laugh.

Another Parow local said he had come to listen to the “atheists” while an Elsies River ANC supporter said: “We are all South Africans and must come together to solve our problems.”

A Ravensmead woman said she would be a member of the Parow constituency one day and had come to see how welcome she would be.

Riversdale MP Mr Douglas Josephs said he had come out of curiosity to see whether the ANC can attract support in the white areas.

Peninsula Technikon human resources manager Mr Nick van Oordt said he had come to support the ANC.

Fears mounted that there might be bloody clashes when the meeting ended and the audience spilled out into the street, but a co-ordinated effort between marshals and monitors succeeded in keeping the two sides apart.
Link man tells of Slovo plot

By Paul Bell

Danie Odendaal, the key link in the chain which led to the revelation of the Slovo murder plot, emerged yesterday to tell his story to The Star.

Odendaal, the man who introduced Star reporter Jacques Pauw to his informant on the Slovo murder plot story, denied he had represented Pauw as a member of any arm of the security or intelligence services.

Police have accused Pauw of impersonating a police officer.

The informant, known as Peter Slovac, appeared, hooded, at a media conference this week to say that Odendaal had told him Pauw was “a police Security Branch captain from Pretoria.”

Odendaal, who described himself as a “police agent”, claimed he had first met Slovac last week, in the course of a sting that SAP detectives were trying to set up to trap several dollar counterfeiters.

At a meeting in a Pretoria, Johannesburg, last Wednesday, said Odendaal, and in the company of five detectives, he was introduced to Slovac as a member of the CID and as “the best of the best” in operations of this sort. Odendaal gave his name as “Glen.”

Slovac was to be the go-between who led Slovac to Odendaal, the police to the counterfeiter. The two men remained in touch during the week, meeting several times to establish the connection with Slovac’s counterfeiter.

Last Friday, between 9 am and 10 am, they agreed to meet at the Yeoville water tower. They drove around, passing time while waiting for a meeting with Slovac’s police handler.

Slovac then confided to Odendaal that he was working on an investigation of a plot to kill SACP national chairman Joe Slovo, and that he had reported his findings to a police colonel at John Vorster Square and been referred to one of the group of detectives who had been present at the Wednesday meeting in Berea. (Slovac has claimed Odendaal was present when he passed on his information to the police, which Odendaal denies.)

They were driving through Joubert Park when Slovac spotted a man, whom he identified as John Beck, driving a white Nissan light-delivery vehicle, who was at that moment pulling up outside the Karos Hotel.

“He’s the guy who’s going to pull the trigger,” Odendaal claimed Slovac told him.

On Sunday, said Odendaal, Slovac showed him the place at the Yeoville tower from where Slovac was to be shot. Later that evening the two men were due to meet to pursue the counterfeit money sting. In the meantime, however, Odendaal had called Pauw of The Star. When Pauw returned his call at 7.45 pm, Odendaal told him what he had heard about the Slovo plot.

Odendaal agreed to take Pauw to meet Slovac later that evening.

Slovac called Odendaal at 8 pm. They agreed to meet in front of the cafe on the corner of Abel Road and Tudhope Avenue in Berea in an hour-and-a-half. Odendaal then called Pauw back and arranged to have Pauw pick him up.

In the car they discussed how Pauw should establish his credentials with Slovac. Odendaal wanted to introduce him as a policeman. Pauw refused, but if Odendaal was forced to say some—
What went wrong with black consciousness?

Black consciousness and the organisations claiming it as their article of faith have reached a crossroads in our country. This is not only because of the somewhat confusing responses emanating from spokesmen of the Azanian People’s Organisation about their participation in the negotiations process, but particularly because of confusing statements about the world view itself.

Serious questions are raised by recent developments in our country, perhaps more than the available answers.

The mark of the relevance of any social phenomenon is its ability to confront realistically the challenges and demands of the time. It is simply not good enough to rely merely on history (especially when current reality is ignored), to hunker after the past (especially at the expense of the present and future), to gleefully retort without considering the effects of such knee-jerking, to label and be contemptuously dismissive of everyone who does not fit our own constrained conceptualisation of the world.

Oh, how apartheid South Africa has socialised us!

Increasingly, many of us who were there at the front door in the early 1970s when black consciousness was ushered in, laying the foundations for the national conscientisation and subsequent massive mobilisation that the country experienced over the next two decades, have been adding to the questions that confront our country.

We wonder exactly what went wrong when the very ideals and objectives that the architects and adherents of black consciousness stood for, envisioned, fought and sacrificed for are reduced to neat rhetoric and guilt-tripping sloganeering that attempt to cut to the quick and condemn beyond the pale anyone who demurs or offers an uncomfortable interpretation of where our society stands.

“’You cannot be psychologically liberated when you stay in a squatter camp,’ said Dr Nchaupe Mokoae on TSS last Sunday. In the same programme, Dr Komolemo Mokoae said that when one wants to know about Islam one does not ask the Pope.

Black consciousness was never the elitist phenomenon that seems to be implied by Mokoae. Conditions of physical deprivation certainly do not determine cognitive, psychological or physical limits.

Patriotism and other racists have long attempted to demonstrate, without success, that people born into lower socio-economic circumstances are less intelligent and consequently less able, of lesser leadership material and less entitled to the same treatment in society. But, knowing Mokoae, I do not believe that he would have intended such a construction.

Nevertheless, living conditions, whatever the element of choice, are not at all an indicator of psychological liberation.

Black consciousness is also not the exclusive preserve of a coterie and those on whom they may choose to confer ordination.

Are millions prevented, as victims of apartheid, to comment on that vile phenomenon? Are we restrained to relying only on the National Party (new look or otherwise) for authoritative interpretations and definitive pronouncements on apartheid (whether as concept, intention or effect)?

There are shades of the “all ye who are not with me are against me” and the “sole and authentic representative” ethos which so severely contributed to the political intolerance and fratricide that our country has been so painfully witnessing, and which Mokoae himself I know would not want to be part of.

Sadly, certain current espouers of black consciousness have trivialised the world view and rendered it more effete — succeeding where the most rabid detractors and opponents have failed, creating the wish-fulfilment of an intellectual armchairism.

But even they will not be able to destroy the singular contribution that black consciousness has made to our sorry landscape: its motivating scores of thousands of young and old alike, its overarching effect on many in the current national leadership who were influenced by it in the 1970s, its predictive ability, its changing of the terrain of change, its insistence on restoration of human dignity and rights — indeed, its demands almost in grasp.

Black consciousness is a valid world view that has to be tempered by obtaining conditions, not imprisoned by the past or fettered by its present copyright claimants, who would fos-}

Saths Cooper ... 'Echoing empty militancy serves to lose support'

Saths Cooper is a former publicity secretary of the Black People’s Convention. He was sentenced to 10 years’ imprisonment in the “Freiimo trial” in 1974, and after his release became president of Azapo. He is currently executive director of the Johannesburg-based Family Institute.

Saths Cooper … ‘Echoing empty militancy serves to lose support’
New ANC branch

AN ANC branch has been launched in Bophuthatswana's Luka area near Rustenburg, the organisation said yesterday. It said 17 more branches would be launched in the area over the next few weeks.

— Sowetan Reporter and Staff
This is a speech delivered by Aggrey Klaaste, Editor of Sovietan, at the Liberty Life VIP convention held at Sun City:

Sovietan 14/5/93.

As a newspaper we are able, or have a choice (although one in fact) to stay clear of ideological definitions that narrow or limit the creativity of the idea. The idea itself is common sense. Unless the majority of blacks are turned into useful, productive, healthy and satisfied parts of our society, there will never be peace in South Africa.

We can and must do it together. It will need the commitment and the combined resources of all South Africans. We have done some of the spade work. We have traversed the difficult terrain of matching black financial resources with black manpower. We have traversed in and in a special way overcame the age old race problems involving co-optation at the best of times and selling out at the worst.

We have to a large extent succeeded in impressing politicians from the entire spectrum of black politics. We have not been able to impress our ideas on Afrikaners or other white rightwingers. But we will.

We wish to educate all South Africans that blacks in particular need to be developed economically, spiritually and otherwise for our united development. That will lead to a diminution of political and criminal violence.

Finally, we will tell our Afrikaner fellow South Africans and others who might be fearful of blacks that people who are proud of who they are, who have a grip on the essential ethical ideas like Ubuntu in their armoury, will not necessarily wish to crush the self-determination of others. We will tell them it is perfectly in order for them to have their "Boersens or Volkskam" but to have them rather as a colourful and effective part of the total South African tapestry: a rainbow coalition of black, Asian, so-called coloured, Afrikaner, English and other races.

The Nation Building ethos finds the social engineering of the apartheid architects as distasteful and unacceptable as that which wishes to force the various South African tribes, black, white and brown, together in a multiracial melting pot.

We have excellent Asian communities that should be an example to the type of diverse ethnic and even exotic, if you like, communities that can make up the South Africa of the future.
Verwoerd grandson in tears over cheers, chants of Viva!

DENNIS CRUYWAGEN
Political Staff

THE grandson of one of Afrikanerdom’s most prominent figures has appealed to Afrikaners who want their own homeland not to regard those who join the ANC as traitors but as political opponents.

This appeal was made by Professor Wilhelm Verwoerd, grandson of the former Prime Minister and National Party leader, Dr Hendrik Verwoerd, in conservative Fawo last night.

One of two Afrikaners who spoke at the ANC’s first venture into the northern areas rightwing stronghold, the Stellenbosch University philosophy professor said apartheid was an immoral failure and an imposed system of injustice.

He was given a standing ovation, mixed with chants of Viva Verwoerd, before and after his address.

Professor Verwoerd, who sat on stage with the ANC’s regional leadership, was often overcome by the emotion of the meeting and frequently wiped tears from his eyes.

Looking comfortable behind a microphone and facing a barrage of newspaper photographers, he spoke about his past, the fears of Afrikaners, and the joys of being part of the ANC.

He was a student living in a university residence when he heard over the radio in 1985 that South African security forces had attacked ANC bases in Harare. He recalled that he applauded at the time.

Four years later he felt like a traitor when he shook the hand of Communist Party stalwart Joe Slovo especially “because my brother was fighting in Angola”.

Professor Verwoerd said he understood why some Afrikaners wanted their own homeland.

The main reason why he had not joined the ANC sooner was out of consideration for those Afrikaners and their feelings for Dr Verwoerd.

He said that it was a wonderful feeling no longer to be part of a threatened minority, but to be a member of a national liberation movement.

He said those seeking their home in their proposed Afrikaner homeland of Oranje should be more tolerant of Afrikaners who were ANC members.

“They should not call us traitors but see us as political opponents.”

Many whites had not really realised what had happened in South Africa, he said.

Some might say that they had had good intentions with apartheid, but the truth was that it was an immoral policy which failed and had imposed injustice.

ANC national spokesman Carl Niehaus, who addressed the meeting, said the historic gathering was one of the biggest gifts he and his colleagues on stage had been given.

“Tonight we bring a message that we want peace. But we want a negotiated peace which will lead to justice.”

He warned the Conservative Party and the Afrikaner Volksunie, which have joined constitutional negotiations, to stick to the rules of democracy.

Referring to the Committee of Generals, he said he had read that former SADF chief General Constand Vlok had said he was willing to talk.

Although the ANC’s doors were open, it did not expect General Vlok to talk with an R1 rifle on his shoulder.

He said the tragedy of President de Klerk’s apology for apartheid was that it had not been unqualified.

“Hey saying it was not so bad.”

ANC regional chairman Dr Allan Boesak said the movement was committed to the principle of non-racialism.

There would be no departure from this policy even if the Pan Africanist Congress did accuse the ANC of sounding like whites.
ANC man 'spurned abuses probe'

FORMER ANC security department official Mzwai Pillso refused to co-operate with efforts to investigate complaints of human rights abuses in ANC camps in Angola between 1985 and 1987, ANC legal department head Zola Skweyiya said.

Skweyiya was testifying during the first day of public hearings yesterday by the Motsuveryane commission into alleged abuses by ANC members in the camps.

The commission, headed by former Nafco president Sam Motsuveryane, was appointed by ANC president Nelson Mandela last year to investigate whether "specific and named persons belonging to the ANC have committed acts of cruelty towards former detainees and prisoners".

Skweyiya, who was appointed ANC official of justice to investigate alleged abuses in 1985, said the security department regarded information on its activities in Angola in this period as "a military secret".

"He (Pillso) told me very clearly that I would never get co-operation from him. I could not carry out my duties at that time as the officer of justice," he said.

He had experienced hostility from security department officials and had been threatened with imprisonment when he requested permission to visit the Angolan camps between 1985 and 1987.

Skweyiya said the "new crop" of Umkhonto we Sizwe recruits, who fled SA

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after the 1976 school riots, had shown less discipline than earlier ANC recruits delegated to join MK by ANC branches inside the country. "The only thing they wanted was to carry a gun."

He said he had been able to visit Angola only in 1987 after security department changes had led to better co-operation.

Skweyiya testified that the ANC had conducted elaborate court proceedings to ensure fair trials for those charged by the security department. Abuses in the camps were alien to the ANC's traditions of fair trial and the standards it set itself as a liberation movement.

Earlier, the commission heard evidence from ANC security department official Gibson Mathanda. Mathanda said the attitude of the ANC leadership at the 1985 Kabwe conference, where a code of conduct was drawn up to limit abuses in the camps, was that "everyone in the ANC should work to strengthen the security department". He said the ANC leadership, including then ANC president Oliver Tambo, was "extremely upset about what was taking place" in the camps.

The International Society for Human Rights released its report on human rights and the ANC yesterday. It claimed the killing of detainees continued after "public declarations of regret" by the ANC in 1990. The ANC was still maintaining prisoners "according to reports from the autumn of 1992", it said.
ANC uses celebrities to woo Afrikaners

THE ANC will today announce a major drive, to be backed by personalities such as ponytailed folk singer Anton Goosen and Wits scientist Johan Prins, to win the hearts and minds of Afrikaners.

Goosen, whose songs include the cynical Boy van die Suburbs, writer Madelein van Nickerk and several others are expected to shock the Afrikaans cultural world by publicly proclaiming their ANC membership at a media briefing.

A spokesman for the personalities said ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa and ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus would launch the initiative at the briefing.

An advertising campaign calling for democratic elections and demanding government action against the right wing would also be launched in the Vrye Weekblad newspaper today, the spokesman said.

The advertising campaign, which was not an ANC initiative, would be endorsed by prominent Afrikaner personalities who were not necessarily ANC members, including actress Grethe Fox and offbeat musician Johannes Kerkorrel.

The spokesman said many Afrikaners had joined the ANC after the assassination of SACP general secretary Chris Hani, but no precise figures were available.
Women face stiff penalties

- Sex selection of babies may be outlawed.

Sowetan Correspondent

BOMBAY, India—Late last week the Bombay High Court asked the state government to come up with a scheme within three months to prevent sex selection of babies. The court directed the state government to pass an ordinance within three months to make it illegal to conduct sex selection tests using ultrasound machines.

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NP lashes out at ANC

Political Staff

AN ANC pamphlet being circulated to white communities in Natal was "deceitful and scurrilous" and had no place in the South Africa of today or the new South Africa, the NP said yesterday.

The pamphlet, issued by the ANC southern Natal region, questioned whether the country was under the "grip of the military junta".

It also accused President F W de Klerk of trying to reintroduce a state of emergency "through the back door" by threatening to declare more unrest areas.

Natal NP leader Mr George Bartlett said the pamphlet's call to combine talks with pressure was a blatant attempt at blackmail "and smacks of crude intimidation".

Mr Bartlett yesterday also rejected Inkatha allegations that the NP was conniving with the ANC "or any other party".

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The moderating radical

PATRICK LAURENCE

appraises and profiles Joe Slovo (right), veteran communist, anti-apartheid fighter and a figure who inspires fear and hatred, admiration and affection.

Slovo was on the "hit list" allegedly found in the home of Janus Waluz, one of three people charged with the murder of SACP general-secretary Chris Hani. Slovo bears the hatred of his white compatriots stoically. "If I am the number one enemy of the whites, I am the number one friend of the blacks," he says philosophically. His statement about the esteem with which blacks regard him is not boastful. At ANC rallies the loudest cheers are often reserved for him.

Slovo, who is in his mid-60s and fighting bone marrow cancer, is an able orator at mass rallies and a superb speaker at smaller meetings. A convinced communist despite the collapse of such regimes in eastern Europe and the disintegration of the Soviet Union, Slovo's language is uncluttered by Marxist jargon. His points are made simply, forcefully and lucidly.

Villain

For decades whites have been told that communists are behind every manifestation of black rebelliousness. For years black rejection of apartheid was blamed on the Soviet Union.

Slovo, the white communist, is easily identifiable as the villain. His Jewish background compounds the bigotry of his political enemies. Until recently the stereotypical communist in the mind of white rightists was a rootless, cosmopolitan Jew. During the 12 years of PW Botha's administration, communism was identified as the driving force behind the "total onslaught" against South Africa. Slovo was portrayed as being at the centre of the onslaught, a KGB colonel who took his orders directly from the Kremlin.

There is an element of truth in the portrayal of Slovo as the driving force behind the fight against minority rule. It is the corollary of the diplomat's remark about his competence.

Slovo is a former Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff. He helped launch the underground struggle in the early 1960s after the ANC was outlawed and to revive it in the 1970s after most of the high command, including Nelson Mandela, had been captured and sentenced to life imprisonment in the Rivonia trial of 1963-64.

The son of a van driver, Slovo is a lawyer by training and a politician by inclination. Perhaps his most important contribution to the SACP has been to provide it with a rationale to meet the crisis which overtook communism three years ago.

In his theoretical monograph Has Socialism Failed? he argued that communism had to revive and strengthen its links with democracy, and conceded that vital ties had been severed by the "commandant" regimes of eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

There is a degree of irony in the perception of Slovo as white public enemy number one; his influence in the ANC alliance is a moderating one, stereotypes of radical Reds notwithstanding. He perhaps more than any single person, is responsible for the ANC's acceptance of the need for an interim government of national unity.

Slovo has reason to be bitter and vengeful; his first wife, Ruth, was killed by a parcel bomb in 1982. Hani, his friend and comrade of many years, was murdered, allegedly by fanatical white rightists.

Yet he remains a restraining influence, warning comrades not to underestimate the dangers of counter-revolution, urging them to accommodate and neutralise white fears through the establishment of a government of national unity and, above all, seeking to smooth and accelerate the process of black emancipation.
ANC acting like Nats' — Cosatu leader

By Quentin Wilson

COSATU regional secretary Mr. Jonathan Arendse has criticised the ANC for "starting to act like the NP government."

Referring to the ANC's call made earlier this week for students to return to school, Arendse said the ANC was wrong to make the call "without promising pupils a real change in their education system," Arendse said. "Personally, I believe pupils should go back to school, but then the ANC should also provide a programme that will bring about real change." (1)

"At the moment the call is being made in a vacuum. So far, negotiations are carrying on indefinitely with little evidence of real progress being made."

Liberation movement

"For the ANC to tell pupils they have 'made their point' and should now return to school is more a government response than a worthy response of a liberation movement," Arendse said.

ANC spokesperson Mr. Carl Niehaus said in response: "The call for pupils to return to school was not only made by the ANC, it was jointly decided by the ANC and the majority of teachers, pupils and parent organisations."

"In that sense, we did not act like the government, we properly canvassed the views of other concerned groups before we came to a decision."

Strategy

"Whether or not our programme properly resolves the crisis is a question of strategy and therefore up for debate."

"Cosas, however, is not about to cool off its campaign for an end to exam fees and free education for all in response to appeals from the ANC."

"We are not a liberal organisation concerned with soft positions and strategies — we are a revolutionary organisation fighting a war," Cosas executive member Mr. Vuyo Tshulidzini said.

"Whatever discussions we have with other organisations, we are not prepared to compromise our militancy."

"They are welcome to make their contributions to our struggle in the way which they see fit, but our programme will remain unchanged."

Tshulidzini spoke out strongly against ANC Western Cape chairperson, Dr. Allan Boesak, who condemned the violence arising from Cosas's campaign.

Irresponsible

"Elements in the ANC, particularly Dr. Allan Boesak, are being irresponsible in the way they are commenting on our campaign."

"Boesak's remarks are not typical of what we expect from a radical revolutionary movement like the ANC."

"Students have been a little bit demonised by what he said."

Cosas reiterated its demand that the Department of Education and Training scrap exam fees, and called on students to occupy unaided schools to hold classes there.

Cosas asked students at tertiary institutions and teachers to support its campaign.

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REPERCUSSIONS: A looter takes advantage of a pupils' protest. Photo: Yunus Mohamed
Death threats to Cape ANC leaders

By Quentin Wilson

WESTERN Cape ANC leaders have been dogged by sinister telephone calls — some threaten assassination and others promise to blow up the ANC’s Woodstock offices.

The increase in intimidation is being taken seriously in the light of Chris Ham’s murder.

A group of people identifying themselves as 57 retired SADF officers have been telephoning ANC leaders, warning that they will avenge each white death by killing an ANC leader.

“We are tightening security because we take the threats seriously,” said ANC assistant secretary Mr Willie Hofmeyr.

“Obviously we are not going to say what it involves — that is part of our precautionary measures.”

In some instances, callers show a sinister ability to track down ANC members. (HA)

Mr Neville Naidoo, ANC Youth League secretary, told of a threatening call intended for him last month.

“On the spur of the moment, I decided to visit a friend’s house,” said Naidoo. “I did not tell anybody I was going there and yet that is where they telephoned.”

Although Naidoo left his friend’s home shortly before the call threatening him with death, the caller knew of his visit — as he insisted on speaking to Naidoo directly.

“There are a number of sinister aspects to the incident,” said Naidoo. “Firstly, they could only have known about the visit if they had been following me, and secondly, how did they know the telephone number?”

Ms Zou Kota, ANC elections organiser, was given a hit list over the telephone. It included Mr Tony Yengeni, and national leaders Mr Joe Slovo, Mrs Winnie Mandela, Mr Peter Mokaba and Mr Thabo Mbeki.

“I could tell by the man’s accent that he was an Afrikaans speaking white,” said Kota. “He said they were based in the Western Cape and were not affiliated to any organisation.”
South Profile

Faan Naude

If the hub of development in Cape Town’s informal settlements is the Cape Provincial Administration, its pivot is the CPA’s regional director for community services, Mr Faan Naude. CHIARA CARTER interviewed him:

ALTHOUGH he maintains a low public profile, Mr Faan Naude, 52, is one of the most powerful men in the Cape.

In addition to directing Community Services, Naude is also administrator for three black local authorities — Baja, Victoria West and Beaconfont West.

Baja alone has an estimated population of about 300,000 and includes Langa, Nyanga, Otjihun, Browns Farm, Millers Camp, Nyanga Bush and Black City.

As administrator, he is the council for three townships, but Naude said he relies on the “consultation and consensus”.

He meets monthly with an advisory committee in each area and also consults with community organisations, including the South Africa National Civic Organisation and the Western Cape United Squatters’ Association (Wocas).

As administrator, Naude said he is committed to providing the best possible services.

He hoped that black areas will eventually improve their financial position.

Like all Black Local Authorities (BLAs), Baja’s financial base is fragile. However, its situation is not as dire as that of Lingelshani West.

Naude commented: “Baja needs a financial stable base to render services. Like other BLAs, Baja has no economic base. There is not enough services to render money. Finance comes exclusively from rent and service charges, as well as central government’s bridging finance. The area is a relatively high-rate of payment — 46 percent — but we need more money.”

Despite feeling the financial squeeze, Naude disagreed with the view that black areas will need bridging finance for a long time.

“We cannot postpone the present situation. We must reach a point where bridging finance augments, rather than is the majority of income,” he said.

Naude said he has added his voice to that of the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring, in requesting an official committee of inquiry into allegations of corruption at Baja. They are awaiting the state president’s decision.

“The commission must be transparent, so that justice can be seen to be done. It must have the power to subpoena, cross-examine and take statements under oath,” he said.

Naude has no illusions about the state of play in local government.

“The present black local government system is purely a traditional phase towards an acceptable system. We are busy with a holding action to ensure necessary services are rendered,” he said.

Naude acknowledged the pace of change in local government has been too slow, but said this was because local government was not significant.

“Central government and local government,” he observed.

He said the spotlight had swung to local level government because negotiations at national level were not directly impacting on people on the ground.

He said that whatever the political changes, development must continue unchecked.

Community involvement was a principle for development.

Naude explained: “Unless there is community participation and approval for a project, it won’t work.”

He said NGOs and private enterprise all played an important role, but acknowledged the CPA was the major role player in development in the Cape. He said this was a result of its experience and capacity to deliver.

“It is inevitable we would be seen as the hub of development.”

For Naude, the process of development is essentially one of stabilisation.

He explained: “You give a person the right to a site and this takes away insecurity. They build shelters and settle down within the community. Their lives and the community are stabilised.”

The Serviced Land Project (SLP) is a good example of the inclusive approach favoured.

The project involves a range of organisations and local government structures which meet in a “two-legged” forum.

The CPA holds biannual meetings with Wecas, which withdrew from the forum.

Naude said the tricky question of land allocation, rumoured to be used by leaders to entrench power, is “under examination” by the SLP.

He said the perception that the CPA had an inherently close relationship with Wecas, and in particular with Comrade’s leader, Mr Jeffrey Ngcwe, was false, and the CPA had only once used the organisation as facilitation.

“We have the same relationship with Wecas as any other group. Our commitment to community involvement in development means we have to work closely with organisations like Wecas,” he said.

“People in congested areas live under harsher circumstances than those in brick houses, so we have prioritised serviced land projects.

“We try to re-evaluate our dynamics but we have to work with communities and their leaders.”

“It is a catch 22 situation — we are accused from both sides of favours,” Naude complained.
ANC to ‘occupy’ towns?

By Chris Mabuya

AT LEAST four major towns in the Border region have been targeted for “24-hour occupation” this week.

East London, Queenstown, Fort Beaufort and King William’s Town are among the towns which will be occupied Thursday and Friday, ANC media officer Mr Moebsa Bota said.

The ANC tripartite alliance and the South African National Civic Organisation (Sanco) in the Border region have called on all communities to join the occupation.

“We wish to stress that this will be peaceful action aimed at reinforcing the demands for speedy movement towards the resolution of the problems of our country,” Bota said.

“These demands — the immediate installation of a Transitional Executive Council, the announcement of the election date and strong action to curb growing right-wing violence — have been on the negotiating table for some time now.

“We say De Klerk and his colleagues must act now. We will help them to act on our demands by stamping with our feet in the streets of our towns and cities,” Bota said.

Preparations were being made for the deployment of a large number of marshals. Bota said the alliance hoped followers would maintain “the highest standard of discipline”.

“We warn agent provocateurs and elements with criminal intentions to stay away from the action. We will not hesitate to deal appropriately with such elements,” Bota said. — eNews
Mass action passion fades

MARITZBURG. — The ANC/SACP/Cosatu alliance's mass action campaign for this week ground to a halt yesterday as the crowds failed to turn up for a planned march on police headquarters in the city.

The alliance leadership here was locked in discussion late yesterday to re-assess the programme and decide on strategy, following the small turnout. ANC deputy chairman Mr Blade Nzimande said previous mass action had affected the mobilisation for this week's planned mass action. — Sapa
Groundwork laid for nitty-gritty negotiations

THE foundation has been laid for the first substantive negotiations to take place on Tuesday.

Discussions will be shaped by the preliminary reports of seven technical committees. The reports were discussed yesterday by the planning committee.

However, Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer cautioned that the Negotiating Council would not be able to take decisions — "with very few exceptions" — at Tuesday's meeting.

After yesterday's planning committee meeting, negotiators were unanimous in their praise for the work of the technical committees.

It was understood that most of their preliminary reports contained details of the Codesa agreements and reports.

Not all the 26 participating groups have yet sent their submissions to the technical committees. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday.

Interim reports will be sent to all negotiators today to enable them to prepare for Tuesday's meeting.

The previous Negotiating Council meeting, three weeks ago, was marked by complaints that negotiators received documentation only an hour before the meeting began.

The chairman of yesterday's planning committee, Democratic Party negotiator Colin Eglinton, said the agenda for the Negotiating Council would not be cluttered with procedural matters. It would focus on violence and constitutional issues.

The technical committee on constitutional matters has recommended that a commission be appointed to consider regional boundaries.

The issue will be discussed on Tuesday.

ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa said it was still possible to reach agreement by the end of the month on transition.

He said a three-day meeting of the ANC's national working committee focused on the organisation's approach to the negotiations process and ways of dealing with the right wing.
Chris Whitfield  
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — A negotiations crunch over self-determination for Afrikaners in their own territory is still looming in spite of support by the Government for the principle.

The two major players in the process — the Government and the ANC — have their own ideas about self-determination, and both will provide cold comfort for volkstaters.

Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer said this week that the Government was "convinced that a feasible form of self-determination for all, including Afrikaners, could very well be accommodated within its own constitutional plans".

This was a reference to the "checks and balances" to protect minorities that the NP wants built into a new constitution, and by no means stretches to a volkstaat.

He went on to announce that the Government and National Party "have no objection in principle against the Afrikaner Volksunie's (AVU) ideal of Afrikaner self-determination as part of a federal dispensation in which no form of race discrimination is allowed and citizen rights are extended to all inhabitants".

In effect, Meyer — speaking after heading a Government delegation's meeting with the AVU on Tuesday — was agreeing that the issue should be aired at negotiations and that the Government would support such discussion.

The ANC's Carl Niehaus also agreed that self-determination should be on the agenda at talks, but the AVU and others in favour of self-determination would have to accept the "rules of democracy" in negotiations.

Conservative Party negotiator Dr Pieter Mulder contended that Meyer's "in principle" agreement was anything but an "historic breakthrough", as AVU leader Dr Andries Beyers had felt moved to comment.

He pointed out that the Government had already placed self-determination on the talks agenda before Codesa broke down in May last year and it was now being addressed by a negotiations technical committee.

However, Beyers did point to a positive spin-off when he said the Government's stance "makes it worthwhile to proceed with our participation in negotiations".

Some observers believe the lifting of hopes in right-wing circles by Meyer's statement may also have been a shrewd move to boost the moderate AVU over the increasingly militant CP.

They point out that the AVU's profile has been sharply raised in recent weeks by its role in the Afrikaner Volksfront and, in particular, its association with former SADF chief General Constand Viljoen.

They also say the AVU's softer approach towards attaining an Afrikaner homeland may find a more sympathetic hearing from the ANC in a meeting being arranged at present.
SA pressing Sweden to cut ANC funding

By Christelle Terreblanche

ALLEGATIONS of diplomatic pressure by the South African government have emerged as part of a heated debate in Sweden on whether the country should continue its aid to the ANC.

An article in a Stockholm daily newspaper quotes a memorandum written by the Swedish secretary of state for foreign affairs, Mr Lars Ake Nilsson, after a meeting with South African ambassador Mr Eugene Myburgh on March 16.

According to the memorandum Nilsson was asked to commit his country to a date to end aid to the ANC. He replied that aid would be stopped no later than July 1993, although this would depend on political developments.

Nilsson’s reply has caused an outcry in Sweden as the issue has not yet been debated in parliament.

An informal debate on sanctions and aid is scheduled for next week and all indications are that full-scale continuation of aid to the ANC will be approved.

Mr Magnus Walan, a Swedish journalist and anti-apartheid campaigner, sees Nilsson’s statement against the background of previous pressure.

He told SOUTH that earlier this year South Africa’s Swedish desk expressed concern to the under-secretary at the Swedish Legation in Pretoria about Sweden’s continued aid to only one South African political organisation.

Walan said the legation was told this could negatively affect the issuing of employment permits to Swedish aid workers in South Africa.

“This could well mean a threat of expulsion,” Walan said. He believes Nilsson buckled under the pressure and tried to arrange a compromise.

However, Mr Frederik Jorgensen, political secretary of the Swedish Legation, said this has not been interpreted as a threat or pressure.

But he emphasised that no decision has been taken by Sweden despite the assurances given to the South African ambassador.

He said the Swedish under-secretary for international co-operation, Mr Alf Samuelsson, will visit South Africa in June and that “Swedish support for the ANC will certainly be on his agenda”.

Mr Patrick Evans, a spokesperson for the Department of Foreign Affairs in Pretoria, would not confirm or deny pressure on Sweden.

South African legislation prohibiting political parties from receiving foreign aid was abolished at the beginning of this year.

In Sweden an informal agreement states that once a movement becomes a political party and takes part in an election, aid has to cease.

This implies that one of the ANC’s major funding sources will dry up as soon as it becomes a political party and participates in a democratic election.

The issue of money remains a sensitive one with the ANC, which has stated that it needs at least R80 million for an election campaign.

Sweden gives the ANC approximately R30 million a year.
Wilhelm breaks apartheid mould

By NORMAN WEST
Political Reporter

IF the old ideologue and apartheid patriarch, Dr Hendrik Frensch Verwoerd, had heard his grandson, Wilhelm, on Thursday might proclaiming the virtues of the ANC and denouncing the NP, the oubaas would surely have turned in his grave.

At Parow Wilhelm came to bury the past and declare his grandfather’s apartheid policy a failure and an injustice.

And, some would say almost “miraculously”, the victims of apartheid accepted his confession of the sins perpetrated by his forefathers. They were prepared to forgive unconditionally, and there could have been no greater symbol of that forgiveness than the rendition of the ANC’s national anthem, "Nkosi Sikelel’iAfrica", in Afrikaans as a tribute to Wilhelm and the new brotherhood the ANC is seeking with Afrikaners.

The Afrikaans version had its own irony — it was translated, among others, by Professor Dirkie de Villiers, son of IL de Villiers, the composer of "Die Stem", which is traditionally regarded as the national anthem of whites only.
Tigane is a powder keg
By DAN DHLAMINI

An ANC man was fatally shot and another wounded in Tigane yesterday.

The gunning down of Oupa Matlhoko and the injury of Oompie Sekonya by alleged Inkatha bands, comes hardly a week after the slaying of three other ANC members in ANC-Inkatha clashes that have erupted in the small western Transvaal township.

Matlhoko was killed with a shotgun on Friday, a day before yesterday's mass funeral for Kleinbooi Kwaho, Daniel Secha and Hester Morebudi.

Since the beginning of the year, more than 25 people have been killed in Tigane and police have failed to arrest a killer who roams the streets with a shotgun causing havoc. They have offered a R5 000 reward for information.
AYANDA BAKU left SA in 1976. She was 19. She left the country to join MK because “there was no point in confronting the Boers with stones when they were shooting us with guns.”

When she got to the camp she found the men supportive. They found the presence of women comforting because it proved that the burden of the struggle was being shared.

What Ayanda found difficult about being a woman soldier was to have to be like everyone else. Sometimes marriages broke up because couples were often sent to different countries.

However, she found that there were great possibilities for development. Even the illiterate were given scope for improvement. Literacy classes were compulsory.

Women rose to occupy previously male-dominated positions such as those of instructors. Women could compete even for selection for combat missions like Thandi Modise and Nomkhosi Mini, who was murdered by the SADF in Maseru.

Ayanda began by compiling and reading the news in the camp and found herself working for Radio Freedom.

She is grateful for this experience “because I would have never known how good I am.” She was seconded to Angola’s Radio Nacional where she worked for five years. Now back in SA, she is looking for an opportunity in broadcasting.
The Plotters: A shadowy businessman and an Eastern European immigrant

The Plot: Assassination of Joe Slovo with a high-powered rifle from a tower.

The Unraveling: One of the plotters is an informer.

The Prospects: Almost nil.

When a right-wing conspirator began recruiting members of a hit squad to assassinate Joe Slovo, he was an equal of the first step. His second move into his sinister web was a police informant—identifying this week's target as the former South African, but in reality a Hungarian immigrant from Budapest.

The plot to kill the former South African was hatched in a seedy working men's club, known to locals as the "B" in the corner of the village of Oludeniz and the Tiger's Avenue in the Johannesburg district of Berea, a warring hole of a neighborhood frequented by colored and East European immigrants.

A period of two months, the plot to kill Slovo was being developed.

In an exclusive interview with the Sunday Times this week, Mr. Pienaar, a 22-year-old rightist expert and ardent anti-apartheid activist, told how he learned the plot was about to be exposed last Friday.

"We first met at the club," he said, "a week before Chad was gunned down. It was a casual meeting, but then I bumped into him a few days later, at another bar in Berea.

"We started talking about politics in general, and I think he was perhaps a little bit too open. I think he made some remarks that he was from Eastern Europe."

The Plot:

"It was just after Han's funeral," John first mentioned it.

"I think he'd had to consider a hit on him and he was quite open. He told me there was a plan to kill between May 15th and May 21st. He wanted to have a getaway car," said Mr. Pienaar.

At first, I didn't believe he was serious, especially since he mentioned a getaway car," said Januar Walshe, telling the police everything about the Han murder, he started examining it. After a few days, he began taking note of the plan again. On Wednesday, April 28, we drove him to the Relief Drive in Giff Street, Observatory, where Mr. Slovo lives, and pointed out his house.

"I told him there was no way anyone could shoot Slovo there, and the next day I went to John Vorster Square to tell the police."

The Special Report: By De Wet Potgieter and Nick Olivari

Special Report

The line of fire...the tower from which the would-be assassin planned to fire the fatal shot. Pictures: CHRISTINE NESBITT

We arranged to see each other on Monday or Tuesday to make the final arrangements. He was going to tell me then about the contingency plan for the assassination.

But that meeting never happened.

On Sunday night, Mr. Pienaar and Olendenhal had a rendezvous in Berea.

I found it funny that he didn't phone me when they met, as he usually did. There was no way he'd have been caught.

We drove to Rockefellers in Yeoville, where Olendenhal introduced the man as a captain in the security police from Pretoria.

I was very suspicious, and actually quite scared, but I couldn't get away from my contacts in the police.

"The last two days, the 'captain' was investigating claims that the two investigating officers working with us were actually leaking information we were giving them.

"I believed him, and I told the man that we were about to be exposed."

The Target:

A SA Communist Party chairman Joe Slovo, his home and the tower he is supposed to be shot from," said Mr. Pienaar.

The Prospects:

But could the plot have worked? Arms expert Hilton Hales is skeptical.

"A fatal shot fired from the top of the tower opposite the Slovo house is theoretically possible, but it would need a marksman of at least Olympic standard."

And, said Mr. Hales, since the tower was about 150 meters away from the target, it would have to be done from a distance of less than 100 meters.

The Tower:

The top of the Air Force communication tower from which Joe Slovo was supposed to be shot is at least 500 meters from his garage.

The police, who were waiting for the marksman, were disappointed when they found no evidence of a shot having been fired from the tower.

The Tower is situated in a position occupied by the Associated Scientific and Technical Society of South Africa, which provides administrative services.

According to Mrs. Jenny Nel, manager of the tower, the keys to the tower are kept by security staff at the security office until 10 a.m., and "anyone" claiming to be from the military service.

The Tower is raided by three tower operators, one of whom is armed with a submachine gun.

The insides are rusted and although once electrified, there is now a power failure. The second entrance gate is unlocked. However, access to the tower itself is barred by double steel doors, 20 feet high and connected to an alarm system.

The Tower is guarded by three tower operators, each with a submachine gun.

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Foreign players to take health tests

By MOSES MAMAILA

THE NSL has introduced tough medical tests to screen foreign players for serious diseases, including AIDS.

Two African players were turned back to their countries after they tested HIV positive.

NSL chief executive Toe Modise would not disclose names, but confirmed two clubs had reported the players to the authorities.

The decision to screen players was taken after prolonged consultation with several bodies, including the South African Football Medical Association (SAFMA).

“Everyone was debate and length, and we are not going to look for anything. There may be severe tropical diseases one has to know about,” Modise said.

Players’ medical reports would be forwarded to the NSL, and appropriate decisions would be taken in each case.

By THEMBA KHUMALO

EDUCATION in black schools faces a new crisis with the South African Democratic Teachers Union voting to www down chalk from May 24 – despite appeals from the ANC and National Peace Accord.

And in a further move to put teachers and pupils on a collision course with the authorities, the Congress of South African Students has decided to intensify its mass action to force the Department of Education and Training to scrap the R483 course fees completely after the DET this week told it had no money.

By an appeal by ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa that actions by students and teachers should avoid the loss of more teaching days, was politely brushed aside by both organisations who said they would have enough of the DET’s hardline.

SADTU president Siphiwe Moleka said at an urgent education forum called by the National Education Coordinating Committee at Wits University that teachers had voted overwhelmingly in favour of a national strike to protest against the retreat.

NO, SIR ... Appeals by the ANC’s Ramaphosa politely brushed aside.

He’s 60, she’s 13 and ... pregnant!

R48 deadlock, low pay hike spark protests

Calls by ANC, peace body fall on deaf ears
Top PAC officials in drugs scandal

By NORMAN WEST: Political Reporter

Mr Phama, who is Apla's chief commander, and another Apla external central committee member known as "Comrade Barney".

Mr Phama recently granted an interview to SABC-TV in which he justified the attacks on policemen and whites in the eastern Cape.

The report on PAC officials involved in drug trafficking was to have been tabled at this year's April annual congress of the PAC, which was postponed.

The Renene/Mavudla committee was appointed after the PAC's first deputy president, Mr Johnson Miamo, refused to implement an NEC instruction issued last year to expel PAC members who were implicated during the Harare court case.

Meanwhile, it has also been established that the PAC's financial position is so precarious that it can hardly pay the salaries of staff and is unlikely to fight the coming elections on its own because it cannot raise the estimated R30-million needed.

PAC secretary-general Benny Alexander sent a circular to all staff this week warning that head office was no longer able to grant salary advances.

In addition, top PAC officials are facing accusations of trying to enrich themselves; they allegedly refused to co-operate in handing over assets acquired abroad while the PAC was banned in South Africa.

During its 30-year ban the PAC was generously supported financially by overseas countries.

In the process the organisation acquired various properties worth millions of rands in London, Birmingham, New York, Lesotho and Botswana, as well as eight properties in Harare. The eight properties in Harare included one in Samora Machel Avenue.

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TOP PAC officials, including Apla chief Sabela Phama, have been implicated in drug deals by a probe commissioned by the organisation itself.

The drug connections of five PAC officials and two Apla members were revealed in a secret report this week. At the same time it was disclosed that a number of senior PAC members had refused to hand back properties to the financially-strapped organisation to be sold off to raise funds.

The report follows a committee of inquiry commissioned by the PAC's NEC last year and was carried out by two lawyers, advocate John Renene and attorney Moss Mavudla. Both are also members of the PAC.

Those allegedly implicated in the scandal are five top PAC members who, at the time of their involvement with drugs early in 1991, were operating as part of the PAC's external central committee.

Believed to be named in the Renene/Mavudla report - apart from a Comrade Phai who was found guilty in Harare of drug trafficking in 1991 - are four other members of the then external committee of the PAC. Three of the five are currently holding positions in the PAC hierarchy. One has left the PAC.

Also named in the report are two Apla members based in Dar es Salaam -
PLOT 'MASTERMIND' HELD

Man to face murder conspiracy charge after informer talks

By DE WET POTGIETER, NICK OLIVARI and BRIAN SOKUTU

POLICE are holding the alleged mastermind of a plot to assassinate SA Communist Party political committee chairman Joe Slovo.

Mr John Beck, 37, was arrested at his flat in Parktown North, Johannesburg, in the early hours of Thursday. An SAP spokesman confirmed yesterday that Mr Beck was being held for questioning under section 90 of the Criminal Procedure Act — the section which allows for detention during questioning.

He will appear in court early next week on a charge of conspiracy to commit murder. The plot entailed shooting Mr Slovo with a high-powered rifle from a block near his Johannesburg home.

Mr Beck, arrested after a police informer, known as Peter Slovo, but in fact Peter Pannik, 33, blew the whistle on the alleged plot. Mr Pannik emigrated to South Africa from Hungary 10 years ago.

Mr Beck, described as a computer expert, knew people who knew Mr Slovo, was detained several months ago by an information company where he was employed to build personal computer boards.

For the past two months he has worked for a security firm, based in Wintana, Johannesburg.

Unaware

Yesterday, the company handbook he received as one of his perks was pocketed next to a white Afri Corr booklet on the parking area of the block of flats where he has lived for the past five years.

A spokesman for the company said he had not seen Mr Beck "for a day or two", but did not know he was in custody.

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Frederick de Klerk, Washington

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Mr Beck’s neighbours said they had not seen him around either, but were also unaware of his arrest.

Mr Beck — who has a ruddy complexion, thinning blond hair and wears glasses — has no known right-wing connections.

One resident of Park North Heights, Fourth Avenue, said Mr Beck “seemed very liberal”.

“I don’t see him as a right-winger, and can’t understand why he would live here if he is. The entire top floor of this block is occupied by blacks,” said the man.

Though a number of residents in the block said they knew Mr Beck, none seemed to know him well.

Divorced

One described him as having a “quiet lifestyle” and giving the impression that he was “effeminate”. In striking contrast, a shopkeeper on the ground floor of the building said he had “a violent temper”.

A neighbour said he had occasionally seen Mr Beck — who is divorced — with women, and described him as “very English... I always thought he was an ex-Rhodesian”.

The Sunday Times tracked down members of Mr Beck’s family yesterday, but they refused to speak about him.

Regular patrons of the Berea bar where he and Mr Psenak met were also reluctant to discuss Mr Beck — though happy to talk about Mr Psenak, whom many recognised from his voice on TV on Wednesday night, even though he hid his face with a balaclava.

The bar — tucked away

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behind a veterinary surgery — has an unmarked door, and patrons have to ring a bell to gain admission.

It is frequented by working-class East European, German and British immigrants.

While police insist that Mr Slovo was informed of the plot against him, Mr Slovo is adamant that he was not.

He confirmed that on April 22 he was visited in his office at Shell House by Captain Chris Wilken of the police community-relations section and Warrant Officer JL du Preez.

They warned Mr Slovo that a white Toyota Cressida had been seen in the vicinity of his house in suspicious circumstances, and that his life could be in danger.

Mr Slovo told the police he did not expect them to guard him “24 hours a day” and would take the necessary precautions to ensure his own safety.

However, Mr Slovo denies that he received a phone call from Captain Wilken on Tuesday, May 4, and was told that the police had uncovered a plot to assassinate him.

“I heard for the first time of the plot to murder me when I was phoned by a reporter last Sunday,” he said.
Mandela and FW to share US medal of freedom

By SIMON BARBER
Washington

PRESIDENT FW de Klerk and ANC president Nelson Mandela will hold a historic joint meeting with President Bill Clinton when they visit the US to receive a joint honour on American Independence Day, July 4.

The two South Africans Philadelphia’s famed Liberty Bell to receive gold medals struck in honour of leaders and organisations deemed to have followed in the traditions of America’s founding fathers.

The ceremony — near the spot where America declared its independence in 1776 and where its founding Fathers gathered to write its constitution in 1787 — will be rich in symbolism, linking South Africa’s transition to the birth of America’s democracy.

Agreement

On a more practical level, President Clinton will see both leaders as he prepares for his first summit with the seven major industrialised countries in Tokyo on July 7.

It is hoped he will carry with him a powerful message that South Africa must be helped over the daunting economic hurdles to democratic transformation.

Key to the success of this will be agreement by South African parties on a transitional executive and an election date that will have enabled Mr Mandela to call for the removal of remaining sanctions.

The Philadelphia ceremony and the meeting with Mr Clinton will focus on American attention on South Africa and could be a powerful vehicle for impressing on state and local politicians that the time for sanctions is past.

The Philadelphia Freedom Medal has also been awarded to Polish leader Lech Walesa, former US President Jimmy Carter and late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, the driving force behind the American Supreme Court’s historic 1954 decision on desegregation of schools in the southern states.

A South African government spokesman yesterday confirmed that Mr de Klerk would travel to the US in July to accept the award. However, he said, the details of the meeting with President Clinton had not yet been finalised.
Northern Areas bring country 

A scattering of farms in the north of Cape Town dating back to the days of the Dutch East India Company were the humble beginnings of what is today known as the “Northern Areas.” Sounds of cannon-fire booming from the top of Tygerberg Mountain to alert inhabitants of arriving ships and scenes of ox wagons trekking from outspan to outspan through the area to and from Cape Town are now fading memories of what once was.

Today, urban sprawl has taken over and clusters of flourishing towns and cities have spread north as far as the eye can see.

Just a heart beat away from the Mother City, the outlying northern areas boast breath-taking panoramic views of mountains, the oceans and valleys.

And with all its modern amenities and open space, the area offers the convenience of town-living in the country.

Luxury shopping malls abound. There are cinemas, a theatre, an abundance of restaurants, each with their own mouth-watering specialities.

A wine route and nature conservation reserve as well as a soaring collection of national monuments are also waiting to be explored.

Education centres such as the University of the Western Cape, Peninsula Technikon and the University of Stellenbosch Graduate School of Business and Extramural Faculty, along with other tertiary educational centres, are situated there.

All of this has helped make the “Northern Areas” one of the fastest growing shopping areas.

For shoppers, Goodwood, named after a famous racecourse in England, offers all they drop in to Voortrekker Road, the hub of the town. Or the luxurious N1 City Mall, with its fantasy Wonderland, is an exciting food and entertainment centre.

Goodwood dates back to September 10, 1689, when the Cape Colonial government gave permission for the establishment of farming operations to Michiel Louw.

But it was really JM Joyce of the firm, Joyce and McGregor, who still exists today, who started the town.

Land surveyor, William Versfeld, brother of the legendary Loftus Versfeld of rugby fame, laid out the first 100 plots of the original township.

A landmark in the town is the Cape Showgrounds. Completed in 1964, it is owned by the Western Province Agricultural Society and plays host to the annual Cape Show and several other specialist shows and sporting events.

Heading down Voortrekker Road, Goodwood gives way to the town of Parow, nestled at the foot of Tygerberg Mountain.

Named after a shipwrecked Prussian master mariner, Captain Johann Heinrich Fridolin, Parow, today it is a bustling town.

Today Voortrekker Road, the heart of this vigorous town, is a shoppers paradise with all kinds of shops, coffee shops and restaurants.

Shopping malls and a flourishing flea-market.

But the growing town is not forgotten — history — a few national monuments which have been preserved for prosperity. The first church built 1806 still exists today as the church hall of the Dutch Reformed Church in Sarel Cilliers Street.

Other historical monuments include the statue of Captain Parow, a VOC cannon used on the Tygerberg to warn inhabitants of impending attacks or as a sign to farmers to bring their fresh produce for selling in Table Bay.

National monuments include two Victorian houses in Hopkins Street and a museum on what used to be the historic farm, De Plattekloof granted to J D de Beer 1798.

Today, the residential area of Plattekloof phase III is built there, claimed to be one of the most sought-after residential areas in the Cape Peninsula. Plattekloof offers a magnificent view of the majestic Table Mountain, flanked by Devils Peak and Lions Head as well as the two oceans. Parow is also home to Tygerberg Hospital, one of the largest academic hospitals in the country.

Bellville, one of the fastest-growing cities in the country, was originally the site of the farm Lowenstein given to a freeburger named Marthinus Poussyn by the Dutch East India Company in 1701.

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kier Road has developed into the heartthrob of this bustling area

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An old rock milestone giving the distance stands in the very centre of Bellville today serving as a clue to it's origin.

Before the coming of the railways, Bellville was used mainly as an outpost on the Cape Town to Stellenbosch trail by many travellers.

The outpost, which stood on a piece of sand ground at the edge of the sand dunes, making up the Cape Plate, was known as Hassenkraal (hard little Kraal) today, the spot of a popular carven park.

In 1821, a village had grown and so Twalfd Myl was renamed Bellville, in honour of Charles De Villena Bell, Surveyor General of the Cape.

Bellville, which is also one of the country's fastest growing centres for business and industry, has something for everyone. It's prestigious shopping centres and central business district are a shopper's delight.

Tyger Valley is home to the region's biggest shopping mall, Tyger Valley Centre, which offers over 700 stores, restaurants and entertainment venues all under one roof.

For performing arts fans, there is a theatre and an open-air amphitheatre.

Bellville's Afrikaans Electrical Society is one of the oldest in the country.

For nature lovers there is a wealth of flora and fauna to be discovered in the Tygerberg Nature Reserve created by the city of Bellville to preserve the rich natural heritage of the area.

The reserve, despite being adjacent to a residential area, is home to many small animals and birds. It also offers walking trails and picnic facilities.

A mini-Cape development of scale model buildings and a model farm where children can make friends with the animals will enchant the whole family.

Beyond Bellville, at the eastern foot of the Tygerberg, lies Parow, a popular town in a rural setting with views of the undulating foothills to the Hottentots Holland Mountains. Established in 1838, the town has undergone many name changes.

Originally known as Parowmoordt, it went on to be called D'Urban after the Governor of the Cape, Sir Benjamin D'Urban, and then renamed Parowville in 1886.

National Monuments and other historical monuments abound in this lush residential town.

Once Molen, a towermill, stands as a grand centrepiece in the middle of a residential development.

While the exact building date is not known, it is thought to have been built by Burgher, Johannes Jacobus Ope in 1830. Basal-Vinci, a historic complex from the 1830s and 1840s, was used as a magistrate court and jail. Today, it is a cultural centre.

A Clay Museum is also situated at Rust-en-Vrede.

The Dutch Reformed Church in Wynenberg Avenue built in 1826 has been declared a national monument, and also of historical interest is the All Saints Anglican Church in Dunblane Avenue built in 1832.

Restaurants are aplenty ranging from Chinese and Italian food to succulent steaks and seafoods.

Durbanville, originally an area where grapes were grown, has its own wine route.

While wine tastings abound, the taste of the wines they can sample themselves in the rich history of the farm which date back to the late 1600s. One of the historic wine, grain and stock farms established on the Tygerberg slopes is Alledaagacht, which dates back to 1689.

Bleomondal, one of the well-known vineyards of Durbanville, was originally granted to Hendrik Sowerd by Simon van der Stel in 1686.

Bleomondal is one of the original freehold farms dating back to 1702. It was given to Carel van Niekerk Friday's wine is even sold until September.

The town's world-famous rose garden with its many varieties is just one more way to show the world's love of country living.

The Durbanville Rose Garden used by many from all over the world, it has about 300 rose varieties in it.

Brockenfalt, meaning 'Frothil', has its origins dating back to the days when the area served as the crossing of the road.

The first farm called 'Brookfield' dates back to 1719. And twenty-three years ago, it was a conglomerate of small holdings which has subsequently grown to development.

Brockenfalt, one of the newer residential towns, has a thriving business district with its numerous shops and shopping centres catering for all needs.

Brockenfalt is a great place to live with many new developments continuously being built in the town. It is a place where people from all over are happy to live.
WINNIE Mandela has defended her call – which is being investigated by the police – for the youth to take over the struggle and defend the revolution.

In a recent radio interview, Mandela said the statements had been taken out of context. She said her calls were directed at a particular situation and not as a solution to SA's problems.

Mandela said she believed in negotiations that were genuine and that would bring a lasting solution and peace to SA.
ANC captures Afrikaner hearts

In the Cape this week the ANC invaded the NP's heartland and proved itself capable of providing a viable political vehicle for Afrikaners.

It also proved it was able to mount a serious challenge to the NP among both the white and coloured communities of the western Cape by addressing their concerns for the survival of their Afrikaner identity.

Inthem, Newsome spoke in conservative Prow, commanding everyone's attention much like his grandfather did. But the message was as different as the occasion — bringing together the very people his grandfather had tried to drive apart.
MK women speak out

By ZANELE VUTELA

WOMEN have served the ANC’s guerilla army well — but many feel patronising male attitudes kept them out of the military frontline.

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"Because of their gender, they were sent away to look after children and run the kitchens," said Jackie.

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She said: "Because of the ratio of men to women, bad feeling ran high and sometimes the men would insult us and call us names. Of course some women did fight a lot and this sometimes led to fights."

There were fears among the leadership that the presence of women would cause confusion in the camps.

The women had worked out a code of conduct to ensure our survival because we saw no life outside the movement."

We had to work together to make sure that our presence in the army was not disruptive, and, with time, attitudes changed and we began to gain the respect of our male comrades."

After training - she specialised in communication - the women were fit and strong and they expected to be sent to SA for combat.

"Unfortunately women were mostly sidelined into clerical jobs," she said.

However, in 1977 Jackie was approached by the late Moses Mabhida to join the Revolutionary Council and head the MK's communications

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In 1985 she finally joined MK and worked so hard that after a while she became an instructor.

She was then sent to Lesotho in 1987 and in 1988 she entered SA to work with underground structures of the Special Operations Unit. She managed to hide herself so well that she was able to find a job in Hillbrow.

She was arrested and prosecuted for possession of a pistol in 1991 after Askaris tracked her down.

She said that after she was released she was watched closely.

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Daisy Fortune Chi-loane was also 17 when left home in 1978. She had been a pupil activist at Tshukela High School in KwaThema when she was arrested.

After a week in police cells where she said "they beat us like hell" she was asked to turn state witnesses by the cops. She agreed - even though she did not know who she was to give evidence against - and was released. She then left to join the ANC in exile.

She was furious deep inside and opted to train immediately.

In Angola, during cultural activities, it was discovered that she could sing and she was seconded to Amandla, the ANC's cultural troupe.

That was in 1980 and she stayed with the touring group for years.

Daisy fell pregnant and had to leave the war zone in Angola to start a new life in Tanzania where there were facilities to raise kids.

She is back with Amandla which intends touring the mines - for like the struggle, the show must go on. 
ANC veteran's body found

The body of Kagiso ANC veteran Mr Semon Rankhaho, who disappeared during the funeral of slain SA Communist Party chief Mr Chris Hani, was found at the Boksburg Government Mortuary yesterday.

Rankhaho (73) of Masedi Street, was last seen boarding a bus at the FNB Stadium for Hani's burial.

Relatives said there were bruises on Rankhaho's forehead and back.
'Don’t expect bloodless change'

By Bob Tilley
Star Foreign Service

BONN — ANC leader Nelson Mandela warned German leaders yesterday not to expect a bloodless handover of power in South Africa.

In talks with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel, Mandela said his organisation could not guarantee an absence of violence in the "difficult times ahead".

He said he expected an announcement of an election date before the end of this month and appealed for German financial assistance to enable the ANC to stage an effective campaign.

Kohl made no concrete offer to Mandela, according to Bonn government officials. Kinkel broke off a meeting on the Bosnian crisis with other European Foreign Ministers in Brussels to return to Bonn to meet Mandela.

In his one-day visit to Bonn, Mandela also met Kinkel's predecessor, Hans-Dietrich Genscher. Having sought to discourage German business with South Africa during a visit three years ago, Mandela now wants German companies to invest in South Africa as it moves away from white minority rule. South Africa is one of Germany's major trading partners.

Mandela was not scheduled to meet German business leaders during his stay, but he hoped, through Kohl, to encourage the business community to create jobs and training programmes for the estimated six million unemployed South Africans, said Sankie Nkondo, ANC representative in Bonn.

The ANC also wanted Germany to help pay for its electoral campaign and for education programmes for South Africans who had never before voted, she said.

— Sapa-AP.
Financial community told to get house in order

CAPE TOWN — The African National Congress has bluntly warned South Africa’s financial institutions to restructure or be restructured if it is to form a vital link in the upliftment of the poor.

The warning came in a speech made by Trevor Manuel, head of the ANC department of economics, to the World Housing Conference on Friday.

But in an interview after the meeting, Manuel said the ANC would prefer to negotiate a change in attitude with the financial institutions rather than force them to help finance socially responsible projects, particularly housing.

Manuel’s warning follows increasing criticism of banks and building societies for raising charges across the board, while retaining high interest margins and effectively forcing thousands of people out of the formal banking system.

Mike de Blanche, deputy chief executive of Absa and president of the Mortgage Lenders’ Association, said in an interview it would be very difficult to restructure banks because they had been developed to deal with the formal sector of the economy.

This was why the banking sector was supporting the development of the proposed Community Bank, which would be able to provide a wider and cheaper service.

Manuel said the ANC was planning to initiate a series of conferences with financial institutions, including the Council of SA Banks (Comgb), the Life Offices Association (LOA) and the Institute of Retirement Funds.

He said the ANC hoped to reach consensus with the institutions and in so doing lay the basis for them to restructure themselves.

The Independent Development Unit — which was established by the LOA to help finance projects for the poor — had been offered by the LOA as an alternative to the re-introduction of prescribed investments.

He hoped a similar agreement could be reached with all financial institutions.

The LOA had indicated that if this did not work, it would not oppose prescribed investments so strongly.

In his speech, Manuel said banks and building societies were almost entirely structured to meet the needs of their white and corporate clients.

The situation was compounded because corporate clients were also the owners of banks.

As a result, lending practices discriminated against individuals and enterprises outside the conglomerates.

“The formal banks hardly address or understand the needs of the majority of the population,” said Manuel.

“A stinging indictment was levelled at banks for squeezing low-income earners out of the formal system.

BH Pieters, managing director of the recently established Metropolitan Housing Finance Co-operative, told the conference that access to credit and savings facilities had been an indispensable element of socio-economic development worldwide.

But in South Africa access to finance was limited, costly and directed to sophisticated First World needs, while “every month new and increased service charges are being introduced by SA’s major banks, forcing the closure of thousands of savings accounts and other facilities”.

Pieters doubted whether it was possible for a First-World bank to reposition itself to serve a broad market. An example was that banks were unable to offer housing loans below R30 000.”
War of words
over plot
to kill Slovo

The ANC and SAP were engaged in a verbal battle last week over whether police had informed SACP national chairman Joe Slovo about the plot to assassinate him that was revealed in The Star.

What the police said:
"During the course of the investigation into a threat made against his person, Mr Slovo was visited by Captain Wilken and Warrant-Officer Du Prez on April 22.

"During the visit, Mr Slovo was once again informed of the threats made against him. The SAP at Yeoville had been alerted to the fact that the occupants of a white Toyota Cressida were keeping Slovo's house under observation. As the registration number of the vehicle was not recorded, it was not possible to trace it.

"A written statement was obtained from Mr Slovo on April 22.

"Later, as a result of information received from a person who came to the SAP, Mr Slovo was contacted telephonically by the police and informed that the police had obtained information concerning the white Cressida which had kept his house under observation of which he was informed earlier. He was again warned of the threat.

"Mr Slovo's allegation that he was not informed is untrue and Tuesday's confusion about the dates on which he had been informed arose because police spokesmen had to rely on sources other than the investigating officers for information."

What the ANC said:
Slovo has said he is prepared to testify under oath to the Goldstone Commission that police did not inform him of the latest plot to kill him. He challenged police to appear with him.

The ANC said: "The first Comrade Slovo knew of the plot was when he was contacted by Jacques Pauw of The Star.

"The police did not inform Comrade Slovo at any stage about the assassination plot, or that a white Toyota Cressida had been seen several times outside his house.

"The police only visited Comrade Slovo after the ANC contacted them more than a month ago with regard to the death list issued by Eastern Cape AWB member Johan Steyn, on which Comrade Slovo's name appeared.

"The ANC told the press on April 20 or 21 that police were doing nothing about the Steyn threat.

"The police paid a single visit to Comrade Slovo to discuss Steyn's death list. No other matters were raised and there has also not been any follow-up from the police.

"The written statement taken by the police concerned the Steyn issue, and had nothing to do with the assassination plot exposed by The Star.

"The ANC has contacted its lawyers about the SAP's misrepresentation of the facts."
ANC won’t fight poll as a political party

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Norway, one of the ANC’s traditional supporters, has assured the movement “we will not abandon friends when they are about to succeed”.

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Sweden has said the ANC will lose about $5 million a year if it fights an election as a political party.

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The present legal position in South Africa is that parties have to register to take part in elections.

They do not have to register formally as parties, but legally they would probably be regarded as such.

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In the coming election, the names of parties on ballot papers would be even more important than in the past, as there would be a system of proportional representation.

This meant only the names of parties, not of individual candidates, would appear on ballot papers.

Mr Colyn emphasised that all the rules for an election next year would have to be negotiated. So far, agreement had been reached that there would be an electoral commission to work out details.

At present, there were no restrictions on overseas funding or how and how much parties could spend.

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Good-humoured doctor a beacon of hope in troubled times

Profile

Dr Nhato Motlana was recently appointed chairman of the Council for Population Development. Michael Shafto reports on his encounter with one of today's most influential leaders.

He is a scholar and a gentleman. He is a quiet, unassuming man who never belittles others. He is a man of few words, but when he speaks, people listen. He is a man of action, not words. He is a man of integrity, a man who always does what is right, even when it is difficult.

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ANC denies SADF, MK
Set to merge
By Chris Whitfield
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The ANC has rejected suggestions that Umkhonto we Sizwe is poised to be incorporated into the SADF and that its members would take up positions to the level of general.

However, a Defence Ministry spokesman said yesterday that exploratory talks were taking place with a variety of organisations and it was "only logical" that all armed forces "should be consolidated as soon as possible in the interest of peace."

A senior ANC source said leading negotiator said the organization did not want MK to be merged into the current SADF "with all its baggage."

A report yesterday saying the merging of MK into the SADF could take place within "weeks "sounds like a Government air-stripping exercise" to feed off ANC pressure.

He pointed out that the ANC wanted a new defence force created out of existing armed forces. He also said the organization's first objective was for the security forces to be placed under joint political control.

A Defence Ministry spokesman said the report was "speculative" but confirmed that exploratory talks over a future SADF were taking place.
DP to drop ‘nice guy’ image

HERMANUS — The DP is planning to shed its “nice guy” image, emphasising instead its potential as the balance of power in a new government in which it aims to achieve at least three Cabinet seats.

At a DP weekend briefing, members spelt out the new approach and potential of the party, which they said could gain 15% of the total vote, 50 seats, in a new Parliament.

Recognising that the impending election would be decisive for the party, members said the DP was no longer interested in playing a “facilitator/mediator” role. The DP was more interested in emphasising its capacity to govern effectively, and could adopt slogans like “NP/ANC rule or DP government” and “Make the DP your guarantee of good government”.

The DP had established a “war chest” specifically for the election campaign, the Helen Suzman Trust, and aimed to raise R20m in SA and overseas.

NP national chairman Ken Andrew said, based on a survey of opinion polls conducted independently so far, it was clear that even with its current support, the DP was sure to make up part of the new government. The DP’s support now consisted of 3% of black voters, 18% of white, and about 13% of coloured and Asian voters, indicating 7% total voter support.

The surveys showed the DP’s potential was 12% of blacks, 25% of whites, 43% of coloureds and Asians, indicating a total potential support of 18.3% of the electorate.

In addition, the surveys showed NP support waning fast across the board, the ANC holding its black support, and the DP losing black support but gaining elsewhere.

Andrew said there were good reasons to believe the cut-off point for an interim Parliament would be 1% of the total vote, partly because the multiparty forum was likely to be decided on an inclusive, low figure. In addition, the ANC was likely to support this because it would want to minimise the possibility of being in a Cabinet with only the NP as partner.

Speculating about a possible outcome of the election, Andrew said the ANC was likely to get 49% of the total vote, 197 seats and 10 Cabinet posts. The NP would get 17% of the total vote, 62 seats and four Cabinet seats — only slightly more than the DP.

The IFP would get 7% of the total vote and it, the PAC and the CP would get only one Cabinet seat each.

Party leader Zach de Beer said the DP would have to be more strident in its approach, and would probably campaign on two fronts: the DP as the party of peace and the DP as the party with members potentially best at governing.

Mandela gets a bear hug in northern Cape

KIMBERLEY — ANC president Nelson Mandela received a tumultuous reception in Kimberley and Upington on a visit to mobilise the coloured vote.

He met businessmen, religious leaders, teachers, students, police and SADF officers, and Upington’s mayor and town council.

But it was the coloured community the ANC had clearly come to court. At a meeting in Upington some members of the audience, overcome with emotion, wept.

Keimoes teacher Able Olivier told Mandela it was a very emotional day.

"I want to ask one thing, Mr Mandela," he said. "Can I come up and hug you?"

The audience roared its approval when Mandela hugged him.

Mandela had the crowd on their feet when he made his opening remarks in Afrikaans.

Speaking to about 5,000 people at the Upington Stadium later, Mandela said he was convinced the ANC had the full support of the “so-called coloured community”.

Referring to the NP’s wooing of the coloured vote, Mandela said the party had to be destroyed because it was not fit to govern.

"Have you forgotten how they persecuted you, how they took away your voice, how they took away your vote? They want to use you to disguise their racism," Mandela said.
Award ‘will symbolise new SA’

By Hugh Robertson
Star Bureau

WASHINGTON — In the eyes of many Americans, South Africa’s government of national unity will begin on July 4 when President de Klerk and ANC president Nelson Mandela jointly receive the 1993 Philadelphia Liberty Medal and the accompanying $100,000 (R3,180,000) prize.

The announcement of the award followed agreement from the two leaders to attend the award ceremony together, according to members of We the People 200, the organisation sponsoring the event.

Whether or not there has been agreement by then on an interim government and a date for South Africa’s first nonracial elections, many Americans believe that the joint visit to the US will symbolise the sort of national unity which many here hope to see emerge from current negotiations.

De Klerk and Mandela are virtually certain to meet President Clinton during their visit, but whether they do so jointly or separately has not yet been decided and may well depend on the degree of progress in negotiations.

Clinton is expected to attend the ceremony which is to take place at Philadelphia’s historic Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence was signed 217 years ago. It is likely to be the focal point of the US’s national day celebrations on July 4.

A traditional July 4 parade will take place before the medal is awarded.

The Philadelphia Liberty Medal and prize was established in 1968 to honour “an individual or an organisation — from anywhere in the world — that has visibly demonstrated leadership and vision in pursuit of liberty of conscience or freedom from oppression, ignorance or deprivation.”

The international selection panel which chose De Klerk and Mandela includes prominent leaders in the fields of politics, business, science, and the arts.

Commenting on the award today, South Africa’s ambassador to the US, Harry Schwarz, said: “Many people have, and continue to contribute towards the democratisation process in South Africa, but none more than President de Klerk and Mr Mandela.”
Mandela to meet Major and Kohl

ANC president Nelson Mandela, during his week-long visit to Europe which starts today, will encourage British and German leaders to invest in SA once a transitional executive council has been established.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said Mandela, who left last night for meetings with British Prime Minister John Major and German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, would be reiterating the ANC's "basic message" that transitional structures needed to be established urgently.

Mandela was also scheduled to address both houses of the British parliament and to meet British Secretary for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Douglas Hurd, the ANC said yesterday.

Mandela would meet Commonwealth Secretary-General Chief Emeka Anyaoku for lunch today and British Labour Party leader John Smith tomorrow before returning to SA next Tuesday.

Mandela's overseas visit comes after Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi's recent trip to the UK and Italy where he promoted foreign investment and met the Institute for the Reconstruction of Industry.

Last month Goldstone commission chairman Judge Richard Goldstone travelled to the US in an effort to raise funds for development.
Mandela gets a bear hug in northern Cape

Own Correspondent

KIMBERLEY — ANC president Nelson Mandela received a tumultuous reception in Kimberley and Upington on a visit to mobilise the coloured vote.

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Keimoes teacher Abie Olivier told Mandela it was a very emotional day.

"I want to ask one thing, Mr Mandela," he said. "Can I come up and hug you?"

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Speaking to about 5 000 people at the Upington Stadium later, Mandela said he was convinced the ANC had the full support of the "so-called coloured community".

Referring to the NP's wooing of the coloured vote, Mandela said the party had to be destroyed because it was not fit to govern.

"Have you forgotten how they persecuted you, how they took away your land, how they took away your vote? They want to use you to disguise their racism," Mandela said.
Mandela courts N Cape voters

From RONALD MORRIS

KIMBERLEY. — ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela received a tumultuous reception in Kimberley and Upington at the weekend on a visit intended to mobilise the coloured vote, and has given the assurance that the coloured people are important to the ANC.

Maintaining a punishing schedule on Saturday, Mr Mandela met with businesspeople, religious leaders, teachers, students, senior police and SADF officers, and with the mayor and town council of Upington.

But it was the coloured community the ANC has clearly come to court. The strategy appears to be successful — at a meeting in Upington with teachers, religious leaders and students some members of the audience, overcome with emotion, wept.

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Buthelezi meeting

Asked about recent press reports that Zulu King Goodwill Zwelethini was seeking a meeting between Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and himself, Mr Mandela replied: "I have done everything in my power to get Chief Buthelezi to work closely with us in bringing about democratic changes.

"He wants to meet with me but what is the point of us meeting now? Let us meet as a group of leaders, because the collective wisdom of all is better than the wisdom of two individuals."

Asked how the area could be economically stimulated, Mr Mandela said the ANC was aware the Northern Cape needed resources to develop.

"One of the mistakes made by the present and previous governments was to concentrate resources in Durban, Cape Town, Johannesburg and Port Elizabeth while other areas were neglected."
ANC for ‘peaceful actions’

Supports Cosas on exam fees

Staff Reporter

THE ANC’s policy on mass actions was that they “should be peaceful and disciplined”, the organisation’s Western Cape region said in a statement at the weekend.

It was responding to inquiries about whether it had asked the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) to stop stoning and burning cars.

There appear to be clear differences of opinion between the ANC and Cosas concerning these actions.

The ANC said it supported the demands of Cosas for the scrapping of examination fees, and for decent and equal education “for all our people”.

“We would like to emphasise that Cosas is an independent organisation, and that they are entitled to their own programme of action. “We are currently meeting with Cosas to discuss ways in which we can support them in their demands, and to attempt to find common ground about the areas where there are differences in approach.”

The ANC said it would not conduct a debate with Cosas through the media, as it did not believe this was constructive or conducive to resolving the crisis.

“We will pursue this issue directly with Cosas,” it said.

The ANC took strong exception to certain remarks Cosas had made about Dr Allan Boesak, the Western Cape chairman of the ANC.

This is apparently a reference to a Cosas statement that leaders trying to exercise control had “no knowledge of student conditions”.

These remarks were “unjustified and untrue”, the ANC said.

Cosas has decided to occupy unused or under-used white schools, again after strong ANC pressure against marching on white schools.

A summit meeting of “stake-holders” in the education crises convened by the National Education Co-ordinating Committee was held at the University of the Witwatersrand on Saturday.

The meeting decided that “underutilised institutions of learning” would be used.

Delegates called on the white community to take cognisance of the education crises, and to help resolve it.
Denial on MK joining forces with SADF

By Joshua Raboroko

THE African National Congress yesterday dismissed reports that Umkhonto we Sizwe is to join the South African Defence Force, saying it wanted a new army built on democratic principles.

ANC spokeswoman Gill Marcus said there was no possibility of Umkhonto we Sizwe joining the South African Defence Force "within a short period of time".

The organisation was responding to a report in an Afrikaans Sunday newspaper that the military wing of the ANC could join the SADF within a few weeks.

The report also said Umkhonto we Sizwe, together with its general, Joe Modise, had come to an agreement on the possibility of joining the security forces.

The report came after Minister of Defence Mr Kobie Coetsee said he would speed up the possibility of such a move.

Addressing a meeting in Tweeling in the Orange Free State last week, Coetsee said between 8 000 and 12 000 members of MK could be incorporated into the SADF soon.

Marcus said the report created the wrong impression. The SADF had been discredited and was an unacceptable army in South Africa, she said.

The ANC wanted a new professional army that would be built differently from the old SADF.

It was unlikely that MK would join the SADF. "We want a new army created according to democratic principles," Marcus said.
Good to have you home, Baby

ON TOP OF THE WORLD ... Newly crowned World Boxing Organization flyweight champion Jacob "Baby Jake" Motsala is being welcomed by fans at his home in Meadowlands, Soweto, yesterday after his sensational win against Pat Clinton in Glasgow, Scotland, at the weekend.

PHOTO: SELLO MOTESIPE

FW, Mandela to meet on crisis

Meanwhile, the Northern Transvaal region of Congress of SA Students said the march through Johannesburg today would go on as planned, whether or not permission was granted.

Cosas spokesman Mr Vitalious Kaba said: "It is our right to gather ... it is freedom of assembly. It's not a question of permission being granted or not but a question of discipline."

The build-up to the national teachers' strike next Monday got off the ground yesterday as pupils and teachers in major cities took to the streets in protest against the education crisis.

Durban at standstill

In another development, about 2,500 technikon and university students brought Durban's city centre to a standstill yesterday.

This was during a march to protest against the education crisis in general and the problems at the University of Natal in particular.

Meanwhile, students at the University of Zululand near Empangeni boycotted classes in protest against the appointment of Professor Charles Dlamini as rector of the university.

Students claimed that Dlamini's appointment was an undemocratic process and was against the views of a majority of students at the university.
What a sickening attitude

Comment by Elliot Makhaya

JUST a week ago Dr Gomo lemo Mokae, publicity secretary of the Azanian Peoples Organisation, was interviewed on Newsline by Leslie Mashikwe.

During the interview, Mokae pointed out that Azapo was given very little time on the goggle box.

A few days later Azapo held a special congress at the Wilgespruit Fellowship Centre in Rosedale and the Auckland Park "boys" did not see it worthy to cover the congress.

An Azapo member, Shiiko Ramasela, phoned the SABC during the 6pm news bulletin and asked why his movement's congress was not broadcast.

A man who answered the phone allegedly told him: "Azapo should not expect coverage as long as it does not join the multi-party talks at Krompton Park."

I am not a political animal, but I think this is not on. If this is true, then it's definitely sickening.

Only snippets of the congress were screened during the subsequent news bulletins.

All movements, even if they are Phumelansaphandle Silwe Party of Tweeuffels, deserve equal treatment on the box and other media. They pay the same taxes as you and I do.

Azapo's Nchaupe Mokoape once asked: "Has the SABC not forgiven the Black Consciousness Movement for dethroning white liberals as self-appointed thinkers of the black people?"

Can we argue with Nchaupe Mokoape?

It is about time the electronic media ceased to be a guardian of people's thinking. The presence or absence of propaganda can only be measured by the amount of discussion that takes place on TV, and by the amount of suppression of dissenting views. Sounds like propaganda, isn't it?
Mandela wins some N Cape hearts

By RONALD MORRIS

ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela won the hearts — if not the minds — of businessmen, police and army officers in traditionally conservative Upington on his run through the Northern Cape at the weekend. Speaking to police officers, Upington mayor Mr G Esterhuizen, members of his town council and businessmen, in a local hotel, Mr Mandela was given a standing ovation.

Mr Mandela assured Colonel L Kotze, Officer Commanding Group 23, that even though some SADF and SAP officers would be retired, they would not be discriminated against and all contracts would be honoured after a merger of uMkhonto weSizwe (MK) and the SADF. Senior officers would not be sacked if they were not MK members, he added.

Mr Mandela said an ANC government would channel resources from other prosperous areas to the agriculturally-dependent Northern Cape — and as an incentive, businesses which relocated to the area, would not pay taxes for the first five years.

Such was the interest in Mr Mande-lla's message that a locomotive on its way past the Upington stadium, where Mr Mandela addressed about 6,000 people, stopped so its white crew could hear him speak.

The mainly Afrikaans-speaking crowd roared its approval when he said an ANC government would maintain Afrikaans and change it from a language of oppression to a language of liberation.
Young Boipatong survivor identifies alleged attacker

DELMAS — A matriculant, who lost three family members and narrowly escaped death himself during last year’s massacre in Boipatong, yesterday identified one of the KwaMadala Hostel residents as his attacker.

The young man, who may not be named following a court ruling that residents of Boipatong testifying in the trial may not be identified, was the first of eight witnesses the State has called so far.

The youth said he was stabbed in his side with a spear, but managed to escape to safety. When he returned home later, he found his sister, brother and another family member dead.

He pointed out Mcedesani Sibongeleni Mkhize as the man who had stabbed him.

The youth, a Zulu, said he had no idea why they were attacked and said his family had no political affiliations.

When one of the attackers dragged his younger sister out of the house, he (the attacker) shouted “come dog”, but said nothing else, the court heard.

Thirty-two former residents of the KwaMadala Hostel near Boipatong, in the Vaal Triangle, have pleaded not guilty to 45 charges of murder, attempted murder and malicious damage to property.

Earlier, the State withdrew murder charges against 15 other hostel dwellers, bringing the number of suspects freed since the massacre to 42.

The witness, cross-examined by two advocates for several hours on the identity of Mkhize, said he had no doubt in his mind as to the identity of the alleged murderer.

"If somebody does something bad to you, you never forget his face," he told defence advocates Vic Botha and Rian Strydom.

Another witness, who suffered no injuries but witnessed the large group of attackers roaming the Boipatong streets, said he saw a group of men entering the house of Paulina Dlamini, where the old lady lived with her grandchildren.

The group later left the house and when the witness investigated, he had found a very young girl, Maria, dead in the living room and Paulina severely injured in her bedroom. She was stabbed in her upper leg, the court heard.

At another house, he found a young boy with half his face hacked away and the boy’s mother stabbed in the back and shot in the neck.

His evidence continues today.

Slovo plot

FORMER SA Air Force radio technician John Beck will be held in Pretoria Central maximum security prison until he appears in court next week in connection with a plot to kill SACP chairman Joe Slovo.

Beck appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate’s Court for the first time yesterday. He was unrepresented and was not asked to plead. The case was postponed to May 29.

Senior prosecutor Hans Wolfhaardt asked for the postponement, and requested that Beck be remanded in custody in maximum security.

Investigating officer Sgt Chris Lombard of the Crime Intelligence Service said yesterday it was “a very difficult case in the sense that there were many little points to prove”.

The police had to act quickly after Beck was named by an informer in connection with a plot to kill SACP chairman Joe Slovo last week, he said.

Beck is being held under section 50 of the Criminal Procedure Act.
ANC shifts its stance on regionalism

A BREAKTHROUGH in constitutional negotiations is on the cards following significant shifts on regionalism by the ANC in its submissions to multiparty negotiations.

The ANC's new position would go a long way towards accommodating the anxieties of the Concerned South Africans Group (Cosag), and in particular Inkatha, political observers said.

One source said the development was of such a nature that "Inkatha, and maybe even Bophuthatswana, would have difficulty in rejecting it easily."

The ANC's new stance was contained in a submission to the technical committee compiling documents on the various parties' policies on constitutional principles.

Attempts to obtain a response yesterday from Inkatha on the ANC's submission were unsuccessful.

The negotiating council meets today to consider reports of the seven technical committees and it is expected that parties could start substantive talks on constitutional principles, including the future form of state and regional powers. The Cosag parties have insisted that these items top the agenda.

The ANC's submissions to the technical committee on constitutional principles calls for national, regional and local governments to be set up democratically — with each having legislative and executive powers and functions. It implies that regions would also have their own constitutions and that their powers, functions and duties would be entrenched in the new national constitution.

Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer is so optimistic at the new development that he says there is no longer any substantive difference on regionalism at the talks.

Meyer said negotiators were at the point "where a regional dispensation which has the hallmarks of federalism is in sight. It is something SA has never had before."

One source close to the committee working on the submissions said parts of the ANC's document came straight from the Consultative Business Movement's report on regionalism and they have moved much further from the position they held after their national conference on regionalism."

One negotiator on the 10-man planning committee said yesterday the constitutional committee's report was extremely comprehensive and provided a good basis to start negotiating substantive issues. The report would provide a "workable and real compromise that could lead to a breakthrough in the talks". This would clear the way for the other issues to be tackled more quickly than anticipated.

ANC shift "913"

He said the ANC's submission would go "a long way to lessen the fears for Cosag even though it would not accommodate the CP's position of a confederal dispensation". It was now up to negotiators to "grasp the nettle and make good what the technical committee has started."

The one issue that would have to be negotiated carefully was the relationship between central and regional governments. Inkatha and others in the Cosag fold were demanding, among other powers, control over regional security forces, which government and the ANC would reject. "It is now also time for Inkatha and Cosag to move and compromise accordingly in the spirit of goodwill," he said.

Another source said it was unlikely finality on regionalism or a transitional executive council would be reached by June 3. But there would be sufficient progress for the ANC to satisfy its commitment to supporters that an election date would be set and a broad enough agreement reached on transitional structures.
**Bisho charges still to be decided**

By Esther Waugh
Political Correspondent

No final decision has yet been made on the prosecution of 70 people implicated in the Bisho massacre for at least 28 demonstrators, according to Ciskei Attorney-General Willem Jurgens.

However, Jurgens said it was "appropriate to identify individuals at this stage".

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The negotiating council will have to decide today how these reports are to be discussed.

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ANC confirms it met Lonrho over paper

THE African National Congress confirmed yesterday that it held a meeting with the Lonrho chief executive Mr Tiny Rowland two months ago in connection with starting a newspaper.

An ANC spokesman said, however, that nothing concrete had yet been communicated to the organisation in connection with the project.

Mr Rowland announced this week his company could be starting a newspaper in partnership with the ANC. He said the former Observer editor, Mr Donald Telford, would run the paper.
FORMER ANC security chief Mawu Piliso yesterday denied that he knew about torture in ANC "rehabilitation camps", except for one case in 1981, when there were fears about a plot to overthrow the ANC leadership.

Testifying before the Motsepeanye commission into alleged human rights abuses in ANC detention camps, Piliso said at the time ANC security forces had to extract information as "quickly and reliably" as possible. Suspected agents were beaten under their feet.

He told the commission, which was appointed by ANC president Nelson Mandela last year, that he took personal charge.

"I confess I was at the head. If anything was wrong, the man at the head takes the responsibility."

Reports of "gross abuse which were allowed to go unchecked for many years by the ANC leadership in exile" were issued recently by Amnesty International and the International Society for Human Rights.

According to these reports, camp inmates were severely beaten, forced to perform hard labour without proper nutrition and were denied medical care. Some were allegedly executed.

In 1983, Umkhonto we Sizwe cadres suspected of stirring up a mutiny were whipped and molten plastic was poured over their naked bodies.

Piliso told commissioner Margaret Burnham he was not aware that any of the methods of torture listed by Amnesty International were used at the camps.

Piliso started his testimony by saying that he was "not sure" the commission was "in the interest of the oppressed people of the country" and that he would not have attended the hearings if he had not been instructed to do so by the ANC's leadership.

He said he believed at the time that the ANC was in a war situation and that conditions in, for example Angola, had been very poor.

Infiltrated

"There were times when we could not buy food and we went hungry for two to three days."

He said the ANC was "heavily infiltrated" by government agents. Former police minister Jimmy Kruger once said that out of every 10 volunteers crossing the border to join the ANC, five were government agents.

"Camps such as Quatro were not regarded as prisons but as rehabilitation centres. These young suspected agents grew up under apartheid, and they had to be rehabilitated."

Many of these former agents, he said, went on to become "high ranking officers" in Umkhonto we Sizwe.
Harding blockaded by radical

Talks at a point of ‘no return’

■ Moment of truth has arrived for Conservative Party:

THE ANC and the Government last night agreed that negotiations were reaching a point of no return after yesterday’s successful meeting of the 26-party negotiating council.

The key players were confident that a date for the first democratic elections would be announced before June 3 when the negotiating forum meets.

Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer said the “moment of truth” for the Conservative Party had arrived because it was clearly seeking a “cessationist option.”

The key point to emerge were the “demystification” of the right of self-determination and consensus that all constitutional principles were inter-related and could not be dealt with separately.

Negotiators said this meant that the Concerned South Africans Group had effectively waivered their insistence that the form of state be decided before anything else.

...The main achievements were:

- A report be drafted on constitutional principles which will form the broad outline of a new constitution;
- Draft legislation be prepared for an independent media commission and an independent electoral commission; and
- A regionalism commission submit recommendations within the next six weeks on the boundaries, powers and functions of regions.

The debate was overshadowed by the first item on self-determination in the constitutional technical committee’s report.

ANC general secretary, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa and the NP’s Dr Dawie de Villiers proposed that the report from the constitutional technical committee be dealt with in a “holistic manner”.

They argued that the principle of self-determination had an impact on other constitutional principles such as regionalism, the form of state and a fundamental Bill of Rights.
NEWS Spotlight on ANC detention camps • 72 injured and 85 nabbed on Day 8

ANC chief in quiz on camps

Motsuenyane grills Nhlanhla on 'rehabilitation' centres:

By Ruth Bhengu

HEAD of the African National Congress’s Intelligence Mr Joe Nhlanhla told a commission of inquiry yesterday that no one ever died of starvation and torture in the organisation’s detention camps.

Nhlanhla was testifying before the latest commission, headed by retired president of the National African Federated Chamber of Commerce and Industries Dr Sam Motsuenyane, into allegations of torture of ANC detainees in the ANC’s “rehabilitation camps”.

The hearing, at the FNB Stadium, has been taking evidence since last week.

Responding to questions by Motsuenyane, Nhlanhla said he did not know of anyone who died from torture in the organisation’s camps in Angola, Tanzania and Uganda.

Asked if he knew of specific cases such as the death of one inmate named Seku in Zambia, Nhlanhla said: “Yes, I think I can recall a certain Twala who was buried in Swaziland.”

About Ziba Maleka, one of those who had revolted in one of the ANC camps and allegedly died in Quatro, Nhlanhla said: “I don’t know the circumstances of his death because it was before my time as head. All I know is that Mrs Curtis Nkondo came to Lusaka and we went to meet her. I accompanied the president (the late Oliver Tambo) who told her that the comrade had committed suicide in a cell.”

Concerning the death of a senior ANC commander, Mr Thami Zulu, in Zambia and who was believed to have been poisoned among other things, Nhlanhla said it was time Zulu’s death was cleared “once and for all”.
ANC won’t offer legal help

Member alleged to have fired shots at IFP supporters:

Phama, an ANC member who allegedly fired shots at Inkatha Freedom Party supporters at a rally in Tokoza on the East Rand on September 8 1991, has pleaded not guilty to 21 charges of murder, 26 of attempted murder and four of possessing firearms and ammunition. His pro-deo counsel, Mrs Riana Essack, told the court yesterday the ANC had said it did “not intend to appoint legal representation for the accused”.

She said the ANC was satisfied with the advocate appointed by the State who now had an assistant.

Yesterday evidence continued to hinge on whether State witnesses had correctly identified Phama as the person responsible for the shooting.
Inkatha welcomes concession

ANC clears way for talks breakthrough

THE ANC yesterday backed down on its demand that an elected constituent assembly be the only body to decide on the powers, functions and duties of regions – clearing the way for the most significant breakthrough in negotiations in the past two years.

Yesterday at the World Trade Centre the ANC accepted a resolution giving the technical committee the go-ahead to formulate recommendations on the structures, powers and functions of regions.

"The effect of this is that we have shifted the decision-making process forward and are showing doubters that we are serious about moving speedily forward," one ANC negotiator said. If the details were properly negotiated in the council, the elected body could approve them.

The aim of the ANC's decision is to accommodate the fears of, among others, Inkatha. It also signals acceptance that the multiparty forum could decide on such issues. Negotiators speculated that the trade-off the ANC sought was for Inkatha to accept the establishment of a transitional executive council.

Senior Inkatha negotiator Walter Felgheit said that taken with the ANC's concession, 'that regions should have original powers and that the central government should have overriding powers only in areas where there were concurrent powers, Inkatha should have very little problem in accepting this position.'

He welcomed the move but cautioned against overoptimism. Until these were written in stone and a constitutional court had been established to prevent the ANC from "changing its mind during the inter-

im government stage", his party would be suspicious.

DP negotiator Colin Eglin said: "The concession by the ANC on original powers is very significant and once we have decided on the constitutional principles, it is effectively written in stone."

The 26-party negotiating council yesterday urgently instructed the technical committee to complete this work as the powers and functions of regions were "crucial to issues such as the form of state and self-determination, and will be a fundamental part of the constitution."

The committee was also instructed to make recommendations on constitutional principles and the constitution-making process. The resolution binds the council to get a commission on regional boundaries off the ground by next week, to report back within six weeks.

The council also accepted what ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa termed "a major breakthrough on self-determination that will give certain parties great comfort". This was the technical committee acknowledging that self-determination was a right.

The committee said it was a right in the sense of making one's own choices, developing potential, securing one's well-being and not being subjected to undue external pressure and domination.

Indications from other negotiators are that the CP could walk out of the talks as its demand for a separate Afrikaner homeland would not be accommodated.

It is also understood that government

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and Inkatha are pushing to make the interim constitution as comprehensive as possible, allowing the elected interim government little scope to make too many substantive decisions. Throughout proceedings yesterday, they pressed the technical committee to draft a fundamental and comprehensive Bill of Rights.

The committee looking at a transitional executive council was at pains to point out that it had difficulty with its brief because no decision on the council's establishment had yet been taken.

Pelgheit was concerned about the ANC submission to bring the TBVo states and self-governing states under its authority as this reduced the powers of KwaZulu's legislative assembly.

But DP negotiator Ken Andrew said Inkatha had agreed to this at Codesa. It was impossible to contemplate all these separate authorities having their current powers in a run-up to elections.

Most of the reports from the technical committees were just notes because they were preliminary. Their members were instructed to prepare a second report by Friday.

The negotiating council would meet again on Tuesday, when serious discussion on the reports was expected to begin.

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Police send ANC youth group packing

Memo slams 'illegal' Bop regime

DENNIS CRUYWAGEN
Political Staff

EIGHT ANC Youth League members left in a huff today after failing to get into Parliament Towers in the city centre to hand over and discuss a memorandum with two senior Bophuthatswana government officials.

The delegation, which included league regional chairman Mcebele Skwatshe and secretary Neville Naidoo, arrived at the building at 10.20am for what they thought would be a meeting with Mr G E Sere, a Bophuthatswana embassy minister, and Mr T J Tsimane, the homeland's ambassador in Kimberley.

Police refused to allow them in and Mr Sere and Mr Tsimane met them outside.

Mr Naidoo said: "We have an agreement. Why are we not allowed in? I thought we had a meeting."

Mr Sere replied: "We don't have a mandate to talk to you."

Mr Tsimane said he and his colleague could not discuss the document with the delegation until they had seen its contents.

Mr Skwatshe said: "Can't we humble ask that you allow us into your office so that we can hand over the memorandum and say a few words?"

Mr Tsimane said that was out of the question.

The delegation left for another appointment without handing over the memorandum.

In the document, the league expressed its opposition to the "illegal" regime in Bophuthatswana and its attempts to stifle free political activity in the homeland.
ANC rejects counsel for killing accused

Own Correspondent

The ANC has refused to provide legal representation for a man appearing on multiple murder charges, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Mr Justice MC de Klerk yesterday turned down a request by Michael Phama, who has pleaded not guilty to 26 counts of murder and 21 of attempted murder, that the trial be adjourned so that he could talk to the ANC.

Phama, an ANC member, is charged with taking part in shooting at Inkatha Freedom Party supporters at a rally in Tokoza, on the East Rand, on September 8, 1991.

Phama's pro Deo counsel Hlann Essack said the ANC was satisfied with the State-appointed advocate, who now had an assistant.

The hearing continues.
(3) Yes, from the South African Agricultural Union for the continuation of the scheme.

(4) Yes. A media statement will be issued depending on the finalization of assistance measures and the outcome of the negotiations with the Department of Local Government and National Housing.

Senior Certificate: examination fee

"7. Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of National Education:"

(1) Whether it is the intention to reduce the compulsory examination fee for the Senior Certificate examination in respect of the various education departments; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant particulars;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION:

(1) The Ministers responsible for the provision of education released a statement on 31 March 1993 according to which the Government authorized individual departments of education to reduce the 1993 Senior Certificate examination fees by a maximum of R24.00 from R72.00 to R48.00 with the provision that the loss of income be borne from their own funds or effected savings.

The hon the Minister of Education and Training has since announced that the 1993 Senior Certificate examination fees for the Department of Education and Training have been reduced by R24.00, while the Department of Education and Culture: House of Delegates have also reduced their fees by R24.00.

(2) Yes. The Government is at present consulting role-players with regard to the levy of examination fees and will make an announcement as soon as a decision has been taken.

Business interrupted in accordance with Rule 180C (3) of the Standing Rules of Parliament.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

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Own Affairs:

Afrikaner universities: ANC/SACP alliance

*1. Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

(1) Whether he intends taking any steps to ensure that universities considered to be Afrikaner universities do not fall into the hands of the ANC/SACP alliance; if not, why not; if so, what steps;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

*The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE: Mr Chairman, firstly I should like to know what is considered to be an Afrikaner university. In other words, is there a difference between an Afrikaner university and an institution that is considered to be such a university?

Concerning the further question as to what an Afrikaner university is, I presume that the hon interpellant means a university with Afrikaners as the medium of instruction and an ethos that reflects mainly the Afrikaner culture. There are such universities, of course, and I presume that it is in fact that medium of instruction and ethos that the hon member is concerned about. I share his sentiments in this regard. The best protection of the character and nature of a university any university lies in its autonomy. That autonomy is already one of the strong points of the university system in South Africa.

The protection of the autonomy of an institution is of vital importance to the university system of our country. The Government considers itself to be committed to the preservation of the autonomy of institutions of the university. This is the obvious and best way of protecting their nature and character.

*Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE: Mr Chairman, I should like to quote what Oswald Spengler wrote in his work ‘Jahre in der Entscheidung’ at the beginning of the century. I am going to read the English translation, because my German is not very good. It states:

The White races have descended from their erstwhile position. Yesterday they gave orders, today they negotiate and tomorrow they will have to flatter to be able to negotiate.

I think Spengler, if he could have witnessed the present situation of the Whites in South Africa, would have said their negotiations were followed by a dishonest surrender, and that dishonourable surrender was followed by an aggressive destruction of the property and cultures of the White civilisation. [Interjections]

The hon the Minister and his party are now also working on their constitutional structures which they want to establish in Southern Africa. They are destroying the education faculty of the Afrikaner’s culture with a single approach to Southern Africa. This question was most probably formulated in this way by the officials. I do not know whether the hon the Minister still understands who and what the Afrikaner is and which properties in this Southernland belong to the Afrikaner.

In March I asked the hon the Minister a question about the universities, and the Afrikaner universities in particular. I asked him whether he was aware of the fact that lecturers and students at some Afrikaner universities were doing their best to ensure the Afrikanisation of Afrikaner universities. By that I mean that they should become Black. The hon the Minister then said he was not aware of that. I went on to ask him, arising from the hon the Minister’s reply, whether he agreed with that. He then replied that it did not fall within his sphere of competence and that in any event he would not be presumptuous enough to interfere in discussions that were taking place in the academic sphere at tertiary institutions.

I want to tell the hon the Minister that he must not hide behind the autonomy of universities today. In Southern Africa there is a history of two standpoints in regard to the essential nature of a university. Wits and Ikeys and similar universities are completely different standpoint on the matter. We on the Afrikaner side said the universities in Stellenbosch, Potchefstroom, Bloemfontein and Pretoria were universities whose foundations were established and embedded in the milieu of the Afrikaner. [Time expired.]

*Mr J A JORDAAN: Mr Chairman, we understand that in his dreams the hon member plays the role of the CP’s university establishment committee. The DP decided to compose a manual for him. On the front page of the manual the following words appear: “Opredaar aan Rissiep, Oud-Dags, akademiekus, tuus woordlengtospesiaals”. The title of this manual is: “Die Bitterrissefoilontvastaanstelkraeitstellingskomiteenhouding”. I think the hon member can practise his arithmetic and count the number of letters. He will find more than 41, which was the length of his longest word the other day.

I quote a few excerpts from the text for hon members:

As die woorsiter hanteer die hier is, kry jy hanteer in sy hanteer met realiteite standpunte.

The guidebook also says that the chairman may not mislead the proverbial blindfolded CP by using the voice of Jacob but the hands of Esau. Furthermore the chairman must accept that a university is an equal opportunity institution and that all universities must determine its own ethos and character, and not the State. It also states that the State must pay all universities a subsidy on an equal basis, and that the State may not discriminate on the basis of the ethos and culture of the university. Moreover the manual also states that naturally universities must be able to approach donors in order to raise funds. They can ask for money in the same way.

I am satisfied that Afrikaners at the universities that are at present Afrikaner universities and Afrikaner universities are capable of dealing with matters themselves, without the State entirely to heart the first two points in the hon member’s manual, and that he should not interfere with these universities.

*The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE: Mr Chairman, the hon member Mr H D K van der Merwe said he wondered whether I still understand who and what an Afrikaner was. I want to remind the hon member that as recently as last week the esteemed
CP frontbencher, the hon member for Meyer- 
ton, placed on record in Hansard that he felt 
that I was a good Afrikanker. I honestly cannot 
believe that there are such serious differences of 
opinion in CP ranks.

The hon member said I was hiding behind 
avtonomy, but the point is that both the median 
of interest and the general public of a universi 
ty are the result of the interaction between the 
the community that is served by the 
the community that is served by the 
the community that is served by the 

Surely the hon member Mr H D K van der 
Merve is also part of the academic milieu of 
certain institutions. I want to ask him what he is 
doing, in his general conduct and in respect of 
universities, to maintain the character and ethos 
of universities that are important to him.

"Mr H D K Van Der Merve: Mr Chair 
man, I want to tell the hon the Minister that I 
hope the discussion on these matters will con 
tinue for a long time. I hope the milieu in this 
country will be such that these discussions can in 
fact continue. I therefore want to ask the hon Minister 
who is sitting next to the hon the Minister of 
Education and Culture whether he recalls our 

In his party and in the nation that the hon 
the Minister wants to build in South Africa he wants 
us all to be equal. We are equal. And this is a type of 
the population structure. In other 
words, his party must have a Black majority in 
order to govern. He maintains the same stand 
point with regard to all other facets of his 
department, also as regards universities. He is 
integrating education in South Africa.

The hon the State President is holding talks with 
Mr Mandela today. What are they about? Let 
me quote to you members what is happening 
today in the education systems of the other 
population groups. He wants to involve Whites 
in this milieu, from the pre-primary to the 
tertiary levels. I quote:

The crisis in Black education—boycotts, 

debates, burning of classrooms, attacks 
on headmasters and teachers, stoning of 

The CP is very serious about these matters. We 
shall proceed with negotiations as far as we can, 
but we are mobilising in respect of every facet. 
In this Chamber today I want to tell every 
student and former student of Afrikanker 
universities that we shall have to mobilise ourselves 
in order to save what belongs to us.

"The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND 
CULTURE: Mr Chairman, I just want to tell 
the hon member who wants to mobilise that it 
will not be possible to maintain the character of 
any university in South Africa by way of mobil 
isation. If that is the hon member’s purpose, 
I think he is mistaken.

I want to remind him that the principles of 
academic freedom and the administrative auton 
omy of institutions did not start with the history 
of South Africa. This is a process that has taken 
900 years to crystallise. During that time expe 
rience has taught us that a sound distance should 
be maintained between the government of the 
day and universities.

If the hon member now wants us to interfere 
there, I want to tell him immediately that it will 
be a retrogressive step in South Africa. We are 
not proud of the development of our universities. 
We do not want to create a situation in which 
our universities have virtually no autonomy and 
in which they are technically in fact administered 
as State departments.

Right at the outset the hon member quoted a 
passage and subsequently said I wanted to inte 
ract in education in South Africa. The issue here 
is not Afrikanker universities. The issue is White 
universities. I think that in future we shall be 
able to conduct a more meaningful debate if the 

The Minister concludes.

Debate concluded.

OFFICERS' CLUB

QUESTIONS

For oral reply:

Service contracts of teachers: negotiations with 
governing bodies

1. Mr R M Burrows asked the Minister of 
Education and Culture:

Whether, in the light of Regulation 6 (7) 
of 26 February 1993, teachers are permitted to 
negotiate their own service contracts in respect of 
unscheduled contracts individually with 
governing bodies; if not, why not; if so, 
what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND 
CULTURE:

No, according to Regulation 6 (7) of the 
Regulations relating to Governing Bodies of 
State-aided Schools, excluding State-aided 
Schools for Specialised Education, governing 

Mr R M Burrows: Mr Chairman, arising 
out of the hon the Minister’s reply—I am 
addressing him in his capacity—what is not a 
fact that individuals have the right to negotiate 
their own contracts of employment according to 
the common law in South Africa? If that is so, 
what is the statement which the hon the Minister 
has just read out not a total violation of the individual’s 
right to negotiate his own contract of em 
ployment?

The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, I paid a lot of 
attention to this matter before I made a deci 
sion. When I applied my mind to it for a while, 
I knew the hon member for Piniwetown, for 
instance, would oppose any decision I decided to 
take. Nevertheless, on the basis of the advice I 
received at the time, I thought I had made the 
right decision in the interests of education as it 
exists today.

Mr R M Burrows: Mr Chairman, further 
arising out of the hon the Minister’s reply, if an 
individual school wished to employ an individ 
ual, how could he pay him or her out of its own 

The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, that is a hypo 
thetical question which I would prefer not to 
reply to. All I can say is that I have had lengthy 
discussions with the TAC on this matter. They 
regard this in a very serious light and assured me 
that the whole process would be handled 
approached in a very lenient and flexible manner.

Mr R M Burrows: Mr Chairman, further 
arising out of the hon the Minister’s reply, did 
he carry out any negotiations with the Model C 
schools themselves in respect of this particular 

The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, there are ap 
proximately 2 000 individual Model C schools. 
Of course it would have been completely 
possible for me to negotiate with all of them. 
However, I did negotiate with the ones who gave 
me the assurance that they represented a num 
ber of such schools in particular instances.
It would be interesting to hear how many CP MPs' telephone conversations are tapped. [Interjections.] [Time expired.]

*Dr W J SNYMAN: Mr Chairman, the fact remains that we are dealing here with a confirmed declaration of war on soft targets, namely White aged people on farms.

I just want to make this last comment. The Government is responsible for the large-scale disruption in Dentville for which the South African Intelligence Services were caused by the destruction of the Directorate of Covert Collection of the Defence Force and the dismissal of intelligence officers.

By the way, at the time a great fuss was made about the fact that certain of these intelligence officers would be prosecuted criminally. To date we have not heard anything about this. They were not prosecuted. The Government owes these men an apology. Their names were dragged through the mud, and this must be rectified.

I contend that the good character and integrity of officers were infringed upon by the Government at the insistence of the ANC and the PAC. I think that the Government owes these officers who were simply accused of crimes that they did not commit an apology.

*The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER: Mr Chairman, I had high hopes that the hon member for Pietersburg would tell us why the hon member for Potgieterstroom was not here, but apparently that is a secret. [Interjections.]

The hon member for Rustenburg made a big fuss about the fact that we sit at the negotiating table and negotiate with these people. What are they doing at the negotiating table? Why are they doing? [Interjections.] Is he not there now, or was he there yesterday? Surely they are free to say that they are not negotiating until such time as these things have occurred. Why do they lay the blame and the responsibility only on us?

Dr W J SNYMAN: [Inaudible.]

*The MINISTER: No, wait a bit. The CP must accept responsibility now.

*Dr W J SNYMAN: It is the Government's fault.

The MINISTER: I wish to thank the hon member for Hillbrow for his contribution. The hon member is 100% correct, and he also answered

the question put by the hon member for Stilfontein. Will the banning of these organisations solve the problem?

*They are not going to disappear; they will merely go underground. If a person goes underground, one has not disappeared yet. [Interjections.] Let us therefore please deal with the matter in a pragmatic way.

The hon member said that we were no longer taking steps against the so-called enemy by means of intelligence. It is the policy of this Government that we do not investigate political parties as such with a view to security. This does not include organisations, however, that are still involved in the so-called armed struggle. It does not include those organisations.

*Mr P J GROENEWALD: Who is the enemy?

*The MINISTER: The hon member knows who I am talking about. He also asked how many CP MPs' telephones were being tapped.

*Mr P J GROENEWALD: That is a good question.

*The MINISTER: Oh, no! I can tell that hon member that in the sphere of security he is really not important that we want to listen to his conversations. [Interjections.] He can say whatever he likes to whoever he likes. We shall not know about it. He must enjoy himself! [Time expired.]

Debate concluded.

Self-governing territories: abolition of Act

2. M R BURROWS asked the Minister of Regional and Land Affairs: 

(1) Whether it is the intention to bring the self-governing territories into a single South African political dispensation through the abolition of the Self-governing Territories Constitution Act, 1971 (Act No 21 of 1971); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details; 

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? 

*The MINISTER OF REGIONAL AND LAND AFFAIRS: Mr Chairman, the hon the State President announced in his Opening Address on 29 January 1993 that the Government, together with the self-governing territories, had started to investigate the possibility of joining forces in the administrative sphere.

He also said that the Government would look at joint political decision-making and co-operation in a regional context.

In reply to a question from the hon leader of the DP, the hon the State President said the following on 4 February this year in the debate on his Opening Address, and I quote from Hansard, col 401:

"There is no question about the self-governing territories, as they are, not disappearing. The leaders of those territories say the same thing. They do not want to continue as they are. There is consensus that a new, non-racial, geographically regional dispensation has to come about to replace the present racially based regional systems. However, this, the how of it, must be negotiated first."

The hon the State President went on to say (col 402):

As I have indicated, steps are being taken in the meantime to negotiate transitional measures. These include rationalisation and joint administration wherever possible. They also include measures to ensure clean administration.

In the interim we have gone far ahead of this situation. At a meeting of a Conference on International Development Cooperation in 19 February this year, the central Government, all six self-governing territories and the four provincial Administrations collectively resolved that constitutional change was inevitable and irreversible, that final arrangements with regard to regional government would be formalised at the multiparty negotiating forum, that the Government would facilitate bilateral and/or multilateral discussions between the various provincial Administrations and the relevant self-governing territories in order to expedite more effective and efficient development and administration in the interim, and that Government would continue with the necessary legislation which would enable self-governing territories and the provincial Administrations, where applicable, to reach bilateral and/or multilateral agreements.

*Discussions have since been held with all the self-governing territories and the provincial Administrations involved on the introduction of
INTERPELLATIONS

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General Affairs:

Government’s policy, MK/Apla

1. Mr D S PIENAAR asked the Minister of Law and Order:

Whether the legalisation of uMkhonto weSizwe (MK) and the Azanian People’s Liberation Army (Apla), the military wings of the African National Congress (ANC) and the Pan-Africanist Congress (PAC), respectively, and other organisations of this nature has involved any change in the Government’s policy in respect of the handling of the said organisations by the South African Police; if not, why not; if so, (a) what changes and (b) with what result?

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*The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER: Mr Chairman, before 2 February 1990 both uMkhonto weSizwe and Apla were declared illegal and as such, such legal provisions that go hand in hand with this. As part of the ANC and the PAC these two organisations were, inter alia, legally prohibited from recruiting members, propagating their policy or promoting any of their objectives.

After the lifting of the legal prohibition on 2 February 1990, the two organisations could proceed with all legal activities and the SAP could not take action against them on the basis of the fact that they had previously been declared illegal. This resulted in the SAP having to concentrate on actions which were illegal according to the law which applies to all persons.

If any of these organisations, such as in the case of Apla, are guilty of violence, the SAP conducts the necessary investigation and takes action, as is the case in the past, according to the requirements of the law. The fact that an organisation is legal and can proceed with its normal activities does not, however, mean that the SAP close their eyes to any illegal acts which may be committed by such an organisation or some of its members. The law is enforced without regard to persons or organisation.

Dr W J SNYMAN: Mr Chairman, the revolutionary onslaught on the existing order in the country has gained unprecedented momentum and shown progress since the beginning of 1990. We have good grounds for believing that the Government yielded to pressure and definitely made adjustments in respect of dealing with uMkhonto weSizwe and Apla, as the hon the Minister indicated now.

On 22 March the SA Police admitted through Lt Col Ray Harrald that the security forces had been prohibited from taking action against Apla and MK from as early as 1990. In fact, the SA Police and Defence Force were prohibited from infiltrating these organisations at intelligence level to collect valuable information and in so doing to protect the public property against calculated terrorists who continue with indiscriminate decimation and destruction like a murder machine.

How many murders have not already been committed on policemen and defenceless aged people on remote farms and smallholdings recently? Many of these murders and assassinations are politically inspired and are the direct consequence of accusations levelled at organisations and their declared campaigns of inter alia “Kill a Boer, kill a farmer”, “We are MK, we kill Boers” and “rolling mass action” which includes the envisaged occupation of White schools and the campaign for an election date and a so-called constituent assembly.

On 3 May the hon Chief Whip of the CP requested Mr Speaker in terms of the Rules of Parliament to place the entire matter on the Order Paper because of its importance and urgent public importance. Meanwhile matters have not improved. At present two Whites are being murdered every day. Only yesterday two aged persons were brutally struck down with pangas and bayonets and they are in a critical condition in hospital at present.

In a statement on 22 March the CP spokesman on law and order said amongst other things that we could not allow this state of affairs to continue. It had to come to an end. Surely we could not sit at the negotiating table and negotiate while an agreement had already been reached in terms of the D F Malan Minute. The law was enforced without regard to persons or organisation.

*The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER: Mr Chairman, I just want to make a general comment. If one is asked to deal with an interpretation, one makes an appointment with the interpreter and, if one cannot be present for some reason or other, one normally says that one is sorry that one cannot be there. [Interjections.] This cannot go on.

Negotiations must be stopped until violence has decreased in the country. Only then can further negotiations take place.

Mr L FUCHS: Mr Chairman, it is self-evident that any Government agency, including the SA Police, is obliged to treat a legal organisation differently from an organisation which is banned. The legalisation of MK and Apla would obviously have changed the attitude of the SA Police towards these organisations and the manner in which the Police deal with such organisations on a day-to-day basis. Even a primary-school child can understand this self-evident fact.

This leads one to ask why the hon member for Potgietersrus, who is not unintelligent, has framed his question in the way that he has. In asking this question he accepts exclusively that he is a reluctant participant at the multi-party forum, because he realises full well that the negotiating process would not have got past first base had the ANC, the PAC and its armed wings not been included. He is hoping, I suspect, that the negotiations will fail and that MK and Apla will be banned. His problem and that of the CP is that they are not committed to giving up the privileges which apartheid has bestowed on them.

The DP is firmly of the view that the restriction on persons or organisations, or their banning, aside from being morally indefensible, would only serve to exacerbate the violence in the country rather than to reduce it. We accordingly welcome any change in attitude displayed by the SA Police towards these formerly banned organisations. We also fail to understand the logic of banning organisations when those organisations will shortly be incorporated into the security and police forces.

The level of violence in our country at the moment is completely unacceptable, but we firmly believe that if those organisations were still banned violence would be more pervasive. However, the unbanning of political organisations should not be perceived as an invitation to commit violent acts and to break the law. On the contrary . . . [Time expired.]

*Mr P J GROENEWALD: Do you take action?

*The MINISTER: Yes. I shall indicate in the discussion of any Vote how many members of MK and Apla we have arrested recently. If that hon member would like to make a few inquiries, he would receive the necessary information in that regard. [Interjections.]

The hon member for Rustenburg referred to what a certain Mr Ray Harrald had said about the SA Police. He said that he had received instructions from the Government no longer to take action against Apla and these people. I say that that is not correct. I do not know whether he was correctly quoted or not, but I want it placed on record that this Government did not give instructions that it was not permissible to take steps against Apla and MK if they contravened the laws of this country. Let there be no doubt about that.

*Mr P J GROENEWALD: What about the other organisations?

"The MINISTER: Yes. I shall indicate in the discussion of any Vote how many members of MK and Apla we have arrested recently. If that hon member would like to make a few inquiries, he would receive the necessary information in that regard. [Interjections.]

The hon member for Rustenburg spoke about the murders of Whites. My heart bleeds just like his but other members of our society are also being murdered. There is a difference, however, between the policy of my party and his party. Whereas two White members die every day at the moment, 200 a day will die if we implement his plans. [Interjections.] That is the difference. [Time expired.]

*Mr P J GROENEWALD: Mr Chairman, over the years the successes of our security forces have been due in part to the fact that covert and overt operations were carried out against the enemy. [Interjections.] The enemy of the RSA has always been the revolutionaries—those organisations that perpetrated terrorism.
ANC's Sexwale 'sexiest politician in SA'

TOKYO Sexwale is the sexiest politician in SA, in the opinion of white women from Pretoria to Sandton.

The ANC's PWV regional chairman received a big vote of confidence in a phone-in survey conducted by Radio 702's John Berks yesterday.

The impromptu survey was an attempt to find out who listeners considered the most popular and charismatic politician, and Sexwale won hands down, said programme engineer Craig Turner. The radio station received more than 50 calls in favour of Sexwale and most were from white women, many of whom mentioned his sex appeal.

The former Robben Island prisoner beat new CP leader Ferdi Hartzenberg, the AWB's Eugene Terre'Blanche and Van Zyl Slabbert, among others.

Sexwale was unexpectedly thrust into the limelight recently following the death of neighbour and long-time friend Chris Hani. Sexwale's unashamed weeping over the body of his friend was one reason for his new popularity, said some admirers.

Women callers said his tears showed him to be a warm, caring human being.

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Crucial meeting for Soweto today

THE ending of longstanding rent and service boycotts in S’s largest township hinges on today’s meeting of the Soweto Crisis Committee in Johannesburg.

The committee is expected to review new proposals put forward by Soweto’s civic leaders, as well as suggestions by the major political organisations.

Payment levels in Soweto are less than 5% of residents owe R30m in arrears.

Last week the TPA and Metropolitan Chamber issued warnings that unless the issue was clarified soon, Soweto would “catastrophic” plunge into unrest and not survive the transition to democracy.

Quatro deaths ‘in main from disease’

MOST of the people who died in the ANC’s notorious Quatro “rehabilitation camp” died of malaria and a lack of medical treatment, not torture, said former ANC security chief Joe Nhlanhla.

Testifying before the Matsuzawa commission into alleged human rights abuses in ANC camps yesterday, Nhlanhla said he only took over the security desk on the condition that Quatro and some other camps were to be upgraded.

Quatro had been primitive and too small. Inmates had to remain locked up for too long. Ordinary criminals, such as rapists, were kept in the same cells as security suspects.

He said the ANC’s national executive committee decided to overhaul the camp and plans had been drawn up for a modern camp, at which inmates could be separated according to alleged crimes.

However, these plans were never carried out because the ANC did not have the funds to build the new camp.

Sewage works blamed for polluting river

GOVERNMENT is considering legal action against Johannesburg City Council’s Northern Sewage Works for discharging high levels of chlorine into the Jukke River.

The chemical – used in sewage purifiers as a disinfectant – was possibly related to the recent deaths of fish in the river, a Water Affairs Department statement said yesterday.

Water Affairs director of water quality management Sakkie van der Westhuizen said chlorine tests conducted on Friday had showed levels in excess of the Water
Slovo plot:
Hungarians
have regrets
By Norman Chandler
Pretoria Bureau

The Hungarian government says it regrets that a man identified as Hungarian was allegedly a police informant involved in the plot to assassinate Joe Slovo.

The man's name is said to be Peter Psenak, who says he is from Hungary and has lived in South Africa for 10 years. Star 19/5/93.

A spokesman for the Hungarian embassy said it was regrettable Psenak had been identified as Hungarian because, following the arrest of a Polish immigrant in connection with the assassination of Chris Hani, "the impression may be that, east Europeans from former communist countries are killing leaders of various organisations".
Crackdown means ‘war’, says ANC

A security force plan to step up patrols, roadblocks and weapons searches in the western Transvaal to protect farmers was a "declaration of war" which would be resisted with unprecedented mass action, the ANC warned yesterday.

On Monday about 250 farmers met representatives from the SAP and the SADF in Potchefstroom to discuss the spate of attacks in the area.

In the most recent attack, an elderly woman was raped and her husband was shot and wounded in their western Transvaal farm house near Boons yesterday.

And, after an attack on Monday, a northern Transvaal farmer, Johannes Carstens (64), is in serious condition after he and his wife Hester (55) were attacked on their farm near Pietersburg.

The security forces agreed to immediately "sharpen up" roadblocks, patrols and searches for illegal weapons.

They also agreed to investigate the possibility of imposing curfews and declaring certain districts unrest areas.

ANC western Transvaal spokesman Rankoa Molefe said roadblocks would amount to daily harassment of blacks — a "declaration of war" — and added: "We won't allow such a situation to happen."

Farmers gathered at police stations throughout the Free State yesterday morning to demand the introduction of curfews and police searches of black townships and squatter camps for illegal weapons.

However, Free State police said they were already doing all they could.
Quatro primitive, says ANC official

By Mokone Moleti

The present head of ANC security, Joe Nhlanhla, demanded that the infamous Quatro camp in Angola be revamped before he accepted the post, a hearing into alleged ANC human rights abuses heard yesterday.

Nhlanhla told the ANC-appointed Motsuenyane Commission of Inquiry sitting at the FNB Stadium in Crown Mines, Johannesburg, that he was offered the position of head of security by then-ANC president Oliver Tambo.

He said he made it a condition of his appointment that the camp — cited in numerous reports as the centre of human rights abuses against ANC dissidents — be upgraded.

Asked what was wrong with the camp, he said: “The way it was built was primitive. The possibility of expansion was non-existent. We needed a big place to create facilities for recreation. It was created almost impromptu.”

Nhlanhla said reforms were then introduced. Among these was the right of inmates to demand medical care and generally to be able to air their complaints.

Earlier, his predecessor as head of security and intelligence, Mzwandile Piliso, said that apart from ventilation in the cells, there was nothing wrong with the camp.

Asked whether he was aware of any list of ANC members who had disappeared, resigned from the organisation, died or were jailed, he replied: “The present department of security has that list, although it may not be comprehensive.”

He said such a list was kept during his time as head of the security department.

On the abuse of prisoners, he said: “Such (behaviour) was not only a breach of my own words but of the policy of the ANC.”

A mutiny in 1983 was quelled with the help of the Soviets and Angolans. “A number of lives were lost,” Piliso said.

Despite taking responsibility as head of the department, he could not say how those arrested in connection with the mutiny were handled: “I was not there.”

Asked whether there was anything he regretted during his tenure as head of the department, he said “no”.

He said he could not recall anyone being beaten to death or being starved as punishment.
Talks at ‘point of no return’

By Esther Waugh
and Kalzer Nyatsamba

The ANC and the Government last night agreed that negotiations were reaching a point of irreversibility after yesterday’s successful meeting of the 26-party Negotiating Council.

The key players were confident that a date for the first democratic elections would be announced before June 3, when the negotiating forum meets. And Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer said the “moment of truth” for the Conservative Party had arrived because it was clearly seeking a secessionist option.

The key points to emerge were the “demystification” of the right to self-determination, and consensus that all constitutional principles were interrelated and could not be dealt with separately.

Negotiators said this meant that the Concerned Southern Africans Group had effectively waived its insistence that the form of state be decided before anything else.

The main achievements were that:
- A report be drafted on constitutional principles which will form the broad outline of a new constitution.
- Draft legislation be prepared for an independent media commission and an independent electoral commission.
- A regionalism commission submit recommendations within the next six weeks on the boundaries, powers and functions of regions.

The debate was overshadowed by the first item on self-determination in the constitutional technical committee’s report.

ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa and National Party negotiator Dr Dawie de Villiers proposed that the report from the constitutional technical committee be dealt with in a “holistic manner”.

They argued that the principle of self-determination had an impact on other constitutional principles such as regionalism, the form of state, and a fundamental Bill of Rights.

Many delegates echoed Natal Indian Congress negotiator Pravin Gordhan’s view that the technical committee had dealt with an emotional issue in a clinical way.

Afrikaner Volksunie negotiator Chris de Jager said he was happy that self-determination was a right and not a favour.

But CP negotiator Thomas Langley said he did not share the euphoria of the others.

He claimed that a unitary state was the point of departure of the technical committee’s report. In fact, it was a classic Soviet view, he said.

In its submission the CP said a number of states — and at least two, an Afrikaner state and a new South Africa — should be negotiated.

However, Meyer warned that the time had come for the CP to submit its constitutional plan so that all delegates could evaluate the implications of the party’s secessionist option.

PAC secretary-general Benny Alexander said afterwards that no party could disagree with self-determination in a national context, (but) the PAC would never agree to the creation of many states within one country.
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The impromptu survey was an attempt to find out who listeners considered the most popular and charismatic politician, and Sexwale won hands down, said programme engineer Craig Turner. The radio station received more than 50 calls in favour of Sexwale, and most were from white women, many of whom mentioned his sex appeal.

The former Robben Island prisoner beat new CP leader Ferdi Hartzenberg, the AWB's Eugene Terre'Blanche and Van Zyl Slabbert, among others.

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ANC to give a lesson in democracy

JOHNSON Nxobongwana, for years the undisputed ruler of Crossroads, was the first to feel the heat.

He was followed by Jeffrey Nongwe, the former lieutenant who ousted him, and Mr Christopher Toise, a former rival in the often bitter and acrimonious battle for control over the squatters who made Crossroads and its environs their home.

All three are victims of the tenacies of democracy which have spread into communities they once ruled with an iron fist and where dissent was often a prelude to banishment or death.

Times have changed for them and other squatter leaders who had the ear of the United Democratic Front and ANC underground structures until 1990.

To enjoy the patronage, goodwill and friendship of squatter leaders—some call them warlords—the ANC often had to turn a blind eye to their excesses and undemocratic practices.

But February 2, 1990, sounded the death knell for the cozy relationship the ANC had to maintain if it wanted safe haven for its guerrillas operating in the Western Cape.

Two years ago the unthinkable happened when controversial Crossroads mayor Mr Nxobongwana was forced to flee the settlement where he had been a strongman since 1975.

Today his home is Driftands at Faure.

Mr Nongwe, his ally in the bloody conflict between the comrades and witdoek in 1986, is now in control of Crossroads. But he, too, is feeling the heat from his followers, some of whom blame him for the violence gripping the settlement.

The head of the ANC in Crossroads, his arm has been strengthened by his election as chairman of the 30,000-strong Western Cape United Squatters Association.

But he is unpopular. The ANC knows this and has to act if it wants its followers to believe it is serious about democracy.

Regional ANC deputy chairman Mr Lerumo Kalako, a former insurgent who once used Western Cape squatter settlements as a base, admitted this week that Mr Nongwe was a problem.

"It's difficult to say when he's speaking as ANC branch chairman and as Wecusa head."

Mr Kalako led an ANC delegation to talk to Mr Nongwe on Monday in an attempt to defuse the situation.

"We agreed to hold a meeting today where we will discuss the ANC's constitution and democracy.

Generally squatter leaders did not understand democracy.

They want to control everything in their settlements. All organisations wanting to organise in their areas must report to them. They don't know the meaning of political tolerance and democracy," Mr Kalako said.

Residents also wanted the headman system to go.

"Mr Nongwe is the overall head of the headman committee. Residents believe the system is undemocratic."

Mr Kalako said the ANC was concerned about the severity of the allegations against squatter leaders.

"A heavy-handed approach won't solve anything but they must be taught to accept the will of the people."

ANC members were fighting one another in Crossroads.

"We can't condone violence. Unpopular leaders have to be removed democratically. But they have to go. We can't cling to the traditional way in which politics was practised in squat settle-ments."

"It's not going to be easy. We'll have to put our heads on the block because we can't allow an ANC branch to be run undemocratically," Mr Kalako said.

One of the main causes of the conflict is the unwillingness of residents living in Section 1 to move while the area is upgraded.

"We find ourselves in a situation where the branch can't meet."

Just as the movement knew how feelings were running high against Mr Nongwe, it knew Browns Farm was revolving against Mr Toise, a familiar praise-singer at ANC functions.

He, too, was ousted and today lives in Crossroads under the nose of Mr Nongwe, an adversary in the witdoek war.

"He was taken out by the people and is no longer chairman of the Browns Farm branch. There's an interim committee in control of the area," said Mr Kalako.

Apart from being accused of being undemocratic, Mr Toise angered residents by allegedly expecting each adult to contribute R2.50 a week towards his salary.

"They agreed to pay him when they moved into Browns Farm. But when the anger against him increased, they refused to pay," Mr Kalako said.

The ANC also told Mr Toise residents had accused his "people of beating them up at night."

He left, but not willingly and not before seeking refuge in Nyanga police station.
DURBAN. — ANC Natal Midlands chairman Mr Harry Gwala called on members of the SA Students’ Congress yesterday to learn how to handle firearms, saying if negotiations failed the students should negotiate through the barrel of an AK-47.

In an impromptu address at the Natal Technikon sportsground, Mr Gwala said he was not prepared to die for freedom, but was prepared to kill for freedom.

Earlier technikon and university students demonstrated in the city centre in solidarity with students at the University of Bophuthatswana (Unibo), seriously disrupting traffic for about five hours.

Unibo has been shut for almost two weeks following clashes between the homeland police and students.

Traffic and business came to a standstill as police lined up against protesters, but confrontation was avoided by police withdrawing to a distance.

- In Cape Town about 500 high school pupils, led by five principals, marched peacefully to the Department of Education and Culture’s offices yesterday afternoon, calling for an immediate end to teacher retrenchments.
- The Paarl Teachers’ Forum announced a five-day strike from Monday.
- The Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee claimed yesterday that more than 75% of Soweto matriculation pupils had submitted their examination registration forms to the Department of Education and Training without paying fees.
- The Inkatha-aligned South African Democratic Students Movement said it opposed any bilateral meeting between President F W de Klerk and ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela to end the crisis in black education.
- It said in a statement that pupils of all races paid examination fees and there was “no free lunch in life”.
- The Cape African Teachers Union (Catu) said yesterday it supported the proposed strike by teachers from Monday, but wanted teachers to continue giving classes. It believed picketing and cutting ties with the department would be action enough. — Own Correspondent, Sapa
No bitterness after stint in detention camp - Jordan

By Mokone Molete

Despite being held for six weeks in solitary confinement — four weeks without a change of clothes — the ANC's information chief Dr Pallo Jordan said yesterday that he was not bitter about his arrest.

Testifying before the Motsuengane Commission in Johannesburg about alleged human rights abuses in ANC camps, Jordan recalled his arrest in Angola in 1993. He said he was arrested for criticising the activities of the department of security and intelligence.

He was told he had been arrested for alleging that the department of security had acted "in a fascist manner".

Sketching the background to his arrest, Jordan said he was not bitter because at the time the movement was under much pressure due to infiltration by South African agents.

It was during a time when an entire camp had been poisoned and another camp almost bombed apart by the South African Government.

A number of attacks had also been carried out against ANC members in exile.

He said he had been well treated in detention, given three meals a day and allowed walks.

Asked whether he was ever tortured, he replied: "No. There was not even a suggestion (of torture) physically or emotionally." In answer to another question, he said a lesson learnt from his detention was that human rights could not be taken for granted.

"Respect for human rights is not a luxury you adopt when times are good and discard when times are bad," he said.

To redress the situation, the ANC later established an office of justice as well as a tribunal through which people could address their complaints.

Later, Ronnie Kasrils told the commission that he had informed the organisation that he was unhappy about conditions at Quatro camp in Angola.

Although the camp looked neat, ventilation in the cells was inadequate, he said. He was also unhappy about the relative youth of the commanders in charge of the camp, who did not have the "maturity" to handle the type of responsibility they were charged with.

His visits to the camp's inmates had elicited no reports of maltreatment.
Full democracy in new SA might be postponed, reports Garner Thomson

One form of oligarchy for another

The fact that the two main partners in South Africa’s new deal would rule without Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi raises the possibility that the country’s new government might have to resort to authoritarian measures to contain the resulting unrest.

This is the warning contained in the International Institute for Strategic Studies’ latest Strategic Survey, for 1992-93.

Thus, a white oligarchy would transform itself, not into full-blown democracy, but into a multiracial oligarchy, it adds. “Once again, full democracy in South Africa might be postponed and civil liberties, just beginning to emerge after decades of repression, could once again disappear.”

Whether or not that prophecy is fulfilled depends on whether the Government and the ANC can strike a deal on real federalism, the IISS says. “There is every reason — save one — why federalism, with the maximum devolution of powers to regional and local authorities, should be accepted as the answer to South Africa’s potent ethnic mix and its mutually suspicious and fearful minorities.”

But the ANC, having striven to win the keys of Pretoria and all the patronage that entails, is “unwilling to deny itself the prize”, especially as it sees in the Government’s desire for federalism simply a device once more to divide and rule the black majority.

Neither is it likely that Chief Buthelezi will give up without a struggle his plans for a semi-autonomous Natal-KwaZulu, it believes, although the two-day conference at the beginning of March to plan for a new multiparty convention in April saw Inkatha representatives “present and conciliatory”.

However, despite the success of the March meeting, South Africa’s non-racial government was still far from its destination.

“In the months that lie ahead, the ANC and the Government will certainly squabble over the appropriate division of the spoils, while attempting to cope with threats as diverse as an estranged Winnie Mandela and her army of youthful radicals, the Apia terrorists, the diehard racists of the Right, the former spies of the ‘dirty tricks’ brigade, the Zulu impis of Inkatha, and the murderers who gunned down six Inkatha schoolchildren on the eve of the March talks,” the IISS predicts.

But those threats were the reason why, between the Government and the ANC at least, a deal has been struck and will probably stick. “For they also represent the price of delay. After the ‘nightmare year’ of 1992, both the Government and the ANC appear to have decided that it is a price neither they nor South Africa can afford. “As President de Klerk put it during his 1993 address to Parliament, every South African faced a choice either to support constitutional change and everything reasonably required for its success, or to retire into the laager and prepare for bloody struggle.”

“By April 1993, it appeared that, for the two main parties at least, the choice had been made.”
ANC’s call to the world for ‘Marshall Plan’ for S Africa

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Mr Sexwale, who is favourite for one of the ANC’s top five national posts when it reshuffles the leadership to replace its late national chairman Oliver Tambo, said popular unrest was breaking out so spontaneously that the ANC sometimes had to run to catch up.

“The students march and we have to put ourselves in front of them to give guidance,” he said, referring to student protests which have seen the ANC repudiate student leaders for calling for the occupation of white schools.

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But he said that he felt much as the French revolutionaries of 1789 must have felt when they toppled the Bastille — eager to see it go yet worried about what would happen when it did.

In the short-term he believed constitutional negotiators would succeed in putting together a democratic constitution, although it was wrong to raise hopes by constant harping on dubious breakthroughs.

In the medium term political leaders would have to battle to inculcate a democratic culture and instil a sense of legitimacy in the new institutions.

The long-term, delivering the hopes and expectations of a majority immersed in poverty, was the real problem, he said. “Its the question of delivery that frightens me.”

“We’re not going to achieve that alone in South Africa without assistance from outside,” he said.

He warned of attempts by some forces in the Group of Seven countries to make sure South Africa did not develop beyond a mineral-based economy servicing the developed economies of the industrialised world. (JH) (AP) (NYT) (JH) (F) (TE)

“We refuse to be confined to an economy which must remain based on the supply of minerals,” he said.

He denounced US moves to put the screws on South Africa’s fledgling satellite delivery technology, and said South Africa wanted a strong arms industry, the only industry so far capable of earning real foreign exchange. — Sapa-AFP.
Jordan 'was held in camp'

JOHANNESBURG. — African National Congress executive member Mr Pallo Jordan told a commission of inquiry into human rights abuses in the organisation's foreign camps yesterday that he had been detained for six weeks in 1983 in Lusaka.

Mr Jordan, ANC publicity chief, told the commission he gathered that he had been detained because of remarks he made about the security department.

The remarks were to the effect that the department had been acting like a repressive police force and damaging the democratic and human rights tradition of the ANC.

The inquiry was ordered by ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela to investigate allegations of cruelty and human rights abuse against ANC detainees.

Mr Jordan said he had been fed regularly and had been held in a storeroom in a complex of houses and garages where the revolutionary council of the ANC usually met. — Sapa
Attacks on home of Mufamadi condemned

By Kester Nyakuma
and Cyril Mdakala

The SA Communist Party has condemned the latest attack on the home of its leader, ANC national executive committee member and SACP national chairman, against the workers. Mufamadi, the second attack in his home in KwaNdebele, was told to leave his home three times last week. Mufamadi was at home when the attack occurred and managed to escape with his family. The attack was believed to be a result of the workers' strike against the workers' commission, which had previously ordered the workers to leave their homes. The workers' commission had earlier ordered the workers to leave their homes and had threatened to disrupt the workers' strike. The workers' commission had been protesting against the workers' strike, which had been called by the workers' movement, the Economic Freedom Fighters, to demand better working conditions and higher wages.
Back to school call by Cosas

Pupils will get regular briefings from Monday:

By Sipho Mthembu and Sapa

PUPILS will be ordered back to school if the meeting between President FW de Klerk and ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela — which was in progress until late yesterday — produces tangible results.

This assurance was given yesterday by Congress of South African Students president Mr Moses Maseko.

But the SA Democratic Teachers Union said it would not commit itself because the meeting between the two leaders would not reach finality. It would only lay the groundwork for a meeting between the union and the Department of National Education.

"They (the leaders) can agree on broad education issues such as the education aid training forum but the salary issue is an employer-employee question," said Sadtu general-secretary Mr Thulas Nxesi.

Cosas has called on all pupils to report to school on Monday so that they could get their regular briefing from their leaders.

The leader of the United Nations observer mission, Miss Angela King, had earlier called on pupils to use demonstrations sparingly and urged them to go back to school and register.

Responding to this, Maseko said they would call an urgent meeting with the observer mission to "clarify the issue". "I think they don't understand the underlying issues. Their call for pupils to register is cause for concern. It makes us question their neutrality," Maseko said.
A welcome into warm bosom of the ANC

RAY HARTLEY

The group of Afrikaans-speaking whites who joined the ANC last weekend wished to dissociate themselves from the reactionary image of Afrikanerdom which was being promoted by the right wing and the NPF, said group spokesman Andries Nel.

The group supported the speedy conclusion of negotiations and the announcement of an election to date as well as legislation outlawing racial hatred, he said.

Singer Anton Goosen and scientist Johan Prins were among those who pledged their commitment to ANC ideals at a media briefing in Johannesburg.

Goosen said that he was frustrated at the slow pace of change since President F W de Klerk’s February 1990 speech announcing the unbanning of the ANC and the release of political prisoners.

“I am here because I love Afrikaans and I love SA. We feel we want to get on with things and heal the wounds of the land,” he said.

ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa said his organisation welcomed Afrikaners into the warm bosom of the ANC.

“We join them in their call to hasten the process of negotiations in this country. We are truly grateful that Afrikaners, like all these compatriots, took this historic move,” he said.

He said the ANC’s vision of self-determination differed from the Afrikaner Volksunie’s view that a section of the population could “live itself off” and form a separate nation.

Prins, a Wits University lecturer, said it was ironic that government was closing schools in the midst of an education crisis.

He said he supported the ANC’s endorsement of individual rights above group rights.

The group also included academics, a freelance filmmaker, an ecologist and an architect.
Slowly negotiating a marriage of mixed minds

As Bill Clinton acts as FW de Klerk and Nelson Mandela's best man in Philadelphia, negotiators at the World Trade Centre are haltingly moving towards democracy

By PHILIP VAN NIEKERK

The relationship between the countries of the world, and specifically South Africa and its former oppressor, the United States, has been a complex one. The negotiation process for a democratic South Africa has been fraught with challenges, but recent developments have shown progress.

In Philadelphia, FW de Klerk and Nelson Mandela were present at an event where Bill Clinton acted as a mediator, illustrating the importance of international cooperation in achieving peace and democracy. However, while progress has been made, there is still a long way to go.

The potential for conflict remains, and both parties must continue to work towards a mutually acceptable solution. The road to democracy is not without its challenges, but the commitment to peace and justice must be unwavering.

In conclusion, while the journey towards democracy in South Africa is far from over, the progress made is encouraging. The world watches with hope as the country moves towards a brighter future.
Mandela to meet Buthelezi

By Kaizer Nyatumba
Political Correspondent

ANC president Nelson Mandela has responded positively to Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini's appeal that he and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi meet to discuss an end to violence. He has asked the king to facilitate the meeting "as soon as possible".

In accepting yesterday, Mandela said he wanted to express his and the ANC's "profound understanding" for the concern shown by Zwelithini for a speedy end to the bloodshed.

Buthelezi said last night he was pleased by Mandela's willingness to meet him and was waiting for the ANC leader to communicate directly with him.

He said he had not known about Zwelithini's approach.

Said Buthelezi: "This matter is of such importance that Dr Mandela should not have responded to whatever he had heard from his majesty through the media."

Observers have interpreted the king's call as an attempt by him to rise above party politics and distance himself from the IFP, with which many thought he had very close relations.

Mandela said he wanted to assure Zwelithini of his readiness to meet Buthelezi "with an aim to address all aspects contributing to the current violence."

"We are convinced that through this initiative and the co-operation of all concerned we can move closer to finding a lasting solution to our country's problems," he said.

"Our people and country yearn for peace, which is the main condition for a speedy, democratic transformation of our society."
White tablecloths and dark pasts

There was gravity, dignity, confession and contradiction at the inquiry into ANC camps abuses this week.

By STEPHEN LAUFER and Weekly Mail Reporters

This is to be the commission to end all commissions, the searching inquiry designed to lay ghosts to rest and to silence critics left and right: the Motsueneanye Commission into abuses at the African National Congress' detention camps in exile.

After two earlier probes and reports by Amnesty International and other groups, it is a commission chosen to restore confidence.

But behind valiant attempts at gravity and a serious search for the truth lurks the distinct possibility that the commission's proceedings will become a caricature, a comedy of manners, errors and omissions.

Presiding is Sam Motsueneanye, grey-haired doyen of black commerce in South Africa. A man of stature, buttoned into a dark suit and a navy blue cardigan. A man who undoubtedly knows commercial law backwards.

To his right, a balding barrister with a nice line in incisive questioning: David Zamchiya, of the Huracan bar. And to his left, Margaret Burnham, a former Boston judge and anti-apartheid activist of long standing who now teaches constitutional law at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and argues civil rights cases in the courts.

The clerk of the commission calls on all present to rise. It's a nice touch, lending gravity to the proceedings. But why has he got an American accent? And why does his suit look as though it came from Barney's in New York, rather than Transvaal Automobile Club. And a 30cm platform so that the commissioners are enthroned above the proceedings. Just a bit.

But sitting on the Barmitzvah chairs at the back of the room, those plush, steel-tube straight-backs, it's difficult for observers to conjure up the sense of awe normally associated with a judicial inquiry into allegations of so grave a nature.

Especially when Pallo Jordan, one-time ANC security detaine and future "secretary of information", as he puts it, is called to give evidence. Jordan seems to have sensed that the situation calls for some acknowledgement of its dignity, because he is uncharacteristically not wearing jeans, but trousers with a crease.

Tea break ... Pallo Jordan and Dullah Omar share a breather

Deans in the Carlton Centre? And where did he get those Harvard law school spectacles?

Probably on Harvard Square. Because he's a young American lawyer along for the ride with Burnham. Just making himself useful.

The site of the commission's hearings brings a chill to those old enough to remember Salvador Allende's overthrow in Chile. Didn't Pinochet have his opponents detained and maimed in Santiago's soccer arena?

But the connotations of holding this inquiry in the FNB stadium seem to have passed everyone by. Besides, the ANC doesn't have access to oak-panelled courtrooms. Yet.

So white ruffled tablecloths will have to do, the kind you see at functions catered for at the
Buthelezi, Mandela to meet

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AFRICAN National Congress president Nelson Mandela has accepted Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini's proposal that he and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi should meet to discuss an end to violence.

Mr Mandela asked the king to facilitate the meeting "as soon as possible".

Responding to King Goodwill's call last week that the two leaders meet, Mr Mandela said he wanted to express his and the ANC's "profound understanding" for the concern shown by the king for a speedy end to the violence which had claimed thousands of lives in the country.

Observers have interpreted the king's call as an attempt by him to rise above party politics and distance himself from the IFP, an organisation with which many thought he had close links.

Chief Buthelezi has expressed his satisfaction with the positive reply by Mr Mandela to the proposed meeting between the two leaders, reports Sapa.

An IFP statement in Ulundi said yesterday the meeting was a necessary step towards reducing violence in South Africa.
Commission 'unprocedural"

DIRK VAN EEDEN

THE Motsenenyane commission of inquiry into alleged human rights violations in ANC camps may have to call back people who have already given evidence, says International Society for Human Rights spokesman Marc Gordon.

The commission, called by ANC president Nelson Mandela, heard the evidence of ANC members accused of violations before that of victims scheduled to testify.

When ANC deputy secretary-general Jacob Zuma was questioned on Tuesday, lead counsel for the defence Dullah Omar objected, saying it was "unprocedural" for an accused to answer to allegations not yet heard by the commission.

Commission chairman Sam Motsenenyane could not be reached yesterday.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said the ANC regarded the commission as independent and would not comment on the procedures.

The commission has collected 300 pages of affidavits from witnesses. However, these testimonies will not be heard or questioned until after the ANC leaders have been heard.

Gordon said all those who had already given evidence might have to be recalled to re-present evidence or to answer to allegations by former detainees who had not yet been heard.

"Given the situation in SA this may be difficult for the commission to achieve, despite being established on the personal authority of Mandela."

Mayor in bid to avert Cape taxi war

CAPE TOWN — Cape Town mayor Frank van der Velde said yesterday he was working with the local peace committee and the Goldstone committee to try to avert a full-scale outbreak of the township taxi war again.

"We are trying to organise a meeting between the two groups within the next few days," he said.

Van der Velde said he had held a meeting recently with one of the warring groups, the supporters of the so-called "Big Eight".

Members of the other faction, supporters of the Codeta taxi association executive, said earlier this week that most executive members were no longer sleeping at their homes for fear of attacks.

Jamile will not return to the government, says Buthelezi

RELEASED murderer and former KwaZulu deputy interior minister Samuel Jamile would not return to the KwaZulu government, KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi said this week.

Jamile and five others were released from prison on Monday in terms of the Further Indemnity Act. He was sentenced to life imprisonment two years ago for murder and attempted murder.

Reacting to statements by the ANC on the release of Jamile, Buthelezi said Inkatha remained silent when convicted criminals who were ANC members were indemnified.

"The ANC's leadership has perfected the use of double standards into an art. ANC criminals are always canonised as heroes."

Buthelezi said Inkatha was a "cynical political manoeuvre" by government, which was trying to placate its constituency.

The ANC said Jamile's release was the "beginning of the end". The ANC argues that the government is "unwilling to confront the crisis in the townships."

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Buthelezi said no evidence was heard in court to indicate that Jamile acted under the instruction of the Inkatha. Our Durban correspondent reports that Buthelezi this week rejected multiparty control of SA's security forces and warned that KwaZulu would resist the incorporation of Umkhonto we Sizwe into the army or police.

Addressing the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly in his budget speech on Wednesday, he said the "initiatives being mounted by the ANC/SACP alliance aimed at bringing all the country's security forces under one central command structure must be rejected."

The KwaZulu government's demand for a federal SA included a regional security force.

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CAPE TOWN — The police claimed on Wednesday to have made “a major breakthrough” against the PAC’s armed wing Apla, following eight arrests in the northern Transvaal.

The eight were arrested in connection with the murder of a farmer’s wife, Sandra Swanepoel, in Letsitele near Tzaneen on April 28. The men are to appear in court today.

Law and Order spokesman Craig Kotze said the eight — and Fanie Mhengeni Modau who was shot dead by police — were members of an Apla task force.

Kotze said Modau, a 17-year-old youth, had been trained outside SA, while four others had been trained in the country. He said the other four were members of the PAC.

One of them, Jameson Baloyi, was branch chairman in Tzaneen.

“This is a breakthrough against Apla since it resumed its armed struggle in earnest in December,” he said. The possibility that the eight were connected to other attacks, including those in the eastern Cape and Border, was being investigated.

Kotze said government remained opposed to all forms of extremism and terrorism, and would continue fighting it “with all the resources at its disposal”.

He said the PAC’s claim that Modau had been killed in a “military-style skirmish” had to be dismissed as “ludicrous hypocrisy, and an attempt to glorify what can only be described as a cold-blooded murder of an innocent woman”.

Earlier, Law and Order Minister Herman Kriel told Parliament that unbanned did not mean the police were turning a blind eye to any illegal actions by them.

Kriel dismissed suggestions that government had given an instruction that no action should be taken against Apla or MK when these organisations broke the law.

Banning such organisations, as the CP demanded, would simply drive them underground, he said.

Opening the debate, CP deputy leader Willie Snyman said a police spokesman had acknowledged that the security forces had been unable to act against Apla and MK since February 1990.

He asked how government could go on negotiating with “terrorists and murderers, while at the same time they go on murdering and mowing down our people”.

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AFRIKANERDOM may never be the same following a week in which the ANC launched a major drive to win the hearts and minds of the people who brought the NP and apartheid to power 45 years ago.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus, who is spearheading the ANC’s initiative to win Afrikaner support for its policies, says the organisation is stepping up efforts to “get the message to every part of SA, every community”.

Last week he addressed a mass meeting of Afrikaans supporters in Parow alongside Wilhelm Verwoerd, grandson of apartheid icon Hendrik Verwoerd. The Stellenbosch University choir sang an Afrikaans version of Nkos'I Sikelela ‘lAfrika at the meeting.

Afrikaner personalities, including folk singer Anton Goosen and diamond scientist Johan Prins, have publicly endorsed the ANC’s call for the announcement of an election date.

In a letter published in Business Day this week, Madelein Malan, daughter of former Defence Minister Magnus Malan, said she would prefer to be led by people like the ANC’s Tokyo Sexwale and Cyril Ramaphosa than people proclaiming themselves to be fighting a cause for a specific nation.

Niehaus says the small group of Afrikaners who have openly associated themselves with the ANC represent the beginnings of greater support. “These are the initiators. There is a larger group that moves more slowly behind them,” he says.

The ANC has not confined itself to publicly wooing Afrikaners. Niehaus has also addressed several closed meetings of the Rapporteurs.

He says these meetings, some of which have gone on into the early hours of the morning, have been characterised by “a very genuine feeling of wanting to know about the ANC”.

Recent moves to consolidate the right wing are generating a “counter-response” from a larger group of moderate Afrikaners who have come to terms with democratisation and are upset by the caricature of Afrikaners as khaki-clad militaristic conservatives, he says.

Niehaus believes a major catalyst for the movement of Afrikaners in the direction of the ANC is the erosion of the NP’s moral leadership in the white community.

“In the last few weeks, since the assassination of Chris Hani, the ANC has been acting as the de facto government. Mandela has been playing the role of national leader while De Klerk has become only the de jure president. The ANC has become the organisation that is able to govern and control,” he says.

The silent majority of Afrikaners are rooted in SA and driven by a desire to get on with their lives under a new government, he says.

Many of the Afrikaners who have associated themselves with the ANC have become disillusioned with the NP’s apparent delaying of the transition process.

One such person is Wits scientist and former NP member Johan Prins. He says he would be proud to be associated with a democratic SA and wants to “grab the opportunity or be left behind”.

Prins feels bitter about being conned into joining the NP when he was young, and is now considering joining the ANC. He says the NP is facing a “crisis of morality” and is showing a lack of leadership in its last days of power.

But Prins warns that the growth of the right wing is being helped by attacks on farmers and the elderly. He says there is a growing number of Afrikaners who know somebody who has been attacked on farms and smallholdings, and this is creating a general climate of fear about change.

Prins says Afrikaners must sustain itself without artificial support from the state. If it is a language with a role in SA, it will survive without being made compulsory at white schools, he says. In a future SA, schools should teach English and one other language of the pupils’ choice.

Prins is cynical about the public abandoning of the Broederbond by public figures. “All they are doing is going deeper underground,” he says.

Folk singer Anton Goosen, who penned the cynical Boy van die Suburbs, looks at the lifestyles of Afrikaner youth, recently changed tack and teamed up with SA reggae superstar Lucky Dube.

He says his announcement that he is an ANC member won’t affect his musical career, as he plans to reach all South Africans with his new musical style.

While the ANC’s recent overtures to Afrikanerdum are unlikely to win the majority of Afrikaans speakers to the organisation, they have made the point that the political categories of the old SA are rapidly falling apart.

Nothing symbolises this more than the shouts of “viva Verwoerd” from young Afrikaners at the Parow meeting.
Govt, ANC smooth over schools crisis

CAPE TOWN — Nearly 10 hours of talks between delegations led by President F W de Klerk and ANC president Nelson Mandela have laid the foundations for a resolution to the education crisis.

Government and ANC delegations emerged last night with a "potential breakthrough" after their scheduled two-hour meeting on Wednesday stretched over two days in two cities — Cape Town and Pretoria.

Among the most significant agreements reached was a government undertaking that education departments could suspend the R48 matric examination fee while efforts to resolve the crisis continued.

Sapa reports the Department of Education and Training immediately announced the suspension of fees for the November matric exams. Candidates who had paid would be reimbursed as soon as possible.

Government also, for the first time, set a target date for the establishment of the education forum and said the plight of the poorest paid teachers would be addressed during this financial year.

No joint statement was issued after the meeting, with the ANC delegation rushing to Johannesburg to brief the SA Democratic Teachers' Union (Sadtu), but deputy government spokesman Richard Carter said: "The parties have drawn a lot closer on all three problem areas (the education forum, exam fees and teachers' salaries). They have agreed to work together."

A government statement after the meeting said: "The government is at present considering all the inputs of the role-players it has consulted during the past weeks. We welcome constructive proposals made by the ANC in this regard."

It welcomed the ANC commitment to promote the establishment of the education forum as quickly as possible, and expressed the hope that the discussions would remove the perception that government was not seriously committed to this goal.

It said that with the necessary co-operation of all role-players, such a forum could be established before the end of June. "We believe that a properly constituted education forum would be the appropriate mechanism to address the many complicated issues."

Government also backed down on its insistence that examination fees be paid, saying ANC proposals provided a good basis to resolve the problem without compromising the user charge principle. "Against this background, government has decided that any education department can suspend the payment of exam fees for 1993 pending negotiations."

Government acknowledged that the proposed 5% salary increase was inadequate and that there were special categories in the teaching profession and in the public service that merited sympathetic attention. While government remained firm that it could not move materially beyond budgeted amounts, it was prepared to take a fresh look at the plight of "certain limited categories". This would include teachers at the bottom end of the salary scale.

Given the successful continuation of overall cost-cutting plans and an improvement in the economy, government expected it would be possible to make funds available for the financial year.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus described the meeting as "constructive", but added that it remained to be seen how far government was prepared to go in meeting the demands of pupils and teachers. The ANC and government had agreed that the forum should meet by the end of June and that further negotiations needed to be held to clear up remaining obstacles.

The final decision on the teachers' strike remained with Sadtu, he said. Sapa reports that Sadtu welcomed government's decision "to open negotiations on the education crisis", saying the possibility existed that the strike could be called off. It would meet education authorities tomorrow.

Also at the two-day talks were Education and Training Minister Sam de Beer, Education Co-ordination Minister Plet Marais, Finance Minister Derek Keys, ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa and ANC education head Cheryl Carolus.
ANC, IFP battle for Zulu campus

Weekly Mail Reporter 21/3 - 27/3 '93.

THE struggle between the Inkatha Freedom Party and the African National Congress in Natal has moved on to the campus of Zululand University. Students and academic staff are boycotting classes in protest against the appointment of Professor Charles Dlamini as the new rector.

Dlamini (41) was appointed by the university council last week. Students and staff say the council did not follow the proper procedure, but the real issue seems to be fears that Dlamini has IFP links and this could precipitate a struggle between the IFP and ANC for control of the university. Dlamini this week denied having links with any political group.

Dlamini was the first black dean of the university's law faculty. He said he would serve the interests of the university and accommodate differing points of view.

An academic who did not want to be named said the staff was divided on the issue. "IFP staff members support Dlamini," he said. "Students are being influenced by lecturers who belong to the ANC." He said students were suspicious of Dlamini because he came from Buthelezi's clan.

However, Dr Aaron Ndlovu, an ANC regional chairman and chairman of the Academic Staff Association, denied lecturers were influencing students. He said academic staff were protesting because the council had not followed the proper procedures in selecting Dlamini.

None of the academic staff who were IFP members had come to a staff protest meeting, which showed they supported Dlamini. He added that he knew that there were outside forces involved in Dlamini's appointment.

SRC president Khulekani Mdlongo said the students' rejection of Dlamini's appointment had to do with procedures and "nothing to do with politics."

"If we allow the council to appoint Dlamini they might reappoint Chief Buthelezi chancellor. Students want a chancellor and rector who do not belong to a political party."
ANC hails Clinton's recognition decision

By Kaizer Nyatsumba
Political Correspondent

The ANC yesterday welcomed US President Bill Clinton's decision to recognise "the democratically elected government of Angola", and said the recognition was long overdue.

US recognition of the Angolan government, elected after President Jose Eduardo dos Santos beat UNITA leader Dr Jonas Savimbi in elections last year, comes after successive US administrations had refused to recognise the MPLA government.

Instead, the US and South Africa supported Savimbi's rebel UNITA movement financially and militarily until the signing of a tripartite agreement involving Angola, Cuba and South Africa a few years ago.

The ANC said the US recognition would help bring the civil war in Angola to an end. It hoped that the US would provide substantial aid to Angola.

"This decision reflects the high priority our administration places on democracy," Clinton said in Washington on Wednesday.

The Angolan government said yesterday that it hoped the US decision would encourage a peaceful settlement with UNITA.
ANC 4 held over Eikenhof killings

By Bronwyn Wilkinson

Four ANC members, including the Vaal chairman of the Congress of South African Students (Cosas), have been arrested in Sebokeng in connection with the murder of three people in Eikenhof in March.

SAP spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad detectives arrested one man in Sebokeng on Wednesday night who was in possession of an unlicensed 9mm pistol.

The other three men were arrested in the township early yesterday.

A statement from the ANC's PWV region yesterday identified the four as Vaal Cosas chairman and Umkhonto we-Sizwe (MK) member Paul Malokoane, MK member Moses Ramifikeng, Ben Mvundelela and David Mohlahleng.

The ANC charged that Ramifikeng had been assaulted during his arrest.

The men are being held in connection with the murder of Sandra Mitchley (35), her son Shaun Neil (14) and a friend, Clare Silberbauer (13).

The three were gunned down in an ambush on their car on the Vereeniging-Johannesburg road in Eikenhof.

Commenting on the allegations of assault, Bruce said the man who was arrested on Wednesday night resisted arrest and was in possession of an unlicensed pistol.

"The man resisted arrest and force had to be used to effect the arrest. The suspect sustained minor injuries, as did a number of our policemen," Bruce said.

He added that the man was treated for his injuries, but stressed that police had not used "undue force".

ANC PWV officials and lawyers are to try to see the four today for consultation.

Three other suspects arrested last month are to be tried in Vereeniging in July in connection with the murders. The charges against a fourth suspect were withdrawn owing to lack of evidence.
ANC under fire for ‘censorship’

JOHANNESBURG. — After decades of leading a struggle against repression, the ANC is under fire from artists who say it wants to dictate what South Africans read, hear, sing and watch.

At centre stage is the ANC’s department of arts and culture. At a conference they sponsored this month, ANC speakers repeatedly urged delegates to “walk the last mile to the election booth with us”.

Enter the National Arts Initiative, who say they, not politicians, should set cultural policy. Its secretary-general, Mr Mike van Graan, has accused the ANC of trying to “manipulate the arts in ways not too dissimilar to our past rulers”.

The ANC denies Mr Van Graan’s charges. — Sapa-AP
‘Statements’:
No charges yet

Staff Reporter

DOCKETS have not yet been completed on allegedly inflammatory statements made in public by ANC Youth League leader Mr Peter Mokaba, Mrs Winnie Mandela and AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre’Blanche.

Attorney General Mr Frank Kahn said yesterday he could not take a decision until the dockets were complete.

It is understood police are having difficulty obtaining television footage of the incidents.
Mandela is prepared to meet Buthelezi

ANC president Nelson Mandela said yesterday he would be happy to meet Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi if Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini arranged the meeting.

The king appealed to both leaders last week to meet and address violence.

Mandela said he was willing to meet Buthelezi to address all aspects contributing to the current violence. “We hope that His Majesty’s good offices will facilitate the proposed meeting as soon as possible.”

We are convinced that through this initiative and the co-operation of all concerned we can move closer to finding a lasting solution to our country’s problems.”

Mandela has repeatedly said such a meeting would serve no purpose and called rather for a meeting of peace accord signatories. Buthelezi has said the latter should be preceded by a meeting between the two.

Last night Buthelezi welcomed Mandela’s statement, but said he did not know what call he was responding to. “I await a direct communication from Dr Mandela on this matter.”
JOHANNESBURG. — The African National Congress’s western Transvaal branch has reaffirmed that it does not have a battle cry: “Kill the farmer, Kill the Boer”.

The denial was in response to a statement by Orange Free State Agricultural Union president Dr Piet Gouws, who reportedly said he received calls daily from farmers suggesting their own battle cry should be: “One farmer, One Taxi”.

The ANC said the slogan was coined long before the ANC was unbanned.

Reacting to Dr Gouw’s statement, reported by the Citizen yesterday, which claimed ANC leaders “on several occasions called on their people to murder farmers”, the ANC called on Dr Gouws to “substantiate this wild allegation”.

It also deplored remarks by Transvaal Agricultural Union president Mr Dries Bruwer who said labour camps should be introduced to curb vagrancy. — Sapa.
Mandela to woo chiefs on Natal Midlands visit

DURBAN. — ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela is to visit the strife-torn northern areas of the Natal Midlands at the weekend in an attempt to woo traditional leaders and to carry the ANC's message to the rural residents of the region.

"The reasons for his visit are to focus specifically on the northern parts of the region, which have been targeted by the police, Defence Force and Inkatha for destabilisation," said Midlands ANC secretary Sifiso Nkabinde.

Mr Mandela visited the Midlands two months ago and promised to return to the northern areas to meet rural communities there.

The ANC president's visit to the area comes amid positive signs that he will meet Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi soon to try to address violence between their supporters, particularly in Natal. — Sapa.
Van Eck describes ANC crisis

By Chris Louw

The parliamentary face of the African National Congress, which is currently being beset by a crisis brought about by mass action, the teachers' strike and the growing rebellion of black youths.

Speaking in the house of assembly on Monday, ANC member Jan van Eck, MP for Claremont, referred to "a crisis" in the ANC, and warned that the "future of hope among the majority of our people is dying".

Clearly frustrated by what he referred to as a lack of progress on the negotiations front, Van Eck admitted that the ANC's leadership was confronted with "resistance from within".

Referring to the Congress of South African Students' (Coss) slogan of "Operation Barcelona" for the current wave of protest against exiled leaders, Van Eck said: "I thought it was a reference to the Olympic Games. But it really is a torch that is being kept alive by burning motorcars."

If the flame of hope dies, Van Eck said, "then it does not matter what one does. It only leads to the torch of Barcelona".

Van Eck said negotiators were not necessarily popular among their supporters.

"Strong and uncompromising language is much more popular with the public, whether it comes from the minister of law and order (when he takes office), or from Peter Mokaba, Winnie Mandela or Eugene Terre'Blanche."

Because negotiations were not showing results, they were being questioned, he said. This had led to the boos of ANC president Nelson Mandela during the Chris Hani commemoration and, in the western Cape, to the rejection of the arguments of Allan Boesak and other ANC leaders by Cosas.

The crisis was the ANC's, but also the country as a whole. "In spite of the criticisms from within the ANC ranks, the ANC's leaders are standing their ground. They will continue to talk for peace and against violence, no matter what the consequences." The "next generation," Van Eck said, was a creation of the National Party. "It is their baby that we are fighting with now. We will have to handle it together. We will carry out our responsibilities."

"We will try to discipline them and lead them in the right direction, but those responsible members (the NP) should not blame us."
TOP ANC official Dr P allo Jordan and SA Communist Party chairman Joe Slovo can legally remain in South Africa for another year without fear of prosecution.

President F W de Klerk has signed an extension to the Notice of Temporary Immunity under the Indemnity Act of 1990, extending the indemnity of 76 people.

Among them, according to a notice in yesterday's Government Gazette, are Brian and Sonia Bunting, Jacob Zuma, Ronnie Kasrils, Gill Marcus, Thabo Mbeki, Joe Modise and Max Sisulu.
My family has always been very divided about my choice to fight the system from within. But, since the Hani assassination, they are all behind me'

Based on the police (his body could not be found), Mr John Mahlalela, is now a member of Louw's ANC branch.

Louw was unhappy with De Klerk's ambiguous reply, and has vowed to fight for an independent commission to take up the matter of the civic leader who went missing in the night

His constituency stretches over a wide area, including Lichtenburg, Kleinefontein, Bloemhof and Christians. It is also an area where large-scale forced evictions have taken place over the years, like the Rooigrond upheavals.

The area's main economic activities — mining and farming — are in decline and unemployment is rising sharply. He sees no future for the region in its present state.

"We will find it extremely difficult to make the Western Transvaal economically viable on its own. If Bophuthatswana does not re-integrate, and even if it does, we might have to reassemble with the Northern Cape.""
MK chiefs insist on TEC control of all armed forces

Despite reports to the contrary, the ANC has not changed its stance on multi-party control of the security forces, senior Umkhonto weSizwe (MK) leaders insist.

Recently, senior ANC negotiator Mr Mac Maharaj was quoted as saying the ANC would not insist that the sub-councils on defence have executive powers in the lead-up to elections, nor that it should have direct control over the South African Defence Force.

But Umkhonto weSizwe commander Joe Modise and MK chief of staff Mr Sibhiwe Nyanda say the ANC's official policy has not changed since they reflected the organisation's viewpoint in Crosstalk on May 1.

The ANC's official policy remains that all armed formations should fall under the control of the sub-council on defence in the Tripartite Executive Council (TEC).

"Of course you can't expect that all these forces will be controlled and we remain outside the process. We also have to submit ourselves to that control," Nyanda said.

"But this does not mean the dissolution of these forces. It means the sub-councils have authority over everything concerning these armed forces."

Modise said the ANC would not accept the government's position that the sub-council on defence act as an advisory body to the cabinet and defence ministries.

The ANC insists the TEC have the authority to implement decisions taken by the sub-council.

"The sub-council and the TEC have to have executive powers if they are to be effective. All the armed forces in the country must be accountable to the TEC," said Modise.

Nyanda said differences between the ANC and the government over this issue has resulted in this becoming one of the stickiest areas of the negotiation process.

"We want effective control over the SADF and all the armed forces in the country. The National Party is not yet ready to accede to that... That is where negotiations are at," he said.

"I am optimistic that it will be resolved because it is in the interest of everybody that there should be speedy progress in negotiations."

"The security apparatus has been the pet child of the regime, the instrument which they so wildly used and manipulated against us, so it is very difficult for them to come to terms with the fact that they will have to yield control and ultimately lose control over the SADF and the security apparatus," Nyanda said.

"It is very difficult for the National Party regime to relinquish power and the SADF is one of their instruments of power."

"We appreciate that they are in difficulty. But there can't be progress without them resolving this question. They will have to come to terms with the fact that this must be done."
CROSSTALK

‘Joint control of the SAP, not a watching brief’

PETER GASTROW, Democratic Party spokesperson on Law and Order, explains why joint control of the police force is essential to ensure a free and fair election:

There is agreement among negotiating parties that the playing field needs to be levelled if there is to be a free and fair election. There also seems to be agreement that, during the election campaign, the South African police should not conduct themselves in such a way that their actions favour any of the competing parties. How can this be achieved?

Minister Herman Kriel’s proposal is multi-party supervision (of the security forces), but sole control by the government.

The ANC’s position until now has been for joint control. Joint supervision amounts to no more than a watching brief.

Different parties will be kept informed about what is happening within the police and they will be able to make an input into decisions about how they are to be deployed.

The final decision, however, remains with the government. So does final responsibility and accountability.

Joint control, on the other hand, suggests joint decision-making, joint responsibility and joint accountability.

Joint control is therefore a far more effective mechanism to ensure that the playing field is levelled and that the police force is not biased by the government.

It also makes the police’s task easier, because they will be operating with the mandate from those who exercise joint control.

Statements made by the ANC’s Mac Maharaj suggest that the ANC is considering a shift in position from joint control to joint supervision. This would bring the ANC in line with the government’s position.

The reason for the apparent shift by the ANC is presumably the fear that there could be a political backlash if it were to assume co-responsibility over the actions of the police force.

Short-term political considerations by the ANC are understandable, but to abrogate joint control would certainly not be in the national interest or in the longer-term interests of the ANC.

It would leave the government in sole control of the police and would result in the police becoming highly politicised.

The police are also likely to be used as a political football by all parties in the government. Every incident in which police are involved will be exploited.

When a new government is elected next year, it will rely on this very same police force to maintain stability. A battered police force which has had to bear the brunt of the election campaign will be demoralised and difficult to depend on.

Joint control is therefore absolutely essential for a fair and free election, and for the sake of stability after a new government has been elected.
ANC asks Clinton to return ANC cash if.

WHEN Nelson Mandela and State President de Klerk visit the US in July the question of US sanctions and future availability of foreign capital is bound to be high on their list of priorities.

They are to be presented with the prestigious Philadelphia Liberty Medal by US President Clinton on July 4.

One of the most important of the remaining sanctions is the Gramm Amendment which entitles the US to veto any International Monetary Fund loans to SA.

It is expected that the US legislators will revoke the Gramm Amendment as soon as the ANC formally makes such a request to the Clinton administration.

There is no doubt that full membership of the IMF and access to its loan facilities will be most useful to our country - but make no mistake - the IMF is not a fairy godmother that gives away wealth.

In fact, it is an organisation that is resented in many African countries.

Some African leaders even access it of weakening their national sovereignty because of all the strings attached to aid.

They nevertheless remain very dependent on the IMF and other affiliated bodies of the World Bank for financial aid.

Another very important point to bear in mind is that SA will not qualify automatically for IMF credits.

At the moment we are experiencing a surplus in our physical trade with the rest of the world which will certainly cause raised eyebrows in Washington should we apply for loans.

However, this surplus is really the result of sanctions and the need for SA to continually repay old foreign loans.

If we turn to the IMF for help to develop our economy there is little doubt that we will receive temporary assistance, although the very fact that we have access to the IMF will probably cause other lenders to be more amenable than at present.

The key will be the state of our economy and national political stability. Nobody wants to lend to a country which finds itself in a virtual state of civil war.

As the ANC's Trevor Manuel puts it, "What we need is not really IMF money, but IMF approval of SA economics"
Mandela escape plan revealed

By DESMOND BLOW

A BOLD plan whereby Nelson Mandela was to have escaped by helicopter in 1981 from his life imprisonment on Robben Island and seek asylum in the Cape Town embassy of a friendly Western country has just been revealed.

Documents detailing the plan, which will be exhibited at the Robben Island Exhibition that opens at the Mayibuye Centre in Cape Town on Wednesday.

Mandela apparently agreed to the escape, providing the ANC high command approved and documents detailing the plan were sent to Oliver Tambo in London.

The escape was planned for January 1, 1981, but it was not put into operation, perhaps because it was suspected there might have been a leak.

This was a possibility, because the following year Mandela was moved from Robben Island to Pollsmoor Prison on the mainland.

The originator of the plan was Eddie Daniels, who spent 15 years on Robben Island from November 1964 to December 1979 and knew Robben Island Prison "like the back of my hand".

Daniels was jailed for sabotage as a member of the African Resistance Movement (Arm), but since his release has become a member of the ANC.

He told City Press this week that he worked with Mandela on the escape plan for three years before his release.

Daniels said that more people than Mandela could have escaped, depending on the size of the helicopter, and named others in Mandela's section of the prison as including Walter Sisulu, Ahmed "Kathy" Kathrada and Govan Mbeki.

Daniels said he had kept details of the flight of helicopters over Robben Island for seven years.

These helicopters supplied passing ships with mail, films and food and would often fly around the island as if making a sight-seeing tour. The helicopters often carried a basket on the back to deliver goods to ships.

Daniels said he believed that with so much helicopter activity the warders on duty at the radar post would react slowly in asking the helicopter to identify itself.

He said he had discussed the situation fully with M (Mandela) and felt the rescue could be made with the help of no more than two people, including the pilot.

He gave eight points of the planned escape:

- "The escape to be staged at 9:15 am on New Year's Day, 1981.
- "The four (helicopter would leave Cape Town at the appropriate time to breach Robben Island at 9:15 am.
- "In the helicopter will be the
- "To Page 4"
Azayo targets township crime

By MOSES MAVAILA

THE Azanian Youth Organisation is to launch a nationwide campaign under the theme, "Azspial elokishini - askhamathile nDarkie.

The campaign, which means "We do not hassle in the townships, we do not attack a black person," is to be formally launched on July 18.

Azayo president George Blya said the programme, adopted by Azayo's national congress last year, was geared at eliminating crime, thuggery and violence in the black community.

"We want to uproot crime by speaking the township jargon in discouraging blacks to target other blacks. However, we are not saying blacks should rob and attack whites, neither are we saying they should not attack the white oppressors," Blya said.

Azayo did not wish to police the black community, but wanted to instil a sense of love and respect that would make it impossible for black youths to harass and rob their fellow blacks.

The organisation hoped to achieve this through nationwide workshops, music festivals and a campaign showing youths that sports did not include the abuse of alcohol, drugs or sex.

The campaign would also address unemployment through career guidance and Blya called on all pupils to go back to school to arm themselves with better skills.
ANC leader saves the day

ANC leader Nelson Mandela again came to the nation's rescue this week, helping avoid a collapse in black education.

Sadtu general secretary Randall van der Heever said his union was deeply indebted to Mandela's timely intercession to avert the strike.

"Mandela unlocked the deadlock between us and the authorities," Van der Heever said.

Mandela and State President FW de Klerk staved off a looming national crisis after a marathon two-day meeting in Cape Town on Wednesday and Thursday.

As a result, the DET has suspended the payment of the R48 exam fees, and pledged itself to the establishment of an Education Negotiating Forum and the re-opening of talks around the five percent teacher salary increase.

Subsequently Cosas and Sadtu have called off their planned national strike which was to start tomorrow.

A well-placed ANC source said the Mandela/De Klerk meeting was initiated by the ANC leader.

Although Mandela was sympathetic to the grievances of the students and their educators, he was equally worried that the impact of their strike might take SA back to the 1976 student revolt, the source said.

He said Mandela had pointed out to De Klerk the importance of averting a crisis by reviewing the salary and the exam fees - issues which could be addressed thoroughly at a negotiating forum while effective learning took place.

While De Klerk did not have problems with the suggestion, he is believed to have been worried about elements on the left and right who would accuse him of "taking orders from the ANC."

Sadtu emphasised, however, that while the planned national strike for a living wage had been suspended, this did not mean that locally based disputes in specific departments had been called off.

The strike would have affected 80,000 teachers and about 900,000 pupils.

Inkatha leader and KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi yesterday criticised De Klerk for not taking education decisions which impacted on his (Buthelezi's) education department - which he said was the biggest in the country.

Sadtu (western Cape) resolved at an emergency regional executive committee consultative meeting in Cape Town yesterday to take strike action tomorrow, reports Sapa.

Pickets would be held tomorrow and on Tuesday morning and exam papers would be withheld, a statement said.
Comrade Joe thrives in the lion's den

By DESMOND BLO

The recent hunt against the life of SACP chairman Joe Slovo by alleged right-wing extremists was no surprise to him.

Comrade Joe or JS as he is affectionately known in the Party and the ANC, has lived with death threats ever since he went into exile in 1963 to organise the Boxbosse to SAW for the ANC.

In fact when the SADF raided Mozambique in search of MK cadres in 1981, the government triumphantly announced that Slovo had been blown up in the truck he was driving. “But as you see they didn’t succeed. It was a case of mistaken identity, and some poor Portuguese guy was killed,” he told City Press this week.

For 27 years in exile Slovo was constantly on the alert for would-be assassins.

Fortunately we had good intelligence information and I was often warned to change my address or to vary my routes when travelling.”

However, the most traumatic experience JS had with death was when his wife, Ruth First, was murdered by a parcel bomb in 1972 at Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo. JS was loathe to discuss Ruth’s death this week. “It is difficult to talk about,” he said, “but Ruth’s murder was very painful. My primary emotion was one of hurt and anger because she was not involved in any military activity but was a lecturer at the university.”

“But you can’t act politically with revenge or bitterness. We’ve got objectives and we’ve got to move ahead in an effective way. You can’t move ahead if all that motivates you is emotion and feelings of revenge.”

Although it was too painful for Slovo to recount Ruth’s death, he did describe it in a forward to the release of Ruth’s book “17 Days”, her touching and dramatic account of her 17 days in solitary detention at the hands of the Security Police.

In the forwarded Slovo wrote that when he arrived at the university where Ruth was killed, “the overwhelming urge to remember her life paralyzed me at the entrance to her devastated office. She lay hidden by the remnants of her desk, only her feet were visible, clad in one of her stylish beige-coloured pairs of shoes.”

Slovo says although he does not seek revenge he believes it is necessary to uncover the truth about all the tortures and murders committed by the security forces.

“The important thing is that we have a truth commission because it is vital that if there is going to be forgiveness there must be full exposure and some kind of acknowledgement by those involved.”

Slovo believes there is now a greater threat against him and other ANC and SACP leaders than when they were in exile because we are now in the lion’s den.”

“When we were in exile the main threats against us were the security forces, now there are all kinds of people engaged in third force activity who want the talks to fail and the best way they can do this is to cause turmoil and violence.”

It is not generally known that Joe Slovo had very little schooling. He immigrated to SA from Lithuania with his parents when he was eight, and was forced to leave school after Std 6 when he was 15 because he had to help support his poor family.

Despite the failure of communism in Eastern Europe Slovo remains convinced that genuine socialism - as long as it is multi-party - is the policy for the future and that poverty will be overcome and the gap between rich and poor will be narrowed.

Slovo said it was difficult to tell if he would have become a communist if he had lived in another country and not known the plight of blacks in SA.

“Every person moves towards a certain ideology through personal experience, and all personal experiences are not the same.”

He saw action in Egypt and Italy and when he returned, he was given exemption from military service because he had served in the army and was allowed to go to university where he studied law and despite his lack of schooling he was awarded the prize as the best law student in his final year.

Had Slovo not sought for his ideals and been content to remain a lawyer in SA he would have been very wealthy today. “I was in exile for 27 years and I earned so much money. While I was in London for 10 years I was paid a monthly allowance but for the 17 years I was in Angola, Zambia and Mozambique I was not paid. None of us were paid. We were supplied with certain necessities like food, accommodation and cigarettes - that is all.”
Viva, comRade

The term we are so familiar with has not always survived once a struggling people have won their freedom. Even in so-called “socialist” states such as Zimbabwe the term “comrade” is falling from grace. City Press features editor LEN KALANE and our correspondent in Harare trace the history of the term “comrade”, and investigate its current standing in countries where it was once the sole means of address.

"VIVA, Comrade, VIVA!" The roar of the class is almost as old as the struggle itself.

In SA, it wasn’t as common prior to 1976. It took root around the 1983/84 political turbulence. After that, every activist began to be addressed as “comrade sound-so”.

It became part of the way of life during the mass democratic movement days of the UDF. It was the cry at “Black Power” meetings commemorating the June 16 uprisings, at political funerals, protest meetings and of late, at any given political rally.

Comrade!

It goes Comrade Mandela, Comrade Mokité, Comrade late Hass, Comrade late Tamb, Comrade Si, Comrade Madzvamuzi, Comrade Lekota, Comrade late Muchepang, Comrade Mokité, Comrade Mamboni, and in some stage, even Comrade De Klerk!

Comrade Nkandla Madzvamuzi.

He was almost caught off guard when City Press approached him for comment. “It’s a word used within circles. We grew up that way,” said the PAC’s Western Region chairman.

“I know it’s history, that’s all I can say to you, comrades. It was adopted from the eastern bloc in the 1980s and ’90s,” added Madzvamuzi, who conceded that during the early days of the struggle the word was almost nonexistent.

“During my father’s days (the fiery PAC’s leader “Mr Overboss” Madzvamuzi) for instance, people in the struggle just referred to each other simply as ‘brother’.”

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Will it go out of fashion as it has in other countries?

End of the communist role in Eastern Europe and the end of the Cold War, Zimbabwe was forced to reassess its ideological direction.

Mugabe himself is said to be reluctant to publicly renounce Marxist-Leninists and may yet still embrace his dream of turning the country into a one-party State. However, most of the signal, even within his own party, indicates that the days of "Comrade-sounding" are coming to an end.

The ZBC directive on continuing "comrade" to party and government officials is said to have come from Tommy Mandigoro, who is the Head of News. Mandigoro is an ex-combatant and although he may not have distinguished himself as a journalist or as a television personality, he has credentials as a freedom fighter which count at ZBC.

As Zimbabwe’s Newspapers — owners of The Herald, The Sunday Mail and The Chronicle among other leading newspapers — is Tommy Madzivanzira who is editor-in-chief. Sibhele is a strong member of the ruling party and is close to many of its top leaders.

Only a direct order from the Minister of Information is likely to allow media to finally stop calling anybody "comrade". At one time, ZBC sources disclosed they dropped "comrade", except for Mugabe and the two vice-presidents, Dr Joshua Nkomo and Sibusiso Moyo.

It is probable, however, that such an order had been issued "from above" and that both in the ministry or by the heads of the two media, acting in concert.

However, it soon became clear that the party was not yet ready to relinquish its socialist credentials, although in reality it has abandoned socialism.

Still, Mugabe is taking his time putting his final seal of approval on the ideological architecture.

For instance, the Land Acquisition Act, which he personally promoted, is greatly designed to enhance FANU’s image as a party of free enterprise.

This law, in essence, calls for the "magnification" of any land, but mostly commercial farming land, to the resettlement of landless peasants. Hardly unnoticed is a clause in the 4,000 odd white commercial farmers in the
"When people return to civilian life they resume the normal way of communicating."

ROBERT MUGABE ... One of the last in Zimbabwe who is still officially referred to as "comrade".

In the face of this transformation - from a country promoting socialism to one grappling with economic challenges - some Zimbabweans feel that their political and social goals are linked to that ideology.

By Economic Structural Adjustment Programme (ESA) to "home-grown" elements. It may have "reforms" elements, but it is under attack by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund and is an easy target for criticism.

Although Mugabe recently visited the People's Republic of China and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea - two of the last bastions of Marxism-Leninism in the world - Zimbabwe no longer promotes that its political and social goals are linked to that ideology.

Reflecting on this shift, Zimbabweans are divided on whether it represents a move towards greater economic freedom or a retreat into the past.

Further evidence that Mugabe is far from abandoning his goal of creating a "comrade" society, as suggested by the "home-grown" elements of the current economic policy.

For that, it is to be given credit: 20% of the population may benefit from this approach. However, it is unclear whether this is sustainable or just a temporary solution to economic problems.

Black Zimbabweans - except judges, magistrates, priests and doctors - are still referred to as "comrade". People of all races are referred to as "comrades".

The move away from the state-controlled media is evident in the recent appointment of a new editor of the Zimbabwean Times, a newspaper that previously supported Mugabe's government.

The new editor, a former government official, is expected to bring a fresh perspective to the newspaper.

Mugabe's government has recently come under criticism for its handling of the country's economic crisis, which has led to massive price increases and a severe shortage of basic goods.

In response, the government has announced a "comrade" program to distribute food and other essentials to those in need.

The program is seen as a way to address the food crisis and improve the lives of Zimbabweans.

However, critics argue that the program is not enough and that more needs to be done to address the root causes of the country's economic problems.

The government has also faced criticism for its handling of the country's debt crisis, which has led to a decrease in international aid.

In response, the government has announced a new debt restructuring plan, which is expected to be approved by creditors in the near future.

The plan includes a restructuring of Zimbabwe's debt, which currently amounts to $11 billion, and a reduction in the interest rate on future loans.

Despite the challenges facing the country, Mugabe remains popular among many Zimbabweans, who see him as a strong leader who has stood up to outside pressures.

In the run-up to the next election, Mugabe has vowed to continue his policies and has been supported by a large majority of the population.

The upcoming election is expected to be a key test of Mugabe's ability to sustain his popularity and his执政.
The World Trade Centre is not an attractive building. It is too new, for one thing, and looks impermanent, a honeycomb of pressed-fibre walls and spun-fibre floor tiles.

It has displays of pine furniture kits behind glass cases where Parliament has Thomas Baines seascapes on tea wainscoting and pen-pal letters where Parliament still echoes to the ghosts of sharp debaters like HF Verwoerd or crusaders like Helen Suzman.

Well, the prefabricated World Trade Centre began gaining a patina of its own this week. Days after the best session of the Negotiating Council yet on Tuesday, the atmosphere was still lighter, the banter and smiles flowing in the new mood of optimism.

The session began with the Afrikaner Volksraad's Mrs J Gouws complaining that the council was "rustling through negotiations for a new South Africa with a speed that twiddles you into the air."

Eight hours later she declined to carry through her request to debate the speed issue because of the "amicable atmosphere" between chairman and IFP delegate Frank Mdlalose and Cyril Ramaphosa of the ANC.

"Today we really did move like responsible people negotiating the future of our country," she said.

The council had ratified an ANC suggestion that which reached it via the technical committee on constitutional issues, and to the effect that a commission be established to draw the boundaries of the country's new regions.

But along with this, it suggested that the powers and functions of the regions during the interim period be debated by the council.

This went a long way towards allaying Inkatha fears about autonomy.

With that, the atmosphere lightened, there was light-hearted joshing and the players settled into their roles.

Joe Slovo had a burst of eloquence. He does this once a week, Amichand Ramotsi spoke many, many times, usually to castigate the media for not reporting, by implication, his many, many contributions to the debate.

Frank Mdlalose was avuncular and charming, giving as good as he got from the floor. Issues were debated and the pale blue chamber, raing, with laughter and applause.

Once again, the lingering misgivings of the smaller parties were swept aside in the euphoria of having achieved another step-forward (or sideways, as the people such tricky things as the CP's insinuation on self-determination, homeland style.

Thus far the eight teams - joined this week by Advocate Michael均衡 from the Department of Foreign Affairs - have worked well together, dividing the massive task between them along conceptual rather than political lines.

A political party's nominee to the committee may not even know the latest submissions from his party, let alone having to advocate them.

But, largely due to this committee, and the ANC's sudden attack of transience, the council this week shored up enough goodwill to see it through at least some of the rough times ahead.

The fact that these are being seen as real negotiations was demonstrated charmingly at the end of the week.

The public has stayed away from the World Trade Centre. But, if they notice it at all, it is just another converted warehouse along the highway: look, from the Smuts bridge - large black letters proclaiming Trade Mart (soon to be Trade-Off Mart ...) along its facade.

But on Friday afternoon 90 Ladysmith trainee teachers filed through its maze of corridors with a mixture of awe and delight.

Along with the Union Buildings and the planetarium, the World Trade Centre had been placed on their history tour itinerary - surely recognition of sorts.

And the first group of students to tour the building thought it was perfect.

Said Thandi Shabalala: "The negotiations should be in a bigger new building. This is where history will be made!"

- Claire Robertson
THE Carlton Centre was a busy place last week.

In one glittering ceremony ANC leader Nelson Mandela was honoured with the Gleitsman Activist Award worth R315,000 for his fight for peace and democracy.

Presenting him with the award at a ceremony at the Carlton Centre, Gleitsman Foundation chairman Alan Gleitsman said there were few people who symbolised the power of activism more fully than Mandela.

"It's appropriate to honour the man whose name has become synonymous with human rights," Gleitsman said.

In another Carlton Centre ceremony, Soweto businessman Alex Molokane introduced the "Black and Lovely" hair product.
Mandela calls for lower voting age

ANC president Nelson Mandela told supporters at a rally in Dundee yesterday the organisation would demand that the legal voting age in South Africa be reduced to 14.

Mr Mandela said the ANC would "put tremendous pressure" on those wanting to retain the present voting age of 18, so that ANC youth could take part in elections.

"They say a person under 18 can't think correctly and make a wise choice. We reject that, and demand the voting age should be 14."

"ANC youths left school from the age of 12 to join Umkhonto we Sizwe, and now that we have to vote, we are told those at the forefront of the battle must not vote. We reject that."

"Those who fought for freedom are the very people it is said should not vote," said Mr Mandela.

He said 14 was the legal voting age in at least seven countries, and "in our country there should be no exception."

Mr Mandela made an impassioned plea to his supporters to seek peace with their Inkatha Freedom Party rivals, adding that several initiatives were under way for a summit between himself and IFP president Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

He said despite reported denials by Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini that he would facilitate an ANC/IFP presidential summit, plans were still under way for the meeting.
ANC camps probe goes to Tanzania

THE Moiswonyane commission of inquiry into torture in ANC camps outside SA travelled to Tanzania this weekend to investigate conditions in remaining camps.

A fortnight ago, the German-based International Society for Human Rights called on the commission to investigate existing ANC detention facilities in Tanzania and Uganda and to ensure the release of any prisoners still held.

The ANC says all prisoners have been freed. Testimony will be heard next week from victims of torture or the families of exiles who have "disappeared".

The ISHR also called on the commission to recommend that those who transgressed human rights should not be allowed to hold office in the ANC or a future government.

Last week, senior ANC officials told the commission the movement — though a signatory to the Geneva Convention — became paranoid because of spies in its ranks responsible for killings and bombings.
New blueprint spells out way to talks settlement

THIS IS BOTTOM LINE FOR PEACE

By ELYTH BULBRING and CLAIRE ROBERTSON

LEADERS of negotiating teams at the World Trade Centre were yesterday handed a document which holds the key to a political settlement in South Africa.

The blueprint for a breakthrough is disclosed in a confidential document written by a technical committee consisting of eight legal and constitutional experts chosen by the various political parties to guide debate and help resolve differences.

With only 10 days to the deadline for setting a date for elections, the parties have been told they will have to make significant concessions.

The ANC and its allies have been told the only way forward is for them to accept a plan protecting the interests of minorities and regions, and establishing clear constitutional principles before an election.

A DARING plan to free ANC president Nelson Mandela from South Africa's "Alcatraz" - the maximum security prison on Robben Island - has been revealed for the first time.

Hatched over a three-year period with military precision, the plan was to airlift Mr Mandela in a helicopter flying under the South African flag on New Year's Day 1981, and to take him to a foreign embassy in Cape Town where he would seek political asylum.

Devised in the utmost secrecy, the plan was committed to writing on sheets of fine tracing paper and smuggled out of South Africa between the cardboard layers of a colourful postcard of Cape Town.

Documents outlining the plan will be seen by the public for the first time at an exhibition organised by the Mayibuye Centre at the University of the Western Cape and the South African Museum, which opens in Cape Town on Wednesday.

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Thokoza battle
The blueprint will be presented to the "group of 10" planning committee tomorrow and to the 26 parties participating in the World Trade Centre talks on Tuesday. The report concludes that "the key to unlocking the differences that exist and enabling the process to move forward is to develop a set of constitutional principles".

"These should be sufficient to offer assurance to those who are concerned that their interests will not be adequately protected if the constitution is drawn up by an elected constitution-making body without being so detailed as to pre-empt the work of the elected constitution-making body."

The technical committee's report comes in the context of significant shifts by the ANC and the IFP this week.

Formulas

Inkatha's central committee last Sunday resolved to explore ways of accommodating a suitable power-sharing formula — a concept it had been firmly opposed to.

The ANC in turn accepted that the boundaries of the regions for the purposes of elections would be decided at the multi-party talks forum and that the forum would decide the powers, functions and structures the regions will have after the first non-racial elections.

But their shifts, the technical committee says, do not go far enough.

It suggests that detailed and stringent regional safeguards contained in a definitive principle binding the constitution-making body should include:

- That regions may take the central government to court if it punishes regional opponents or intervenes in local matters beyond the scope of a list of criteria setting out when and how it may do so;

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by MALCOLM HOWA

AT 9.15am on New Year’s Day 1981, a helicopter would hover briefly over the courtyard of the maximum security prison on Robben Island.

Suspension from its fuselage, at the end of a fine cable, would be a large net, dropped with the South African flag.

To the casual eye — or even that of an uninvited wartime radar operator on this public holiday — it would appear to be an "official" flight.

But, when the helicopter lifted, banked and landed to fly to the mainland, it would be ferrying the island's most celebrated inmate to freedom.

Secret

Financed over a three-year period from 1978, the plot to get Nelson Mandela out of prison was one of the ANC's best-kept secrets for more than a decade — and it might just have worked, though Mr Mandela would initially do not think.

Devised with military precision by Western Cape ANC activist Eddie Daniels, it was discussed in detail and utmost secrecy — with both Mr Mandela and his fellow prisoner Walter Sisulu.

Mr Daniels wanted to include Mr Sisulu in the escape, but the ANC High Command declined the suggestion, and it was decided that if anyone joined Mr Mandela in his daring bid for freedom, it should be Swazi leader Odinga Ya Tuya.

The date and time of the escape were selected because only a skeleton staff would be on duty — and it was thought that the warden manning the island's radar screen may be a bit lax after the previous night's festivities.

Prisoners would be watching a film in the dinning hall that morning, and would be allowed to "move around freely" while the warders were being changed between 9am and 11am.

At that time, the warders would arrive and put on their uniforms.

A helicopter was chosen because there was a large volume of helicopter traffic in the vicinity of the island at the time, and one more would not arouse undue suspicion.

Serious

The regular flights were made by helicopter supplying prisoners with food, mail, and clothing.

Mr Daniels had observed that there was only one large helicopter, but occasionally a smaller one also made an appearance.

It was noticed that the helicopters "at times fly around, return, or even remain high above the island as if on a sightseeing tour" — and often carried a basket or payload beneath.

"We felt that, with all this flight activity over the island, the warders on duty at the radar post would react slowly when a flight landed or in the vicinity of the island, and will only take serious action after a lapse of minutes if the helicopter does not, or is unable to, identify itself," he observed.

In the helicopter would be the pilot — unidentified in the plan — and Mr Daniel, to act as an additional pair of eyes in the sky and as a guide.

The Lepera Party member knew the island's layout well.

The MASTERMIND

THE MASTERMIND

PLOTTING... Eddie Daniels with a copy of his escape plan. The pictures in the background show the courtyard where Robben Island prison guards spent hours on an endearing rocks in the heat. The other, a picture sent secretly and smuggled off the island, shows Nelson Mandela and Walter Sisulu conversing.

Picture: TERRY SHAN

...the escape plan and details of the operation.

The escaping was expected to take about 50 minutes.

"Because of the high walls which separate the sections, the warders may not know what is happening. If there is raised noise, the head of the prison will have to radio back to find out what had actually taken place.

"If satisfied, he will then have to inform all warders, who will in turn inform aerodrome. If police vehicles maintain our flight, there is nothing we can do. Once safely in the grounds of a friendly foreign embassy, we can plan to leave the RSA. The plan was finalised shortly before his release at the end of 1979, according to the plan and plan.

As I write, the scenario of succeeding is high. Our prize is freedom for the ANC president.

A precondition for the plan was the agreement of the ANC leaders in exile with the plans details to the ANC president.

The "one thing no one had expected was that I'd be placed under house arrest after I was released. I started almost immediately to put the plan down on this rough paper, and sketched a map of the prison on an additional sheet.

"My major task then was to find a way of getting the information out of the country." He said, referring to the escape plan.

"I rolled the tracing paper thinly and hid it between layers of a picture postcard of Cape Town. Then I sent the postcard to Sisi Vinge, wife of Namibian activist Ronald Vinge.

Mr Vinge, in turn, ensured that the plan eventually reached Mr Mandela in London — but there is no record of his reaction.

Some months later, rumours of a preemptive strike on the ANC base in Lusaka prompted the destruction of several sensitive documents, but the escape plan was taken to the Netherlands. And there it remained, locked in a safe, until the beginning of this month.

Strong

Mr Mandela said the escape would have been to have taken place in 1980, because there were "strong rumours" that the prisoners were to be moved off Robben Island that year.

"The plan would have been a disaster, had it not been for the fact that we had time to prepare for it. The escape would have been a disaster, had it not been for the fact that we had time to prepare for it. By the time it was ready, it was too late," Mr Daniels said.

Mr Mandela declined to comment on the escape plan.
PAC want unitary state

MULTIPARTY negotiations and “intense struggles on every front” had to go hand in hand, PAC president Eugene Mawetu said yesterday.

He was speaking at Boipatong in the Vaal Triangle at a rally to mark the OAU’s “Africa Liberation Day”.

“The only purpose of the current talks at Kempton Park must be to prepare the way for elections for a Constituent Assembly,” Mawetu said.

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Elections for a constituent assembly would afford everyone an opportunity to express their views, he added. – Sapa
The term we are so familiar with has not always survived once a struggling people have won their freedom. Even in so-called "socialist" states such as Zimbabwe the term "comrade" is falling from grace. City Press features editor LEN KALANE and our correspondent in Harare trace the history of the term "comrade", and investigate its current standing in countries where it was once the sole means of address.

"VIVA, Comrade, Viva!" The rear of the chair is almost as old as the struggle itself. In SA, it was as common as street parade in the 80s/90s political turbulence. After that every activity began to be addressed as "comrade so-and-so".

It became part of the way of life during the mass democratic movement days of the UDF. It was the cry at "Black Power" meetings commemorating the June 16, 1976, at political funerals, protest meetings and of late, at any given political rally.


"Comrade" is a word used within our circles. We grew up with that way," said the PAC's West Rand region chairman.

"I know it's history, that's all I can say to you, comrades. It was adopted from the eastern bloc in the '60s and '70s," added Madzwayo, who recalled that during the early days of the struggle the word was as common as "comrade".

"During my father's days (the late PAC's Josias "Mr Overcoat" Madzwayo) for instance, people in the struggle just referred to each other simply as 'brother'."

The end of the communist rule in Eastern Europe and the end of the Cold War, Zimbabwe was forced to re-examine its ideological direction.

Mugabe himself is said to be reluctant to publicly renounce Marxism-Leninism and may yet still embrace its dreams of turning the country into a one-party State. However, most of the signs, even within his own party, indicate that the day of "comrade so-and-so" being more Zimbabwe than other citizens may be drawing to a close.

The ZBC directive on continuing "comrade" as party and government officials is said to have come from the Office of the Head of News. Mandagora is an ex-combatant and although he may not have distinguished himself as a journalist or a television personality, he is known as a freedom fighter who once led the PAC.

At Zimbabwe Newspapers - owners of The Herald, The Sunday Mail and The Chronicle among other large-selling newspapers - it is Tommy Sibhele who is editor-in-chief. Sibhele is a strong member of the ruling party and is close to many of its top leaders.

Only a direct order from the Minister of Information is likely to allow either media to finally stop calling anybody "comrade". At one time, ZBC officials disclosed they dropped "comrade" except for Mugabe and the two vice-presidents, Dr Jairosi Nkomo and Simon Muzenda.

It is probable that such an order had been issued "from above", either by someone in the ministry or by the head of the two media, acting in concert.

However, it soon became clear that the party was not yet ready to relinquish its socialist credentials, although in reality it has abandoned communism.

Still, Mugabe is taking his time putting his final seal of approval on the ideological outlook. For instance, the Land Acquisition Act, which he personally promulgated, is hardly designed to enhance Zanu (PF)'s image as a party of free enterprise.

This law, in essence, calls for the "reapportionment" of any land, but mostly commercial farming land, to the resettlement of landless peasants. Hardship by the law are met by the 4,000 odd white commercial farmers in the
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THE military frontline is usually reserved for men, but women too have served the ANC's army well. City Press spoke to a number of these brave women.

Jackie Molefe left the country in 1974 when she was 17. She was recruited for military training just after Nelson Mandela had been sentenced.

"I was very young," she said, "but I knew exactly what I was doing, although I did not know that I would be gone for such a long time."

Jackie's parents had been involved in the ANC since she was a child. She says: "I was always tormented by seeing my father insulted and searched by young white cops."

She left with a group of 10 men. When they reached Dar es Salaam in Tanzania she found that she was one of three women among 1,000 men. Later the number of women rose to 11.

She said: "Because of the ratio of men to women, bad feelings ran high and sometimes the men would insult us and call us names."

The leadership feared that women would cause confusion in the camps. The women worked out a plan to make sure they could stay inside the movement.

"We had to work together to make sure that our presence in the army was not disruptive. With time attitudes changed and we began to gain the respect of our male comrades." Jackie did extra training in communication. The women were fit and strong and they expected to be sent to SA for combat.

"Unfortunately women were mostly used in clerical jobs," she said.

However, in 1977 Jackie was approached by the late Moses Mabhida. He asked her to join the Revolutionary Council and head MK's communication department. She joined as the only woman.

"I am not ashamed to say that I used my department to uplift women. I helped establish the Ruth First Training Centre in one of the camps in Angola."

In 1987 she became a member of the ANC NEC. She is still head of communications. "I think a future army needs a code of conduct in which sexism will be punishable," she said.

Ayanda Baku left SA in 1976. She was 19. She left the country to join MK because she saw no point in facing the boers with stones when they were shooting with guns."

When she got to the camp the men were helpful. Men were pleased to have the women around because it meant that the burden of the struggle was being shared.

What Ayanda found difficult about being a woman soldier was to postpone having children. In fact, even getting married was difficult because couples were bound by camp rules. They had to behave like everyone else. Sometimes marriages broke up because couples were often sent to different countries.

However, she found that there were good chances to develop. Even the illiterate were given a chance to improve. Literacy classes were made compulsory.

Women began to take on jobs which used to be only for men. Women could be instructors or become part of combat missions.

Ayanda began putting together and reading the news in the camp and found herself working for Radio Freedom.

She is grateful for this experience which taught her how good she could be. She worked for Angola's Radio Nasionale for five years. Now back in SA, she is looking for an opportunity in broadcasting.

Dipuo Mvelase left home in 1983 at the age of 17. The hanging of ANC guerrillas was what eventually made her leave the country.

"I was shocked. I never really believed they would do it." Soon afterwards she, her boyfriend Vincent and another friend left the country for military training.

She later became a platoon commander, an instructor in artillery and a political instructor.

She left Angola in 1986 and worked underground in Botswana for a while. She then entered SA at the beginning of 1990 to work with Operation Vula. She was arrested with others in 1990. They eventually received indemnity in 1991. Dipuo now works for the ANC's department for political education.

Daisy Fortune Chiloane was also 17 when she left home in 1978. She had been a pupil activist at Makule High School in KwaThema when she was arrested.

After a week in police cells, where she said "they beat us like hell," she was asked to turn state witness against the cops. She agreed even though she did not know who she was to give evidence against! She was released. She then left to join the ANC in exile.

Deep down inside she was furious and chose to remain immediately.

In Angola, during cultural activities, it was discovered that she could sing. She was then chosen to join Amandla, the ANC's cultural troop.

That was in 1980 and she stayed with the touring group for many years.

Daisy fell pregnant and had to leave the war zone in Angola to start a new life in Tanzania where comrades were able to raise children.

She is back with Amandla which intends touring the mines - for like the struggle, the show must go on.

**DICTIONARY**

Recruited: joined the army.

Tormented: suffered badly.

Disruptive: interupted normal activity.

Combat: battle.

Code of conduct: rules for behaviour.

Postpone: to take place at a later time.

Compulsory: force to do something.

Guerrillas: people taking part in fighting.

Indemnity: legally freed.
Mugabe may meet Buthelezi

HARARE - Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe was considering a request from Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi for talks on ways to end political violence in South Africa, Zimbabwe's Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Nathan Shamuyarira said.

Such a meeting would be a first between the two as Mr Mugabe has shunned the IFP leader and has described him as a puppet of the white-minority government in Pretoria. — Sapa-Reuter
Gandhi anniversary march

More than 200 people took part in a symbolic march from Durban's Victoria Embankment to Currie's Fountain yesterday, as part of the province's celebrations to mark the 100th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in South Africa. It was organised by the Gandhi 100 Working Group. Gandhi arrived in Durban from Bombay on May 23 1893 and spent 21 years in the country. — Own Correspondent.
AG says bail could affect public safety

News in brief

Azapo meets in OES

THE Azanian People's Organisation is to hold its Free State provincial congress in Welkom on Saturday.

Announcing this, national organiser Mr Fundile Mafongosi said the agenda would include "the growth of the movement" in the province, elections of the provincial leadership and Azapo's plans for ending the violence.

Meanwhile, Azapo's Transvaal vice-president, Mr Nkosin Molala, is to leave for France next week to attend an international conference of socialist organisations focusing on the impact of the IMF and World Bank on struggles of oppressed people throughout the world.

Nelson on SACP ties

NELSON Mandela set the electioneering trail yesterday by telling an Indian and white entrepreneurial audience the ANC's alliance with the Communist Party was valid only up to the overthrow of white minority rule at the ballot box.

He portrayed the symbiotic relationship between the two parties, who share several top leaders, as a pragmatic alliance of potential antagonists, comparing it to the pact between the West and the Soviet Union in World War 2.

"The basis of our alliance is hatred of and determination to overthrow racial oppression," he told a fundraising breakfast in Natal.

Fired teachers rehired

THE rehiring this year of 1 014 of the approximately 5 000 teachers retrenched from the "white" Department of Education and Culture last year, would not cost the taxpayer more money, says superintendent-general Dr Henry Stone.

Stone was defending his department's decision to rehire about 20 of the teachers it fired last year, after disclosures to this effect were made in Parliament last week as a result of a question by Democratic Party education spokesman Mr Roger Burrows, MP for Pinetown.

"No extra money is being provided by the department, and we are doing it only to prevent pupils from suffering," said Stone. — Own Correspondent

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ANC plea on capital flight

CAPE TOWN — The ANC has challenged the rich and powerful in South Africa to show confidence in the future and invest on a large scale.

This is contained in a statement of concern at the multibillion-rand capital outflow between January and April.

The ANC said: "Powerful individuals in our country who control massive amounts of capital also have a responsibility to ensure that their actions contribute towards the generation of a climate conducive to investment."

Economists estimate the outflow on the capital account of the balance of payments to have been between R2.5 billion and R5 billion from January to April.

The organisation warned that capital would continue to leave the country until a political settlement was reached. A settlement would supplement the country's domestic savings with foreign savings and help generate urgently needed investment.
ANC, IFP in row over Tokoza massacre

The ANC and IFP yesterday offered sharply different versions of the events that led to Saturday's clash between their supporters in Tokoza, which claimed 13 lives.

It emerged that the ANC had been warned that hostel residents were massing outside the hostel, and asked by both a peace monitor and police to take another route.

And amid a growing row over which side was responsible, the ANC has repeated its call for a consumer boycott of white-owned businesses in the "racist" Alberton community from today. The march had been called to announce the boycott.

ANC PWV chairman Toko Sexwale denied yesterday that the marchers had been seeking confrontation, saying that up to a week's warning had been given of the ANC's intentions. His opposite number in the IFP, Themba Khoza, said the march had been provocative and that "the intention of certain elements was not peaceful".

By last night, a series of important questions remained unanswered:

• Why the march leaders insisted on taking a route they knew to be a flashpoint in this East Rand township, when they had been warned of a massing of hostel residents, and despite being urged by both peace monitor Piroshaw Carnay and the police at the scene to go by another route. Sexwale responded yesterday by saying the ANC would not accept no-go areas.

The ANC claims it proceeded with its march down Khumalo Street because it had been given the assurance that police would move hostel residents back inside the hostel. The marchers would then march by as quickly as possible.

But, the ANC claims, the police failed to make good on this undertaking. "Having been informed about plans for the march, police should have taken every possible measure to prevent a possi-

Row over Tokoza massacre

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Alberton and Tokoza town clerks and the Alberton police and chief magistrate had been warned up to a week before.

The IFP says that while it knew of the rally at the stadium, it heard of the march plans no more than a matter of hours before it took place. Inkatha MP Hennie Bekker said if the matter had been handled through the Wits-Vaal Peace Secretariat, they might have lodged objections and had time to avert the confrontation.

• The IFP was unable to offer a coherent explanation as to why its supporters allegedly fired on the ANC marchers.

The ANC has also charged the police with massing troops not in Tokoza, where they were needed, but in the centre.

He said it was difficult to say who had opened fire first, and dismissed as "ridiculous" suggestions that the SAP had been responsible for deaths among the marchers.

Police had used tear smoke, birdshot and rubber bullets, he said. Those who died had been killed by gun shot, stab and hack wounds. Sixty-one people were injured.

ANC president Nelson Mandela said yesterday he believed the killings were part of ongoing attempts by "political elements in Government" to torpedo negotiations.
SACP workshop on election role

THE SA Communist Party is to convene a workshop to discuss the implications of contesting elections under an ANC banner.

A three-day SACP conference was held in Johannesburg at the weekend to discuss the party's role during the transition.

Other topics discussed were the dangers of destabilisation and counter-revolution, its role internationally and strategies during the transition.

An emphasis of the conference was that the SACP wanted an independent role during the transition but simultaneously wanted to strengthen the tripartite alliance and the broad democratic movement.
Commission will probe
Lenasia corruption claims

By Cyril Madlala

The Transvaal Administrator has appointed a commission of inquiry into alleged corruption, irregularities and misadministration in the Lenasia South East Management Committee.

Complaints to be investigated by the commission include allegations of mismanagement, theft, fraud, kidnapping, assault and grievous bodily harm.

A spokesman for a group of residents who have taken the matter up with various authorities said the alleged incompetence of the management committee was cause for "grave concern". This had reinforced the community's desire for amalgamation with the Johannesburg City Council.

He alleged that violations of regulations, unethical conduct and adoption of resolutions beyond the management committee's powers were being swept under the carpet "in order not to rock the boat" for fear of the management committee members losing their pensions and pay packages.

It is understood that complaints, supported by sworn affidavits, have been lodged with the chief auditor of the Local Government Affairs Council in Pretoria, alleging:

- Misuse of management committee vehicles.
- Theft of property, such as bricks and steel railway sleepers.
- Fraudulent entries in motor vehicle log-sheets.
- Staff being used during office hours to do private work at committee members' homes.

Bogus Town Planning Department

- Non-compliance with industrial council requirements in respect of appointment and promotion of staff.
- Conditional falsified applications for employment.
- Appointment and promotion of family members.
- Allocation of properties to members of the management committee using fictitious and bogus names and companies.

Residents who have taken up the matter with the authorities have demanded immediate suspension of the entire management committee and senior officials, and the installation of a caretaker body or officials.

While calling for the appointment of a commission of inquiry, they were critical of the way in which all town-planning matters and the signing of all agreements, contracts and tender documents.

A notice in the official gazette named the commission members as J M Griffiths and P J Geers.

A spokesman for the Transvaal Provincial Administration said the commission would start its investigations as soon as certain technical problems regarding its appointment had been resolved.

People wishing to submit evidence can write to: The Secretary, The Commission of Inquiry into the Lenasia South East Management Committee, Box 1341, Pretoria 0001.

Mandela comforts bombing victim

By Happy Nkomo

The wife of an African National Congress official has described to Nelson Mandela the terror she experienced during two petrol-bomb attacks on her Soweto home.

On Friday Nomusa Mufamadi — wife of Peace Desk chief Sydney Mufamadi — was telling The Star about the attacks last week, which had left her numb with fear, when Mandela arrived unexpectedly.

She told the ANC leader how, on the night of the first attack, she had run blindly to the burning lounge and been pulled to safety by her daughter, Lindiwe (12). Lindiwe had then telephoned neighbours and the police.

Mufamadi told Mandela she had been uneasy ever since an unknown person phoned the Alpha Page paging company about two weeks ago, saying her husband had been assassinated.

Mandela told her the attacks were the acts of people who were against peace and progress in South Africa.

Girls missing

Police are still hunting for two Transvaal teenagers — one of them a CCV television presenter — who went missing from Krugersdorp on Friday.

Lorna Karen and Cian Gray, both 17, left a note in the flat where they were on holiday with Lorna's family. Lorna presented CCV's Maths No Problem.

Both are about 1.6 cm tall and brown-haired.

— Crime Reporter.
Kroonstad boycott called off

The ANC in Kroonstad has called off a consumer boycott aimed at forcing the release of about eight men jailed in connection with attacks on members of a vigilante group, the Three Million Gang. — Staff Reporter.
Talks 'must go on' -- PAC

MULTIPARTY negotiations and intense struggles on every front had to go hand in hand, Pan Africanist Congress president Mr Clarence Makwetu said on Saturday.

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Constituent assembly

"We do not agree on their request to postpone talks until they have consulted their racist following."

"Elections for a constituent assembly would afford everyone an opportunity to express their views," he added.

"We are engaged in a de-colonisation process and not a spoils-sharing exercise."

"Africa belongs to the African people and all those who pay their loyalty to Africa are welcome to help build our nation."

He denounced the proposed transitional executive council as "nothing but a classical colonial native advisory board clothed in fancy terminology".

— Sopa
PAC warns of more attacks on farmers

‘We will always be after the farmers’ — Nemadzivhanani:

FARMERS were a legitimate target for Apla forces, the national organiser of the Pan Africanist Congress, Mr Maxwell Nemadzivhanani, said at a funeral for a slain Apla member in Venda on Saturday.

“We will always be after the farmers who have so illegally occupied our land and it will serve them right until they pressurise (State President FW) de Klerk for the total liberation of Azania,” Nemadzivhanani said.

He was speaking at the funeral of former Apla member Mr Mbengezi Fanual Mudau at Masakona village in the Venda district of Vuwani, 65km east of Louis Trichardt.

Mudau was shot dead by security forces on April 28 near Tzaneen, following allegations that an Apla unit was linked to the recent death of a farmer’s wife at Lisitele.

PAC first deputy-president Mr Johnson Mlambo said the role of the armed struggle was to fight for the land and for the liberty of the African people. — Sapa.
Election date to be set within a week

NEWCASTLE — ANC president Nelson Mandela said yesterday a date for SA's first democratic elections would be announced by the multiparty forum, which has unanimously agreed to announce the election date.

Clarifying the issue at a news conference afterwards, Mandela said a decision on the date of elections was being discussed at multiparty negotiations and that the date would be announced at that forum.

He also repeated the ANC's call that the legal voting age be reduced from 18 years to 14 years and called it "not pessimistic" that this demand would be achieved in negotiations.

Commenting on the NP's rejection of the 14-year-old voting age, Mandela said: "The NP and the ANC have on countless occasions taken different positions on a variety of issues — I'm not pessimistic."

Earlier in the day, Mandela told a 3,000-strong crowd of mainly Indian businessmen: "We have decided to announce before the end of May an exact day for elections before April next year."

The planned June 2 announcement was considered a compromise to meet the demands of ANC supporters and government's desire not to appear as forced into making an early announcement.

This and Mandela's call to lower the voting age appeared to be aimed at appeasing to militant black young men who are angered by the slow pace of democracy talks.

Elections

Elections to accommodate Inkatha and in exchange for agreement on the transitional council. The ANC has the right to make a formal offer to a coalition government that will allow for discussions on these principles to be satisfactorily dealt with before June 3.

One source said the second report of the technical committee looking at constitutional principles had left "too much to the negotiating council to deal with and has merely sketched out the two scenarios the council will have to decide on".

Another alternative is that propagated by the ANC and government — that a transitional executive council be established in the run-up to elections for an interim government that will also act as a constitution-making body. The second, favoured by Inkatha and the Concerned South Africans Group, is that the final constitutional principles be decided on by the negotiating forum with a group of experts drafting the constitution prior to elections.

Concessions granted by the ANC on reduced voting age
Women must take up cudgels for their rights

By Joe Mdudula

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HOLLOW TALKS: Multiparty

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How does she do that?

Grow vegetables

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IFP, ANC told: rein in your members

LAW and Order Minister Mr Hermus Kriel has deplored the violence in Tokoza on the East Rand, and said it was essential the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party redoubled their efforts to control their supporters.

But ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela blamed the violence, which claimed at least 13 lives, on the Government's refusal to secure “problem” hostels.

Speaking after a rally in Dundee, the ANC leader said his organisation had long called for problem hostels to be fenced, guarded and for inmates searched.

"Police know hostels are barracks for hit squads, but are not prepared to seal hostels and make them safe."

In a statement from Cape Town, Kriel said the tragic incidents were an indication of how mass action could either spark violence or result in violence.

He reiterated his previous call for a moratorium on all mass action, adding that if this was not done, more lives would be lost.

He said the ANC and IFP should regain control over their members. — Sapa.
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Employed by the Environmental and Development Agency, Khumbane also works to uplift people's lives in the rural areas by teaching them to make their own bricks and save for old age. She retains in old community methods, designed by the Government through its resettlement policies which dictated African existence in the rural areas.

Just as it is important to educate the rural folk about self-sufficiency, women must be taught about their independence, that they are simply not appendages of men. They have equally an important role to play in a society. The challenge facing women today is: should they accept that they are living in a society that is man-made, or should they try to be just as independent as women are to men? As an attempt to address these issues, the women want to establish if the current negotiations will give them equal status to men.

Faced with the knowledge that they account for 53 percent of the total population, women refuse to accept that they are entitled to less in education and training. In the workplace women still occupy 17 percent of the positions available in the middle management.

They are also paid less than men in most sectors. For every rand earned by a man, a woman doing a job of equal value only earns 60 cents.

There are other contentious topics about women's fight to correct the injustices may be viewed on SSI at 9pm tonight.
ANC, IFP air their views

By Lulama Luti

The ANC march in Tokozos on Saturday where 13 people were killed and 61 injured was organised to protest, among other things, against the continued detention of more than 30 ANC members from Phola Park.

WHAT THE IFP SAYS:
Chairman of the East Rand Hostel Association, Mr. Zakhele Mlambo:
"We did not know anything about the march. The police did not allow the marchers to take an alternative route and not to proceed past the hostel along Khumalo Street.
"The police did not allow the march to take an alternate route. They let the march proceed.
"When the marchers were about 100 metres from the hostel gate, stones were thrown into the hostel and police opened fire (into the hostel) killing Mr. Ndifilinga Mazibuko who was standing near the gate. All this time the gate was locked.
"The police are the ones who shot at and threw teargas at our people. The registration number of the (hippo) that shot at the people inside the hostel is HFD 489 B."

WHAT THE ANC SAYS:
Members of the ANC Youth League in Phola Park — Turner Nceha, Hardat Nontume and local Peace Committee member Vincent Mutsi:
"Permission for the march was granted. It proceeded from the Tokozos stadium at around 11am. We were about 100m from the hostel when we stopped after police said we should take an alternative route.
"We could not take an alternative route. We were at a section of the street where there are only circles. While our leadership stood discussing this, a shot rang out from the rooftop of the hostel. Police opened fire at us. Two of our members were killed instantly.
"The police continued firing at us and people started running in all directions. The police are responsible for most of the casualties. Many of those killed were shot at by the police.
"We don’t have a problem with the IFP. We are not fighting them, it was the police who shot at us."
ANC seen smoothing path to vital IMF aid

By Sven Limesche

ANC assistance is crucial if the Reserve Bank is to avoid higher interest rates or a rand devaluation, says Davis Borkum Hare economist Jos Gerson.

Writing in the broker's Quarterly Strategy Review, Gerson says the authorities will have to take action in response to recent capital outflows, which accounted for R4 billion of the R7 billion lost in gold and forex reserves in the first quarter.

He says the temporary weakening of the dollar had recently improved the "leads and lags" situation so that the Reserve Bank was able to replenish the reserves in April.

But he warns that this reprieve may be transitory, particularly if the dollar recovers some of its momentum against the European currencies.

"Ultimately, the Reserve Bank faces the stark choice of having either to put up interest rates or permit depreciation of the real exchange rate or both."

"The former option would directly delay the recovery. The latter option would re-ignite inflationary pressures and, like an interest rate hike, would also suppress domestic demand, although it would have the advantage of promoting exports."

He says, however, that this stark choice could be avoided if the Reserve Bank had access to International Monetary Fund (IMF) facilities.

With the help of the ANC, Gerson expects the Bank could raise as much as R2 billion this year from the IMF.

"However, we have heard that the IMF disapproves of the high real exchange rate that is being maintained and may thus be expected to press for a more rapid depreciation of the rand."

Gerson forecasts, therefore, that the rand could depreciate further this year.

For the economy as a whole, he predicts marginal growth of 0.3 percent in gross domestic product this year and 2.2 percent growth in 1994.
ANC president Nelson Mandela's call for the voting age to be dropped to 14 was rejected outright by other political parties yesterday.

Mandela made the call yesterday and on Saturday while speaking at rallies in Natal.

The ANC was perfectly correct in calling for a lower legal voting age, particularly because previous white elections had led to tragic mistakes, he said.

Mandela said the ANC would exert "tremendous pressure" to support its proposal.

"They say a person under 18 can't think correctly and make a wise choice. "We reject that and demand the voting age should be from 14," he said.

But political spokesmen from other parties pointed out that the voting age was set at 18 in all democratic countries.

Democratic Party leader Zach de Beer said: "I take note of Mr Mandela's argument that some of these youngsters have fought for freedom."

"This argument was used years ago and was always met with the statement that all sorts of juniors and even animals have taken part in wars, but this did not entitle them to the franchise."

Conservative Party leader Dr Fred Hartzenberg accused the ANC of trying to ensure it could intimidate children into voting for it.

"It's absolute rubbish ... if you take a 14-year-old and give him the vote, you might as well give it to a 10-year-old. Schoolchildren are easily intimidated as they are not responsible voters. If this was the case, then it would have been started in democratic countries many years ago," he said.

Home Affairs Minister Danie Schutte said on Saturday that Mandela's suggestion would not receive serious consideration in a civilised country.

"Internationally, 18 years is regarded and used as the most acceptable voting age and there is no reason why the reduction of this age should even be considered in South Africa," Schutte said.
Mandela defends child vote plea

MARITZBURG — The president of the African National Congress Nelson Mandela yesterday defended his statement that children over 14 should be given the vote.

He said at a rally in Newcastle that his plea had provoked unfavourable press comment. And it had been claimed that nowhere in the world had such a thing been done. But Mandela said he knew of seven countries where the age is less than 18 and in some as low as 14.
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‘Don’t pre-empt constitution’

JOHANNESBURG. — PAC president Mr Clarence Makwetu has warned that the country’s new constitution has to be prepared after elections and that negotiators should not try to pre-empt this process.

"The only purpose of the current talks ... must be to prepare the way for elections for a Constituent Assembly," he said at a Boipatong rally marking the Organisation of African Unity’s Africa Liberation Day.

"Participants must therefore be very careful not to entangle themselves in matters pertaining to the details of the future constitution as they have no mandate from the masses to do so."

Following reports last week, it appears that negotiators have agreed to set the parameters of the constitution prior to elections.

Mr Makwetu said: "We are engaged in a de-colonisation process and not a spoils-sharing exercise."

He denounced the proposed Transitional Executive Council as "a classical colonial 'Native Advisory board clothed in fancy terminology'."

He proposed a "transitional authority with full executive and legislative powers for the supervision of elections, the electronic media, security forces and budgetary matters". — Sapa
FW, Mandela to meet Clinton

President de Klerk and ANC president Nelson Mandela will meet US President Bill Clinton in July. De Klerk and Mandela are travelling to the US to receive the Liberty Award on July 4. Mandela is expected to attend an Organisation of African Unity meeting in Egypt at the end of June before travelling to the US. The two leaders will meet Clinton separately. Staff Reporter.
LAW and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel has deplored the violence in Tokoza on the East Rand, and said it was essential the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party redoubled their efforts to control their supporters.

But ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela condemned the violence, which claimed at least 13 lives.

Speaking after a rally in Dundee, the ANC leader said his organisation had long called for problem hostels to be fenced, guarded and for inmates to be searched.

"Police know hostels are barracks for hit squads, but are not prepared to seal hostels and make them safe," he said.

In a statement from Cape Town, Kriel said the tragic incidents were an indication of how mass action could either spark violence or result in violence.

He reiterated his previous call for a moratorium on all mass action, adding that if this was not done, more lives would be lost.

He said the ANC and IFP should regain control over their members. — Sapa.
Mandela to speak at Gandhi service

ANC president Nelson Mandela heads a short but distinguished list of speakers at a Johannesburg public meeting to mark the centenary of Mahatma Gandhi's arrival in South Africa.

India's Dr Karan Singh, author, academic and former Cabinet Minister and ambassador to the UN, and Bishop Peter Storey will join Mandela on the stage of the Johannesburg City Hall on Friday evening.

Gandhi spent 21 years in South Africa, arriving in Durban in the closing days of May 1893. During the critical period when Indians in South Africa waged their campaign of non-violent resistance against discriminatory laws, he lived at Tolstoy Farm, just south of Johannesburg.

The centenary meeting, which begins at 8 pm, has been organised by the Transvaal Gandhi Centenary Council, which restored Tolstoy Farm in the early '80s and plans to convert the old homestead into a conference centre-cum-museum.

Great Soul and mass action — Page 15
ANC to probe spy’s death

ANC intelligence officials had been called in to investigate the mysterious death of Solly Smith, the movement’s former chief representative in London and a self-confessed spy, the ANC said yesterday.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said investigations were continuing. He could not comment on the findings so far.

According to a report to be published in next month’s edition of Work in Progress, Smith recently admitted to ANC officials that he had been a government spy. They suspected that he might have been killed by state agents because of what he had discovered about covert operations.

Smith was found dead in his house in Odendaalras in the northern Free State in early April. Local members of Umkhonto we Sizwe were initially asked to investigate. However, they referred the matter to ANC headquarters, which assigned the task to its intelligence department.

ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa told Work in Progress the organisation found the circumstances of Smith’s death “extremely suspicious”.

Kathryn Strachan

Smith had approached the ANC voluntarily and “admitted he had been compromised and coerced into working for the regime”, Mamoepa said.

There had been no formal announcement of Smith’s death from the ANC, despite the fact that he held the senior position of chief representative—the equivalent of ambassador—and was chairman of the movement’s northern Free State region.

The German magazine Top Secret recently speculated that Smith had been killed because he intended to disclose details of military intelligence activity.

Top Secret indicated Smith’s death might have been linked to the assassination of SACP leader Chris Hani a week later.

“Solly Smith was one of the elements working for the regime’s intelligence apparatus within the ANC. He was prepared to talk; therefore he was poisoned by MI agents,” the magazine said.
PAC support for Apla's farm murders

DIRK VAN EEDE

THE killing of white farmers by Apla members was a "legitimate" political campaign and the PAC had no reason to distance itself from it, said PAC national organiser Maxwell Nemadzivhanani yesterday. Apla is a disciplined organ of the PAC. All Apla members are also members of the PAC. We have no reason to distance ourselves from their actions.

Nemadzivhanani emphasised that this was the official PAC policy. He said farmers were committing political crimes against black people with the collaboration of the security forces.

"Millions of people were forced off their land. Farmers maltreat their labourers and deny them the right to affiliate to political organisations. Some cases are known of white farmers impounding black farmers' cattle. Therefore, Apla's struggle is a just struggle."

Meanwhile, tension in right-wing circles rose yesterday. Transvaal Agricultural Union president Dries Bruwer said government had to realise the country was on the brink of civil war as Apla had declared war on farmers.

He said farmers felt their safety was threatened and in a bid to secure the success of negotiations.

"If government does not act now, we may be forced to take action ourselves and wipe out Apla bases. If necessary we must hunt each other."

Free State Agricultural Union president Piet Gouws said attacks led to farmers becoming "bitter and unreasonable."

Nemadzivhanani said farmers were not killed on a random basis, but "only after investigation of the political crimes they committed."

Law and Order spokesman Capt Craig Kotze said yesterday: "Because of the tense political climate and because inflammatory statements can be so dangerous we will have to establish whether a case can be made of Nemadzivhanani's statements."
'Political independence is crucial for police board'

CAPE TOWN — The Police Board had to be independent of the police, the Law and Order Minister and any political party, the board said yesterday.

"If the board is perceived as part of the police hierarchy or as an instrument of the Minister, it would not gain the confidence of all sections of the community," it said in its annual report, tabled in Parliament.

"The board needs to position itself between the public and the police in such a way that it retains the confidence of, and links with, the community as well as the police."

However, complete independence from Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel was not possible at this stage as the board was funded from his department's budget.

"What is crucial, however, is that the decision-making process of the board should be autonomous."

It also said that although the board was not required to report to the national peace committee, such a step could only benefit the board.

It had taken some time for the board to define its own role and operate as a cohesive group. "Suspicious and different backgrounds of individuals on the board" were factors which caused the board to have a cautious and hesitant start, it said.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports Kriel told Parliament yesterday government was giving attention to offering financial aid to policemen whose homes were burned in arson attacks. It was not a question of whether government would give aid, but how.

If necessary, further steps would be taken to improve the personal safety of police officers. More than 80 members of the force had been killed already this year...

Bob Rogers (Walmer, DP) said unless all South Africans worked together to reduce the level of violence, free and fair elections next year would be impossible. It was time all political parties stopped playing political games by "continually accusing others of participation in violence while ignoring their own involvement". Specifically, there was the "generally accepted reaction" of blaming the security forces.

Police fired 2 466 members of the force last year as a result of criminal and fraudulent activities, Kriel said. Another 3 369 members resigned and 1 098 were retired because they were medically unfit.

ANC launches branch at Tuks campus

THE first ANC branch on a traditionally white Afrikaans campus will be launched in the boardroom of Pretoria University's student council today.

At the same time, but in a different room, Afrikaner Volksfront executive Gen Constand Viljoen, invited by the student council, will speak on the role of students in politics.

Graham Muirland, chairman of the interim committee that organised the launch of the ANC branch, said it was part of the ANC's national policy to involve Afrikaners in the organisation, specifically in the light of the coming elections.

"Pretoria University is of strategic importance because most of the students are white and Afrikaans-speaking," he said.

Student council spokesman Blaauw Colorado said the ANC would be subject to the same regulations as any other student organisation.

He also said that he did not expect the Viljoen meeting to be disrupted.

"Leftist students have never before disrupted meetings on campus."
Executive members among those held

Countrywide sweep on PAC

By Esther Waugh
Political Correspondent

At least 19 Pan Africanist Congress members were detained at their homes in an early-morning countrywide sweep today.

NEC members Mike Matsoane, Jaki Seroke, Dr Sally Sosana and Maxwell Njadzivianini and Nactu secretary-general Cunichi Ntezimana are among those arrested.

Secretary-general Benny Alexander was also detained, but told The Star he had escaped from police custody.

Two security guards at PAC president Clarence Makwetu's Daveyton home were taken in, as were Percy Sogo, who is responsible for PAC VIP security.

Alexander said police arrived at his Emerald home in a car and a Casspir. He was put into the car with the "baby locks" on but someone opened the door from the outside and he ran away.

Alexander said he was not hiding. He was not yet sure whether he would attend today's meeting of the negotiating council.

He said police arrived at the PAC head office with Jaki Seroke. They left with Seroke and several administrative clerks.

All the regional leaders had been arrested in a sweep on more than 200 homes. He said "more than 200" people had been arrested.

"PAC negotiator and NEC member Gosa Ebrahim said police came to the Johannesburg hotel where he and John Sipambo are staying but Mhlambo was out of town.

Speaking from the PAC head office, Ebrahim said his office was a "mess" and police had broken into his briefcase.

PAC sources said others arrested were the organisation's northern Transvaal organiser, Phillip Mudau, three members in Soshanguve, four in Pretoria and three in the far northern Transvaal.

Confirming the sweep on PAC leaders and senior officials of the Azanian People's Liberation Army (Azapla), Law and Order Minister Henk Kriel said more arrests were expected.

Parliament

He said the arrests took place after the completion of extensive investigations by the South African Police.

Details would be given in Parliament this afternoon.

National executive committee (NEC) member Patricia de Lille termed the sweep "intimidation".

She accused the Government of "wanting to show their own constituency that they are still in power".

She said it was possible that an emergency NEC meeting would be convened in the wake of the arrests.

On the organisation's continued participation in negotiations, Ebrahim said: "We'll have to talk about it." However, it was his view that the PAC should not pull out of negotiations.

"We will not pull out because that will give them more leverage, but we will raise the matter very strongly," Ebrahim said.
Official ANC policy: vote from age 18

By Patrick Laurence

Official ANC policy was that the voting age should be extended to 18. Zola Skwewya, head of the ANC's department of constitutional affairs, said yesterday.

He responded to an inquiry about ANC voting policy in the wake of Nelson Mandela's call for the voting age to be lowered to 14 by reading from the ANC's submission to the present multiparty talks.

"Persons entitled to vote all South Africans citizens who have attained the age of 18 shall be eligible to vote for the electoral process."

On Mandela's call, Skweyiya referred to a recent seminar organized by church leaders: "In that seminar I think they came out with a statement that the youth have contributed to changes in South Africa and that they should be given a say in the changes taking place."

The call stunned the political establishment and even shocked senior ANC members. An ANC official, who declined to be identified, told Reuters yesterday: "It's an unlikely scenario."

But he conceded that "what Madiba (Mandela) says today is often 'law' tomorrow."

Machel Bacoque, international press officer of the SA Council of Churches, confirmed that lowering the voting age had been discussed by religious leaders on May 9-12. Bulletin qualifying age mooted was 16, not 14, he said.

- Allowing 14-year-olds to vote would introduce a new logistical complication to the pending election as they would not have identity documents, DP spokesman on Home Affairs Dene Smuts said in Cape Town yesterday, reports The Star's Political Staff.

- She said the 14 to 18 age bracket included between one and two million people, and it was politically significant. These people would eagerly come into play at a second election.

- Giving the vote to 14-year-olds would simply be to constitutionalize Cambodia's killing fields here, Tony Leon (DP) Houghton) said in Parliament yesterday. He said he had his colleague Roger Burrows had been unable to trace a single country that allowed 14-year-olds to vote.

- The ANC Youth League expressed support for the call, reports Sapa. It said: "The reality of the South African situation is that we have youth from the age of 10 who are already politically conscious and mobilised."

Optimism, doubts on...
Sexwale has pivotal role to play in SA

By ALEC RUSSELL

JOHANNESBURG — In 13 years as a political prisoner Tokyo Sexwale, the ANC’s up-and-coming leader, indulged a range of fantasies about the future to while away the long hours behind bars.

But not in his most fevered dreams could he have imagined that he would become a sex-symbol for white housewives in Johannesburg’s northern suburbs.

The ANC’s regional chairman for Pretoria and Johannesburg, Mr Sexwale (40) has been an important figure in the organisation’s hierarchy since his release from Robben Island in May 1990.

In the eyes of the black youth he has impeccable political credentials. After military and political training in Moscow, in the 1970s he participated in the ANC’s campaign to destabilise the white government.

Women callers

However, in the aftermath of last month’s assassination of his friend and colleague Chris Hani, the ANC deputy chairman and leader of the South African Communist Party, he has converted his cult status in the townships into national prominence.

In a radio phone-in survey on the popular, independent station, Radio 702, Mr Sexwale was dubbed the most charismatic politician in South Africa with many of the white women callers mentioning his sex appeal.

The catalytic moment in this dramatic change of attitude came when Mr Sexwale was seen on TV weeping openly over Mr Hani’s body in the town of Boksburg, where the two ANC politicians lived. Like Hani, Tokyo Sexwale has won over many of his neighbours in Boksburg, until recently the most reactionary of white mining towns.

In the week of rioting that followed the murder, Mr Sexwale, who is married to an Afrikaner, firmly allied himself to the moderate wing of the ANC and pleaded with the townships for calm.

At the Hani funeral he cut an impressive, authoritative figure in smart combat fatigues. Watched on TV by tens of thousands of anxious whites, he swiftly defused several potential flash-points, including a moment when hotheads tried to translate a 21-gun graveside salute into a attack on neighbouring white suburbs.

Hardline

This show of responsibility has earned him the respect and support of many whites, who are alarmed at the anti-white statements uttered by a more radical wing of the ANC.

In the radio phone-in, Mr Sexwale earned his accolade ahead of the hardline white leaders Ferdi Hartenberg, the new head of the Conservative Party and Eugene Terre’Blanche head of the Afrikaner Weerstandsweergawe (AWB).

‘Tsotsi’

For a man who started life as a township ‘tsotsi’, or tearaway, his sudden elevation to political popularity with whites is even more remarkable. He earned the name ‘Tokyo’ with his early mastery of Oriental martial arts.

Under the firm hand of his father, Frank, who had served with the Allied forces in the Western Desert, he managed to divert his energy to schooling, finally winning a place at the University of Swaziland. His degree course in business studies was cut short when the authorities discovered his political involvement and he was obliged to flee.

 Asked to comment on his new status, Mr Sexwale said that it was a sign of the changes in South Africa, signalling the end of the white stereotype of the ANC leaders as “terrorists with horns and tails”.

Mr Sexwale is very much in the Chris Hani mould, an articulate speaker with sound revolutionary background, who can appeal to the radicalised youth but has renounced his original Marxist ideology.

Extremists

South African political analysts suggest he may soon assume Mr Hani’s position in the ANC — a prediction which he does nothing to deny.

“Watch this space,” he said, in response to the speculation about the direction of his career.

However, he warns that the real test for South Africa will come after the first multi-racial elections when ANC moderates will be at risk from the extremists exploiting continuing social unrest and the inevitably slow rate of change.

“We’re in control but there is huge potential for slipping out of control. As we move forward I hear the sound of hooves behind us … the same people who voted for Robespierre cut him down. The same people who vote for Mandela will vote him down tomorrow.” — The Telegraph plc, London.
Optimism, doubts on setting of poll date

By Esther Waugh
Political Correspondent

Decisions on several fundamental constitutional issues will have to be taken within the next seven days if an election date is to be set by next Tuesday.

Negotiators at yesterday's planning committee said decisions had to be taken on the constitutional principles which would shape a new constitution, the constitutional process and regionalism.

ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa and Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer were confident last night that an election date could be set at next week's first meeting of the negotiating forum.

Meyer said the government would be "going full out to set the date" without putting other parties under "undue pressure".

But he said there was no chance of progress unless clarity was achieved about the constitutional principles and process. No more than a week was needed for this.

It was now necessary to see whether differences could be bridged, he said.

But Bophuthatswana government negotiator Rowan Cronje and IPP chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose expressed doubts that enough progress could be made this week for the election date to be set on Tuesday.

Cronje said the negotiators had not yet "faced up" to who would draft the constitution and whether regions would be determined before or after elections.
Torture 'at ANC camps'

By Ruth Bhengu

A SENIOR member of Umkhonto we Sizwe told the Motsepele Commission of Inquiry in Johannesburg yesterday that the ANC had punished its members for refusing to fight against Uitk in Angola.

Mr Martin Phiri, a former MK commander and political commissar, was testifying before the first public hearing into allegations of human rights allegedly committed by ANC members against the prisoners in exile.

Phiri was cross-examined by defence counsel Mr Seraj Desai. (LF)

He told the commission he was held at Quatro camp between 1984 and 1988 and released after the late Mr Oliver Tambo had visited the detention camp.

He said members of the ANC's security forces, including Lawrence (ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela's bodyguard), acted as prison warders and locked them in dark cells without blankets. Phiri said they were not allowed to leave the cells for eight days.

He said they were forced to lie on their stomachs while the warders whipped them with electric cords.

"People who had been arrested for smuggling diamonds and such things were treated better than us," Phiri said.

The organisation's leadership, including army commander Mr Andrew Maseko, Mr Joe Modise and the late Mr Chris Hani, knew about their detention but did nothing about it, he said.
Youths must be authors of their destiny

By Mzimasi Ngudle

AFRICAN National Congress president Nelson Mandela's call for the voting age to be brought down to 14 came under the spotlight during Sowetan/Radio Metro Talkback Show's open line last night.

Mandela had said at a Press conference in Newcastle at the weekend that the ANC's proposal would be taken to a multiparty forum where a final decision would have to be endorsed.

He said there was no reason for anyone to insist that the voting age remain at 18 while voters over the age of 18 had voted for a Government which had been a disaster.

Host Tim Modise asked a caller whether a 14-year-old youth should stand for office and be elected president. The caller responded: "A 14-year-old cannot lead but he can vote for a president." "I agree with what Mandela said. We, the youth, are the leaders of tomorrow," said a caller.

Sipho Ngcobo of Johannesburg endorsed the call that 14-year-olds should be eligible to vote, saying: "We are going to be the leaders of tomorrow. We must be the authors of our own destiny. We must make sure we have the right people at the top." "A 14-year-old knows everything these..."
Few black consumers seen as boycott hits Alberton

By Anna Louw
East Rand Bureau

The ANC-orchestrated consumer boycott to protest against Alberton Town Council's failure to amalgamate with Tokoza got under way yesterday.

Alberton Sakekamer chairman Marius van der Merwe said he could not comprehend the motive behind the boycott as a committee representing the ANC, PAC, IFP, the town council and local businessmen was established in August to implement joint administration of Tokoza.

Van der Merwe said the ANC's decision to hold a boycott. He said channels of communication with the ANC had always been open and "everyone was willing to help".

Van der Merwe said very few black consumers were seen in the town yesterday.

Alberton Town Council management committee chairman Johann van der Merwe confirmed that the assistant town treasurer had already been appointed to act as Tokoza's chief executive officer and that the upgrading of services had already begun.

Van der Merwe said it was a consumer's "right to take part in a boycott, but this boycott is not justified". He said the boycott would temporarily hurt local business but he did not believe it could go on indefinitely.
18 is ANC policy on right to vote

Sowetan Correspondent

The official ANC policy was that the vote should be extended to all South Africans from the age of 18, Mr Zola Skweyiya, head of the organisation's department of constitutional affairs, said yesterday.

Skweyiya responded to an inquiry about ANC voting policy in the wake of Mr Nelson Mandela's controversial call for the voting age to be lowered to 14 by reading from the ANC's submission to the present multiparty talks.

"Persons Entitled to Vote: All South African citizens who have attained the age of 18 shall be eligible to vote for the electoral process."

Elaborating, Skweyiya said: "We maintain (the qualifying age for the vote) should be 18 and that all citizens of South Africa within the borders of 1910, including Transkei, Venda, Bophuthatswana and Ciskei, should be entitled to vote."

Mandela's call to lower the voting age:

On Mandela's call for the franchise to be extended to 14-year-olds, Skweyiya referred to a recent seminar organised by church leaders: "In that seminar I think they came out with a statement that the youth have contributed to changes in South African and that they should be given a say in the changes that are taking place."

Alec Bacque, international Press officer of the South African Council of Churches, confirmed that the lowering of the voting age had been discussed at a seminar of religious leaders — rather than merely Christian leaders — on May 10-12.

But the qualifying age that had been mooted was 16, not 14, the age at which people were issued with identity documents and at which blacks had been required to carry "passes" until the pass system was abolished, Bacque said.

The reason for the proposal was that the youth had contributed to the "liberation struggle" and that they had been "targeted for arrest, torture and detention."
DURBAN — The SA Communist Party's new general secretary, Charles Nqakula, arrives in Durban today for a week-long tour of Natal.

Nqakula, who succeeded slain SACP leader Chris Heunis, will speak at various meetings.

His programme includes a public meeting at the University of Natal and a mass meeting at the Strubens Gardens hotel in Umhlali today; a rally in Umhlanga and a public meeting at Umhlanga on Sunday; a rally at Chatsworth Sports Centre and a fundraising dinner in Durban on Monday.

— Own correspondent.
PAC arrests place talks in jeopardy

The negotiations process was rocked yesterday by the announcement that 49 PAC members had been arrested in countrywide raids.

ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa said negotiations were hanging by a thread.

The PAC walked out of talks at the World Trade Centre in protest, and president Clarence Makwetu said last night the PAC would not take part in negotiations while its members remained in jail, Reuters reports.

Ramaphosa called for law and order minister Hermus Kriel to be sacked, saying he had "wrecked the process".

But Kriel defended his department's actions, saying the negotiations process gave no one the right to commit a crime.

The SAP had been investigating crimes to which PAC and Apia members were allegedly linked and believed there was sufficient prima facie evidence to arrest suspects. The arrests were made in connection with murder, attempted murder, petrol bomb and other attacks on the SAP, complexity in attacks on civilians, illegal possession of firearms and hand grenades and planning of further attacks on SAP members and civilians.

"Every suspect is being questioned in connection with a specific crime, or complicity with regard to such crimes or because he may be in possession of information on criminal acts," Kriel said.

The PAC and Apia members were arrested in terms of the Criminal Procedure Act and the Internal Security Act. Kriel said he had asked the SAP to bring the suspects before court or to release them as soon as possible.

The 25-party negotiations council — which postponed its business yesterday to Friday — passed a resolution condemning the "insensitive manner in which recent actions and arrests against the leadership of the PAC were undertaken".

The resolution, which was not endorsed by government, the NP, Bophuthatswana and the Afrikaner Volksunie, said the council was "appalled" by the effect of police actions on the peace process and by the unnecessary delays caused.

A special council session tomorrow night will debate the implications of the action against the PAC.

Among those detained are top PAC officials Enoch Zulu, Jackie Seleke, Thomas Likotsi, Walter Tobotl, Maxwell Nondzihlanani, Abel Dube and Raymond Fihla.

PAC secretary-general Benny Alexander said the clampdown amounted to banning: "The PAC has effectively been rendered unworkable."

He claimed he had escaped from police custody when a neighbour let him out of a police vehicle outside his Emmerdale home yesterday morning. However, police today claimed he had been released after questioning about a firearm in his possession.

Alexander said the arrests were calculated to remove the PAC from talks during the week in which dates for elections and

PAC arrests today.

the implementation of transitional executive councils would be decided.

Ramaphosa, referring to Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer, said: "The Minister here says they (government's negotiations team) did not know of the action until after it had happened. I am also told that President FW de Klerk did not know. Who is running the country? Here they all unabashedly and say they are negotiating in good faith."

Meyer said government would wait until the PAC responded before proceeding with the full facts would be presented, before reacting. However, he added that, according to Ramaphosa, had said all farmers were legitimate targets for Apia attacks.

In reaction to the Ramaphosa's comments that the President had not known about the arrests, a government spokes-

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man said the President did not comment on communications between himself and ministers. It has emerged, however, that Meyer, government's chief negotiator, did not know the arrests were imminent and was seriously embarrassed by the incident.

Police sources said there was no obligation on the part of the police to inform all Ministers of impending actions.

The CP welcomed the police action, and DP law and order spokesman Peter Grobros said while police had a duty to bring charges over good information linking individuals to a crime, the timing of the arrests seemed "expedient" and the case would be referred to the prosecution as a matter of urgency.

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Patrick Laurence examines Mandela’s call for the voting age to be lowered

Playing to rebellious gallery

NELSON MANDELA’s call for the qualifying age for the vote to be lowered to 18 has taken South Africa by surprise, astounding his political opponents and perhaps even catching some officials in the African National Congress off guard.

His call, made during a tour of Natal, comes in the wake of, and in contradiction to, an ANC submission to the multiparty negotiations forum that the qualifying age for the vote should be 18.

The timing of Mandela’s call and his apparent willingness to contest the official ANC view, as defined in the submission to the multiparty talks, suggests that his stand was prompted by political considerations in the past few days.

One view, expressed by Ken Anderson of the Democratic Party and Piet Coetzer of the National Party, is that Mandela is attempting to gratify the restless youth in the black community.

“It has more to do with placating a rebellious youth constituency than influencing the constitutional negotiations,” Anderson declares. Coetzer argues: “It is clear to all of us that the ANC has lost control and influence over large sections of its youth.”

There is some evidence to support these contentions: during the student boycott in protest against examination fees, ANC calls for them to return to classes were largely ignored.

The celebrated case involving Allan Boesak, ANC chairman in the Western Cape, is pertinent when he urged protesting students in the Western Cape to desist from actions which could jeopardise their lives, Vuyiso Tsulekile, a student leader declared in full view of television cameras “Comrade Boesak is ill-informed. We could be in charge, not Comrade Boesak.”

Mandela’s reaction to calls by young blacks for guns is also relevant. Instead of rebuffing them and urging them to concentrate on their studies, he has advised them to join the ANC’s guerrilla army, Umhloko we Sizwe, so that they could have guns as members of a disciplined force rather than as individuals.

These episodes support the inference that Mandela’s call for the vote to be extended to 14-year-olds is a bid to get on-side with them, to placate them in order to retain their allegiance.

There is, however, an alternative, more cynical explanation doing the rounds among journalists. The supposition is that the ANC is in the process of making major concessions at the multiparty negotiations and that the call to enfranchise 14-year-olds is a diversion, an attempt to camouflage its reported conciliatory stance at the talks.

Mandela’s rationale for extending the vote — that children from the age of 12 have contributed to the “liberation struggle” and are therefore entitled to the vote — is interpreted as an obfuscatory dance of dust and flies.

But, against these interpretations, ANC officials and/or ANC sympathisers argue that the pressure to lower the voting age has not built up suddenly but, on the contrary, has been mounting steadily over the last few months.

Ronnie Mamoepa, a spokesman for the ANC’s department of information and publicity, recalls that Mandela first raised the question of lowering the voting age at an election workshop at the beginning of the year.

Mandela challenged the orthodox view that 18 was an appropriate age to receive the vote during a discussion at the workshop. Mamoepa says, quoting his leader as countering objections with the argument that 14-year-olds who are old enough to fight for freedom are old enough to vote when it is won.

At that conference, Mamoepa adds, Mandela listed seven countries where people younger than 18 can vote: Afghanistan, Brazil, Cuba, Iran, Indonesia, North Korea and Nicaragua.

Mandela, according to statements attributed to him during his Natal visit, now believes that these countries have established an international norm to which South Africa should conform. “Our country should be no exception,” he is reported to have said.

Zola Skweyiya, the ANC’s constitutional expert, points to another link in the chronologcal chain leading to Mandela’s advocacy of giving the vote to 14-year-olds: a conference of religious leaders where the idea of lowering the qualifying age to 15 was mooted.

But to show that Mandela’s stance is the product of a process, and not a sudden whim, does not explain why he chose to go public on what has been an in-house debate and still less why he decided to contradict the official ANC position in the midst of delicate negotiations.

The ANC Youth League backs his call and rejects “with contempt” those who interpret Mandela’s plea as political opportunism. The Youth League labels them “apologists of the National Party.”

But there is no doubt that the ANC would be the immediate and main beneficiary of a decision to enfranchise South Africans from the age of 14. ANC support is concentrated overwhelmingly in the majority black community and it is primarily black voters whose numbers will be augmented if teenagers between 14 and 17 are added to the estimated 22 million eligible voters.

J. M. Callis, a demographer with the Development Bank of Southern Africa, notes that the median age of the black population is 17.1, meaning that half the black community is 17 years old or younger.

Enfranchisement of the 14-17 age cohort will add 4.7 million black voters to the electorate, against, in round figures, 340,000 whites, 280,000 coloureds and 50,000 Indians.

But any gains Mandela may make for the ANC, by pacifying the restless teenagers in his constituency with sympathetic rhetoric, are likely to be lost in the long run.

Mandela has implicitly put himself and the ANC in the same camp as regimes which, with one or two exceptions, are seen as tyrannical by the established multiparty democracies. He has reinforced anxieties first raised by his proclamations of fraternity with, and admiration for, Yasser Arafat, Fidel Castro and Muammar Gaddafi.

A future ANC government may thus find its task of attracting foreign investment in the “new South Africa” complicated, a development which may make it vulnerable to the same angry and disaffected youth.
South Profile

Sam Louw

Sam Louw could be one of the Members of Parliament with the largest parliamentary and extra-parliamentary following. And support for this quiet, self-effacing 40-year-old is still growing — almost a year after he walked over to the ANC.

CHRISTELLE TERREBLANCHE spoke to him:

"My family has always been very divided about my choice to fight the system from within. But, since the Hani assassination, they are all behind me."

Buried by the police (his body could not be found), Mr John Mambakane, is now a member of Louw’s ANC branch.

Louw was unhappy with De Klerk’s ambiguous reply, and has vowed to fight for an independent commission to take up the matter of the civic leader who went missing in the drive-by.

His constituency stretches over a wide area, including Lichtenburg, Klerksdorp, Bloemhof and Kimberley. It is also an area where large-scale forced removals have taken place over the years, like the Rocksprings upheaval.

The area’s main economic activities — mining and farming — are in decline and unemployment is rising sharply. He has no future in the region in its present state.

"We will find it extremely difficult to make the Western Transvaal economically viable on its own. If Bophuthatswana does not reintegrate, and even if it does, we might have to amalgamate with the Northern Cape."

Born and bred in Potchefstroom, Louw worked as a journalist for the Potchefstroom Herald for 12 years until his election to office. He misses writing, he says, but nowadays he channells these talents into speechwriting — a task he has to fulfill several times a week while walking the tightrope between the grassroots and parliament.
Hani was CP leader, say some school pupils

Staff Reporter

SOME Cape school pupils who will be voting for the first time next year don't know the name of the leader of the National Party — and others believe that Mr. Chris Hani was leading the Conservative Party when he was murdered.

But Mr. Nelson Mandela was named as the leader of the ANC by most of the pupils interviewed in a snap survey on political awareness conducted by the Cape Times yesterday.

A group of five Guguletu pupils, all 18, said they believed the leader of the National Party was "a white guy." All agreed that Mr. Cyril Ramaphosa or Mr. Mandela would be the next State President and the ANC would get their vote.

None of the group had ever heard of the Democratic Party or knew who the leader of the IFP was. Mr. Hani was the leader of the Conservative Party who had died recently, one pupil volunteered.

"No way should 14-year-olds be allowed to vote — they are just children," said 18-year-old Phumzile Sigqa of Guguletu.

Langa matric pupil Phumla TsheTsha, 18, knew the names of all of the leaders of the political parties — and agreed that 14-year-olds should not vote.

A Mitchells Plain pupil believed that elections were taking place this month. She also thought Mr. Hani had been leading the Conservative Party.

Bo-Kaap school pupils Gamza Maker, 17, and his brother Riedewaan, 16, recited off the names of the leaders of South Africa's political parties with ease.

Both agreed that 14-year-olds should not be allowed to vote. "Mandela will say anything to get the vote," said Riedewaan.
PAC gearing up for D-Day

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ELECTION COUNTDOWN

The PAC is busy with low-key fund-raise efforts as it waits for the candidates to file their financial reports for the current quarter, which will likely be late. The PAC is still looking for candidates to join its slate, and it plans to announce its full slate in the next few weeks. The PAC is also working on its advertising campaign, which is expected to be launched in the coming weeks. The PAC is focused on mobilizing its membership and getting out the vote in the upcoming election. The PAC is also working with other political organizations to coordinate efforts and maximize its impact.

Mike Reiter
Government ‘hawks’ are accused of deliberate attempt to sabotage negotiations

Talks appear to be on track

Kempton Park negotiations hang ‘on thin thread’ after raid on PAC members:

Law and Order Minister Mr Hermus Kriel, who was briefed by his two top officers in the hours before the swoop, to explain, the session why the police felt they could wait no longer before acting against the PAC.

Kriel would not say last night whether he would go or not.

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The PAC, which immediately suspended its participation in yesterday’s session at the negotiating council, accused the Government of trying to put it out of action at a moment when critical decisions were to be taken regarding the future of the constitution and the setting of an election date.

At the negotiating council before it was adjourned, the debate was marked by indignation and outrage with several parties calling for Kriel’s immediate dismissal.

But it was also characterised by calls for release of those arrested, adherence to the constitution and the desire for a new constitution that would bring peace and prosperity to the country.

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Political Staff

CONTROVERSIAL Crossroads squatter leader Mr Jeffrey Nongwe says he is "happy" about a meeting with ANC regional chairman Dr Allan Boesak.

Mr Nongwe said he and his committee of 12 met Dr Boesak — who was accompanied by his deputy Mr Lerumo Kalako — in the squatter settlement yesterday.

"Dr Boesak took our complaints seriously. He said he would arrange a meeting between us, his executive committee and other ANC groupings in Crossroads."

Mr Nongwe said he had sensed that Dr Boesak was worried about the situation in Crossroads, where ANC groups have fought running battles with each other.

"I'm happy that we met," said Mr Nongwe.
'No political aim behind arrests'

Soweto, 28 May 93

Members held for criminal acts:

By Ismail Lagardien
Political Correspondent

THERE were no political motives behind the arrest of at least 50 PAC members early yesterday, Minister of Law and Order Mr Henri Kriel said.

Confirming the dragnet, Kriel said it was conducted by the South African Police because "sufficient prima facie evidence existed to arrest" the PAC and Apla members for criminal activities. Unfortunately, it now seems that there are highly placed PAC and Apla members who are allegedly involved in crime," Kriel said.

He said the arrests were for alleged involvement in murder, attempted murder, petrol bomb and other attacks on civilians as well as illegal possession of firearms and handgrenades and "the planning of further attacks on SAP members and civilians".

While the Conservative Party lauded the arrests and called for the arrest of ANC leaders now as a logical consequence to those yesterday, the Democratic Party was sceptical about the timing of the arrests.

The DP's Mr Peter Gastrow said it was interesting to note that the arrests were made on the day Kriel was defending his Budget Debate in Parliament, which suggested a power struggle for the Cape leadership of the National Party between Kriel and Mr Dawie de Villiers.
Business can help with privatisation

PRETORIA — The private sector should get involved in identifying state-owned enterprises and services suitable for privatisation, newly appointed Office for Public Enterprises and Privatisation CE Evert van Eeden said this week.

Limited government resources together with a lack of interest in the private sector had made more difficult the task of identifying unproductive elements of the economy still under government control, Van Eeden said.

He urged business chambers and individual companies to point out areas of mismanagement and waste and to make recommendations regarding the privatisation of these sectors.

These could include aspects of health, defence and education as well as the provision of services and the manufacture of goods, he said.

More efficiency could be obtained if tasks that were not necessarily a political responsibility could be parcelled out to the private sector.

The move to privatisation would aid economic growth, create jobs and contribute to the restructuring of a competitive economy, he said.

Van Eeden, who took over from Jasper Nieuwoudt on April 1, said privatisation had become popular during the Thatcher era.

It had subsequently become mired in controversy, rooted in a narrow ideological framework, and was seen for a time as the “fanatical idea of free market fanatics”.

The changes in eastern Europe had given the need for privatisation new impetus and legitimacy.

The bottom line was to bring transparency and accountability to the management of public assets and thereby stimulate efficiency and economic growth, Van Eeden said.

He appealed to the private sector to generate public support for privatisation and to involve itself directly in the consolidation of the commercial process.

“We must overhaul the economic machine before it breaks down,” he said.

ANC officials return from four-nation visit

TWO senior ANC officials returned to SA yesterday after a fortnight away visiting Russia, China, Singapore and Switzerland.

ANC foreign affairs director Thabo Mbeki and Umkhonto we Sizwe commander Joe Modise had been invited by heads of government to brief them on the situation in SA.

Among matters discussed with the foreign leaders were measures to be taken to turn SA’s economy around after sanctions were lifted. This would happen after an election date was announced and a transitional executive council had been established.

“These talks were particularly important in Switzerland where, among others, we met banking chiefs to discuss the rescheduling of SA’s debt after a new government is elected,” Mbeki said.

The message the two ANC leaders received from the leaders they visited was that all were “keen there should be a speedy transformation in SA and would assist in any way they could in this transformation”.

In Switzerland, the ANC leaders also discussed the controversial sale of the Pilatus PC-7 trainer aircraft to the SAAF.

Mbeki said he had pointed out that the deal violated a UN arms embargo.

Concerning the monitoring of a general election, Mbeki said the ANC was adamant there should be no recurrence of the UN elections monitoring debacle in Angola in September last year, when there were not enough observers at the polls to observe just and fair election processes. — Sapa.

30 years old, but OAU | Input needed from business in
ANC branch on Pretoria campus

ABOUT 100 people attended the launch of an ANC student branch at Pretoria University yesterday. And in the building next door, Volksfront leader Gen Constand Viljoen addressed about 300 students.

Tuksies ANC chairman Graham Maitland said afterwards he was glad the branch, the organisation's first on a traditionally Afrikaans campus, had started with "such a powerful force".

"This is one of the most repressive campuses in SA. However, we have come to realise that where there is repression, there is usually strong opposition to that repression," he said.

Events since early 1990 had made the country swing between moments of high expectations and despair.

Viljoen, too, referred to swings in the nation's mood. He called for time to allow emotions to cool.

The political playing field was not level, Viljoen said.

The ANC and SACP were abusing black nationalism and emotions for political gain. Black people were intimidated and, therefore, could not make a truly democratic choice in an election.

"The biggest mistake at this stage would be a unitary state," he said.

Students cheered as Viljoen told them the Volksfront was not looking for war.

But the Afrikaner should not be underestimated, he said.

"If we are threatened, we will protect ourselves with everything in our power. We are ready."
PAC exile (75) hopes to return

By Joe Khamise
Star Africa Service

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R33m fine for lies over emissions

WASHINGTON — A wood products company has been fined $111.1 million (R333 million) for lying about its environmental practices, authorities said yesterday.

Louisiana-Pacific Corporation, based in Oregon, was fined for excessive emissions and giving false information to federal officials, the Environmental Protection Agency said.

Louisiana-Pacific’s violations occurred at 14 facilities in 11 states. The company has agreed to the court’s order that it install $70 million (R210 million) worth of anti-pollution devices over the next two years.

In 1987, Texas Eastern Natural Gas Pipeline paid a $15 million (about R46 million) fine for violation of pollution laws.

— Sapa-AFP.
Writer longs for home

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Kriel to be grilled on PAC arrests

CAPE TOWN — Ministers emerged from a reportedly tense Cabinet meeting yesterday staunchly defending the police decision to arrest members of the PAC and Apia.

And negotiating parties readied themselves to take Law and Order Minister Herman Mashaba's task tonight when he explains to a special session of the negotiating council why he ordered the arrest of PAC members, putting talks at risk.

Despite the tensions caused by the "insensitive actions of the SAP", negotiators were optimistic that the June 3 deadline to set an election date could still be met.

The government's decision to send Kriel to the World Trade Centre followed a Cabinet session dealing exclusively with the issue.

Afterwards, President F W de Klerk said the arrest had been "normal police action".

During the president's question time, De Klerk said he had been informed that the raid would take place late on Monday evening, but that his approval had not been sought, nor was it required.

He did not answer a question from DP MP Peter Soal about why chief government negotiator Roelf Meyer had not been informed of the imminent raid.

De Klerk said it was an important factor that negotiations continue as for criminals to be apprehended.

It is understood that government will not simply take all the criticism at tonight's meeting. A senior government source said government planned to try to force the PAC either to wring the armed struggle and negotiate peacefully, or to expect "no more gentle treatment".

The PAC, which was being disarmed and disbanding, faced the arrest of national executive committee members, met yesterday and vowed to take a tough line with Kriel tonight. The ANC/SACP/CPEU alliance also met to discuss strategy, setting up a peace corps and "the situation at the World Trade Centre talks".

A government source said that regardless of whether police action was justified or the motive correct, it had laid the PAC's dualism on the table.

De Klerk said government had been "patient" with the PAC to ensure its participation, but you cannot keep throwing your old empty tin cans into your neighbour's garden without expecting him to retaliate.

He said he was confident the June 3 deadline would be met, and added that the talks would have to continue even if the PAC did not attend tomorrow's council meeting.

At a media conference yesterday, PAC president Clarence Makweta said while the peace talks would take place tonight, the ball was in government's court as far as PAC participation tomorrow went.

Unless government met PAC demands within the next 48 hours, his organisation would continue constitutional talks. He said the armed struggle would be intensified when the PAC demands were met "and we start discussing the future of the country".

Makweta said the PAC government included the immediate and unconditional release of all its members and the return of all confiscating computers, documents and other equipment.

It also demanded that government respect its right to signature on petitions to the United Nations.

PAC arrests

pair damage to property caused during the raids, that it indicate which PAC documents had been photocopied and that it apologise publically for its actions.

He said the PAC national executive committee would meet soon, possibly at the weekend, to decide on its future in negotiations. Should the demands be met in the interim, the organisation would return to the negotiating table.

At a photo call yesterday ANC president Nelson Mandela issued a note of optimism on the prospects for talks, saying the arrests were a hiccup and would not derail the peace process.

However, DP negotiator Ken Andrew said there was little, if any, hope of meeting the deadline.

Police Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe said the ANC's Agenda programme last night that four of the 72 arrested had been charged with the illegal possession of firearms and ammunition. He said 19 people had been released. Of those in custody, 29 (including the remaining five national executive committee members) were being held in terms of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act and the rest in terms of the Criminal Procedure Act.

Police spokesperson Capt Wikus Weber said 45 PAC members were arrested after demonstrating outside the government's headquarters yesterday. He said they had violated a municipal by-law and had ignored warnings to disperse. They appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court last night and the case was remanded.

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Entrenched power-sharing
out of the question

ANC
Gluckman dies after surgery

CONTROVERSIAL Johannesburg pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman, 79, died in a Johannesburg hospital yesterday after a back operation.

Gluckman leaves his wife Lois, two sons, one daughter and a number of grandchildren.

He caused a stir last year when he said he believed that the majority of the 200 detainees on whom he had performed post mortems "had been violently done to death by lower-level policemen".

His claims were later challenged by Law and Order Minister Heran Kriel and the police.

The ANC expressed shock at Gluckman's death and commended him for his "readiness to assist so many who were imprisoned, tortured and beaten to death".

"Dr Gluckman stood firm against tyranny and abuse of human rights, becoming world famous for the damning evidence he presented in cases such as the death of Steve Biko."

Lawyers for Human Rights saluted Gluckman as "a doctor for human rights".

"Dr Gluckman took up the cause of the most vulnerable and marginalised members of our society — prisoners — and fought ... against their abuse and torture."

"... As a doctor for human rights we ... pay tribute to his contribution towards highlighting deaths in police custody and promoting a human rights culture in SA," the LHR said. — Sapa.
Negotiators to hear Kriel explain police swoop on PAC

Crucial day for talks

By Paul Bell and Esther Waugh

Prospects of an early breakthrough in the resumed negotiations hinge on a special session of the Negotiation Council tonight when Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel is called to account for the crackdown on the PAC in the Transvaal. It is the first time a Cabinet Minister has been called to account for his actions by the forum.

Government negotiators are expected to take a back seat and let Kriel do all the explaining.

Although the future of negotiations does not appear to be in jeopardy at this stage, they have been put under severe pressure by Tuesday's police swoop.

The Government has come under fire over its handling of the crackdown, but the PAC itself is under growing pressure not to abandon the negotiations.

Demands that those arrested be charged or released became pivotal to the speedy or delayed resumption of negotiations. Police have released 19 of their 73 suspects, including two national executive members of the PAC, Mike Matsobane and Raymond Pitla.

"Yesterday's weekly Cabinet meeting went on into the night as implications of the crackdown, and the Government's response, were discussed with a view to tonight's session where some forum members can be expected to be highly critical."

And again, the backdrop of the Government's acute sensitivity to the need to explain itself rapidly, military intelligence sources leaked news of the infiltration of an APL unit into Natal, allegedly tasked to "kill whites".

**Timing**

President de Klerk, responding in Parliament yesterday to criticism of the Government's timing, said he had been told the operation was planned for last weekend, until police discovered that many of their targets would be away.

He had been informed of the intended action late on Monday, after he had returned from a public engagement, shortly before the sweep began. His approval had not been sought because the raids had been handled as a police, rather than a political, matter.

Speaking in Johannesburg yesterday, ANC president Nelson Mandela said the arrests should not be allowed to create panic.

"We have been negotiating since 1986 and we have had countless problems since then. This is one of those problems. I'm sure the democratic process will be strong enough to overcome this problem," he said.

The PAC will attempt to press the council to offer the Government an ultimatum on the continuation of the talks. On Saturday its national executive council will meet to review participation.

Asked whether he rejected any possibility that there might be substance to the SAP's allegations of criminal action on the part of those held, Makwetu said: "Of course I do. They searched my house and came out with a few papers. They have still not come to charge me with anything."

Makwetu enunciated five demands to the Government:

- Charge or release those arrested in Tuesday's swoop.
- Return all property seized by the police.
- Tell the movement which documents police have copied.
- Offer a public apology to the PAC and pay for the damage to its valuables.
- Compensate those who were "wrongfully arrested".

Makwetu added that despite conflicting statements from the "regime" on who took the decision, the PAC held "the regime" as a whole responsible.

Sapa reports that 45 PAC members were arrested after demonstrating and ignoring warnings to disperse outside the organisation's headquarters yesterday.

The demonstrators were planning to "hand themselves over to the police".
King’s peace role in doubt

JOHANNESBURG. — Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini has allegedly withdrawn as a facilitator of talks between African National Congress president Mr Nelson Mandela and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

So said Mr Mandela at Morris Isaacson School in White City, Soweto, today.

Mr Mandela said the king’s position was now apparently that “TV got it wrong” about the planned talks and the king’s role.

Morris Isaacson School, where the 1976 school protests and riots began, is today crumbling and empty and strewn with rubbish. Windows are broken and the walls are daubed with liberation slogans.

Mr Mandela said his visit there was part of a tour to see for himself the state of black schools.

He said he wanted to be fully briefed when he continued his discussions with President De Klerk.

Mr Mandela told pupils there to greet him they should go back to school to qualify themselves to compete in a tough world.

The pupils, all of them inmates, said they studied every night at the school in one of the empty classrooms, but they took part in protests.

“We take action by day and we study by night,” they said. — Sapa.
Pathologist Gluckman dies

By Bronwyn Wilkinson

Top independent pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman (78) has died in Johannesburg.

Gluckman’s son Michael said his father had a spinal operation in Milpark Hospital at noon on Tuesday and seemed fine until 11 pm, when he had a cardiac complication and could not be resuscitated.

Gluckman had been ill for several years. His son said the spinal problem had bothered him for a long time, but he had only recently decided to do something about it.

Gluckman first hit the headlines when he performed the post-mortem on Steve Biko in 1977, and again in July last year when he went public with allegations that police were killing people in their custody.

In the first test of one of Gluckman’s reports, an inquest in February found a Soweto Murder and Robbery Unit lieutenant responsible for the death of Bethuel Maphumulo, who drowned in the swimming pool at Protea police station.

Gluckman is survived by his wife Lois, sons Michael and Paul and a daughter, Mary.

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ANC rejects voters of 14

THE ANC's national working committee (NWC) has rejected Mr Nelson Mandela's “demand” that the voting age for South Africa's first non-racial election be slashed to 14 years.

In a clear bid to finally bury Mr Mandela's controversial call in Natal last weekend the NWC or ANC “cabinet” said that 18 was a reasonable voting age.

In a statement yesterday, the NWC said it had discussed Mr Mandela's “contribution” regarding the reduction of the voting age but that the consensus had been that all South African citizens of 18 and over should be enfranchised. The NWC's view on this remained unchanged.

The NWC said the “exact shape and character of a future electoral system” had become a matter of national discussion. A growing consensus that a system of proportional representation would be best suited for the country had emerged.

Mr Mandela's comments should be “contextualised” within this national debate.

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ANC sets police on new neighbours

MOST people would find a group of uniformed AWB Wolkommando and Yster- garde members on their doorstep a trifle unnerving. More so if they happened to be in an ANC office in Pretoria.

So when ANC officials in the organisation's Central Street office this week spotted a group of "strange figures with guns - staring", they got on the line to head office in Johannesburg sharply.

Minutes later a crack squad of police men descended on the five AWB members who, it turned out, were quietly minding their leader's car while he went on about business in the capital.

No, they had no plans to occupy the ANC offices, they explained. AWB leader Eugene Terre Blanche was attending an Afrikaner Volksfront meeting in the building directly opposite the ANC offices, and his bodyguards were cooling their heels in the street.

Police said they had been alerted to the possible confrontation by ANC peace officer Joe Sithole, who had in turn been called by the ANC. Sithole said yesterday the ANC officials in Pretoria had been unaware that the newly formed Volksfront had set up offices in the area.

"With rumours of hit-lists going round, the ANC officials must have thought the people on their doorstep were ready to hit the road," said Sithole.

Later, after police were assured nothing untoward was about to happen, the ANC officials, they explained. AWB leaders decided to close their office for the rest of the day.

Police spokesman Lt. Evan Johnson said yesterday no arrests were made and no charges had been laid.

India 'likely to lift sanctions soon'  

TRADE and Industry director-general Stef Naudé yesterday predicted a quick lifting of Indian sanctions, following a high-level government visit to the country.

Naudé said he and other senior government members spent five days in New Delhi at the invitation of the Indian federation of trade and industry. The invitation had been extended after Naudé's visit to India last year.

A Trade and Industry statement said Naudé had held several meetings with Indian politicians, government officials, organised trade and industry as well as private businessmen. He met the Indian foreign minister as well as the secretaries of trade and foreign affairs.

"Although India still imposes comprehensive sanctions against SA it became evident during the visit that Indian policymakers are eager to normalise relations with SA," Naudé said.

"Developments in SA are followed with keen interest and the impression is being created that a political settlement will result in the speedy lifting of sanctions."

India recently announced its intention to establish a cultural office in Johannesburg in a move interpreted as a forerunner to the lifting of sanctions and the establishment of formal diplomatic relations.

Naudé added new IMF calculations had raised India's GDP tenfold. "India's economy is currently the sixth largest in the world following those of the US, Japan, China, Germany and France. According to the latest calculations, its GDP amounts to $3-trillion, compared with the previous figure of $250bn. The per capita income in India has thus increased from $350 to $1,150."

Reuters reports that Trade and Industry also announced yesterday that SA would participate in India's international trade show in November. The department said a delegation of prominent industrialists would visit India at the same time.

It said the Indian market offered opportunities for products such as iron and steel, pulp and paper, phosphoric acid, chemical fertiliser, rock phosphate and ferro-alloys.

Sapa reports that India's cultural centre director Harsh Bhasin said a full range of consular services to assist travellers to India should be operating by mid-June. Bhasin arrived in SA last week and said the rest of the Indian cultural team would be in Johannesburg within a week.
ANC president Nelson Mandela has intervened in a row which has blown up within the publishing industry, and between the ANC and an ANC-linked investment company, over the future of the lucrative educational publishing sector. The row was sparked by a proposed joint venture between Macmillan Boleswa — the Manzini-based subsidiary of multinational Macmillan Publishers — and Thebe Investment Corporation, a company initiated by the ANC as part of a black economic empowerment strategy.

ANC education department deputy head Lindelwe Mabandla said the issue had stirred a "hornet's nest" and confirmed that Mandela had initiated a full inquiry into the matter.

Other publishers and the ANC education department view the proposed deal as a "repugnant", secretive attempt by Macmillan to corner the educational publishing market by establishing a special relationship — through Thebe — with the ANC.

Thebe has established travel, trading, marketing, catering, property development and car-hire arms. And, according to MD Vusi Khanyile, the proposed deal with Macmillan is part of a possible move into publishing. Khanyile is former ANC finance department head.

The Bebe board includes others with ANC links, such as PWV chairman Tokyo Sexwale and Enos Mabuza.

In terms of a formal written proposal, Thebe would have an initial 36% stake in the joint venture, to be named Newco. Macmillan would give Thebe 20% of that stake at no cost. In return Thebe would, among other things, "provide a regular line of communication with the relevant government structures in the new SA" and facilitate close working relations with the ANC's mass media trusts. The written proposal suggests that Newco, to be staffed by black South Africans, should be formed by July 1 and be fully operational by January.

Mabandla said similar deals between Macmillan and authorities in Swaziland and Botswana had given the company a monopoly in the educational publishing sector. The ANC believed this was undesirable and could undermine future government's options. It would also eliminate

Publishing row

The ANC education department was concerned that the corruption which had become commonplace within the Department of Education and Training could be extended into a future SA if particular companies received special treatment through their political connections.

Educational publishing in SA until now had been dominated by Afrikaans establishment companies such as Nasionale Pers, Perafo and Juta, he said. The ANC did not want such arrangements to continue, with the only difference being that other companies would occupy that privileged position.

Mabandla said the ANC education department's view was that future commercial contracts between government and private sector companies should be concluded through a "tendering process without underhand interference".

Khanyile and Macmillan Boleswa MD Luchi Balarin yesterday described reports of the proposed deal as "premature". Both said they were discussing educational publishing with other parties. Neither believed the project was unethical. Balarin said he did not see the Thebe link as a political one. Khanyile said Thebe was an independent company, seeking to give black economic muscle.

Publishers' Association of SA (Pasa) education committee chairman Robin Gillman said Pasa had been "shocked" to hear of the proposed arrangement, as it could have a drastic effect on the local publishing industry and on the quality of educational material. This would occur through a reduction in the choice of books available to teachers; the absence of competition to ensure the best possible quality and pricing of books; and the reduction of the amount of educational research in general.

He estimated the supply of prescribed school textbooks alone to be worth more than R500m a year.
ANC says no thanks to voters at 14

THE ANC's national working committee said "thanks, but no thanks" yesterday to a suggestion by ANC president Nelson Mandela that the minimum voting age be reduced to 14.

The committee said in a statement it had discussed Mandela's suggestion and concluded that "the generally accepted position that all SA citizens who have attained the age of 18 and above should be entitled to the franchise was reasonable".

It said Mandela's remarks had made a contribution to the debate on the voting age, adding that "continuing debate around this issue can only enrich our political culture and is to be welcomed. The national working committee wishes to underscore that the ANC recognises the immeasurable contribution and sacrifice made by SA youth to the liberation struggle and shall always value it."

ANC Youth League spokesman Parks Mankahlasa said his organisation accepted the working committee decision, but he continued to believe that the minimum age should be reduced to 16. He noted that two league officials were represented on the ANC's national working committee.
Death of Dr Gluckman

He compiled an independent pathology report on Biko:

INDEPENDENT pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman (75) died in Johannesburg on Tuesday night.

His investigations into questionable deaths in detention raised the ire of many a politician. He died after a back operation. *Sowetan* 27/5/87

"Dr Gluckman was a very straightforward, honest man. His pathology work in controversial cases was always done with care and concern," said Dawson. Gluckman compiled an independent pathology report on Steve Biko after his death in questionable circumstances in September 1977. — *Sowetan Correspondent.*
Mandela and ANC ‘agree on voting age.

Political Correspondent

ANC president Nelson Mandela today said the organisation's national working committee's (NWC) view that the voting age should be 18 years, according to ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus.

Although the NWC said yesterday that 18 was a "reasonable" voting age, the debate was open for further discussion.

Mandela said in Maritzburg at the weekend that 14 should be the voting age for the first democratic elections.

The NWC decision followed a discussion yesterday of Mandela's statement.

In terms of a draft Independent Electoral Commission Act to be presented to the Negotiating Council tomorrow, 18 years is proposed as the voting age.
Gluckman’s sense of justice led to clashes with authority

Dr Jonathan Gluckman’s unflinching integrity forced him into politics, reports BRONWYN WILKINSON.

JOHNATHAN Gluckman caused the Government considerable discomfort with his disclosures last year that police were killing people in their custody, but he refused to be bullied into making political statements.

Last year, Gluckman told The Star it was the “incremental horror” of the damage inflicted on the bodies he had examined that prompted him to reveal the contents of his files.

The custody-deaths row was not the first time Gluckman was catapulted into the headlines — he performed the post-mortem on Black Consciousness leader Steve Biko in 1977.

When he died, aged 78, on Tuesday, Gluckman was still consulting in forensic pathology and was on the board of Medical Rescue International — an emergency medical service for sub-Saharan Africa — which he helped to found.

Lawyers for Human Rights described him as a “Doctor for Human Rights” and the Azanian People’s Organisation said his death was a loss for the entire nation.

Gluckman’s closest colleagues — those at Medical Rescue International — said in a statement “His energy was boundless, even taking on the full might of the Government in his middle seventies, when most people are contentedly retired.

“He was prepared to be pilloried by Cabinet Ministers and risked his credibility and reputation by standing by the truth as he knew it.

“Not a moment of Jonathan Gluckman’s life was wasted. He was a living example of how much one man can achieve for the betterment of humanity. There will not be another like him.”

Gluckman was born in Johannesburg in 1914, was schooled at Parktown Preparatory School and Houghton College, and studied medicine at the University of the Witwatersrand and St Bartholomew’s Hospital in London.

During World War 2 he served as a major in the South African Medical Corps in South Africa, the Middle East and Italy.

It was during the war that he took up pathology, specialising later at the British Postgraduate Medical School.

The awards he received during his career take up four pages of a packed curriculum vitae.

He founded the Transvaal Society of Pathology, was a past president of the Medical Association of South Africa and a long-standing member of the South African Medical and Dental Council, the Royal Society of Medicine and several other medical societies.

He was a founder and senior partner in the largest general pathology laboratory in South Africa, but resigned in 1967 to confine himself to histopathology (tissue pathology), anatomical pathology and forensic pathology.

In 1965 Gluckman resigned from practice to consult on his three specialities.

He accepted forensic work from lawyers acting on behalf of relatives and ended up in the witness box at inquests on countless occasions.

Abrupt in manner and speech, Gluckman still radiated modesty, kindness and compassion.

He confessed to a passion for opera, and the walls of his Braamfontein office were decorated with his own oil paintings.

Gluckman married Lois Stove McLean in 1941. They had two sons, Michael and Paul, and a daughter, Mary.

One of the saddest facts of Jonathan Gluckman’s death is that his memoirs — which he promised to write after his retirement — will never be written.
THE ANC's national working committee has maintained its policy of keeping the voting age at 18 and older, despite ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela's call at the weekend for the voting age to be lowered to 14.

The ANC said yesterday: "Debate on the voting age is neither conclusive nor closed and Mr Nelson Mandela's remarks, made in Pietermaritzburg over the weekend, should be contextualised within that national debate." A voting age of 18 years and older was "reasonable".
Kriel in the dock

By Themba Molefe
Political Reporter

The negotiations process was early this morning saved from the brink of collapse when the Pan African Congress and the Government agreed to meet urgently to resolve their differences.

At the end of a special session of negotiators at the World Trade Centre, the 26 parties agreed that the Government was not justified to detain the national leadership of the PAC and 75 of its members.

In a resolution adopted the council reaffirmed its commitment to the negotiation process and that the PAC should remain in the talks.

Most of the negotiators called for Kriel to resign after ordering the arrest of 75 PAC members, including members of its national executive council, in pre-dawn raids on Tuesday.

But a defiant Kriel told the 104 negotiators that even the PAC president Mr Clarence Makwetu and other top leaders could be further implicated and detained.

He tried to substantiate reasons for the massive crackdown by saying there was prima facie evidence which preceded the action.

Referring to the timing of the arrests, Kriel denied they were aimed at derailing negotiations but at preventing the suspects from going away as there was going to be a long weekend.

In his address to the negotiating council, PAC general secretary Mr Benny Alexander had earlier turned down a request by the Government for an urgent bilateral meeting.

Other leading participants at the negotiating council meeting called for Kriel's head because of the sweep on the PAC.

ANC general secretary Mr Cyril Ramaphosa demanded Kriel either resign or be dismissed immediately.

"He (Mr Kriel) is the one single Government minister who does not want the PAC at the negotiating table," claimed Ramaphosa.

"You (Mr Kriel) are becoming a danger to this negotiating process. Therefore, you must resign or be dismissed immediately."

Pravin Gordhan, of the Natal Indian Congress, also said Kriel must be relieved of his duties, and the South African Communist Party, the Intsando YeSizwe Party and the Inkatha Freedom Party also criticised the police action against the PAC.

Leon Wessels, of the National Party, strongly defended the police sweep.

"The National Party is engaged in bringing about a just and fair dispensation for all South Africans. We are unequivocally committed to this process. But no one should be above the law, both now and in the future.

"The National Party firmly believes the SAP acted against the PAC in pursuance of its mission. The law must now take its course," he said.

Meanwhile, the police yesterday released 43 of the 75 PAC members who were detained in the sweep. Four members of the PAC appeared in the Soweto Magistrate's Court yesterday on charges of illegal possession of ammunition.

Police yesterday said 28 "suspects" were remaining in detention under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act, which provides for 10 days' detention without trial.

Meanwhile, 38 PAC supporters, chanting "every policeman, every farmer deserves a bullet" and "one grenade, 10 settlers", were arrested during a demonstration Pretoria yesterday. They were later released and warned to appear in court.
PAC arrests weaken govt negotiators’ hand

BILLY PADDOCK

Kriel might have shored up the steady trickle of NP members defecting to the right wing, and undermined to a limited extent the risk of a white revolt.

The talks were not derailed. An election date and draft legislation for a transitional executive council and its subcouncils are still attainable goals within weeks, if not days.

The ANC is not prepared to cling to the PAC and follow its threat to pull out of talks, even though this might result in a further loss of supporters to the more radical PAC. It is staying in the negotiating process despite its severe criticism of government. Taken with its position over the Chris Hani assassination, the ANC is locked in and will not withdraw while there is the potential to achieve its goal.

The week’s events showed that negotiations have reached what appears to be an irreversible stage, and there is now little chance that they can be wrecked.

The PAC is in a difficult position, but it has handled its crisis constructively so far, and not painted itself into a corner.

On Tuesday its foreign secretary Gora Ebrahim expressed the organisation’s outrage in cool terms, and set its demands in a way calculated to put pressure on government and gain the negotiating council’s support. Makwetu has also given government space to charge or release its members and meet the negotiating council’s demands.

Should government play tough, the PAC still has the option of taking a final decision at the national executive meeting this weekend.

It is known that the PAC is committed to staying in the negotiations process, and many negotiators, including government, have been pleasantly surprised by the “very constructive role Benny Alexander has played" in the planning committee.

The PAC needs a face-saving way of staying in, and has left this ball in government’s court.

But it appears government wants to capitalise on its gains, having seen that the process has not been derailed. It is forcing the PAC’s ambivalence onto the negotiating table, and hoping the council will serve as a forum to move the PAC to suspend its war on whites and the security forces. The PAC seems ready to do this, and compromise is in the air.

But while government has achieved all these short-term gains, it has played into the hands of the ANC and PAC. Kriel’s action has strengthened the hand of the ANC in its demands for joint control of the security forces, which Kriel has adamantly rejected.

ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa on Tuesday made it clear the ANC would push even harder for multiparty control over the security forces, “so that this kind of thing can never happen again”. His position will be strongly supported by the majority of the parties on the negotiating council, and government will have a tough job trying to avert the move.
PAC-Govt bid to bridge gap

By Esther Waugh and Chris Whitfield

As the Government and PAC went into their crisis talks this morning, indications were that a wide gap still existed between the two organisations.

But there were clear signs that both were determined to find solutions and to keep negotiations on track.

Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer said the first item on the Government's proposed agenda would be the PAC's "continued commitment to violence. We will set the meeting agenda and attend to some urgent matters."

However, PAC negotiator Gora Ebrahim was adamant that his organisation would only discuss its demands relating to Tuesday's pre-dawn swoop by police on its members. "There is no time for anything else at the meeting," he said.

Ebrahim indicated that further talks would have to be convened to discuss other matters.

The PAC's "bottom line" demands are that its detained members be released or charged and its seized documents be returned.

Law and Order Minister Hermus Kriel, who had faced an unprecedented roasting from Government critics, said "the principle that nobody is above the law still stands".

Only "side issues" were discussed last night, he said.

Meyer, on the other hand, declared the meeting had been successful.

The breakthrough last night came after the Government agreed under withering fire from most of its negotiating partners over the swoop on the PAC, with the ANC and SAPC demanding Kriel's resignation.

Necessary

A clear majority of the PAC members at the meeting of the Negotiating Council on Tuesday morning were opposed to the over, when 13 PAC members were arrested.

Under attack... Herman Kriel and President's Councillor M. Ockers listen to criticism of the Minister's actions.

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members had been instructed to commit robberies and steal vehicles for resale to finance their campaign of "crime and violence".

Forty-three PAC members were released at 9 am yesterday. Another 28 are still being held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa and SACP negotiator Joe Slovo said Kriel should resign.

Kriel had listed 49 violent incidents which the SAP attributed to Apla and said the PAC policy of talking peace while "unashamedly propagating and waging a racist terrorist campaign" was morally indefensible.

He said police were in possession of documents containing "sketched plans of various police stations and names and addresses of SAP and SADF members to be killed" by Apla.

He added that a detained Apla member had "admitted that he was instructed by a senior Apla commander, now in Transkei, to observe where whites gather" to murder whites.

Late last night resolution was reached after a closed session of the 10-man planning committee pointed to the need for negotiations to continue uninterrupted.

It urged the PAC to remain part of the process and for the Government, political organisations and security forces to "do everything possible to create harmony, peace and a conciliatory climate for negotiations".

PAC secretary-general Benny Alexander revealed that the raid had scuppered a planned round of talks with the Government.

Kriel took a bashing from almost all negotiating parties, who slated his failure to provide substantial evidence of the need for the swoop.

Ramaphosa noted "for the first time a Government Minister has been summoned to give an account of his and his department's actions."

He warned that it could happen again.

In another development, National Peace Committee chairman John Hall has sent a strong message to a negotiating planning committee demanding a meeting of the Peace Accord signatories to recommit themselves to the accord.

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Tug-of-war for the king

By FAROUK CHOTHA

APPARENTLY fearing African National Congress inroads in his own back yard, Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi last week torpedoed a planned meeting between the ANC's Nelson Mandela and 20 Natal Midlands chiefs.

The meeting had been scheduled as the climax of Mandela's tour of the Midlands last week. But it was called off when the chiefs were warned by Buthelezi to leave Ulundi for a "conference" organised by Buthelezi on the same day. Sources indicate that Buthelezi told the chiefs he expected them to ensure their subjects voted for Inkatha in an election.

The development took place against continued political jockeying around the figure of Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini, whom Mandela is wooing as the possible key to peace in Natal.

In speeches in Estcourt, Ladysmith, Dundee, Newcastle and Madadeni, Mandela attacked Buthelezi in scathing terms, but offered Zwelithini an olive branch, describing him as "the king of all South Africans, both black and white".

While Mandela did not name Buthelezi, he was clearly referring to the Inkatha Freedom Party president when he charged: "We are not like some black leaders who became great because they worked in some government institution."

Mandela said his two previous summits with Buthelezi had failed to yield results, and that he would not take part in a "publicity show" with the Inkatha leader. But he added that if Zwelithini convened a summit, he would attend it.

Mandela's key problem is that ANC militants in the province, notably Midlands leader Harry Gwala, oppose a summit initiative brokered by Zwelithini. The king could not be a neutral figure "as long as Buthelezi has a hold over the chiefs in this province or over the royal House."
Will the vote win?

The ANC’s national council meeting last week endorsed the ANC’s national policy, which includes a resolution on the voting age. The ANC has long argued that the voting age should be lowered to 14 years, a position that has been met with mixed reactions from various stakeholders.

The ANC’s national council meeting was attended by a large number of delegates, including the party’s national executive committee and the provincial delegations. The meeting was chaired by the ANC’s national president, Cyril Ramaphosa, who has been leading the party since 2017.

During the meeting, the ANC’s national council members discussed the party’s proposed policy on the voting age, which calls for the voting age to be lowered to 14 years. The resolution was supported by a majority of the delegates, with a small number of dissenting voices.

The ANC’s national council members acknowledged the need for a lower voting age, especially as it relates to the youth and their role in the democratic process. The ANC has long argued that younger people have a stake in the country’s future and deserve to have a say in decisions that affect their lives.

The ANC’s national council members also discussed the implications of lowering the voting age to 14 years. Some delegates expressed concern about the potential for increased youth violence and crime, while others argued that a lower voting age would lead to increased participation in elections.

The ANC’s national council meeting was not without its challenges, with some delegates raising concerns about the timing of the policy change and the potential for political manipulation. However, the ANC’s national council members were determined to push through the resolution, with the support of the party’s national executive committee.

The ANC’s national council meeting is a significant development in the party’s efforts to modernize its policies and address the needs of a changing society. The party’s proposed policy on the voting age is expected to be implemented in the next national elections, scheduled for 2024.

The ANC’s national council meeting was a significant step towards ensuring that the youth have a voice in the democratic process. The ANC’s proposed policy on the voting age is a testament to the party’s commitment to empowering young people and recognizing their role in shaping the future of the country.
Disclosures that Thebe Investment Corporation and Macmillan Bolewa are planning to form a partnership for the supply of textbooks to the South African market have focused attention on the African National Congress' shadowy investment company which promises privileged access to a future government.

In terms of the deal between Thebe and Macmillan, Thebe promises to provide "a regular line of communication with the relevant government structures in the new South Africa" in return for a gift of 20 percent of the shareholding in the new joint publishing venture.

Established last year and claiming to be "a catalyst to correct the economic imbalances that exist in South African society through its function as a 'sound business entity'" the company boasts a broad portfolio of interests. Its tourism subsidiary, Oriole Travel, lists trade delegations, diplomatic missions and the corporate sector among its clients.

Thebe's marketing division, Movement Marketing Enterprises (MME) which markets memorabilia, literature and music and runs a national hawkers scheme, acting as wholesaler, and a craft centre has recently seen a management shakeout with Thebe taking over day-to-day control. Nearly 80 percent of previous staff are believed to have been removed, although a controversial consultant remains with the company.

Thebe also owns a trading division, and has recently acquired a controlling interest in a catering venture, a car hire business and a property company. Thebe's other interests include telecommunications, manufacturing, computer marketing, financial services, mining and fishing.

False Bay fishing communities in the Cape were recently up in arms when a new company, believed to be Thebe, attempted to muscle in on the award of fishing contracts.

"Thebe is investigating takeovers, mergers, equity in existing companies and creating new companies," according to the public release.

"The African dream of economic empowerment is today becoming a reality and the newly-formed Thebe Investment Corporation (Pty) Ltd will help drive this process."

Exactly who will be empowered is not yet clear. The executive includes former kaNgwane chief minister Nkos Mabuza as chairman, former ANC treasurer officer Vusi Khanyile as MD, and a catholic mix of directors from retired corporate bosses Stanley Goldstein to ANC Johannesburg regional Chairman Tokyo Seawase, among others.

Thebe claims to have its roots in the community-based Batho Batho Trust which includes Nelson Mandela and Walter Sisulu among its trustees. But a trace at the Registrar of Companies reveals that Thebe was registered in the name of a single shareholder, Maureen Steele, an employee of auditors.
ANC inquiry into death of self-confessed spy

BY PAUL STOBER

The African National Congress' intelligence department has launched an investigation into the death last month of senior official Soli Smith.

Smith, a former chairman of the ANC's northern Free State region, had confessed in 1991 to spying for the South African security services. His confession also linked the late Francis Melli, a former executive committee member of the ANC and South African Communist Party, to the security forces.

Smith, whose real name was Samuel Khunya Miki, was chairman of the ANC's northern Free State region from 1991 to 1992, before which he was the organisation's chief representative in London.

ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa confirmed that Smith had confessed to having been "compromised and coerced" into spying on the organisation soon after his return to South Africa from London in 1991.

But questions about Smith's loyalties go back to 1988, when a London newspaper, The Independent, revealed that South African funds had been used to establish a media services company, Newscope Limited, which published the now defunct magazine, African Preview.

The company was run by a Ghanaian exile, Major Kojo Bokwe-Djan, who had close links with both Smith and Melli.

A leftwing German magazine, Top Secret, has published a facsimile from the Companies Registration Office in London which shows Smith owned shares in Newscope.

The Independent investigation also revealed that Bokwe-Djan had received ANC documents from Melli, who, besides being on the executive committees of the ANC and SACP, edited Soweto, the ANC's official journal while it was in exile. When the Independent revelations broke, the ANC placed Melli under scrutiny.

Melli died in a hotel room in Johannesburg, apparently of a heart attack after a drinking binge, in October 1990, shortly after his return to South Africa.

Mamoepa refused to give any details about the kind of activities Smith had confessed to or how he had been coerced into spying as an investigation was still under way.

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Mamoepa insisted the circumstances of Smith's death, in early April, warranted investigation: "When a healthy man suddenly dies, especially after he expresses fear for his life, it's suspicious."

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Listen to the children chant: 'Boo'er, Boo'er'
38 protesters arrested in Pretoria

PRETORIA. - Thirty-eight Pan-Africanist Congress supporters, chanting "every policeman, every farmer deserves a bullet" and "one grenade, 10 settlers", were arrested yesterday after staging an illegal demonstration in downtown Pretoria, police said.

They were later released and warned to appear in court next Thursday.

And in Durban a protest by PAC members at C R Swart police headquarters turned ugly when police and students from the University of Durban-Westville clashed.

Three policemen and five students were injured.

The incidents followed the countrywide police crackdown on PAC/African People's Liberation Army members this week.

Picketers in front of the old police museum in Pretoria called on all PAC branches to embark immediately on nationwide picketing of foreign legations and police stations.

They also demanded the immediate release of all PAC members still in detention and the return of all documents and office equipment impounded. — Sapa
Paso in protest: 23 held

BY IVOR CREWS

TWENTY-THREE demonstrators were arrested for taking part in an illegal march yesterday after Pan-African Students’ Organisation (Paso) members chanted “Kill a cop a day” outside Rondebosch police station.

Paso members at UCT marched from the university in pouring rain to hand a list of demands from Paso general-secretary Mr Don Qualane to the station commander, Captain Martin Swanepoel.

Capt Swanepoel accepted the list on behalf of the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Hernus Kriel, and the Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe.

Explosive situation

The marchers were asked to disperse, but they refused to do so and demanded that they be detained until arrested PAC leaders are released.

In a tense 90-minute standoff the students chanted “Every cop deserves a bullet” and “One settler, one bullet”.

The potentially explosive situation was defused by Mr Hannes Siebert of the Regional Peace Committee, who called for calm and negotiated with the Paso members and the police.

The marchers surrendered to Capt Swanepoel, who said: “We can’t arrest them because their leaders have been detained, but they are being arrested because they took part in an illegal march.”

Their demands included the immediate release of PAC leaders and members and an end to the detention and harassment of PAC leaders and members.
Perhaps nothing should surprise us any more, dulled as we are by routine massacres, an endemic education crisis and the general cycle of hope and despair. Even so, ANC president Nelson Mandela's remarks about giving 14-year-olds the vote are astonishing. As Cape Town political scientist Robert Schrire has pointed out, Mandela will come to regret having made them.

What can Mandela have been thinking of? Surely he cannot in his patrician heart believe that children should vote. The more obvious and cynical explanations have already been put forward by puzzled and anxious observers: that Mandela is trying to court and placate teenagers who would otherwise ignore his appeals to reason; and that the ANC is desperate to build electoral support.

If the first, Mandela is being naive indeed if he thinks that the feral children who roam the townships will give permanent allegiance to anyone but their own savage codes. If the second, he is doubly naive, because there is no guarantee that enfranchised teenagers would support the ANC; they would be more likely to vote for the PAC, or even more radical adolescent groupings that would inevitably spring up to take advantage of the new constituency.

Even the Azanian People's Organisation, known for its quixotic policies and dangerous rhetoric, has made a more moderate call. Spokesman Gomolemo Mokae has argued that the voting age should be lowered to 16 — but also warns that “ionisation” of the youth often went to their heads.

“Even up to this day,” says Mokae, “we are still reaping the whirlwind of such deification of the youth. Some of them still exhibit the rabid intolerance and animalism of the mid-Eighties.”

Other ANC leaders were clearly taken aback by Mandela's call; official ANC policy is that the vote should be extended to all South Africans aged 18 and over. Now they will have to try somehow to undo the damage — and already the wild children are savouring the prospect of more time off school to campaign. We have enough problems without this. So much for the immediately dangerous aspects of Mandela's absurd call. The sad and more profound part is that we must begin seriously to question his political judgment.
The limits of tolerance

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The all-party negotiating council had three sessions set down before then in which to complete its work. Government and the ANC, confident that agreement would be in the bag by this Friday — on issues which have all been knocked about for a long time now — were pushing hard. Inkatha and its Cosas allies were less upbeat about meeting the deadline, which was laid down in the declaration of intent adopted by the council on May 7.

Talks in the council were set to reach a turnabout at the World Trade Centre this week as parties got to grips with substantive issues. Top of the agenda were: constitutional principles; the structures, powers and functions of regions/states/provinces; and the constitution-making process. Agreement on these key, complex and inter-related issues would undoubtedly take the process forward.

At Monday's meeting of the council's 10-man planning committee, it was decided to ask for more refinement to the proposals for debate, which had been outlined in the second report of the technical committee on constitutional matters.

The constitutional committee includes Prof Marinus Wiechers (chairman); advocates Arthur Chaskalson, Dikgang Moseneke, B Nqo ofe and M Olivier, Firooz Cachalia of the Wits Centre for Applied Legal Studies; and professors G E Devenish, W Olivier and F Venters.

These technical committees are not forums for negotiating substantive issues, but are instruments of the council for producing systematic reports to facilitate negotiation. Their reports are reworked, based on council discussions, until agreement is reached. In a sense these committees (there are seven, ranging from one on violence to fundamental rights in the transition) happened to go some way to meeting Inkatha's call for the final constitution to be written by a committee of wise men.

The constitutional committee's second report notes "broad agreement that the most suitable form of government for the future will involve the allocation of powers to central and regional governments." As requested by the council, they examine on a "holistic basis" the interrelated issues of constitutional principles, regional powers and functions, the constitution-making process and how council discussions of these issues can best be structured.

Drawing on party submissions and the work done at Codess, suggestions are made in a broader context which takes in the issues of self-determination, the form of state and the constitution-making process.

The report notes that debate on the constitution-making process and regional powers and functions, based on written submissions from participants, could be tense. On the one hand, there's concern as to the legitimacy of the constitution-making process by those who say the constitution should be written by a democratically elected body. On the other, there are those concerned that their interests will not adequately be protected if decisions are taken by a majority in such a body.

Could the two be reconciled through a set of constitutional principles, to be binding on the subsequently elected body and to provide sufficient assurances to those (minority) parties with fears?

Yes, says the committee: "The key to unlocking these differences and moving the process forward is to develop a set of constitutional principles." These, it adds, should be sufficient to offer assurances "without being so detailed as to pre-empt the work of the elected constitution-making body. They should guarantee that the constitution will be democratic in substance as well as in judicial powers;

☐ Constitutional distribution of powers of government among democratically elected national, regional and local institutions; and

☐ Constitutional recognition and accommodation of the variety of cultures, religions and languages.

On regionalism, the committee says it is evident that most parties consider the form of state as a matter directly linked to the way in which powers and functions of the State are distributed on central, regional and local level, and the way in which these powers and functions are exercised.

A primary observation is that all states in the world, unitary or federal, must and do decentralise some powers and functions in order to govern effectively. The major difference between unitary and federal states is that in the former the central government retains the ultimate say (even if it cannot act at will).

The committee concludes that there is no universally accepted definition of federalism. It is not convinced that, in a discussion of the form of state, it would be useful or possible to use preconceived concepts such as unitary or federal states. "A more expeditious way of dealing with the matter of the form of state would be to consider all those separate issues which have a bearing on the form of state."

There is not much comfort in the report for the Conservative Party's conditional demands. A confederation is not a form of state, it says, since a confederation by definition is a combination of separate, independent states which in effect co-operate according to the rules of international law. Those who favour confederation are asked for more clarity on their proposals, in particular the territory and population of the envisaged separate state, and how they will meet international law requirements of secession and self-determination.

Regarding the integrity and viability of regions, the committee believes consideration should be given to the need for special procedures for amending the boundaries, powers and functions of regions. This could include a special role for regions when changes are made affecting their sphere. It stands to reason that regions will have divergent financial and developmental capabilities, says the report. Provision could be made for a fiscal commission to be involved in the allocation process, and for an objective standard to be followed, which would be justiciable and guard against power abuse.

The committee asked for greater debate by the negotiators on the question of exclusive, concurrent and residual powers; and more explanation from particular participants of what they have in mind on "asymmetry" of powers.

There appear to be mutually exclusive approaches to the constitution-making process, which in turn affects the process of transition. Allowing for differences in emphasis and detail, there are two broad camps.

On constitution-making — those (the ANC camp) who want an elected assembly
to act as a constitution-making body, as opposed to those (Inkatha/Cosag) who want the present negotiating forum to have that task.

On the transition — those who want it done in one phase (Inkatha), as opposed to those who want two or more phases (ANC and government).

The committee called for “significant resolution” on this matter if progress is to be made.

Historically, says the committee, the two predictable modes of constitution-making have come to be: pouvoir constituant, where a new constitution comes into being after a revolution or collapse of the old regime, and pouvoir constitue, where the existing order is amended and thus the new order derives its legitimacy and continuity from the old. The present impasse exhibits features of both.

Suggested ideas for reconciling disputes: a special role for regions in the formal amendment procedure of the constitution, especially on matters affecting regions; the concept of regional representation in the central legislature; a list of justiciable criteria limiting the party at the centre from penalising regional opponents; and agreed criteria for the determination of regional boundaries and powers.

In addition, justiciable and binding constitutional principles, special majorities and entrenched and justiciable rights are suggested as a means of reaching consensus.
Leaders 'won’t get together'

Own Correspondent

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TIM COREN reports that Buthelezi said Inkatha had proposed that the issue of violence should top the agenda of multiparty talks, with particular attention on the disbanding of private armies.

He told a news conference in Cape Town that whenever Inkatha raised the matter, the ANC and government were “virtually apoplectic”, accusing Inkatha of trying to delay negotiations and of raising the matter prematurely.

Buthelezi said he found the “hype” about the need for an election date astonishing.

It amounted to “putting the constitutional cart before the constitutional horse”.

Inkatha CE and head of the party’s general election campaign Joe Mathews refused to announce the party’s support targets in an election, but said the party was “playing the game to win”.

If this did not occur, Inkatha hoped to be the strongest opposition party, holding the balance of power.

Matthews said Inkatha had set itself three major objectives in the first nonracial election:

- To win a sufficient percentage of the overall vote to be an essential factor in any coalition government;
- To do well in several regions so that Inkatha would form an essential part of any coalition at the regional level; and
- To perform well in the KwaZulu-Natal region where Inkatha expected to win, either on its own right or in coalition with another party.

Meanwhile, Mandela told school children yesterday that pupil mass action was not incompatible with a call to pupils to return to class.

Addressing pupils during a tour of Witwatersrand township schools, Mandela emphasised the importance of education.

“Education is the only weapon if you want to be a leader of your people,” he told them.

However, the ANC president also endorsed his organisation’s support for striking teachers and urged pupils to join the “fight” for equal education.

Mandela held a news briefing at King Edward VII High School in Houghton.

GERALD REILLY reports council chairman Allan Powell said yesterday that the Teachers’ Federal Council had requested an urgent interview with National Education Minister Piet Marais over the education crisis.

After an extraordinary meeting of the TFC’s executive committee, he said the current situation was cause for grave concern.

Certain facets called for most urgent attention.

Cosatu push for child care

ERICA JANKOWITZ

COSATU has called on its affiliates to celebrate children’s day on Tuesday by persuading members to take their children to their work places.

Cosatu gender co-ordinator Dorothy Mokgato said yesterday different regions were planning events as well as a two-week strategy intended to promote Cosatu’s parental campaign.

The two campaign demands were for 30 days’ paid child care leave a year and subsidised child care facilities for workers.

She said both parents should be entitled to child care leave to handle school problems and look after sick children.

She said employers should take some responsibility for the provision of child care facilities.

She said affiliates were taking up the issue at individual company and industry level and would present management demands on Tuesday.

A snap Business Day survey showed most companies were unaware of Cosatu’s plans.

SA Breweries said no one under the age of 10 was allowed on its factory premises. It felt the union would not try this tactic.

ECCi said chemical factories were hazardous and children would not be allowed into factory areas “for their own safety”.

Pick ’n Pay said when Cosatu a few years ago had first suggested bringing children to workplaces, very few employees had complied. However, the group would accommodate children as far as possible.

An East Rand metal factory said Numsa had approached management about bringing children to work. Children would not be allowed on to the premises, and the union had agreed with the decision. A spokesman said the issues raised would be discussed.

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PRETORIA — A former Watervale prosecutor (HSRC), Prof C Shearing (University of the Western Cape), Prof T Goldenhuyz (Unisa), Prof Otty Nxumalo (Zululand University), Canadian deputy chief electrical officer Prof Ron Gould, Prof J Ekblad of Denmark and Ghanian ambassador Theresa Stigge-Scott.

SAPA reports that Judge Richard Goldstone said yesterday a public inquiry into “ways and means” of curbing violence and intimidation in the forthcoming election would be held in Cape Town in August.

On the panel are acting US attorney general and former Watervale prosecutor Charles Ruff and Zimbabwe’s electoral commission chairman Prof Walter Kamba. Other members are John Olivier and debentures.
It's not too early to try corrupting the govt-in-waiting

ALAN FINE

N ACQUAINTANCE whose anti-apartheid credentials go back to the '80s, and who today runs a smallish business, tells of an encounter with a relative — a brash, young up-and-coming mainstream businessman. "You spent all those years demonstrating and that period in detention," the young man sneers, "I was at Thabo Mbeki's 50th birthday party. Where were you?"

That, perhaps, illustrates the coming of the new SA. A new class of politicians — the revolutionaries who are to become the rulers — began to look for power. The businessmen must turn if they traditionally operate on the basis of personal favours of the bureaucracy. And that process could mean renewed disappointment and frustration for those who have been fighting or at least waiting for justice. It is a pattern that was followed throughout the decolonisation of Africa, and it threatens to repeat itself now.

The context is the proposed deal between Macmillan Bolewa and Thebe Investment Corporation, in which the latter would receive a generous cut of profits on the sale of school textbooks in return for acting as a link in the presumed new ANC government.

There is, of course, nothing illegal in such an arrangement — indeed, some would present it as an example of sensible entrepreneurship. There is also not yet any case of guilt in the Swazi Macmillan and Thebe hasten to point out in arguing that any publicity is premature. There is also nothing in the proposed contract to suggest that it will entitle Macmillan to a monopoly in the sector. But in reality, this is how it has worked out for the two companies. Bothersome, too, is the partial list of the directors of the company (The Swazi government in Namibia apparently blocked a similar proposal.)

These argue it is an independent company. But the ANC's role in the company's formation, and the presence of specific ANC officials — like Tito Mboweni — has meant that, even if one were to accept that argument, the requirement that justice be seen to be done would be absent. 

Once again, there is nothing inherently untoward in this arrangement. But in the absence of total transparency — and the donations to political parties (and corporate "gifts" to political office bearers) the potential for suspicion of favours purchasing will come to the fore and when donors' businesses earn state contracts it is the norm.

A further potential minefield occupying certain ANC minds is the possibility of corporate directorships. With the shortage of black company directors and an imperative to increase their numbers, certain talented and well-connected personalities can expect to be sought after. Among the potential candidates most often mentioned are Tito Mboweni and Steve Tshwete.

Well and good, but the possibilities for conflicts of interest, even in the period before an election, are endless. There has been talk for some time within the ANC of a code of conduct for senior officials which would, among other things, forbid party officials to hold directorships, but nothing has been finalised.

Tito Mboweni has called for an ANC code of conduct. Similar thoughts have been expressed about the business's club initiated by broker Sydney Frankel. In return for generous contributions to ANC officials, members receive private political briefings from secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa.

requirement that party officials declare all their private financial interests and supply statements of assets and liabilities.

The ANC has potential for less than open dealings in the numerous national, regional and local negotiating forums which have been established around the country in the fields of development, local government, housing and the like — nearly 100 in the Transvaal alone, according to one estimate.

Already, these bodies have been allocated tens of millions of rand in taxpayers' money. And when foreign aid starts to roll in, the amounts will increase to hundreds of millions or more. It is at this stage, though, when these forums have conducted little more than feasibility studies and pilot projects, there are complaints about contracts being concluded on unfair bases. For example, it is alleged that a "politically correct" with academic reception has received major research commissions. Independent researchers believe such commissions should be put out to tender.

Ken Owen argues last month in his Sunday Times column that SA's present interregnum is not the period between NP rule and ANC rule when the "tough" has run dry — when there is no one to say "stop" because there is no one really in power to corrupt.

He is wrong on two counts. First, it is not too early to begin to try corrupting the new government even before it is in power. Second, however, Owen's apocalyptic vision of rampant corruption and underworld influence peddling in the future as in the past need not materialise. For example, the vigilance of Carolus and Mahinda will seem, prevent the Macmillan deal from being concluded. And there are those like Mboweni and others painfully conscious of the potential for corruption and pressing for rules of conduct which are as possible, the potential for that corruption and influence peddling.

Ultimately, the degree of openness in public life, and even where finance is concerned, will determine whether the future SA becomes another Italy or Nigeria.
Raid: more PAC arrests could follow

GOVERNMENT last night took an uncompromising stand on the clampdown on the PAC, with Law and Order Minister Hermus Kriel warning that more arrests could follow.

Kriel, explaining the actions of the SA Police to a special session of the negotiating council, said police were still sitting through masses of documents seized and it is quite likely that PAC top structure personnel could be further implicated.

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He said valuable information obtained during the raids would assist police to protect the public against a wide range of crimes. He said a detained Apla member had admitted he was instructed to observe bars where whites gathered, with the purpose of attacking and murdering them. The member had admitted to killing a man to obtain his vehicle for Apla's use. The member had also kept a police station under observation, with the objective of attacking it and officers on duty.

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Zulu king changes mind

ZULU King Goodwill Zwelithini has allegedly withdrawn as a facilitator of talks between ANC president Nelson Mandela and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi. This was said by Mandela, who was speaking at the Morris Isaacson High School in Soweto yesterday. He said Zwelithini’s position was now apparently that “TV got it wrong” about the planned talks and the king’s facilitating role.
Tributes pour in for
Jonathan Gluckman

By Ruth Bhengu

The death of pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman on Tuesday night in Johannesburg should have a different effect on different people.

Those in the police force must be sighing with relief, while the dispossessed, whose hopes were pinned on Gluckman and courageous medical professionals like him, are distressed, to say the least.

The 75-year-old Gluckman, who died after a back operation, commanded great respect in the black community.

Tributes from political and professional organisations have been pouring in for the pathologist who earned himself the label "controversial".

A fellow doctor and admirer, Dr Gomoelmo Mokae, who is also publicity secretary for the Azanian People’s Organisation, referred to Gluckman as “a man of very high principles”.

“He was a credit not only to the medical profession but to the South African nation in general. Just recently he gave the world an insight into the torture going on in South African prisons.

“Is it ironic that up to his death the SAP had not as yet provided satisfactory answers to questions he raised,” Mokae said.

Gluckman caused a furor last July when he revealed that police had murdered about 90 percent of the 200 people whose bodies he had examined after their deaths in custody.

He said: “The police are out of control and are murdering prisoners in custody.”

He also claimed to have evidence of “police handling people in a vicious manner”. But the police denied it.

Minister of Law and Order Mr Herma Kriel, after investigating the police, said only 29 percent of 200 deaths had occurred while the prisoners were in custody.

The SAP report on the investigations on its own people said of 118 people on its list 14, were still alive, seven killed in the TBVC states and Lusotho, 29 died “not in police detention or due to police action”, 26 died “during police action” and in eight the SAP “could not legally be accountable”.

The police report showed that 34 people had died while in detention, six were suicides, while in 14 cases police were not accountable. Eight were under investigation and in six police were prosecuted for murder, six died while in the care of the Department of Correctional Services and two died “as a result of SADF action”.

In three cases, the SAP were prosecuted for murder and culpable homicide.

Gluckman's response to the police claim that some of the people were still alive was that he was “stupified”. But

Jonathan Gluckman ... died after a back operation.

so was the entire country, which had expected the Government to set up an independent commission of inquiry.

Instead, police treated Gluckman as a thorn in the flesh and called him a liar.

Spokesman for the Law and Order Ministry Captain Craig Kotze said: “Based on the information at our disposal, including information given to us by Dr Gluckman, the original allegations that police were out of control and were murdering prisoners in custody, left right and centre, cannot be substantioted.”

Whether the police have managed to convince themselves that they are innocent, the reality of the situation is that people are still dying in police custody.

Reports show that up to 119 people have died this year only. Is there anyone out there willing to fill Jonathan Gluckman's shoes?
Mokaba offends DP Youth

CAPE TOWN — The Democratic Party Youth lodged an official complaint yesterday with the National Peace Secretariat against ANC youth leader Peter Mokaba after statements made by him at a meeting of the South African Students’ Congress on the University of the Witwatersrand campus on Wednesday.

At this meeting, DP Youth national chairman Fred Nel said in a statement, Mokaba had repeated his chant of “kill the farmer, kill the Boer” as well as remarks like “shoot to kill, shoot the Boer”.

Mokaba had also called on students to launch a retaliatory attack on Wits University. Nel said — Sapa.
‘Kill your father,’ MK man was told

A strange and horrifying tale of torture and an MK man’s instructions to kill his father unfolds at the African National Congress’ inquiry into the organisation’s detention camps.

By MDUDUZI HARVEY

There are times in life where one has to make decisions, but the one Umkhonto weSizwe member Diliiza Mthembu had to make was the most difficult in his life.

He allegedly had to decide whether he was going to accept umchini (a gambling game), as re-entering South Africa to carry out a mission was known in African National Congress circles.

His mission? To kill his father. Why? Because his father was suspected of being an agent of the South African government.

Mthembu told his extraordinary story to the commission of inquiry investigating abuses in the ANC’s detention camps in exile. In a subsequent interview with The Weekly Mail, he provided further background.

His father, Patrick Mthembu, had been an active member of the ANC in the late 1950s and early 1960s and had gone to China for military training. But on his return, with the Rivonia trial in progress and the government clamping down on the liberation movements, he appeared to drift from politics into a “normal” life.

During the 1976 student uprisings, while internal leaders of the ANC were being rounded up and arrested, Mthembu senior was left alone. But his son took up the cause and left the country to join the ANC in exile, where he began training as an MK soldier.

Mthembu senior remained in political oblivion until he emerged as a state witness in the case of the “Pretoria 12” in the late 1970s, where members of the external wing of the MK were tried and sentenced for acts of sabotage. Later his name was mentioned on Radio Freedom as a suspected enemy agent who had infiltrated the ANC. Such people should pay for their activities, the broadcast said.

Mthembu began to hear rumours in the camps that his father was a spy. He says that while training in Katanga, Angola, in 1977, Mawandile Pilo, head of ANC intelligence, told people at the camp that his father and others had sold out and such people were jeopardising the ANC.

Mthembu alleges that while he was in Kibashi in 1978, he was approached by Plilo, who asked him to enter the country on a mission to kill his father. He refused. Two weeks later he heard that his father had been killed.

Diliiza’s evidence to the commission went on to reveal some of his experiences at the hands of the ANC security forces at Vienna and Quatro camps and the Luanda Central Prison.

He claims that, at Vienna in 1984, he was locked up for about a month in a metal freight container which had no ventilation or windows. His “cell” was always dark and he could not tell whether it was night or day. No provision for blankets was made and on some occasions he was deprived of food.

He developed an asthmatic condition because of the extremes of temperature he experienced in the cell.

He was again imprisoned in 1984 in connection with a mutiny at Vienna and sent to Luanda Central Prison. Thirty-two members of the ANC were arrested by the Angolan armed forces in the company of MK commander Joe Modise and camp commissar Andrew Masando.

He said the Angolans had been told they were counter-revolutionaries who wanted to overthrow the Angolan government and ANC leadership. During their incarceration he claims to have been interrogated by ANC security who made the prisoners squat on their toes for hours and beat them with electric wires. At no point was he told why he had been arrested, nor was he given an opportunity to present his case, he said.

In 1985, he was transferred to Quatro where, on arrival, he was given a “lice-infested uniform” and put into a communal cell with 14 other prisoners. During his first year at the camp he said he had only been allowed out of his cell once a week for 30 minutes. Asked why he did not complain, he said: “From experience I knew this was hell.”

His health had deteriorated but, because he feared being beaten by the medical staff, he had kept quiet.

“They would force us to lie on the floor, kick us with their boots, beat us with coffee sticks and tell us to do the ‘pompo’ . . . where you have to blow air into your cheeks and hold it there until the warders slap you to release it.”

Other forms of punishment included dragging a 1 000-litre tank of water while being beaten. “It was a normal thing, beating people at Quatro,” he said.

On one occasion, a warder had forced him to propose love to and have sex with a tree in front of other inmates. He did not complain because the warders had told him: “Don’t use your mind, just do as you are told.”

Questioned by defence advocate Siraj Desai on whether he was bitter about what the ANC had done to him, he said: “I am not bitter . . . Those who interrogated me are my brothers and sisters.”

However, he said he had problems with people in the leadership. “I am still a member of the ANC, and I will fight anything wrong in the movement from within.”
Mike van Graan’s allegations that, because of its intolerance of "independence", the African National Congress and its Department of Arts and Culture (DAC) have vilified the National Arts Initiative (NAI) fall flat against the evidence of the official letter of support sent to the NAI by the ANC prior to the National Arts Policy Plenary (Napp) which took place at Witwatersrand University in December 1992.

In that letter, the ANC, though expressing reservations about the exclusion of "cultural wings of political organisations/parties", hailed the NAI as a step in the right direction towards establishing a non-sectarian cultural dispensation for a democratic South Africa.

This ANC policy towards democratic initiatives did not change with convening of the Culture and Development Conference (CDC) at the end of April 1993 — as Van Graan, the general secretary of the NAI, implied in his open letter addressed to Wally Serote and Meva Ramgobin (WAU May 7–13 1993).

While the NAI purports to represent the interests of "art and cultural practitioners", the DAC’s main objective is the cultural liberation of the disenfranchised people of South Africa. The DAC perceives cultural liberation not as an end in itself, but as an aspect of national liberation.

Furthermore, whereas the NAI placed the cart before the horse by convening an Napp for "cultural practitioners" before consulting with culturally disadvantaged communities, the DAC instead chose to establish a consultative infrastructure and then present its policy recommendations for scrutiny by its constituency.

ANC policy formulation is guided by grassroots participation throughout its national, regional and local structures as well as international consultation. The CDC can be described as having been an exercise to consolidate as many grassroots cultural liberation proposals as possible into a single democratic vision.

For this reason, the NAI was offered full participatory status which it, unfortunately, declined — thereby effectively excluding itself from the deliberations where it gripes about the DAC could have been raised.

By excluding "cultural wings of political organisations/parties" from full participation in its Napp, the NAI was promoting a culture of exclusivism within the cultural community, if not the South African society.

The ANC prefers to facilitate a consensus-seeking atmosphere by emphasising commonalities, rather than differences, between diverse socio-cultural groups, formations and individuals. That is why the ANC offered the NAI and parastats like the performing arts councils, as well as custodians of Afrikaanse culture like the Federasio van Afrikaanse Kulturenverenigings, full participatory status at the CDC.

There are two major schools of thought related to democratisation of arts and culture in South Africa. One faction believes that after four decades, if not more, of cultural manipulation by a regime serving the interests of a minority at the expense of a disenfranchised majority, it is high time that the arts and culture community took its fate into its own hands, excluding the cultural desks of liberation organisations and/or political parties. The other faction believes that, with apartheid still firmly in place, it is still too premature to dissociate the arts and culture from the liberation struggle.

The DAC subscribes to the latter thinking on the basis that, in order to complete the task of dislodging apartheid from our lives in all its forms, including cultural apartheid, the democratic campaign needs all hands on deck, working in union rather than in discord.

At the same time, the DAC acknowledges the principle of non-sectarianism within the arts and culture. One of the features, however, should be the broadest representation, if not the inclusion of all cultural stakeholders in South Africa.

Moreover, recent experience at the Coesa negotiations to which Van Graan referred has shown that the exclusion of certain stakeholders from any negotiations to determine the future of the country, no matter how insignificant they may at first seem, is an error that may deadlock, if not completely derail, progress.

Some cultural fundamentalists may still disagree with this argument on the basis that any political interest group, to be specific, "government in waiting", as the ANC is often perceived to be, that meddles in cultural matters does so for its own interests, rather than those of the cultural stakeholders themselves.

But this contention is only valid if the interests of the said group are sectarian, as has always been the case in South Africa. It does not hold water when the interests of the said potential government are founded on popular aspirations, as the policies of the ANC are, and shall always be.

By propagating such ideas, the DAC is not necessarily calling for the acceptance of the ANC’s DAC as the main or only protagonist of a democratic cultural dispensation, but in promoting an all-inclusive process of cultural democratisation so that at the end of it we may emerge with the most comprehensive national cultural policy.

For such a policy to be fully appreciated by all, whatever party will eventually wield the political power to make the people’s cultural aspirations possible, all "potential governments", which are in actual fact all the political parties in a multi-party state as envisaged by the ANC, should be involved at the policy formulation stages and not wait for the role of fund allocation masters when they achieve power.

It is no mistake that Clause 7 of the Freedom Charter premises the involvement of government in the discovery, development and encouragement of national talent for the enhancement of our cultural life. It is also no mistake that it promotes the opening of the cultural treasures of mankind to all, by free exchange of books, ideas and contact with other lands.

And, since everywhere in the world education is an obligation of governments, it is no illusion that the aim of education under a democratic government shall be to teach the youth to love their people and their cultural vision, to honour human brotherhood, liberty and peace.

Since all these virtues can, to a great extent, be realised through cross-cultural pollination and interaction on the same platform as that of formal education, the integration of cultural and formal education is essential to the formulation of a productive education system. And because education is a government responsibility, governments will always be directly or indirectly involved in the provision of cultural training and development of facilities and resources.

As it was the apartheid regime that stifled South Africa's cultural development, it will take a democratic government guided by the vision of the people to create circumstances conducive to fruitful cultural development, not only the cultural community.

The emergence of the NAI surely did not mean the automatic demise of the DAC and other initiatives. After 10 years (since its formulation) of laying the ground for transformative negotiations, it would be irresponsible for the DAC to abdicate its responsibility towards the constituency it has so painstakingly built and represented locally and internationally.

Mutuzeli Matshoba is media spokesman for the DAC.
Four arrested PAC members in court

JOHANNESBURG. — Four members of the PAC, arrested during a police swoop on Tuesday in which 73 PAC members were detained, appeared briefly in the Protea Magistrate's Court in Soweto yesterday morning.

They are Mr Ruben Mesani, Mr Tebogo Matsani, Mr Bolelani Bongani and Mr Daniel Tshabalala. Charges of illegal possession of ammunition are being investigated against them. The case was postponed to June 10 and the men have been remanded.

Only 32 of those arrested in the swoop are still being detained, police said yesterday. This follows the release of 43 suspects during the course of Wednesday night and yesterday morning, a police spokesman said. — Sapa
Kriel is after our blood, says PAC man

By Mzimasi Ngudle

THE swoop on 75 members of the Pan Africanist Congress had something to do with Law and Order Minister Mr. Hernus Kriel's opposition to its participation in the multi-party talks.

This was said by Mr. Lesaona Makhanda, a member of the organisation's national executive committee, during last night's Sowetan/Radio Metro Talkback Show.

Many of the callers said the PAC was one of the items in the Government's grand scheme of co-option.

The callers were, without exception, outraged at Tuesday's arrest of PAC members. They called on the PAC to pull out of the multi-party talks.

Defending the PAC's involvement in the talks, Makhanda said the organisation's participation was a "point in the process of struggle for liberation". Makhanda said the Gestapo-like arrests did not come as a surprise.

"Our demands for the return of the land is not going to make the Government very happy. The arrests were preplanned and well-timed to force the PAC out of negotiations."

"Kriel has consistently demanded the exclusion of the PAC in the negotiations. You could see at the multi-party talks that he was not happy that we were there," he said.

A member of the Azanian Peoples Organisation, Lekau of Pietersburg, said the Government could not be trusted.

Azapu has been and is still consistently warning people not to trust the regime and the likes of the Democratic Party.

"No forum will do anything for us while the regime is still in power. So what is the PAC doing at World Trade Centre?"

Makhanda said "no normal person can negotiate himself out of power".

Some of the callers said the PAC's participation in the multi-party talks showed that the organisation had abandoned its previous demand for majority rule.

"Why does the PAC, given its radical stance, participate in multiparty talks?"

Bongani, Cape Town

"The PAC should withdraw from negotiations until their legitimate demands have been addressed."

Makopo, Daveyton

"Why did they urinate in our offices instead of arresting their suspects and charging them?"

PAC worker Pinkie, Johannesburg
Will PAC clamp-down wreck negotiations?

By Christelle Terblanche

WHILE state president PW de Klerk said the raid on PAC and Afrikaans members this week had no political motive, the political consequences could be serious for the peace process.

Some observers do not believe him and suggest the raid could be a calculated effort to demoralize both the National Party and the liberation movements.

They point to an ongoing power struggle between so-called hawks and doves in the NP in which Minister of Law and Order Hennie Kriel is said to play a leading role.

But during his question time in parliament on Wednesday, De Klerk said he was informed about the raid on Monday night when it was already in progress.

"It was not necessary for Kriel to seek my approval, since the police had prima facie evidence that the people apprehended were involved in serious crimes," he said.

But MPs close to the negotiation process still want to know why the government's and NP negotiators, Mr Roelf Meyer and Dr Davies de Villiers, were not informed, bearing in mind the political ramifications of the action.

Some even say it was tantamount to framing the PAC.

"There is no need for this to derail negotiations, once the law suits its normal course," De Klerk countered.

But opposition MPs are concerned that the government is not in a position to invoke the full force of the law.

"If in the next few days the people apprehended, especially the leaders, are not formally charged in court, the government would have serious problems on its hands," says Mr Peter Castror, DP spokesperson for Law and Order.

"If they are brought to court on serious charges, then the process need not collapse. If they don't and even if the process moves on track, the police will have even less credibility during the transition than before."

"If PAC leaders are jailed for lesser than very serious offenses and withdraw from negotiations, the ANC will most likely also withdraw in solidarity," says Mr van Zyl, Independent MP for Claremont and ANC member.

The action has brought to the fore severe differences in emphasis inside the government.

While De Klerk has said the negotiation process and the maintenance of law and order are of equal importance, Kriel has said several times in parliament that there can be no election as long as violence continues.
No split in LP, says Hendrickse

By Christelle Terreblanche

LABOUR Party (LP) leader Rev Allan Hendrickse, has denied that differences of opinion exist within his party about its proposed election alliance with the ANC.

"This follows the resignation of LP Western Cape chairperson Mr Aubrey Baartman who cited tensions within the party over the alliance with the ANC as his reason for standing down."

However, Hendrickse is convinced that the alliance will go ahead despite Western Cape ANC opposition to it.

Baartman said some members of the LP believed the Western Cape ANC had "rejected" and "humiliated" them.

He claimed he was spearheading efforts to make contact with ANC leaders but was unable to meet them. He nevertheless believes strongly that the LP cannot survive on its own any longer and members should set aside differences or disband the party.

"I am seriously considering resigning as an LP member and joining the ANC as an individual," Baartman said.

"I would suggest this would be the best thing to do for other Western Cape LP members."

Sources within the LP said Baartman resigned because Ms Peta Lategan was appointed to the party's negotiating team and not him.

Asked for comment, Baartman said he was unhappy but thought the LP's deputy leader, Ms Yvonne Bashier would have been a better choice.

Ms Lategan's husband, Ken, MP for Hanover Park, has replaced Baartman as Western Cape chairperson of the party.
Apla promises to strike back after arrests

By Quentin Wilson

If law and order minister Mr. Herman Nel's bold move Tuesday's sweep on PAC and Apla members would end the violence, he is in for an unpleasant surprise, warns Mr. Willie Senti, Apla national executive committee member.

"It will have the opposite effect," predicts Senti. "Even people who are not PAC members will question the point of continuing negotiations and stay on more violent forms of struggle."

After two and a half years of waiting, the PAC committed itself last month to joining the multi-party negotiating forum, while Apla, the PAC's military wing, continued its armed struggle.

The multiparty talks are now just days away from announcing a date for democratic elections: a decision which could have presented the PAC into suspending armed action.

"Nothing has all changed," says Senti.

"The region is forcing the PAC out of negotiations and they are now left with no negotiating forum that holds any legitimacy in the eyes of the African people."

Senti added the PAC would have to consult all its members before taking a decision on its role in the future.

Apla promised on Wednesday to act "brutally and ruthlessly" against white South Africans unless detained PAC members were released immediately.

Warning that the safety of "sanctified targets" could no longer be guaranteed, Apla claimed to be "puzzled to create a situation of complete treason in every section of the oppressor community."

The widespread sense were interpreted as the declaration of war between white oppressors and the African oppressed people."

Since Tuesday's swoop, 11 people have been released, leaving 20 people detained in terms of Section 29 of the Immorality Act and 43 people held in terms of Section 50 of the Criminal Procedure Act.

In the Western Cape, those arrested include PAC regional organiser Mr. Michael Niyiru, regional leader Mr. Zinokule Khubisi, and members Mr. Ntsampa Niki and Mr. Siq这方面. 

CLARENCE MAKWETU
PAC DEMANDS

According to PAC president Mr. Clason Mabuza, the following demands will have to be met by the government before the PAC returns to the negotiating table:

- The government must immediately and unconditionally release all PAC members;
- All confiscated computers, documents and other equipment must be returned to the PAC;
- Damage to property caused by the raids must be repaired by the government;
- The government must indicate which PAC documents were photocopied; and
- The government must publicly apologize for Tuesday's actions.

Mabuza said the arrest of the organization's national and regional leadership had made it "almost impossible" to continue effectively and meaningfully with negotiations.
UN anti-apartheid pioneer has hope

Weekend Argus Correspondent

DURBAN.—The man who took the first shot at apartheid South Africa at the United Nations, Dr. Casim Jadwat, 74, has returned home for a visit for the first time in 48 years, confident about this country's future.

Dr Jadwat, who lives in New York and worked with the late Mr. Oliver Tambo, was already an activist when he went to the United Kingdom to complete his medical studies.

He was asked to attend the United Nations sitting in Paris in 1948 to lobby against South Africa on behalf of the liberation movements.

Dr Jadwat said: "It was the first time there was a lobby against South Africa at the United Nations. It was extremely interesting because with us were people from other African countries who were also using the lobby to fight colonialism."

A leaflet, entitled "South Africa On The Road To Freedom", was distributed and, according to Dr Jadwat, it proved extremely effective.

The United Nations moved to New York and, by the time Mr. Jadwat got there, most of the people from African countries who had lobbied alongside him in Paris were now members of governments.

Now back in Durban, Dr. Jadwat said the changes were unbelievable and he had never dreamed that he would be able to return.

"It was a dream. The violence is depressing, but I believe people will work out a solution," he said.

He has not met African National Congress president Mr. Nelson Mandela, but Dr. Jadwat said that he was regarded as the only true leader.

"He has very close links with United States President Bill Clinton. The stature and respect he commands is exceptionally high."
Much publicity has been given to the Free Cape Movement since its inception last year. Yet, with national negotiations at a fairly advanced stage, little is known about what this movement will do if its leaders do not like the outcome.

**CHRISTELLE TERREBLANCHE** looks at the available evidence:

"Almost 20 percent are not white. It has held several public meetings, including one in Stellenbosch where Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi of the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) was the guest speaker.

A "party" between the Western Cape and KwaZulu/Natal was announced at the conclusion. IFP spokesmen were enthusiastic, however, that this is not an election alliance.

The movement is also running two campaigns. In the media they have been asking people to respond to their Members of Parliament. "Is your MP loyal to you?" "Does your MP take instructions from Joe Slovo?" and "Are the police and defence forces betrayed by the politicians?" are the questions asked.

The demand is: "We want to be masters in our own house" and the campaign intended to put pressure on politicians.

Mr. Hennie Bester, DP MP for Green Point, in Parliament recently described this advertisement as "nonsense", "cynical" and "total onslaught propaganda like that of the PEP Boksers".

At the same time a "Western Cape referendum" is being run by the Movement, asking people whether they want a centralized system or federalism. They claim to have 90 percent support for federalism.

So what are they going to do with this support, the alliance and the "referendum"?

"There are no talks," says current chairperson Mr. Christopher Hill, an ex-South African born in Scotland, who asked whether he thinks elections should take place next year.

"The whole thing has been decided between the government and the ANC and they are just going through the motions."

Hill believes the Movement can have little impact on negotiations. Yet, it styles itself as a pressure group and claims to have had bilateral talks with a wide range of politicians, including administrators of the Cape Mr. Kobus Mieling and Cape IFP leader Mr. Dawie de Villiers.

"These people admit that there is little or no difference between us, but they won’t come out openly to support us," Hill laments.

Asked about where the movement stands in the political spectrum, Hill dodges the issue. He eventually says he regards everyone left of the NP akin to "Joe Slovo himself."

"We are very definitely anti-socialist," he later states.

Throwing out lines like "we are sick and tired of being told what to do" and "all dictators are equally bad, whether they are white or black", Hill comes over more like Jeremy Swagman than a politician.

Among the prominent members of the Movement are Mr. Robert Hall, a controversial American businessman who settled in a Western Cape farm and Mr. Nic Myburgh, Western Cape IFP leader, previously associated with government intelligence.

Hill claims well-known figures from both the ANC and NP will soon join openly, among them an unidentified deputy minister.

According to him the Movement’s power base includes people from all walks of life, but few young people. At its meetings a significant amount of German speakers in Rhodesia have been spotted.

Hill claims coloured members are growing, because of the "intolerance" and the squatter problem. So what does the movement intend to do about this problem? Once autonomous, the Wes Cape will be able to limit the extent of the violence, they claim. Regarding squatters, Hill says: "We destroy the squatters with prosperity, because they are consumers."

This is an interesting statement: The language is militant capital presupposes growth and wealth it states that squatters are used to do the movement’s leaders.

Reading between the lines becomes clear the movement’s objective is to keep Western Cape resources put. Hill believes region could become a kind of Utopia, with even its own set representation.

And this is where the ambitious part of the Movement comes in. Although claiming to federate, their language suggests they are the successor number of politicians who described this as disturbing, even following this line could lead to less and economic decline.

Hill desires ascensionist traits, saying the movement’s devotion to federation is more than that of other parties, organizations. His only explanation is a caution: "Why is the ANC’s alliances so afraid of federation?"
The talks

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The negotiations are poised to move into their most critical phase yet as participants gear themselves for a week in which the country could know within days whether the polls will go to the voters in its first ever fully democratic elections.

But both ANC secretary-general and constitution minister. The Constitutional Assembly's meeting on Wednesday, February 13, is expected to set the stage for a final round of negotiations.

Yesterday's debate on the technical committee's report on violence was trounced after several negotiators raised concerns about the contents. A proposal by Meyer that the technical committee expand its report to indicate what conditions were necessary to eliminate violence was adopted.

It will report back on Tuesday. Meyer was supported by Ramaphosa and IFP negotiator Walter.
THE ANC’s armed wing Umkhonto we Sizwe must have a defined armed role inside South Africa in the wake of the violence in Tokoza and the increased threat of right-wing violence against liberation movements.

This message was delivered to ANC president Nelson Mandela yesterday by the ANC Youth League, during discussions lasting four hours.

The contents of the discussion were revealed by ANCYL President Peter Mokaba yesterday, when he addressed a rally of more than 2,000 people at the Medical University of South Africa organised by the South African Students Congress to pay tribute to the late ANC leaders Chris Hani and Oliver Tambo.

Also speaking at the rally were Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa, Winnie Mandela, and Natal Midlands ANC leader Harry Gwala.

Mokaba said since the ANC and MK were unbanned, MK soldiers should be armed and return fire with fire when under attack. He said his call did not mean that the ANCYL was against negotiations. Negotiations were a product and reflection of struggle.

It was the pressure of mass struggle, with the youth at the forefront, which has led to the negotiations currently in progress, and these should not be allowed to be delayed by puppet leaders, Mokaba said.

He said his application for a firearm licence — made in the wake of assassination threats against him — had been denied.

He called for the arming of those threatened, legally or illegally, for MK numbers to be increased and for ANC marshals to be trained.

Mokaba said he would not be told by the enemy what songs to sing and how to fight them. He ended his speech with the now well-known “Kill the beer, kill the farmer” chant, to thunderous applause and toy-toting by the thousands gathered to listen to him.

Holomisa told the crowd the Transkei Defence Force was opposed to the integration of armed formations with the SADF before a government of national unity was elected.

He said they were not opposed to joint control of the security forces, but would only agree to it under a transitional executive council.

Responding to allegations that he had dispatched hit-quads to Natal, Holomisa said newspapers and Military Intelligence must be ready to deposit large amounts into his banking account in the Transkei because “they have defamed the good name of Holomisa.”

The forces fighting for change in South Africa must concentrate their efforts on the National Party — “the mother of all adversity, affliction, woe and tribulation”, he said.

Concerted action among the “oppressed people”, along with sustained international pressure against the South African Government, would remain of crucial importance throughout the negotiation process.

Holomisa told his audience the NP was delighted with the right wing and its flaunting of lethal weapons in public and provocative marches.

“And when pressure is exerted on the Nats to yield to the majority demands, it cites the white Right as a principal reason for its intransigence to concede.”

The NP alluded to the white right wing’s capacity to unleash violence on a vast scale that could be matched by its rivals in the liberation struggle, he said.

“The right wing does not act only on its own. They are switched on and off like a tap by the Government through the department of Military Intelligence,” he said.

Winnie Mandela said it was high time the contributions of the youth and students were acknowledged by all those who have benefited from their “sweat and blood”.

Harry Gwala said when Hani had called for the formation of a peace corps, this did not mean people should not defend themselves.

He said the masses must be ready to defend the hard-won gains of the liberation struggle, and they must not think when they vote the congress alliance into power the struggle would be over.

He said the people must make sure the country was not engaged in endless negotiations which would not mean a transfer of power to the people at the end of the day.
Apla blamed for city attack

Govt cites call to newspaper

If the government’s claim is correct, this would be the first confirmed Apla attack in the Peninsula.

Stakes Restaurant owner Mr. Malcolm Visser suffered a gunshot wound in his left leg which opened a hole the size of a fist when the gunman raked his restaurant with automatic gunfire.

He was convinced the attack was the work of Apla: “It takes a special breed of people to kneel four metres away and start shooting,” he said last night.

He will send a claim to the State President’s Fund to help cover medical and other costs of about R56 000 incurred after the attack, which he thought lasted about “six seconds”.

Mr. Kriel’s document attributes to Apla a string of attacks including this year’s April 28 slaying of a Transkei farmer’s wife Mrs. Sandra Swaneepool, which led to the arrest of self-confessed Apla member Mr. Clifford Thobegane.

Other attacks include last year’s November 28 King William’s Town shooting which claimed four lives and the Queenstown Spur Restaurant limpet mine blast which killed one person and injured 19 others a week later.

The minister claims the PAC was responsible for channeling funds to Apla and cites a May 13, 1991 minute from Apla chief-of-staff Mr. Barney Hlatshwayo to PAC president Mr. Clarence Makwenzi where he was addressed as commander-in-chief of Apla.

Mr. Kriel quotes a Citizen newspaper interview in which an Apla military deputy commander Mr. Congo Jibril said: “All whites have been taught a culture of spying and hostile attitudes towards the liberation movement, therefore they qualify as our targets.”

Mr. Jibril excluded creches and primary schools as targets.

In the document Mr. Kriel claimed that Apla cadres received military training in Tanzania, Guinea, “instant training” in Zimbabwe and “crash courses” in Transkei.
March a mistake –

JOHN PERLMAN
Chief Reporter

THE ANC has conceded it was “an error of judgment” to lead its supporters on a march past the hostel in Tokosa last Saturday, but says it does not thereby accept the blame for the violence that this incident has sparked across the East Rand.

Addressing a preliminary hearing of the Goldstone Commission in Pretoria yesterday, counsel for the ANC-SACP-COSATU alliance Ashar Cachalia said there had been no “sinister motive” for going past the hostel. The police warning that this might cause trouble, however, had not been treated “with the seriousness it deserved”.

Paul Mashatile, secretary of the ANC’s PWV region, said an error of judgment had been made. “But we are not saying that all the chaos that has since broken out in that area is our responsibility,” he said.

The commission heard that the leader of the ANC’s Tokosa branch, Mendli Gxagakula, had been warned of potential problems at the hostel by the police.

“A prudent course of action would have been to proceed with the march if possible along another route,” Cachalia said. The ANC accepted it was “understandable for the hostel dwellers to perceive themselves as under attack”.

Poorly organised

Mashatile said the ANC’s submission to the hearing, which reiterated earlier criticisms of police conduct, referred specifically to what happened on Saturday, but was not saying that there were no problems with the police in regard to what has been happening since then. We believe there is a lot of misconduct going on.

Cachalia said the ANC’s PWV region had met with Nelson Mandela, who had advised them “to make full open and honest submissions to the commission.

The ANC withdrew earlier allegations that policing of Tokosa was inadequate — saying these were based on “inaccurate information” — and conceded that the march was “poorly organised”.

Cachalia said the ANC should have ensured that marchers were disarm before leaving the stadium where they had assembled, and had failed to supply “anywhere near” the 1,000 marchers they had undertaken to provide. The ANC was now seriously assessing “the extent to which we give sub-regions the autonomy to run marches without the guidance of the national leadership.

While the ANC would “vigourously assert the right to gather and demonstrate”, it accepted that there were “duties and responsibilities that go with that”, in particular ensuring that marchers were not armed with dangerous weapons.

Following the hearing, the Tokosa Hostel Dwellers Association and the Isilwane Freedom Party undertook to “take appropriate steps to ensure that hostel dwellers are not in possession of illegal firearms”.

The Commission commended the police for their “responsible and sensible” action the day of the march and praised the parties for their “candour and objectivity”.

The Commission statement said mass demonstration was a fundamental right but it had to be “exercised in such a way as to avoid conflict.”
Exclude masses at your peril

As SA continues to grapple with its constitutional future in the midst of deepening upheaval, it is important that some perspective is brought into the political debate.

The absence of a strong and independent media in the country has only exacerbated the lack of clarity and objective analysis at a crucial time in the country's history. South Africans do not have many information upon which to make informed opinions and choices on issues that acutely affect their lives and future.

Patriotism

SA does not have a culture of democracy or political accountability. To its white citizens, patriotism meant giving unquestioning loyalty to successive white minority governments.

Among blacks, often the ineptitude of keeping banned organisations alive meant sacrificing accountability and democracy. Policy debate remains shallow and coordinately contaminated by outright bias and dishonesty. The constitutional negotiations at the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park were largely negotiations between the elites of the various participating parties, most of whom have no demonstrable support whatsoever. The public remains cut out.

The cause of democracy in SA is undermined. The inherent dictatorial character of most politicians is only matched by the complacency and naiveté of the public.

Contrary to the assumptions of Pretoria's apologists, the principal motivation of the February 1990 liberalisation announcements was less a desire to embrace democracy than a survival instinct in the face of overwhelming domestic and international pressure on the apartheid state.

The economy could no longer support the political status quo and President de Klerk and his government acceded to changes more out of need than desire. SA will be faced with the problems of expectations. The black majority expect improved circumstances in the oft-mentioned "new SA".

The problem is that the most probable political settlement is unlikely to deliver on such expectations. Apart from the inability of the economy to underpin the settlement reached, a future government may not wield the power necessary to affect the needed structural transformation.

SA's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) continued to lag far behind the population growth rate of 2.5 percent a year. Another problem is that the talks are structurally flawed. Most participating parties do not have any support, which rob the process of the legitimacy it is supposed to deliver.

Effective leverage

In essence the constitution-making body will be a public relations exercise to rubberstamp a constitution whose essentials shall have been determined in advance at the Kempton Park talks.

The emerging compromise between the parties amounts to an agreement to pre-empt democratic constitution-making.

The SA government appears to have succeeded in locking the ANC into a relation on terms favourable to the former and its constituency. Despite the ANC's stronger numerical following, its leadership has failed to translate it into sustained effective leverage at the negotiation table.

Ultimately, negotiations are about leverage. Other than the potential to use mass action, the ANC has no leverage on government.

When ANC leaders returned from exile, they were so intoxicated with the illusion of a quick settlement they ignored their real strength, the masses. Structures put together by the surrogate United Democratic Front (UDF) have been neglected.

Simultaneously, security agencies of the state accelerated the process of decay by unleashing a ruthless campaign of selective assassination of scores of civic, community and other leaders. Barring some unforeseen crisis, and despite likely hiccups on the way, SA seems headed for a settlement in 1994.

The government is keen to conclude a settlement during the current parliamentary term, while the ANC leadership is in such haste to reach agreement that they are prepared to accept almost any settlement.

The 1994 settlement will be largely weighted against blacks and is unlikely to deliver the needed structural change. The emphasis of the settlement will be a strategic co-option of the black elite, both political and professional.

For the majority, conditions will remain as they are or quite possibly get worse.

The Joe Slovo-authored "Sunset Clause" has since been adopted as an official ANC document. In the name of reconciliation, the document effectively guarantees civil service jobs for at least 10 years after a political settlement.

A future ANC government can expect to come under pressure from its constituency to employ more blacks in the civil service, a move that will further boost its ranks. The net effect of such levels of government spending will keep taxes high and continue to divert precious resources from the more productive private sector.

Clearly the author of the Sunset Clause knows many things — but economics is not one of them! The waste and tax implications of the Clause will condemn this country economically.

Politically, the policy will undermine an ANC government's ability to embark on desperately-needed qualitative "affirmative action" programmes in the civil service, a potentially explosive issue to its constituency.

The question of whether or not the settlement will stick is pertinent.

The principal beneficiaries of the 1994 settlement will be whites and a small black elite.

If this combined elite act consciously to extend the benefits of the settlement to more and more South Africans, it is possible that over the medium to long-term, the majority of people will identify with the settlement and act in ways that will stabilise the country and register steady progress.

Selfishly

Another scenario is possible. If the new combined black and white elites act selfishly and secure only their narrow interests, they could very quickly alienate the majority who would respond negatively.

Public disillusions and the lack of improvement in quality of life will galvanise public resistance against the settlement.

At that point, the moral authority of leaders like Mandela and others associated with the 1994 settlement will have virtually disappeared, leaving them vulnerable to serious challenge.

Ultimately, its intended to realise that democracy is more than one person, one vote. It includes a multiplicity of committed centres of power in a configuration that ensures stability and continuity. Therein lies our greatest challenge ever.
SA’s first authentic general election seems inevitable and some parties and groups have ventured out on the streets to test the electorate. Some of their findings were technical – is an “X” with its classroom association of “incorrect” too confusing? However, the general public response was ambiguous. The idea of really having a say seemed too good to be true. Yet underlying this deep cynicism lurked an equally fierce determination to taste the prohibited power of a vote.

By AMY WALDMAN

At Kempton Park, the scent of an election date is in the air. In anticipation, voter education efforts by independent organisations and political parties are moving forward. Those efforts reflect the excitement generated by the prospect of elections, but also the concern, cynicism and confusion.

At the Randburg CBD taxi rank, the ANC sets up a cardboard polling booth and ballot box every Saturday, and passersby stop to learn how to vote. An ANC organiser explains, “An X is not bad, like in school. It does not mean you don’t like the party.” He holds up a sample ballot. “Don’t make your X too small or too big.”

They step up to take their turn, at first shyly, then confidently. After they vote, ballots are removed from the box, checked to make sure they are correctly marked and counted up. The ANC usually wins.

The ANC ballot lists party names and symbols. The fake ballot which the DP uses has no symbols. Until an Electoral Act is passed no one knows whether the ballots will be with or without symbols, in colour or black and white, with or without photos of party leaders.

And while the ANC thinks that only an “X” will do, others say almost any mark will be acceptable. Mpho Keagle of the Matla Trust says: “Parties with literate voters will push for having an X be the only mark. Parties with illiterate voters – who have learned that an X means ‘wrong’, or is for a signature – will push for any mark to be acceptable.”

**Electoral Act**

Keagle says people in workshops often become despondent when they find out that no rules are final – including the necessary form of ID – until an Electoral Act is passed.

Some concerns are even more basic. The Black Sash provides a sheet which allows people who have never held a pen before to practice making Xs. To reach diverse and semi-literate audiences, the Sash also uses a play of two women discussing the vote.

Both Matla Trust and the Sash are making special efforts to reach rural women who cannot easily leave their homes and work to learn how to vote.

“Too many voter education programmes are holding conferences and talking about what needs to be done,” says the Sash’s Gill De Vlieg. “Maybe they’ll have it all figured out by the election, but then it won’t do much good.”

Start doing, she says and you’ll learn what needs to be done. De Vlieg says she has been asked, “Why should we vote?” and “Do we have to vote?” There is no law, she says, but it is important for democracy.

Keagle says the “voter motivation” section of the Matla Trust workshops try to convince people that their votes are history-making.

That people need motivation may depress those who have fought so hard for the vote. But for many, the prospect of voting means as much fear as liberation.

Tensions between Inkatha and the ANC in Natal are so high that voter education workshops no longer announce sample results, for fear of provoking retribution against those in the minority.

De Vlieg says the question of violence arises frequently in workshops: “How will a new government end the violence?” For some, elections seem the only hope; for others, the workshop is a place to talk about a hopeless situation.

“No one can see who you are voting for. It’s totally secret. If your employer says you must vote NP, you can vote ANC, and say you voted NP,” the ANC organiser tells the Randburg crowd.

Keagle says the fear comes not just from the
Politicians find deep suspicion and desire on streets

understand the difference between a Transitional Executive Council, Constituent Assembly, Interim Government and Government of National Unity, but things aren't so clear for the man and woman on the street.

"If there's an interim government, there is no State President, so why are we having non-racial elections?" Goodman Lekwakwa demands of an ANC official in Randburg. He asks: "Do we vote for a black president once, and then is he president permanently?"

Lekwakwa gets sorted out, sort of. But there are limits to how much of the twists and turns of the negotiation process anyone can absorb. "Especially with real rural people, if you take them and bombard them with a lot of knowledge, you actually leave them with nothing," Keggie says.

Taste

Interpreting the policies of different parties can also be mind-boggling. The ANC both gains and loses followers for its supposedly communist beliefs. "I don't care if the ANC is communist, I don't give a damn. I don't know what communism is, but I want them to taste it just like I tasted apartheid capitalism," says Mphalla Motlaieng, of Jukskei Park.

A DP explanation of the importance of regionalism elicits an indifferent response from most of the domestic workers at a meeting in Sandton. Local control, national control: what the workers really want to talk about is how hard they work for so little pay, with so few breaks.

Voter education cannot teach people how to tell the difference between an empty promise and a realistic one, or between a slogan and a policy. Lekwakwa says: "We can only encourage people to be cautious of promises - the economy cannot produce instant housing and water."

Keggie believes, however, that most people will not vote on issues in the first election. "Right now they are just looking for a new government - to vote is to change." This time around, despite the delays, concern and confusion, the act itself will be most important. He describes a workshop where during the mock voting, the power generator failed. "We bought candles and kept going in the dark, because people wouldn't move from the queue until they voted."
ANC alliance organisers had given little consideration to the desirability of marching past the Thokoza hostel on the East Rand, according to a preliminary inquiry by the Goldstone Commission.

In a report on the violence which erupted at Thokoza last Saturday, costing 14 lives, Judge Richard Goldstone said marshals should have known hostel inmates would be averse to an ANC march nearby.

The march had also failed to comply with an undertaking given to the local authority and chief magistrate that there would be 1 000 marshals. There were substantially fewer present.

Goldstone said a "fracas" had broken out between a small group of marchers and hostel dwellers at the same time as a 10-member group fired at the hostel. Fire-arms were used in crossfire which then ensued from within the hostel and from the group of marchers, he added.

At least five people began firing at police with AK47s and the police returned fire with live ammunition. There were no reports of deaths or injuries from this incident, he said.

The ANC conceded the attacks made by some of their spokesman on police conduct that day "was based on incorrect information", the report said.

The report said the Thokoza Hostel dwellers Association regretted that firearms had been used by residents against the marchers and undertook to take appropriate steps to ensure that hostel dwellers were not in possession of illegal firearms. Inikaniso fully supported that undertaking, Goldstone said.

The Commission expressed appreciation of the responsible and sensitive manner in which the SAP's officers and members, particularly a Capt Petersen of the Internal Security Unit, behaved on the day of the march.

ANC president Nelson Mandela was also commended for playing a personal role in evaluating the events.

THOKOZA ... Death and mayhem struck the war-ridden East Rand township this week.

Police Counsel at the Commission, Luther Wepener, said the first shots during the confrontation had been fired by a group of about 10 people who had taken position behind the hostel before opening fire on hostel dwellers.

The ANC Youth League organisers of the march should be held accountable for the massacre, he said.

Goldstone said earlier that the Commission would determine whether further inquiries, if any, were required to enable it to make recommendations on steps which should be taken to avoid further such occurrences.

National Peace Committee chairman John Hall said on Friday that the ANC's Thabo Mbeki had admitted to him that the organisation was to blame for allowing thugs to take over the march and to redirect it through a potentially dangerous area.

Four troubled East Rand townships were declared hot spots on Friday by Law and Order Minister Henrus Kriel.

They are Thokoza, Katlehong, Vosloorus and Thembisa.

A 9 pm to 4 am curfew has been put into force, forbidding anyone from being beyond the limits of residential sites.

People with employer's letters showing proof of their identity, their full personal and business details and the nature of their work, "together with an exposition of the working and travel times may be exempt from the curfew.

Police liaison officer Capt. Ida van Zyl said a confirmed shot was fired at passenger aircraft crossing over Thembisa on Thursday.
A 9am to 4pm curfew has been put into force, including anyone from off-duty Law enforcement personnel and Peace Corps volunteers, among others, unless they are required to work in the line of duty, and unless doing so is essential to their personal or family needs. People with employees in the township are being permitted to travel to and from work, with letters showing proof of employment, but only if essential to their personal or family needs. People in residential areas are not permitted to leave their homes except for essential needs. The curfew is being enforced by the police, and any person found违反ing the curfew will be prosecuted.
By DESMOND BLOW

PAC national executive committee members were yesterday locked in a secret meeting to decide whether to stay in the multiparty talks.

High on the agenda will be whether to suspend the armed struggle.

This follows a week of raids and detentions of PAC leaders which were seen as a return to the worst of the Vorster and Botha “police state” era.

The old “Charge or Release” slogan was echoed by most of the delegates at the negotiating committee meeting at Kempton Park on Thursday night.

As a result of a meeting between the PAC and government on Friday, three of the detained PAC leaders were released – Dr Solly Skosana, Waters Toboti and Thomas Likotsi.

Toboti told City Press yesterday that the arrests of the PAC leaders was “an eye-opener that the regime was not ready to accept majority rule”.

“Although the NEC has not passed its resolution yet, it would not be amazing if we come out with a resolution calling for the talks to be held outside the country under a neutral chairman,” he said.

The government will report on the position of other PAC detainees – including NEC members Enoch Zulu, Maxwell Nemadzivhanani and Abel Dube – at a bilateral meeting on Tuesday.

The PAC’s Jaki Seroke was also released after being charged with illegal possession of firearms.

In terms of a joint statement issued following the PAC-government meeting, the PAC has undertaken to “discuss its commitment to armed action and its position on violence” and to give a “clear, unambiguous” report at Tuesday’s meeting.

Negotiators are questioning whether De Klerk or the bureaucrats are running the country.

Law and Order Minister Hermus Kriel said he was briefed by two generals on Monday afternoon that the raids would take place that night, and De Klerk has said he did not interfere as it was a police and not a political matter.

The government’s delegates to the negotiating commission, ministers Roelf Meyer and Dawie de Villiers, were apparently not briefed.

ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa and South African Communist Party chairman, Joe Slovo, both called for Kriel’s resignation.
Withdrawal of king 'not end of peace initiative'

By SIPHO KHUMALO

THE battle for peace has not been lost despite reports that the Zulu monarch, King Goodwill Zwelithini, has withdrawn as a facilitator of talks between ANC president Nelson Mandela and his Inkatha counterpart, Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

This is according to Rodgers Sishi, co-convener of the King's Committee for Peace which has asked King Zwelithini to use his influence to negotiate peace between Inkatha and the ANC.

Mandela said in Soweto this week that the king had withdrawn as facilitator between himself and Buthelezi.

He said the king's position was now apparently that "TV got it wrong" with regard to the king's facilitating role.

The Zulu monarch said in a radio announcement that contrary to initial reports that he wanted to bring the two leaders together, he only pointed out the significance of such a meeting between the two men.

However, Sishi told City Press that the king was still involved in the peace initiative.

Sishi said his committee was slowly but surely forging ahead with preparing ground for the King to intervene as a peacemaker in the violence.

This will involve izimbizo (rallies) to be jointly attended by the ANC and Inkatha supporters.

Those close to the King's Committee for Peace told City Press that it was still their hope that the "ultimate culmination of their initiative" would be a summit meeting between Mandela and Buthelezi.

The sources said they were still hopeful that the summit was "a possibility".

Meanwhile, the ANC's Natal Midlands leader Harry Gwala has lambasted the initiative as having the potential to drive people back into tribalism.

Gwala said: "It is not only the Zulus who are attacked. What is worse about this initiative is that it drives us back to tribalism. This is not the approach we have used hitherto."

Gwala told City Press he was disturbed that the initiative was not canvassed with the three regions of the ANC.

Gwala said: "We must not fool ourselves that the king will help as long as (Dr Mangosuthu) Buthelezi has chiefs and the royal family in his grip.

"We think that if people could organise at Ulundi without being threatened with civil war, we would have gone a long way."

"Sishi" said Gwala was properly briefed about this initiative. "The ANC was also briefed at the national level. Our committee includes Jacob Zuma of the National Executive Committee. We think Gwala is being destructive."
MINISTER of Law and Order Jaco Kriel this week assured political leaders at the multi-party talks that the police swoop on senior PAC members was only undertaken after "extensive and exhaustive" investigations.

The multi-party peace talks were briefly shaken this week when 73 PAC members were hauled into custody. But by week's end, only five of the men had been charged in court — all with offenses like illegal possession of weapons or ammunition. A serious gap began to emerge between the police and minister's public claims and the reality.

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According to PAC secretary-general Benny Alexander, he obtained and licensed the weapon in the Transkei, "like most members of our national executive council."
ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu yesterday called for a two-pronged attack against repression in Bophuthatswana, Ciskei and KwaZulu.

Speaking at the ANC’s anti-Boph conference at Wits University, Mr Sisulu said democratic forces were being subjected to a “savage onslaught”.

“We have experienced a phenomenal increase in organised violence against the people and repression has reached unprecedented heights,” he said.

Mr Sisulu said the ANC would continue to “engage these tinpot dictatorships” in negotiations within the context of the multi-party talks, but at the same time would wage a “relentless” campaign for political space.

A composite plan of sustainable action against repression in Bophuthatswana was needed, and a cardinal component of the plan should be the demand for reincorporation of all independent homelands into South Africa.
Poison probe into ANC men's deaths

THE ANC is investigating a possible link between the deaths of confessed government agent Solly Smith and Dr Francois Meli, an ANC national executive member who died in a Johannesburg hotel in October 1990.

According to a German magazine, Top Secret, both men were involved in a disinformation campaign in London headed by a Ghanaian exile and funded by South African military intelligence.

Sick

The ANC believes Mr Smith and Dr Meli may have been poisoned to keep them from revealing their alleged involvement in military intelligence operations.

However, Mr Smith's family said this week that the chairman of the Northern Free State ANC branch had died of natural causes.

"He was a very sick man," said his son-in-law, Marcellus Nkuebe.

"He was admitted to hospital in Johannesburg and Bloemfontein several times this year and, as far as we are concerned, he died of natural causes."

Mr Smith's body was found in the bedroom of his home in Onderwold in early April. There was no sign of a break-in.

A Bloemfontein state pathologist, Dr Jan Olivier, found that Mr Smith's death was caused by "cardio-respiratory failure". He said he had checked for traces of poison but had found "nothing suspicious".

A Bloemfontein doctor who treated Mr Smith earlier this year said he was not surprised to hear that his former patient had died of heart failure.

"He had an enlarged heart, high blood-pressure, poor kidneys, degenerative arthritis, diabetes and Parkinson's disease," he said.

The ANC, however, remains suspicious.

"We are not convinced he died naturally," said Northern Free State regional secretary Pat Matsos. He refused to explain, saying the ANC head office was handling the investigation.

He said the ANC had tried to get independent pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman - who died this week - to attend the post-mortem, but he had been overseas.

A source in the ANC's intelligence department said it was "90 percent convinced Dr Meli was poisoned by a drink at the Carlton Hotel, even though he ostensibly died of heart failure".

ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa recently said Mr Smith had approached the ANC voluntarily and "admitted he had been compromised and coerced into working for the regime".

The ANC believes he may have been killed by government agents because of what he had discovered about covert operations.

Worried

The ANC intelligence source said Mr Smith had been warned not to tell the ANC about his activities as an agent, and had feared for his life.

"He had reached a point where he did not know whether they or his health were going to get him first," the source said.

The source said Mr Smith had approached the ANC after valuable documents from Dr Meli, who edited Sechaba in London.

Mr Smith went into exile in 1984. He was appointed the ANC's chief representative in London. At the end of 1988 he moved to Paris, where he remained until 1991, when he returned to South Africa.

Reports claiming that Mr Smith had confessed to being a spy had not reached the ANC's London office by Wednesday.
The challenge of just one more case was one Dr Gluckman seemed unable to resist.

Alone in the silence of a detention cell or torture chamber, few detainees in South Africa's dark past had many sources of hope — but Dr Jonathan Gluckman cared and never hesitated to expose barbarism.

Dr Gluckman, 78, who died in Johannesburg this week after cardiac complications following a spinal operation, never supported any of the liberation movements.

He was part of a near-extinct order, a doctor absolutely dedicated to the principles of the Hippocratic Oath.

Speaking at a graduation ceremony at the University of the Witwatersrand in 1975, he expressed the view that medical aid schemes helped to create doctors more interested in their balance sheets than their patients' diagnostic charts.

"We have lost our collective soul," he said.

But he never did.

Threats

In a rare tribute, Azapo's Dr Gonomole Mokae said Dr Gluckman had "won martyrdom in the hearts of the oppressed with his commitment to human dignity and justice".

He said that in 1977, Dr Gluckman "virtually cocked a snook at the white minority regime and its police when he exposed the brutality to which the police must have subjected Black Consciousness leader Steve Biko before his death".

His testimony at the Biko inquest made international headlines and raised questions about medical ethics in South Africa.

By CHARLENE SMITH

Last year — after failing to get a response from President de Klerk — he made public allegations that police had killed about 99 percent of the 200 people whose bodies he examined after they had died in police custody.

He received a string of death threats after this, but his testimony focused attention once again on deaths in police custody.

Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel issued a report that said only 29 percent of those examined by Dr Gluckman had died as a result of police maltreatment. But criticism followed that the police spent far more time trying to disprove Dr Gluckman's findings than seeking ways to redress the problem.

It was revealed that the police had bugged Dr Gluckman's telephones and his office. He remained unperturbed.

He was fascinated by pathology. He talked of retiring to Provence in France, where he owned a villa, to write his memoirs. But the challenge of just one more case was one Dr Gluckman seemed unable to resist.

Johannesburg advocate Denis Kuny, SC, said: "He lived for his work."

He became so engrossed in cases that he charged very little — or nothing.

Dr Paul Davis, of Medical Rescue International, of which Dr Gluckman was executive director, said: "He believed he could make a difference. He was an example of how much one man can achieve for the betterment of humanity."

Born in Johannesburg, he was educated at the University of the Witwatersrand and St Bartholomew's hospital, London. He served as a pathologist during World War Two before doing postgraduate work in the United States.

Dr Gluckman leaves his wife, Lois, and children (Michael, Paul and Mary.)
Parties under pressure to fix election date

By MIKE ROBERTSON, EDYTH BULBING and CLAIRE ROBERTSON

SOUTH Africa's political leaders are racing against time to meet Thursday's deadline for announcing a date for the country's first non-racial elections.

Top businessmen led by Consultative Business Movement chairman Murray Hofmeyr arranged special meetings with the government, the ANC and the Cosag this week to warn that the country could not afford another Cenat-style breakdown of talks.

For President de Klerk a special warning signal flashed in the form of a poll that showed that only one in four whites now supports his National Party.

The ANC, too, is under mounting pressure.

Not only are radicals in the organisation threatening to create mayhem unless quick results are achieved in talks but the organisation is becoming increasingly concerned about its ability to govern in future.

APLA: PAC LEADER STICKS TO HIS GUNS

By NORMAN WEST

Political Reporter

THE PAC would not down its military wing, Apla, just to appease the government, PAC publicity secretary Harvey Desai said yesterday.

Speaking at a special PAC national executive meeting called to respond to the government's crack-down on congress members, Mr Desai also warned that the organisation intended taking a tough line when it met the government on Tuesday.

"Let them charge these against whom they claim they have evidence of criminal acts," he said.

"But we will not strike any deals on Tuesday.

"The organisation has so far refused to suspend the armed struggle waged by the military wing.

Mr Desai said only after this government had given an undertaking to cease its Gestapo tactics and agree to a date for democratic elections to put in place an elected constituent assembly, will the PAC be prepared to discuss a cessation of hostilities.

THE WEEK KRIEL PLAYED SUPERMAN

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Arrests

Shocked by figures which show capital flight amounted to as much as R5-billion in the first four months of this year, ANC leaders appealed to the rich not to desert South Africa now.

Negotiators this week succeeded in riding out the crisis brought on by the mass arrests of PAC members. But the underlying reason for the raid — white anger at the National Party — remains.

This was brought home by the poll that shows that white support for the NP has dropped to its lowest level ever.

A Research Surveys poll of 1,360 white men and women in metropolitan areas showed that only one in four whites now backs the NP. Among white men the CP (29 percent) now has more support than the NP (25 percent).

The degree of confusion among whites was evidenced by 27 percent of men and 40 percent of women saying they either didn't know which party they would vote for or would not vote at all.

This news will strengthen the hand of Cabinet hardliners like Law and Order Minister Herus Kriel who believe cracking down on lawlessness should now take precedence over achieving a negotiated settlement.

Securing the early announcement of an election date is critical for ANC President Nelson Mandela and his chief negotiator Cyril Ramaphosa.

Ungovernable

They held this out to ANC radicals when arguing, in the wake of the killing of Chris Hani, that the organisation should not quit negotiations. They now have just four days to deliver on that promise.

An indication of the kind of pressure they are now under was provided by radical ANC Youth League leader Peter Mokaba.

"The youth will be uncontrollable and will make the country ungovernable if the date for the country's first democratic elections has not been determined by June 3," he told students at Motsenjwa this week.

The ANC's national executive committee will meet to reassess its continued involvement in negotiations in the week following the June 3 deadline.

Both Mr Ramaphosa and his government counterpart, Roelf Meyer, were cautious about whether the Negotiating Forum, the body appointed to ratify negotiators' decisions, would be able to meet on Thursday to approve an election date.

The main obstacle is the opposition of the third major player in negotiations, Intelsat, to announcing an election date before World Trade Centre negotiators have decided the future of questions and a detailed framework for a national constitution.
As South Africa continues to grapple with its constitutional future in the midst of deepening upheaval, it is important that some perspective is brought into the political debate.

The absence of a strong and independent media in the country has only exacerbated the lack of clarity and objective analysis at a crucial time in the country's history. South Africans do not have much information upon which to make informed opinions and choices on issues that actually affect their lives and future.

**Patriotism**

SA does not have a culture of democracy or political accountability. To its white citizens, patriotism meant giving unquestioning loyalty to successive white-minority governments.

Among blacks, often the imperatives of keeping banned organizations alive meant sacrificing accountability and democracy.

Policy debate remains shallow and indiscusively contaminated by outright bias and dishonesty. The constitutional negotiations at the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park are largely negotiations between the elites of the various participating parties, most of whom have no demonstrable support whatsoever. The public remains cut off.

The cause of democracy in SA is undermined. The inherent dictatorial character of most politicians is only matched by the complacency and naivety of the public.

Contrary to some assumptions of Pretoria's apologists, the primary motivation of the February 1990 liberalisation announcements was less a desire to embrace democracy than a survival instinct in the face of overwhelming domestic and international pressure on the apartheid state.

The economy could no longer be faced with the problems of expectations. The black majority expect improved circumstances in the often-talked about "new SA".

The problem is that the most probable political settlement is unlikely to deliver on such expectations. Apart from the inability of the economy to underpin the settlement reached, a future government may not wield the power necessary to affect the needed structural transformation.

SA's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) continues to lag far behind the population growth rate of 2.5 percent a year.

Another problem is that the talks are structurally flawed. Most participating parties do not have any support, which robs the process of the very legitimacy it is supposed to deliver.

**Effective leverage**

In essence the constitution-making body will be a public relations exercise to rubberstamp a constitution whose essentials shall have been determined in advance at the Kempton Park talks.

The emerging compromise between the parties amounts to an agreement to pre-empt democratic constitution-making.

The SA government appears to have succeeded in locking the ANC into a relation on terms favourable to the former and its constituency. Despite the ANC's stronger numerical following, its leadership has failed to translate it into sustained effective leverage at the negotiation table.

Ultimately, negotiations are about leverage. Otherwise the potential to use mass action, the ANC has no leverage on government.

When ANC leaders returned from exile, they were so intoxicated with the illusion of a quick settlement they ignored their real strength, the masses. Structures put together by the surrogate United Democratic Front (UDF) have been neglected.

Simultaneously, security agencies of the state accelerated the process of decay by unleashing a ruthless campaign of selective assassinations of scores of civic, community and other leaders.

Barring some unforeseen crisis, and despite likely hiccups on the way, SA seems headed for a settlement in 1994. The government is keen to conclude a settlement during the current parliamentary term, while the ANC leadership is in such haste to reach an agreement that they are prepared to accept almost any settlement.

The 1994 settlement will be largely weighted against blacks and is unlikely to deliver the needed structural change.

The emphasis of the settlement will be a strategic co-option of the black elite, both political and professional.

For the majority, conditions will remain as they are or quite possibly get worse.

The Joe Slovo-authored "Sunset Clause" has since been adopted as an official ANC document. In the name of reconciliation, the document effectively guarantees civil service jobs for at least 10 years after a political settlement.

A future ANC government can expect to come under pressure from its constituency to employ more blacks in the civil service, a move that will further boost its ranks. The net effect of such levels of government spending will keep taxes high and continue to divert precious resources from the more productive private sector.

Clearly the author of the Sunset Clause knows many things - but economics is not one of them! The waste and tax implications of the Clause will condemn this country economically.

Politically, the policy will undermine an ANC government's ability to embark on desperately-needed qualitative "affirmative action" programmes in the civil service, a potentially explosive issue to its constituency.

The question of whether or not the settlement will stick is pertinent.

The principal beneficiaries of the 1994 settlement will be whites and a small black elite. If this combined elite act consciously to extend the benefits of the settlement to more and more South Africans, it is possible that over the medium to long term, the majority of people will identify with the settlement and act in ways that will stabilise the country and register steady progress.

**Selfishly**

Another scenario is possible. If the new combined black and white elites act selfishly and secure their narrow interests, they could very quickly alienate the majority who would respond negatively.

Public disillusion and the lack of improvement in quality of life will galvanise public resistance against the settlement.

At that point, the moral authority of leaders like Mandela and others associated with the 1994 settlement will have virtually disappeared, leaving them vulnerable to serious challenge.

Ultimately, its important to realise that democracy is more than one person, one vote. It includes a multiplicity of committed centres of power in a configuration that ensures stability and continuity. Therein lies our greatest challenge ever.
‘A doctor who took on the state’s might ... for truth’

By OBED MUSI

THE doyen of South African pathologists, Dr Jonathan Gluckman, 78, this week died after a back operation.

He attracted international attention recently when he alleged that in many cases of death in detention he strongly believed the SAP to have been involved.

This opened a can of worms culminating in widespread rumours that a “hit squad” would remove him because he would reveal that “dirty tricks” had been used on those who had allegedly committed suicide in detention or while in the hands of the police.

At the time a friend of his was reported as saying that the pathologist had sent copies of his reports to a country abroad to be published “in case anything happened to him”.

The hefty manuscript also contained his unedited memoirs which now sadly may never be published.

It will be recalled that he was the family pathologist in the Steve Biko inquest and that he was later the consultant for other families whose next-of-kins had died in similar circumstances.

After being involved in dozens of forensic consultations his sense of justice could stand no more, said an old-time colleague.

“He took on the might of the mighty South African government and was prepared to be pilloried by anyone for what he believed to be the truth—and he stuck to his ethical guns throughout,” he said.

A product of elite institutions like Parktown Prep, Houghton College and Wits, where he later taught, he was nevertheless a man of the people, said a black medico who declined to be named.

His friend and colleague, Soweto leader Dr Niatho Motlana, said: “He showed all SA that no one in authority can continue to kill people wilfully—as in the Lennox case—when he showed that electric shocks were used by the security police to extract what was to be later presented in court as truth.

“He was courageous, friendly, intelligent and had a full commitment to his calling.”

In a statement, Azapo’s Dr Gomolemo Mokele paid tribute to Dr Gluckman: “He was a pathologist with a difference and his death must have touched the hearts of many members of the medical profession.

“His commitment to the Hippocratic oath he was head and shoulders above us all and did us proud.

“Respect for him extended beyond the borders of medicine to the rest of the world, and to the inhabitants of this embattled land he was a hero.

“This dates back to 1977 when he cocked a snoot at the government and its police force—giving an insight into the wanton brutality to which Biko must have been subjected to before his death.

“Recently he once again ruffled the government’s feathers when he suggested that the ‘new SA’ detainee’s lot still leaves a lot to be desired. In short it is still horrible.

“He suggested that the SAP still took liberties with those detained in the country’s prisons.”

May his soul rest in peace.
TALKING TO CHRIS

THE modest wooden cross is embellished with black, green, gold and red ribbons, representing the ANC-SACP alliance.

Limpopo Hani, dressed in a two-piece suit with a black handkerchief tied around her shouldeers, stands next to the cross, above the flowers at the grave of her late husband — Chris Hani.

For Mrs. Hani, a regular and lovable visitor to the grave of Soweto Park Cemetery, Diepsloot, it is a special moment. "I come to talk to Chris," she says, her voice sometimes thick with emotion.

"I miss his grave every day. To me and others, he is still alive."

Tears

Helped by cemetery workers, Mrs. Hani has replaced dried flowers with fresh plants.

"When I came here carrying a bunch of gladioli, I found myself surrounded by workers, each wanting to place a plant in memory of my husband. They also decorated the cross with ribbons. It is a symbol of love," she says.

Arriving by her own car, she told the cemetery staff that Mrs. Hani — it is the spot where her husband's car is a pool of blood after being shot, allegedly by a South African agent.

It was here where Mr. Hani's body was discovered. The police say he was shot in the head.

When describing how she feels about the grave, Mrs. Hani pauses, and tears roll down her cheeks.

"Every time you drive in or walk past the grave, you are reminded that this man was a leader," says Mrs. Hani.

The Hani's children were told, "At his grave, life without Chris is meaningless."

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A TIME OF GRIEF . . . Limpopo Hani with her daughter Nomakhalele and a friend at the funeral which caught the attention of the world.

The Hani's lived an unusual life in exile during the P.W. Botha era, marked by constant fear and anxiety, sometimes even assassination attempts.

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Mrs. Hani was the first survivor to return to Lusaka to report to the late ANC chairman, Oliver Tambo, on the state of the party.

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Support

"Unless the thin-skinned plan to assassinate this man is stopped, we shall continue to be in danger.

"But whatever the outcome of this trial, it won't bring my husband back."

Mrs. Hani, who went through the trial of her children's anguish, has been supportive.

"I have always supported and stood by my husband's beliefs and ideals for our freedom. I will continue to support the liberation struggle.
ANC and PAC militants proved they were comrades-in-arms, despite their ideological differences. On Friday when they joined forces to commemorate the deaths of SACP general secretary Chris Hani and ANC chairman Oliver Tambo.

PAC youths sang, chanted and toyed alongside ANC comrades at a rally at Medunsa University, called by the Medunsa branch of the South African Students’ Congress.

Natal Midlands ANC leader Harry Gwala, ANC Youth League president Peter Mokaba and Winnie Mandela — the three leading figures on the militant fringe of the ANC — also seemed to breach their organisation’s ideological gap with the PAC in their fiery speeches.

Mr Mokaba called on Umkhonto we Sizwe to increase its presence inside the country and repeated his “Kill the Boer! Kill the farmer!” slogan.

Transkei leader General Bantu Holomisa shared the platform with the ANC’s foremost militant leaders for the first time.

Mrs Mandela called on students “to help me in another war — war on poverty”.

“I’m constantly accused of war talk and I’m now calling on you to help me in another war — to help the poor and the starving,” she said.

Calling for an increased presence of MK cadres inside the country, Mr Mokaba said: “They have denied me a licence to carry a gun. But I must tell you that we’re now armed.

“Why do we need firearm licences, anyway? There is no army without guns. Let MK be in Thokoza where our people are being shot. They must return fire with fire.”

Referring to negotiations, Mr Mokaba said it was untrue that the youth were against negotiations.

“It is not true that, when calling for arms, we’re against negotiations. You (ANC) would not be negotiating there if there had not been smoke (the armed struggle) before,” he said to thunderous applause from the crowd.
By EDYTH BULBRING  
Political Correspondent

As the June 3 deadline to announce an election date looms, businessmen this  
week met delegations from the government,  
the ANC and the Concerned South African  
Group (CSAG) in search of a  
swift settlement while also keeping an  
eye on the talks.  
The business leaders were led by the  
Consultative Business Movement's  
co-chairman Murray Hofmeyr. These present  
included President's Peter Wrighton and  
Murray and Robert's David Brick.  

Both the ANC and the government are  
keen to announce an election date on June 3  
at the negotiating forum.  
But CSAG insists that certain issues, such  
as the principles governing a new constitu-  
tion and the way elections should be held,  
ned be settled beforehand.  

The ANC, which has come under increas-  
ing pressure from its constituency to pro-  
duce conclusive results after three years of  
negotiation, has warned of mass action after  
June 3 if no election date is announced.  
Mr Hofmeyr said CSAG representatives  
clarity had a problem with the June 3  
deadline and with the urgency that they felt  
had been forced on them.  
"We had to say to them that we understood  
their difficulties in making a commitment  
important issues in such a short time," Mr Hofmeyr said.  
"But we are all in this together and one  
has to find a basis on which there can be  
agreement in a fairly short period."  
He said the discussions with the delega-  
tions focused on the question of speed and  
inclusivity to see how to achieve the best  
settlement.  

Mr Hofmeyr said the ANC told the busi-  
nessmen it was anxious to announce an  
election date on June 3 and then afterwards  
do whatever else was necessary to accom-  
modate CSAG.  
He said businessmen were keen to do  
what they could to help achieve the best resolution in  
difficult circumstances.  
"Business clearly feels that it is important to avoid  
a let-down or give the impression that the process has  
broken down.  
"But, clearly, this must be seen against the other con-  
sideration, which is making the settlement as inclusive  
as possible."  
Mr Hofmeyr said it was not clear whether the June 3  
decision was going to be  
"make or break".  
"The feeling is that the process should not drag on  
for weeks and months. If a resolution on elections is not  
reached on June 3, then it  
will have to be reached shortly afterwards," he said.  

Concern  

Another participant who attended the talks said the  
businessmen's underlying message to political players  
was that business was deeply  
concerned about the nego-  
tiations progressing and that  
should there be a break-  
down and the economy  
knocked again, it would take  
a long time to recover.  
He was not optimistic that the negotiating forum would  
announce an election date on June 3 as there were so  
many firm agreements that  
needed to be in place before.  

Business's concern over the  
negotiations process was reflected in a Business  
Forum statement.  
"Another political imp-  
passe will lead to more  
busines closures, the with-  
drawal and withholding of investment, a further flight  
of capital and skilled man-  
power and further loss of  
job opportunities. Business  
confidence, already at a  
very low level, will suffer  
another blow," it said.
TALKING TO CHRIS

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"I have been carrying a bunch of flowers. I found myself surrounded by workers, each wanting to place a flower in honor of my husband. They also decorated the cross with ribbons.

"It is a big deal," she says.

Arriving home to her driveway back and car, Mr and Mrs Hani — it is the spot where her husband laid in a pool of blood after being shot, allegedly by a police officer.

It was here where Mr Hani's colleagues — ANC and PNP members — arrived and organized a memorial service.

When explaining how she feels about the driveway, Mrs Hani expresses her grief.

"Every time you drive to or from work, you're reminded that this is where Chris was killed," she adds.

The family, she says, now "live life without Chris a nightmare."

BRIAN SOKOITA talks to Limpopo Hani, widow of murdered ANC member Chris Hani

The Hani family were killed as a leader was "not just a father, but a big brother and a friend in one," says Mrs Hani.

"Chris was a loving, caring and understanding husband.

"There are moments when my children start thinking about their father and become sad.

"But sometimes they'll be bright and happy.

"Democracy started in this house. My kids would not be afraid to say anything. I disagree with you, and Chris would accept that.

"He was our friend, and sometimes we breathed him.

"But his democratic political style, says his wife, was clearly reflected when he held meetings with ANC officials at home.

Unsafe

Mrs Hani, although not occupying any political post in the ANC-SACP alliance, would not be asked to leave.

"Chris would invite me to participate in their discussions.

"I was of the position and contributed to it," she says.

Mr Hani and his wife — a Lesotho national — married in Zambia in 1984. They later lived in London, where Mrs Hani worked as manager for the Lesotho National Tourism Board.
ANC's Gwala infuriates Inkatha

INKATHA filed a complaint with the National Peace Committee on Friday after alleged inflammatory statements by ANC Natal Midlands leader Harry Gwala at Technikon Natal recently.

Gwala is alleged to have said: "We call on students of the South African Students Congress to learn how to handle firearms because if negotiations fail you must be prepared to win power through the barrel of an AK-47."

Inkatha said Gwala's statements were intended to "incite violence and hatred."

Mangope lashes out at ANC

BOP President Lucas Mangope says the ANC-alliance is paying students to instigate revolt at the homeland's Setlagolo Technikon.

Mangope said Bop was "in the grips of a sinister and well-orchestrated campaign to throw 'education into disarray"'.

He accused the ANC of paying Student Representative Council members to disrupt the institution.

Inkatha woman necklaced

INKATHA confirmed that the woman who was necklaced in the East Rand squatter camp of Phola Park on Tuesday was Inkatha branch secretary Julia Mhiasi.

An Inkatha statement said Mhiasi was abducted last weekend and Inkatha officials had spent several days searching for her.

SABC board announcement soon

The names of the new SABC Board members will be announced by FW de Klerk early next week, according to a recent government statement.

The statement said the original list "created concerns which De Klerk discussed twice with the panel."

An amended list has now been submitted.

Sisulu calls for reincorporation

The ANC yesterday called for the reincorporation of all homelands into SA as well as the uncodditional recognition of SA citizenship to all homeland inhabitants.

ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu, speaking at Wits University, said linked to this central issue was the demand for "free political activity and association in the homeland territories."
Politicians find deep suspicion and desire on streets

understand the difference between a Transitional Executive Council, Constituent Assembly, Interim Government and Government of National Unity, but things aren’t so clear for the man and woman on the street.

“If there’s an interim government, there is no State President, so why are we having non-racial elections?”

Goodman Lekwakwa demands of an ANC official in Randburg. He asks: “Do we vote for a State President once, and then is he president permanently?”

Lekwakwa gets sort of, sort of. But there are limits to how much of the twists and turns of the negotiation process anyone can absorb. “Especially with real rural people, if you take them and bombard them with a lot of knowledge you actually leave them with nothing,” Keggie says.

Taste

Interpreting the policies of different parties can also be mind-boggling. The ANC both gains and loses followers for its supposedly communist beliefs. “I don’t care if the ANC is communist, I don’t give a damn. I don’t know what communism is, but I want to taste it just like I tasted apartheid capitalism,” says Mphakathi Motselane, of Juvenile Park. A DP explanation of the importance of regionalism elicits an indifferent response from most of the domestic workers at a meeting in Sandton. Local control, national control: what the workers really want to talk about is how hard they work for so little pay, with so few breaks.

Voter education cannot teach people how to tell the difference between a jinni conjuring and a realistic one, or between a slogan and a policy. De Vlieg says: “We can only encourage people to be cautious of promises: the economy cannot produce instant housing and water.”

Keggie believes, however, that most people will not vote on issues in the first election. “Right now they are just looking for a new government — to vote is to change.”

This time around, despite the delays, concerns and confusion, the act itself will be most important. He describes a workshop where during the mock voting, the power generator failed. “We bought candles and kept going in the dark, because people wouldn’t move from the queue until they voted.”

The black majority have waited all their lives for a real vote. Few were prepared to vote for the “black” local authorities
Its name is Tshwane

It's a picture all too familiar to millions of television viewers. Angry mobs tearing down statues, ripping off familiar street names, and changing the names of airports or schools or hospitals as well as those of cities and towns.

It's called democracy. It has happened in countries with names which have receded into history — the once-mighty Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Rhodesia, Tanganyika, Indo-China, Malaya, Belgian Congo.

And now it may well be South Africa's turn as the transition period gets under way, probably in a scant few weeks with the appointment of the transitional executive council.

Places named after politicians are almost certainly to be altered by a new government in the years ahead.

Cities and towns such as Verwoerdburg, Durban, East London, Port Elizabeth, Germiston, Roodepoort, Bloemfontein, Cape Town, Pietermaritzburg or Pretoria are all on the line it would appear.

And then there's Louis Botha Airport, HF Verwoerd Airport, PW Botha Airport, Ben Schoeman Airport and a host of other similarly named landing fields.

Even internationally-recognized Jan Smuts Airport, named after one of the four men who wrote the preamble to the United Nations Charter and who helped steer the world back to peace after World War 2, could be affected.

Lucie Moller of the United Nations Centre on Geographical Names at Pretoria's Human Sciences Research Council says before change is undertaken, there should be careful consideration of each name.

In a country such as South Africa, with its many different ethnic groups from Zulus to Afrikaners, the choosing of a particular name could be offensive to one or other group.

And to chop-and-change at the whim of a political party or group in power is not only costly but downright confusing for the man-in-the-street, if he knows what street he is on.

What's in a name? That's the dilemma facing South Africans, comfortable with place names, some of which are hundreds of years old, as the age of the New South Africa lies just over the horizon, says NORMAN CHANDLER of The Star Pretoria Bureau.

Kafiristan and Boersmansdortmond are just two of a thousand names which are safe bets for alteration.

"There is also the fear that anything to do with the Voortrekkers could be altered as well — even the Voortrekkers themselves. The name Voortrekker Monument could come in for radical alteration unless wiser counsel prevails."

"The swing of the pendulum is getting wider, however, and Moller notes that requests for name changes now include those of areas named after past and present leaders and cabinet ministers of the National Party."

Cape Town certainly did not start life as "Cape Town," Moller points out that the Tafels Bay area was first known to the original inhabitants, call them Strandlopers or the Sen or "Hijas." Along came the Portuguese with their "Cabo de boa Esperanza," the Dutch with "Kaap de Goede Hoop," the British with "Cape Town" and the later Afrikaans translation of "Kaapstad."

The latter has now been renamed "Cape Town," probably because the owners are thinking ahead, to Centurion Centre.

"The removal of names that are potentially sensitive to any specific group may be long overdue, but careful consideration of each name is necessary, and the feelings and attitudes of the specific groups should be probed very diplomatically," says Moller.

Already, alternative names for cities and towns exist in South Africa. Even Soweto — once upon a time known as South Western Townships — and other black residential areas have their Tammbovilles, Mamelodi, Rand Park, etc., in place of names given to the areas by municipal authorities.

Johannesburg has tribal names — the well known Nguni name of "Gauteng" and the Sotho and Tsawane name of "Gauteng" or "Bantu." It is thought that the name Soweto may continue to refer to the predominantly black area south west of the city, particularly as it is internationally recognised.

Will Pretoria remain the capital at least under the name which remembers Andries Pretoria, the Voortrekker leader?

There are indications that Pretoria may escape the axe but if it doesn't, stand by for "Tshwane" or, like Salisbury, it could end up as Oliver Tambo City or Chris Hani City.
Set election date or else, says Mokaba

The country's negotiating teams have until Thursday to announce the date for the first democratic elections, ANC Youth League president Peter Mokaba said on Friday.

Speaking at a ceremony at Medunsa to commemorate Chris Hani and Oliver Tambo, Mokaba warned that if an agreement on an election date were not reached by Thursday, the youth would make the country ungovernable.

He said he had met ANC president Nelson Mandela earlier that day and informed him that Umkhonto we Sizwe members should be allowed to carry arms and protect township residents.

ANC Natal Midlands leader Harry Gwala supported the call for the voting age limit to be reduced from 18 to 14. — Pretoria Bureau.
ANC changes tune on Pilatus planes

ZURICH — The ANC has told the Swiss government it is not fundamentally opposed to the sale of 60 Swiss trainer aircraft to South Africa, the Foreign Ministry said yesterday. (AP)

Spokesman Franz Egle said an ANC delegation told the Swiss government during a visit to Berne last week it was ready to seek a solution that was "satisfactory" to both sides.

Egle described the talks as extremely constructive.

The ANC criticised Switzerland in the past over the proposed Rs60 million sale of the Pilatus PC-7 aircraft, saying the deal violated the spirit of the UN arms embargo. A UN Security Council committee also called on Switzerland to prevent the sale.

The manufacturer, Pilatus Flugzeugwerke AG, acknowledged that some countries buying its training aircraft had armed them.

On the orders of a Swiss government stung by UN criticism, the company pledged to modify the planes so that they could not be armed.

In such cases, the wings would be modified so that they could not carry weapons systems but only additional fuel tanks.

Two Swiss newspapers yesterday reported that ANC spokesman Thabo Mbeki had insisted that the aircraft be delivered only after South African elections next year. — Sapa-Reuter.
Arrests ‘foil Apla raids’

The Argus Correspondents

DURBAN. — Arrests of Azanian People’s Liberation Army members in Natal may have prevented three planned attacks being carried out on bars in the province — two in Durban and one on the South Coast, police said today.

Three suspected Apla members were arrested in a games hall in Rockey Street, Johannesburg, on Saturday night.

Police said they were in possession of a stick grenade, 250g of Russian-made TNT explosive and 1kg of plastic explosive. The plastic was packed with 130cm nails for maximum effect.

Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel said the arrests could have foiled a suspected Apla attack on a nearby restaurant.

Police spokesman Colonel Johan Mostert said police had identified three Natal targets after the interrogation of Apla members arrested in the province.

Colonel Mostert identified the targets only as bars and said police had decided not to name the venues — two in Durban and one on the Natal South Coast.

Investigations were continuing. Colonel Mostert said.

After the attempted bombing of a crowded Yeoville restaurant on Saturday, a Chinese stick grenade was detonated in a controlled explosion by bomb disposal experts about 9.30pm.

Another man was arrested and more arms were seized in a follow-up operation in Soweto later on Saturday night.

Colonel Mostert said the restaurant Rockerella’s had been the initial target in Rockey Street, but the men had apparently noticed police there and had moved off to the games hall instead.

He said they were arrested as they approached the games hall to place their bomb.

The men were members of Apla, the Pan Africanist Congress’s military wing, he said.

Colonel Mostert said if the explosives had gone off, the damage would have been “horrible”.

He said members of the Crime Combating and Investigation unit, investigating the activities of Apla, kept a watch on the restaurant on Saturday night and arrested the three men.

“As a result of the arrests and in follow-up investigations during the night, police went to a house in Diepkloof, Soweto. “When police tried to gain entrance to the house they came under fire. During the ensuing fight, a man was wounded and arrested.”

Colonel Mostert said this was the second group to be arrested in a week.

Last week a group was arrested in Natal and — during interrogation of this group — police established that several public bars and restaurants had been targeted for attack.

The arrests on Saturday had been a direct result of the Natal interrogation, he said.

Mr Kriel said in a statement: “The incidents once again fully justifies last week’s actions by the police against the PAC and Apla.”

He said police would continue combating ‘atrocities’ by the PAC and Apla.

Reacting to the events, PAC legal head Willie Seriti said his organisation did not know what evidence police had to conclude that Apla members were involved in the foiled attack.

He said the PAC had no knowledge of the men alleged to be implicated in the attack.
Govt, PAC prepare for tit-for-tat

By Esther Waugh
Political Correspondent

The PAC and Government go into tomorrow’s second round of crisis talks with widely divergent views.

The PAC national executive committee (NEC) — convened to discuss last week’s police crackdown — emerged on Saturday saying the organisation would not suspend the armed struggle.

It was prepared only to discuss the mutual cessation of hostilities with the Government. “There has to be two-way traffic and not a one-sided suspension,” said a senior PAC source.

In terms of a PAC national conference resolution, taken in Umata last April, the organisation could not suspend the armed struggle until the ballot hall been secured, the source said.

It is likely that both the PAC and Government will enter tomorrow’s bilateral talks without having fulfilled their sides of the “bargain”.

In terms of a joint statement issued on Friday by Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer and PAC secretary-general Benny Alexander, the PAC undertook to "discuss its commitment to armed action and its position on violence" at Saturday’s NEC meeting. The organisation further undertook to give “a clear, unambiguous report” on these issues at tomorrow’s meeting.

The Government undertook to release certain key PAC members and return those documents police had seized and which were not required for investigations.

Top Government sources said it would require the PAC to suspend its armed struggle and to sign the National Peace Accord.

The Government indicated it would press for compliance with earlier resolutions taken by the Negotiating Council. These resolutions committed parties to peace and barred them from further participation in negotiations if they did not do so.

Another top PAC source said that if the Government had not complied with its side of the bargain, the organisation would report this to the Negotiating Council meeting tomorrow afternoon. It would also not enter into further talks with the Government. Damage to PAC homes and offices would be discussed at tomorrow’s meeting.

Negotiations enter a critical week with both the PAC and Government facing a severe backlog after the delay caused last week by debates on the PAC raids.

Crucial decisions on fundamental constitutional issues, including regionalism and constitutional principles, are to be taken this week if negotiators want to keep to an earlier decision to announce an election date on Thursday.

Senior SADF and Umkhonto we Sizwe officials met last Monday and Tuesday to discuss a future defence force. Sources on both sides were tight-lipped about the contents of the meeting. However, they said progress was being made and talks were at a “sensitive” stage.
ANC probes death of ‘Govt spy’

The ANC is investigating the "strange circumstances" surrounding the death in April of Solly Smith, the former chairman of the ANC's northern Free State branch and allegedly a Government spy.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said yesterday that Smith had admitted to the ANC that he had been "compromised into working for Military Intelligence (MI)".

"He was fearing for his life at the time, believing the State's security forces would target him if they found out about the confession," Niehaus said.

Smith's body was found at his home in Onderdaalrus near Welkom. A State pathologist's report listed the cause of death as cardio-respiratory failure. His family told a Sunday newspaper he died of natural causes.

The newspaper reported yesterday that the ANC was also looking into the death of Dr Francis Meil, who edited the ANC's mouthpiece, Sechaba while exiled in London.

Meil was also alleged to be an MI informant. He died in Johannesburg in October 1990, apparently of heart failure after a drinking binge.

According to the newspaper, the ANC believes both men may have died of poisoning to prevent them from revealing what they knew about the activities of MI. — Staff Reporter.
Farmers march to township

JOHANNESBURG — At least 50 armed and angry farmers marched to the Boitumeleng township at Bloemhof, Western Transvaal, at the weekend to present a memorandum to the African National Congress calling for an end to a consumer boycott there, the ANC said yesterday.

ANC spokesman Mr Rankoa Molefe said the farmers called for a halt to future marches, and their march was over.

Violence flared in the township recently after the town’s entire black workforce was sacked as a result of the boycott.

Nineteen Boitumeleng residents were arrested after allegedly stoning police.

At a meeting last Wednesday between the Bloemhof Business Centre and residents, brokered by the regional peace secretariat, agreement was reached on ending the boycott and the “unconditional release” of those detained, Mr Molefe said.

Police reneged on this, which led to a continuation of the boycott, the ANC alleged.

Workers had also not been reinstated, Mr Molefe said.

In another incident a pig was thrown into an Indian-owned shop, apparently in retaliation to the boycott, Mr Molefe said. — Sapa