

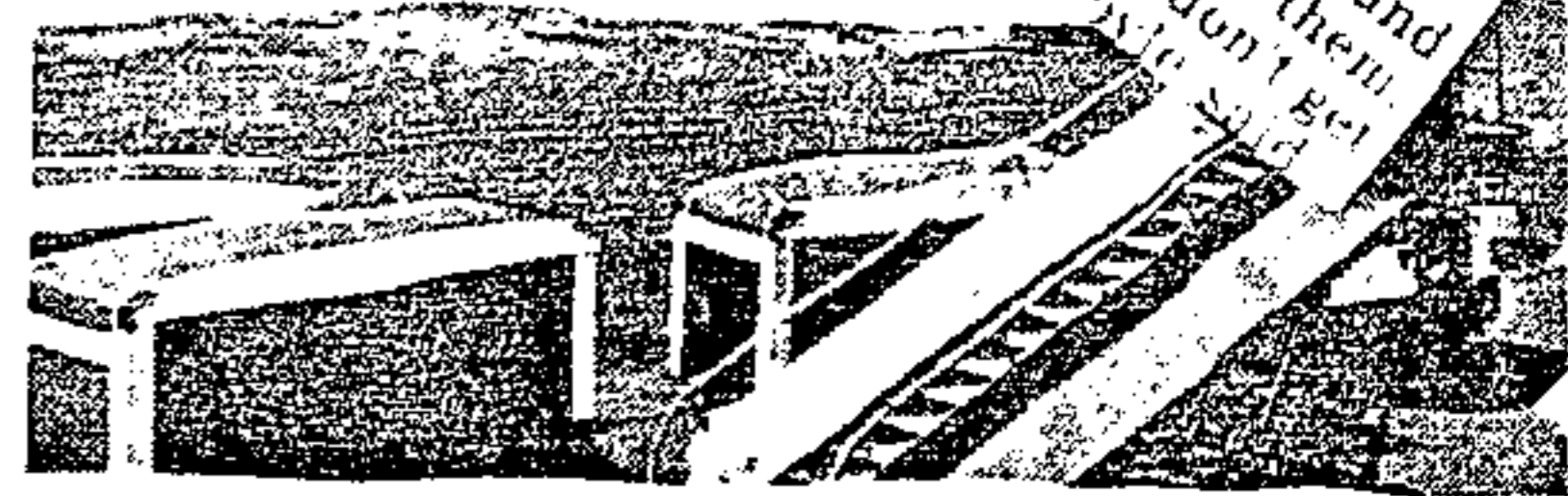
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OCTOBER — DEC.

Temperatures at other main centres in the East Cape varied between 32 and 36C.

According to the records of the local meteorological station the highest temperature recorded in East London in the past 45

Weather officials said the heatwave was restricted mainly to the immediate East London area and agricultural authorities said it would therefore have little effect on agricultural production.



Three Boeing 737s on the tarmac at East London airport. The high temperature would not have allowed them and I don't see how they can be there.

B. Dispatch
11/10/83
Sebe blames Cosas for fire-bombing

ZWELITSHA — President Sebe has blamed a student body, the Congress of South African students (Cosas), for the petrol bomb attack at the house of Deputy Minister of Defence, the Rev. V. G. Ntshinga.

At a press conference, President Sebe said the reason why Mr Ntshinga's house was attacked was because he had not

moved to the new ministerial houses. His house was exposed to such attacks.

"Cosas is a very ruthless youth organisation and there is proof that it is involved," he said.

The President said all involved had been arrested but he would not say how many as it would jeopardise police investigations.

President Sebe commended the Minister of Justice, Mr David Takane, and the Commissioner of Police in Ciskei, Brigadier Lula-ma Madolo, on the arrests.

He said Mr Ntshinga sustained no injuries and nor did any member of his family.

Asked to comment ab-

out the allegations made by the Transkei Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Mtutuzeli Lujabe, that Transkei is in possession of a list of its citizens murdered in the past, President Sebe said he would not "go down to the mud" to comment on Mr Lujabe's allegations.

"I am not sure whether Mr Lujabe is awake when he talks. He seems to be dreaming when he is talking," he said.

President Sebe said he was not involved in the Durban negotiations about the Mdantsane boycott between the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) and the Corporation of Economic Development. Saawu is banned in Ciskei. — SAPA.

Marg and oil prices to rise

JOHANNESBURG — The price of vegetable oil and margarine will increase by up to 20 per cent within the next month because the drought has forced South Africa to import oilseed.

This was announced yesterday by Mr Lance Japhet, chairman of the South African Oil Expressers Association and vice-chairman of the South African Margarine Manufacturers Association.

He said that due to the drought, less than half the local oilseed requirement had been produced and the country was forced to import from the US where prices had "skyrocketed" because of a drought there.

As a result of this, the import price of the raw material was the same as the consumer was paying for the retailed product, and the increase would be between 15 and 26 per cent, he said.

While a portion of the import costs of maize from the US were borne by the Treasury, the oilseed industry had no such "purse" to support them and they were thus forced to pass on costs.

"Even if we have good rains, local production would not step up until about April and the importation would have to continue for at least the next eight months," Mr Japhet said.

He said there was a certain amount stockpiled by firms in warehouses, and he did not foresee much likelihood of rises being necessary before the end of the year.

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Shock kills boy

JOHANNESBURG — A nine-year-old Brakpan schoolboy was electrocuted when he tried to turn on a tap in the bathroom of his home.

Carl van Wyk screamed in agony as the tap gave him an electric shock which killed him.

A home-made device, which was made out of the inside of a washing machine had been rigged up in the house to warm water as there was no geyser.

Police are investigating. — DDC.

R80 000 jackpot

JOHANNESBURG — A Western Transvaal doctor, a regular punter, had the biggest win of his life when he won

Ciskei holds students for petrol bomb attack

East London Bureau

ZWELITSHA. — An undisclosed number of Congress of South African Students (Cosas) members have been arrested in Ciskei in connection with the petrol bombing of a Minister's house on Tuesday.

President Lennox Sebe yesterday refused to reveal how many people had been held as it would "hamper investigations".

Accusing Cosas of the attack on the Zwelithsa home of the newly appointed Deputy Minister of Defence, the Rev V G Ntshinga, Chief Sebe said it was obvious that Cosas was a force to be reckoned with.

"This is a ruthless student organisation."

Chief Sebe said the arrests had been made soon after the attack. No one was injured in the incident.

Chief Sebe refused to comment on claims by Transkei's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Mtutuzeli Lujabe, that Transkeians had died in "callous murders" at the hands of Ciskeian police in Mdantsane.

In a war of words between the two Xhosa states this week, Mr Lujabe said he had a list of some Transkeians who had died in the recent unrest.

Chief Sebe refused to be drawn on the claims. Accusing Mr Lujabe of "dreaming most of the time", Chief Sebe said he was not sure whether Mr Lujabe was "awake when he writes".

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'Cosas' behind attacks

ZWELITSHA. — A student body, the Congress of South African Students (Cosas), was yesterday blamed for the "ruthless" attacks on the home of the Ciskeian Deputy Minister of Defence, the Rev V G Ngshinga, on Tuesday night.

Ciskeian President Lennox Sebe told a press conference in Zwelitsha Mr Ngshinga had not yet moved to his new ministerial house and that his present house was "exposed" to such attacks.

"Cosas is a very ruthless youth organization and there is proof that this organization is involved," he said.

All those involved were arrested but he could not say how many, as it would jeopardize police investigations.

President Sebe said one petrol bomb thrown into the main bedroom had not exploded. Neither Mr Ngshinga nor any members of his family were injured in the attack. — Sapa

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Treason: ANC men jailed

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MARITZBURG. — Three ANC terrorists convicted of high treason and terrorism were not criminals in the ordinary sense of the word as they were politically motivated, a Supreme Court judge said before passing sentence yesterday.

One man was jailed for 24 years and two others for 12 years by Mr Justice N S Page.

Lurgile Magxwalisa, 27, of Port Elizabeth was found guilty on two counts of treason relating to the attempted bombing of railway bridges at Upington and over the White Umfolozi River and other terrorism charges, including the shooting of two Piet Retief policemen in November last year.

He was sentenced to a total of 44 years but parts of the sentences will run concurrently.

Siphiwo Dinca, 23, also of Port Elizabeth, was convicted of high treason in the White Umfolozi incident, and

Mzwakhe Cikozani, 31, of the Ciskei, was convicted of terrorism on the same count.

They were both found guilty on additional terrorism charges of undergoing military training in foreign countries, including Angola and East Germany.

Aspirations

They were each sentenced to a total of 20 years with part of the sentences to run concurrently.

Mr Justice Page said the men were motivated by aspirations which they believed to be right and just. But such belief could not justify resorting to criminal methods to realize that cause.

Because of the firmness of their convictions he believed they would do the same thing if given the opportunity again. "I am regretfully driven to the conclusion that the only way to protect society is to ensure that you are not given that opportunity." — Sapa



Ex-Goon Spike Milligan delighted these children at D F M... gave them the small change he had i.

Phone booth flasher guilty

Staff Reporter

A DENTAL technician who exposed himself at a phone booth in Picbel Parkade suffered from a psycho-sexual disturbance which "flared up under emotional stress", a City magistrate heard yesterday.

This was said by a clinical psychologist, Dr Reyner van Zyl, who testified in mitigation of sentence for Heinz Dittrich, 41, of Bellville, who was convicted of criminal injuria.

Dittrich, the chief dental technician of the Dental Faculty of the University of the Western Cape, told Dr Van Zyl he exposed himself on August 12, shortly

The dental technician's problem had become worse because he had not sought help.

Dr Van Zyl recommended that Dittrich receive professional help for at least another year. To remove him from the community would mean dismissal from his job, further estrangement from his wife and children, and would "almost certainly" make him become a more introverted and tense individual.

An application for his name not to be published by the press was refused by the magistrate, Mr B Carrol.

Dittrich, who pleaded

Father fined for flashing

Staff Reporter

A WYNBERG motorist who exposed himself to a 14-year-old schoolgirl was fined R180 (or 90 days) yesterday for criminal injuria, and given a prison sentence of four months, suspended for four years.

Lionel Groenewald, 22, of Castletown Road, Wynberg, exposed himself after calling the schoolgirl over to his vehicle and asking directions in Lympleigh Road, Plumstead, on May 8, a Wynberg Magis-

Horoscope news by telex

By ANDREW DONALDSON

"LOVE matters reach a fever pitch of enjoyment. Cancerians can help you out the most with their supportive assistance. Stick to your philosophical beliefs."

That piece of valuable information for Scorpios comes via a new telex service that offers anybody, anywhere around the world, the latest developments in the United States — provided you have a teleprinter, of course.

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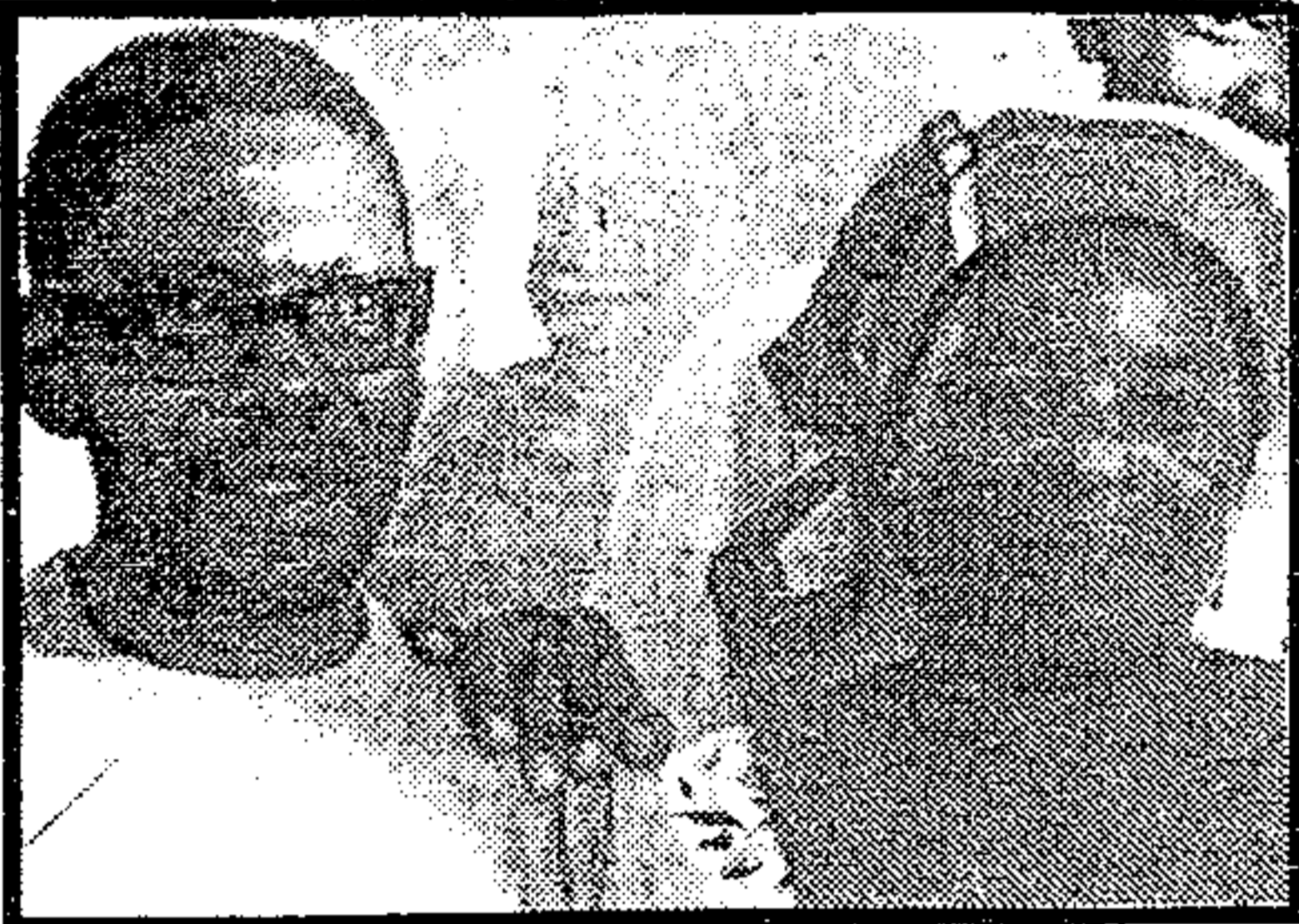
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Former ANC saboteur Curnick Ndhlovu comes home after 20 long years on Robben Island



ABOVE: Curnick Ndhlovu with wife Beauty Rose. They were parted after only seven months of marriage. **BELOW:** Curnick with mum Amelia



Free again!

By MARLAN PADAYACHEE

ONE-TIME saboteur Curnick Ndhlovu stepped out of the past after 20 years behind bars on Robben Island this week, to kiss the bride he left behind after only seven months of marriage.

"I am so happy Curnick has come home at last," a delighted Beauty Rose said yesterday.

"It has been 20 hard years, doing any work I could find."

Her husband's return home this week meant the end of once-a-year visits to Cape Town by train to see him.

Curnick's release from a Durban prison on Tuesday was unannounced. He walked to freedom to become a face in the crowd, when he boarded a bus home to KwaMashu this week.

Many of the passengers on the bus were not born when Ndhlovu was among the 18 ANC members convicted in 1963 for sabotage and sentenced to the maximum security prison off the Cape mainland for politically-inspired crimes.

He was one of the saboteurs responsible for dynamiting powerline pylons in New Germany, Sarnia and Montclair in Natal during 1962.

In the marathon Pietermaritzburg sabotage trial all the accused were sentenced to a total of 206 years on 28 counts of sabotage by the Judge President, Mr Justice Milne.

This week there were no garlands, champagne or cheering crowds to greet the former political activist when he and an inmate, Samuel Mohlomi, who served six years and seven months of his seven year sentence for an unrelated ANC activity, sat side by side taking in the development on the old North Coast Road.

The two men spoke softly to each other but Ndhlovu cannot be quoted because he is listed, a legacy from the Department of Justice which effectively cuts him off from a leadership role.

But the word soon spread that Ndhlovu was home and some of the men who stood trial and had completed their shorter sentences rushed to his simple, matchbox council house in the F section of the sprawling North Durban township.

Old prison stories unfolded when former Robben Islanders Natvarlal Babenia, Kisten Doorsamy, Patrick Lekota and Bongani Ntsele recalled their life on the island.

The happy band toasted the release cheerfully with soft drinks.

And their eyes were fixed on the 51-year-old man whom they regard as something of a celebrity.

Curnick showed them his souvenir, a pair of prison boots.

Lekota, publicity secretary of the new alliance of anti-Government bodies, the United Democratic Front, wasted no time in filling Curnick in on the latest political developments as the veteran activist sat listening and occasionally breaking into a smile.

For Curnick's 71-year-old mother Mrs Amelia Ndhlovu, her fervent wish was granted.

"I never thought I would see my son again. When I found out that he was coming home I cried, I expected to see a grey, bent old man. But instead my son looks fit and healthy.

"Now I want to spend more time with him and get to know him again," the old lady said yesterday.

In the Fifties, when Curnick was working as a railway worker, he formed the Railway Workers' Union.

Later he became general secretary of the now outlawed South African Congress of Trade Unions (Sactu) following the banning of another key figure in the movement, Billy Nair.

Curnick and Nair were the only two of the 18 convicted men who admitted to being members of the Natal regional command of the ANC's military wing, Umkonto We Sizwe (Spear of the Nation), who carried out the acts of sabotage.

The official release date for both men was set for February 27 next year but Ndhlovu, who was moved from Robben Island in May last year to the Leeuwkop Prison, was given a five-month remission.

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Cosa

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KING WILLIAMS
TOWN. — The Congress
of South African Stu-
dents (Cosa) has denied
it was involved in a pet-
rol-bomb attack on the
home of the Ciskei Dep-
uty Minister of Defence.

President Lennox
Sebe alleged at a press
conference last week
that Cosas was responsi-
ble.

Denying the accusa-
tion, a Cosas spokes-
man, Mr Bonginkosi
Mgabadel, said in a
statement yesterday
that his organization
was a non-violent one
and had nothing to do
with the alleged attack.

Mr Mgabadel also de-
nied Cosas involvement
in school boycotts on
September 14.

Toilet saves man from bomb death

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News Service

WINDHOEK. — A call of nature saved a petrol attendant from death when a bomb blast destroyed part of the drive-in area of a suburban service station here at dawn today.

The attendant, Mr Nehemia Ndjaranguru, was in the toilet shortly before 5am when the bomb — a magnetic limpet mine — exploded.

Mr Ndjaranguru had been dozing in the blast area only about 10 minutes before the explosion.

"Big noise"

He said he noticed no one suspicious during the night.

His first indication of the bomb was when he heard a "big noise" and the ground shook while he was in the toilet.

No one has claimed responsibility for the blast and security police said no one had been arrested.

The blast destroyed three petrol pumps, sent debris flying through the canopy of the drive-in area and shattered windows.

Inquest

The magnetic mine was apparently attached to one of the pumps.

No one was injured.

Firemen quickly doused flames from burning fuel which leaked from the damaged pumps.

The explosion at the Klein Windhoek service station is thought to have been caused by Swapo saboteurs to coincide with the opening yesterday of an inquest in Rundu, on the Okavango River border with Angola.

Custody

The inquest is trying to establish the cause of death of a Kavango teacher, Mr Jona Hamukwaya, who died while in custody of the South African Police counter-insurgency unit, Koevoet.

The head of the South African security police here, Colonel Sarel Strydom, said today he did not know who placed the bomb.

Clenched fist as students face treason charges

ARGUS 6/10/83

Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A Witwatersrand University student, Carl Gerhardus Niehaus, 23, waved a clenched fist after being told by a magistrate here that he is to appear in the Supreme Court on a treason charge on November 7.

Mr Niehaus and his fiancée, Miss Johanna Lourens, 23, a mathematics teacher at the C J Botha High School in Bosmont, will both be charged with treason, terrorism (under the Internal Security Act) and two other charges under the Internal Security Act.

They will be charged with being members of the banned African National Congress and with furthering the aims of this organisation, and with alternative charges of terrorism.

PAMPHLETS

The State alleges they formed an organisation called the Afrikaanse Sosialistiese Alliansie (ASA) for the purpose of supporting the ANC, the Communist Party of South Africa and the South African Congress of Trade Unions (Sactu), among others.

They are also alleged to have distributed pamphlets, some of which called for a rejection of military service.

An indictment for the Rand Supreme Court for the two alleges that they helped four people to leave the country with the object of joining the ANC, and "identified a gas factory of the Johannesburg City Council as a target of sabotage for the ANC".

COPIES

Several documents attached to the indictment are alleged to be copies of those distributed by the two.

These include a document entitled Stand up Against the Oppressors — Resist National Service, and A Luta Continua! — a document published by the ASA.

Grenade kills man after train gunfight

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Passengers on board a train in the North-Eastern Cape dived for cover yesterday when police fought a gunbattle with a suspected terrorist.

The unidentified man was killed and two others injured when a handgrenade exploded during the shoot-out between police and an armed man on board the train near Aliwal North in the North-Eastern Cape yesterday.

Police stopped the train on route to Burgersdorp.

A young Railways policeman had a narrow escape when he tried to apprehend the man on board the train at Aliwal North station shortly before 1pm.

Police said when he confronted the suspect, the man identified himself as a terrorist and pulled out a firearm. To escape being shot, the policeman jumped through the window as the train left the station.

He informed police who chased the train for 16km as it was travelling towards Burgersdorp.

Police stopped the train and were immediately fired upon with an unidentified weapon. A gunbattle ensued and the man is believed to

have tried to throw a handgrenade.

However, it exploded, killing him instantly and wounding two men who were in the passenger coach.

They were taken to the hospital at Aliwal North for treatment.

A police spokesman said last night investigations were continuing.

"We still don't know the identity of the terrorist or what weapon he used during the gunbattle."

The names of those injured were not released.

Terrorist Shoot-out On Alival North train

EAST LONDON — A suspected terrorist was killed during a gun-battle with police at a railway siding near Alival North yesterday afternoon.

The shoot-out started after the police had stopped the train in which the man was travelling.

According to police information the man was killed when a hand-grenade exploded in his hand.

The incident was confirmed by the Commissioner of Railway Police, Lieutenant-General J.H. Visagie, and Lieutenant T.F. Jefferson of the SA Police liaison department.

The dead man was first spotted on the train while it was standing at Alival North station about 1.20 pm.

A railway police constable was checking passenger in compartments when he came across the man and immediately became suspicious.

He started questioning the man, who was the only occupant of the compartment, when he suddenly had a gun drawn on him and was told to "clear off".

**By BILL
GODDARD**

The constable ran to his offices for help, but when the group of railway police got back to the platform they found the train had already left for Burgersdorp.

The railway police then called in the assistance of the SA Police and a team made up of men from both forces raced off in cars to chase the train.

The police team got to Masanga siding — about 16 km from Alival North — ahead of the train and signalled it to stop when it arrived shortly afterwards.

As the police approached the carriage in which the suspected terrorist was travelling they were greeted by a volley of gunshots.

The police returned the fire and a hand-grenade was thrown from the window of the man's compartment.

The hand-grenade fell short and it exploded without causing any damage.

Police then threw canisters of tear-gas into the man's compartment while shots continued to be exchanged.

There was a sudden lull in gun-fire from the train and the next thing the team of policemen heard an explosion on the far side of the carriage.

When they went round to investigate they found the man had been blasted to pieces — evidently by a hand-grenade.

No serious damage was caused to the train, but two passengers sustained minor injuries.

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Court Reporter

AN INFORMAL inquiry was held in the Ladysmith Magistrate's Court yesterday on the death of a black man who died in an explosion believed to have been caused by a hand grenade.

The Court heard how on April 20 a crowd of blacks had gathered at Wittekleinfontein in the district of eZakheni to discuss the friction between the various factions in the area.

According to one witness, Mr Gudluka Ndebele, the man thought to have been dressed in camouflage uniform had held an object which the witness described as green and shiny.

He said the man asked him to come and see the

object. He said he replied he could not as he was eating.

He told the Court how he heard a loud explosion, began running and fell down with an injury to his leg.

The man, later identified as Mr Kufakwezwe Sikhakhane, aged about 30, died from multiple internal and external injuries.

Another man, Mr Jim Mabaso aged about 55 also died on May 4 in hospital from an abscess in his lung. It was believed to have been a result of the explosion.

It was suspected the explosion was caused by a hand grenade as pieces of shrapnel were found.

The inquest was heard before Mr C R Dicks.

Mr T C L Colditz appeared for the State.

SPECIAL REPORT

Pretoria has seen the enemy and the enemy is the ANC

How vulnerable is the SA Government?

By DAVID WINDER

THE atmosphere was electric. Thousands of blacks were marching on Johannesburg. Tens of thousands were marching on Cape Town. The police and army roared into action. Roadblocks shot up. Tanks rolled into position. Jet fighters buzzed black crowds at rooftop level.

The time: March 1960. It was the month of mass passive resistance demonstrations against the South African race laws. It was also the time of Sharpeville, when 69 blacks protesting at the carrying of passes were shot dead by the South African Police.

The South African Government was facing its sternest test. There was an alarming flight of capital out of the country. Either the Government would regain control through a massive crackdown, or the resistance movement would seize this opportunity to change the existing apartheid order.

Reports of nationwide unrest snowballed on the day of Sharpeville. A prominent professor on the small campus of the University of Natal in Maritzburg then gathered his white students together, and in the hushed tones of one who believes history is in the making, said flatly: "I think the Government will fall tonight."

"We thought exactly the same thing at the time," says Mfanafuthi Makatini, who heads the observer mission to the United Nations of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC).

The Government didn't fall. It prevailed through batons and banning orders, through sweeping pre-dawn raids on the houses of suspected revolutionaries and through a flurry of legislation that tightened the screws on political dissent. African (black), Indian, and white opponents of the Government were scooped up in the detention net.

Organisations such as the PAC and its rival, the Pan African Congress (PAC), were banned shortly after Sharpeville. Hundreds of activists like Mr Makatini and the ANC's current president, Oliver Tambo, escaped through neighbouring African countries and regrouped to fight another day.

Within the last two years the underground resistance movement, which has become virtually synonymous with the ANC, has carried out over a hundred highly selected acts of sabotage that have put South Africa's security forces on edge and left whites uneasy about what might follow next.

By all accounts, including reports from South African intelligence, Pretoria has seen the enemy and the enemy is the ANC.

How vulnerable, then, is the South African Government? Who belongs to the ANC, and what is its strategy? To what extent will strife in South Africa drag in South Africa's closest black neighbours — Angola, Zambia, Botswana, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Mozambique, and Tanzania — to which South African political opponents have fled?

These questions are uppermost in the minds of Africa watchers. They have become more pressing since the ANC claimed responsibility for the May 20 1983 bomb attack outside Air Force Headquarters, Pretoria. As many as 17 people were killed, eight of them black, and more than 200 injured in South Africa's worst incident of sabotage.

The latest ANC attack, together with earlier bombings of the Sasol and Koeberg plants and rocket attacks on the centre of the South African military establishment, point to an efficient and sophisticated operation.

The sudden resurgence of ANC activity is traced to the 1976 Soweto riots when African schoolchildren resisted learning the Afrikaans language as a compulsory subject in school. Press reports at the time estimated the number of fatalities, including children, at between 172 and 600. Thousands of politicised students fled the country and took up

arms in ANC camps. They apparently pushed the leadership to take more drastic action.

Until then, the ANC was belittled in the eyes of other world revolutionaries as too comfortable and too cozy; an organisation of largely middle-class coat-and-tie professionals that had little to show for the 70-odd years it had been around.

That image now has changed so dramatically that the whole destiny of Southern Africa — triggered by sabotage within the white-ruled Republic and by retaliatory raids and explosions in neighbouring African states carried out by South Africa or sympathetic groups — is directly linked to ANC activity. This is because South African retaliatory attacks are directed at countries that Pretoria suspects are launching pads for guerilla attacks into South Africa.

South Africa enjoys the position of a regional superpower. Its gross national product is 10 times that of

porting the ANC. And Mozambique, in spite of the Marxist character of its government, is dependent for its economic survival on South Africa.

In spite of growing African reluctance to provoke South Africa, Western diplomats doubt whether African states would ever turn their backs completely on fraternal ties with the ANC. The ANC, for instance, has its headquarters in Lusaka, the capital of Zambia. It maintains a school for some 900 students in Morogoro, Tanzania. ANC refugees have been present in all the neighbouring states. But South African pressure has been so evident in the last few months that it has neutralised the countries of Botswana and Swaziland, which have virtually given the ANC its marching orders to leave. Angola and Mozambique, two Marxist neighbours of South Africa, are also restraining ANC activity.

Zambia's position is described as a country that accepts the political

invasion of Lebanon of ANC officials given PLO military training.

The ANC insists that it has no bases in neighbouring countries nor does it allow its members to carry guns in these countries. The ANC has conceded that in March 1979 South African jets tried to knock out a military training school in Angola.

The heat that South Africa is applying to its northern neighbours is apparently forcing the ANC to move its camps further north. According to Thomas Karis, a professor at the Graduate School of the City University in New York City and an acknowledged expert on the ANC: "Training goes on continually in a number of countries, but they're not in the front-line states. They're very careful about that."

According to Professor Karis and other ANC experts, much of the training is carried out by East Germans. South African sources agree that East Germans are involved, adding that the Soviet Union, Libya, and the United Nations are prominent among those funding the ANC.

The UN, which provides development and support programmes, is known to fund several world liberation movements such as the ANC.

Yet preoccupation with the ANC outside the borders of South Africa begs the question of how much the ANC is a direct threat to South Africa from within South Africa.

There is some suggestion that South Africa's much publicised attacks north of its borders are calculated not only to cow the neighbouring or so-called front-line states, but also to create an illusion to quiet agitated whites that the threat to their lives comes from beyond the country's borders.

The quandary as to how far South African authorities wish to admit either the number of ANC fighters who might have crossed the borders back into South Africa or the groundswell of support within the resident black population is revealed by the conflicting evidence emanating from South Africa.

In February last year the Rabie Commission for Security dismissed the threat of the ANC by saying that only a small minority of Africans belonged to the ANC. An official of the South African embassy in Washington said the number of ANC within the country is "very, very small indeed". South African military spokesmen, however, have spoken of "guerillas everywhere".

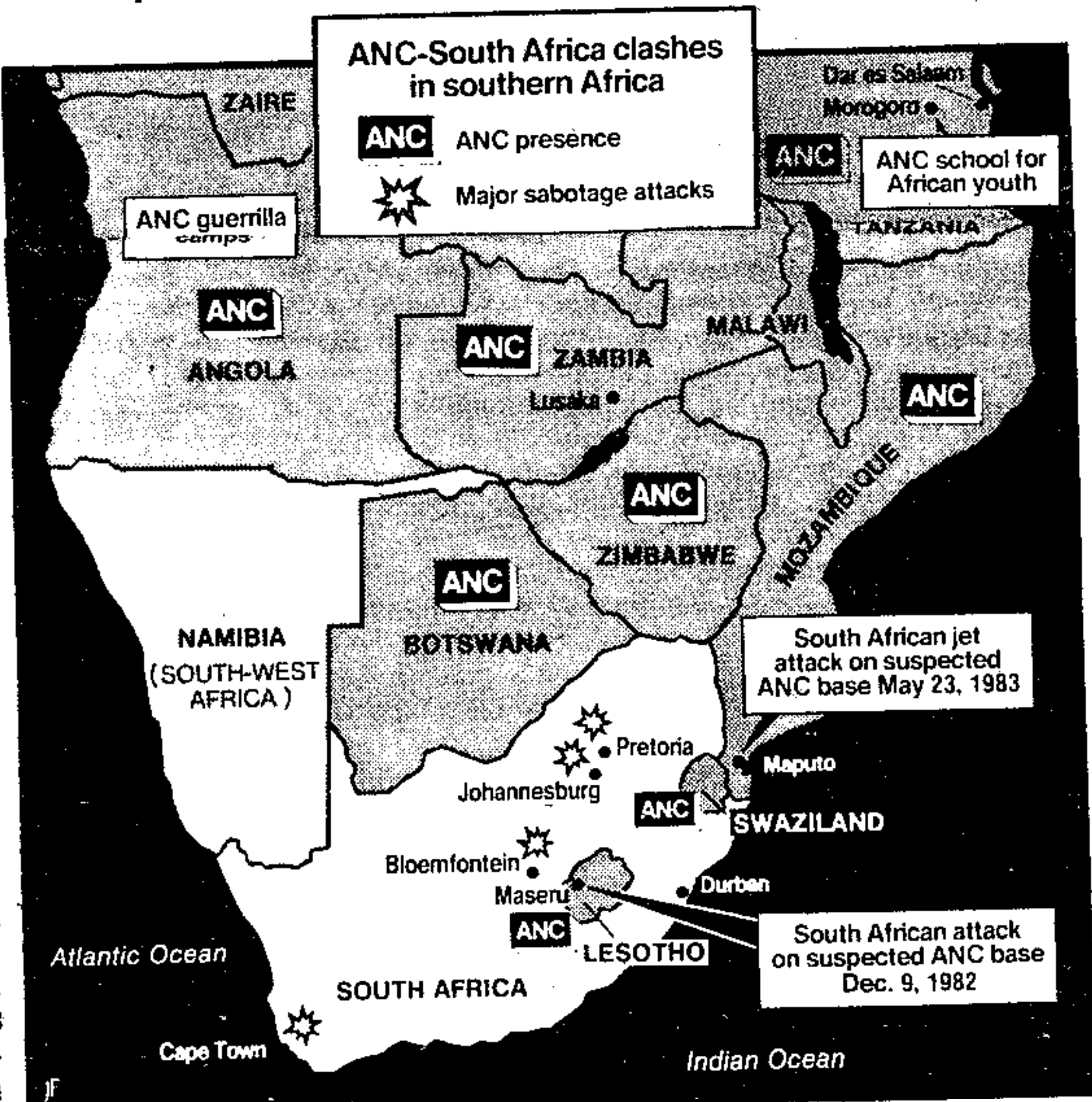
How well some ANC members have been able to penetrate South Africa, avoiding detection, is provided by Tom Lodge of the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, who has made a thorough study of the ANC.

According to South African Press accounts, Professor Lodge cites the example of one insurgent who entered the country in 1979 and was captured only 21 months later after he was involved in attacks on police stations — at Moroka, Orlando, and Wonderboom in the Pretoria-Johannesburg area — and in the limpet mining of a power plant in Pretoria.

According to a purported classified US intelligence document, dated April 15 1982, which came into the hands of Trans-Africa, a black American lobby group on African affairs, the ANC has 1 000 to 2 000 persons taking military training outside South Africa. The document also says there are perhaps 2 000 to 3 000 persons inside South Africa who secretly belong to the banned organisation.

A number of African experts, pressed on this point, say that nobody is sure about ANC numbers, but a consensus is that with 1976 riots in Soweto some 4 000 to 6 000 young Africans fled South Africa and enlisted with the military wing of the ANC outside the country's borders. Estimates put the number of ANC guerillas outside South Africa at upward of 5 000.

Despite these acts of sabotage,



its Southern African neighbours. Its army is one of the strongest and best trained on the African continent. Living side by side with white-ruled South Africa are economically and militarily weak black African states that now know that, given a pretext, the giant next door will not hesitate to blast countries it suspects of harbouring ANC groups.

On December 9 1982, South Africa struck in a lightning commando raid against suspected ANC guerillas in Maseru, the capital of Lesotho. At least 40 people were killed. On May 23 this year South African jets attacked what turned out to be a jam factory in Maputo, Mozambique's capital. Six people were killed and more than 20 were wounded.

Both attacks, whose severity shocked neighbouring African states, were regarded by many Western diplomats as overkill, particularly since South Africa has failed to provide convincing evidence of ANC military bases.

But the political lesson that South African intended to deliver was apparently taken to heart for most of its neighbours are showing much greater wariness now about sup-

presence of the ANC, but for hard-nosed economic reasons discourages any ANC military activity.

Zambia's southern neighbour, Zimbabwe, although a Marxist state, also takes a pragmatic line and tries to keep its hands clean of military involvement with the ANC.

Only tiny Lesotho, to the amazement of Western diplomats, seems to refuse to get the message that it mustn't mix co-existence with South Africa and shelter for ANC guerillas — although here, too, there are signs that Lesotho is looking for a way out.

From time to time the ANC has had training camps in many Southern African states and has held mock battles in anticipation of possible encounters with South African forces. The most conspicuous training grounds have been in northern Angola, with small commando units popping up in South Africa from across several national borders.

The South African embassy also insists there are bases in Zambia and Mozambique, but for security reasons declines to elaborate. An embassy official claims evidence was found in Beirut after the Israeli

Evolution of the ANC

- 1912 ANC founded.
- 1949 Programme of Action, including non-violent civil disobedience, starts.
- 1953 Civil disobedience discontinued when South African Government passed law providing stiff penalties for those who break even minor laws.
- 1959 All-black Pan-African Congress (PAC) forms in protest of ANC's multiracial membership.
- March 1960 Nationwide passive resistance demonstrations. 69 killed at Sharpeville. South Africa declares state of emergency.
- April 8 1960 ANC, declared illegal, goes underground.
- Dec 1961 ANC leader Nelson Mandela forms military wing of the ANC. The group begins its sabotage campaign.
- 1963 South African Police find underground ANC headquarters in Johannesburg suburb of Rivonia.
- 1964 Mandela convicted at Rivonia trial and is given a life sentence.
- 1976 Riot in Soweto against forced use of Afrikaans language in school curriculum. Thousands of school-age children flee South Africa; many link up with ANC forces outside the country.
- June 1980 Bombing of Sasol, South Africa's oil-from-coal refinery.
- August 1981 Rocket attack on Voortrekkerhoogte, Pretoria centre of country's military establishment.
- Dec 9 1982 South Africa, in retaliation for alleged ANC sabotage staged from bases in Lesotho, attacks ANC residences in Lesotho, capital of Maseru. 40 killed.
- Dec 18 1982 Bombing of South Africa's only nuclear power station at Koeberg, outside Cape Town.
- May 20 1983 Car bomb explodes outside Air Force Headquarters, Pretoria. 17 killed, more than 200 injured in worst sabotage incident in South African history.
- May 23 1983 South Africa retaliates with air strike against suspected ANC targets in Mozambique's capital. 6 killed, more than 20 wounded.
- June 9 1983 Three ANC members charged with attacking police stations hanged.

Gwendolen M Carter of Indiana University, a longtime observer of the Southern African scene, believes that the ANC is more concerned with "winning the hearts and minds" of the black population than scoring military victories.

Says William J Foltz, professor of political science at Yale University: "What is of interest is not the number of armed people they have. It is the number of people building networks and building cell structures in South Africa."

What acts of sabotage achieve, these experts say, is to publicise to blacks within South Africa that the ANC is the one organisation that is fighting the Government.

To Professor Foltz, "the ANC almost certainly represents in an aspirational sense the feeling of a large proportion of the black population."

But one American analyst of the ANC is concerned about the future if bombings become more frequent and the Government is forced to take stronger measures.

That, he implied, would present the ANC with a moral dilemma in which retribution could far outweigh the crime. © 1983 The Christian Science Monitor.

Tankers hit Warmbaths blasts

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By Mike Cohen, Crime Reporter

A series of limpet mine explosions rocked the small Northern Transvaal town of Warmbaths early today, destroying 10 petrol tanks and tankers and causing a raging blaze visible from several kilometres away.

Two unexploded limpet mines were found attached to a door at the local municipal offices.

They were removed by bomb experts and exploded under packed sandbags near the town.

The initial blast took place at 2.20 am at the railway siding. Six large petrol tanks, three railway petrol tanks and one vehicle tank were destroyed in the blaze, which raged for several hours.

Reinforcements called in

The local fire department, police and volunteer workers were called to extinguish the fire. Reinforcements from other municipal fire departments assisted.

A spokesman for police headquarters in Pretoria said nobody was injured in the blasts.

Residents living about 2 km away from the siding said they were awakened at about 2 am by five loud explosions. One family from Jinnah Park said they looked out towards the station and saw the night sky 'lit up with fire'.

Burning tanker saved

Only one of the 12 tankers which began burning after the blasts was saved by members of the local fire department.

Police cordoned the area off. Curious residents were kept well away from the fire by the police and the tremendous heat.

Police have not released full details of the other two limpet mines found on the door of the municipal offices. Limpet mines cannot be defused and must be exploded once set. They were removed to a safe area, packed with sandbags and then exploded.

No group has claimed responsibility for this latest attack.

Witnesses said eight tanks, each capable of holding 82 000 litres of fuel, were damaged.

One tank was peeled open and blown off its mountings, another blown off its stands, two others melted on their mountings and four others were extensively damaged.

A nightwatchman at the plant said he ran out of the building only to be driven back by the intensity of the flames which lit up the entire town "like daylight."

Flames leapt as high as 300 m into the air.

Eye-witnesses said the firemen were unable to get near the blaze for some time because of the extreme heat.

Five attacks

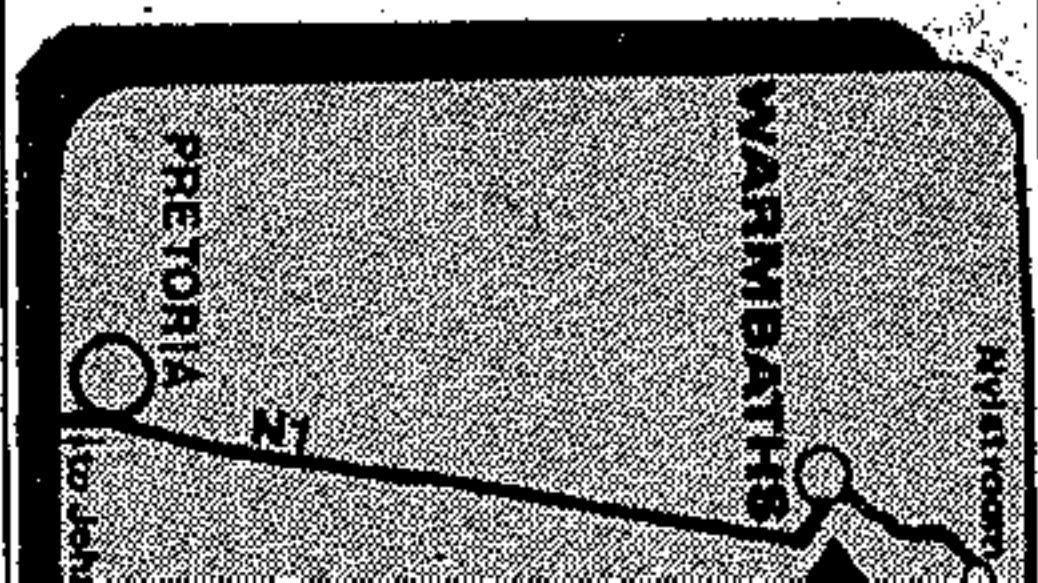
Since May this year there have been five limpet mine attacks in South Africa.

On August 6, two explosions extensively damaged the Temple Israel synagogue in Hillbrow.

On August 26, the Ciskeian Government offices in the 50-storey Carlton Centre were damaged and one person was injured by flying glass in a limpet mine explosion.

This was followed by a similar blast at the Ciskeian offices in Pretoria on September 11.

Sub-stations in Bryanston, Sandton, and Fairland, Johannesburg, were damaged by explosions on the same day.



Warmbaths: ANC claims responsibility for blasts

By Trevor Jones and
Mike Cohen

The African National Congress, in a statement issued in Lusaka, today officially claimed responsibility for yesterday's limpet mine blasts at Warmbaths.

In the statement the ANC said a unit of Umkhonto we Sizwe (the military wing of the ANC) yesterday "blasted fuel storage tanks at a railway siding in Warmbaths".

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, reacted to the statement saying: "The claiming of responsibility for the attack, coupled with the fact that the timing of the other limpet mines in the community hall was timed to go off after the main blast, proves beyond any doubt that the ANC is now opting for civilian targets and lives."

Earlier today he said the two unexploded limpet mines found by accident by a municipal worker were planned to wipe out top Civil Defence officials and police. The officials would have gathered at the town's municipal offices after explosions rocked the town.

Three explosions caused extensive damage at a railway siding in the small Transvaal town early yesterday morning. Six petrol storage tanks, two railway petrol tankers and a road transport petrol truck were destroyed by the explosions.

A spokesman for police headquarters in Pretoria said today the mines were found by a municipal employee on his way to work. He contacted the police and bomb disposal experts moved in.

Limpet mines cannot be defused once set and the experts had to move them to an open area and explode them under packed sandbags.

The two-pronged attack was described by the Mr le Grange as "the very first of its sort and well planned".

Tomorrow morning the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, will go ahead with plans to open the Transvaal Municipal Association congress in the town despite the acts of terror there yesterday.

The congress starts today with executive meetings. It is being held at the Minnebron Hotel — opposite the municipal offices where the two mines were found attached to the front door.

Limpet mines have now been used in 23 attacks on various targets in South Africa in the last three years.

● See Page 6 of the World section.

Limpet mine — the undersized armament with the big impact

By Trevor Jones,
Crime Staff

The limpet mine, a device almost unheard of in South Africa until a few years ago, has now made its presence felt in a dramatic way, being used in recent attacks on electrical sub-stations, the Ciskeian Embassy and a Johannesburg synagogue.

Figures given exclusively to The Star by the police show that limpet mines have been used in 22 attacks in the last three years. The African National Congress has claimed responsibility for all the attacks.

The power of the limpet mine — a relatively small explosive device — and the extent of the damage it can cause were brought home forcefully when it was used for the first time on the Sasol I plant at Sasolburg in June 1980.



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However the mine's use has been extended and this year it was used in the attacks on Temple Israel in Hillbrow in August and on the Ciskeian Embassy a month later.

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At a recent security conference, Colonel Jack Buchner of the SAP's Terrorism Research Unit, said it was possible for three or four of the mines to be strapped to a person's body and be unnoticed if covered by an overcoat.

A police spokesman in Pretoria has added that the limpet mine is a tested weapon which requires only elementary training. It can also be painted to blend in with the surroundings of its intended location.

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SAP guide to civilian action when there is an explosion

Crime Staff

There are three types of limpet mine manufactured by the Soviet Union, says the authoritative publication, Jane's Military Vehicles and Ground Support Equipment.

These are the plastic limpet mine, the turtle limpet mine and the BPM-2 limpet mine. All three are similar in shape and size. The ANC mostly uses the plastic limpet mine.

A description of the mine and its workings, formerly classified as secret, has been released to The Star by Police Headquarters in Pretoria.

The mine is made of moulded plastic and is detonated by a mechanical time delay. Its shape is semi-cylindrical and it is 11.43 cm in diameter. It weighs 2.68 kg and is 26.67 cm long.

It is attached to metal with two whorl-type magnets. The mine can also be strapped to any non-magnetic object.

- Depending on the temperature and the thickness of the tab, the wire takes a predetermined time to cut through the tab. Then the spring is released and drives the firing pin into the detonator, exploding the mine.
- If a bomb explodes nearby, you may have a few seconds to react. The way you do this is of vital importance, according to a set of guidelines issued by the police.
- A bomb kills and injures a limited number of people in its immediate vicinity, but the results of the blast such as shrapnel, shockwaves, broken glass and debris have an effect over a much wider area.
- The police have therefore advised the public to take these steps after an explosion:
 - Do not panic. Keep calm.
 - Take cover by lying face-downwards on the ground. Make use of anything which could prevent injury by flying objects or glass.
 - Emerge from your cover only after the situation has stabilised.
 - Pedestrians should leave the scene as soon as it is safe.
- Contact the police as soon as possible as you could assist by giving an account which could help their investigations.
- If you are trained in first aid, assist those injured until professional help arrives.
- People in a building or office where there has been an explosion should stay there as long as it is safe and until organised evacuation takes place. Do not panic and run to elevators and exits as this can be very dangerous. Stay away from windows.
- If a fire breaks out, normal fire drill should be followed.
- Unless it has to be done to save a life, do not touch or remove any object as you may destroy clues.
- To prevent unauthorised entry and looting the area will be cordoned off by the police. Co-operate when this happens.
- Be aware of the danger posed by damaged power lines and cables.
- The police have emphasised that these are only elementary guidelines. Every situation will be different and may demand different reactions.

WHERE THE ATTACKS TOOK PLACE

These are some of the targets which have been attacked with limpet mines in the last three years.

June 1 1980	Sasol I	Sasolburg
June 2 1980	Sasol II	Secunda
June 2 1980	Natref Plant	Secunda
June 21 1981	Electrical sub-station	Durban
April 3 1981	Fuel Storage Depot	Alberton (defused)
July 3 1981	Power station	Arnott (E TV)
July 21 1981	Power station	Camden (E TV)
July 21 1981	Delmas sub-station	Eastern Transvaal
July 21 1981	Sasol III water pipeline	Secunda
October 22 1981	Escorn transformer	Withbank
October 23 1981	Escorn transformer	Pretoria
November 12 1981	Rosslyn sub-station	Pretoria
November 14 1981	Capital Park sub-station	Eastern Transvaal
December 28 1982	Hectorspruit rail yard	Natal North Coast
May 8 1982	Mzuke rail yard	Hillbrow
November 6 1983	Temple Israel	Bryanston
August 10 1983	Escorn sub-station	Randburg
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September 11 1983	Ciskeian Embassy	Pretoria



From Russia... explosively

PM to open congress as planned

Botha is

undeterred by blasts

By GERALD REILLY
and EMELIA JAROSCHEK

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THE Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, is going ahead with plans to open the Transvaal Municipal Association congress in Warmbaths tomorrow despite saboteurs blowing up an oil storage depot in the town yesterday.

This was confirmed last night by a spokesman for the Prime Minister who said: "Mr Botha is still going to Warmbaths, as scheduled."

TMA officials also said the opening programme would go ahead as planned.

The congress, which starts today with executive meetings, is being held at the Minnebron Hotel — opposite the municipal offices where two limpet mines were discovered attached to the front door early yesterday.

The mines did not go off, but three other explosions — which did not cause any loss of life — shook the town at 2.30am yesterday. Police immediately cordoned off the central Transvaal as they hunted for the saboteurs but by last night no organisation had claimed responsibility for the explosions.

Six fuel storage tanks, two railway tankers, and a road tanker on an oil company's private railway siding were set alight when the limpet mines blew up within seconds of each other.

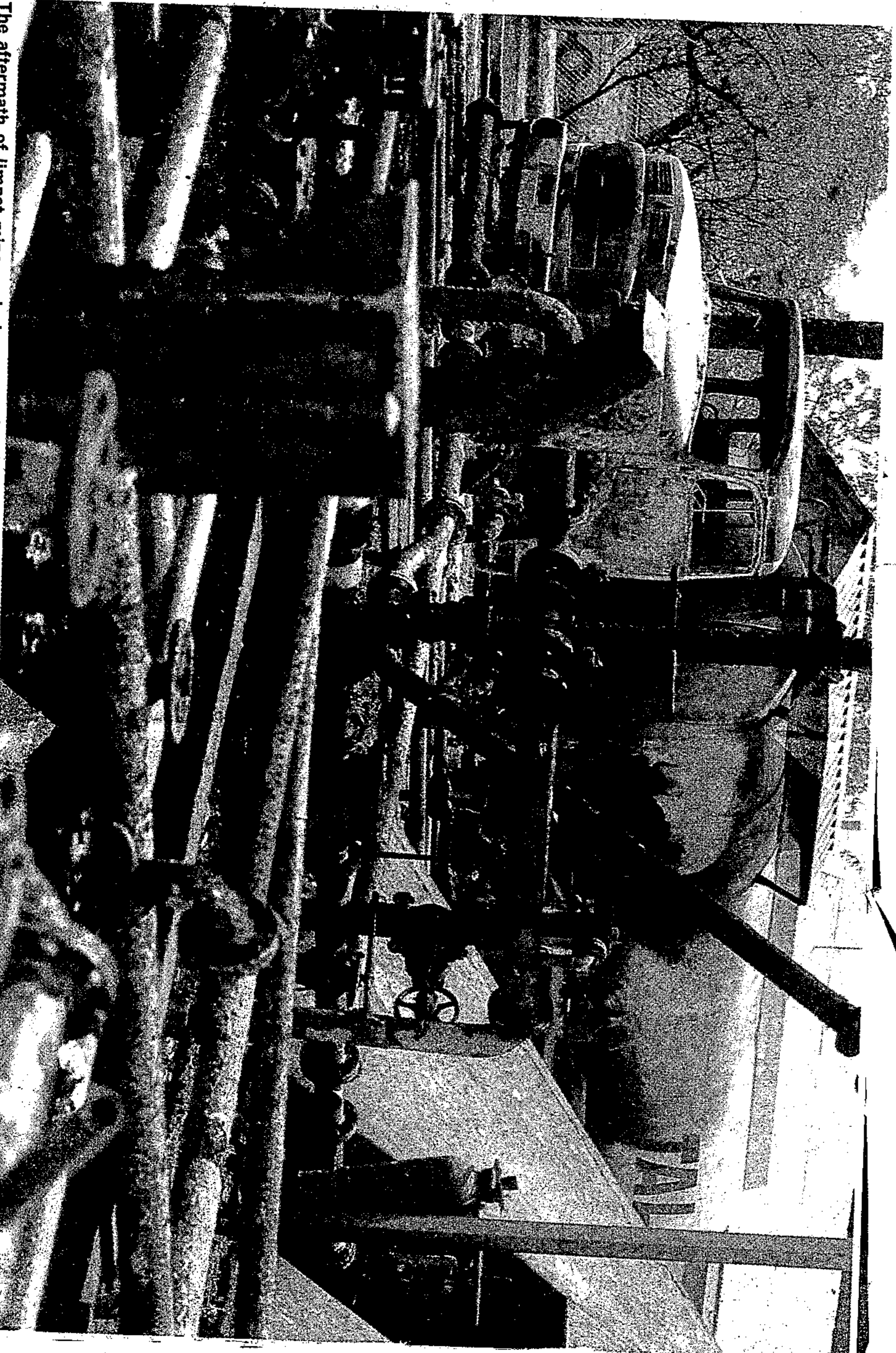
The mines attached to the front doors of the town's municipal offices were found by a man on his way to work.

The municipal offices are right opposite the mineral springs resort, where hundreds of holiday-makers were spending the long weekend.

The mines were removed by a police bomb disposal squad, and exploded after being snatched by sandbags.

Lieutenant-Colonel Chris Coetzee, of the police directorate of public relations, confirmed last night the two limpet mines had been removed by explosives experts and detonated later under sandbags outside the town.

Col Coetzee said it was still too early to state that the fuel depot blasts were definitely the work of saboteurs despite the discovery of the limpet mines.



The aftermath of limpet mine explosions ... twisted metal and a shattered tanker at the Warmbaths fuel depot which was hit by saboteurs early yesterday. Six fuel storage tanks, two railway tankers and a road tanker on the oil company's private railway siding were set alight.

Picture: PAUL BOSMAN

"We are investigating every possibility," he said. Residents said thick clouds of black smoke and flames billowed up more than 100m into the air after the explosion.

According to witnesses, one of the petrol storage tanks — each of which held about 36 000l of fuel — was peeled open and blown off its mountings by the force of the blasts, while another was blown off its mountings and two others melted. No one was injured in the blasts, police said.

Dozens of residents watched the local fire brigade as it fought for two hours to contain the blaze. Intense heat at first kept the firemen at a distance. Police cordoned off the area, which is about 500m from the town's railway station and which joins the Pretoria-Warmbaths main road.

The Warmbaths explosions appear to be part of a rash of recent similar incidents. On August 6 a limpet mine severely damaged the Temple Israel synagogue in Wolmarans Street, Johannesburg.

On August 26 the Ciskeian Government offices in the Carlton Centre, Johannesburg, were damaged by a limpet mine explosion. And on September 11 the Ciskeian offices in Du Toit Street, Johannesburg, were blasted by a limpet mine.

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Menace

of the limpet mine

mine

The Argus Johannesburg Correspondent

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Sasol

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Wrecked petrol bowser and twisted, scorched metal mark the devastation at the fuel depot in Warmbaths which was blown up yesterday by what are believed to be limpet mines

Fuel blasts 'part of a double-terror plan'

Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Two unexploded limpet mines found in Warmbaths yesterday were planned to wipe out top civil defence officials and police who would have gathered at the municipal offices after explosions rocked the town.

This was said today by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, who described the twin-pronged attack as "the very first of its sort and well planned".

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Prime Minister

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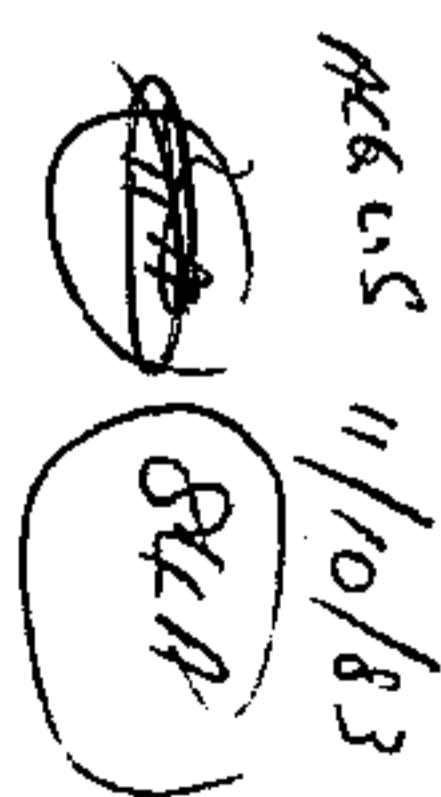
The hotel was packed yesterday with holidaymakers.

No one has yet claimed responsibility for the blasts.

Limpet mines have now been used in 23 attacks in South Africa in three years.

The targets ranged from rail and fuel-storage depots to private buildings.

The relatively small device has become a favourite terror weapon.

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ANC opting for civilian targets, says Le Grange

By Trevor Jones and Mike Cohen

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Fuel depot blasted

Cape Times 11/10/83 (1) 84A

PRETORIA. — Six petrol-storage tanks, three Railways tankers and one road tanker were destroyed early yesterday morning when a series of explosions, believed to be caused by limpet mines of foreign and possibly ANC origin, rocked the town of Warmbaths in the Transvaal.

Nobody was hurt in the explosions that shattered the peace of this holiday resort and had visitors and residents rushing from their beds at 2.20am.

Two more limpet mines were discovered attached to the doors of the local municipal offices which are opposite the mineral springs resort where hundreds of holiday-makers were spending the long weekend.

They were found by a man on his way to work and were removed by security police who exploded them under sandbags outside the town.

A spokesman for Police Headquarters in Pretoria said the limpet mines were foreign in origin and most probably ANC.

Residents said thick clouds of black smoke and flames had billowed more than 100 metres high after the explosions.

Tanks 'peeled open, melted'

According to eye-witness reports, one of the storage tanks — each of which held about 36 000 litres of fuel — was peeled open and blown off its mountings by the force of the blasts, while another was blown off its mountings and two others melted on their mountings.

Dozens of residents watched the local fire brigade's fight to contain the blaze. Intense heat at first kept the firemen at a distance.

The Warmbaths Civil Defence organized the Fire Department and volunteers and reinforcements from surrounding towns into a fire-fighting unit that prevented the fire spreading to more adjacent fuel tanks, and extinguished it within two hours.

Police cordoned off the area, which was about 500 metres from the town's railway station, and which juts off the Pretoria-Warmbaths main road.

A hunt in the central Transvaal for possible saboteurs is under way but by last night no organization had claimed responsibility for the explosions.

PM still plans Warmbaths visit

Lieutenant-Colonel Chris Coetzee, of the Police Directorate of Public Relations, said it was still too early to state that the blasts were definitely the work of saboteurs, in spite of the discovery of the limpet mines.

"We are investigating every possibility," he said.

This was the sixth limpet mine explosion since May this year. The other blasts were at the Temple Israel synagogue in Johannesburg, at the Ciskeian Government offices in the Carlton Centre in Johannesburg, at the Ciskeian Government offices in Pretoria and at a number of sub-stations in Bryanston, Fairland and Sandton in Johannesburg.



The burnt-out wreckage of a road tanker and twisted remains of metal walkways ripped away at a Warmbaths fuel depot.

PM going to Warmbaths

Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, is going to Warmbaths tomorrow to open the Transvaal Municipal Congress in Warmbaths tomorrow, in the town.

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ANC bombed Warmbaths

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LUSAKA. — The African National Congress claimed responsibility yesterday for the explosions which badly damaged a fuel-storage depot in Warmbaths on Monday.

"A unit of the people's army — Umkhonto we Sizwe — blasted fuel storage tanks at a railway siding in Warmbaths yesterday," an

ANC spokesman said in a statement released to UPI here yesterday.

Six petrol storage tanks, two railroad tankers and a road tanker were badly damaged in the blast at the northern Transvaal spa resort.

The ANC has claimed responsibility for scores of low-key sabotage attacks on fuel, transport and military installa-

tions in recent years as part of a campaign to topple the white government.

Nineteen people were killed in May when ANC saboteurs bombed a Pretoria office block housing South African Military Intelligence and Air Force headquarters.

● In a statement to Sapa in Pretoria the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, said:

"The peoples of this country, both black and white, should take note of this cowardly and murderous strategy of the ANC."

"This, coupled with the fact that explosive devices were placed at the local civil defence office and timed to go off after the actual explosions, is a clear indication the ANC is following the instructions of its president, Mr Oliver Tambo, to opt for civilian targets and civilian lives," he said in a statement.

'Experts'

Earlier, Mr Le Grange had stated the bomb attack was masterminded by experts.

The planting of the two limpet mines on the front doors of the Warmbaths municipal offices was evidence of a deliberate attack.

It was not the work of amateurs. The mines were timed to go off about an hour after the depot blasts.

Political comment by A H Heard, G E Shaw, R A Norval, J V Scott and M P Acott; sub-editing and headlines of political material by A J Moth, W C Odendaal and E I Zinn; cartoons by A Grogan, all of 77 Burg Street, Cape Town.



There is nothing as real as a fairy tale, a actors and actresses are going to make all from the Catholic Community Centre staged on October 18 and 19. At yesterday, Hewel, 6, Clinton Aploon, 6, Leola Fr

Doctors will still dispense

Staff Reporter

AFTER a heated debate during a meeting of the South African Medical and Dental Council yesterday, a proposal to have a special register for drug-dispensing doctors was rejected.

But the council will have the right to prohibit a doctor from dispensing, or to impose conditions subject to which a practitioner can dispense after an inquiry has been conducted.

During the debate, held at the Medical Research Council in Parow, a claim that certain doctors were over-prescribing with a profit motive was made by Mr J D van Zyl, vice-president of the Pharmacy Board.

Another member said medical aid societies had found that over-prescribing by doctors had reached "horrifying proportions" in recent years.

Another view was that the council should not go ahead with the legislation, because "if 200 out of 15 000 doctors were making huge amounts of money from dispensing, it was a lot".

Mr W H Barnard, one of three lay members of the council, argued that it was the basic right of doctors to dispense medicines. Black rural communities would turn away from doctors if they did not have the power to give medicines to patients personally. Cheaper deals for black patients would fall away.

Professor G T Mokgokong said blacks did "not need this sort of paternalism". Legislation would sort out those doctors who really needed to dispense medicines from those who did not, he said.

Mountain climbers warned

Staff Reporter

TABLE Mountain could become a deathtrap unless it was treated with respect, a spokesman for the Cape Town section of the Mountain Club of South Africa warned yesterday.

He said this was vividly illustrated by two incidents at the weekend when two Scouts fell 30 metres to their death after losing their way on

Car kills boys Man in court

Staff Reporter

MOMENTS after hearing a crash, a Mitchells Plain woman saw two boys being flung into the air, one them falling on to a car and being dragged a distance before the vehicle stopped, a Wynberg magistrate was told yesterday.

This was evidence given in the trial of Mr

Berman Drive in Mitchells Plain.

The accident took place on Christmas last year.

Mr Adams also pleaded not guilty to two alternative charges of reckless or negligent driving and one of driving while his alcohol level was 0.15g/100ml of blood.

Miss Pauline W. testified that



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Minister: ANC set off blast

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"This, coupled with the fact that explosive devices were placed at the local civil defence office and timed to go off after the actual explosions, is a clear indication the ANC is following the instructions of its president, Mr Oliver Tambo, to opt for civilian targets and civilian lives," he said in a statement.

"The devices were timed and placed at such strategic positions with the obvious aim of killing civilians."

"The peoples of this country, both black and white, should take note of this cowardly and murderous strategy of the ANC," Mr Le Grange said.

A spokesman at Mr Le Grange's office said the ANC had issued a statement in Dar es Salaam in which it claimed responsibility for the attack.

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The Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, has said he plans to open the Transvaal Municipal Association congress in Warmbaths as planned today. — Sapa.

Minister lashes Congress over bombing

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THE AFRICAN National Congress (ANC) had claimed responsibility for Monday's sabotage attack at a Warmbaths fuel depot, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, said in Pretoria yesterday.

"This, coupled with the fact that explosive devices were placed at the local civil defence office and timed to go off after the actual explosions, is a clear indication the ANC is following the instructions of its president, Mr Oliver Tambo, to opt for civilian targets and civilian lives," he said in a statement.

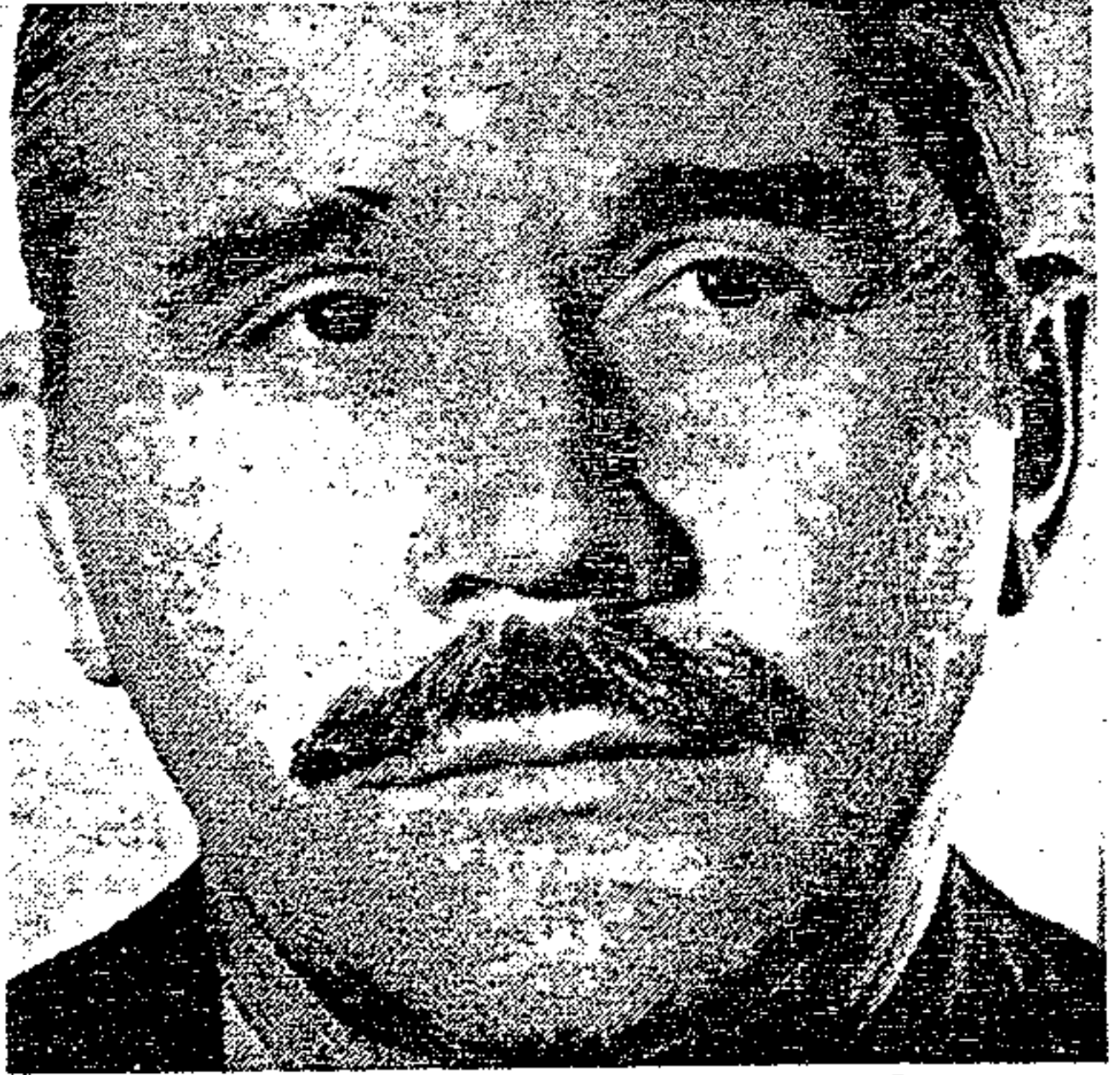
"The devices were timed and placed at such strategic positions with the obvious aim of killing civilians.

"The peoples of this country, both black and white, should take note of this cowardly and murderous strategy of the ANC," Mr Le Grange said.

A spokesman at Mr Le Grange's office said the ANC had issued a statement in Dar es Salaam in which it claimed responsibility for the attack.

The contents of this statement had become known only yesterday morning.

The sabotage attack, in which limpet mines were used, burnt out six



COWARDLY STRATEGY: Mr Louis le Grange.

fuel storage tanks, two railway tankers, and a road tanker on an oil company's private railway siding on Monday. Two other limpet mines were discovered attached to the front door of municipal offices near the Minne-

bron Hotel where the Transvaal Municipal Association congress will be held today.

Mr P W Botha, who is to open the congress, said he was going ahead with his plans to do so despite the sabotage.

The mines attached to the front doors of the town's municipal offices were found by a man on his way to work. The offices are right opposite the mineral springs resort, where hundreds of holidaymakers were spending the long weekend.

The mines were removed by a police bomb disposal squad, and exploded after being smothered with sandbags.

According to witnesses, one of the petrol storage tanks — each of which held about 36 000 litres of fuel — was peeled open and blown off its mountings by the force of the blasts, while another was blown off its mountings and two others melted.

No one was injured in the blasts, police said.

EDOM
FOUR key player Kwikot Benoni United club official and a lance journalist were seriously injured when their car was involved in an accident in Voslo township near Benoni. Benoni United players in the First Division of the National Professional Soccer League (NPFL) are: William Makhele, the team's captain, Richard Mkhanda, reserve goalkeeper, Council members "Spek" Ndlovu and Alfred Maledi, both defenders.



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Saboteurs fail, twice

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Mercury Reporter *Mercury*

SABOTEURS made two unsuccessful attempts to blow up power line pylons in the Pietermaritzburg district early yesterday.

Police said that the first attempt was made in Presbury shortly after 2 a.m. About an hour later there was another explosion at a pylon at Plessislaer.

The explosions failed to topple the pylons which were merely buckled. Power was not disrupted.

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DAR ES SALAAM — For the second time in a week, the African National Congress nationalist group has claimed responsibility for bomb blasts in South Africa.

Tanzanian Government radio last night said the ANC claimed responsibility for the blasts which damaged electricity installations at Maritzburg on Friday.

Three days ago the ANC claimed responsibility for bomb explosions in Warmbaths last Monday. — Sapa-Reuter

Violence 'will follow new constitution'

By PATRICK LAURENCE
Political Editor

ACCEPTANCE of the new constitution would cause blacks to turn to boycotts and strikes and forge them into "irresistible weapons," Chief Gatscha Buthelezi of Kwazulu told the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, yesterday.

"I must tell you, Mr Minister, that if this is what my people want, I will walk that road with them," Chief Buthelezi, head of the 750 000-strong Inkatha movement, said in an aide memoire presented to Dr Koornhof.

The new constitution was based on white control over 87% of South Africa and rested in the final analysis on conquest, said Chief Buthelezi.

"The permanent exclusion of Africans from the decision-making process in 87% of the country will, I predict, lead to Africans reversing this situation by violence.

"The African support I have had for a non-violent solution has come from those who will be constitutional outcasts in the new dispensation.

"However it is put, I will be de-nationalised and — however it is put — the new constitution de-legitimises democratic opposition to apartheid by Africans in 87% of the country." He called on the Prime Minister, Mr P W

Botha, to declare a moratorium on his constitutional proposals to avoid their "terrible consequences."

Chief Buthelezi went on to direct a verbal fusillade at Mr Botha for saying that he, Chief Buthelezi, had terminated discussions with him on three occasions and that the "King of the Zulus had to step in" to salvage the talks.

"It was despicable of the Prime Minister to drag the King's good name through the political mud by pretending that the King would be happy to co-operate with the National Party in the implementation of its apartheid design.

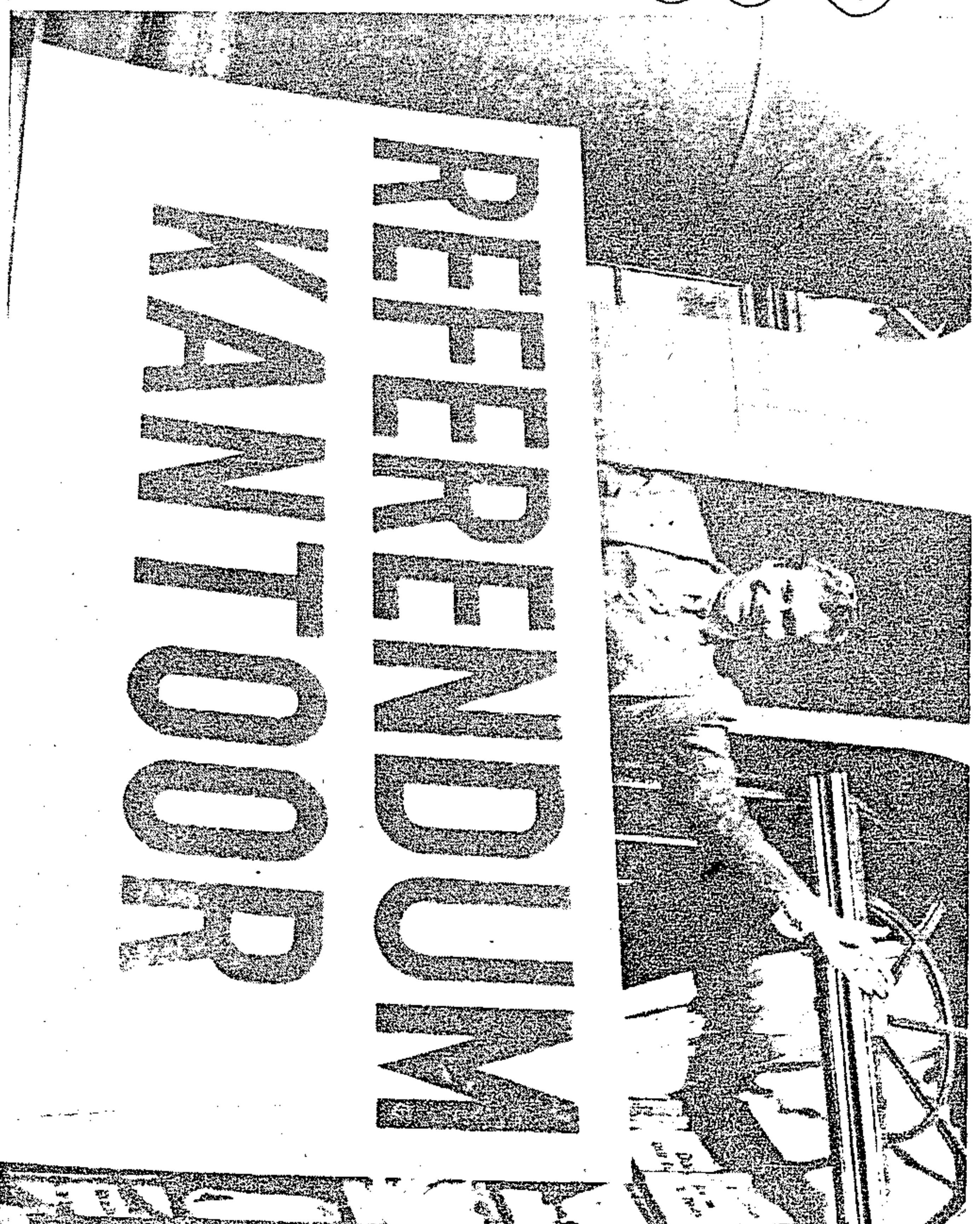
"Is the Prime Minister's political repertoire so deficient that he has to try to catch votes by pretending he is in a position to drive wedges between the King and I?"

"We stand united in our opposition to apartheid and we stand united with the people in our rejection of the new constitution."

Chief Buthelezi told businessmen at a meeting held yesterday by the Institute of Race Relations that the new constitution would make it difficult for them to run their businesses.

"I would not like to be a white manager when industrial reconciliation between African workers and white management is attempted in a situation where there is intensifying hostility between African and white," he said.

(Report by P L Laurence, 171 Main Street, Johannesburg).



Mr Henle Bekker, National Party MPC for Jeppe, defiantly indicates the NP's referendum office in the Johannesburg Hall. The party's office, with "Vote Yes" posters stuck in its windows, has upset opposition parties, who say it should not be used by only one political party.

Top NRP man won't be expelled for 'No' vote

Mail Correspondent

DURBAN. — Mr Warwick Webber, former Natal leader of the New Republic Party, will not be expelled from the

the constitution, he said. Mr Raw said: "Mr Webber had the courtesy to discuss his referendum problem with me last week. As he is not a

as the Prohibition of Improper Interference Act had not been repealed. He also objected to the 4:2:1 ratio at all levels.

DRC decides on neutral stand in controversy

By MAURITZ MOOLMAN

THE Dutch Reformed Church has taken a neutral stand on the referendum in the face of controversy

a denouncement of Dr Treurnicht's stand by scores of Afrikaaner theologians, ministers and academics. On Saturday Reald

made to state the church's stand. ● The Church was concerned about the "controversial" statements made by Dr

It's not reform, says top US paper

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Terror has claimed 47 lives in past eight years

Pretoria Correspondent

Security Police statistics on loss of life and damage caused by terrorist attacks in South Africa the past eight years have been revealed in a Pretoria Supreme Court.

Captain Jan Coetzee told the court yesterday that 47 people had died during the course of 197 deeds or attempted deeds of terrorism.

He was giving evidence in the trial of Alpheus Zacharia Molotsi and Jacob Molefe, who have been convicted of high treason and are now awaiting sentence.

Damage caused by terrorist attacks could not be calculated.

The damage caused by the explosion at Koeberg alone ran into millions of rands, he said.

However, he could not say with certainty for how many of the attacks the African National Congress (ANC) had claimed responsibility.

Sympathisers

He described a report according to which about half of the country's blacks were sympathisers of the ANC as "excessive".

He agreed with the counsel for Molotsi and Molefe, Mr David Soggot, that youngsters who fled following the riots (like the accused), would be "easy meat for propaganda indoctrination".

Professor B Helm, a professor of applied sociology at the University of Cape Town, described the effect of the 1976 Soweto riots, which led the accused to a critical point in their lives.

The riots destroyed the normal fabric of their lives as they were in constant fear of their own safety, she testified.

Jacob Molefe had described himself as "mesmerised with anger" after witnessing two people being shot close to where he was standing.

Many fled

He had described his life as a "horror" to her in an interview.

Molotsi had told her he had been "physically afraid" of being either killed or arrested from day to day. Many of his friends had already fled the country.

Argument in mitigation for the two will be heard tomorrow.

Mr Justice Moll was on the Bench. Mr M Basslion is appearing for Molotsi and Molefe with Mr Soggot. Mr J J Pelser is prosecuting.

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Petrol bomb: student sent to prison

ZWELITSHA — A Fort Hare student, Mr Rametsane David Khaile, 22, of Kroonstad, was sentenced to two years of which 12 months was suspended for three years by Mr J. Kotze in the regional court here yesterday after being found guilty of malicious damage to property.

The trial was a sequel to disturbances at the University of Fort Hare last week in which a petrol bomb was thrown into one of the hostel rooms.

Mr Khaile was originally charged with arson, alternatively malicious damage to property and intimidation. He pleaded not guilty to all the charges. He later changed his plea to guilty to malicious damage to property and not guilty to the

others.

The trial was held in camera after an application by the prosecutor, Mr B. D. Nel, who said some of the witnesses feared reprisals should their names be published.

The investigating officer, Warrant Officer Monelisa Nkomane, told the court that after arresting Mr Khaile, he made a statement denying bombing or setting fire to a room of a fellow student. A day later Mr

Khaile made a confession to a magistrate.

Under cross-examination he denied that he unduly influenced Mr Khaile to make a statement, or promised to organise a bursary for him.

Mr Kotze said it was clear from the evidence that a certain element had issued a letter threatening those who wrote their tests or attended lectures.

The only mitigating

factor the court could find was that he was a first offender.

He said Mr Khaile was 22 years' old and not uneducated and should have considered the consequences of his actions.

The court could not accept that he acted on impulse.

His action was premeditated. The lights were switched off deliberately. He attacked the room without investigating if there were people inside or not.

Mr Kotze said the court could not condone this type of action. It was not the right action to take if some people were not satisfied with the authorities and there must be other channels.

The crime was so serious that he could not impose a fine. — DDC.

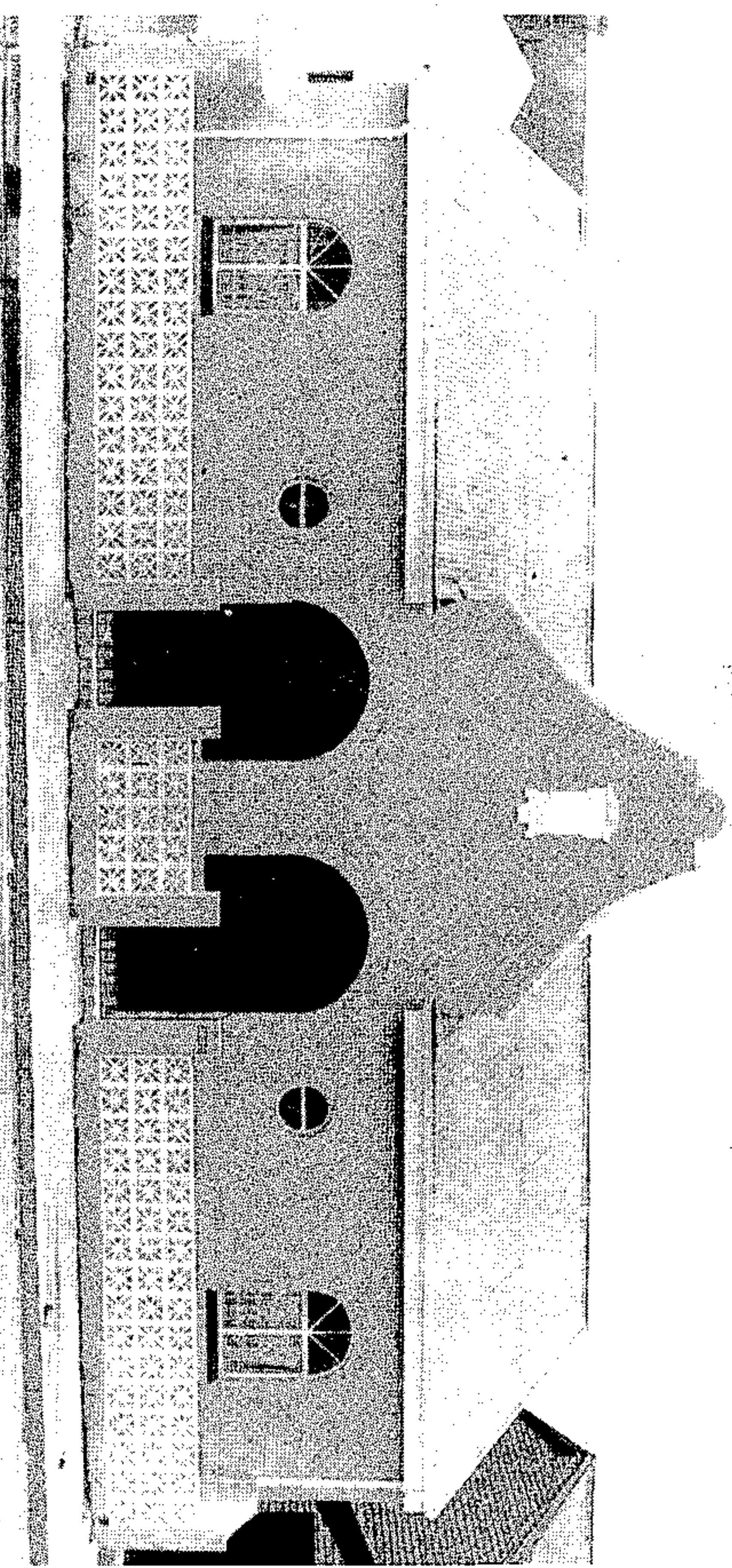
The small suburb of Mayfair, in Johannesburg, exploded on to the national political scene this week as an issue that threatens the Government's constitutional reforms. But behind the eviction threats, and calls for urgent explanations, the mixed races of Mayfair just want to be left alone to live in harmony . . .

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The families

who live in the shadows

House-proud . . . an example of a derelict Mayfair house turned into a smart home by an Indian tenant



THE latest threat of eviction by the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, means more than just the loss of a home for the thousands of coloureds and Indians living in the white areas of Johannesburg.

For many, it means the ignominy of a court appearance and the prospect of finding furniture and valuables piled upon the pavement after finishing work one evening.

Some first applied for a house in their areas 15 years ago. Since then they have lived a twilight existence in a Mayfair street, perhaps, wondering when the next-door neighbour will call the local police station.

One worried Indian man — married, with three children and looking after his elderly mother — lives in Mayfair and works in Fordsbury. "I dare not give you my name," he said.

Strain on the children

"That would almost be like announcing that I want to be thrown out of the home I have lived in for four years." He added that his family was happy in Mayfair and had never encountered any problems.

"When my wife and I married 15 years ago, we applied for a home in Lenasia. We're still waiting."

Four years ago he and his family were evicted from a building where the Johannesburg Stock Exchange building stands now.

"Look around you," he said, pointing to the neatly kept Mayfair street with col-

ourful gardens and recently renovated homes. "This street has at least 15 Indian families living side-by-side with their white neighbours.

"No one minds, no one interferes with anyone else and we live as harmoniously as we would anywhere else in the country — be it in an Indian, white or grey area.

"We have helped improve the area by working on the houses. Contrary to popular belief we are not dirty coolies who never bath, and burn fires in their lounges," he laughed. He climbed into his BMW and drove back to his grocery shop.

Mrs Fathima Rajah is a Mayfair housewife, living in one half of a semi-detached home which she shares with a white neighbour.

She, her husband, their three children and her parents-in-law live in the three bedroomed house and have done so for 2½ years.

"We were evicted from our two-bedroomed flat in Fordsbury because the landlord needed it for a friend.

"We were literally thrown out on to the street and spent about six months sharing a very crowded house with my sister.

"If we're evicted, where

will we go? We can't secure a home of our own in Lenz, even though we can afford to buy one. There is just no land available," she said.

Mr Richard Williams, 69, spends his time sitting on his stoep watching the world go by. He lives with his son and daughter-in-law and their three children.

Says Mr Williams, who has lived in Mayfair for the last 13 years: "We have Indian neighbours on either side of us and they don't interfere with us. We don't worry them."

The threat of exposure is ever-present — and some parents have even gone so far as to warn children not to give their correct home addresses to anyone. Earlier this year the headmaster of a school in Joubert Park gave letters to pupils "strongly advising" their parents to complain to the police about any blacks living in the white areas.

Said one parent: "It's a terrible strain on the children — but we have to safeguard ourselves. If evicted, there is just nowhere we could go."

Mrs Zubelda Patella, 53, has backache and arthritis, and lives in Mayfair with her daughters.

"Where would I go? It would be nice to have a home of my own.

Nice, decent people

"Three years ago I applied for a house in Lenz and am still on the waiting list. What chance do I have as a pensioner when young married couples and families have already waited 15 to 20 years for a home?"

Mrs Patella added that the white family who had lived in her daughter's Mayfair home before she and her husband look occupation had been evicted because they had not paid their rent.

"We have painted the house and cleaned it up and no one can accuse us of living in a mess," she said.

The white owner of a semi-detached house said: "I bought semis so I pay off my bond with the rent from the other side. I renovated, made it livable, and advertised for tenants in a newspaper.

"Without exception, the coloureds and Indians who first phoned, explained who they were, and then came round were nice, decent people. On the other hand if some of the white applicants were to have taken the house I wouldn't be able to sleep.

"I gave it to a white tenant. I just can't take the risk."

They wait 15 years for house

Sunday Times Reporter

INDIANS desperate for accommodation face waiting lists of up to 15 years before they find a roof for themselves and their families.

During that time they must delve through mounds of red tape while living as best they can in "white" flats, possibly in Hillbrow or Mayfair.

Sunday Times reporter Brett Eshak, 41, married with a baby son, was not an "illegal": he was lucky enough to get a backroom in Pageview while he waited.

But his story about applying for a house is a chronicle of frustration and hardship.

It began in April 1966, when building started in Lenasia Extension 3.

"This was when I submitted my first application," said Mr Eshak.

"It was the first of about 20 over a period of 12 years. I renewed the appli-

cation at least once a year, sometimes more, until 1969.

"The department never indicated how my application was progressing. It was a matter of sitting and waiting."

Then, in October 1969, he wrote to a daily newspaper asking for help. They approached the Department of Community Development and shortly afterwards a letter arrived from the regional representative, a Mr Gouss: "I have to advise you that accommodation is now available at Lenasia.

Heartache

"Please advise your reader to call at Room 206, Siemens House, in order that arrangements may be made."

Gleefully Mr Eshak went to the office, clutching a deposit of R200. But further heartache awaited.

Notwithstanding the letter, he was told there was nothing available. The waiting continued.

"Later that month, I handed in another application. Again I was told there was no accommodation but I should come back in two weeks' time.

"Then I was told to return on January 26 the following year."

On that date he returned to the office, to be told no record of his application existed.

"Despite pleas, and promises that I had submitted dozens of applications, the department was adamant: no record of me existed."

And so it went on, year after year, application after application, until in 1978 Mr Eshak bought a plot which the department offered for sale in Lenasia Extension 7.

He hired a building company and had his own home built.

Mr Richard Williams . . . he's willing to share Mayfair with the Indian families

Prime Minister tells meeting: I can't continue if they say 'No' . . .

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Members of the audience then pushed them out and others carried a third protester out.

Resuming his speech, Mr Botha said he could see the 'Yes' vote was winning, but appealed to people not to get excited. 'Let us be calm and consider the proposals which are before the country,' he said amid loud cheers.

Reasonable people did not shout at each other but considered matters sensibly before making their decisions.

Public holiday

Mr Botha added: 'There is a growing South Africanism taking hold of the country.'

At the start of the meeting, Mr Botha announced that the Government had decided to declare a public holiday on June 1 because Republic Day on May 31 co-incided with Ascension Day which was a religious holiday.

He said the Government was responding to requests from many organisations and people including Mr Frank Martin, senior NRP MEC in Natal.

Mr Botha remained cool, fielding a series of interjections from a few in the audience.

People seemed to forget that it was he who had called a referendum and was prepared to go to the electorate and ask whether they wanted the new constitution or not.

The NRP had shown courage by setting aside its differences with the Government and backing the new constitution.

Those who thought a 'No' vote would send the Government back to the drawing board were overlooking the fact that the constitutional proposals had been in the making for 10 years.

'You can't stay at the drawing board forever. You've got to start building at some stage,' Mr Botha said.

He warned that he could not continue with reform if there were a 'No' vote in the referendum and at the same time promised to respect provincial boundaries if there were a 'Yes' vote.

He was replying to a question from the floor and said: 'If there is a 'No' vote how can I pro-

ceed with reform if the electorate does not give me the right?

'I can't continue if they say 'No' — then I would not be a democrat.'

Dealing with certain aspects of the constitutional proposals, Mr Botha spoke of increasing the autonomy and powers of local authorities in the third tier of government.

'Join Hands'

He then added: 'We will respect the boundaries of the provinces and will deal with them only after due consideration and consultation with the provincial authorities.'

At one stage Mr Botha said he believed that a new South Africanism was taking hold of the country.

'Let us join hands. Let us bypass our pettiness,' he said among loud cheers.

He called on people to

reject calls to stay away from the polls on November 2.

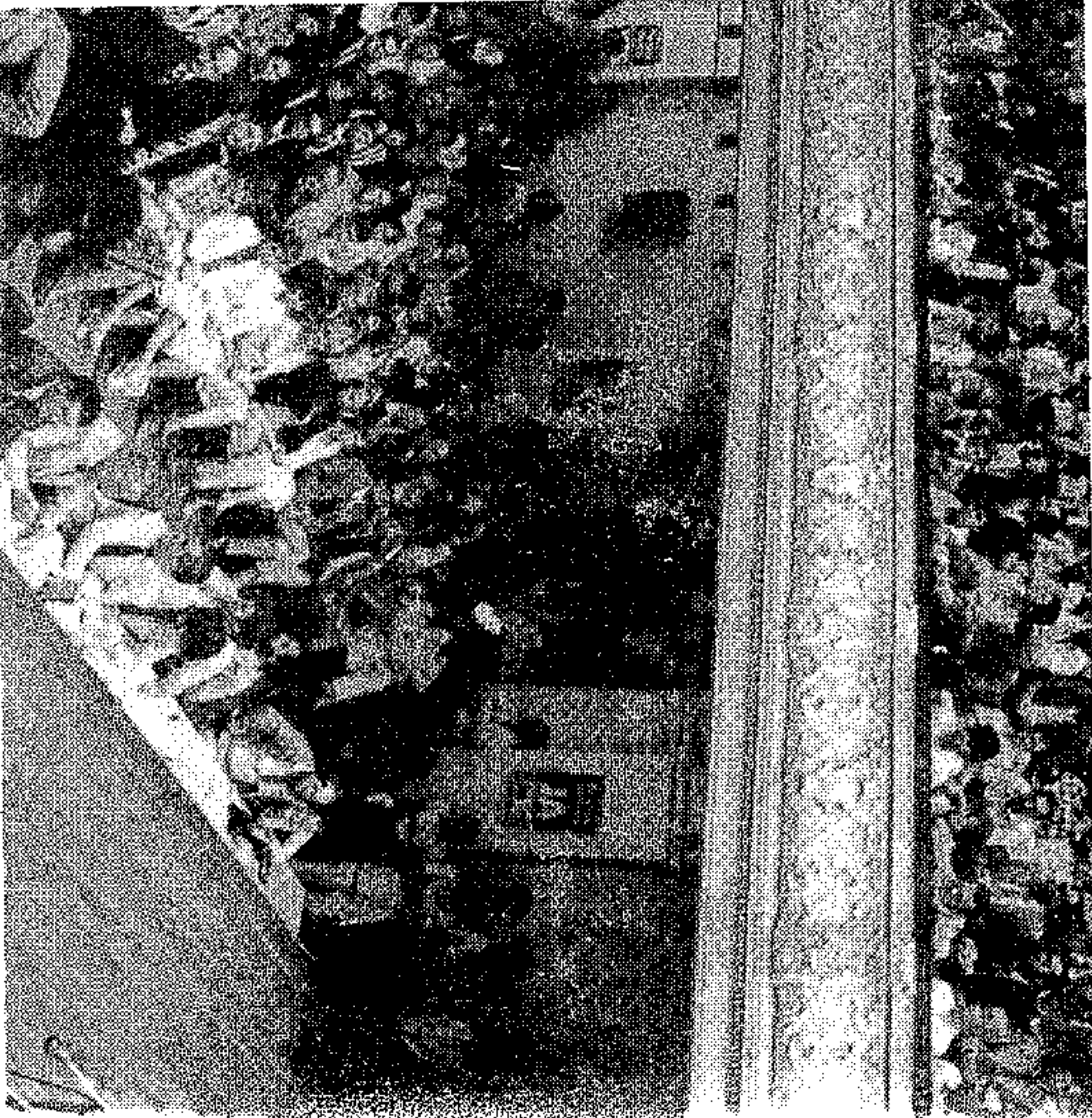
'For the first time Natal has the opportunity to deliver a large majority and to participate in a positive forward movement,' he said.

'I have no doubt that we are going to win because if the 'No' spirit wins we will be thrown back into confusion and conflict with each other and we will not be able to reason with each other on the future of the country.'

Mr Botha reiterated his previous undertaking that coloured and Indian leaders could opt for a referendum, or a general election, or both.

● Mr Owen Horwood, leader of the National Party in Natal, predicted a 74 percent 'Yes' vote in Natal and a 66 percent 'Yes' throughout the country.

(Reports by L Tulleken and O Pollok, 12 Devonshire Place, Durban.)



Part of the crowd listening to Mr Botha

Bomb drama as PW speaks

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Lorraine Tulleken

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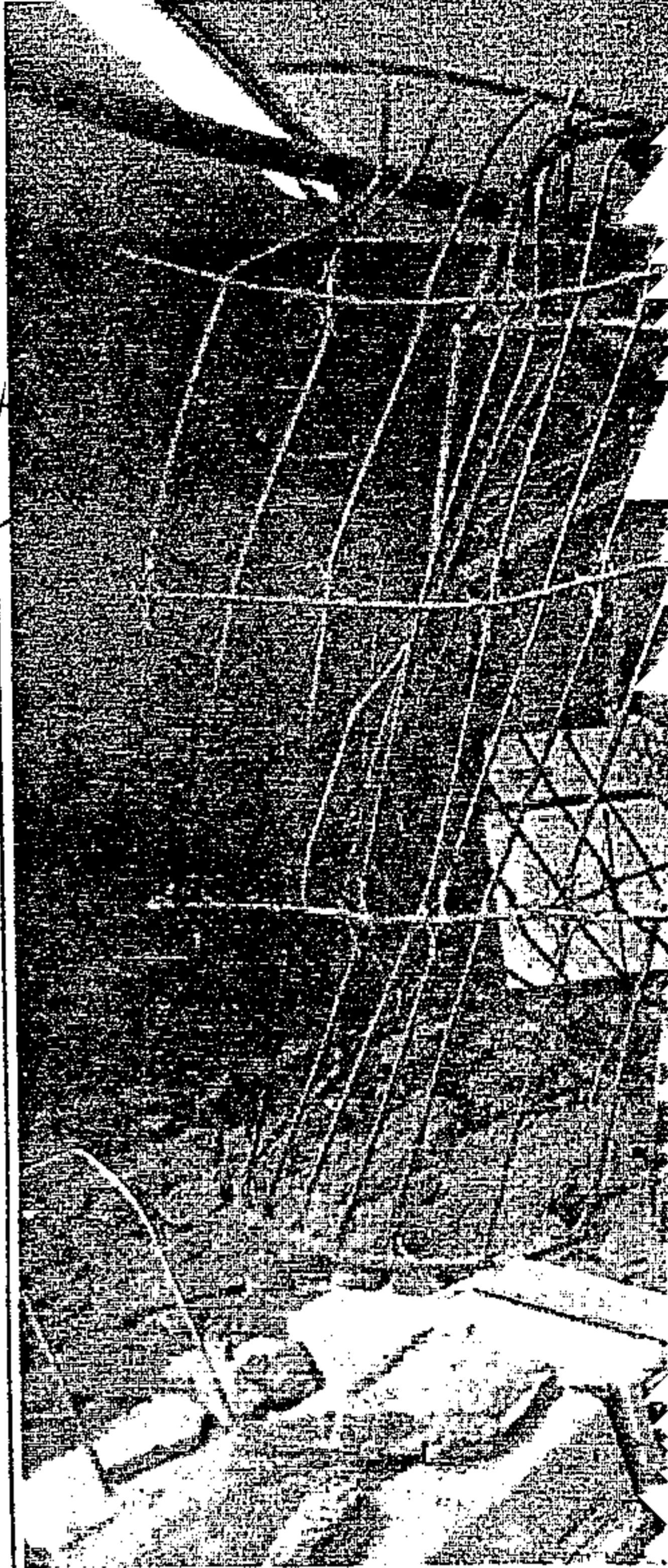
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Alert policeman arrests suspect on way to target



Police directed to three ANCO weapons caches

Bid to assassinate P.W.

By Mike Cohen, Crime Reporter

A highly trained member of the banned African National Congress, carrying a powerful Russian-made limpet mine, was arrested last night after an alleged attempt to assassinate the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha.

Major-General Francois Steenkamp, chief of the Security Police, today told The Star that the explosive device had been primed and connected to a timing device. The bomb could have gone off at any time while explosives experts were deactivating it.

He said that during follow-up operations after the arrest police had found three large arms caches.

They consisted of demolition mines, time-switches and detonators, the general said.

The arrested man was also being questioned in connection with other recent serious acts of sabotage in the Maritzburg area, in which several Eskom power pylons were extensively damaged.

The arrest took place at 9.15 pm when a vigilant young constable, on duty with the Security Police, saw a man carrying a metal box.

The man was walking past the Capital Towers hotel in Commercial Road, where the Prime Min-

ister and his wife attended a function during his visit to the city.

He was on his way to the City Hall when he was arrested, said General Steenkamp.

He offered no resistance. The constable found the device wrapped in newspaper in the box.

Two bomb disposal experts attached to the Security Police successfully deactivated the bomb.

The hotel, two cinemas and a block of flats in the complex were immediately evacuated and the area was cordoned off while the bomb experts were at work.

General Steenkamp praised the bomb experts for their courage in handling the operation. He said that by defusing the bomb they had saved many lives and ensured there was no damage to property.

"I wish to express particular praise and appreciation to the two bomb disposal experts who put their lives in danger to protect the lives and property of the public.

"Their brave action is even more praiseworthy as the bomb had already been primed and could have gone off at any time.

"I would also like to thank and praise the member of the force who performed the arrest and thereby showed his astute perception, placing himself as well as the force first," General Steenkamp said.

"This case, like the Pretoria car bomb blast and the limpet mines found at the Temple, Israel synagogue in Johannesburg, is further proof of the reckless disregard for innocent lives by the ANC," he said.

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According to General Steenkamp, information received during the course of the police investigations, which continued throughout the night, had proved that the arrested man was a trained member of the ANC and had been sent to the City Hall to explode the bomb on instructions from the ANC.

The Prime Minister flew back to Pretoria last night.

A spokesman for the Prime Minister's Office said it was not intended that he would spend the night at the hotel.

Earlier there were reports that Mr Botha had been due to spend the night at the hotel, but that his plans had changed after the arrest of the man.

The spokesman said Mr Botha would not be issuing a statement on the incident.

It is not known when the arrested man will appear in court. A police spokesman in Maritzburg said he was a South African citizen.

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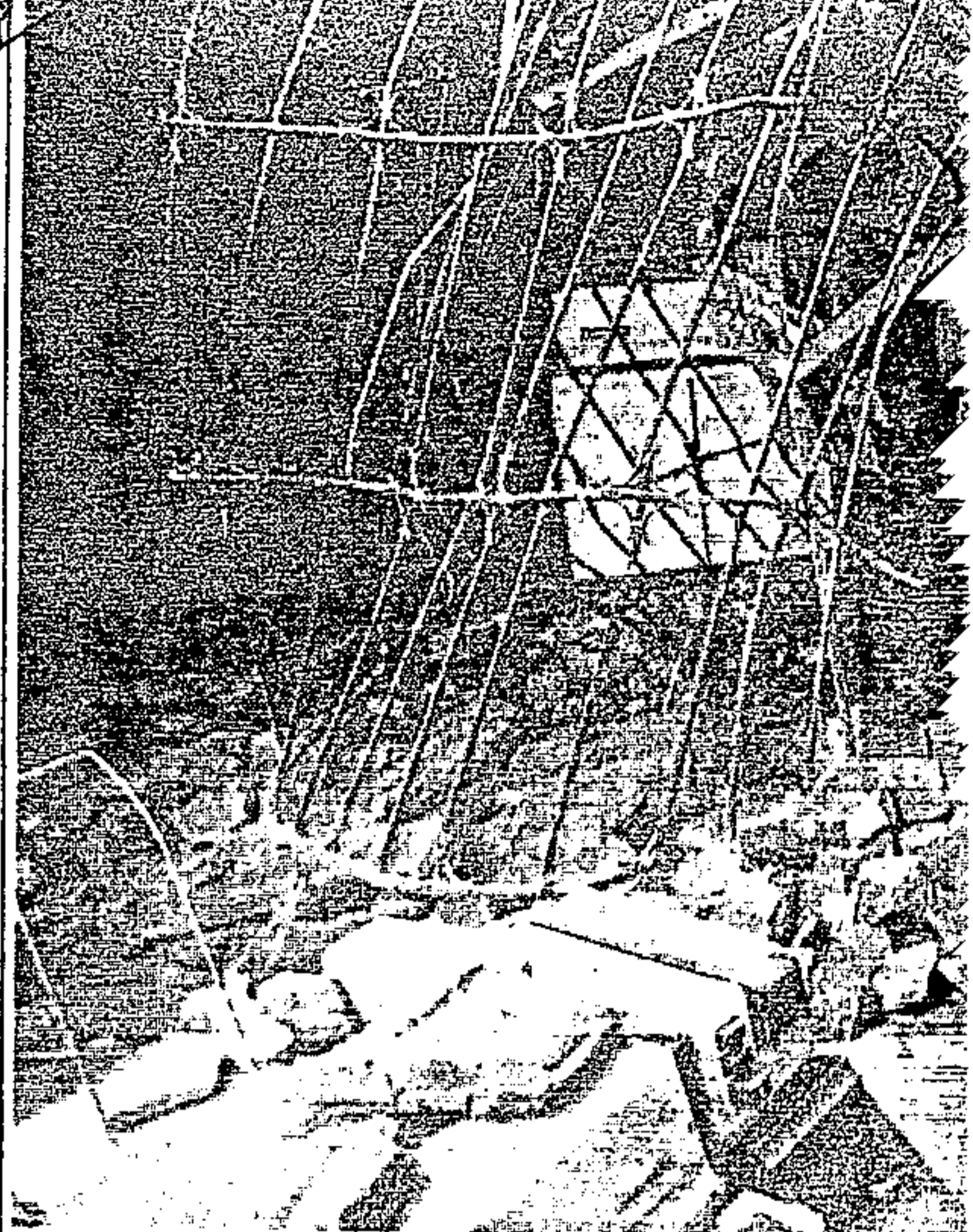
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The disturbance took the hall by surprise as Mr Botha started addressing the crowd of about 1 400.

He had arrived to thunderous applause and whistling and was cheered again as he was introduced by Mr Owen Horwood, Minister of



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The award was won by the previous Mercury property editor, Mr Graham Fiford, in 1979.

Coup leader general holding hostages,

WASHINGTON—General Hudson Austin, head of the military junta whose coup precipitated the US invasion of Grenada, was holding hostages on the southern part of the island, US intelligence sources said yesterday.

The sources said it could not be learned how many hostages had been taken. Nor were their nationalities immediately known.

The fate of the radical Leftist junta members was one of the mysteries left unresolved by US officials since American troops landed in Grenada before dawn on Tuesday.

Asked yesterday if he had any knowledge of the whereabouts of Gen Austin or other members of the junta, US Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger replied: 'No. Gen Austin has not appeared during this entire operation.'

US-led forces mopped up last pockets of resistance on the Caribbean island yesterday, according to reports.

Well into the second day of the operation, the

Thief's quick car strip

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Suspect on 'suicide mission to assassinate Botha'

Bomb near PM: Shock disclosures

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By CHRIS OLCKERS
Chief Reporter

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THE young man arrested outside the Maritzburg hotel this week where the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, was attending a social gathering, was armed with primed Russian-made limpet bombs and may have been on a suicide mission to assassinate Mr Botha.

Switch in ANC strategy feared

By ANTON HARBER
Political Reporter

IF the police account of an African National Congress attempt to assassinate the Prime Minister is correct, this would represent an important change in the strategy of the exiled organisation. The ANC has previously rejected assassination of important Government leaders as a feature of their military strategy.

Although the ANC has in the past claimed responsibility for the assassination of individual policemen, it has specifically rejected the tactic of killing Government leaders.

They have not previously been known to be involved in such an assassination attempt, although Government leaders who make frequent public appearances could be vulnerable targets.

This emerged from interviews with top security sources yesterday shortly after Major-General Frans Steenkamp, chief of the Security Police, had issued a statement saying the man had been identified as a member of the African National Congress.

A police dog handler spotted the black man, thought to be in his mid-twenties, carrying a metal box outside the five-star Capital Towers Hotel where Mr Botha was relaxing in a small gathering after addressing a referendum rally.

Gen Steenkamp said the incident, like the placing of the motorbomb in Pretoria and the limpet mines at the Hill-brow synagogue, "once again illustrated the reckless disregard shown by the ANC for innocent lives."

Two explosives experts deactivated the mine. "In follow-up action, members of the Security Branch, and other members of the police, found three arms caches in the vicinity of Maritzburg containing, among other items, more demolition mines, time mechanisms and detonators," Gen Steenkamp said.

Information indicated that the man was involved in recent attacks in which power pylons were damaged in the vicinity of Maritzburg. Gen Steenkamp praised the two explosives experts "who took their lives into their hands to protect the lives and property of the public."

He said their action was all the more praiseworthy when it was realised the bomb had already been activated and could have exploded any time.

He also praised the policeman who arrested the man. Mr Botha left for Pretoria shortly after the man's arrest.

The limpet explosives, wrapped in newspaper and found in the metal box the man was carrying, had been activated and were ready to explode. They were linked to a sophisticated timing device.

The would-be bomber was arrested just a few metres from the entrance to the hotel, just a block from the city hall where the referendum meeting had been held.

Security sources said yesterday it appeared the man was planning to enter the hotel and detonate the explosives if he succeeded in getting close enough to Mr Botha.

Limpet mines are known to be powerful enough to collapse walls and cause extensive damage.

The lives of several people were saved as police worked to de-activate the bomb as security personnel evacuated the hotel, a nightclub and two cinemas.

Following intense interrogation by the Security Police the man led police to three arms caches in and near Maritzburg.

Gen Steenkamp said yesterday that the young man had been positively identified as a trained member of the ANC.

He said the man was acting on instructions from the ANC and revealed that the highly powerful explosives were of Russian origin.

They were identified as limpet mines, which have been used extensively in terror attacks in South Africa — the last being the attack on petrol storage tanks at Warmbaths earlier this month.

The storage tanks were devastated in the blast, which occurred the night before the Prime Minister was due to speak in the town.

Bomb threat to PM: Man held

PRETORIA. — A would-be ANC saboteur carrying a primed parcel bomb was arrested outside a Maritzburg hotel on Thursday night in what appears to have been an attempt on the life of the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha.

At the time, Mr Botha was addressing a referendum meeting in the Maritzburg City Hall 100 metres away.

According to the chief of the security police, Major-General Frans Steenkamp, the black man — a highly-trained member of the banned African National Con-

gress who has been linked to several sabotage incidents in the area — was on his way to the hall when he was spotted by a policeman.

He was confronted metres from the entrance of the Capital Towers Hotel in Commercial Road, where the Prime Minister and his wife were due to attend a cocktail party later that evening.

Russian

When police opened the parcel he was carrying, they discovered a powerful mine of Russian origin, which had already been primed and was attached to a timing device.

The bomb was defused by two explosives experts of the security police.

According to General Steenkamp, the bomb could have gone off at any time while the men were deactivating it.

During follow-up operations after the arrest, police found three large arms caches in the Mar-

itzburg area.

The caches consisted of, among other things, demolition mines, timing mechanisms and detonators, General Steenkamp said.

"Information at the disposal of the police thus far indicates that the arrested man was involved in recent acts of sabotage in which power pylons were damaged in the vicinity of Maritzburg," the general said.

"According to our information, he was a trained member of the ANC and was on his way to the City Hall — on ANC instructions — where the Prime Minister was appearing as a speaker."

The Prime Minister arrived at the Capital Towers Hotel soon after police arrested the man. Mr Botha and his wife left the party after about half-an-hour.

Police surrounded the hotel after the bomb was discovered. Hotel guests, staff and cinema patrons in the complex were moved to safety as police defused the bomb, which was wrapped in newspaper. — Sapa

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Bomb bid on PM may involve others

By NEIL HOOPER

MORE than one person may have been involved in an ANC mission to assassinate the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, this week, says Major-General Frans Steenkamp, chief of the Security Branch.

A black man, allegedly a member of the banned African Nation Congress (ANC), and carrying armed Russian-made limpet mines, was arrested on Thursday evening near the Maritzburg hotel where Mr Botha was scheduled to attend a social function.

Security sources believe the man was on a "suicide mission" and had hoped to enter the hotel and explode the mines, assassinating the Prime Minister.

General Steenkamp said yesterday that it was normal ANC strategy for one team of ANC terrorists to reconnoitre the site of a planned attack, a second to plant caches of arms, and a third team to carry out the attack.

Although, so far, only one man had been arrested in connection with the alleged assassination attempt, the police were investigating the possibility that others could have been involved, he said.

Destroyed

The Security Branch chief said that he was not aware of any ANC hit list of South African politicians and civilians marked for assassination, as reported yesterday in a Johannesburg Afrikaans morning newspaper.

The alleged "suicide mission" bomber was arrested on Thursday night soon after Mr Botha left the Maritzburg City Hall where he had addressed a referendum meeting.

After the arrest General Steenkamp issued a statement saying that the man — believed to be in his early twenties — had been identified as a member of the ANC.

A police dog handler spotted the man, carrying a metal box, outside the Capital Towers Hotel, where Mr Botha was due to attend a social gathering after the referendum meeting.

The Russian-made limpet explosives, wrapped in newspaper, were found in the metal box, and had been primed and were ready to explode when the man was arrested outside the hotel.

Hit list

The mines were similar to those used on petrol storage tanks at Warmbaths earlier this month.

The tanks were destroyed in the blast, which occurred the night before the Prime Minister was due to address a meeting at the town.

The limpet mines found on the man in Maritzburg were deactivated by two explosives experts, whom General Steenkamp said "took their lives into their hands to protect the lives and property of the public".

General Steenkamp said that after questioning, the arrested man had led the police to three arms caches in and near Maritzburg.

Bomb arrest cop gets the 'jitters'

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THE assistant superintendent of the Pietermaritzburg Traffic Department, Mr Brian van Dyk, one of two officers who arrested an ANC terrorist with a live bomb, is said to be recovering from a "serious bout of the jitters."

Mr van Dyk and another policeman were in Commercial Road waiting for Prime Minister P W Botha to finish his speech in the City Hall when they saw a man outside the Capitol Towers Hotel carrying a newspaper-covered parcel "which did not look right."

Mr van Dyk is reported to have said that he suffered a serious bout of jitters some time after the arrest when he found out that the Russian-made mine could have gone off at any time.

The explosive device was active

when the arrest was made.

"We were alerted by the man's furtive manner, as well as the way he was carrying the newspaper-wrapped parcel. Somehow it didn't look right," said Mr van Dyk.

Meanwhile the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange is reported to have said that the explosive device was similar to the one that was used to blow up a railway petrol tanker at Warmbaths.

He said that the ANC headquarters abroad had issued the order directly to make an attempt on the life of the Prime Minister.

Mr le Grange said the incident brought credit to the South African Police in their battle against terrorism. He also praised the officers who spotted and then arrested the alleged bomber.

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Bomb damages Vaal rail line

Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A bomb of Russian origin slightly damaged the main Johannesburg-Natal railway line early today.

Railway police also located and disarmed a second explosive device planted on the Johannesburg-Springs commuter line.

A South African Transport Services spokesman, Mr Jan Havenga, said the explosion was about 1 am on the line used by passenger and goods trains travelling to Natal.

"It happened about one kilometre south of Germiston, but

damage to the track was very slight and has already been repaired."

Mr Havenga said police had immediately begun a search for other devices in the vicinity after the explosion and had found a similar bomb on the line used by Johannesburg-to-Springs commuters. This had been removed and defused.

No injuries were caused by the explosion, and train services were not disrupted.

He was unable to say what method had been used to detonate the device.

Bombs rip Durban bus depot and police warehouse

Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Bombs exploded at a municipal bus depot and at a police warehouse in Durban last night and early today.

A bus driver was injured in the first blast at about 11.50pm when a bomb exploded only metres away from him in the back of a bus parked in the city council's Lorne Street depot in central Durban.

In the second explosion a large hole was blown in the wall of a police warehouse on the grounds of the Natal University's Alan Taylor Residence in Tara Road, Wentworth. There were unconfirmed reports of two minor injuries.

The bomb at the municipal depot, which exploded in the back of a bus used by the black service, ripped the vehicle's roof open and blew out sections of the sides.

Eight other buses were damaged.

Also damaged in the blast were two caravans, a Kombi and the front section of the an administration block.

HIT IN EYES BY SLIVERS

The injured bus driver, Mr Phineas Shezi, who had been reading a book in a bus parked next to the one wrecked in the explosion, was hit in the eyes by glass slivers and taken to the King Edward VIII Hospital where he was treated and discharged.

Mr Alan Bray, deputy general manager of the Durban Transport Management Board, said damage was estimated at no more than R50 000.

The bomb which went off at the police warehouse three hours later blasted a hole through a wall, crumpling two doors and slightly damaging two or three police vehicles housed in the building.

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Saboteurs (S4A) strike as two bombs blast town depots 2/11/83

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Saboteurs struck in Durban last night and early today with bombs exploding at a municipal bus depot and a police warehouse.

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The bomb at the municipal depot wrecked the bus. The vehicle's roof was ripped open and sections of the sides blown out.

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Mr Alan Bray, deputy general manager of the Durban Transport Management Board, said damage was estimated at R50 000.

He said the bus service in the city would not be affected.

The bomb exploded at about 11.50 pm in the back of a bus used by the black service of the DTMB.

The other bomb at the police warehouse three hours later appeared to be a more powerful one.

Security and uniformed police isolated the areas while they searched for more bombs using especially trained dogs.

No further devices were found.

In military terms 'one of world's least successful liberation movements' but . . .

ANC presence will be increasingly felt

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The South African authorities seem constantly torn between an urge to magnify the threat posed to the white Government by the underground African National Congress and a desire to belittle it.

At home, the white minority is warned it is facing an "onslaught" that is likely to make urban terrorism and rural insurgency a permanent part of its experience.

Abracadabra, South Africa writes off the Congress movement — which was banned 23 years ago after nearly half a century of futile non-violent protest — as "a small clique of blacks and whites controlled by the Kremlin", as Prime Minister P W Botha puts it.

The contradictory perceptions distort a contradictory reality. From a military standpoint, the ANC has been one of the world's least successful "liberation movements".

After more than two decades of armed struggle, it is still resorted to infiltrating South Africa's borders in tiny bands — two, three and five — and recruiting on a small scale, to limit the number of police spies it takes into its ranks.

But its desultory bombing campaign, which averages one incident every two weeks, has as much to do with its pre-eminent status among black nationalist movements in the country as a history that goes back 71 years — two years before the founding of the National Party and five years before the Bolshevik revolution.

The bombs, which have mostly been directed against unmanned government installations, are the calling cards of the banned movement, announcing its presence.

Increasingly, that presence can be sensed as well in the tactical debates that occur in legal organisations that oppose the Government and among some of the black trade unions.

The sabotage campaign may not pose an immediate threat to the system but it is, at least, costly.

According to figures presented to the white Parliament by the Defence Minister, General Magnus Malan, the bombings have caused about R508 million damage in five years.

That figure did not include the most devastating explosion of all — a car bomb in Pretoria that killed 19 and wounded about 200 — which went off moments after the Defence Minister's speech on May 20.

Among younger blacks who feel impatient for a real revolution to end white dominance, each explosion reinforces the illegal organisation's claim to legitimacy as the national movement.

The dynamics of the black response were shown in the aftermath of the Pretoria blast.

"The ANC has no mandate from the blacks within South Africa to pursue the liberation struggle through violent means," declared Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, a Zulu leader who functions within the so-called homeland system and is seen in white business circles as a possible bargaining partner for a political settlement that stops short of black rule.

But, in Durban, which is supposed to be Chief Buthelezi's power base, there was a perceptible shift of sentiment among black youth in favour of the underground.

There, in the troubled township of Lamontville, where young blacks clashed repeatedly this year with the police, the favourite "freedom song" extolled a white communist exile who was known to those who sang it only through Government propaganda, in which he is portrayed as the evil genius of the underground's bombing campaign.

"We shall follow our Slovo," the lyric went, referring to Joe Slovo, a former Johannesburg lawyer, "even if we are detained. Even if we are hung."

"Umkhonto we Sizwe is here," proclaimed graffiti at the railway station in Umlazi, Durban's main black township. The Zulu name, meaning "Spear of the Nation", refers to the underground's military wing, which was founded a year after the Congress was banned.

There have been recent trials in which young blacks went to jail for performing songs in public that support the ANC or even for playing them on cassettes.

But after Oscar Mpeha, an ageing former member of the ANC, was convicted in Cape Town on a terrorism charge, supporters consoled him by singing: "There are guns in Angola."

At a meeting inaugurating the multiracial United Democratic Front, the crowd started singing: "Tambo is in the bush." (Oliver Tambo, president of the ANC)

It is plain that the inevitability of worsening violence is accepted on both sides. What is unclear is whether the ANC can sustain the conflict at the level at which the Government now seems determined to wage it.

South African security officials think they can cloak off its lines of supply into the country and make it even harder to bring young recruits out for training.

The ANC has spoken of developing secure areas within South Africa's black townships and said guerrillas were being infiltrated with instructions to concentrate on organisation and training, rather than armed action, "until the time comes".

Recent treason trials in South Africa involving members of the ANC indicate that the attempt is being made, but raise ques-

In this, the next in a series of articles by JOSEPH LELYVELD of

The New York Times, the focus is on the African National Congress and its challenge to the South African Government.

tions about the effectiveness and discipline of the underground's operatives — at least the ones who get caught.

A court in Pietermaritzburg heard that an 18-year-old named Nobleman Shezi had a sophisticated knowledge of the timing devices on Soviet-made explosives, even though he had never been outside South Africa for training. He readily led the way to an arms cache, the police testified.

In a Pretoria case in September, Vronda Banda, a 24-year-old infiltrator with six years of military training and experience in ANC camps in northern Angola — and, the prosecutor charged, in East Germany and the Soviet Union — testified that he was sent back to South Africa last year with R1 000 and instructions on how to make a clandestine contact to get further orders.

He deliberately missed the contact, the young man testified, because he had become disillusioned with the movement, had fallen in love and just wanted to settle down.

Whether that was the truth or a cover story, as the judge who sentenced him to 12 years in jail concluded, the trial made it clear that this highly trained operative had indiscreetly boasted about his ties to the underground, leaving a trail of evidence that led to his capture within only three months of his return.



Insurgents undergoing training somewhere in the Southern African bush . . . a process described as taking mere militants and turning them into revolutionaries.

By contrast, a cell of purported operatives based in Port Elizabeth is charged with a series of bombings over a period of nearly two years.

Security officials concede that it is extremely hard to track down small groups that operate on their own, avoiding contacts with known political networks.

Until the movement is strong enough, they say, to link up its cells in a network of their own, it will not be able to sustain a higher level of violence.

A major brake on the underground's expansion has been the ability of the police to infiltrate it with agents.

It seems certain, therefore, that the size of the movement's military force is being kept small — under 2 000, according to South African estimates, as many as 7 000, according to calculations by outsiders that remain highly speculative. Most of the force is believed to be in camps scattered through the Angolan bush.

The rebel force is large enough to continue the present bombing campaign, aimed at creating a climate of instability and advertising the movement's role, but not large enough to begin to contemplate even hit-and-run attacks on South African military units.

The movement may also be limited by the quality of information it gets out of South Africa and its ability to evaluate it accurately over the gap of miles and years that separates its exile leaders from their country.

Inevitably, exile and insecurity have moulded the ANC into a highly centralised and secretive movement.

In the last two years, its headquarters in London were bombed, representatives in Zimbabwe and Swaziland were assassinated, one by gunmen, the other by a bomb in his car, and Joe Slovo's wife, the writer Professor Ruth First, was blown up by a letter bomb in Maputo, the Mozambican capital.

In the movement, the question of who is responsible for these attacks does not need to be asked. Inside South Africa, it is never posed, at least in print.

The underground has periodically struck back by killing black security policemen or informers in South Africa. As the shadowy conflict is stepped up, it becomes hard to pinpoint a political centre of gravity in the exile section of the ANCs. Keeping its own internal debates over tactics to itself, the movement shows different faces in different forums.

At a World Council of Churches meeting in Vancouver last summer, it described itself as "a community of love and justice" on a "pilgrim road to freedom". At a meeting in East Berlin on the centenary of Karl Marx's death, it spoke of its "natural alliance" with "the Soviet Union and the world socialist system as a whole".

Lengthy quotations from an interview with the ANC president, Oliver Tambo, have been cut from this article because he may not be quoted in terms of the Internal Security Act.

Bombing probe ^{84A} still ^{RD 11/82} going on

Mail Reporter

SECURITY POLICE and Railways Police are still investigating bombings and a bomb attempt on railway lines on the Witwatersrand, and bombings of a bus depot and police store in Durban.

On Tuesday morning slight damage was caused to the main Johannesburg-Natal line when a Russian-made explosive device blew up the line near Germiston.

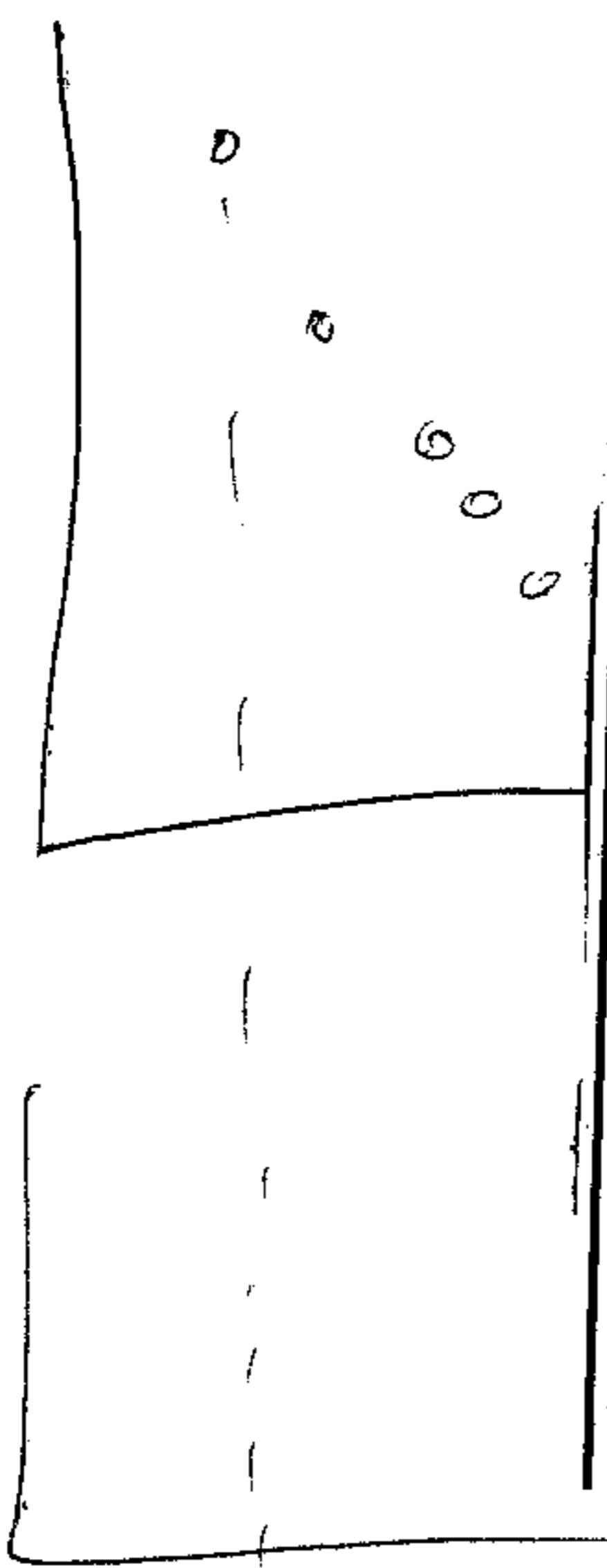
Police later discovered a second undetonated bomb on the Johannesburg-Springs line. It was defused by explosives experts.

On Tuesday night and early on Wednesday morning two explosions rocked Durban. Bombers damaged seven buses when a bomb exploded at the Durban Corporation bus depot.

Hours later an explosion ripped through a store of the South African Police at Wentworth.

On Wednesday night a bomb exploded at the Bosmont station, delaying trains and causing slight damage to the line between Johannesburg and the West Rand.

A police spokesman said yesterday detectives were still investigating the blasts and that no arrests had been made.



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Own Correspondent

HARARE. — The African National Congress has claimed responsibility for five attacks in the Transvaal and Natal this week.

The attacks were part of a general offensive which was expected to escalate, the ANC's Department of Information and Publicity said in a statement released from Lusaka. The statement was in response to remarks by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, who said the ANC had planned violent disruption of the constitutional referendum.

This week's attacks were a rail blast near Germiston and the planting of a bomb on the railway line between Johannesburg and Springs on Tuesday; blasts in a bus depot and police car pound in Durban on early on Wednesday, and another railway blast in Johannesburg on Wednesday night.

Nobody was hurt in any of the incidents.

Terror plot against SABC claimed

By NEIL HOOPER

CHARGES involving alleged plans to sabotage Johannesburg's Auckland Park SATV studios, as well as the municipal gas works at Cottesloe, are among those facing a University of the Witwatersrand theology student and his fiancée who are due to appear in the Rand Supreme Court tomorrow.

The couple, Mr Carl Gerhardus Niehaus, 23, and Miss Jansie Lourens, 23, have been charged with high treason, or alternatively of taking part in terrorist activities or the contravention of various sections of the Internal Security Act.

It is alleged that they worked for the banned African National Congress.

The indictment in the case mentions the alleged use of "dead-letter boxes" in the grounds of the Johannesburg Art Gallery and the Wits sports grounds, secret codes, and contact with ANC officials in Botswana — among them Marius Schoon, Patrick Fitzgerald and someone identified as "Billy".

Other aspects

Mr Niehaus is a former Rand Afrikaans University student who was expelled after putting up a "Free Mandela" poster on the campus.

He is a deacon in the NG Kerk congregation of the Rev Sam Buti in Alexandra township.

In September the Detainees' Parents Support Committee claimed that Mr Niehaus had attempted to commit suicide while in detention. Colonel L. Malan, chief of the security police on the Witwatersrand, confirmed that he had been taken to hospital.

The trial of the two was highlighted on the eve of polling in the referendum. Mrs Lucienne Hunter, mother of another detained Wits student, Catherine Hunter, 23, asked the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, at his final meeting — in the Johannesburg City Hall — why her daughter was being held.

The lengthy indictment shows that Miss Hunter, a B Ed student who has been in detention since September 7, is listed as a witness, and appears in other aspects of the case.

It is alleged that she helped Mr Niehaus compile and distribute a pamphlet, "Why the Pretoria bomb was necessary", and that this was to promote the aims of the banned ANC.

Inspection

According to annexures to the main indictment either Mr Niehaus and/or Miss Lourens are also alleged to have:

- Tried to obtain a plan of the SABC television studio block at Auckland Park, as well as information about the security system at the SABC, for a possible ANC sabotage attempt on the building.

- Identified the Johannesburg municipality's gas works in Cottesloe as a target for ANC sabotage, had photographs taken of it and, after an inspection on foot, drew a map of the gasworks (in Mr Niehaus's office at the Interchurch Media Programme).

- Tried to obtain a plan of the Rand Afrikaans University office of lecturer Mr Ian de Vries so that they could plan to blow up the office.

(Mr de Vries, according to the indictment, had on several occasions appeared in court as an expert State witness on the ANC and other revolutionary organisations.)

- Received information from Mr Gerhardus Kleinhans, a Parktown post office employee who gained access to an official letter, that a person identified in the indictment only as "X" was supplying material to the police about the ANC: this they passed on to the ANC, saying that "X" should be eliminated.

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Foreign Office man in SA



MR MALCOLM RIFKIND Has rejected "linkage"

and this was spelt out most clearly by Mr Rifkind at a recent South Africa Club speech in London.

He told the club the British Government regarded the two issues as quite separate and Namibia should gain its independence as soon as possible in terms of the United Nations resolution on the issue.

Separate

Mr Rifkind is scheduled to meet South Africa's Foreign Minister, Mr Pik Botha, and his deputy, Mr Barend du Plessis, on Monday, and there is a possibility he may meet other Ministers.

A Press conference has been scheduled for Tuesday, before Mr Rifkind leaves for London after his visits to Angola, Zimbabwe and South Africa.

Embassy spokesmen stressed Mr Rifkind's visit was purely for purposes of familiarisation and did not represent any specific initiative in the drawn-out SWA-Namibia imbroglio.

Mr Rifkind, Conservative Party Member of Parliament for Edinburgh Pentlands since 1974, is in charge of British policies in Africa at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office — where he has served since April 1982.

In the late 1960s Mr Rifkind spent two years living and working as a lecturer in politics in Southern Africa.

Alleged anti-SABC sabotage plot: Trial opens tomorrow

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In May last year set off a pamphlet bomb outside the defence force offices in Johannesburg's Carlton Centre.

According to the indictment, Mr Niehaus and Miss Lourens were members of the ANC.

It claims they tried to get information for the ANC, distribute ANC publications, launch ANC support projects, persuade others to join the ANC, identify sabotage targets for the ANC, carry out ANC instructions and make regular reports to the ANC.

The indictment says Miss Lourens had discussions with Patrick Fitzgerald during her visit to Botswana, and that he taught her a secret code based on the book "Working for Boroko".

Towards the end of May this year, however, Miss Hunter allegedly agreed to help Mr Niehaus draw up and distribute a pamphlet about the bomb explosion in Church Street, Pretoria, on May 20.

The State alleges that coded instructions sent to the two accused included the following:

- To promote the Freedom Charter as an alternative to the Government's constitutional proposals.
- To launch a campaign to label the Orderly Movement and Settlement of Black People Act as the "Genocide Bill".
- To promote opposition to the Ingwavuma/Kangwane land transactions.
- To continue the campaign against national service in the defence force.

The State also claims that the couple created or became members of the Afrikaanssprekende Sosialistiese Alliansie (ASA), which was aimed at promoting the ANC, Umkhonto we Sizwe, the South African Congress of Trade Unions (Sactu), and the Communist Party of South Africa.

The State alleges that on July 17 this year the accused helped four people — Nicholas Motsai, Bertha Letsatsi, Vincent Shabalala and Dipuo Mvelase — to leave the country illegally so that they could join the ANC and receive training.

Messages

She allegedly taught the code to Mr Niehaus, and it was used to send and receive ANC messages.

Coded messages sent by post were allegedly addressed in the care of two students — Chalmers Nolte and Lionel Murcott.

The State claims that, during a meeting with Miss Hunter in Hillbrow, Mr Niehaus asked her to accompany him to a park.

There he allegedly asked her whether she would be prepared to assist him with his ANC activities. She refused.

summit

Leaders of the self-governing homelands and one independent homeland banded together to slam the constitution, while angry voices were raised in even such moderate circles such as the National African Chamber of Commerce and the Association of Community Councils.

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ANC claims responsibility for 5 attacks

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HARARE. — The African National Congress has claimed responsibility for five attacks in the Transvaal and Natal this week.

Nobody was hurt in any of last week's attacks which included a rail blast near Germiston, the planting of a

bomb on the railway line between Johannesburg and Springs on Tuesday, blasts in a bus depot and police car pound in Durban on Wednesday and another railway blast in Johannesburg on Wednesday night.

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expected to escalate, the ANC's Department of Information and Publicity said in a statement released from Lusaka following remarks by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, that it had planned violent disruption of the referendum. The ANC had urged whites to vote no in the referendum.

Court hears of

Plot to blow up

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plan of the Piet Meyer Building and some information about its security measures from an SABC employee, Miss Roelie Kuikstra. She did not give him the plan.

He told Mr Gerhardus Kleinhans, a former student of the Rand Afrikaans University, that he wanted to blow up the office of Mr I de Vries, a lecturer at the university's department of revolutionary studies, because the academic had given expert evidence for the State in trials against ANC members.

He asked Mr Kleinhans to draw a plan of Mr de Vries's office, but this was not done.

Mr Niehaus and Miss Lourens allegedly received information from Mr Kleinhans, who works at the Parktown Post Office, that a certain person — whom the State referred to as "X" — in Alexandra Township was spying for the Security Police. They passed on these details to the ANC so that the spy could be eliminated.

ILLEGAL EXIT

In April 1982 Miss Lourens and Mr Niehaus allegedly helped Mr Nicolas Motsai, Mr Bertha Letsatsi, Mr Vincent Tshabalala and Mr Dipuo Mvelase to leave South Africa illegally for training by the ANC.

Mr Lionel Murcott allegedly helped Mr Niehaus in April 1982 to distribute the following pamphlets at the Rand Show, in Johannesburg: "Verklaring uitgereik tydens loodsvergadering van ASA"; "Stand up against the oppressors — reject national service" (in English and Afrikaans) and "No collaboration with the South African Defence Force".

These were allegedly compiled and printed by Mr Niehaus and Miss Lourens.

in March 1983 they received instructions to:

- Oppose the Government's constitutional plans and to promote the Freedom Charter.
- Start a campaign against the Draft Bill of the Orderly Movement and Settlement of Black Persons Act and to dub it the "Genocide Bill".
- Oppose the Ingwavuma/kaNgwane land deals and to continue campaigning against army duty.
- Distribute pamphlets furthering all these aims and to recruit a person to improve communications between themselves and the ANC.

INSTRUCTIONS

The State claimed that Mr Niehaus reported to the ANC regularly and Miss Lourens assisted him in compiling, decoding and transmitting these reports.

They allegedly received coded instructions from the ANC by telephone, post and couriers, and also through "dead" letterboxes set up on the sports grounds of the University of the Witwatersrand and at the Johannesburg Art Museum.

Other messages were received during meetings with ANC leaders and/or supporters when visiting Botswana. Security Police allegedly found some coded messages in their flat.

Mr Niehaus allegedly formed the Afrikaans-speaking Socialists' Alliance (ASA), or gave out that it existed, to further the aims of the military wing of the ANC, the South African Congress of Trade Unions and the SA Communist Party.

Other allegations were that Mr Niehaus had also selected the premises of the South African Broadcasting Corporation for sabotage purposes.

He had requested a

Two alleged members of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) plotted to blow up the SABC communications network and the Johannesburg City Council gasworks and gave instructions by the ANC to oppose the Government's constitutional plans, the State claimed today in the Rand Supreme Court.

Mr Carl Gerhardus Niehaus (23) and his girlfriend, Miss Johanna Lourens (23), both of Berea, Johannesburg, appeared before Mr Justice A P. Myburgh. They pleaded not guilty to charges of high treason and to four charges under the Internal Security Act.

In a statement handed to the judge, Mr Niehaus admitted learning a secret ANC code.

He also admitted that he had attempted to recruit Miss Catherine Hunter to assist him with activities on behalf of the ANC.

He said that on May 23, 1982, he had placed a "pamphlet bomb" in front of the recruiting office of the SA Defence Force. The 500 pamphlets urged the rejection of national service.

Mr Niehaus also said in the statement that he had inspected the gasworks in Cottesloe and, with the help of Mr Robert Whitecross, had taken photographs of the gasworks.

SECRET CODE

Mr Niehaus said that in June 1983 he was helped by Miss Hunter in drawing up a pamphlet titled "Why the Pretoria bomb was necessary", which he reproduced and distributed in Johannesburg.

The prosecutor, Mr J A Swanepoel, alleged they became members and/or active supporters of the ANC, learnt a secret ANC code and carried out orders to further the aims of the organisation.

The State alleged that

Court is told of a link to four-part ANC plan

By GEOFFREY ALLEN

ACCORDING to the indictment drawn up by the State, Mr Carl Niehaus and Miss Johanna Lourens were alleged to have been furthering the aims of the banned African National Congress.

The indictment alleges they became members and/or active supporters of the outlawed African National Congress at a date unknown to the State; learnt a secret ANC code; and carried out orders to further its aims.

In March 1983 they received instructions to:

- Oppose the Government's constitutional plans and to promote the ANC Freedom Charter.
- Start a campaign against the draft Bill of the Orderly Movement and Settlement of Black Persons Act and to dub it the "Genocide Bill".
- Oppose the Ingwavuma/kaNgwane land deals and to continue campaigning against army duty.
- Distribute pamphlets furthering all these aims and recruit a person to improve communication between them and the ANC.

The indictment further alleges that Mr Niehaus reported to the ANC regularly and that Miss Lourens had assisted him in compiling, decoding and transmitting these reports.

They allegedly received coded instructions from the ANC by telephone, post and couriers and through "dead letter" boxes (pre-arranged places where messages could be left and collected) set-up on the sports grounds of the University of the Witwatersrand and at the Johannes-

burg Art Museum.

Other messages were received during meetings with ANC leaders and/or supporters during visits the couple made to Botswana. The Security Police, it is alleged, found some coded messages in their home when it was raided in August this year.

Mr Niehaus allegedly formed the Afrikaans-speaking Socialists Association (ASA), or made out that it existed to further the aim of the military wing of the ANC, the South African Congress of Trade Unions and the SA Communist Party.

They had identified the Johannesburg City Council's gasworks in Cottesloe as a sabotage target. The ANC ordered photographs of the gasworks.

Mr Niehaus, it is alleged, had persuaded Mr Robert Whitecross, a lodger in his home to assist with this project in July 1983. In August he and Mr Whitecross inspected the site and took more photographs.

Mr Niehaus later wrote details on the photographs, which were to be sent to the ANC. Security Police, it is alleged, found the photographs and some drawings at his workplace.

On May 23, 1983, Mr Niehaus placed a pamphlet bomb (which was found and defused) at the front door of the army's recruiting office in the Carlton Centre, Johannesburg. The 500 pamphlets urged the rejection of national service. (This count was abandoned yesterday

against Miss Lourens in view of an admission made by Mr Niehaus.)

Mr Niehaus had also selected as a sabotage target the South African Broadcasting Corporation. He allegedly requested a plan of the Piet Meyer Building and some information about its security measures from an SABC employee, Miss Roelie Reikstra. She did not give him the plan.

He allegedly told Mr Gerhardus Kleinmans, a former student of the Rand Afrikaans University that he wanted to blow up the office of Mr Ian de Vries, a lecturer at the university's Department of Revolutionary Studies, because the academic had given expert evidence for the State in trials against ANC members.

He asked Mr Kleinmans to draw a plan of Mr De Vries's office. This was not done.

Mr Niehaus and Miss Lourens allegedly received information from Mr Kleinmans, who works at the Parktown Post Office, that a certain person (whom the State referred to as Mr "X") in Alexandra Township was spying for the Security Police. They allegedly passed on these details to the ANC so that the spy could be eliminated.

They reproduced and handed out two pamphlets which they had received from the ANC. These were "No to the Genocide Bill" and "No to the Oppressors (President's) Council" (This count was also abandoned against Miss Lourens.)

In April 1982, Miss Lourens

and Mr Niehaus allegedly helped Mr Nicholas Motsai, Mr Bertha Letsatsi, Mr Vincent Tshabalala and Mr Dipuo Mvelase to leave South Africa illegally for training by the ANC.

Mr Niehaus had asked Miss Catherine Hunter during February 1982 if she would help him with ANC matters. Miss Hunter refused. (Mr Niehaus claimed in court that the approach had been made in October or November 1982.)

It was alleged that in May 1983 she helped him compile a pamphlet "Why the Pretoria Bomb was necessary" which he distributed in Johannesburg.

Mr Lionel Murcott helped Mr Niehaus in April 1982 to distribute the following pamphlets at the Rand Show, Milner Park, Johannesburg: "Verklaring uitgereik tydens loodsvergadering van ASA"; "Stand up against the oppressors — reject national service" (in English and Afrikaans); and "No collaboration with the SADF" (South African Defence Force).

These were allegedly compiled and printed by Mr Niehaus and Miss Lourens. Later they allegedly produced and distributed another pamphlet 'Aluta Continua' (the struggle continues).

However, Mr Niehaus had failed to recruit Mr Murcott for the ANC.

In March 1982 he persuaded Mr Vusi Vilakazi to distribute three sets of pamphlets in Alexandra Township, Mr Niehaus and Miss Lourens tried to teach him the secret code. Mr Vilakazi refused to become a courier.

ANC trial hears of gasworks plot

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. Treason trial accused Mr Carl Gerhardus Niehaus had plans and photographs of the R56-million Johannesburg Municipal Gas Works on which installations that would cost R21-million to replace had been pinpointed with arrows.

He also planted a pamphlet bomb containing petrol and gas cylinders outside a SA Defence Force recruiting office in the Carlton Centre.

These were two of a number of admissions made by Mr Niehaus at the start of the trial in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr Niehaus and his girlfriend, Miss Johanna Lourens, a teacher, are charged with high treason and other counts under the Internal Security Act.

Both pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Evidence was that the

pinpointed targets were insured for a replacement value of R21-million.

The gasworks manager, Mr John McGlashan, said that while the destruction of the gas storage tanks would only have caused a minor disruption to consumers, damage could have resulted in a secondary gas explosion.

After lunch several counts against Miss Lourens were withdrawn by the State after Mr Niehaus's lawyers handed the judge a signed list of admissions.

There was strict security at the court, with plainclothes and uniformed policemen conducting body searches and using a metal detector.

Among Mr Niehaus' admissions were:

- That on May 23, 1982 he placed a pamphlet bomb in front of the recruiting office of the SA

Defence Force in the Carlton Centre. The pamphlets were entitled Stand up against the Oppressors — Reject National Service.

- That he had written and distributed a pamphlet titled Why the Pretoria Bomb was Necessary.

- That he had inspected, photographed, and prepared plans of the R56-million Johannesburg Municipal Gas Works.

- That he had learnt a secret book code and had decoded various documents for the police while in detention.

- That he had visited Botswana twice in January 1982.

- That he had been in possession of a document addressed "Dear Comrade."

- That he had attempted to create the impression that an organisation known as "Afrikaanssprekende Sosialistiese Assosiasie" (Afrikaans Speaking Socialist Association) existed when, in fact, there was no such organisation.

- That he attempted to recruit Miss Catherine Hunter in October or November 1982, to assist with activities on behalf of the ANC.

SABC

The State alleged that the couple had plotted to blow up the SABC communications network and had been given instructions by the ANC to oppose the government's constitutional plans.

Miss Lourens also handed in an admission stating, among other things that she knew the ANC and Umkhonto we Sizwe were unlawful; that she had learnt and used a secret book code; and that documents in code had been found at her home.

Captain Cornelius van Wyk (of the Security police) said that on August 23 this year he had led a search of the house the couple shared with two other people in Louis Botha Avenue and had found 50 documents and 67 photographs.

Cellar

He found a battered suitcase in the cellar. In it were documents, including an application for a phone from someone designated as "Mr X" by the State.

It is alleged that Mr Niehaus and Miss Lourens passed on to the ANC information that "Mr X" was a Security Police spy.

Mr Justice Myburgh to adjourned the trial early so that witnesses could consult legal advisors before giving evidence today.

Hail of bullets fired at couple in car ambush ● SADF, police trap

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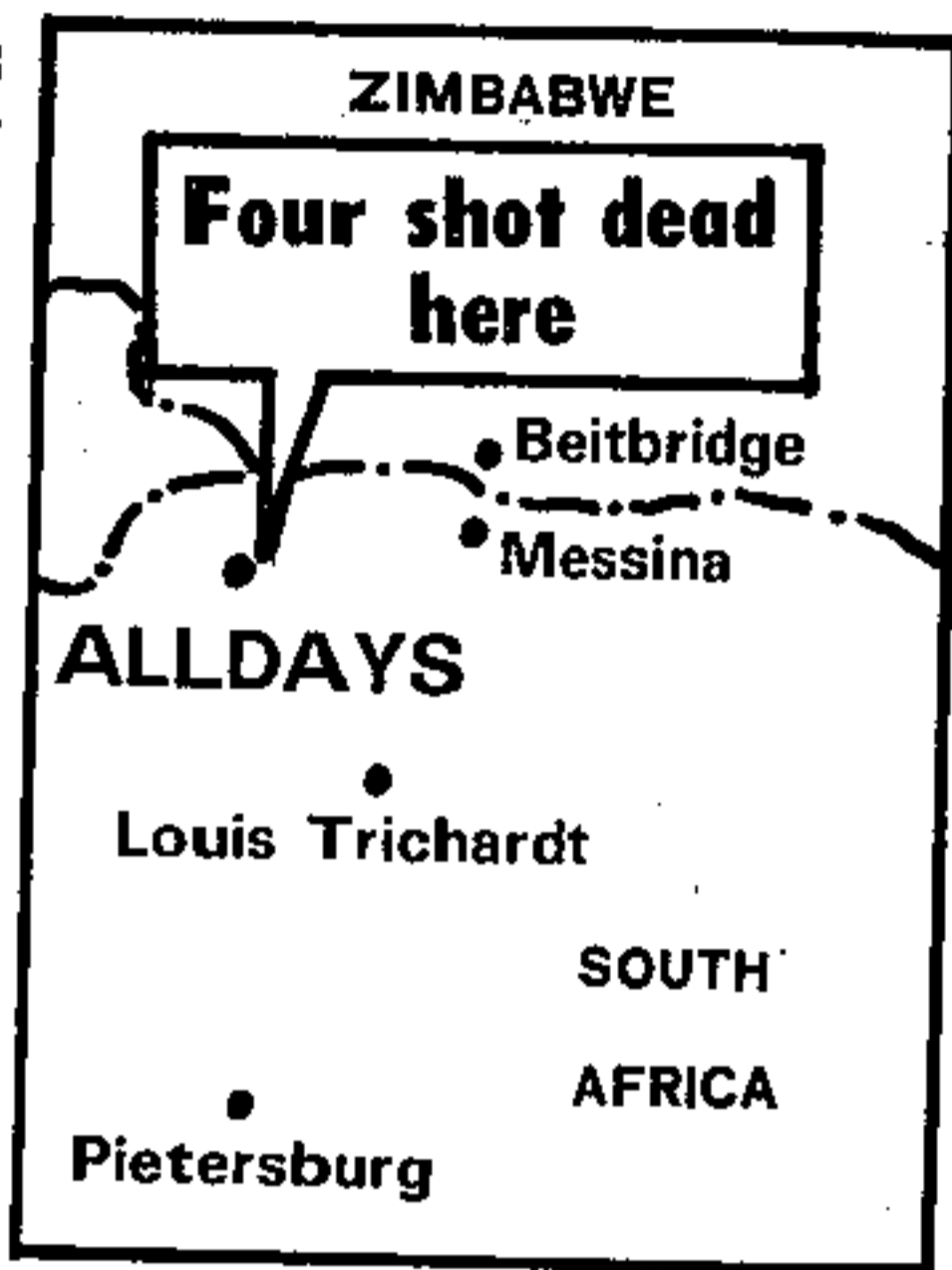
PRETORIA. — Four armed black men who attacked a white couple near Alldays in the Northern Transvaal late last night have been shot dead.

They were killed in a joint follow-up operation by the Defence Force and police, the Chief of the SADF, General Constand Viljoen, announced in Pretoria this afternoon.

The armed assailants opened fire on farm manager Mr Arrie Kruger, 42, and his employer, Mrs Daisy de Jager, 86, last night while they were travelling from the town to their farm, about 10 km from Alldays.

Although several bullets struck the vehicle, no-one was injured.

The communique said the four men were killed in the Northern Transvaal but gave no indication as to when. It did not refer to them as terrorists but according to earlier reports the assailants were dressed in camouflage uniforms and with AK-47 rifles.



Mr Kruger and Mrs de Jager had a narrow escape when the four men opened fire on their bakkie with automatic rifles.

They were travelling home to Dresden farm from Alldays village when they saw two men in camouflage dress. Thinking they were soldiers they slowed down to give them a lift.

One of the armed men was crouching in the road and when Mr Kruger saw they were black he accelerated.

"They saw three men and thought there might have been another," said Mrs Hanna Smit, daughter of Mrs de Jager, whom Mr Kruger and Mrs de Jager were visiting shortly before the incident.

Tried to run man down

Mrs Smit said the couple saw the man in the road, another on the left side and another on the right. One other man was thought to be in the bush.

When Mr Kruger realised what was happening he accelerated and tried to run the man in the road down.

The group opened fire on them and a number of bullets struck the bakkie. One round hit the engine and the bakkie came to a stop some distance from where the men were firing.

The pair lay down as a hail of bullets flew over them.

"They waited for about five minutes for the men to attack them and they told me it was like waiting for a lifetime. But nothing happened," said Mrs Smit.

"They saw another vehicle coming along the road and Mr Kruger jumped out and waved it down."

The pair escaped in this vehicle, driven by a Mr Ben Wetener,

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who took them to the police station.

Mrs de Jager was taken to hospital with severe shock. She was still in bed at her daughter's home today.

General Viljoen said the successful action against the four men was attributable to the "outstanding joint planning and co-operation between the Defence Force and the SAP".

4 gunmen killed in follow up to ambush

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PRETORIA — Four armed black men who attacked a couple near Alldays in the far Northern Transvaal late last night, have been shot dead in a joint follow-up operation by the Defence Force and Police, the Chief of the SADF, General Constand Viljoen, announced in Pretoria today.

A gang of about four men armed with automatic weapons ambushed Mr Arrie Kruger (52), a farm manager, and Mrs Daisy de Jager (85), his employer, while they were travelling to the farm, Dresden, from Alldays last night. The couple saw two men in camouflage dress, and thinking they were soldiers, slowed down to give them a lift.

One of the armed men was crouching in the road. When Mr Kruger saw that the men were black he accelerated.

"They saw three men but thought there might have been another," Mrs Hanne Smit, Mrs de Jager's daughter, said today.

Mr Kruger and Mrs de Jager visited Mrs Smit shortly before the ambush.

Mrs Smit said the couple saw the man crouching in the road and two more on each side of the road. A fourth man was thought to be hiding in the surrounding bush.

Mr Kruger tried to run down the man in the road. The group opened fire and a number of bullets struck the bakkie.

One round hit the bakkie's engine and put it out of action. The vehicle came to a stop some distance from where the shooting occurred.

Neither Mrs de Jager nor Mr Kruger was injured in the incident which happened about 5 km north of Alldays on the main Pietersburg-Pontdrift Road.

The incident occurred shortly after 9 pm last night.

When the bakkie came to a halt, the couple flattened themselves as the hail of bullets flew over them.

They waited for about 5 minutes and expected to be attacked but nothing happened.

"That wait lasted for what seemed like a lifetime," said Mrs Smit.

"They saw another vehicle coming along the road and Mr Kruger waved it down.

"A Mr Ben Wetener was driving the vehicle and Mr Kruger jumped in next to him. They doubled back to help Mrs de Jager into the car before racing off to the police station."

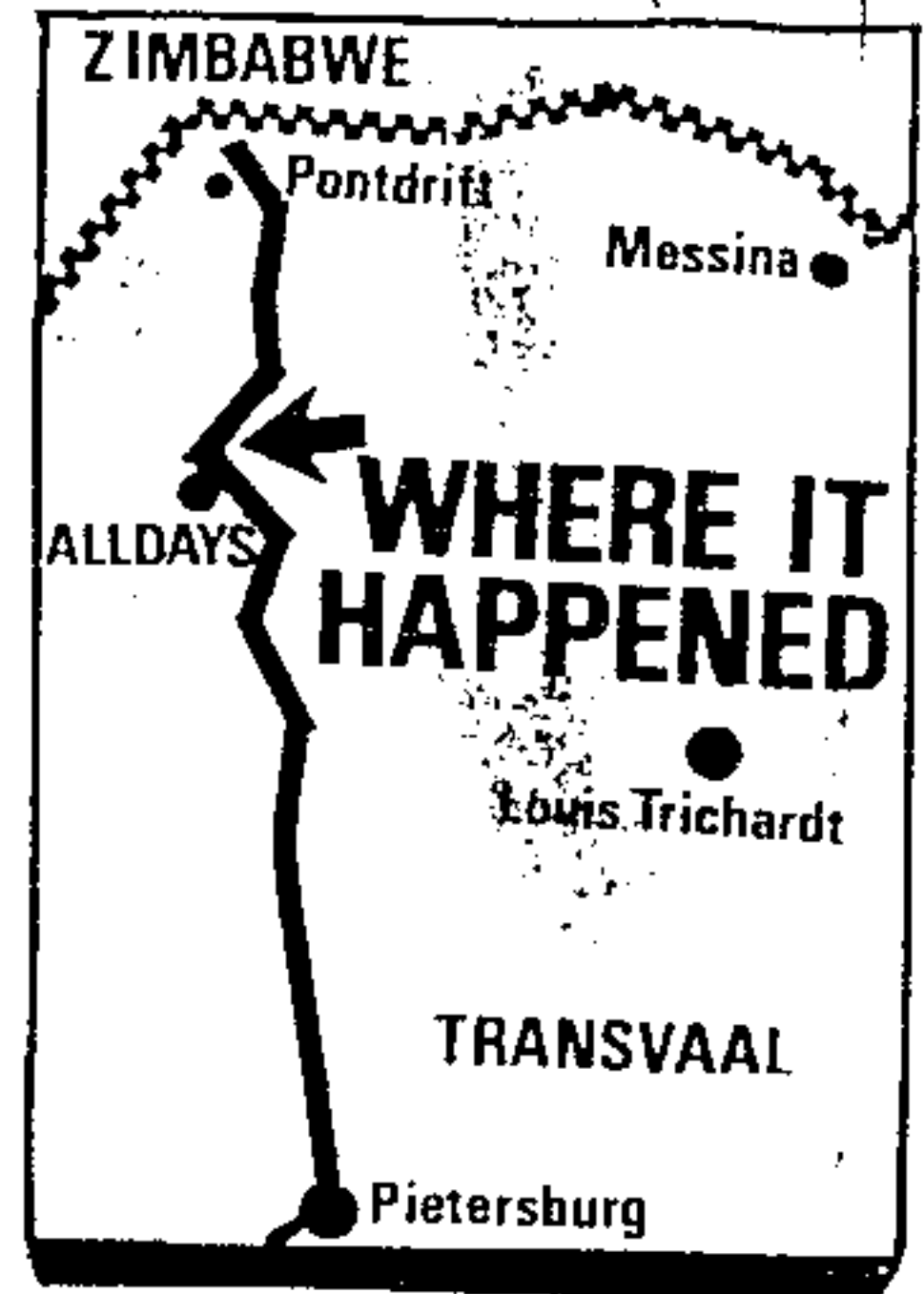
Mrs de Jager was taken to hospital suffering from severe shock. She was still in bed at her daughter's home today.

"She told me that she was not scared during the incident," said Mrs Smit.

General Viljoen said the success of the follow up was due to the "outstanding joint planning and co-operation between the Defence Force and the police".

He said South Africa will leave no stone unturned to safeguard its security.

"Offenders like these ... will pay for their deeds," he warned.



Four terrorists die in shootout

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Four heavily-armed terrorists and a rifleman of the Witbank Commando were killed yesterday morning when the terrorists clashed with South African security forces in the Northern Transvaal, Defence Headquarters announced last night.

Rifleman George Boshoff of Witbank and the camouflage-clad terrorists were killed in a follow-up operation by police and the SADF after an attack on a white couple in the Alldays area on Wednesday night.

An SADF spokesman said the four were armed with Soviet AK-47 automatic rifles and magazines, rifle grenades, an anti-tank mine, an RPG rocket launcher with rockets, and a large quantity of ammunition.

'Strong resistance'

The four, according to the spokesman, put up strong resistance on a farm 20km south-east of Alldays.

"The terrorist infiltration was successfully countered and the position in the area has returned to normal," the spokesman said.

On Wednesday night farm manager Mr Arrie Kruger, 42, and his grandmother, Mrs Daisy de Jager, 85, were travelling from Alldays to their farm Sonop, 10km away, when they saw men in "camouflage". Mr Kruger thought the men were soldiers and slowed down.

One of the men was crouching in the road and, when Mr Kruger saw he was black and realized what was happening, he accelerated and tried to run him down.

The men opened fire and a number of bullets struck the bakkie.

One round hit the bakkie's engine, putting it out of action, and the vehicle came to a stop some distance from the gunmen.

Mr Kruger and Mrs De Jager crouched down as a hail of bullets flew at them.

They waited about five minutes for the men to attack them but nothing happened.

When they heard another vehicle coming along the road Mr Kruger jumped out and waved it down.

Mr Ben Wetenaar was driving and he and Mr Kruger drove off as though trying to escape. But they doubled back and helped Mrs De Jager into the car before racing off to the police station.

Mrs De Jager was treated at hospital for severe shock. She was in bed at her granddaughter's home yesterday.

But she told her granddaughter she had not been scared during the incident.

First 3-month camp

The mother of the dead soldier, Mrs H F Boshoff, said from her home at 38 Annette Street, Del Juder, Witbank, last night that George completed his two-year military service at the end of last year and was doing his first three-month camp at the time of his death.

"He had only 18 days to go. My youngest son is presently doing his two-year national service while my eldest son was killed in a car crash three years ago, a few days before his 21st birthday.

"We were told late this afternoon about my son's death and that he would receive a full military funeral."

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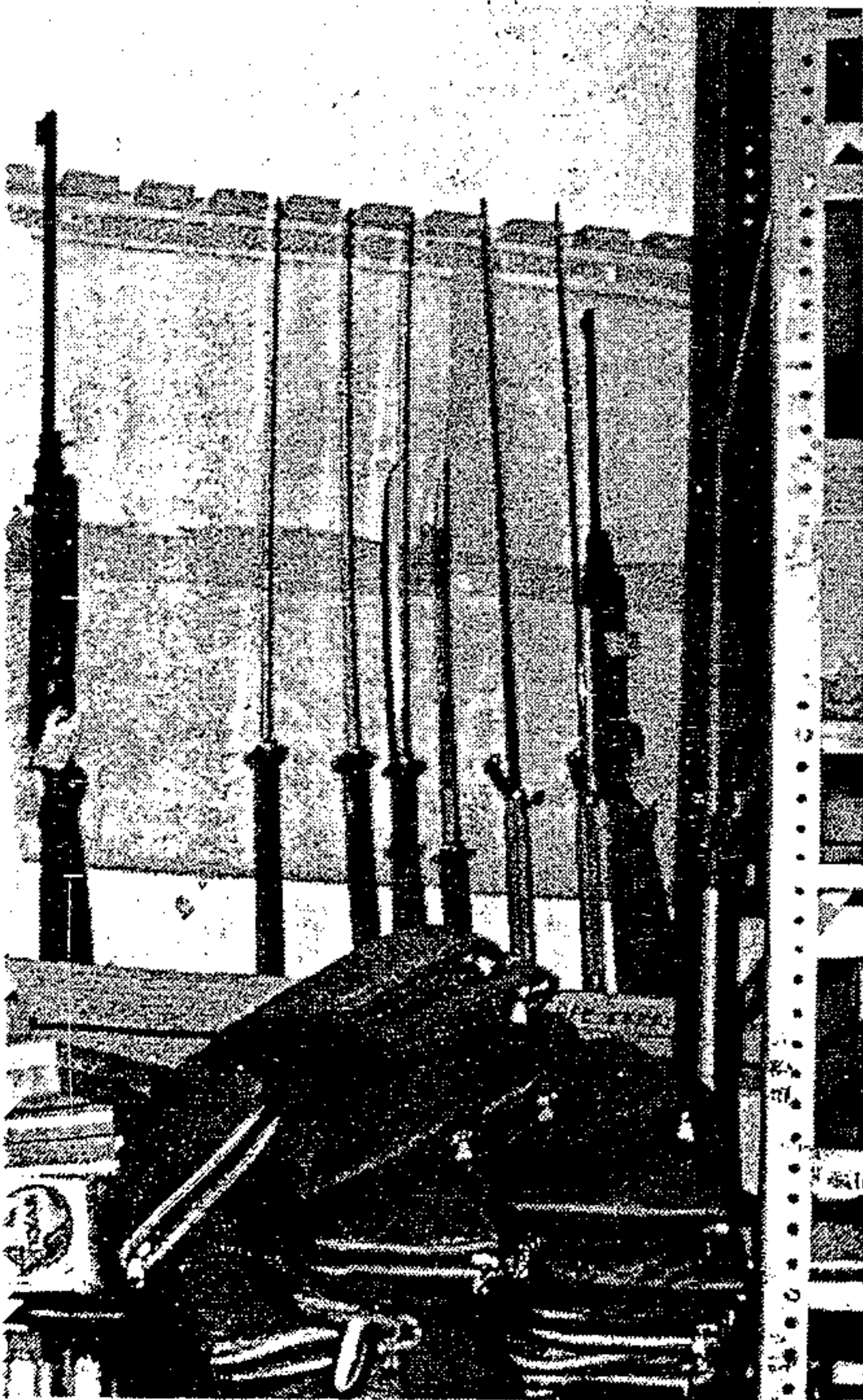


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sister Mrs Malene Henn, 40, was shot by the gang.

Soldier killed in border clash

By GERALD REILLY
Pretoria Bureau

A RIFLEMAN was killed in a clash between four heavily armed terrorists and South African security forces in the Alldays area, northern Transvaal, yesterday morning, Defence headquarters announced in Pretoria last night.

Rfn G M Boshoff of the Witbank commando was killed, along with the four terrorists, in the swift counter-action which followed an attack on a white couple in the area on Wednesday night.

Rfn Boshoff's parents, Mr and Mrs H F Boshoff, live at 38, Annette Street, Del Juder, Witbank.

On Wednesday, a farmer and his grandmother narrowly escaped death when they were ambushed by two terrorists carrying machine-guns.

Mr Ari Kruger, 42, and Mrs Daisy de Jager, 85, of the farm Sonop near Alldays were returning home after visiting Mrs Hanna Smit, Mrs De Jager's granddaughter.

Mr Kruger said they were about three kilometres out of the town when he saw a man in camouflage and holding a machinegun standing in the road.

"I thought it was a road-block at first.

"As I accelerated the man in front of the bakkie fired a few shots before scrambling to the side of the road."

An SADF spokesman said last night the four terrorists were well-equipped and heavily armed.

Found in their possession were AK rifles and magazines, rifle grenades, an anti-tank mine, an RPG rocket launcher with rockets, a large quantity of ammunition, food, and medical supplies.

He said the terrorists put up strong resistance on a farm 20km southeast of Alldays.

"The terrorist infiltration was successfully countered and the position in the area has returned to normal," the spokesman said.



The bonnet of Mr Ari Kruger's bakkie showing the holes punched in it by fire from AK-47 rifles.

Guerrillas died through 'mistakes'

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Argus Correspondent JOHANNESBURG. — Two technical mistakes meant inevitable death for the four heavily-armed gunmen shot dead by the army in the Northern Transvaal yesterday.

A member of the South African Defence Force was killed yesterday during the follow-up operation against the four, Defence Force Headquarters announced.

He was Rifleman G M Boshoff, who was attached to the Witbank Commando.

Rifleman Boshoff is survived by his parents, Mr and Mrs H F Boshoff, of Annette Street, Deljudor, Witbank.

Firstly the guerrillas bungled an attempt to hijack a bakkie. Then they apparently lost their way when they fled the scene.

The band struck at about 9pm 3km south of Alldays, as Mr Ari Kruger, a farm manager, was driving back to their property a few kilometres away with his 85-year-old employer Mrs Daisy de Jager.

"Suddenly I saw this man in front of us crouched in the middle of the road," he said.

"I slowed down and then I saw he had a rifle in his hand and he was crouched ready to fire. I gunned the engine and then I saw three others on either side of the road also armed with rifles.

"They were shooting from all directions, but it was the terrorist in front who hit the bakkie with about six shots. One shot put the vehicle out of action, and we glided to a stop about 40m further on.

"I pushed Mrs de Jager to the floor and we both thought each minute was our last. But no one came."

A minute or so later Mr Ben Wepener and his son from Pietersberg came along the road in their bakkie.

Said Mr Kruger: "I didn't know what happened to the attackers, so I grabbed Mrs de Jager, bundled her into the cab of the bakkie and we all headed back into Alldays — very fast".

Mr Kruger said he thought one of the attackers was wearing a camouflage uniform and all were wearing caps.

Later police and a civilian tracker said none of the gunmen was wearing camouflage when they were found. They were all wearing blue overalls or denims.

Warrant Officer Karl Naude of the Alldays police said Mr Kruger was probably confused by the poor light.

As soon as follow-up operations began it was found that the gunmen were travelling south.

This was where their first mistake was made, said police. Their tracks were easily followed

across the sandy terrain where no rain had fallen for the past six weeks.

Their second mistake was that they apparently got lost, and had changed direction and appeared to be heading for Louis Trichardt.

Sitting on the edge of the bed a very bruised but surprisingly composed Mrs de Jager said: "It was the most terrifying thing that has happened in my life, but I feel very glad to be alive."

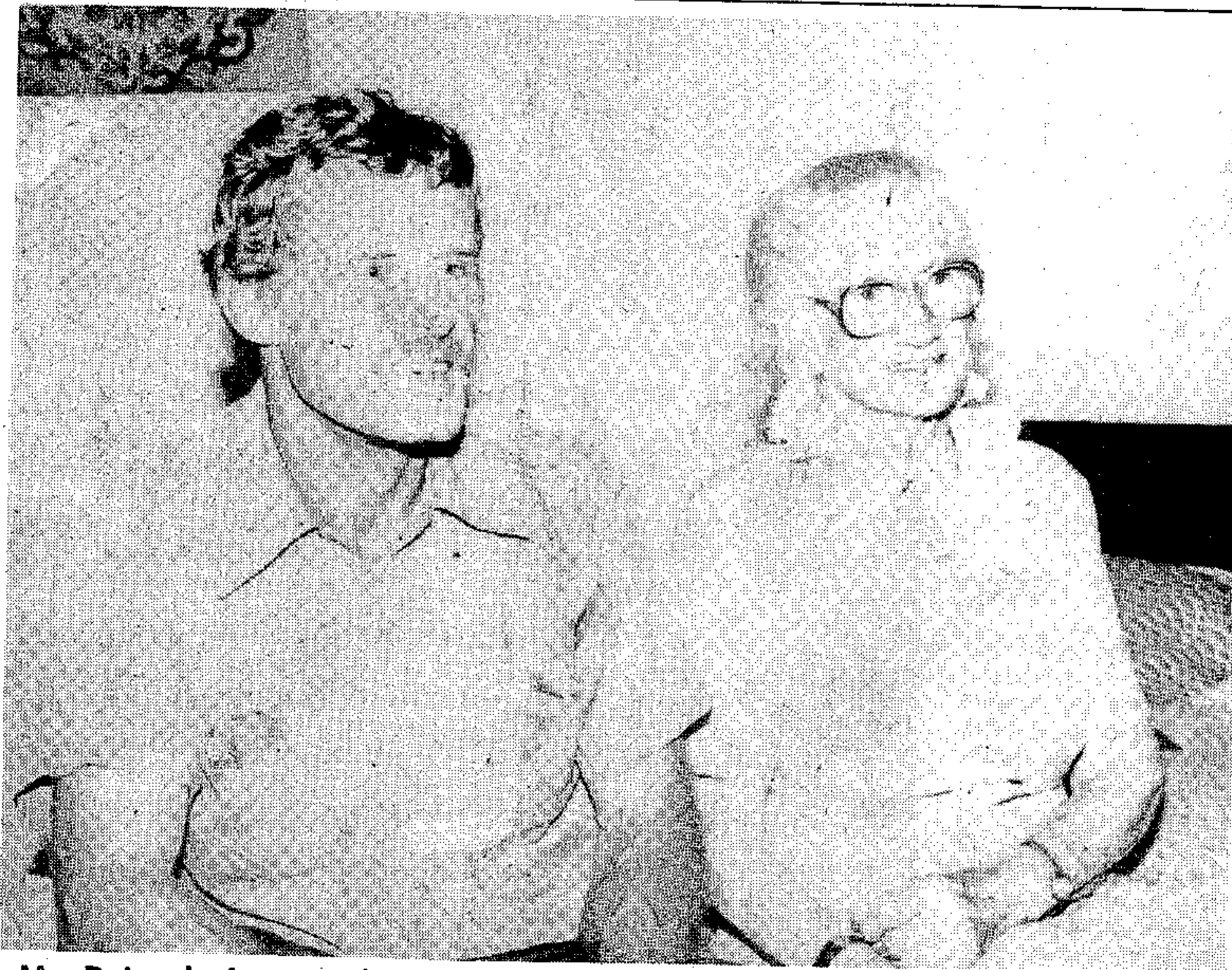
Mr Kruger said the incident meant he would

probably have to think about carrying a weapon in his vehicle.

Armed

"But I don't know whether I would have been able to tackle four men with AK-47s. I understand when the army caught up with them they were found to be heavily armed."

A civilian tracker said he believed the guerrillas had come from Zimbabwe through Botswana and may have been trying to head back to Zimbabwe.



Mrs Daisy de Jager and Mr Ari Kruger can still manage a smile after their escape from a gang of four men who opened fire on them a few kilometres from the Botswana border.

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Ricocheting insurgent's bullet would have found its mark — right between the eyes

Bakkie's windscreen saves farmer from being wiped out

By Marion Whitehead

ARI Kruger ought to be dead. But the bullet that would have found its mark between his eyes ricocheted off the windscreen of the bakkie as four heavily armed insurgents pumped lead at him and 84-year-old Mrs Daisy de Jager in an ambush just this side of the South African border on Wednesday night.

"They opened up on us from all sides," Mr Kruger said this week at the Northern Transvaal farm close to the Botswana border where he works.

"One bullet ricocheted right off the windscreen, and another struck the wires in the engine and cut the current.

"The truck rolled to a stop 40 metres later and I put out the lights."

With just a sliver of the moon glimmering dimly in the skies, he and Mrs de Jager flattened themselves on the floor of the bakkie, playing dead and expecting to be pounced on by the insurgents.

"I thought we were going to die. I prayed to God," a shaken Ouma de Jager said after her ordeal.

But nothing happened. The first sound to break the silence of the bushveld ten minutes later was the engine of the vehicle driven by Mr Freek Wepener on his way down the main road to Pietersburg.

A relieved Ari Kruger flagged him down and they raced 6 kms back into Alldays to inform the police and take Ouma de Jager to hospital to be treated for shock and bruises.

"The shock only hit me later. When it was all happening, I didn't have time to think about it," sprightly Ouma de Jager said.

She and Mr Kruger, a family friend and assistant manager on Ouma de Jager's farm, had just been into Alldays to visit her daughter, Mrs Hanna Smit, a schoolteacher. It was the one night they were not carrying a weapon of any kind.

"We had forgotten a gun that night — and that could have been a good thing," said Mr Kruger.

If we had returned the insurgents' fire, they would not have been left for dead. And had Mr Kruger been alone and tried to run for it, he could have been cut down. If ...

"But I am a fatalist. I believe that if you've got to die, you die. If not ..." Mr Kruger said of the most frightening moment of his life.

Ouma de Jager, veteran of the tough farming community, also shrugged off the ambush, more pleased at having visitors and serving us koffie and biscuits.

Would the tenuous security situation frighten the farmers off their land or at least keep them off the roads at night now that there was a greater danger than warthogs holding up the lone traveller?

"No one will leave here because of the security situation," Mr Kruger said.

"And we won't stop travelling at night either."

He said the quick reaction of the police, commando and SADF in turning out and tracking down the insurgents had reassured the farming community. The combined operation fought a fierce 45-minute battle before overcoming the insurgents on a nearby farm.

At the end of it all four lay dead, as well as Rifleman GM Boshoff of the Witbank Commando.

Mr Kruger believed the insurgents had moved only 20 kms during the night because they were so weighted down by all their weaponry, which included AK 47's, rocket launchers and at least one anti-tank landmine. The weapons were also the reason he thinks they wanted to hijack his bakkie.

"How they carried all that stuff from Botswana heaven knows."

He thinks the insurgents target might have been the Alldays Police Station or a bigger town in the area.

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Arson suspected in blaze near Parliament

POLICE are investigating the possibility of arson after a Government construction site fire caused damage estimated at thousands of rands yesterday.

Workers taking their lunch break escaped injury as the blaze spread through a building opposite Parliament in Cape Town.

Western Cape police liaison officer Captain Jan Calitz said arson was being investigated.

"However, it is not clear exactly what happened or how much damage was done."

He said a man who was in the vicinity of the blaze was held briefly for questioning but released.

By last night no arrests had been made.

Sunday Times Reporters

The blaze at lunchtime yesterday swept across the top floor of a Department of Community Development building site — next to the H F Verwoerd office block which houses the office of the Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers and other top-level Government officials.

The fire also destroyed scaffolding, building materials and tools.

No one was hurt in the blaze. But firemen had to rescue a worker from a crane at the site.

Clouds of black smoke swept over the House of Parliament, fanned by a southeasterly breeze.

Six fire-tenders fought the flames. Two ambulances and a metro vehicle were standing by.

The wind carried chunks of stone which landed with dull thuds on the roof of Parliament.

A labourer said workers had been busy laying bitumen, a flammable tar-like substance, before starting on the new floor.

Late yesterday afternoon the blaze had been brought under control.

Alldays gang was trained by the ANC, say police

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By Trevor Jones

14/11/83
Police have identified the four gunmen who died in a shootout with members of the police and defence forces in the Northern Transvaal last week as "trained terrorists of the African National Congress".

A police spokesman in Pretoria said today the men had been identified through their fingerprints.

The names of the men were known but would only be made public at the inquest into their deaths.

The men ambushed a bakkie in which Mr Ari Kruger (42) and Mrs Daisy de Jager (85) were travelling near Alldays.

A member of the SADF, Rifleman G M Boshoff, of the Witbank Commando, was killed in follow-up operations. The four men were tracked down after losing their way in the bush.

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send him some pain tab-
lets which he did later in
the day.

The trial continues
today.

Police detonate ^{84A} Mercury seized explosives

18/11/83
Pietermaritzburg
Bureau

SECURITY police here
have detonated a quanti-
ty of plastic explosive and
TNT found in several
raids in and around the
city.

A senior police spokes-
man said the raids fol-
lowed the arrest of a man
carrying primed explo-
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per near the City Hall
recently.

The Prime Minister, Mr
P W Botha, was address-
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at the time.

The spokesman said po-
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keep explosives as evi-
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danger involved, and the
only way to effectively get
rid of such material was
to detonate it.

Beach couple in double robbery

Crime Reporter

A HUSBAND and wife
were each robbed within
two hours of the other at
La Mercy beach near
Durban North on Wed-
nesday afternoon.

Police said Mrs M Co-
oper, 27, went to the beach
where a black man, arm-
ed with a knife, accosted
her. She handed over

R14.
Later her husband, Mr
Simon Cooper, 30, went to
fetch his wife. When he
stopped the car three
knife-wielding black men
confronted him.

They took R20 cash and
his wristwatch.

Police again warned
the public not to go to iso-
lated beaches alone.

Two in car shoot policeman

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

A BLACK policeman was shot and seriously wounded
in the Bergville area on Wednesday when two men in a
car opened fire on him while he was walking with two
colleagues.

Imagine how you'd if you were last person qualify for Special birthday lett



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Explosives
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by police

MARITZBURG. — Security Police in Maritzburg yesterday detonated several kilograms of explosives in a quarry outside the city, a senior police spokesman said.

The spokesman said the explosives and a number of detonators were of Soviet origin — many of the devices were still in their original Russian-marked wrappings.

The explosives, both "Plastic" and TNT, were uncovered in several caches in and around Maritzburg recently.

Several types of the explosive devices seized had been sent to Pretoria for analysis, the spokesman said.

The raids on the caches followed the arrest of a man outside a Maritzburg hotel during the recent referendum campaign. — Sapa.

Pamphlets were highly inflammatory says judge

By Rashid Chopdat and
Joe Openshaw

21/11/83
A packed public gallery today heard Mr Justice A P Myburgh begin passing judgment on treason trialists Mr Carl Niehaus and Miss Johanna Lourens in the Rand Supreme Court today.

Among the multiracial crowd were the parents of both the accused.

Mr Niehaus and Miss Lourens both seemed relaxed and often smiled at each other.

Mr Niehaus (23), a deacon in the NGK of Africa, and his fiancée, schoolteacher Miss Lourens (23), of Berea, Johannesburg, have pleaded not guilty to charges of high treason and to charges under the Internatal Security Act.

The State alleged they became members or were active supporters of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) and its military wing, the Umkhonto we Sizwe.

In his opening remarks today, the judge said some of the pamphlets found in the commune where Mr Niehaus had lived were highly inflammatory.

The couple allegedly passed on information to the ANC, spread ANC propaganda, tried to recruit people, and photographed the Johannesburg City Council's gasworks after identifying it as a sabotage target.

During their trial, Mr Niehaus and Miss Lourens admitted learning a secret ANC code.

Mr Niehaus also admitted

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Treason trial judge says pamphlets were highly inflammatory

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photographing the gasworks with the assistance of housemate, Mr Robert Whitecross, who later turned out to be an undercover security policeman with the rank of Warrant Officer.

Mr Justice Myburgh said the State had led evidence which gave the impression that Mr Niehaus hid sensitive documents, some of them allegedly emanating from the ANC, in his bedroom, in a steel cabinet and in a cellar at the commune.

Some of the documents, which were handed in as evidence, were highly inflammatory, said the judge.

The State had also handed in 113 pamphlets and photocopies of material extracted from ANC publications and had asked the court to make presumptions from these documents.

The judge said witnesses who gave evidence included seven policemen, six friends of the accused, the manager of the gasworks, a security officer from the Carlton Centre and Warrant Officer Whitecross whom the judge described as a "friend" and "enemy of the accused".

Mr Niehaus and Miss Lourens both chose not to give evidence.

The judge said he had had to consider whether Miss Lourens chose not to testify so as not to implicate Mr Niehaus and whether this decision of hers had prejudiced her in any way.

He said he would deal with this aspect later.

Mr Justice Myburgh said the attempt to let off a pamphlet bomb outside the offices of the SADF in the Carlton Centre had been "unsuccessful and amateurish".

Referring to the evidence of Mr Lionel Murcott, he said the

witness met Mr Niehaus through Miss Lourens and she had asked Mr Murcott, on instructions from Mr Niehaus, whether he would receive parcels and letters from Botswana. Mr Murcott agreed to do this.

The court heard that a letter posted in Botswana and addressed to Mr Niehaus, arrived at Mr Murcott's address, it contained pamphlets.

The court had heard evidence that in April and May of last year, Mr Niehaus told Mr Murcott that he was going to distribute pamphlets at the showgrounds. Mr Niehaus had wanted Mr Murcott to know where he was in case something happened to him because he realised he could get into trouble with the police over the nature of the pamphlets.

Mr Niehaus told Mr Murcott he was excited about the pamphlets because "they were from the Afrikaans-speaking Socialist Alliance (ASA) and urged Afrikaners to take part in political activities."

Afrikaners were urged to support the Freedom Charter and take part in the freedom fight and lend help to the Umkhonto we Sizwe under the leadership of the ANC.

The pamphlet, addressed to national servicemen, urged them to stand up against "the oppressor" and reject national service.

"Reject the white Republic. Reject the army of the white Republic and join the ANC", the pamphlet said.

Mr Justice Myburgh said Mr Niehaus had urged Mr Murcott to join the ANC but Mr Murcott had decided not to.

The trial continues.

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EAST LONDON — An East London municipal bus with 17 passengers was hijacked by two men in Nahoon yesterday and recovered four hours later near Middledrift in Ciskei.

No one was injured, but Ciskei and South African police were forced to launch a joint air-land search for one of the hijackers who took to the bushes with two hostages after demanding a ransom of R1,3 million.

The hostages — Mr Alan Ross Thomson and Mr Roger Best — were rescued after the search operation.

The other hijacker had

By
**BILL
GODDARD**



Some of the passengers from the hijacked bus collect their belongings before entering another bus sent from East London to King William's Town to fetch them. BELOW: The route taken by the bus.

got off the bus near the Mdantsane turn-off on the national road through to King William's Town.

Police have arrested two men — both aged about 24.

The Divisional CID Chief in the Border, Colonel K. Nel, said he expected two men to appear in court in East London tomorrow to face charges of kidnapping and extortion.

The drama started shortly after the bus had left the Nahoon terminus near the end of Beach Road at 7.45 am.

According to passengers already on the bus, two young men were among the crowd that got on at the stop just before Drake Road.

One of the two men hit the driver — Mr Raymond Ball — on the back of his neck and told him to continue his normal route.

Passengers said the man was armed with what appeared to be a heavy calibre revolver.

The bus was driven through Berea and then

along St Peter's Road to Oxford Street where it turned towards Market Square.

As the bus was traveling along, one of the two men walked down the centre aisle urging the passengers to remain calm.

The other remained alongside the driver.

Passengers said afterwards that a couple of them had managed to scrawl messages for help on tissues with lipstick and then hold the tissues up against the windows "but passing motorists simply ignored us," said one of the women passengers.

The bus was forced to go out onto the Mount Coke road and then doubled back through Amalinda until it reached the East London-King William's Town highway.

Bus company officials said last night that the man who had been standing alongside the driver and giving him instructions then took all the driver's cash and gave it to his colleague.

The bus was stopped near the Mdantsane turn-off and the man with the cash got off.

The driver was then told to head for Middledrift.

On the way one of the woman passengers evidently became hysterical and started shouting and this resulted in the hijacker hitting her across the face.

When the bus was near Middledrift the driver was told to stop and the

hijacker ordered him and another passenger out.

The hijacker then told Mr Ross Thomson to drive the vehicle back to King William's Town and take back a ransom note demanding R1 386 000 for the release of the hostages.

Mr Ross Thomson was not able to start the bus, so the hijacker instructed him to change places with the driver.

The hijacker-cum-kidnapper then told Mr Ross Thomson and Mr Best to take off their shoes and tied their ankles with chain.

They set off into the bush while the bus headed for King William's Town.

Meanwhile, a team of detectives and uniformed police from East London and King William's Town had headed for the scene and were joined by a unit of Ciskei police.

A Ciskei military helicopter was called to carry out an aerial search while about 70 men combed the densely bushed area.

Within 20 minutes the helicopter crew sighted their quarry and passed on the information to the ground team which moved in.

Shortly afterwards the kidnapper was found and arrested.

Police took possession of a toy gun and another man was arrested in Mdantsane shortly afterwards.



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Passengers' tale of anguish

EAST LONDON — "I thought I must be hearing things when I was told the bus had been hijacked."

This was Mr "Scotty" Ross Thomson's first reaction when he was told the bus ferrying his wife, Elaine, and son, Allan, 26, to work in the city was hijacked yesterday morning.

Mr Ross Thomson, of Stanmore Road, Nahoon, an auctioneer at the municipal market in Wilsonia, received this news at 10 am from a municipal spokesman, whom he telephoned in an attempt to find out why his wife had not arrived at her work at that hour.

"It was unbelievable at first. I thought it could be some university students playing some kind of prank. Mr Ross Thomson breathed with relief after his son, who was allegedly held hostage by a gunman, and his wife were safe, seven hours after their ordeal had started.

A third member of the Ross Thomson family narrowly missed being part of the incident.

Miss Susan Ross Thomson, 19, Mr Ross Thomson's daughter, left the bus a few stops earlier on her way to Hudson Park High School.

The drama started when two men boarded the municipal bus at 8 am near the Stirling Primary School.

According to Mrs Ross Thomson, one man walked to the back of the bus, while the other blocked off the exit and instructed the driver to drive where he ordered.

"I thought he was drunk until he lifted his shirt and I saw a gun," Mrs Ross Thomson said.

A Sid 6 pupil at Commercial High, Chereau Botha, 14, tried to leave the bus at this stop to go to school and write her accountability exam.

"He pushed me and told me to say," she said later.

Mr Raymond Ball, 42, the driver, then went off route, turning into Pearce Street, along St Peter's Road, down Oxford Street, and into Amalinda Road, past the Frere Hospital, Mrs Ross Thomson said.

Further on, he turned down Buffalo Pass.

While the bus was leaving East London, the passengers were frantically trying to signal to passing motorists and pedestrians for help.

By **LOYD BODILL**

Women, including Mrs Ross Thomson, used lip-stick to scribble "help" on serviettes, and pleadingly displayed them at the windows, but to no avail.

"Everyone just waved back," said Mrs Ross Thomson. "It was the most frightening thing I have ever experienced."

Her son Allan also tried to use a tissue with "help" written on it to attract attention. Mrs

Ross Thomson said while he was doing this, one of the armed men walked towards him.

"I thought they were going to shoot him, but fortunately Allan made if he was wiping his nose," she said.

Her son told her: "I've just come back from overseas where they have all this terrorist trouble and now they have got me here."

When the bus reached the top of Buffalo Pass, it

turned right at an intersection and travelled towards the highway to King William's Town.

On the highway, near the turnoff to Mdantsane, one of the men who held up the bus disembarked when the driver was told to stop.

Mrs Ross Thomson said on the journey the armed man told the passengers: "I suppose you are all scared. You people wake up at 6 in the

morning and have your milk and paper delivered to you. By who? — by us."

"We wake up at 4 am every day and have porridge for breakfast. But do not worry. I am not going to kill you."

She said he told Chereau Botha: "You go to a good school but we have poor education."

She described the armed man as being about 21 years old, well spoken and well dressed.

"He never tried to rob us even though we all had our purses and our rings."

The bus travelled through King William's Town towards Middledrift. "He kept twitching his hands the whole way," Mrs Ross Thomson said.

Just past Middledrift the bus stopped. "He told a man to get out (Mr Roger Best, a bank employee) and told the bus driver to go with him. He then told my son to start

the bus.

"My son could not get the bus started, so he told him to get out. He then gave the bus driver a note and told him to drive off."

"My son asked the man why he was doing this but he told him to keep quiet," Mrs Ross Thomson said.

The bus then drove to King William's Town, while Mr Best and Mr Allan Ross Thomson remained behind.

Later, the men were allegedly tied together with a chain, and were forced into the bush.

With the aid of a helicopter, police detected the two men, and arrested the gunman.

Later, Allan was reunited with his anxious parents in King William's Town.

Relieved, Mr Scotty Ross Thomson said later: "As far as I'm concerned, the whole bloody thing's unreal." — DDR.

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Reunited with her family after being part of the bus hijacking drama... Chereau Botha, centre, with her mother Theilma and sisters Marcelle, 12, and Nadine, six.

Niehaus: ANC bombings necessary

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Convicted traitor Carl Niehaus told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that violence, the deaths of innocents and even the assassination of the Prime Minister, were options which were necessary and understandable in the pursuance of the ANC fight to overthrow apartheid.

Giving evidence in mitigation, Niehaus, who was convicted on Monday with his fiancée Johanna Lourens of high treason, said that bombings such as the Pretoria car bomb which killed 18 people, were necessary, and civilian deaths inevitable. He said that he would

continue to believe in the inevitability of an armed fight against the government, and the inevitable deaths that it would bring, even if he were released. "After 20 years it is only now... recently that the ANC has started with campaigns that also involve the loss of

human life. "It is important to see an element of retaliation in the ANC attacks after the South African attacks on ANC targets in Maputo and Lesotho which have been proven in the international news media to have been attacks on civilian targets," Niehaus said.

During cross-examination by the prosecutor, Mr Jan Swanepoel, spectators in the gallery applauded one of Niehaus's replies prompting Mr Justice Myburgh to order that anyone offending the dignity of the court would be thrown into the cells and "severely punished."

Explaining his belief that violence was a necessary part of the ANC's activities, Niehaus said: "Initially I was very concerned about the use of violence. On one side there is the violence which is institutionalised in South African society, on the other side there is the kind of violence employed by the ANC. The ANC line also happens to agree with my Christian principles.

Nazis

"I would like to draw a parallel with Nazi Germany where the churches very lamely went along with the system. A small number of people in the church disagreed and there were people, like Dietrich Bonhoeffer who wanted to assassinate Hitler.

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Referring to his fiancée Niehaus said that she was a supporter but not a member of the ANC. "She would be favourably inclined to the ANC but she has many problems with the violent side of the ANC."

He said that he had asked her to drive him to the Carlton Centre in Johannesburg so that he could plant a pamphlet bomb but had not told her what the parcel contained.

Outlining his life Niehaus said he had be-

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come politically active while studying at the Rand Afrikaans University where he had stood for membership of the Students Representative Council and met Lourens during his second year.

He had helped organise a "Free Mandela" (Nelson Mandela the jailed leader of the ANC) campaign on the campus and had put up notices about it without permission from the SRC.

Subsequently he was called before a disciplinary committee.

He left and had become alienated and rejected from students and parents alike.

His life in disarray and no prospect of returning to university until the 1981 term he had gone to live in a commune and become a worker first for a church in Alexandra and subsequently as an unpaid worker for the Black Sash Advice Office dealing mostly with pass offences.

Niehaus said that the country was faced with civil war in which those who joined the ranks of dissident groups such as the ANC were seen as the enemy.

The trial continues today.

2 ANC men die in Swazi gun incident'

MANZINI. — Two prominent ANC members were killed and a third man escaped unhurt in a "shooting incident" at a house a few kilometres south-east of Manzini in Swaziland early yesterday, according to well-informed sources.

The men were named as Mr Zakhele Sandile Nyanza and Mr Keith McFadden. The man who escaped was named as Mr Cyril Raymonde.

The sources said the shooting was thought to be the work of a hit squad who may have been monitoring the movements and activities of the three men.

Yesterday's incident was the second shooting in the Manzini area during the past two months. A few weeks ago a Swazi pilot and two Swazi women were shot dead by unknown gunmen in their flat at Mobeneni, Matsapha.

Meanwhile, it has been confirmed that three other ANC members of South African origin were fined R250 each (or 250 days) after being arrested by Swazi police near Manzini recently.

The three, who were found in possession of illegal arms, were named as John Motsamai, Michael Oupa Mokoena, and LeBogang Joseph Bosigo. — Sapa

Violence is necessary

Niehaus

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By GEOFFREY ALLEN

JUST a hint of emotion choked Carl Niehaus's voice as he stood before a judge in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday to say firmly and calmly that violence, the death of innocent people, even the assassination of the Prime Minister, were options which were necessary and understandable in the pursuance of the African National Congress fight to overthrow apartheid.

Under oath, the former church deacon said that bombings such as the Pretoria car bomb were necessary, and civilian deaths inevitable.

His concern at hearing of a second car bomb in Bloemfontein, he said, was that if there had been more deaths the public reaction would have been unfavourable. The bomb itself was justifiable.

He said he would continue to believe in the inevitability of an armed fight against the Government, and the inevitable deaths that would bring, even were he to be released this morning.

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They were to have been married on August 29, Jansie's birthday. Six days earlier they were arrested in a Security Police raid on the commune where they lived.

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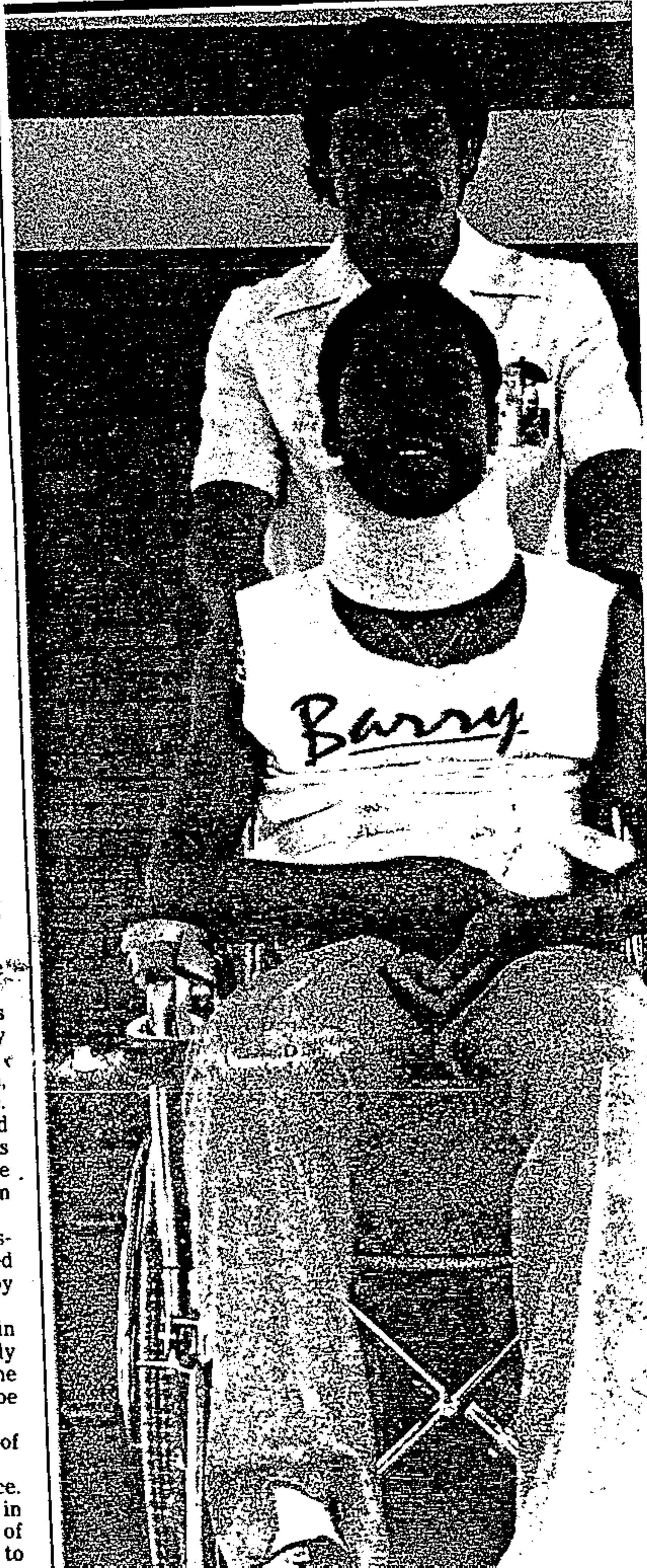
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The Supreme Court yes-
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Sue in tears
Sue Stephens came to Lon-
don to have a good time, which
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lence. She also became a gangster's
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Business Day

or in Brazil
The AL Mining Union Corpora-
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Tripoli ceasefire

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Last great railway

THE Last Great Railway Line is about to be drawn — initially perhaps as a dotted line with the legend "projected railway" — on the map of Africa.
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Property Mail

Meyerton expands

MEYERTON, 45km south of Johannesburg on the Vereeniging road, could become a dormitory town and, in the long term, the Reef's major overspill development area for moderately priced white housing.
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Flair

Now, kosher Chinese

TWO years ago an energetic lady walked past a tiny shop for rent in Yeoville. She needed an office, not a shop, for the first shipments — a few packets of sweets — for her import business.
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Sports Mail

Boks looking better

THE Springboks' prospects in the forthcoming Test series against the West Indian XI took a turn for the better at the weekend — and Clive Rice added weight to his claim for a place in the team.
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Mr Swanepoel: "Let's not beat about the bush. Why is it not necessary to kill the head of state?"

Niehaus: "If the Prime Minister of this country wants to continue to the same position as Nazi Germany then it will be necessary."

At this point Mr Niehaus's voice broke slightly as he continued with bowed head, looking occasionally at the judge. "As long as it is possible not to kill people, you shouldn't. When it becomes necessary, then it has to be done.

"It is necessary to continue with the armed struggle and that inevitably means that people will be killed.

"It is not that the ANC enjoys exploding bombs, it has been forced to it by the South African Government, and as long as the situation goes on, bombs will continue to explode ... (softly) I am convinced of it."

Swanepoel: "So you are not concerned about the loss of life ... you think it is necessary?"

Niehaus: "I don't think it is always necessary for people to die. I was concerned about the emotional reaction to more deaths if people had been killed there." (In the Bloemfontein blast, after the Pretoria bombing).

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Bombings Will Continue

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... what the parcel contained.
Mr Swanepoel: "Why did you ask her to drive you there ... Why?"
Niehaus: "Because she had to drive."
Mr Swanepoel: "I'll give you the answer. Because if one member of the ANC is going to carry out an action another member is likely to help. She was an active supporter at least, as this court has found ... if you have no answer, I'll go on."
Niehaus: "I took her so that if I didn't come back she would know."
Mr Swanepoel: "So you expected that you might be killed by this contraption?"
Niehaus: "No I could have been arrested. We have a policy between ourselves that we don't tell each other

walk out of jail your attitude will be exactly the same regarding the use of violence?"
Niehaus: "I will continue to believe that it is inevitable because there is a violence in the system that continues and my attitude is coloured by the policies of this Government."
"So long as this Government continues, my attitude will remain the same."
Referring to his fiancée, Niehaus said that she was a supporter but not a member of the ANC. "She would be favourably inclined to the ANC but she has many problems with the violent side of the ANC."
He said that he had asked her to drive him to the Carlton Centre in Johannesburg so that he could plant a pamphlet bomb but had not told



"They try to sell anything these days!"

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New insights offered on anti-terrorist campaigns

Defence Reporter

THE insurgent fights to control the "hearts and minds" of the security forces, rather than those of the local population. This assertion — which turns on its head the conventional theory of counter-insurgency warfare — has just been made by local military affairs writer Helmoed Heitman.

Writing in the current issue of the independent military journal *Armed Forces*, Mr Heitman attacks the "baleful mythology" which, he says, hampers a true understanding of the theory of fighting anti-terrorist campaigns.

Mr Heitman identifies and disputes six items of conventional wisdom on which this understanding is based:

● That the insurgent, unable to contest the issue militarily, engages instead in "fighting for the hearts and minds of the people".

It is not enough to address only the hearts and minds of the local population in the affected areas, he says.

The hearts and minds of the insurgents' internal supporters must be considered, as also those of the security forces and their supporters, the unaffected portion of the population and the government itself.

"The 'hearts and minds' of the people are no more the insurgent's real target than the terrain features he cannot hold ... his real target lies much closer to home. Quite simply, the insurgent is engaged in fighting for the 'heart and mind' of his opponent. . .

"The counter-insurgent who begins to lose heart and to accept that maybe he cannot really win will then already have begun to lose."

● The belief that insurgency must therefore be addressed in these terms and cannot be defeated by military means.

According to Mr Heitman, there must be military activity aimed at effectively protecting the population against the insurgent and convincing him of his inevitable defeat.

If this activity succeeds it will reduce the insurgents' options to one — "political means", which can then be dealt with in an appropriate manner.

However, he says, a passive and purely protective military solution will surrender the operational and propaganda initiative to the insurgent.

Winning hearts and minds "is indeed an essential element. . ." But it remains a function of control. Only the party physically and visibly in control of both the population and events can apply it to good effect. The essential measure of control is, in turn, a function of "military means".

● That an insurgency is purely an internal war, although it might enjoy some limited help from outside the country.

This "myth", Mr Heitman says, which "consists largely of highly vocal posturing by the biased, the ill-informed, the ignorant and the malicious", while not likely to convince the counter-insurgent himself, has proved to be effective in influencing public and world opinion against him.

As a result, the insurgent's vulnerable external facilities and sources of supply are protected, because often the counter-insurgent is inhibited from striking at them.

He quotes the United States's reluctance to hit Viet Cong sanctuaries in Cambodia and Laos, or attack North Vietnam, adding:

"Even countries less concerned with 'opinion', such as (South Africa) and Israel have displayed a good measure of caution."

● That it is essential to the long-term survival of the threatened society that the rule of law be maintained at all costs.

The rule of law, with all the real benefits it brings to society, cannot be applied during a full-blown insurgency because all it does is give the insurgent freedom of movement, Mr Heitman says.

● That history is on the side of the insurgent.

"The simple fact is that history is no more on 'his side' than it is on anybody else's. History reflects past events ... to talk of 'the course of history' ... as being on the side of the insurgent is akin to believing that the wake of a ship can physically influence its course.

"What history can do, or be used to do, is influence thinking on a subject ... (the insurgent's) primary approach here is to proclaim an unbroken history of successes in support of his claim of inevitable victory.

"History does not, however, bear him out. In fact, rather more insurgencies have been defeated than have succeeded. . .

"The insurgent is fighting to gain a moral ascendancy in the 'heart and mind' of his opponent. The counter-insurgent should be returning the compliment. Anything else is peripheral."

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Attack ~~on~~ ANC
room described

MBABANE. — One of two alleged members of the African National Congress, Mr Zwekele Nyandza, killed in Swaziland this week, was "blown to pieces" by a hand grenade thrown through the window of a house in a pre-dawn attack.

Press reports said another alleged ANC member, Mr Keith McFadden, was also killed in the attack.

Neighbours reported seeing a man and a woman flee out of another window of the house during the attack.

Reports said the raiders burst into the house firing randomly with machine-guns.

Later, according to witnesses in the surrounding area, there was blood on the floor and walls, and the walls were riddled with bullet holes.

Witnesses said the raid took place at 2am on Tuesday during a violent thunderstorm, but the sounds of machinegun fire could clearly be heard above the claps of thunder.

No-one has claimed responsibility for the attack. — Sapa.

Victoria school security under fire

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By SHIRLEY PRESSLY
STRICT security measures adopted by the headmaster of the Victoria Girls High School in Grahamstown, Mr Trevor Long, have been described by some parents as "getting ludicrous" and "being carried to extremes".

They say the measures amount to "over-zealousness verging on paranoia", and claim they are spreading fear among the pupils.

However, several pupils interviewed by the Evening Post said the parents were being over-protective and were over-reacting to the security measures adopted by Mr Long.

The security measures include:

- No suitcases may be left unattended by the girls at any time.

- Suitcases which are left unattended are confiscated and fines on a sliding scale are levied, ranging

from R5 for the first time a suitcase is left unattended by a pupil.

- On Friday the entire school — with the exception of the matrics who were writing examinations in the school hall — were evacuated to the school's hockey field. There they spent an hour while security police were called to check out the contents of a suitcase which was left unattended in the school building.

- The classrooms are locked before school, during breaks and after lessons and are never left unlocked if they are not occupied by a class. This means the girls must carry the books for all their lessons around with them.

"We agree it is a bit of a nuisance having the classrooms locked and having to carry your books around but we're getting used to it," said one girl.

Another girl said she

thought the parents were "reacting violently".

"But the measures are not always consistently applied," she said.

"On Friday, while the girls were on the hockey field during the bomb scare, some of the staff returned into the school building for their tea, which made the whole thing seem rather silly.

"And the matric girls were left in the building to continue their examinations.

"I think the bomb drill was held to impress the school inspector, not because an unattended suitcase was found," she said.

"I think security is necessary, but maybe it is carried a bit far."

Another girl said the security measures were "absolutely necessary".

"Mothers cannot afford to be over-protective and the girls know the security

measures are for their own good," she said.

"People must realise times are getting more difficult and we must start in the schools to make people aware of the possible dangers," she said.

The girls interviewed felt the parents were over-reacting.

Mr Long said the security precautions were for the safety of the girls and the staff. Any parents who were unhappy about the arrangements were welcome to contact him and talk about it.

"I'd rather be safe than sorry," said Mr Long.

The Divisional Commander of the security police in the Eastern Cape, Colonel Gerrit Erasmus, said police appreciated it if staff at schools were security conscious.

He confirmed that security police were called to the school on Friday to examine a suitcase.

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Ciskei pilot tells of search

By OWEN VANQA

BISHO — A Ciskei Air Force pilot, Major Manfred Vietze, had every reason to celebrate on Monday.

It was his 26th birthday and he had also played a major role in the East London municipal bus hijack drama. He spotted one of the kidnapped men and later the bus hijacker in thick bush near Gqadushu in the Middledrift district where the Ciskei Police had launched an intensive search for the hijacker and his two hostages.

Major Vietze said that while attending a meeting at the Ciskei Defence Force headquarters at Jongunso-domvu military base on Monday he was told by the defence force commander, Brigadier A. Nell, that a helicopter pilot was needed to fly on an operation with Ciskei Police.

He rushed to the Bisho airport, got into a helicopter and picked up the head of the security police, Colonel Zebulun Makuzeni, and two other officers.

They flew to Middledrift and landed in front of the Middledrift police station for a briefing and then flew over a small hill near the town and landed where other policemen were in the field. The police told them that a man had been seen in the bushes in the river valley.

"I started circling the area looking for any movement among the trees," he said.

"After a second circle I saw a man waving his shirt at us. I pointed him out to Colonel Makuzeni and his men and we flew to the police to tell them where we had seen the man."

Major Vietze said he saw only one



Ciskei Air Force Major Manfred Vietze in the cockpit of his helicopter yesterday.

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man. The man told them he had seen the hijacker running into the nearby village. He said he had blue jeans on.

"We took off again and circled the village several times looking for a man in blue jeans. It was difficult because many villagers came out and looked up into the sky and many of them had blue jeans."

The police radioed Colonel Makuzeni and told him that the man was still in the bushes.

"We started sweeping the bushes in the chopper. I flew low and very slow to enable us to see under the bushes. If you fly high while searching for a man and he happens to stand still near a tree trunk you cannot see him."

He spotted a man running up the hill. He was arrested by the police.

Asked if he was not afraid that the man might shoot at the helicopter he said he was not afraid after Colonel Makuzeni had told him the man was armed with a pistol.

He said it was easier to shoot an aircraft with a rifle than a pistol.

It was the first time he had piloted a helicopter in such an operation. He had done other flights in Mdantsane with the combined forces but not in a helicopter.

This was the second time that fugitives had been spotted by a helicopter in Ciskei this year. Earlier this year the same helicopter was used to spot people who allegedly robbed a bank at Keiskammahoek. Major Vietze was in the search party but was not the pilot.

Major Vietze said the search at Middledrift took about 45 minutes.

EAST LONDON — Mr Raymond Ball, 42, of Cambridge, the bus driver involved in Monday's bus hijacking, was back at work yesterday, "feeling at home" in his bus.

"I even picked up one or two of the people who were with me when we were hijacked and they smiled and joked with me," a relaxed Mr Ball said.

But during the hijacking, when Mr Ball was forced to travel some 90 km off route to Middledrift, he felt very far from being comfortable.

By **LOYD BODILL**

"I was going like this the whole time," he said, shaking his hand.

Mr Ball said he was not injured in the hijacking, even though he received a "hard hit" on his neck at the start of the drama, when two men boarded his bus near Stirling Primary.

During the uneasy journey to Middledrift, he said "I was thinking about the safety of my passengers the whole time."

"They were so scared they were hardly even talking," he recalled. He said he was "very scared" when a hijacker wanted to hold him hostage at Middledrift with Mr Roger Best, a bank executive.

"But the other chap (Mr Allan Ross Thomson) the man told to drive the bus back to King could not drive it, so he told me to drive it back. I was relieved because I wanted the passengers to be driven safely."

Mr Ball said he only started relaxing when he arrived back at the municipal bus depot in East London at 4 pm on Monday — and was given a cup of coffee by his mates.

But he later needed something a bit stronger than coffee to completely calm him down when he arrived back at his home in Byron Street.

"Luckily I had some brandy and I poured myself a stiff dop," Mr Ball said.

His wife, Amelia, and daughter, Tracy, 2, were overjoyed to see him when he arrived home. They had been told of his predicament by his colleagues.



Mr Raymond Ball, happy to be back at work yesterday.

wanted to sit next to me the whole night," said Mr Ball. He arrived back at work yesterday, despite being told by his boss that he should take the day off. I said I would rather work. I was not injured in any way and was feeling very much at home in my bus today," he laughed. "The job has its ups and downs but I like it."

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Gandhi attacks SA 'aggression'

From JOHN BATTERSBY

NEW DELHI. — The Prime Minister of India, Mrs Indira Gandhi, yesterday opened the 23rd Commonwealth Conference with a call for SWA/Namibian independence to be the central issue of discussion and then delivered a scathing attack on apartheid and South African "aggression" in Angola.

Yesterday the president of Swapo, Mr Sam Nujoma, arrived in New Delhi to be present during the debate on Southern Africa and SWA/Namibia on Monday.

It is not yet clear whether Mr Nujoma will address the conference in a special session but he is sure to have consultations with leaders from the frontline states and particularly President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania who is to introduce the debate on Southern Africa.

Sanctions

President Shehu Shagari of Nigeria, who responded to Mrs Gandhi's opening address, echoed her call for accord a high priority to SWA/Namibian independence and the further isolation of South Africa with sanctions.

He called for Commonwealth consensus on "effective sanctions" against South Africa.

He called for the avoidance of sporting links with South Africa to be "relentlessly pursued" in the face of the "shameless attempt by Pretoria to buy respectability".

"We must strive to see that our Delhi meeting is remembered for its practical and effective contribution to the demise of racial oppression in Southern Africa.

"For how else can we better honour the memory of that great Indian sage and leader, Mahatma Gandhi, whose courage and foresight in opposing racism in South Africa has won universal acclaim?"

Addressing the representatives of 43 Commonwealth countries — including 34 heads of



Mrs Indira Gandhi ... "Namibia is held in slavery."



Mr Shehu Shagari ... "Bids to buy respectability."

government and heads of state — Mrs Gandhi said that in its present form the Commonwealth was the product of decolonization and as such had a duty towards the people of SWA/Namibia and South Africa.

"We cannot ignore the struggle and suffering of our sisters and brothers in Namibia, the last major bastion of colonialism.

"I am sure this meeting would wish to give to Namibia the central place that Zimbabwe was accorded in Lusaka. The Lusaka summit was decisive in laying the basis for the transition to Zimbabwe's independence. So, let us hope, the New Delhi conference will be for Namibia," she said.

Mrs Gandhi also made a sharp attack on the Western Five contact group — which includes two Commonwealth members, Britain and Canada — responsible for negotiating SWA/Namibian independence.

She said that instead of facilitating implementation of the UN Security Council resolution on SWA/Namibian independence as it was supposed to do, the contact group was being used to delay the movement towards independence.

She also called on the Commonwealth to reject the South African and United States-backed concept of linkage be-

tween a SWA/Namibian settlement and the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola.

"Angola is an independent and sovereign country under constant threat and attack from South Africa," she said.

She said a member of the Commonwealth had been responsible for Zimbabwe's administration.

"The United Kingdom acted with wisdom in coming to terms with the forces of freedom, whereas Namibia is held in slavery by a regime which takes perverse pride in racism," she said.

Responding to Mrs Gandhi's speech the British Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, specifically avoided the issues of SWA/Namibia and Southern Africa.

Commonwealth leaders yesterday expressed concern at the possibility of South Africa acquiring the capacity to produce nuclear arms and its potential impact on the regional situation in Southern Africa.

The Commonwealth concern over South Africa's nuclear capability was voiced during the first debate of the conference — on the world situation — which took place behind closed doors.

The debate centered on the arms race and the deterioration in the international security situation.

No 'SA link' in Swazi killings

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Swaziland police are investigating the murder of an African National Congress (ANC) exile and a Swazi national by gunmen but have found no evidence to link the killings with a South African death squad, a spokesman for the Royal Swazi Police said yesterday.

The killers escaped after a dawn attack on a house near Manzini, leaving two dead men, one of whom, Mr Zwelakhe Nyanda, was an exiled member of the ANC. The second man, Mr Keith McFadden, was a Swazi national.

Two people in the house with Mr Nyanda and Mr McFadden escaped death. One was a South African national, Mr Cyril Raymond. The second was a woman whom the police spokesman declined to identify.

Mr Raymond reported the attack to the police and has assisted them with their investigation.

'No clue'

Asked whether Mr Raymond was under police protection, the spokesman replied: "He is not in detention. He is living with friends."

The killers left no clue as to their identity, the spokesman said.

A spokesman for the Office of the President of Botswana confirmed yesterday that Botswana had formally requested South Africa to assist Botswana police in their investigations into the involvement of South African-registered vehicles in a shootout last week with a Botswana Defence Force patrol.

The request was sent to the Department of Foreign Affairs which, it is understood, has passed it on to the South African Police.

Last week, black men in two South African-registered cars reportedly opened fire on Botswana soldiers and fled when their fire was returned, abandoning the cars.

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PORT ELIZABETH — Police are hunting today for men armed with "sophisticated weapons" who shot and killed a South African policeman in a house in Mdantsane, near East London, yesterday.

The dead man is Constable Richard "Boogie" Fisher (20).

Constable Fisher died in a hail of automatic gunfire that tore through a door he was trying to open.

He was killed "in cold blood", Major G Ngaki, Ciskei's police Press liaison officer, said today.

Major Ngaki said firearms were found in the house and three of the occupants had been detained.

He said two South African and two Ciskeian policemen, searching for a housebreaker, had gone to a house pointed out to them in Mdantsane. The front door was opened for them.

"Inside there was a closed door and, when they tried to open it, not a word was spoken before bullets came flying through it," he said.

"The police were armed with only their 9 mm pistols and the men in the room were using sophisticated weapons."

Major Ngaki believed there were two men in the room. "We think one of them may have been wounded in the shootout," he said. "It is possible he may try to get the help of a doctor."

He said that at the time of the shooting the South African police had been working in co-operation with his men inside Ciskei.

Manthata home petrol bombed

MR SIEGFRIED Manthata, one of the candidates in tomorrow's Black Local Authorities Act elections, was petrol-bombed as he slept with his family very early yesterday morning.

Mr Manthata, of Naledi, Soweto, said he had been aroused at 2am yesterday by a loud thump on his roof. When he opened the door he found flames on top of his house.

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"My wife and I fought the flames while the children sought help. We later called the police and upon investigation found that a petrol bomb had been thrown onto the roof. There was a smell of petrol and the remains of the bottle which served as the container," he said.

This is the first known incident of violence in the election that has been hotting up the past two weeks.

Swazis grab ~~AA~~ 84A 3 armed men heading for SA

MPABANE. Three men understood to be South Africans, in transit through Swaziland from Mozambique to South Africa were intercepted and arrested on a bus by Swazi police at Mananga on the Swaziland/South African border in northern Swaziland yesterday.

Witnesses travelling on the bus said the three men boarded the bus at the Swaziland border post of Lomahasha.

Swaziland police, apparently acting on a tip-off, intercepted the bus and arrested the trio after searching them and finding that each possessed a loaded automatic pistol.

One had his pistol strapped to his leg, another to his chest and the third had a pistol strapped to his stomach.

The report said they each possessed packets of

ammunition and a large amount of South African money.

According to the report the three men were co-operative with the police, but they were heard protesting that they were bound for South Africa and they had no squabble with Swaziland.

A reliable police source in Mbabane later confirmed the arrests, but would give no further details. — (Sapa)

Shots at Pityi home: 3 charged

BISHO — Three Ciskei men are to appear in court on February 13 in connection with the shooting incident at the home of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Ntandazo Pityi, in July.

Corporal Khambashe Sebe, son of the detained former Commander-in-Chief of Ciskei State Security, Lieutenant-General Charles Sebe, Lieutenant Mbulelo Xaba, son of the Vice-President, the Reverend W. M. Xaba, and a Major Mlotana of the disbanded Ciskei Central Intelligence Services will face charges under the National Security Act, the Director-General for Justice, Mr D. M. Jali, announced yesterday.

Both Corporal Sebe and Lt Xaba were members of Ciskei's anti-terror squad, Ikrele Lesizwe (Sword of the Nation).

The three men were arrested in July shortly after shots were fired at Mr Pityi's official residence. —
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SA's neighbours 'can't curb ANC'

From NEIL LURSEN
Argus Foreign Service

WASHINGTON. — An American expert on security says that, even if they want to, Mozambique and Zimbabwe would find it very difficult to meet South African demands that they curb the activities of African National Congress activists.

Professor Michael Clough, of the US Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, was speaking at a seminar held by the Centre for Strategic and International Studies at Georgetown University.

Professor Clough, a specialist on Mozambique and Zimbabwe, said South Africa was making demands on those countries in return for reducing "SA support for their insurgents" and reducing "destabilisation".

"Little problem over bases"

One was that Mozambique and Zimbabwe give no active support for ANC guerrillas, such as permitting bases and helping logistically.

There was little problem in reaching an agreement here. Zimbabwe had never provided such support, and it was clear that Mozambique was complying, too. Sabotage carried out in South Africa did not require large-scale bases.

But South Africa was also demanding efforts to ensure that ANC activities did not extend through Mozambique and Zimbabwe into South Africa.

In almost all the talks between the countries, South Africa had demanded direct communication between its security officials and security officials of Mozambique and Zimbabwe on ANC activities.

"It is going to be very difficult for Mozambique and Zimbabwe to ever fully meet the South African demands at this level — even if they make the commitment," Professor Clough said.

"Border request is naive"

It was not a question of closing down bases. It was naive to think that Mozambique and Zimbabwe could control their long, "porous" borders with the Republic.

Also, South Africa was asking them to prevent what they saw as the liberation of South Africa, and this caused them severe political problems.

Yet another serious problem was compliance with an agreement. "If a bomb explodes in South Africa, how do you demonstrate that there has not been a violation of the agreement?"

Another South African desire could not be met by either country — that they reduce their level of anti-South African rhetoric.

For these reasons, there was a very serious problem in trying to achieve "rules of the game" between the countries in the region, as envisaged in US policy towards Southern Africa, Professor Clough said.

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By Neil Lurssen,
The Star Bureau

WASHINGTON — Mozambique and Zimbabwe would find it hard to meet South African demands to curb African National Congress guerilla activities, an American national security expert said here on Monday.

The United States Navy's Professor Michael Clough, speaking at a Georgetown University seminar on South Africa's conflicts with its neighbours, said South Africa was not only demanding non-support of the ANC, it was also demanding active efforts to ensure that ANC activities did not extend through Mozambique and Zimbabwe into South Africa.

In almost all the meetings that had taken place between the countries, the South Africans had demanded direct communication between their security officials and those of Mozambique and Zimbabwe on ANC activities.

"It is going to be difficult for Mozambique and Zimbabwe to fully meet the South African demands at this level, even if they make the commitment," Professor Clough said.

It was not just a question of closing bases — it was also a question of keeping people from infiltrating across long, "porous" borders.

It was naive to think that the two countries had the ability to control their long borders with South Africa.

Another difficulty was that Mozambique and Zimbabwe had regimes which had come to power as "liberation movements". They had strong constituents which saw themselves as part of the general effort to liberate Africa.

Professor Clough, who recently completed an extensive tour of Southern Africa, said South Africa was asking these countries to prevent what they saw as the liberation of South Africa, and that this presented severe political problems for the two Governments.

Another stumbling block was compliance with an agreement.

"If a bomb explodes in South Africa, how do you demonstrate that there has not been a violation of the agreement?" Professor Clough asked.

ANC efforts hard to curb outside SA, says expert



Mr Robert Mugabe

He said he believed "that whatever agreement you get, you are never going to stop sabotage bombing in South Africa."

"If South Africa accepts there has been compliance, then it is forced to admit that the problem is essentially internal, and you get a serious breakdown in the logic of total onslaught."

It was most likely that South Africa might say the two Governments were heeding an agreement — and then take some action, as it had done in the past, because of its political constituency.

The professor said the South African demands were being made in return for a reduction in Pretoria's support for insurgents against Mozambique and Zimbabwe and for a reduction of destabilisation.

One demand was that Mozambique and Zimbabwe provide no active support to ANC guerillas, like permitting bases and helping logistically.

There was little problem in reaching an agreement there as



Mr Samora Machel

Zimbabwe had never provided support and — while South Africa might dispute it — it was clear Mozambique was complying too.

The carrying out of sabotage in South Africa did not require large-scale bases and there had been limited Mozambique promotion of revolution there.

Professor Clough said that while South Africa might be involved in or supporting insurgent movements in Mozambique — and to a lesser extent Zimbabwe — it would be a serious mistake to see the existence of such movements as a result of South Africa's "destabilisation".

Dissidence in Zimbabwe had deep, historic roots, while conflict in Mozambique was between Frelimo and a grouping of dissatisfied movements, some of which were the creation of then Rhodesian intelligence agents.

In Zimbabwe, South African intervention was not the essential, driving force, but there was little question that South Africa

had played the major role in the escalation of conflict in Mozambique, he said.

A final desire of the South Africans which could not be met by either Mozambique or Zimbabwe was that they reduce the level of anti-South African rhetoric. It was unrealistic to expect them to abandon this, Professor Clough said.

For those reasons, there was a serious problem in trying to achieve "rules of the game" or a "modus vivendi" between the countries of the region, as envisaged in the recent Eagleburger speech which spelt out Washington's policy towards Southern Africa.

Professor Clough also said small numbers of South Africans or white ex-Rhodesians might have been operating with anti-Government Zipra insurgent units in Zimbabwe and, although he could not substantiate it, he offered this view at "face value".

He said the sighting of those whites might have led to reports that the six young white people who were kidnapped by Zipra forces in 1982 were still alive.

When the six tourists — Americans, Canadians, Britons and Australians — were kidnapped in mid-1982, there was a lengthy debate as to whether they were still alive.

The American embassy and "a lot of other people" in Zimbabwe took the position that they had died soon after they had been kidnapped.

"One reason there were reports they were alive was because of reports of whites being seen with Zipra units," he claimed.

Some people in Zimbabwe felt that those reports might be some indication that there were "quite limited" numbers of South Africans — or more probably white ex-Rhodesians — with Zipra units on reconnaissance missions.

Earlier at the seminar, CSIS African studies director Dr Helen Kitchen said the perception that South Africa had since 1980 engaged in a policy of destabilising her neighbours was universal among those neighbours and the rest of Africa.

It was also shared by most independent observers, she said.

Romantic riding days are over for Reagans

The Star Bureau

WASHINGTON — One of the joys of President Reagan's life is horse riding and he does it whenever he can.

into a big stampede."

The president expressed his good-natured regret in an article he wrote for Sunday newspapers here on how he manages, at the age of 72, to keep so fit

Most of the president's exercise comes from chopping, carrying and stacking firewood on his California ranch, swimming, preferably in the ocean.

President Reagan said he believed he stored up a lot of good health from many hours of riding as a young man. These days he rides at weekends at Camp David, the presidential

Police bid to identify Bomb blast explosives

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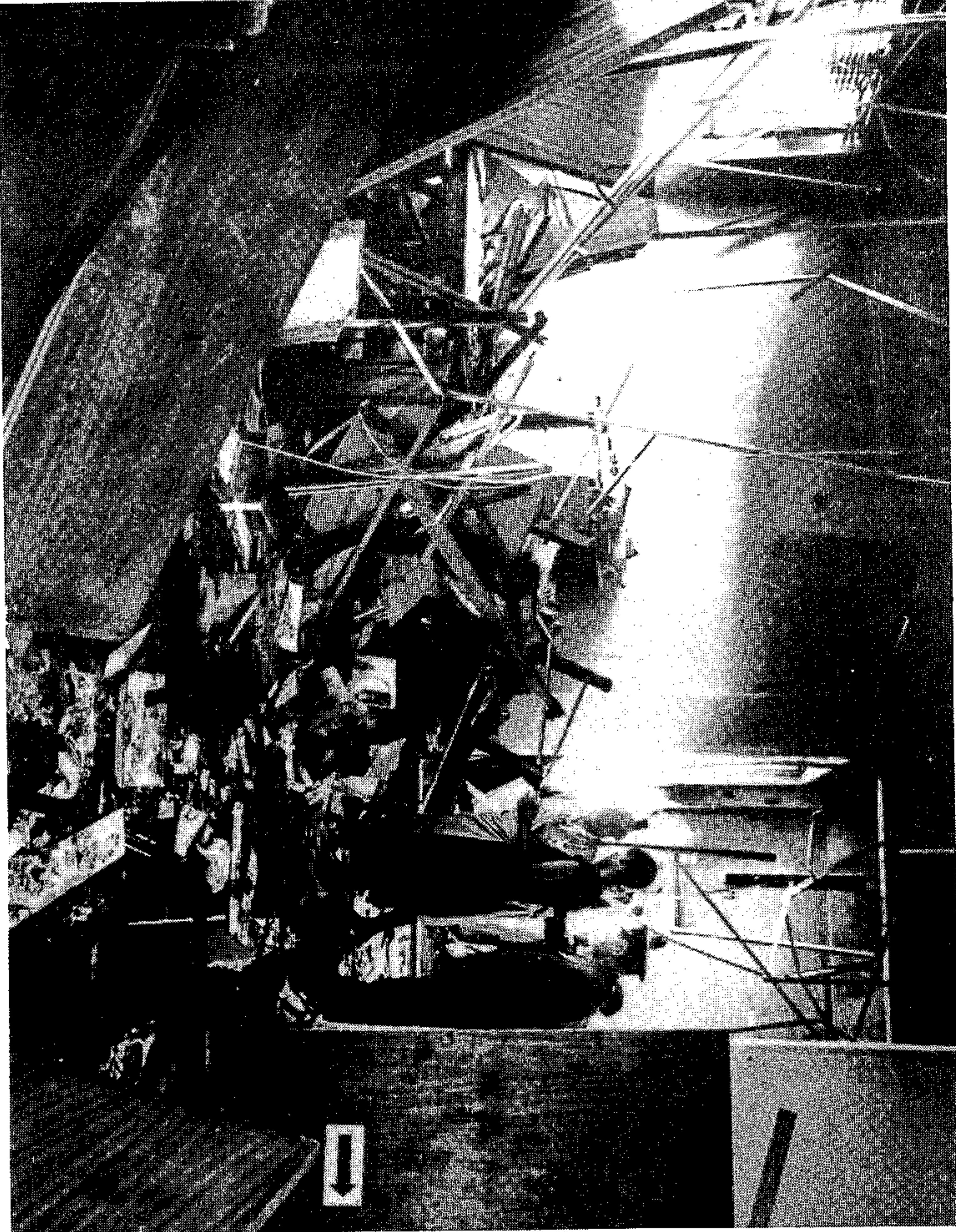
JOHANNESBURG. — Security police and bomb experts today sifted through the debris at the offices of the Commissioner's Court here in an attempt to determine the nature of the explosives used in last night's blast.

A security guard, Mr Joseph Jopie Fourie, 22, and an unidentified colleague are still in hospital today with burns. They are also being treated for smoke inhalation.

Plastic explosives are believed to have been used in the blast, which damaged the offices on the third floor of the building in Market Street.

Police HQ

The building is only one block from Johannesburg's police headquarters at John Vorster Square.



A bomb blast damaged the offices of the Commissioner's Court in Johannesburg last night.

A security police spokesman said his men were unable to begin their investigation until dawn because of the water used by the fire brigade.

No one has claimed responsibility for the blast, soon after 9pm.

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The area was cordoned off immediately after the blast as bomb-disposal experts and security policemen rushed to the scene.

The Press were not allowed access to the building last night for fear of further explosions.

And today they were again refused entry as the forensic experts were still busy with their investigation.

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Police probe court for clues on bomb blast

By Mike Cohen, Crime Reporter

Security police and bomb experts were today sifting through the debris at the offices of the Commissioner's court in Johannesburg in an attempt to determine the nature of the explosives used in last night's powerful blast.

A security guard, Mr Joseph Joppie Fourie (22) and an unidentified colleague were still in hospital today suffering from smoke inhalation and minor burns.

Plastic explosives were believed to have been used in the blast which extensively damaged the offices on the third floor of the building in Market Street.

The building is only one block from Johannesburg's police headquarters at John Vorster Square.

A Johannesburg security police spokesman said his men were unable to begin their investigation at the scene until dawn today because of the water used by the Fire Department in extinguishing a blaze which started as a result of the explosion.

The surrounding area was cordoned off last night as bomb disposal experts and security policemen rushed to the scene.

No-one has yet claimed responsibility for the blast, which happened shortly after 9 pm.

It was the third attack on building premises in Johannesburg this year.

On August 6, a limpet mine explosion caused extensive damage to the Temple Israel synagogue in Hillbrow.

Less than three weeks later, on August 26, two powerful explosions rocked the 50-storey Carlton Centre building, damaging the offices of the Ciskei Government on the sixth floor.

The banned African National Congress claimed responsibility for both blasts.

● See picture on Page 2.

Explosion rocks Rand offices

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A powerful blast — believed to have been caused by a plastic explosive — ripped through the Commissioner's Court offices of the Department of Cooperation and Development here shortly after 9 last night.

The guard at the building, Mr Joseph Joppie Fourie, 22, was admitted to the Johannesburg Hospital with burns to his left hand and suffering from smoke inhalation.

A hospital spokesman said a second unnamed man was being treated for smoke inhalation but police and ambu-

lance officials knew nothing of the casualty.

Both men were in a "satisfactory condition".

Firemen extinguished the blaze on the third floor of the building, one block away from police headquarters at John Vorster Square.

Colonel Fred Bull, chief police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, said at the scene last night that the cause of the explosion was unknown and police were conducting "extensive investigations".

Police cordoned off the area and press were barred from the five-storey concrete building.

The explosion blew a 30cm hole through a

concrete office floor, severely damaged a metal lift door and buckled perspex windows.

Mr Fourie, badly shaken, recalled what happened while waiting to be taken to hospital.

"I was sitting about four offices away from the blast. The explosion was deafening.

"I ran to the offices which seemed to have been hit and saw flames leaping from the wooden beams of the ceiling.

"I immediately grabbed a fire extinguisher and burnt myself but managed to bring the flames under some control. I then phoned the fire department and the police."

By CHRIS OLCKERS

POLICE yesterday appealed for increased security measures following the devastating limpet bomb blast at the Johannesburg Commissioner's Court amid fears that the blast could herald a wave of new bombings.

The limpet mine, placed in a wastepaper basket on the third floor of the building, destroyed at least three offices of welfare officers at the Department of Co-Operation and Development.

Doors and window frames were flung up to 30m in the blast, shortly after 9pm on Wednesday. The building is only a block away from John Vorster Square.

A security guard, Mr Joppie Fourie, was only metres from serious injury or possible death as he got into a sleeping bag and listened to the radio.

The office next door was ripped to shreds by flying glass.

Police warning as bomb fears grow

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Mr Fourie and an unidentified second person suffered minor injuries. They were discharged from the Johannesburg Hospital yesterday morning.

It is feared that the blast could signal the start of a wave of bombings at Government buildings, and police yesterday appealed to employers and workers to be on the lookout for any suspicious bags or parcels.

Police last night revealed that the blast was caused by a limpet mine which wrecked the offices in the building. A fire broke out after the blast, causing further damage.

Colonel Fred Bull, police spokesman for the Witwatersrand Division, said that from information received and clues found at the scene of the explosion, it appeared that the mine had been placed in a waste paper basket in the building.

"Fairly extensive damage was caused to the interior of the building," he said. He was unable to give an estimate of the damage.

Col Bull said he wished again to impress on people the need to empty refuse bins before offices closed and to notify police immediately if objects such as trunks, suitcases, thermos flasks, books or shopping bags were found lying around or were not in their usual places.

Repairs to the main railway line through the Free State, damaged by a bomb blast in the early hours of yesterday morning, were completed by yesterday afternoon.

A steam locomotive, two goods trucks and a coal-tender were derailed by the explosion at Hamilton signal post, 2 km south of Bloemfontein.

About 2 m of track and sleepers were ripped apart by the blast, which also damaged two trucks on a nearby siding. No one was injured.

The Deputy Commissioner General of the Railways Police, Major General P M du Plessis, said that explosives experts had completed investigations at the site.

No one has claimed responsibility for the blast, which occurred on the first anniversary of the SADF

Bombed OFS line back in operation

raid on Maseru, where 42 suspected ANC terrorists were killed.

The passenger trains from Johannesburg to East London and Mossel Bay and a train from De Aar to Bloemfontein were delayed for about 70 minutes. Normal rail traffic was resumed soon afterwards, when trains were routed on to an undamaged track running parallel with the one on which the explosion occurred.

Repair teams and explosives experts were at the scene within minutes.

This was the fifth bomb blast reported in Bloemfontein this year. On Jan-

uary 28, a bomb exploded on the main line only minutes after a passenger train had passed the spot. No one was injured but a bridge was extensively damaged.

One person was killed and 68 injured — some seriously — when a bomb destroyed the ground-floor ablution block at the southern OFS Administration Board's headquarters near Mangaung township on February 18.

Three people were injured in an explosion at the De Bloem station on March 11, and heavy damage was caused when a powerful device exploded under a parked car in Peet Avenue on May 26.

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CENTRAL METHODIST church, cnr Pritchard and Smal str, 8.30am Holy Communion, 9.30am Rev Peter Storey, 11am Afrikaans service Rev Ric Matthews, 7pm Rev Ric Matthews. Workers worship 1.15pm Wednesday.

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UNIVERSAL TEMPLE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, Gloucester House, 66 Rissik St, Between Bree and Jeppe Sts. Sun. 10.30am and 7pm. Tues. 11am Clairvoyance 7.30pm Open Circle. Thurs. 7.30pm Healing Circle. Guide Portraits only 838-5173. Enquiries 836-6163.

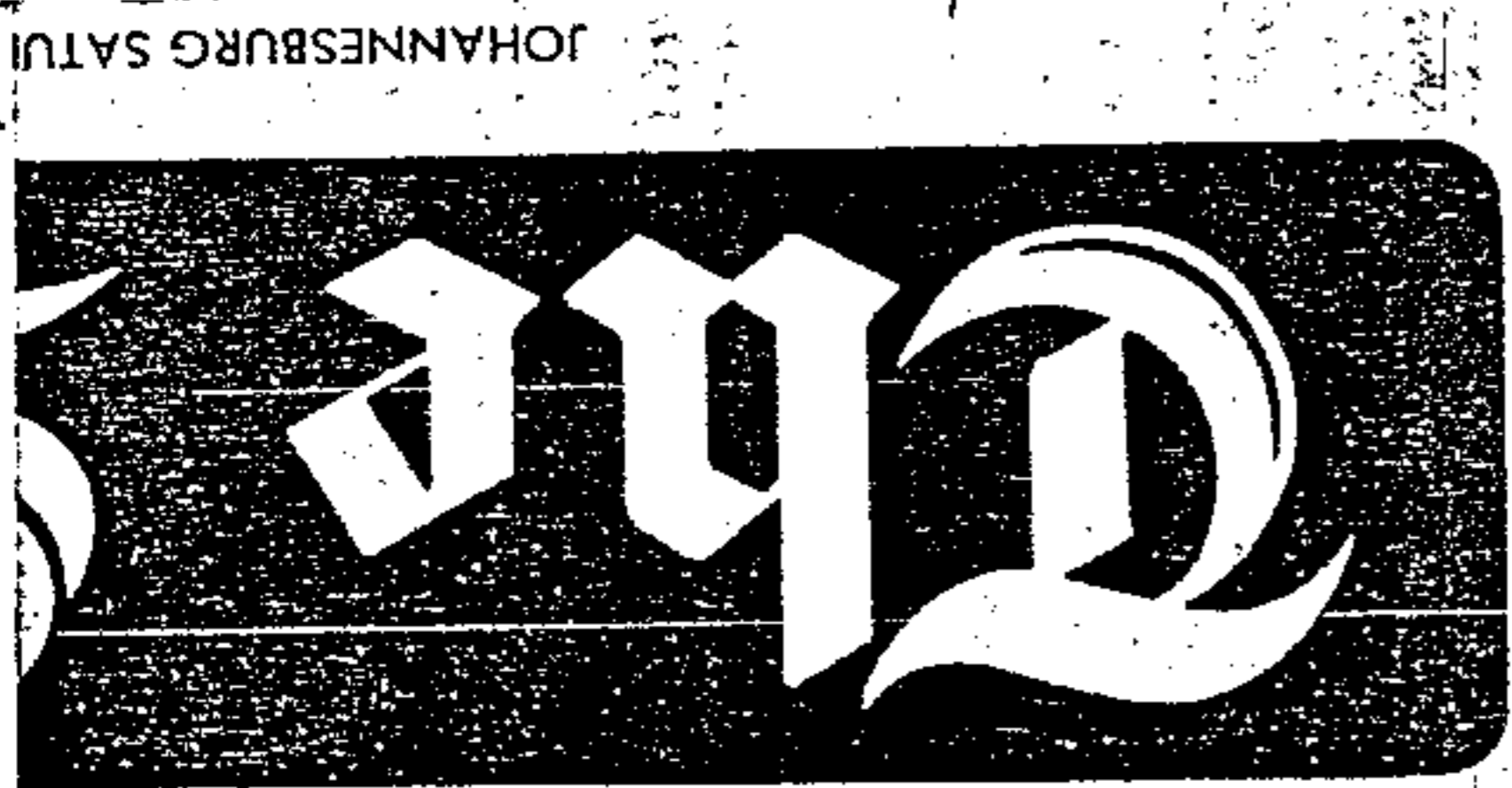
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THE CHRISTADEL PHIANS, 75 Somerset rd, Kensington. Sunday School, 9-10 am. Breaking of Bread Service, 10-11 am, Wednesday.

Search for rapist continues

MARITZBURG — Natal police are at the hub of an intensive round-the-clock hunt for a man who allegedly kidnapped a policeman's wife from outside a hairdressing saloon in Pretoria on December 6, abducted her to Port Edward and raped her. The man is also wanted in the Transvaal in connection of alleged fraud. The woman made a dramatic roadside escape from him yesterday while he was involved in

WEEKEND REVIEW



Arms cache seized after city shootout

By Mike Cohen,
Crime Reporter

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The cache was found in a house in Eldorado Park after a shootout between an identified member of the banned African National Congress and Security Police.

One coloured woman, who has not yet been identified, was wounded in the crossfire.

According to a spokesman for police headquarters in Pretoria, a member of the ANC is in the custody of the Security Police and is being interrogated in Pretoria.

It is understood that another ANC man is being sought although this has not been confirmed.

The drama began on Tuesday this week during police investigations in the coloured suburb south of Johannesburg, which borders on Soweto.

On Wednesday, further investigations led them to a house in the suburb. Attempts to gain entry to the house were thwarted when a man inside the house began firing on the policemen.

Security Police returned the fire — the two parties apparently using handguns — when the innocent woman was shot and wounded.

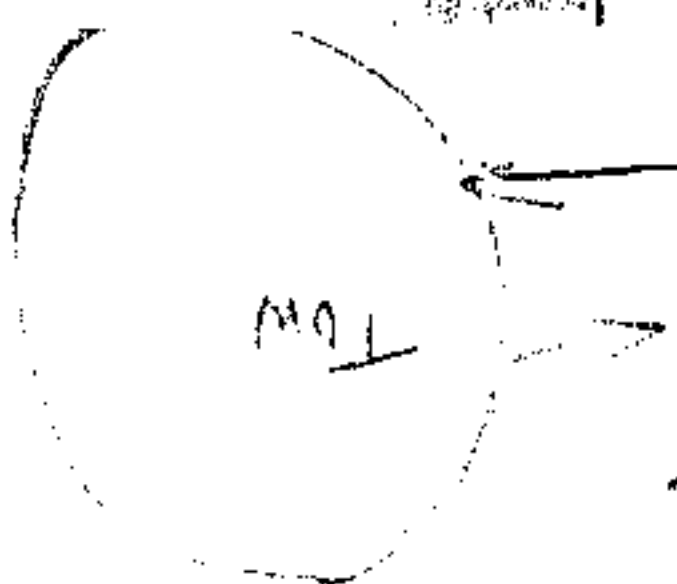
Security Police said the gunman inside the house was eventually overpowered and arrested. He was later identified as a member of the ANC.

The police then searched the house and found a cache of arms and ammunition — similar to the explosives used in two terror attacks in the country this week.

Limpet mines, handgrenades, landmines and handguns of foreign origin are in the possession of the Security Police.

Explosives — believed to weigh several kilograms — and detonators have also been seized.

The two terror acts made South African Press headlines this week.



On Wednesday night, a limpet mine exploded in the third floor offices of the Department of Co-operation and Development Commissioner's Court building in Market Street, Johannesburg. The ANC today claimed responsibility for this blast.

Two men were slightly injured as a result of smoke inhalation after a fire broke out in the building. Extensive damage was caused to the premises.

On Thursday night, a powerful blast ripped up part of the main railway line near Bloemfontein.

There were no casualties but a coal tender and two trucks of a goods train were derailed near Hamilton station. No-one has yet claimed responsibility for the blast.

Police seize explosives after Rand shoot-out with ANC member

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Weekend Argus Correspondent

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It is understood police are looking for another ANC man.

Police started investigations in the coloured township south of Johannesburg bordering on Soweto on Tuesday.

Investigations on Wednesday led police to a house in the suburb, but a man inside the house opened fire with a handgun when police tried to get in.

Shot in crossfire

The police returned the fire and the innocent woman was shot and wounded in the crossfire.

Police said the gunman was eventually overpowered and arrested. He was later identified as a member of the ANC.

The house was searched and police found limpet mines, hand-grenades, land mines and handguns of foreign origin.

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Limpet mine explosion

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Police seize huge arms cache after shootout: ANC sabotage campaign disrupted: Sensational trials expected next year

10 HELD FOR PLOT

By NEIL HOOPER
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POLICE have made a dramatic breakthrough while investigating an attempt to assassinate the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha — and a series of sensational trials will take place early next year.

In addition, a man alleged to be a notorious ANC saboteur was arrested this week and, after a shootout in a township near Johannesburg, police seized a huge cache of arms and explosives.

Yesterday the Commissioner of Police, General Johann Coetzee, said the arrests had thwarted many acts of sabotage planned for this week.

Ten people have been detained in connection with what was believed to have been an ANC "suicide mission" to assassinate Mr Botha at a Maritzburg hotel in October.

General Coetzee said that the detention of the 10 and the arrest in Soweto on Tuesday of a man allegedly responsible for a number of acts of sabotage on the Witwatersrand had disrupted ANC plans for a campaign of violence in the run-up to December 16, the Day of the Vow.

"Traditionally the ANC has planned acts of sabotage in South Africa for this time of the year to coincide with the United Nations Human Rights Day on December 10, coupled with December 16 which is not only the Day of the Vow in South Africa but the anniversary of the founding of the ANC military wing, Umkhonto We Sizwe, in 1961," he said.

"This year the ANC has been thwarted in many of its plans for Natal and the Witwatersrand with the arrest of 10 people in Maritzburg in connection with the planned assassination attempt on the Prime Minister, and the arrest of an alleged leading ANC figure in Soweto."

General Coetzee said it was nevertheless still necessary to warn people to be on guard against possible acts of sabotage, such as the limpet bomb blast in the Johannesburg Commissioner's Court on Wednesday and the blowing up of a railway line near Bloemfontein the next night.

Weapons confiscated

The ANC has since publicly claimed responsibility for the explosion in the Commissioner's Court, in which one person was injured, but made no mention of the blast near Bloemfontein.

So far explosives experts have not been able to establish the type or origin of the explosives used, according to the Deputy Commissioner-General of the Railways Police, Major-General P M du Plessis.

General Coetzee yesterday revealed details of the arrest on Tuesday of the man alleged to be a senior ANC member.

He said that after the man had been arrested and a large supply of weapons confiscated, police had accompanied him the next to a house in Eldorado Park, a coloured township bordering Soweto.

As the police approached the house a man inside opened fire with a shotgun through the closed front door.

The police had returned fire and arrested the man as well as a woman with him in the house.

A search uncovered a huge cache of arms including limpet and landmines, handgrenades and other explosives.

General Coetzee said that police investigations into ANC acts of sabotage and subversion were "progressing well" and that with the arrest of the 10 in Maritzburg and the alleged "leading ANC figure" on the Witwatersrand, two or three outstanding cases would be brought to court shortly.

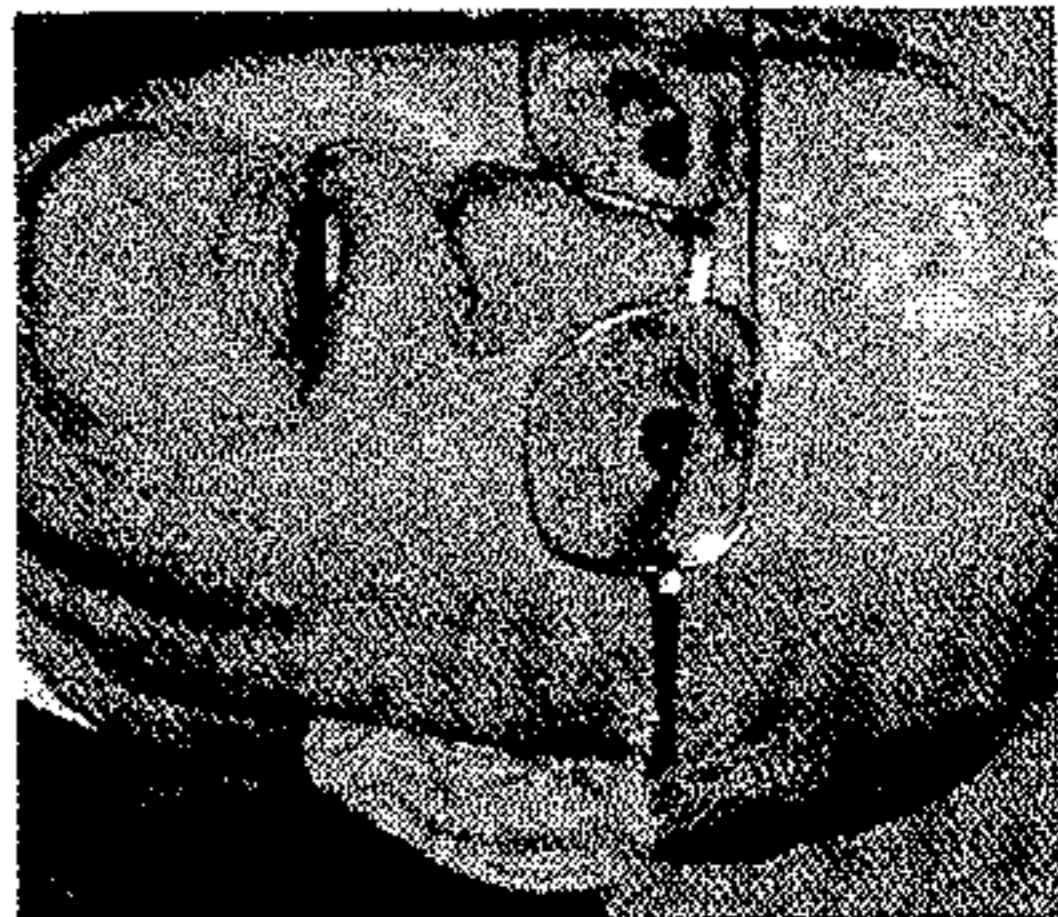
Sensational cases

He said several "sensational" cases would come before the courts early next year, particularly as a result of the detention of the 10 in connection with the assassination plot against the Prime Minister.

On October 27 a young man whom the police said had been identified as a trained member of the ANC was arrested carrying a bomb near the city hall in Maritzburg, where the Prime Minister was addressing a referendum meeting.

The black man was arrested by a police dog handler and found to be carrying activated Russian-made limpet explosives wrapped in newspaper inside a metal box. The bomb, which was ready to explode, was de-activated by two explosives experts.

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Assassination bid

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10 held

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In follow-up operations members of the Security Branch and other officials of the police found three arms caches in the vicinity of Maritzburg, containing, among other things, demolition mines, time mechanisms and detonators.

At the time the head of the Security Branch, Major-General Frans Steenkamp, told the Sunday Times that more than one person might have been involved in the alleged ANC assassination mission.

He pointed out that it was normal ANC strategy for one team of ANC terrorists to reconnoitre the site of a planned attack, a second to plant caches of arms, and a third team to carry out the attack.

December campaign of terror thwarted

By Mike Cohen,
Crime Reporter

The arrest of several top members of the banned African National Congress by Security Police recently has thwarted a sophisticated campaign of terror which was to have been launched this month, according to the Commissioner of Police, General Johann Coetzee.

The arrests came after intensive investigations following the detention of a man carrying a bomb only 200 m from where the Prime Minister, Mr P V Botha, was due to address a gathering in Maritzburg.

Several trials are likely to follow, possibly in the New Year.

Big arms caches have been found in Maritzburg and Eldorado Park, south of Johannesburg.

LIMPET MINES

Limpet mines, landmines, handgrenades and other explosive devices have been seized.

Only last week, the ANC claimed responsibility for a limpet mine which detonated at the Department of Cooperation and Development offices in Market Street, Johannesburg.

Limpet mines have become a common weapon in urban terror — mainly because they can be easily concealed. More than 25 limpet mine attacks have been investigated by the Security Police in recent years.

General Coetzee also warned that other acts of urban terror could be expected before December 16, the Day of the Vow.

The date is also the anniversary of the founding of the military wing of the ANC, Umkhonto we Sizwe.

Limpet mine blast 'not well planned'

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The limpet mine attack on the offices of the Department of Community Development in Bree Street, Johannesburg, yesterday was not well planned and damage to documents and records was minimal, says Mr DH Rossouw, the department's regional director.

He said the mine had been planted in a general records office that few members of the public entered. The office had been unoccupied yesterday, giving the saboteurs a chance to hide the bomb behind a support column.

The department's computer on the third floor of the building had not been damaged by the blast, Mr Rossouw said.

The ceiling, furniture and filing cabinets had been damaged, but the offices were in use again by 9.30 am today.

"Although this is a Government office and we do have security, we cannot follow every visitor around the building.

"However we will now have to consider searching the bags of people entering the offices," said Mr Rossouw.

Last night's blast was the sixth limpet mine attack in the Johannesburg area this year.

The attack at 6.40 pm came only days after the Commissioner of Police warned that the African National Congress could be expected to step up its campaign in the next few weeks.

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Last Wednesday the offices of the Department of Co-operation and Development in Market Street were blasted.



Bok-size smiles from Durban's Mrs Maz Stanghon (left) and Mrs Karin Gavin. The two Natalians, who are holding special commemorative plaques, were chosen as Springbok ten-pin bowlers at trials in Johannesburg. Two teams — six men and six women — will take on an "all comers" side in February. With them is Mr Rob Coetzer, a national selector, with his Bowler of the Year trophy.

Sun City fraud probe — twelve appear in court

Ten Sun City employees and two other people are being held at a Mafikeng prison after appearing in court today on allegations of theft amounting to R129 000 from the gambling complex.

The 12 — believed to include 10 Britons — appeared at the Mankwe Magistrate's Court at Mogwase, near Sun City, this morning, according to Bophuthatswana police.

The charges of theft were probably only preliminary, said Colonel Dave George of police headquarters at Mafikeng.

The 12, who were not asked to plead, were transferred to Bophuthatswana's main Rooigrond Prison at Mafikeng. They include croupiers and pit-bosses.

"Bophuthatswana police have arrested 12 white people, eight males and four females, in connection with fraud involving a substantial amount of money at Sun City," said Colonel George.

"They all appeared in court this morning."

A spokesman at the court said all were remanded until December 28.

Colonel George said the arrests did not follow a long police investigation.

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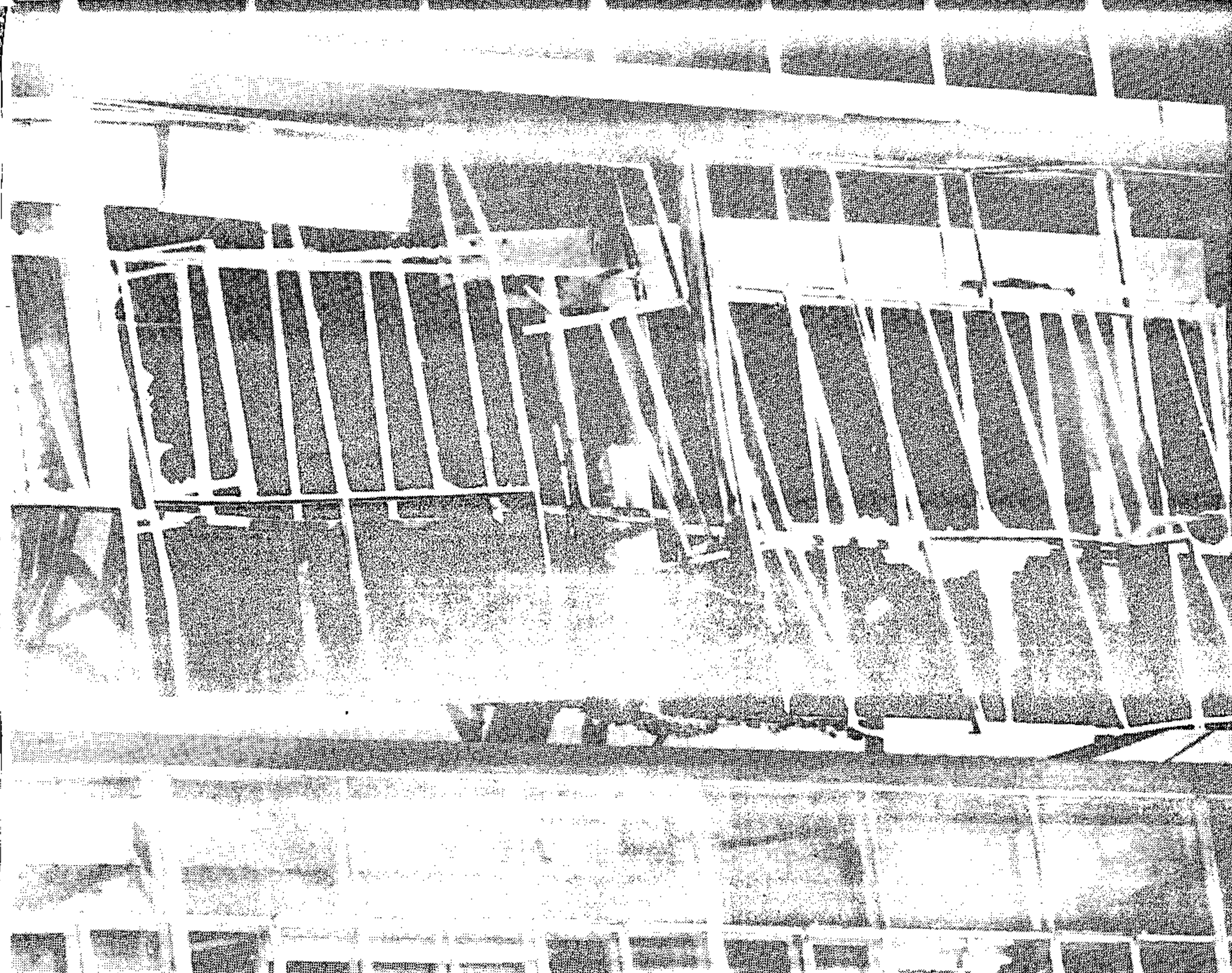
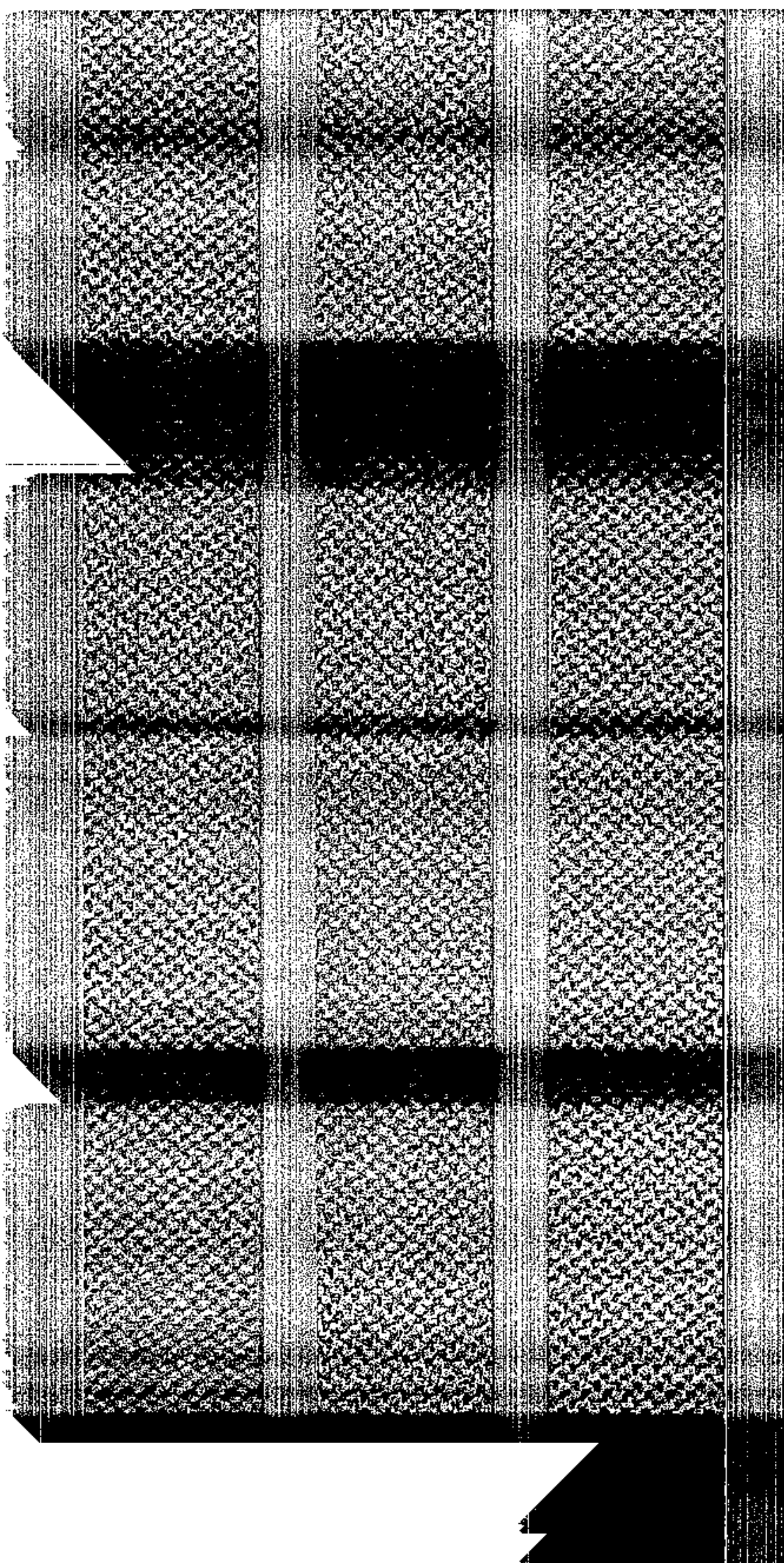
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The damaged offices of the Department of Community Development.

'Minimal damage in limpet attack'

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Argus Correspondent
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ices of the Department of Co-operation and Development in Market Street were blasted.

Last night a limpet mine placed next to a support column extensively damaged nine offices and a reception room on the fourth floor of the department's Johannesburg head office.

The blast shattered dozens of windows, leaving a large section of Bree Street covered in a carpet of broken glass. Several metal panels were also blown into the road. One hit a car.

Petrol tanker

People living in nearby Gainsborough Mansions said the whole building

shook when the mine went off.

Residents rushed to their balconies.

The driver of a petrol tanker who was filling the tanks of a garage across the road from the target building jumped into his truck and drove off as soon as the mine exploded.

Police later searched the offices with the aid of a dog trained to sniff out explosives but found no more bombs.

Security police sifting through the wrecked offices found the detonator of the mine and were immediately able to identify the explosive device as a limpet mine.

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Blast at govt offices on Rand

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JOHANNESBURG. — A powerful explosion — caused by a limpet mine placed near a pillar — devastated the fourth-floor offices of the Department of Community Development in a new Bree Street office block here yesterday evening.

The explosion, at 6.40pm, shattered numerous windows and destroyed the outer walls of the massive 287 Bree Street building.

Although the building was still occupied by office workers, some doing overtime, no one was injured.

Glass fragments, huge steel plates and pieces of metal window frames were thrown across Bree Street between Banket and Claim streets by the force of the blast. One steel plate, about a square metre in size, was flung more than 100 metres into Goud Street.

Nine offices and the entrance hall were destroyed.

Furniture, ceiling

This was confirmed by the liaison officer of the Witwatersrand SAP, Colonel Fred Bull, outside the building after police and Bomb Squad members had sifted through the debris, soon after the explosion shook the 15-storey block.

The full statement by Colonel Bull said: "At

18h40 an explosion took place on the 4th floor of the building 287 Bree Street. This floor is occupied by the Department of Community Development.

"It was ascertained that a limpet mine was responsible for the explosion.

"No-one was injured. "Fairly extensive damage was caused. Nine offices and the entrance hall on the floor were damaged."

Cordoned off

Colonel Bull said damage was mainly to furniture and the ceiling, but that not much destruction seemed to have been caused to files and documents.

An ambulance emergency response car, two fire engines, numerous ambulancemen, Bomb Squad experts and traffic police arrived at the scene within minutes of the explosion.

Soldiers from Witwatersrand Command cordoned off part of the area. Traffic police and Riot Squad policemen joined them to cordon off Bree Street between Claim and Banket streets as hundreds of curious people flocked to the scene.

It is understood that the walls, ceilings and

caved in. An office window across the street was shattered by flying metal. Lights were switched on on all floors of the building as Bomb Squad experts searched each floor for a possible second bomb.

Mr J Pretorius, superintendent of the nearby Armadale Place, where the department had offices till the move six weeks ago, said he heard the blast and knew immediately it was a bomb.

"I have been caretaker of this building for 11 years. For five years the Department of Community Development had their offices here and I always prayed they would move out.

"I somehow knew there would be a blast with them here. They moved to the new premises six weeks ago — just two blocks up.

"We ran outside and saw this huge cloud of black smoke coming out of the building where the new offices are situated.

"There was glass still falling everywhere and three floors were just gone."

There was a "big bang, like a thunder-

'Naughty

Own Correspondent

LONDON. — Lady Docker, whose pink-champagne lifestyle and gold-plated Daimler electrified the austere 1950s, was found dead in a R65-a-night London hotel room at the weekend.

The car salesman's daughter, whose name became a byword for extravagance, died peacefully in her sleep at the Great Western Royal

Hotel, Paddington, was 76.

Once it was the S or Claridge's, but recently Lady Docker had settled for the glamorous surround of the former British Rail four-star hotel, Paddington Station.

"Naughty Norah" she was once known, her life bathing in publicity. There were champagne parties for royals in Mayfair and on bo-



The remains of a patrol jeep and a building in Kuwait. The explosion was

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Soldiers from Witwatersrand Command cordoned off part of the area. Traffic police and Riot Squad policemen joined them to cordon off Bree Street between Claim and Banket streets as hundreds of curious people flocked to the scene.

It is understood that the walls, ceilings and partitionings of offices

caved in. An office window across the street was shattered by flying metal. Lights were switched on on all floors of the building as Bomb Squad experts searched each floor for a possible second bomb.

Mr J Pretorius, superintendent of the nearby Armadale Place, where the department had offices till the move six weeks ago, said he heard the blast and knew immediately it was a bomb.

"I have been caretaker of this building for 11 years. For five years the Department of Community Development had their offices here and I always prayed they would move out.

"I somehow knew there would be a blast with them here. They moved to the new premises six weeks ago — just two blocks up.

"We ran outside and saw this huge cloud of black smoke coming out of the building where the new offices are situated.

"There was glass still falling everywhere and three floors were just gone."

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"Literally thousands of people ran to see what was happening. There was a lot of smoke, but no flames."

"Nobody has been injured and all the ambulances have come back," said a spokesman of the Johannesburg ambulance service.

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Ten staff-members from the Sun City casino and two "outsiders" are being held by the Bophuthatswana police in connection with an alleged fraud said to involve hundreds of thousands of rands.

With investigations continuing, no final figure has been established, but Sun International's chief executive, Mr Sol Kerzner, confirmed last night that the alleged fraud involved "substantial money".

Mr Kerzner said the alleged racket had been "pinpointed" by his staff. The arrests had taken place early on Sunday morning as the

3-PIECE SUITS



Mail Reporters

A POWERFUL explosion — caused by a limpet mine placed near a pillar — devastated the fourth-floor offices of the Department of Community Development in a new office block in Bree Street, Johannesburg, yesterday evening.

The explosion, which occurred at 6.40pm, shattered windows and destroyed the outer walls of the massive building.

It was also disclosed last night that an explosive device was discovered in the Benoni Post Office at 11.30 yesterday morning. Experts from the SAP's bomb squad defused the device.

No one was injured in the Bree Street blast.

Glass fragments and huge steel plates and pieces of metal window frames were thrown across Bree Street between Banket and Claim Streets by the force of the blast. One of the steel plates was flung more than 100m into Goud Street.

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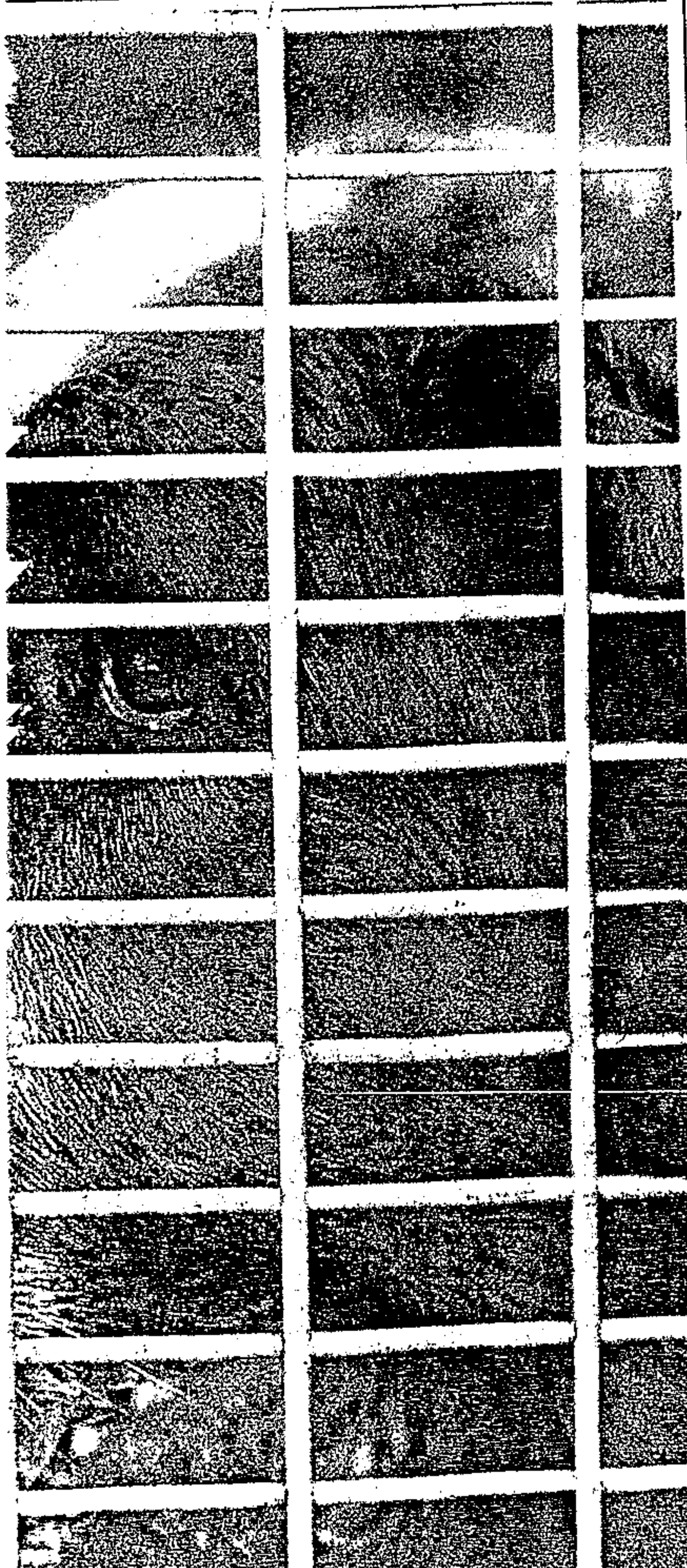
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Two die, 54 hurt as blasts rock Kuwait

KUWAIT. — A wave of suicide and car-bomb attacks swept Kuwait yesterday, hitting the US and French Embassy compounds and a string of vital installations.

The secretive Islamic Jihad (Holy war) Organisation, in telephone calls to news organisations, claimed responsibility for the six bomb blasts, which the government said killed two people and wounded 54 others.

The group was one of the organisations to claim the suicide attacks on US and French military bases in Beirut in which 300 soldiers died on October 23.

Blasts also rocked the international airport, the Electricity and Water Ministry, a residential complex used by Americans and an industrial site on the city outskirts. A seventh bomb was defused near a government passport office.

The Kuwait news agency, Kuna, said a number of people were being held for ques-

tioning, but gave no details.

Airport officials said last night Palestinians and nationals of Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Iran had been banned from leaving Kuwait until further notice.

All passengers arriving at the airport were held for security checks.

A US Embassy official said two or four people died and 15 were injured when a truck filled with explosives blew up in the mission's walled compound, causing extensive damage. No Americans were killed, he said.

Eyewitnesses were quoted as saying the truck driver had survived the suicide attack and been taken to hospital. His identity had not been released by late yesterday.

At least one person was killed in the attack at the airport, a Kuwaiti official said.

At the French Embassy, an explosion in the mission compound caused by a booby-trapped car blew a hole in the surrounding wall and da-

amaged parts of the building.

An embassy spokesman said three staff, a Syrian woman and two passers-by were injured. Four cars were also destroyed.

The Kuwaiti Cabinet went into emergency session immediately after the bombings, which began with the US Embassy blast at about 9.30am.

The Cabinet Affairs Minister, Mr Abdel-aziz Hussein, gave the total casualty figure as two dead and 54 injured.

The extent of damage at the American residential complex was not known.

Diplomats said security around foreign missions, especially the US, French and British embassies, was stepped up after the bombings. Roads were blocked and armoured vehicles patrolled.

Security around French and US missions in other Gulf states was also intensified, diplomats said. — Sapa-Reuter and UPI.

Holmes' price 'too high' for Gerrie clash

By GREG STRUTHERS

GERRIE COETZEE'S proposed boxing shootout with American Larry Holmes has hit a hitch — Holmes is asking for too much money.

Coetzee's manager Peter Venison says Holmes' unnamed asking price is too high for a fight against the World Boxing Association champion at either Sun City

or Ellis Park next August.

Hopes for the lucrative fight were raised last Sunday when Holmes relinquished his World Boxing Council to join the rival International Boxing Federation.

But negotiations to arrange the contest the whole boxing world wants to see, hit a stalemate yesterday and it appears Venison is now running out of patience.

"We are considering various other options," said Venison from New York, "like a fight against Renaldo Snipes or Trevor Berbick".

Snipes, who beat Coetzee on a controversial points decision two years ago, is the WBA champion's most likely opponent for a title bout at Sun City in March.

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Workers clear up the wreckage in the offices of the Department of Community Development in Bree Street, Johannesburg, where a limpet mine exploded shortly after 6,40 on Monday night. Police have appealed to the public and the private sector to become more conscious of security.

Picture: ROBERT TSHABALALA

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Police appeal for security awareness

Chief Reporter

POLICE have made yet another appeal to the private sector for increased security measures following a second bomb blast in Johannesburg at a Government office in less than a week.

The blast at the offices of the Department of Community Development in Bree Street came after warnings from the Commissioner of Police, General Johann Coetzee, that more bomb attacks could be expected before Christmas.

The explosion, which ripped through the fourth floor offices of the department on Monday night, was

caused by a limpet mine. Yesterday detectives were still sifting through the debris in search of clues, and police investigations are continuing.

The police firmly denied reports that a second bomb was defused at the Benoni Post Office on Monday.

A police spokesman said yesterday that members of the public and the private sector should be on the lookout for any mysterious parcels or suspicious-acting people.

"Everybody should become more security aware, especially in the light of the two bomb attacks," he said.

'Small blast' at Bloemfontein rail premises

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Argus Correspondent

BLOEMFONTEIN. — A small explosion has caused "minimal damage" on railway premises in Bloemfontein's industrial area of Hamilton.

Major-General C M Robertze, acting Commissioner-General of the Railways Police, said today that sabotage was suspected, but it had not yet been established what type of explosive was used in last night's blast.

"It appears to have been a very small blast, causing minimal damage," he said. No one was injured.

It was the second blast on railways property in Bloemfontein within a week.

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Man admits placing bombs

Own Correspondent
MARITZBURG. — The knowledge that many people could be killed caused a man carrying a bomb to turn away from the Maritzburg City Hall scene of a referendum meeting yesterday. — by the Prime Minister, the Magistrate's Court here heard yesterday. Mr Thembinkosi Paulson Ngcobo, 23, of Imbali, near here, said he was instructed by an "ANC person in Swaziland" to place the bomb near the City Hall on October 27, the day of Mr P W Botha's meeting. "I was told to detonate the bomb near the City Hall, but to make sure it did not injure people," he said. "When I got to Commercial Road I saw many people at the City Hall and realized that it would not be safe because if it exploded these people would be injured. I turned and went back." Mr Ngcobo pleaded guilty to all seven charges of terrorism listed in a 20-page indictment before the magistrate, Mr D du Toit Marais. The State alleges Mr Ngcobo detonated five bombs between January 30 and October 14 this year before being arrested near the City Hall. The magistrate has still to consider Mr Ngcobo's guilty plea to the seventh charge which links Mr Ngcobo to caches of arms discovered in and around Maritzburg and Durban this year. The indictment links Mr Ngcobo to the bomb blasts which damaged Maritzburg's damaged Road Supreme College on January 30, the Dra-kensberg Administration Board Offices near Sobantu Village on February 11, and three Eskom tower pylons near Prestbury on August 15 and October 14. The sixth charge alleges Mr Ngcobo attempted "to cause damage to the City Hall, Maritzburg, when at the time the Prime Minister of South Africa was addressing a public meeting". The case will continue today.

ANC ordered Natal bombing, court told

Argus Correspondent
MARITZBURG. — Mr Thembinkosi Ngcobo, 23, of Imbali township, said today he caused six bombs to explode in Maritzburg this year on the instructions of the African National Congress in Swaziland.

He also received

instructions from the same source to bomb the city hall while the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, was addressing a referendum meeting. He said he acted alone during these bombings.

He told the magistrate, Mr D du Toit Marais, that the instructions were telephoned to him at his work, and he acknowledged the bomb-

ings were acts of violence.

He made these statements on the second day of his hearing here.

At the start of the proceedings today he was asked if he wanted the hearing to go ahead without legal representation. He replied that he wished the matter to continue.

Mr Ngcobo has pleaded guilty to seven counts of terrorism. The first five relating to the bombings here and the sixth to the city hall bombing which he called off. The seventh count relates to the establishment of caches of explosives and materials here and in KwaMashu, Durban.

Mr Ngcobo said he had intended to bomb a fountain next to the city hall while the Prime Minister was addressing a referendum meeting on October 27.

Saw crowds

He said he was on his way to the city hall with a demolition mine but changed his mind when he saw crowds heading for the hall. He had not wished to injure people

and only wanted to let them know that "the African National Congress was present".

He was arrested still carrying the mine as he was walking away from the city hall.

He said he bombed the College Road Supreme Court building here on January 30, the offices of the Drakensberg Administration Board in Sobantu village on February 11, and Escom pylons at Ashdown township on August 15 and October 14, and in Prestbury on October 14.

Explosives

He bombed the Supreme Court building and the administration buildings at Sobantu B village with explosives he collected from a "dead-letter box" in KwaMashu, and he was told about another cache. He also established a dead-letter box.

The State alleges he possessed, or had control over, 17 blocks of TNT, 10 TNT boosters, detonators, electronic time delay switches and other devices in the cache.

The Deputy Attorney-General, Mr Hendrik Klem, SC, appeared for the State.

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Blast in home of two SA refugees

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MAPUTO — A bomb exploded in the Maputo home of two South African refugees yesterday, injuring the men and damaging nearby houses, authorities said.

The explosion, at 3am, occurred in the suburb of Xipamanine while the two residents were asleep.

The men were taken to hospital with extensive burns, according to the official Mozambican news agency, Aim.

The identities of the victims were not immediately available and authorities gave no motive for the blast.

A spokesman for the South African Defence Force said he had no comment, and the Aim dispatch did not mention South African involvement or suggest that the victims were ANC members.

South Africa has said repeatedly that it will not hesitate to cross borders to hit the ANC.
— Sapa-AP

Police sniffer dogs search Old Arcade building for hidden bombs

TERRO^(84A) IN THE CITY CENTRE

Seven injured as bomb rocks city centre

Mail Reporters

SEVEN people were injured when a bomb exploded near the fourth floor of the Old Arcade Building — which houses the offices of the Department of Foreign Affairs — opposite the Johannesburg City Hall, in the heart of the city, at 5.45pm yesterday.

The five men and two women were taken in two ambulances while policemen with explosive sniffer dogs searched the first, fourth floor and the arcade for more bombs.

The bomb decimated three floors, causing extensive damage to the Department of Foreign Affairs offices on the fourth floor of the building, a Juicy Lucy cafe, and lawyers' offices on the first floor.

It is understood that more unexploded bombs were found by Bomb Squad experts after making a thorough search of the building.

The Commissioner of Police, General Johann Coetzee, left his Pretoria home last night to conduct an on-the-spot inspection of the bomb scene.

Thick clouds of black smoke, which filled the passages of the floors where the bombs exploded, prevented paramedics from searching for any more injured people in the first hour after the blast.

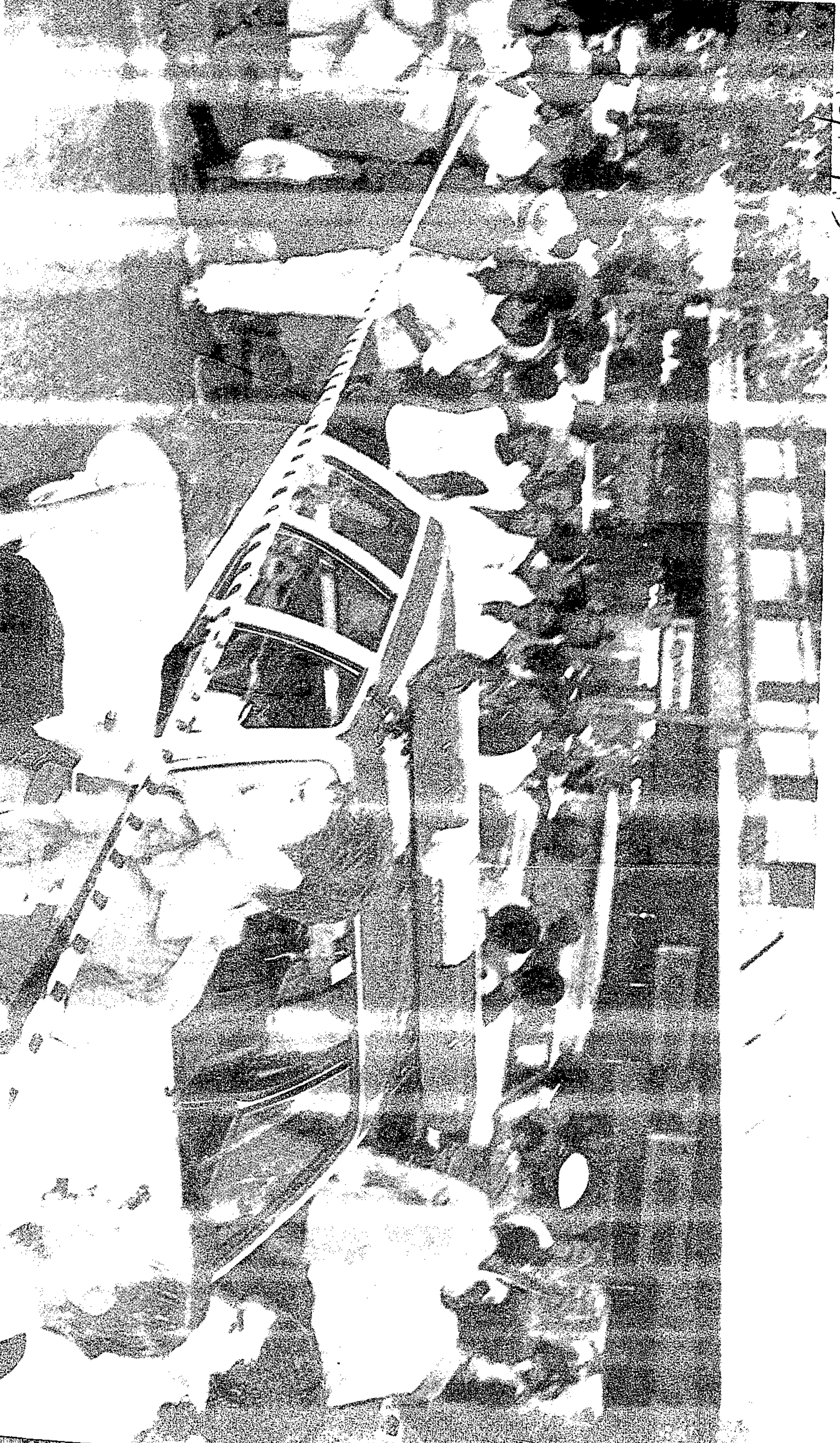
One of the injured men, who suffered severe cuts to his left arm and who was bleeding profusely, was taken to the Hillbrow Hospital by a traffic officer.

The other six were removed in two ambulances. The first ambulance arrived at the scene at 5.59pm — within three minutes of receiving the call from an ambulance emergency response car which was in the area at the time of the explosion.

Five of those injured and taken away by ambulance were named as: Mr. Piet Tlou, of Zone 3, Diephloof, Soweto, Mr. George Lekgwahe, of Molapo, Soweto, Mrs. Getseide Tshatshala, of White City Jabavu, Soweto, Mr. Molefe Madonse, of Market Street, Johannesburg, and Mrs. Nidah Mphangoma, of Soweto.

Those injured suffered extensive hand, leg and head wounds.

Traffic police, assisted by heavily armed security guards,



Onlookers swarm around the ambulance emergency response car, parked several hundred metres away when bombs went off last night in the Old Arcade building, opposite Johannesburg City Hall, injuring six people. The injured — five men and a woman — were taken to hospital as policemen with explosive sniffer dogs searched the building for more bombs. The bomb victims suffered head, leg and hand wounds.

Picture: TLOU XIE

Paramedic ignored danger to help victims

Mail Reporter

Immediately cordoned off Commissioner, Market and President streets between Harrison and Rissik Streets and ordered hundreds of curious people who flocked to the scene to stand back.

The injured were taken to the Hillbrow Hospital where they spoke to the Rand Daily Mail as doctors were treating their injuries.

Two of the five injured were Amscon security guards. One of the guards, Mr George Lekgwathe, 26, was a passenger in the Amscon security van.

He said he immediately new a bomb had gone off when he heard the blast.

Pieces of glass set flying by the explosion shattered the windows of his security van injuring two of the passengers. Mr Lekgwathe sustained facial injuries and severe cuts to his arms and hands. "I am still very frightened. I cannot believe what happened," he said.

The other passenger, Mr Piet Tlou, sustained serious head and shoulder injuries. Mrs Gertrude Tshabalala, 44, a woman cleaner on duty on the first floor of the building at the time of the blast, said: "I looked up and saw glass coming down on me. I just ran away."

"I thought it was a big thunderstorm or an earthquake maybe. I just prayed that I could get out before the building collapsed." Mrs Tshabalala sustained injuries in her leg and feet.

Another woman cleaner, Mrs Thidah Mphangoma, 62, was cleaning a kitchen on the 11th floor of the building when she heard "something like thunder. It went dark around me and I heard pieces of glass flying around. At

JOHANNESBURG paramedic, Sister Maxine Ash, risked her life when she rushed into the building seconds after the explosions ripped through the offices of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

As she ran into the 4th floor of the building she saw a white man behind a door and called out to him, asking if he needed any help.

"He didn't answer me and I could hear his footsteps over the broken glass. I ignored him as I thought he did not need my assistance. A black person then told me a woman was

trapped under the debris," she said last night. As she rushed forward looking for the victim, to offer her assistance, she saw a parcel.

"I immediately realised it was a bomb and slowly made my way out of the building before running to the paralans to radio for help.

Sister Ash and another paramedic were parked on the corner of Market and Rissik streets on their way to buy cold drinks when they were stunned by the blast.

"Arriving at the scene of a blast is quite different to witnessing it. I am still in a state of semi-shock," she said.

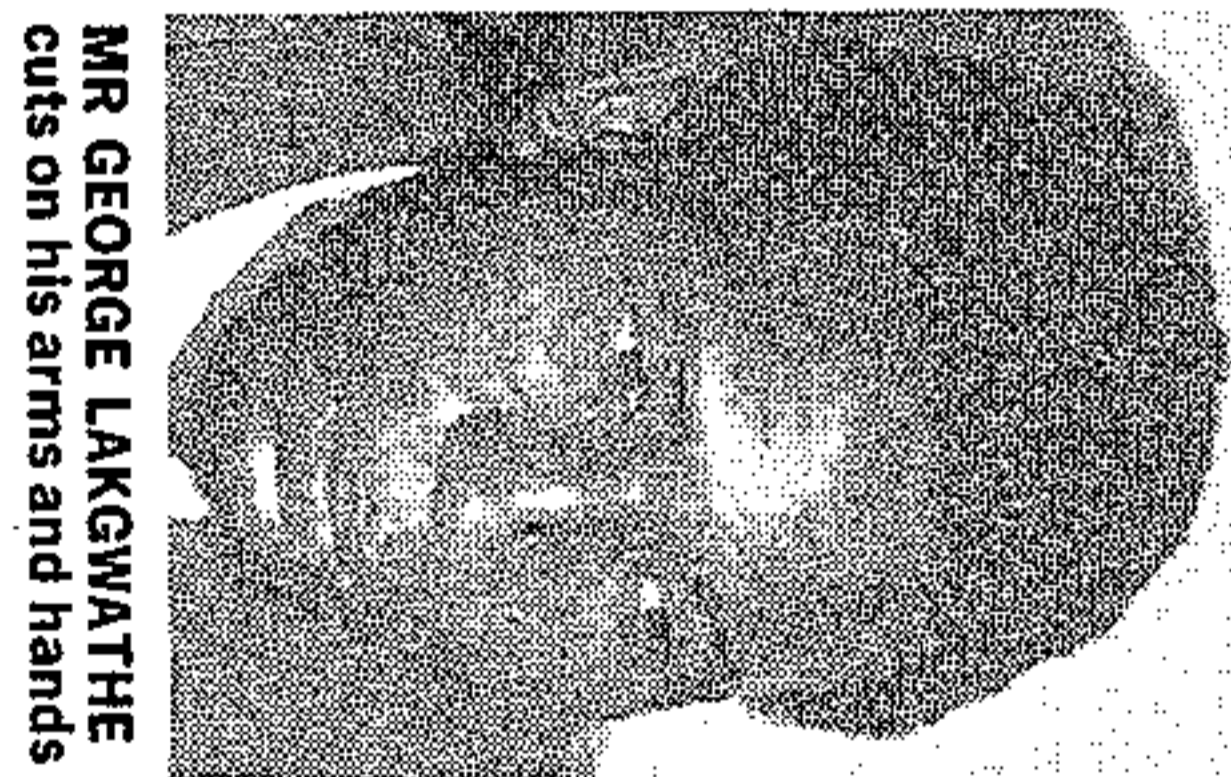
"I saw glass falling from the building and smashing through the windows of our vehicle. I could not see what was happening and we nearly crashed into another car. All I saw was glass flying next to the car."

Witnesses to the blast heard the "tremendous bang".

Mr Henry Hattingh, the caretaker of the Johannesburg City Hall, across the road from the devastated building said: "I was sipping a cup of tea when the bomb went off and the tea cup fell out of my hand."



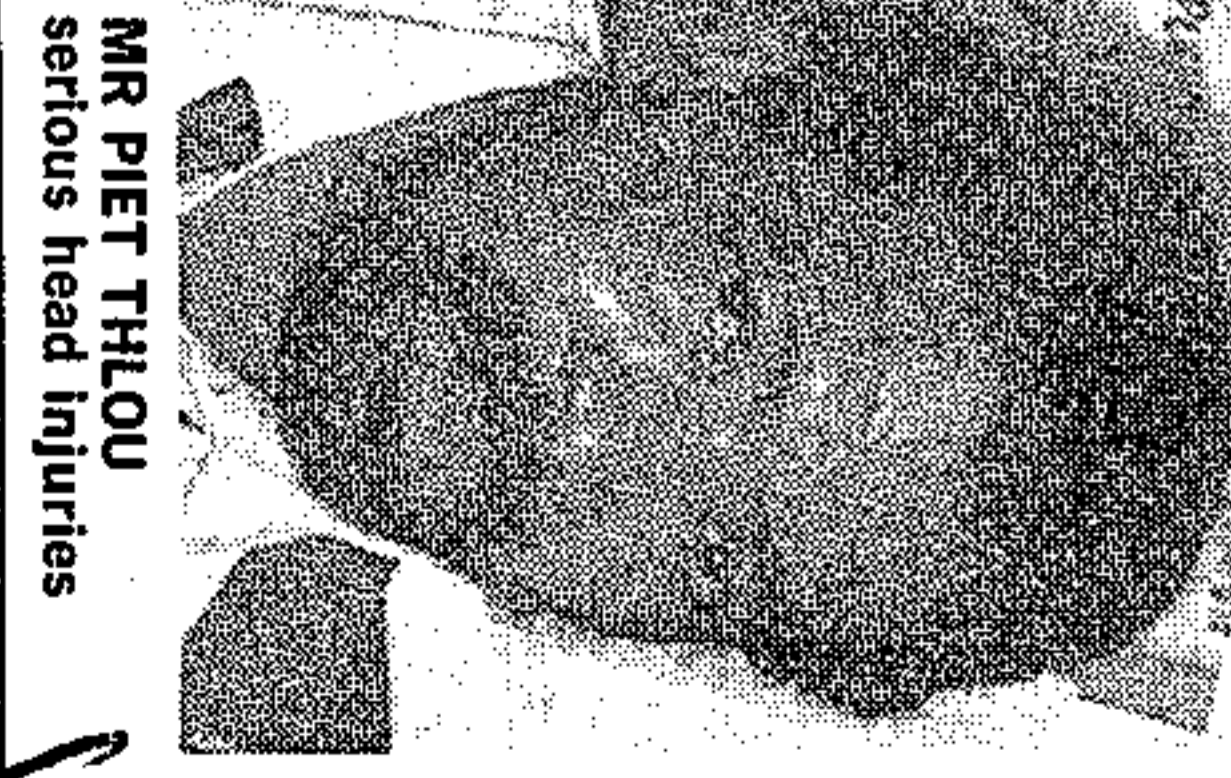
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THIS UNIDENTIFIED man was seriously hurt



MR PIET TLOU serious head injuries

At the scene of the blast were Sunday Times sports writer, Louis Mazibuko, and South African Associated Newspapers driver, Mr Thabu Ndumela, 25, who were outside the building at the time of the explosion.

The car in which they were travelling was extensively damaged in the blast but they escaped shocked but uninjured.

They were driving past the building on their way to the crowning of Miss Black South Africa at the President Hotel when they heard a "very loud bang".

"I thought I was dying," said Mr Mazibuko.

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"It was pretty scary," Mr Hattingh said.

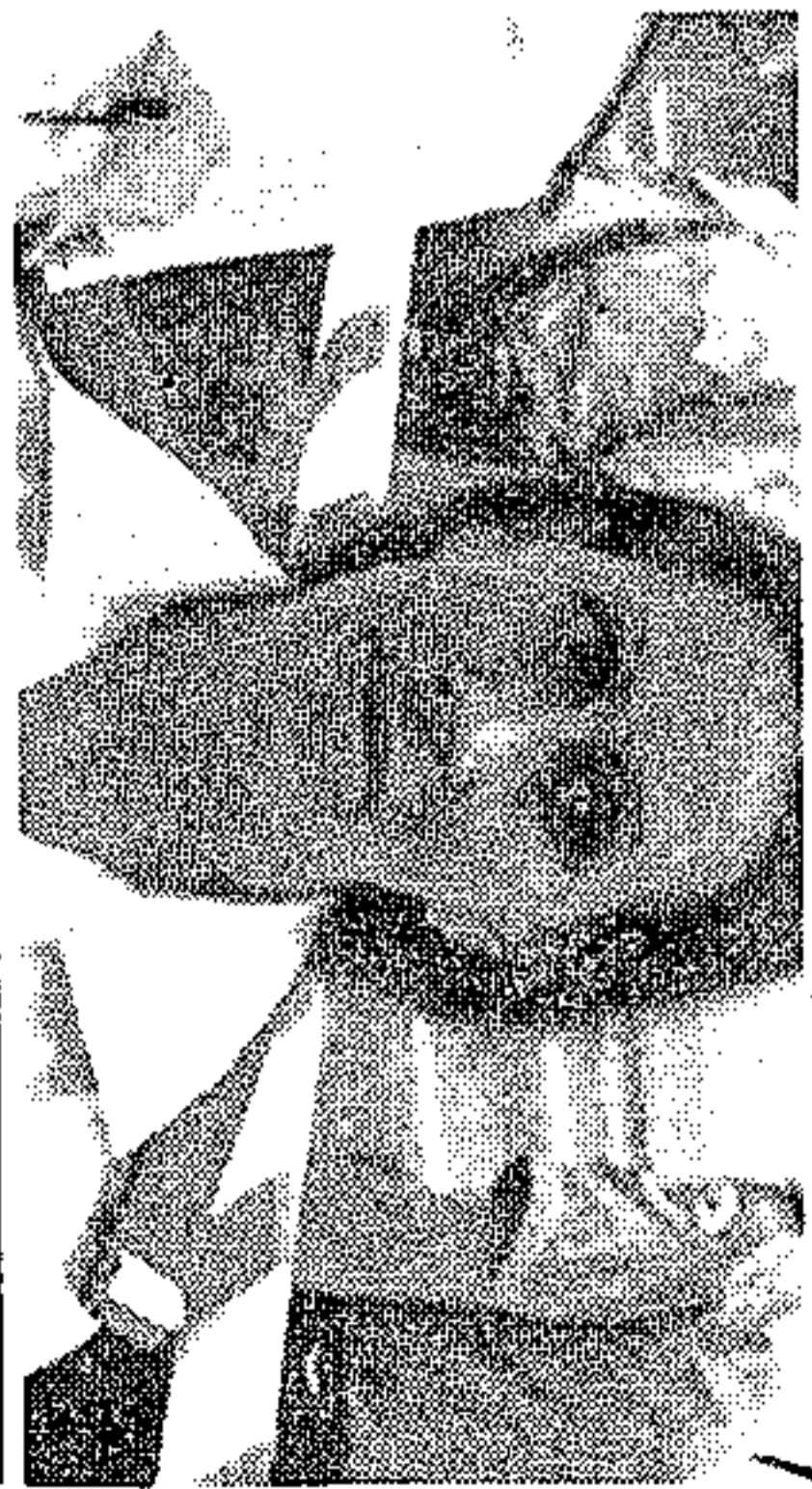
The manager of the Jameson Bar, Mr Pete Van Eck, said he "made a somersault on a chair. I thought it was thunder. One of our customers was the first to phone the police."

Mrs E Black, who lives on the 10th floor of the Old Arcade Building, said: "I saw a terrible flash and then there was this terrible bang. I immediately thought it was a bomb because no thunder could be loud enough. The whole building shook. I thought it was in the City Hall."

The manager of the building, Mr Mounney Robertson, said at the scene his cleaning staff missed the bomb by a mere five minutes.

They were to come on shift at 6pm and the bomb went off only minutes earlier.

Mr Robertson, who manages three buildings for Rand Realty, said he was informed of the bomb by a guard in the building. Mr Robertson was unable to get into the building for at least an hour while police sifted through it for what was believed to be another bomb.



ANC terrorist and 5 whites nabbed by SP

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In the wake of the Niehaus treason trial, Security Police yesterday arrested a trained black ANC terrorist in the Johannesburg area and announced the arrest of five whites.

A statement by the Security Police chief, Major-General Frans Steenkamp, said the five whites, including two women, had been arrested in terms of section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

The arrests followed information police obtained during their investigation of the case against Carl Niehaus and Jansie Lourens who were last month convicted of high treason.

The five were arrested by members of the Security Police, assisted by the police task force, on Monday and Tuesday, some on a farm in the Magaliesberg district.

General Steenkamp stressed that the investigations were in a delicate stage and that no further details could be revealed because it would jeopardise the investigation.

He added that everything possible was being done to expedite the investigation, after which

the docket would be forwarded to the Attorney-General.

General Steenkamp also said a second well-trained ANC terrorist was arrested in the Johannesburg area yesterday and a quantity of arms seized.

His arrest follows that of an ANC terrorist in Soweto last week. A second man was arrested shortly afterwards in Eldorado Park, the coloured township near Johannesburg, after police were fired on.

A quantity of limpet mines, arms, ammunition and explosives of Russian origin were seized.

General Steenkamp said the arrests were evidence of the SAP's continuous fight against terrorists. — Sapa.

Blasts shake Durban, Jo'burg

Staff 16/12/83

Staff Reporters
Only days after Commissioner of Police, General Johann Coetzee, warned South Africa to prepare itself for further bombings, a wave of attacks swept through Johannesburg and Durban.

There have now been four separate incidents in the two cities in the last 10 days.

Three hours after the offices of the Department of Foreign Affairs in Johannesburg were destroyed by two explosions last night, three more bombs went off on Durban's beachfront.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said all the explosions had been caused by limpet bombs.

Sapa reports that an explosive device was attached to a lamp-pole on the beach side of Snell Parade, between Natal Command Headquarters and the new "water wonderland", while two others were placed in the shrubbery on the beach about three metres from the pole. The devices went off shortly before 9 pm.

No one was injured, but the blasts were heard several kilometres away. A massive crowd converged on the area and hundreds of cars had to be diverted.

Panic gripped motorists near the scene as camouflaged policeman brandishing rifles frantically waved them away from the area.

It appeared that the third bomb was expected and policemen ran for cover as it exploded. At least two men, who had been standing near the lamp-post, appeared to have been hurled to the

ground, said Daily News reporter Jane Strachan, who was in a car about 10 m away.

The only damage was to a lamp-post.

In Johannesburg two powerful bombs destroyed the offices of the Department of Foreign Affairs in the Old Arcade, Market Street, last night.

Six people, Mr Simon Madonsela, Mr George Lekgwaghi, Mr Piet Glou, Mrs Gertrude Tshabalala, Mr Thilda Phngola and Mr Edward Kheswa, were injured by falling brickwork and flying glass.

Mr Simon Madonsela, a guard in the building was hit by flying glass which cut his right hand.

Mrs Gertrude Tshabalala was cleaning the first storey of the building. "It was terrible," she said. "The glass came down on top of me."

Mr Glou, who was sitting on the back of a van with Mr Lekgwaghi, was hit on the head by flying glass.

All the injured had been discharged by today, said a hospital spokesman.

Miss Maxine Ash, a paramedic, said: "I have never seen anything like it. It's a hell of a mess up there, three floors have been crushed into one. The walls on either side have been blown out."

On December 6 the offices of the Department of Co-operation and Development, also in Market Street, were extensively damaged by a limpet mine blast.

Another limpet mine exploded in the offices of the Department of Community Development in Bree Street on Monday this week. No one was injured in these two attacks.



Mr Simon Madonsela holds up his hand which was cut by flying glass in the Johannesburg bomb blast yesterday. With him in the back of an ambulance is Mrs Gertrude Tshabalala, an office cleaner, who was cut on her leg when the bomb exploded on the floor above where she was working. See also Page 2.
 Picture by Etienne Rothbart.



Mr Simon Madonsela holds his hand, which was cut by glass in the Johannesburg bomb attack last night. With him in the ambulance is Mrs Gertrude Tshabalala, who was cleaning office floors when a bomb exploded in the floor above her. She was cut on the leg.

Five bombs explode in Johannesburg, Durban

Argus Correspondent

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A Cape Town police spokesman said today police were on the alert for any contingency in the city over the long weekend.

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PANIC

Panic gripped motorists near the scene as camouflaged policeman brandishing rifles frantically waved them away from the area.

The first blast was followed almost immediately by the second, and within minutes police had cordoned off the area between Walter Gilbert Road in front of the Durban Country Club and Argyle Road, next to the military complex.

Policemen ran for cover as the final bomb exploded and at least two men, who had been standing near the lamp-post, were hurled to the ground.

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Mrs Tshabalala was cleaning the floor on the first storey when there was an explosion overhead and glass cut her foot.

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OTHER BLASTS

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● In Johannesburg yesterday an alleged highly trained member of the banned African National Congress was arrested and an arsenal of weapons seized by Security Police and members of the Counter-Insurgency Unit.

Another five people, all whites, were arrested on Monday and Tuesday on a farm in the Magaliesberg district after information received and gleaned in the Carl Niehaus-Jansie Lourens investigation. Niehaus and Lourens were recently sentenced in the Rand Supreme Court for terrorism.

Formal dockets are being prepared and will be sent to the Attorney-General of the Transvaal for his decision.

7 Hurt in Rans

blast

Own Correspondent
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JOHANNESBURG. — Seven people were injured when a bomb exploded on the fourth floor of the Old Arcade Building — which houses the offices of the Department of Foreign Affairs — at 5.45pm yesterday.

The injured were taken away in two ambulances while policemen with explosive-sniffer dogs searched the first and fourth floors and the arcade for more bombs. It is understood that more unexploded bombs were found.

The explosion damaged three floors, causing extensive damage to the Department of Foreign Affairs offices on the fourth floor of the building, a Juicy Lucy canteen and lawyers' offices on the first floor.

Clouds of smoke

The Commissioner of Police, General Johann Coetzee, inspected the scene last night.

Thick clouds of black smoke, which filled the passages of the floors where the bomb exploded, hampered paramedics in their search for injured people.

One of the injured, whose left arm was badly cut and who was bleeding profusely, was taken to the Hillbrow Hospital by a traffic officer. The other six were removed in two ambulances.

Five of those taken away by ambulance were named as: Mr Piet Tlou, Mr George Lagwathe, Mrs Getrude Tshabatala, Mr Molefe Madonsela and Mrs Tildah Mphangoma.

Traffic police, assisted by heavily-armed security guards, immediately cordoned off

Commissioner, Market and President Streets, between Harrison and Rissik Streets, with rolls of barbed wire and dered hundreds of curious onlookers to stand back.

Two of the injured were Amscon security guards who were hurt when their security van was passing the building. Pieces of glass sent flying by the explosion shattered the windows of the van.

One of the guards, Mr George Lagwathe, 26, received facial injuries and severe cuts on his arms and hands.

"I am still very frightened. I cannot believe what happened," he said.

The other guard, Mr Piet Tlou, sustained serious head and shoulder injuries.

Mrs Gertrude Tshabatala, 44, a cleaning woman on duty on the first floor of the building, said: "I looked up and saw glass coming down on me and ran away. "I thought it was a big storm or an earthquake."

Another cleaning woman, Mrs Tildah Mphangoma, 62, was cleaning a kitchen on the 11th floor of the building when she heard "something like thunder. It went dark around me and I heard pieces of glass flying around."

Mr Madonsela Matlope, a security guard

for the Johannesburg City Hall, said that he had been sitting outside the lifts on the ground floor when he heard the explosion. He sustained lacerations on his hands.

Sunday Times sports writer Mr Louis Mazibuko and South African Associated Newspapers driver Mr Thabu Ndumela, 25, were driving past the building at the time of the explosion.

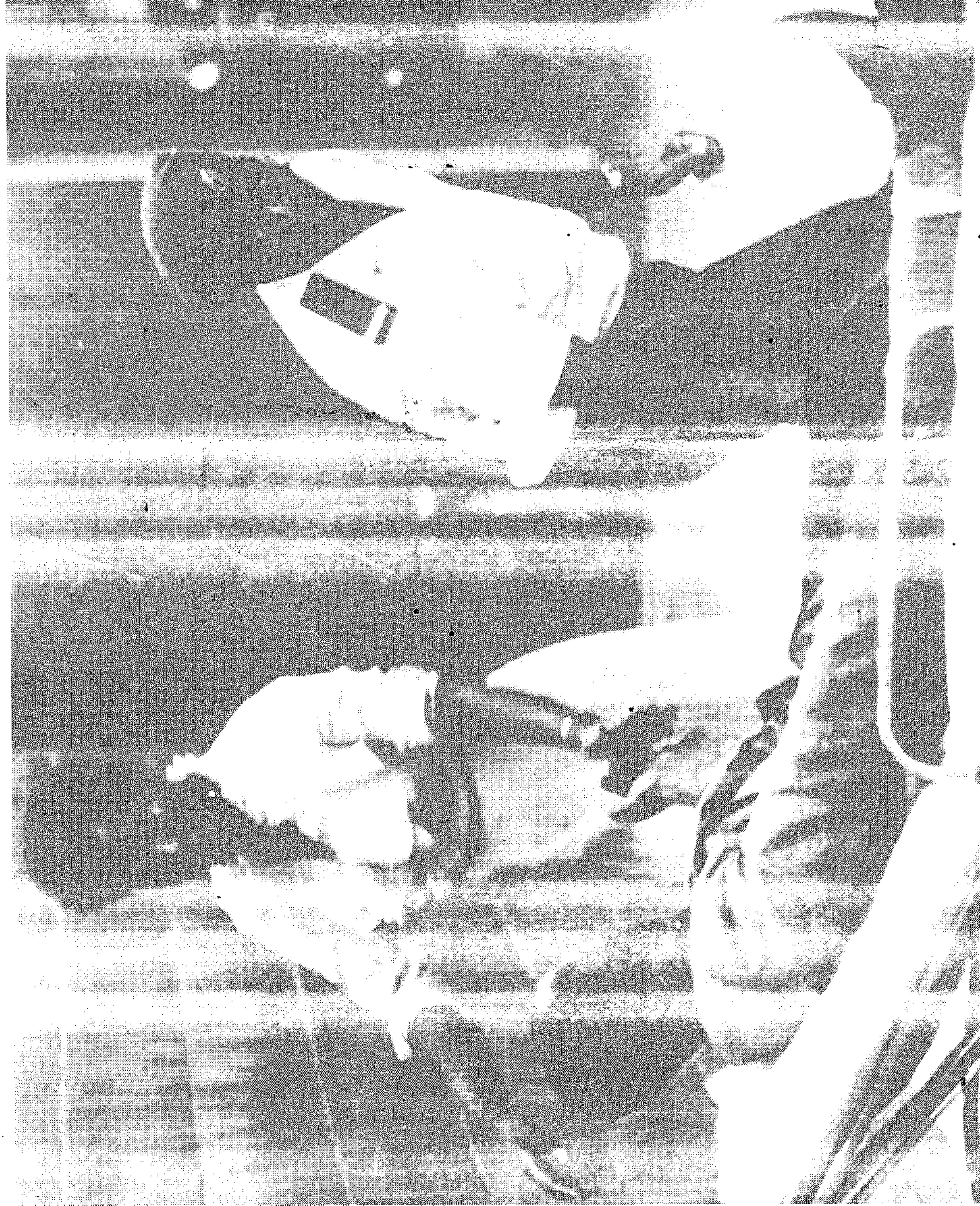
They escaped injury in spite of the fact that their car was extensively damaged in the blast. "I thought I was dying," said Mr Mazibuko.

"I saw glass falling from the building and smashing through the windows of our vehicle. I could not see what was happening and I nearly crashed into another car. All I saw was glass flying next to the car."

The explosive device used in the blast had not yet been identified. Lieutenant-Colonel Fred Bull, the Police Public Relations officer on the Witwatersrand, told Sapa last night.

Nobody had so far claimed responsibility. Three powerful explosions in quick succession shook Snell Parade on Durban's beachfront last night, disrupting heavy-duty day traffic.

There were no casualties and no vehicles were damaged, Brigadier John van der Westhuizen, Durban's CID chief, said.



Ambulance attendants rush an injured man to an ambulance after yesterday's blast near the Johannesburg City Hall in which seven people were hurt. Another page 2.

Blasts:

Police

warn

public

DURBAN. — Police said yesterday it was a miracle no occupants of vehicles passing the scene of the blasts off Durban's busy Snell Parade on Thursday night had been injured by the explosions.

A spokesman urged the public not to crowd the scene of an explosion, as the first blast was often followed by more blasts.

The African National Congress yesterday claimed responsibility for the Johannesburg blast, in which seven people were hurt, and three blasts in Durban on Thursday.

The ANC information department said in a statement released in Lusaka that the actions proved that operations of the ANC army, Umkhonto We Sizwe, were launched from within South Africa and not from neighbouring states.

The Johannesburg bomb was placed at the door of Department of Foreign Affairs and Information offices in the Old Arcade, and damaged nine floors.

● The Divisional Commissioner of police for the Western Cape, Brigadier Dirk Genis, said yesterday that police in the Cape were "adjusted and prepared" for any calamity.

— Staff Reporter-Own Correspondent and Sapa

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Mercury Reporter

THE Mtubatuba Health Committee has asked the Department of Community Development to establish a group area to house Indians and coloureds near the town.

Mrs Joan Glennie, secretary of the committee, said an application had been lodged with the department earlier in the year, but they were still waiting for a reply.

Indians and coloureds working in Mtubatuba suffered great hardships because of the lack of housing in the town. Mrs Glennie said many Indians and coloureds worked in the town but lived in other areas.

A group area had been declared recently at Matuneni, 3 km from Mtubatuba on the St Lucia Road, and the department had been asked to help in the planning of the new area, she said.

Mr Baldeo Dookie, executive member of the South African Indian Council in charge of housing, said yesterday that the SAIC had also been approached by Indians in Zululand for a group area at Mtubatuba.

The matter would be raised again with Mr Pen Kotze, Minister of Community Development.

THE LIMPET TRAIL

The limpet mine has become the most popular weapon in the saboteur's arsenal with 23 attacks on various targets in South Africa since 1980.

It is a device which can be fairly easily concealed and smuggled into the country. The fuse is kept in separate holder and there is no danger to the carrier.

There are three types of limpet mine manufactured by the Soviet Union, the plastic limpet mine, the turtle limpet mine and the BPM-2 limpet mine. All are about the size and shape of a big vacuum flask.

The mine's casing is made of molded plastic and is detonated by mechanical time delay. Its shape is semicylindrical and it is 11,43 cm in diameter. It weighs 2,68 kg and is 26,67 cm long.

The mine can be attached to metal surfaces with magnets or strapped to any non-magnetic objects. When the safety ring on the fuse is pulled it releases a strong spring. The force of the spring is restrained by a wire which passes round a delay tab.

Depending on the temperature and the thickness of the tab, the wire takes a predetermined time to cut through the tab. Then the spring is released and drives the firing pin into the detonator, exploding the mine.

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6	21 July	1981	Arnot (E TV)	Power station
7	21 July	1981	Camden (E TV)	Power station
8	21 July	1981	Eastern Transvaal	Delmas sub-station
9	22 October	1981	Secunda	Sasol III water pipeline
10	23 October	1981	Witbank	Escom transformer
11	12 November	1981	Pretoria	Rosslyn sub-station
12	14 December	1981	Pretoria	Capital Park sub-station
13	28 May	1982	Eastern Transvaal	Hectorspruit rail yard
14	8 November	1982	Natal North Coast	Mkuze rail yard
15	6 August	1983	Hillbrow	Temple Israel
16	10 September	1983	Bryanston	Escom sub-station
17	10 September	1983	Randburg	Escom sub-station
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ANC claims responsibility for bomb attacks
 17/12/83

By Trevor Jones, Crime Staff

The African National Congress has claimed responsibility for Thursday's limpet mine attacks in Johannesburg and Durban and has admitted the blasts were part of an intensified campaign to overthrow the Government.

The attack on Durban's beachfront was marked by two secondary explosions which were intended to kill and injure people gathering at the scene of a blast.

At the Johannesburg offices of the Department of Foreign Affairs in the Old Arcade building in Bree Street, damage was more extensive than in the two recent attacks on Government offices in the city.

The ANC announcement of an intensified campaign came more than a week after the Commissioner of Police, General Johann Coetzee, warned the public that more attacks could be expected in the next few weeks.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said yesterday that no further comment would be made on the blasts. However, he emphasised that the police had the situation under control.

In the Old Arcade building, lift doors on the fourth floor were blown out as well as the glass-and-metal partitioning on the landing. Debris crashed through the ceiling of the arcade, but no shops were damaged.

Seven people were injured in the attack and all were later discharged from the Hillbrow Hospital.

Although no documents appeared to have been destroyed, the offices of the Department of Foreign Affairs were extensively damaged. Members of the department yesterday began clearing the offices.

Offices on the third and fifth floors of the building were damaged to a lesser extent.

Thursday night's explosions came on the eve of the Day of the Vow which commemorates the Voortrekker's victory over the Zulus at the Battle of Blood River in 1838.

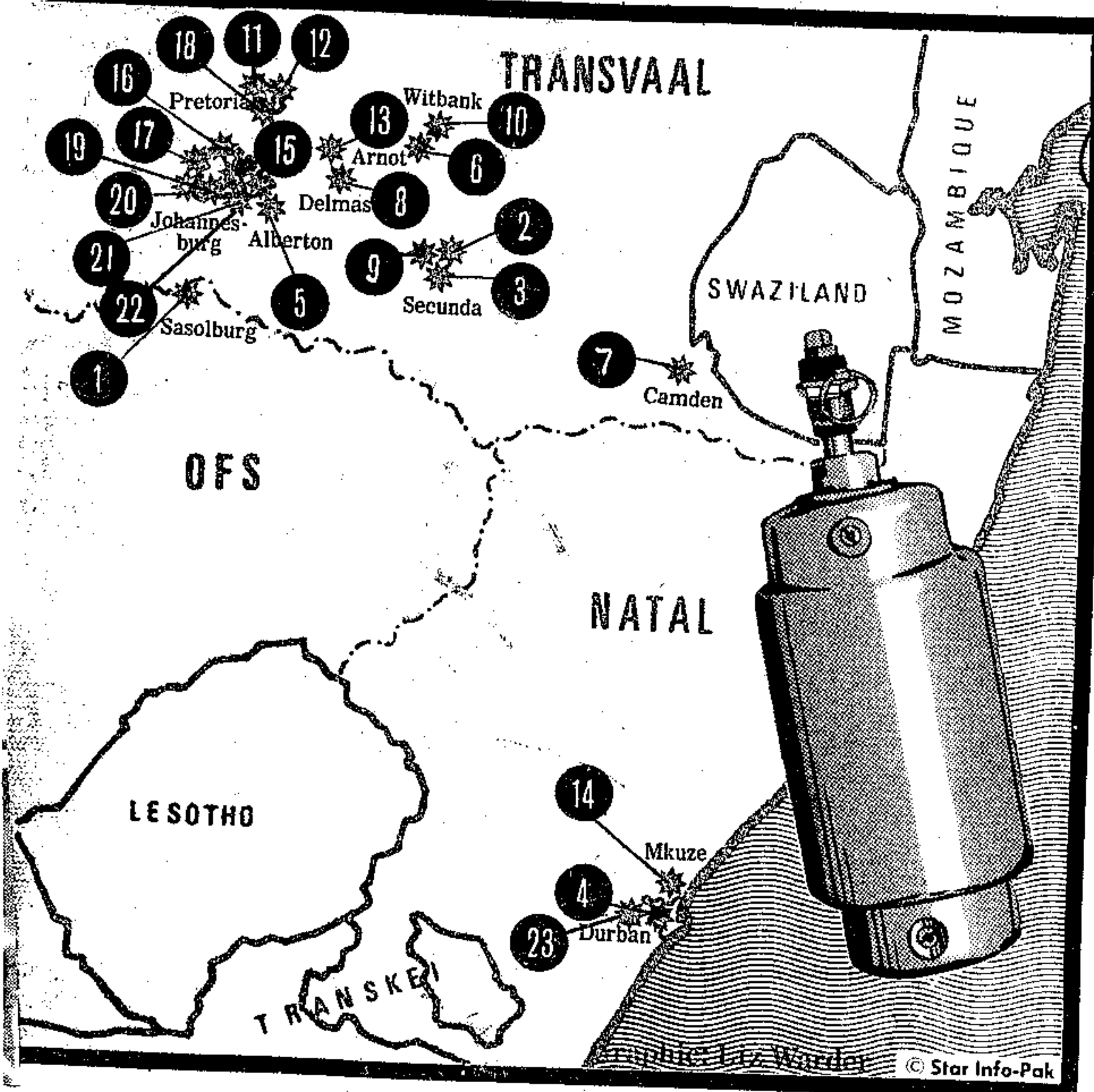
Yesterday was also the 22nd anniversary of the forming of Umkhonto we Sizwe (Spear of the Nation), the military wing of the ANC.

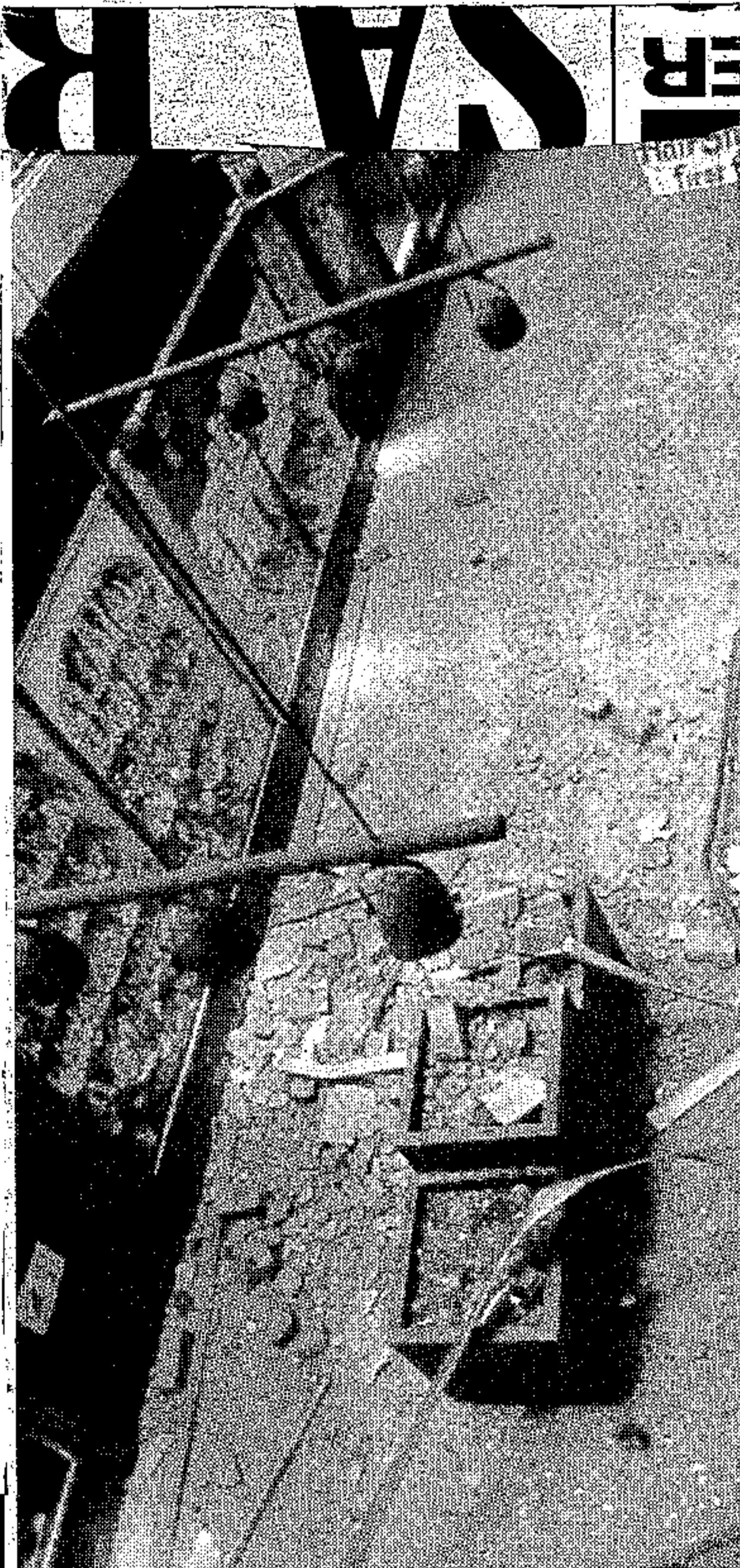
Arms cache found

MBABANE -- Soviet-made arms and explosives, believed to have been hidden by South African guerillas, have been found at a farm near Swaziland's capital of Mbabane, police said yesterday.

A spokesman said police believed the arms been hidden by guerillas of the African National Congress (ANC) fighting white rule in South Africa.

The weapons were unearthed by a farm owner, a Reuter.





● The scene of Thursday's blast in Johannesburg

Sabotage attacks aimed at 'system'

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Extensive damage was caused by the explosion outside the locked doors of the Department of Foreign Affairs offices on the fourth floor of the Old Arcade building in Johannesburg.

Nearly all the windows in the 11-storey building had been shattered by the impact of the blast. When the Press were allowed on the scene owners of the building

By LIZ VAN DEN NIEUWENHOF

were still trying to assess the damage.

A spokesman for the department said employees had left the premises at 4.15pm, almost two hours before the bomb exploded.

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He added that the ANC had gained ground in terms of political status and sympathy abroad this year.

Bomb accused tells of ANC warning

Tribune Reporter

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REALISING his bomb would have been a killer had he followed instructions to detonate it outside the Prime Minister's pre-referendum meeting in Pietermaritzburg, terrorism accused Thembin-kosi Paulson Ngcobo turned away.

The "ANC (African National Congress) gang in Swaziland" had instructed him to detonate a TG 50 demolition mine outside the city hall on October 27 - but had also warned him not to injure anybody.

"I was told to make sure it did not injure people," the 23-year-old Imbali man told Pietermaritzburg magistrate Mr D du Toit Marais at a preliminary hearing this week. Mr Ngcobo is on trial for seven counts of terrorism.

"When I... saw many people at the city hall I realised... if it exploded these people would be injured.

"I turned and went back."

Mr Ngcobo was carrying his lethal package away from the Prime Minister's stormiest meeting of the referendum campaign when he was stopped by a policeman.

"The policeman got a fright when he saw what I had with me and asked me if it (the bomb) was timed," said Mr Ngcobo. "I told him not to worry."

The demolition mine, which was to have been placed in a rubbish bin behind the city hall, was in fact primed to explode within 15 minutes.

By the close of this week's proceedings Mr Ngcobo had pleaded guilty to an additional five acts of terrorism, including:

- Causing an explosion at the College Road Supreme Court on January 30 this year;
- Placing explosives to cause a blast at the Drakensberg Administration Board offices in Sobantu

Village on February 11;
• And blowing up three Escom power pylons in the Pietermaritzburg area.

A pylon at Ashdown Township was damaged with four 400g blocks of TNT on August 15; another Ashdown pylon and one at Prestbury were also damaged with similar devices.

Although Mr Ngcobo pleaded guilty to a seventh charge of stashing caches of mines and other explosives in "dead letter boxes" — one, a trunk in a spruit near a chip factory in Edendale and another near the Dambuza turn-off in the same area — the magistrate entered a plea of "not guilty" on that charge.

Mr Ngcobo told the court none of his admissions were made under duress. Indeed, during breaks in the proceedings, the young man appeared relaxed, turning to wink at friends and relatives packed in the gallery, a gap-toothed half-grin flashing from beneath his fluffy moustache.

He said he had committed the acts of terrorism, of which he was accused, to further the aims of the ANC. All he knew of the organisation, he told the court, was that it fought for people to achieve their rights and that it was banned in South Africa.

His actions, Mr Ngcobo said in reply to a question from the magistrate, were intended to further the aims of the ANC. But he had acted alone and did not wish to call any witnesses.

Mr Ngcobo has appeared in court so far without legal counsel. He told Mr du Toit Marais that he would, however, require pro deo counsel.

The hearing has been adjourned to January 25 to set a date for the Supreme Court trial.

US expert writes on infiltration

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WARNING ON ANC

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WASHINGTON — Dr Thomas Karis, an American expert on the African National Congress, predicted this week that the African National Congress (ANC) would step up the training of its guerrilla forces within the Republic if the South Africans forced an end to ANC activities in neighbouring black states.

Writing in the prestige American journal, Foreign Affairs, Dr Karis said that since the ANC exploded a car bomb in downtown Pretoria on May 20 this year — an event that reached “a new level of violence and dramatic effect” — its leaders had engaged in an extended re-examination of their strategy, including problems of infiltration.

“The creation of a *cordon sanitaire* of black states can be expected to give greater impetus to

OWN CORRESPONDENT

ANC guerrilla training within the Republic’s townships and depressed rural areas,” he said.

He claimed that while the Pretoria bombing had been a shock in some black quarters, the ANC’s guerrilla actions also had a strong popular appeal, especially to angry and impatient young blacks.

Dr Karis, a former American diplomat who served in Pretoria, is a senior professor at the City University of New York’s Graduate School. He is regarded in Washington as one of America’s foremost experts on the ANC and has given evidence here at Congressional inquiries into South Africa’s political situation.

His article in Foreign Affairs coincides with growing US attention to the ANC as a force in the Southern African equation.

At a recent Georgetown University seminar in Washington, Professor Michael Clough, a National Security Specialist, said the South Africans were making unrealistic demands of Zimbabwe

and Mozambique in their efforts to curb ANC activities in those countries.

Professor Clough said South Africa not only demanded non-support of the ANC, it demanded active efforts against the organisation by Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

He alleged that in return for cooperation on the ANC, Pretoria was offering a reduction of support for anti-government insurgents in the two black countries and a reduction of destabilisation.

But neither of the countries had the ability to control their long borders to keep infiltrators from moving into South Africa and it was naive to expect that they could, said Professor Clough, who lectures to graduate US navy officers.

In this week’s article, Dr Karis criticised the Reagan Administration for having no dealings with the ANC.

“Washington has typically been decades late in understanding black South African opposition movements, and US policy toward the ANC is no exception,” he charged.

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America saw regional stability primarily as a problem of relations between states rather than as a problem rooted within South Africa and spilling over borders.

He noted that Washington saw Jonas Savimbi’s Unita as a “legitimate political force” in Angola, but would not apply this term to the ANC in South Africa.

On the other hand, Dr Karis wrote, the Reagan Administration did not share the simplistic South African view that the ANC was a Soviet surrogate.

Sabotage aimed at 'symbols of apartheid'

By LIZ VAN DEN
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Mercury Correspondent

PRETORIA—All South Africa's dam walls, nearby picnic spots and vantage points, are being fenced off to prevent sabotage.

Officials are concerned that saboteurs might switch their attention to South Africa's water supply.

Apart from the erection of security fences, the Department of Environmental Affairs is placing lines

of buoys along dam walls so that people in boats would be kept at a distance.

Mr Anton Steyn, a department spokesman, regretted that some of the most scenic spots in the country were being closed to tourists in the process, but said the department had to ensure that South Africa's citizens had water and food.

'We'll have to live with increased security in some places,' he said.

FOLLOWING the mysterious fire which gutted the house of Diepmeadow mayor Mr J C Mahuhushi, it has emerged that the house of former deputy mayor of Soweto, Mr T J Makhaya, was petrol-bombed early this month.

The bombing, which injured no one and caused no damage to Mr Makhaya's house in Central Western Jabavu, took place on the eve of the Community Council elections on December 3.

The petrol bomb, apparently directed at the door leading to one

Makhaya bombed

of the rooms on the first floor of Mr Makhaya's double-storey house, was thrown at the balcony and it started a small fire which was immediately extinguished.

This was confirmed yesterday by a neighbour who would not be identified and by a member of the Makhaya family.

On the same morning that Mr Mahuhushi's house was gutted by fire on Monday, a petrol bomb was thrown at the house of a newly-elected Soweto town councillor, Mr Pat Gaboutloeloe.

The councillor said he was awakened by a loud bang at about 3 am and he found a bottle containing sand and

petrol in his yard.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the Jabulani fire station denied Mr Mahuhushi's claim that the Soweto Fire Brigade was inefficient. Mr Mahuhushi made the claim after the fire engine summoned to his house when the fire was discovered, ran out of water.

The spokesman said there was a serious shortage of fire hydrants in Meadowlands and that this was the reason why one fire engine had to leave the area to fetch water from elsewhere.

er a number of lectures before receiving the doctorate.

Professor Meer was taken by surprise by the award and said: "I am greatly honoured."

Bishop Tutu said his award was in recognition of the struggle of oppressed people in this country.

"I accept this award on behalf of the people," he said.

Three years ago Aberdeen University planned to award him an honorary doctorate but he could not accept it because he did not have a passport.

Judgment delayed in Gerhardt treason trial

Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Judgment in the Gerhardt high treason trial, expected to be delivered today in the Supreme Court in Cape Town, has been postponed to December 28.

Commodore Dieter Felix Gerhardt, former commanding officer of the SA Naval Dockyard at Simon's Town, and his Swiss-born wife, Ruth, have pleaded not guilty to high treason.

'Couple was shot by unknown man'

By Themba Molefe

The daughter of a renegade African National Congress member who was gunned down with his wife in their bed last year, today described in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court how she had been forced to lead the hitman to her parents' room.

Miss Modiehi Beverly Hlapane (23) said in a statement that she could identify the hitman who said his name was Dan. She had opened the door for him on December 16 last year, the night he shot her parents, Mr Bartholomew Hlapane (64) and his wife Matilda (53).

She said the man wore army fatigues and had a rifle and knapsack slung over his shoulder.

"He told me to put the lights on, turn my back and after jamming his rifle into my back, ordered me to show him where

my parents were sleeping.

"He stood in the doorway of the bedroom. Then shots rang out in rapid succession.

"My parents screamed and after a while everything was quiet. The man then left through the kitchen door."

Miss Hlapane said her younger sister who had been sleeping on the floor of the bedroom was also wounded.

Sergeant J J Engelbrecht, of the Soweto Security Police, testified that the couple died under a hail of bullets when the hitman attacked them in their Rockville, Soweto home.

He said Mr Hlapane was a former ANC member who was used in many commissions and court cases against the ANC held in the country and the United States to clarify and illustrate the methods used by the banned organisation.

Sergeant Engelbrecht said the man who attacked the couple had also wounded their 15-year-old daughter who had since been paralysed as a result of being shot in the body and neck.

The man has not been traced despite intensive investigations, he said in the statement.

The magistrate, Mr G J Schoeman, found that the couple died of multiple gunshot wounds and ruled that an unknown man had caused Mr and Mrs Hlapane's death.

Talks on border shootout

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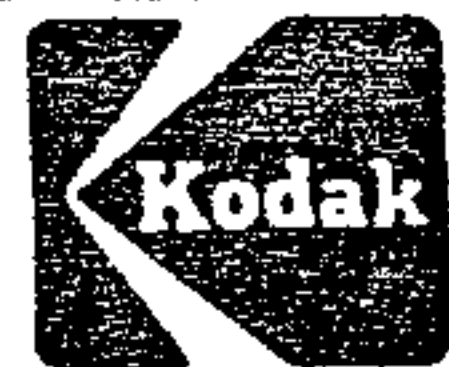
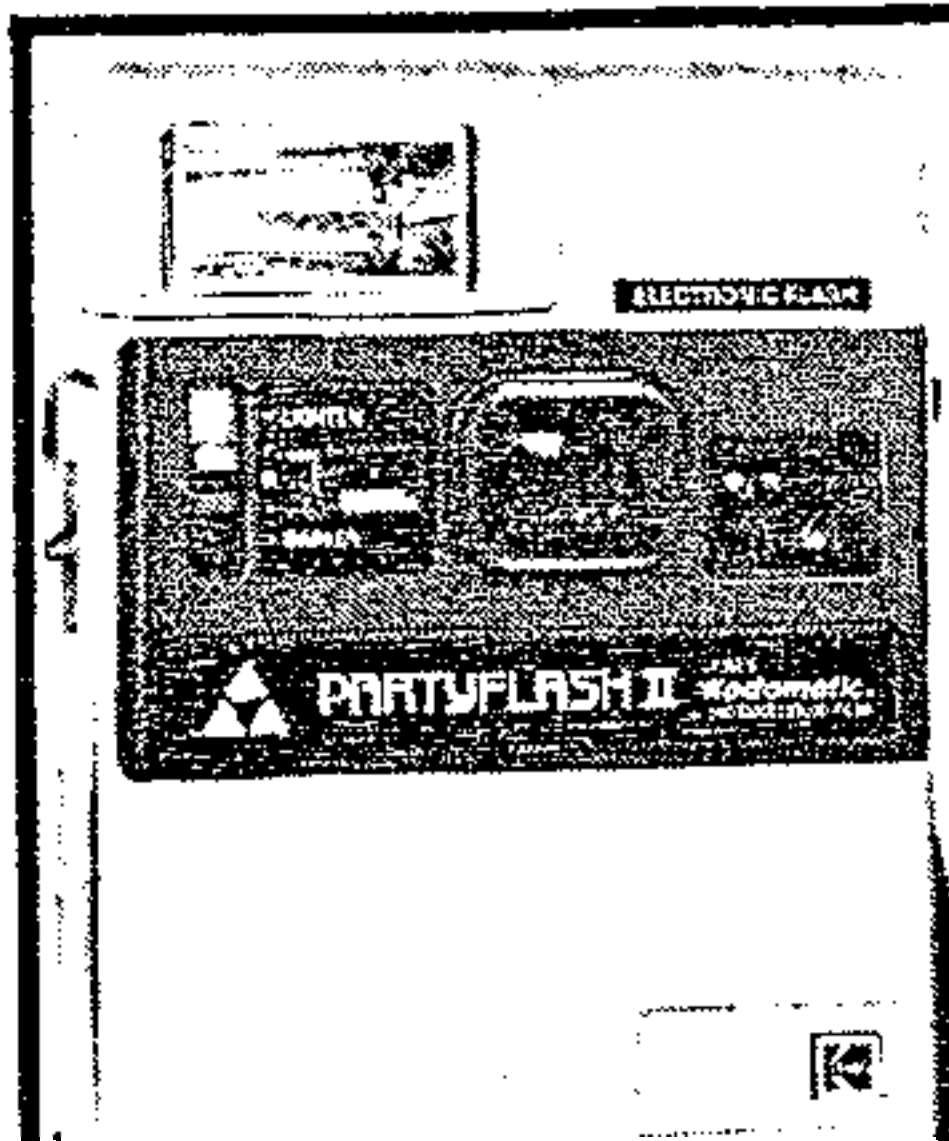
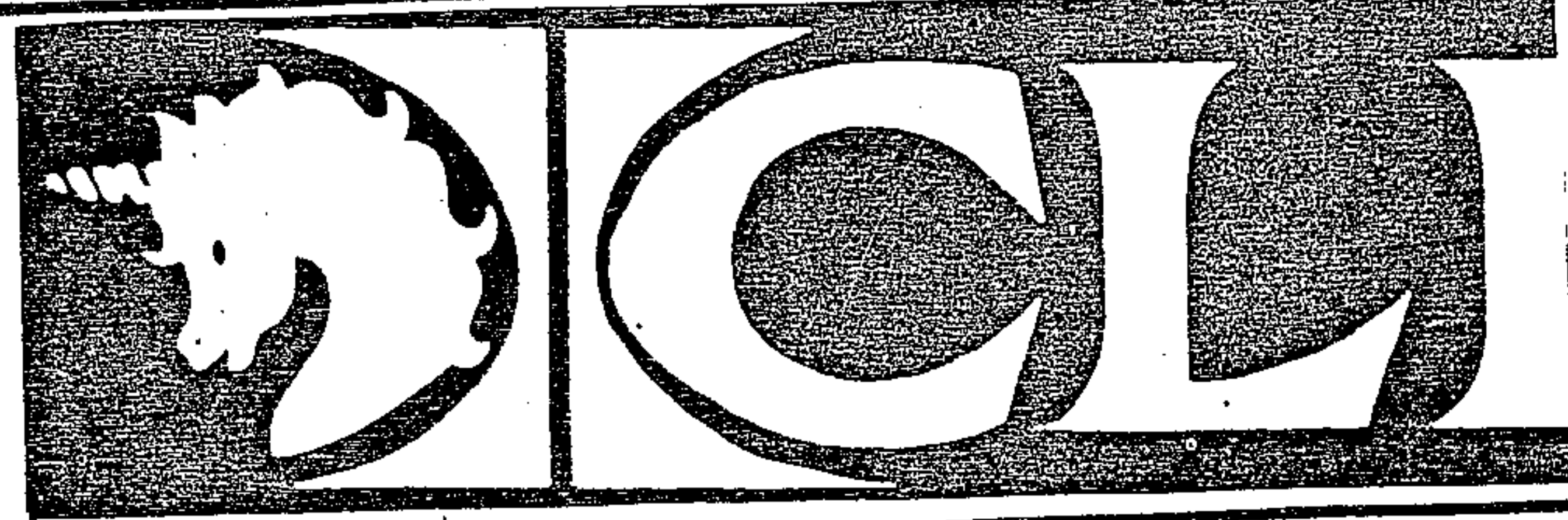
GABORONE — Delegations from Harare and Gaborone are holding urgent talks today to discuss yesterday's shootout in which a Zimbabwean soldier was shot dead by a Botswana Defence Force patrol.

The incident occurred when a party of soldiers in Zimbabwe

National Army uniform were seen crossing into Botswana yesterday morning.

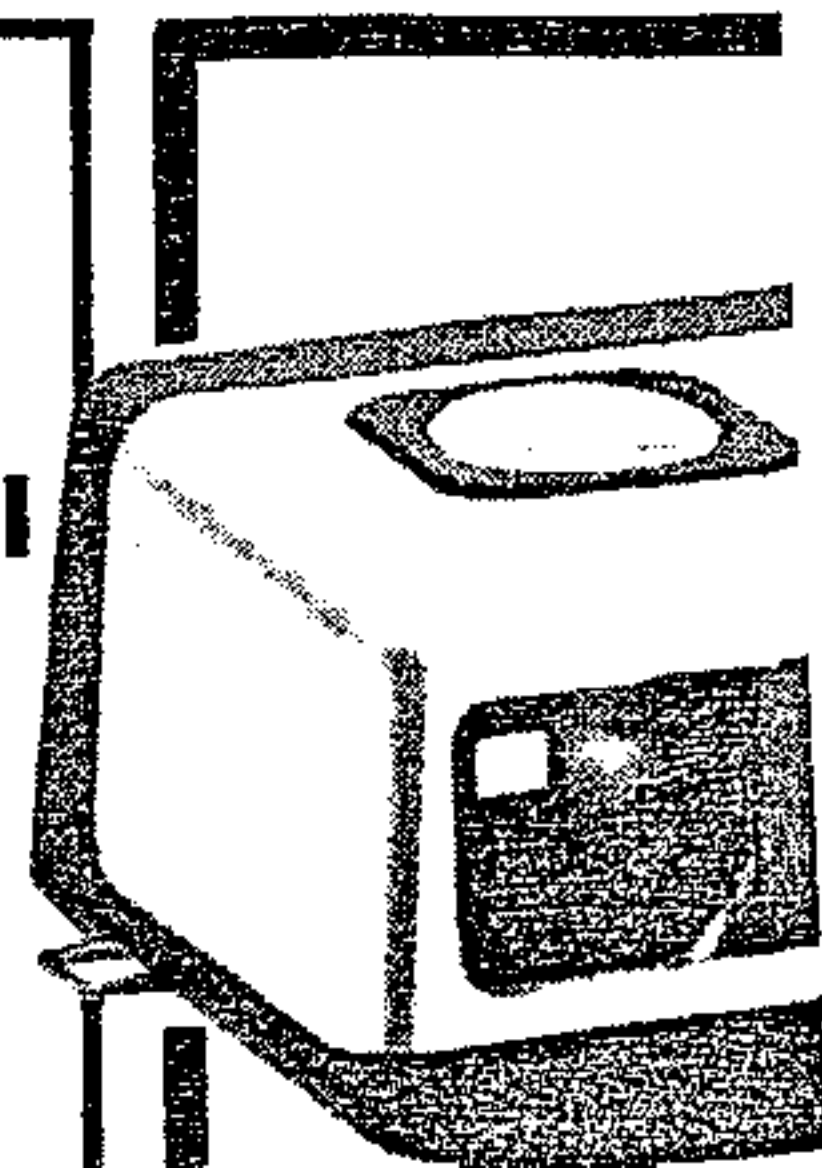
The clash was the latest in a series of incidents in the tense border area involving BDF patrols and Zimbabwean troops believed to be pursuing dissident former members of Mr Joshua Nkomo's Zipra guerilla army fleeing from troubled Matabeleland.

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Damage caused to the Kwa Mashu township offices when two blasts rocked the building late Monday night.

Clearing up after Kwa Mashu blast

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Crime Reporter

CLEANING-UP operations at the Kwa Mashu township offices were in full swing yesterday after two blasts caused at least R60 000 damage late Monday night.

Hundreds of windows were blown out in the explosions which could be heard in Durban North and Pinetown.

The bombs had been placed alongside a wall of the building. A hole was blasted through one wall and a section of a roof was ripped out.

The type of explosives used have not yet been established and early yesterday experts were still searching the debris.

Mrs Regina Makatini, who works at the town board as a typist and lives nearby, said her whole house had shaken with the blasts.

'It was terrible when the two bangs went off. We were too scared to go near the building in case a third bomb had been placed,' she said.

The township manager of Kwa Mashu, Mr Vernin Breetzke, said eight of 12 offices in the building had been damaged.

'But we are working swiftly to clear up the mess. We should be working as normal about Thursday.

'Inside the building mainly housing records of houses in Kwa Mashu were damaged in the blasts. All the valuable documents were under lock and key and were not damaged.

'We estimate the damage to be about R60 000, and the money for repairs will have to come from the township's allocation,' he said.

'Drastic IRA tactics unlikely in SA'

World puts brake

on ANC violence

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By Stephen McQuillan

Terror attacks similar to the Pretoria bomb blast and last week's London car-bomb atrocity might be more frequent in South Africa were it not for a string of subtleties within the African National Congress (ANC), says Professor Mike Hough, director of the Institute of Strategic Studies at the University of Pretoria.

The ANC might not be able to withstand world condemnation or widespread and frequent attacks with large loss of life, he said. It differed from the Irish Republican Army (IRA), which was responsible for killing five people and injuring 91 in Saturday's blast outside Harrods in London, in that it depended to a far greater extent on support from other nations.

"I think the ANC is dependent on large-scale outside support," said Professor Hough. "It probably fears that indiscriminate terrorism could cost it some of its support from places such as Scandinavia."

The ANC had shown its willingness to use indiscriminate terrorism with the Church Street bomb blast in Pretoria — the first ANC attack of its type — but it was not pursuing its campaign of violence on the scale of the IRA, the professor said.

Although there was probably communication between organisations using violence on an international level, it seemed that the ANC had chosen largely to ignore some of the more drastic tactics used by other groups.

"Every situation has to be judged on its own merits — world opinion, the amount of support outside and inside the country and what the organisation is trying to achieve. Obviously, each case is very different.

"It is interesting to note the widespread condemnation of the Pretoria bomb blast and consider whether it has a bearing on future ANC activities."

Inhibiting factors

The professor said that other factors in the ANC campaign were:

- It claimed to be against the Government and not the general public.

- It was demanding prisoner-of-war status, professing to abide by the rules of war.

- It was pointless hurting the people it was fighting for — people without the vote — with indiscriminate attacks.

- South African retaliatory strikes against the ANC were inevitable.

"The IRA has been operating for a long time on a more intense scale than the ANC," said Professor Hough. "But there are so many things inhibiting the ANC."

Indiscriminate violence by the IRA in Britain split public opinion and prompted some groups to pressure the Government for a withdrawal of troops from Northern Ireland.

The same tactics would not work in South Africa. The white public would stand fast behind the Government. The Pretoria and London bombs had focused attention on what terrorism was really about.

The heads of South Africa's large store chains are horrified at the thought of a Harrods-style attack.

"We are powerless to do anything if it is a car bomb," said Mr Eric Hammond, managing director of Edgars Stores Ltd. "Bombs inside our stores concern us more. There have been many cases in which we have received a call about a bomb in a store. We then follow a very complicated, but efficient, procedure."

Stores were usually evacuated while a thorough search was carried out, Mr Hammond said, but 99 percent of cases proved to be hoaxes.

Staff, trained to handle an emergency, were constantly on the

watch for suspicious-looking parcels and knew exactly what to do.

Heavy blankets — like large bullet-proof vests — were available to throw over bombs in an effort to minimise damage and new stores were being built with shatterproof glass.

Older stores would probably have shatterproof glass installed later. Stores considered to be the most vulnerable had smoke detectors, Mr Hammond said.

"One thing that really worries us is matchbox-size incendiary devices which could be left to explode in a store after closing time."

Mr Jack Garlick, managing director of Garlicks Department Stores, said: "We've done a lot of homework on this subject. But there is little to be done about bombs in the street."

Stores considered at risk were being fitted with laminated glass, he said.

"Even stores we consider not to be at risk will be fitted with new, protective glass."

The protective glass alone will cost the company about R150 000.

Staff were trained to follow search patterns through the store during a bomb alert. Telephoned threats could be taped at the switchboard.

"Other precautions have also been taken but I can't discuss them," Mr Garlick said.

The bombing of the Carlton Centre several years ago had prompted a new range of security measures which had cost "a substantial amount".

Staff were trained in security when engaged. Some were police reservists and first-aid experts. Management occasionally evacuated stores to test the efficiency of the operation.

"We can clear a store in two minutes," said Mr Garlick.



Urban terror in South Africa. A victim of the Pretoria bomb blast receives emergency treatment at the scene of the explosion.



Cars blaze in a Pretoria street after the explosion. It is thought that worldwide condemnation may be preventing similar indiscriminate terror attacks by the African National Congress which has not yet adopted the drastic methods used by the IRA in Northern Ireland.

JOHANNESBURG — An unknown man was responsible for the deaths of an ex-member of the banned African National Congress, Mr Bartholomew Hlapane, and his wife in Soweto last year, an inquest found yesterday.

The couple were shot dead in their sleep on December 16 last year by a man using an AK47 rifle.

Mr Hlapane, 64, was a founder-member of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the military wing of the ANC, and he was formerly also a member of the central committee of the South African Communist Party.

He had testified for the State in several terrorism trials, including those of Braam Fischer and "Rivonia", which led to the life imprisonment of the ANC leader, Nelson Mandela.

Killer of ex-ANC couple 'not known'

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He also testified before the Denton Commission in the United States on Soviet, East Germany and Cuban concerns in Southern Africa.

Ms Brenda Hlapane, the couple's 15-year-old daughter, who was paralysed in the attack, told the magistrate, Mr G J Schoeman, of the night which saw her parents die.

She heard a knock on the back door and went to answer, but her sister, Beverly, was already there.

An unknown black man,

who introduced himself as "Dan", asked to see her father. When Brenda turned around to call her father, the man opened fire. Three shots hit her and she lost consciousness.

Beverly Hlapane told the court he forced her indoors at gunpoint, ordered her to switch on the light and began shooting through her parents door. She heard screams.

Mr Isaac Makume, 46, the fiance of Miss Mildred Hlapane, the eldest of the Hlapane daughters, said he

was sleeping in the dining-room that night and was woken by the sound of gunfire.

Acrid smoke hung in the air and a man with a rifle had shot through the door of the bedroom.

A pupil, Mr David Mphaka, 18, said he was at a neighbouring house waiting for a friend when he heard gunfire and saw a man with a sack over his shoulder running out of the house. The man saw him and called out to him before disappearing. — Sapa

URBAN BOMBS

The city centre problem

With the ANC's terrorists now chucking their bombs mainly at government targets, the State has some tough decisions to make. Should it clear out of buildings in the CBDs, where fellow tenants have to share the brunt of the attacks, or should it put its head down and stay put?

There is no easy answer. Yasser Arafat's decision to seek sanctuary in the residential areas of Tripoli in Lebanon did not dissuade his attackers; they hit the innocent as well.

But what would be the effects of a government withdrawal on a CBD like Pretoria's, where the State leases about half the office space? And some 100 000 m² of that, at a rough estimate, is occupied by strategic departments which could be considered direct targets.

Already there is talk in property circles that government may be considering a long-term plan to hide out in the hills, as it were. It would take a long time.

But even so, it would hit Pretoria's shopkeepers hard. And the property sector, which has geared its space development to take account of government needs, would face

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ruinous under-utilisation of space.

The problem for other cities would be less severe. But no CBD could face the prospect of a State withdrawal with equanimity. Terrorism is the way of cowards, so who's to say there would not be a switch to softer commercial targets once government has cleared out?

Further, from the point of view of morale, could government afford to be seen to be on the run, tactical though such a withdrawal might be?

Maybe the State should instead work towards a situation in which every building it occupies is completely filled by government departments — no private sector tenants and no ground-floor shops.

Second, it might strive to take over whole city precincts and ban all cars from the immediate streets (thus overcoming the car-bomb threat) without creating ill effects for commerce.

Withdrawal is an option, of course, but for several reasons it is too high a price to pay.

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Economists bank on 1% hike in GST

Pretoria Bureau
SPECULATION is strengthening that the Minister of Finance, Mr Owen Horwood, is considering a 1% GST hike (to 7%) before the budget.

This, economists pointed out, was one of the options open to the Minister in attempting to compensate for the expected budget deficit of more than R4 000-million.

But, they stressed, if the Cabinet did approve a GST hike, this would torpedo its major aim of getting inflation down to single figures by mid-year.

It was certain, they added, that there would be unpleasant budget shocks for taxpayers.

Another 1% hike in GST would increase revenue by about R800-million a year.

ANC man killed in shoot-out

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By NORMAN PATTERTON
Pretoria Bureau

A TRAINED African National Congress terrorist was shot dead in a black township outside Pretoria yesterday by Security Police and members of a task force in a sequel to last May's bomb blast in Church Street, according to police.

The Chief of the Security Police, Major-General F Steenkamp, said in a statement the terrorist was shot dead in a shoot-out at 8.15am in which police hurled teargas canisters into the house where he was hiding out.

The man was trained in Angola, and was a nephew of one of the terrorists responsible for the catastrophic bomb blast in May, 1983, he said.

Police went to the house in Mame-

lodi, according to a police officer, after receiving "further information" during their investigation into the Pretoria blast.

Shots were fired at police from within the house, and they returned the fire, Gen Steenkamp said.

The shots from the house stopped, and police found that a "well-known" ANC terrorist had died from a bullet wound inside the house.

The man, who was not named, was trained in Angola and operated from Swaziland and Maputo, he said.

Swaziland police were seeking him in connection with armed robbery, Gen Steenkamp said.

He said police took possession of a 9mm pistol of foreign origin, and that an inquest would be held.

The police investigation is continuing.

It's bye-bye to the Ewings

By J MANUEL CORREIA
TV Correspondent

IT'S goodbye to "Dallas" on SABC-TV. The corporation has decided not to buy any more series of the soap opera about the Ewings' doings.

Although SABC sources would yesterday not discount the possibility that the corporation might look at "Dallas" again in future, observers are certain it will quietly write off the series.

By the time reconsideration time arrives, the series will be so old hat that no progressive station would want it, even if it were offered free.

At the moment SABC is on "Dallas III". Video shop outlets are already offering "Dallas IV", "Dallas V" and "Dallas VI".

But at least one major video distributor has turned down the rights to "Dallas V" and "Dallas VI".

A spokesman for the firm said that even "Dallas IV" was very slow moving stock.

It is clear, therefore, that discriminating viewers are becoming bored to tears with the series, which has been displaced in the ratings in the United States by "Dynasty", and which critics regard as being comfortably predictable with a few so-called twists now and then.

SABC-TV probably feels that the service has had an overdose of "Dallas".

"Dallas III" will run until March on SABC. It will probably be replaced by a major attraction already on the video circuit, "Falcon Crest".

No live TV for Durban 'Test'

Mail Reporter

THERE will be no live TV coverage of the one-day Yellow Pages cricket "test" at Kingsmead on Sunday.

Mr Vic Hohls, secretary of the Natal Cricket Union, confirmed yesterday that although SABC-TV had an agreement with the SA Cricket Union to televise a portion of all tests, the corporation had decided against the Durban match.

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Govt apology to Zimbabwe over assault

By CHRIS STEYN

A ZIMBABWE deputy trade commissioner — who was assaulted by a traffic officer when he refused to let his car be searched at a roadblock in the Northern Transvaal last week — was well within his rights to refuse because he had diplomatic immunity.

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terrorist
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Own Correspondent
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'Well-known'

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He said police found a 9mm pistol of foreign make, and that an inquest would be held.

ANC man sent SOS message to his brother

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PRETORIA — The ANC man killed in a shootout with police in Mamelodi East, Pretoria, on Wednesday was a wanted man in Swaziland.

Mr Phillip Maseko, 24, whose alias in Swaziland was Nkosinathi Thela, was wanted dead or alive for a series of armed robberies in Swaziland in which arms were used.

It was reported earlier that Mr Maseko had slipped through a police net and entered South Africa at the weekend.

He was particularly wanted in connection with a robbery at

Mhlambanyatsi in West Swaziland, in which a woman was shot dead. A spokesman for the Swazi Police said Mr Maseko was the only member of the group not yet captured.

The others had been arrested with arms of Soviet bloc origin, the police spokesman said.

The father of the dead man, Mr Mswazi Maseko, said that he and his wife were not aware of their son's presence in Mamelodi until they received a report that he had been killed in a shootout with the South African Security and Special

Task Force Police in a house in Mamelodi East.

"I learn that Phillip was a wanted man in Swaziland. The public had been warned that he was dangerous and police had an order to shoot him on sight. Apparently, in a bid to slip the police net, he sent an SOS message to his younger brother to get him out of Swaziland," Mr Maseko said.

"After telling us he was going to have his hair done in Johannesburg, his younger brother, Mamphupho, drove to Swaziland. He brought him back and hid him somewhere in

Mamelodi.

"Police, who had apparently got word that Phillip was back in South Africa, raided my house on Wednesday morning. They surrounded the house and put up a searchlight in my yard. They kept guard from 1 pm to about 4.30 am."

After intensive investigations, police found Mr Maseko at the Mamelodi East house where he died after a shootout.

His body has been released to his family and will be buried at the local cemetery on Sunday, January 15. — SAPA.

IRA pledge not to injure civilians

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DUBLIN — The IRA will continue bombing political and military targets in mainland Britain, but will try to avoid civilian casualties, according to a spokesman for the guerilla group.

"If the IRA wanted to kill British civilians, it could do so in hundreds," the unidentified spokesman was quoted as saying in Republican News, the weekly newspaper of the IRA's legal political front, Sinn Fein.

Reflecting the IRA's apparent embarrassment at an outcry over its car bomb explosion at Harrods department store on December 17, when six people were killed and 94 injured, the spokesman added:

"All IRA volunteers, including ourselves, have to account for operations they

are involved in, particularly if something goes wrong."

He said IRA strategy in Britain "is to inflict damage against enemy political and military targets and bring to the attention of the British public that their Government is involved in a war in Ireland".

After the Harrods bombing, the IRA claimed responsibility, but said the attack was not authorised by its Army Council. It apologised for the civilian casualties.

● And at Harrods itself, only three weeks after the bomb blast, a quarter of a million bargain hunters thronged the opening of its winter sale yesterday.

"I came to say you can't stop us," said housewife Mrs Beryl Kirkpatrick.

With windows outside the men's department still boarded up and dozens of bomb-sniffing dogs on patrol outside the five-storey red-brick Victorian building, the December 17 blast that killed six and injured 94 was still fresh in the memory of shoppers.

"I made a joke to my husband last night that 'I wonder if I'll come home from Harrods'. But I'm not really worried," said Mrs Jean Midcalf, of Tunbridge Wells, as she waited in a crush at the door to have her bags checked by security guards.

The bombing hurt sales in the usually hectic last week before Christmas and business has been slow since the holidays. — Sapa-AP

S. Tyrre
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SA help for Ulster in terror war

MEMBERS of the Ulster Defence Association, the largest Protestant paramilitary force in Northern Ireland, have visited South Africa on a fact-finding mission to find out how it handles its terrorism problem and the defence of its borders against incursions.

Although the visit by two UDA members last year was not on an official level, they did meet "people involved with the fighting of terrorism" on an informal level, says the UDA's supreme commander, Mr Andy Tyrre.

The two men also visited several of the so-called front-line farms along South Africa's borders where farmers have taken up arms to defend their property rather than be forced off the land by terrorist activities.

The visit to South Africa was only one part of a two-year campaign to reorganise the UDA, and has resulted in the formation of a military wing in anticipation of open

By RAY JOSEPH
London

conflict in the province within the next decade.

"Although our organisation is not recognised by the government here, we are not outlawed," Mr Tyrre said.

"We belong to the system of law and order, but we are saying to the people responsible for security that if they do not do their job then we will, although we will stay within the law as much as possible.

"One of our priorities is to train officers, and, while we may be the Ulster Defence Association, the way things are going we may have to change into something more."

Impressed

On the visit to South Africa, Mr Tyrre said: "What most impressed us about the border situation in South Africa was that the Government had adopted a policy of putting farmers on the border who are allowed to fight.

"In Northern Ireland you are not allowed to fight the IRA because you would be charged with murder.

"We were most impressed at the way the South Africans have built up desirable and viable communities along their borders.

"Also, in South Africa the Government does not worry

about local or world opinion ... it is a fight for survival.

"When the arms embargo came in they just started making their own weapons.

"We had two people go out to South Africa early last year and, although there was no official co-operation, they did manage to meet people actively involved in the fight against terrorism.

Determination

"They were also taken to meet people with large farms on the border and heard how they were coping on a hostile border. What impressed us was the determination of those people. They said they had worked hard to build up what they had and they would not be frightened off

their land."

Mr Tyrre believes that sorting out terrorism in Northern Ireland would go a long way to solving the world's problems with terrorists.

"There is no doubt that methods of terrorism like car bombs are perfected here and the knowledge is then passed on to other terrorist organisations throughout the world along a network."

He also believed that terrorists on the run from South Africa were helped to "reach friendly countries" through the network the IRA had set up throughout the world.

"I am also convinced that there is an exchange of labour between terrorist organisations, including those in South Africa and Ireland."

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UN calls on SA to spare Moloise

From RICHARD WALKER

NEW YORK. — The United Nations Security Council yesterday issued a call to South Africa to commute the death sentence imposed on Benjamin Moloise.

Hanging Moloise — sentenced for gunning down a security policeman with an AK-47 rifle — would "further aggravate the situation in South Africa," the council concluded in a resolution adopted in a three-minute meeting without debate.

But in earlier closed-door consultations, it toned down the draft text urged by African members, who wanted the council to demand South Africa's compliance.

Also deleted was a paragraph which would have accused South Africa of ignoring similar clemency pleas in the past. All reference to Moloise as a member of the African National Congress was also removed.

Condemned

Western council members had questioned the condemned man's status and other aspects of the case, but agreed to the revised formula after a 48-hour study, believed to have been conducted through the United States Embassy in Pretoria.

South Africa protested the council taking up the cause of Moloise, who had confessed to "the common law crime of murder", it asserted in a formal complaint.

The case is linked to a previous one in which the Security Council pleaded for the lives of three ANC combatants.

The policeman, Philipus Selepe, was involved in the arrest of the three, and Moloise was originally detained in connection with their trial.

Bullets

The ANC claimed responsibility for killing the policeman, who died in a hail of bullets at the front gate of his Mamelodi home, but has denied Moloise was involved.

It contends that he is being victimized for refusing to testify against the three men.

Moloise was sentenced to death on June 7 last year — the same day that the Security Council appealed on behalf of the ANC three.

The men were executed two days later.

The series of appeals, beginning with the case of Solomon Mahlangu in 1979, is unique in Security Council annals.

In no other situation has it tried to intercede in such a manner.

The ANC strenuously argues for the right of captured members of its military wing to be treated as prisoners-of-war.

As part of this effort, in 1980 it declared itself party to the Geneva war conventions.

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5th Soweto councillor's home bombed

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The home of another Soweto councillor was petrol-bombed yesterday. Mr Silas Tshabalala was the fifth councillor to be attacked in this manner over the past two months.

Four petrol bombs were hurled at his Emdeni Extension home at about 2 am, the Divisional Commissioner of Police for Soweto, Brigadier D J D Jacobs, said today.

He said Mr Tshabalala had injured his right hand. "He was cut while trying to extinguish the flames, and was later treated at Baragwanath Hospital, receiving 16 stitches.

"He suffered about R76 damage to his home in the attack. In my opinion, the reason behind the attacks is that certain people want to intimidate the Soweto councillors," Brigadier Jacobs said. He would not comment on who was responsible for the attacks.

Mr Tshabalala belongs to the Sofasonke Party of which the Mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, is president. Mr Ephraim Tshabalala's home was petrol-bombed on Monday.

On Wednesday, the home of another councillor, Mr Patrick Gaboutloeloe of Emdeni South, was petrol-bombed for the second time in several weeks.

A few days before the local authority elections, the home of Mr Siegfried Manthatha, who was subsequently elected councillor, was also petrol-bombed.

Two bombs were thrown at his home, but only one went off. No damage was caused to the house because of prompt action by the councillor's family.

A day after the bombing of Mr Ephraim Tshabalala's home, the home of Dobsonville councillor Mr I B Mashao was similarly attacked.

Police believe all the attacks so far are linked.

ANC dominant attacker, says terror expert

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THE average ANC insurgent entering South Africa cannot expect to escape detection for longer than two days, a former security police agent has claimed.

Mr Michael Morris, principal researcher of the Terrorism Research Centre in Cape Town, released a report this week and said that despite a marked increase in acts of political violence, fewer ANC members were operating in the country.

Mr Morris, whose links with the security police were made public about 15 years ago, is the author of several volumes of poetry and books about insurgency.

'Fuzzversus', a book published in 1973, contained a controversial defence of police handling of student demonstrations.

"The number of ANC insurgents is decreasing and the organisation just doesn't have the men to carry out what they would like to do. And so they are in a state of disarray which could lead to more outrages for the purposes of publicity seeking," said Mr Morris.

In a report greeted with scepticism by a number of political analysts, the centre claimed there were 395 incidents in 1983, compared to 59 in 1980, 114 in 1981 and 230 in 1982.

This represented an almost seven-fold escalation in four years.

A total of 214 people were fatally injured last year, compared with 39 in 1980 — more than a 10-fold increase

By GERALDINE FARLEY

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In 1983, 815 people were injured in incidents, but these figures included those involved in counter-attacks by South African security forces outside the country.

The report said the patterns of violent attacks had not changed, and that the ANC was the dominant attacker force.

Mr Morris ascribed the limited survival prospects of an insurgent to the "increased efficiency" of the se-

curity police.

Criticising the report, Professor Robert Schrire, political science professor at the University of Cape Town, said: "One would have to treat these analyses with caution, and given the nature of the data, it would be difficult to be accurate. The report could therefore be flawed."

The Terrorism Research Centre is registered as a privately-funded centre to research terrorism and security and has reciprocity with centres abroad.

4th COUNCILLOR BOMBED



BRIG VIKTOR: "Some-one has a grudge."

FOUR petrol bombs were hurled at the home of Soweto councillor Silas Tshabalala yesterday — the fourth such attack this week.

Mr Tshabalala badly injured his hand when he climbed through a window to escape the flames and was taken to Baragwanath Hospital for stitches. No-one else was injured.

Damage to the house

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Tshabalala taken to hospital

By KHULU SIBIYA

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incident happened at about 2am yesterday.

"When we woke up the curtains were all on fire, and everyone in the house was screaming. Silas was trying to put the fire out.

"Fortunately we were able to put the fire out before it spread."

She said her son was "really shaken" by the

attack and had asked for police protection.

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The other councillors bombed this week were Soweto mayor Ephraim Tshabalala, Dobsonville mayor I B Mashao and councillor Patrick Gaboutloeloe.

Gaboutloeloe's house bombed

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ANOTHER Soweto Town Councillor's house has been petrol-bombed and police believe the attacks are politically motivated.

Two petrol bombs were hurled at the house of Mr Patrick Gaboutloeloe, the Emdeni councillor at about 2am yesterday. Both bombs exploded on the stoep and the fire was extinguished before it caused damage.

This is the second time Mr Gaboutloeloe's house has been attacked by arsonists. The first time was two months ago when the bomb was thrown in through a bro-

Sowetan
ken window. Damage was slight in that instance.

Police yesterday confirmed the bombings. Brigadier J J Viktor, the CID chief in Soweto, said he believed the attacks were of a political nature.

"A dissatisfied' group among the community is behind the bombings," he said. "However, we are not pointing fingers at any group as yet."

Brigadier Viktor said investigations have revealed that the same group was responsible for the attacks on two other councillors.

The two Soweto

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mayor Mr Ephraim Tshabalala and Mr I B Mashao of Dobsonville, were victims of the petrol bombs this week. Diepmeadow town council mayor Mr Joseph Mahuhushi's house was also gutted by arsonists late last year. He is presently staying at temporary lodgings next to his council chambers in Meadowlands, while his house is being rebuilt.

According to Mr Gaboutloeloe, he was sleeping when he heard two big bangs. He jumped out of bed and rushed to the children's room. He dragged them into the main bedroom.

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**More bombs
in Soweto** 19/1/84

The house of a Soweto councillor was yesterday petrol-bombed for the second time in weeks.

The bombing of Mr Patrick Gaboutloeloe's home in Emdeni South brings to three the number of such attacks on township councillors.

No damage was caused to the Gaboutloeloe house because of prompt action by the family.

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Modise may never wake up again!

Rough ride for

TOP businessman and former soccer boss Kgomoiso Iso Modise may be paralysed for life following the recent attempt to assassinate him. A bullet is lodged in his spine.

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Azapo tells of music show

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WETT BET!

IF THE law of averages is to apply to Saturday's Metropolitan Stakes in Cape Town, the winner must be grey, four years old and a colt.

That's what the record books tell us about the race which has been run since 1939. And that means only two horses are in the running. Stella Maris and Chief of Staff.

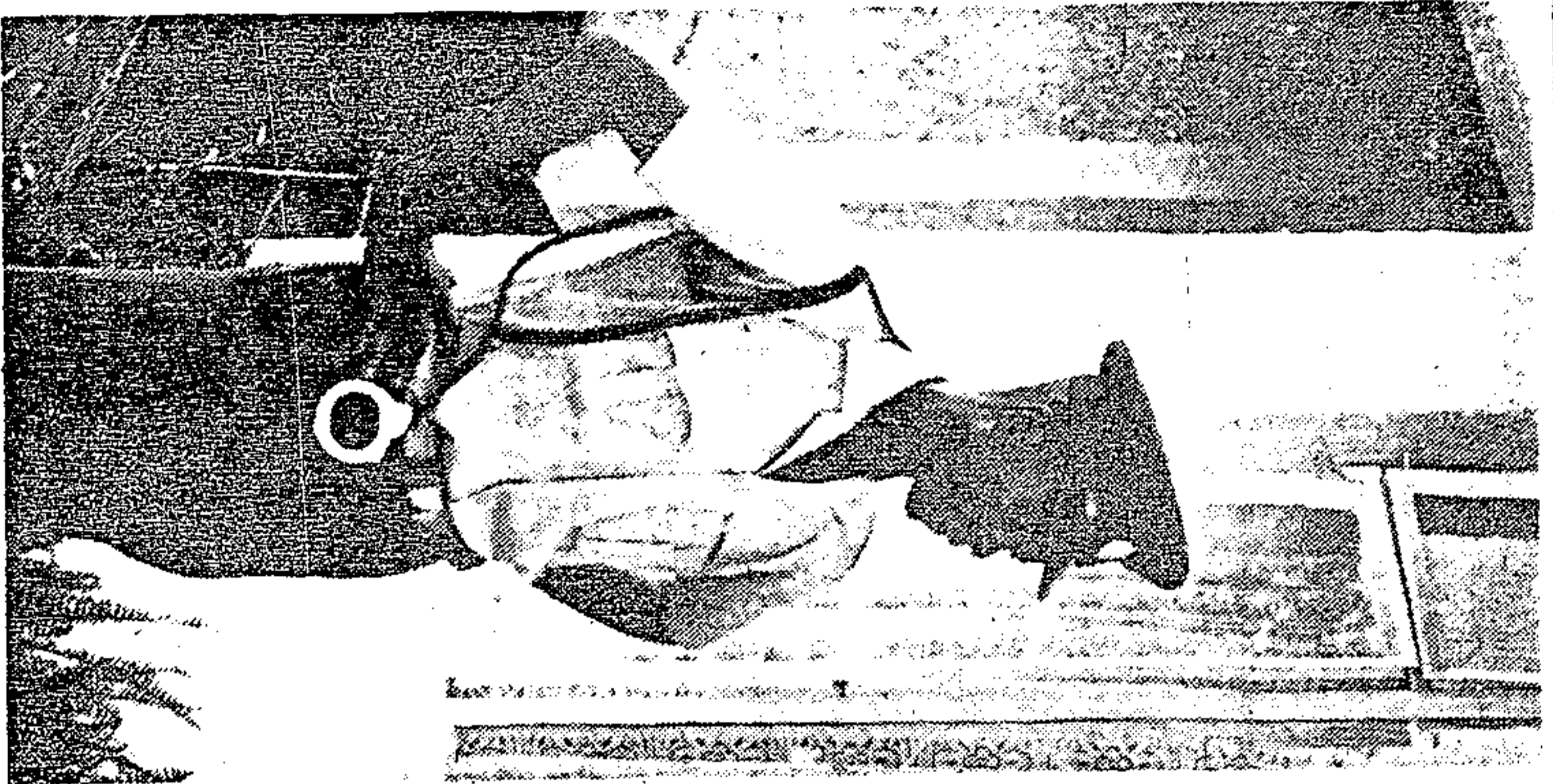
But for those who don't go by the record books, the big money

this year will be on Wolf Power and Devon Air, who, together with Stella Maris, top the betting. City Press Racing Editor is backing Wolf Power all the way.

The latest betting is: 18-10 Wolf Power, 6-1 Devon Air, 7-1 Stella Maris, 8-1 Spanish Pool, 12-1 Hawkins, 16-1 Count du Barry, 20-1 Versailles, Mr Fabulous, 33-1 Chief-of-Staff, Grey Sun, 50-1 Mystery Me, Big Charles, 66-1 Denizen, Lawn, Al-pine Home, Happy Land-ing, Heracles and 100-1 Libran.

Tshabalala, Mashao homes hit by petrol bombs

FOUR ROOMS BURNED



THE POLICE GUARD: Next to Tshabalala's shattered window in Motolo yesterday.

Pic. JOE MOLEFE

By ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

A TWENTY-four hour guard by armed West Rand Administration Board police has been posted at the home of the Soweto mayor following Monday's petrol bomb attack on his Mofolo house. Petrol bombs were hurled into the houses of Mr Ephraim Tshabalala and Dobsonville town councillor and former mayor, Mr I B Mashao, in separate incidents on Monday and yesterday respectively.

Damage was slight in both incidents — windows were shattered at Mr Tshabalala's home and curtains and some furniture slightly damaged at Mr Mashao's house in Dobsonville. The Divisional Commissioner of Police in Soweto, Brigadier D J D Jacobs, yesterday confirmed the incident.

Ndaba shot dead

A WELL-KNOWN Benoni socialite and former civic leader was gunned down at his home on Monday night.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

He was also involved in a number of organisations in the township and was also a school committee member in the township. He added: "After shooting him the woman later vanished into the night. We reported the

Mr Benjamin "Bra Fish" Ndaba (55) of 474

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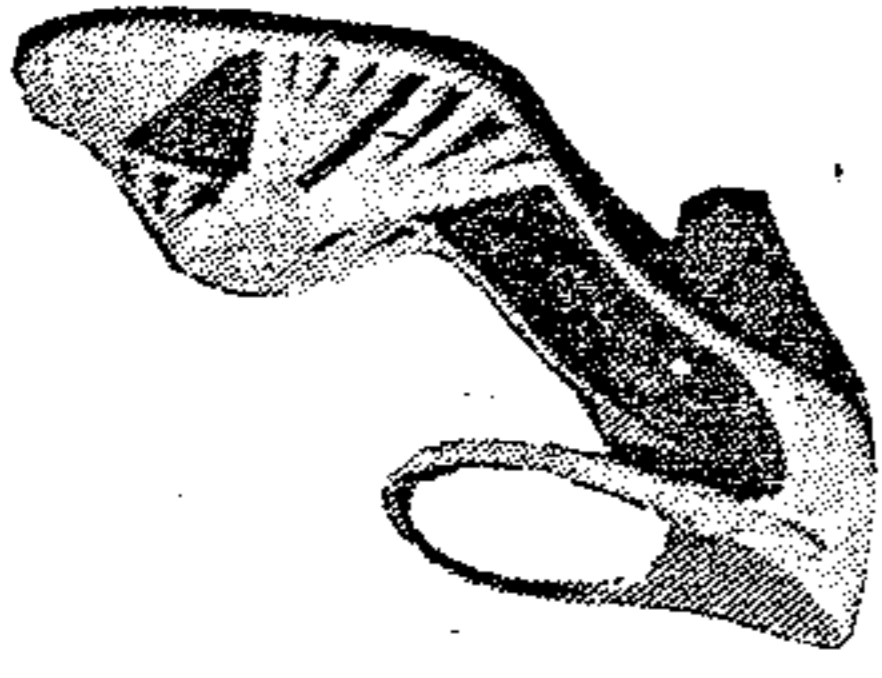
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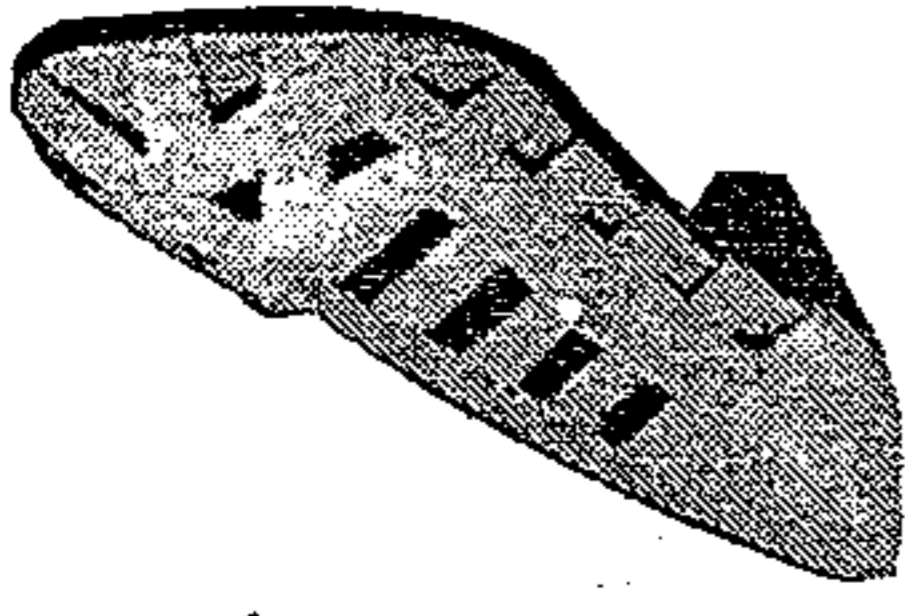
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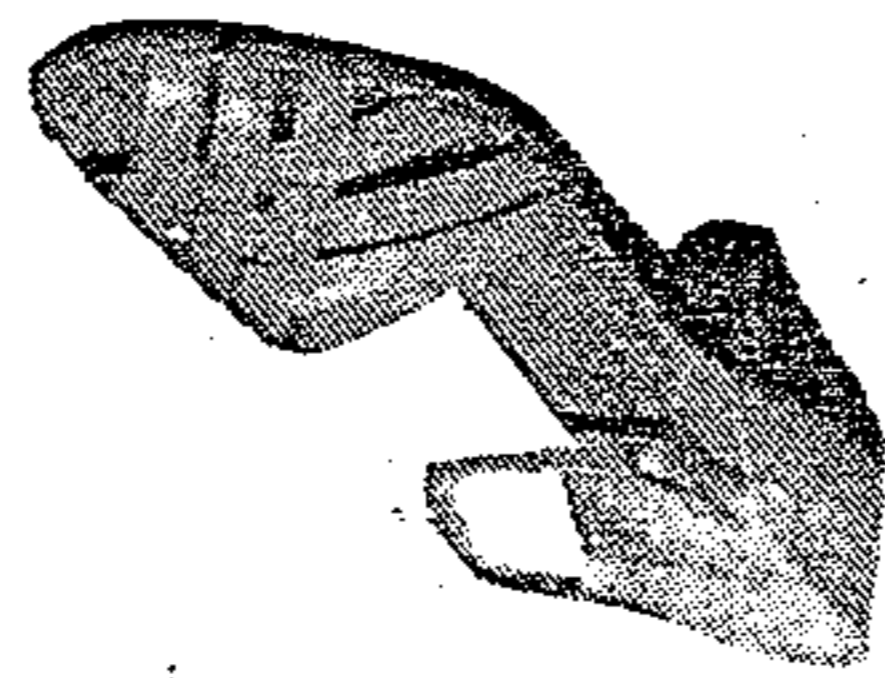
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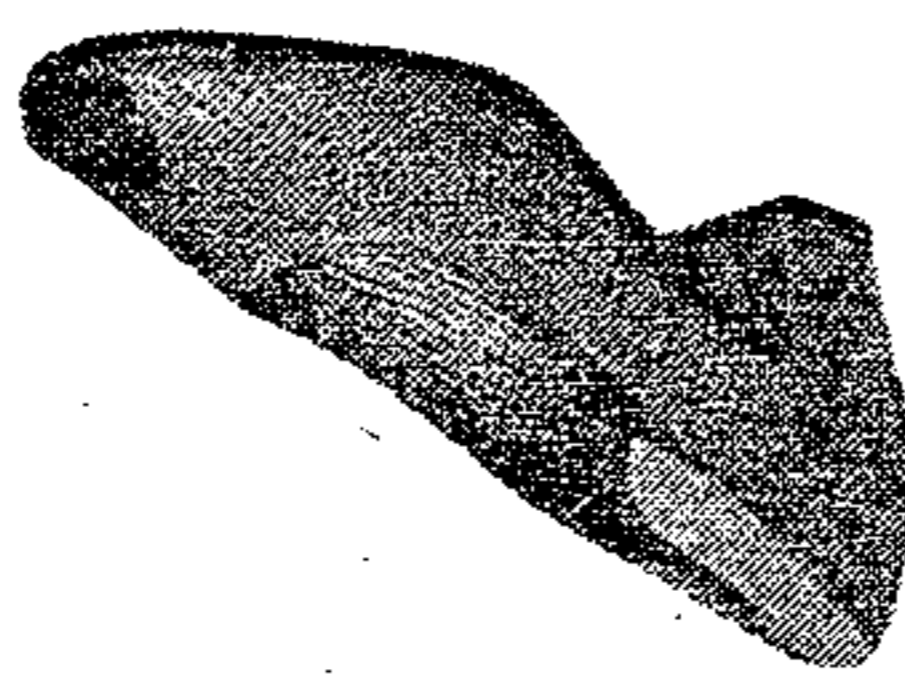
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firmed the incident.

Meeting

Mr Tshabalala and
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The councillor said he
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"We need another 25-35 mm of rain in the Grootdraai catchment area before the dam overflows and starts to help supply water to the Vaal River system," said the spokesman.

Midmar Dam outside Maritzburg rose by six percent during the past week and is now 62 percent full. Alberts Falls Dam is 12 percent full, up one percent.

Rain holds the key to maize crop

Pretoria Bureau

South Africa's maize crop would again be in jeopardy if good rain did not fall within the next two weeks, a spokesman for the National Maize Producer's Organisation (Nampo) said today.

Large areas of the maize-producing areas in the Transvaal and Free State would not produce good crops if the dry, hot weather persisted.

A spokesman for co-operatives in the western maize-producing areas said the worst conditions existed west of a line drawn from Lichtenburg in the Western Transvaal to Ladybrand in the Free State.

"Even if it rained soon, only an average crop would be reaped in these regions," he said.

The Nampo spokesman said South Africa would have to import maize again if conditions did not improve.

the route from his house to the shop. I found him lying dead in the back of the shop," Mr McQueen said.

He said there were signs that Mr Paulo, who was short and slightly-built, had struggled with his attacker.

Mr Paulo is survived by his wife and daughters, Delia (12) and Laurette (10).

No arrests have been made and initial investigations showed that nothing had been taken from the supermarket.

charges against him.

4 hurt in bus bombing

Four people were injured when a Putco bus was fire-bombed in Alexandra last night as the bus boycott held in protest at fare increases ended its eighth day.

Mr Pat Rogers, public relations officer for Putco, said the four victims had been admitted to hospital. One was said to be in a serious condition. Mr Rogers said the bomb had been thrown at a bus travelling between Sixth and Ninth avenues at 8.45 pm.

The Alexandra Commuters' Committee, which is co-ordinating the boycott, has repeatedly stated its methods are peaceful. It is not known at this stage who was responsible for the bombing.

Some buses carried full loads today for the first time since the boycott started last Monday.

Shock resignation by headmaster of Hilton

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The headmaster of Hilton College, Mr Richard Todd, resigned yesterday — the day before the start of the new term.

Mr Deryck Franklin, chairman of the school's board of governors, yesterday made public the sudden resignation and said Mr Todd's place

would be taken by Mr DV Ducasse, the deputy headmaster.

Speaking from his home at Hilton College, Mr Todd said today he did not feel ready to talk about the matter at this stage.

"I am feeling rather bruised at the moment. But I don't want to stir up a hornets' nest and in the best interests of Hilton I think I must

wish my successor every good fortune."

He and Mr Franklin were the architects of Hilton's multi-million rand leadership plan to admit 160 gifted pupils of all races, selected for leadership and academic potential.

It is understood the scheme has been opposed by many old boys and societies in the "Hilton family".

Boxer taken to hospital

One of the top heavyweight boxers in the country, Mike Koranicki, was yesterday admitted to the Sterkfontein Hospital.

Sterkfontein officials today confirmed that Koranicki (31) was still a patient at the hospital but declined to comment further.

The boxer was admitted to the Tara HF Moss Hospital yesterday by his wife but later transferred to Sterkfontein near Krugersdorp after an incident.

The boxer's wife, Mrs Suzette Koranicki, said: "Mike was depressed for two weeks and then became aggressive."

"I couldn't control him when he became aggressive so I had him admitted to hospital where he could receive proper medication."

The couple have a 20-month-old daughter, Teresa, and a son, Werner (7), from Mrs Koranicki's first marriage.

Tourist sold his passport to bank robber, police say



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Previous venue, he said.

Botha bomb: man on terrorism charges

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PIETERMARITZBURG — A man who admitted causing five explosions in the city, including an attempt to cause an explosion near the city hall, when the Prime Minister, Mr P. W. Botha, was addressing a meeting in October last year, appeared briefly in the Pietermaritzburg magistrate's court yesterday.

No evidence was led and Mr Tembinkosi Paulson Ngcobo, 23, of Imbali, Pietermaritzburg, was informed by the magistrate that his trial would be held on March 8 in the Supreme Court.

Mr Ngcobo originally pleaded guilty to seven acts of terrorism, when he first appeared in court on December 14.

However the magistrate, Mr D. Du Toit-Marais, entered pleas of not guilty as he said he was not satisfied that the accused had admitted the necessary intent to commit the acts.

Charges against Mr Ngcobo include placing bombs outside the Pietermaritzburg supreme court, the Drakensberg Administration Board's office at Sobantu Village, and against three electricity pylons.

He is also charged with establishing caches of mines and explosives or subversion.

Mr Ngcobo had told the magistrates that he was arrested outside a city hotel on October 27

last year when he was carrying a mine which had been primed to go off in 15 minutes.

He said he had planned to leave the mine in a rubbish bin near the library behind the city hall where the Prime Minister was speaking. However he changed his mind as there was a large crowd outside the hall. As he was walking away he was stopped by a policeman.

At his previous hearing Mr Ngcobo told the magistrate he would require pro deo council.

However at yesterday's hearing he was represented by advocate Mr T. K. Moerane who said the accused's family had engaged his ser-

vices.

Mr Moerane told the magistrate that on December 15 last year when the accused appeared, his relatives had arranged for him to be represented by a lawyer after having learnt through the media that he had been in court the previous day.

He said that the fact had been communicated to the state on the morning of December 15, but somehow "for reasons I do not know, this information was not passed on to the court."

He added that he was placing this matter on record at this stage as it might be of relevance at a later date. — SAPA.

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Head of Committee of Ten
D. Mampunye 26/1/84
tells of petrol-bombing

MDANTSANE — The chairman of the Committee of Ten co-ordinating the bus boycott here, Mr Mzwandile Mampunye, said yesterday that two unsuccessful petrol bomb attacks were made at his home.

Mr Mampunye, of Zone Five, said the attempts were made after 1.45 am.

"I heard noise outside but did not take much notice until I smelt pet-

rol in the house," he said.

He got up and checked to find two bottles which had broken and petrol split on the door and roof.

Mr Mampunye said he also found leaflets in which he and the secretary of the Committee of Ten, Mr Newell Faku, were attacked.

He said he reported the incident to the police but efforts to get

confirmation from the Ciskei Police public relations officer, Major Avery Ngaki, and the head of the security police, Col Z. Makuzeni, were unsuccessful yesterday. — DDR.

Railway
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JOHANNESBURG — The section of railway line damaged in an alleged bomb blast near Bloemfontein last night has been repaired, the divisional manager of SA Transport Services in the Free State, Mr Pierre Lombaard, said today.

Although two passenger trains were delayed because of the blast, the schedule was again running normally, Mr Lombaard said.

No one was injured in the blast, which took place late last night on a section of railway line between Bloemfontein and Bloemspruit stations.

A spokesman for the Railways Police said the cause of the blast and the possibility of sabotage being involved were still being investigated. — Sapa

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By BENITO PHILLIPS

THUGS tried unsuccessfully to petrol-bomb the home of Mdantsane Committee of 10 chairman Mzwandile Mampunye — and then left a pamphlet threatening to kill him and his secretary if the bus boycott was not called off.

Mr Mampunye told City Press a bottle of petrol had been thrown against the front door of his Zone Five home and was broken on the roof.

He also found leaflets threatening that his assailants would return within two days to kill him and his family, as well as his committee secretary Newell Faku if the bus boycott is not discontinued.

Mr Mampunye said the authors of the leaflets said they were tired

of walking and wanted to use the buses. They also said the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) officials did not care for others.

Mr Mampunye said it was obvious that whoever tried to burn his house went about it in an "amateurish" way.

"Those responsible are definitely not workers. I think they are members of the ruling Ciskei National Independence Party (CNIP) who are trying to intimidate us.

But, Mr Mampunye said, "even if they kill me it will not mean the

end of the bus boycott — it may incense workers even further to continue the boycott."

Mr Mampunye said this would also jeopardise any future negotiations between the committee and the bus company, who had already said they would like to reopen negotiations.

In another incident, commuters on an SA Railways train stoned buses and a police van this week as the vehicles passed the train between Wilsonia and Cambridge.

Police liaison officer Major Warren Brown confirmed the incident.

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Priest is held with Ayco leaders

City Press 29/1/84

By LEN KALANE

AN ALEXANDRA priest is among the latest batch of people picked up by plainclothes police during dawn raids on their homes yesterday.

Rev A B Moleleki is the pastor at the local Methodist Church, the venue of bus boycott meetings which have been taking place over the last three weeks.

His detention under the Criminal Procedures Act was confirmed by a police spokesperson, who added that Vusi Vilokwe

parently been arrested for allowing the boycott meeting at the church.

A number of Alex boycott leaders have been held since the boycott started three weeks ago.

A statement released by the ACC said: "The arrests will not deter this committee from carrying on with its duties. We condemn the

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Two hurt as bomb blasts Ciskei office

DURBAN. — A bomb exploded in the offices of the Ciskei Consulate in West Street, Durban, late yesterday afternoon, slightly injuring two people.

Police cordoned off the area soon after the explosion at four minutes past five.

Glass littered the West Street side of the building and the whole of the floor appeared to be flattened.

A police spokesman said no one had been in the offices at the time of the explosion but that a white woman, sitting in a nearby office, was "slightly injured" by flying glass, as was an Indian man who was walking past.

Damage to the offices was "rather extensive".

The Ciskei Consulate is in the Anglo-American Building at 320 West Street.

Brigadier John van der Westhuizen, CID chief for Port Natal, told newsmen the injured were a 30-year-old

Indian man and a white woman, a Miss Kim Hayman, who suffered only slight injuries.

He said Miss Hayman had been taken to Addington Hospital with a cut leg.

He did not name the injured man.

Shop windows across the street were damaged in the blast, as were the wind-screens of two cars parked across the street, the brigadier said.

Police were investigating, he said.

It is the second time in seven months that a Ciskei diplomatic mission has been bombed. A blast occurred in Ciskei's Johannesburg mission offices in the Carlton Centre last July.

Reporters on the scene said the explosion was powerful and that it was a miracle more people were not injured as the explosion gutted offices in the building.

It was the first blast since December 15 when three

bombs exploded almost simultaneously on a Durban beachfront and a fourth exploded outside a Black Affairs administration building in Johannesburg.

The Durban bombings on a crowded promenade claimed only one injury, but seven people were hurt in the Johannesburg explosion, which happened less than an hour after the adjacent street was crowded by commuters on their way home from work.

The December 15 explosions coincided with the trial of an alleged African National Congress saboteur, who was arrested carrying a bomb near a Pietermaritzburg hotel where the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha was scheduled to speak hours later.

They brought the total of explosions within nine days to seven in an ANC bombing campaign to mark the 22nd anniversary of the founding of its military wing. — Sapa.

Ciskei Durban offices blasted

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — A bomb exploded in the Ciskeian Consulate on the fourth floor of Durban's prestige 320 West Street building during yesterday's rush-hour, injuring two people and sending pedestrians scrambling for cover as glass sprayed the street.

The explosion, at 5.04pm, rocked buildings three blocks away, and dozens of nearby shop windows were shattered or damaged.

Police arrived on the scene minutes later and cordoned off the area.

'Saw wires'

The head of Port Natal's police detective branch, Brigadier John van der Westhuisen, said it was not yet possible to say what kind of bomb it had been.

Indications are that the bomb was placed at the consulate and timed to explode after the offices had closed.

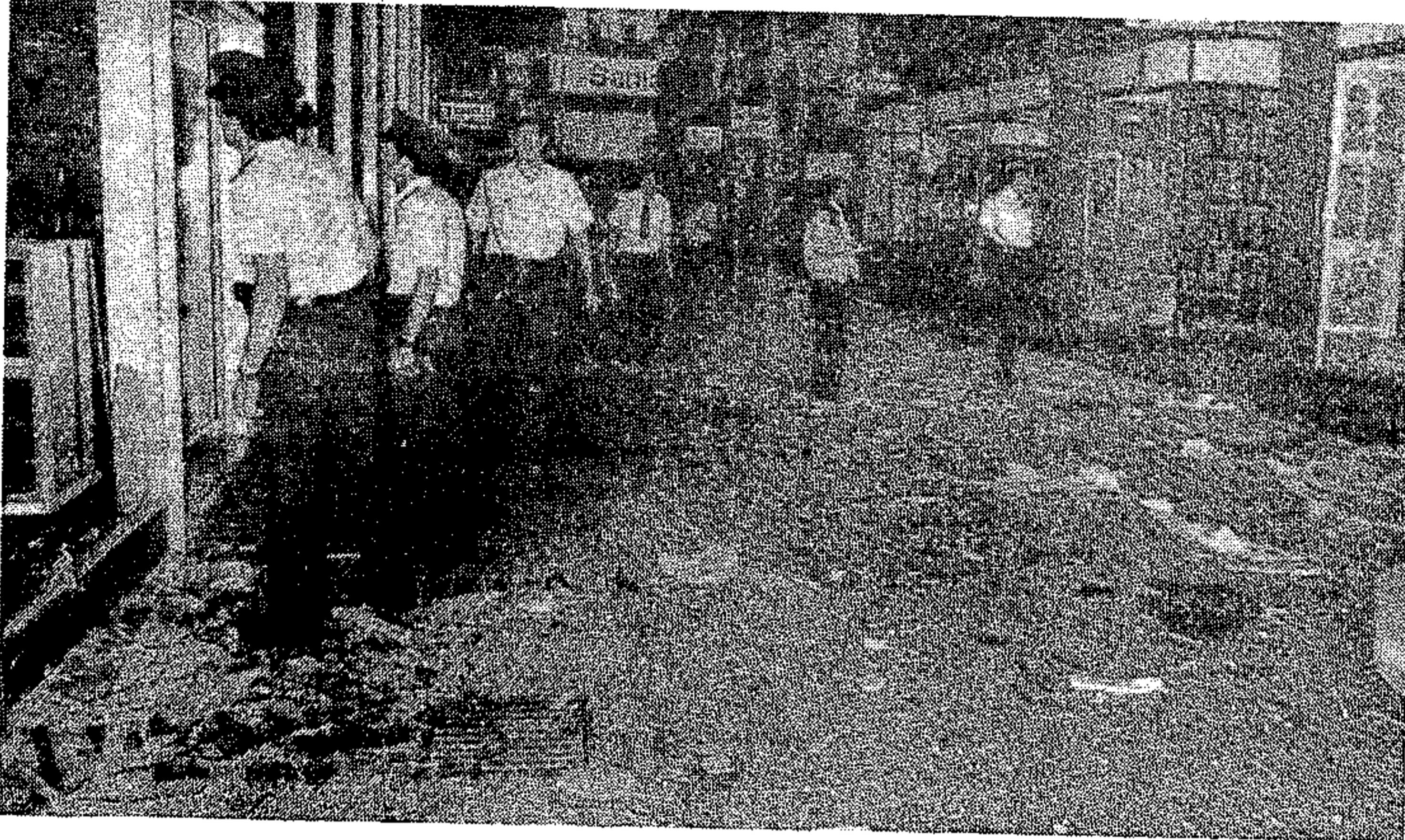
A tenant in the building, who asked not to be named, said a night-watchman was walking past the consulate minutes before the blast when he noticed a package at the front door.

He saw wires sticking out of the parcel and rushed off to report what he had seen.

The two injured people, Miss Kim Hayman and an unidentified man, were cut by flying glass. Both were later discharged from Addington Hospital.

500 escape Durban bomb blast

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Police inspect the debris in Mark Lane after the blast.

DURBAN — An early start to the weekend saved 500 people from possible death or serious injury when a bomb exploded at the Ciskei consulate in West Street yesterday.

Two people suffered injuries from flying shards of glass when the bomb went off at two minutes past five.

Most of the office workers, shoppers and visitors had left the complex an hour earlier to catch the late afternoon sun after a week of rain.

Mr John Deavin, Natal branch manager of Anglo American Properties, the owners of 320 West Street, said that most offices closed early on a Friday and that 500 office workers had already left.

"There are about 50 to 60 people who work on the fourth floor at the Ciskei consulate but it closes at 4.30. Most of them had gone when the bomb exploded."

Mr Deavin said it was impossible to give an accurate estimate of the damage but "plus 20 percent of the fourth floor was demolished".

The bomb blew a large hole between the fourth and third floors — the two floors most badly damaged.

The third floor was flooded when pipes were ripped apart by the explosion.

Water poured on to the squash courts on the mezzanine floor and out of the windows into Mark Lane.

Mr David Erskine, a director of Norwich Union with offices adjacent to the Ciskeian consulate, said he was "astounded" that none of the 25 staff members was hurt.

"The staff nearly always stays behind for drinks but I'm glad they didn't tonight as I hear the office has been wrecked."

It was later confirmed that the company's office had been severely damaged.

The Port Natal Divisional Criminal Investigation Officer, Brigadier John van der Westhuizen, told a Press conference that the bomb had "extensively" damaged the consulate.

He confirmed two people had received minor injuries.

No one would be permitted to enter the building until later today as the office was strewn with live electricity wires and police had not fully checked the floor.

Only two hurt as bomb rocks rush-hour West Street

Mercury Reporters.

A BOMB exploded in the Ciskel Consulate on the fourth floor of Durban's 320 West Street at the height of yesterday's rush-hour, injuring two people and sending panic-stricken pedestrians scrambling for cover as glass sprayed the street below.

The explosion, at 5 04 p.m., rocked buildings three blocks away and was clearly audible 4 km. from the city centre. Dozens of ground-floor shop windows in West Street and Mark Lane were shattered or damaged.

Police last night cordoned off the bomb blast area as experts sifted through the devastated fourth floor for clues.

The head of Port Natal's police detective branch, Brig John van der Westhuisen, said it was not possible at this stage to say what type of bomb had exploded but confirmed it had been a big one.

Indications are that the bomb was placed at the consulate and timed to explode after the offices had closed.

A tenant in the building said a nightwatchman walking past the consulate minutes before the blast had noticed a package at the front door.

He had said he saw wires sticking out of it and had

rushed downstairs to report what he had seen.

The two injured people, Miss Kim Hayman of Fraser Street in Escombe and an unidentified Indian man, had been outside the building when the bomb went off.

Miss Hayman had been walking in Mark Lane and was cut on the legs by flying glass. She was treated at Addington Hospital and discharged.

The Indian man, also only slightly injured, had been walking in West Street.

Mr Malcolm Metcalfe, an insurance broker who occupies offices next to the consulate, said 'intuition' had told him to leave his office early when he normally worked until after 5 p.m. on a Friday.

A friend subsequently telephoned him and told him he had found personal letters and files of Mr Metcalfe's in the street.

Scores of police were on the scene minutes after the explosion and cordoned off West Street and Pine Street between Gardiner Street and Field Street.

One car badly damaged in West Street was a brand new Alfa Romeo belonging to Julie Hayes of Oslo Court.

She had been at a gym class when she heard the explosion and arrived later to find the back window of her car

shattered and the body dented and scratched.

Mr Robert de Merigny, proprietor of a ground floor leather shop directly opposite 320, said: 'I have never seen anything like it. West Street was jam packed with pedestrians, double-parked cars and traffic when the blast went off. The first reaction was total panic with people running in all directions and women crying.'

'Several rushed into my shop seconds after an adding machine from the fourth-floor consulate had hurtled across the road and through my front door. It was incredibly lucky that more people weren't injured.'

Yvonne Walker and her friend Del Marie Brooks said they had been reading magazines on the fifth floor, when the blast sent them diving for cover under their desks. They had been too frightened to move for nearly half an hour.

'I just knew it was a bomb,' said Yvonne.

Mr Dan Maharaj was photographing a small child in his third floor studio when the building rocked.

'The child was thrown off his stool and my camera fell off its tripod,' he said.

Mr Gratton O'Donoghue had just moved away from a book shop in the damaged building when the window shattered.

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FRIDAY's bomb attack on the Ciskei Consulate in Durban has surprised officials of the African National Congress in London and Lusaka who say they know nothing about the blast.

Solly Smith, the ANC's chief representative in London, said yesterday: "This is the first time I've heard about it. We don't know about it."

Two people were slightly injured in the rush-hour blast on the fourth floor of Durban's giant 320 West Street building.

It was the third time a Ciskeian consulate has been singled out as a target in less than six months. When the Ciskei consulate offices in Johannesburg were bombed in August, the ANC issued a statement which was tantamount to a declaration of war against the "independent" homeland.

Shortly afterwards the Pretoria Ciskei consulate was bombed.

By last night explosives experts had not determined the kind of explosive device used in the blast, and no arrests had been made.

320 bears the scar

Bombed

**They cheated death:
And they're thanking
God it was a Friday**

By A TRIBUNE REPORTERS

A PHOTOGRAPH of two little girls perches undisturbed on the buckled window-ledge of the Ciskei consulate while heaped all around lie the remains of the homeland offices.

Untouched by the blast, which shook 320 West Street at 5 06 pm on Friday, the family photograph is a touching pointer to the miracle that no human life was taken in the blast.

Mr John Deavin, Natal branch manager of Anglo American Properties, arrived early yesterday to assess the damage.



"It is quite incredible that nobody was here at the time. Thank God it was a Friday, because people tend to finish early then. Otherwise it could have been quite different.

"There's a lot of work to be done with cleaning up — I estimate it won't cost less than half a million rand to fix."

There is a gaping metre-wide hole in the floor of the office next door to the consulate. Partitioning and gypsum ceiling tiles were hurled to the floor. Two safes and numerous filing cabinets were thrown across the offices and at least 60 windows in the consulate were shattered. Air conditioning units were ripped out of their sockets and office furniture was smashed.

Mr Gary Robertson, 24, who works in the consulate, is lucky to be alive.

"I was planning on working late on Friday. I was expecting 12 export packages to come from Zimbabwe and the driver was due to bring them back at 5 05 pm."

That was the time the bomb exploded, tearing a hole in the floor and shooting up through the ceiling. A knife-edged blade of glass hurtled out of the window in Gary's office and landed on his chair.

Luckily he wasn't in it. On the spur of the moment he had decided to tell the driver not to bring the packages to the office and had gone home early.

It wasn't only the consulate that was damaged. The next-door office is an insurance company and the broker, Mr Don McFarlane, was relieved to find that his files in the filing cabinets were still intact, if nothing else.

"My secretary, Mrs Norma Hamp, could have been killed," he said.

Her desk was flattened by falling debris in the blast. "It's not safe to have an office next to a homeland embassy anymore," he said.

David Machen, who ran his insurance broking business from the suite directly under the Ciskei consulate, talked about an amazing series of coincidences.

He was due to move his offices to Kloof yesterday morning and had planned to stay late in the office on Friday to



□ DEVASTATED: What the bomb did to the Ciskeian Consulate INSET: Gary Robertson at his desk yesterday

pack up. But he was called away to see a client in the late afternoon and so missed being badly injured or even killed in the blast which blew an enormous hole in the ceiling and floor of his office.

Mr Machen was also amazed to find a glass table undamaged and the pictures hanging on the wall when he visited his offices after the blast.

"I was going to hand over the keys to the new tenant on Saturday morning. He does not need them now," Mr Machen said.

A Scandinavian immigrant had a close shave of a different kind yesterday when he arrived for his appointment at the hairdressing salon in Mark Lane, adjacent to the bomb attack.

A little unnerved at sitting in the barber's chair next to a blasted-out window, he kept saying: "I don't like it, I don't like it."

The owner of the salon, Mrs Anita Hovelmann, said many people had cancelled their appointments following the explosion.

As if that wasn't enough, she found that the tip box, containing about R90 had been looted.

"The police opened the lane about 7 30 and people streamed in. The shop was full of glass and everybody helped to clear it up, so someone must have taken the money then."

She said she was angry that police had not kept the arcade cordoned off.

"Usually its dead quiet at night but last night there were crowds."

Flocks of people descended on the alleyway yesterday.

Area manager of Milady's, Mr Shane van Niekerk, said: "More people have been coming in today to see what happened."

Police seek clues after consulate bombing

By JO RADFORD

POLICE were yesterday still sifting through the debris left by a bomb blast in the Ciskei Consulate in Durban at the height of the rush-hour on Friday.

They have not yet determined what type of bomb was used — but know it was large.

Two people were injured as glass from dozens of ground-floor shop windows at 320 West Street sprayed Mark Lane and West Street, which was packed with pedestrians and motorists.

The blast was heard up to 4km from the city centre.

It is believed the bomb was timed to explode after the offices had closed.

A tenant in the building said a nightwatchman walking past the consulate minutes before the blast had noticed a package at the front door.

He said wires were sticking out of it, and that he had rushed downstairs to report it.

Miss Kim Hayman, 18, of Escombe, was one of those injured in the blast.

She was walking in Mark Lane at the time and was cut on the legs by flying glass. The wounds were treated at Addington Hospital.

After the incident she said she thought her "last day had come" when she and her mother were showered with flying glass.

"At first I thought it was a crack of thunder but mom started running.

"We rushed into a shop where I realised for the first time that I had been cut.

"I was so shocked I just started crying."

The other injured person was an unidentified man.

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● Jogging's gone to Carol's head

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R8 000 cash SA by jailed SA

After serving seven years in Madagascar, men must pay 'fine' to se

By KITT KATZIN

TWO South Africans imprisoned in Madagascar for seven years have sent an urgent message from their prison cell for \$10 000 (R8 000) to be paid to the Malagasy authorities to secure their release.

Former SAA Boeing commander Mr John Wight and Johannesburg diamond dealer Mr Dave Marais made the urgent request in a cable from Tananarive, and said the money must be paid within the next few days to the Malagasy Department of Justice.

Informed sources on the island say the captives were given special permission to send the SOS — received in Johannesburg — as they desperately need the money to pay fines of \$5 000 (R4 000) apiece.

And unless the penalties are paid, Mr Wight and Mr Marais, who have served a full seven years, will not be allowed to leave Tananarive when they are officially set free on Friday.

The fines are part of a two-year sentence for

trying to escape at a time when the two men were serving five years on charges of landing their light plane on the island without authority.

Although members of both families, including Mr Marais's father, prominent businessman Mr Dave Marais Snr, declined to comment, other sources disclosed that frantic attempts were under way to get the \$10 000 to the Malagasy authorities.

Special permission is being sought from the Treasury in Pretoria, and it is believed that the Department of Foreign Affairs is handling the transaction on behalf of the Marais and Wight families.

South Africa's consul-general in Réunion has been briefed, and the French Ambassador on Madagascar will be asked to supervise final payment to the Justice Department in Tananarive.

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Robbers grab R4 000 in city centre raid

THREE robbers, one armed, escaped with R4 259 from a bank in Johannesburg centre yesterday shortly before closing time.

A teller, Mrs Julie Adriaio, was injured after she was hit on the head with a revolver by one of the robbers.

Mrs Adriaio said that about 11am three men entered the Nedbank branch at the corner of Kruis and President streets and held up the three women tellers. While one man demanded money, another jumped on to the counter and held up Mrs Christina Fouche, the cashier.

"I was taken by surprise

and only noticed something was wrong when one of the men jumped onto the counter — I was busy with a long queue in front of me," said Mrs Adriaio.

"One man asked me for money and I gave it to him. But later he came back and said it was not enough. He wanted more. I did not have any and gave him my silver.

"He did not want it and slammed it onto the counter. Then he hit me on the head with a revolver and ran away."

A spokesman for the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad said police were investigating.

Police hunt armed schoolboys

Staff Reporter

POLICE in Herold, Southern Cape, were still searching for two gun-toting youths yesterday.

The hunt for the boys, aged about 18 and 12, began on Tuesday when shots were fired at three women who were then held at gunpoint on a farm for two hours and robbed of goods worth R200.

The youths are believed to have been involved in the theft of a revolver and 60 rounds of ammunition, a pistol with nine rounds of ammunition and two gas guns from another farm in the area on January 14.

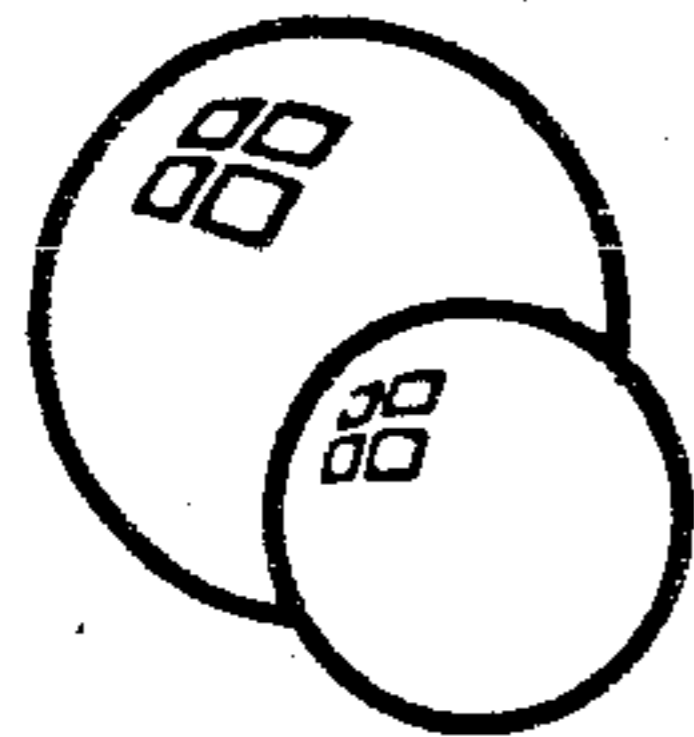
Police suspect the older boy may have escaped from a reform school.

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THE town clerk of Kur was one of three men in a light plane crash in Western Transvaal on day.

The town clerk, Mr dries Johannes van Z, Willmore Street, Mr J Jacob Pienaar, of S Road, Kuruman, and Bennie Hermanus M from the farm Abtonia, when their Cessna — pi by Mr Pienaar — appar attempted a forced lan in a maize field at 5.45p Friday.

The incident occu near Delareyville, and being investigated by p and civil aviation aut ties, a police spokes said.



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Destruction at 320 West Street during Friday's bomb blast. Virtually everything around the bomb was blown away and pushed up into corners. Even heavy steel safes were whipped aside.

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Mercury Reporter

REPAIR work will begin today on the bomb-blasted third and fourth floors of Durban's 320 West Street.

A bomb exploded in the fourth floor offices of the Ciskei consulate during the Friday afternoon rush-hour, injuring two people and sending glass and debris flying into the street below.

The blast was heard kilometres away and dozens of shop windows in West Street and the adjoining Mark Lane were shattered.

The two injured, Miss Kim Hayman of Escombe, and an Indian man, Mr Ronnie Naidoo, were in the street below when they were cut by flying glass.

Mr John Deavin, manager of Anglo American Property Services, which owns the building, said last night that repair work would start this morning.

No arrest

It was still impossible to tell what the repairs to the building were going to cost, he said.

There had been damage to office partitions, carpets, air-conditioning, electricity and windows.

'I will get a man to go to each of the offices affected to get a detailed report of the damage.

'I think it will be some time before all the offices are operating normally again — perhaps more than a month.'

A police spokesman said that no arrests had yet been made in connection with the explosion and that nobody had yet claimed responsibility.

It was still too early to say what type of explosive had been used in the bomb or what its origin was.

Shivers of apprehension at anti-terrorism moves

The diplomatic battle in Western countries between the South African Government and its guerilla opponents has taken a significant turn.

Organisations such as the African National Congress, the Pan Africanist Congress and Swapo are becoming increasingly concerned over Western moves to combat "international terrorism".

Recently the House of Commons passed to the House of Lords a Prevention of Terrorism Bill largely aimed at the elimination of terrorism arising from the situation in Northern Ireland.

However, the Bill is also intended to give the British police the power to act against people who might be planning or who might be involved in acts of terrorism in other countries. It will also give the Home Secretary power to exclude from Britain people involved in terrorism.

Some time ago the United States Justice Department drew up a package of anti-terrorist laws which included severe penalties for anybody conspiring in the US to commit acts of violence abroad.

Now the Central Intelligence Agency has apparently asked Britain, West Germany, Israel and some other countries to join the creation of a new international anti-terrorism network.

These developments have sent shivers of apprehension down the spines of "freedom fighters" operating from these countries — including the ANC, PAC and Swapo.

With their allies, these organisations have tried hard to narrow the scope of the British Bill so that organisations fighting "freedom wars" outside Britain are specifically excluded. Their efforts have failed.

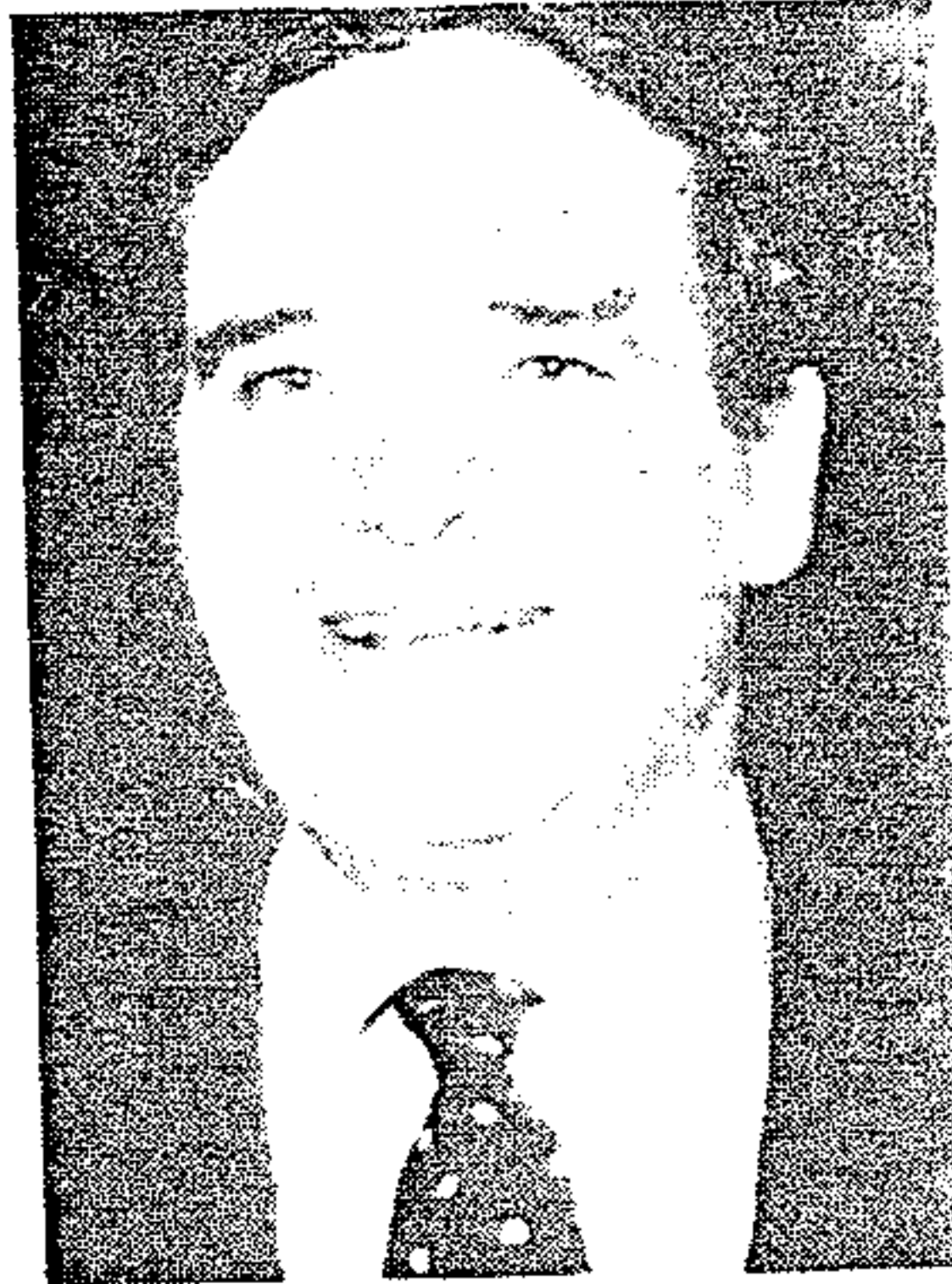
In Britain, the Home Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan, told them it would be impossible to change the wording of the Bill so that it would meet his government's objectives and also give the guerilla movements the legislative guarantees they would like.

Instead, he offered to instruct British police not to act against people who might not otherwise be charged under existing British legislation or who might be deported under the British Immigration Act.

This is the nub of the problem.

As the threat of "international

Organisations such as the ANC, PAC and Swapo have failed in efforts to narrow the scope of new British legislation, writes John D'Oliveira of The Star's London Bureau.



Leon Brittan . . . his intention is no secret.

terrorism" grows, so Western governments become more attracted to measures which could be used to protect "friendly" governments.

To quote Mr Brittan in the House of Commons: "I make no secret of the fact that this clause is intended to fight international terrorism . . . I cannot believe that this House would wish that powers should not be available to deal with an international terrorist group which took violent, murderous action against a friendly country."

In other words, if the British authorities knew of an organisation planning a bomb attack on, say, Germany, they would act against the organisation.

And the British Government would hope that the United States would get legislation that would enable it to act against Irish terrorists and their supporters who use the sanctuary of the United States to finance and plan violence in Northern Ireland.

But where does any country draw the line?

How does Britain differentiate between an organisation planning to bomb the coming Olympic Games in

the US and the ANC working out how it can put a bomb in Union Buildings in Pretoria?

The formula Britain uses is based on wide legislative definition coupled with written assurances about the application of that legislation.

Southern African guerilla movements fear other countries will adopt the same formula.

And while the guerillas' concern grows, South African diplomats are working hard behind the scenes to get Western governments to accept that, like freedom, terrorism is indivisible.

They have pointed out — vigorously — that terrorism is terrorism whether it involves the killing of innocents in France, Germany, Israel or Namibia. And they have mobilised their political allies in a number of countries to hammer this message home.

They will use legislators who share their view to prod governments into acting against the Southern African "freedom fighters" if and when legislation aimed at international terrorism becomes law.

The "freedom fighters" know this and they remain deeply concerned.

Consulate quits blast office

Mail Correspondent

DURBAN. — The Ciskeian Consulate will not re-open its offices at 320 West Street, Durban, after a bomb blast on Friday devastated the fourth floor — causing damage amounting to R800 000.

Tenants in the building welcomed the consulate's decision.

A shaken Mr Gilbert Mxego, the Ciskeian Consul who escaped death by minutes, said yesterday he was looking for smaller premises in Durban. All business with the consulate had been suspended.

Mr Mxego stayed on to complete some work when the consulate staff left at 4.30pm on Friday.

"A few minutes before 5pm I stepped out of my office and noticed a parcel lying near the door in the passage. It was about the size and shape of a bar of blue washing soap and was wrapped in brown paper," Mr Mxego said.

"I immediately became suspicious and looked at it more closely. One end of the paper was open and I saw some wires. I immediately knew it was a bomb.

"I rushed down to the ground floor security office and reported what I had seen."

A security guard, Mr John Smit, confirmed that it was a bomb.

As Mr Smit was telephoning the police, a "terrific explosion" shook the building.

"If I hadn't left my office when I did I wouldn't be alive today," Mr Mxego said.

Consulate will leave bombed building

By Gehri Strauss

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THE Ciskeian Consulate will not reopen its offices in the 320 West Street high-rise block in Durban following Friday's bomb which wiped out an entire section of business suites on the west wing of the fourth floor and caused about R800 000 damage.

Tenants in the building yesterday welcomed the consulate's decision not to return to it.

A still very shaken Mr Gilbert Mxego, the Ciskei Consul who escaped death by minutes, said yesterday he was looking for new and smaller premises in Durban and until then all business with the consulate would be suspended.

Mr Mxego considers himself lucky to be alive.

After the consulate staff had gone off duty at 4 30 p m on Friday, he decided to stay on to complete some work.

'A few minutes before five o'clock I stepped out of my office and as I was locking up I noticed a parcel lying near the door in the passage. It was about the size and shape of a bar of blue washing soap and was wrapped in brown paper.

Suspicious

'I immediately became suspicious and looked at it more closely. One end of the paper was open and I saw some wires. I immediately knew it was a bomb,' he told me yesterday.

All workers in the other offices on the fourth floor of the west wing had already gone home.

'I rushed down to the ground floor security office and reported what I had seen. A security guard, Mr John Smit, and I went back to examine the parcel without touching it. He confirmed that it was a bomb.

'We dashed back downstairs and as Mr Smit was telephoning the police to report it there was a terrific explosion which shook the entire building. If I hadn't left my office when I did I wouldn't be alive today,' he said.

Friday's bomb attack was the third in six months on Ciskeian consulates in South Africa. In August the consular offices in Johannesburg were bombed and the consular offices in Pretoria were bombed target soon after.

Mr Mxego said he had no idea who could have planted the bomb outside his office and so far no one had claimed responsibility for it.

Mr John Deavin, Natal Branch Manager of Anglo American Properties, which owns the building, said 320 West Street had one of the very best security systems, but it was impossible to have 100 percent security in any commercial building of that size.

Attempt

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mayor's

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By JIMMY MATYU

AN attempt to set on fire the Madlakane Street home of the Mayor of Kwanobuhle in Uitenhage, Mr Ponana James Tini, apparently with petrol bombs, was made at 3am today.

Three bottles containing some inflammable liquid were thrown into the house but failed to explode.

Major Anneline Melville, acting police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, said today that at the time of the incident Mr Tini and his family were asleep at their home, in Kwanobuhle.

"Mr Tini was awoken by a loud bang outside his house. He went outside and found a smouldering bottle with smoke coming out of it lying in front of his bedroom window and saw another one smouldering on the roof," Major Melville said.

When Mr Tini went inside the house he found a third bottle, also with smoke coming out of it, in his children's bedroom.

"Fortunately, none of these bottles exploded," Major Melville said.

The only damage to the house was a broken window pane and scorched curtains in the children's room.

No arrests have yet been made.

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Transkei home bombed

LUSIKISIKI — A case of arson is being investigated here following a petrol bomb attack on a house.

This was confirmed in Umtata yesterday by the liaison officer for the police, Col Mxolisi Jumba.

The home of Mrs Rose Nelane in the Lambasi administrative area was petrol-bombed.

There was R4 000 damage to the house in which several items of furniture were destroyed. — DDR.

Slovo: two theories dominate

By Brendan Nicholson, The Star's
Foreign News Service

That "unlikely-looking revolutionary", Joe Slovo, is the subject of twin theories popular in South Africa — that the African National Congress is dominated by the Communist Party and that the ANC's military campaign would be ineffective without its white mastermind.

South African security officials have said repeatedly that, apart from being a member of the hierarchy of both the ANC and the Communist Party, the Lithuanian-born Mr Slovo is a colonel in the Russian KGB.

Former friends of Mr Slovo, who remember the tall, ruddy-faced and bespectacled advocate striding around the Johannesburg courts, find it hard to picture him as an "architect of terror".

Mr Slovo was detained in 1960 during the state of emergency that followed the Sharpeville killings.

He fled South Africa to what was then the Protectorate of Bechuanaland (now Botswana) in June 1963. He immediately became heavily involved in the external activities of both the ANC and Communist Party.

He moved to Maputo after Frelimo came to power in 1975 and, according to South African Security Police reports, then began in earnest his military campaign which culminated in the Pretoria bomb blasts.

Other observers, however, have suggested that while Mr Slovo undoubtedly had a hand in the campaign against Pretoria he is unlikely to be the lone mastermind behind it.

Whatever his attitude in the past, Mr Slovo is known to have been hard hit by the assassination of his wife, journalist, academic and author Ruth First, in a 1982 parcel bomb explosion in Maputo.

Those who knew the couple in South Africa say Professor First appeared far more ideologically committed than her husband, though both made no secret of the fact that they were communist sympathisers.

"They were, in fact, hard-core Stalinist and could find nothing wrong with anything Russia did," one acquaintance said today.

There were reports that the South African military team which attacked ANC residences in Maputo in January 1981 was after Mr Slovo.

Mr Slovo was believed to be a member of the ANC's revolutionary council, which was reportedly abolished earlier this year.

The move was seen in some quarters as the assertion of control over all activities, military and non-military, by the ANC's national executive.

This could have been the result of an ANC desire to counter claims that it was simply a communist front rather than, as it claims, a movement embracing many ideologies and all races.

Durban bomb

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DAR-ES-SALAAM —
The banned African National Congress has claimed responsibility for a bomb blast in Durban last Friday, which injured two people.

The attack occurred in consular offices of Ciskei in West Street.

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Bomber-target tenants move on

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By Russell Gault

Landlords are getting nervous about tenants who are potential bomb targets.

The Anglo American group has discreetly suggested the Ciskei Government's offices would be better situated elsewhere.

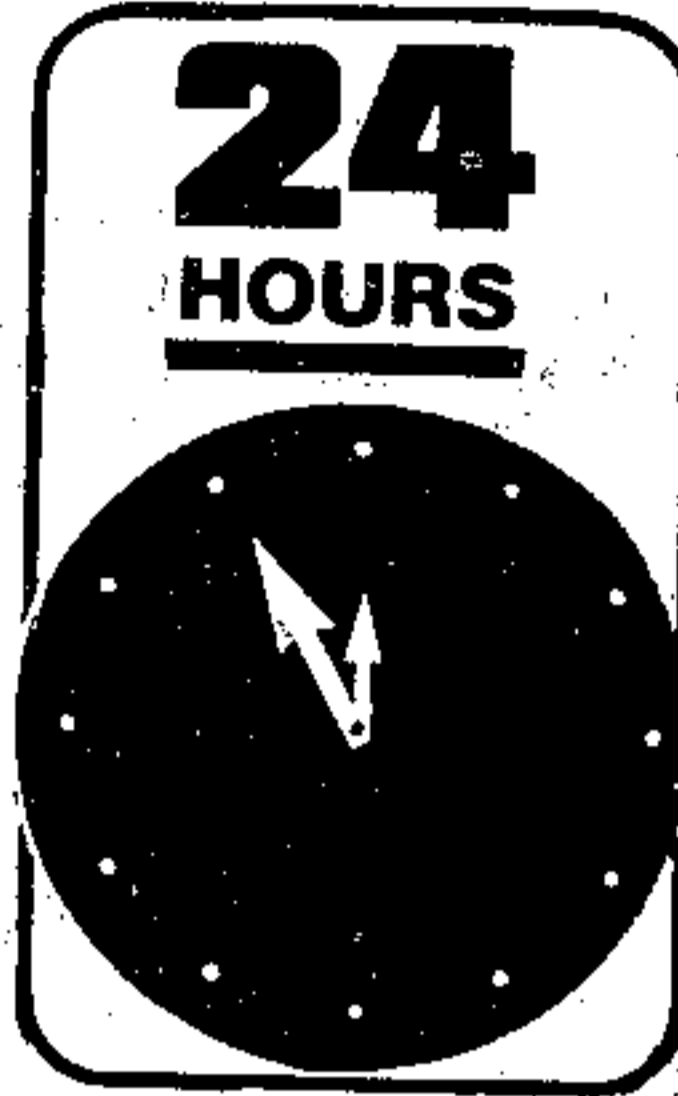
This comes after two buildings administered by Anglo American Properties were substantially damaged. Repairs could reach R1 million.

The devices destroyed Ciskei offices in the buildings.

The Ciskeians have been on the move several times in recent years following bomb blasts in their offices in Pretoria, Durban and Johannesburg.

Another casualty of the increasing nervousness in the letting industry is the South African Defence Force.

In both Durban and Johannesburg its recruiting rooms have been



moved to more secure locations.

Its Johannesburg office was in the Carlton Centre — as were the recently devastated Ciskei offices — until a terrorist bomb resulted in their forced move.

The managing director of Anglo American Properties, Mr Gerald Leissner, said some tenants were more sensitive in some respects than others.

"We did hold discus-

sions with some tenants including the Ciskeians, here and in Durban.

"The Ciskei has moved out of the Carlton and is also moving out of the Durban building."

Property economist Mr Neville Berkowitz said all big-city office block owners should be concerned about the type of tenants they had.

"My advice is not to accept any embassy or any Government organisation that could be a likely target of terrorists.

"Obviously the Health Department is going to be less of a target than the SADF. But in places like Pretoria what do you do? More than 60 percent of all tenants are Government departments.

"When you see how Anglo American buildings housing the Ciskei have been hit by terrorists you see the problems.

"Their security is probably the best in the country. The trouble is there is no way to stop the determined bomber."

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caught by the camera again, at last

THE new thaw in relations between South Africa and Mozambique spells trouble for the banned African National Congress (ANC) — and probably for this man in particular.

On the far right is a rare photograph of former Johannesburg advocate Joe Slovo, 57, said to be a colonel in the Soviet KGB, alleged chief planner behind the military campaign of the ANC and top figure in the South African Communist Party (SACP).

Security authorities blame him for last May's murderous car bomb explosion in Pretoria, as well as for countless other acts of sabotage in the country.

Recently a freelance photographer in London took this photograph of Mr Slovo at the funeral of Dr Yusuf Dadoo, leader of the SACP. Mr Slovo was one of the principal mourners.



THEN ... Joe Slovo in younger days

NEWS ANALYSIS By BRUCE LOUDON

This week there were reports that Mr Slovo, who has been based mainly in Mozambique for nine years, might be expelled from Maputo as a consequence of the recently-initiated rapprochement with South Africa.

There is still no confirmation of these reports, but one thing is clear: improved relations between Mozambique and South Africa will create serious problems for the ANC.

Options

Since Swaziland and Lesotho were virtually closed as bases to ANC operatives, Mr Slovo and his colleagues in Umkhonto we Sizwe, the ANC's military command, have relied heavily on their base in Mozambique.

Analysts believe that if Mozambique should be closed to them as part of a broad security agreement between Pretoria and Ma-

puto, their problems would be compounded immeasurably.

One respected authority on the ANC, Mr Tom Lodge, of the University of the Witwatersrand, believes that the organisation now has two options:

● To try to "internalise" its struggle: that is, to recruit, train and operate entirely within South Africa. But such a tactic, it seems, would require an enormously sophisticated organisation, and there are at present no signs that the ANC would be able to sustain the option.

● To eschew the military campaign completely in favour of a campaign of non-violent political agitation.

Mr Lodge and other analysts believe that because of the rapprochement between Pretoria and Maputo, a "strategic retreat" by ANC forces is already under way.

Mr Lodge believes that the ANC has in any case been under increasing pressure from South African security forces during the past year.

He says that, but for the spectacular car bomb in Pretoria and a similarly audacious attack in Warmbaths, there were, in terms of numbers, no more ANC attacks during 1983 than there were during 1982.

The organisation, he believes, has suffered because Swaziland and Lesotho have been closed off to it. Mozam-

bique's defection is likely to have an even greater impact. "The ANC's external leadership has, of course, been expecting this for some time, and has been making preparations," says Mr Lodge. "They have been trying to internalise as much as possible and to reduce their reliance on neighbouring states."

Crucial

Thus the meeting in Maputo this week between Fretilmo and the ANC, as well as the urgent discussions now going on within the ANC leadership, could be crucial to peace in Southern Africa.

Whether or not he has been asked to leave Mozambique, Mr Slovo seems likely to attend the meeting. For though he is not the commander of Umkhonto we Sizwe — he is, in effect, the "Chief of Staff" under the shadowy Mr Joe Modise — Mr Slovo has, over the years, built up a remarkable reputation as the real "power behind the throne".

He will argue strenuously to maintain his foothold in Mozambique since he has just suffered another blow, this time in London, where he has a fine home in one of the more expensive suburbs.

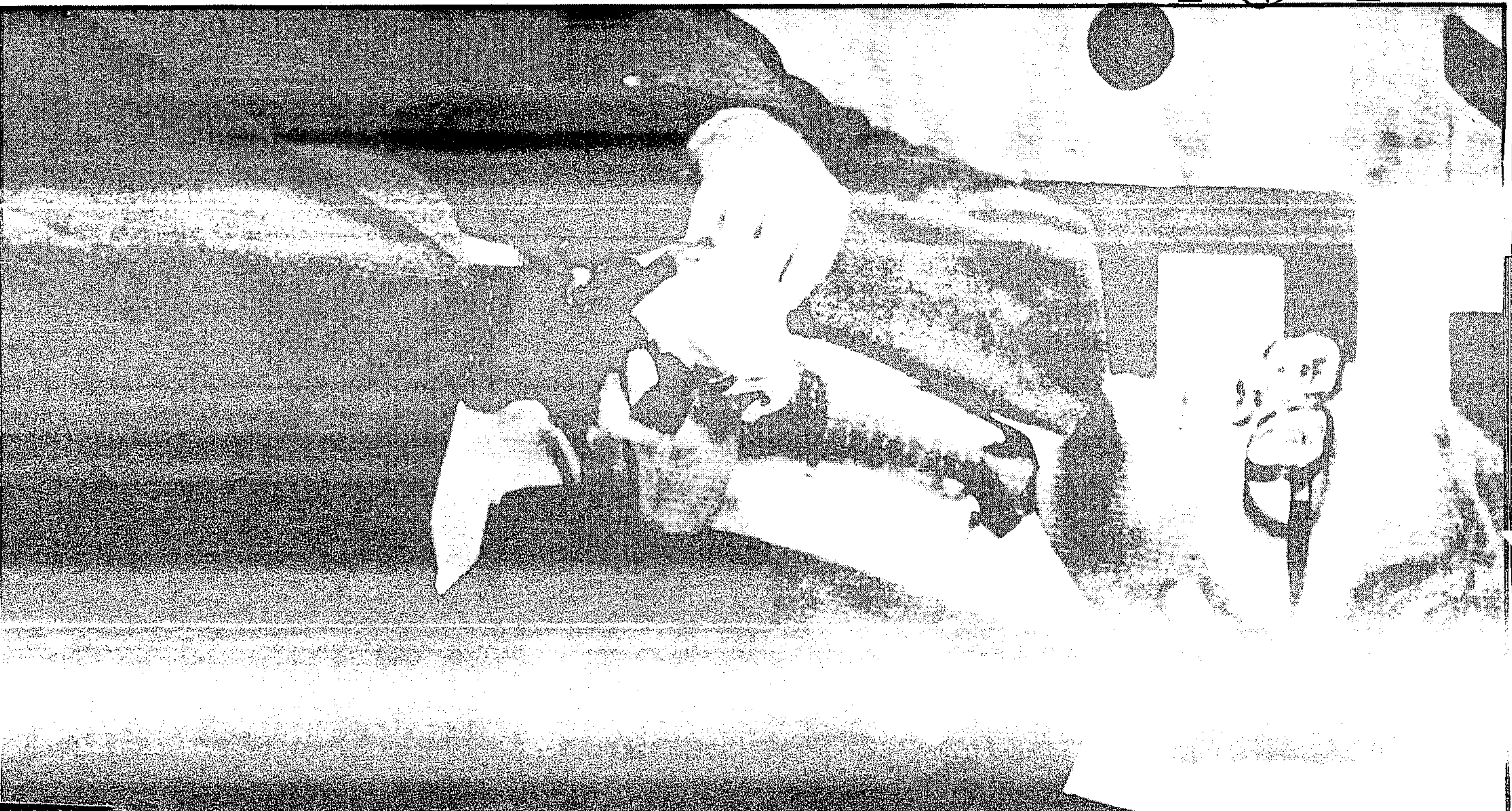
Fears

The British Government's new Bill on terrorism has raised fears among ANC and Swapo supporters that there may be a crackdown against their presence in the UK.

Even if there isn't, the Bill, when it becomes law, will mean that the British police have swingeing powers which they could invoke at any time.

If South African intelligence source hunters are to be believed, however, Mr Slovo, as a KGB colonel, has another bolt-hole ... a luxury dacha in the hills overlooking Moscow.

But he has devoted more than 20 years of his life to the "liberation" of Southern Africa, and he seems unlikely to change his vocation now. Which is why he will keep his place at the top of the SAP's "most wanted" list.



6th councillor's home bombed

THE Mofolo North home of Soweto Councillor Michael Gcwensa was petrol-bombed this week, making him the sixth victim of such attacks.

Mr Gcwensa woke up in the early hours of Tuesday morning to find his lounge filled with flames after a missile was hurled through his lounge window.

"I was awoken by a blast and the screams of my children," said Mr Gcwensa, general secretary of the Sofasonke Party.

He used buckets of water to put out the flames which destroyed

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By **MANDLA NDLAZI**

his curtains and a lounge suite, causing R1 000 worth of damage. Nobody was hurt, he said.

Mr Gcwensa said some people were seen in the street near his house but they drove off soon after the blast.

Three other unexploded missiles — small brandy bottles containing sand and petrol, with cloth hanging

out their tops — were found in the front garden.

An angry Mr Gcwensa told City Press: "The culprits are known — we have the names of the people behind these attacks."

Mayor Ephriam Tshabalala said the Security Police had arrested a woman in connection with the attacks, but

he did not know whether she was questioned or released.

Soweto police would only confirm the attack.

"The councillors are being intimidated and we would not like to point fingers at the moment," said police chief, Bri-

gadier D J D Jacobs.

Brig Jacobs added that a deputation of councillors had been to see him this week. Among other points the councillors raised was that they had asked the West Rand Administration Board police for protection.



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Michael Gcwensa.

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PRISON GANG ORDERS SUICIDE SQUAD:

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CONVICT gangs at the notorious Barberton Maximum Security Prison sentenced their new Chief Warden to death, and a suicide squad was ordered to assassinate him in broad daylight.

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By **DESMOND BLOW**

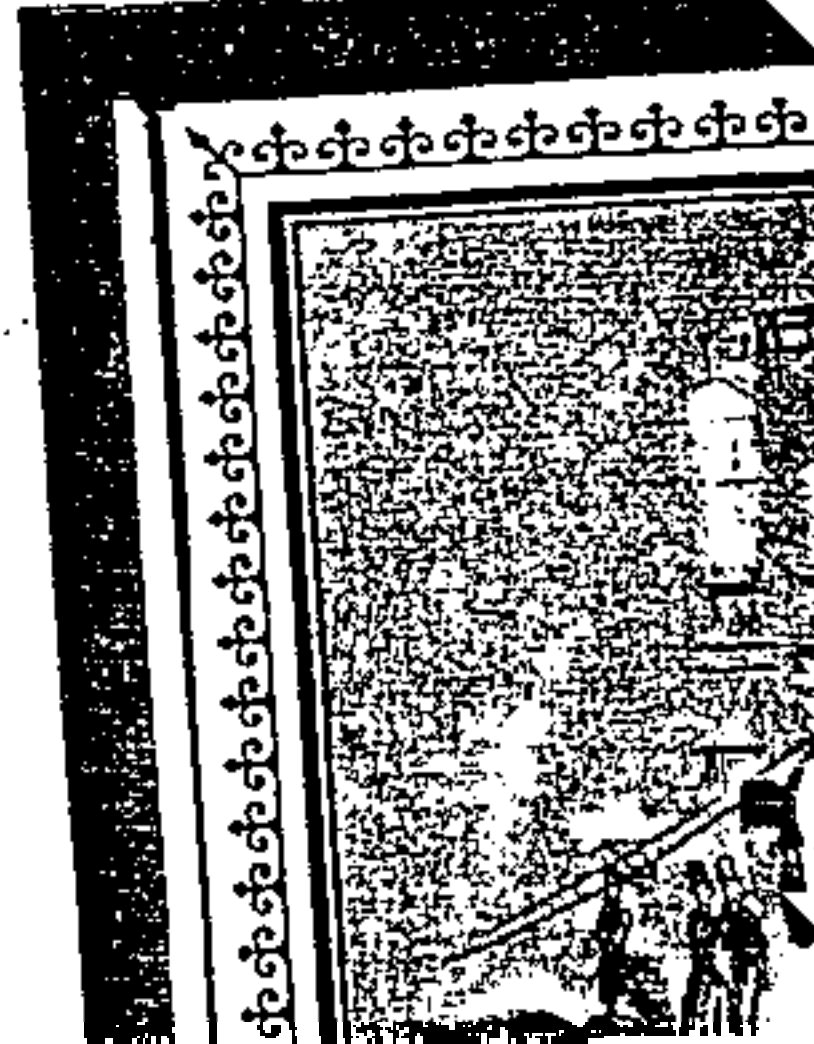
Not even a cordon of 41 warders around Colonel Johannes Grundlingh could deter the two kamikaze killers.

Armed with sharpened spikes, they managed to stab him in the back before one of the assassins was shot through the heart and the other cap-



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Consulate to move after bombing

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(84A)

By REHANA LOONAT

THE Ciskei consulate in Durban, whose office was bombed last Friday, is moving to another building in the city.

The rush-hour blast destroyed the consulate and wiped out an entire section of business suites on the fourth floor of the complex at 320 West Street.

Mr John Deavin, Natal branch manager of Anglo American Property Services, said his company and the Ciskei authorities had agreed to cancel the consular office lease in the tower block.

Smaller

"This is the second time a Ciskei consulate has been bombed in our buildings — the last one was at the Carlton Centre in Johannesburg last year," he said.

"The Ciskeian officials said the best thing to do was to move to a smaller building or to have their own building."

Mr Deavin said a building as large as 320 was "difficult" from a security aspect because of the number of access points.

"It is not only an office block but a shopping mall as well, which makes it difficult to guard," he said.

The exiled South African Communist Party (CP) leader, Mr Joe Slovo, is a natural candidate to head any list of exiled activists whom Pretoria wants expelled from Mozambique.

In his late fifties, Mr Slovo has been repeatedly named by Security Police officers as the "mastermind" behind insurgent attacks in South Africa by the outlawed African National Congress (ANC).

According to the Commissioner of Police, General Johann Coetzee, Mr Slovo is a colonel in the Soviet Union's KGB, as well as a leading member of both the CP and the ANC.

Police evidence in the trial of Barbara Hogan in 1982 identified Mr Slovo as an officer in Umkhonto we Sizwe, the underground fighting arm of the ANC. He is not, however, the titular head of Umkhonto, whose commander-in-chief is an African, Mr Joe Modise.

Placing Mr Slovo's name at the head of a list of real or suspected ANC activists would be consistent with the view espoused by the Security Police that the ANC is manipulated by the CP.

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Joe Slovo, man SA wants expelled

PATRICK LAURENCE writes from Johannesburg.

Mr Slovo has lived in Mozambique for a number of years since Portuguese rule ended in 1975. His wife, Professor Ruth First, was killed by a parcel bomb in 1982. She was a researcher and teacher at the Centre for African Studies at Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo

Whether Mr Slovo is as important to the ANC as the Security Police insist, is a matter for debate.

Mr Tom Lodge, senior lecturer in political studies at the University of the Witwatersrand, says: "The tendency for the South African authorities to assume that every white man in the ANC is tremendously important, may be misleading."

He added: "South Africans have an obsession

with Slovo. They see him as the mastermind directing ANC units in South Africa. He may have a hand in that, but I doubt whether he is solely responsible."

Mr Slovo was a member of the ANC Revolutionary Council, on which both African nationalists and communists served, until it was scrapped last May, Mr Lodge said.

He discounted assertions that Mr Slovo is a member of the ANC national executive — its supreme policy-making body — as the executive's members are all Africans.

Since the abolition of the Revolutionary Council, two committees have been set up under the direct authority of the national executive: a military and a political committee.



Mr Joe Slovo, a picture taken in London last year.

Mr Lodge did not know whether Mr Slovo had been appointed a member of the military committee. A role which he

has filled in the past, however, is that of director of political education in ANC training camps, Mr Lodge said.

There has been no official confirmation of the existence of a list of ANC men South Africa wants expelled from Mozambique, but it fits the pattern of events used by Pretoria in its dealing with Lesotho on the question of ANC exiles.

South Africa presented Lesotho with a similar list last year. When Lesotho balked at complying with Pretoria's demand that it force ANC cadres to leave, a form of economic sanctions was applied.

Eventually about 24 ANC exiles left Lesotho secretly after the Lesotho authorities arranged for their resettlement elsewhere by the United Nations. The list was said by Lesotho to have contained 66 names, including those of expatriates who had either already left Lesotho or who had never lived there.

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ANC works in 'small teams'

Defence Reporter
MUCH of the sabotage and terrorism committed by the African National Congress is the work of a few small, wide-ranging teams or even individuals rather than concerted attacks by many groups over a large area.

This is the conclusion of researcher Michael

February 18, 1983; 217 in the Pretoria explosion of May 20, 1983; and 113 in a riot at the Ngoye campus of the University of Zululand on October 29, 1983.

Among those named as assisting in supplying details for the report are Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, Chief Minister of KwaZulu; Dr Oskar War-

the Vryheid-Richards Bay railway.

● A plan to sabotage various targets near Ulundi, capital of KwaZulu.

● The use of a huge explosives cache near Umfolozi.

● The use of another large cache at Upington. In another trial, that of a man who was ar-



A car wrecked in the Church Street blast, Pretoria, May 1983.

Morris in the latest Terrorism Research Centre special report on insurgency in the Republic.

The 118-page report, entitled "South African Political Violence and Sabotage, 1 January — 31 December 1983", lists and describes 395 incidents, ranging from riots, bombings, arson attacks and shootings to seizures of munitions caches, attacks on police stations, counter-attacks on insurgents and political violence.

Incidents occurred at a mean frequency of one every 22 hours, Mr Morris says, and resulted in the deaths of 214 people — including the 19 killed in the Church Street blast and the 63 who died in the retaliatory South African Air Force strike on Maputo three days later.

He points out that of 815 people who received non-fatal wounds, no less than 405 were victims of just three incidents: 75 in the Bloemfontein explosion of

tenweiler of the Museumgesellschaft Library in Zurich; and the Kwazulu and South African Police.

The report says the ANC remains the "dominant attacker force", although units entering South Africa "have very limited survival time". It adds:

"Events continue to clearly show ... that much of the damage is done by small attack units — sometimes even single individuals — who evade the dragnet a while and range widely, either geographically or chronologically."

One example Mr Morris quotes is of a three-man team, arrested on March 22 last year near Ficksburg, who were involved in:

● An abortive attack on a rail bridge at Upington on September 24 of 1982.

● The shooting of two policemen at Piet Retief on November 13 of 1982.

● A plan to sabotage

rested on October 27 last year while carrying an explosive device towards the Maritzburg City Hall where Mr P W Botha was speaking, the charge sheet also linked him with explosive attacks at Maritzburg on January 30 1983, Sobantu on February 11 1983, Ashdown on August 15 1983 and Ashdown and Prestbury on October 14 1983.

Mr Morris says radical right-wing outrages had diminished following various trials and convictions of members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging during 1983, and "contrary to popular impression the number of incidents involving explosive devices is not much increased over the preceding year".

What sets 1983 apart, however, is the high-yield bomb which exploded in Pretoria's Church Street in May 1983, killing 19 people and wounding 217.

'Futile' debate on ANC's attack pattern

Defence Reporter

THE debate about whether the African National Congress military wing is switching from attacks on "hard" to "soft" targets is a futile one, according to terrorism researcher Michael Morris.

The ANC attack pattern, he says, has been without a specific policy so far, in spite of attempts to prove that attacks have not been aimed at non-official civilians.

His opinions are published in the latest Terrorism Research Centre special report on insurgency in the Republic. Entitled "South African Political Violence and Sabotage, 1 January — 31 December 1983", the 118-page report lists and discusses in detail a total of 395 incidents last year.

Mr Morris describes as "vacuous" the public debate about whether the ANC has changed its policy from striking only at "so-called legitimate targets", such as security forces and state institutions, to attacking civilian targets.

This was because "the ANC attack pattern has been without policy anyway ...

'Facts of the matter'

"No matter that various academics in books and at seminars have taken pains and gone to extraordinary lengths to prove that harm to ordinary civilians is not and will not become ANC policy. If that is the extent of their analytical ability their erudition is bogus."

The "facts of the matter", he says, are that:

- Individuals or units tasked with using explosives "know full well that in numerous instances their materials cannot fail to hurt ordinary civilians.

"Moreover, many of their actions actually commence (and in one case concluded) with a deliberate attack on a civilian instance to obtain a vehicle."

- The "most damning of all thus far is the fact that the effect and management of the 40kg of high explosive used in the Colt Galant in Pretoria on May 20 (of 1983) was far beyond the technical training, skills or perceptions of the gangsters who were paid R3 000 to use it. (The) ANC provided blast potentials, money and instructions, and specified locale and timing".

- At the Uppington railway bridge trial one of the accused claimed he had been told to blow the bridge at a time when passenger trains were not using it — yet he and his companions had painted the explosives orange to camouflage them against the bridge colour, an unnecessary precaution in a night attack. The accused could give no satisfactory explanation for painting the charges.

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395 terror incidents last year — report

Mall Correspondent

CAPE TOWN. — Much of the sabotage and terrorism committed by the African National Congress is the work of a few small, wide-ranging teams or even individuals rather than concerted attacks by many groups over a large area.

This is the conclusion of researcher Michael Morris in the latest Terrorism Research Centre special report on insurgency in the country.

The 118-page report, entitled "South African Political Violence and Sabotage, 1 January — 31 December 1983", lists and describes 395 incidents, ranging from riots, bombings, arson attacks and shootings to seizures of munitions caches, attacks on police stations, counter-attacks on insurgents and political violence.

Incidents occurred at a mean frequency of one every 22 hours, Mr Morris says, and resulted in the deaths of 214 people — including the 19 killed in the Church Street, Pretoria, blast and the 63 who died in the retaliatory air force strike on Maputo three days later.

He points out that of 815 people who received non-

fatal wounds, no less than 405 were victims of just three incidents — 75 in the Bloemfontein explosion of February 18, 1983; 217 in the Pretoria explosion of May 20, 1983; and 113 in a riot at the Ngoye campus of the University of Zululand on October 29, 1983.

Among those named as assisting in supplying details for the report are Chief Gatscha Buthelezi, the Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Dr Oskar Wartenweiler, of the Museumgesellschaft Library in Zurich, and the KwaZulu and South African Police.

The report says the ANC remains the "dominant attacker force", though units entering South Africa "have very limited survival time".

It adds: "Events continue to clearly show . . . that much of the damage is done by small attack units — sometimes even single individuals — who evade the dragnet a while and range widely, either geographically or chronologically."

One example Mr Morris quotes is of a three-man team, arrested on March 22 last year near Ficksburg, who were involved in:

- An abortive attack on a rail bridge at Upington on September 24 of 1982;
- The shooting of two police-

men at Piet Retief on November 13 of 1982;

- A plan to sabotage the Vryheid-Richards Bay railway;
- A plan to sabotage various targets near Ulundi, capital of KwaZulu;
- The use of a huge explosives cache near Umfolozi; and
- The use of another large cache at Upington.

The debate about whether the ANC's military wing is switching from attacks on "hard" to "soft" targets is a futile one, according to Mr Morris.

The ANC attack pattern has been without a specific policy so far, in spite of attempts to prove that attacks have not been aimed at non-official civilians.

Mr Morris says radical Rightwing outrages had diminished following various trials and convictions of members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging during 1983, and "contrary to popular impression the number of incidents involving explosive devices is not much increased over the preceding year".

What sets 1983 apart, however, is the high-yield bomb which exploded in Pretoria's Church Street in May, 1983, killing 19 people and wounding 217.

Treason trial 10 to plead next week

Mail Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — A preliminary hearing will be held at the Supreme Court in Grahamstown on Wednesday to enable 10 men, most of them from Port Elizabeth, to plead to charges ranging from high treason to fraud.

This was said yesterday by Mr Justice Cloete, Judge President of the Eastern Cape, when he granted a postponement requested by the defence team.

The case will be heard from March 1.

This new development in the trial arose from an application for a postponement by Mr G Alexander, SC, leader of the defence team, who said his team had finally managed to secure the services of a senior counsel who would take his place.

The men — Mr Rufus Nzo, 34, Mr Douglas Tyutyu, 48, Mr Sipho Hina, 44, Mr James Ngqondela, 54, Mr Mizayifani Khame, 57, Mr Mzimkhulu Kame, 22, Mr Sipho Ndlovu, 35, Mr Vukile Tshiwula, 43, Mr Lindile Gumenge, 29, and Mr Nceba Faku, 27 — were arrested in May last year.

They were held under the Internal Security Act until July 11, when they appeared in the Port Elizabeth Magistrate's Court.

They face main charges of high treason, murder, nine counts of malicious damage to property, four counts of

attempted murder and (Mr Nzo only) fraud.

Alternative charges are participation in terrorist activities, sabotage, undergoing military training, possession of explosives, harbouring of persons, participation in activities of unlawful organisations, unlawful possession of certain publications, unlawful possession of machine-guns and hand grenades, unlawful possession of ammunition and (Mr Tyutyu only) leaving the country without a passport.

The Deputy Attorney-General, Mr P J Strauss, SC, opposed the application, saying the defence had had ample time to prepare its case. Elaborate steps had been taken to step up security at the building and this entailed bringing in police officers from outside Grahamstown at great expense.

Mr Justice Cloete said he was satisfied the defence had made appreciable efforts in its attempts to bring the case to a trial stage.

The indictment showed the charges against the accused were of a serious nature, and this, among other things, tipped the balance in favour of the defence application.

A further postponement would be considered after pleas had been recorded and preliminary procedures undertaken on Wednesday, Mr Justice Cloete said.

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Police probe 3 midnight power-plant explosions

Mail Correspondent

MARITZBURG — Police are investigating the three explosions which rocked a power plant near Maritzburg early on Thursday morning.

The explosions occurred at the Escom power installation at Geogedale.

Police said the damage was slight and there was no loss of service. Nobody was injured. The type of explosives used has not yet been established.

Residents said the explosions were almost simultaneous, shaking their homes and waking them about 12.05am.

A police spokesman at Maritzburg said detectives were investigating the cause of the explosions, but he declined to say whether sabotage was suspected.

The explosions came three days after Pretoria and Maputo announced plans for a non-aggression pact that could curtail African National Congress operations from Mozambique.

The ANC has carried out dozens of urban sabotage attacks in South Africa over the past five years in a campaign of opposition to white rule in the country.

How Southern Africa's geography influences insurgency

SOUTH AFRICAN BORDERS:

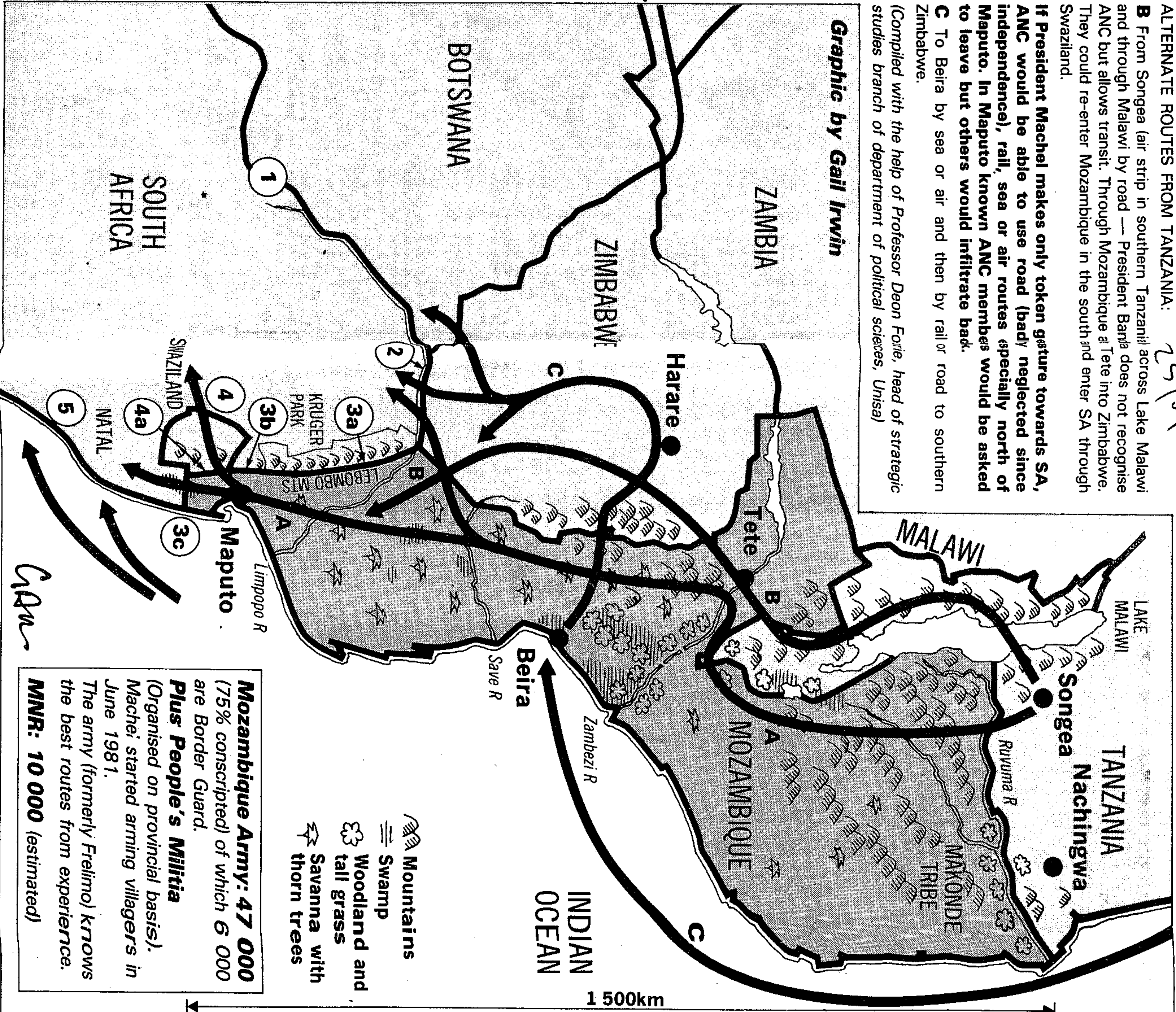
- 1 BOTSWANA/SA:** Botswana government wary of retaliation, tries to control ANC movement. Arid terrain in the south also deters ANC.
 - 2 ZIMBABWE/SA:** Patrolled by SADF, but length of border and nature of terrain make infiltration still possible.
 - 3 MOZAMBIQUE/SA:**
 - 3a KRUGER PARK:** (Lebowa mountains) Difficult to cross — no roads. More visible from air when crossing ridges. Game rangers soon spot tracks in unpopulated area.
 - 3b KOMATIPOORT/SWAZILAND:** Strictly patrolled by SADF. Covert infiltration much more difficult.
 - 3c NORTHERN NATAL:** None or poor roads for transporting weapons. Swamp in wet season which is hard travelling but difficult to track. Infiltration very risky for insurgents.
 - 4 SWAZILAND/SA:** Well patrolled by SADF.
 - 4a MOZAMBIQUE/SWAZILAND BORDER:** Inefficient patrolling, but Swaziland, which is increasingly hostile to ANC, tries to control ANC movement on road through the country.
 - 5 SA COAST:** ANC could possibly use this entry, but difficult to negotiate breakers in small craft unless sailors are experienced. Frogmen need extra training.
- If President Machel is serious about co-operation with SA, ANC movement through Mozambique could be seriously impeded, if not stopped totally.**
- POSSIBLE ANC ROUTES FROM TANZANIA:**
- A SOUTH THROUGH MOZAMBIQUE — Details:**
- (i) Distance: 1 500km (or from Cape Town to Messina). Exhaustion biggest problem.
 - (ii) Crossing rivers: 4 major rivers — Ruvuma, Zambezi, Save, Limpopo.
 - Ruvuma River on Tanzanian border is wide, floods in summer but is easier to cross in drier periods.
 - Zambezi River is wide, fast flowing, very difficult to cross except upstream nearer Tete. Bridges are patrolled.
 - Depending on the season, other rivers either flood or are dry. There are few bridges or vehicle ferries. In the dry season finding water can be a problem.
 - (iii) In the north disillusioned Makonde tribe now sympathetic towards MNR as it used to support Frelimo before independence. ANC would regard MNR as a danger.
 - (iv) Using locals as porters, or their transport, ANC insurgents would conserve energy but they run the risk of them being local militia or MNR supporters.
 - (v) Terrain: Mountainous in the north with ranges running NE — SW. Dense tall trees or grass and swamp in central area and lower Zambezi valley.
 - Flat with veld, thorn bush and small trees in the south. Although it looks quite open from the air the bush is an effective barrier against landmark sightings for navigation. Any metal (even buttons) deviates compass reading and navigator would have to be 300m away for an accurate reading.
 - (vi) And then there is the ever-present danger of malaria and the tsetse fly.

ALTERNATE ROUTES FROM TANZANIA:

- B** From Songea (air strip in southern Tanzania) across Lake Malawi and through Malawi by road — President Banda does not recognise ANC but allows transit. Through Mozambique at Tete into Zimbabwe. They could re-enter Mozambique in the south and enter SA through Swaziland.
- If President Machel makes only token gesture towards SA, ANC would be able to use road (badly neglected since independence), rail, sea or air routes especially north of Maputo. In Maputo known ANC members would be asked to leave but others would infiltrate back.**
- C** To Beira by sea or air and then by rail or road to southern Zimbabwe.

(Compiled with the help of Professor Deon Forie, head of strategic studies branch of department of political sciences, Unisa)

Graphic by Gail Irwin



Mozambique Army: 47 000
(75% conscripted) of which 6 000 are Border Guard.
Plus People's Militia
(Organised on provincial basis).
Machel started arming villagers in June 1981.
The army (formerly Frelimo) knows the best routes from experience.
MNR: 10 000 (estimated)

- Mountains
- Swamp
- Woodland and tall grass
- Savanna with thorn trees

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Explosions

at plant

Crime Reporter

POLICE are investigating three explosions which rocked a power plant near Pietermaritzburg early yesterday.

The explosions occurred about midnight at the Escom power installation at Georgedale near Pietermaritzburg.

Police said the damage was slight and there was no loss of service.

Nobody was injured.

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Goedeemoed.....	1
Groenpunt.....	1
King William's Town ..	1
East London.....	3
Port Elizabeth.....	1
Withbank.....	2
Zonderwater.....	1

(2) (a) Yes.

(i) Nineteen (19)

(ii) Barberton.....	5
De Aar.....	1
Goedeemoed.....	3
Johannesburg.....	1
Leeuwkop.....	1
Malmesbury.....	1
Modderbee.....	3
Pollsmoor.....	2
Pretoria.....	1
Waterval.....	1

(b) Yes.

(i) and (ii) The required information is not readily available.

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Crimes against security of State
D. Col. 359
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108. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Justice:

How many prisoners who are (a) 18 years and older and (b) under the age of 18 years are serving sentences for (i) crimes against the security of the State and (ii) other crimes?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

(a) (i) As on 1983-12-31, 364.

(ii) With regard to all ages as on 1983-12-31, 84 656. As totals vary daily, statistics are not readily available per age group.

(b) (i) None.

(ii) Included with the total given in (a) (ii). This information is not collected on a regular basis. However, the latest available in-

formation was as given in reply to question number 1114 on 7 September 1983.

84B
Reference books/influx control
27/2/84

119. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

(1) How many (a) males and (b) females were arrested for offences relating to reference books and influx control in each of the main urban centres of the Republic in 1983 by officers of Administration Boards?

(2) what was the total number of such arrests in the Republic in that period?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

(1) Arrests by officers of Administration Boards:

	Male	Female
Pretoria.....	121	—
Johannesburg.....	4 376	2 655
Durban.....	573	178
East London.....	184	154
Port Elizabeth.....	951	266
Cape Peninsula.....	3 877	3 776
Bloemfontein.....	2 289	559
West Rand (Excluding Jhb.).....	9 530	4 153
East Rand.....	19 506	5 910

(2) 101 461.

Influx control/identity documents

121. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

(1) How many persons were (a) tried for and (b) convicted of offences relating to influx control and identity documents at the Commissioner's Court in Market Street, Ferreirasdorp, Johannesburg, in 1983;

(2) what was the average daily number of such cases heard by this court during that period;

(3) what amounts accrued to the State from fines imposed for these offences?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

(1) (a) Forty-eight thousand and thirty-one (48 031).

(b) Thirty-seven thousand five hundred and sixty-two (37 562).

(2) One hundred and eighty-five (185).

(3) Thirty thousand two hundred and forty-seven rand (R30 247).

Official visits

129. Dr F A H VAN STADEN asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

Whether he paid any official visits abroad in 1983; if so, what (a) were the dates and was the (b) duration, (c) cost and (d) purpose of each visit?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

Yes. One visit to the Republic of China.

(a) 14 July 1983 to 23 July 1983.

(b) Ten days.

(c) R4 016,00.

(d) To pay an official visit to the Republic of China at the invitation of the Government of that country.

Official visits

142. Dr F A H VAN STADEN asked the Minister of Justice:

Whether he paid any official visits abroad in 1983; if so, what (a) were the dates and was the (b) duration, (c) cost and (d) purpose of each visit?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

No.

Resignations

172. Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Justice:

(1) Whether any resignations were received from legally qualified personnel in his Department in 1983; if so, how many in each category;

(2) whether any of these posts have since been filled; if so, how many in each category?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

(1) Yes.

Senior State Advocate.....	3
State Advocate.....	12
Assistant State Attorney.....	22
Magistrate.....	14
State Prosecutor.....	88

(2) Yes.

Senior State Advocate.....	3
State Advocate.....	12
Assistant State Attorney.....	22
Magistrate.....	14
State Prosecutor.....	88

226. Mr H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Justice:

(1) How many cases under section 16 of the Immorality Act were referred to each Attorney-General in the Republic in 1983;

(2) how many of the persons concerned (a) were (i) prosecuted and (ii) convicted and (b) are still on trial or awaiting trial?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

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1/3/84
Mandini
power station
hit by blast

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The Mandini Escom power station was rocked by an explosion last night and police today confirmed that they were investigating a case of sabotage.

A spokesman for the police public relations division in Pretoria, Lieutenant H J Beck, said the explosion had taken place at 10.35 pm, but there had been no injuries or loss of life.

He said the explosion had not caused extensive damage, but the power supply to Mandini and the surrounding areas had been cut off. The supply is expected to be restored later today.

Police are investigating the nature of the explosive device used, he said.

He did not know whether there was a link between yesterday's explosion and the explosion at another Escom power station at Georgedale near Maritzburg last week.

Train narrowly missed blast

GRAHAMSTOWN. — A goods train manned by three people moved over a section of the main railway line between Swartkops and Redhouse only five minutes before the tracks were blown up on April 6 1983, a Railway Police explosives inspector told the Grahamstown Supreme Court.

Lieutenant Andries Petrus Burger was testifying at the trial of 11 men alleged to have conspired to overthrow the State.

They are Mr Rufus Nato Nzo, 24, Mr Douglas Mnyisile Tuytyu, 48, Mr Siphon Fielden Hina, 44, Mr James Nqgondela, 54, Mr Mzayifani William Khame, 57, Mr Mzimkulu Temi Kameh, 22, Mr Siphon Nodlewu, 35, Mr Vukile Tshiwula, 43, Mr Lindile Patrick Mbelekana, 27, Mr Wellington Vukile Gumenge, 29, and Mr Nceba Christopher Faku, 27.

Harbouring terrorists

The men have pleaded not guilty to charges including high treason, terrorism, sabotage, murder, undergoing military training, harbouring terrorists and possession of banned literature.

Lieutenant Burger said he was called to the scene in the early hours of the morning after the explosion.

Damage to the line was estimated at R824.

He said he believed the explosives had been powerful and that a train would have been derailed if it had travelled over the damaged track at its normal speed of 69km/h.

"Very dangerous"

"It could also have been very dangerous if a train was derailed there because there is a busy road adjacent to the railway line."

The tracks were patrolled daily but chances of spotting an explosive device were slight because they were usually buried under the line, Lieutenant Burger said.

Warrant Officer R P Campher said he was the first investigating officer at the scene, at 1,15am. After an all-night search he had found a magazine filled with ammunition about 6m from the line.

This had been handed to the security police.

Document's real owner

Major Spalding Dengane, of the Transkei security police, said he had known the real owner of the travel document used by one of the accused, Mr Rufus Nzo.

Mr Nzo was alleged to have used a Transkei travel document belonging to Mr Ndimi Saliwa on May 8 1983.

Major Dengane said Mr Saliwa had left Transkei in 1981 and was thought to be "somewhere in Lesotho".

The photograph on the document had been removed and replaced with one of Mr Nzo.

(Proceeding)

Mr Justice Howie is on the Bench with Mr R P Barnes and Mr J Logie as assessors. Mr P J Strauss SC, assisted by Mr W Kingsley, appears for the State. Mr R Selvan SC, Mr P N Langa and Mr A Jappie, instructed by Thole Majodina and Co, appear for the defence.

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Man admits bid to bomb city hall as P W spoke

Argus 9/3/84
Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — A man pleaded guilty in Maritzburg Supreme Court today to attempting to bomb Maritzburg City Hall while the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, was speaking there.

Mr Theminkosi Paulson Ncgobo, 23, of Imbali township, also pleaded guilty to five charges of bombings between January and October last year, as well as to charges of concealing mines and explosives and possessing the explosives.

Mr Ncgobo, who is appearing in the College Road Supreme Court building — which he admitted bombing — was arrested while carrying a demolition mine two blocks from where Mr Botha was addressing a referendum meeting.

BOMBING BUILDINGS

He also admitted bombing Drakensberg Administration Board buildings at Sobantu and three Escom pylons.

Mr Ncgobo admitted that before his arrest he visited Swaziland for training in the use of explosives.

Through his instructors in Swaziland he learnt about and gained access to caches of mines, explosives and other items in the Maritzburg and Durban areas.

After his arrest he pointed out caches of explosives.

Mr Ncgobo's counsel, Mr Ernie Wentzel SC, and State counsel Mr Hendrik Klem SC, clashed over the fact that Mr Ncgobo was not represented when brought before a magis-

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Man admits city hall bombing bid

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trate here on December 12 and 13.

Mr Wentzel said that while the fact that he had not had representation would not affect his plea, it was disquieting that he was not represented while his family had in fact wanted him to be represented.

NO EXPLANATION

Mr Wentzel said it was disquieting that Mr Ncgobo was brought straight from security detention and that the charges were put to him without explanation by a lawyer of their consequences.

Mr Wentzel said he was not told that the charges carried the death penalty.

Mr Wentzel said that Mr Ncgobo had then been lawfully questioned by the magistrate. He said legal representation from the start of a major trial was the very heart and essence of South Africa's legal system.

It was important to ensure that at the very least the accused should know that his friends and relatives wanted him to have legal representation.

COMPLICATED

The laws under which Mr Ncgobo was charged contained most complicated presumptions when admissions were made.

Mr Klem objected to these remarks, saying that Mr Ncgobo had not been prejudiced and that the proceedings were entirely regular.

Mr Klem said: "I object to him using this forum for making public statements."

He said Mr Ncgobo was told the nature of the indictment before he appeared in court. Time was taken over it and an interpreter was used.

The magistrate also twice asked Mr Ncgobo whether he wanted to proceed with the case without legal representation. Mr Ncgobo replied "Yes" both times. Mr Klem said Mr Ncgobo chose not to be represented.

ARRESTED

Warrant Officer Vicus Botha of the police reaction unit said he arrested Mr Ncgobo at the Capital Towers Hotel about 140m from the city hall.

Mr Ncgobo was walking away from the city hall towards him. He said he stopped Mr Ncgobo because he had a nervous look on his face, was behaving suspiciously and was carrying a parcel wrapped in newspaper.

Warrant Officer Botha said he identified himself and asked Mr Ncgobo what he was carrying. Mr Ncgobo did not respond. He opened a corner of the newspaper and recognised it as a "crocodile" (TG 50 demolition mine).

He asked a traffic officer to hold Mr Ncgobo and he took the parcel from him and carried it to an open spot where he opened it and put it down. He then called the bomb demolition squad.

(Proceeding)

Bomber guilty on seven counts of terrorism

Argus Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Thembinkosi Poulson Ngcobo, 23, of Imbali, was convicted by Mr Justice J Jacobs in the Supreme Court today of seven counts of terrorism and one count of unlawful possession of explosives.

Ngcobo, who was arrested carrying a TG 50 demolition mine about 140 metres from where the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, was addressing a referendum meeting in the city hall here on October 27, admitted all the charges.

He has been appearing in the College Road Supreme Court which he admitted bombing on January 30 1983. He also admitted bombing the Drakensberg Administration Board buildings at Sobantu and three Escom electrical pylons.

Mr Justice Jacobs said that the charges against Ngcobo had been proved.

In mitigation of sentence, the Reverend Mcebisi Xundu, Anglican rector of Lamontville, said that "young black people who were politically and socially aware had got to the point of desperation due to their inability to change conditions".

There was the lack of job opportunities and unemployment even for the educated. There was no role for them to take in the decision making of the "country proper".

"NO RECONCILIATION"

These factors had led to ordinary law-abiding, sometimes Christian, people to take part in activities which Ngcobo stood convicted of.

Mr Xundu said that the imposition of the death sentence in this case would lead to ultimate frustration for many.

It would harden attitudes and there could then be "no reconciliation between white and black".

Asked by State Counsel Mr Hendrik Klem whether he condoned the placing of bombs Mr Xundu said he did not.

Mr Klem said that Ngcobo was matriculated and had been able to upgrade his qualification to enrol at a university.

The lack of schooling facilities would not have been a factor affecting Ngcobo personally.

Mr Xundu replied that Ngcobo did not live in isolation and he had not been able to enrol at a university of his choice.

Mr Ernie Wentzel SC, counsel for Ngcobo, said that Ngcobo had obtained his matric through private studies.

Proceeding.

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ANC man pleads guilty

MARITZBURG. — A 23-year-old Imbali man, who is a member of the banned African National Congress, appeared in the College Road Supreme Court, Maritzburg, yesterday on seven charges of terrorism and an eighth of unlawful possession of explosives.

The charges relate to five explosions in the city last year.

Mr Thembinkosi Paulson Ngcobo pleaded guilty to all charges against him before Mr Justice Jacobs (of the North-Eastern Cape Division) and two assessors, and has admitted all the allegations contained in the indictment.

These include causing explosions at the College Road Supreme Court on January 30 last year, at the offices

of the Drakensberg Administration Board at Sobantu Village on February 11 last year, at electricity pylons at Ashdown Township on August 15 and October 14, and at an Eskom electricity pylon at Morcom Road Extension, Maritzburg, on October 14.

The indictment alleges that at all times Mr Ngcobo was acting in concert and in furtherance of a common purpose with members of the ANC with the intention of overthrowing or endangering the State, achieving or promoting constitutional, political, industrial, social or economic aims or changes in South Africa, and putting in fear or demoralising the public in South Africa.

Counsel for Mr Ngcobo, Mr Earnest Wentzel, SC, said at the begin-

ning of the trial it was "disquieting" that his client had earlier been asked to plead to the charges in the Maritzburg Magistrate's Court after coming "straight from detention", without being given the opportunity to consult friends or family or legal representatives.

Mr Wentzel said it was an undesirable practice that a person should be asked to plead in these circumstances, when he may not be aware of the gravity or consequences of the charge.

In this case, the charge carries the death penalty and could result in prejudice to the subsequent trial of an accused person.

His client had obtained legal representation only after his family had read of his first court appearance.

Mr Wentzel said he was satisfied

that in this instance his client had not suffered prejudice and was content with what he had told the magistrate.

Mr Hendrik Klem, for the State, said he objected to Mr Wentzel "making this a forum to make a public statement of this nature" and denied it was correct.

He also objected to Mr Wentzel making such a statement while admitting that proceedings in the magistrate's court were completely regular and that his client was not prejudiced.

Mr Klem said time was taken before the accused appeared in court to explain the nature of the indictment to him and he was asked during the trial whether he wished the matter to proceed without obtaining legal representation. — Sapa.



COUNCILLOR: Mr Ngqoyi and his grandson Mandla.

ELDERLY COUNCILLOR IS BOMBED

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By ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

AN 82-year-old member of the Soweto Council was burnt during a fire-bomb attack at his Zola house this week.

Mr Walter Nzima Ngqoyi, the Zola North councillor, was injured on the left side of his body including his arm, after a petrol bomb exploded on his bed — missing his face by inches. He was treated and discharged on the same day — Sunday — at Baragwanath Hospital.

This is the seventh councillor, including the “mayor” Mr E T Tshabalala, to fall victim to the firebugs since the terror started two months ago.

The recent attack is the first in three weeks, after a secret group calling itself the Soweto Suicide Squad issued an ultimatum through thousands of pamphlets distributed in Soweto, calling for the councillors to resign their posts. The group, which also claimed responsibility for the petrol-bombing, threatened to continue if they do not step down within seven days.

Soweto Security Police have taken over the investigations of the cases. The Soweto Divisional Commissioner of Police, Brigadier D J D Jacobs, said

yesterday that a number of people have been questioned, in connection with the bombs.

Mr Ngqoyi told **THE SOWETAN** he was sitting on his bed at 1 am when the bomb exploded next to him.

“The bomb missed my face by inches,” said the bespectacled frail-looking old man. His blankets caught fire and before he could do anything, he heard another bomb exploding in the next room where his daughter was sleeping with her one-year-old son.




“I got out of the bed with my left hand aflame to investigate. My daughter was screaming for help and grabbed the fire extinguisher in an attempt to fight the fire. But we eventually had to resort to water because both of us could not use the apparatus.”

Mr Ngqoyi said he called police at Jabulani and the fire brigade but no help was offered from either of those bodies. He was helped by neighbours who gathered after they saw fire. A passing police van, which was stopped by one of his children, contacted Protea Police who promptly arrived at the scene, he said.

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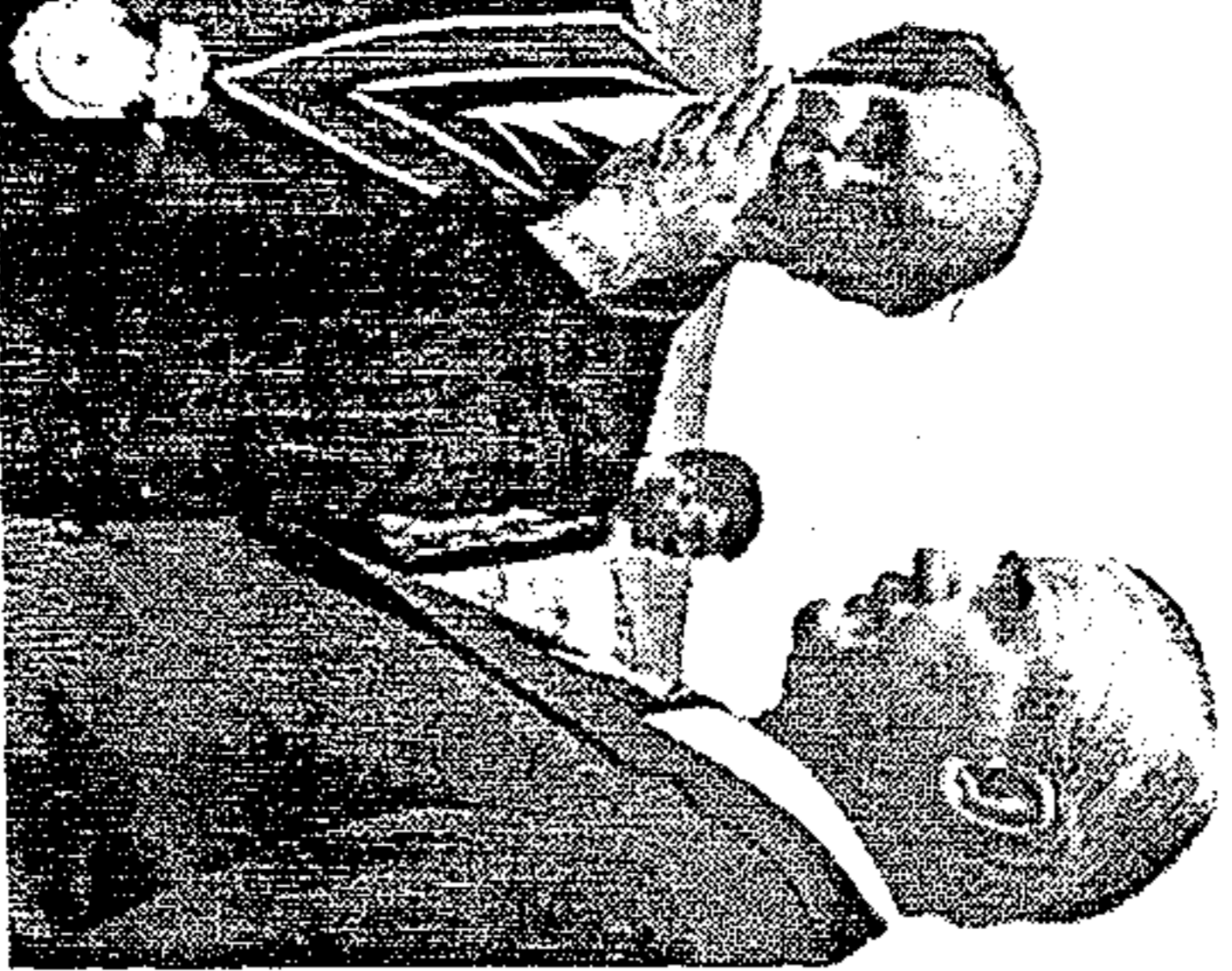
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Le Grange (right), and the Speaker Greeff (left) are welcomed by the in their arrival in Elliot yesterday. page 2.

Minister: Border prime terror target

By BILL GODDARD

ELLIOT — The Border area rates as one of the prime target zones for terrorists in South Africa and Elliot is on one of the main routes used by terrorists to get to and from Lesotho to the Transkei and Ciskei.

This was disclosed yesterday by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, when he opened the town's new R1,2 million police station.

Addressing a gathering of about 250 top-ranking police officers and VIP guests, Mr Le

Grange said that according to statistics for the past eight years the Border area ranked joint third on the list of main target areas for terrorist activity.

"Natal tops the list with 39 incidents of terrorist activity," he said, "followed by Soweto with 28 and then the Border and Eastern Transvaal with 24."

The minister, who flew up from Cape Town in a jet aircraft specially for the occasion, said that if the number of terrorist incidents in Transkei

and Ciskei were added to those that had taken place in the Border, it pushed the region up to the second major terrorist target zone in South Africa.

"I need not remind you people of the importance of Elliot on the terrorist route to Lesotho... all you have to do is think back to the incident in August 1981 when security forces moved into the area to

track down four terrorists.

"We were able to catch that group, but that year also produced 14 other incidents of terrorism, from sabotaging train lines and attacks on government buildings to murder of policemen and civilians," he said.

Police records show that terrorists have killed 48 people in South Africa since 1976 and been responsible for 220

incidents of terrorism. "During the same period 172 ACN terrorists have been either killed or captured," he said.

Before officially opening the new police station the minister presented service medals to 14 officers and men from the Aliwal North district — the SAP area in which Elliot falls.

The station commander of Elliot, Lieutenant Chris Louw, said after the opening ceremony that the old police headquarters — a colourful

old stone building — had been in use since 1917. Before flying back to Cape Town the minister was guest of honour at a braai at the town's showgrounds.

Other top-ranking guests included the Commissioner of the SAP, General Johann Coetzee, the Speaker of Parliament and MP for the Aliwal constituency, Mr J. W. Greeff, Divisional Commissioner of police, Brigadier Jim Bekker, and District Commandant, Major Wilbur Vosloo. Another report P2.

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Rat poison adds

nasty twist to
Christie play

JOHANNESBURG — Police last night arrested a member of the backstage crew of the Agatha Christie murder mystery 'The Hollow', now being staged at the Andre Huguonet Theatre here. He is

'220 terror acts in eight years'

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ELLIOT. — Terrorists had killed 48 people in 220 incidents of terrorism in South Africa since 1976, while, during the same period, 172 African National Congress terrorists had been killed or captured, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, said yesterday.

Opening the town's new R1,2-million police station, he said: "Natal tops the list with 39 incidents of terrorism, followed by Soweto with 28, and then the Border and Eastern Transvaal with 24 each."

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'Terrorist route'

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Three charged with court bombings *Star*

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG — Three men, one of them the son of a leading Methodist minister, appeared in the Maritzburg magistrate's court yesterday on charges of high treason and other charges relating to the bombings of two Supreme Court buildings, the harbouring of arms caches and activities in support of the African National Congress.

Mr Duma Gqubule (19) of Imballi, the son

of the Reverend Simon Gqubule, president of the Federal Theological Seminary at Imballi, Mr Sithabiso Edgar Mahlobo (25) of Estcourt, and Mr Benedict Anthony Duke Martins (27) of Edendale, were not asked to plead to 11 counts and were remanded in custody until May 2.

The state's indictment alleges that they had committed treason through acts aimed at overthrowing the government and had committed terrorism through acts of violence.

It charges they took part in the unlawful activities of the ANC and caused the explosions on March 21 last year at the new Supreme Court buildings in Pietermaritzburg Street and on April 21 at the old Supreme Court in Commercial Road.

The three are charged with having had possession of two AK-47 assault rifles with ammunition.

Mr Mahlobo is also charged with illegal possession of a 9 mm pistol and ammunition.

ANC attacks: Le Grange issues warning

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ELLIOT — The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, warned leaders of the frontline states of Southern Africa yesterday to "think twice" before allowing their territories to be used by terrorist organisations as springboards for attacks on targets in South Africa.

Opening a new R1,2 million police station here, the minister said South African security forces would not hesitate to track down and destroy organisations like the ANC "no matter where their hiding place is".

He said South Africa wanted only peace with its neighbours and was at present on the threshold of a significant breakthrough regarding relationships with some countries, such as Mozambique.

"We had known for a long time that Mozambique, and in particular Maputo, was the nerve centre from where incursions by ANC terrorists were carefully planned and manipulated," he said.

"It was also known that the route the insur-

gents followed led through Swaziland, for reasons of convenience."

Mr Le Grange said the reasons included the fact that the borders could be crossed illegally relatively easily and that infrastructure existed in Swaziland and

South Africa in the form of transport which enabled the terrorists to reach their targets in a short space of time.

"This and other matters contributed to the South African Government reaching the point where this state of affairs and the dangerous implications it held could no longer be tolerated.

"The Government of Mozambique was advised accordingly and not altogether unexpectedly extended an invitation to the South African authorities for talks at government level," he said.

Mr Le Grange said it was fairly well known that fruitful talks ensued with a preliminary document being drawn up

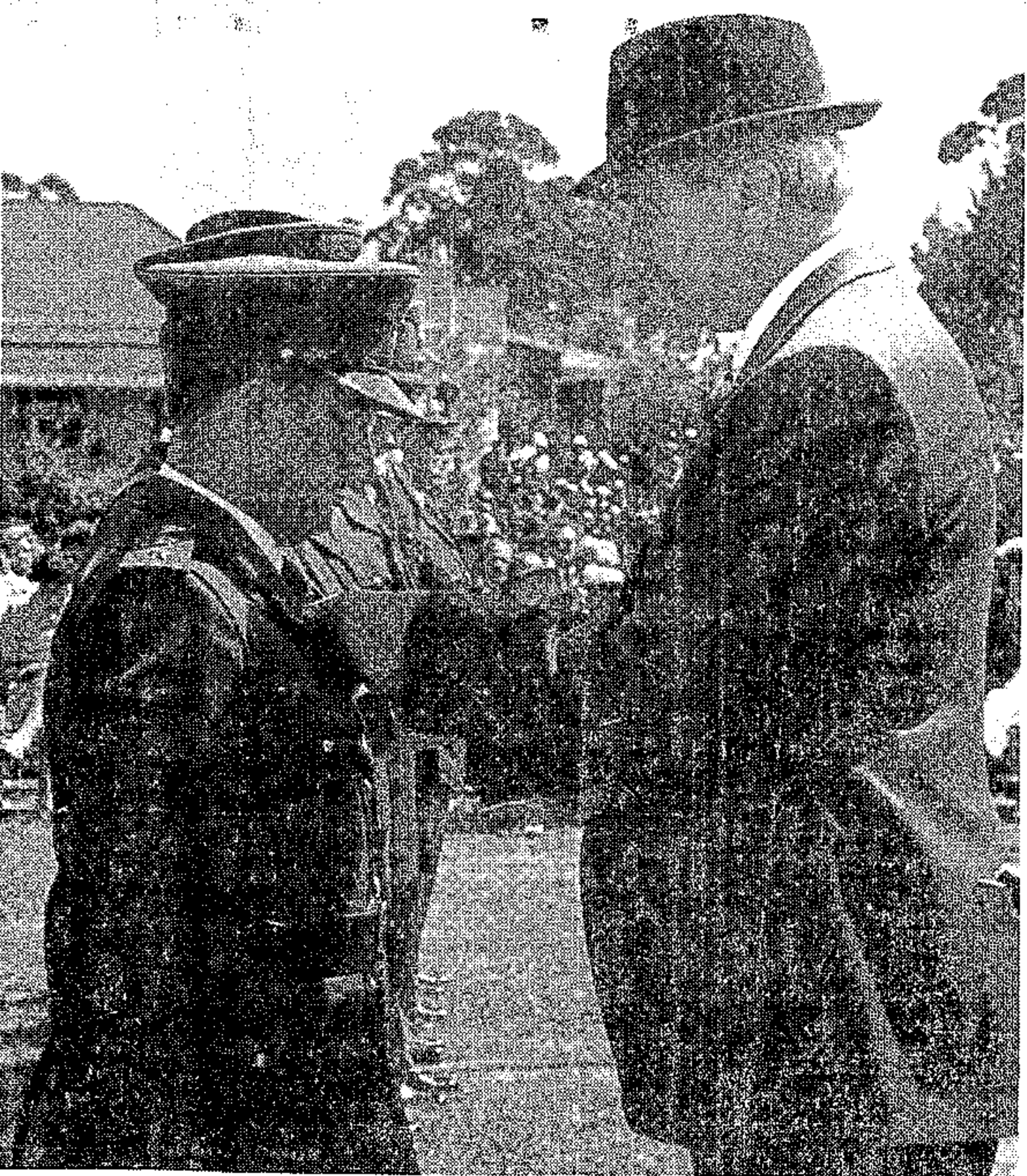
and more significant negotiations and talks in Maputo and Cape Town leading to a firm agreement being reached.

"I sincerely trust that only goodwill will flow from this agreement and other leaders of the so-called front line states will take a fresh and unbiased look at South Africa.

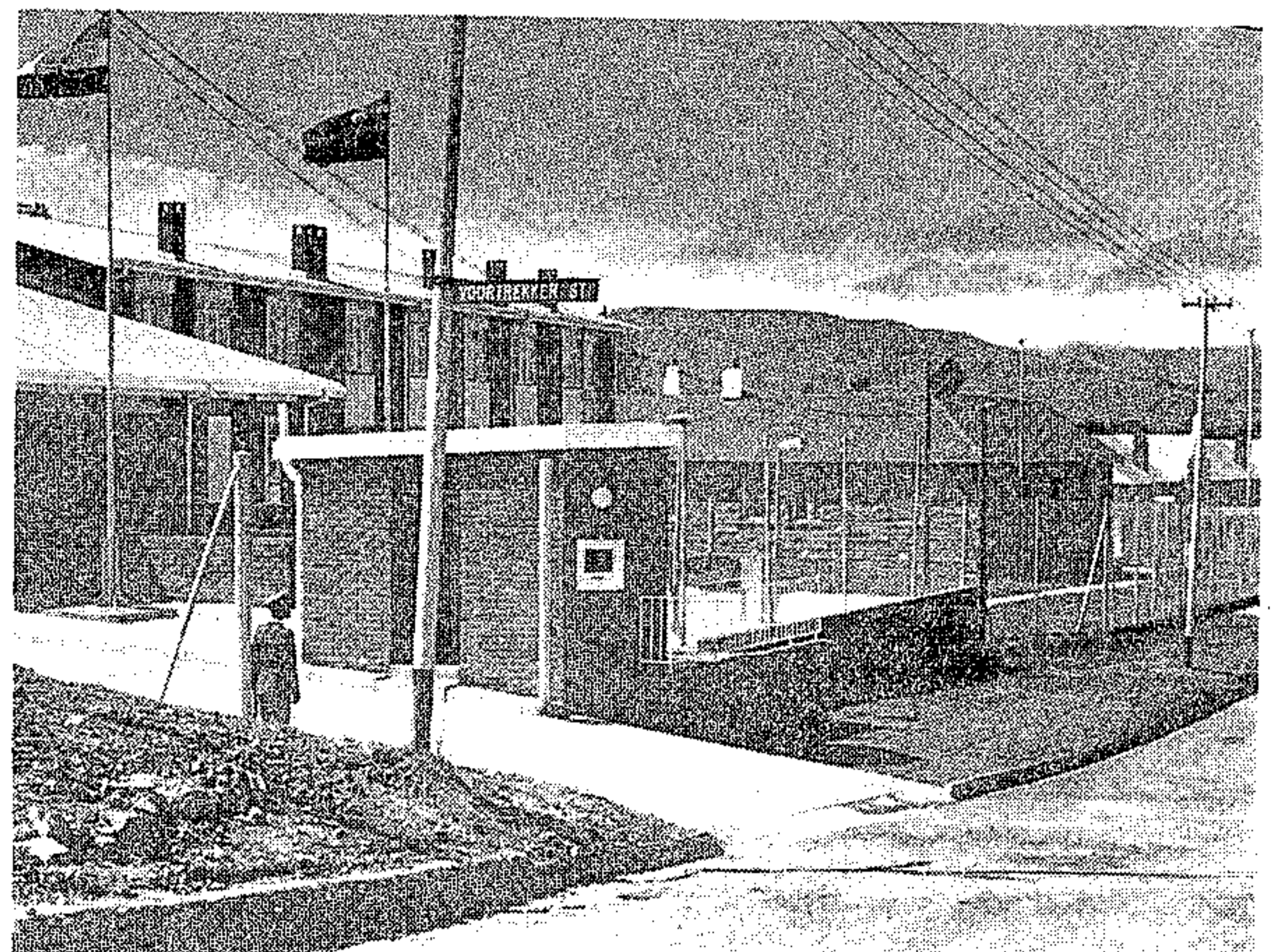
"I can assure them that the South African Government is sincere in its efforts to promote peace and stability, not from a position of weakness, but from a position of strength," he added.

It was at this point that Mr Le Grange issued his warning to leaders of neighbouring territories to "think twice" before persisting in allowing their countries to be used as springboards for terrorist attacks on the Republic.

He referred to the South African security forces smashing the ANC headquarters in Maseru in December 1982 and said they would not hesitate to track down and stamp out any similar organisations "no matter where their hiding place is". — DDC.



The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, pins a SAP service medal to the chest of Captain R. Human of Aliwal North at a medal presentation ceremony before he opened the new police station in Elliot yesterday. Capt Human was one of 14 officers and men who received medals.



The old and the new . . . Elliot's 67-year-old police station is shaded out by the new modern headquarters which was built at a cost of R1,2 million and was officially opened yesterday by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange.

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State
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MARITZBURG. — An African National Congress terrorist convicted yesterday of causing five bomb explosions in and around Maritzburg last year should face the death penalty, a State prosecutor submitted to the Supreme Court here yesterday.

Mr Hendrik Klem SC, asked Mr Justice Jacobs to seriously consider passing the death penalty on 23-year-old Them-binkosi Paulson Ngcobo of Imbali in sentencing him on March 15.

Ngcobo was found guilty on seven charges of terrorism to which he had pleaded guilty at a preliminary hearing in the Maritzburg Magistrate's Court and in the College Road Supreme Court earlier this week.

Ngcobo was arrested while carrying a Russian-manufactured TG 50 demolition mine outside the Capital Towers Hotel near the City Hall where the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, was holding a referendum meeting on October 27 last year.

Warrant-Officer Charles Frederick Cary — divisional inspector for explosives in Natal — and a member of the Maritzburg Security Branch said he had "defused" the bomb on the pavement outside the Capital Towers Hotel.

Warrant-Officer Cary said the City Hall had been packed to capacity with over 2 000 people and there were many pedestrians and motorists in the vicinity.

If Ngcobo had carried out what he had admitted was his original intention, to place the bomb in a rubbish bin behind the City Hall in Church Street, many people would have been seriously injured or killed.

In asking that the death penalty be passed

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Ngcobo, Mr Klem said although Ngcobo was not a highly-trained ANC terrorist his was not a single act of terrorism but acts which had been committed over a period of 10 months while he had had the opportunity to reflect.
Mr Ernie Wentzel, appearing for Ngcobo, asked the court to see the crimes "not as an act of moral baseness" but rather to view them with compassion.
Mr Wentzel said while he did not in any way condone the activities of his client, they should be viewed against the background of "division and difficulties" in this country.
He said he did not submit that imprisonment would not be appropriate, but he urged the court not to consider the death penalty. — Sapa

Death sentence call for city hall terrorist

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Pietermaritzburg Bureau

THE Deputy Attorney-General of Natal has asked for the death sentence to be imposed on a man found guilty on seven counts of terrorism — which included carrying a bomb outside a meeting being addressed by the Prime Minister last year.

Theminkosi Paulson Njicobo, 23, of Imbali township near Pietermaritzburg, was convicted in the Supreme Court here of having a Russian naval T G 50 demolition mine outside the city hall while Mr P W Botha was speaking, and for detonating bombs at five other targets in the city.

Njicobo exploded bombs at the Supreme Court in College Road, the Drakensberg Administration Board offices at Sobantu village and at three electricity pylons on the outskirts of the city.

Deputy Attorney-General, Mr H G Klem SC, for the State, said Njicobo had shown 'blatant disregard for the judicial authority of this country' by bombing the courthouse.

'The fact that his motive was political does not in any way diminish his moral guilt.'

He said such attacks were increasing in South Africa, especially in urban areas, and were 'abhorred' by the public.

Frustration

Mr Justice Jacobs, Judge President of the Northern Cape Division, presiding over the trial, said it was to Njicobo's credit that he had freely assisted the police in their investigation.

Mr E Wentzel SC, for the defence, said in mitigation that Njicobo's decision not to place the bomb near the city hall, where Mr Botha was speaking, because it would harm human beings, showed there was hope for his client.

'This moral decision is a sign that he is capable of proper responsibility under the proper opportunity to exercise it.'

Mr Wentzel asked the Court to consider the sentence with compassion and understanding of the 'history of a divided country'.

Static electricity

Mr W Downward, an electrical supervisor at Escombe, said that if the three pylons had toppled to the ground the damage would have amounted to R40 000 each, instead of the R1 000 damage caused by each of the explosions.

The trial will resume on March 15 when sentence is expected to be delivered.

While I do not condone the placing of bombs in urban areas, I believe the death penalty may lead to ultimate frustration and to no possibility of reconciliation in South Africa,' he said.

W/O C Cary, Divisional Inspector of Explosives of the Natal Police Division, who was in the city hall when Njicobo was arrested nearby, said the explosive was still potentially dangerous even though it had not been activated.

Mr W Downward

Static electricity from a human body or any one of the police radios in the vicinity, could have detonated the mine.'

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each industry.
The general workers' unions were complicating and delaying this process, in this view.

The exception was the Cape-based GWU, which restricted itself largely to three industries - transport, construction and stevedores.

Interestingly, Sactu recently came out in favour of industrial unions adding that the historical role of general workers' unions was past.

Bombs away

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THE house of 82-year-old Soweto Councillor Walter Nqoyi was petrol bombed this week — making him the eighth victim of petrol bomb attacks on councillors' homes in the last few months.

By KHULU SIBIYA

Eighth council man petrol bombed

as "protection" came in handy — although he didn't know how to use it at first.

"Fortunately, our neighbours came to our rescue and got the thing working. It took less than five minutes to bring the fire under control," he said.

Mr Nqoyi and his family were rushed to Zola Community Health Centre, where they were treated and discharged.

The veteran councillor blamed Co-operation and Development Minister Piet Koornhof for failing to stop the bombings.

"Dr Koornhof is helping our enemies by not consulting people about the new Local Authorities Act.

"He must speak to all the leaders, including those he does not like," Mr Nqoyi said.

Yesterday, Divisional Police Commissioner D J Jacobs confirmed the blast.

"Five bombs were thrown at the house, but only two exploded — causing R500 worth of damage. Only curtains were burnt, and Mr Nqoyi sustained minor injuries," he told City Press.

Brigadier Jacobs also disclosed that only one councillor has submitted an application for a gun — Councillor Silas Tshabalala, one of the seven other petrol bomb victims.

Brig Jacobs said there was no truth in claims that the councillors know their assailants.

An organisation calling itself the South African Suicide Squad has claimed responsibility.

Mr Nqoyi, a veteran civic leader, burnt his arm when he tried to put out the fire.

Eight Molotov cocktails were thrown into his house in the early hours of Monday morning, but only two exploded — burning curtains, furniture and clothes in the children's bedroom.

"I thought I was dreaming. I saw a big flame only a metre away from where I was sleeping. Then everybody started screaming . . . there was chaos."

Mr Nqoyi said. He said a six-month-old baby was in the bedroom at the time, "and it is sheer luck that we escaped."

Mr Nqoyi said the fire extinguisher provided by the council two weeks ago

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Sabotage *N. Mercury* *12/3/84* suspected in *(84A)* fuel depot blast

Mercury Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG—Blasts tore through an Ermelo petrol depot at the weekend starting a fire which sent thousands of litres of petrol and diesel sky-high, and which exploded petrol tankers and razed a Mobil fuel depot to the ground. No one was hurt.

Houses facing the depot, some 50 m away, escaped damage.

In Pretoria, a police spokesman said yesterday sabotage was suspected and that the first explosion had been followed 'from time to time' by other blasts.

An area larger than the size of a rugby pitch was scarred by the fire.

Inside the depot, a 1 000 000 litre diesel container tank, partially full at the time of the blast, was twisted and crushed by the force of the flames.

The charred remains of offices stood blackened behind the crumbling barbed-wire fence and burned overhead wires hung broken across the road.

Five tankers standing in the depot exploded in the intense heat.

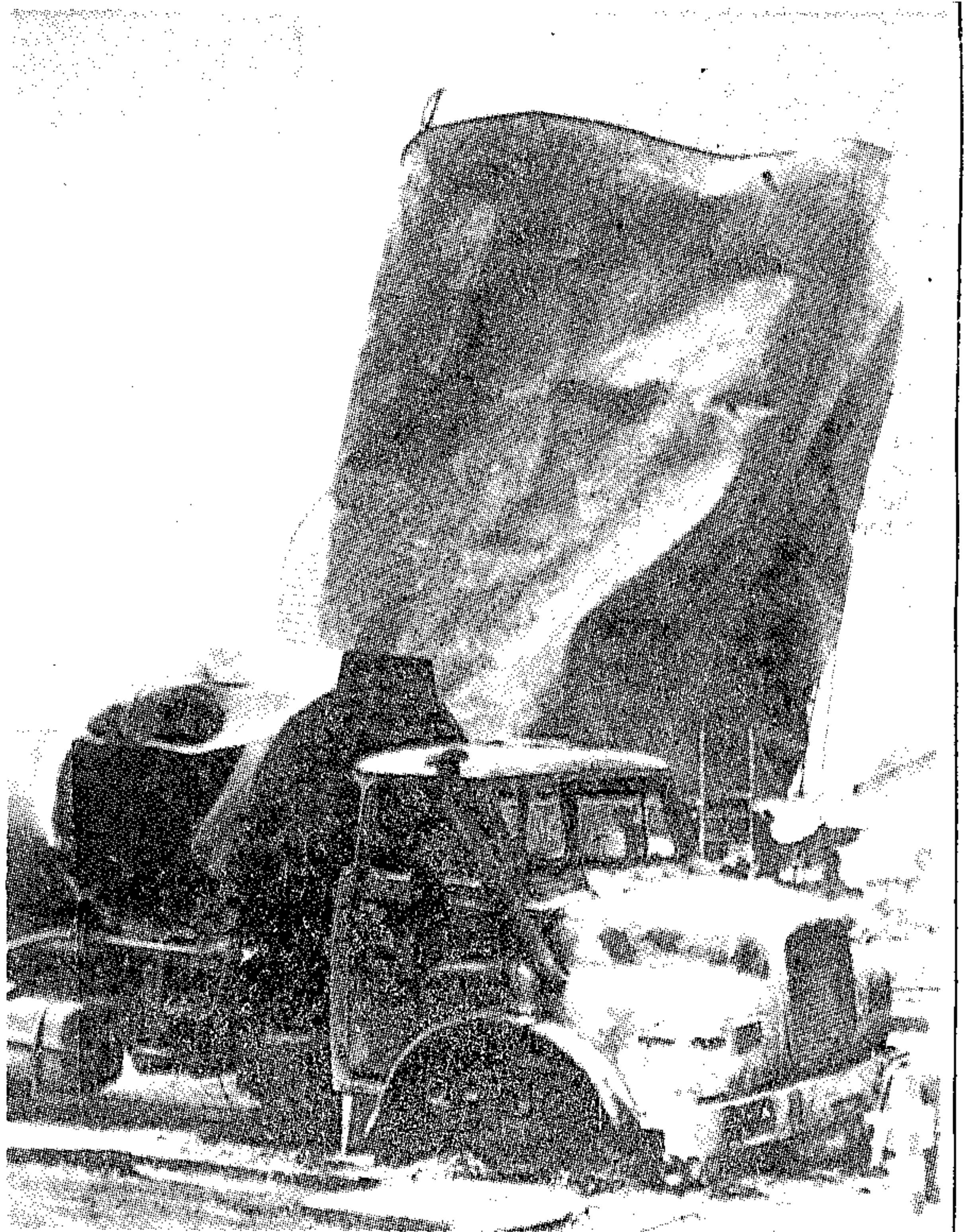
According to witnesses the whole sky turned yellow within moments, as flames, some 20 m high, shot into the sky.

Mr Dirk Postma and his wife Winnie who live near the depot, said they had heard a 'very loud explosion'.

'I thought at first it was thunder but then I saw the light through the curtains. I shouted to my wife, Winnie, to fetch the kids.'

In the street, the Postma family saw their neighbours, dressed in their nightclothes, loading children into cars.

A police spokesman said it was unlikely the damage would have any significant effect on fuel supplies in the area.



The scene at the Mobil depot in Ermelo. In the background, the diesel container where the fire is thought to have started, crumpled after the blaze. In the foreground, one of the five petrol tankers which exploded in the heat.

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Ngcobo guilty on 7 'terror' counts

Court is told: Don't hang the bomber

IN what must rank as the shortest terrorism trial conducted in this country, a Pietermaritzburg Supreme Court this week convicted Thembinkosi Paulson Ngcobo on seven counts of terrorism half-way through the second day of sitting.

Ironically, Ngcobo stood trial in the historic College Road Court-house, which he admitted bombing on January 30 last year.

Between that date and his arrest while carrying a Russian TG50 mine away from the City Hall, when the Prime Minister spoke at a referendum meeting on October 27, he also admitted bombing the Sobantu Village Drakensberg Administration offices on February 11, main electricity supply pylons at Ashdown Township on August 15 and October 14 and another Escom pylon at Morcom Road extension, also on October 14.

But should he hang for his crimes, the desperately-needed reconciliation between blacks and whites in this country would be impossible, the court was told.

While the State called for the death penalty, Mr Justice Jacobs and two assessors were told that the impact of such a sentence "would harden attitudes."

"It would ultimately frustrate attitudes between blacks and whites . . . a dead end with no possibility of reconciliation," Father Mcebisi Osman Xundu, a Lamontville priest called to testify by Ngcobo's defence counsel, told the packed court.

Although he personally abhorred violence as a political weapon, he

appreciated the aspirations and frustrations experienced by socially and politically aware young black people.

"Frustration and desperation is a common feeling among people who have no opportunity to participate in decision-making in this country," the priest said.

"In this case, I am aware that the accused has a matric and upgraded his qualifications to enrol for university. But he still cannot attend the university of his choice.

Freedom

"His is an isolated case — lack of schooling and the lack of job opportunities are community problems."

The "tremendous desire" for freedom and human dignity, when frustrated, led to violence, said Mr Gerald Patrick Kearney, director of the church-organisation Diakonia.

"Ngcobo chose not to endanger the lives of the people at the City Hall meeting. Many others in his situation would have been reckless and felt it didn't matter if they died," he said.

The court had an historic opportunity to create an atmosphere for change through imposing a sentence less severe than the ultimate penalty, he added.

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"We can perhaps be blessed that Ngcobo made the moral decision to turn back from the City Hall," said defence counsel Ernest Wentzel, SC.

"It is a sign that he is capable of proper responsibility, given the opportunity.

That act and the fact that he pleaded guilty in a preliminary hearing without legal representation should be taken into account when considering sentence, said deputy Attorney-General of Natal, Mr Hendrik Klem, SC, for the State.

But it was the duty of the court to renounce urban terrorism and impose a sentence which fitted Ngcobo's "cowardly" actions.

"The court should consider whether this is not a case for the death sentence," he said.

Early in the trial the convicted Imbali bomber, a former lab technician at a chocolate factory, dispensed with the services of the court interpreter. He listened intently to the proceedings, sometimes sitting with his chin resting on his clenched fists.

On Friday he saluted spectators filing into the gallery and greeted friends and relatives with a smile from the dock. He remained calm throughout.

Sentence will be passed on Thursday.

Bomber's code

A TELEGRAM allegedly sent by Pietermaritzburg bomber Thembinkosi Paulson Ngcobo to African Nationalist Congress colleagues in Swaziland read: "Congratulations on your wedding anniversary."

The telegram which was handed in as an exhibit this week was addressed to a Timothy Nkosi of Veni Swaziland, and signed "Francoise Simelane".

The congratulatory message was in fact a coded message meaning that Ngcobo "needed material", according to evidence led before the court.

A list of coded messages was found on Ngcobo when he was arrested.

Uncle John admitted to hospital" meant "safe arrival" and a message saying "Aunt Mavis is late" meant "operation successful".

Made to kneel over bomb

A MOUNTAIN Rise Dog Squad officer made Thembinkosi Ngcobo kneel over a powerful Soviet mine with his arms handcuffed behind his back while he demanded to know when the bomb was primed to explode.

pushing him into the small passenger space next to the dog cage in his squad car.

"He did not enter voluntarily and I had to force the door closed," the policeman told the court.

Scared The unwilling prisoner went in head first.

Kaizer Motau, Chiefs' managing director, said his team was no longer interested in Frickleton recently signed two defenders.

Made to kneel over bomb

ings the court heard that the bomb, which was primed to explode in 15 minutes but which was not linked to a power source, could have exploded if affected by "stray electricity", either from police radio sets in the area or static electricity on the body of any person on the scene.

"He might have been scared — the dog, which was in the cage, was barking," he said. Under cross-examination by defence counsel Mr Ernest Wentzel SC, W/O du Plessis said "there was a possibility" that Ngcobo "hit his head into the kennels."

Later in the proceedings.

Francis and Paulsonales — who last week joined Amazulu together with Mario Juani.

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Petrol depot blast

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Blasts tore through an Ermelo petrol depot yesterday, starting a fire which destroyed thousands of litres of petrol and diesel fuel, exploded petrol tankers and razed a fuel depot.

No-one was hurt in the blast and houses facing the depot, some 50 metres away, escaped damage.

In Pretoria, a police spokesman said yesterday that sabotage was suspected and that the first explosion had been followed "from time to time" by other blasts.

A police officer on the scene said police were still investigating. He was unable to comment further.

Tankers

An area larger than a rugby pitch was scarred by the fire.

The road leading up to the depot was blackened and an avenue of trees alongside were dead after the blaze.

Inside the Mobil depot, a 1-million-litre diesel container tank, partially full at the time of the blast, was twisted and crushed. Charred remains of offices stood blackened behind a crumpled barbed-wire fence and burnt overhead wires hung broken across the road.

Five tankers standing in the depot exploded in the intense heat.

Shell and Caltex fuel depots next to the Mobil depot were saved by firefighters.

According to witnesses, the whole sky turned yellow within moments of the blast, as huge flames engulfed the container tank and shot into the sky.

Mrs Sannie Smit of Juukan Street, which runs alongside the depot, said she had been woken by the explosion.

As the household had realized what was hap-

pening and had stumbled out of bed, police officers had come and told everyone in the street to evacuate their homes, she said.

"A 6.30 am we were told we could come back."

Mr Dirk Postma and his wife Winnie who live diagonally opposite the depot in Little Street, said yesterday that at 1.50am they had heard a loud explosion.

"I thought at first it was thunder but then I saw the light through the curtains. I shouted to my wife to get up and fetch the kids," Mr Postma said.

There had been a second blast while Mrs Postma was rushing to the kitchen to fetch a bottle for the baby.

'Like bombs'

Three smaller petrol tanks had caught alight in the blaze and "went off like bombs", Mr Postma said.

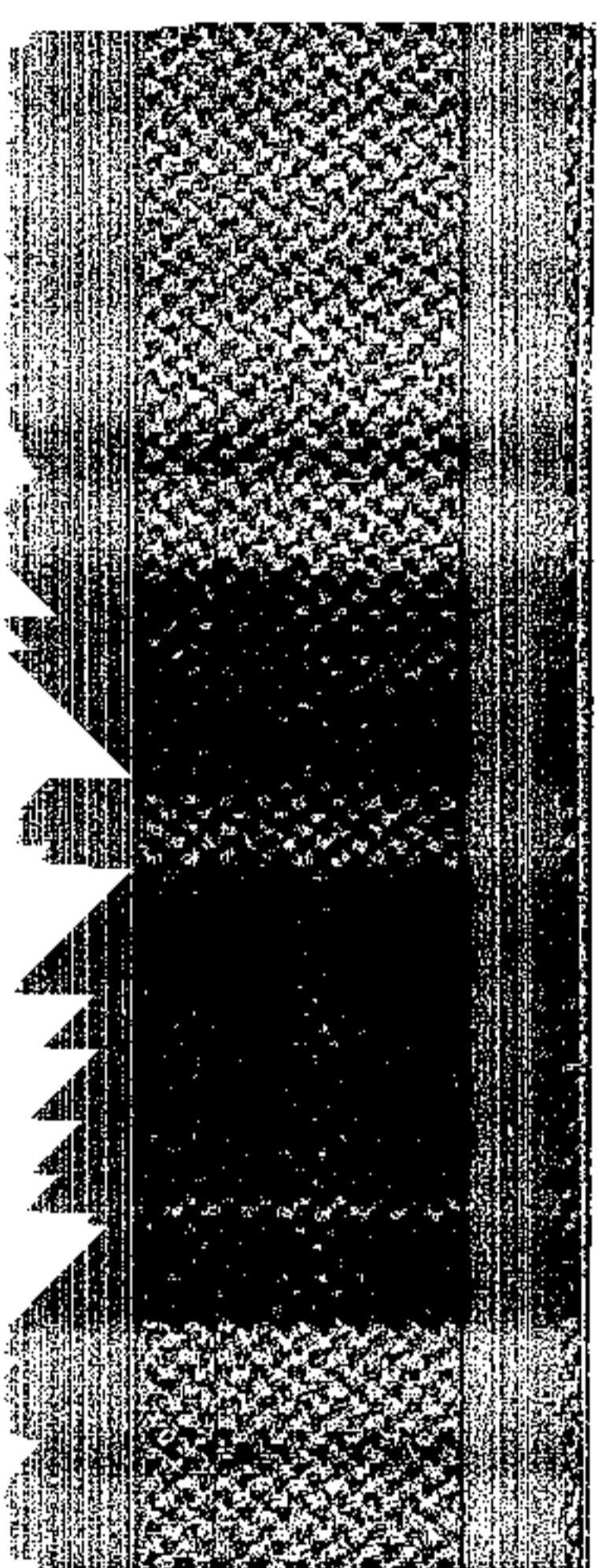
Once in the street, the Postma family had seen their neighbours frantically loading children into cars.

Firefighting personnel and engines from Bethal, Springs, Secunda and Brakpan were called in to help fight the blaze. By mid-morning yesterday, the blaze had been extinguished and police had set up cordons to control onlookers, while an emergency team from Mobil continued to damp down buildings.

The chief of the Mobil team declined to comment on the extent of the damage and referred reporters to police spokesmen.



The blackened wreck of a petrol tanker which exploded in the heat after yesterday's blast at a petrol depot in Ermelo. In the background is the crumpled diesel container in which the fire is thought to have started.



Two terror suspects killed, policemen hurt in shootouts

Argus Correspondent

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JOHANNESBURG. — Two policemen were seriously wounded and two gunmen were shot dead as two bands of heavily armed men were involved in a running gun battle with police near here today.

Six men are still on the run in mealie lands near De Deur and police, using tracker dogs and helicopters, are scouring the vicinity for them, according to West Rand police commissioner Brigadier Jan Coetzee.

At 11.30 am today, less than 12 hours after the first gun battle, a wounded black man was shot dead by police. Tracked down by the police squads, the armed and wounded man threw a grenade as police closed in.

FUSILLADE OF FIRE

Police replied with a fusillade of fire as the grenade exploded. No policemen were injured.

The drama started shortly before midnight when Warrant Officer S E Terblanche and Sergeant G S Swanepoel of the De Deur dog unit were on patrol on the old Golden Highway between Evaton and Ennerdale.

On the railway bridge crossing the line at Stretford-on-Avon station, the suspicions of the policemen were aroused by a parked blue Cortina.

As they went to investigate, two men in the car opened fire with automatic weapons. The policemen dived for cover and returned the fire with their service pistols. They were not hit.

The two men drove off and the policemen made a dash for their car.

As the policemen turned their patrol car to follow, a third man opened fire from the mealie fields. The police car was hit but the officers escaped injury.

Brigadier Coetzee said shots were fired from both cars as the officers chased the fleeing vehicle.

They called for help on the radio and Detective Constable S M Shabangu immediately responded.

Constable Shabangu was travelling in the opposite direction. Between the two police vehicles they forced the armed fugitives off the road and into the mealie fields.

The suspects abandoned their car and fled into the mealie fields.



The hard, dry soil in the bush area near Ennerdale hampered the follow-up operation mounted by heavily armed police after a shootout last night. Here three policemen examine the ground.

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Police shoot terror suspects
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lies followed by the three policemen. In the Cortina police found an assortment of foreign-made weapons including grenades, detonators and spent AK-47 cartridges.

The policemen called for further reinforcements and the area cordoned off. Roadblocks were set up and officers, using tracker dogs, began scouring the mealie fields.

FLAGGED DOWN

Less than an hour later, police flagged down a white Toyota Cressida at a roadblock. As the car pulled up, five men in the vehicle opened fire with automatic weapons.

Two policemen, Constable J H S Botha of Vereeniging, and Constable Shabangu were hit. Constable Botha, with a bullet wound in the chest, continued the fight. He managed to struggle to the Toyota and fought with a man on the back seat. The man stabbed Constable Botha in an arm.

Another officer, Captain Steyn, who was involved in the roadblock operation, shot the knifeman dead.

The other four men escaped into the mealie fields, with the policemen in pursuit.

Constable Botha was taken to Vereeniging Hospital where an emergency operation was performed. His condition is serious. Constable Shabangu was taken to Sebokeng Hospital where his condition is critical.

SA's grim diary of bomb attacks

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There have been about 40 bomb or rocket attacks in South Africa since January 1980, the latest blast being the one in Ermelo yesterday morning.

According to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, a total of 48 people have died over the past eight years in 220 acts of sabotage.

Here is a diary of major bomb attacks, for some of which the ANC has claimed responsibility:

- April 4 1980 — The Booyens police station in Johannesburg was extensively damaged in a rocket attack. Nobody was injured.
- April 21 1981 — A series of blasts seriously damaged an electricity supply sub-station south of Durban.
- May 27 1981 — A bomb wrecked an SADF office in Durban.
- June 11 1981 — A railway track and train were damaged in an explosion on the Richards Bay line near Durban.
- July 21 1981 — Explosions hit two major power stations in the Eastern Transvaal, causing extensive damage.

- August 6 1981 — Four people injured as a bomb exploded in a main street in East London.
- October 26 1981 — The Sibasa police station in Venda was destroyed in a rocket attack and two policemen died.
- November 3 1981 — Offices of the Department of Internal Affairs in Durban were bombed.
- December 9 1981 — Offices of the Chief Commissioner of the Department of Co-operation and Development in Cape Town were damaged by a bomb blast.
- December 23 1981 — A bomb exploded at the Eastern Cape Administration Board building, East London.
- May 21 1982 — Two bombs found in the Durban area — at the Port Natal Administration Board offices, Pinetown, and at the Department of Coloured Affairs.
- May 28 1982 — Limpet mines damaged a fuel depot and an Escom transformer at Hectorspruit, Eastern Transvaal.
- June 2 1982 — Six bombs rocked a fuel depot and railway tracks at Paulpieters-

burg, Natal.

- June 4 1982 — A bomb exploded in the lift shaft of the building housing the President's Council, Cape Town. One man was killed.
- June 28 1982 — Vehicles and stores were destroyed in a huge explosion in a railway depot south-west of Vryheid.
- November 9 1982 — A petrol storage depot in Natal's North Coast was set alight by a series of explosions.
- March 21 1983 — A bomb exploded at the new Supreme Court in Maritzburg. One man was injured.
- April 21 1983 — The court is again hit by an explosion when a parcel bomb exploded.
- May 20 1983 — A total of 18 people died as a huge explosion rocked offices of the SAAF in Pretoria.
- May 26 1983 — A powerful bomb exploded at a fabric factory in Bloemfontein, causing extensive damage.
- December 15 1983 — An explosion rocked Government offices in central Johannesburg.

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Witness tells of 'guerillas'

Own Correspondent
PORT ELIZABETH. — A State witness claimed in the Grahamstown Supreme Court that he had accommodated in his house in Port Elizabeth two East German-trained guerillas.

He said one was killed in a SADF raid on ANC bases in Maseru and the other in a bomb explosion at the Port Elizabeth Community Council offices last year.

High treason

A third guerilla left in his custody a suitcase containing arms before "going underground" because an unidentified woman was giving information to the Security Police, claimed "Mr Y" — who cannot be named because the trial is in camera.

At the outset of the proceedings yesterday another witness was sentenced to 2½ years' imprisonment for refusing to give evidence against 11 men — most of them from Port Elizabeth — who are facing numerous charges ranging from high treason to murder.

The witness, who also cannot be named, said before Mr Justice Howie

passed sentence that his refusal to testify was based on moral grounds and out of a sense of loyalty to his friends.

He said he had other reasons for refusing to give evidence but was not prepared to divulge them to the court.

The 11 men — Mr Rufus Nzo, 24, Mr Douglas Tyutyu, 48, Mr Siphon Hina, 44, Mr James Ngqondela, 54, Mr William Kame, 57, Mr Mzimkulu Kame, 22, Mr Siphon Nodlawu, 35, Mr Vukile Tshiwula, 43, Mr Lindile Mbelekana, 27, Mr Wellington Gumenge, 29, and Mr Nceba Faku, 27 — have pleaded not guilty to all the charges, which include possession of arms and participating in the activities of banned organizations.

Strike

Mr Y told the court yesterday that he became involved with some of the accused after a strike at Ford Motor Company when they met regularly at his house on Sundays to discuss matters pertaining to trade unions.

The gatherings, addressed by Mr Tyutyu, later took to different subjects like relations

between the ANC and the South African Congress of Trade Unions (Sactu). Ideologies like capitalism, Marxism and communism were also discussed, Mr Y said.

He said that at one meeting Mr Tyutyu gave him a copy of the "Freedom Charter" and a batch of photographs with the inscription: "These are the heroes of the Silverton Siege. Pick up their guns and follow."

The gatherings, Mr Y continued, were attended regularly by Mr Nodlawu and Mr Mbelekana.

He said that after Mr Tyutyu had asked him to accommodate two young men he said were from Transkei, he learned from Mr Nodlawu that the two had left the country after the 1976 riots and had received military training in East Germany.

This information frightened him, he said, and he pressured Mr Tyutyu to find them alternative accommodation. He even suggested building them a shack in Soweto.

The trial continues today.

Yesterday afternoon about 150 men from the West Rand Reaction Unit and Raiding Squad, assisted by a helicopter, 12 Pretoria Task Force men and members of the Dog Squad scoured the veld for the two gangs.

The last man seen fleeing from police was one of the suspected terrorists who left his dead companion and disappeared at about noon yesterday.

The chain-reaction of violent encounters was sparked off when two West Rand Dog Squad men spotted a blue Cortina parked underneath a railway bridge on the Golden Highway near Grasmere at 11.45pm on Sunday night. Brigadier Jan Coetzee, Divisional Commissioner for the West Rand, said yesterday.

"As Warrant Officer S E Terblanche and Sergeant C P van Aswegen stopped to investigate, the two occupants inside greeted them with a volley of gunfire.

"They were also shot at by a third man hiding in the veld."

The Cortina then sped off.

"The Cortina, believed to be a terrorist car, was eventually forced to stop — after a 6km chase — near a cemetery off the Golden Highway by an oncoming police car, driven by Detective Constable Shabangu.

"The suspected terrorists jumped out and fled on foot, leaving behind three handgrenades and numerous AK47 cartridges. Blood smears on the car seat indicated that one man had been wounded," Brig Coetzee said.

It was later discovered the fleeing men had fired at least 10 shots through the bodywork of their car at police, probably with an AK47 rifle.

At 3.10am Constables Botha and Shabangu stopped a white Toyota Cressida with five men inside.

Const Shabangu was shot in the buttock as he walked up to the driver and Const Botha immediately dropped to the ground, firing shots at the car.

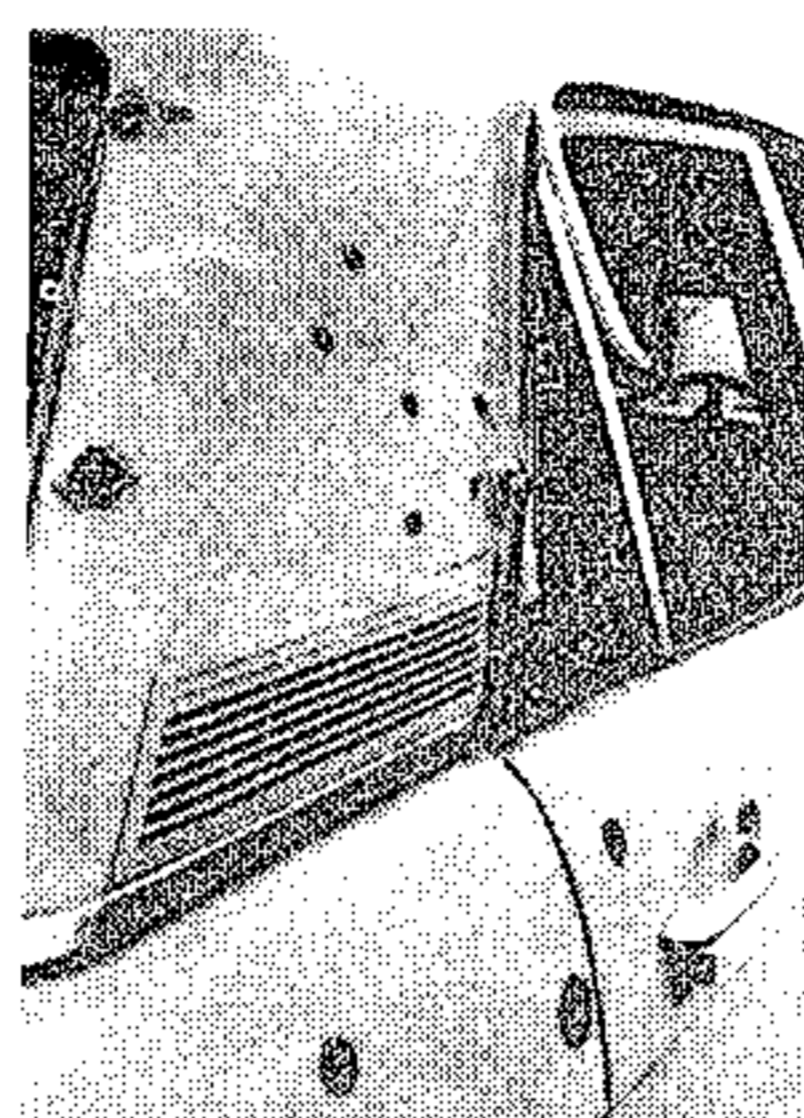
The occupants of the car returned the fire, hitting Const Botha in the left arm and left side.

While Const Shabangu fired back, Const Botha despite his wounds, lunged himself on to one of the attackers in the back of the car. The attacker was about to stab him with a knife when Captain Theuns Steyn of the West Rand Security Police arrived and shot him through the back of the head.

The other four men fled. Brig Coetzee said last night the man shot in the Cressida was subsequently identified as a housebreaker with a criminal record.



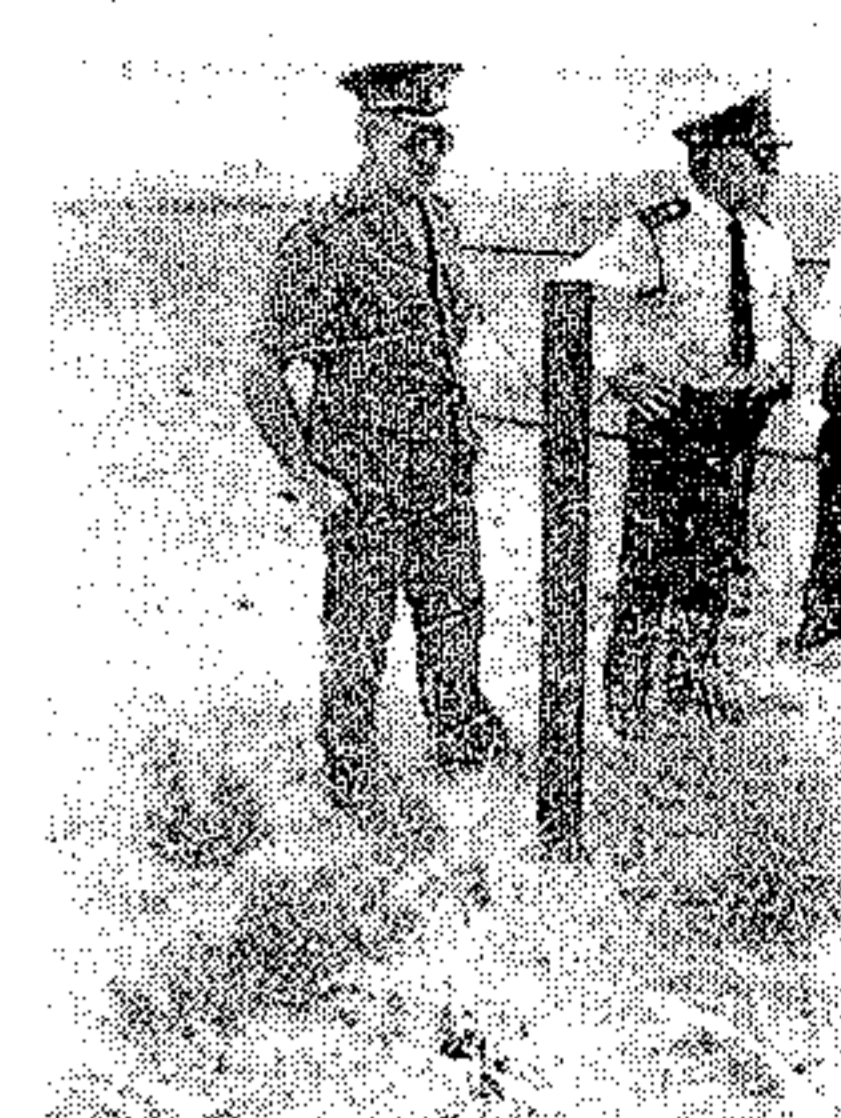
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TOP POLICE LOOKING ON

Massive hunt for Reef 'terrorists'

By EMIELIA JAROSCHEK and DEBBIE REYNOLDS

TWO suspected terrorists armed with AK47 rifles are still at large after police shot dead their wounded companion in a life-and-death battle yesterday.

The men were last seen between Vereeniging and Johannesburg.

Also at large, according to police, is a gang of four heavily armed housebreakers who became entangled with police in the ensuing "terrorist hunt" around the Golden Highway near Vereeniging and decided to shoot it out.

They shot and injured two policemen before their companion was killed in a scuffle with police.

The two injured policemen, Constable Jan Botha, 21, who was shot in the left arm and side and Constable Sam Shabangu, who was shot in the right buttock, were recovering in hospital last night.

Police said the wounded "terrorist" they killed was tracked down at 11.45pm yesterday. He was shot through the head seconds after he threw a handgrenade at a police constable who had spotted him crouching in the veld on a farm adjoining the Golden Highway.



A Defence Force helicopter lands in the veld where a suspected terrorist was shot dead. The "eye-in-the-sky" had been scouring the surrounding lands in a bid to help police find the dead man's two, or possibly three, fleeing companions.

Picture: EMIELIA JAROSCHEK.

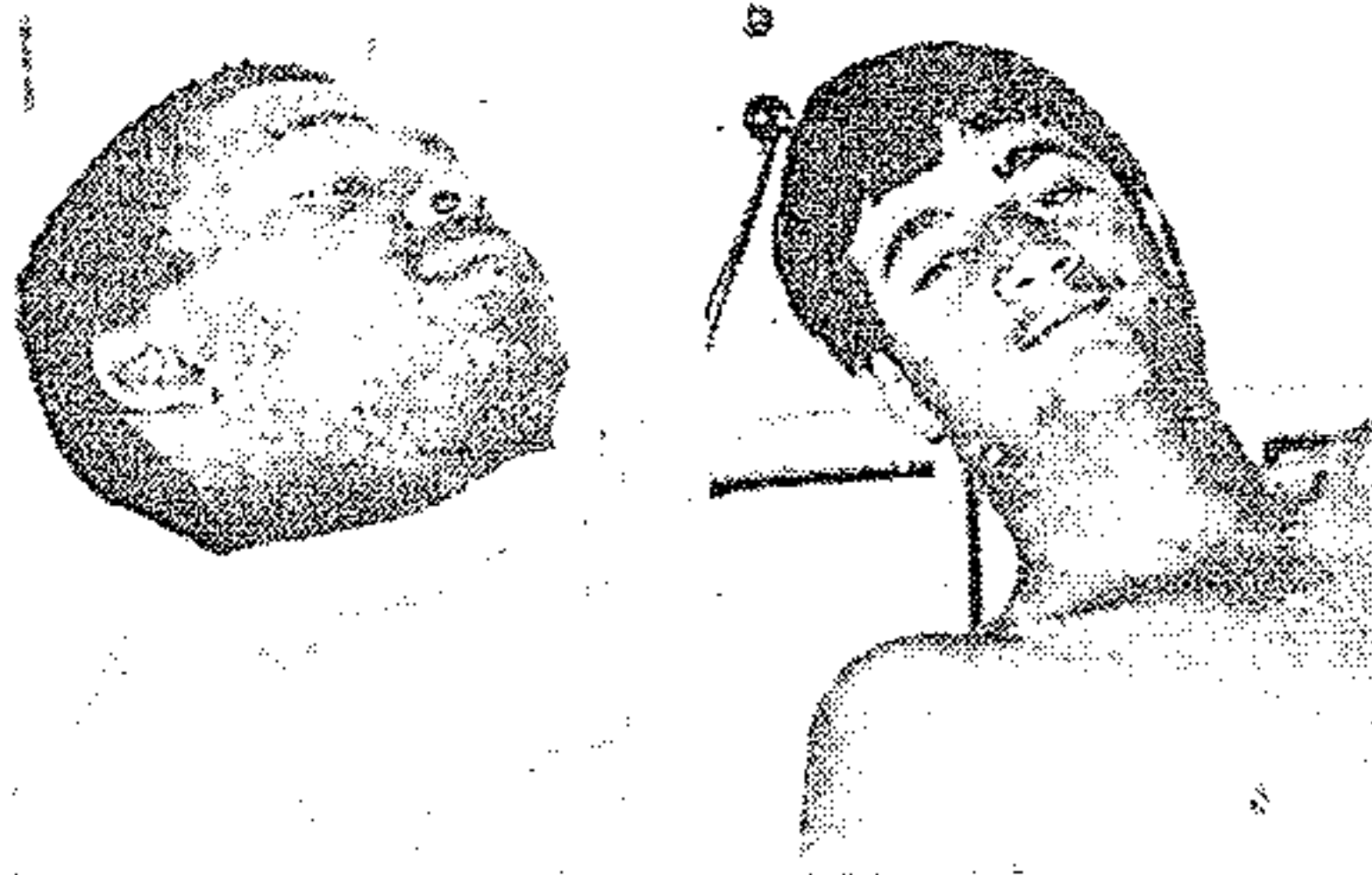
Suspected guerilla shot dead

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Police later found a man's body a kilometre from where they had forced the white Cressida to stop. Beside the body was a Star-type pistol.

A police spokesman said last night that the pistol appeared to be the one which had wounded Constable Botha.

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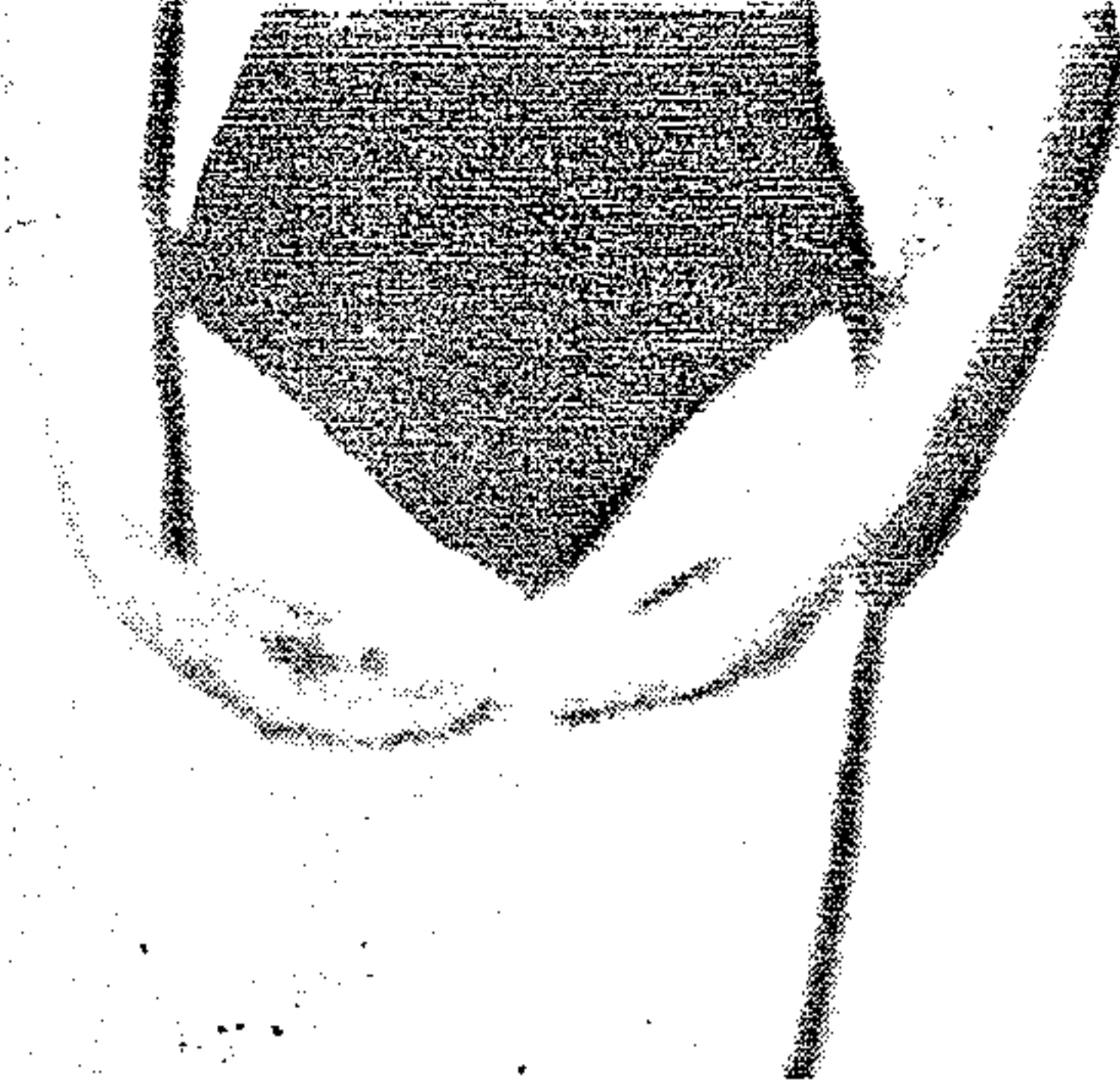
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Hunt

Then the final confrontation with the suspected guerillas came at 11.30am yesterday as police with dogs, aided by a helicopter, scoured the veld for a guerilla wearing a red shirt. They tracked him down on a farm.

Constable P J van den Berg spotted him with a companion and jumped out of his van. The wounded man threw a hand-grenade and Constable Van den Berg flung himself to the ground as it exploded.

He then shot the man through the cheek, killing him. The man's companion fled and is still at large.



Tania Nowers, 10... shot and killed by her father.

Secondary school apparently turned the revolver on himself after he was gunned down his year-old wife Suh and his daughter Tania, 10, and his only son, Walck, about 4.30

Mrs Nowers, a teacher at the St. James Primary School, was found in the main bedroom with a bullet wound in her head. Tania was found in her bedroom with a bullet wound in her mouth.

Dressed only in a pair of running shorts and bleeding profusely, she was asked a barman at the hotel, Mr A



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'Talks must Angola'

LUSAKA. — Swapo would accept a South African call for a regional conference only if it focused on SWA/Namibia and excluded discussion of Angola, Swapo president Sam Nujoma said yesterday.

On Sunday South Africa called for a conference of all parties concerned with SWA/Namibia and Angola, including Swapo and Unita.

Speaking to reporters in Lusaka, Mr Nujoma said the issues of SWA/Namibia and Angola were separate and should not be lumped together. "The (South African) Prime Minister is to throw confusion to two separate issues," he said.

Unita 'band'

Describing Unita as a band of desperadoes led by Dr Josiah Mafico, Nujoma said Unita should be excluded from any conference.

But he said Unita would agree to the independence of SWA/Namibia.

France — a la mode of many scents

PARIS. — The French, renowned for their taste of sophisticated scents, are among the smelliest, dirtiest peoples, according to a survey by the French Perfume Committee.

The French wash with less than half the amount of soap used by the British, averaging 2 1/2 bars per individual against England's five. Italy is cleaner than the French by these standards more than three bars annually, but not as often as the Germans, who use close on four bars.

The French use half the amount of toothpaste and deodorant used by Americans.

Only one out of every three French people has his own toothbrush, a rare and precious item that lasts its owner a full two years.

A can of deodorant is another unusual item in a French household. Only 20 percent of all men use it.

The French neglect personal hygiene, they say, out of laziness, in protest against social conditions and because of a lack of education. — UP.



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Three 'asked to recruit for ANC'

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Argus Correspondent

GRAHAMSTOWN. — One of 11 men charged with high treason allegedly told three men that the ANC would be able to work from within South Africa and induce the Government to negotiate if trade unions served as a labour wing of the banned organisation.

A State witness claimed in the Supreme Court here yesterday that Mr Douglas Mnyisile Tyutyu, 48, had told the men they should each recruit three others and teach them about trade unions, Marxism and communism.

Strikes

The witness, who cannot be named in terms of a court ruling, said Mr Tyutyu had told them each group of recruits should fall under a trade union. These could serve as a labour wing of the ANC so that if enough factories were mobilised by trade unions, strikes could cut off the supply of clothes and shoes for soldiers.

Under re-examination by Mr W Kingsley, for the State, the witness said one of the accused, Mr Siphon Nodlawu, 35, had frequently told him there was no way they could be helped unless they "skipped the country". He had specifically suggested this to the witness when Mr Tyutyu and another accused, Mr Lindile Patrick Mbelekana, had been arrested in May 1983.

Mr P N Langa, for the defence, said the witness had not only been confusing dates but incidents as well.

Photographs

Mr Langa said Mr Tyutyu denied exhibiting any photographs to the witness or introducing him to any terrorists who had undergone military training.

Mr Tyutyu also denied speaking to the witness about the disappearance of a young guerrilla, called James, following the blast at the ECAB buildings, Port Elizabeth, during January 1983.

The other accused are: Mr Rufus Nato Nzo, 24, Mr Siphon Fielden Hina, 44, Mr James Ngondela, 54, Mr Mzayifana William Khame, 57, Mr Mzimkulu Temi Kameh, 22, Mr Vukile Tshiwula, 43, Mr Lindile Patrick Mbelekana, 27, Mr Wellington Vukile Gumenge, 29, and Mr Nceba Christopher Faku, 27. They have pleaded not guilty to all charges.

The State alleges they prepared and detonated explosives in Port Elizabeth.

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We blasted fuel tanks — ANC

By ANDRE VILJOEN
Mail Africa Bureau

HARARE — The African National Congress yesterday claimed responsibility for the sabotage attack on a fuel depot at Ermelo in the Eastern Transvaal on Sunday.

According to an ANC representative in Dar es Salaam, Mr Stanley Mabizela, the limpet mine attack in which five fuel storage tanks and a petrol tanker were damaged, was carried out by a unit of the ANC army, Umkhonto We Sizwe, based in South Africa.

Informed South African exile sources in Zimbabwe have interpreted the sabotage as a propaganda counter by the ANC in response to the military setback it has suffered through the non-aggression agreement between South Africa and Mozambique.

The ANC has long maintained that its bases are in South Africa, not in neighbouring countries. However, recent statements by Mozambique Cabinet Minis-

ters imply that the fighting arm has benefited from some undisclosed level of official collaboration in the past.

In early 1982, an American pressure group Transafrica leaked Central Intelligence Agency reports, including an estimate that there were between 1 000 and 2 000 trained ANC personnel based in South Africa, but mostly not deployed in a military capacity.

Political observers in Harere believe that because of South Africa's avowed intention to drive the ANC out of Southern Africa, the organisation must have been preparing for a time when neighbouring states could no longer provide it with a logistical backup.

But they say it seems the ANC was caught unawares by the culmination of South Africa's new Mozambican strategy though as recently as five weeks ago the ANC was hopeful it would persuade Mozambique to adopt a more aggressive stance against South Africa.

Nkomati?

Armed struggle to end with

Tomorrow's historic pact under the marula tree between Mozambique's President Samora Machel and South Africa's Prime Minister, Mr P. W. Botha, could mark the beginning of the end of the "armed struggle" in Southern Africa.

The rapprochement between Pretoria and its Marxist neighbours will precipitate a dramatic change in the nature of the liberation movements which could favour the South African government's vision of peaceful evolutionary change in the sub-continent.

While the liberation movements have clearly been unnerved by both the content and speed of recent events, it is not yet clear what the long term effects on the African National Congress (ANC) and Swapo will be.

But observers agree that if Pretoria achieves its objective of cutting off vital ANC infiltration routes through Mozambique and secures a

compliant government in Windhoek, which would exclude ANC activity within its borders, the ANC would have to go back to the drawing board.

Apart from the physical damage caused by ANC-inspired acts of sabotage in South Africa, the armed struggle has served a vital publicity role for the ANC which has kept the green, gold and black flag flying every time a bomb goes off.

Without this platform within the country the ANC would face the prospect of becoming increasingly forgotten by the black community in South Africa.

Playing a key role in the current initiatives is Zambian President, Dr Kenneth Kaunda, who less than a year ago stood under another marula tree with Mr

Botha in the Botswana busy.

In recent weeks Dr Kaunda has made some remarkable contributions to the new atmosphere of co-operation in Southern Africa by offering to promote South African membership of the Organisation for African Unity (OAU) in return for a Namibian settlement.

Dr Kaunda has also sounded an early warning to Swapo not to provide the African National Congress with bases in Namibia after independence but to leave the fight against apartheid to the OAU.

This was followed by an offer to host a meeting between Mr Botha and leaders of the frontline states to acquaint Mr Botha with African thinking on developments in the sub-continent.

With the new-found allies in Dr Kaunda and Mozambique's Samora Machel, Pretoria has made an astounding breakthrough.

After nearly 25 years of "armed struggle" African leaders have begun to accept — and actively promote — the idea that South Africa is a sovereign independent state, that they are not justified in waging a "liberation war" against it, and that the ANC must accept the principle of "peaceful negotiation" with Pretoria.

This dramatic switch by frontline states, which in part have always given their full diplomatic support to the ANC's "liberation struggle" has profound implications for the continent's oldest and most widely respected liberation movement.

It means firstly that

the ANC will have to make a fundamental re-appraisal of its whole strategy and tactics.

If the accord holds and proves to be effective in curtailing infiltration into South Africa, the ANC will no longer be able to offer black South Africans the hope of liberation from outside — thereby greatly in-

creasing the pressures for liberation from within.

But after a quarter of a century in exile, the ANC would find difficulty gaining control of increasingly autonomous trade unions and of the newly-formed United Democratic Front which shares its objectives.

With the internalisation and formalisation of reform, Pretoria's philosophy of promoting regional and African solutions to the sub-continent's problems would gain international currency.

If Pretoria succeeds in convincing the leaders of the frontline states — possibly at the summit suggested by Dr Kaunda — that it is in their interests to co-operate and

uncouple the Namibian settlement initiative from the United Nations and to seek African backing for an all-Africa initiative to solve that problem, could have been at worst a blunder or at best premature.

Clearly timed to capitalise on the euphoria generated by the initiative accord with Mozambique, Mr Botha's proposed conference to link a Namibian settlement with the composition of the Luanda government could backfire and reunite Swapo and the MPLA government whose paths have been diverging as the ceasefire initiative is consolidated.

Angola's President Eduardo dos Santos has rejected the offer and Swapo's Sam Nujoma has made it clear he would not accept the presence of Unita or the

States would be prepared to gradually throw its weight behind a new Pretoria-led initiative, provided it did not depart substantially from Resolution 435, which was accepted by the former Prime Minister, Mr John Vorster, in 1978.

The West, however, is sure to withhold its support from such a plan until the frontline states are prepared to back it. Even six months ago the prospect of African support for such an initiative would have been unthinkable. But with the dramatic events of the past two months there is no room for cynicism in the Southern African equation.

If Pretoria is prepared to trade-off its support for Unita for Angola's isolation of Swapo, the plan could still see the light of day.

That would be Pretoria's first prize in its astonishing round of diplomacy in Southern Africa.

tabling of the internal situation in Angola as a legitimate item on the agenda.

Both Whitehall and Washington have reaffirmed their commitment to Resolution 435 without criticising Pretoria's new initiative.

If one sees Pretoria's current round of diplomacy as a campaign to destabilise the liberation movements, Mr Botha's plan to bypass the liberation movements begins to make sense.

If Pretoria could get states such as Zambia, Mozambique and Botswana to back an African initiative to achieve peace in the region and broaden the issue of Namibian independence to include the accommodation of Unita by the MPLA government or a trade-off of Unita for Swapo, Swapo

could be rendered toothless.

Already facing total economic dependence on South Africa if it came to power at independence elections, Swapo would lose its international forum if the UN plan was given an African flavour, and a Swapo government would find itself ensnared in an American-backed regional situation where Pretoria called the tune.

In short, a compliant and economically dependent Swapo government in Windhoek would be far less troublesome than a Soviet/Cuban backed Swapo launching attacks from Angolan soil.

At the same time there are signs that, while still paying lip service to the United Nations plan for independence (Resolution 435), the United

Giant shark caught

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — A massive 3,3m, 430kg, Great White shark was caught in the shark nets off the popular Leisure Bay beach on the lower South Coast yesterday.

The monster killer — a female — had to be towed inshore by a Natal Anti-Sharks Board ski-boat skippered by a meshing officer, Paul McMullen.

It was the biggest Great White caught off the Natal coast in the past six months, said Mr Graham Charter, assistant director of the Sharks Board.

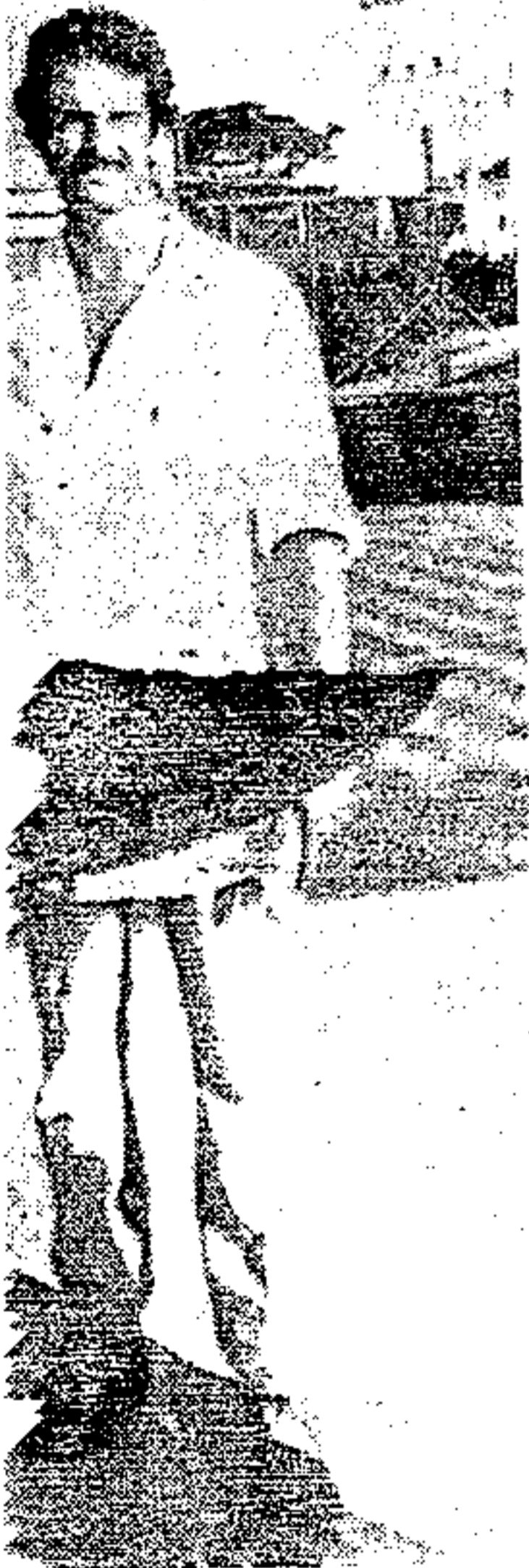
He confirmed that she was a Great White because of her pointed nose, big eyes and triangular, symmetrical teeth, described the shark as a "beautiful specimen".

A crane was needed to lift her head to expose the awesome jaws with row upon row of razor-sharp teeth.

● Meanwhile Maritzburg surfer Mark Benvick, who escaped injury and possible death in a shark attack at Amanzimtoti, said yesterday that he would be back in the waves once the murky water had cleared.

The 25-year-old surfer also said he would still continue surfing early in the mornings and late evenings in spite of warnings that it was a known time for sharks to move closer inshore.

"But that's the time when offshore winds are blowing and the surf is at its best," Mr Benvick said. — Sapa and Own Correspondent



he 3,3m Great White shark yesterday.

20 years' jail for Ngcobo

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Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — A young Imbali man smiled in the Supreme Court here yesterday as he heard he would serve an effective 20 years in prison for terrorism.

Thembinkosi Paulson Ngcobo, 23, was arrested by police last October while carrying a powerful Russian-made demolition mine 100 metres from the Maritzburg City Hall where the Prime Minister Mr P W Botha was addressing a packed referendum meeting.

Ngcobo pleaded guilty to seven charges relating to three explosions, three attempted bombings and the establishment of caches of explosives near the capital.

The blasts took place last year at the College Road Supreme Court (where he appeared yesterday), at the Administration Board offices in Sobantu Village, and at an electricity pylon in the city suburbs.

Throughout yesterday's proceedings, Ngcobo, dressed in a white "mandarin" style tunic, stood leaning on the railing in front of him with his chin cupped in his hand.

In his judgment, the Judge-President of the Northern Cape Division, Mr Justice R P Jacobs, said the total cost of the bombings was more than R17 000.

In mitigation the court accepted the defence claim that Ngcobo had no direct intention to injure anyone, and said it was the accused's good fortune that no innocent passers-by had been hurt in any of the blasts.

Although Ngcobo had not given evidence, and so could not be tested by cross-examination, the fact that he had been moving away from the City Hall when he was caught tended to support this claim.

However, evidence had been led that the powerful bomb could have gone off unintentionally — in which case the results could have been catastrophic.

As for the other blasts, it seemed overwhelmingly probable that were it not for the accused pointing out the places where they had occurred, the police would have had difficulty connecting him with these crimes.

For each of the blasts at Sobantu and the Supreme Court buildings, and for the attempted act of terrorism on the night he was arrested, Ngcobo was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment, while for each of the three charges relating to electricity pylons and the charge relating to explosives caches he was sentenced to 10 years.

The court ruled that all seven sentences were to run concurrently.

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Smash: Bellville pupil dies

By YAZEED FAKIER

A BELLVILLE pupil died on the way to Groote Schuur Hospital last night after a head-on collision near Moorsburg in which her classmate, a teacher and the driver of the other car were injured.

Julia Slabbert, 17, of Park Street, sustained

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Press ban in treason hearing

C. Times 21/3/84

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — The Grahamstown treason trial took a dramatic turn yesterday when representatives of the press were ordered to leave the Supreme Court, two soldiers who participated in the December 1982 SA Defence Force raid on Maseru recounted briefly the cross-border strike and African National Congress documents seized during the incursion were read before the court.

Members of the press ordered to leave the court at the start of proceedings, were told afterwards by counsel for the State that the court had placed a ban on the publication of evidence led by a senior SADF officer.

The unidentified officer was called to testify in support of an application by the State that evidence by two soldiers who were in the unit which raided Maseru not be published. The application was granted.

Soldiers' roles

After the press was allowed in, the two soldiers — code-named Bravo and November — gave brief recounts of their respective roles during the raid.

The Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, has placed a general embargo on certain aspects of the raid and a draft affidavit from him to this effect has been made available to counsel for the defence.

Soldier Bravo told the court that his specific target during the raid was a residential house. His task was to gain entry to destroy "the enemy" and seize weapons and literature. He said the occupants of the house were killed in the attack.

He said he later recovered an AK47 assault rifle and a machine-gun, as well as documents and literature, all of which he handed to the security police on his return to South Africa.

Questioned by Mr R L Selvan, SC, for the defence, the soldier said five people had died during the attack on the house.

Soldier November said there were males in the house he was ordered to attack. No weapons were found but there was ANC literature and some documents.

Lieutenant-Colonel J H Buchner, of the security police headquarters in Pretoria, told the court that literature he received from the two soldiers included issues of the ANC official mouthpiece "Fechaba", the South African Communist Party publication "Nkululeko" (Freedom), excerpts from an interview with ANC leader Oliver Tambo, and correspondence between ANC command elements in Maputo, Maseru and Lusaka.

'Propaganda'

Among the documents was a note dated November 27, 1982. Colonel Buchner said the note suggested that propaganda be stepped up "in our region", and that Bambilanga and Kaiser be eliminated.

He said he took "Kaiser" to be the Transkei President, Chief Matanzima.

There were also notes on the Transkei First Battalion, describing the guard system, personnel and daily routine. Colonel Buchner said it appeared that the battalion was also a target for an attack.

Colonel Buchner said the ANC was made up of the political structure, whose task it is to represent the ANC abroad, the military wing represented by Umkhonto Wesizwe, and the labour movement.

The 11 accused face charges ranging from high treason to murder. They have pleaded not guilty to all charges.

The State alleges that they prepared and detonated explosives at various places in Port Elizabeth.

The trial continues today.

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SAP mum on house searches

Police headquarters in Pretoria has not commented on Mozambican news agency reports that SA Security Police were conducting house searches in the Eastern Transvaal after the signing of the Nkomati Accord. But in a statement released today on the alleged search for members of the Mozambique National Resistance, the Commissioner of Police, General Johann Coetzee, said the SAP was "not involved in the recent searches in Mozambique."

"It is stressed, however, that the SAP will not hesitate to act should any individual or organisation be involved in any activity within the Republic which might jeopardise the agreement between the Republic and Mozambique. We are anxious to ensure that the provisions of the accord relating to the SAP are observed".

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DURBAN BLAST

Three killed in car bomb horror

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"They are very lucky to be alive," the woman said. The bomb-car was in fragments. The blast caused what police described as a big depression in the road.

Passing cars were forced to a standstill by the explosion, and it was difficult for observers to see whether the drivers or passengers were injured.

Within minutes ambulances from nearby Addington Hospital were at the scene, with fire engines and scores of police and traffic vehicles.

For 30 minutes police made unavailing attempts to move back the huge crowd. Eventually coloured ribbons were strung across the Esplanade from parking meters.

The dead and injured appeared to have been within a 25m radius of the car.

Immediately after the blast two people lay next to the car. They appeared to be young women, possibly office workers.

Their bodies were littered with glass and a shower of leaves from the sub-tropical trees along the Esplanade.

The detonation was followed by a few moments of stunned silence, then the screams of people running from the scene.

Witnesses clustered round the dead and injured and tried to help until the ambulances arrived.

Shards of glass

Mr Graeme Addison, whose flat is on the 18th floor of a building about 400m away, said two 2m-square plateglass windows were shattered, flinging shards of glass through the lounge and bedroom.

A man was injured in a furniture shop 200m from the blast when the plateglass window blew in.

Mr Colin Bester, 21, assistant manager of a supermarket on the beachfront, said: "My car was lifted and thrown several metres. It was peppered full of tiny holes and all the windows were blown out.

"I swerved to a standstill and got out in a daze. There were people running and limping in all directions.

"A woman with two small children was dragging them along, crying.

"I just got back in my car and cleared out of there as fast as I could — there could have been a second bomb."

Other motorists were not so lucky. Five or six cars slewed to a halt within 50m of the blast and the drivers either fell out or sat dazed and injured at the steering-wheels.

Durban's Esplanade is very busy at 7.30am, with three-lane traffic flows towards the Point Road area and another three lanes leading towards the airport freeway.

Mr Bester said motorists on the harbour side were probably lucky, as a robot had stopped the traffic at the harbour entrance just before the blast.

Like an earthquake

Mr Norman Ludwin, a US citizen who plays double bass in the Napac Symphony Orchestra, said his flat in John Ross House had shaken so much that he thought it was an earthquake.

"A huge hole was blown in the tarmac, and about eight cars were scattered across the road.

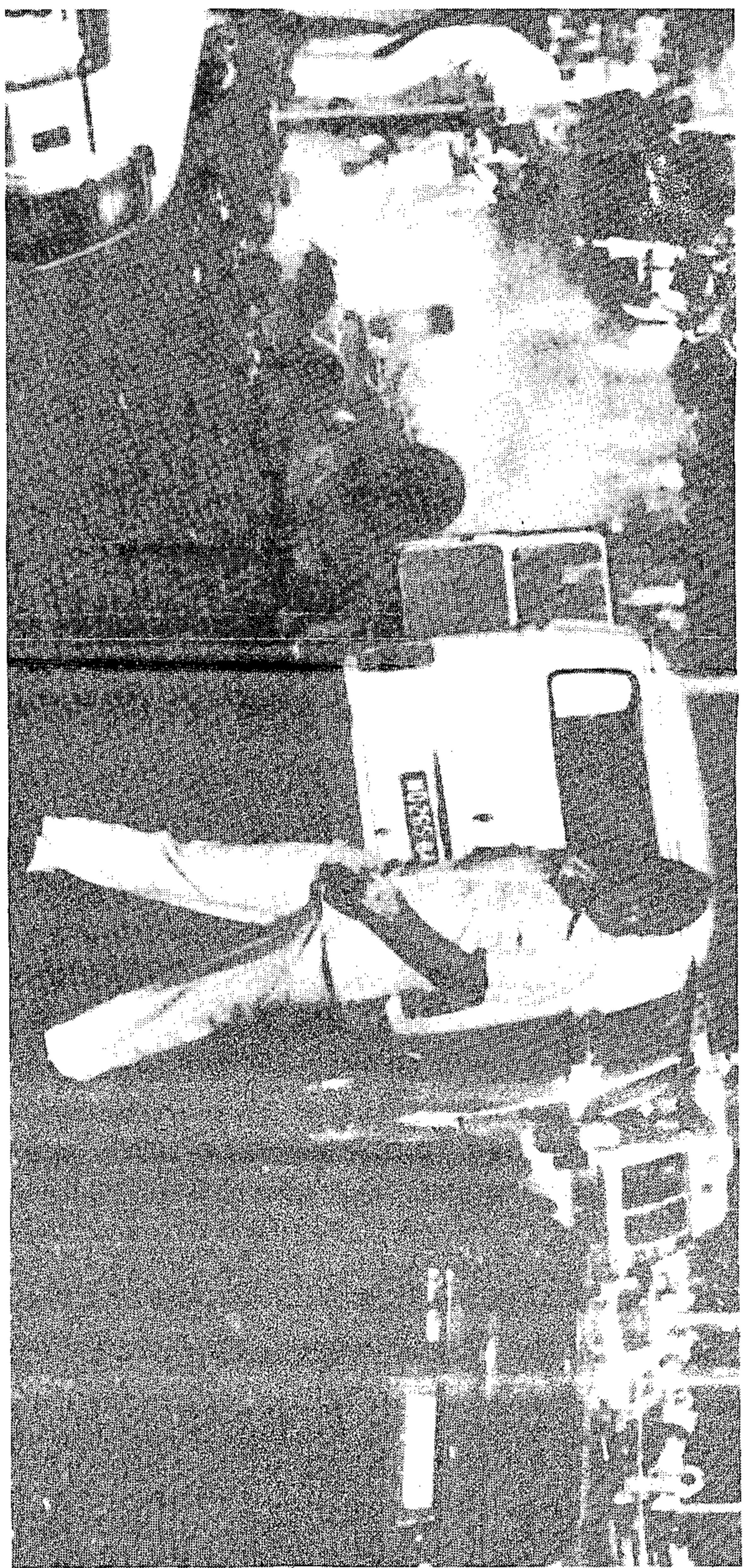
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"I saw about a dozen people stumbling about, shaking from the force of the explosion."

Miss Nicolette Slabbert, who was visiting John Ross House, said she was in a kitchen making breakfast when the whole building began to shake.

"I went to the window and saw a burning car trundling down the road. About a dozen people were falling around."

Mr Bill Butler, a pensioner, who lives on the 14th floor, said:



Smoke curls from what is left of the car after it was thrown through the air from the site of the explosion about 50 metres away.

"When I looked out I saw pieces of what looked like a car burning, and two bodies, both in blue overalls, lying on the pavement".

Mrs Kay Chapman, who lives on the 10th floor of Tiber Island, a block of flats nearby, was in the back of her flat when she heard a "tremendous bang" and felt the building vibrate.

"I saw a car burning and two bodies that were flung from the car were lying on the side of the road, engulfed in flames.

"People were spraying the bodies with fire extinguishers."

She also saw a young girl flung to the side of the road, badly injured.

"Someone passing by ran and picked up the girl and took her to the side of the road.

"There was a lot of confusion, and people who appeared to be from John Ross House were running around with fire extinguishers putting out burning cars."

Mrs Betina van Eyk, also of Tiber Island, said: "I saw a car blazing and lots of confusion. I saw three bodies, but there could be more.

"There was a bicycle lying in the road near the car that was burning, but I don't know if anyone was injured. It is a terrible time for a bomb to go off, as it is so busy here with schoolchildren and commuters."

Stephanie Hogg, a passenger in a car, said: "We saw flames a couple of metres high and a huge cloud of smoke on the other side of the road.

"We had to just concentrate on driving on. Other than the wind-screen, the car was not damaged."

Mr Trevor Lamb, marketing manager of a bank, was on his way to work, driving along the Esplanade, when he saw "a massive explosion and a wall of flame about 10m high."

The passenger side of his car was ripped open, but he was unscathed.

"I saw a woman on the pavement flung up into the air. It was terrible."



Durban's Esplanade is blocked by smashed vehicles next to the remains of the car destroyed by the bomb.

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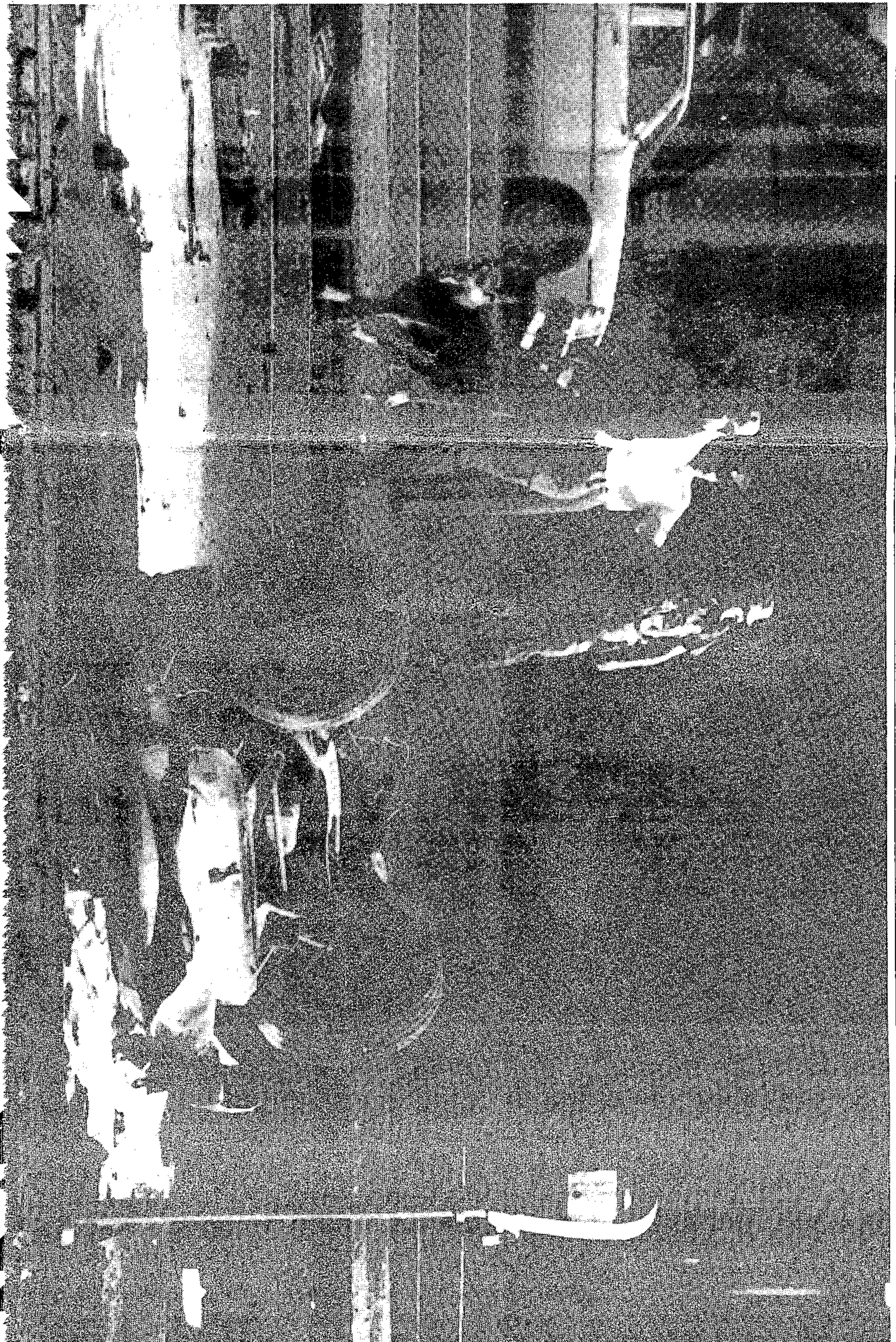
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Reporter unaware of deaths

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — A reporter was busy taking pictures of yesterday's car bomb horror outside John Ross House, unaware that his brother and sister-in-law had been killed in the blast.

Mr Gary Govindsamy said last night that his family had identified the two Indian victims as his elder brother, Mr Anamalai "Daya" Rengasamy, 34, and sister-in-law Leelavathi Navi, 29, who both worked near John Ross House.

The couple, from Phoenix, had parked their car as usual on the Victoria Embankment and were on their way to work when they were killed in the blast.

"Later in the day while I was taking pictures, a friend told me I should check if the woman killed was my sister-in-law," said Mr Govindsamy.

Meanwhile, Mr Amichand Rajbansi, executive chairman of the South African Indian Council, said last night that several windows in the SAIC offices in the Stanger Street government buildings, were shattered by the blast.

"I do not rule out the possibility that our offices were also targets," he said.

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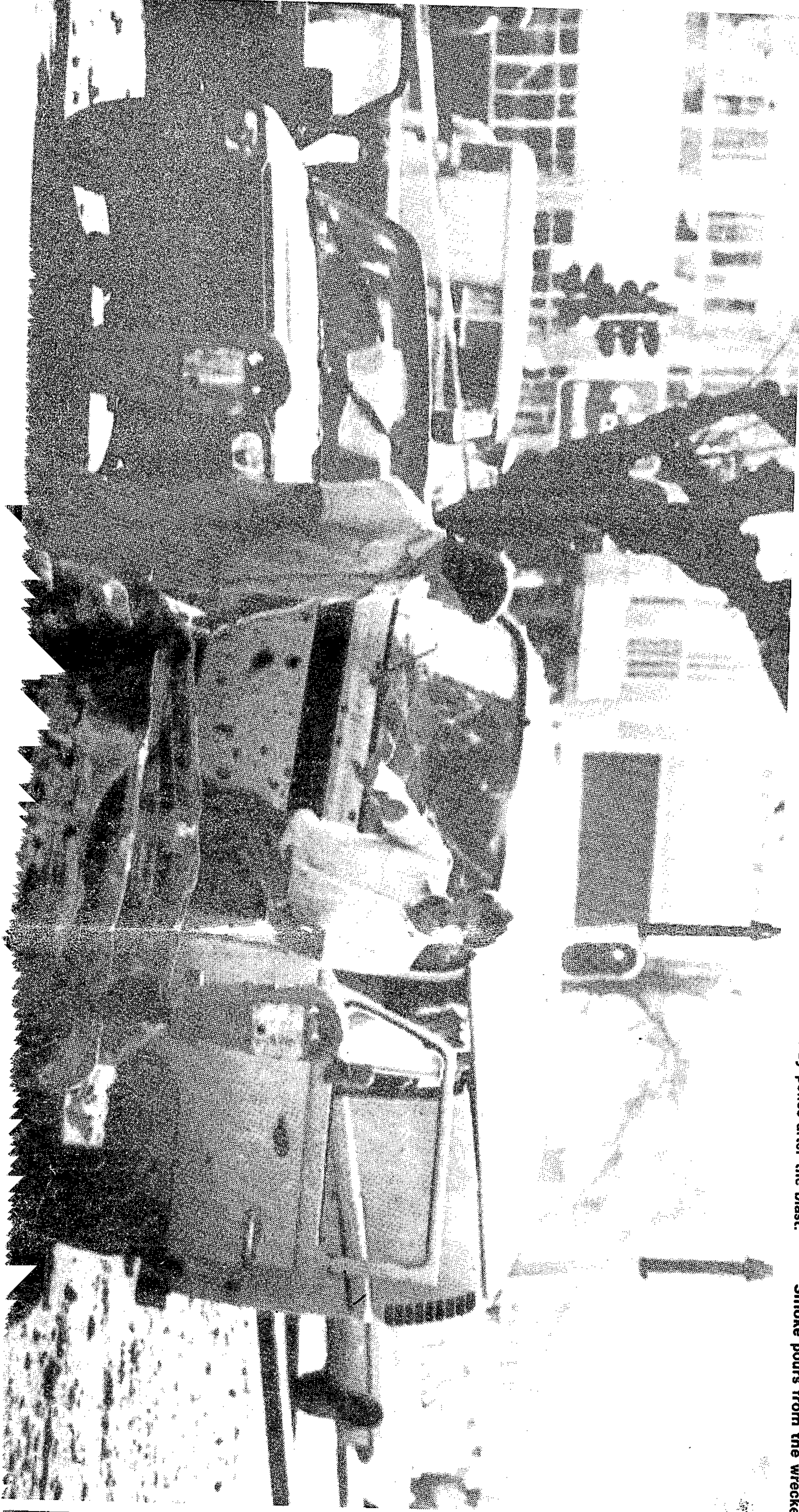
Officials remove the body of Mrs Erica Green who was killed in the blast.

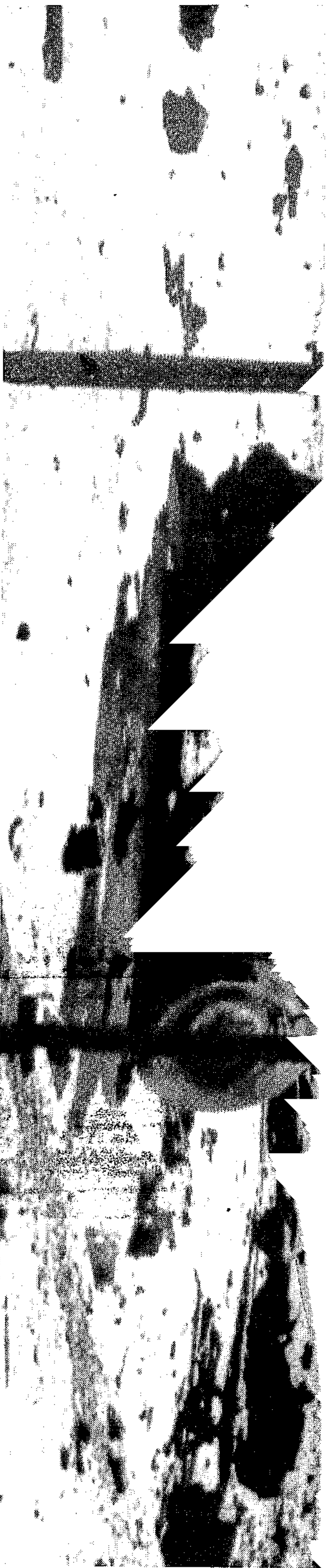


Crowds gather around the damaged cars cordoned off by police after the blast.

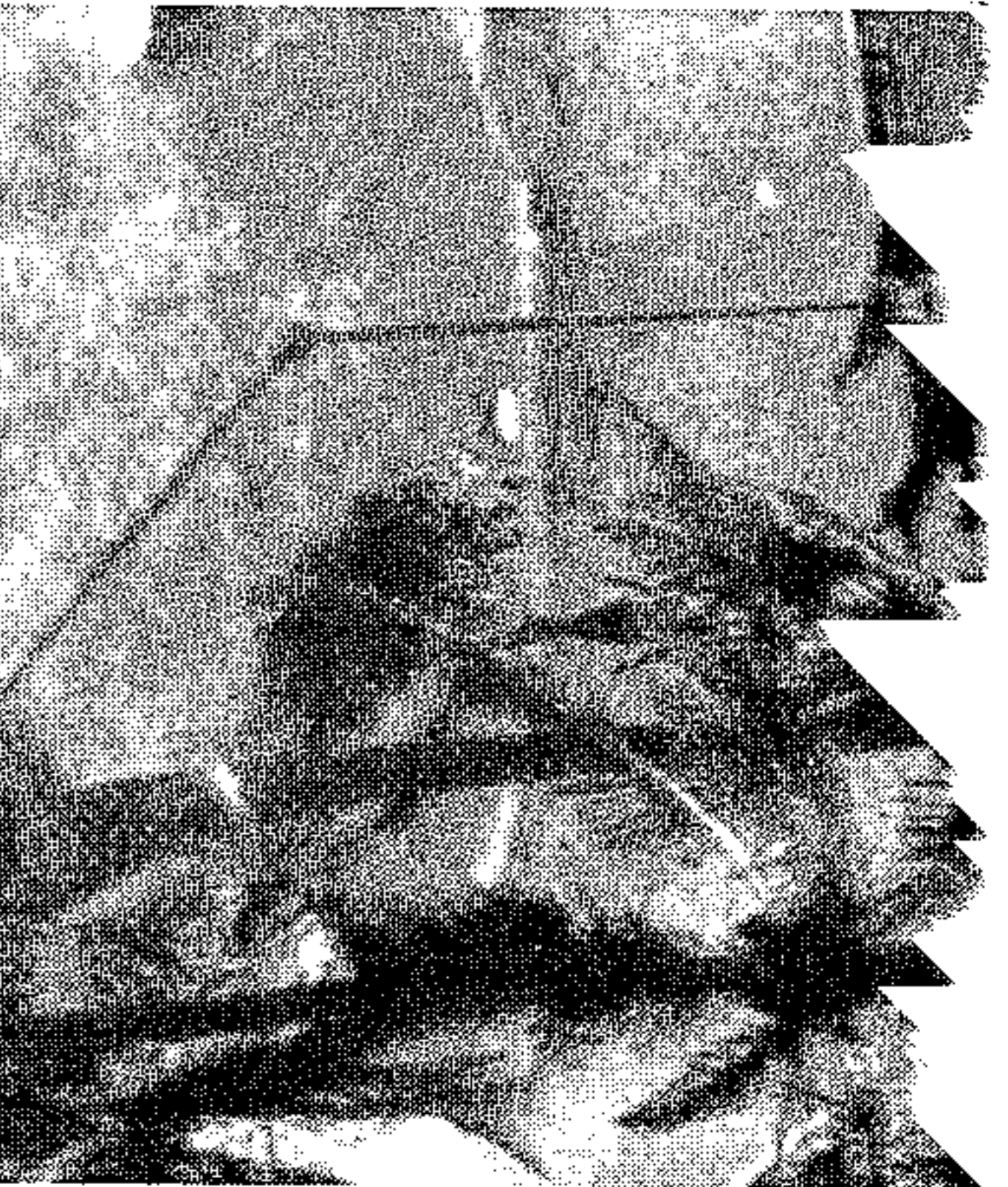


Smoke pours from the wrecked car minutes after the explosion.





Part of the wreckage of the small Japanese car containing the bomb which blew up on the Victoria Embankment in Durban yesterday killing three, injuring several people and gouging a hole in the road.



The scene of the blast with the crater.

The litany of attacks and blasts since 1980

THE Durban car bomb is the fourth blast this year and follows the blast which gutted a Mobil fuel depot in Ermelo on March 11. On February 3, the offices of the Ciskei consulate in Durban were destroyed and a bomb went off at the Mandini power station on February 26.

- April 14 1981: Blast derails coal trucks on Richard's Bay-Vryheid line.
- April 14 1981: Electrical sub-station in Durban blown up with limpet mines.
- May 6 1981: Blast on north-eastern Transvaal railway line.
- May 20 1981: Port Elizabeth's rail link with Johannesburg and Cape Town ripped apart.
- May 25 1981: Pamphlet bomb in Durban. Attack on Fort Jackson police station near East London. Railway lines damaged in Soweto and the Natal South Coast. Powerlines cut in Vrede, OFS.
- June 1 1981: Three Progressive Federal Party offices in Johannesburg fire-bombed.
- June 4 1981: Johannesburg and Meyerton police stations fire-bombed.
- June 11 1981: Railway line on Natal North Coast blasted.
- June 16 1981: Railway blast near East London.
- June 26 1981: Two bombs explode in Durban cenotaph.
- June 28 1981: Bomb damages railway line near Emdenpangeni.
- July 3 1981: Limpet mines defused at massive fuel storage depot in Alberton.
- July 21 1981: Three-pronged sabotage attack on Transvaal Escom installations.
- July 26 1981: Two time bombs explode in central Durban's motortown.
- August 6 1981: Bomb explodes in East London central shopping complex minutes before rush hour.
- August 8 1981: A similar attack in Port Elizabeth.
- August 11 1981: Voortrekkerhooie military base hit by rocket attack.
- August 19 1981: Blast damages railway line near East London.
- Sept 2 1981: Mahopane police station attacked two policemen, a civilian and a child killed.
- Oct 10 1981: Bombs explode at a Durban railway station and the offices of the Department of Co-operation and Development.
- Oct 21 1981: Blast wrecks transformer in Evander, followed by attempt to blow Sasol 111 water pipeline at nearby Secunda.
- Oct 26 1981: Two policemen die in an attack on Sibasa police station.
- Nov 1 1981: Jeppes Reef house on Swaziland border manned by SADF personnel attacked and destroyed in rocket and grenade attack.
- Nov 9 1981: Bombing at Orlando Magistrate's Court in Soweto.
- Nov 12 1981: Four Russian limpet mines blast Rosslyn power substation in Pretoria.
- Dec 9 1981: Explosion in the office of the Chief Commissioner at the Department of Co-operation and Development in Cape Town.
- Dec 14 1981: Pretoria power sub-station bombed.
- Dec 23 1981: Bomb blast at the Eastern Cape Administration building in East London.
- Dec 26 1981: Wonderboom Poort police station attacked.
- May 21 1982: Bombs hit Port Natal Administration Board building in Pietermaritzburg and Department of Coloured Affairs in Durban.
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- June 1982: Attacks at Paulpietersburg and Vryheid in northern Natal.
- June 26 1982: Railway depot at Vryheid bombed Blast shattered Durban-Witwatersrand oil pipeline at Scheepersnek.
- July 1982: Explosions at Port Elizabeth court.
- Oct 26 1982: Three bombs at Drakensberg Administration Board office in Pietermaritzburg.
- Nov 8 1982: Bombs damage small Zululand town of Mkuze, severely damaging Mobil fuel storage depot.
- Dec 18/19 1982: Four major explosions at Koerber nuclear power station.
- Dec 1982: Blast at Southern Free State Administration building in Bloemfontein leaves one dead and 70 injured.
- Jan 1983: Bomb at administrative buildings in Port Elizabeth.
- Feb 18 1983: Bomb in Free State Administration Board offices injures 76.
- March 12 1983: Bomb on railway coach on Johannesburg-bound passenger train.
- March 21 1983: Bomb at Supreme Court building in Pietermaritzburg.
- April 21 1983: Another explosion in the same place.
- May 20 1983: Car bomb outside SAAF headquarters explodes in Pretoria killing 19.
- Aug 6 1983: Limpet mine exploded at Temple Israel, Hillbrow.
- Aug 26 1983: Powerful explosion ripped through the Carlton centre offices of the Ciskei Consul General.
- Sept 8 1983: Bombs damage two electricity sub-stations in Randburg and Sandton.
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- Sept 14 1983: Bomb explodes Wilson-Rowntree factory in Durban.
- Oct 11 1983: Three bombs explode in Warmbaths damaging storage tanks and railway tankers.
- Oct 14 1983: Two explosions damage pylons in Maritzburg.
- Oct 29 1983: Man arrested at Maritzburg hotel carrying a bomb — Prime Minister was due to speak at hotel.
- Nov 1 1983: A midnight bomb blast damages a number of buses of the Durban Municipal Transport bus depot. Another bomb damages railway line near Germiston station. Police defuse a third found on the Springs railway line.
- Nov 3 1983: Bomb explodes at the Bosmont railway station and another two damage a bus depot and police store in Durban.
- Nov 22 1983: Two explosions damage pylons in the Durban area.
- Dec 7 1984: Blast damages Johannesburg offices of the Commissioner's Court of the Department of Co-operation and Development.
- Dec 8 1983: Locomotive and two railway trucks derail after bomb blast about 1km from Bloemfontein.
- Dec 12 1983: The offices of the Department of Community Development in Bree Street, Johannesburg, devastated by limpet mine blast.
- Dec 15 1983: Seven injured in bomb explosion on the fourth floor of the Old Arcade Building which houses the offices of the Department of Foreign Affairs in Johannesburg.
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No claim by ANC as Britain knocks blast

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UPI reports that no group immediately claimed responsibility but in Parliament in Cape Town, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange blamed the African National Congress for what he called a "cowardly and meaningless deed".

"I have no doubt that the ANC is responsible for

this atrocity and it confirms their reckless attacks on innocent members of the public including women and children," Mr Le Grange said.

"We will continue to fight terrorism mercilessly," he said.

The blast came just three weeks after the ANC had vowed to step up its campaign of urban sabotage against the Pretoria Government.

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All that was left of the car being seen the front wheels and part of the engine block seen on the left of the picture. The combi next to it was pitted with holes from flying fragments and two men in it were injured. Pictures by MARK WING



Three die, 22 hurt in city street blast

April 14 1984

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POLICE were searching last night for bombers who killed a white woman and an Indian couple and injured 22 others by detonating a massive charge of TNT and plastic explosives, either by radio or a timing device, in the boot of a stolen car on Durban's Victoria Embankment yesterday.

Mrs Erica Green, 43, of Colchester House Smith Street, who was married but separated and had young children, was killed on the spot.

So too were a married Indian couple who have not yet been identified.

Two children and three women, one of them pregnant, were among those

Casualties

AMONG those who received treatment at hospital for injuries and were later discharged were: Karl Wentlink of Chartwell Drive, Umhlanga; K Oguri, a Japanese businessman from Tokyo; Barry Bradfield of Everglades, Durban North; Craig Munro of Beachway, Durban North; Detective Maloppi, a South African Railways policeman; Mrs M Ferreira of John Koss House; Stan Wallis of Maryland Avenue, Durban North; Les Lortan of Sydenham Heights; Mr A S Maher of Kirstenbosch on the beachfront; Theresa Donnelly of Wood Road, Montclair; Mr B Bareh of Southvale Place, Phoenix; Mary-Anne Mandy of Alwyn Court, Point Road, her four-year-old daughter, Celeste, and another four-year-old identified only as Basil.

GEHRI STRAUSS Crime Reporter

treated at hospital. Five of the wounded were admitted to Addington Hospital.

Miss Karen Edgar, 19, of Bamboo Lane, Amanzimtoti, had shrapnel wounds in her shoulders. Mr Mike Ziesman and his wife Debbie of Maxwell Court, Pinetown, had lacerated legs. Mr Ronald Gilbert of Durban, was treated for concussion and Mrs Shirley Britten of Durban, who is expected a baby, was treated for shock.

Other injured were treated for lacerations and later allowed to go home while some were treated by their own doctor.

The bomb, placed in a car parked near the dock entrance on the bay side of Victoria Embankment, exploded shortly after 7.30 a.m. during the early morning peak-hour rush.

The three dead people were pedestrians walking near to the car when it blew up.

Mrs Green was flung into the lower branches of a large tree.

She fell on to the pavement where an unidentified railway engine driver rushed to her aid.

Her hair had caught alight and he beat out the flames as the woman gasped 'Help me! Help me!' and died in his arms.

The married Indian couple, scorched black from the fiery blast of the exploding car bomb, were also flung into the air and landed under a tree. The man died instantly, his wife a few minutes later.

The car disintegrated into pieces of flying shrapnel.

Larger pieces, including a whole door, ended up in the branches of another large wild fig tree beside a children's playground on the lawns near the harbour wall.

Other pieces of shrapnel were flung as far as 500 m in all directions and the remains of the car — the front wheels and part of the engine block — skidded, ablaze and smoking, about 20 m along the road from its original parking place.

The explosion blew a hole about a half a metre deep and nearly three metres across in the tarmac.

A passing combi was riddled with shrapnel and flung into the path of another car which crashed into it. Both drivers were injured.

Shops hit

A car driven by Mr Karl Wentlink was also riddled with shrapnel and set alight by the fiery blast.

Several other cars were damaged, five extensively and five others had broken windows.

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Experts from the police bomb unit

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Inside Beachfront flat crisis

THOUSANDS of beachfront flat-owners are faced with what amounts to eviction, if the Durban City Council goes ahead with plans for massive ground rental increases — in some cases by more than 1 000 percent.

Axe killer sentenced

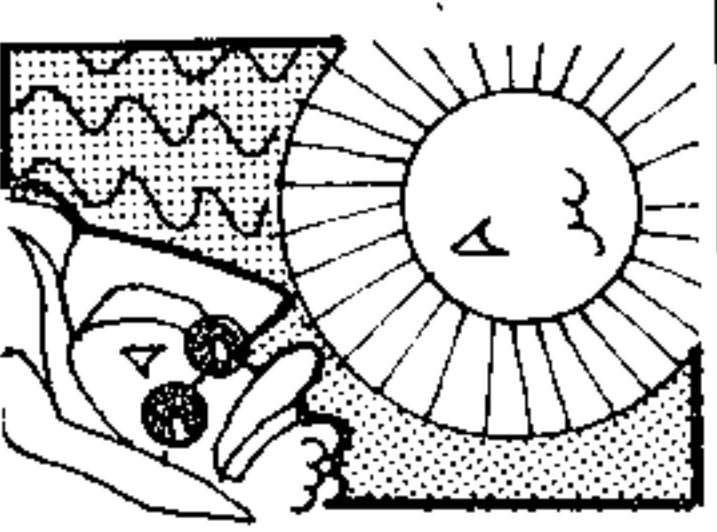
A CASUAL gardener, who was 16 years old when he axed his Durban North employer to death in order to rob her two years ago, was sentenced to life imprisonment after his trial in the Supreme Court, Durban, yesterday.

Unpaid million

ABOUT R1 500 000 out of a total of R15 million is still owed on Pietermaritzburg municipal rates and people who have not paid their 1983/84 rates by May 30 will have to fork an additional 18 percent a year interest, a council spokesman said. After that date an additional 10 percent collection charge would be levied.

The end for Gerrie?

AN ANGRY Judge W H O Klopper, president of the South African Boxing Board of Control, told yesterday how he had been snubbed by WBA heavyweight champion Gerrie Coetzee in Los Angeles and warned that if the South African went ahead with his controversial fight with Larry Holmes it could be the end of his career.



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An unidentified person believed to be a nurse, at the

Bomb Outrage

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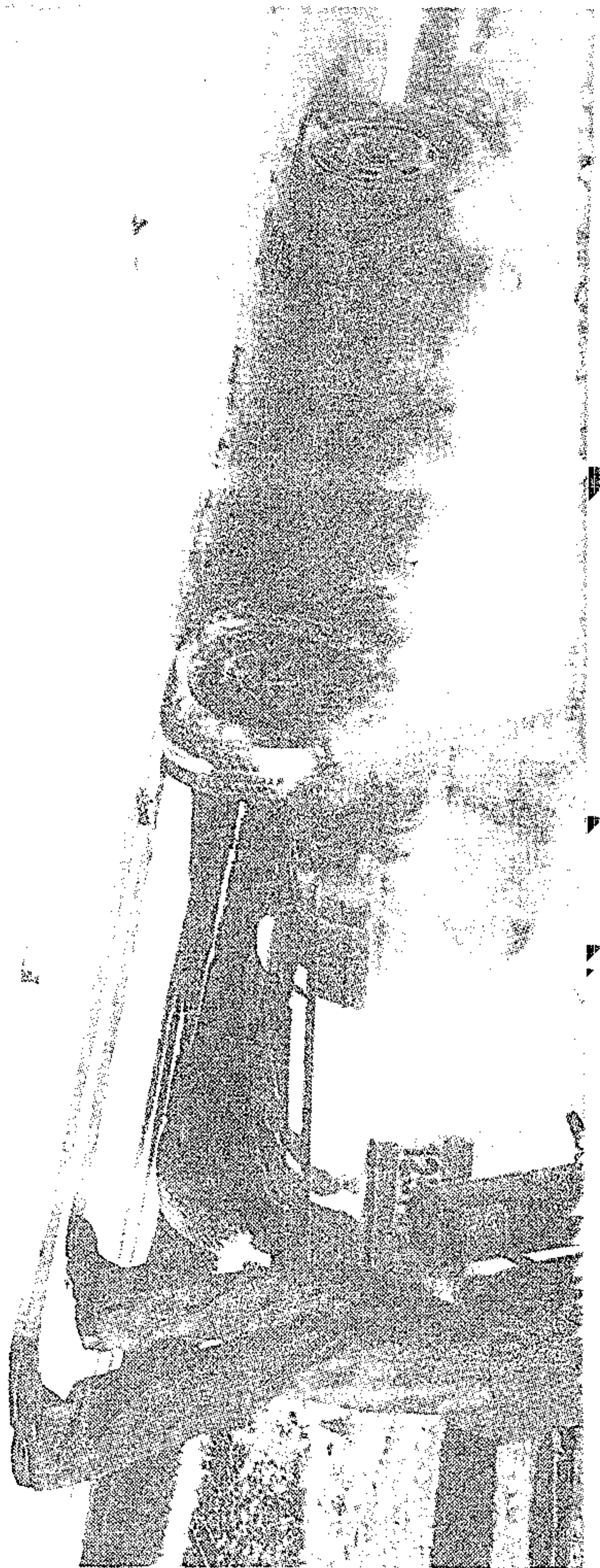
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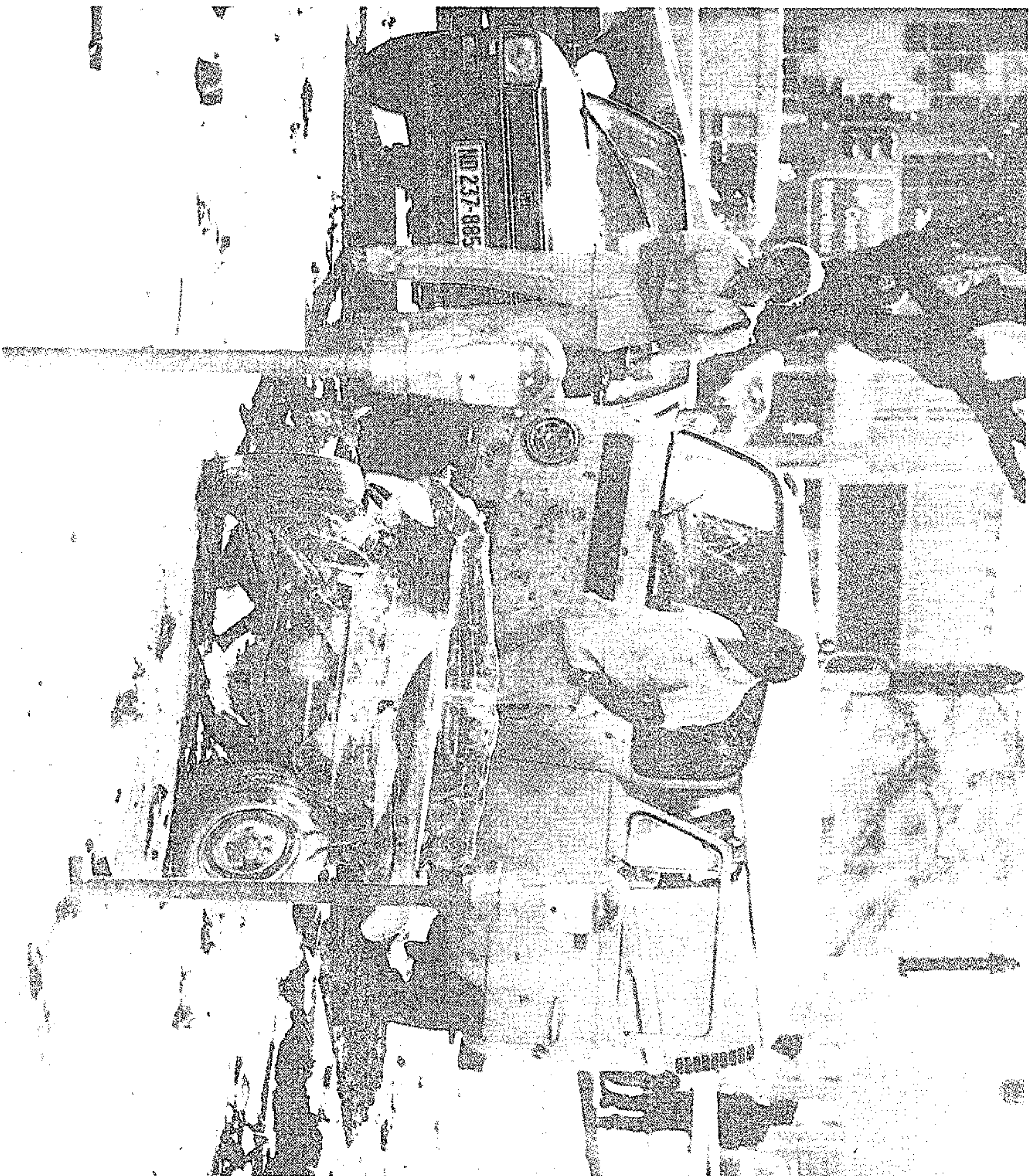
The Natal Mercury, Wednesday, April 4, 1984





An aerial view of the blast scene. The hole blown into the street by the explosion can be seen in the top left corner of the picture. The blast threw the remains of the car bomb past the kombi where it landed about 20 m away.

The driver of this car was also injured when it was struck by fragments from the bomb and burst into flames. People from shops across the way rushed out with extinguishers and fought the flames until firemen arrived and put out the fire.



The Victoria Embankment was cordoned off and police dogs, trained to sniff out explosives, checked out all cars parked in the vicinity.



Another view of the remains of the car bomb after firemen had extinguished the flames. The car disintegrated flinging pieces of metal as far as 500 m in all directions.

Another view of the kombi and a car which crashed into it when it was blown across the road by the blast.

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Public curiosity was 'frightening'

DOZENS of people rushed to the scene seconds after the bomb blast. 'Had there been a second bomb they would have been blown to smithereens,' said Mr Tommy Santos, who lives on the 29th floor of John Ross House.

Mr Santos, who immigrated from Mozambique three years ago, said: 'I am fairly used to bombs, but I found the public reaction frightening.'

Before the police arrived to clear the area, curious onlookers poured on to the Embankment from side streets and buildings.'

Half an hour after the blast there was panic outside John Ross House as

police shouted warnings to onlookers to take cover. It was feared that a badly parked green car with Transvaal number plates contained a second bomb.

Amid shouts of 'keep away from glass' and screams from frightened women, there was a stampede to get past ground-floor offices with plate glass frontages and into parking garages.

Police forced open the doors, boot and bonnet of the suspect car, but it proved to be a false alarm.

As tenants in the high-rise residential area recovered from the shock of the explosion, tales of near misses ran rife.

A bus crowded with pupils from Addington primary schools had pulled away from the site of the explosion minutes before the blast.

A truckload of young SADF men had been in front of a car that burnt out.

A witness, who asked not to be named, said: 'They must have been terribly shocked because they were screaming as the debris settled.'

On the fifth floor of John Ross House, a young woman, Miss Desiree Blancheberg, was comforting shocked neighbours.

A 91-year-old woman, locked in for her own

safety during the day work, her daughter is at all right but all the windows are broken.

In another flat, a kitchen door that had been closed before the bomb exploded, had been blown off its hinges and broken bottles were scattered across the entrance hall.

One woman had been blown across her bed by the impact of the blast. Similar tales were told by tenants in nearby blocks.

People in the Gables said their building had rocked and 10 blocks away a woman in 101 Victoria Embankment said a heavy mirror had fallen off the wall.

Two flat residents tell what happened

Mercury Reporter

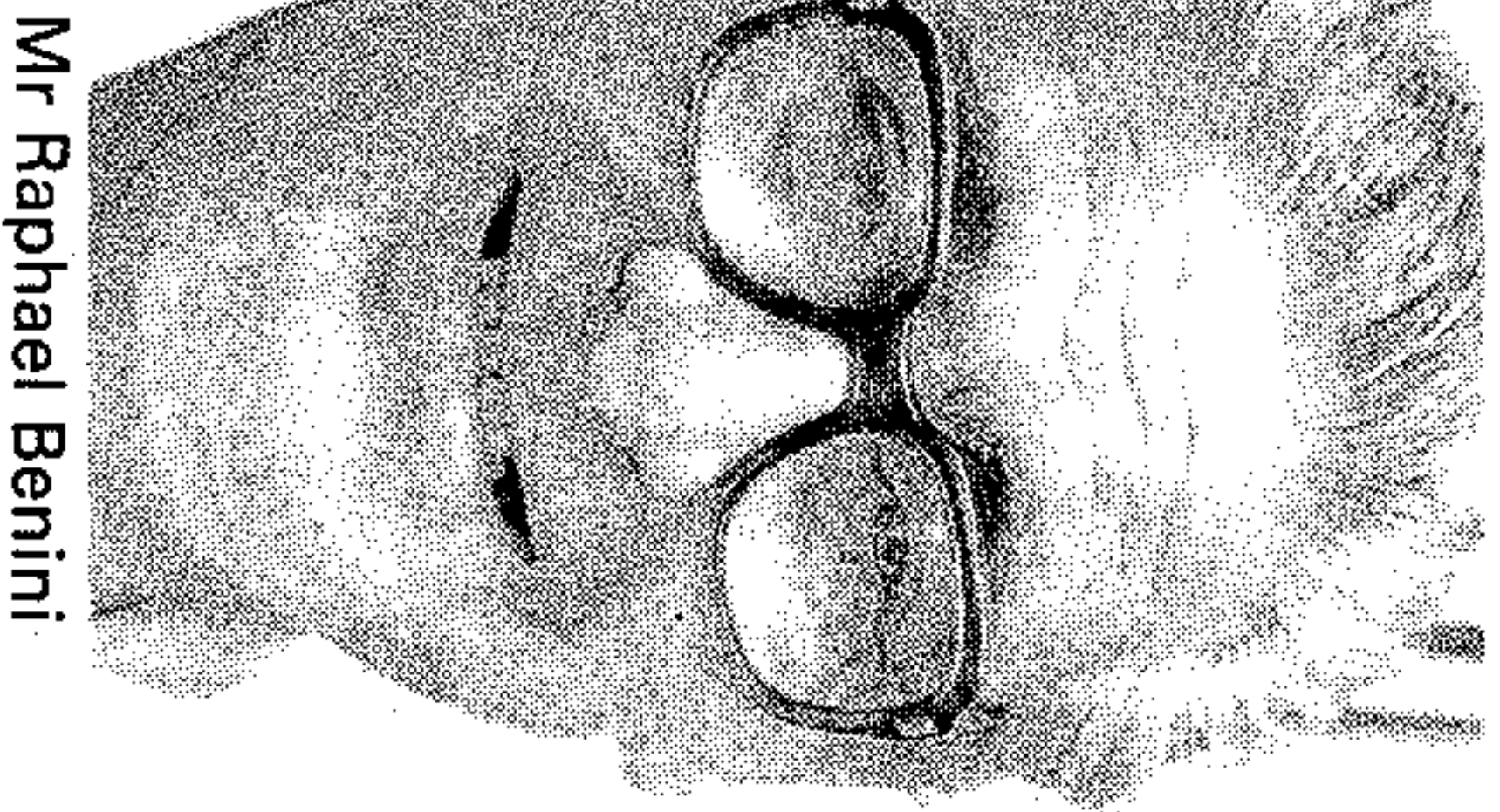
MR RAPHAEL BENINI, who was in his 6th floor flat at John Ross House, was thrown off his chair by the force of the explosion.

He said he saw a flash of flames and a shower of glass.

'Windows in my bedroom and diningroom were broken by the blast,' he said.

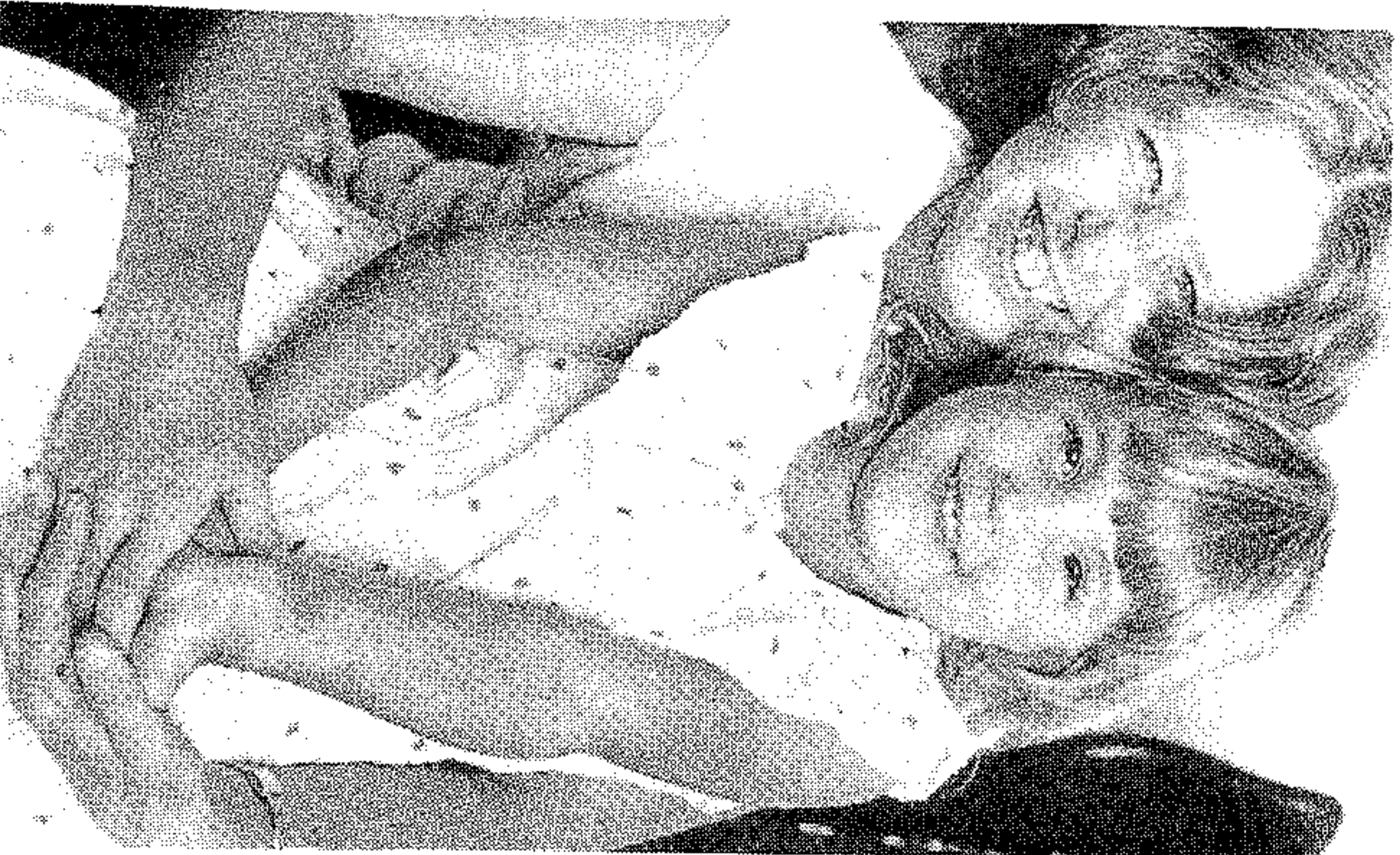
Another resident in the block of flats, Miss Paula Hawkins, who lives on the 16th floor, said she was standing at her bedroom window looking down into the street when 'a car exploded and a huge flame shot up.'

'There was a terrible explosion and the force lifted me off my feet and threw me back on to my bed. When I got up and looked there was just a mess down below with cars ablaze and glass everywhere,' she said.



Mr Raphael Benini

'It lifted me up and threw me against wall'



Four-year-old Celeste Mandy is seen sitting with her mother in a relative's Amanzimtoti flat where they were

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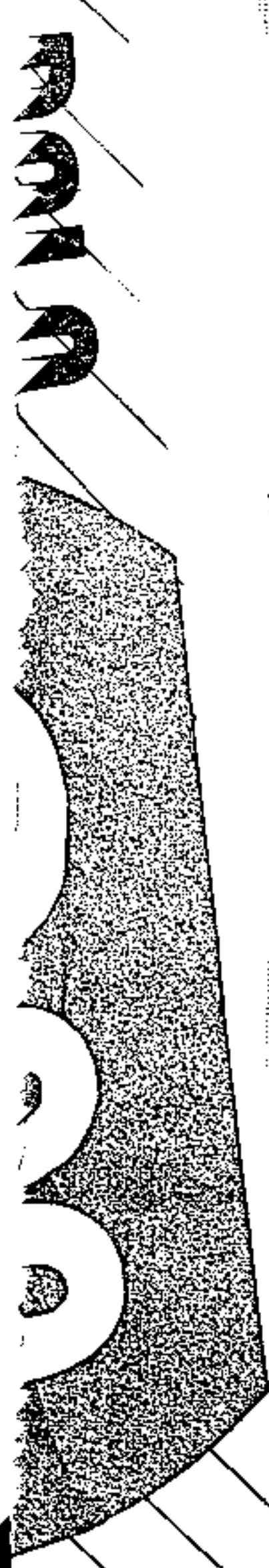
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Mercury Reporter
 A GLENASHLEY man, walking to work early yesterday, escaped serious injury when the car-bomb exploded less than 15m from him blasting him into the air.

'The force of the explosion lifted me up and threw me several metres against a brick wall,' Mr Stan Wallis said from his home after being discharged from hospital late yesterday.

He crumpled face-down against the wall as slivers of flying glass from nearby buildings and cars crashed to the ground around him.

He believed he was one of the closest people to

vived the explosion.

The 'explosive thump' temporarily deafened Mr Wallis and he was left with a severe headache.

'It all happened so quickly. The noise was terrific, but I was fully aware of what was happening. You simply don't expect a bomb to explode when you are walking along minding your own business,' he added.

Rushed

The force of the explosion slammed Mr Wallis against the wall so hard that his arm and knee were badly injured and he was taken to Addington Hospital for treatment.

discharged.

He found it very difficult to walk and his severely bruised arm was painful, although no bones were broken.

'I am very lucky indeed and can certainly count my blessings. I saw some people who were really badly injured. One had fragments in her back,' Mr Wallis said.

Because he landed at the base of the wall Mr Wallis was 'fairly well' protected from fragments and flying glass.

'The funny thing is that I have not used that route to get to work for more than six months — and this is what happens when I do,' he added ruefully.

recovery from Mrs Mandy Mandy was walking her daughter and a friend, Bazil van der Merve, 4, to school when the bomb exploded.

Woman and two children escape serious injury

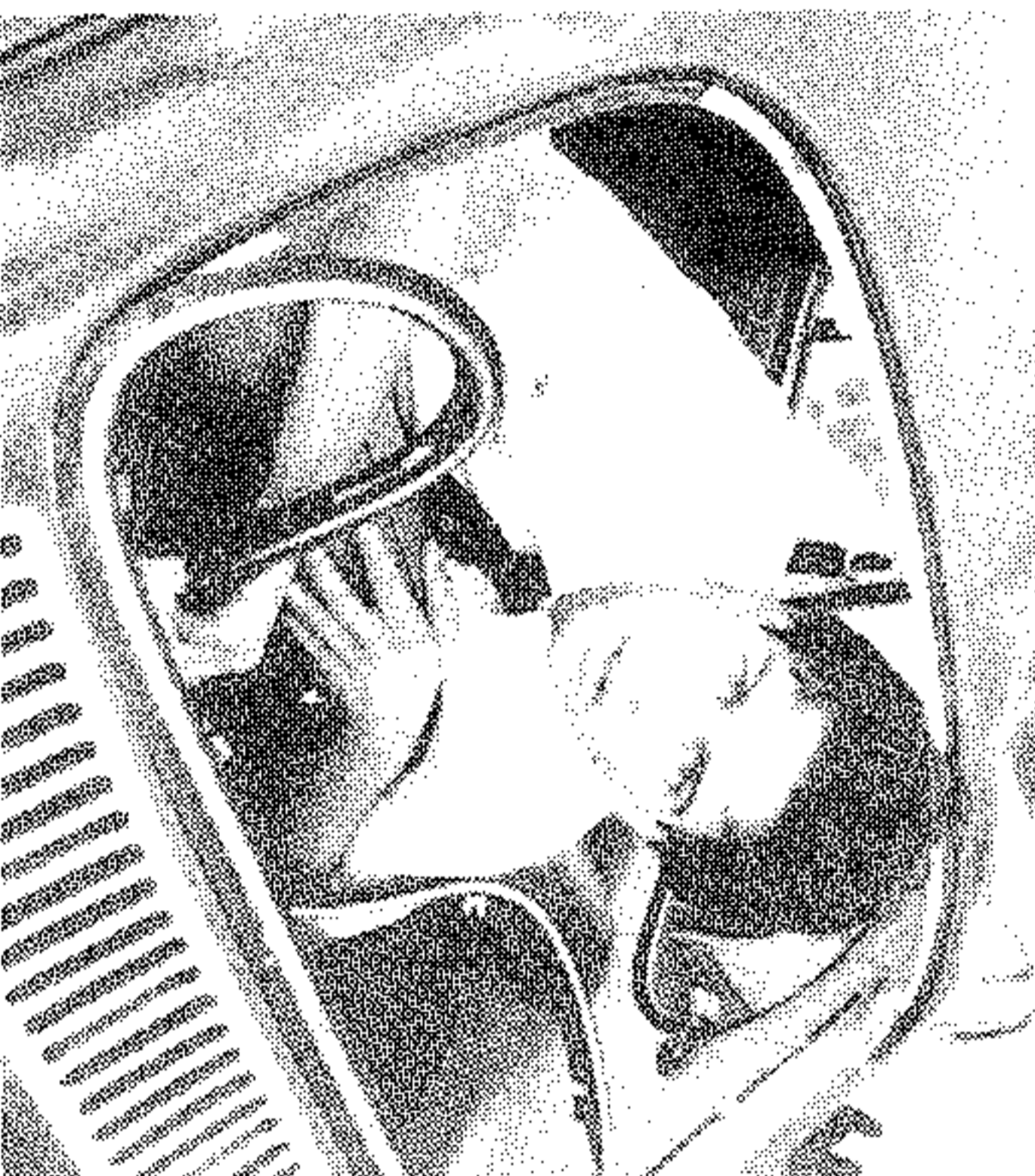
TWO four-year-old children and a young woman walking them to school narrowly escaped serious injury.

Celeste Mandy and Bazil van der Merve were grazed by flying glass and Mrs Maryanne Mandy was hit on the head by a piece of falling debris when they were walking past a furniture shop.

Mrs Mandy of 903 Elwyn Court, Point Road, said

she heard a loud bang and saw flying glass. 'I was hit on the head by something and when I recovered I saw that a car had blown up and a woman who had been badly cut,' said Mrs Mandy.

Mrs Mandy grabbed the children and ran to her husband who was at work at the customs office. 'I just wanted to get the children away from danger as quickly as possible,' she said.



Mr Colin Bester with his blast-damaged car. He escaped death by no more than two seconds.

Motorist's lucky escape from death

Mercury Reporter
 A DURBAN motorist's car was violently blown from the Victoria Embankment's fast lane onto the pavement when the car bomb exploded.

'I was travelling towards the beachfront when I heard a deafening blast. At first I thought a truck had sideswiped me. I just saw white in front of my eyes,' said Mr Colin Bester, 21, an assistant supermarket manager.

'When I looked in my rearview mirror I saw people lying on the road and there were cars scattered

all round. I escaped with my life by no more than two seconds,' Mr Bester said.

He said he drove away from the carnage, scared that another bomb would explode.

The blast had severely damaged his Volkswagen beetle. The back window and a side window were blasted out and the back of the car was smashed from flying shrapnel which tore off the bumper rubber.

'My ears are still ringing from the explosion and my doctor said I could expect this to continue for the next three days.'

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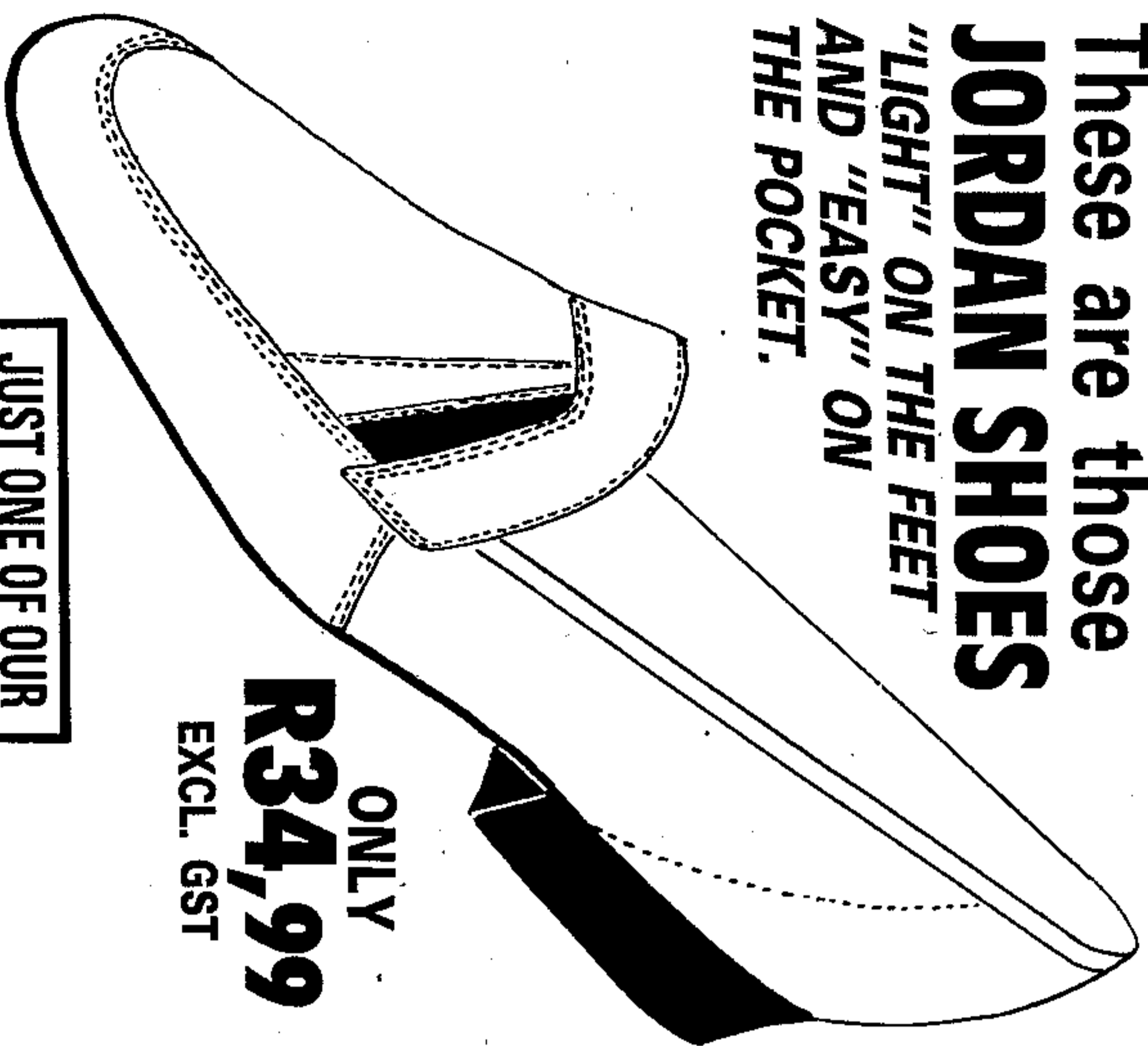
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The Durban car bomb is the fourth blast this year and follows the blast which gutted a Mobile fuel depot in Ermelo on March 11. On February 3 offices of the Ciskei consulate in Durban were destroyed, and a bomb went off at the Mandini power station on February 29.

The following is a list of bomb blasts, bombs found which failed to explode and other acts of sabotage reported by the press:

Jan 25, 1980: Terrorists hold hostages in a Silverton bank, four die in shootout with police six hours later.

June 1, 1980: Series of blasts at Sasolburg destroyed eight fuel tanks, five at Sasol and three at the neighbouring refinery Natref; followed the next day by the finding of three bombs at the Springs headquarters of Fluor, the consortium building the new Sasols.

Oct 1980: Hand grenade attack on West Rand Administration Board in Johannesburg.

Feb 7, 1981: Blasts rocks central Durban shopping centre. Two injured.

April 14, 1981: Blast derails coal trucks on Richard's Bay-Vryheid line.

April 14, 1981: Electrical sub-station in Durban blown up with limpet mines.

May 6, 1981: Blast on north-eastern Transvaal railway line.

May 20, 1981: Port Elizabeth's rail link with Johannesburg and Cape Town ripped apart.

May 25, 1981: Pamphlet bomb in Durban, Attack on Fort Jackson police station near East London. Railway lines damaged in Soweto and the Natal South Coast. Powerlines cut in Vrede, OFS.

June 1, 1981: Three Prog-

ressive Federal Party offices in Johannesburg fire-bombed.

June 4, 1981: Johannesburg and Meyerton police stations fire-bombed.

June 11, 1981: Railway line on Natal North Coast blasted.

June 16, 1981: Railway blast near East London.

June 26, 1981: Two bombs explode in Durban cenotaph.

June 28, 1981: Bomb damages railway line near Empangeni.

July 3, 1981: Limpet mines defused at fuel storage depot in Alberton.

July 21, 1981: Three-pronged sabotage attack on Transvaal Escom installations.

July 26, 1981: Two time bombs explode in central Durban's motortown.

August 6, 1981: Bomb explodes in East London central shopping complex minutes before rush hour.

August 8, 1981: A similar attack in Port Elizabeth.

August 11, 1981: Voortrekkerhoogte military base hit by rocket attack.

August 19, 1981: Blast damages railway line near East London.

September 2, 1981: Mabo-pane police station attacked: two policemen, a civilian and a child killed.

Oct 10, 1981: Bombs explode at a Durban railway station and the offices of the Department of Co-Operation and Development in the city.

Oct 21, 1981: Blast wrecks transformer in Evander, followed by attempt to blow Sasol 111 water pipeline in

nearby Secunda.

Oct 26, 1981: Two policemen die in an attack on Sibasa police station.

Nov 1, 1981: Jeppes Reef house on Swaziland border manned by SADF personnel attacked and destroyed in rocket and grenade attack.

Nov 9, 1981: Bombing at Orlando magistrates' court in Soweto.

Nov 12, 1981: Four Russian limpet mines blast Rosslyn power substation in Pretoria.

Dec 9, 1981: Explosion in the office of the chief commissioner at the Department of Co-Operation and Development in Cape Town.

Dec 14, 1981: Pretoria power sub-station bombed.

Dec 23, 1981: Bomb blast at the Eastern Cape Administration Board building in East London.

Dec 26, 1981: Terrorist band attack Wonderboom Poort police station.

May 21, 1982: Bombs hit Port Natal Administration Board building in Pinetown and Department of Coloured Affairs in Durban.

May 28, 1982: Limpet mines damage fuel depot and Escom transformer in eastern Transvaal.

Early June 1982: Terrorist attacks at Paulpietersburg and Vryheid in northern Natal.

June 28, 1982: Railway depot at Vryheid bombed. Blast shattered Durban-Witwatersrand oil pipeline at Scheepersnek.

July, 1982: Explosion at Port Elizabeth court.

October 26, 1982: Three bombs at Drakensberg Administration Board office in Pietermaritzburg.

Nov 8, 1982: Blasts rock small Zululand town of

Mkuze, severely damaging Mobil fuel storage depot.

Dec 18/19, 1982: Four major explosions at Koeberg nuclear power station.

Dec, 1982: Blast at Southern Free State Administration Board building in Bloemfontein leaves one dead and 70 injured.

Jan, 1983: Bomb at administrative buildings in Port Elizabeth.

Feb 18, 1983: Bomb in Free State Administration Board offices injures 76.

March 12, 1983: Bomb on railway coach on Johannesburg-bound passenger train.

March 21, 1983: Bomb at supreme court building in Pietermaritzburg.

April 21, 1983: Another explosion in the same place.

August 6, 1983: Limpet mine exploded at Temple Israel, Hillbrow.

Aug 26, 1983: Powerful explosion ripped through the Carlton centre offices of the Ciskei Consul General.

Sept 8, 1983: Bombs damage two electricity substations in Randburg and Sandton.

Sept 12, 1983: Bomb at the Ciskeian Government offices in Pretoria.

Sept 14, 1983: Bomb explodes Wilson-Rowntree factory in Durban.

Oct 11, 1983: Three bombs explode in Warmbaths, damaging storage tanks and railway tankers.

Oct 14, 1983: Two explosions damage pylons in Maritzburg.

Oct 29, 1983: Man arrested at Maritzburg hotel carrying a bomb — Prime Minister was due to speak at hotel.

Nov 1, 1983: A midnight bomb blast damages a number of buses of the Durban municipal transport bus depot. Another bomb damages railway line near Germiston station. Police defuse a third found on the Springs railway line.

Nov 3, 1983: Bomb explodes at the Bosmont railway station and another two damage a bus depot and police store in Durban.

Nov 22, 1983: Two explosions damage pylons in the Durban area.

Dec 7, 1984: Blast damages Johannesburg offices of the Commissioner's Court of the Department of Co-Operation and Development.

Dec 8, 1983: Locomotive and two railway trucks derails after bomb blast about 1 km from Bloemfontein.

Dec 12, 1983: Offices of the Department of Community Development in Bree Street, Johannesburg, devastated by limpet mine blast.

Dec 15, 1983: Seven injured in bomb explosion on the fourth floor of the Old Arcade Building which houses the offices of the Department of Foreign Affairs in Johannesburg.

Dec 15, 1983: Three bombs explode on the beach side of Durban's Snell Parade close to Natal Command Headquarters.

Dec 19, 1983: Two explosions cause R60 000 damage to KwaMashu township offices near Durban.

Feb 3, 1984: The Ciskei Consulate in central Durban is destroyed by a bomb.

Feb 29, 1984: Bomb explodes at the Mandini power station near Maritzburg.

March 11, 1984: Four explosions gut Mobil fuel depot in Ermelo.

April 3, 1984: Durban car bomb.

Durban bomb horror

'Help me,' cried victim

Cape Times 4/4/84 SKA

DURBAN. — A motorist told yesterday how one of the victims of the car bomb gasped "help me, help me" as he tried to beat out the fire in her hair. She died in his arms.

The woman was Mrs Erica Sigrid Green of Smith Street, Durban. Reports gave her age as 43 and said she had children.

The other two people who died were Mr Anamalai "Daya" Rengasamy, 34, and his wife, Mrs Leelavathi Navi Rengasamy, 29, who worked for shipping companies near John Ross House.

The three dead people had been walking near the car which exploded at 7.35am on Durban's Victoria Embankment across the road from John Ross House.

Mrs Green was flung into the lower branches of a large tree. She fell on to the pavement and the motorist rushed to help her.

Tokyo man

About 20 people were injured. Among them was a Japanese businessman, Mr K Oguri of Tokyo. Most were treated at Addington Hospital and discharged.

Mrs Shirley Briton, who was seriously injured, gave birth to a daughter prematurely last night as a result of the explosion, a hospital spokesman told SABC radio news last night.

The spokesman described the condition of both mother and daughter as "satisfactory". Three other people were seriously injured. They are:

The bomb, placed in a car parked near the dock entrance on the bay side of Victoria Embankment, exploded soon after 7.30am during the early-morning peak-hour rush.

The car disintegrated into a million pieces of flying shrapnel. Most of the larger pieces, including a door, ended up in the branches of another large wild fig tree next to a children's playground on the lawns next to the harbour wall.

Other pieces of shrapnel were flung as far as 500 metres in all directions and the remains of the car bomb — the front wheels and part of the engine block — skidded, ablaze and smoking, about 20 metres along the road from where the car had been parked.

Kombi flung

A passing kombi was riddled with pieces of flying shrapnel and flung into the path of another car which crashed into it. Both drivers were injured. A car driven by Mr Karl Wentink was also riddled with shrapnel and set alight by the fiery blast.

Several other motorists' cars were damaged — five extensively and five others merely had broken windows and windscreens. cont ↓



Police examine the wreckage of the car in which a bomb exploded in peak hour in Durban yesterday, killing three people and injuring 22.

Minister blames ANC

Political Staff

THE Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, yesterday directly blamed the banned African National Congress for the Durban bomb blast.

In a report from Dar es Salaam, however, an ANC spokesman said they had no knowledge of who was responsible for the blast.

"At this stage we cannot claim responsibility," the spokesman said.

Mr Le Grange said he was convinced that the horror blast had been perpetrated by the ANC, as it had been carried out in almost the same way as the Pretoria blast.

"This despicable deed will be condemned by all decent-thinking people and I wish to express my sympathies with the families of the dead and injured," said Mr Le Grange.

"I have no doubt that the ANC is responsible."

● The bomb blast ban was a major news item throughout Britain and Europe yesterday on radio, television and

in the press, the Cape Times correspondent reports from London.

The attack was condemned in unusually strong terms by the British Foreign Office, suggesting that Whitehall sees the blast as an attack on the Nkomati Accord, which Britain welcomed.

A Foreign Office statement said: "We have made clear on many occasions our strong condemnation of violence (including terrorism) from any quarter in Southern Africa.

"We therefore regret the tragic loss of life and injuries in the bomb explosion in Durban.

"It has long been our view that the problems of the region are better tackled by peaceful means and negotiation, and we have welcomed recent events in that spirit."

The ANC office in London has not claimed responsibility for the Durban attack.

● Opposition parties condemn on blast, page 4

● Miss Karen Edgar, 19, of Bamboo Lane, Amanzimtoti, who has shrapnel wounds in the chest.

● Mrs Debbie Zietsman of Maxwell Court, Pinetown, who has lacerated legs.

● An unconscious white man whose identity is not known.

Police, ambulance men and firemen were all on the scene soon after the blast, as well as bomb experts from the Security Branch. A large section of the Embankment from Gardiner Street to Stanger Street was cordoned off to traffic and pedestrians till 4pm yesterday while police collected all the pieces of the car bomb.

Dug into crater

Experts from the SA Police Bomb Unit and members of the SA Police Forensic Science Laboratory, who investigated the Pretoria car bomb which killed 16 and injured 197 people in May last year, were flown to Durban from Pretoria yesterday to investigate the Durban car bomb.

Police said early today that the bomb was made of plastic explosives and TNT.

It was detonated in the boot of a stolen car by radio control equipment or a timing device.

Mystified

The blast also blew in plate-glass windows of street-level shops in five buildings across the way from the bomb and shattered hundreds of window panes in the high-rise flats of John Ross House and Tiber Island.

Police said yesterday that they were mystified why the bomb had been placed at that particular spot on the Embankment. Strategically it could do little damage to property since it was on the open-ground side of the Embankment and not on the buildings side where a blast of that magnitude could have wreaked havoc.

'Kill and maim'

It was in the vicinity of "possible targets" such as the Department of Internal Affairs building — which was bombed in 1981, the Customs and Excise House and SAS Inkonkoni, the Citizen Force Navy Headquarters. But all were too far away to be damaged, except Internal Affairs, whose windows were shattered.

A police spokesman said the apparent motive of the bombers was to kill and maim people on their way to work in the early-morning peak period.

"They succeeded, and Durban, which has had many bombings in the past, has had its first fatalities at the hands of urban terrorists," he said. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

News 4/4/84
**Bomb blast
prompts
arrivals
of Lee-Ann**

Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — A woman who narrowly missed injury in the Durban bomb blast gave birth to a premature baby girl hours after the incident.

Mrs Shirley Brittain, 29, who was eight months pregnant, was having coffee with friends seconds before the blast. She had just dropped her son Ivan, 6, at the bus stop, where he was picked up for school.

"She got up to leave the table when the bomb went off," her mother-in-law, Mrs Josephine Brittain, said today. "She dropped on the floor on her stomach — otherwise she would have been cut to pieces by the flying glass."

When her daughter-in-law got to her feet, "she had to lie down again because she was in such a state". She went home and telephoned her mother-in-law from her flat.

"LOT OF PAIN"

"She said she was in a lot of pain. We took her to her doctor and he said she should go to Addington Hospital for a check-up."

She went into labour about an hour later.

A healthy baby girl, Lee-Ann, weighing 2,7kg, was born by caesarean section at 5pm yesterday.

Husband Brian, an engineer with Safmarine, is in Japan. He has been told of the birth.

● Durban bomb blast will not shake peace moves —

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Mrs Shirley Brittain with her premature baby Lee-Ann in hospital today.

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US, Britain deplore 'tragic loss of life' Durban bomb blast will not shake peace moves

AKSUS 4/4/84 (844)

Argus Foreign Service WASHINGTON. — The American State Department's chief Press spokesman, Mr John Hughes, said the US Government deplored yesterday's violence in Durban where a car bomb exploded on the Esplanade.

News of the blast has been a prominent in American radio and television broadcasts. While Mr Hughes did not elaborate, the US has warned consistently that South Africa's racial system contributes to the "cycle of violence" in the region.

CONDEMNATION

A Foreign Office spokesman said: "We have made clear on many occasions our strong condemnation of the use of violence, including terrorism from any quarter in Southern Africa. "We, therefore, regret the tragic loss of life and injuries in the Durban explosion. "It has long been our view that the problems of the region are better tackled by peaceful means.

REBELS IN SA

Meanwhile, some analysts here believe the car bomb may have been intended by rebels in South Africa, probably the African National Congress, to demonstrate effective-

Political Staff

THE Durban bomb blast will not shake South Africa's peace moves, although it is possible that the perpetrators may have come from Mozambique.

The Pretoria bomb blast last year brought a break-off in negotiations with Mozambique, and the South African Air Force launched an attack on ANC targets in Mozambique.

However, senior Government spokesmen today emphasised that the Durban blast, which claimed the lives of three people, would not affect the peace initiatives.

At the same time Opposition spokesmen called on the Government not to let the bombing affect the moves.

ANC blamed

Although the ANC was almost immediately blamed by the Minister of Police, Mr Louis le Grange, for being responsible for the terrorist attack, he was loath to say where the ANC perpetrators had come from.

Sources in the city said it was known that there were limited small groups of ANC terrorists in the Durban/Maritzburg area, as well as in Soweto.

Some of these people could have been infiltrated from Mozambique, either through Swaziland, or Lesotho, before the signing of the Nkomati Accord.

Mr le Grange said in an interview that he was satisfied that the Accord, and the security arrangements agreed on by the two countries, were sufficient.

"Cowardly deed"

In a statement earlier he said the bombing was a "cowardly and senseless deed." "This contemptible deed will be condemned by all reasonable people."

He gave an assurance that the South African Police would do everything possible to identify and track down the bombers.

Mr le Grange expressed his sympathy to the families of the people killed and to the injured.



Two of the dead, Mr Anamalai Rangasamy and his wife Leevavathi Navvi.

In Parliament the Progressive Federal Party, New Republic Party and the Conservative Party expressed their condemnation of the act.

Mr Brian Goodall, the first PFP speaker yesterday, said no one would benefit from a cycle of violence in South Africa, particularly where innocent people were finding themselves subject to terrorist attacks.

Mr Vause Raw, NRP leader, said the terrorists "must be hunted down as barbarous murderers of innocent people."

"Despite the revision at this sort of act, we

must not deviate from the road of peace."

Both men echoed Mr le Grange's expressions of sympathy to the families.

Explosives

● Sapa reports from Durban that the police have confirmed that the bomb, of plastic explosives and TNT, was detonated in the boot of a stolen car by radio-controlled equipment or a timing device.

The dead were Mrs Erica Green of Colchester House, Smith Street, and an Indian couple, Mr Anamalai Rangasamy, 34, and his wife Leevavathi Navvi, 29, of Bank-green Place, Greenbury, in Phoenix.

Among the more seriously injured who were admitted to Addington Hospital are Miss Karen Edgar, 19, of Bamboo Lane, Amanzimtoti, who has wounds in her shoulders; Mr Mike Zietzman and his wife Debbie, of Maxwell Court, Pieterstown, who have lacerated legs, and Mr Ronald Gilbert, of Durban, who was treated for concussion.

A grieving Mr Frank Green, an insurance company district manager, told The Argus Correspondent in Durban that he was at work when he heard colleagues talking of the blast. He questioned them about it and felt intuitively that his wife, Mrs Erica Sigrid Green, 42, had been on the scene.

"I was alarmed because my wife used to wait on the Esplanade for a lift to work. She was a receptionist at Unicorn Marine, Maydon Wharf," he said. "When the bomb went off in the car, she was right next to it, waiting for her lift. She used to stand in the same place each day."

Aftermath of the bomb blast



Wife's dash through fire

Mercury Reporter
'IT'S a bomb,' was Pinetown man, Mr. Michael Zietsman's first thought, as a ball of flame surrounded by darkness erupted beside his combi sending shrapnel crashing through the front of the vehicle on the Victoria Embankment early on Tuesday.

Recounting the car bomb horror from Addington Hospital yesterday, Mr Zietsman said his terrified wife, Debra, 20, had scrambled from the combi and — with serious leg wounds — rushed through a river of burning petrol to escape the carnage.

'I screamed at her, "it's a bomb, lie down flat" and eventually she did,' said her concerned husband from a wheelchair in the hospital.

With his face a mask of blood from slithers of glass from a side window, Mr Zietsman said he had followed his wife to 'comparative safety'. 'I was hobbling away when I looked down and saw my shirt was covered in blood and two of my toes were flapping, one with the bone sticking out.'

He fell, but finally managed to crawl to his wife's side where medical rescue teams found them.

Mr Zietsman said: 'We were only on the road because Debbie missed her cue teams found them.'

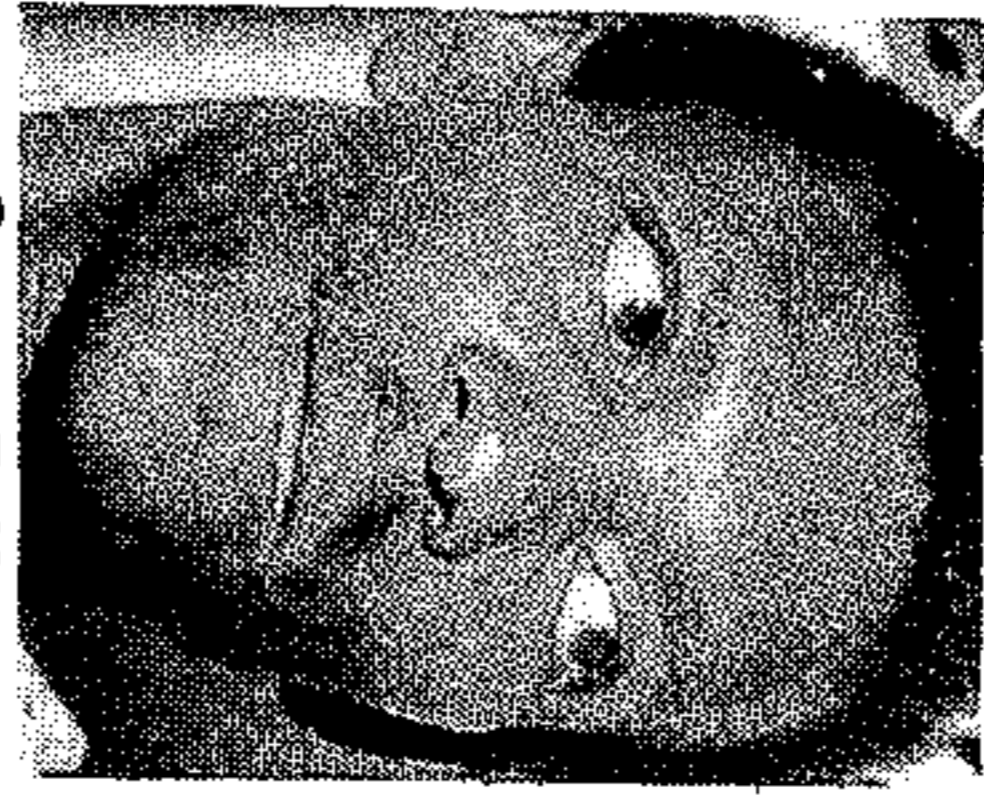
Mr Zietsman ducked to the right and saw the back window 'blow inwards while her husband shielded her, but glass from the side window, nearest the explosion peppered his face.

The measure inside the vehicle burst open the sliding door.

Shrapnel also burst through the front of the combi striking Mrs Zietsman in one leg and foot and splitting open two of Mr Zietsman's toes.

Within 10 minutes of the blast the couple had been carried to waiting ambulances and ferried to Addington Hospital where after surgery, they spent the night.

Const Drift Malope Shrappnel lacerates constable



CONST Drift Malope, a detective with the Railway Police at the Point, was one of the victims of the car bomb.

He said yesterday he had heard an explosion and could not recall anything afterwards. He was taken to King Edward VIII Hospital unconscious.

The constable received lacerations to the lower parts of his body from flying pieces of shrapnel.

A hospital spokesman said he was in satisfactory condition and was to be transferred to Clairwood Hospital.

He lives in D 1168 Sec. 1.

Witnesses step forward to help police

Crime Reporter
MORE than 25 people have responded to a police appeal in yesterday's Mercury to come forward with accounts or any information about the car bomb which exploded on Victoria Embankment on Tuesday, according to Maj Bert de Lange, at C R Smart Police Headquarters in Durban.

Maj de Lange, who is collating evidence on the bombing, said he had received 'some very good information, particularly about the stolen car in which the bomb exploded.'

He could not, he said, disclose the nature of the information.

'The essence of the police appeal revolves around the car which was an orange-coloured Datsun 100Y,' he said.

'It was parked at the third parking metre from Slanger Street on the bay side of the Victoria Embankment. We want to know anyone who has seen anyone who

idea how long it had been there or anything they can tell us about it.'

Twelve of the people who had contacted him had been slightly injured and had minor cuts treated by doctors or had applied their own first-aid. This brought the total injured to 34, he said.

'We want to appeal to anyone — not only those who were injured — who was in the vicinity of the blast to come forward and that includes motorists, whether their cars were damaged or not,' he said.

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Fast reaction to the explosion

Mercury Reporter
QUICK thinking and a rapid emergency radio message by two city policemen, who escaped the full violence of Tuesday's blast by a few seconds, ensured that medical rescue teams and police were on the scene within minutes.

Const K Gouender and Const I Bosch were patrolling the area in a car when the bomb exploded.

A spokesman said: 'They had just turned onto the Victoria Embankment from Prince Alfred Street when the bomb went off. Const

have a car bomb on the Victoria Embankment with fatalities and seriously injured.'

Windows
Damage to flats, offices and vehicles in the blast area is expected to run to hundreds of thousands of rands, according to insurance assessors and spokesmen for several buildings in the area.

A fire department spokesman told the Mercury that thousands of windows had been shattered by the blast — some as far as 300 m from the bomb site.

He believed the final R50 000 damage had been caused to the building.

More than 400 windows in neighbouring Tiber Island Flats were also broken by the explosion.

Yesterday insurance assessors visited a number of blocks in the area to check the damage

estimate.

A spokesman for the John Ross House flat and office tower block said that windows in 106 flats were broken and a number of office windows were also shattered.

Insurance
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on hand for the victims

Mercury Reporter

BOMB blast victims in financial trouble are advised to claim for medical, rehabilitation and other expenses from the State President's Fund for victims of terrorism.

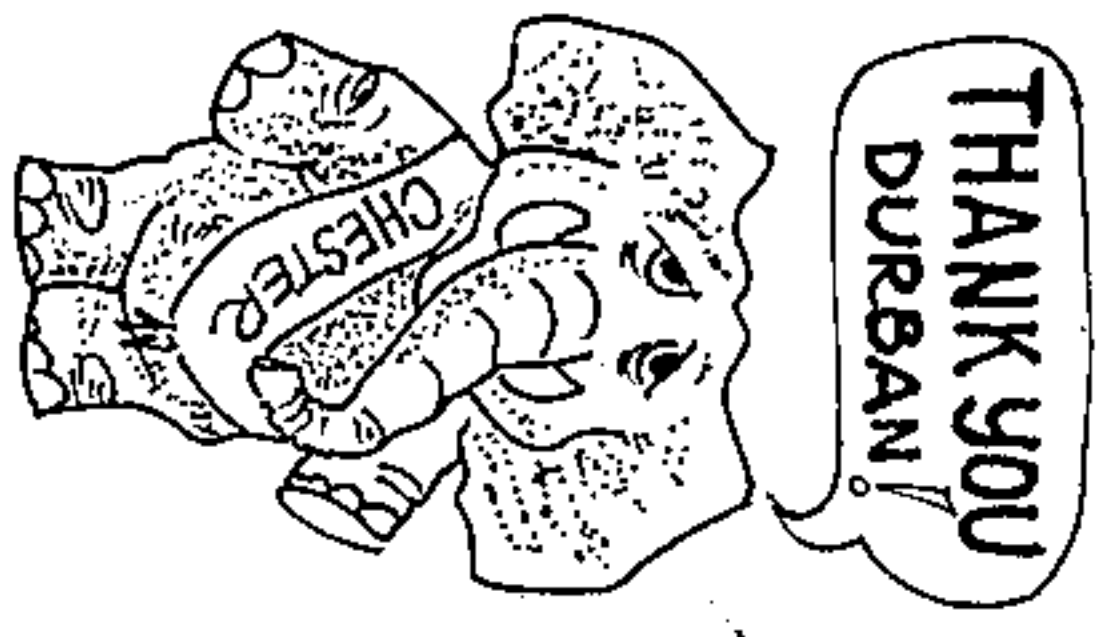
The fund's secretary, Mr J P Mouton, said yesterday that anybody could apply where acts of terrorism were concerned.

Those wishing to apply must fill in the necessary application forms, which can be obtained from my office, and the claim will be submitted to the executive committee of the board, which sits monthly, said Mr Mouton.

He said people could claim for medical and rehabilitation treatment. Victims' dependants could claim for financial hardship or distress. This included damage to vehicles.

Mr Mouton said the fund ran a continuous fund-raising campaign.

Claims forms can be obtained from Mr Mouton by telephoning 012 283156, or by writing to Private Bag, X83, Pretoria.

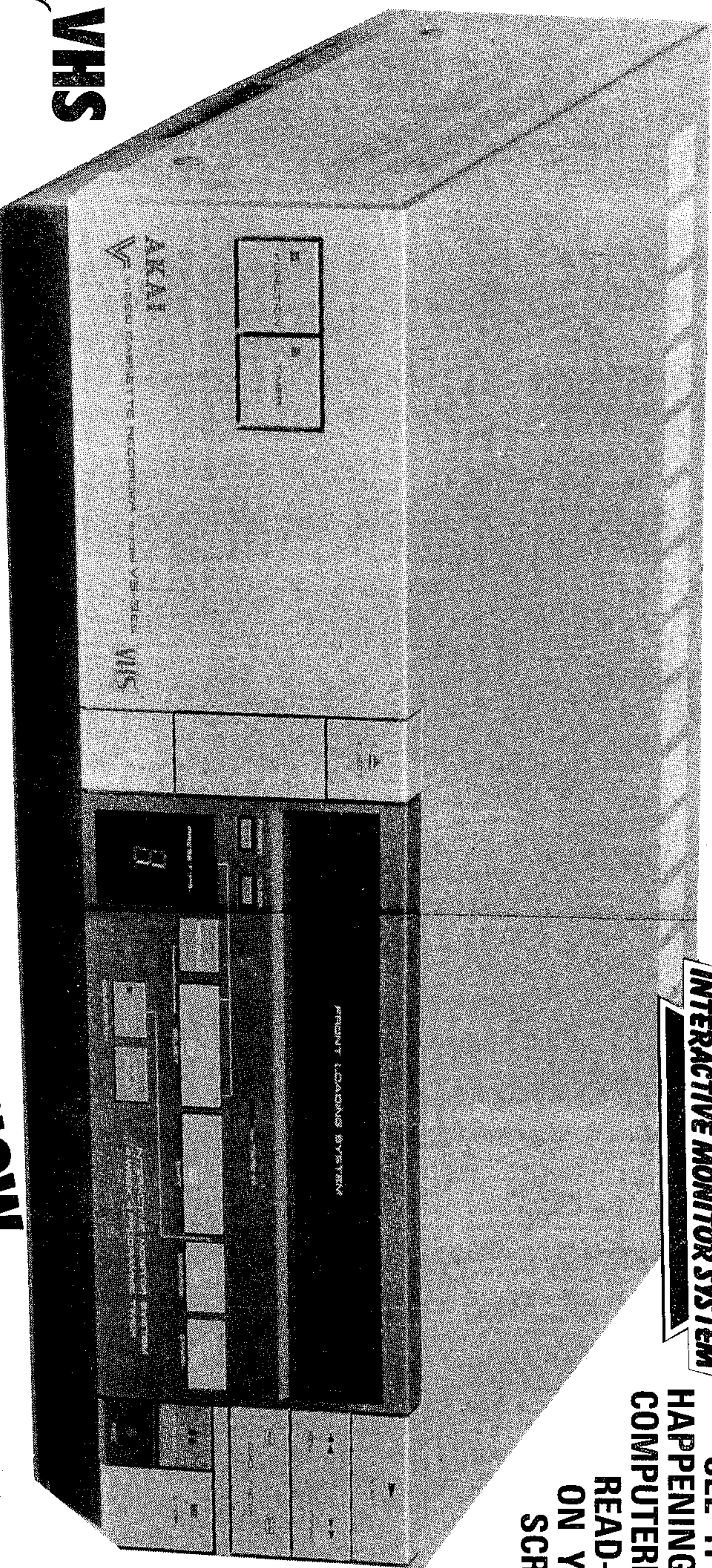


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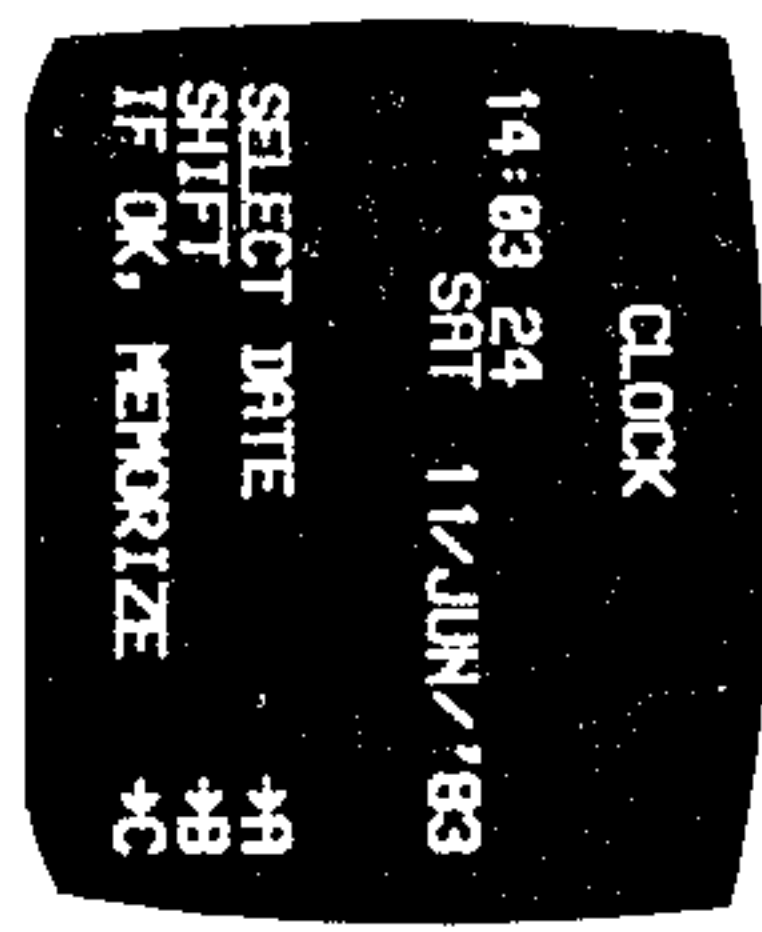
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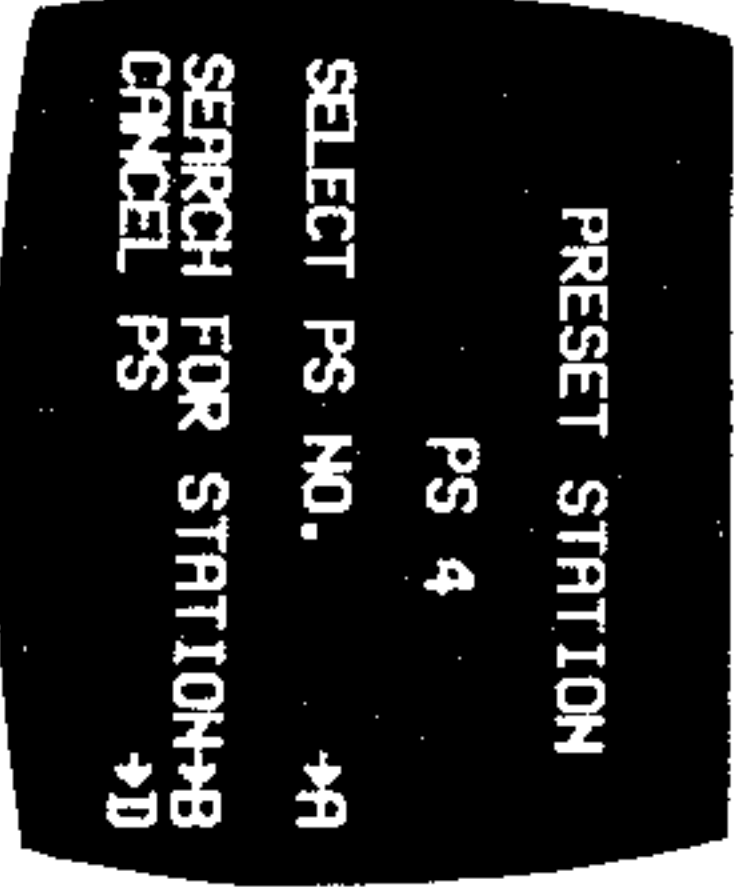
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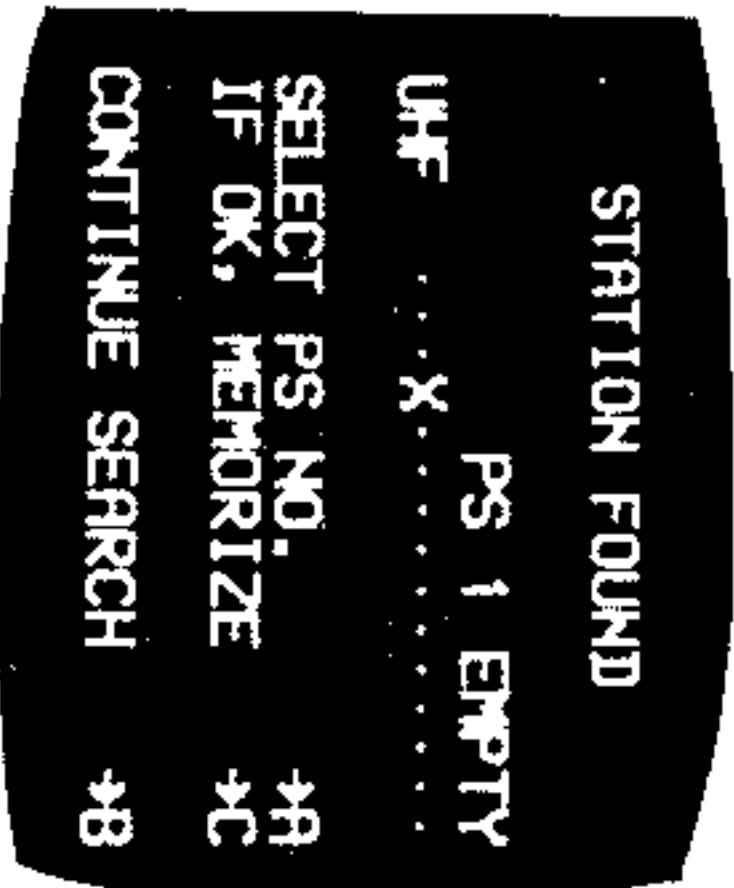
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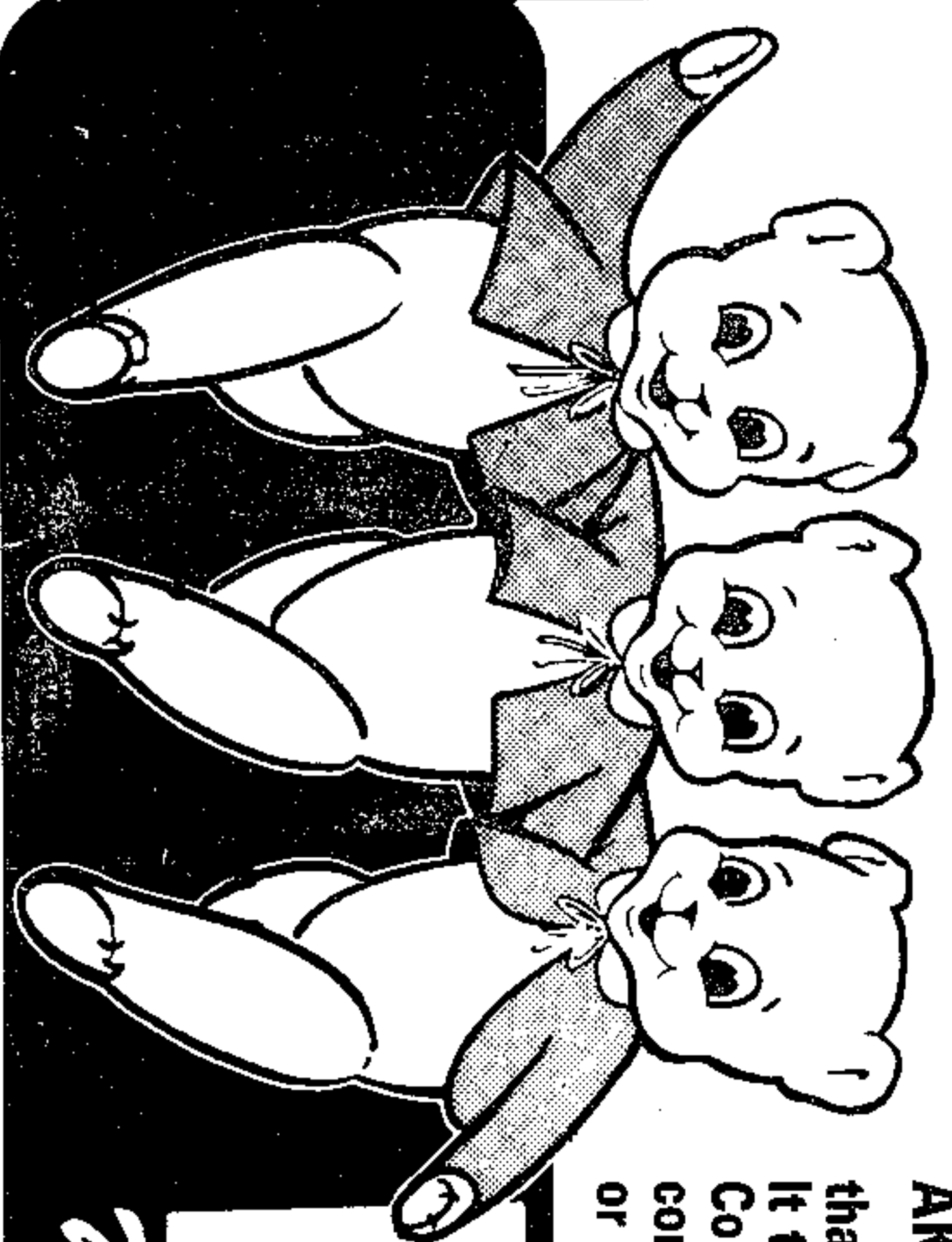
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SACC, leaders condemn bombers

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DURBAN. — Church leaders and leaders of the black states were unanimous in their condemnation of the Durban car-bomb blast on Tuesday morning in which three people were killed and 22 others injured.

The general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, Bishop Desmond Tutu, yesterday condemned the bombing.

Speaking at a press conference in Khotso House, Johannesburg, after his return from a visit overseas, Bishop Tutu said he had speculated that the African National Congress (ANC) might escalate its internal activity following the accord between South Africa and Mozambique and "perhaps would not show restraint but attack even civilian targets".

Prediction

"I am deeply saddened that if the Durban car bomb was their work, that my prediction should appear to be realized so soon."

He said the SACC was opposed to all forms of violence, irrespective of whether it came from the government or from "guerillas".

Bishop Tutu said that it became clear during his visit that there was no anti-South African feeling overseas.

"The world is not anti-South Africa. It is anti-apartheid," he said.

The Chief Minister of Kwazulu, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, condemned the bomb blast as an "inhumane" and "bestial" act, and expressed condolences to the be-

Condition of victims

DURBAN. — A woman who prematurely gave birth to a baby seven hours after the blast in Durban on Tuesday and her baby, were both in a satisfactory condition, the hospital said yesterday.

Mrs Shirley Brittain, 29, had a 2,9kg daughter by Caesarean section.

Miss Karen Edgar, 19, of Amanzimtoti, who was one of those seriously hurt in the blast, is in a satisfactory condition in Addington Hospital.

A spokesman said she had undergone an operation yesterday to remove metal fragments from her body. — Sapa

reaved, the SABC reported yesterday.

Chief Buthelezi said at Ulundi that the struggle in the country was against racism and apartheid, and not against ordinary people. There could be no justification for planting bombs in public places in South Africa.

He said he understood black anger in the face of oppression, but honour, patriotism and the commitments he was serving, led him to reject senseless killing.

"For us to be stamped into the kind of mental frame of mind the killers who planted the bomb have, would be as counter-productive as the explosion itself was.

"We should also be reminded that reconciliation in South Africa itself must take a very much higher priority than the reconciliation between the states of Southern Africa.

"We must pursue both, but unless the burden of our responsibilities is felt to be to achieve national reconciliation in South Africa, we will be faced with an ever-deteriorating situation in this country."

'Barbaric acts'

President Lennox Sebe of Ciskei also condemned the car blast.

"I strongly condemn any acts of violence and nothing will ever be achieved by such barbaric acts," President Sebe said.

The Freedom Party yesterday expressed its regret at "the unnecessary loss of life and injuries inflicted on unsuspecting and innocent victims".

In a statement, the national leader, Mr A P Booyesen, said his party condemned "this callous and dastardly deed as an act of cold-blooded murder and we see its perpetrators as cowardly gangsters".

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church expressed its sorrow for the victims and perpetrators of the "evil deed".

'Easy peace'

In a statement, the moderator, the Right Reverend L S L Mateza, said he felt "sadness for the victims of the evil deed and sadness for the perpetrators thereof".

The Methodist Church condemned the blast as "an act of senseless and wanton cruelty and destruction inflicted upon innocent people".

The Kenyan Daily Nation newspaper yesterday said the bomb attack had "shattered the racist rulers' dream that the recent peace accords signed between them and their neighbours would bring them an easy peace".

"The delusion inhibits their understanding that only the total dismantling of apartheid laws and practises could possibly usher in an era of peace. After all, peace and apartheid are inherently exclusive," the newspaper wrote. — Sapa-Reuter and Own Correspondent

American newspaper probes the reasons behind Durban incident

By Andrew Walker,
The Star Bureau

NEW YORK — Influential United States newspapers have given wide coverage to the Durban bomb blast.

In a lengthy article heading its international section the Christian Science Monitor said the bomb had "punctured the sense of near-euphoria that has permeated South Africa in recent months".

Under the heading: "Guerilla bomb lights fuse to South African white fears", the paper said the blast had served as an unpleasant reminder to the ruling whites that though attacks may slacken they are unlikely

Latest bomb attack has 'punctured SA euphoria'

to disappear — despite the Government's regional gains in countering black insurgency.

Saying it was assumed that the African National Congress was responsible for the blast which claimed three lives, the paper viewed the attack as a significant development after

peace moves such as the Niko-mati Accord.

The Monitor said: "The Durban attack found much of South Africa, particularly the whites, basking in a feeling of confidence that ANC violence had been shut off.

the Government's recent successes in neutralising black neighbouring states. Using military and economic pressures, South Africa has forced its neighbours to deny the ANC any bases for military activity against South Africa.

It said the Government's strategy appeared to be to make it impossible for the ANC to act militarily, thereby hoping to reduce the movement's "sizeable base of political support and sympathy among blacks in South Africa".

US considering tough action against terrorism

By Neil Lurssen,
The Star Bureau

WASHINGTON — The car bomb explosion in Durban comes at a time when the US Government is considering tough new ways of dealing with terrorism internationally.

Sources in the White House and at the State Department said studies of more effective means of countering acts of terrorism have been made by the US National Security Council and are almost complete.

It is understood they will deal specifically with the best way to respond to such acts when they are supported by foreign countries.

In a speech in Washington, the US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, suggested the possibility of pre-emptive action and a "bold" response to state-supported terrorism — such as the bomb that killed 241 American troops in Lebanon last October.

Yesterday State Department spokesman Mr John Hughes said the US had no information about the origins of the Durban attackers but he did term the attack an act of terrorism, saying that the US was committed to opposing all forms of terrorism.

Mr Hughes expanded his brief statement yesterday when he said the US deplored the attack. He said: "We deplore this violent event

and deeply regret the injuries and loss of life which occurred.

"The US is firmly committed to encouraging peaceful evolutionary change in South Africa. We are committed to opposing terrorism from whatever source and wherever it takes place."

In his speech, Mr Shultz described state-supported terrorism as "really a form of warfare" and said it was "doubtful that a purely passive strategy can even begin to cope with the problem".

He said problems of how and when to take pre-emptive action against terrorist groups and what kind of evidence was required first were among questions raised by the concept of a free society.

But, said the Monitor, the weakness of the strategy is that "it contains no political complement of reforms that would lessen black anger and frustration.

"If anything, South Africa's internal policies seem to be hardening black resistance and generating more support for the revolutionary changes promoted by the ANC."

In a report headed "South Africa blames exile rebel group for bomb", the New York Times quoted South Africa's Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, as blaming the ANC.

The newspaper said the blast had shed little light on the tactics being adopted by the Government's adversaries.

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Bloemfontein blast: culprit stays silent

By NORMAN PATTERTON

NOBODY has yet accepted responsibility for the blast which destroyed the Transkei Consulate's information and labour centre near Bloemfontein early yesterday, police said.

Saboteurs apparently burgled the centre — a house on the corner of King and Plaatjies streets in the black township of Bochabela — and placed the device inside for maximum blasting power.

The entire back half of the house was blown away at 1.18am, while the windows of surrounding houses were shattered.

Zinc sheeting from 75% of the roof, and lumps of concrete, was blown round the yard.

The explosion was heard kilometres away, but nobody was injured since the house was not used at night.

Uniformed police guarded the ruins yesterday, while a few children played in the street nearby.

The Transkei Consul, Mr L Maya, said the attack had surprised him.

Mr Peter Matanzima, the Consulate's information officer, said dozens of valuable documents had been destroyed.

Security Police would not say what type of explosive had been used or give further information about the blast.

But nobody had been arrested, said police spokesman Major Chris de Beer.

The attack came three days after a bomb placed in a car in Durban killed three people and injured 34.

An ANC spokesman reportedly told the SABC telephonically from Lesotho that the ANC was responsible for that blast.

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Consulate's

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bomb blast

Crime Reporter

A BLAST rocked the Transkei Consulate's Information and Labour Government offices in a Bloemfontein township early yesterday.

According to a police spokesman, bomb experts were on the scene to establish the cause of the explosion which occurred at 118 a.m.

Nobody was injured in the blast which caused damage estimated at about R20 000. No one has yet claimed responsibility for the explosion.

Sapa reports that the Transkei Consul, Mr L Maya, said he was surprised the consulate's information building had been chosen for the act of terrorism.

Call

The building is on the corner of King and Matchacqoihok Streets, while the consulate itself is located in central Bloemfontein.

The explosion followed a call the SABC received in which a man said that more bomb explosions could be expected.

A man said he was speaking on behalf of the ANC and that his organisation accepted responsibility for the terror bomb in Durban earlier this week.

Mr Peter Matanzima, the consulate's information officer, whose office was in the building, yesterday searched through the rubble for important official documents.

He said it must have been a powerful bomb because corrugated iron and pieces of concrete from the building had landed on the roofs of adjoining houses.

He said it would take months to replace the most important documents.

A policeman on the scene said the bomb was at the back of the building.

The building was nearly destroyed and windows were shattered in houses nearby. Residents said the blast was 'ear-shattering' and the ground shook for about half a minute afterwards.

Damaged

The Johannesburg and Durban offices of the Ciskei Government have been damaged by bomb blasts in the past for which the banned African National Congress claimed responsibility.

The explosion followed the blast in Durban on Tuesday which killed three people and injured 22 when a car bomb exploded on the Victoria Embankment during morning rush hour traffic.

This was the seventh bomb explosion in the Bloemfontein area in the past 18 months and the second in the black residential area. The first was in February, 1983, in the building of the Southern Free State Administration Board in which one person was killed and 76 were injured. — (Sapa)

Blast wrecks T'kei office

BLOEMFONTEIN — No one has yet accepted responsibility for the blast that destroyed the Transkei Consulate's information and labour centre near here early yesterday, police said.

Saboteurs apparently broke into the centre — a house on the corner of King and Plaatjies Streets in the township of Bachabela — and placed the device inside for maximum blasting power.

The entire back half of the house was blown away at 1.18 am while the windows of surrounding houses were shattered.

Corrugated iron sheets from the roof and lumps of concrete were blown around the yard.

The explosion was heard several kilometres away but no one was injured since the house was not used at night. Damage has been estimated at R20 000.

Uniformed police guarded the ruins yesterday while a few children played in the street nearby.

The Transkei Consul, Mr L. Mayo, said the attack had surprised him while Mr Peter Matanzima, the consulate's information officer, said dozens of valuable documents had been destroyed.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Mtutuzeli Lujabe, said in Umtata last night that the blast was one of those unfortunate incidents hap-

pening in a political climate where there was little sanity.

"It is difficult to understand how such actions can be directed at the offices of a black government manned by black people.

"We cannot say what the purpose or intention is. I asked our consul-general and he had no idea what it was all about.

"In the circumstances it is difficult to comment fully or to reply."

Mr Lujabe said the Transkeian government condemned violence in any form and it was indeed a dangerous situation when explosives were in the hands of violent, misdirected people.

Security Police would not say what type of explosive had been used or give further information about the blast.

No one had been arrested, a police spokesman, Major Chris de Beer, said.

It was the first known act of sabotage against a Transkei institution. Ciskei offices have been bombed several times during the past year.

The attack came three days after a bomb placed in a car in Durban killed three people and injured 34. — DDR-DDC



The charred remains of Transkei's labour and information centre in a Bloemfontein township after it was wrecked by a blast yesterday.

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**By TICKS CHETTY
SHAUN HARRIS and
MICHAEL JOHNSON**

A YOUNG boy stood motionless at a graveside as a throng of mourners surged around him to catch a last glimpse of the coffins containing the bodies of his parents, blasted to death by a car bomb.

Son of bomb victims grieves at graveside

Suddenly orphaned, only child Terence Rengasami, 6, wept silently as the coffins were lowered slowly into the side-by-side graves in the quiet stillness of the leafy Redhill Cemetery in Durban.

Daya Rengasami, 31, a former South African Students Organisation and Black Peoples' Convention activist, and his wife, Navi, 27, were walking hand-in-hand to work on the harbour side of Durban's Esplanade on Tuesday morning when they were killed in the bomb blast.

Their bodies, with that of Mrs Erica Green, 43, of Smith Street, Durban, were badly burned, and 22 people were injured in the blast. More than a thousand people, including the white employers of the dead couple, attended the funeral in the Indian township of Phoenix

on Thursday afternoon. The graveside speeches did not refer to the ANC, which so far has refused to confirm or deny that it was responsible for the blast.

But the need for reconciliation between South Africa's races was emphasised. South African Indian Council member, Mr S V Naicker, said: "We realise today what the use of violence to bring about change can do. It has claimed the lives of two people and left a child an orphan.

They must continue in our efforts to create a better South Africa for all its people. But let's please do it through peaceful means," Mr Naicker said. Mr Rengasami's younger brother, Mr Gary Govind-

samy, this week appealed to the Government to unban its opponents, bring those in exile home and find a peaceful solution to South Africa's problems.

He also asked what moral right the perpetrators of the death blast had to kill his brother, his sister-in-law and orphan his six year-old nephew. "I don't know who placed the bomb," he said, "all I want to know is why my brother and his wife were killed in cold blood?"

"My brother's death must not be in vain. We must rededicate ourselves to a better South Africa — without violence, without hate, without bloodshed. "Let those who believe in violence look little Terence in the eye and tell him why his mummy and daddy were killed — and let them tell

they failed to find a more appropriate place to park it. "It's also likely that they mishandled the bomb's timing device — it's unlikely that the bomb was meant for civilians."

But Professor Deon Fourie of the University of South Africa's Institute of Strategic Studies said he believed the bomb was aimed at the public.

"The ANC has never been concerned about civilians, in spite of their claims to the contrary. "It's also a fallacy that they don't want to harm black civilians. The ANC don't care what race they hit — they want to frighten whites and win the support of blacks through fear."

Professor Fourie said the ANC would probably step up its terror campaign as South Africa continued to sign peace agreements with its neighbours.

Professor Lodge said it was unlike the ANC not to make it clear what their target was — this is why he believed the bomb was probably a bungled attempt.

He said, however, that he found it "grotesque" that the ANC should withhold a statement on the incident after learning that a former black rights activist had been killed in the explosion.

It was reported that the ANC had prepared a statement on the blast which was held back when it learned that Mr Daya Rengasami was killed.

"If civilians are going to be killed it shouldn't matter to the ANC who they are," Professor Lodge said.

Car

Police are still in the dark about many aspects of the death bomb. "It could be days before we discover what type of explosive was used, its origin, and how it was detonated," a senior police spokesman said yesterday.

Police were not prepared to disclose the name of the owner of the stolen car used for the bomb. "If she is prepared to come forward, that's up to her. But we are protecting her identity," the spokesman said.

The banned African National Congress yesterday denied an SABC report earlier this week that it had claimed responsibility for the bomb explosion.

Appeal

"We must continue in our efforts to create a better South Africa for all its people. But let's please do it through peaceful means," Mr Naicker said. Mr Rengasami's younger brother, Mr Gary Govind-

Mishandled

"This incident does not conform with the normal pattern of ANC attacks. "The Durban bomb does not seem to have had an obvious target — my guess would be that the car was abandoned by the attackers when



Mr Gary Govindsamy comforts a weeping Terence at his parents' graveside

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More to come?

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The terror bombings in Durban and Bloemfontein last week were not unexpected. However there are those who believe they actually mark the "beginning of the end" of the ANC's terror campaign in SA.

"Terrorism," Police Commissioner, General Johann Coetzee, said last Sunday, "is planned over a long period and the (Durban explosion) had apparently been planned some time ago." It should therefore not be seen as a new phase in the strategy of the banned organisation.

Saying that the peace initiatives between neighbouring states in southern Africa would cause logistical problems for the ANC, Coetzee added the ANC would have to reassess its attacks on SA.

It could be argued, therefore, that cells of Umkhonto we Sizwe (the ANC's armed wing) infiltrated into SA "some time ago" will gradually play themselves out. Cer-

tainly, they will not be helped by the anti-ANC peace accords which will, to a considerable degree, restrict ANC supply lines from Mozambique and Swaziland.

The ANC President, Oliver Tambo, made statements after the Nkomati Accord — but he may not be quoted in SA.

Says the University of the Witwatersrand's Tom Lodge, who has made a study of the ANC: "One should not expect a cessation" of ANC terror as a result of Nkomati. He points out that the organisation still "has people in the country."

The Director of the Pretoria Institute of Strategic Studies, Mike Hough, says: "The Nkomati accord does not mean that all infiltration will cease. It is very difficult to stop everybody."

He points out that there are cases of insurgents infiltrating from Zimbabwe and Botswana without the consent of those governments. Hough adds that there may be some ANC terrorists still in the country and that the organisation has attempted to build up arms caches.

Facilities

The ANC's claim to rely on support inside SA will now, however, be tested as SA's "cordon sanitaire" of neighbouring states is reconstructed to cut off the organisation's facilities.

Although Botswana sees no need to enter into a non-aggression treaty with SA it has always denied harbouring ANC militants. In fact that country has never been considered a major insurgency base.

Lesotho, a known ANC conduit in the past, may yet sign an Nkomati-type pact with Pretoria.

Although relations with Lesotho are not good, its Foreign Minister, Evaristus Sekhonyana, was in Cape Town earlier this week to confer with Foreign Affairs Minister Pik Botha. Significantly, Sekhonyana also met PM P W Botha — but no statement was issued after the meeting.



Coetzee ... looks for the ANC

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Fire started after dispute

EAST LONDON — Police are investigating a fire which broke out in a storeroom at the old Summerpride drive-in site late yesterday afternoon after an alleged pay dispute.

The fire broke out in a room of the old projection booth which was rented by an insurance company to store cotton salvaged from a fire at Consolidated Textile Mills last year.

Mr John Glen-Leary, who stays on the property adjoining the old drive-in, which is being used to house the salvaged cotton, said he was exercising his dog when he saw about 80 people milling about the projection booth.

"I thought this was strange until I realised that the workers employed by the insurance company to sort the cotton were being paid before the long weekend", he said.

"While I was watching, I saw a man come round the corner of the building with what seemed like a food container."

"He threw the container into the back room and then threw a match in after it. After that there was an explosion and just flames and black smoke."

Mr Glen-Leary said the fire brigade arrived after about 10 minutes. "If they hadn't arrived so quickly, the fire could easily have spread to the surrounding houses."

Colonel R. E. C. Hardy, the district commander, said he believed there was some disagreement between the 80 workers employed to sort the salvaged cotton and the paymaster.

Major W. W. Brown, the police press liaison officer for the Border, said no arrests had been made but police were investigating a case of malicious damage to property.

A spokesman for the Fire Department said the fire was brought under control soon after they arrived but the cause could not be established.

He said they were still investigating. — DDR

8 injured by bomb in EL bus

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By KEITH ROSS

EAST LONDON — Eight people were burnt, five seriously, when a petrol bomb was thrown into a bus near East London today.

The bus was carrying workers from Mdantsane to the city when it was stoned by a small group of men on the Qunza highway.

Stones smashed through windows and the driver lost control of the bus.

The bus left the road and stopped. A petrol bomb was then thrown through a broken window.

The bomb exploded, trapping a group of passengers in the back of the bus.

Other passengers and residents of the area helped to rescue those who were trapped in the blazing bus.

The eight injured people were taken to the Cecilia Makiwane Hospital in Mdantsane.

The petrol bombing was one of the worse incidents of violence against commuters since a bus boycott started in the area nine months ago.

The police Press liaison officer for Ciskei, Colonel G Ngaki, said the attack on the bus had been launched by a small group of about three men.

Colonel Ngaki believed the attack was an expression of the frustration felt by a hard core minority of boycotters

because growing numbers of commuters were again using the buses.

He said bus stonings, which were frequent in the early days of the boycott, had now become isolated incidents.

Colonel Ngaki promised bus commuters they would now get "maximum protection" from the police.

He would not specify what form this protection would take.

The boycott started over a hike in fares by the Ciskei Transport Corporation, which runs the service between the sprawling Mdantsane township and East London.

The chairman of Mdantsane's Committee of 10, Mr Nzwandile Mampunye, said last month the boycott would continue till the fares were reduced and the bus company broke all ties with Ciskei.

The company was involved in another controversy when it announced it was to retrench 240 of its workers.

The CTC later announced that the retrenchments would be suspended, following the reported intervention of the Ciskei President, Mr Lennox Sebe.

Petrol bombs thrown into 6 Cradock homes

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Post Reporters

PETROL bombs were thrown through the windows of the homes of six prominent Ilingelihle residents in Cradock last night.

The township residents, still reeling from the shock of last week's spate of bombings, have likened the situation to a minor form of the 1977 riots, the Mayor of Ilingelihle, Mrs Doris Hermaans, said today.

The two dud petrol bombs thrown through Mrs Hermaans's lounge window last night follow hard on the heels of the four petrol bombs — also all duds — flung through her window

last Monday.

Other residents to have petrol bombs thrown at their homes last night were teachers Mr Joe Kanana and Mrs Violet Norma; South African Police constables T Siteto and Z Nkoe; and Mr J Mbayiso, a school inspector.

In all cases the bombs did not ignite.

"We all live in fear of our lives and are too scared to meet and discuss the issue in case our gathering place is bombed too," Mrs Hermaans said.

Early yesterday morning a petrol bomb flung into the home of the acting chair-

man of the Cradock Residents' Association, Mr Gladwell Makawula, caused damage estimated at R4 000.

Mr Makawula's lounge was gutted by the explosion, which he alleges was accompanied by a strong smell of teargas.

"But it is only a matter of time before live bombs are thrown at our homes," Mrs Hermaans said.

The bombings have psychologically already taken their toll.

Most residents are too scared to walk along the badly lit streets at night and are unsure which fac-

tions in the township are to blame.

Mrs Hermaans said her mother had suffered a heart attack through fear since the unrest first began.

According to the police Press liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Major Gerrie van Rooyen, no arrests have been made and police are still investigating.

Meanwhile, the fate of the teachers who are at Nqweba Secondary School in Graaff-Reinet and at schools in Ilingelihle Township, Cradock, are uncertain because of the schools' boycott.

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Petrol bomb attack on bus injures 8

D. Dispatch 26/4/87

MDANTSANE — Eight people were seriously injured when petrol bombs were thrown at a CTC bus in Zone 1 here early yesterday morning.

The bus which was travelling to East London was slightly damaged.

An eye-witness, Mr Z. Yantolo, said the bus was full of commuters. He said there was widespread panic with passengers screaming and jumping through windows to get away.

Ambulances and fire tenders rushed to the scene. Mr J. N. Mfihlo, chief of the Mdantsane fire brigade, said the fire was quickly extinguished.

The injured were ferried to Cecilia Makiwane Hospital. A hospital spokesman said five people had been admitted with serious burns and three were treated and discharged.

Major A. Ngaki, Ciskei police liaison officer, said: "A person from outside threw a stone at the driver of the East London-bound bus.

"The driver stopped the bus to investigate. Soon after three youths threw several petrol bombs at the bus and the bus caught alight.

"Eight people were taken to Cecilia Makiwane and the condition of five people is serious."

Major Ngaki said no arrests had been made but police were investigating.

Mr Hans Kaiser, manager of CTC bus company, said yesterday he deplored the attack.

"We obviously and sincerely regret the injuries, some of which we believe are serious.

"The damage to the bus is minimal, just a couple of hundred rands damage.

"I think it is a cowardly attack by a minority group of intimidators.

"It is an attempt to frighten people off the buses because of the increasing number of passengers.

"All they succeeded in doing was hurting their brothers and sisters," Mr Kaiser said.

He said they were continuing to operate the service for all who wanted to use it.

Mr Kaiser said three bombs were hurled. One was thrown through the door and two through different windows.

"The driver and some passengers left the bus and the bus ran back about 120 metres and hit a panel van.

"The driver of our bus, Mr Bangile Magwa, was treated for shock but was not hurt. The driver of the panel van was taken to hospital," Mr Kaiser said. — DDR

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Le Grange: 30 ANC men in SA at a time

Political Staff

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. — A maximum of 30 ANC terrorists "are deployed on active service in South Africa at any one time", the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange said yesterday.

Speaking during his department's vote in the committee stage of the budget, the minister said the police estimated that the trained manpower available to the ANC was between 1 500 and 2 000 of whom 300 were deployed in the "so-called forward areas in our neighbouring states".

Mr Le Grange said it had been increasingly obvious to the police that the ANC was having increasing difficulty in recruiting persons willing to return to the Republic on missions for Umkhonto we Sizwe, the armed wing of the ANC.

"The obvious reason for this is the success shown by the police and the security police in particular in uncovering ANC members and their missions."

The ANC had also "lost quite a number of their ranks by defection to the SA Police", he said.

He said The ANC had turned to "the hiring of petty criminals to commit their foul deeds" — such as the Pretoria car bomb of 1983.

Mr Le Grange said recruitment took place either within the Republic or neighbouring states.

Thereafter, he said, the recruit went to Dar Es Salaam to be taught the history of the organizations for several months before being flown to Luanda to undergo a "stringent security process".

Training now began in earnest, the minister said, in various camps in Angola at which the recruit was given military instruction.

This training could take up to two years, he said, and thereafter the most promising recruits were selected for specialized training in the USSR.

The platoon commander's course was run at the Provlyne military camp near Simferol in the Ukraine. Other courses were held at Odessa and at the so-called Centre 26 near Moscow. Here instruction was given in artillery, missile launchers, mortars and anti-aircraft guns.

Other promising terrorists, the minister added, underwent specialized training in East Germany at a base at Teterow near Rostock where they received specialist training in sabotage, map reading and conspiracy work.

Soviet and other instructors, Mr Le Grange said, emphasized the fact that the "so-called enemy oppressive power structure" included civilian personnel and institutions.



ANC might try 'spectacular' bombs

Staff Reporter

SOUTH Africans were warned yesterday of the possibility that the ANC — in the wake of the Nkomati non-aggression pact — might start exploding "spectacular" bombs similar to the one which destroyed the US marine base in Beirut.

Mr Michael Morris, the principal researcher at the Terrorism Research Centre, was addressing a seminar at Koebert organised by the Security Association of South Africa, Cape Western branch.

Mr Morris spoke at length on the subject of car-bombs

including the Pretoria bomb last year, the blasts in Lebanon, the bomb in London's Hyde Park and a car blast in the United States.

He warned that the Nkomati pact had extended the supply lines of the ANC. As a result of this, field operatives of the ANC "might go for spectacular blasts".

It would be virtually impossible for civilian security services to stop this form of bomb attack.

He said that Mr Oliver Tambo, leader of the ANC, had run into "considerable flak" from people overseas as a result of previous blasts which had killed and injured civilians.

The stated policy of the ANC is to go for military and State targets but Mr Morris pointed out that a number of civilians had been killed by bombers on their way to attack "military targets".

Even if Mr Tambo ordered his operatives not to attack civilian targets, he did not have control over "all his minions".

Mr Morris said the bomb which exploded outside the headquarters of the SAAR in central Pretoria last year, leaving 19 dead, had contained nuts and bolts which acted as a primitive form of shrapnel. He said the ANC operatives were "so technically

incompetent" that no matter what the ANC headquarters wanted, innocent people would be hurt in a blast.

Mr Morris told the businessmen, security men and policemen present at the seminar that before the Pretoria blast, the bomb had been placed in a car with a radio detonator.

However the two men responsible for planning the bomb were killed when an extraneous radio signal, possibly from a radio in a taxi or an ambulance, set the explosive device off.

"The device was so crude that any transmitter operating on that wavelength could set it off."

He warned that emergency services must take note of this fact when responding to bomb blasts or bomb scares in future. It was possible that the emergency services might set off a secondary bomb in using radios.

During his discussion on the Pretoria blast, Mr Morris showed a number of slides taken shortly after the explosion. He warned: "This is what you'll be seeing quite a lot of in this country in the next few years, I'm afraid."

Later he explained that he did not mean by this that there would be an increase in the number of ANC attacks. He meant rather that

they would continue for some time to come.

Talking about the Hyde Park car bomb, he said it too had been theoretically aimed at a military target — a ceremonial cavalry unit — and had been a resounding success. The bomb had been placed by the IRA in a specific section of the car to have a maximum effect against the soldiers and their horses.

He said the difference between the London blast and the Pretoria blast was that with 12kg of explosives, the IRA had had a spectacular effect. With 50kg of explosives, the ANC did not achieve what was wanted. Talking about the Beirut

truck blasts, he said they had "revolutionised all thinking on vehicle bombing". The largest blast — that at the marines headquarters — had resulted from six tons of explosives surrounded by butane.

The explosives had been placed on a concrete base to enhance the upwards effect of the blast.

He said that given that and the fact that the bombers were prepared to be killed in the explosion, that form of vehicle bomb was virtually unstoppable. Security services were in a "losing scenario" and "liberation forces were taking cognisance of that".

Four terrorists arrested, says Minister

Explosives caches found on Reef

By CHRIS FREIMOND
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Explosives and other equipment to make two massive car bombs have been discovered by the police near Springs on the East Rand and four alleged terrorists have been arrested, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, announced in Parliament yesterday.

A power boost for winter

By DEBBIE REYNOLDS

The agreement between South Africa and Mozambique resulting in the supply of electricity from the Cahora Bassa scheme to the Electricity Supply Commission's grid could not have happened at a better time. — The cold winter months when power is sporadically turned off to cope with the extra load of heaters — are just around the corner. But with the 8% boost that

Speaking in the debate on his budget vote, Mr Le Grange said information received by the police indicated that the bombs were due to have been detonated on Saturday, April 14.

One was planned for "a very well known Defence Force address" in central Pretoria, and the other for a target on the East Rand. The bomb planned for Pretoria was to have contained 36kg of high explosives and would have been similar to the one that exploded in Church Street, Pretoria, last year, killing more than 20 people and injuring more than 200. The bomb planned for the



Pupils must go back to school

By JOHN MOJ, Pretoria Bureau

The Minister of Education and Training, Mr Ba Plessis, has conditioned the suspension of classes at trouble-torn Atteridgeville and Saulsville next week. The more than 6 000 students at five post-primary schools have been ordered to continue their classes normally until May 15.

Mr Antipas Sehlapelo, the chairman of the federal council of the Atteridgeville school committees, said this was the first formal notice from Mr Du Plessis to indicate that the Government was considering closing the schools for the rest of the year.

Classes have been suspended at Hofmeyr, Dr W F Nkomo, D H Peta, Saurridge, Flavus Mareka and Saulsville high schools.

Parents and teachers at Holy Trinity High School decided to suspend classes because of the general school unrests in the townships.

According to Mr T... also, the suspended must be resumed next day and stay normal until May 15.

Mr Sehlapelo said a meeting of parents at the affected schools would meet at Hofmeyr High School on Friday at 6.30pm to decide what to do.

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Mail Correspondent

DURBAN. — The hull of the yacht Rubicon, the yacht vanished off the East Coast during a storm on Thursday has been called off six days of intense trolling — and the five is presumed dead.

The yacht was on taking part in the Ill-fated Gama Durban/East ocean race which started Thursday morning. Huge seas and high winds pounded the fleet of two vessels, growing third and snapping countless others during a six-hour storm.

Lieutenant H Pot... the rescue co-ordinator in Cape Town, called off at 4pm after a "fruitless search for Rubicon members Tony Holt, Christopher, Steve, rally Fletcher and Sigge Eichholz.

An empty, half-sunken black life-raft, spotted south east of East late on Tuesday, disappeared overnight and an air and sea search today failed to recover it. It was possible that the life-raft sank during the night. Earlier, an official

PRP to question

By DAVID CAPEL

The Official Opposition intends raising in Parliament the question of why millionaire Italian oil dealer, Mr Marino Chiavelli, paid only R196 in personal taxes during his first

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The bomb planned for Pretoria was to have contained 36kg of high explosives and would have been similar to the one that exploded in Church Street, Pretoria, last year, killing more than 20 people and injuring more than 200.

The bomb planned for the East Rand target — which was not specified by Mr Le Grange — would have contained 16,5kg of explosive.

The four men detained were part of the Solomon Mahlangu sabotage group and had been arrested within the last few weeks. They were regarded as part of a crack African National Congress sabotage group, Mr Le Grange said.

Apart from the Russian explosives discovered in the cache, other sophisticated equipment had also been found, including equipment to detonate the bombs by radio.

Mr Le Grange said the arrest of the men and the discovery of the explosives were a reminder that the signing of the Nkomati peace pact with Mozambique did not necessarily mean that acts of sabotage and terrorist infiltration would wind down.

An escalation in ANC activity within South Africa could even be expected in the coming weeks in an effort by the organisation to regain some prestige after being caught napping by the regional peace initiative, he said.

Sapa reports that Mr Le Grange said the ANC had no internal infrastructure, little manoeuvrability and would probably confine its actions to hit-and-run operations.

He said that during the past four months large numbers of ANC members had been removed by the Swaziland and Botswana governments from their settled terror bases in those countries.

The ANC had been training fighters since 1966 but most of its members were no longer in military roles.

At present there were 350 dissidents in Angolan prisons and many had been executed.

"So we are not dealing with the great numbers of people we are made to believe," he said.

It was unfortunate, however, that some highly-trained ANC members had been able to infiltrate into South Africa. "That is why we must always be on the alert, despite the Nkomati Accord," he said.

Mr Le Grange said the 1981 mortar attack on Voortrekkerhoogte had been planned in Britain by the SA Communist Party and the ANC and was carried out by three Britons and a Belgian.

Both the governments concerned had been informed of the names and whereabouts of the men but since they had not contravened any laws in their own countries, nothing could be done to them, he said.



Veteran police camel "Rookkat" relaxes at the Police College in Pretoria where he arrived this week for his retirement. With him are Constable Josandra Steenkamp and Colonel Peet Bothma. The police sold Rookkat 34 years ago, after he was used to patrol the Kalahari diamond fields. However his owner, Mr Jannie Burger, decided to donate him back.

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CP and HNP join forces to fight Potgietersrust

Pretoria Bureau

THE Herstigte Nasionale Party and the Conservative Party moved closer together yesterday with a decision to nominate only one candidate, Mr Jan Homan of the Conservative Party, to oppose the National Party in the Potgietersrust Provincial Council by-election.

In a joint statement issued in Pretoria yesterday the two leaders, Dr A P Treunrich, CP, and Mr Gimp Marais, HNP, said the parties were

convinced their strengths must be combined against the Government "and its fatal course."

Where there were differences over Southern African policy, discussions were held between the party leaders to reach agreement "with an eye on the coming provincial by-election."

The parties declared themselves in principle in favour of peace between South Africa and its neighbours, but on the condition that the interests of South Africans

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Boksburg blaze ^{3/4 A} arson is ^{Star} ^{2/5/74} suspected

East Rand Bureau

Police are investigating the possibility of arson following a fire at a Boksburg plastics recycling plant yesterday.

The blaze, which swept through Star Plastics in All Black Street, Boksburg North, started shortly after midnight.

A night watchman, Mr Patrick Ghabhazane, noticed the flames and contacted the local fire department.

Firemen took about half-an-hour to extinguish the blaze which a police spokesman said started in a pile of plastic inside the factory.

Damage has been estimated at about R500 000. All the factory equipment was destroyed and a part of the factory collapsed.

Police are also investigating the possibility of arson after a Heidelberg farmer's barn was gutted yesterday.

The fire in Mr P L Potgieter's barn on the farm Rietkuil started about 9.30 pm.

The entire barn, containing winter fodder, was destroyed. Damage was estimated at about R40 000.

QUEENSTOWN — Recent difficulties experienced by the Blue Line Bus Company here have been attributed to sabotage by the managing director, Mr Otto Hornischer.

Mr Hornischer was replying to allegations of inefficiency in the service which has resulted in domestic and other workers frequently arriving late for work.

The Daily Dispatch correspondent in Queenstown has been approached by a number of irate employers who complained of workers arriving late for work because of the poor bus service.

eZibeleni residents also complained of buses not being evenly distributed and either not arriving on schedule or else, following too closely on each other.

The Town Clerk of eZibeleni, Mr G.M. Baliso, confirmed his council had received complaints from residents about the irregularity of the bus service.

He said representations had been made to the management of the

Bus company claims sabotage

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bus company.

Our correspondent monitored the flow of buses during peak hours this week and found that on average there was a bus every eight minutes. ployees of the company.

Speaking in Queenstown this week, the Cape Town based Mr Hornischer said his company had been victims of sabotage since it had taken over the service last November.

He alleged that during the past five weeks many buses had been tampered with and parts had been removed during the night and other extensive damage caused.

He said that the book value of about 20 buses had dropped by half over the past four months.

Mr Hornischer believed there were certain people in eZibeleni who were behind the attacks, and in whose interests it was for the bus service not to run satisfactorily.

He said nine charges for theft had been laid against former employees of the company. — DDC.

13 injured in Paris bombings

PARIS — Three separate explosions shook a Paris suburb yesterday injuring at least 13 people, two of them seriously.

The first two wrecked a cafe and a nearby Armenian monument in Alfortville, south-east of the capital. Shortly afterwards there was a third explosion outside a sports centre. — SAPARNS.

Terrorism: insurers adopt flexible stand

By Susan Fleming

A leading insurance company recently announced the introduction of a "living hazards" insurance policy with fewer exclusions than most policies regarding injuries and damages sustained through urban terrorism.

Since the Pretoria bomb blast last year, the Durban car bomb blast last month and a report tabled in Parliament last week of a bomb which was defused just in time, the South African public has become more aware of the implications of urban terrorism.

How well covered are insurance policy holders when it comes to urban terrorism?

A Star investigation revealed that the application of exclusion clauses in the case of urban terrorism victims is fairly arbitrary and that, in general, the larger the number of people injured in an incident, the less likely the insurance company is to pay out.

Some compensation for victims of urban terrorism may come from the R800 000 State President's Fund.

The secretary of the fund said it was up to the discretion of the fund's board whether a victim was given financial assistance.

Financial assistance may be granted to:

- The victims of any act of terrorism in respect of their medical treatment and rehabilitation.
- Such victims and their dependants who suffer direct or indirect financial hardships or distress by an act of terrorism.

Most South African insurance companies do not have definite policies which compensate those injured through acts of urban terrorism.

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They are also reluctant to cover national servicemen who are injured while engaged in military action.

But insurance companies will normally cover an innocent bystander who is injured in an urban terrorist attack

such as the Durban bomb blast as well as a national serviceman who is hurt while travelling by military transport or private aviation.

"Although we do have exclusions built into our policies, to date we have paid all claims for disabilities caused through acts of urban terrorism," said Mr Eddie Engelage, product services manager for Sanlam's Cape Town branch.

"The likelihood of a person being hurt through urban terrorism is slight and so it would be pointless to include urban terrorism in our policies — if we did then everyone's premiums would rocket," he said.

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In "isolated cases", Sanlam would pay if a person was injured through terrorist activities, but if a large number of people were hurt or killed, the exclusions would come into effect.

The assistant general manager of Legal and General Volskas, Mr Steve Meyer, said his company would refuse to pay if the injured person was "engaged in war-like activities".

A representative of the AA Mutual said her company had a new "living hazards" policy which was designed as a supplementary benefit to its normal accident or disability policies.

'Treason accused listed 12 targets'

Mall Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — An accused in the treason trial in the College Road Supreme Court, Maritzburg, listed 12 targets in Maritzburg and Estcourt in a document he admitted writing last year.

The seven-page document, headed "Year of United Action Report" was written by Mr Sithabiso Mahlobo, 25, on May 4 1983, and, according to State evidence, handed to Major P de Kock of the Security Police by a "sensitively-placed source".

The handwritten document was handed in as an exhibit and formed one of a number of admissions made by Mr Mahlobo, according to the State advocate, Mr L Roberts, SC, yesterday.

Mr Mahlobo, Mr Benedict Martins, 27, of Edendale, and Mr Duma Gqubule, 19, of Imbali are accused of high treason, terrorism and taking part in ANC activities.

The Maritzburg targets, according to the document, were Hulett's Aluminium Multinational, Plessislaer Police Station, administration buildings, Alexandra Police Station, Loop Street Police Station, a substation, a group of sell-outs and the Trust Bank.

The Estcourt targets were the Escom plant near Bergville, Mshini Police Station at Ntambhlope, the new police station and administration buildings next to the bus rank in the town, and a substation.

In another document handed in yesterday, Mr Mahlobo wrote that he had been assaulted while being questioned in detention.

The allegations were made in a letter written on November 24 and addressed to the Divisional Commissioner of Police in Natal.

Mr Mahlobo asked to know about his rights as a "prisoner" under the status quo. He said he was told by the investigating officer he had been arrested under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act and would have to stay in detention for six months without being visited by anyone except "officials entitled to deal with my case".

"And as I am being questioned I am experiencing all kinds of assault, from physical mishandling to psychological. I've reported all my cases of assault."

The trial of the three follows two blasts in Maritzburg last year which damaged the new Supreme Court building in Pietermaritzburg Street, and the old Supreme Court in Commercial Road.

The case is proceeding.

CAPE TOWN 19/5/84 (S.A.)
**Drunk ANC man
lost gun, 2 grenades**

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — A trained African National Congress insurgent told the College Road Supreme Court yesterday he got drunk on his way from Piet Retief to Durban and was robbed of his firearm and lost two hand grenades during the trip.

The witness, who may not be identified in terms of a ruling by the presiding judge, Mr Justice Kannemeyer, is referred to as Mr F. He gave his evidence in camera at the prosecutor's request.

He told the court his mission on returning to South Africa from Swaziland was to bomb four places in Durban — the Corporation bus depot, a railway line, the labour offices and the offices that "cater for the Xhosa Bantustans".

Mr F said he left South Africa for Swaziland where he was trained as "a soldier for the Umkhonto (spear) of the ANC". He then went to Mozambique and Tanzania and from there to the Soviet Union, where he underwent a 10-month commander's course and training in guerilla activities.

Armed with a pistol and two grenades he arrived in South Africa from Swaziland and caught a train for Durban, but got drunk and debarked instead at Maritzburg where he was arrested.

the B-degree includes at least one course in chemistry. (Only the B-degree is recognised for category purposes as M-degrees are obtained at Oxford University without any further study).

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876. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(a) How many persons were charged with offences relating to sabotage in 1982.
(b) how many of them were (i) acquitted, (ii) convicted of sabotage, (iii) convicted of lesser offences and (iv) still awaiting trial at the end of 1983 and (c) for what period was each of these persons detained before being charged?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(a) One.

(b) (i) None.

(ii) One.

(iii) and (iv) Fall away.

(c) 233 days.

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889. Mr B B GOODALL asked the Minister of Defence:

(1) Whether Armscor intends to construct or acquire a new office building, if so, (a) where, (b) when is it anticipated that it will be completed or acquired, (c) what will be the total cost involved and (d) how many (i) offices will be provided and (ii) employees will be accommodated in this building;

(2) whether there will be any surplus office space in this building; if so, what will be done with this space?

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

(1) Yes.

(a) On the site known as Portion 81 of the farm WATERKLOOF 378-JR and Portion 309 (a portion of Portion 17) of the farm GARSTFONTEIN 374-JR and ERASMUSHUIS, situated on the Eastern side of Pretoria.

(b), (c) and (d) The project is still in the initial planning stage and the date of completion, total cost and exact number of offices have not yet been determined. Approximately 1 500 employees will be accommodated in the building.

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Durban explosion scatters shoppers

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Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — A blast shook buildings and scattered shoppers when a bomb exploded in the Railways Police offices on the 25th floor of the Trust Bank Building in Smith Street here today.

Police said there were no injuries in the explosion, at 10.15am.

A shocked woman was taken away in an ambulance, but she had no visible injuries.

"Big bang"

A Railways Police constable who was in the lift at the time of the blast said it felt as if someone had hit him over the head with a hammer.

"There was this great big bang. Man, it sounded really powerful, but the damage is not all that serious."

Traffic and pedestrians were diverted from the block surrounding the building, while squads of policemen with dogs and radios controlled the crowd which continually surged against the rope barriers to get a better look.

Fire engines

Fire engines helped to seal Smith Street at either end of the block.

The Provincial Administration accident unit was also present.

Captain Piet Meiring, public relations officer for the police in Durban said he was shopping with his family when he noticed the ambulances converging. He left his family to take charge of press liaison on the site.

Sniffer dogs were used but after an hour or so the all clear was given.

Durban bomb blast: no one injured

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Post Correspondent

DURBAN — A bomb went off between the 25th and 26th floor of of the Trust Bank Centre in Smith Street, Durban shortly after 10.15am today.

The bomb was placed on the stairway between the two floors, but according to South African Police officers and the Railway Police no one was injured in the explosion.

The offices of the Railway Police are on the 26th floor of the building.

Immediately after the blast the building was evacuated.

An SAP officer said that the bomb had damaged the stairs was between the two floors and had also damaged offices in the 25th and 26th floors of the building.

Immediately after the blast the area was cordoned off.

Police bomb disposal experts were still at the scene of the blast this afternoon.

Police officers said it was impossible to say at this stage what type of bomb was used or estimate the full extent of the damage.

The bomb explosion occurred in the height of the Saturday morning shopping and caused traffic jams when the police cordoned off the area.

Mrs Mary Stevenson, who was passing by, said she heard a terrific explosion and saw glass being shattered. She said that the police were on the scene within minutes and ordered everybody out of the area.

The Trust Bank Centre was attacked about 18 months ago when the Navy Recruiting Centre on the ground floor was badly damaged by a bomb explosion. Windows were smashed and offices badly damaged.

On March 5 this year a car bomb explosion killed three people on the Victoria embankment in Durban and injured another 22.

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BLAST SCATTERS URBAN SHOPPERS

Bomb wrecks Department of Internal Affairs' offices in Trust Bank Building

Tribune Reporter

A BLAST shook buildings in the city and sent mid-morning shoppers scattering when a bomb went off in the 25th floor offices of the Trust Bank Building in Smith Street yesterday.

The blast wrecked offices of the Department of Internal Affairs which include the passport offices and damaged the headquarters of the Railways Police on the 26th floor.

Construction workers on the third floor of a building nearby had to run for their lives as the force of the explosion blew two window frames from the building.

According to a police spokesman, no one was injured in the explosion, which took place at 10.12 am. The bomb had been placed near the lift.

Bystanders said a woman, apparently suffering from shock, was taken to hospital. She did not have any visible

injuries.

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"There was this great big bang. Man, it sounded really powerful, but the damage is not all that serious."

Gansin Pillay, who works in the Unisa library on the third floor, said the shock of the explosion had blown a book out of his hand.

"We saw window frames and glass falling to the street," he said.

Hysteria

"Everyone was hysterical. Women were crying and saying another bomb would go off."

The proprietor of the nearby Lunch Box, Jose da Silva, said he heard the blast and saw people running from the building as it was evacuated.

"The next moment

the army came in and cleared my shop," he said.

He had rushed out so quickly he left three pots boiling on a stove.

Traffic and pedestrians were diverted from the block surrounding the building, while squads of policemen with dogs and radios controlled the crowd which surged against the rope barriers to get a better look.

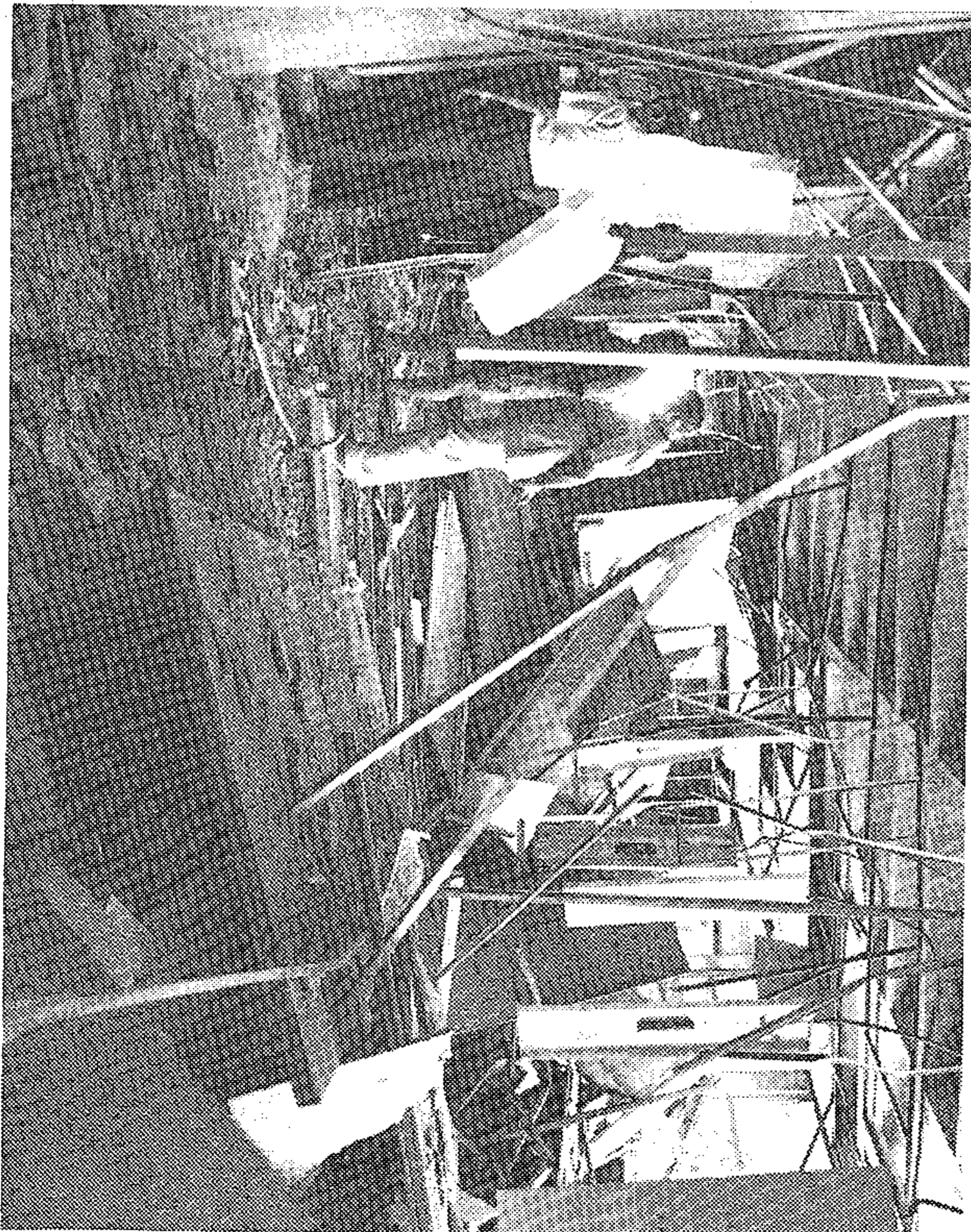
Fire engines helped to close off Smith Street at either end of the block.

The Natal Provincial Administration accident unit was also present.

Police cars — bearing plain-clothed policemen with their sirens blaring, came and went for hours after the blast.

The entire building and all adjacent buildings were evacuated while police and anti-riot squads searched for further explosives.

Sniffer dogs were used, but after about an hour the all-clear was given.



The devastation wrought by yesterday morning's explosion on the 25th floor of the Trust Bank Building in Smith Street where the passport offices are situated.

Durban blast No one owns up

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Nobody has yet claimed responsibility for the explosion on the 25th floor of Durban's Trust Bank Centre on Saturday morning.

And while police mount a follow-up operation to track down the culprits, forensic experts are sifting through the remains of the bomb and debris to establish the size, type and origin of the explosive.

Nobody was injured in the blast which scattered mid-morning shoppers, wrecked offices belonging to the Department of Internal Affairs and damaged the headquarters of the Railways Police on the 26th floor. Offices on the 24th floor of the building were also slightly damaged.

Area cordoned off

A police spokesman said the bomb had been placed in a refuse container in the foyer outside the lifts on the 25th floor. One of the lifts plummeted to the ground and others were put out of action. Windows were blown out, furniture was damaged and parts of the ceiling were torn down, he said.

The area was cordoned off by police. Traffic and pedestrians were diverted from the block surrounding the Trust Bank Centre.

The centre was the target of a previous bomb attack in 1981 when the SADF recruiting offices on the ground floor were blasted.

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Seven killed in five-hour gunbattle after rocket attack on Durban oil refinery

Terrorist Shootout

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Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Police shot dead four terrorists early today in a five-hour shootout after a rocket attack on the Mobil Oil refinery here.

Two labourers and an unidentified woman burnt to death in a blazing paint shop during the shootout. Four policemen and a police dog were wounded in a car-chase.

The refinery was hit during the rocket attack, but according to the police little damage was done. The fire was soon extinguished.

A police spokesman said today that the rockets were fired from the neighbouring coloured suburb of Wentworth.

'Explosions like loud thunder'

Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — A witness to the rocket attack, Mr A K Pillay of Merbank, said the it lasted about six minutes. He said "many" rockets were launched during the attack.

It started with two very loud explosions. Some of the rockets came over the Merbank residential area, said Mr Pillay who is a member of the Southern Durban Local Affairs Committee.

"We also heard people re- turning the fire. There were m-"

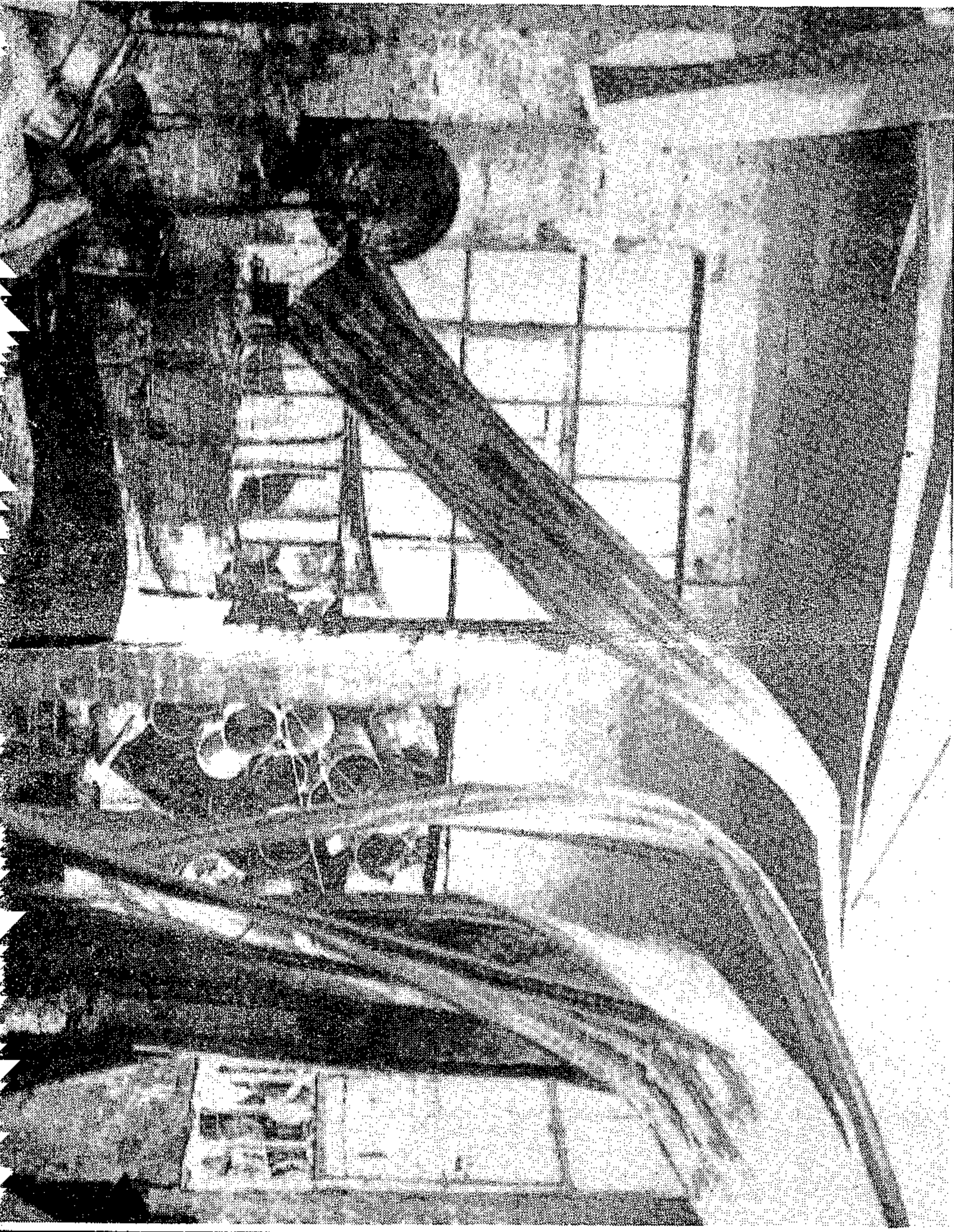
Reports of how many rockets were fired vary from three to eight.

The spokesman said the terrorists sped away. They fired at a police van rushing to the refinery, wounding Constables Robin Lester and Nigel Shipston.

The wounded men gave chase down Marine Drive, radioing for help, and Constable Andries Nel was shot in the face during an attempt to force the terrorists' car off Marine Drive.

Grenade

Sergeant Frederick Hilder was wounded by a hand grenade during a skirmish at a roadblock in Edwin Swales



Noon cloudburst causes floods — more rain on way

Staff Reporters

A CLOUDBURST at midday today flooded large areas of the Peninsula, bringing traffic to a standstill, and the weather bureau predicts more rain today and tomorrow with fresh north-westerly winds.

Streets in Bellville were awash and Voortrekker Road — main thoroughfare through the northern areas — was like a river with water flowing almost knee-deep and level with the bottom of car doors.

Many vehicles stalled, which added to the problems of traffic officers trying to help wherever they could. But even they battled to move about on their motorcycles with their feet under water.

"ABSOLUTE CHAOS IN BELLVILLE"

"It is absolute chaos," said traffic superintendent Mr A B Beyers of Bellville.

He said that Peter Barlow Avenue, Strand Road and Vlei Road were closed to traffic this afternoon and at many places cars which had stalled were holding up traffic.

Traffic officers had to search for silicone spray to dry out ignition systems to try to get cars moving.

A spokesman for Parow municipality said there was a traffic stoppage at Frans Conradie Avenue because of stalled cars while, in Goodwood, traffic was also at a standstill in places.

A switchboard operator at Parow municipality said complaints about blocked drains were coming in non-stop.

The Diep River burst its banks in Table View, flooding Koeberg Road near the Killarney Hotel.

City traffic manager Mr Harry Attwood said Hanover Park Avenue near Athwood Road had been closed as a result of flooding.

▼ The weekend rain

chine gun fire. That made it confusing.

"The explosions were like loud thunder," he said.

Scores of people living around the oil refinery evacuated their homes while others gathered in small groups in rooms in the darkness until the explosions and the bursts of machinegun fire ended.

Mr Gafour Khan said he heard the first explosion about 10.15pm and suddenly saw rocket fire light up the sky.

"There must have been about 20 rockets. It was terrifying," said Mr Khan.

Mrs Zeenat Rasool said that her family had just retired for the night when they heard the first explosion: four others followed quickly.

"We went out into the street and saw flames leaping into the sky. We heard fire engines and ambulances converge on the area," said Mrs Rasool.

Mr G H Loonat said that while relatives who also lived in Merebank left their homes and went elsewhere, he and his family remained in their homes with the lights out.

Drive.

The four terrorists abandoned their car, leaving the rocket launcher behind, and ran into Brooklyn Road.

They took refuge in the premises of LTA Construction and opened fire on police who had converged on the scene. The police were supported by the Reaction Unit.

A blaze

The police appealed to the men to give themselves up. They refused and continued firing. The terrorists died in the shootout, which lasted until about 2.30am. In a paint shop next door, the gunfire sparked off a blaze, burning two labourers and a woman to death.

The owner of the shop, Mr Mahmood Joosub, said today that Mr Clemont Dlamini and Mr Eric Dube, both of Umlazi, regularly slept in the paint shop.

An unidentified woman died with them, Mr Joosub said.

The terrorists were armed with a rocket launcher, AK 47 rifles, grenades and pistols.



The paint shop in Brooklyn Road, Jacobs, south Durban, where two labourers and a woman burnt to death today as police battled with four terrorists.

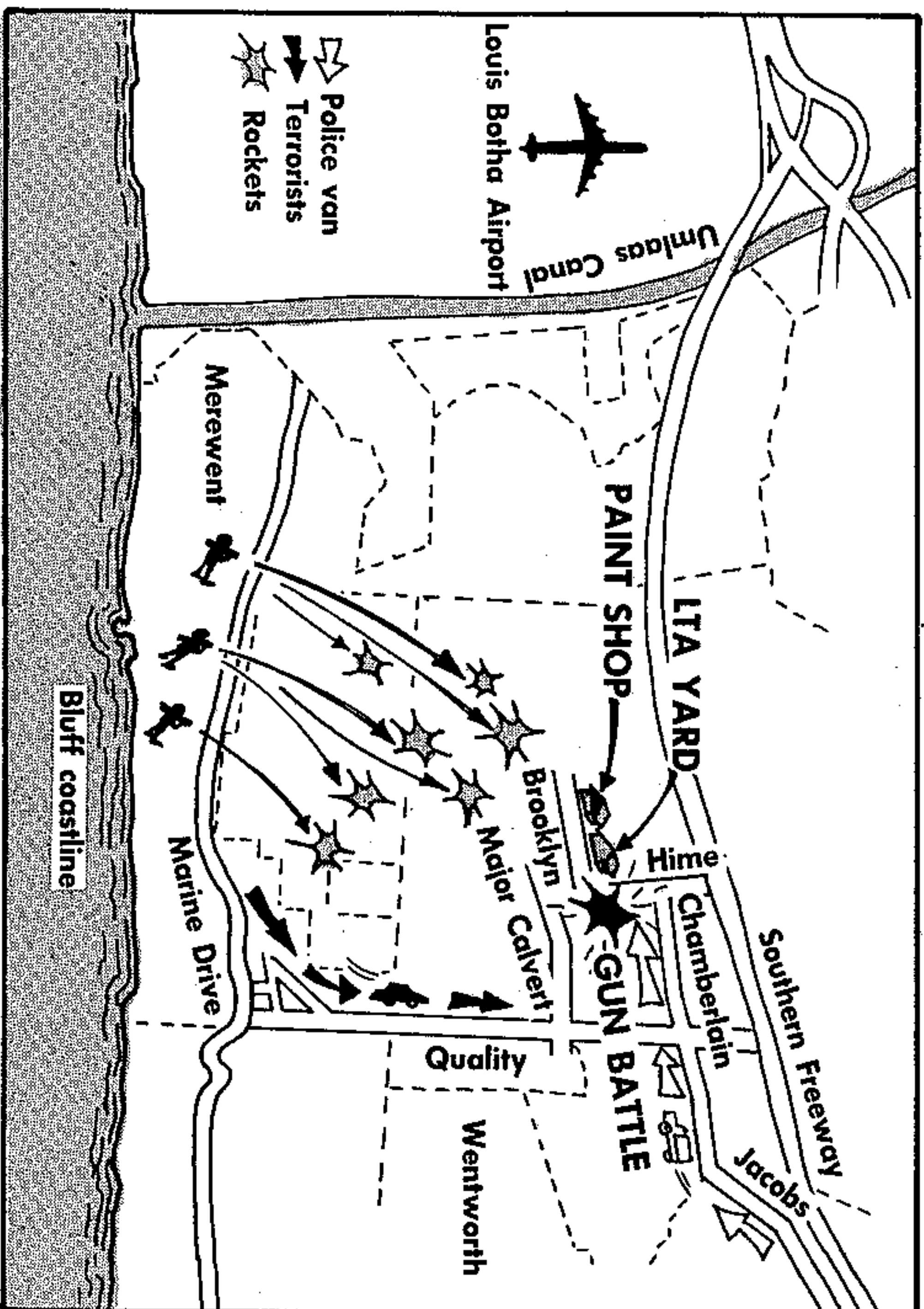
Man covers in hull as shots fly

Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — A terrified watchman huddled inside the steel hull of a yacht which was hit by bullets during the gunbattle between police and terrorists here early today.

Mr John Montilla's 26m yacht, which is kept off Hime Lane near the shootout, said his steel boat was hit twice.

A night watchman employed to look after the boat, Mr Albert Madala, was inside during the shooting and according to Mr Montilla was "scared stiff".



Police examine the spot in the LTA builders yard where the four terrorists died.

Dreadlocks are banned as total onslaught goes to the head

Staff Reporter

RASTAFARIAN dreadlocks and long, thin plaits worn down the back of the neck are seen by a principal as part of the "total onslaught" against South Africa and have been banned at some Peninsula schools.

The principal of J G Meiring Hoërskool, Mr A J Olivier, today said pupils were investigated into wearing the new hairstyles "with-

out understanding the full implications".

"It is very likely the hairstyles are linked to communist and socialist cultures and are part of the total onslaught against South Africa.

"These hairstyles are like pop music. Pupils sing along with the words without realising what the words mean.

"They are not bad kids. They

are just victims of this frightening propaganda machine," he said.

Mr Olivier said that because of the content of many teenage magazines and the fact that their friends wore the latest styles, most children wanted to try something new.

"I blame parents for allowing this," he said. He said his school had very strict and conservative hair regu-

lations and pupils were not permitted "way-out" styles.

Principals spoken to said that while schoolboys favoured more "punk-looking" hairstyles, girls were experimenting with long, thin plaits.

"One girl had waist-length hair which she cut short, just leaving one long, thin waist-length plait down her back," said Mr A C Vlok, principal of Ysterplaai Hoërskool.

He said teachers on his staff had expressed concern over the hairstyles and he had amended school rules today to ban some styles.

"From now on, if they want a long plait they must have long hair all over their heads," he said.

Mr Vlok said he had read that the hairstyles were linked to "socialist and communist cultures" — "but my greatest concern is that they are just so ugly".

which swept across the Southern Cape was good news for Swartland and Boland farmers who are ploughing and sowing — but bad news for fishermen because of heavy seas.

Grand crops to new low as dollar soars

THE rand dropped to a new low of \$0.76735 on foreign exchange markets today as the dollar continued to soar against all currencies.

Gold was fixed in London today at \$371.20 an ounce after closing at \$372.25 on Friday.

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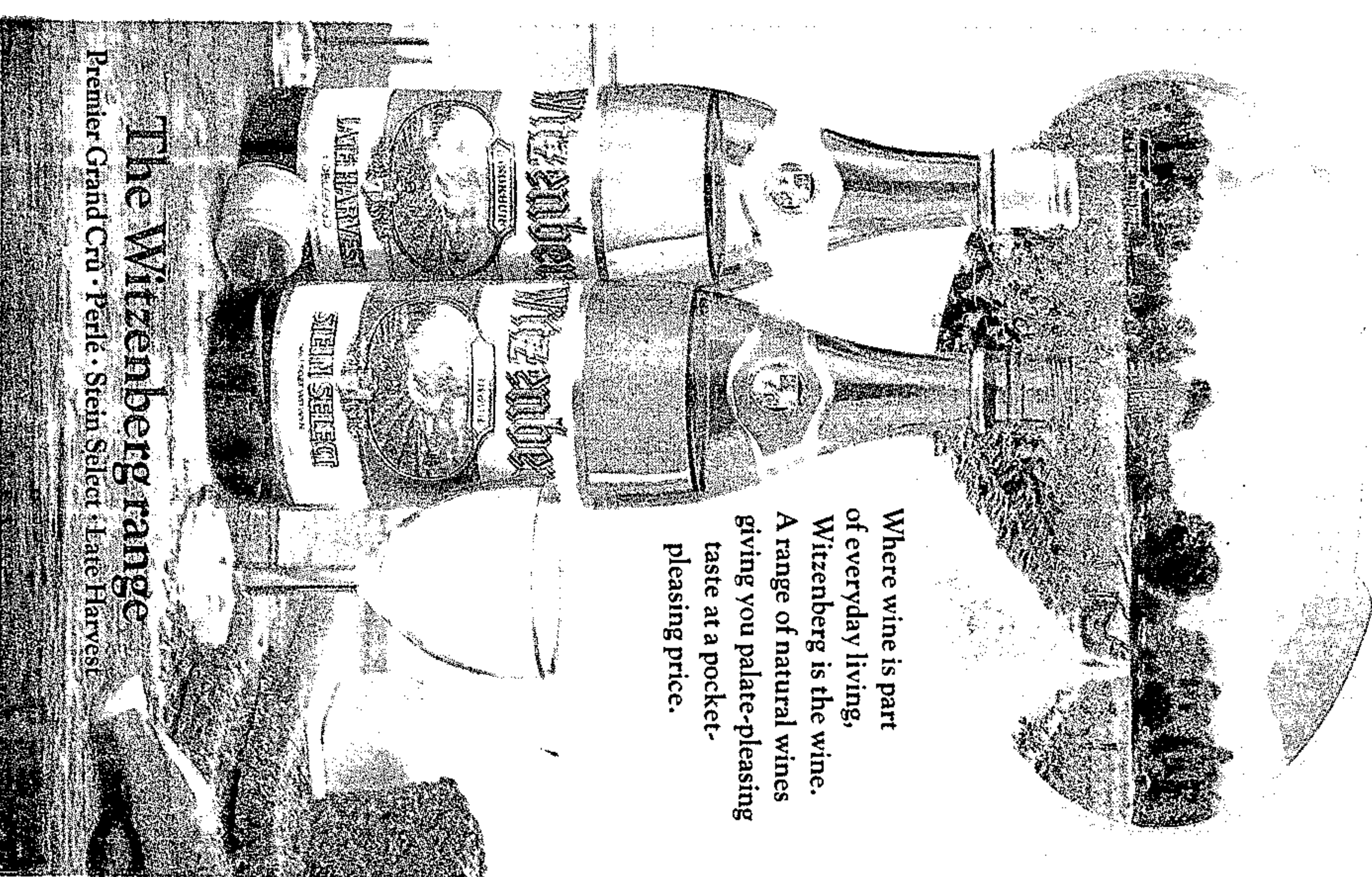
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Seven die in gunfight after rocket attack

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Own Correspondent

Durban
Police have shot dead four terrorists who launched a rocket attack on the Mobil oil refinery in Durban last night. Three other people, apparently casual labourers, were burned to death in a paint shop which caught fire during the shootout.

The refinery was hit during the rocket attack but, according to police, the fire was soon extinguished and little damage was done.

A police spokesman said today that rockets were fired from somewhere in the neighbouring coloured suburb of Wentworth. There were conflicting reports of how many rockets were fired but there were believed to have been eight.

"A car carrying suspects sped away from the scene," the spokesman said. "The vehicle was identified by police who gave chase down Marine Drive. A policeman was shot in the head by the men in the car, who then escaped.

"The chase went on and, after the city police were also involved, the fugitives were cornered at the intersection of Hime Road and Brooklyn Road.

Panicked

"They might have got away had they not panicked and fired at the police car, which was then shot to pieces. The suspects abandoned their car, which was a Lanchester, and ran into the premises of LTA Construction, but no one was hurt by the police who had converged on the area.

"The police appealed to the men to give themselves up. They refused and opened fire on the police. The four in the LTA offices died in a shootout which lasted until about 2.30 am. In the nearby paint shop, the gunfire started a blaze.

"Three black men and a Coloured man died in the LTA offices. A police dog was also wounded in the gun battle."

A witness to the rocket attack, Mr A K Pillay, of Merebank, said it lasted about six minutes. "Many" rockets were launched during the attack, he added.

The attack started with two very loud explosions. Some of the rockets came over the Merebank residential area, said Mr Pillay, who is a member of the Southern Durban Local Affairs Committee.



Police examine the builder's yard where a gang of suspected terrorists died in a running gun battle early today after a rocket attack on

the Mobil Oil refinery at Reunion, Durban. Scores of people living around the refinery evacuated their homes when the attack began.

"We also heard people returning the fire. There was machine-gun fire and that made it confusing."

Homes evacuated

Scores of people living around the refinery evacuated their homes while others gathered in small groups in rooms in the darkness until the explosions and the bursts of machine-gun fire ended.

Mr Gafoor Khan said that he heard the first explosion about 10.15 pm and saw rocket fire light up the sky.

"There must have been about 20 rockets. The refinery was on fire and the flames were leaping high. It was terrifying," said Mr Khan.

Mrs Zeenat Rasool said that her family had just retired for the night when they heard the first explosion. Four others followed in quick succession.

"We went out into the street and saw flames leaping into the sky. We heard fire engines and ambulances converging on the area," said Mrs Rasool.

Mr G H Loonat said that, while relatives who also lived in Merebank left their homes and went elsewhere, he and his family remained in their home with the lights out.

"I heard three blasts. Then came the rockets and a massive fire started at the refinery. We did not know what to do. Fortunately, the telephone was working and we managed to keep in touch with relatives in other parts of the city," said Mr Loonat.

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 'I felt a burning sensation'

Own Correspondent
DURBAN. — Constable Andries Nel, 20, the Durban policeman who was shot in the cheek by terrorists as his police van began forcing the fugitives' car off the road after the rocket attack on the refinery, calls himself a "lucky man". He was hit by only one

of as many as 15 AK-47 bullets fired at his police vehicle in an automatic burst.

"We were armed only with our 9mm pistols and a torch," said Constable Nel wryly.

Speaking yesterday from his Addington Hospital bed, he said the van, in which he was a

passenger, was peppered with as many as 15 bullet — all behind where his head had been.

A bullet entered his cheek and emerged behind his right ear.

The policemen, the first to come into contact with the terrorist, were driving along Marine Drive when they spotted

a car coming the other way which matched the description broadcast on police radio.

"I said 'That's the one!' and we did a U-turn and chased after it. It was doing only about 60 km/h and we caught up with it quickly."

As the police van drew level with the fugitives a

burst of automatic fire rang out.

"I felt only a burning sensation," said Constable Nel, who was not in pain yesterday but seemed slightly dazed.

"Later I felt people pressing wads against my neck to stop the bleeding".



Constable Andries Nel, 20, chats to an Addington Hospital nurse. He was shot in the cheek by one of the four terrorists who launched a rocket attack on a Durban oil refinery. Another picture, page 3

ANC claim responsibility for 2 strikes

Own Correspondent
HARARE. The African National Congress (ANC) has claimed responsibility for the Sunday night rocket attack on a Durban oil refinery and for sabotaging a government building in Durban on Saturday.

The two incidents were carried out by Umkhonto We Sizwe (the military wing of the ANC) the ANC said in a

statement released from Addis Ababa.

The statement said two policemen were wounded in the Mobil Oil refinery attack and damage was caused.

The statement makes no mention of the four suspected terrorists shot dead yesterday morning in an ensuing gun battle with police.

Political observers have described South Africa's recent accords

and on-going talks with neighbouring states as constituting a serious military setback to the ANC and some have even suggested a faction in the organization would favour the phasing out of armed struggle.

The two latest attacks are probably meant to demonstrate that the ANC is determined to continue its war without

the co-operation of neighbouring states.

That the ANC is well aware of the implications of South Africa's regional strategy is illustrated in a telex message which the national executive committee of the ANC sent to Frelimo shortly before the signing of the Nkomati Accord.

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Four terrorists who launched three rockets, as well as small arms fire, at the Mobil refinery in Wentworth before making their getaway in a brown Peugeot, tangled with police three times, wounding four, before being cornered and killed about four hours later.

After the RPG-7 rocket attack at 10.20pm on Sunday, the heavily-armed terrorists made their way north along Marine Drive, driving at a moderate speed so as not to attract attention.

However, people had witnessed the attack and a description of the terrorists' car was broadcast on police radio.

Police travelling in the opposite direction on Marine Drive spotted them, turned around and gave chase.

As the police drew level, their van was sprayed with automatic gunfire from an AK-47. Constable Andries Nel was wounded in the cheek and neck by a bullet, and the fugitives escaped.

Police said the men were armed with hand-grenades and pistols as well as AK-47 assault rifles and an RPG-7 rocket launcher.

They re-appeared on Edwin Swales Drive when they approached a hastily-contrived police roadblock.

As they made a U-turn, a terrorist hurled a hand-grenade at the police. Sergeant Frederick Hilder, 25, was slightly wounded in a forearm by shrapnel.

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'Superficial damage'

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — A 24-hour round-the-clock fire-fighting crew rapidly extinguished a blaze caused by one of the rockets fired at the oil-refinery in Sunday night's attack.

Mr Colin Murdoch, managing director of Mobil Refining Company, said the blaze was

caused by a puncture in a pipeline.

"Nobody was injured and there was only minor superficial damage caused, which has had no effect on our operation.

"The fire-fighting crew are part of our normal staff who are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week," he said.

Link to car bomb blast?

Political Staff

THE saboteurs who were killed early yesterday morning may have been members of a crack ANC demolition squad.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, said yesterday that the police were investigating a possible link between the rocket attack and the car bomb which killed three people on Durban's Victoria Embankment recently and the Trust Bank blast in Durban last Saturday.

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11 stowaways 'were left to die'

Own Correspondent

ATHENS. — The Greek Foreign Ministry, Piraeus Port police and court authorities are investigating evidence that 11 Kenyan stowaways were thrown off a Greek freighter off the East African coast and left to die in shark-infested waters.

The allegation was made by four crew members of the 10 000-ton Greek freighter Garifalia, which belongs to the Piraeus-based shipping company Europe Gate, as soon as the vessel came into port late last week after several months at sea.

The crew members

who disclosed the scandal, and who said they refused to participate in the operation, reported that the 11 stowaways presented themselves to 43-year-old Captain Antonis Plitzanopoulos only a few hours after the vessel had left Mombassa in Kenya on March 15 on its way to Karachi.

According to the crew, Captain Plitzanopoulos first had the stowaways locked in a storage compartment then forced them overboard after providing them with lifejackets.

Most of the Kenyans were teenagers, except for two aged about 30.

R18m shuttle loo hardly flushed with success

Own Correspondent

NEW YORK. — The delight felt by American astronauts at their recent successes in space is being tempered by anger at the continuing failure of space scientists to fix the shuttle's malfunctioning lavatory.

Officials at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) have admitted that the sophisticated zero-gravitational toilet has gone wrong on 10 of the space shuttle's 11 missions.

On one mission earlier this year, astronaut Robert Gibson had to use a crowbar to unjam it, and last year America's first female astronaut, Sally Ride, fixed a malfunction with a camera bracket.

Breakdowns have become so consistent that some astronaut crews have renamed the settings on its control panel as "outhouse mode", and "flying debris mode".

It took five years of research and more than R18-million to develop a lavatory that would function in the weightless conditions of space.

Scientists designed an ingenious system that used flowing air and suction in place of flushing water. But the astronauts have been embarrassed repeatedly by breakdowns.

"It has been very disappointing," said a Nasa crew manager, Dan Germany. "Nobody likes to think that the world's greatest right stuff guys can't go up there and go to the bathroom."

Fled on foot

Although slightly wounded by flying glass from their damaged windscreen, they returned the fire and the suspects' car's tyres were holed.

The terrorists fled on foot into nearby buildings at the corner of Hime Street and Brooklyn Streets, pursued by City Policemen and South African Police. They took refuge in a patch of shrubbery.

A dog handler who went to investigate was fired on and his dog, Rover, was hit three times.

The terrorists entered the yard behind a paint depot further south on Brooklyn Avenue.

Watchmen

A firefight ensued and the building caught fire, incinerating two part-time workers and a girlfriend of one of the men.

The men had acted as watchmen and lived in the building, according to the owner.

Finally the suspects went to ground in the offices of an LTA construction site nearby and a three-hour gun and grenade battle ensued with police from the Durban Reaction Unit under the command of Warrant Officer Daantjie Haupt, ending in their death at 2.30am yesterday.

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five women have the best bodies in the world. Renee Simonsen, Carol Alt and Joan Van Dyke in an article in the May issue.

SA catamaran team for tough Worrell 1 000

Yachting Correspondent
A SOUTH African team is to compete in one of the world's toughest light catamaran races, the Worrell 1 000, in the United States from May 22 to June 2.

Skipper David Kruyt, crewman Jonathan Paarman and team manager and sailing reserve Rob Johnston leave Johannesburg today.

Kruyt, 20, of Fish Hoek, is an experienced Hobie Cat sailor and is doing his national service in the South African navy.

TWICE CHAMPION

Paarman, 29, is from Camps Bay and has won two Hobie Cat championships in South Africa.

Johnston, 48, from St James, also has extensive Hobie sailing experience.

The team will face a

mentally are in good shape."

The managing director of the company sponsoring their entry, Mr Danny Chauvier, said their decision to back the team fell in line with a policy of providing sportsmen with the chance of competing against the world's best.

The Worrell 1 000 was first sailed in 1976, a year after restaurant owner Michael Worrell sailed from Virginia Beach to Fort Lauderdale in a small catamaran on what started out as a 'prolonged day sail'.

Ancient tombs bulldozed

MOSCOW. — Road builders keen to keep to a construction plan bull-

Rocket attackers 'trained terrorists'

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Political Staff
THE four people killed in the police shoot-out after the rocket attack on Durban's Mobil Oil refinery complex have been identified as "fully-trained ANC terrorists" linked to previous terrorist incidents.

This was disclosed today by the Minister of Police, Mr Louis le Grange.

Meanwhile, police are working round the clock on their investigation into the incident in which seven people died — four of them the terrorists. Four policemen and three civilians caught in crossfire were injured.

Although Mr le Grange did not say so, it is understood the incident in which the four ANC insurgents were involved included the bomb blast

at the Trust Bank building in Durban on Saturday and last month's car bomb blast on the Esplanade.

They were apparently also involved in incidents in other parts of the country.

Brother held

Mr le Grange said the police had identified the four people shot dead by the police as fully-trained ANC terrorists.

He also disclosed that the police had for some time been holding the brother of one of the four in terms of security legislation.

It is understood the police have been able to make certain deductions through the man being detained.

Sapa reports that Rover, the police dog shot by terrorists in Sunday's gun

battle, emerged from a coma last night when his handler, Sergeant Pine Pienaar, visited him.

Rover survives

The animal was seriously wounded and might lose his right leg, but a veterinary doctor said he would survive.

He had an emergency operation after being shot three times. The vet treating the four-year-old German Shepherd will decide within three days whether to amputate the leg.

However, Rover's bravery may have ended his police career, for it is doubtful whether he will be used again in active police work.

● A report from Lusaka says the ANC has claimed responsibility for the rocket attack on the oil refinery.

UCT Carnegie inquiry: Wilson replies to Minister

THE Department of Health and Welfare had at "no stage" been asked to stay away from a University of Cape Town conference on rural poverty, Professor Francis Wilson, director of the second Carnegie inquiry into poverty and development in Southern Africa, said.

In response to the Minister of Health's speech during the debate on his vote in Parliament last night, Professor Wilson said in Cape Town he wanted to make the following points:

Cape regional office of the Minister's own department, who played an active part in the conference.

"Moreover, a number of other papers pertaining to health and poverty issues around the country were written and delivered by medical personnel employed in one capacity or another by various branches of the country's State health services.

TWO PAPERS

"Regarding the Minister's statement that nei-

nately, at the last moment, the person who had accepted the invitation was unable to come.

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"The relevant letter from the CSIR, dated April 11 1984 and wishing us a very creative and successful conference, is on our files.

"With regard to the distribution of conference papers as widely as possible, it is important to note that these preliminary findings of a scientific and scholarly

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Refineries suitable as terrorist targets

Defence Reporter

THE attack on the Mobil installation at Durban on Sunday underlines the suitability of oil refineries and tank farms as potential terrorist targets.

For a number of reasons it is much more worthwhile to attack a refinery or tank farm than, say, a police station or government administration building.

● **High yield.** A refinery or tank farm is a high-yield target in every way. An attack does not require a large number of men or logistic build-up, yet if the attack goes well immense damage can be done.

A successful attack not only disrupts the functioning of the "enemy" government, but results in such spectacular damage that it is bound to generate large amounts of local and overseas publicity.

● **Size.** By its very nature an oil refinery or tank farm is a large target. This is particularly important when the method of attack is a stand-off bombardment with missiles or mortars.

There is not much one can do to protect a refinery, and tank farms make excellent targets because all or almost all of those in existence in South Africa were built before there was a perception of the threat of urban terrorism.

● **Weaponry.** Modern terrorists use weapons which are small, comparatively light and easy to carry, with an extremely potent punch and plenty of "reach" in case the installation is protected from close-in attack.

One such is the RPG-7 missile-launcher system. A launcher and one projectile together weigh only about 9kg. The projectile has an effective range of up to 300m and can penetrate armour of up to 330mm. The missile moves at such speed that an ordinary wall or wire fence will not necessarily be able to stop it.

A terrorist can fire several shots in a few seconds, then abandon the launcher and escape ahead of retaliation.

● **Availability.** In a heavily industrialized country like South Africa, there are a comparatively large number of refineries and tank farms which are potential targets, and cannot be guarded at all times.

Injured dog may lose leg

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Rover, the police dog shot up by terrorists during yesterday's gun battle, was seriously wounded and might lose his right front leg.

He underwent an emergency operation after being shot three times, and within three days the veterinary surgeon treating the four-year-old German Shepherd will decide whether to amputate the leg.

This was disclosed last night by his handler, Sergeant Pine Pienaar, who was only ten metres behind Rover when the terrorists open fire on them.

The dog's right shoulder was crushed by the AK-47 bullets.

Sergeant Pienaar sent Rover in to search for the four terror gunman after they had fled into bushes off Lynwood Road.

He recounted the drama: "We came to the bush in which the terrorists were hiding, Rover was sent in and

was walking about 10 metres in front of me when shots rang out. I fell to the ground and returned fire.

"I heard Rover yelp, then a handgrenade exploded. I called for help over the radio and within moments other members were there to assist me.

"A while later Rover, who I thought was dead, came limping out on three legs," said Sergeant Pienaar.

"He had a bad wound in the chest and a wound in the left back foot.

"A link of his neck chain was also shot off, indicating how close bullets came to killing him."

Rover was taken to a vet in Essenwood Road where he had an emergency operation.

"I have been working with Rover for a year now. Of all the police dogs I have handled he is the best."

It is doubtful whether Rover will be used in active police work again.



Sergeant Pine Pienaar and Rover

Sabotage linked to April blast

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Political Staff

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Little doubt

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It is also understood that the four men — three blacks and a coloured — were a crack team of saboteurs whose brief was to carry out attacks in Durban.

Their deaths are likely to be another severe blow to the ANC which is already reeling in the wake of anti-insurgency pacts between South Africa and neighbouring black States which had hosted guerillas.

Plot 'uncovered'

Earlier this month Mr Le Grange announced in Parliament that police on the East Rand had uncovered an ANC plot to plant two powerful car bombs — one in Pretoria and one on the East Rand — during April.

A large quantity of Russian-made demolition explosives and other equipment was discovered hidden near Springs. Four highly trained ANC saboteurs were arrested.

However, Mr Le Grange warned in Parliament that the signing of peace pacts with South Africa's neighbours

would not necessarily mean a decrease in ANC activity.

It was even possible that in an effort to regain lost prestige the ANC would increase its sabotage campaign.

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Shrapnel wounds

Two policemen noticed the car and gave chase in their patrol van. The occupants of the Peugeot fired on the van and Constable A F Nel was wounded in the head and the van put out of action, Mr Le Grange said.

A police road-block was erected, but the Peugeot broke through and a hand grenade was thrown from the vehicle at the police. Sergeant Frederik Hilder suffered light shrapnel wounds in his right arm.

The Peugeot was then chased by a vehicle from the Durban City Police as well as an SAP vehicle along the southern freeway. The suspects fired on the pursuing vehicles and Constables Robin Lester and Nigel Shepton of the Durban City Police were slightly wounded.

The Peugeot was forced to stop in the Jacobs industrial area and the occupants ran away. They were chased by police who were fired on by the suspects. A police dog was wounded three times.

The suspects took cover in a paint storeroom and started a shootout with the police which resulted in the storeroom catching fire.

Charred bodies

The four suspects were killed in the ensuing two-hour gun battle. A black woman was wounded in the cross-fire. Her condition was satisfactory.

During the gunfight firemen were unable to extinguish the blaze. Three charred bodies were later found in the burnt-out building. They had not yet been identified, Mr Le Grange said.

It had also been established that two black nightwatchmen, Mr Patrick Swartbooi, 36, and Mr Cyprian Mbele, 20, were wounded during the chase through the Jacobs area.

They were admitted to the King Edward VIII Hospital where their conditions were described as satisfactory.

Damage to the oil refinery was slight and production was going ahead normally.

A quantity of Russian-made arms and ammunition had been recovered by the police, he said.

ANC claims responsibility for rocket attack

Terror 4 linked to Natal bombs

By CHRIS FREIMOND
Political Correspondent

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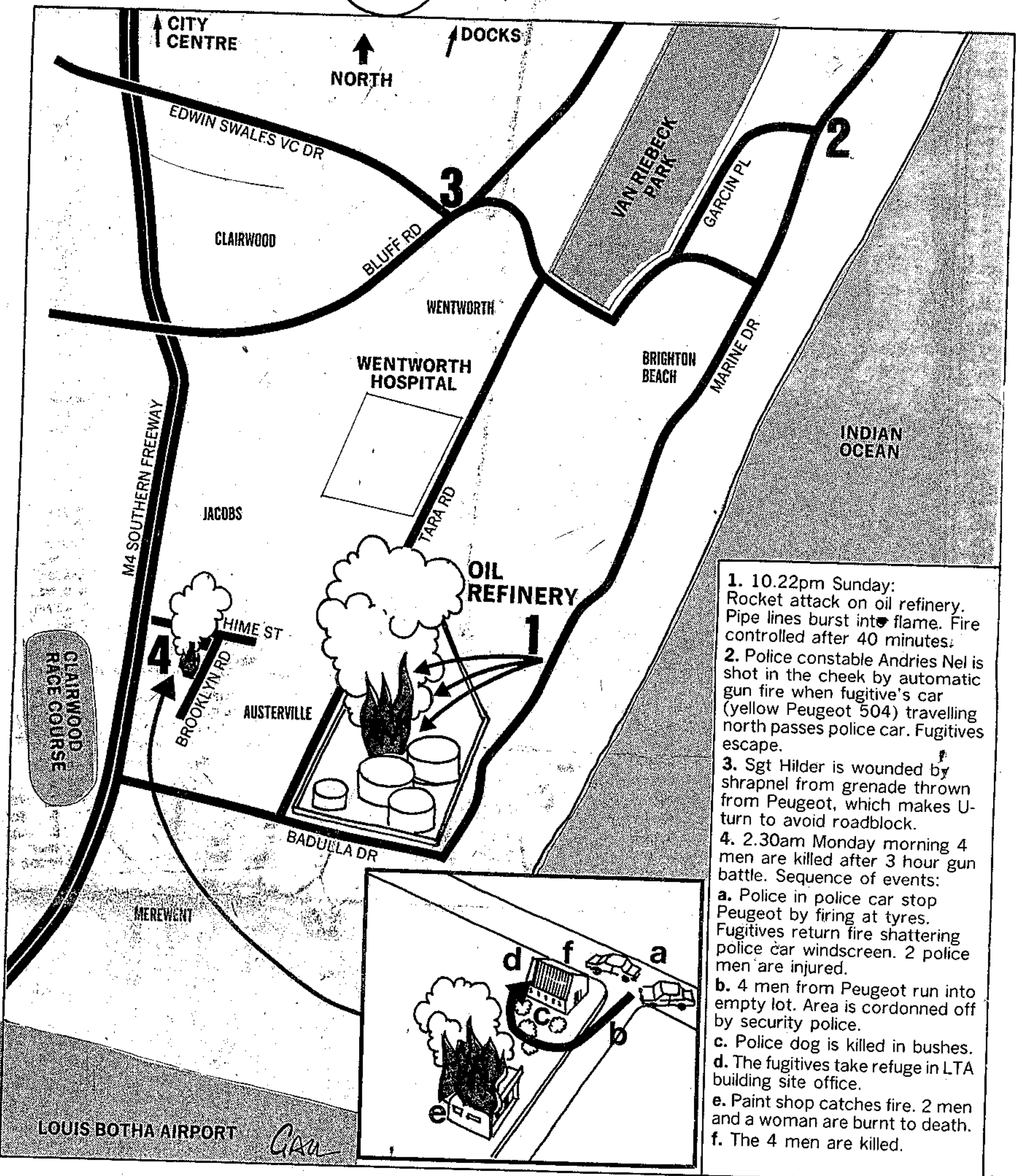
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The two weekend terrorist attacks have brought the toll of error bomb blasts and attacks in Durban to 14 since the beginning of 1981. These have claimed the lives of 10 people and injured a further

the car bomb on Durban's Victoria Embankment on April 3 claimed the lives of three people and injured 32.



Constable Andries Nel gives the thumbs up sign while recuperating after being shot in the cheek by guerrillas.

He's a lucky policeman

Mail Correspondent

DURBAN. — Constable Andries Nel, 20, the Durban policeman who was shot in the cheek by guerrillas, calls himself a "lucky man".

Speaking yesterday from his Addington Hospital bed, he said the van was peppered with as many as 15 bullet holes — all behind where his head had been.

The policemen were the first to come into contact with the guerrillas while driving along Marine Drive and gave chase.

As the police van drew level with the fugitives, a burst of automatic fire rang out and Const Nel was shot in the cheek.

Being wounded has not put the career policeman off police work.

"I like being where the excitement is and I'll stay in the force," he declared.

7 dead after Durban oil refinery rocket blast, which was caused by...

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THE AFRICAN National Congress yesterday claimed responsibility for the rocket attack on the Mobil Oil Refinery in Durban on Sunday night, which caused seven deaths.

A statement released by ANC headquarters in Lusaka said the action was part of an intensified armed campaign against the South African Government.

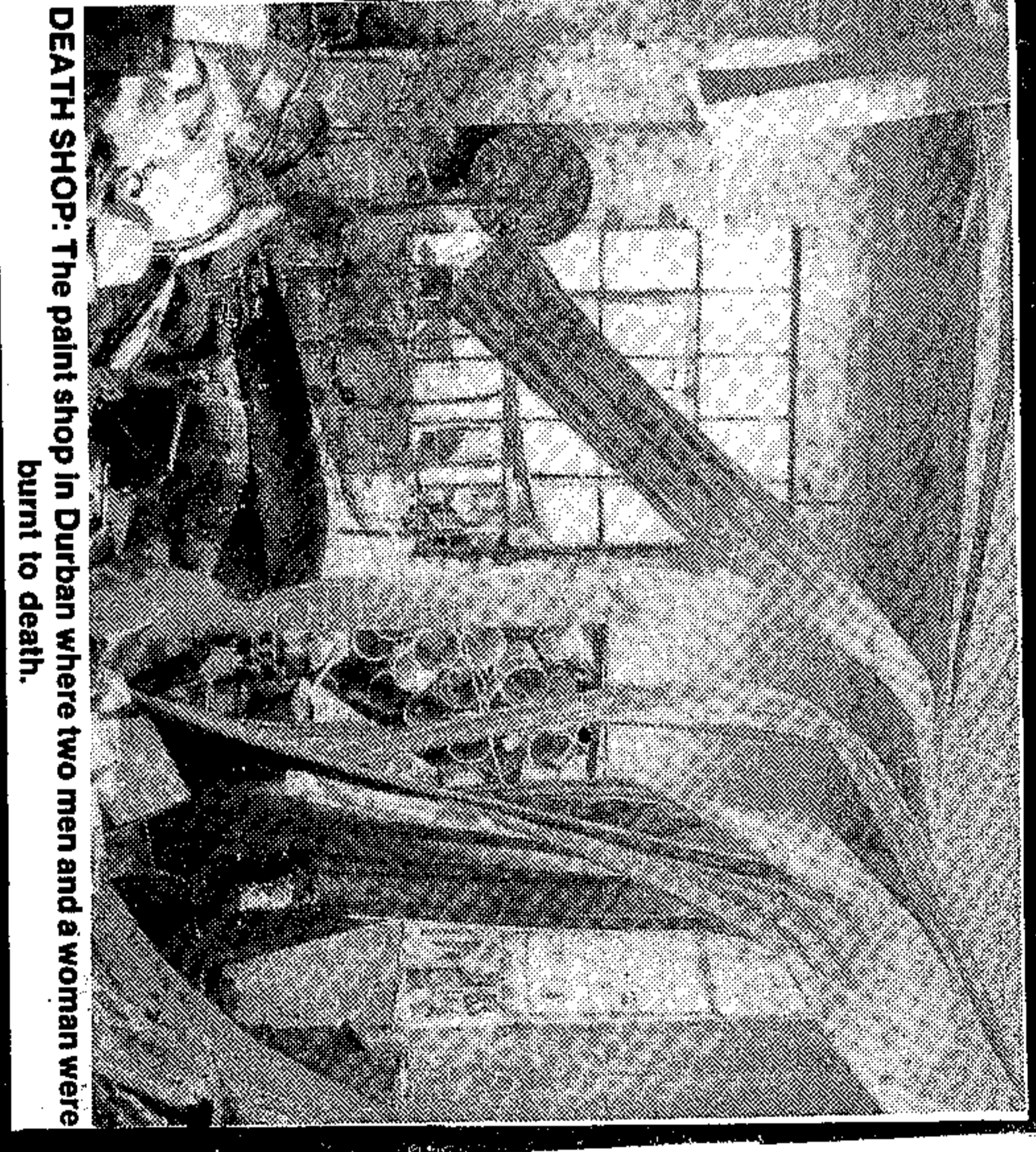
The ANC statement also claimed responsibility for two earlier attacks in Durban over the past week against Government information offices and premises of the South African Railways Police.

The death toll in the rocket attack rose to seven after a third body was found in the ruins of the paint warehouse that caught fire during the shooting. The remains of two bodies had been found in the building earlier.

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Mr Eric Dube, both of the blazing warehouse, Umlazi.
 An unidentified Russian armaments woman who was with the two men on Sunday night, was also killed in wake of the rocket at-



DEATH SHOP: The paint shop in Durban where two men and a woman were burnt to death.

Battle

During the gun battle with guerillas, which lasted five hours, four suspected ANC guerillas — three blacks and a coloured — were killed. The warehouse caught fire during the gun battle, but the fire brigade could not approach it because of the shooting. The three people burnt to death in the paint warehouse were not involved with the saboteurs, the owner of the shop, Mr Mahomed Joosub, said yesterday. Mr Joosub said that two casual labourers employed by him, regularly slept in the warehouse in the Brooklyn Road paint warehouse that was gutted by fire and explosions during the confrontation. The men were Mr Clemont Dlamini and

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Mr le Grange said Sunday night's incident began at 10.10 pm when rockets were fired at the oil refinery, shortly after which a yellow Peugeot sped away from the scene. A few minutes later the car was noticed by two SAP members who gave chase. The passengers in the Peugeot had fired on the police van, wounding Constable A F Nel in the head and putting the vehicle out of action.

A road block had been set up, but the Peugeot broke through and a hand-grenade was flung at the policemen. Sergeant Frederick Hilder had been slightly wounded in an arm by shrapnel. In the pursuit chase, two more constables had been wounded by gunfire.

TERRORISM - STRIKING BACK

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Already on the run from its traditional staging posts in neighbouring states, the African National Congress (ANC) was dealt a further blow to its operations and morale when police killed four "highly-trained and senior" men of the banned organisation's armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, in Durban on Monday.

The insurgents, plus three civilians, died after a car chase and shoot-out with the police hours after they had fired a number of rockets at the Mobil oil refinery, south of the city centre.

Last week's refinery blaze brings to eight the number of reported ANC attacks in the country so far this year, according to Pretoria's Institute of Strategic Studies. In the corresponding period last year, 19 attacks were recorded.

Oil facilities have been a prime terrorist target and are thought to be carried out by specially-trained ANC "cells."

Since 1981 Durban has suffered about 14 terrorist sabotage incidents, in which 10 have died and over 50 were wounded.

The police appear to have linked the dead squad, who they later "positively identified," to the car-bomb attack which killed three people on Durban's esplanade on April 3. A brother of one of the four dead was reportedly held for questioning soon after that attack.

The four are also thought to have been connected to a bomb which went off out-

side Durban's Trust Bank building the day before their attack on the refinery. It also appears that the police had been seeking this "cadre" in connection with sabotage carried out two years ago.

Although the ANC promptly claimed responsibility for last week's attacks, it fudged responsibility for last month's car bomb.

It is almost certain that the dead insurgents had further acts of sabotage planned — especially in view of the fact that the May-June period has in recent times seen an annual peak in so-called "armed propaganda" attacks to coincide with various red-letter days in the calendar of "black liberation."

Whether the recent attacks presage an intensified ANC campaign is difficult to say, observes Mike Hough, director of the Institute of Strategic Studies. But it is clear, he adds, that the ANC will attempt to maintain some military visibility — especially after the setback it received with the signing of the Nkomati Accord.

The accord will not produce immediate results (in curtailing ANC sabotage) but its effects would show in time, said Hough.

Police Minister Louis le Grange warned after the Durban car-bomb that SA could expect more such attacks.

□ Last year, US intelligence sources reportedly estimated that the ANC had between 1 000-2 000 trained insurgents in SA (*Current affairs* June 10 1983).

Three explosions damage railway lines on Rand

Argus Correspondent

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JOHANNESBURG. — Three explosions ripped up two railway lines early today near Lenasia, south of Johannesburg.

The first blast was shortly before 3am. A goods train travelling towards Johannesburg went over the gap this caused in one of the lines. It was not derailed, but stopped over the gap.

The driver and his assistants went to investigate. They saw wires near the gap in the line, and fled.

They ran about 30 metres before there were two more explosions. The train was damaged, but not derailed.

No one was injured.

The gap in the track underneath the train was repaired before it was driven on.

A South African Transport Services spokesman said the explosions were on the line between Lawley and Grasmere. They tore up a one-metre section of track on two lines.

Railways Police are investigating, but have not established yet what type of explosive was used.

The blast affected 10 trains. Buses carried stranded passengers.

About 30 labourers worked to repair the track and by 7.15am one of the lines was open again.

"The explosions are believed to have been a terror deed," said a SATS spokesman.

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Jabulani policeman's car blasted

AN EXPLOSIVE device detonated under the private car of a member of the South African Police at the Jabulani Police Station in Soweto, yesterday morning.

According to the public relations division of the SAP nobody was injured in the blast, and apart from the one car, nothing else was dam-

aged. The blast occurred at about 6 am.

Residents around the area were still alarmed in the afternoon when they spoke of the blast. One said she was still in bed when she heard a "loud bang" and felt the house shaking. She immediately got out of bed but could not see anything amiss.

Mr Joseph Molozi said: "I was so shaken when I heard the blast, that I immediately locked all the doors. I do not know why I did that, but it must have been through fear and shock. I am just relieved because no-one was killed or injured by the blast."

The blast at Jabulani

Police Station follows two other bomb blasts that took place in Durban, this week. Another blast took place in Durban about a month ago, in which three people were killed and many others injured. The African National Congress claimed responsibility for the three earlier blasts.

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These two chunks of railway line, displayed by Railway policemen Sergeant H Huyser (left) and Sergeant A Hugo, flew about 50 m after three bombs blasted two tracks south of Johannesburg shortly

before 3 am this morning. In the background an emergency team repairs the 1 m gaps blown out of the tracks. Both lines were repaired by 9 am.

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The other track was expected to be repaired by mid-morning. No-one was injured in the blast.

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... and the worst is not over, says Durban's security chief



Captain Willis ... ANC resents change in racial attitudes

DURBAN has been a singular target for urban terrorists during the past four years, and according to the man in charge of security, the city can expect a lot more attention from the ANC in future.

During the past six weeks, the city has suffered the Esplanade car bomb, the Trust Bank bombing in Smith Street, and the showdown at the Wentworth oil refinery.

During the past four years there have been 11 major terrorist attacks in and around Durban and Pietermaritzburg on targets ranging from railway lines to the Supreme Court, from oil refineries to Government offices.

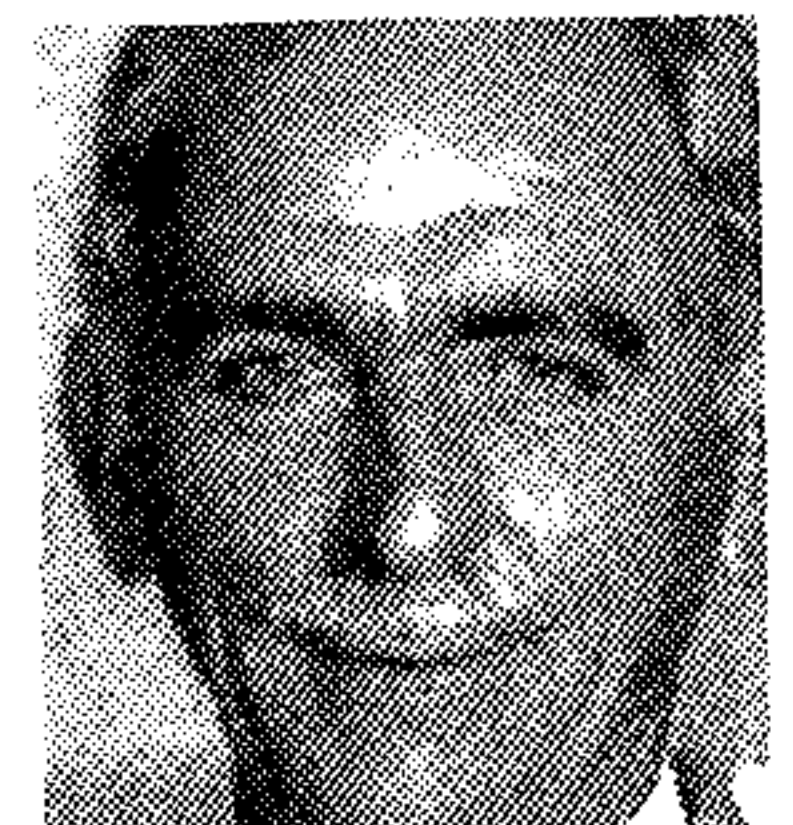
And, says the man in charge of Durban's civic security arrangements, the worst is not over.

Captain Arthur Willis has his own theories why Durban has been singled out by terrorists in the past.

"Firstly, from a geographical point of view, Durban was situated in the midst of several areas and states which were hardly well disposed to South Africa. Now things have changed with the Southern African peace accords, but the infrastructure and history remains. And the peace accords themselves have been blows to the ANC spurring them into action.

"Secondly, Durban has led the field in pioneering change in attitudes between the various race groups, and the ANC resents this as well.

"I appeal to the public of Durban to be extra specially aware



General Steenkamp ... "I am not here to assist reporters"

By Graham Ferreira

of anything out of the ordinary. We have been singled out as a target, now it is up to us to take every precaution possible to ensure that the possibility of attack is reduced.

"I believe Durban has a crack reaction unit, and without doubt, this has cut down the odds against us. But the public must become more aware."

One of the danger periods is the minutes following the detonation of a bomb.

"The public have yet to learn that a second bomb may well be waiting for the inquisitive.

"The last thing people must do is to converge when a bomb goes off. Get out of the area," said Captain Willis.

The head of the security branch of the SAP, Major General Francie Steenkamp, said there was no simple answer why Durban had been singled out as a terror target.

"I cannot discuss this on the telephone," he said.

I offered to fly to Pretoria at any time convenient to him.

"I am not here to assist reporters. It will take too long," said General Stenkamp.

After I pressed him for an answer, saying that people in Durban wanted to know about these things, he told me to put my request in writing.

This has been done, and his answer will be published in due course.

Rocket attack accused in ^{84A} Mozambique

PARENTS SHOCKED BY MINISTER'S CLAIM

By Tony Spencer-Smith
and Foreign Service

TWO of the men named by South African Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, as being involved in the rocket attack on Voortrekkerhoogte on August 12, 1981, work at the Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo, according to their relatives.

Mr David William Hedges, a Briton whose parents live in Teignmouth, Devon, is a lecturer in African history there, and Mr Guido Lucian Margaretha van Hecken, a Belgian, teaches Portuguese.

Details about the other two, Dr Edward Whetli, said to be a South African with a British passport, and Mr Nicholas Francis Henry Heath, were not available this week.

The parents of David Hedges, Mr and Mrs Frederick J. Hedges, said they were "shocked and bewildered" to hear of the allegation against their son.

They had not heard of any rocket attack in South Africa and wondered whether someone else had not got hold of their son's passport.

He had worked at the university in Maputo for about seven years and had never been involved in anything political as far as they knew.

David, who is 40 and single, is the youngest of their three children.

David was brought up in Birmingham. He graduated with a BA degree at London University's school of Oriental and African studies. Later, he did a PhD degree in African history.

Mr van Hecken, 32, has worked at the university in Maputo for "some years" according to a brother in Schilde, a village near Antwerp.

He said he knew Guido was suspected by the South African authorities

of being involved in the attack. But he was convinced Guido was "not responsible."

Guido was not active in anti-apartheid movements of any kind, as far as he knew.

A senior security policeman, who made it a condition of the interview that he was not named, yesterday gave the Sunday Tribune details of how the alleged attackers were tracked down.

He claimed that as well as the four whites, several blacks who were members of the Solomon Mahlangu sabotage unit of the ANC had also been involved.

The unit, he said, was one of those specifically under the control of Joe Slovo and was "probably the most sophisticated armed unit of the ANC".

The security policeman said a large Ford bakkie allegedly used to smuggle a 122 mm rocket launcher from Maputo to South Africa had been a vital key in the investigations.

Dr Whetli, he alleges, bought the second-hand bakkie in South Africa claiming it was to be used for hunting.

It was driven through Swaziland to Maputo where it was fitted with secret compartments by a specialised ANC workshop unit to hide the large rocket launcher. It was then driven back to South Africa.

The bakkie, according to the security police, was used on another occasion after the Voortrekkerhoogte attack to smuggle items into South Africa, and was currently in the possession of the police, having been found in the Eastern Transvaal.

The Tribune was unable to reach either Mr Hedges or Mr van Hecken for their reply to the allegations.

terrorist The Sunday school

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By GEORGE MAHABER 2015/10/4

A SUNDAY school teacher was among the four African National Congress terrorists killed when they launched a rocket attack on an oil-refinery complex.

Clifford Brown, who would have turned 24 on June 13, was killed in the police shootout after the rocket attack on Durban's Mobil Oil Refinery last Sunday night.

He was a member of a crack ANC unit believed to have entered the country in March.

He is also suspected of being responsible for the bomb blast in Durban eight days ago and for last month's car-bomb blast on the city's Esplanade in which three people were killed.

Brown was a Sunday school teacher of the Nederduitse Gereformeerde Sendingkerk in East London.

He was a trainee teacher at the Dower Teachers' Training College in Port Elizabeth when he "disappeared" at the end of 1978.

Twelve hours before Brown and his three insurgent friends launched the attack on the oil refinery, members of the church congregation said prayers for him and his brother, Tim, detained by the Durban Security Branch since April 18.

Before he fled South Africa, Clifford Brown was detained by the Security Branch several times.



Family portrait: Mr Bertie and Mrs Rozina Brown with son Albert. Clifford is on the right

Requests

"We then realised that Tim could have been only detained because of Clifford," Mr Albert Brown said.

"Since Clifford disappeared six years ago my family had been approached by the police with requests that we should encourage Clifford to return to South Africa.

"I told my parents that they should brace themselves to hear of the possible death of Clifford after we became aware of the killing of the four terrorists in Durban."

Earlier this week the Minister of Police, Mr Louis le Grange, while not identifying the terrorists killed in Durban last Sunday night, said all the insurgents involved were "fully trained ANC terrorists" linked to previous terrorism.

Dead ANC man suspected of two previous bombings

Protests

He was detained for three weeks in 1977, when, as a matric student at the John Bisseker High School, East London, he was involved in student protests.

When he entered the teachers' training college he clashed again with the Security Branch who detained him at Grahamstown for a longer period.

He was released shortly before he was due to write his annual examination.

His elder brother, Mr Albert Brown, 36, spoke frankly of this week about his family of 11 brothers and sisters who moved with their elderly parents from the Eastern Province hamlet of Dorrecht to East London after he had qualified as a teacher.

"Clifford was 11 at the time and he was the youngest and the favourite of the family.

"He was a regular church-goer and took an active part in the youth clubs.

"He was an intelligent and obedient youngster.

"I had never ever known of him being involved with any political organisations though he seemed politically aware.

Suffered

"When he disappeared at the end of 1978 we learnt a week later that he was in Lesotho.

"My mother was very concerned about him and we went to Maseru where we met Clifford.

"He told us he had received political asylum in Lesotho and would not be returning to South Africa.

"He complained that he had suffered a lot during his detention and believed the Security Branch would continue harassing him if he remained in South Africa.

"He also assured my mother he would continue his education overseas at a university.

"It was the last we saw and heard from him."

Clifford's elderly parents, Mr Bertie Brown 74, and Rozina, 69, first became aware when they learnt shortly after the Easter weekend that Tim had been detained by the Security Branch in Durban.

Tim, 27, who worked as a junior duty manager at the Lonsdale International Hotel in Durban, is believed to have been detained on April 18.



Clifford Brown at the John Bisseker High School matric farewell in 1977.

EL man was ANC terrorist

D. Dispatch 21/5/84

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Mr Bertie Brown and his wife, Rozina, at their Pefferville home last night. Their son, Clifford, died in a shootout with Durban police.

EAST LONDON — One of the four African National Congress terrorists killed in a gun-battle with police in Durban last week was an East London man.

His mother, Mrs Rozina Brown, yesterday described her shock when she learnt that her youngest son, Clifford, was one of a crack ANC unit of four which launched a rocket attack on a Durban oil refinery and subsequently died in a shootout with police.

junior duty manager at a luxury Durban hotel.

Clifford Brown matriculated from John Bisseker High School in 1977 and attended the Dower Teachers' Training College in Port Elizabeth before "disappearing" at the end of 1978.

Mrs Brown told of how her quiet and devoutly religious son became politically embittered and fled South Africa to join the ANC.

His mother said he had wanted to go to university to study for the ministry, but decided the expense would be too great.

The terrorists were killed by a police Reaction Unit in the early hours of last Monday.

He was detained by security police in his matric year at John Bisseker during student unrest and was questioned by security police on other occasions.

The Minister of Police, Mr Louis le Grange, subsequently announced the four men were members of a highly-trained ANC unit that had been linked to two other bombings in Durban during the past month.

He fled South Africa for Lesotho, and his family lost contact with him after that. — DDR

The one was a car-bomb blast on Durban's Esplanade in which three people were killed and the other a bomb explosion in a city building nine days ago which damaged government offices.

Mrs Brown said her son had always been a good child who had grown up wanting to become a minister of religion.

"He was a good member of the church and he helped at Sunday school and was a church youth organisation leader," she said.

"He was a quiet boy who was always peaceful and was never rebellious."

Mrs Brown said she was never aware that her son had joined the military wing of the ANC.

The first she knew of it was when police informed her last week that he had been one of the terrorists killed in Durban.

"It came as a very great shock to us."

Another of Mrs Brown's four remaining sons, Tim Brown, 27, has been detained by Durban security police since April 18. He worked as a

Police knew dead ANC man

~~HA~~ E. Post By KEITH ROSS (24A)

EAST LONDON — East London security police tried several times over the years to get the terrorist, Clifford Brown, to abandon his ANC ideals and return to South Africa.

This was disclosed today by the commander of the East London security police, Brigadier Andries van der Merwe.

Brigadier Van der Merwe was reacting to Press reports about Brown and how he had changed from a Sunday School teacher to a terrorist.

Brown was one of four trained terrorists killed in a gunbattle with the police in Durban last week.

His parents, Mr and Mrs Bertie Brown, of Duncan Village, told the Press they did not know their son was undergoing military training.

Brigadier Van der Merwe said his men had visited Mr and Mrs Brown several times and told them of the training

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their son was receiving.

Mr and Mrs Brown would not comment today, saying they did not want to speak to the Press anymore.

Earlier they told newspapers that their son had fled the country to Lesotho in 1978. Before fleeing the country he had on a number of occasions been questioned by the security police.

In 1977, when he was a matric pupil at the John Bisseker High School in East London, he was detained for three weeks.

The following year he entered the Dower Teachers Training College in Port Elizabeth, where he again clashed with the security branch and was detained in Grahams-town.

He was released just before his annual examinations and shortly afterwards fled to Lesotho.

UK challenges SABC on ANC

22/5/84
Cape Times

Political Staff

THE British Government has challenged the SABC to provide proof that the Pretoria bomb blast last year was planned at the ANC office in London.

The British reaction comes in the wake of a television broadcast on Sunday in which the SABC's London correspondent, Jan van Niekerk, stated that the blast in May 1983 had been planned by the ANC in London.

The programme in which the allegation was made, featured the protest outside the ANC offices in London organized by VAT — Victims Against Terrorism.

In a statement issued by its Embassy in Cape Town yesterday, the British Government said that at present it had no

evidence that this was the case.

The statement challenges the SABC "or anyone else in South Africa" who has evidence to substantiate the claim that the attack was planned in London to make the evidence available to the British Government.

Contraventions

The British statement is the latest salvo in the ongoing battle between the British Government and pro-Government media in the Republic on the ANC presence in London.

The British Government's stand has been that no action will be taken against the ANC unless there are contraventions of British law.

The South African attack on the British

standpoint comes after the signing of the Accord of Nkomati and the subsequent expulsion of ANC members from Mozambique.

Swaziland has also clamped down on the ANC as has Lesotho, while Botswana and Zimbabwe have both been at pains to indicate that their territory is not being used as a springboard for attacks on the Republic.

British-South African relations are understood to have cooled considerably as a result of the British standpoint and it is not ruled out that the matter will be discussed when the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, meets his British counterpart, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, in England at the beginning of next month.

Blast at ^{84A} OES mine ²⁷ _{22/5/84} Sfa

An explosion at the Western Holdings mine at Welkom in the Free State last night destroyed seven offices, a police spokesman said from Welkom today.

The blast occurred in offices at number seven shaft just after 7 pm.

Initial estimates put damage at about R100 000.

Police led by the CID chief for the Northern Free State, Colonel Koos Calitz, combed the debris for clues.

Witnesses said the blast was deafening. They confirmed that no explosives were kept in the building.

Sources said this was the fourth unexplained explosion at the shaft in the past year. The three previous ones had occurred underground Sapa.

SAFE Times 7/2/84
**Police probe
mine blast**

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police are investigating a case of sabotage after an explosion had rocked the Western Holdings gold mine near Welkom soon after 7pm on Monday, destroying offices at number seven shaft.

No-one was injured in the blast and production has not been affected.

The owners of the mine, Anglo American Corporation, are offering a R5 000 reward for any information leading to the arrest of the people responsible.

Colonel Kōos Calitz, CID chief for the Northern Free State, said yesterday that a case of sabotage was being investigated.

An Anglo American spokesman said the blast caused damage estimated at about R100 000. He said he could not confirm a Sapa report which said this was the fourth "unexplained" explosion at the shaft in the past year.

Department of Posts and Telecommunications

Cabling to communications and navigational aids.

LTA Construction

Responsible for the building of the runway, taxiways and roads.

Bramley Earthworks

Responsible for the site preparation for the building complex.

Northern Transvaal Electrical

Responsible for the high tension reticulation.

Siemens

Responsible for the runway lighting.

African Technical Service

Responsible for navigation aids including the instrument landing system.

- (c) An operations complex consisting of a control tower, an air traffic control centre, an avionics equipment centre, a weather station, a power and lighting block, a main fire station, a stores centre and a surface maintenance workshop.

- (2) No. The nature of the relevant projects are such that it must be completed in successive stages. Simultaneous completion is therefore not feasible.

- (3) Falls away.

Hansard Q. 61 1311
84A Sabotage/armed attacks/explosions
23/5/84

*7. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (a) How many incidents of sabotage, armed attack or explosions had occurred in the Republic in 1984 as at the latest specified date for which figures are avail-

able and (b) what was the (i) target and (ii) nature of the incident in each case?

The MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS (for the Minister of Law and Order):

Particulars up to 20 May 1984 are as follows:

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| (a) 14. | (i) | (ii) |
| 2 Railway lines | Explosions | Explosions |
| 3 Offices occupied by State Departments and Foreign Missions | Explosions | Explosions |
| 2 Power installations | Explosions | Explosion |
| 1 Petrol depot | Explosion | Armed attack |
| 1 Oil refinery | Armed attack | Armed attack |
| 1 Private dwelling | Armed attack | Explosion |
| 1 Private vehicle of a member of the South African Police | Armed attacks | Armed attacks |
| Members of the police on two occasions | Armed attacks | Armed attacks |
| 1 Private vehicle | Explosion | Explosion |

SABC: Devil's Peak

*8. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

- (1) Whether the SABC has sold its site on the slopes of Devil's Peak; if not, why not; if so, (a) to whom, (b) at what price and (c) when;

- (2) whether any conditions were attached to this sale; if so, (a) what conditions and (b) why?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE (for the Minister of Foreign Affairs):

In terms of article 3 of the Broadcasting Act, No 73 of 1976, as amended, the affairs of the South African Broadcasting Corporation are managed and controlled by the Board of the Corporation.

I would therefore suggest that the hon member submit the question to the Chairman of the Board of the SABC for an answer.

Mr K M ANDREW: Mr Speaker, arising from the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, is he aware that in the past three years, on each occasion in relation to this site, the hon the Minister has provided all the details, and now he suddenly chooses not to do so?

The DEPUTY MINISTER: Mr Speaker, I am not aware of that.

Hansard *23/5/84*
Indian teachers' salaries
Q. 61, 1313
*9. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Internal Affairs:

How many Indian teachers were on (a) the same salary scales as and (b) different salary scales from those applicable to White teachers with the same qualifications as at 1 April 1984?

The MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS:

- (a) 9 147.
(b) 265.

In addition to the number of teachers mentioned under (b) there are 937 under-qualified teachers in categories for which there are no equivalent categories for White teachers.

Hansard *23/5/84*
Coloured teachers: salary scales
Q. 61, 1313
*10. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Internal Affairs:

How many Coloured teachers were (a) on the same salary scales as and (b) different salary scales from those applicable to White teachers with the same qualifications as at 1 April 1984?

†The MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS:

- (a) 13 006.
(b) 5 538.

In addition to the number of teachers mentioned under (b) there are 11 106 under-qualified teachers in categories for

which there are no equivalent categories for White teachers.

Hansard *23/5/84*
Persons killed/wounded by Police
Q. 61, 1314
*11. Mr P H P GASTROW asked the Minister of Law and Order:

Whether any persons were shot by the South African Police in March 1984; if so, how many persons were shot and (a) killed and (b) wounded in that month?

The MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS (for the Minister of Law and Order):

- Yes, 55.
(a) 10.
(b) 45.

Trallee Court, Durban

*12. Mr W V RAW asked the Minister of Community Development:

- (1) Whether Trallee Court in Mona Road, Durban, is subject to rent control; if so,

- (2) whether an application was recently made for an increase in rentals in respect of this property; if so, (a) for what increase and (b) as from what date;

- (3) whether this application has been considered; if so, what increase was granted;

- (4) whether the Rent Board has received any complaints concerning the form of notification given to tenants by the agents or landlords of Trallee Court; if so, what was the nature of these complaints;

- (5) whether the Rent Board has been notified of any threats made to tenants of this property concerning the supply of electricity and water; if so, what was the purport of these threats;

- (c) Katlehong, Tokoza, KwatThema, Daveyton and Tsakane.
- (d) Normally the representations received are in connection with blockages. The operation of the Tsakane works is not always satisfactory but the situation is under control. Approximately R4 million is to be spent on improvements to the purification plant in order to rectify the position permanently.
- Western Transvaal Development Board*
- (1) No, but representations were received by the Western Transvaal Development Board.
- (a) During 1981.
- (b) From the Anglo American Corporation.
- (c) Khutsong, Carletonville.
- (d) Representations were received regarding the disposal of night-soil.
- (2) Yes.
- (a) *Eastern Transvaal Development Board*
- (b) Piet Retief—60% of the township has no water-borne sewerage system. Ermelo—40% of the township has no water-borne sewerage system. Water-borne systems do not exist in the following townships but bucket systems are in operation: Wakkerstroom, Barberton, Davel, Amersfoort, Amsterdam, Lake Chrissie, Carolina and Breyten.
- (a) *Highveld Development Board, Central Transvaal Development Board, Northern Transvaal Development Board and Orange Vaal Development Board*
- (b) These systems operate satisfactorily.
- (a) *East Rand Development Board*
- (b) Sewerage systems in the townships under the Boards' jurisdiction are satisfactory. The blockages which occur from time to time are due to the depositing of insoluble objects in the sewerage systems.
- (a) *West Rand Development Board*
- (b) The only problem area identified is that of Alexandra where the sewerage system is to be upgraded.
- (a) *Western Transvaal Development Board*
- (b) *Khutsong and Carletonville*: The cost of providing a sewerage system and purification plant was estimated at R9 million which the residents cannot afford. Investigations in regard to the following townships have not yet been completed: Orkney, Fochville, Bloemhof, Coligny, Schweizer-Reneke, Ottosdal, Leeudoringstad, Ventersdorp, Makwasie, Harbeesfontein, Koster, Christiana, Lichtenburg, Swarttruggens, Zeerust and Sannieshof.
- (3) *Eastern Transvaal Development Board*
- (a) The partial installation and connection to water-borne systems in Wakkerstroom, Barberton, Davel, Amersfoort, Amsterdam, Lake Chrissie, Carolina, Breyten, Piet Retief and Ermelo as well as the provision of a purification plant at Sabie were placed on the 1985/1986 budget.
- (b) Approximately R1 million.
- Highveld Development Board*
- Yes.

- (a) Installation of water-borne sewerage systems at Balfour, Belfast, Bethal, Dullstroom, Hendrina, Langverwacht, Leandra, Machadodorp, Middelburg, Ogies, Standerton and Volksrust were placed on the 1984/1985 budget.
- (b) Approximately R9 466 500.
- Central Transvaal Development Board*
- Yes.
- (a) Upgrading of the sewerage system at Warmbaths township by the installation of a water-borne system. Purification will be undertaken by the Warmbaths municipality.
- (b) Approximately R2,4 million.
- Northern Transvaal Development Board and Orange Vaal Development Board*
- No. The systems are satisfactory.
- East Rand Development Board*
- Yes.
- (a) The Board is at present engaged in upgrading and extension of various sewerage systems and disposal works.
- (b) Approximately R12 million.
- West Rand Development Board*
- Yes.
- (a) The whole of the Alexandra sewerage system is being upgraded as part of the redevelopment scheme. The main sewer and disposal works of Greater Soweto are being upgraded as part of an upgrading program.
- (b) Approximately R30,5 million.
- Western Transvaal Development Board*
- Yes.
- (a) The investigations of certain areas are still to be completed but provision for the installation of sewerage systems has been made on the 1984/1985 budget in respect of the following townships: Orkney, Fochville, Bloemhof, Schweizer-Reneke and Leeudoringstad.
- (b) Approximately R1 030 000.
- *21. Mr E K MOORCROFT *Agri-culture* Reply standing over. *Mr. G. S. Col. 1326 23/5/84* *Crimes against security of State: prisoners*
- *22. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Justice:
- (1) How many prisoners serving sentences not exceeding ten years for crimes against the security of the State were there in South African prisons on 12 May 1982;
- (2) whether any of these prisoners have been considered for release; if not, why not; if so, how many as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?
- †The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND FAIRS (for the Minister of Justice):
- (1) 239.
- (2) Yes; the 239 prisoners referred to have all been considered for release and a total of 64 of these prisoners have been released prior to the expiration of their sentences.
- *23. Dr A L BORAINÉ asked the Minister of Manpower:
- Whether any employers were (a) prosecuted and (b) warned in 1983 for failing to keep their employees' unemployment

Thursday May 24 1984

Petrol bomb attacks labelled as vandalism

The petrol-bombing of houses in Soweto has been called vandalism by Soweto's divisional commissioner of police, Brigadier D J D Jacobs.

The bombs which have been directed at houses belonging to community councillors and school headmasters, started soon after the December 1983 council elections.

Asked if the acts were committed by a group of organised people or if they were isolated cases of personal vendetta against certain personalities, Brig-

adier Jacobs said he doubted the existence of a coherent group.

He said that idea appeared as a figment of a few people's imagination.

A group which calls itself the Suicide Squad or the "SASS, Comrades in Arms" has claimed responsibility whenever such an incident has occurred.

So far councillors Mr E Tshabalala, Mr P Gabotloele, Mr S Tshabalala, Mr S Manthata, and Mr I B Mashao have been affected as well as headmasters Mr J Mazibuko and Mr J P Nkosi.

Their names appeared on a hit list issued by the SASS.

In Mr Mazibuko's case a note left prior to the bombing of his house warned that houses belonging to "government stooges" would be petrol-bombed if those people did not resign from the community councils.

'Sabotage' probe at gold mine

Mail Reporter

POLICE are investigating three possible acts of sabotage at the Western Holdings gold mine near Welkom.

This was confirmed yesterday by Colonel Koos Calitz, CID chief for the Northern Free State, who said there had been four explosions in the mine's No 7 shaft in the past year.

The first three blasts occurred underground, partly destroying three sub-stations.

The latest explosion occurred on Monday night in the clerks' offices shortly after 7pm and, while no one was injured, damage was estimated at about R100 000.

Colonel Calitz said the first of the four blasts in the shaft was thought to have been caused by overheating, but dynamite was suspected to be the cause of the following three.

A spokesman for the Anglo American Corporation, owners of the mine, said: "We have no indication that there is any connection between the blasts."

Colonel Calitz said it was difficult to say whether they were linked.

"We have no information as yet, but if we find the person responsible for this last explosion, it could lead us to the causes of the previous ones," he said.

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Crime Staff

Welkom detectives have arrested a former shift boss of Western Holdings gold mine in connection with Monday's blast at the planning offices of the mine's No 7 shaft.

A Pretoria police spokesman said the possibility that the arrested man was connected to three underground blasts which occurred earlier this year was being investigated.

However the African National Congress has also claimed responsibility for Monday's explosion. The claim was made on Wednesday night on a regular broadcast of "Radio Freedom", which transmits from the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa.

Former ~~SAP~~ Police shift boss say ANC held after blasts didn't do it

Pretoria Correspondent

Police confirmed the arrest and said the man would appear in court on Monday on charges of sabotage. It is understood that the man has not been connected to the ANC.

The arrested man, the father of a boy (5), was working at another mine near Welkom.

Monday's blast wrecked the planning offices, causing damage estimated at R150 000.

The South African Police has dismissed claims by the African National Congress that it was responsible for an explosion at the Western Holdings Mine in Welkom on Monday night.

"Investigations have shown the ANC was not responsible for the blast," a SAP spokesman said today.

Such claims gave lie to claims of a solid infrastructure here.

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ANC claim rejected as mine man held for blast

A WHITE man has been arrested in connection with an explosion which caused extensive damage to offices at the Western Holdings gold mine at Welkom on Monday night — for which the banned African National Congress had earlier claimed responsibility, police confirmed in Pretoria today.

A police spokesman said the 31-year-old man, an ex-shift boss at the mine who was reportedly fired, was expected to appear in the Welkom Magistrate's Court on Monday on sabotage charges.

Police were also investigating a possible link between the man and three earlier blasts at the mine, the spokesman said.

News of the arrest came only hours after the ANC had claimed responsibility for the blast in a radio broadcast from Addis Ababa.

The organisation claimed to have dealt a "strategic blow against the army" by hitting the offices of the "apartheid mine".

A spokesman for the public relations division of the police in Pretoria said:

"According to news reports in several newspapers this morning... the ANC has claimed responsibility for the explosion at Western Holdings mine in Welkom.

"This claim is repudiated as ridiculous by the SAP, since investigations have shown that the ANC was not responsible for this blast.

"Claims of this nature confirm that the ANC hierarchy does not have proper contact with its men in the field and it gives the lie to their claim of having a solid infra-structure within South Africa.

"It also indicates that the ANC, because of their lack of success, will grab hold of every possible straw in an effort to gain some semblance of credibility and, due to recent setbacks, are endeavouring to regain imagined prestige." — Sapa.

Boy badly hurt in petrol bomb raid

2/6/84 Mercury 84A
Mercury Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG—A seven-year-old boy was severely burned in a petrol bomb attack on the house of a former Soweto councillor, Mr Nehemia Mthonjeni.

The boy, Brian Mthembu, is Mr Mthonjeni's grandson. He was burned on the body, face and arms while sleeping in a bedroom with his brothers.

He was taken to Baragwanath Hospital and admitted to the intensive care unit ward.

Damage to the house is

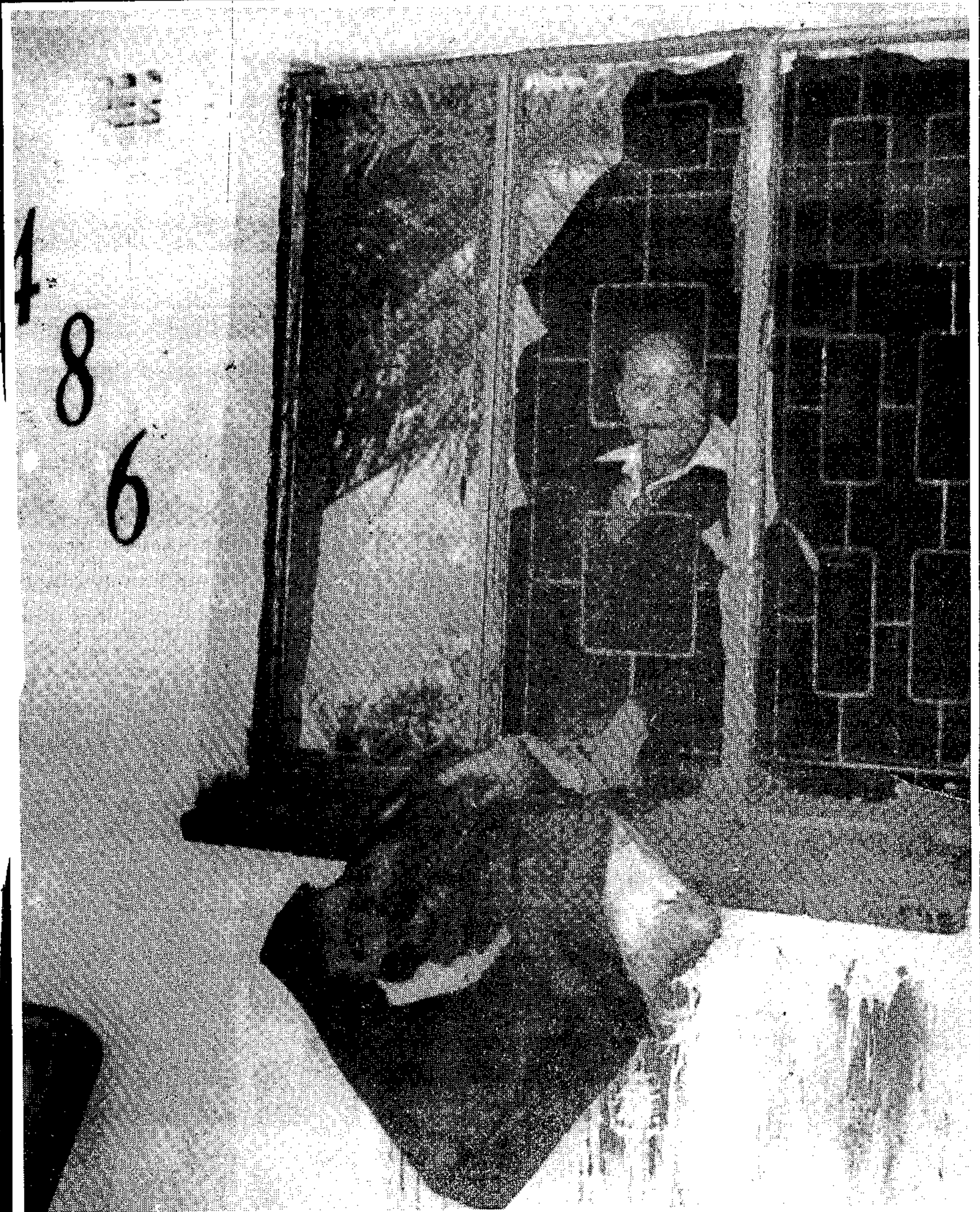
estimated at R1 500.

Miss Mavis Mthonjeni said three petrol bombs were hurled at the house about 2 a m on Thursday.

'We have no idea who is behind this and have no idea why they did this to us because my father is no longer a councillor,' Miss Mthonjeni said.

This is the second petrol bomb incident within 24 hours.

Another councillor, Mr M J Khumalo, Deputy Mayor of Diep-Meadow, was injured after his Meadowlands house was bombed on Wednesday.



THE damage is done. . . Diepmeadow town councillor J Khumalo's home was badly damaged by four petrol bombs thrown early yesterday morning. Here his daughter, Form Four pupil Jacqueline Khumalo, helps clear up the mess.

LABOUR TALK-ABOUT

Crucial aspects of SA's industrial relations system will come in for some pretty high-level scrutiny at a conference on labour law at the University of Natal from July 9-11.

Organised jointly by the Centre for Applied Legal Studies and the University of Natal's Department of Public Law, the conference will look at:

- The Industrial Court;
- Collective bargaining and the law;

- Occupational health and safety;
- Law and dismissal;
- Law of strikes;
- Freedom of association and the closed shop; and
- Proposals to reform SA labour law.

Most of the scheduled speakers are labour lawyers and academics, but some have been drawn from trade unions, industrial relations consultancies and industry

tional circumstances, as in the case of:

- Labour-intensive projects in which more than half of the total cost of a project comprises pay for semi- and unskilled labour;
- Projects embarked upon to alleviate the prevailing unemployment problem;
- Projects launched in areas with severe unemployment; and
- Projects financed entirely by local authorities. (Central government will not provide additional funds.)

Each local authority has to submit its 1984-1985 budget, with detailed information on proposed projects, to the Finance Department for consideration and approval.

Overall control of expenditure is to be exercised by the department to achieve a co-ordinated pattern throughout the public sector, while the guidelines issued by the Minister are aimed at bringing about more "uniformity" in government expenditure.

financial year.

The department has told black local authorities it will exercise overall control of their expenditure. It has appealed to them to adhere to guidelines laid down by Finance Minister Owen Horwood.

The increase in the total expenditure allowed each local authority for the financial year has been fixed by the Minister at 10% above the previous year's budgeted expenditure.

The limit can be exceeded only in excep-

INSURGENCY

How the ANC works

It is hardly surprising that SA Foreign Minister Pik Botha and Defence Minister Magnus Malan are believed to have discussed closing African National Congress (ANC) training camps when they met top officials of Angola's MPLA government in Lusaka on May 21. According to Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange, the Angolan camps are essential to ANC military and terrorist training.

If SA is indeed able to secure the closure of the camps in terms of an eventual Namibian/Angolan settlement, it will have struck at the core of the ANC's "army," Umkonto we Sizwe — which is generally referred to as "MK."

MK, which was founded in 1961, carried out about 200 relatively minor terror attacks in the country up to 1963. Then came the Rivonia trial and imprisonment of ANC leaders like Nelson Mandela (on charges which included sabotage), and a successful State crackdown on the banned organisation.

After the end of Portuguese rule in Mozambique and Angola in 1974, the ANC renewed its armed activities. The organisation was strengthened by an infusion of thousands of young blacks who left SA to join the ANC after the Soweto riots of 1976.

During 1977-1978, MK struck 31 times. In the next four years to 1982, no fewer than 108 acts of sabotage were attributed to the group. More than 60 people, black and white, have been casualties of MK attacks since 1980.

MK camps are located primarily in Angola: Le Grange says at Quibaze, Pango, Malange, Viena and Caxito. They are estimated to contain anything from 2 000 to 8 000 men. The SA Police, however, believes there are between 1 000 and 2 000 men involved.

The ANC sets aside \$50m/year, half its budget, for MK training and operations, according to *Harper's* magazine, which was given an inside look at the MK last December.

Although Pretoria has described Joe Slovo, a white former Johannesburg advocate and leading figure in the SA Communist Party, as the mastermind behind ANC sabotage, the head of MK was recently revealed as Joe Modise. Modise is described as a 52-year-old former Johannesburg community leader and is known within the ranks as "The Commander."

The ANC itself is led by Oliver Tambo, formerly Mandela's partner in a legal firm, who left SA in 1960. The movement's Lusaka headquarters, a would-be government-in-exile, is made up of at least 11 departments and secretariats with many subdivisions and six co-ordinating committees.

The bulk of its non-military budget comes from Norway, Sweden and the UN (as refugee assistance). The main military backer remains the Soviet Union, although the movement claims to be non-aligned ideologically.

Communist

Although the SA Communist Party is an important component of the ANC, the movement also contains orthodox nationalists and liberals. *Harper's* concludes that its ideological diversity leaves it "far from united on a prescription for government in a future SA."

It appears that most political exiles from SA are given a choice when they turn up at ANC locations. They either join the military immediately, or they may attend party-run schools and enlist later. The educational route reportedly leads to the 1 600-strong ANC community in Tanzania

for enrolment in party schools at Mazimbu. There are also about 1 500 ANC members with scholarships at various British, European and American universities.

MK recruits are sent to Angola to train at one of the camps provided by the MPLA government. The camps are planned to be self-sufficient and include agricultural projects adjacent to the bases, according to *Harper's*. MK seeks to train "political soldiers" who will both carry out sabotage and act as "undercover missionaries."

Training lasts for up to two years, with specialised military courses in the Soviet Union for promising candidates. In the past, trained men were transported in groups of three or four to staging posts in countries bordering SA. With infiltration routes through Mozambique and Lesotho now more or less closed, it will be interesting to see what new pattern develops.

Each guerrilla sent from Angola is instructed to recruit four new insurgents inside SA — each of whom is required to recruit four more. The efficacy of this tactic seems questionable in view of Le Grange's estimate that only some 10 to 30 terrorists are in SA at any one time. Some foreign sources, however, believe the true figure is considerably higher.

Once inside SA, the guerrillas make contact with MK agents in the townships. It is not known how many cells make up the organisation, but each cell has between five and 10 members who know each other, but not the membership of other cells.

The ANC would obviously like conflict to take root in the townships rather than have to rely solely upon infiltration and isolated acts of sabotage. However, there seems little evidence that it is achieving this goal. Even when there was unrest in 1976, the ANC seemed as surprised as Pretoria.

TWO terrorists die in gun battle

Marx 11/6/84 Willie Louw

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TWO armed terrorists, who may have been responsible for an attack on petrol rail tankers in Durban last week, have been shot dead in a battle with police near Verulam in Natal.

Police had called in helicopter support to assist in tracking during a follow-up operation to establish whether more members of the gang were still at large.

Commissioner of Police Gen Johan Coetzee said last night that police had taken possession of explosives, limpet mines and other devices after the running battle with the insurgents on Friday.

The shoot-out took place in the rural area of Ndedwe which is in the Verulam district north of Durban.

Police spotted the terrorists during the day and killed two after a heavy clash in the bushes.

Explosives

They are investigating the possibility that the dead terrorists were connected with the blasts at a railway siding off South Coast Road in Durban on Wednesday night.

Explosive devices, thought to have been limpet mines, had been attached to four empty petrol rail tankers and about five explosions were heard, although damage was minimal.

Police said more facts about the contact with the terrorists would be released later this week.

Four terrorists were shot dead by police in a fierce three-hour battle last month after an attack on the Mobile refinery in Jacobs.

with the candle money



By Shirley Woodgate

"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us ... but just let me find whoever stole the candle money and he'll know all about it."

Father Danilo Simoni, matured by the 750-year wisdom of the Order of the Servants of Mary, was the speaker in the Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church in Kensington South.

The grey-haired priest told, with sorrow tinged with righteous anger, of the theft of the collection tin containing the money given by parishioners for the candles used in their devotions.

Not once, but twice in the past month, right under the gaze of the wooden statue of Mary, someone has crept into the church of the Mother of Sorrows to plunder the box.

The money had come from the devout in need of support from the Mother Mary, those needing consolation or protection, the lost, the lonely and the heart-sore who drew comfort from prayers for the duration of a candle's brief light.

Maybe R2 or R3, at most R50, was stolen.

"Who knows how much it was?" said the priest. "But, however little, it was desperately needed.

"For the church, like Tevye the milkman, knows that money is a curse.

"But, Lord, curse us a little so we will have what it takes to survive."

2 ANC men shot by police

11/6/84
Crime Reporter

Two identified members of the banned African National Congress were shot dead at the weekend during a skirmish with police in the Durban suburb of Verulam.

Police found a huge arms cache at the scene. It comprised a large quantity of Russian-made arms and ammunition. The gun battle took place on Friday when a team of policemen, who had been tracking the two men for some time, came across them at a watering hole in the area.

The two men died in a hail of bullets after opening fire on the police.

The death of the two men was announced at the weekend by the Commissioner of the South African Police, General Johann Coetzee.

Details of the arms and ammunition found by the police have not been disclosed. The names of the dead men have not been released.

Boy found hanged

West Rand Bureau

The body of Michael de Villiers (15) was found hanging in the garage of his home in Nel Street, Roodepoort at 9.40 am on Saturday. No crime is suspected.

Man up for driving a mechanical horse

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — A railwayman, Mr Robert Victor Styn (27), appeared before Mr H J Schoeman in the Magistrate's Court here today on an allegation of driving a mechanical horse while

under the influence of liquor.

His appearance arose from collisions involving several cars in West Street on Saturday night and the breaking of the front door of the Lonsdale Hotel.

No charge was put to him and he was remanded to July 30.

Armed robbers strike 10 times in the city

Crime Staff

Robbers armed with guns and knives struck at least 10 times in Johannesburg at the weekend. A young woman strolling in The Wilds was stabbed, and two men were shot.

The weekend haul amounted to more than R21 000, but the gangs did not have things all their own way: three robbery attempts failed and two muggers were arrested by passers-by.

Late on Friday afternoon two Berea women, both aged 22, were confronted by two knifemen in The Wilds.

The robbers stabbed one woman in the shoulder and fled with a bag containing a camera and jewellery valued at R750.

The woman was treated at the Johannesburg Hospital and discharged.

Mr Richmond Kanyile (30) of Ocean Fish in Bree Street, Newtown, was shot in the right thigh on Saturday morning, during a shoot-out in Becker Street. He and another employee were taking R7 000 to a bank when two men tried to rob them.

The robbers fled without the money.

Mr Manuel Delgado (38) of Romeo Cafe in Greymont was shot in the

chest on Saturday during a robbery at his shop.

He is in a serious condition in the JG Strijdom Hospital. The attackers escaped with an unknown amount of cash.

At lunchtime on Saturday, four knifemen confronted two tourists from the island of Reunion, Mr Gerand Levenge (36) and his wife Jeanette (32), in Market Street. Mr Levenge fought back and several passers-by came to his assistance, arresting two men.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Pierre Louw today praised the action of the passers-by.

In other attacks:

● Four gunmen escaped with R10 000 from Stop 'n Shop, Commissioner Street.

● Three men robbed the owner of the Potato Kitchen, Pretoria Street, Hillbrow, of R4 000.

● Four gunmen robbed a attendant at the Esso Service Station in Jules Street, Belgravia, of R400.

● Two knifemen robbed two employees of Western Province Cellars, Linden, of R1 418.

● Mr Giovanna de Rosa (27) of the Mozambique Restaurant in Noord Street was robbed of R5 000 by four gunmen.

Southern Sun's Fun Train

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Insurgents killed in Natal battle

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Police, supported by a helicopter, have shot dead two armed terrorists — possibly responsible for the attack on petrol rail tankers in Durban last week — near Verulam in Natal.

The Commissioner of Police, General Johan Coetsee, said last night that police had taken possession of explosives, limpet mines and other devices after a running battle with the insurgents on Friday.

The shoot-out took place in the rural area of Ndedwe in the Verulam district north of

Durban.

Police spotted the terrorists during the day and killed two after a heavy clash in the bushes.

It is understood that a South African Air Force helicopter was called in to assist in tracking in a follow-up operation to establish whether more members of the gang were at large.

Police are investigating the possibility that the terrorists killed were connected with the blasts at a railway siding off South Coast Road in Durban on Wednesday night.

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Police: More ^{8/1/84} terror arrests

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — More terrorists have been arrested in follow-up operations after the killing of two terrorists in a shoot-out with police near Verulam on Friday.

A police spokesman said yesterday that an official announcement of a major breakthrough in the anti-terrorist campaign would be released "soon".

After Friday's shoot-out with police in which two terrorists on the run were tracked down and killed in dense bush at Ndwedwe, near Verulam north of Durban, police were looking for more members of the gang which had slipped through their net.

Mine attack

The spokesman added that it had not yet been established whether the two men killed on Friday had been involved in a limpet-mine attack on empty petrol tanker trucks at Merewent siding near Durban last Wednesday night.

Last month police killed four terrorists in a gun-battle after the rocket attack on the oil refinery at Wentworth.

REGIONAL RELATIONS

More accord

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The Nkomati Accord seems to be very much on track. According to a senior government spokesman, the Mozambique government has accepted assurances from SA that it has "absolutely nothing" to do with the Mozambique National Resistance movement (MNR); and that it has made "absolutely certain" that no "freelance agents" are aiding the MNR from SA soil.

But the spokesman who gave this information at a press briefing this week, added equally strongly that SA soldiers will "definitely not" go to Mozambique to help the Frelimo government stop MNR terrorists from attacking the Cahora Bassa project or the access roads from SA.

However, he said, "Any attacks on the Mozambique government, or breakdown in law and order in the country, is in conflict with our own interest. The people who attack the roads from Komatipoort are trying to put strains on the Nkomati Accord, and we do not want that."

In reply to a question as to why no SA aid is going to the famine-stricken areas of Mozambique, the spokesman said government is against "hand-outs" and prefers to get SA businessmen involved in Mozambique in order to get the economy going. "Aid is highly unlikely," he said, but added

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that SA is looking for possible joint projects that will be to both countries' advantage.

□ The spokesman said government is not trying to push Botswana into signing a Nkomati-type accord, but is merely attempting to "improve the arrangement between their security forces and ours." The situation with Lesotho is "a little different" he said, but would not comment further.

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Carbomb chaos

Limpet mine city centre

A RUSSIAN limpet mine — attached to the wheel of a car — caused an explosion which rocked central Johannesburg yesterday.

The blast, which occurred at 2.55pm, caused several minor injuries in the area.

Gen Steenkamp, head of the South African Security Police, said police suspected the blast may be linked to the June 16 commemorations today.

Gen Steenkamp confirmed the mine was placed on the car's wheel.

The car was seen to appear to be involved in a specific incident but was a regular car.

Spokesman said yesterday Mr Matabane was "fairly fit".

According to Miss Sue Hock, south coast of the car, Mr Matabane suffered severe bruising on the chest and several deep gashes in his legs.

The paramedics, who arrived within five minutes of the blast, splinted one of his legs before taking him to hospital, where he was placed under police guard.

Police said the car was seen to appear to be involved in a specific incident but was a regular car.

The blast caused cars to be blown out. Several cars had their hubcaps and bumpers blown off.

One of the Mazda's wheels was flung about fifty metres into the window of a motorcycle shop. The shop's glass entrance doors were destroyed, as were most first floor windows of the building across the road and windows of at least five shops in Nugget Street.

Traffic police, civil defence and uniform and security policemen arrived minutes after the blast and the entire area was sealed off within eight minutes.

One man who escaped with minor injuries, Mr Thomas Mathebula, of Dube, was washing a BMW two cars away from the Mazda when the limpet mine exploded.



The aftermath of the vicious bomb blast which injured a passerby and ripped through Nugget Street pavements and office buildings yesterday afternoon.

Suffering only a few minor scratches to his left knee, a shocked Mr Mathebula said he had not seen anybody near the car before the blast.

"I just felt the blast. I was thrown against another car. Then I saw smoke. I got up immediately and ran towards the back of the garage."

A colleague, Mr Alpheus Molefe, was working in the

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repair shop at the garage. He said he heard a noise which sounded "like an aeroplane".

"The whole building shook and the neon light bulbs fell down from the roof. I ran out and saw dust rising from the pavement and from adjacent buildings. Then I saw the damaged cars," Mr Molefe said.

Another man, Mr Allan

Kennedy, who was unlocking his car door just metres away from the blast, miraculously escaped injury when an entire display window fell onto his car from the first floor of the building across the road.

"I had bought a spare motor part and was about to drive off when I heard this deafening explosion and then

a pile of glass came down on my car's roof, causing a huge dent. I got a terrible fright," Mr Kennedy said.

Policemen with sniffer dogs combed the area, fearing another bomb could be hidden in one of the many cars in the wrecked lot and in the street.

About five plainclothes

policemen followed, peering underneath the cars and in their engines.

A huge crowd gathered at the scene and the surrounding streets were soon jammed with traffic.

The Hillbrow Hospital, where Mr Matabane was admitted, swarmed with armed

policemen. Doctors and police refused the Press permission to speak to him. He was conscious but on a drip and looked confused. A young policeman stood silent at the end of his bed while doctors and nurses attended to him.

As Mr Matabane was wheeled from casualty to the X-ray unit, about six heavily armed policemen arrived and rushed after him, closely followed by two plainclothes detectives.

Late last night police teams were still searching the surrounding areas.

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A limpet mine exploded in central Johannesburg yesterday, seriously injuring a young man, ripping several cars to pieces and blowing the windows out of an entire block of businesses.

The limpet mine, of Russian origin, was placed against the right front wheel of a car parked among other used cars on display at Motorsonic Pty Ltd in Nugget Street, between Fox and Commissioner streets.

General Francois Steenkamp, head of the South African security police, confirmed this last night and said police suspected the blast might be linked to the June 16 commemorations today of the Soweto violence.

He said the blast did not appear to have been directed at any specific target, General Steenkamp said.

ANC denial

Own Correspondent

LONDON. — The African National Congress last night denied responsibility for the blast.

Mr Solly Smith, the ANC's chief representative in London, said: "This is the first I have heard of it."

A Lusaka spokesman said the ANC had no statement to make "at this stage".

Jim Matabane, received a severe bruise to the chest and several deep gashes on his legs, according to paramedic Miss Sue Hawksworth, who was one of a group which treated him.

The paramedics, who arrived within five minutes of the blast, put a splint on one leg, tested for vital signs, found them to be stable and took him to the Hillbrow Hospital.

The man was under police guard at the hospital.

Earlier, while he was lying in the street, the injured man kept pulling his woollen cap over his face, although paramedics were trying to free his face so that they could test his eyes.

It is not yet known whether the man was linked to the explosion or whether he was a pedestrian walking past when it occurred.

Escape

Another man, Mr Alan Kennedy, who was unlocking his car door metres from where the blast occurred, amazingly escaped injury as an entire shop window fell on to his car from the first floor of a building across the road.

"I had bought a spare motor part and was about to drive off when I heard this deafening explosion and then a pile of glass came down on my car's roof, causing a huge dent. I got a terrible fright," Mr Kennedy said.

The force of the blast flung a piece of a shattered car-wheel drum about 50 metres through the air and into the window of a motorcycle dealer across the road.

It also smashed the glass entrance doors and shattered almost all the first-floor windows of the building across the road, as well as the windows of at least five shops in Nugget Street.

Wreckage

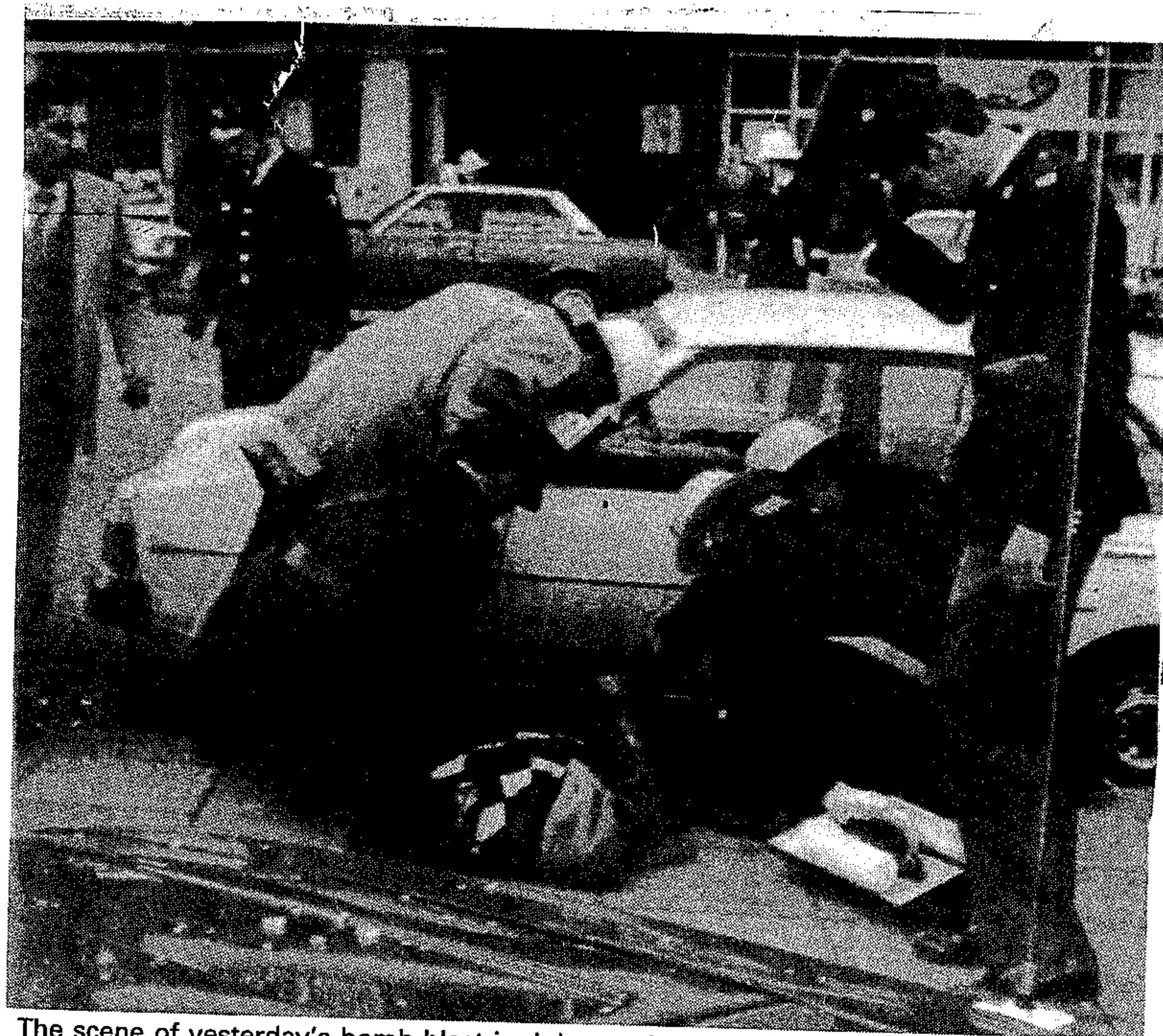
The force of the blast, which occurred at 2.55pm, sent thick chunks of metal, engine parts and pieces of mangled car wheels hurtling through the air and into windows of businesses across the street.

Two luxury used cars up for sale were wrecked and three cars parked in the street had their windows blown out. Numerous other cars had their hubcaps and bumpers blown off and received lesser damage.

Traffic police, civil defence staff and uniformed and security policemen arrived minutes later and cordoned off the area within eight minutes.

Thousands of pedestrians and workers from adjoining businesses flocked to the scene of the blast but were ordered to move back behind the cordons by traffic police and policemen.

The injured man, Mr



The scene of yesterday's bomb blast in Johannesburg. In the centre, Mr Jim Matabane, who was injured in the blast, is tended by emergency services officials. ● Another picture, page 2

Traffic jam as crowds gather to see the blast

By GREGORY ALLEN

IT was 2.46pm as I was dialling the Department of Community Development in Pretoria yesterday — when the news building suddenly shook — followed moments later by a resounding blast.

The date on my watch was June 15 — one day before the anniversary of the Soweto riots in 1976.

Down the road ... only two blocks from the Rand Daily Mail offices — a bomb, apparently a limpet mine — had gone off.

It took with it an injured man, eight ruined cars, including a Triumph and an American-built Transam, and dozens of windows from two buildings across the street.

Thousands of people converged on the scene in central Johannesburg but the police were obliged to force them back ... creating a massive traffic jam on the main routes to the M1.

It took eight minutes for the emergency services to arrive on the spot after the blast.

A man lying prostrate on the pavement was in agony but he was being tended to by paramedics.

Bronx movie a definite hit

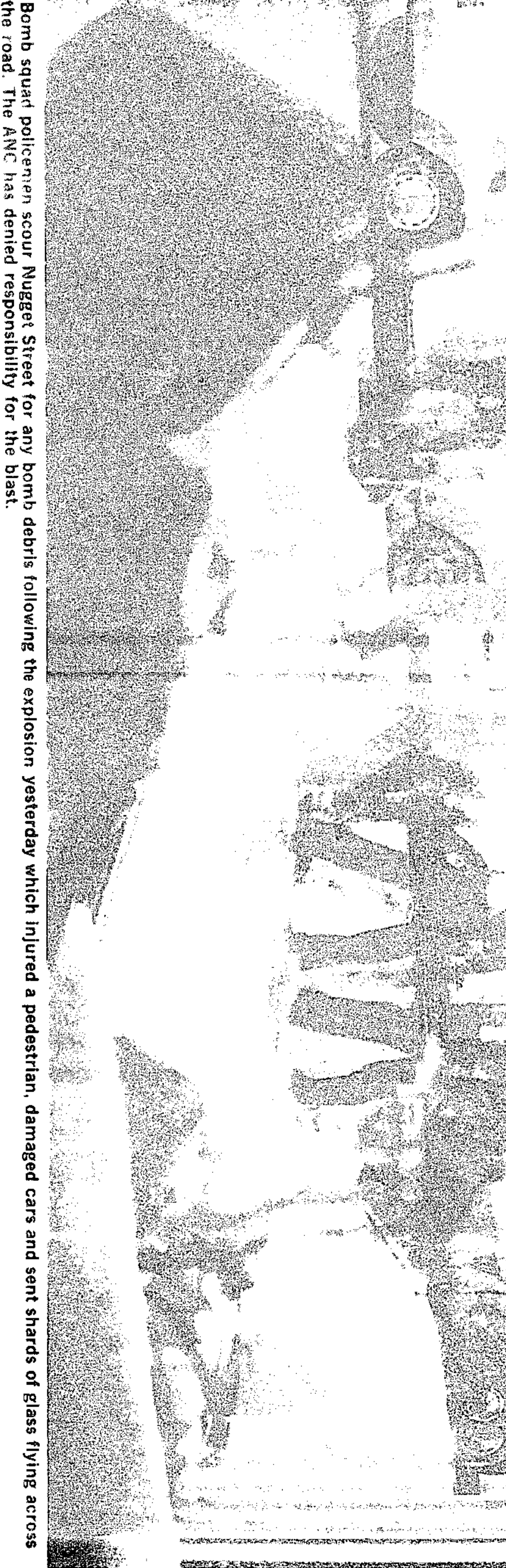
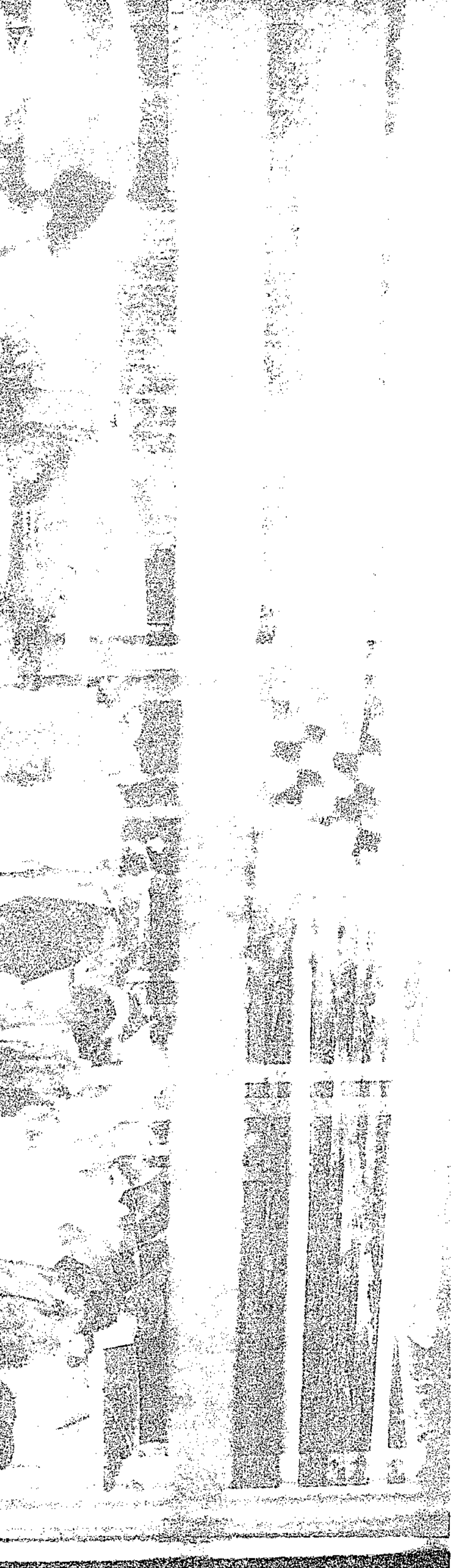
By SEFAKO NYAKA

AND the show went on. When moviegoers at the Goodhope Cinema in Commissioner Street heard a loud bang, they shrugged it off as a sound effect of the film.

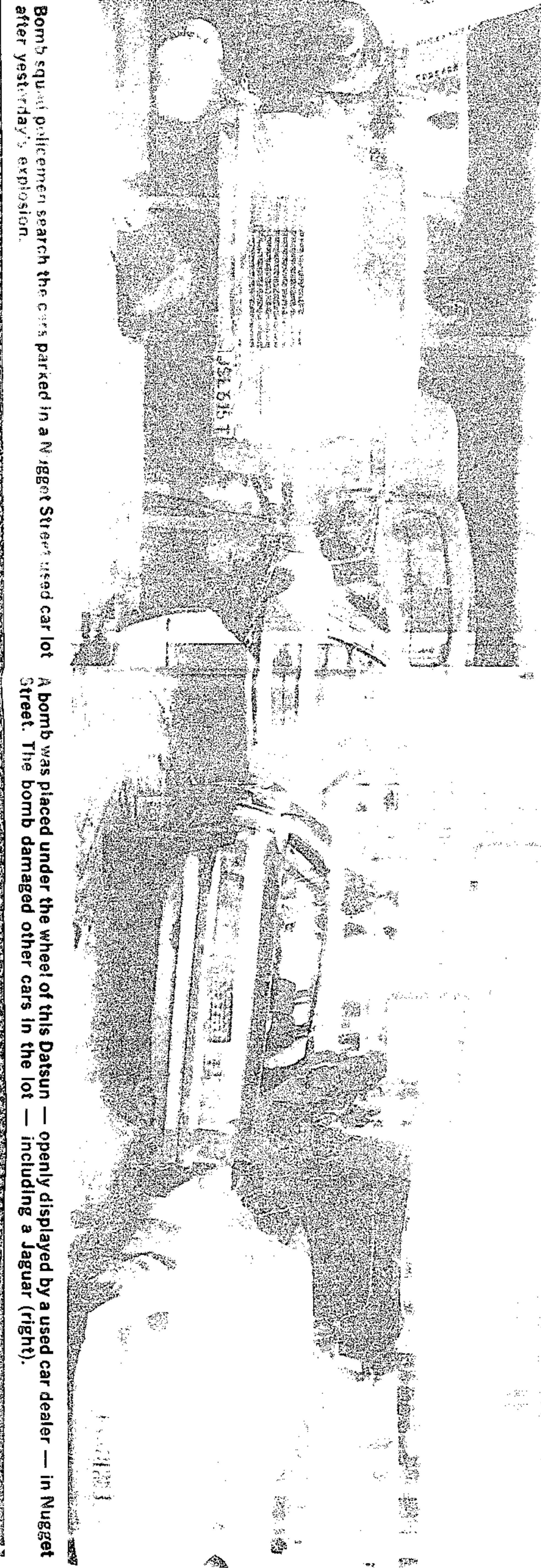
The 250 patrons were watching "Escape from the Bronx", and there was plenty of action.

However, there was even more action taking place right next door — a car bomb had exploded a few metres away.

A few curious members of the audience ventured into the foyer to query the sound, but "only three of them asked to leave the cinema and the rest went back to watch the movie," said the manager.



Bomb squad policemen scour Nugget Street for any bomb debris following the explosion yesterday which injured a pedestrian, damaged cars and sent shards of glass flying across the road. The ANC has denied responsibility for the blast.



Bomb squad policemen search the cars parked in a Nugget Street used car lot after yesterday's explosion.

Car lover's close shave

Mail Reporters

A MAN who loves cars was among those who escaped serious injury yesterday after he stopped to admire the Mazda which hid the lethal bomb.

The shocked man, who did not want to be identified, said he passed Motorsonic and stopped to look at the "lovely silver car".

Seconds later, as he rounded the corner, he heard a "terrible noise" and turned to see glass and mangled steel flying through the air.

"I got down on my knees and thanked God for saving me," he said.

Amid the violence there was also the innocence of children.

Two boys came cycling up Nugget Street about 10 minutes after the blast only to be turned away by a policeman.

"Why?" one of them asked.

"My Mom said I could cycle here if I was careful of the traffic."

Mr Michael Yela, 23, of Alexandra Township, will most certainly thank his ancestors for saving him from serious injury.

When the bomb went off, Mr Yela, who works in a clothing factory on the second floor of an adjacent building, had just returned from lunch on the pavement a few metres away from the bomb car.

JOHANNESBURG'S traffic and security department's radio room was informed within minutes of the blast by a traffic officer who was close by, a spokesman said.

Using four radio channels, staff on duty immediately alerted the police, ambulance and civil defence and traffic chief Mr John Pearce and his deputy Mr Theo Olivier.

The traffic supervisor and all officers in the area were sent to the scene.

They arrived on the scene between three and five minutes after the explosion and cordoned off Nugget Street between Commissioner and Main streets.

According to a Rand Daily Mail staffer who came to work almost an hour after the explosion, traffic was still congested in Ekd Street, Main Street and Fox Street.

A traffic spokesman said congestion was to be expected, but there was no big problem.



The shocked owner of Motorsonic, Mr Joe Landsman, next to the metre-deep hole left by the bomb.

Picture: Jillian Edelstein

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Car bomb scatters moviegoers

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By Mike Cohen, Trevor Jones, Pamela Kleinot and Sol Makgabutlane
THREE hundred cinema patrons fled screaming into busy Commissioner Street when a powerful bomb exploded in an exclusive downtown Johannesburg sports car lot.

The bomb, which injured a passer-by and damaged 10 expensive vehicles, went off at about 2.40 pm yesterday, the eve of the June 16 Soweto riots anniversary.

The explosive device had been carefully placed under the engine of a car at Motorsonic in Nugget Street, only 20 m from the Good Hope cinema.

The injured man, Mr Jimmy Matabane, was flung several metres in the air, sustaining serious chest and leg injuries.

Pieces of the wrecked cars were flung more than 50 m in all directions, smashing windows and damaging passing cars. Part of the engine block of the destroyed Mazda RX7 car was flung backwards over the roof of the cinema.

Eye-witness, Miss Ellen Williams, who works nearby, said she was standing next to a firm's car

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when she heard the explosion. "I turned round and saw a large piece of metal flying towards me. It landed less than a metre from me," she said.

The area was cordoned off as emergency teams sped to the scene. Police, traffic officials and bomb experts scoured the area for other devices.

First on the scene was a pump attendant from the nearby Dave Harris Motors. He said he was facing the car lot when "there was a big bang."

"I saw a man fly through the air and land on the pavement. All the people were running into the street, shouting and screaming.

"I ran over the road to the man. There was blood on his legs and stomach. He was crying with pain, and kept asking for someone to help him."

The shocked owner of Motorsonic, Mr Joe Landsman, who was standing at the door of his office only a few metres from the blast, said damage to the sports cars amounted to at least R60 000.

Mr John Jardine of Dave Harris Motors said he was in his office at 2.44 pm when he heard a loud bang and saw a massive cloud of smoke.

"I ran across the street and saw a man writhing on the pavement. I saw a hole in the concrete, smelled gunpowder and I knew it was a bomb."

stalled Dr Loyt as chairman of an umbrella non-profit profit operations at Ellis Park.

Man killed in bomb blast

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By SAVVAS GEORGIADIS and JACK DEWES

A BOMB explosion at Bethal killed a man, while four policemen were slightly hurt during stone-throwing at Graaff-Reinet on the anniversary yesterday of the 1976 Soweto riots.

The man died in an explosion at the Agricultural Technical Services offices in the Bethal Magistrate's Court.

Four policemen at Graaff-Reinet were also hurt in the black township when about 60 youths stoned them after being told to disperse. Police arrested 27 people.

Soweto police used sneeze machines to disperse about 300 people after a service at the Regina Mundi church attended by more than 3 000 people.

There was sporadic stone-throwing, and a West Rand Administration Board truck was set on fire.

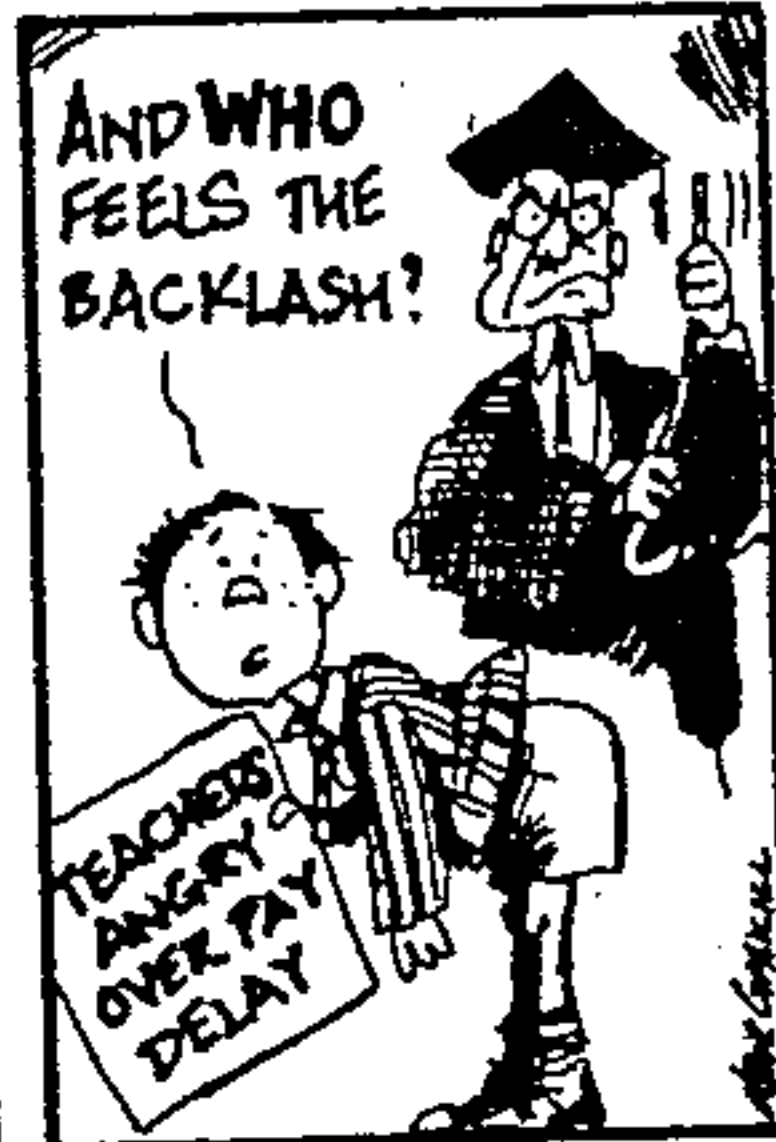
Colonel Leon Mellet, Press secretary to the Minister of Police, Mr Louis le Grange, said the strong police presence in Soweto was designed to prevent vandalism and had been requested by the church.

After the service church stewards directed the congregation away from the po-

lice, but about 300 people gathered a block away.

Students barred representatives of the Afrikaans Press from the church, allowing only English and foreign Pressmen to enter.

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But since 1973, international opposition to New Zealand's rugby ties with South Africa has continued to flourish.

Now there are widely-held Kiwi fears that a continuation of ties will see New Zealand excluded from the 1986 Commonwealth Games.

Massive anti-tour opposition can be expected within New Zealand as the 1985 tour draws near.

If violence erupts at home between the different political viewpoints, a Labour Prime Minister may use the law and order issue once again to block the tour.

But with All Black fans buoyant after a 10-9 first Test win over France yesterday, it will be a foolhardy politician who talks too loudly against the national sport in the four weeks before the country goes to the polls on July 14.

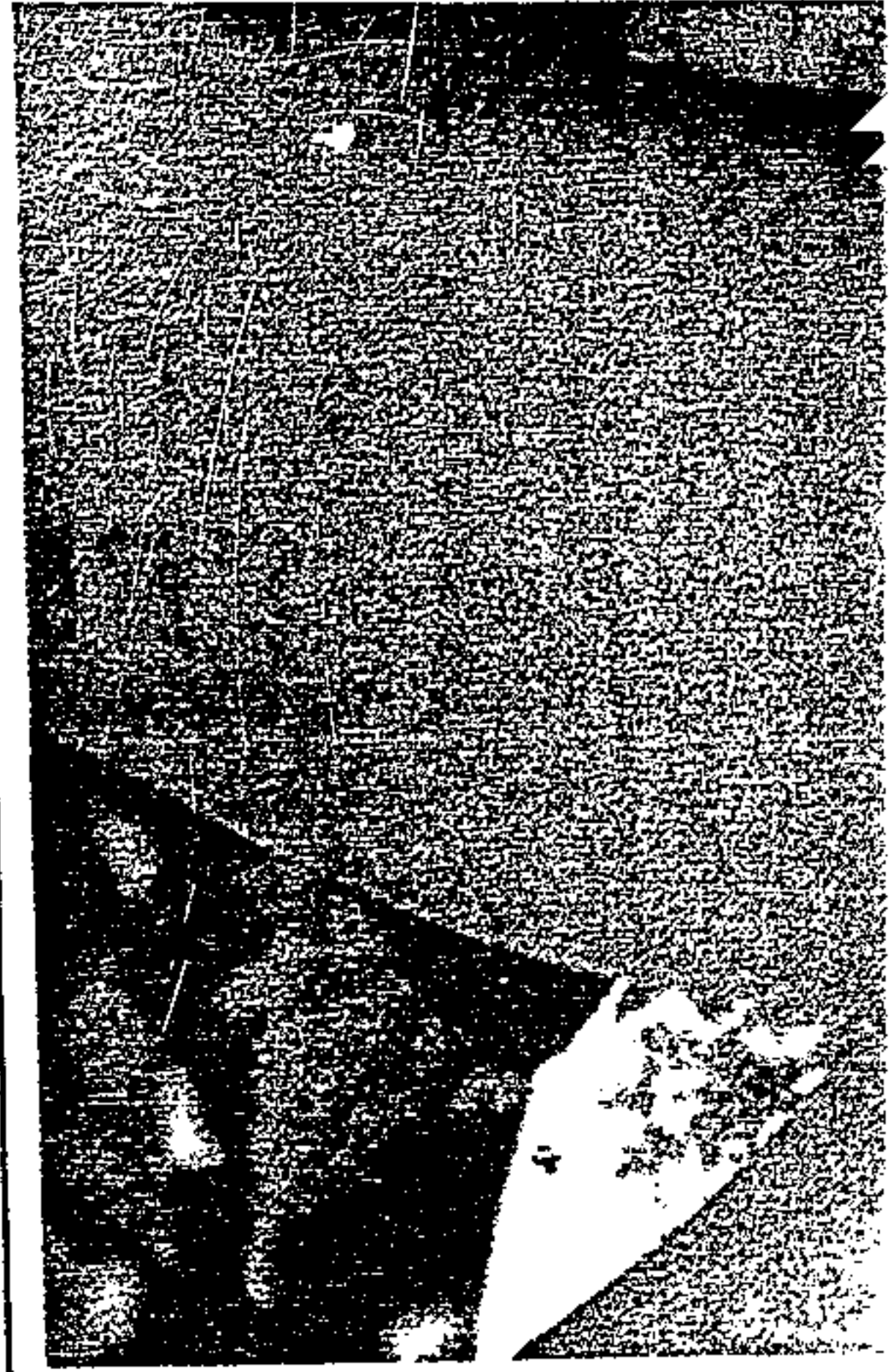
Lesbian

Latest opinion polls in New Zealand give Sir Robert's National Party 44 percent support — only one percent ahead of Labour.

The National Party was forced into the snap election when one of its most controversial backbenchers, Ms Marilyn Waring, crossed the floor of parliament this week.

Ms Waring has for years been a thorn in the side of Sir Robert.

She is also reported to be a lesbian, having once been found in bed with the wife of a former All Black rugby player.



Wolf Power humbled

THE mighty grey, Wolf Power, was humbled at Clairwood racecourse in Durban yesterday when he failed to finish in the placings in the R150 000 Schweppes Challenge over 1600m.

Wolf Power, running his last race in South Africa after being sold to an American syndicate for R4-million, was favourite. — Sapa

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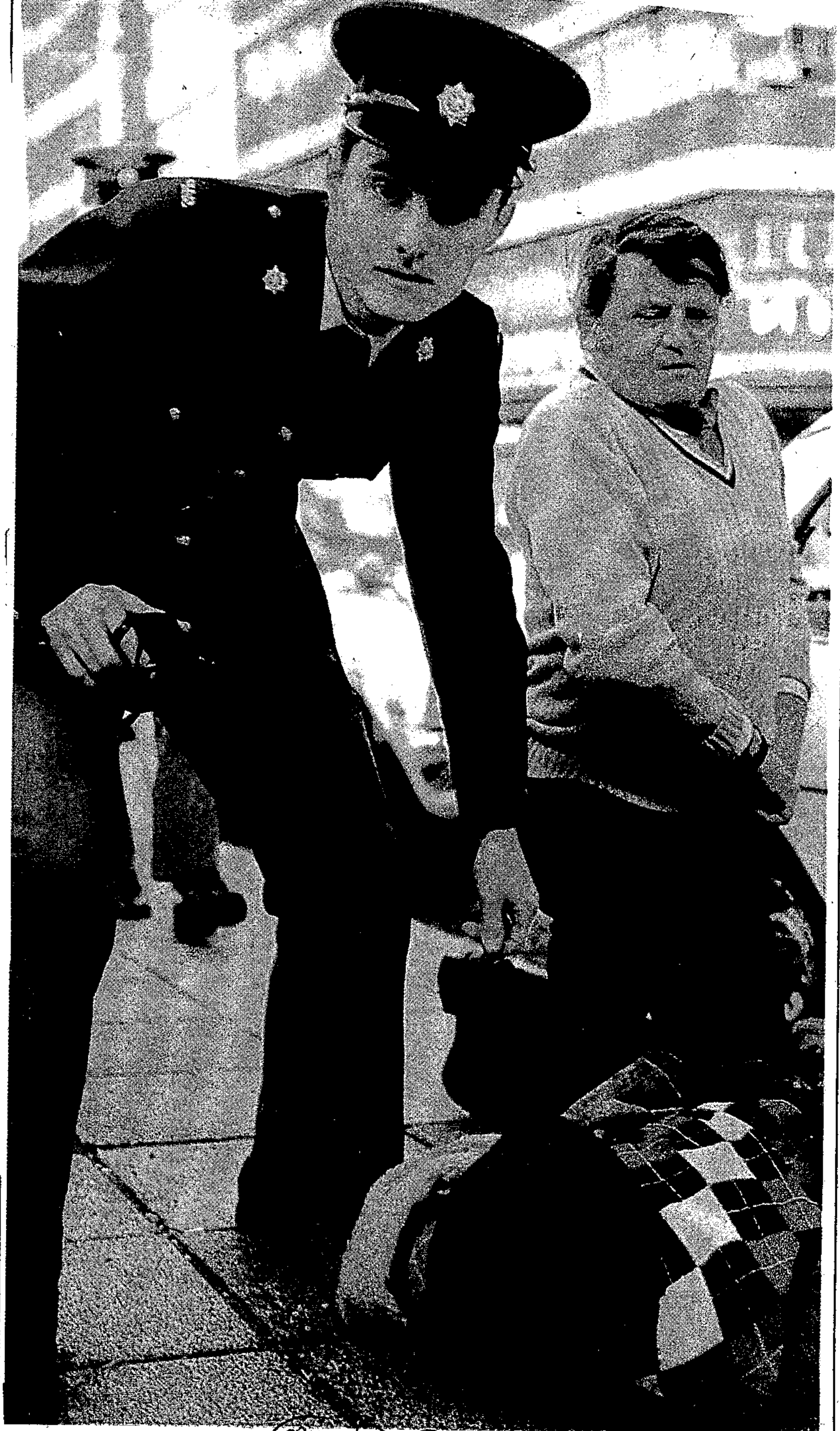


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AFTER the blast there was a stunned silence, broken only by the tinkling of broken glass from many shattered windows.

And, the moans of pain from the bomb's only victim, Mr Jimmy Matabane, lying bleeding on a Johannesburg pavement.

A policeman and a bystander were the first to come to his aide.

The bomb — a Russian limpet mine — was planted on the eve of yesterday's anniversary of the Soweto riots at a second-hand car lot, Motor Sonic, on the corner of Nugget and Fox streets.

Police said the mine was placed against the right front

Moans of pain amid debris as mine blasts car lot

wheel of a Mazda in the display lot.

Ten used luxury cars were damaged and at least 39 windows were shattered by the blast. Two cars were completely destroyed.

Shatter

Police are investigating the possibility that the bomb

may have been placed by the ANC.

Mr Matabane, 26, was admitted to the Hillbrow Hospital with multiple injuries. A hospital spokesman described his condition as "fair".

The bomb was estimated to have caused more than R100 000 damage.

The blast sent debris flying

around the area. The Mazda's front wheel flew into a motorcycle shop across the road. The car's front fender landed on the first floor of the building.

The owner of Motor Sonic, Mr Joe Landsman, was in his office when the bomb exploded.

"I heard the noise and when I looked up I saw all the windows of the building across the road shatter," Mr Landsman said.

Dazed

"I just sat there dazed. I didn't know what to do."

The sales manager, Mr Denver Biggs, missed death by 10 minutes.

"About 10 minutes before the bomb exploded I was standing near the car," Mr Biggs said.

"I left to collect a car from the garage and had just returned when I heard an explosion."

The force of the explosion knocked him off his feet. Before he stood up again he saw "bits and pieces of debris flying everywhere."

"It's a miracle we had no customers looking at the cars," Mr Biggs said.

SAVVAS GEORGIADES

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Bomb blast kills man

AN unidentified black man was killed in an explosion which ripped through the agricultural technical services offices in the Magistrate's Court at Bethal in the Eastern Transvaal at the weekend.

According to a police spokesman, the blast occurred at about 6 pm.

The cause of the blast has not yet been established, but eyewitnesses said a black man carrying something in his hands had been seen on the premises minutes before the explosion.

The roof of the single-storey building was damaged and several windows shattered. Police said damage to the building appeared to be only slight.

Explosion

Eyewitnesses said the area had been cordoned off by police and soldiers. The explosion was heard over a wide area. One man said he had felt the tremor caused by the blast up to three kilometres away.

According to one eyewitness, "pieces" of the dead man were strewn over a wide area. "He was blown to bits. There were pieces of him lying everywhere," the man said.

There were few people in the area when the explosion occurred.

The owner of a cafe in the vicinity of the Magistrate's Court, Mr Ed Mat-

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Roof blown off

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thews, said he was returning to his shop from his home, situated opposite the court, when he heard the explosion.

"I was on my way back to the cafe when I heard the explosion. It wasn't very loud. It sounded like a 'minor' bomb," he said.

"I couldn't see much, but I saw a lot of smoke and there was a horrible smell coming from the building. The roof of the building was lifted and several windows were broken by the explosion,

but the damage doesn't seem too bad," he added.

He said police and soldiers had arrived on the scene soon afterwards and cordoned off the area. No further details were immediately available. — Sapa.

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a Mundi church in Rock- ipt end after police gave shortly before 4pm. er and an uproar among packed the church hall. olice orders which were

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But they later obliged after pleas from the 100 marshalls who were maintaining order during the service.

As they filed out of the church, they held their fists in the air chanting slogans and singing freedom songs.

Mr Sebidi, who had earlier pleaded with the Soweto Police Chief, Brigadier D J D Jacobs to restrain his men, made an unsuccessful

bid together with the marshalls to control the angry crowd which kept on shouting at the police to go away.

When stones were thrown in the direction of the police vans, "hippos" and two "sneezing machines" then drove towards the youths who fled in different directions while others disappeared into the houses near the church.

Some youths stoned

the "sneezing machines" and in Potchefstroom Road and Roodepoort Road numerous vans and trucks, especially those suspected to be company vehicles, were stoned.

In Rockville, a fire caught a house where a tearsmoke cannister fired at fleeing youths got into the bedroom through the window. The owner of the house, Mrs Damaris Motshoane, said she was thankful to a man who drew her attention to an object which had been thrown into her bedroom.

Flames

"We smelt tearsmoke in the house but we thought the fumes had got into the house through the airholes. It was after our attention was drawn by a neighbour that we saw flames where the tearsmoke cannister had landed.

"Putting the flames out was a big problem because those who got into the house were choked by the fumes. But we were lucky because only bags and some papers burned. A wardrobe was charred on the side and that was quickly attended to," said Mrs Motshoane.

An Anglican priest in Sebokeng, Father L P Lenkoe, said he re-

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JUNE 16: Youths near Regina Mundi flee as a sneeze machine moves in.

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Eastern Transvaal police are investigating the possibility that a man killed in an explosion at the Bethal Magistrate's Court on Saturday planted the explosive device.

This was confirmed by a police spokesman in Pretoria today. He said the dead man had not yet been identified and that police were still investigating what type of explosives had been used.

The blast happened at 6 pm in the offices of the Agricultural Technical Services department which uses the Magistrate's Court building. At least 100 windows were shattered and parts of the roof were ripped open.

Some witnesses told police that they had seen a man jump over a wall of the building just before the explosion.

Blast wrecks transformer in Durban

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Hundreds of Berea residents were shaken by a deafening blast at 7.05 am today when a bomb destroyed a 6 600-volt electrical transformer next to an old-age residence in Musgrave Road.

Police cordoned off the area with barbed wire.

A police liaison officer, Captain Piet Meiring, confirmed at the scene that a bomb had caused the explosion.

Hundreds of commuters and school-children were in the vicinity at the time, but there have been no reports of injuries so far.

The City Electrical Engineer, Mr Denis Fraser, said that if the transformer has to be replaced, houses in the immediate vicinity will be without power for 12 to 15 hours.

More than a dozen windows at the Ocean View Old-age Home were smashed, and a hole was blown in the wall dividing it from the transformer.

Mrs Dorothy Rose said she was in bed at the time.

"There was a terrific bang and a flash, and the window above my head just disintegrated," she said. "I feel really upset. If it wasn't for my curtains I would certainly have been hit by flying glass."

Many arrested or killed in three months

Police strike hard at ANC Le Grange

By Mike Cohen and
Trevor Jones

Eighteen identified members of the banned African National Congress as well as several active supporters have been arrested and detained by the Security Police in the last three months.

In the same period seven ANC men have been shot dead, four of them following the rocket attack on a Durban refinery last month.

These figures were released by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, at a passing-out parade of more than 1 600 policemen and women at the Police College in Pretoria today.

Mr le Grange said he wanted to issue a stern warning to people who identified themselves with and "blatantly supported" organisations whose declared policy was one of confrontation and violence.

Motivated

"Let them be warned that the South African Police are not only geared but also strongly motivated to act relentlessly against them."

Information obtained from some of the detained ANC members, with sustained follow-up operations, led the South African Police to uncover various caches of arms and explosives, including 11 Russian demolition mines, 26 limpet mines, five anti-personnel mines and 52 blocks of TNT.

Mr le Grange said some of those arrested had been positively connected with acts of terrorism.

Protection

Acts of sabotage to which these people have been connected include an attack on an electrical sub-station at Lamontville, near Durban, on April 21 1981, the blasting of transformers near the Camden power station in the Eastern Transvaal on July 21 1981 and the damaging of a ventilation pipe near Dunottar on July 5 1982.

Mr le Grange did not say when the 18 detained ANC members would appear in court.

Referring to recent bomb and rocket attacks in Durban and Johannesburg, Mr le Grange said these could be regarded as a frantic face-saving effort by the ANC following the Nkomati Accord and the better understanding reached between the governments of South Africa, Swaziland, Lesotho and Botswana on security matters.

The man killed in an explosion at the Bethal Magistrate's Court at the weekend has been identified as a trained ANC terrorist, a police spokesman in Pretoria said today.

An explosion at 6 pm on Saturday damaged the offices of the Department of Agricultural Technical Services which also uses the building. Witnesses said a man carrying something in his hands jumped over low wall around the building shortly before the blast.

The dead man's body was badly mutilated and police have not named him or the type of explosives used.

● The man injured in last Friday's limpet mine blast in downtown Johannesburg, Mr Jimmy Matabane, is under police guard in the Hillbrow Hospital.

Mr Matabane received serious leg injuries when the mine exploded in the Motor Sonic car lot on the corner of Nugget and Commissioner streets.

It is understood that Mr Matabane is unemployed. Police are still trying to establish his movements before the blast.

No one has claimed responsibility for last Friday's explosion.

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Blast in Durban

DURBAN — An explosion which damaged an electricity transformer on a pavement outside the Ocean View old-age home on Durban's Berea early yesterday morning did not harm anyone.

Captain Piet Meiring, police liaison officer, confirmed that the explosion had been caused by an "explosive device" and said no-one had been injured.

The explosion, which took place at 7.05am in Musgrave Road, damaged the 6 600-volt transformer, blew a hole in a wall of the home and shattered about a dozen windows.

Although schoolchildren and commuters were in the vicinity of the blast, there were no reports of casualties. — Sapa

ANC members, supporters held

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Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Eighteen identified members of the banned African National Congress and many active supporters have been arrested and detained by the security police in the past three months.

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CAR BOMBS

People highly trained in the use of explosives and sophisticated electronic timing devices, car bombs, limpet mines and a variety of firearms were among those arrested, he said.

In his speech Mr le Grange attacked the Bar Council of South West Africa over its allegations about the police counter-insurgency unit, Koevoet. The allegations were contained in the council's memorandum to the commission of inquiry into security legislation in South West Africa.

Mr le Grange said that the

Bar Council had, for the sake of convenience, ignored the atrocities committed by Swapo.

He asked whether the council or newspaper editors had "considered the heinous crimes committed against the people of South West Africa by Swapo".

"The allegations received extensive Press coverage, and editorial comment in certain newspapers bordered on hysterical outbursts.

Between 1975 and the end of last year 376 local blacks and 17 whites were murdered by Swapo, he said. In 1983 a total of 153 landmines and 24 anti-personnel mines were detonated.

1 600 KILLED

Of the 56 people killed last year by Swapo, 39 were shot, five were stabbed or had their throats cut, while the rest died in explosions, he said.

Since the Koevoet unit was formed it had been involved in 720 skirmishes and had killed more than 1 600 Swapo fighters.

"It also strikes one that in the published excerpts of the Bar Council's memorandum the council does not concern itself with the question of wheth-

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ANC men detained

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er the existing legislation is sufficient to combat Swapo's terror campaign," he said.

He wanted to emphasise that Koevoet was a formidable and effective unit. This was why Swapo and its sympathisers, with the help of certain newspapers, threw everything into the fight to discredit the unit.

Information obtained from some of the ANC members detained, together with sustained follow-up operations, led the South African Police to uncover various caches of arms and explosives, he said.

Some of those arrested had been "positively connected with acts of terrorism committed some time ago".

He said acts of sabotage to which they had been connected included an attack on an electrical sub-station at Lamontville, near Durban, on April 21 1981; the blasting of transformers near the Camden power station in the Eastern Transvaal on July 21 1981 and the damaging of a ventilation pipe near Dunnottar on July 5 1982.

"Several persons who have aided and actively supported the insurgents within the country have also been detained."

Mr le Grange said he wanted to issue a stern warning to people who identified themselves with and "blatantly supported" organisations whose declared policy was one of confrontation and violence.

Bomb blast rocks Durban

DURBAN — A deafening blast rocked Durban's Berea at 7.05 am yesterday, when an explosive device blew up a 6600-volt electrical transformer situated next to an old-age home in Musgrave Road.

A police liaison officer, Captain Piet Meiring, who was at the scene of the explosion, confirmed the explosion was caused by an explosive device.

Hundreds of commuters and schoolchildren were in the vicinity of the blast, but there were no reports of casualties.

The Durban City Electrical Engineer, Mr Denis Fraser, said if the transformer had to be replaced, houses in the immediate vicinity would be without power for between 12 and 15 hours.

More than a dozen windows at the Ocean View Old-Age Home were smashed and a hole blown in the wall nearest the transformer.

Shattered

One of the residents, Mrs Dorothy Rose, said she was lying in bed when the window in her room shattered.

"There was a terrific bang and a flash and the window above my head just disintegrated. I feel really upset. If it wasn't for my curtains I would certainly have been hit by flying glass."

The manager of the residence, Mr Rix Taylor, said the noise was "absolutely deafening." Police rushed to the scene of the blast and cordoned off the area with barbed wire—Sapa.

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ANOTHER BLAST HITS DURBAN

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A BOMB planted next to an electricity transformer in a plush Durban suburb exploded yesterday morning, causing only slight damage and no injuries.

Police said the explosion in Musgrave Road at 7am was caused by a bomb, but could not give its origins.

The blast blew a hole in the 6 600-volt transformer and damaged the front wall and windows of an old-age home nearby.

The director of the Association for the Aged, Michael Clay, said eight people were being treated for shock.

Police said they could not comment on whether the bomb was linked to the funerals of two guerillas killed in a police shoot-out

CP Correspondent

north of Durban two weeks ago.

Moses Ramatlotlo and Stembiso Nzuzo - two members of Umkhonto We Sizwe, the military wing of the African National Congress - were given a heroes funeral yesterday despite the strict restrictions imposed by the Magistrate of Verulam.

They were buried at the KwaMashu Cemetery after an emotional church service.

More than 500 people defied the orders of the Verulam Magis-

trate not to politicise the funerals, singing freedom songs, wearing green, gold and black colours and giving freedom salutes.

Many others also wore T-shirts of the UDF, Chief Albert Lutuli and Azaso.

The coffins were also draped in the colours of the ANC.

At the entrance to the church, the coffins were taken out and carried into the hall by young men dressed in green and black uniforms.

ANC: 'Blank cheque for unguided terror'

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Own Correspondent

PRETORIA. — The African National Congress is slowly but surely breaking down and the so-called armed struggle is becoming uncontrolled terrorism.

This is the view of senior security policemen who supplied background information to an address at the Police College here last week by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange.

Major Craig Williamson said the organization's logistics lines had been fractured and stretched and in many cases broken.

"They are operating without guidance. They

have been turned loose, given a blank cheque to commit whatever terrorist acts wherever they can."

Disillusioned deserters were leaving the ANC — a tendency which had been marked for some time.

Brigadier Herman Stadler said that since the Nkomati agreement the ANC was trying to regain lost prestige. But there were serious divisions now within it.

Many had given themselves over to the SA Police. The success attained by the police was partly attributable to the sound information on ANC activities volunteered by the public. Other factors were the diplomatic initiatives, effective legislation and the high level of frustration and disillusionment in the ranks of the ANC.

Demolition mines

Powerful arms caches had been discovered because of public co-operation. New and more modern communist weapons were found, including remote-control devices.

Caches uncovered included 11 Russian demolition mines with explosive charges of 53kg, 26 limpet mines, five anti-personnel mines, 52 blocks of TNT, 13kg of plastic explosives, 23 hand-grenades, one RPG rocket-launcher, ammunition and other weapons.

Anti-personnel mines found showed that the ANC claim that it was not going for soft targets

involving civilians was blatantly untrue.

Mr Le Grange said "better understanding reached between the governments of South Africa, Swaziland, Lesotho and Botswana was a factor in curbing attacks.

Since March, 18 well-trained ANC terrorists had been arrested. A further seven were killed in armed clashes with the police.

Not accurate

The claim that since the Nkomati agreement the number of terrorist incidents had escalated was not accurate. So far this year there had been 17, whereas in the first six months of 1983 there had been 18.

Brigadier Stadler said the police had been alerted to the kind of strategy the ANC would try to carry out in the wake of Nkomati.

In the long term, it could be expected to concentrate on the political arena. Economic disruption, including strikes, would be part of this.

Shot into the air

Major Williamson said there were factions inside the ANC who believed the terror campaign was not viable and that the emphasis should be on political struggle. Another faction believed in political and economic sabotage.

At one of their camps recently, about 250 had shot their weapons into the air as a protest and to emphasize their demand for a meeting with ANC leaders.

Grievances included not being fed properly and living in camps in remote areas where conditions were "terrible". They also complained of being made to fight the MNR and Unita forces.

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D. Dispatch

PORT ELIZABETH —
Fire destroyed 10 buses
at Grahamstown's pri-
vately-owned bus depot
early yesterday morning,
causing thousands of
rands damage and leav-
ing hundreds of people
without transport.

Police are investigat-
ing a charge of malicious
damage to property.

A "heartbroken" Mr
Malvin Wright, who
bought the service from
the Grahamstown muni-
cipality three years ago,
said it would cost be-
tween R350 000 and
R450 000 to replace the
vehicles, some of which
had not been insured.

Fire destroys buses

He said 10 buses in his
14-bus fleet had been
destroyed, and another
had been "superficially
damaged" in the fire.

Residents in the vicin-
ity of the bus depot,
which borders on Gra-
hamstown's black
township, said they had
been woken by "big
bangs" at about 3 am.
Municipal fire staff were
at the scene in less than
10 minutes.

"At that stage tyres
were still bursting, caus-
ing the explosions which

people heard," fire chief
Mr Les Hickman said.
"Flames rose about four
metres high but the
smoke was the most sig-
nificant visible effect."

Mr Hickman said his
chief worry had been a
nearby petrol depot,
which had fortunately
not ignited.

Mr Wright said he had
received threatening
phone calls on a number
of occasions and more
than a month ago two
buses had been set

alight. However, his son
had extinguished the
flames.

Yesterday, three buses
covered the routes
usually served by eight
buses, Mr Wright said.
He estimated about 5 000
commuters used the ser-
vice on a daily basis, and
said "several thousand
people must have
walked".

Mr Wright, who heads
a staff of 15, said he
hoped to have four buses
operating from today.

and was negotiating to
purchase more.

"The municipality has
said that they are
prepared to take over
the bus service, but I've
put three years into this
place, and I don't want to
throw it up. I still have
debts to pay off."

Mr A. D. Lofting, Gra-
hamstown's town clerk,
denied that the muni-
cipality had made a formal
offer. However he said:
"various individual
councillors have ex-
pressed the view that if
Mr Wright wishes, we
might take over the ser-
vice again." — DDC.

Armed guards protect Soweto councillors

FEAR IN COUNCIL

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MEMBERS of the Soweto Council are under armed guard 12 hours a day with the mayor Mr Ephraim Tshabalala guarded 24 hours a day.

And should these security arrangements prove inadequate then more security measures would be introduced, the mayor said yesterday.

Mr Tshabalala admitted the security arrangements for members of his council in an interview with **The SOWETAN** yesterday.

He said council members have an armed security guard from 6pm to 6am while he had an armed guard 24 hours a day. The armed guards could be allowed to be inside the councillor's house or guard from outside, he said.

The security measures have been introduced after attacks were launched on members of the council by the anonymous South African Suicide Squad.

Apart from the special guard on Tshabalala, his driver is also fully armed.

Mr Tshabalala also said the

By LEN MASEKO

former West Rand Board police force (Blackjacks) were now controlled by the Soweto City Council in its acquisition of all responsibility for the sprawling Soweto.

It could also be gleaned from Mr Tshabalala that there are other provisions in the security arrangements such as the involvement of other agencies, but this could not be confirmed, as security is a sensitive matter, and not all details can be given.

Violence

In addition to the guards on councillors, the chambers themselves are under security with visitors booking in at the gate and given cards.

Mr Tshabalala also said he had no intention of hurting Soweto people when he was reported to have called for the scraping of June 16 and the closing of Regina Mundi. "I also lost a child in the unrest. How could I say this? What I said was that the people must stop the violence that followed such prayer meetings, and

that these June 16 services must be spread at various churches as it is obvious that Regina Mundi is a flashpoint," he said.

A day after the reports Mr Tshabalala issued a statement apologising to the people of Soweto.

A number of houses belonging to Soweto and Diepmeadow councillors have been petrol-bombed over the past months. Mr Tshabalala's home was also attacked. And in all the incidents, the SASS has claimed responsibility.

Mr Tshabalala said he detected violence that usually occurs during the commemoration of June 16. "All other destructive activities culminating in disharmony must be curtailed and eliminated. To make June 16 a day of praying there should be peace during the commemoration," he said.

He said his council would apply to the Government to declare June 16 a public holiday.

Meanwhile the Soweto Council will discuss the controversial R5 levy increase at its monthly meeting today.

Hospital staff 'victimized'

By MONK NKOMO

BLACK workers at the Westkoppies Hospital in Pretoria are being "victimized" and "exploited" by two black "lowly qualified" senior male administrators who sometimes refused them

you request to see the white matron to air your grievances the two tell you that the matron did not want to see anybody. They even threaten to have

your monthly salary even if you have many accumulated leave days."

Assistant male nurses also complained that the

a nurse is frustrated, he or she cannot render a service conducive to the patients' recovery. These administrators are rude and shout at us and the patients — who are now the sufferers — have now lost confi-

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Dangerous terrorist on the run

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A full-scale manhunt involving three helicopters and a large contingent of police was launched today when an identified terrorist overpowered two policemen and escaped in a police car.

The man, who is armed and dangerous, was being taken from a place of detention to Soweto Security Police headquarters when he made his dramatic escape south of Soweto shortly after 10 am.

Police have asked the public to be on the lookout for a yellow Dodge Colt police vehicle with the registration number CTB 288 T.

The manhunt is being concentrated in the Grasmere area, south of Johannesburg.

A South African Air Force helicopter and two civilian helicopters, including the Music Radio 702 chopper, are helping police.

The man was being held in terms of the Internal Security Act.

Police have warned the public not to confront the man but, should they see him, to inform the nearest police station immediately.

A spokesman for Police headquarters, Lieutenant-Colonel Vic Haynes, said the two black escort policemen were not injured when they were overpowered.

It is thought the car may have already been dumped in the area but at the time of going to press it had not been found.

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Armed guard at ET's house

Mail Reporter

GUARDS now patrol Soweto councillors' houses after they were bombed recently.

The home of the mayor, Mr Ephraim "ET" Tshabalala, is under armed guard for 24 hours while ordinary councillors' houses are guarded from 6pm to 6am.

This is to prevent further bombings by a group calling itself the South African Suicidal Squad (Sass).

A security guard at the mayor's house refused to answer any questions until the Mail got permission from the mayor's secretary, a Mr Mokoena.

The mayor's office said security measures were necessary for the safety of councillors.

About 13 people have been victims of the Sass and 12 are either involved in city councils affairs or Government-created institutions.

Those who are involved in

city council affairs are: Mr Sigrified Manthata, Mr Nehemia Mthonjeni, Mr Tshabalala, Mr J Gwejsa, Mr Edward Manyosi, Mr J Mkwanazi, Mr Patrick Gabautlele, three other councillors from Dobsonville and one from Evaton.

No one has been arrested. Councillors said after the bombings that "terror is part of our lives".

The council chambers are also heavily guarded.

Visitors are asked to sign a visitors' book when going inside chambers and their bags are searched.

Inside chambers, they must always show cards they collected from the entrance.

Cars entering the premises are also heavily scrutinised.

The mayor's office said should the present security arrangements prove inadequate, more would be introduced.

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ANC 'bombers' arrested

By WIM VANVOLSEM

THE South African Police has arrested trained ANC members who were allegedly involved in several bomb blasts in the Bloemfontein area last year.

This was announced by Major-General Frans Steenkamp, Chief of the Security Branch, in Pretoria yesterday.

He did not disclose the number arrested and provided no further details, "because the investigation is at a delicate stage".

The latest arrests follow recent other successes claimed by the SAP and announced by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange.

The police has killed seven trained ANC leaders, captured 18 and seized a large

amount of weapons and explosives.

The current investigation and arrests follow:

● A powerful bomb blast on February 18 last year at the offices of the Southern Free State Administration Board in Bloemfontein when a black man was killed and 75 people injured.

● A car bomb in Peet Avenue in Bloemfontein on May 28 last year.

● Various acts of sabotage involving sections of the railway line near Bloemfontein.

● A police spokesman said yesterday the search was continuing for the unnamed detainee who dramatically escaped in a police car at Uncle Charlie's freeway intersection south of the Johannesburg city centre on Thursday.

premises of the company concerned but went there in the normal execution of their functions because of the unrest situation that prevailed there, and if necessary to take such action as the circumstances may dictate.

(d) Chubby Chicks (Pty) Ltd.

(2) (a) No.

(b) Yes.

(i) To the managing director and the administrative manager of the company.

(ii) Because they acted in the execution of their duties.

(iii) It is neither the policy nor the practice to disclose particulars of this nature.

*23. Dr A L BORAINÉ—Law and Order—Reply standing over.

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Durban: explosion 4/7/84

(1) Whether the South African Police were informed of an explosion outside and old-age home in Musgrave Road in Durban on or about 21 June 1984; if so, (a) when did the explosion take place and (b) what were the circumstances surrounding the incident;

(2) whether the incident has been investigated; if not, why not; if so, what were the findings?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING (for the Minister of Law and Order):

(1) Yes.

(a) At 07h00 on 21 June 1984.

(b) What appeared to have been a

relatively light charge of explosives was detonated next to a transformer box in Musgrave Road close to the old-age home, causing damage to the transformer and the fence around the old-age home and causing a number of windows in the vicinity to be shattered. There is no indication that the explosion was directed at the old-age home.

(2) Yes. The investigation has not yet been completed.

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*25. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Manpower:

(1) Whether married women employed as temporary teachers are permitted to contribute to the Unemployment Insurance Fund; if not, why not;

(2) whether single (a) men and (b) women employed as temporary teachers are permitted to contribute to this Fund; if not, why not;

(3) whether he has received any representations concerning contributions to this Fund by married women employed as temporary teachers; if so, (a) when, (b) from whom and (c) what was (i) the nature of the representations and (ii) his response thereto;

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

*The MINISTER OF MANPOWER:

(1) Married women teachers employed in a temporary capacity by *inter alia* a Provincial Administration or the Department of National Education were excluded as contributors to the Unemployment Insurance Fund with effect from 2 July 1950, by Government Notice No 2117 of 1 September 1950, which was published in terms of section 2(5) of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1946. The temporary

married women teachers referred to in the Government Notice were excluded at the request of certain Provincial Administrations, such request being supported by Teachers' Associations and by the majority of the married women teachers who were employed in a temporary capacity as set out in the Notice.

The reasons advanced at the time for the exclusion were—

(i) married women teachers are normally employed only for limited periods during the absence of permanent teachers;

(ii) such teachers are, generally speaking, only available for appointment at schools reasonably close to their place of residence; and

(iii) as far as the Department of Manpower is concerned there would be great difficulty in placing married women teachers in suitable employment, since most teaching vacancies are controlled by the education departments of the four provinces.

(2) Single (a) men (b) women employed as temporary teachers and whose earnings do not exceed R18 000 per annum are liable to contribute to the Unemployment Insurance Fund.

(3) Yes.

(a) On 4 April 1984.

(b) The Department of National Education.

(c) (i) That it should be investigated why married female teachers are excluded as contributors to the Unemployment Insurance Fund.

(ii) The matter is being investigated and a memorandum is being prepared for submission to the Unemploy-

ment Insurance Board which will make its recommendations to the Minister.

(4) As the matter is still under consideration I do not propose making a statement at this stage.

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*26. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Internal Affairs:

Whether the cost of the salary increases granted to underqualified teachers is included in the final figure for the cost of the improvement of conditions of service; if so, (a) what is the anticipated total cost of these increases in respect of (i) the current financial year and (ii) a full financial year and (b) with effect from what date will they be paid; if not, (aa) from which Vote or Votes will these increases be paid, (bb) what will be the total cost of the increases in respect of a full financial year and (cc) with effect from what date will they be paid?

The MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS:

Yes.

(a) (i) R64 million.

(ii) R192 million.

(b) With effect from 1 December 1984.

Teaching profession: salaries

*27. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Internal Affairs:

Whether the cost of the salary increases to the top structure of the teaching profession with effect from 1 January 1984 is included in the final figure for the improvement of the conditions of service; if so, (a) what is the anticipated total cost of these increases in respect of the current financial year, (b) what ranks of the teaching profession will receive these backdated increases and (c) when will payment of these increases be made; if not, (i)(aa)

Detective's car blasted by bomb

By Mike Cohen
Crime Reporter

12/7/84
A powerful car bomb exploded in a Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad detective's vehicle last night outside his Soweto home.

The minibus was totally destroyed in the blast and parts of his Dube home were damaged. No one was injured.

A spokesman for police headquarters in Pretoria said Detective Warrant Officer Ruben Ranaka arrived home at 8 pm and parked the vehicle in the driveway.

At 10 pm the powerful explosion took place.

A freelance reporter, Mr Camual Dikotla, said: "There were flames on the night skyline as I drove towards the scene."

"The Jabulani Fire Department arrived at the scene shortly afterwards and had to tow the car out into the road before they could extinguish the blaze."

At dawn today, police were searching for fragments of the explosive device.

It is not yet known what device caused the blast or whether it was politically motivated.

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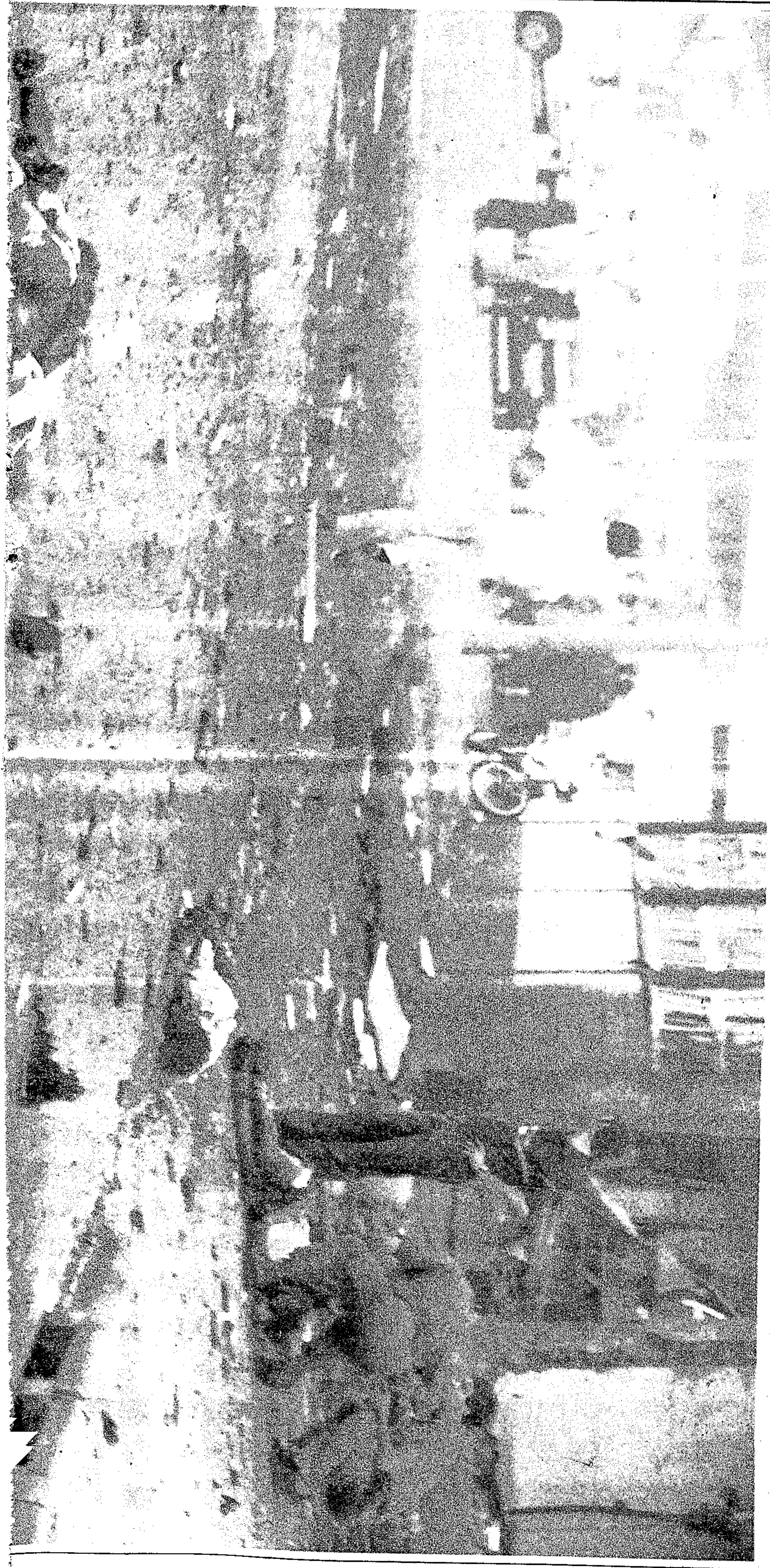
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Special

Dismembered bodies lay scattered across a road and seriously injured people lay writhing in agony as stunned survivors staggered through the debris minutes after a massive explosion rocked Jacobs yesterday. A Mercury team was on the scene within minutes to record the scene.

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Durban boombo Carnegie



Two bodies lie sprawled amid the bomb blast debris on the road while rescue workers attend to another person.

Rush-hour blast kills and maims

Crime Reporter

FOUR people were killed and more than 21 injured — some seriously — when a massive car bomb rocked the industrial suburb of Jacobs south of Durban yesterday afternoon at peak traffic hour.

The blast was felt in Durban North — more than 15 km from the scene.

The bomb, believed to have been placed in a parked car, exploded at 4.20 pm alongside APV Hall(SA) LTD, a refrigeration company, in Buff Road.

Four blacks were killed instantly and scores of people in passing cars and in nearby buildings were hit by flying debris.

Ten whites and 11 blacks were injured.

Pieces of flesh were strewn over a large area and a leg was picked up more than 50 meters from the scene of the blast.

A car, thought to have contained the bomb, disintegrated, leaving only two wheels and a piece of melted steel.

Police closed off the area and several ambulances rushed to the scene to pick up the injured.

The head of the security branch in Port Natal, Brig J R van der Hooven, said last night indications were that the blast was caused by a car bomb.

He would not elaborate further, but appealed to witnesses of the blast to

contact the security branch at C R Swart Square immediately.

Police used bomb sniffer dogs at the scene and late last night experts were still combing for clues.

Two passing cars and a number of parked cars were damaged.

Mr W Rich, manager of APV Hall, said he heard five of his employees were injured by flying glass and debris.

'I was in town at the time of the blast. I do not know at this stage what the damage to our building is, but nearly all the windows were broken.

Another badly damaged building was Marine and Hydraulic Services. Hundreds of windows were broken and a piece of the roof fell in.



A rescue worker gives on-site medical assistance to one of the injured people. He was later ferried to King Edward VIII Hospital in the Disaster Bus.

Pictures by RICHARD SHOREY

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Mr Hennie Mynhard was burnt about the face by the blast. He was driving his car when the bomb went off.

'I thought it was my car exploding and then felt everything get hot'

Mercury Reporter
STILL suffering from shock and burn wounds inflicted in the bomb blast which killed four people, Mr Hennie Mynhard, 23, of Montclair, described his ordeal to the Mercury from his Add-

ington Hospital bed. 'I was driving home when flames shot out from the side of my Fiat. I thought it was my car exploding and then felt everything getting hot.'

He could not remember hearing the explosion — just the flames which engulfed his green Fiat. 'I stopped a bit further up the road, got out and waited for the police. There were people lying around in the road,' he said.

His hair was badly singed and his face burnt, except in the corners of his eyes which he must have closed on reflex. Pleased to have escaped alive, he said: 'It was my first and hopefully my last experience of this kind.'

A spokesman from Addington Hospital said seven whites and a black man had been treated for burns and cut wounds. The black man was later transferred to King Edward VIII Hospital.

'It was so sudden and just terrible'

Mike Phillips
FOUR smouldering and dismembered bodies lay scattered across a road and pavement and many seriously injured people lay writhing in agony as several stunned survivors staggered through the debris minutes after the bomb blast yesterday.

An office worker told how a glass-fronted office metres from the blast site blew in, showering a receptionist with shards of flying glass. The man, who declined

to give his name, fled from the wrecked building — his face a mask of blood after being hit by glass — believing he had been seconds away from death and owed his life to a R2 gift to charity.

He was about to leave the Marine and Hydraulic Services building on the corner of Bluff Road and Sage Road in Jacobs about 4.25 p.m., but paused to give money to a youngster collecting funds as the explosion devastated the building.

The blast rocked the structure, blowing in windows, ripping plaster from the walls and covering staff members in debris.

A huge crater in the road outside the office block marked the blast site and burning debris was flung metres away. The young man described the pungent smell of burning as he picked his way through the mangled bodies and debris.

'It was so sudden. You just don't get any warning with this sort of thing — it's absolutely terrible,' he said. Some of the injured hurried from the scene in panic, while hundreds of onlookers crowded forward.

A black man, who appeared to have been struck in the leg by shrapnel, lay at the roadside nearby crying in pain before rescue teams could reach him. Although shocked, he said he had been walking along the pavement when he had heard a 'thunderous bang'. 'Then I was hit by something and fell to the ground,' he said. Massive tail-backs built up on the southern freeway soon after the explosion as motorists swerved to the roadside to view the bomb scene and police battled to restore normal traffic flow. An APV Hall employee said at least five office

Relieved that his staff was not hurt

A distraught Mr Tony Lewis, owner of Marine and Hydraulic Services, a light engineering shop wrecked by the bomb, said last night: 'I am just thankful that none of my people was hurt. The whole place was devastated — completely devastated.'



A receptionist in the shop, who was reported to have been hurt, is seen in the background.



Mr Andy Rudolph, who was photographed shortly after witnessing the havoc yesterday
Picture by MARK WING

Horrified eyewitness tells of bodies falling around him

Mercury Reporter

A SHAKEN Mr Andy Rudolph of the Bluff last night described how he saw the broken body of a black man fall within metres of his car after hearing a loud explosion and seeing an orange pall of smoke smother the late afternoon sky.

From work when I suddenly heard this loud bang and my car was nearly blown off the road with the force of the explosion, he said.

I then noticed orange flames billowing out of a building directly opposite me and heard the thud of falling bodies.

bits and pieces of greyish, red metal but I soon realised I was wrong.

Mr Rudolph described how he had noticed that a man who had fallen metres in front of his car was so badly injured it looked as if his arms and legs had been broken and that his stomach had been ripped open.

mangled. Suddenly a motorist came roaring through all the mess and debris. I shouted at him that he was crazy, but he just carried on driving.

I felt sick, but decided I would have to take the injured man to hospital. I walked towards him to help, but I was told not to as the police would see to it all.

Further along the road lay another body. Another was spread-eagled on the pavement on the other side, he said, adding that it had looked as if the entire reception area of the building had been completely devastated.

A shattered Mr Rudolph said: 'I never want to see anything like that again.'

The bomb squad was incredibly efficient. They were there within minutes and had the whole area cordoned off,' Mr Groom said.

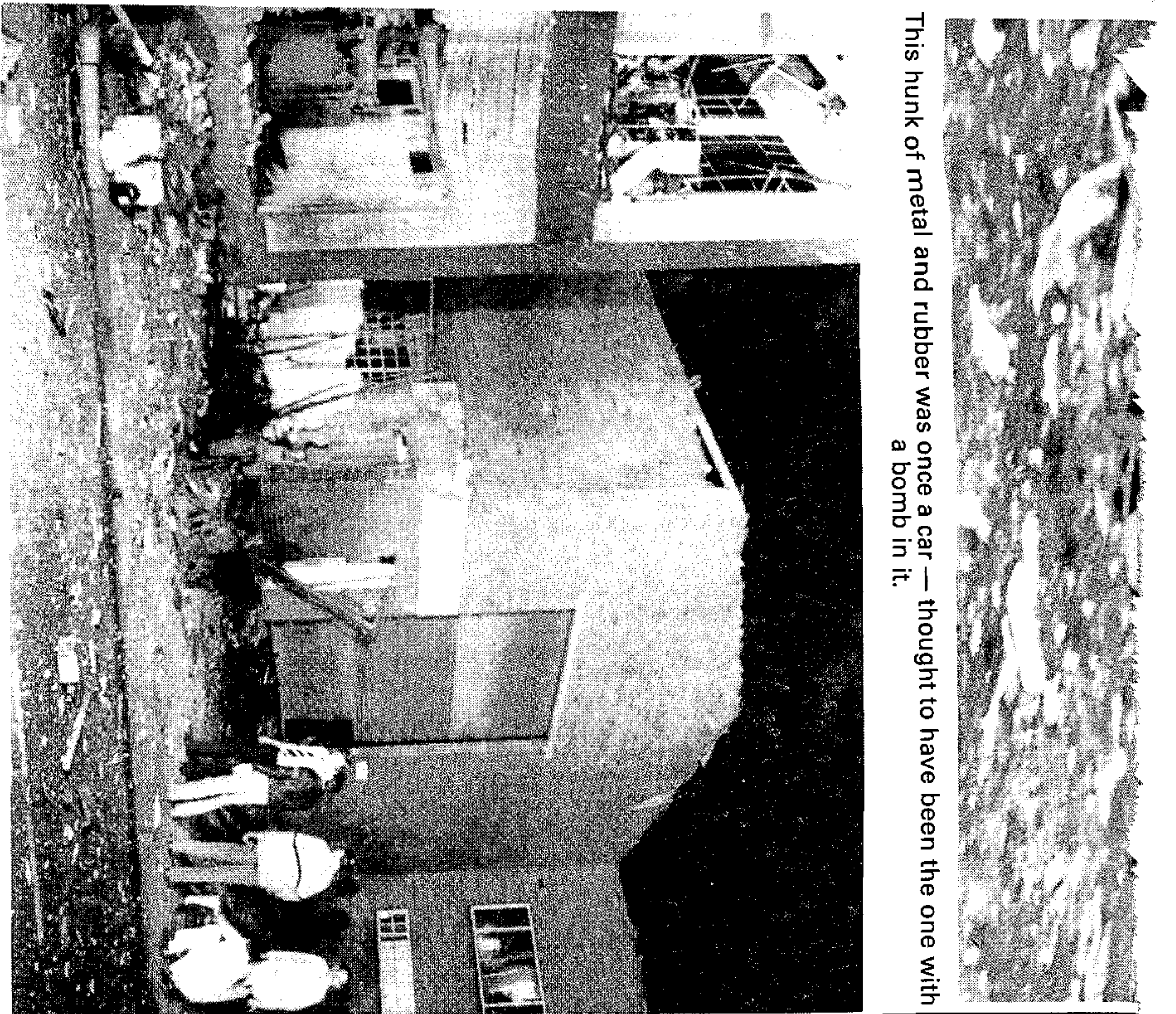
We rushed outside and saw a huge pall of black smoke in the distance and we realised it was a bomb.

Efficient

I was on the telephone when I heard this incredibly loud bang and the whole building shook. We all thought a tanker had hit the building. It has happened before because our building is on a blind corner.

ragulous escape when shards of glass and masonry rained down on her, is his daughter. She's very shaken and has gone for a check-up, he said.

Mr Michael Groom, an electrical representative in a nearby building, thought a truck had hit the workshop.



This hunk of metal and rubber was once a car — thought to have been the one with a bomb in it.

'We'll wipe them out'

Ormande Pollok
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN—Mr Louis le Grange, Minister of Law and Order, last night gave the assurance that security forces would wipe out or capture all ANC terrorists still operating in the Durban area.

In an interview shortly after informing Parlia-

ment last night of the gruesome bomb blast in Jacobs which killed four people and injured more than 20 others, he said security forces would work 'day and night' to track down any terrorists still operating in the area.

The leaders of all parties in Parliament also condemned the bombing

and associated themselves with Mr le Grange's expression of sympathy for the families of the dead and injured.

Mr le Grange, who blamed the ANC for the outrage, is to make a special visit to the scene of the blast this morning. He said security forces had had a series of out-

standing successes recently and all specialist forensic experts were being called in to study the situation at the scene of the blast today.

He said that Durban had been cordoned off with road blocks last night and that others had been erected throughout the province.

Mr le Grange also revealed there was a special squad of security forces men who had been concentrating particularly on terrorist infiltration in the Natal area.

They had led to the imprisonment for up to 41 years of several members of ANC cells, three ANC terrorists had been shot

north of Durban recently and four had been killed after the attack on a Durban refinery.

'We are making a concerted effort to clear up the whole of the Durban and Port Natal area and have had great success in the past two months,' he said.

As darkness fell the search for clues went on.

Strong condemnation by all opposition parties

CAPE TOWN—The Leader of the Opposition, Dr van Zyl Slabbert, last night condemned 'in the strongest terms' the bomb blast.

'Violence begets violence in a self-destructive spiral,' Dr Slabbert said in a statement here.

'One wonders why Natal is the area being singled out,' he added.

'It appears almost as if some vendetta is being set-led at the cost of innocent lives.'

Dr Slabbert said the PFP extended its 'deepest sympathy' to the bereaved and wished a speedy recovery to the injured.

The perpetrators of the attack were 'sub-human criminals' who deserved to be hunted until they were removed from free society, the leader of the New Re-

public Party, Mr Vause Raw, said.

'Such indiscriminate killing makes a mockery of claims to be the "liberators of the oppressed" and reveals them for what they are,' he said.

'By now they should have destroyed any residual sympathy from Christians who condemn violence "but can understand why they do this",' Mr Raw said.

Mr Tom Langley of the Conservative Party said he suspected the ANC would again accept responsibility for the act.

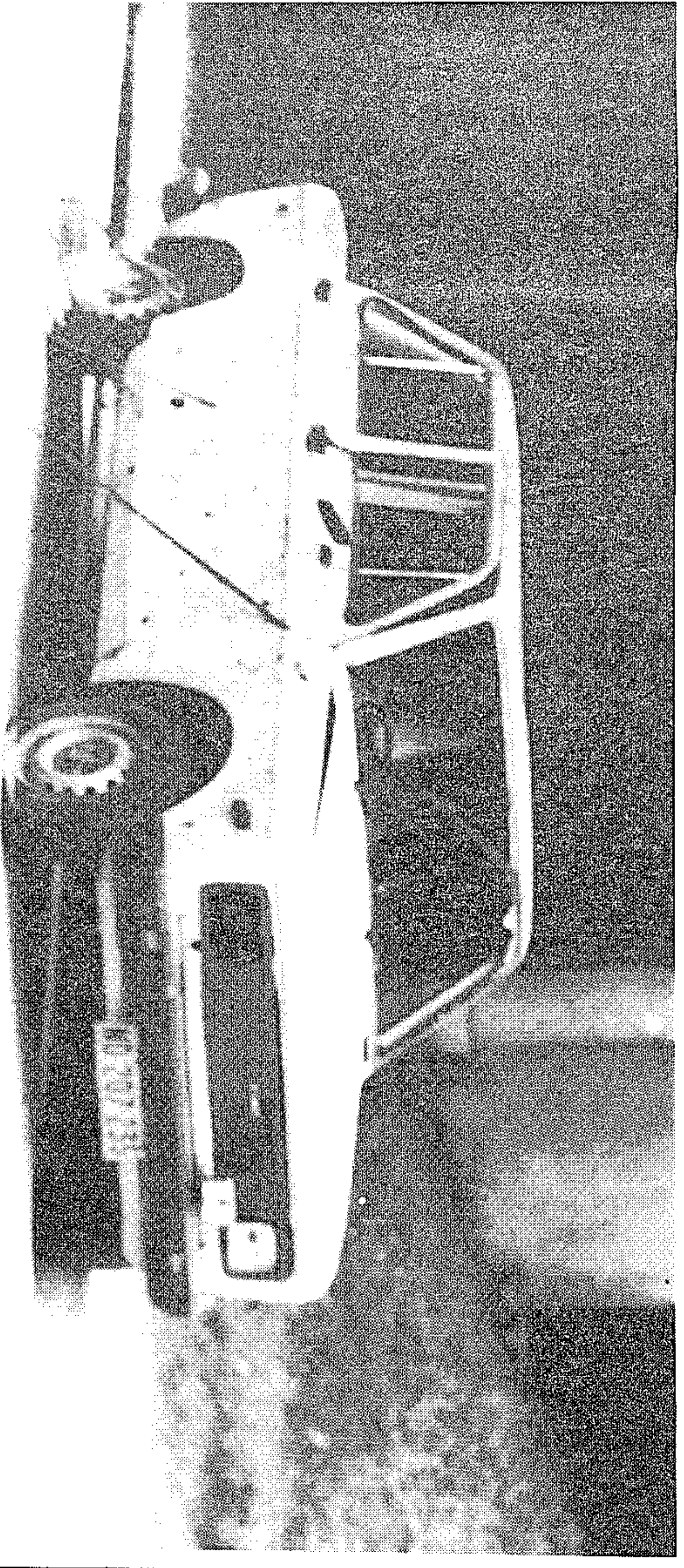
The CP expressed its 'shock and repugnance at this cowardly act against defenceless and innocent people.'

Mr Langley expressed his party's support for the security forces in their 'combat against this evil' and especially for the residents of Durban. — (Sapa)

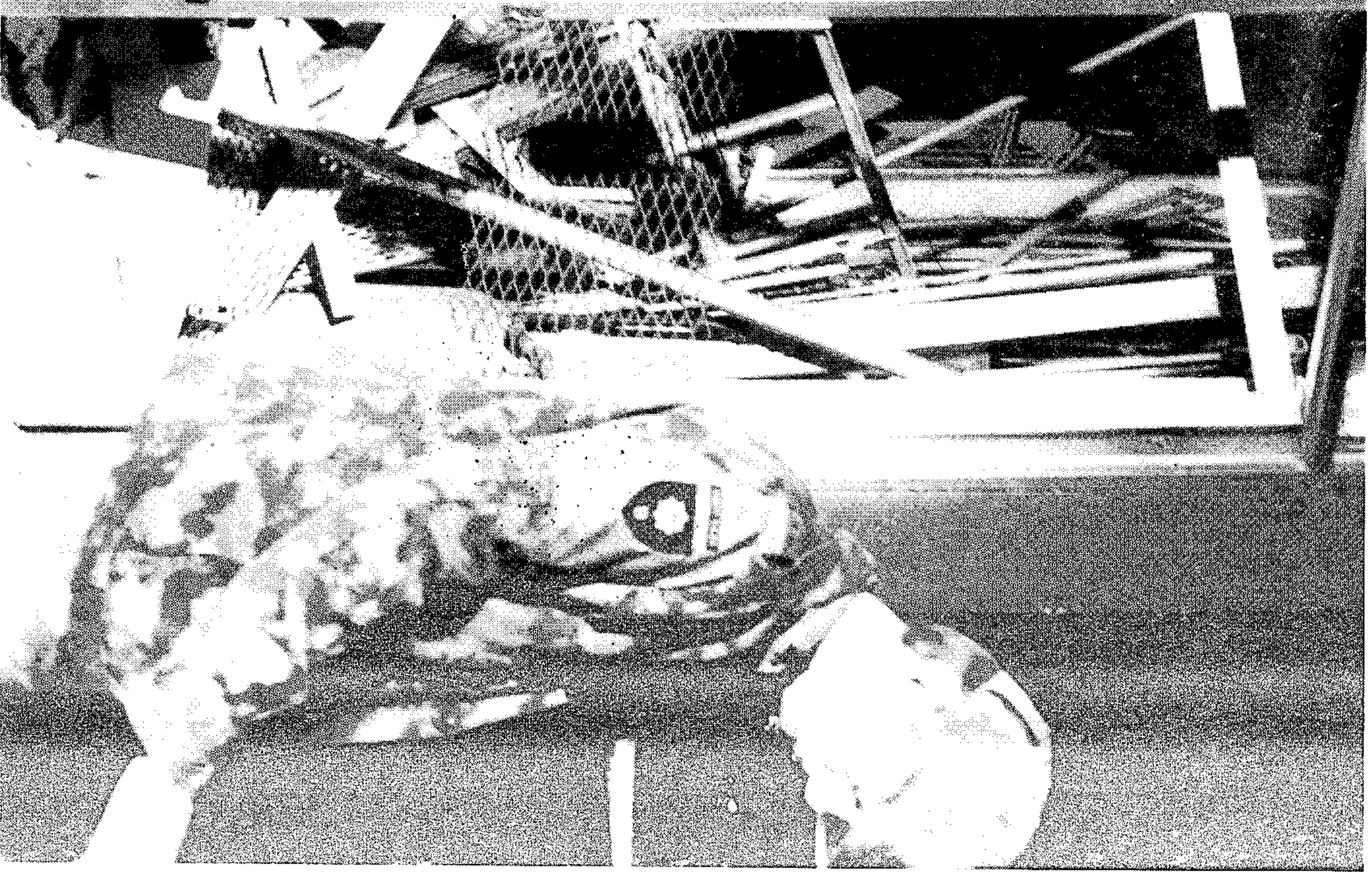
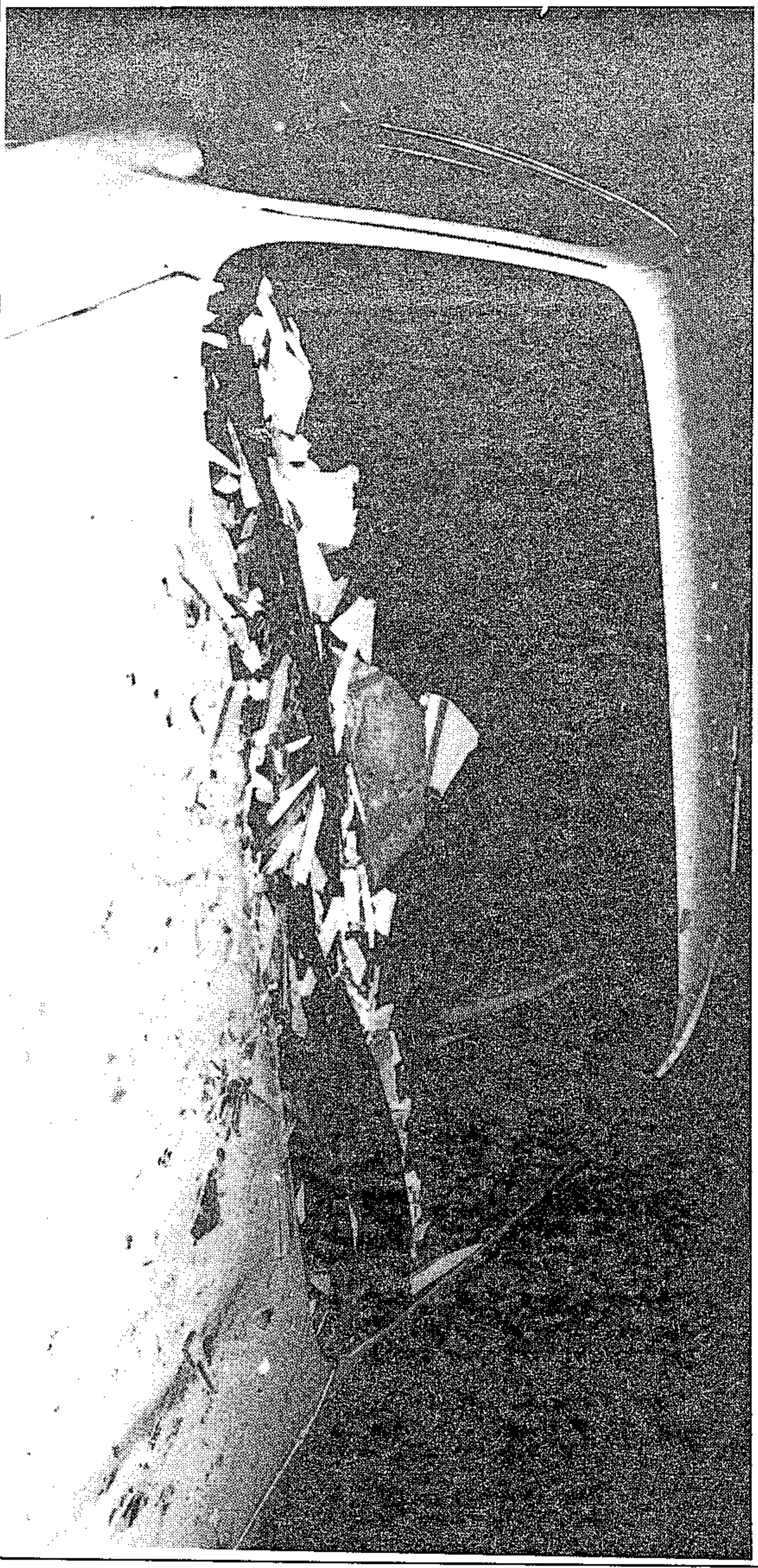
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Blast-injured workers, victims of flying shards of glass, wipe blood from each other.



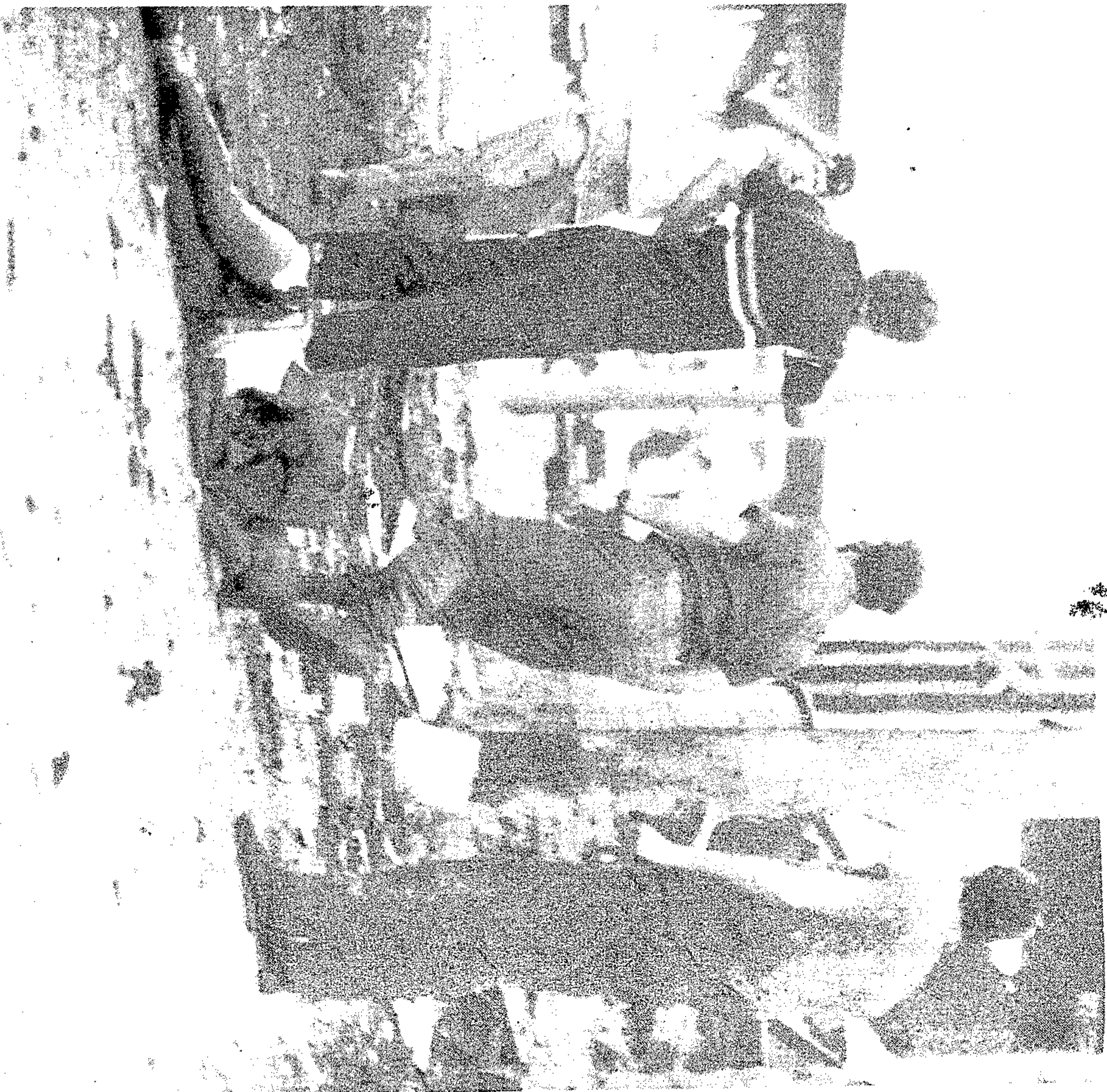
Above is the car in which a Wentworth mother, Mrs. M. Armstrong and her 8-year-old daughter were injured when they drove past when the bomb went off. Below is one of the many other cars damaged.



A policeman guards one of the damaged buildings.

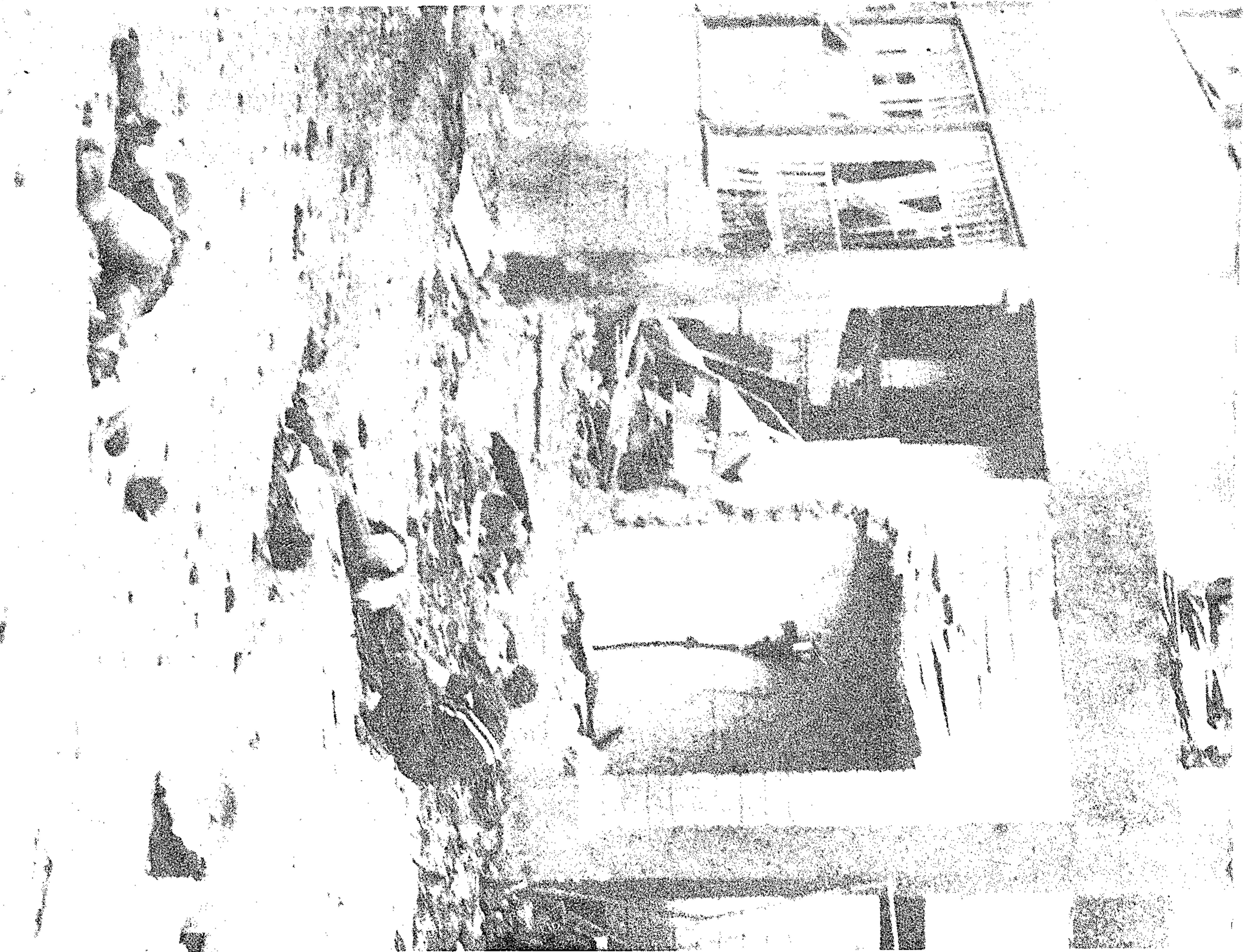
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Devastation in the wake of terror

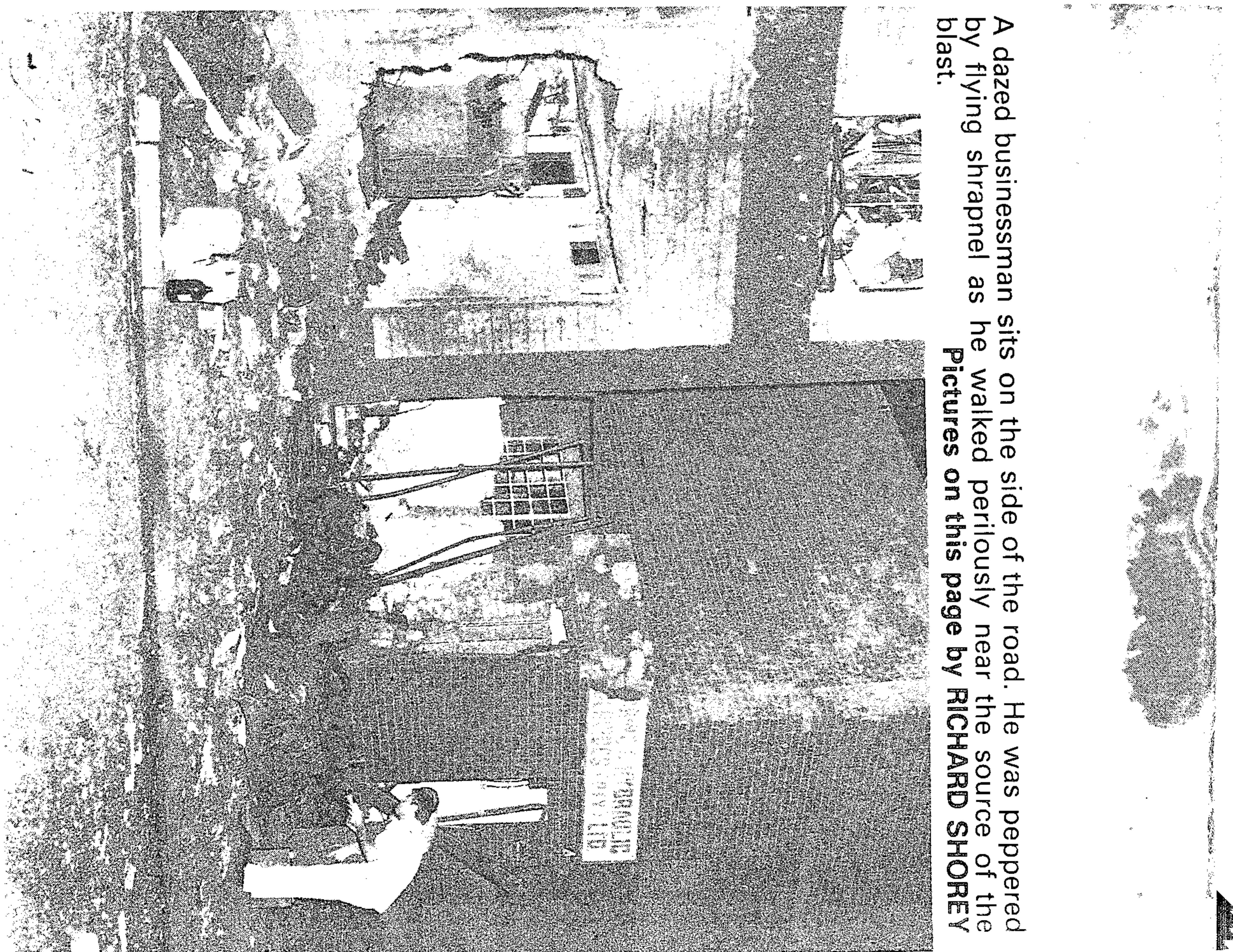


Army personnel inspect the damage wreaked by the bomb. In the foreground lies one of its victims.





Three dismembered bodies lie in wake of the car bomb. A civilian checks to see if he can render assistance, but the man was killed instantly by the blast.



A dazed businessman sits on the side of the road. He was peppered by flying shrapnel as he walked perilously near the source of the blast. Pictures on this page by RICHARD SHOREY

Devastation. The aftermath of yesterday's powerful car bomb. A man looks at the scanty remains of the car in which the device was believed to have exploded.

10 whites among the injured

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KILLS 4

FOUR people were killed and 21 injured when a car bomb exploded at 4.30 pm yesterday afternoon in Durban, police announced last night. Ten of the injured are whites.

The area was immediately cordoned off as police, traffic officials and firemen converged on the scene.

Police could give no further details at this stage. The explosion occurred at an industrial area about

eight km from the city centre on the way to the Durban airport.

The blast occurred in Mobeni just two kilometres from the site of the oil refinery damaged by a bomb explosion in May. Another car bomb explosion in Durban in April killed three passers-by.

In May 1982 18 people were killed in an explosion in Pretoria. This was also a car bomb.

Meanwhile a powerful car bomb exploded in a Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad detective's car on Wednesday night while it was parked in the driveway of his Soweto home.

The kombi was totally destroyed in the blast and parts of his Dube home were damaged. No-one was injured.

Police

A spokesman for police headquarters in Pretoria said the policeman, a detective warrant officer attached to the Murder and Robbery Squad, Mr Rubeen Ranaka, arrived home at 8 pm. He parked the kombi in his driveway.

At 10 pm, the explosion took place.



The body of a man killed in yesterday's bomb blast in Durban lies amidst the wreckage of the explosion.

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CARNAGE

Four die,
21 injured

Mail Correspondent
DURBAN.

FOUR people died and 21 were injured when a massive bomb rocked the industrial suburb of Jacobs south of Durban yesterday afternoon.

The repercussions of the bomb were felt in Durban North — more than 15km away.

The bomb, suspected to have been placed in a parked car, went off at 420pm alongside a refrigeration company in Bluff Road.

The four blacks were killed instantly and scores of people in passing cars and in nearby buildings were hit by flying debris.

According to figures available last night 10 white people and 11 blacks were injured.

Pieces of human flesh were strewn over a large area and a leg was picked up more than 50 meters from the scene of the blast.

A car thought to have contained the bomb was disintegrated, and only two wheels and a piece of steel were left.

Police were on the scene within minutes and closed off the area. Several ambulances rushed to the scene to pick up the injured.

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The man, who declined to be identified, fled the wrecked building — his face a mask of blood after being peppered by glass.

A huge crater in the road outside the office block marked the blast site and burning debris was flung metres away.

The young man described the pungent smell of burning as he picked his way through the mauled bodies and debris to escape the carnage.



Two unidentified bomb blast victims from yesterday's explosion in Durban.

'A spiral of violence' Raids continue

CAPE TOWN. — The Leader of the Opposition, Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, last night condemned "in the strongest terms" yesterday afternoon's bomb blast in Durban in which four people died and 21 were injured.

"Violence begets violence in a self-destructive spiral," Dr Slabbert said in a statement issued in Cape Town.

"One wonders why Natal is the area being singled out more than any other (for bomb attacks).

"It appears almost as if some vendetta is being settled at the cost of innocent lives."

Dr Slabbert said the PFP extended its "deepest sympathy" to the bereaved and wished a speedy recovery to the injured.

Mr Tom Langley of the Conservative Party said he suspected the ANC would "again accept responsibility" for the act. However,

if it did not, the incident was in any case "the work of its partners in spirit".

The CP expressed its "shock and repugnance at this cowardly act against defenceless and innocent people".

Mr Langley expressed his party's support for the security forces in their "combat against this evil" and especially for the residents of Durban "who have been the targets of these base actions".

The perpetrators of the attack were "sub-human criminals" who deserved to be hunted until they were removed from free society, the leader of the New Republic Party, Mr Vause Raw, said.

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Mail Reporter

THE DEADLIEST bomb blast in South Africa was the May 1983 car-bomb in Pretoria, which exploded during rush hour traffic in front of the Nedbank Square building.

Nineteen people died and 194 people were injured when the bomb's remote control device detonated it prematurely. Two members of the African National Congress who planted the bomb were killed in the blast.

Soldiers just miss death in Durban blast

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13/7/84 Own Correspondent

Two truckloads of soldiers narrowly escaped death or injury as a bomb exploded at Jacobs yesterday only seconds after they had set off.

The bomb went off at 4.24 pm in Bluff Road. In one blinding flash it exploded, burning in the street and at least 27 others injured.

Brigadier J R van der Hooven, chief of the Security Police in Durban, said he believed the bomb had weighed between 30 kg and 60 kg.

He said it was unlikely that any of those killed had been in the bomb car.

Mr Hennie Mynhardt, who is in hospital with severe burns, said he was travelling directly behind the truck when the bomb exploded.

He believed the army trucks could have been the target.

"I think I was right next to the bomb," he said. "I got halfway to the bridge under the Southern Freeway before I stopped because I thought there might be a second bomb."

Mr Mynhardt said the soldiers got out of the trucks immediately after the blast and went to the aid of the victims — including himself.

Sapa reports that a Defence Force spokesman confirmed a military vehicle had been slightly damaged in the explosion.

He said three members of the Defence Force were slightly injured. Two of them were already back on duty while the third soldier who was in the Natal Command sick bay would be discharged today.

Mrs Maria Armstrong of the Bluff and her daughter Chantelle (8) also narrowly escaped death.

Her car was almost ripped apart by flying shrapnel.

With blood pouring down her face and glass lodged in her right eye, Mrs Armstrong struggled to control the careening vehicle until it ground to a halt almost 100 metres from where the explosion occurred.

Chantelle had been blown halfway out of the window by the blast.



Mr Hennie Mynhardt . . . suffered burns from the blast.

contributed to a slump in prices on the London Stock Exchange.

The ports of London, Liverpool, Manchester, Glasgow, Southampton, Bristol and Cardiff were closed for the third day, along with almost 50 smaller ports which together handle about 70 percent of imports and exports.

The Transport Workers' Union called out its 35 000 dockers on Monday in a row over contract workers handling iron ore which its own men, in sympathy with the miners, would not load.

Mrs Thatcher has refused to mediate in the dispute over pit closures, but businessmen view the dock strike with more alarm.

"A dock strike in a couple of weeks is going to have much more impact than 17 weeks of a miners' strike," said the Chambers of Commerce Association.

The strike originally involved only ports registered in a na-

Dockers at Southampton announced that they would prevent the Queen Elizabeth 2 from sailing.

The trials



Princess Anne walks down House on Wednesday, w

Life just doesn't seem to be any more. She has had to cope with a Mark Phillips and jibes about

By Dik Browne



Victims tell of 'dreadful' march planned

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Miss Susan Lewis, who was working in a building immediately next to the bomb site, described how she had rushed out after the blast and seen the burning bodies of the victims.

"I heard a bang. Then there was furniture flying around the room and I saw flames come through the windows into the office.

"After it happened I ran outside and I saw the bodies. They were on fire."

Although she was visibly shocked, Miss Lewis escaped with minor lacerations.

She said she worked for her father's hydraulics and engineering firm and described the damage to their premises as "very, very bad".

Eight victims were taken to King Edward VIII Hospital for treatment. Last night they all described the blast as

"dreadful". Seven were treated and charged.

Mr Muzikayifani Mtshali (40), who admitted with severe leg injuries, said it all sounded as if we were at battlefield."

Mr Emmanuel Mzobe (24) of Section Umlazi, who works a short distance from the scene of the tragedy, was on his home when the bomb went off.

He said: "I was just a few metres away. I thought I had gone mad. I thought it was Doomsday. The ground shook like hell."

"I saw glass of windows of a building in front of me falling off like dry leaves in winter. Its roof shrank like plastic that had been thrown into a wild fire.

"I really do not know how I survived. I saw a number of workers crawling out of the destroyed building. Some looked like lunatics. They just walked aimlessly and shouted words I could not understand."

march planned

Punjab State Government to prevent groups from marching on the north Indian state.

as 32 more suspected members of the Akali Dal, had said firmly that the armed suicide squads to be formed was withdrawn. The party leader, Rajinder Kaur, is to lead the first of the marches.

Mrs Indira Gandhi, said the government was satisfied with the outcome. - Reuter.



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642-4447 or Peter van der Stadt 683-4334.

Will you help the animals?

THE Animal Anti-cruelty league is holding a street collection on Tuesday, throughout Johannesburg, Randburg and Sandton. Collectors, and people to receive and count the contents of tins are needed. If you would like to help, contact the league at 26-9226 during office hours, or visit the head office in 66 Marjorie Street, Regents Park Extension, Johannesburg.

Computers for beginners

COMPUTER CAMPS SOUTH AFRICA will be holding a basic computer course for beginners at Cliffview Primary School in Norman Drive, Northcliff, during the forthcoming July holidays. Dates for the courses are July 16 to 20 and the cost is R80 per student. The age group covered is 9-14 years. For further details contact Irvine Green, course director at 782-1280.

Boat seminar in Booyens

MARINE AND BOATING and Mariner outboards are hosting a ski-boat seminar in Booyens next Wednesday. Guest speakers include Dr Tom Hecht of Rhodes University and Dr Peter Landsberg of NSRI. The seminar starts at 7pm. There is a R2 entry fee. Cheese and wine will be served. Contact Angela 680-5240.

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Bomb blows up policeman's car

By MONTSHIWA MOROKE
A CRACK Soweto detective attached to the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad was asleep in his home when a bomb exploded in his minibus on Wednesday night, damaging the vehicle extensively.

and got there about 7.55pm. I went straight to bed, only to be awakened by a loud bang which sounded like dynamite. I ran outside to investigate and saw my kombi in flames."

Timely action by neighbours prevented the fire from spreading and saved damage to property which could have run into several thousand rand.

He said he suspected the bomb was planted at Emdeni. The device was placed on the chassis, directly behind the driver's seat.

A police spokesman said last night no one was injured. He said the nature of the explosives used was unknown, but the matter was being investigated.

W/O Ranaka said such attacks were carried out for political reasons. He was surprised because he had never dealt with political cases.

Warrant-Officer Rueben Ranaka of Dube, a father of three, said yesterday he did not know what the motive behind the attack was.

The explosion shattered the glass in a neighbour's garage door. The neighbour, Rabbi Vuyisile Msitshane, said when he heard the explosion he ran out to see smoke and flames leaping from the vehicle. Only the fact that the roof of the Ranaka home was tiled saved it from catching fire, he said.

The explosion, which was heard by people living more than a kilometre away, occurred about 10pm on Wednesday, two hours after W/O Ranaka had parked the vehicle in the yard.

"I summoned my subtenants who helped douse the fire with a hosepipe." Other neighbours used the soil from flower pots to douse the fire.

Many windows were broken, part of the wall was charred and the roof almost collapsed.

"The person who placed the bomb intended killing Mr Ranaka. If he had been driving the vehicle at 10pm he would have been a dead man. He missed death by two hours," Rabbi Msitshane said.

W/O Ranaka said he left home about 6pm to visit friends at Emdeni.

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European twist to Wolf Power's tale

BY PETER DUFFIELD
THE on-off sale saga of Wolf Power continued yesterday with rumours and reports that offers to purchase the champion racehorse had been received from European interests.

Clairwood on July 28.
Mr Maingard said Wolf Power would have been hard to beat in that race and he expressed disappointment that the horse would not run.

His trainer, Ricky Maingard, said he was unaware of the offer.

An initial offer of R4-million for the grey fell by the wayside after his defeat in the Schweppes Challenge, when he was unplaced after being cut into.

He did say, however, that he had been advised by members of the syndicate owning the champion grey not to run him in the Mainstay 1800 at

Legal action against the would-be purchasers was considered, but apparently decided against.

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Cars average four a family

JEDDAH. - There are nearly five cars to a family in Saudi Arabia's opulent commercial capital of Jeddah, the highest such ratio in the world, according to a study published in Jeddah.

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A traffic study has reported 982 000 cars registered in the city, an average of 4.8 per family. - Sapa-Reuter.

TO IMPROVE the handling of complaints about the non-arrival of home delivered copies of SAAN publications - the Rand Daily Mail, the Sunday Times, the Sunday Express and the Evening

Dying can to sue doc

London Bureau
LONDON. - A man who says doctors failed to tell him he was dying of cancer, before they operated on him, has

Why Slew Durban's Terror Bomb Target

By SA A

By Patrick Compton
A MAJOR reason behind the concentration of bombings in Durban and Maritzburg was that Inkatha was the only organised black opposition to the African National Congress, the director of the Centre for Applied Social Sciences, Professor Lawrence Schlemmer, said last night.

Any political organisation has got to impress its friends and its enemies, and there would clearly be a tendency to concentrate on Natal and KwaZulu where Inkatha is particularly strong, he said. Yesterday's bomb attack at Jacobs in which five people were killed was the fourth in Durban this year. So far, 15 people have died this year in guerrilla attacks in the city.

Professor Schlemmer also said the eastern part of the country had always presented the strongest opposition to colonialism and National Party rule.

"If the ANC wish to impress their friends, then the Eastern Cape and Natal are probably the best areas for their purposes." The assistant director of the South African Institute of International Affairs, Mr Michael Spicer, said the blast seemed to establish three things. Firstly, the borders between South Africa and Mozambique and Swaziland were still porous, allowing guerrillas to penetrate relatively easily through the traditional infiltration routes. Secondly, the attack represented "one in the eye" for the Nkomati accord signed between South Africa and Mozambique earlier this year.

Finally, he felt it was significant that two truckloads of soldiers narrowly escaped death or serious injury when the car bomb exploded seconds after the convoy had passed the disaster area. "If the convoy was travelling along a regular route at the same time each day, then the attack could be seen in much the same light as the Pretoria bomb blast directed against the military last year," Mr Spicer said. He added that the attack had revealed a continuing post-Nkomati breach in the ANC between those who advocated the military solution and those who advocated alternative strategies.

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Reports claim Slovo responsible for wife's 'letter bomb' death

Mozambique's success in getting rid of top ANC activist, Joe Slovo — the Soviet KGB colonel — highlights a man who is widely believed to be capable of extreme ruthlessness.

For months the Mozambicans tried to persuade him to leave but he staunchly refused. Three weeks ago — in spite of Press reports he went to Paris in April — he quit Mozambique and is now in France.

His ruthlessness is accepted among diplomats familiar with the Southern African cauldron of politics. When his wife, Ruth First, was assassinated on August 17 1982 in Maputo, it was alleged a letter bomb exploded in her face.

It was immediately claimed the South African security services were responsible.

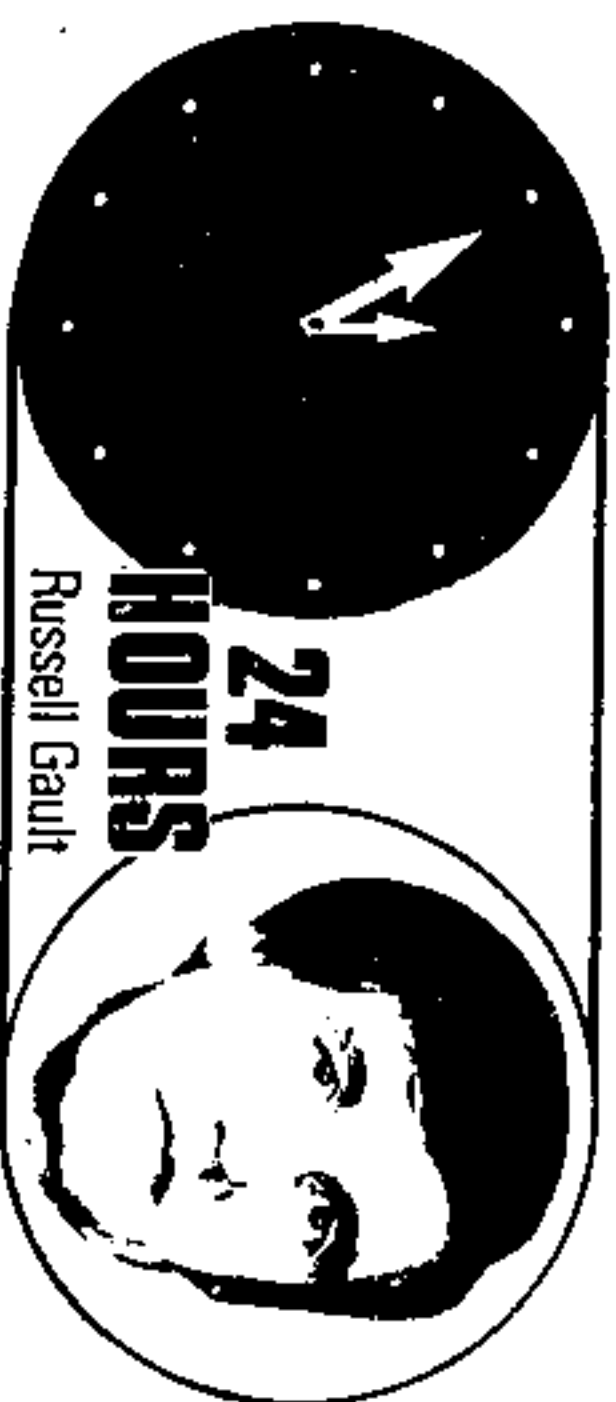
But subsequent information compiled by United States and British sources reveals a different story.

This suggests Joe Slovo engineered his estranged wife's killing on ideological grounds.

Ruth First was born in Johannesburg in 1925 and was educated at Jeppe High School for Girls and the University of the Witwatersrand.

During her student days she was a member of the Communist Party of South Africa of which her parents were founder members. In 1954 she represented the Transvaal Peace Council at the World Peace Council gathering in East Berlin. Then she visited the Soviet Union and Red China.

In later years she achieved notoriety for her communist activities and then went into exile. She joined the new South African Communist Party (SACP) and worked for the ANC with her husband, Joe Slovo.



Russell Gault

After they moved to Mozambique from London, First got an academic post at Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo. Slovo was appointed unanimously by the ANC to take charge of all ANC operations within South Africa and he appointed his wife as his principal assistant.

That's when his troubles started. Ruth First's ultra-left outlook isolated her even from the SACP's Central Committee in 1979, 24 Hours was told.

She had demanded that the basic statement of ANC goals, the "Freedom Charter", be updated to display a clearer socialist bias. She was critical of the fact that greater emphasis was placed on the "armed struggle" than the "workers' struggle".

She claimed that the ANC leadership was not workers but in fact members of the "petty bourgeoisie" and she disagreed with the idea of a two-stage revolution in South Africa, that is, an African nationalist revolution preceding her ultimate goal of a socialist workers' revolution.

For these and other reasons, which indicated she had Trotskyite leanings, her suspension from the SACP Central Committee was ordered by her husband. By this

time Slovo was estranged from his wife and involved with a secretary.

First was also told to dissociate herself from the London-based publication Rape — Review of African Political Economy.

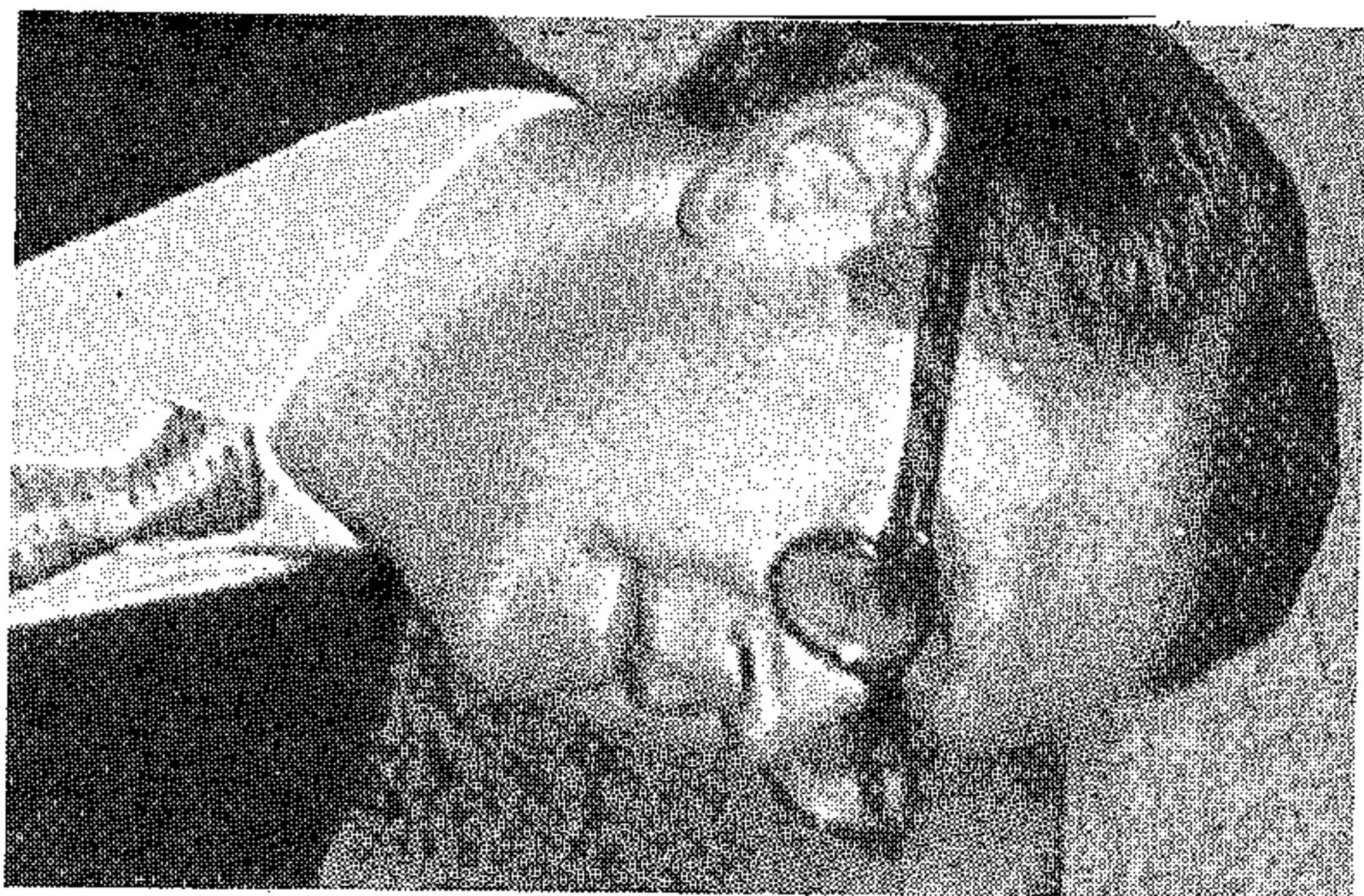
This publication was proving critical of classic communist dogma such as collectivised agriculture and as a result the "purist" SACP objected on ideological grounds to the publication.

In 1978 First tried to get the Trotskyite academic Martin Legassick appointed to her staff at Mondlane University but after ANC protests the Mozambique Government refused him a visa.

With these events as a background, the rift between Slovo and First widened irrevocably. Slovo has long been believed to be the power behind the ANC reporting directly to Moscow. First's serious deviation from the ideological line was obviously a serious concern and embarrassment not only to Slovo but to Soviet and also ANC intentions in the region.

Her death by an alleged letter bomb was immediately blamed on the South Africans acting with the American Central Intelligence Agency. The explosion in her office at Mondlane University was so severe it wrecked the office. This indicated the device was far too big to have been a letter bomb and would have had to have been planted beneath her desk.

The British and American sources say even Mozambican security was not so lax as to allow such a device to have been planted in her office without their being in collusion with other parties. And those parties could only have been Slovo and the ANC intent on a cleansing of the ideological line.



Joe Slovo — capable of extreme ruthlessness



Ruth First — achieved notoriety for her communist activities

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Police probe nature of bomb

Hunt goes on as blast toll rises to five

Mall Correspondent

DURBAN. — No arrests have yet been made in connection with Thursday's killer bomb blast in Durban in which five people were killed and 26 injured.

The fifth victim died in hospital yesterday from wounds sustained in the blast. None of the dead, all blacks, has been identified.

Although police mounted extensive follow-up operations, no arrests had been made yesterday, a police spokesman confirmed.

Forensic experts yesterday combed the aftermath of the carnage but were still mystified last night as to the size, type and origin of the bomb.

Police did confirm that the bomb had been placed in a car outside the refrigeration company.

The make of the car was also not known last night.

Although the African National Congress has not claimed responsibility for the blast, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, blamed the organisation for the attack during an inspection tour of the bomb scene yesterday.

"The style of the blast is so similar to other acts of terror perpetrated by the ANC that we cannot come to any other conclusion than that they were responsible," he said.

Thirteen whites, 11 blacks and two Indians were injured in the blast, but of the injured, only two are still in hospital.

The owner of an engineering works near the scene of the blast said yesterday hundreds of people would have been killed or maimed if the bomb had been set to explode minutes after the 4.30pm factory knock-off time — instead of five minutes before the rush.

Mr Tony Lewis believed a major disaster was averted by only minutes, because by 4.35pm every day Bluff Road was congested with traffic and crowds of pedestrians heading for the nearby railway station and bus-stops.

Mr Lewis remembered the terrifying

ordeal vividly: "I was in a downstairs office with my daughter Susan when there was a loud noise and red flames engulfed us. I was hit by a piece of the drive shaft from the car.

"Fortunately Susan was sitting fairly low down, but her desk was sucked away, disintegrating as it went."

A sub-station near the blast was partially destroyed, but according to Mr Dennis Fraser, city engineer, because it supplied electricity to only an adjacent factory it was not the target.

Police opened Bluff Road to normal traffic flow yesterday afternoon.

Speaking at the scene yesterday, Mr Le Grange said more and more civilians would be killed, maimed and injured in future as the ANC opted for softer civilian targets in the wake of police successes against them.

"The ANC is desperate and has been hit for a six ever since the Nkomati Accord and our successes in apprehending insurgents in the past few months," he said.

"The ANC is not concerned with loss of life and Oliver Tambo himself has warned that more civilians would be victims of future ANC operations," he said.

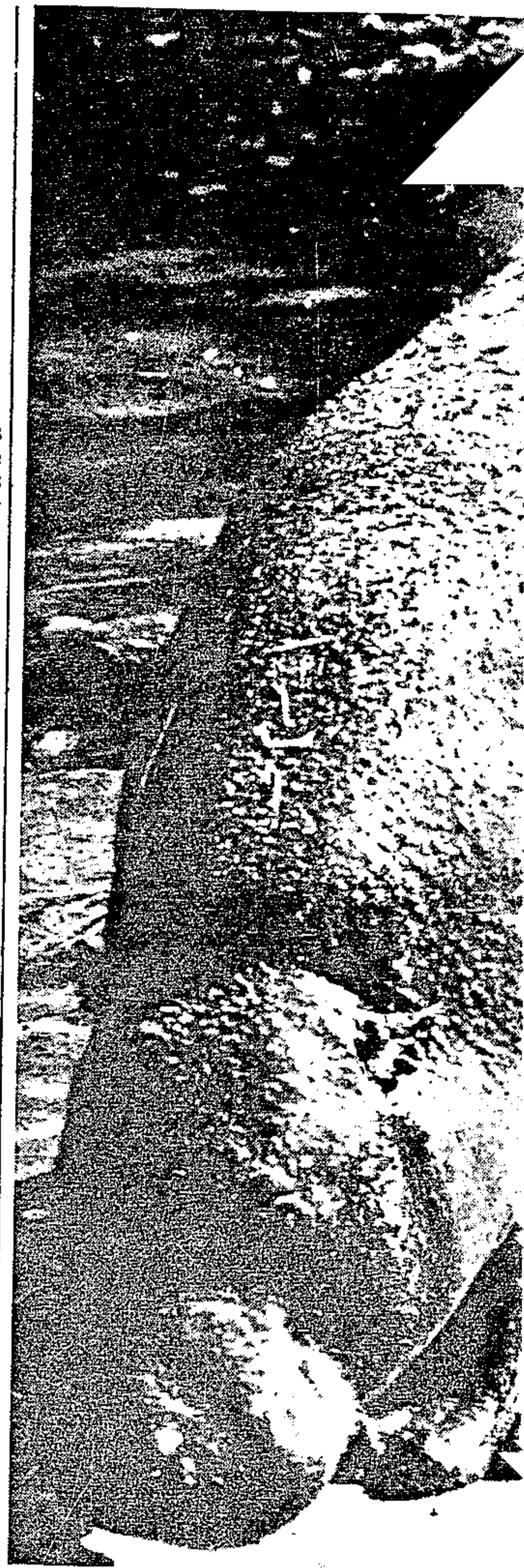
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"Durban and the Witwatersrand are two of the country's most important industrial areas — densely populated and easy to infiltrate — and hence the concentration of attacks," he said.

In total, eight people have been killed in terror attacks on targets in Durban this year and more than 40 have been injured.



I think that's my mom in front. This chubby lit Zoo's adoption scheme. The cheery fellow w

Viewers won't see Zola run today

By J MANUEL CORREIA
TV Correspondent

THOSE wanting to see Zola Budd and the Talbot Games in full cry on TV will have to wait until Wednesday. It won't be on today.

The full atmospherics of the international meeting at the Crystal Palace in London

Father dies after shooting

By CLARE HARPER

THE father of three small children, who shot his estranged wife in the neck and then turned the gun on himself in central Johannesburg this week, died late on Thursday night.

Mr Jan Swanepoel, 26, fired at Mrs Marion Swanepoel, 24, through the glass door of a car rental firm, opposite the Carlton Centre in Main Street, Johannesburg, during peak-hour traffic on Thursday.

According to a Johannesburg Hospital spokesman, Mrs Swanepoel is in a stable but serious condition.

Mrs Swanepoel, who works at Budget Rent-A-Car, was separated from her husband two weeks ago. She and her children had been living with her parents since the separation.

Mr Jan Swanepoel was an unemployed metalworker.

An eyewitness to the shooting, Mr Dan Retief, marketing manager for a firm of wood merchants, said that he saw Mr Swanepoel crouching near a car and talking to a "friend" through the window.

"As he stood up, he drew a revolver and fired at her as she walked out of the

car rental firm," Mr Retief said. Mr Swanepoel was wearing a jacket which hid a hip holster carrying the gun.

He then chased his wife into the building, where he fired two more shots of which hit her in the neck.

"Then he put the gun to his right temple and shot himself," Mr Retief said.

The "friend," who was later identified as Mrs Swanepoel's brother-in-law, appeared "shattered" after the shooting.

Mr Jan Swanepoel is survived by his wife and three children, Janiekie, Marita and Maritsa.

Police seize pornographic videos

Police hunt for clues as car bomb toll mounts

Police continued to scour for clues yesterday as the death toll in Thursday's car bomb blast in Durban rose to five.

Twenty-seven people were injured in the blast in the Jacobs industrial area late Thursday afternoon.

The death toll rose yesterday when an unidentified man (24) died while undergoing surgery at the King Edward VIII Hospital. Police could not, however, confirm his death.

Police said 12 black men, 13 whites — including two women — and two Asiatics had been injured.

The blast had been caused by a car bomb but it was not yet known what type of explosive was used, police said.

The estimated size of the bomb was between 30 kg and 60 kg, police said.

No one has claimed responsibility but the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, said the circumstances of the blast were identical to previous actions of the banned African National Congress and the South African Communist Party.

Two truckloads of soldiers narrowly escaped injury as the bomb exploded

seconds after they had passed.

A Defence Force spokesman confirmed in Pretoria yesterday that a military vehicle had been slightly damaged and that three SADF members had been slightly injured.

The blast has drawn wide criticism from several quarters

The president of the SA Catholic Bishops' Conference, Archbishop Denis Hurley, yesterday described the attack as "insane" and "murderous behaviour", and said if it had political motivation, "it is a devastating indictment of a society that can drive people to such extremes".

The general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, Bishop Desmond Tutu said: "The SACC condemns both the violence of an unjust and vicious system such as apartheid and the violence of those who seek to overthrow this oppressive system. That is not how to solve the problems of our land. We plead with those with power to talk with the real leaders of all our people to resolve the crisis of our land." — Sapa-Reuter.



His features set in concentration, Sarel van der Merwe during low-speed tests of the new SA's fastest —

SA's fastest —

By Stuart Flitton

A dingy-looking garage tucked away in a little-known Johannesburg suburb has become the unlikely venue for the construction of the fastest racing car to be built in this country.

In just 16 days, a four-man team put together a replacement for the Kreepy Krauly March 84G which was virtually destroyed by fire during practise for an Imsa race

earlier this year.

The team has had use the old March 8 until the new car was built.

The new car powered by a Porsche cylinder, 3.2 litre, a cooled, fuel-injected, turbo-charged engine and the first March to have been built outside the March Engineering factory in England.

It has a top speed of 350 km/h and develops 690 horsepower at 72

'Bakkie-gang' break-ins: 5 held

Crime Reporter

Five men have been arrested by Fairland detectives in connection with a series of so-called "bakkie-gang" break-ins in the northern suburbs of Johannesburg recently.

The five men were arrested early yesterday after detectives had kept an all-night vigil on several addresses the gang is understood to have operated from.

They included a video recorder, a hi-fi set and clothing.

Detective Warrant Officer Daan van der Watt, in charge of the Fairland CID, said some of the alleged gang members had been connected to other cases in Pretoria, but this was still under investigation.

The men, aged between 52 and 59, are to appear in the Randburg Regional

Arson probe in flat

By Melody McDougall

Police have not ruled out the possibility of arson in their investigation into a fire which gutted a Bedworth Park flat and claimed the life of a 13-year-old Vanderbijlpark schoolgirl during the early hours of yesterday morning.

Helga Rossouw, who was overpowered by smoke from a fire in their flat, was rushed un-

broke out, was admitted to the Vereeniging hospital where she was treated for shock and light facial burns.

According to an eyewitness and neighbour of the family, Mrs Marie Bester (25), she and her husband, Mr Jan Bester (32) were awoken early yesterday morning when they heard somebody screaming for help outside their flat.

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Civilians the target' warning

Visit to the scene of carnage

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This year's attacks in Durban have been:

February 3 — Bomb explodes in Ciskein Consulate, 320 West Street, injuring two people.

'The ANC is not concerned with loss of life and Oliver Tambo himself has warned that more civilians would be victims of future ANC operations.'

Rocket

April 3 — Car bomb explodes in rush-hour traffic on Victoria Embankment. Three people are killed and 22 are injured.

Important

Although there have been six terror attacks in Durban this year already, the minister was adamant that the South African Police had the situation under control.

May 13 — Four suspected terrorists launch a rocket attack on the Mobil Oil Refinery and are killed in a shoot-out with police. Three civilians are killed in the attack.

'Even the ANC admits this,' said Mr le Grange.

June 6 — A series of limpet mines explodes in a railway siding off South Coast Road, but no one is injured.

Durban was not being singled out for a concentration of attacks for any specific political reason, he said.

June 22 — A bomb explodes in a high-voltage transformer in Musgrave Road. No one is injured.

'Durban and the Witwatersrand are two of the country's most important industrial areas — densely populated and easy to infiltrate — and hence the concentration of attacks,' he said.

July 12 — A bomb explodes in Bluff Road, killing five people and injuring 26 others.

No ANC reaction

African Affairs Correspondent

SPOKESMEN for the banned African National Congress in London and Lusaka were unable to say yesterday whether the organisation was responsible for the Jacobs car bomb which killed five people and injured more than 20 others on Thursday afternoon.

The spokesmen said they had not yet heard from their people in Durban.



Durban's Mayor, Mrs Sybil Hotz, talks to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, and the Deputy Minister of Community Development, Mr Pierre Cronje (right), at the scene of the Bluff Road blast.

African Affairs Correspondent

THE Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, said last night that he did not believe any amount of violence could topple the 'Pretoria regime'.

Commenting on Thursday night's car-bomb explosion at Jacobs, Chief Buthelezi said this type of activity could only have the opposite effect and drive 'even the most liberal of our racists' into the National Party and Conservative Party laagers.

The Chief Minister said he had learned of the death of the victims with great sorrow and added that it was strange that the Natal/KwaZulu region had become the area in which these 'disastrous and cowardly' acts were concentrated.

He said he had been told a year ago by someone who had spoken to a member of the external mission of the African National Congress, who was in Natal from Swaziland, that the military wing of the organisation had taken a decision to concentrate on the Natal/KwaZulu region because he was based there and because he was misleading black people with his non-violent strategy.

'I hope the concentration by the people who explode these bombs on this region is not a result of that decision,' Chief Buthelezi said.

'I would be extremely sad if people were killed or maimed merely to show the world and the black population of South Africa that my strategy of non-violence is a wrong strategy.'

He said not a single conference of the ANC, before it was banned, had passed a resolution to use violence as a strategy to bring about change in South Africa.

Shock at the violence

JOHANNESBURG—The general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, Bishop Desmond Tutu, has expressed the council's 'shock at the carnage in yesterday's bomb blast, which we condemn in the strongest terms possible'.

In a Press statement, the SACC says: 'We reiterate that the violence of apartheid revealed in, for instance, the policy of forced population removals will elicit a corresponding terrorist violence.'

'The SACC condemns both the violence of an unjust and vicious system such as apartheid and the violence of those who seek to overthrow this oppressive system. That is not how to solve the problems of our land. We plead with those with power to talk with the real leaders of all our

Escape from death

Mercury Reporter

A MOTHER and her eight-year-old daughter had a miraculous escape from death as they travelled in the family car past Thursday's killer car bomb just as it went off.

Mrs Maria Armstrong and her daughter Chantelle were peppered with shrapnel and flying glass.

The eyes of both were damaged.

'Chantelle looks as though she has been shot by a shotgun,' said her father, Mr Derek Armstrong.

The girl, concussed, lacerated and suffering double vision, is still in Addington Hospital. Splinters of glass have been found in an eye.

Mrs Armstrong, wearing a patch over her right eye, from which shrapnel was removed, said: 'I still don't know exactly what happened.'

'I was driving home from work in Mobeni, with Chantelle, who is on holiday, when I heard a hell of a big bang and the wind-screen smashed.

'It felt like the whole world was rocking. I couldn't stop the car, and the only thing I could think of was to switch off

Hundreds miss blast by minutes

Mercury Reporter

HUNDREDS of people, many black, would have been killed or maimed if Thursday's massive explosion in the heart of the Jacobs industrial suburb outside Durban had been set to take place several minutes after the traditional 4 30 p.m. factory knock-off time.

Four people were killed instantly and a fifth, an unidentified 24-year-old black man, died of his injuries in King Edward VIII Hospital early yesterday.

The names of the dead have not been released. Police confirmed that the explosive device had been placed in a car, but it had not been established how it had been activated.

Mr Tony Lewis, owner of the Marine and Hydraulic Services engineering works which was

partially destroyed by the blast at 4 25 p.m., believed 'total disaster' was averted by minutes because, by 4 35 p.m. every day, Bluff Road was congested with 'double-lane, nose-to-tail traffic' and crowds of pedestrians heading for the nearby railway station and bus stops.

At least 26 people were injured and three buildings were badly damaged by the explosion — felt as far away as Durban North.

Amazed

Mr Lewis remembers the terrifying ordeal vividly.

'I was in a downstairs office with my daughter Susan when there was a loud noise and red flames engulfed us. I was hit by a piece of the drive shaft from the car.'

'Fortunately, Susan was sitting fairly low down,

but her desk was sucked away, disintegrating as it went,' he said.

A glass panel in front of Miss Lewis, who suffered minor lacerations, blew in — but did not shatter because it had been treated with a coat of safety film, which, said Mr Lewis, probably saved their lives.

Surveying the damage — estimated at between R100 000 and R200 000 — he was amazed that none of his employees had been seriously injured.

One bystander said: 'There was a flash and a building disintegrated.'

Mr 'Red' Redman, service manager at A P V Hall in Bluff Road, was metres from the bomb site in a first-floor office at the time of the explosion.

He said: 'It was awful — there was an explosion and a bright flash, then everything went black as debris from the ceiling crashed down.'

A sub-station between the two buildings was 'knocked out' but was an 'unlikely target', said Mr Dennis Fraser, City Engineer (electricity), because it supplied electricity only to an adjacent factory and two other nearby industrial concerns which also had been damaged in the blast.

Killer bombers still free

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Mercury Reporter

NO ARRESTS have been made in connection with Thursday's killer blast in Durban's industrial area of Jacobs in which five people were killed and 26 were injured.

Although police mounted their 'usual' follow-up operations, no arrests had been made yesterday, a police spokesman confirmed.

Forensic experts combed the aftermath of the carnage but were still

mystified last night as to the size, type and origin of the bomb.

Police did confirm that the bomb had been placed in a car outside the refrigeration company A P V Hall (S A) Ltd.

The make of the car also was not known last night.

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organisation for the attack during an inspection tour of the bomb scene yesterday.

'The style of the blast is so similar to other acts of terror perpetrated by the ANC that we cannot come to any other conclusion than that they were responsible,' he said.

Thirteen whites, 11 blacks and two Indians were injured in the explosion, but of the injured, only two are still in hospital — Mr Hennie Mynhardt, 23, of Montclair, who is suffering from burns, and Chantelle Armstrong, 8, of the Bluff, who has a glass splinter in her eye.

Both are in a satisfactory condition in Addington Hospital.

Although police refused to release the names of the injured, the Mercury has found that the following were taken from the blast scene to hospital by municipal ambulance.

Mr P Finestone of Umbilo, Mr H Mynhardt of Montclair, Mrs Maria Armstrong and her daughter Chantelle of the Bluff, Mr A Ngcobo of Lamontville, Mr A Malinga of Umlazi, Mr I Mchunu of Kwamashu, Mr M Msomi of Durban, Mr I Khayile of Umlazi, Mr H Mtshali of Merebank, Mr V Msomi of Jacobs and Mr D Shingja of Umlazi.

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OLYMPIC COMMITTEE CITES 'POLITICAL SITUATION' AS REASON FOR TURNING DOWN SABCO TV'S APPEAL FOR RIGHTS TO LIVE COVERAGE

Bop-TV bid for Olympics scoop

By Graham Ferreira and Richard Swart

BOP-TV is battling to scoop live coverage of the "greatest show on earth" — the Olympic games — from under the nose of SABCO TV, and the jigsaw-puzzle State is ready for a massive influx of screen spectators.

This week SABCO director-general Riaan Eksteen confirmed there would be no live or extended TV coverage of the games.

But those TV owners in the Transvaal who can pick up Bop-TV will be able to tune into the action if the station secures the right to broadcast the games which start in just over a fortnight.

Bop-TV officials were cautious but there was a note of optimism this week.

"I don't have much to say at this stage," said Bop-TV's head of programmes, Tim Ellis. "Negotiations could go either way, but we expect know by Tuesday."

Springbok rugby selector Dougie Dyer said he was disappointed that South Africans would not be able to share in the excitement.

"The whole idea of the Olympics is to bring people of different races, colours, creeds and political beliefs together. It involves a sense of fair play, sportsmanship and brotherliness. To withhold that from anybody is unfair as sport is the mightiest medium of bringing people together," said Mr Dyer who is the first coloured to serve as a national rugby selector.

The secretary general of the South African Council of Sport, Mr Morgan Naidoo, said he agreed with the decision to withhold coverage rights from SABCO TV.

"The SABCO has never taken an interest in truly non-racial sport unless complying with the Government's requirements. Therefore, in keeping with Sacos policy, the Olympic committee's decision to deny SABCO TV the right to broadcast was correct."

Meanwhile, Sun City executives are in a race against time to get Bop-TV authorities to instal equipment which will enable the luxury hotel complex to receive the local station's signal.

"So far we can't receive Bop-TV here but we have been pressing for the signal to be directed here, and, if we are going to be able to watch the games live, we will bring more pressure to bear," said Ken Rosevere, operations director of Sun International.

The Sun hotel in Mbabatho is already making contingency arrangements to cope with thousands of sports fans should the TV deal go through.

"Even if we can't show our patrons live coverage at Sun City, we will record events at Mbabatho and rush the tapes through and show them here three hours later," said Mr Rosevere.

Already fly-in packages are on offer to tourists to Sun City but Mr Rosevere said if the games deal went through he would consider doing something special.

But SABCO TV watchers have nothing special to look forward to.

"The SABCO applied for broadcasting rights more than a year ago but our initial offer was rejected. Early this year a senior SABCO official negotiated with the vice-president of the Los Angeles Olympic Organising Committee in those rights," said Mr Eksteen.

"At the time a substantial offer to the committee and its vice-president would be given further consideration.

"As time was running out and no indication had been received from the committee that it would honour its undertaking, a SABCO representative was sent to Los Angeles."

Mr Eksteen said the committee was apparently satisfied with the offer. But after discussion with the International Olympic Committee, it informed the SABCO "that the impact of the world 1984 Olympics has led to a decision not to grant any rights to the South African area."

"Although South Africa is now being deprived of TV coverage of the event, the SABCO will still do its utmost to utilise other sources in order to present as many highlights as possible on both radio and TV during and after the games."

□ Any limitation on South Africa's ability to receive Olympic TV coverage would not affect Swaziland, informed sources said in Mbabane last night.

It has its own satellite system and can receive live coverage from abroad.

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THE BIG QUESTION: Why are those terrorist bombers picking on Durban?

BLOODY THURSDAY!

Was the Bluff Road bomb meant for two army trucks carrying young soldiers?

By DOMINIQUE GILBERT

WORKERS at the two damaged factories believe Thursday's Durban bomb was intended for two army trucks which pass their offices from a nearby military depot at the same time every day.

Two truckloads of soldiers escaped injury narrowly as the bomb exploded seconds after they had driven by.

Several people confirmed that the bomb had detonated at a time when army vehicles frequently use the road.

But the Minister of Law and Order, Louis Le Grange, has dismissed the idea and said there was nothing at this stage to convince him that military vehicles could have been the target.

"At this stage, we can only say it was a coincidence," he said.

Asked to comment on the possible target of the bomb, the Minister said: "I don't know why it should happen here because this is not a contentious address."

This was confirmed by workers and employers at the bomb site.

Mindless violence

A military vehicle was slightly damaged and three members of the Defence Force slightly injured in the explosion. No further details of the Defence Force movements are available as it is illegal to publish information about the movements of the SADF.

Helen Susman, PRP spokesman on Law and Order, warned this week that "mindless violence" could only be expected to escalate unless there were dramatic improvements in the standard of living, home ownership and political dispensation for blacks.

"But I must stress that this mindless violence is not justifiable under any circumstances. I deplore it."

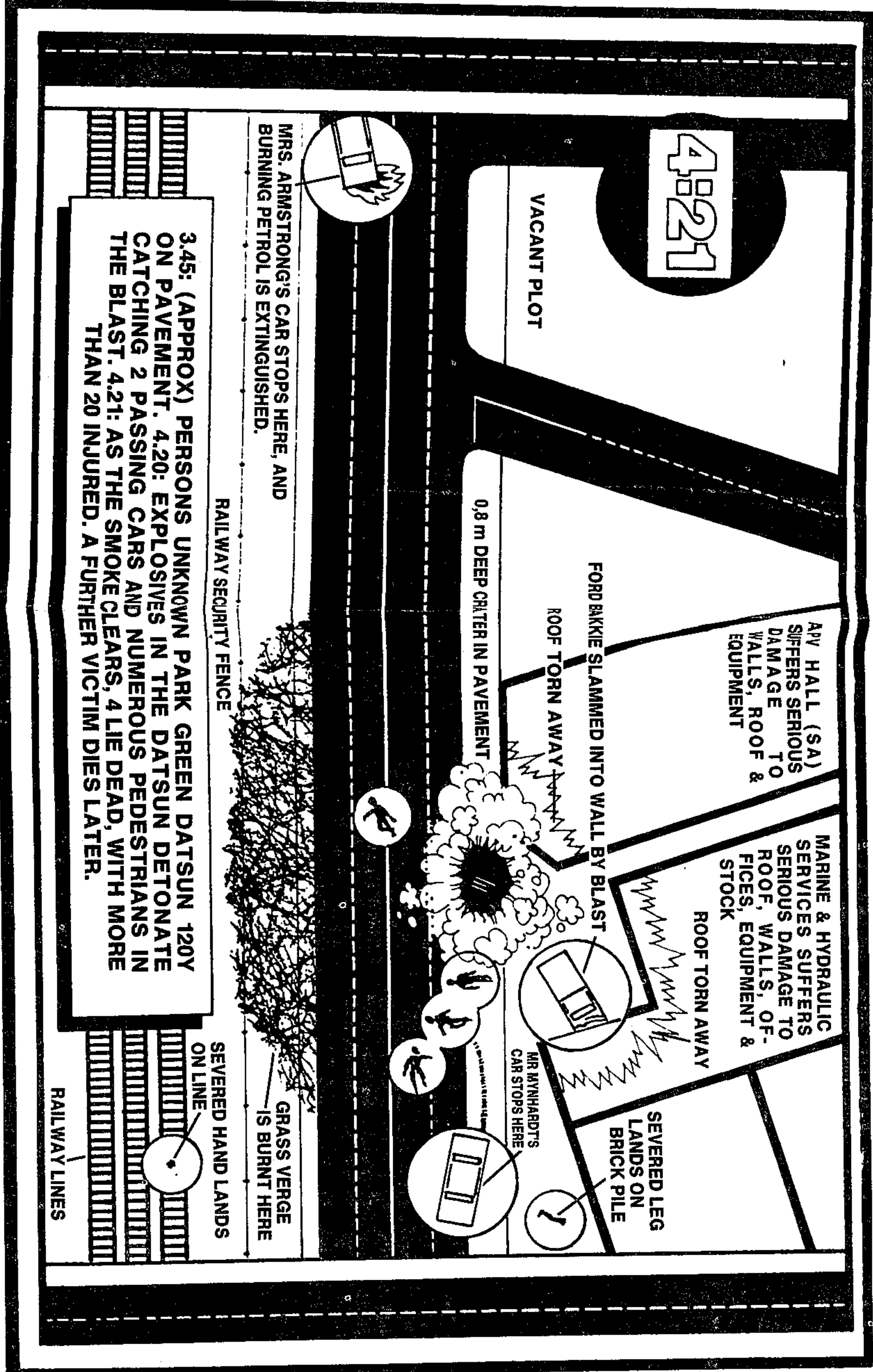
Archbishop Denis Hurley, president of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference, said the incident was "insane and murderous behaviour and if it has a political motivation, it is a devastating indictment of a society that can drive people to such extremes".

The incident was also strongly condemned by Bishop Desmond Tutu, general-secretary of the South African Council of Churches.

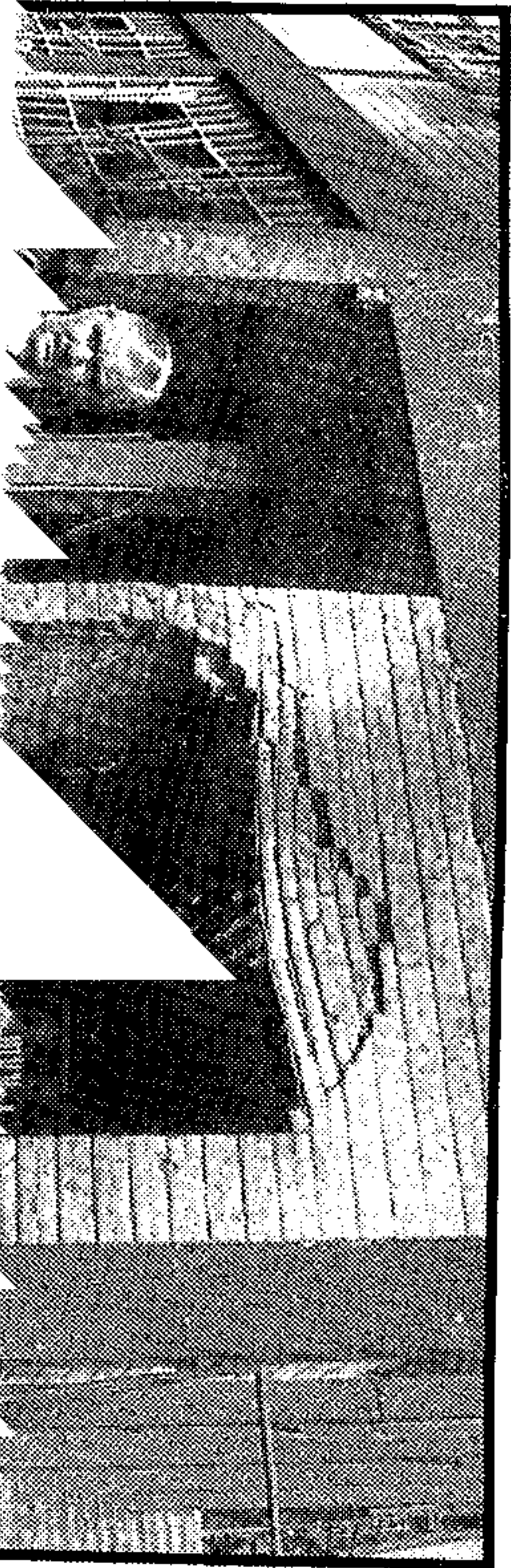
The Chief Minister of Kwazulu, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, said he did not believe any amount of violence could topple the Pretoria regime.

He said "these disasters and cowardly acts" would only serve to drive "even the most liberal of our racists" into the National Party and Conservative Party laagers.

Asked to comment on Minister of Law and Order Louis Le Grange's reiteration of his statement at a police passing out parade in Pretoria last month that military



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A ball of fire — then the bodies began to fly

SHOCKED survivors of the Jacobs bomb carnage that shook Durban on Thursday, this week described the scenes of horror and devastation. They recalled the horrific sight of: Burning bodies flung through the air, one disembowled; A front-off hand flung

Mayor Hotz has her say

MOST injuries following bomb blasts are caused by flying glass fragments, and Durban's Mayor Mrs Sybil Hotz will this week make a personal appeal to commerce and industry to install shatterproof glass.

She said urban terrorism had become a way of life in Durban. "We have got to face it and learn to live with it," said Mayor Sybil Hotz.

But that's not enough for the Mayor. She has accepted that she is the First Citizen of a city which, as she says, "for one reason or another has been singled out for a vindictive and cowardly campaign of terror."

Now she is determined to do something to reduce the casualty rate among her citizens.

"Most of the terrible injuries following bomb explosions are caused by fragments of glass. I am going to try to contact each business and explain the dangers, hopefully get them to do something about making things safer for their workers."

"Besides using shatterproof glass, there are ways in which glass can be treated to stop it from shattering. I know it is costly — but what is cost when weighed against human suffering?" One of the possible consequences of repeated terror attacks in Durban — 11 people have died and more than 40 have been injured during the

Moment of horror

By DOMINIQUE GILBERT

had the situation under control, Mrs Susman said.

"I hope Le Grange is not being too optimistic."

The minister came to see for himself the damage caused by the car bomb the morning after the blast.

Standing in the rubble, he blamed the ANC for and said it was similar to other acts of terrorism by the organisation in the past.

"They know the effect on their image every time they have this kind of thing and black people die or are injured, so I don't expect them to be too quick on the draw," he said.

"I'm satisfied we've got hold of the situation and, what's more, the ANC admitted it in the last ten days," he said.

He said Len "highly trained terrorists" had been arrested last month and the ANC had been "hit for six".

Civilian lives

"Oliver Tambo himself said during the past few weeks the ANC operations will result in the loss of more civilian lives. This is just another example of what he said would happen."

Asked if he could forward a theory why Durban is so often the target of attacks, he said: "I was also asking myself that question last night. I don't think we can draw any specific conclusions."

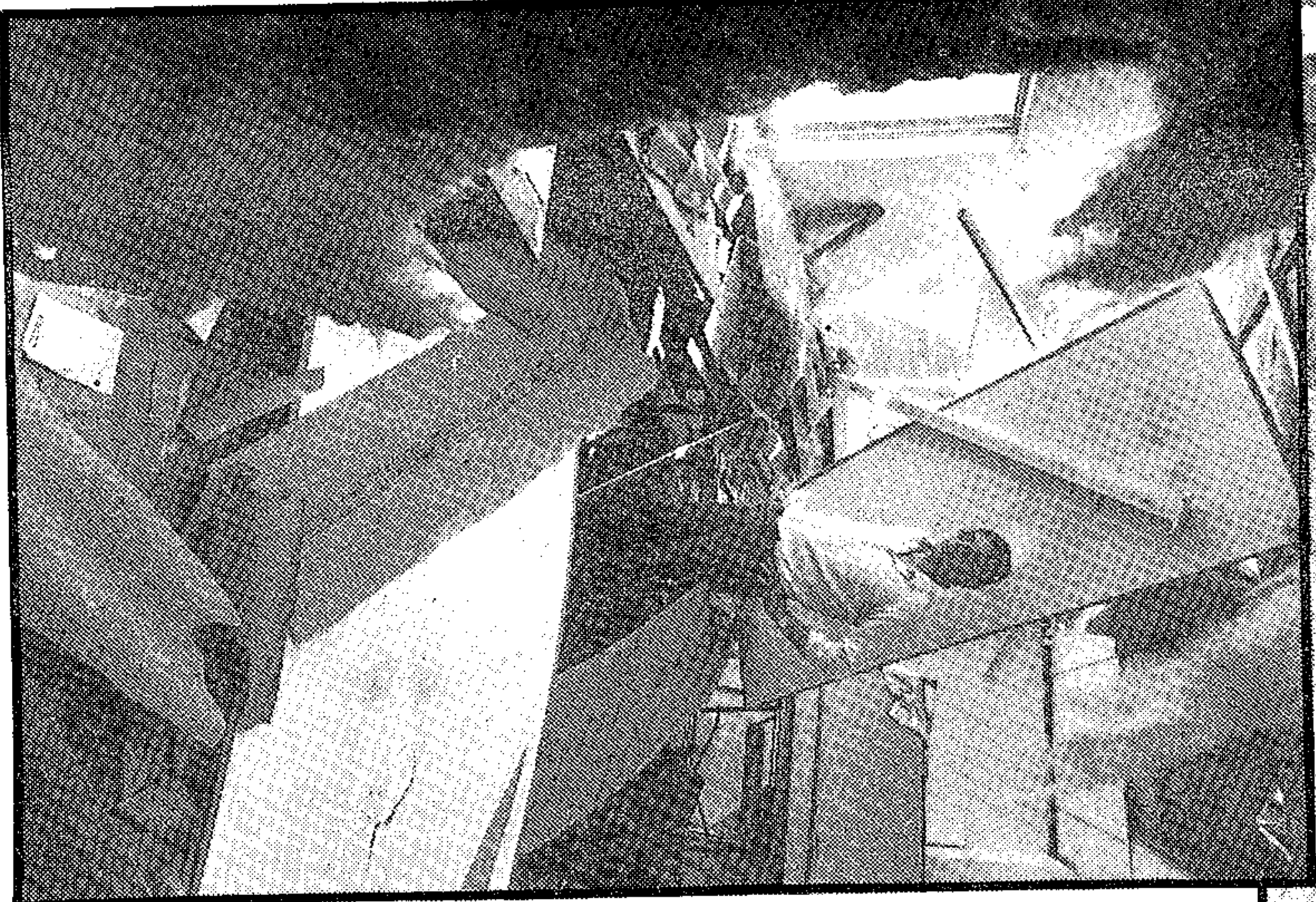
"There are obvious reasons: Durban and the Witwatersrand are the two most important and densely populated areas in the country."

"But I'm very happy to mention again we've got a good track record and many cases in the Durban area have been solved."

The Jacobs car bomb attack was the fourth in Durban this year. So far, 15 people have during the year in terror attacks in the city.

Seven people — four of them suspected terrorists — were killed in an abortive sabotage attack on an oil refinery in the city on May 14, while three died in a car-bomb explosion on the city's Marine Parade in April.

In February, a bomb exploded near the Ciskei Consulate in the city centre, but no one was killed.



TOP: Minister Louis le Grange inspects the Mobeini bomb site on the day after he would have been sitting at the time of the blast had it not been for a "miracle"

onto a nearby railway line.

A severed leg which landed on an embankment.

The huge blast, believed to have been caused by a 30-60 kg bomb, occurred inside a car parked in Bluff Road outside the APV Hall in an industrial area bordering the South Coast freeway.

Around them roofs collapsed, walls cracked, and nearly every window was shattered. An office wall clock stopped ticking at 4.24 pm.

A screaming woman ran from her damaged car clutching her eight-year-old daughter; she had come to a stop near the Ballour Road bridge with petrol flowing from her car.

A crater, displaced fire-hydrant and a burning chassis were all that remained after the car, believed to have been a green Datsun 120 Y with a NP

registration, exploded where it had been parked on the pavement.

Four dead and smouldering bodies lay bleeding in Bluff Road. These victims must have died instantly.

Another man, severely injured, lay bleeding and groaning; at least 27 others were wounded by flying shrapnel and glass.

They were all treated and have been released from hospital, except for Henrie Mynhardt who suffered severe burns.

On Friday afternoon the toll reached five when a severely injured 24-year-old man died on the operating table during emergency surgery.

All the dead are black. None has yet been named; some of the bodies are believed to be so badly maimed and burned that officials fear they may never be identified.

DIARY

OF TERROR

□ June 21: Bomb at Berea power box.

□ July 12: Jacobs car bomb; five dead, 26 injured.

No other centre in the country has come in for this degree of terror.

Captain Arthur Willis, in charge of security in the Durban Corporation, said he had been expecting the escalation of violence over the past few months.

"The ANC has to keep its presence felt in the face of setbacks in Mozambique and Swaziland where its members are being kicked out, but why it has chosen Durban is not quite clear to anyone."

"It is probably a conglomeration of reasons. First, we are close to the borders of many other states, and even if the Mozambique authorities are kicking out the ANC, I'm sure there are still many trained terrorists in that country."

"If they can't stop the MNR, I don't think they will be able to clean up all the ANC

□ February 3: Bomb at 320 West Street; two injured.

□ April 3: Esplanade car bomb; three dead, 12 injured.

□ May 13: Rocket attack at oil refinery; three dead.

□ May 14: Bomb at Trust Bank Centre.

□ June 7: Limpet mines at Merewent station.

people either.

"But another major reason could be our traffic flow patterns. There are three major routes in and out of Durban — the Southern Freeway, the Northern Freeway and the Pietermaritzburg Freeway."

"The two car bombs which caused the most deaths and injuries were detonated during peak hour traffic on busy routes where traffic often gets bogged down. This is obviously a target area for car bomb attacks."

Police are reluctant to give reasons why Durban is singled out as a terror target, but the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, said he believed the city's importance as an industrial area had a lot to do with it.

A lecturer in political science who did not want to be named for professional reasons said he believed terrorists operating from Mozambique and Swaziland before the peace accords with South Africa were signed, had buried caches of weapons in Northern Natal and Zululand.

The attacks taking place now were a legacy from the days before the Nkomati Accord.

Another car was engulfed in flames and its driver, Henrie Mynhardt, came to a stop further up the road.

Two South African Defence Force trucks, which had seconds before passed the bomb car, stopped near the Southern Freeway bridge.

A passing driver at the scene of the devastation watched the broken body of a man fall a few metres from his car. The victim's stomach had been ripped open and his arms and legs appeared to be broken.

On the pavement a body lay spangedeleged; further along the road was another mutilated body — its shoes lying about five metres away.

Parts of the bomb car were flung across the road, through an office window and against a wall.

A young woman in a building next to the bomb site watched glass fly about the office and flames shoot through the windows. She ran outside to find the burning bodies.

Andy Rudolph said later: "I never want to see anything like that again."

The chaos would have been indescribable if the peak-hour bomb had blown up the N2 bridge only a few hundred metres away, a main exit highway out of Durban — or the rail line across the road from where the bomb went off.

The stunned survivors later told the Sunday Tribune it was a miracle there were not more people killed.

Tony Lewis, managing director of Marine and Hydraulic Services (Pty) Ltd, whose building was damaged by the blast, said:

"If it had happened only 15 or 20 minutes later, hundreds of people could have been killed as at that time there is always tail-to-nose traffic."

Rob Lewis, a director of the company, said:

"Every day we have a meeting here just after four o'clock but one of the directors was ill with flu on Thursday. I was out of the building and the managing director was downstairs."

He estimated damage to the building to be around R150 000.

"There was so much chaos and devastation here it's unbelievable," he said.

He pointed at a piece of exhaust pipe that had ricocheted off a wall on the

said: "I wasn't there at the time of the bomb; I would have been a gonner if I had been."

An employee at APV, Denzil Cox, who had been standing near the entrance to the factory when the bomb went off, said it looked like "a ball of fire".

"I thought there had been a gas explosion next door. Then I saw a guy sprawled in the gutter, moaning. He was peppered with shrapnel."

He said the people who had died had been walking along the pavement on their way home from work.

"There are always a lot of people who walk past here after four," he said.

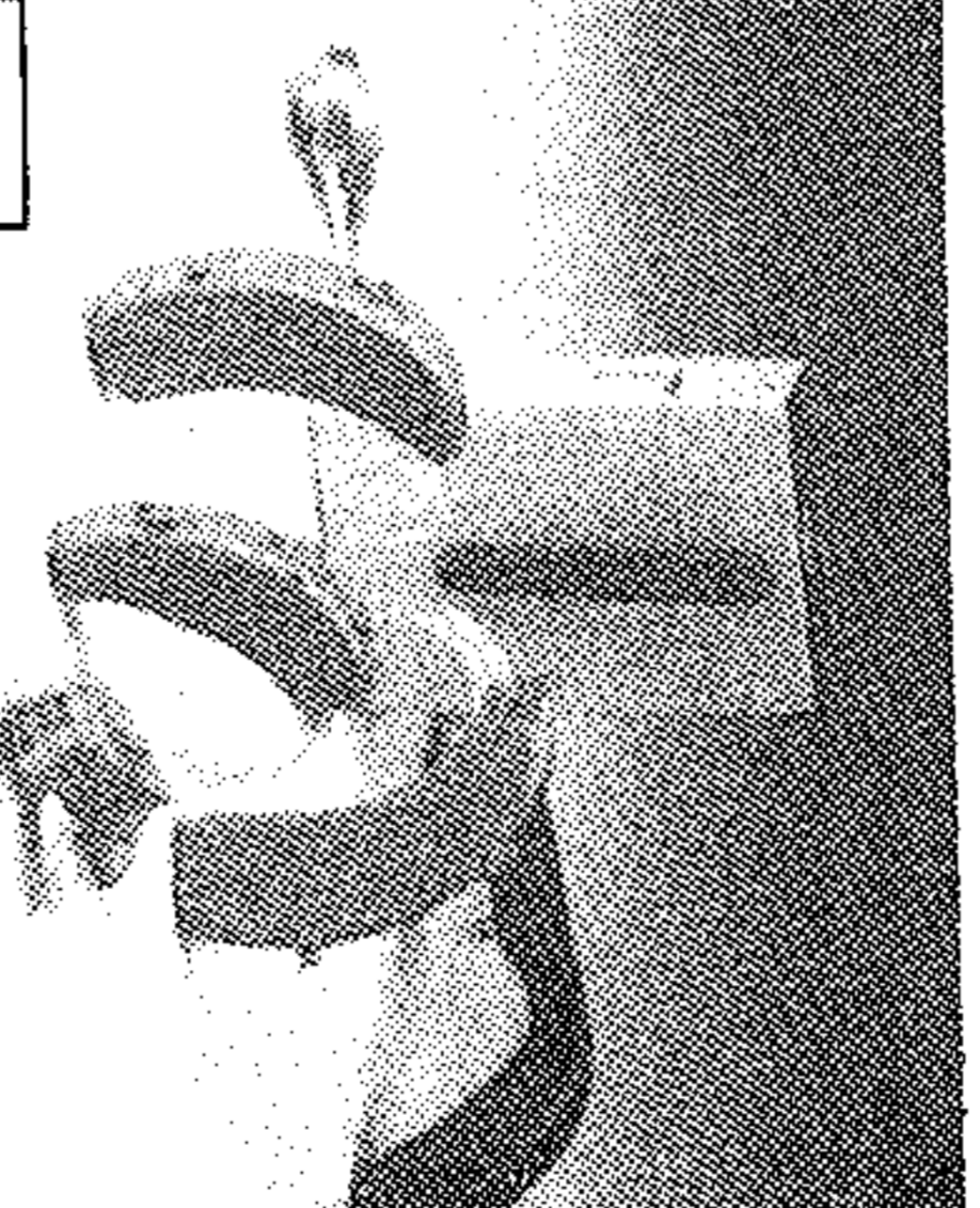
fall-off in tourism. Already hit by the economic climate, Durban's sun-drenched beaches have not been as packed with upcountry visitors as usual during recent long weekends.

But the Mayor does not believe that the spate of bombings will affect tourism to any great extent.

"If it doesn't happen here, it will happen somewhere else. I don't believe tourists will stay away because of the bomb attacks."

But she also remembers how tourism suffered because of repeated shark attacks — and you don't have to be swimming to be a bomb victim.

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Petrol-bomb attack on Mvubelo's house

Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Veteran trade unionist Mrs Lucy Mvubelo narrowly escaped death last night when her Soweto home was petrol-bombed and destroyed by fire.

Mrs Mvubelo, general secretary of the National Union of Clothing Workers of South Africa, cried today as she watched relatives and friends remove the charred remains of her household possessions with wheelbarrows.

She said no one was injured in the fire that destroyed her home. The only rooms left intact were two bedrooms. Only the walls were left standing in the front section of the house.

The fire was extinguished by firemen before it reached the two rooms.

She said a group called the South African Suicide Squad (Sass) had claimed responsibility. Sass has claimed responsibility for bombing Soweto councillors' homes in the past.

"They claim they are getting rid of Government stooges. Maybe they think I am a stooge. But I have done so



Mrs Lucy Mvubelo

much to better the lives of black South Africans."

Mrs Mvubelo has been criticised severely by black leaders in the past for calling for foreign investment in South Africa. Recently she called on the African National Congress to support investment in South Africa.

Mrs Mvubelo said that at about 11.30 pm she heard breaking glass.

"I thought the sound came from the back of the house and I went out through the kitchen at the back. From there I saw flames at the front of the house. My nephew tried to put out the fire with an extinguisher but could not.

"The flames and smoke were too much for anybody and if my daughter and I had been caught unawares, we would have died."

EXPLOSIVE TACTICS

THE CAR BOMB which killed five people and injured more than 20 others four days ago in Bluff Road, Durban, was the latest in the catalogue of urban guerilla warfare — since January last year, there have been at least 42 incidents of sabotage in small towns and cities across the country.

The province most frequently attacked has been Natal, followed closely by the Free State and the Transvaal.

Obvious targets have been Government buildings and installations, though a place of worship — Temple Israel in Johannesburg — was attacked on August 6 last year.

The "diplomatic" mission of Ciskei was attacked on three separate occasions in three cities in the six months between August last year and February this year, and the Transkeian consulate in Bloemfontein's Batho Location was attacked three months ago.

Limpet mines

Bombs and limpet mines are invariably the explosives used, and the most serious incident to date was the car bomb which exploded in front of the Nedbank Square Building in Pretoria on May 20 last year, killing 19 people and injuring 194 others.

Some of those killed were personnel serving at the headquarters of the South African Air Force.

Three days after the explosion, the SAAF sent its Impala fighter planes on a lightning dawn raid on Maputo. The attack, codenamed "Operation Shards", was said by the De-

By Jon Qwelane

Force to have been aimed at bases of the outlawed African National Congress, which later claimed responsibility for the Pretoria blast.

Railway lines have regularly come under attack by saboteurs, and a number of such attacks have taken place in Bloemfontein — scene of many of the blasts since the beginning of last year.

Mobil Refinery

Installations such as electrical transformers and substations have also been targets of the attackers.

Since January last year, saboteurs have detonated bombs or limpet mines, at least once a month.

On May 13 this year an explosion rocked the Mobil Refinery in Durban, and four men were later killed in follow-up operations.

Security police are holding Mr Jimmy Matabane of Soweto in terms of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act. He was injured a month ago when a limpet mine planted under a car exploded in Nugget Street, Johannesburg.

Three people died and five were seriously injured when a car bomb exploded in the Esplanade, Durban, on April 3 this year.

Mr George Ramudzuli of Dobsonville died on June 16 this year when an explosion rocked the Agricultural Technical Services offices at the Bethal Magistrate's Court, and police said he was responsible for the blast.

Employees hurt

Police estimated the size of the explosive in Thursday's blast to have been between 30 and 60 kg. The bomb went off a few seconds after two truckloads of soldiers had driven past, in Bluff Road.

The leader of the Progressive Federal Party, Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, wondered why Natal was being "singled out" for the attacks, and also said that "violence begets violence in a self-destructive spiral."

Five employees at a nearby refrigeration company were injured when the bomb went off.

The day before the Durban bomb claimed the lives of five people, an explosive device was planted in the car belonging to a Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad detective warrant-officer.

W/O Reuben Ranaka had parked the vehicle in the yard of his Dube home when a loud bang was heard late at night.

A witness who had been driving along a street in Mofolo Village, some distance away, reported hearing the explosion and seeing flames leaping into the sky.

The vehicle was destroyed.

BOMBERS HIT JUGYS

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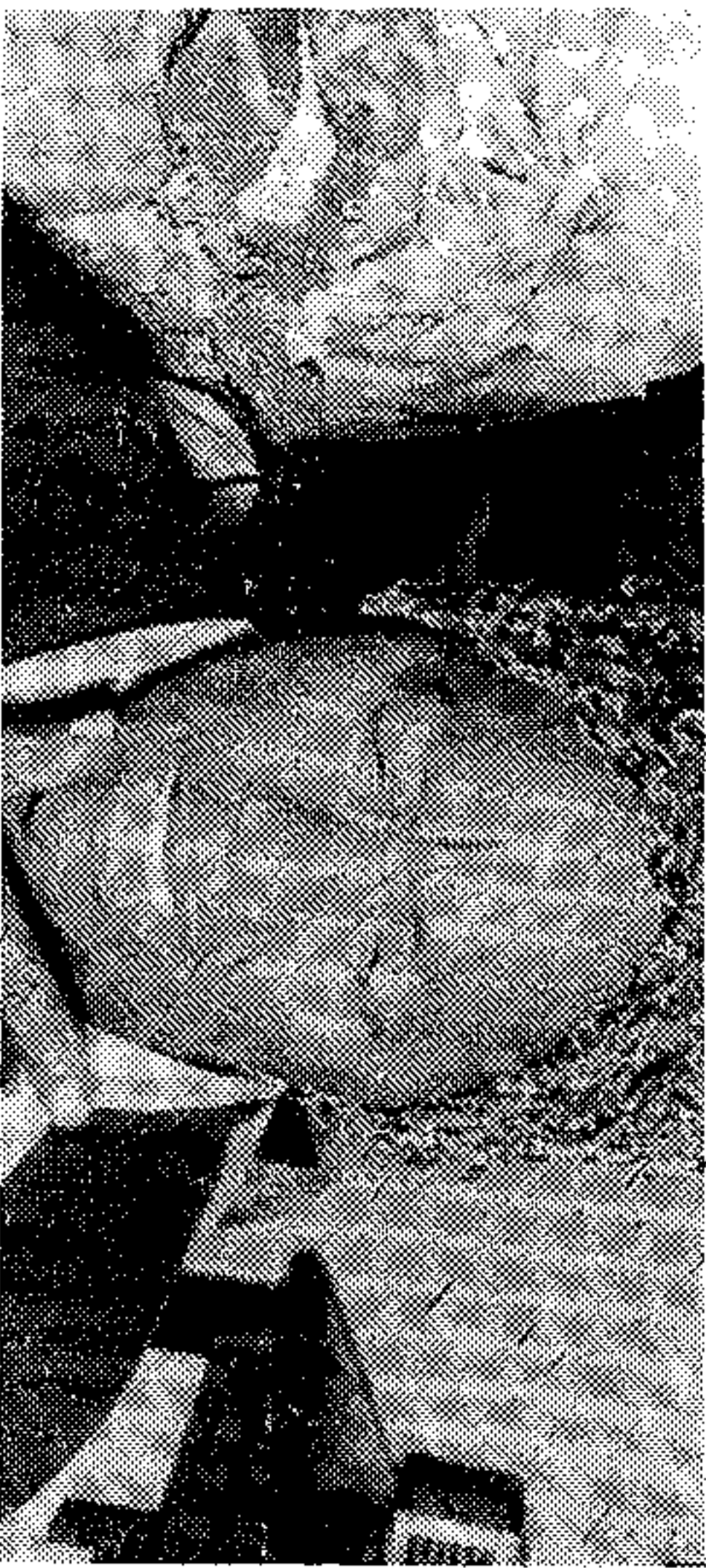
TWO PETROL BOMBS thrown through the window at veteran trade unionist, Mrs Lucy Mvubelo's, Orlando West home completely destroyed the furniture and house at the weekend.

No-one was injured in the fire, and the anonymous South African Suicide Squad (SASS) has claimed responsibility for the bombing. A spokesman for the South African Police at Protea yesterday confirmed the bombing and said members of the Security Police are investigating.

Flame

Mrs Mvubelo, who is the general secretary of the National Union of Clothing Workers, kept asking rhetorically: "What have I done" as she cried, looking at the remains of what used to be her pride and home. She estimated damage done to the furniture and house at more than R50 000.

She said: "I heard noises outside as if something was being dragged in the yard. I immediately thought somebody was stealing my new gate and on in-



WHAT HAVE I DONE: Mrs Lucy Mvubelo crying at her home yesterday.

Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

BY SELLO RABOTHATA

Investigation, my nephew and I saw a large flame coming from the lounge which is at the front of the house. When he told me it was a bomb I rushed to my neighbours, who phoned the fire brigade. The incident took place at about 11.30 pm."

Mrs Mvubelo said the fire brigade arrived about 45 minutes later.

Neighbours helped fight the fire with hosepipes and sand while waiting for the fire brigade. The fire was extinguished before it could destroy the two bedrooms in the house. She said she would like to thank all her neighbours who rallied round to help when the fire started on Sunday night. Mrs Mvubelo has not

been in the good books of a number of black leaders in the past for encouraging foreign investment in South Africa. She also called on the African National Congress to support the call. Last week she said she supported all liberation movements and called for the scrapping of apartheid in the country. Mrs Mvubelo also warned of problems if the Government did not implement meaningful changes soon.

Net closing on bomb squad

Pic: JOE MOLEFE

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THE police net is closing in on the South African Suicide Squad (SASS) which has claimed responsibility for 16 petrol bomb attacks in the past seven months, the Soweto Police Chief, Brigadier D J D Jacobs, claimed yesterday.

In an interview, Brigadier Jacobs said although police had no idea who members of the SASS were, indications were that they were local people.

With what he called "certain lines" police were working on, arrests could be expected soon, he said.

Despite the fact that the majority of the victims

were councillors, Brigadier Jacobs was adamant that the attacks were not politically motivated. He said the SASS were "senseless vandals."

The latest victim of the SASS is trade unionist Mrs Lucy Mvubelo, whose house was extensively damaged by petrol bomb fire.

The majority of those whose houses were attacked are members of the Soweto Town Council, who include the mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala. Some of them were attacked more than once.

The bombings started in December last year, soon after the elections which phased out the Community Council system and introduced local authorities in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act.

School principal, Mr J P Nkosi's house was attacked in February 1978 and his wife and two daughters died in the subsequent blaze. In May this year, the house was attacked again.

Other victims of the SASS are:

- Mr Patrick Kgaboutloeloe — councillor;
- Mr Walter Ngcoyi — councillor;
- Mr Nehemia Mthonjeni — former councillor;
- Mr Isaac Mashao — councillor and former Dobsonville mayor;
- Mr Silas Tshabalala — councillor;
- Mr M J Khumalo — councillor;
- Mr Jabu Mazibuko — school teacher
- Mr J Gcwensa — councillor

Lucy gets house offer

THE Soweto Town Council has offered Mrs Lucy Mvubelo, whose house was destroyed in a bombing incident at the weekend, alternative accommodation until her house is rebuilt.

Mrs Mvubelo said this yesterday when the South African Society of Bank Officials donated R500 to help her with the expenses of rebuilding her house. The donation was made by Mr Tom Chalmers who also called on all concerned individuals and employees to help Mrs Mvubelo.

She said she has been offered a flat to stay in while her house is being rebuilt. "The whole house will have to be brought down because it has been badly burnt and the walls have cracked. I spent most of my lifetime making this house what it was and I had pride in it," she said.

She said on the Sunday the incident took place she had just entertained the wives of some Bophuthatswana parliamentarians. She had decided to go to sleep shortly before the bombing occurred. Mrs Mvubelo was still at home yesterday recovering from shock.

Mr Chalmers criticised the attack on Mrs Mvubelo and said: "Is this what we must expect after the fight for freedom has been won. People like the World Council of Churches and the British Trade Union Council should be made aware what the money they give to people like these is used for.

"Mr Mvubelo has been fighting for this country's workers for more than 30 years and this is the reward she gets.



DONATION: Mrs Lucy Mvubelo could not hold back her tears when Mr Tom Chalmers donated a cheque for R500 to help towards rebuilding her house.

ANC not prepared to stop 'armed struggle'

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From JOHN BATTERSBY

LONDON. — The African National Congress has rejected mounting Western pressure to abandon the "armed struggle" against the South African government and has re-affirmed its support for a combination of political and military action.

The banned organization has also let it be known that there is no prospect of talks with the South African Government unless Pretoria is prepared to enter negotiations on the dismantling of apartheid.

This was made clear by sources close to the organization as the ANC president, Mr Oliver Tambo,

began a tour of Western European capitals — less than six weeks after the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, toured Europe in an effort to sell his internal and regional initiatives.

The ANC's cool reaction to recent approaches by Western and frontline states to accept the principle of peaceful negotiations with Pretoria comes after six weeks of lively debate within the organization.

The ANC leadership has acknowledged that Mr Botha scored a breakthrough with his European tour and that the signing of the Nkomati peace pact with Mozambique was a setback for the organization.

Significantly, Mr Tambo's first meeting in Paris at the weekend was with France's Minister of Co-operation and Development, Mr Christian Nucci — an outspoken critic of Mr Botha's tour of Europe and who was instrumental in France's "no" to an official visit by Mr Botha.

Mr Tambo also met Mr Claude Cheysson, the French Foreign Minister, Mr Lionel Jospin, secretary of the Socialist Party, and representatives of France's trade unions.

According to sources close to the French Government, the ANC made it clear that it does not believe the South African Govern-

ment is about to release the jailed ANC leader, Nelson Mandela.

The ANC was also at pains to emphasize that it had maintained friendly relations with Mozambique in spite of the recent Nkomati pact, which has banished all but 10 of the ANC's staff from Maputo.

Although there have been no direct approaches from the South African Government for talks with the exiled ANC leadership, there has been a mounting diplomatic campaign to pressurize the ANC into dropping its armed struggle in favour of diplomatic and political action and severing its ties with the Soviet Union and the Eastern Bloc.

In return the ANC would be offered a negotiated return to function constitutionally inside South Africa and re-entry for those exiles who do not face criminal charges.

At a press conference in Lisbon during his European tour, Mr Botha said in reply to a question that he was prepared to talk to the ANC or any other organization "provided it is done constitutionally and not under the threat of violence".

The offer has been repeated by the Foreign Minister, Mr Pik Botha, and South African diplomats in Paris and Rome, and has led to speculation in Bonn recent-

ly that the ANC might be prepared to sign a declaration denouncing violence in return for being allowed to operate legally inside South Africa again.

But such speculation has been discounted by recent utterances of the ANC leadership, which have made it clear that the armed struggle will continue.

Both Zambia's President Kenneth Kaunda and Mozambique's President Samora Machel have begun an initiative to coax the ANC into accepting the principle of peaceful negotiation with Pretoria, and have urged Western governments to engage in closer dialogue with the ANC to this end.

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Four bombs hit homes
of Rand politicians

Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Four petrol bombs exploded in coloured and Indian suburbs early today.

They were the latest in a spate of petrol-bomb attacks on prominent politicians and civic leaders in the past few months.

Although little damage was caused, the attacks appeared to have been carried out by the same people.

Brigadier Hennie Muller, chief of the Security Police in Soweto, said today that there had been several similar attacks in the areas in the past few months — all of them directed at community leaders and politicians.

The homes hit were those of Mr Dinky Pillay, his cousin Mr Dennis Pillay (both of whom are standing in next month's elections), Mr Don Mateman (a management committee representative) and Mr A P Booysen (who is standing for the Freedom party).

Indians, coloureds the targets

Petrol bombs hit homes of 4 leaders

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By Mike Cohen, Crime Reporter

Four petrol bombs exploded in coloured and Indian suburbs early this morning. They were the latest in a spate of petrol bomb attacks on prominent politicians and civic leaders in Soweto, Lenasia, Eldorado Park and Fleurhof over the past few months.

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Brigadier Hennie Muller, chief of the Security Police in Soweto, said today there had been several similar attacks in the areas in the past few months — all directed at community leaders and politicians.

The first of this morning's bombs was at the Lenasia home of Mr Dinky Pillay, shortly after 2 am. Mr Pillay is standing for the Indian Solidarity Party and will contest next month's Indian parliamentary elections.

"The lounge window shattered but the bomb hit the burglar bars and fell outside. Fortunately there was no fire," Mr Pillay said.

While Security Police were investigating the attack on Mr Dinky Pillay, the bombers struck at the home of his cousin, Mr Dennis Pillay.

Mr Dennis Pillay is also a member of the Solidarity Party and will also contest next month's elections.

The third attack was at the Arlberg Avenue, Eldorado Park, home of management committee representative and Labour Party member Mr Don Mateman, at 3 am.

Blackened

"The damage is not great but the walls and floor near the door are blackened," Mr Mateman said.

Mr A P Booysen, of Fleurhof, near Florida, was the fourth victim. He is the leader of the Freedom Party and also plans to contest the elections.

"I only discovered the petrol bomb at about 6 am today. The attack must have taken place between 3 am and 4 am," Mr Booysen said.

The four attacks come only days after the home of veteran trade unionist Mrs Lucy Mvubelo was gutted when two petrol bombs were thrown into her house.

Mrs Mvubelo, who has been general secretary of the National Union of Clothing Workers of South Africa for the past 31 years, was almost killed in the attack.

The Commissioner of Police, General Johann Coetzee, today reacted sharply to the latest wave of bombings.

He said in a statement released today: "I condemn this action in the strongest terms and I appeal to anyone with information which may result in the arrest of the offenders to contact the police without fail."

...from the blackened
remains of the house,
breaking the stillness of
an otherwise quiet Orlando
West afternoon.

Lucy Mvubelo has
joined a group of women
in prayer and hymn.
 heedless of the ashes
 that lie in place of a carpet,
 she kneels to give
 thanks for being alive —
 but she admits aloud:
 "Oh, Lord, now I am confused."

Last Sunday night
 while the veteran trade
 unionist and general secretary
 of the Clothing Workers' Union
 slept, activists from a group
 calling themselves the South
 African Suicide Squad (Sass)
 threw two homemade bombs
 into the house. Within minutes,
 a dream she'd had for 10
 years of retiring in a home
 carefully and beautifully
 renovated had died, along
 with treasured souvenirs
 and precious, hard-won
 fabrics and furniture.

She is occupied with
 herding the hundreds, literally
 hundreds, of people who
 have streamed on to the tiny
 property

"I dialled O, then the line went dead and the lights went out."

since Monday morning to
 offer their sympathy and
 bring gas heaters and
 loaves of bread. An iron
 coal stove, cinder-covered
 but functional, now
 yields up a smell of cooking
 sugar beans and at least
 four neighbours tend
 busily to its boiling.

"I was certain, when I
 heard a cracking, clinking
 sound," says Mrs Mvubelo,
 rubbing a hand across
 weary eyes, "that it was
 thieves come to pinch my
 new gate. Now I know it
 was my guardian angel,
 come to wake me."

"My nephew looked out
 of the window and saw
 the flames. He said, 'Bomb!
 quite breathlessly and I
 ran to the telephone. I
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 went dead and

...my eyes are high in
 spite of this," she said. "It
 really warmed my heart
 to see the children from
 Orlando West High and
 Phefeni School pour in
 here, roll up their sleeves
 and set to work."

Just a week before,
 Mrs Mvubelo's nephew
 had pleaded again with
 her to insure her home
 and its contents and she
 had at last given in,
 promising to do so the
 following week.

"I had dallied because
 I didn't really think my
 home was beautiful
 enough to warrant insur-
 ing just yet. I had
 planned to paint the out-
 side. I didn't realise that
 the Devil was just behind
 me.

"Now when I think of
 the treasured possessions
 I have lost — my battery-
 operated clock from Tai-
 wan and my set of encyclo-
 pedias — I just weep.
 Fortunately the portrait
 of myself as The Star
 Woman of the Year was
 saved. I have it in my
 office though I have been
 nagged for years to take
 it home."

Mrs Mvubelo, walking
 painfully in bedroom
 slippers, picks her way
 through her remaining
 possessions, gesturing
 like an estate agent.
 "Here," she says, "was
 the most beautiful bam-
 boo wall covering, and
 here a solid oak wardrobe...
 There stood R1750 worth
 of hi-fi equipment — never
 before used. And, oh, my
 bottle-green carpet and
 brand-new upholstery."

The possessions mean
 that much more to her
 because she has worked
 alone and steadfastly to
 own them. Her husband,
 who died recently, was
 attacked by thugs in 1956
 and beaten so badly he
 lost his memory. He
 never recognised his wife
 or children again.

...unionist Lucy Mvubelo
 describing the traumatic
 destruction of her home
 to INGRID NORTON.



MRS LUCY MVUBELO — "They want to kill me. Well, let them come."

● Photograph by Alf Kumalo.

Mrs Mvubelo has educated her two children under extreme financial pressure. The daughter of a domestic worker who earned £2 a week and a labourer father, both mission-educated, Mrs Mvubelo was taught the importance of learning from the time she could talk.

"My mother spoke fluent German and was very liberal-minded. I knew all through my childhood that the system of the country was hurtful and I would do all I could one day to change it."

She has since achieved more than a quarter of a century's struggle for black trade union rights; she was one of two women to be appointed to the 41-member National Manpower Commission in 1979, the year she was made The Star's Woman of the Year. Just prior to that she was appointed deputy vice-president of the multiracial Trade Union Council of South Africa (Tucsa).

She has addressed labour meetings throughout Africa, Europe and the United States, attracting the attention of America's most powerful leaders when she toured with an appeal to continue investment in South Africa.

All this, she feels, makes the motive for the attack the more puzzling.

"Why me?" she asks, sinking on to a comfortable bed in the remaining outhouse. "I have done nothing. The only clue to the motive must be the statement made by Mr Oscar Mpetha, joint president of the United Democratic Front, who was recently quoted as saying he hated me because I was one of the unionists

"I won't run away. Wherever I go they will find me if they want me badly enough."

who teach workers that trade unionism does not involve politics but is only about bread and butter issues."

Mrs Mvubelo is accused by extreme black groups of being a Government stooge, a sell-out. It is said that she has negotiated starvation wages. She argues that she has improved the salaries of unionists dramatically since she and Dr Anna Scheepers, former president of Tucsa and now president of the Garment Workers' Union, began negotiations.

"Wages have been increased from R27 a week to R36 a week. Workers receive an increment

...Mrs Mvubelo, in an effort
 to decide the motive, flips
 mentally through what she
 regards as major achievements
 in a long struggle.

"In 1971, when job reservation
 was so sensitive an issue
 and influx control and group
 areas were very tense issues
 too, the United States
 Government invited me to
 America to put forward my
 own views.

"I said then, 'Let American
 companies ignore South
 Africa's policies and allow
 our children to compete
 with other race groups at
 home. I did not say
 everything was rosy in
 this country; I said only
 we do not want hand-outs,
 we want to be taken for
 our ability and our efficiency.
 As long as American
 companies promise to
 carry out my advice I will
 support their investment
 in South Africa.'

Mrs Mvubelo firmly
 maintains that it was she
 who got the ball rolling
 in providing in-house
 training for blacks,
 coloured staff and
 Indians.

She sniffs. The smell of
 charred wood is still
 overpowering. Streaks of
 pastel green paint are
 visible where the black
 has been wiped away,
 leaving an arc above a
 bed. Bits of ceiling
 continue to flutter to
 the floor.

"They want to kill me.
 Kill me, after all I've
 done for blacks in this
 country. A heartfelt
 fight. Well, let them
 come. I won't run away.
 What's the use? Wherever
 I go they'll find me if they

want me badly enough."

Mrs Mvubelo is waiting
 to hear whether the
 Soweto Council has
 managed to find her
 alternative accommodation
 while her house is
 demolished and rebuilt.
 She cannot imagine
 where the funds for
 the project will come from.

"But everybody has
 been so kind," she says.
 "I will postpone my
 retirement now and
 work on to fund this
 disaster.

"All I can say is, Lord,
 if this is the sort of
 freedom the black
 people are looking for,
 this kind of faceless,
 senseless, cowardly
 atrocity, then, dear
 Lord, I am confused."

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Mines damage signal boxes

Mail Correspondent

DURBAN. — Railways police yesterday stood helpless behind their own cordon as a limpet mine tore through a signal box on the main North Coast railway line in Durban.

They had been waiting for a bomb disposal team to arrive and defuse it and two other bombs.

Twenty-five minutes before the explosion, a similar mine exploded at 7.10am in the same area, between the Lion Match Factory and Kings Park rugby stadium.

No-one was killed or injured in either of the blasts, but railway traffic was disrupted for about 90 minutes.

No-one has yet claimed responsibility for the explosions.

Major Johan Labuschagne of the Railways Police in Johannesburg confirmed yesterday that two limpet mines placed in the vicinity of the signal boxes had exploded,

slightly damaging two signal boxes and delaying rail traffic.

He did not know how much it would cost to repair the boxes.

The two mines that were defused had been placed on railway lines and would have caused "some" damage had they exploded, he said.

Workers at a nearby construction site at Kings Park "hardly noticed" the second explosion. They had not yet begun work at the time of the first blast.

One said: "We heard the bang and saw a pall of smoke, but otherwise noticed nothing."

Mr Wynand Burger, regional assistant manager for South African Travel Services, said about 2 000 workers were affected by train delays resulting from the blasts.

Seven trains were delayed between 7.10am and 8.45am.

ANC hit men are seeking so-called 'traitors' — police

By Mike Cohen and
Gary van Staden

HIT men reportedly employed by the African National Congress have been active in South Africa over the past few months in an attempt to cancel out so-called "traitors", according to a senior Security Police source.

The allegations come at a time when Indians and coloureds involved in the forthcoming parliamentary elections have had their homes petrol-bombed, black trade unionists have been attacked and policemen have been killed and wounded.

Brigadier Herman Stadler, a senior Security Police officer and an expert on ANC strategy and activities, said this week that as far as they were concerned "traitors" such as policemen and people seen to be supporting the system were their immediate targets.

Brigadier Stadler said the ANC was involved in attacks on specific targets:

- Military installations, police stations;
- People such as policemen, blacks who support the Government and individuals working within the system who are regarded as "traitors".
- Court buildings and Government offices that identify with "the system".
- The political and economic infrastructure, organising labour unrest being a main example.

"These people see anyone with any connection to the Government as part of the system. They are not only interested in hard targets," Brigadier Stadler said.

Referring to recent bomb blasts in

which innocent people were killed or injured, Brigadier Stadler said it was purely an act of terror.

"They are interested in physical destruction. It is largely a propaganda campaign — a campaign of fear."

Recent incidents linked to political violence include the petrol-bombings at the home of trade union leader Mrs. Lucy Mvubelo, the killing of a Soweto policeman and yesterday's petrol bomb attacks against five candidates standing for public office in next month's tricameral elections.

Other degrees of seriousness in bombings include the two recent bomb blasts in Durban in which five innocent people were killed.

Coloured and Indian parties participating in the new constitutional dispensation have come under heavy fire from the ANC and from internal political pressure groups.

The parties and their candidates have been branded "sellouts" and "traitors" and have encountered widespread disruption of public meetings.

With internal pressure groups calling for a boycott of next month's elections and the participating parties showing equal determination to press ahead, many public meetings have ended in violence.

Although yesterday's bomb attacks have not been directly attributed to the ANC by any official source, the initial allegations were made at the time of the petrol bomb attack at Mrs Mvubelo's house and the killing of a Soweto policeman last week.

TERROR

By JEREMY BROOKS

A NEW breed of terror is stalking the streets of Soweto — young thugs, armed with homemade petrol bombs, striking at the homes of the so-called "government stooges" of black society.

They call themselves the South African Suicide Squad (SASS), a sinister band which attacks carefully chosen targets in the middle of the night.

At least three people, a woman and her two daughters, have burnt to death in a blaze.

They have attacked 16 times, striking mainly at the homes of Soweto councillors.

Each attack is always followed by a call to a local newspaper, claiming responsibility.

Black leaders in the public eye live in fear of the tell-tale clink of glass on glass in the middle of the night, or the shattering of a window pane.

"It could be naughty kids fooling around in the street outside, or it could be SASS," said one councillor.

Bottles filled with a mixture of sand and petrol, and stopped with a burning rag are hurled through a window into the house.

Sobs

The latest victim, on Sunday night, was veteran trade unionist Mrs Lucy Mvubelo, a 64-year-old widow living with her daughter in Orlando West.

Mrs Mvubelo's house and belongings were uninsured. Damage to the building, which she has been improving over the past 20 years, has been set at over R50 000.

Mrs Mvubelo finds it difficult to talk about the attack. Before long, her voice chokes up and she breaks into sobs.

"I'm so glad I woke up in time. It must have been my

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black leaders



Lucy Mvubelo surveys the remains of her uninsured house

guardian angel which made me listen to those clinking bottles outside my window, otherwise both my daughter and I would be dead."

Mrs Mvubelo said she had recently bought a new garden gate, and she at first thought young delinquents were trying to steal it.

"Then I heard the window pane shatter."

Mrs Mvubelo, general secretary of the National Union of Clothing Workers, has come under fire because she has chosen not to take a radical stance.

Her recent appeals to overseas businessmen not to disinvest in South Africa, and

her call for the ANC to support her, have been bitterly criticised.

"People attack me because I confine myself to the workers' interests, choosing not to dabble in national politics.

"I will not take my union to a political party. Individual members have every right to their own personal views and affiliations, but I will not dictate to them how they should vote — that is their own right, and people must be allowed to think for themselves."

Mrs Mvubelo's husband died in 1978. He was a bedridden invalid, confined to a sanatorium for 22 years after his

brain was damaged in an attack.

At the time he was trying to organise a union among bus drivers in Soweto. He was assaulted by fellow workers three months after the union was formed.

The motive for the attack, said Mrs Mvubelo, had never been discovered.

"My family has fought for what we believe to be right. I have battled all my life to raise the lot of the worker, and I have achieved so much. Why should I be singled out?"

SASS began its operations last December, soon after the elections which phased out the Community Council system and introduced local authorities in terms of the

Threat

Black Local Authorities Act.

School principal Mr J P Nkosi has been attacked twice — his wife and two daughters died in the blaze on the first occasion.

Councillor Patrick Gaboutlele has been firebombed four times — the latest attack in June this year.

After one attack, in February this year, a mystery pamphlet appeared at railway stations in Soweto claiming to have been released by SASS.

It called on all councillors to resign by the end of February "or the worst is ahead of you".

"These community councils entrench apartheid. Your council has no power and serves the plans of Koornhof ..." the pamphlet said.

The Soweto Divisional Commissioner of Police, Brigadier D J D Jacobs, said yesterday that police did not know how SASS was made up. However, certain leads were being followed and arrests could be expected soon.

By **BOETI ESHAK** and **TICKS CHETTY**

THE petrol-bombing of the homes of people involved in the Indian and coloured elections next month has turned the campaign into one of violence, intimidation and fear as warring political groups square up to each other in open confrontation.

In the early hours of Friday morning bombs were thrown simultaneously at the homes of two Indian and one

Homes bombed as polls draw nearer

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ence will not solve anything," he said.

In the past few weeks political meetings by election candidates have been disrupted throughout the country.

In Friday's attacks, petrol bombs were hurled at the Lenasia homes of Mr Dinky Pillay and Mr Dennis Pillay, and at the home of Mr Don Mateman in Eldorado Park, all in the Transvaal.

Red glow

Mr Dinky Pillay, brother of Solidarity Party chairman Mr Pat Poovalingam of Durban, is the chairman of Solidarity's Lenasia branch and chairman of the Lenasia south-east consultative committee.

His Daggerhead Street, Lenasia Extension 8, home

was petrol-bombed at 2.30am.

"When my son Theo heard a window breaking, he called out: 'Daddy, daddy, somebody's breaking our window.' When we awoke to investigate, we saw a red glow.

"We later found that a petrol bomb had been hurled at the lounge window. It struck and broke the window, bounced against the burglar

guards and landed on the veranda.

"We found a broken bottle with its petrol contents all split out. There was a piece of cloth in the bottle.

"I phoned the Lenasia police and the Security Branch, who were on the scene within minutes," Mr Pillay said.

"I shudder to think what would have happened had the curtains caught fire. My

books and papers were right next to the curtain. They would have also certainly gone up in flames."

Mr Pillay believes that his attackers threw the bottle from a distance.

"I will not be intimidated by these senseless acts. I will not change my beliefs. Violence will not solve anything," he said.

About the same time the Seagull Street, Lenasia Extension 1, home of Mr Dennis Pillay, who is chairman of the Lenasia management committee and an Independent candidate for Lenasia West in the August 28 elections for Indians, was also petrol-bombed.

A bottle containing the petrol was aimed at a huge circular window. It landed on the brick frame and fell to the ground.

When the Pillays went to investigate, they saw flames coming from the bottle.

The third bomb was hurled at the Arlberg Avenue, Eldorado Park, home of coloured management committee and Labour Party member, Mr Don Mateman, and, like the other two bombs, did not cause much damage.

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Leaders living in fear after more bomb attacks

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By SEFAKO NYAKA

COMMUNITY leaders operating in Government-created organisations are living in fear of their lives following a spate of petrol-bombings over the past week.

Petrol bombs were hurled through the windows of six homes in Soweto, Lenasia, Eldorado Park and Fleurhof. A group calling itself the South African Suicide Squad (SASS) has claimed responsibility.

The SASS has struck 16 times, mainly at the homes of Soweto, Dobsonville and Evaton councillors.

Each attack is always followed by a call to a local

newspaper, claiming responsibility.

The latest victim, on Saturday morning, was Mrs Martha Taylor, a former Soweto Community councillor and a shopsteward of the National Union of Clothing Workers, living in Klipspruit, Soweto.

A petrol bomb was hurled into her bedroom where she was sleeping with a lady friend, destroying curtains, shoes and some clothing near the window.

A second bomb smashed her lounge window, burning the curtains and part of the lounge suite. Yesterday, a broken bottle containing a mixture of sand and petrol

and a half-burnt rag were found behind a chair in Mrs Taylor's lounge.

Early on Friday morning, bombs struck almost simultaneously at the homes of three Indian candidates and one Coloured candidate for the August elections.

They were at the homes of Mr Dinky Pillay, Transvaal organiser of the Solidarity Party; Mr Dennis Pillay, an independent candidate and Mr Fiaz Khan, leader of the Progressive Indian Party.

Mr Don Matteman, executive member of the Labour Party, had a bomb hurled through the window of his Eldorado Park home.

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Terrorist bombings raise question of insurance cover

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BY TOM LOUW
Business Editor

EAST LONDON — Terrorist bombings in recent weeks have raised again the question of insurance cover.

The question was highlighted last week when a Durban family, whose car was wrecked in the last Durban bomb blast, complained that their insurance company, with which they had been insured for 14 years, would not pay them out.

Insurance men make the point that ordinary homeowners' or householders and comprehensive motor insurance, even if they include riot cover, do not include losses from political riot or urban terrorism.

One of them put it this way: "We can accept as an insurable risk damage to property or vehicles by vandalism, accident, or riotous behaviour. But when that damage is caused by

politically-inspired violence having as its objective the overthrow of the state by force, then that is a matter for the government, just as in the case of war damage."

Mr Dolf Coetzer, manager of AA Mutual in East London, confirmed that to obtain political riot cover, it is necessary to take out the special insurance provided through the South African Special Risks Insurance Association (Sasria), for which insurance companies are agents.

The cost of premiums, according to the manager of another large insurance company, varies with the nature and use of the premises.

Insurance on a private house would be at a lower rate than a factory or central city business premises.

He pointed out that building societies are insisting on political riot cover as a condition for

issuing mortgage bonds.

Cover for a private car costs R10 a year. One large insurance company has sent out renewal notices this month with a note saying that recent events have re-emphasised the need for car insurance to include such cover.

The chief executive of Sasria, Mr R. Schneeberger, said the special insurance was introduced after the 1976 Soweto riots, which showed the need for cover arising from political terrorism which was not covered by insurance companies.

He said that from the many claims Sasria has received, there is no difficulty in establishing under which type of riot insurance a claim falls.

"Of course, if you have both Sasria and conventional riot cover, then short of war you are covered," he said.

In the event of a dis-

pute an arbitration board would be set up.

The government is a "reinsurer of the last resort," becoming involved in a claim only when Sasria's funds do not cover the damage.

The managing director of Bowring Barclays for Transvaal Central, Mr Richard Austin, said many people do not yet see political riot cover as a necessary part of their insurance policy.

"Many people don't include it in their insurance policy as they don't see something like a bomb blast being a real threat to them — or they are very optimistic," he said.

A spokesman for Commercial Union Insurance said in his experience most prudent people, who were serious about insurance, especially business men, would have political riot cover.

ANC planted Esplanade ^{Star} car bomb, inquest told

25/7/84
Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The banned African National Congress was responsible for the car bomb explosion on Durban's Esplanade which claimed three lives in April, according to inquest papers released in the Durban Magistrate's Court today.

Twenty-two people were injured and damage to persons, property and vehicles was estimated at the time at between R500 000 and R1 million.

The inquest magistrate, Mr D Thacker, found that the three victims, Mrs Erica Sigrid Green (41), Mr Annamalay Rengasami (30) and his wife, Mrs Leelavath-ee Rengasami (26), died as a result of injuries suffered in the explosion on April 3.

NO ARRESTS

He found they had died when a car bomb placed in a car on the Esplanade by a person or persons unknown exploded.

The investigating officer, Captain Andrew Taylor of the Security Branch, said in a statement that, according to information at his disposal, the explosion was an act of terrorism committed by the banned African National Congress.

No-one had yet been arrested in connection with the explosion.

Captain Taylor said the car bomb exploded at about 7.30 am on April 3.

On his arrival at the scene, he had seen the three victims. They had obviously been killed by shrapnel.

He had found a hole 100 cm long by 80 cm wide and 40 cm deep in the tarmac surface of the road.

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Armed guards protect homes

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Mall Reporter

COUNCIL police armed with rifles continue to guard the homes of Soweto councillors at night, a month after being deployed to protect them against possible petrol bomb attacks.

The guards were stationed at the councillors homes following the attacks for which the South African Suicide Squad (Sass) has claimed responsibility.

Little is known about Sass, but it has claimed responsibility for a string of petrol bomb incidents involving black, coloured and Indian politicians.

Twenty-two of the 30 councillors have guards posted at their homes.

The remaining eight stay in hostels, and have not asked for protection, the council's chief executive officer, Mr Nico Malan, said.

The recent wave of petrol bombings on homes of community leaders and politicians has resulted in the

Commissioner of Police, General Johan Coetzee, appealing to anyone with information which may result in the arrest of the offenders, to contact the police.

A statement released from General Coetzee's office reads: "In view of the attacks on the homes of political candidates in the next elections for Indians and coloureds, everything possible is being done to track down the culprits.

"I condemn this action in the strongest terms and I appeal to anyone with information, which may result in the arrest of the offenders, to contact the police," General Coetzee said.

In a recent television interview, the Minister of Constitutional Affairs, Mr Chris Heunis, said the attacks on the houses of five Indian and coloured politicians who are standing for election to the new parliament, had to be condemned in the strongest possible terms.

Candidates
27/7/84 Star
tell of new
threats (84A)

By Yussuf Nazeer

Candidates for the tricameral elections say they are receiving anonymous telephone threats following five petrol bomb attacks.

The leader of the Freedom Party, Mr Arthur Booyesen, a candidate whose house was bombed but not damaged, claimed he and members of his party had received threatening phone calls.

He also said pupils whose parents were election supporters were being "intimidated" by anti-election teachers.

Those who have complained of threats are: the independent candidate for the Central Rand ward, Mr IFH Mayet; Solidarity Party candidate for Lenasia, Mr Dinky Pillay; Mr Faiz Khan, Progressive Independent Party for Lenasia East; and Labour Party and National People's Party candidates.

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DEATH SQUAD!

But police doubt Soweto bombs are work of an organised group

By Deon Delpont

POLICE are sceptical of the existence of the so-called South African Suicide Squad which has claimed responsibility for petrol bomb attacks on black civic leaders and trade unionists.

Fire-bombers have attacked 17 times since last December, killing a woman and her two daughters, injuring "target" victims and members of their families and causing thousands of rands in damage to homes.

"I do not believe there is such a squad," said a senior security police officer in Soweto.

He added that he did not know why the homes of community councillors and trade unionists were being attacked.

Concern at the rising political violence has increased with recent attacks on the homes of coloured and Indian political party leaders. No group has claimed responsibility for these attacks.

The Minister of Constitutional Affairs, Mr Chris Heunis, lashed out at the attackers and warned

this week that all the country's security forces would be roped in to catch the culprits.

A police spokesman for Minister of Law and Order Mr Louis le Grange confirmed that the hunt for the attackers was a "top priority".

In Soweto the homes of most city councillors are being guarded by armed council police after a spate of attacks for which Sass has claimed responsibility.

Little is known about Sass.

Senior police officers in Soweto have said they do not believe there is a "cohesive group" and say the attacks could be motivated by personal grudges.

The attacks have been aimed at the Mayor of Soweto, Ephraim Tshalala, and other councillors of his Sofasonke Party. Other targets have been the homes of an Inkatha branch chairman in Diepmeadow, councillors, headmasters, ex-councillors and trade unionists, among them Mrs Lucy Mvubelo, general secretary of the National Union of Clothing Workers.

A senior security police officer, Brigadier Herman Stadler, said hit men instructed by the African National Congress had been active in South Africa in recent months. Their target was black "traitors", such as policemen, who supported the Government and worked within the system.

But police have also said there is "no conclusive proof that the Sass has links with the ANC".