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RESIDENTS of the troubled Odi region of Botswana were "locked out" of Mabopane after being teargassed and shot at by police following a rally at Soshanguve Stadium.

A march to Soshanguve Magistrate's Court had been planned to protest against the incorporation of Soshanguve, a trust land, into the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA).

But this was scrapped at the rally, which was attended by over 50,000 people.

Patron of the Soshanguve Residents' Association (Sorea) and director of the Institute of Contextual Theology Father Smangalishe Mkhathwana read a report from the Ministry of Education and Development from Mkhathwana.

Mkhathwana said the authorities had decided against ceding Soshanguve to the TPA.

As residents tried to return home, the defence force fired teargas and live ammunition, chasing them back into Soshanguve. No serious injuries were reported.

The fleeing Bop residents returned to Soshanguve Stadium, a short distance from the unmarked border between the two townships and a delegation went to negotiate with the defence force.

After meeting members of the defence force, Anglican priest Rev Johan Viljoen reported back.

"We spoke to Maj Musani who gave the assurance that you can file back into Mabopane in groups of five people, on condition there is no singing and no banners," he said.

Later he said "It became clear that they did not have the intention of keeping their part of the bargain because in the background, the Tswana-speaking soldiers said we should be arrested and taken to prison.

"One senior officer said: 'Arrest the priest and all people who attended the rally and torture them'. He spoke in Tswana thinking we did not understand the language."

Residents then decided to seek sanctuary at the Roman Catholic Church in Soshanguve to avoid confrontation with the defence force.

Residents of Bophuthatswana have complained about police and defence force harassment in the Odi region.
A PHOTOGRAPHER'S narrow brush with death at Sebokeng this week revived grim memories of the shootings in neighbouring Sharpeville 30 years ago.

Prize-winning news photographer Peter Magubane was back behind his camera lens this weekend - just days after being on the receiving end of police birdshot in Monday's Sebokeng shootings.

Magubane, 53, was hit above the heart and in the groin as he photographed the moment which left at least 11 dead and hundreds injured.

The Vaal townships of Sebokeng and Sharpeville are less than 10km apart.

For the intrepid Magubane, the shootings are career milestones he was present at both.

On March 21 1960 he was on the scene when three miles of the Sharpeville confrontation in which 67 people 'died when police opened fire on a crowd of peaceful demonstrators.

On Monday, Magubane was in the thick of it again as 50,000 protesters marching to Vereeniging to hand over a petition bearing a list of community grievances were stopped at a police roadblock.

Said Magubane: "I was taking pictures from the top of a car about 100m away when I was hit by a burst of birdshot. At first, I didn't feel anything at all. I just heard something hit me. It was only afterwards, back in the township, that I felt pain just above my heart.

"Fortunately, the shot had lost velocity by the time it hit me. It penetrated just a little on top of the heart and in the groin. If I had been a lot closer it could have been fatal."

According to the police, the mob threatened to attack and began hurling bottles and knuckledusters.

Police say they then used teargas and shotgun in self-defence.

The Vaal News Association claims the police action was unprovoked.

Magubane, who has photographed riots for 35 years, gave his view: "I think someone panicked, because no order was given - and I could hear very clearly: The burst of fire didn't last for more than a couple of seconds. At the time, the march leaders were busy talking to the crowd up front."

"Broken

"There was one sharp burst of fire and I saw a number of people jumping for shelter. In its own way, this was as bad as Sharpeville at Sharpeville most of the dead and injured were adults. Many of these were youngsters. It was uncalculated for.

In 1976 Magubane had his nose broken during violence in Alexandra township. In Soweto in 1976 the muzzle of a gun was put to his temple by a policeman. And in 1995 he received 17 buck-shot wounds in a confrontation at Kliptown.

The victims of the shooting were visited this week in Sebokeng Hospital by senior ANC leaders, including deputy president Nelson Mandela.

"We wish you a speedy recovery," Mr Mandela told the injured. "We are going to do something about this. We will take up the matter in a vigorous way."

And in Lusaka the ANC external leadership blamed the Government for the recent upsurge in violence in black areas.

The ANC's national executive committee called for an end to bloodshed but a continuation of the mass struggle.

Brutality

"These most recent killings establish a pattern of police brutality and repression which holds out the prospect of peaceful transformation but of increased bloodletting and death," the statement said.

"The African National Congress condemns these massacres in the strongest terms and demands an immediate end to this crime," it added, calling for an end to the presence of troops and police in black townships.
30 years on, a replay of Sharpeville massacre

By STAN MILONGO

THERE was little difference between the Sharpeville shootings on March 21, 1960, and the Sebokeng massacre this week.

The 30th anniversary was being marked when police opened fire on a crowd of 100,000 marchers.

The sunlit Monday turned into a day of mourning and state funeral, and violence in Sebokeng and Braton.

Bodies were strewn all over the ground near the Veldhoyz police station outside Sebokeng.

Police opened fire on the marchers without warning, and Wino Vilakazi, a member of the Vaal Civic Association, said: "Just like Sharpeville, most of the victims were shot in the back."

The difference was that policemen were among the marchers.

This followed a decision by members of the Police and Prison Civil Rights Union (Popcu) to join the strike, and a police officer was reported wounded.

Five people were killed instantly and 325 were wounded, according to first reports. The death toll later swelled to 17, and 1,200 were wounded.

Earlier, holding ANC flags aloft, the crowd marched from the Mphakathane Hall in Sebokeng Zone 14, unarmed, to deliver a memorandum to the Vaal City Town Council office, demanding that the area's chief magistrate resign.

Police blocked the way on the outskirts of Sebokeng, and marchers handed a petition to Sebokeng Station Commander Col. Oskemel Mabzuko.

After Mabzuko had departed, the bloodbath started.

Conflicting reports began to circulate. Some blamed the regular police for the shooting, others the Vanderbijlpark Rondure Unit.

Then the angry masses went on to avenge the deaths.

First targets were the garage of former Lebok mayor Bazil Maniathe, the rent offices and a policeman's house.

The garage of Braton mayor Sam Rabatoni was attacked and an Ernest Miller outlet badly damaged.

At a press conference held in the MdM at the scene, the MdM said that no shots were fired into people, although police officers were reported killed.

"If South Africa is a Christian state, such police brutality cannot be condoned. The actions of the police are clearly an embarrassment to State President FW de Klerk."

Walter Sisulu (above) at the hospital bed of one of the estimated 2,000 injured victims of the Sebokeng massacre. Just like the Sharpeville killings on March 21, 1960, most of the marchers taking a petition to the Vaal City Town Council offices on March 26, 1990, were shot in the back. One of the victims (left) was wounded after police opened fire without warning.
0'000 Sebokeng residents.

I spoke to the crowd and then pellets flew

Another "Sharpeville Shooting" played itself out in Sebokeng this week. This time 17 were killed and many injured when police opened fire on a crowd outside the Sebokeng police station. Police say they shot in self defence, but scores of people who witnessed it say there was no provocation, nor justification. The Rev VUYISILE MNTOOTHOZA (left) of the RR Wright School of Religion was addressing the crowd when the police opened fire. This is his first-hand account, as told to CHARLES MOGALE.

I left with three colleagues for Houtkop in Sebokeng. When we arrived, we found the Sebokeng people were already there.

There was a large crowd, and more were expected to arrive from Evaton. The people stopped outside the Sebokeng police station. A distance from them, facing in the opposite direction, were the police in Casspers, Landrovers and other vehicles.

Station commander Obmnel Mazibuko came from the police to meet Baxumile Vilakazi and myself so we could give him the memorandum from the residents. We met about halfway between the police contingent and the people.

We read out the memorandum to Mazibuko, before giving it to him, and asked him to get us a reply before the end of the week. Mazibuko promised he would pass our request to his authorities.

We then turned and went to the people waiting for us. We asked them to go back to their different townships because the memorandum had already been handed in.

The people said they wanted to march to Vereeniging, as was the initial plan. I told them there was no point as the memorandum had already been handed in.

I stood on top of my car and addressed them. At that time, the group from Evaton, knowing nothing about the memo having been submitted, arrived. They could not understand why we had to turn back.

While I was still pleading with them, I heard the first shot. I stood there and looked at the police.

More shots were fired, people were falling all over the place, just next to me. I did not run or hide. I just stood there as pellets whizzed past me.

ANC stalwart and former Robben Island prisoner Lwazi Mhatha fell just a few paces from me.

I picked up a young girl who had been standing next to me. She had a bullet wound in the neck and another in the hip. Many more people had fallen by now, and the police just stood there, not moving.

We started collecting the corpses. Some people wanted to confront the police and ask why they had shot, but we warned them against it. We could see they still wanted to shoot. Many of these cops were black.

There was no provocation, no justification. People were just standing there and saying they wanted a way to Vereeniging.
Sebokeng——
police insist
that the killings
were the result of self-defence.

However, witnesses said the
shooting appeared to be unpro-
voked after the marchers — pro-
testing against high tariffs and
poor living conditions — pre-
sented a memorandum to a
police officer.

Internal ANC leader Mr Walter
Sisulu blamed right-wing ele-
ments in the police for the kill-
ings while the external ANC
leadership declined to comment
on the deaths but said the issue
would not affect the talks with
the government.

The UDF, however, con-
demned the police action saying
it "was absolutely unnecessary
and uncalled for." The killings
also drew strong international
criticism.

ANC deputy president Mr Nel-
son Mandela visited some of the
victims in hospital and told
them: "We are going to do some-
thing about this.

"We will take up this matter in
a vigorous way," he said.

The Vaal triangle and especial-
ly Sebokeng has long been a hot-
bed of political violence and in
1984, Sebokeng became the first
township where troops were sent
into in an attempt to quell un-
rest.

Earlier last month, a white
man was killed when he and a
business associate were attacked
by a mob near Sebokeng. Several
other people were injured when
their cars were stoned on the
Golden Highway near the town-
ship — including a teenage girl
who was hit with a garden fork.
Venda bomb blasts

LOUIS TRICHARDT — Six bombs have exploded in Venda since Friday.

A spokesman for the Venda Defence Force said a transformer was damaged by a blast in the Sibasa area on Saturday morning.

An electricity sub-station at Sibasa, offices of the Department of Health at Thohoyandou and a bottle store at Thitekere were also damaged by explosions.

There were another two blasts at an electricity sub-station in Thohoyandou.

The origin and nature of the explosive devices have not been established. The cost of the damage is still being assessed. — Sapa
Six shot after weekend funeral

By MOKGADI PELA

SIX members of the Azam Student Movement were injured when they were allegedly shot by municipal policemen in Bekkersdal at the weekend.

The six students were returning from the cemetery, where a crowd of almost 5 000 had burned Selilo Mogosi (22), an Azasm member killed by political rivals.

The mourners, holding Azapo and Azasm banners, were singing freedom songs when municipal policemen opened fire.

Those shot were: Thabo Mokhebana (40), Trevor Mabuloko (19), Khumaneho Seoka (37), David Motongoe (22), Monwabisi (22) and Tshopo Mboneli (18).

Police said a report on the incident would only be available today from the Krugersdorp security branch office.

Azasm publicity secretary, Sipho Masuko, condemned the incident.

Meanwhile another activist, Mbuyalo Montshiwa, could not be buried on Saturday. About 1 000 mourners were told by the Montshiwa family that the funeral had been postponed as police had allegedly refused to release the corpse.

A family spokesman said the funeral would now be held today at 1pm.

Mbuyalo and Selilo died during the feud between Azasm and the Bekkersdal Youth Congress in the West Rand township.
FW to launch crackdown on violence

CAPE TOWN — President F.W. de Klerk will announce a countrywide crackdown on violence when he addresses Parliament today.

Despite the ANC having given the Umkhonto shelving to the reason for calling the historic April 11 'talks about talks', De Klerk and his Cabinet believe violence, especially in Natal, the Vaal Triangle and Welkom, must now be stopped.

Although government spokesman have been loath to comment on the actions contemplated, De Klerk can be expected to announce that troops will be sent in to restore order. With organisations like the Black Sash having recently been called on government to send in the troops to combat violence, De Klerk and his Cabinet are confident this step will not attract the same international outcry as in the past.

Government spokesmen were yesterday bitterly disappointed that the ANC had called off the planned April 11 talks, but said they believed that reflected tensions within the organisation.

A senior official said there was a large body of opinion within the ANC that was opposed to negotiations at this stage. These people, he believed, were using the Umkhonto shootings as an excuse to override those in the ANC who favoured talks. The official said Nelson Mandela's hardline stance at the weekend, in which he said it was premature to suspend the armed struggle, was a further indication that hardliners in the ANC were becoming dominant.

Commenting on a speech at an NP youth rally in Nelspruit at the weekend, on the cancellation of the talks, de Klerk said that even if there was room for criticism of police action at Umkhonto, this was not a sufficient reason for cancelling the talks. The whole point of the April 11 talks was to put an end to violence and incidents such as the Umkhonto shootings.

In his speech to Parliament, De Klerk is expected to give details of contacts between government and the ANC in the run-up to the planned talks. He is also expected to give a further indication of government's preparedness to be flexible on issues such as the freeing of political prisoners and the return of exiles.

Despite the suspension — and indefinite postponement — of the April 11 talks, government spokesmen said they believed there was no alternative to maintaining contact with the ANC in the hope of securing another meeting date. In this they were looking to the international community to presssure the ANC into reversing its decision on the postponement.

Arrangements for the April 11 talks had "faltered such a stage" that the ANC had already indicated to the government that its delegates would be

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Crackdown on violence

The first hint of the impending crackdown by government came on Friday when De Klerk told the Cape Town Press Club he would be announcing in Parliament today, steps to combat violence.

At a weekend meeting with KwaZulu's Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok promised more policemen would be sent to Natal.

De Klerk is expected to announce that in addition to extra policing, large troop deployments would be moved into trouble spots elsewhere in the country.

In Natal, government is expected to set aside protected areas for the temporary housing of blacks.

Government believes the fabric of the present violence throughout the country is different from what it was in 1960 and 1966. Where then it believed violence was directed at overthrowing the state, it believes now that the violence results from rivalry between black political groupings. It also believes that playing a major part in fuelling violence is an anarchic youth element that cannot be controlled by any of the major black political groupings.

De Klerk said on Friday that government was determined to ensure that the process of negotiation and change took place in an orderly and peaceful manner. "The future of this country will not be decided through the barrel of a gun, the waving of arms or stamping of feet. It will be decided around a conference table." Unbridled protest politics, he said, could spell serious dangers for the process of reform. "Large masses of people proclaiming extreme positions and parading through the streets promote polarisation and violence. What we need is reconciliation and good will."

Government, De Klerk said, was not approaching negotiations from a position of weakness. It had not waited until the balance of power had turned against it before deciding on a course of peaceful negotiations. "The initiative is in our hands and we have the capability to ensure that the process of negotiation and change is peaceful and orderly," he said.

There was no room for violence in any quarter in determining the future of SA. "If certain elements on the left and on the right continue their present course of violence and lawlessness, the government will be obliged to use the full weight of its power to restore law and order in an unprejudiced manner."
SAP ‘takes all steps’ to avoid opening fire

By Craig Kotze

Police took the necessary steps to prevent killings in rioting, but no one could say that situations such as that when nine people were shot dead in Sebokeng last week could never happen again, says SAP public relations chief Major-General Herman Stadler.

“We value life highly and we are extremely concerned about the Sebokeng deaths. The SAP does everything possible not to have to take action which results in death, but each situation develops on the ground — out of the control of higher authority — and has to be judged on its own merits.”

50 000 crowd

Nine people died in Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle last Monday when a 50 000-strong crowd was involved in a confrontation with police, who used birdshot fired from shotguns.

The incident reverberated around the world and became virtually a “second Sharpeville” and the ANC has used the incident to call off pre-negotiation talks with the Government, scheduled for April 11.

General Stadler said policemen were trained in accordance with the international principle of minimum force but had to act in self-defence when their lives were threatened.

“We take all the necessary precaution to prevent loss of life — especially when children are involved. But there are many factors which have to be taken into account in unrest situations.

“In the first case the mobs or crowds of marchers have to come to their senses. Police did not instigate the Sebokeng violence. A magistrate decided the march was illegal and we had to uphold the law.

“The crowd in Sebokeng shouted ‘Kill the Boers’ — that was already a threat — and attacked police. Another factor in general is that so many police men have been killed in unrest before that no policeman is going to stand aside and watch his colleagues being murdered,” said General Stadler.

“Without justifying the deaths in the least, I would say that if there were 2 000 policemen present it would have been a different story, but if those present on the day had baton-charged those 50 000 armed people, they would have been massacred.

“Also, if the policemen had used sharp ammunition and the rifles they had at their disposal, many more people would undoubtedly have been killed,” he added.

Major-General Stadler.
Apartheid leads to boycott aimed at white businesses

The Argus Correspondent

Johannesburg — A consumer boycott of white-owned businesses, aimed at forcing the desegregation of facilities and the release of detainees, has been launched in the Western Transvaal towns of Klerksdorp, Stilfontein and Orkney.

A spokesman for the National Union of Mineworkers said the boycott, launched on Monday last week by Cosatu, the Jouberton Civic Association, the Jouberton Youth Congress and other community organisations, had been "highly effective".

Business sources said shops catering for the black trade appeared to have been hit by the action. Checkers and Pick 'n Pay in Klerksdorp said turnover had been unaffected, but stressed that their outlets were used mainly by whites.

According to Mr Tsediso Ntaopane, secretary of the Jouberton Civic Association, the boycott aims to secure the release of about 20 people detained on and before Sharpeville Day (March 21).

The NUM said there had been further detentions since then, linked to the boycott.

The Klerksdorp Town Council, which was dominated by the National Party, had refused to desegregate municipal facilities, he added.
Bop cops hold journalists

GARANKUWA. — Bophuthatswana security forces yesterday broke up a protest march by church ministers and briefly detained about 10 journalists monitoring the event in Garankuwa township.

The march, organised by the Garankuwa Inter-denominational Ministers' Fraternal, was on Tuesday declared illegal by local Chief Magistrate Mr. A C Greyling. Police released the foreign and local journalists after confiscating their film and other materials.

At one stage a scuffle broke out at the entrance to the Magistrate's Court as security forces struggled with the journalists for the possession of their equipment. — Sapa
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Hidden tensions burst into rage

By CASSANDRA MOODLEY

But there has also been talks of BCM/PAC splits in the trade union federation Naetu. Reports have pointed to the resignation of several non-Africanist supporters because of a claimed neglect of worker interests in favour of political interests. There have been allegations of persecution of BCM supporters.

Alexander says that the PAC is opposed to trade unions adopting a political manifesto or document of any outside organisation.

It is Moodley's opinion that there is sufficient evidence to indicate an Africanist move to take over the federation. "The ANC and the PAC have a history of trying to prove bana fakazi to the world, claiming that is theirs and that is theirs - this has resulted in them trying to take control of every organisation internally. "Naetu is a victim of this counter-revolutionary attempt."

Azebo does, however, intend holding talks with the PAC as it has done with other movements, says Moodley. Alexander, for his part, talks of meeting with organisations the PAC regards its "natural allies", like Azapo, the Cape Action League and the New Unity Movement, "organisations which genuinely seek liberation and socialism".

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Johannesburg — Unrest in Gazankulu had not been sparked off by the African National Congress, Gazankulu Chief Minister Professor Hudson Ntsanwisi said yesterday.

In a statement, Professor Ntsanwisi said he had met ANC Deputy President Mr Nelson Mandela concerning the unrest, and they had concluded that the situation was undesirable and should be discontinued.

"During the meeting it was resolved that continuous boycotts and marches are counter-productive and not in the interest of the nation," Professor Ntsanwisi said.

According to the statement, no major incidents of unrest had been reported during the past 24 hours.

However, a seventh petrol-bomb attack had occurred and 13 people had been arrested, bringing the total number of arrests to 2,294. — Sapa
13 killed in Vaal shooting, says hospital

By Stan Hophe

The death toll from the Vaal Triangle shooting of a fortnight ago has risen to at least 13, with 447 injured in the clashes between police and marchers.

A Sebokeng Hospital spokesman yesterday confirmed that so far 13 people had died, four of whom were certified dead on arrival. Nine died after being admitted to hospital.

A spokesman for the Vaal Council of Churches (VCC) said that until last week 13 fatalities had been confirmed, but three more people were positively identified by their relatives at the government mortuary on Wednesday, bringing the death toll to 16.

The VCC spokesman said the following people had died: Mr Owen Mkhwanazi, Mr Reginald Morobe, Mr Zongezile Ndlaumeza, Ms Lydia Mphela, Mr Zebulon Makholwa, Mr Eddie Mamogoa, Mr Philip Motonga, Mr David Khaile, Mr Oupaile Dlamini, Mr Abram Machaba, Mr Joseph Nklopo, Mr Patrick Nakam, Mr Petros Makau.

A police spokesman said that as far as the police were concerned, the death toll stood at nine as they had not yet received the latest list of casualties.

"It is possible the death toll could be 13 or 16 or even more but, as it was reported at the time, nine people died on that day," he said.

This was after police opened fire on about 50 000 marchers who were attempting to march to the National Party offices in Vereeniging to deliver a memorandum.

Six of the victims will be buried on Sunday. The burial will be preceded by a mass service at Sebokeng Stadium at 9 am. Two people, including a local teacher, have already been buried.

Shops will close from 10 am to 3 pm and the organisers have asked the local taxi association to provide free transport for the mourners.

They have also warned people not to make donations except at specified collection points.
Venda: Youths abuse new ruler

THOHOYANDOU. — Thousands of Venda youths packed the National Stadium here yesterday and shouted abuse at the new military ruler of the homeland.

The youths, numbering over 10 000, were part of a crowd estimated at 15 000 which gathered at the stadium to hear Colonel Gabriel Mutheiwana Ramushwana address his first public engagement.

The youths, who were wearing ANC T-shirts, chanted "Voetsek voetsek" and "Viva ANC" as the colonel continued to read the speech that he had read the previous day announcing reasons for the coup.

THOHOYANDOU. — Venda’s new leader, Colonel Gabriel Mutheiwana Ramushwana, is a former South African security policeman who at one time allegedly infiltrated the ANC in Lusaka.

Colonel Gabriel Ramushwana was born at Messina on July 1, 1941. He worked as a clerk at the Messina mines from 1962 to 1965.

He joined the South African Police in 1966 and transferred to the security branch the following year.

He joined the Venda National Force, which was a combined force of police, army, prisons and traffic departments, in 1978, a year before independence.

He became deputy chief of security police until he was transferred to the Venda Defence Force in 1985. He was promoted to colonel the same year and became Chief of Staff in 1985.

Marrried with four children, Colonel Ramushwana speaks 19 black languages as well as English and Afrikaans. During his service as a security policeman, he infiltrated the ANC in Lusaka until he was withdrawn by the police.

He said Thursday's military takeover was not prompted by similar actions in other independent homelands.

Col Ramushwana said he was called back by "authorities" from a military course in Pretoria to take over government. He said his former chief, Brigadier P G Steenkamp, was forced to resign and leave Venda because he was found to be working against the "ideals of the Venda people".

He said a new cabinet comprising people from a cross-section of people would be announced in two weeks' time. Until then, he was sole member of the council.

He said elections might be held in future if so demanded by the people of Venda. However, the council's immediate task was to restore stability and law and order.

The press conference, held at the offices of the deposed president, was attended by a representative of the South African embassy, Mr T. T. Stem, in what was seen by many journalists as a show of acceptance by the South African government.

Meanwhile, the chairman of Ciskel's new Military Council of State, Brigadier "Oupa" John Gqozo, yesterday said in a statement that the circumstances surrounding the military takeover of Venda were only superficially similar to what happened in Ciskei recently.

Brig Gqozo wished the colonel "God's blessing, good fortune and the support of all in Venda."

Brig Gqozo took power in Ciskei in a coup in March this year, ousting President Lennox Sebe from power.

— Sapa
MAN IN THE MIDDLE: When Mr Nelson Mandela announced that the ANC had suspended talks with the Government, his choice of words suggested that he might not be in total agreement with the decision, and was not happy about it. © Photograph by Herbert Mabuza.

...would sabotage the pending talks.

"I don't see why it should," he said.

As late as Friday March 30 — that is, four days after the Sebokeng shooting — the Government was given the names of the ANC team for the April 11 talks.

Extrapolating from these events, it seems that a faction within the ANC, disconcerted about the rapid push towards negotiations, seized on the Sebokeng shooting as a reason to halt the process. Continuing the extrapolation, the faction gained the ascendancy — temporarily, at any rate — after a long debate, and the April 11 talks were suspended. But Mr Mandela, acting resolutely, put negotiations back on track within a week.

Saturday Star's confidence in its interpretation is bolstered by one important fact on Thursday March 29 — two days before the suspension of the April 11 talks — it was tipped off by a person close to the ANC and to Mr Mandela that there were people in the ANC wanting to wreck the negotiations.
Chris Ham, chief of the ANC’s army, Umkhonto we Sizwe, used to be one. But, after talking in 1968/69 about the need to make whites bleed, he appears to have had a change of heart.

Some observers suspect that Mr Joe Slovo, general secretary of the South African Communist Party and a member of the ANC national executive committee, may be one. But their surmise is based on suspicion and, perhaps, anti-communist bias.

The decision to suspend the talks was taken in consultation with the “Interim Leadership Core”, as the ANC’s internal leadership calls itself. The hard-liners in Lusaka must therefore have had some support inside South Africa.

Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, the tough-minded and ambitious general secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, is thought in some circles to be a likely candidate.

Successful negotiations, the reasoning goes, would consolidate the position of Mr Thabo Mbeki, the ANC’s secretary for foreign affairs, as the heir-apparent to Mr Mandela and the ailing Mr Oliver Tambo. Mr Mbeki’s gain would be Mr Ramaphosa’s loss, hence the deduction that Mr Ramaphosa may have had a hand in suspending the talks.

Mr Ramaphosa, whose leadership of South Africa’s biggest black trade union gives him plenty of clout, is the man who said of Mr Mandela last year: “Mandela is a member of the ANC and his status is no different from any other member of the ANC.”

His remarks were made when Mr Mandela, working from his prison bungalow, was acting as a facilitator for negotiations between the ANC and the South African Government.

But a well-informed observer who closely monitors events in the ANC cautioned against premature deductions about Mr Ramaphosa.

The cool-headed trade union leader, he said, is highly thought of in the ANC and SACP, and his future as a top man seems assured whatever happens.

The real motivating force for halting or delaying the negotiation process may, however, have come from the external leadership in Lusaka.

According to the authoritative publication, Africa Confidential, there is a great deal of dissatisfaction among rank-and-file members of leadership positions in the ANC.

These men nervously fear that the day is drawing near when they will be unceremoniously voted out of their positions, that day will dawn when the ANC holds its long-awaited national conference in December.

Unlike the ANC’s two previous national conferences held at Morogoro in Tanzania in 1989 and Kabwe in Zambia in 1987, the December conference — to be held in Bloemfontein — will be attended by a new generation of top leaders who have been bloodied in the struggle within South Africa.

One thinks of men like Mr “Terror” Lekota and Mr Popo Molefe, of the United Democratic Front, Mr Ramaphosa and Mr Chris Diamini, of the Congress of South African Trade Unions; and the recently released prisoner, the Rev Arnold Stoffeln.

Voting in December is expected to be by secret ballot and not popular acclamation, as was the case at Morogoro and Kabwe, many of the older leaders are unlikely to survive.

Thus, some members of the ANC’s “old guard” — some observers reckon — want to delay progress to the December conference. The assumption is that if negotiations fail or are postponed and prolonged, the December conference may have to be deferred as well.

In an illuminating article, Africa Confidential notes that when Mr Sisulu visited Lusaka, he called on the ANC to accept criticism and to engage in self-criticism.

His invitation was “received with a wild cheer” from the rank and file and triggered a barrage of criticism against “inertia and abuse of power”.

According to Africa Confidential, those singled out for criticism included Mr Alfred Nzo, the general secretary, for “incompetence”, Mr Thomas Nkobi, the treasurer-general, for incompetence, Mr Joe Modise, the commander of Umkhonto we Sizwe, for “failure to visit his soldiers”, and Mr Josiah Jele, for turning the ANC’s political-military council “into a personal fief”.

By extension these ANC leaders emerge as men who might have a vested motive in delaying negotiations and the December conference.

The full saga has yet to be told, however...
WITH the energy and stamina of a much younger man, Nelson Mandela, helped by the seemingly unbreakable President de Klerk, has put a negotiated settlement firmly back on the agenda.

Close examination of events, however, provides strong circumstantial evidence that the septuagenarian ANC leader had to deal with, at least, an attempt by a faction within the ANC to slow down the pace towards negotiations.

The first clear hint of internal divisions came a week ago with Mr Mandela's shock announcement that the ANC had suspended the talks with Mr de Klerk and his senior lieutenants scheduled for April 11.

Mr Mandela told a huge rally in Cape Town, that he had been instructed by the ANC's national executive to suspend the talks. Mr Mandela's reported choice of words suggested that he might not be in total agreement with the decision, and his actions over the next two days hardened deductions that he was not happy about it.

At a press conference last Sunday after addressing another massive rally at Motherwell near Port Elizabeth, Mr Mandela acknowledged that there had been differences of opinion. He declined to elaborate, saying he was not prepared to discuss the matter publicly.

In a dispatch from Port Elizabeth, Associated Press quoted him as saying: "I prefer addressing the question to the particular person involved and not making use of the media for settling disputes."

The next day, April 2, Mr Mandela arrived in Durban for a tour of areas outside Maritzburg which had been — and at that stage still were — ravaged by internecine fighting between pro-ANC forces and loyalists of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha movement.

Within minutes of his arrival at Durban's Louis Botha Airport, Mr Mandela was on the phone to Dr Gerrit Viljoen, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Mr de Klerk's trusted confidant. His purpose was to arrange an "informal meeting" with Mr de Klerk.

According to uncontradicted news reports, Mr Mandela was clearly anxious to contact Dr Viljoen, watched by journalists, he "fumbled for change" to pay airport inquiries desk.

An appointment was set up for April 3, but Mr Mandela, being slated to see Mr de Klerk on the same day as appointment had been made for the two Chief Ministers of the black tribal states. The appointment, confirmed by Mr de Klerk in a speech to Parliament on the same day as Mr Mandela made his airport phone call, appeared to negate the ANC executive's decision to suspend talks.

The April 5 rendezvous duly took place at Mr de Klerk's sumptuous Tuinhuis office. Within a week of the suspension of the April 11 talks, Mr Mandela and President de Klerk — supported by their chosen advisors — held "fruitful and cordial talks."

In fairness, it should be added that the April 5 meeting — which resulted in an agreement to reschedule the suspended April 11 talks — enabled Mr Mandela to raise the issue cited by the ANC as the reason for suspending the April 11 talks: the shooting by police of "defenseless demonstrators" at Sebokeng on March 26.

At least 11 people were killed or died later after police fired on the crowd, it had assembled earlier to march into the neighboring white town of Vereeniging, where Mr de Klerk had represented in Parliament until last year's general election.

The ANC leadership, like most black people, was outraged. There is no question about that Mr Mandela, who visited the wounded at Sebokeng Hospital, expressed himself forthrightly on the tragedy.

If white civilians had been gunned down by police at Sebokeng, he said, "white South Africa would be screaming at the top of its voice."

But, as several observers remarked, the shooting seemed to underline the urgent need for talks rather than their suspension. The shooting, and the behavior of police generally, could have been added to the list of obstacles to negotiations which the ANC had in mind when it first requested the April 11 meeting.

On the day after the shooting, Mr Walter Sisulu, the second highest-ranking internally based ANC leader after Mr Mandela, mooted just that option in an interview with the BBC. He rejected the notion that the shoot-
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ANC hardliners have a

Talking
Paupers' funerals for missing youths?

By DAN DHLAMINI

PARENTS OF missing youths in Carletonville fear their children may have been killed in recent unrest and are being quietly buried as paupers.

This week residents of the trouble-torn Khutsong township halted paupers' funerals for three alleged unrest victims.

The discovery of the bodies caused anger among residents who went on the rampage, setting alight at least five vehicles.

Last month nine unrest victims allegedly shot by police were buried in a peaceful mass funeral.

Scores of youths are reported to have been either detained or killed after police launched a house-to-house search last month.

Others fled their homes making it difficult for members of local structures to establish their whereabouts.

Residents claim parents of missing youths were denied the opportunity to enter the government mortuary to identify the bodies.

A Khutsong Youth Congress spokesman said residents fear at least 31 youths were killed during the riots.

The spokesman said Saffas Undertakers brought three corpses in coffins to the local graveyard on Wednesday, where they were to be given paupers' funerals.

Residents became suspicious because no mourners came to bury the unknown trio.

He said residents went to the graveyard and found that one of the deceased was Esther Bothoane, 24, of Potchefstroom.

However, her next of kin confirmed they could not afford to bury her.

Residents took the bodies to the local mortuary and are trying to establish the identity of the two youths among the trio.

He said arrangements were being made to get a second post-mortem examination performed.

Attempts to contact Saffas drew a blank. The post office said the Saffas telephone was out of order and their premises were deserted when City Press arrived.

Police spokesman Maj RA Crewe confirmed seven vehicles were burnt out during rioting in Khutsong this week.

He could not say whether the riots were sparked off by the discovery of the three dead people who were to be given paupers' burials.

However, he said people were given an opportunity to identify the dead at the government mortuary in Carletonville.

He reaffirmed the earlier police statement that 17 and not 31 people died during unrest in the area two months ago.

With solemnity and anger...
Thousands mourn at Sebokeng funeral
Disabled say 'no' to killings

THE Disabled People of South Africa will hold a demonstration opposite the Baragwanath Hospital, Soweto, tomorrow, in protest against the wave of political violence sweeping the country.

Mr Friday Mavuso, chairman of the association, said the DPSA had noted the Natal carnage in particular with alarm.

He invited all disabled people in Soweto and other townships to join in the demonstration.

The protest action starts at 1pm on the old Potchefstroom Road outside the hospital.
Sebokeng shooting victims buried

THOUSANDS of mourners in the Vaal yesterday heard the ANC and the South African Council of Churches call for an immediate judicial inquiry into the Sebokeng shootings and demands for the dismissal of the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adrian Vlok.

This was at the Sebokeng stadium at the burial of four people killed on March 26. Seventeen names of those killed were read at the beginning of the service.

An estimated crowd of 100 000 people jam-packed the stadium to hear ANC internal leader, Mr Walter Sisulu, pay tribute to the victims.

Among the speakers were SACC general secretary the Rev Frank Chakane, Cosatu general secretary Mr Jay Naidoo and representatives of the United Democratic Front and the Vaal Chamber of Commerce.

Those buried yesterday were Mr Philip Motaung, Mr Oupa Dlamini, Mr Dumisane Nkam and Mr Joseph Nhlapo. The other victims have already been buried.

UDF Vaal executive member and leader of the march which preceded the shootings, Mr Bavumile Vukuzana, called on De Klerk to fire Vlok immediately.

Mourners carrying coffins shoulder-high at a mass funeral in Sebokeng yesterday. Pic: Len Kumalo
A young miner was attacked by a group of black and white people and had the letters "ANC" carved into his forearm in the Transvaal. The miner, named Andre Kotte, was attacked after participating in an assault case. Mr. Kotte was attacked by a man who said they wanted to see if his blood was the same colour as theirs. After the attack, Mr. Kotte was admitted to hospital and no arrests have been made. - Cape Times Reporter.
Leaders demand probe of Sebokeng killings

By Montshiwa Moroke

About 100,000 mourners in Sebokeng, Vereeniging, yesterday heard leaders call for the appointment of a judicial commission of inquiry into last month's police shootings in which 17 people were killed.

The general secretary of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), Mr Jay Naidoo, went so far as to call on President de Klerk, to sack the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok.

The speakers were among leading labour, political, business and religious leaders who addressed the large crowd at a more than three-hour mass funeral service at the Zone 7 stadium, Sebokeng.

Speakers said "the people" wanted Mr Vlok to explain what happened on the day of the Sebokeng killings and to say who gave the police orders to shoot.

Among the dignitaries were representatives from the Canadian Embassy and the Swedish Legation. A representative of the Christian Council of Churches in New Zealand, also attended.

Those buried were Mr Philip Motaung, Mr Oupa Mdehlanzi, Mr Dumusane Nakani and Mr Joseph Nhlapo.

Silence fell as the thousands of mourners bowed their heads in tribute to the "fallen heroes".

The coffins were draped in colours of the African National Congress while khaki-clad youths with wooden guns formed a guard of honour.

A police helicopter hovered above, monitoring the entire funeral proceedings.

The general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, the Rev Frank Chikane, said during his visit to Sebokeng Hospital, he had found some of the injured with bullet wounds in their heads and others with pellets all over their bodies.

"In a just and normal country the President would have given orders that a judicial commission of inquiry be appointed that same night for the murders. It took the Government days... say they considered appointing one.

"Our black people are also human beings like other people. The value of our lives are the same as those of the oppressors," he said.

Mr Naidoo said the violence was meted out against black people everywhere because the ruling class wanted to maintain cheap labour.

"We call on De Klerk to charge the murderers and send them to jail, where they belong. We also call upon him to fire Vlok as the person in charge of the police," Mr Naidoo said.
This young "soldier", armed with a wooden gun and in full uniform, formed part of the guard of honour for four of the victims of the March 26 Sebokeng police shootings. Among the dignitaries present at the event were representatives of the Canadian Embassy, the Swedish Legation and the Christian Council of Churches in New Zealand.

Picture by Herbert Mabuza.
East Rand police have appealed to complainants in the recent Katlehong taxi clash, to contact the police so that statements can be taken.

A police spokesman yesterday said complainants should contact the investigating officer, Warrant Officer de Goede at (011) 906-3384.

The cases will be referred to the Attorney General so that justice can take its course.
Both ANC, Azapo deplore the violence

Moves toward the urgent resolution of the violence plaguing parts of South Africa, and the presentation of a united front against the Government, were discussed at a meeting between leaders of the ANC and the Azanian People's Organisation in Soweto on Saturday night.

A joint statement issued by the two organisations deplored the violence and blamed it on "apartheid colonialism".

"Unity in action and peace among our people, require urgent resolution," the statement said, adding that a two-member committee comprising ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela and Azapo president Mr Jerry Mosala had been formed to contact other organisations to discuss the possibility of an all-encompassing consultative conference.

This is seen as the latest move to emanate from a host of meetings-about-meetings about talks-about-talks.

Another committee was established to deal specifically with ways to seek an end to the violence and to speak to the leadership of various organisations in an effort to address the people in the war-torn areas and so halt the killing.

This committee is to report back within a week on its progress.

The statement said both organisations "stressed the principle of political tolerance and therefore unity in diversity".

Saturday's meeting was a one-off event and further contact between Azapo and the ANC would continue, the statement said. — Sapa.
"ANC" carved on man's arm

Staff Reporter

A GROUP of men assaulted an Orange Free State worker and carved the initials "ANC" into his arm in Heidelberg, Transvaal, at the weekend.

A Heidelberg resident said the men, Mr Andre Kotze, 18, hammered on his front door and when he opened the door he found Mr Kotze covered in blood.

The resident, Mr Lionel Coetzee, said he was told by Mr Kotze—who is white—that he was assaulted by a group of black men who told him he was being assaulted to see whether "his blood was the same as theirs".
Four killed in Soweto gun raids

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

At least four people were shot dead and several others injured when unknown gunmen fired shots on residents in the streets of Orlando East, Soweto, at the weekend.

Residents claimed that six people died but only four deaths were confirmed.

Those who died were John Monu (25), Michael Motlatso Makapa (30), Hlafang Ncube (26) and Ananiah Montshwa (22), all believed to have been Orlando East residents.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Temba Hal- 

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

gryn confirmed two men were shot dead. One was found with bullet wounds in the stomach while another died of gunshot wounds on the way to Baragwanath Hospital.

He denied knowledge of any street battles in Orlando East over the weekend.

The motives for Saturday's attacks could not be established, but there were indications that a squabble over a firearm sparked the shootings.

Residents said shots were fired on Saturday night.

A shebeen owner who refused to be named said he saw three bodies in the street the next day.

One victim was rushed to hospital but was understood to have died early yesterday.

Mrs Margaret Mofokeng (38) said she heard some men in a shebeen arguing about a firearm but did not think it was serious.

“I was lucky to survive,” she said, adding that she had dashed for cover in a toilet.

She said the bullet-riddled bodies were left unattended until around 10am on Sunday.
Group plans to bring back 'people's courts'  

Staff Reporters  

"People's courts" — which were controversial at the height of the 1984-86 unrest — will be re-introduced in Tembisa soon, the Tembisa Youth Congress (Teyco) revealed yesterday.  

At a press conference attended by the entire Teyco executive in Johannesburg, Teyco president Mr. Sam Seretse announced that included in the congress's programme of action for the year was the re-introduction of "people's courts", to be manned by "disciplined regiments," in an attempt to combat crime in Tembisa.  

He said, "We intend to combat crime (by) forming regiments in our different sections (in Tembisa). Regiments (will) be accountable to the people and be protectors of the people."  

Police reacted sharply to the announcement yesterday and said "people's courts" would be smashed.  

A Law and Order Ministry spokesman said "people's courts" were illegal and were associated with the barbaric necklacings of 1985/86 and other cruel punishments meted out. "These 'kangaroo courts' allowed no appeal for sentences."  

"Any alternative structures are illegal and we will act against them wherever they are found. If so-called 'people's courts' are found, they will be smashed."  

The Teyco executive said at yesterday's press conference that "people's courts" would be revived in a sincere effort to combat crime, and that strict discipline and a code of conduct for the people involved in the planned "regiments" would be enforced.  

"Graffiti squads"  

"We will continue with the people's courts in a very disciplined way and strictly within regiments. There will be a code of conduct for people in the regiments," said Teyco treasurer Ms Debora Manakalala.  

The organisation's secretary-general, Mr Philemon Nzimande, said Teyco regarded crime as one of the evil results of apartheid. Consequently, apart from the soon-to-be-revived "people's courts", anti-crime rallies would be held to teach people about the injustices of crime.  

Tasks the Teyco executive has set for itself include:  

- Putting more pressure on town councillors to resign and be replaced by "organ of people's power";  
- The formation of "graffiti squads which will continue with the work of popularising our organisations and our leaders, so as to declare our township as an ANC territory".  

- To embark on educational programmes "to prepare and guide the youth in order to grasp the progressive ideas of our revolution".  

- To support the "mother-body", the South African Youth Congress, and participate in all its activities.  

- To set up an extensive campaign to call for the release of Tembisa-based political prisoners such as Andrew Maphethi, Obed Madonsela, Chris Khumalo, Vusi Mgomezulu and Paul Mathole, including those on death row such as Joseph Chidi and Boxer Molefe.  

The Teyco executive told of repressive measures and police harassment they had to endure under the state of emergency since Teyco's formation in 1986, resulting in the organisation's inability to hold an annual congress before the only one held three weeks ago.
Woman 'executed' in Xroads killings

Staff Reporters

WITNESSIES yesterday described how three men shot and killed a fleeing Old Crossroads woman before walking up to her and cold-bloodedly executing her at point-blank range.

The 25-year-old woman, identified only as "Miriam", was one of four Old Crossroads residents who fell victim to the three gunmen about 7am yesterday.

Another unidentified person was shot dead as violence continued in the camp last night, bringing the total of recorded deaths there to five.

Emergency personnel said scores of people fled their homes last night as a group of people torched about six homes.

Fire engines were at first not able to enter the area and had to wait for police reinforcements because of the intense violence, a spokesman for the fire brigade said last night.

The others who were shot yesterday morn-}

ing were Mr Nodall Sibunzi, 44, who died instantly when the gunmen shot him in the head, and Mr Lungilile Dyan, 40, who was later killed. All three of them were killed yesterday in a critical condition in Groote Schuur Hospital with a similar head wound.

Residents who were killed, police said, were two men who were killed late yesterday afternoon. One of the victims was Mr Sibunzi, who had lived on the second floor of the house with his family.

Two men who were killed while trying to escape were Mr Sibunzi's brother, Mr Lungilile Dyan, and Mr Lungilile Dyan's brother, Mr Lungilile Dyan, who was also a resident of Old Crossroads.

The shooting went on for hours, witnesses said, with scores of people fleeing their homes as the violence continued.

The shooting was almost certainly linked to the ongoing feud between supporters of the Old Crossroads Committee and the breakaway faction of 13 headmen led by Mr Geoffrey Nangwe.

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Cops charge workers at Isando station

JOHANNESBURG

Chemical workers who assembled at Isando station yesterday morning in preparation for a solidarity march ignored an order by police to disperse and were baton-charged several times, police said.

A police vehicle had its windscreen smashed in a stone-throwing incident, Major Reg Crewe said.

The union said its members had gathered at the station and were planning to march to Rolles factory in support of workers on strike.

Permission to hold the march had been refused by the Boksburg municipality — Sapa
Unrest in Gazankulu continues

GIYANI — Weekend unrest in the Gazankulu homeland — involving petrol bombs and attacks on official transport services — continued yesterday.

According to an official report from the homeland's government, police are also investigating three, separate shooting incidents in the homeland's capital, Giyani, on Monday night.

In two of the incidents, shots were fired at private houses in a residential suburb of Giyani.

The third incident involved what appeared to be undirected automatic fire in the older part of the town. — Sapa
Poignant demo outside Bara

Stop collecting guns plea from cripples

A demonstration by disabled people outside Baragwanath hospital took a poignant turn yesterday when Mr Friday Maudla, Mavuso broke down and cried while making a speech.

Mavuso, co-chairperson of Disabled People South Africa, appealed to people to throw their weapons away. "For those who are collecting one million rifles, I appeal to you to think twice before you buy them.

"Those one million guns will cause suffering and misery. Those guns are going to maim black people," he said.

"How long must people kill each other? The hospitals are full of disabled people. That is why we are having our demonstration here."

Dr William Rowand, co-chairperson of DPSA, said for every one person killed violently, three and a half people were blinded or permanently disabled.

"This means about 10,000 people have died through violence in Natal over the past three years; and between 12 and 14,000 people in South Africa."

He said DPSA called the demonstration to oppose violence in all forms and from all sides.

"Disabled people faced a future of poverty, unemployment and discrimination. Services and structures are hopelessly overloaded."

A statement issued by the organisation said: "Apartheid has taken its toll on disabled people in South Africa. Many of our people became disabled as a direct result of state repression."

"Others sustained injuries in violence as a result of socio-economic conditions in apartheid's townships. Disability diseases related to health conditions have claimed still more victims."

"It is with a sense of great urgency that DPSA joins in the call by political leaders for an immediate end to the violence by all parties.

"We especially condemn the excessive use of force by the police in situations of conflict."

People in wheelchairs carried boards reading 'Shoot 76' and 'Stabbed'.

One man walking with crutches carried a placard reading 'See what violence does'. Others said 'No more violent actions', 'We don't believe Vilok or Buthelezi - Stop the killing' and 'Stop police violence'.

DPSA represents 10,000 disabled people. The majority of its membership were disabled through violence. It is open to disabled people, regardless of creed, colour or political affiliation.

By SOWETAN REPORTER

Soweto 11/4/90
21 hurt in foiled march

By LEN MASEKO

AT LEAST 21 people were injured when police baton-charged a group of workers who were preparing to march on an Isando company yesterday, witnesses said.

The workers, members of the Chemical Workers Industrial Union, are locked in a dispute with Rolta Limited.

The workers had organised the march to present a memorandum to the company's directors.

The petition called on the company to heed the union's call to join the chemical industry's provident fund.

"Police" spokesman Major Reg Crewe said the workers, who assembled at Isando Station, ignored a police order to disperse and were baton-charged several times.

A police vehicle's windscreen was smashed during the incident, Crewe said.

He said no injuries or arrests had been reported.

A National Union of Metalworkers of SA member was among the 21 workers injured when police broke up a march at Isando Station yesterday, a Numsa spokesman said.

The Numsa spokesman said the worker, whose name could not be established, was among a group of Xerotech employees who had just alighted from a train at Isando when police charged at NUMSA members.

Fifteen Food and Allied Workers Union members were yesterday treated by a doctor for injuries sustained when police allegedly whipped Clover strikers near Dunswart Station.

Benoni, a Fezuva spokesman said.

But Crewe yesterday said he was not aware of the incident.
Conditions at Ga-Rankuwa Hospital disastrous: doctor.

By Kaizer Nyatsumba

Conditions at Ga-Rankuwa Hospital, where sjambok-wielding police allegedly entered wards and operating theatres and fired teargas at everyone in sight on Monday, were way below minimum hygienic conditions and were downright disastrous, a doctor at the trouble-torn hospital said today.

The doctor, who is prepared to back his claims in court if necessary, said wards at the hospital were filthy and smelly, and patients were not cared for because no nurses were on duty.

"Conditions at the hospital at the moment are disastrous," he said. "They are way below the minimum expected conditions for hospital care. In fact, the hygienic conditions one normally expects at hospitals are completely nonexistent."

The doctor said that although some of his colleagues had told him their patients were being transferred to other hospitals around Pretoria, there were still many patients left at the hospital.

The strike by nurses and the hospital's non-professional staff was still on, and doctors would continue with their "go slow", caring for emergency patients only, because none of the doctors' demands, including the resignation of the two superintendents of the hospital, had been met.

Workers were due to meet one of the superintendents early today to discuss their demands and grievances, the doctor said.

He told The Star yesterday of a police siege which saw police firing teargas inside wards and operating theatres, and arresting nurses, patients and visitors at random.

He said that because some of the police could not distinguish between nurses, visitors and patients, some patients were also dragged out of their wards and arrested.
Two slain in taxi war

Body snatcher sparks fear

Owners of a Tsakane funeral parlour fear for their lives after a relative was caught trying to exhumate a body from a new grave at Tsakane cemetery on the weekend, writes PHANGISELE MISHALI.

The Magudzelela daughtee, who inhabited the Magudzelela Funeral Parlour from the family, have asked the Tsakane Civic Association for protection after rumour that residents wanted to tear down the business.

TWO prominent Alexandra Township taxi owners were shot dead and another was critically injured in separate shootings on Tuesday.

This has sparked fears of a new taxi war in the township.

Weakened police said they were investigating a possible taxi war after the deaths of Mr Thabo Michael Motumo (36) and Mr Raymond Mmasane (28) who were shot about the same time in different parts of Alexandra on Tuesday.

Police could not confirm the shooting of Mr Benny Kutumela, who was allegedly shot eight times in front of Witsvreden Business College on Tuesday afternoon.

However, the superintendent of Hillbrow Hospital said Kutumela had been admitted late in the afternoon.

Kutumela is a former member of the Association of Am sickness and Sandton Taxi Association.

Motumo, a member of the Alexandra United Taxi Owners Association, was shot a few feet away from his father’s house while charging in a funeral.

Gunshots

A neighbour said the sound of gunshots just after 5pm when she walked into the house she found Motumo lying down, bleeding.

He was taken to Alexandra Clinic where he died.

A witness said the assailants were wearing a mask and shot Motumo without saying a word.

About the same time, Mmasane was shot outside his house.

He was an executive member of Am sickness and an Alexandra City Council employee.

The Alexandra Civic Organisation has appealed for peace among taxi operators.

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Two killed in taxi war

A suspected bank robber has been shot on the street after he was shot by police again after a robbery at an Allied Building Society branch in central Johannesburg yesterday.

Four others escaped with an unspecified amount of cash.

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Picture: SEAN WOODS
Families say policemen fired indiscriminately

By Shehnaz Bulbulia

A seven-month-old baby and a youth were shot dead last week when police allegedly fired tear-gas, birdshot and bullets at residents of a western Transvaal township after a police Casspir got stuck in a patch of mud.

A lawyer — whose name is known to The Star — revealed yesterday that several witnesses had made statements about alleged police action, which lasted several hours, at Kukosi near Fochville on April 6.

A baby and a youth were fatally wounded and several people injured, she said.

The lawyer said police yesterday arrested a number of people, among them people who had assisted her in obtaining information. Police did not give any reasons for the arrests, she added.

The operational chief of police in the western Transvaal, Colonel B J Moton, told The Star 39 people from Kukosi had been arrested in a crime prevention operation yesterday.

A spokesman for the SAP in Pretoria, Major Reg Crewe, refused to comment on police action on April 6 and referred The Star to the police unrest report on April 7.

According to the report, police used shotgun fire and tear smoke to disperse a crowd who had thrown petrol bombs and stones at a police vehicle.

A policeman had been injured when he was struck in the face by a stone.

The report said a 32-year-old woman was wounded and a child she had been carrying was fatally wounded.

According to the lawyer, Kukosi residents reported that a Casspir was patrolling the area and got stuck in a patch of mud in the heart of the township.

Residents believed the policemen inside the Casspir panicked and began to shoot indiscriminately from about 4 pm for several hours, she said.

They claimed there was no crowd around the Casspir, except for a few people returning to their shacks.

The lawyer received a statement from family members of the baby who was killed, claiming that police in a Casspir trapped in a patch of mud had shot at a woman carrying her baby on her back.

Identified

The statement said: "At about 6 pm I was standing in the doorway of my house. I saw my sister walking towards the gate with her seven-month-old baby tied to her back. I heard a shot and saw her fall."

"The shooting came from the direction of a Casspir which was stuck in the mud about 35 metres to the right of our shack."

According to the statement, family members identified a policeman, named Pheliphe, and claimed that he allegedly went over to the mother, kicked her and said "Ek het haar dood gemaak. (I killed her)."

The baby died and the family later found out that the mother had been admitted to Baragwanath Hospital.

In the statement, family members described Pheliphe, who was wearing a blue SAP uniform, as tall with light brown hair and a spiky beard.

In another statement to the lawyer, a mother reported that she found her son's body in a shack situated close to where the Casspir had been stuck.

She reported that his body was riddled with birdshot and bullets.

A total of 48 bullet holes had been found in the wall of the shack where the youth was lying, according to the statement.

In yet another statement, residents claimed that police who were in a Casspir stuck in a patch of mud close to their shack fired several rounds of tear gas and bullets into their dwelling.

"I was sitting in my house between 4 pm and 5 pm, when I heard shots. I went outside and saw a Casspir stuck in the mud about 80 metres from my house. The police fired tear gas and bullets."

The tear gas affected my two-month-old niece, who is still having chest problems. My sister, who was not seriously injured by the bullets, had slight abrasions on her shoulder blades," the statement said.

According to another statement, at about 3 am on April 7 police in a Casspir fired shots and injured a woman.

"I was sleeping in my room. It was about 2 am. I was woken by a bullet which hit my left thigh. I was later admitted to Baragwanath Hospital," the statement said.
Two Alexandra taxi owners shot dead

Own Correspondent

Two prominent Alexandra township taxi owners were shot dead and another critically injured in separate shootings on Tuesday.

This has sparked fears of a new taxi war in the township.

Witwatersrand police said they were investigating a possible taxi war after the death of Mr Thami Michael Motswi (36) and Mr Raymond Masangwane (28), who were shot at about the same time in different parts of Alexandra on Tuesday night.

Police could not confirm the shooting of Mr Benny Kutumela, who was allegedly shot eight times in front of Wynberg Business College on Tuesday. However, the superintendent of Hillbrow Hospital said Mr Kutumela had been admitted late on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr Kutumela is a former member of the Alexandra, Randburg, Midrand and Sandton Taxi Association (Armsta) and a member of the taxi squad committee.

Mr Motswi, a member of the Alexandra United Taxi Association (Auta), was shot a few metres from his father's house while chatting to a friend.

Wearing mask

A neighbour said he heard five shots shortly after 8 pm. When she rushed to the scene she found Mr Motswi lying on the ground. He was taken to the Alexandra Clinic where he died.

A witness said the gunman was wearing a mask and shot Mr Motswi without saying a word.

About the same time, Mr Masangwane died instantly after he was shot outside his 11th Avenue home. He was an executive member of Armsta and an Alexandra council employee.

The Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) has appealed for peace among taxi operators.

"Community organisations have been intervening since early February, when tension began," said ACO publicity secretary Mr Obed Bapela.

"After successful unity talks that ended last year's taxi war, one of the associations pulled out of the newly formed Auta immediately."

A feud between the two organisations broke out in 1985 and reached its height in 1988 with the death of a number of taxi owners from both sides.
"Stop the killings"... disabled demonstrators, themselves victims of violence such as the 1976 riots, mustered in Soweto yesterday to protest against the violence in Natal and elsewhere in the country.

By Monikiwa Moroke

Members of Disabled People South Africa (DPSA) staged a demonstration outside Soweto's Baragwanath Hospital yesterday to register their protest against the current wave of violence in Natal and other parts of the country.

An emotional Mr. Friday Mandla Mavuso, co-chairman of the organisation, pleaded "For God's sake, for how long must people kill each other?"

The protesters, some from as far as Tembisa, then took to the old Potchefstroom Road and brought traffic to a standstill.

Blew hooters

Diepmeadow traffic officers controlled the flow of traffic as some motorists blew their hooters in support.

Some protesters were carrying placards, one of which read "We don't believe Vilakazi and Buthelezi can end the violence".

Others said "I was shot in 1976" and "I was stabbed".

Uniformed police in a minibus monitored the demonstration.

The DPSA said it was with "a sense of great urgency" that the organisation had joined in the call by political leaders for an immediate end to violence by all parties.

"We especially condemn the use of excessive force by the police in situations of conflict."

"In the past month, 300 people have been killed in political violence in Natal alone."

"Already we have heard of too many people who have been blinded, paralysed and otherwise disabled by the current violence."

The DPSA said it was a terrible fate to be disabled in South Africa. For the vast majority, it meant a life of poverty and isolation, facing discrimination on all fronts.

The few support services which existed for disabled people were hopelessly overburdened and had little to offer to the majority of such people.

"Apartheid has taken its toll on disabled people in South Africa. Many of our people became disabled as a direct result of State repression. Others sustained injuries in violence as a result of socio-economic conditions in apartheid's townships," the DPSA said.
Necklace killing stumps police

Mystery still surrounds the necklacing of a black person in Hillbrow, Johannesburg, on Good Friday and police have appealed to anyone who witnessed the incident to contact them.

So far, the motive for the killing and even the sex of the victim are unknown. Police discovered the remains of a body along with the remnants of a burnt tyre in an empty lot near Runket Street — Staff Reporter 278
Sebokeng probe

THE President, Mr FW de Klerk, is expected to
announce in Parliament on Tuesday whether an in-
quiry into the circumstances surrounding the Sebo-
keng shootings on March 26 will be instituted.
A few days after the shooting, which left 17 people
dead and scores injured, Mr de Klerk requested infor-
mation on circumstances surrounding the incident
and promised to make an announcement soon.
No formal statement has been issued on the mat-
ter, but we expect the President to address the matter
at Parliament," said a spokesman from Mr de Klerk's
office.

Screaming

The 17 Vaal residents died when police opened fire
after stopping the marching residents on the main
road to Vereeniging on that day. A day after the
shooting police said they opened fire in self-defence
when they were attacked by a mob screaming "Kill
the boers".

The incident led to a decision by the ANC to sus-
PEND the "talks about talks" with the Government.
The talks have since been re-scheduled for May 2, 3
and 5.

Mr Nelson Mandela, ANC deputy president, wel-
comed a commission, but as all South African judges
are white, he believes the commission should include
members credible to the "masses". Mr Mandela said
he welcomed both the steps to appoint a judge to hold
the inquest and to set up a judicial commission.

Major Reg Crewe of the SAP public relations in
Pretoria said police took necessary steps to prevent
killings in rioting, but no one could say that situa-
tions were as bad as that when nine people were shot dead in
Sebokeng could never happen again.

Major Crewe said police would conduct their own
procedural inquiry but the findings, which would form part of documents forwarded to judicial officers, would not be made public.

He added that inquests would be held into the
deaths, as was done in any unnatural death. Police as a
matter of routine also conducted internal investiga-
tions into police actions taken during unrest.

The Vaal Detainees Support Committee (Descen)
has alleged that police in the Vaal triangle were inti-
mating and harassing people who had been injured
at Sebokeng and were forcing them to make false
statements.

The SAP public relations division confirmed state-
ments were being taken from persons involved in the
shooting incident in Sebokeng but "rejected as false"
allegations police were forcing people to make false
statements.

Questioning

Descem spokesman Mr Sakhawu Khumalo said poli-
ICE had a list of those treated in Sebokeng Hospital
after the shootings and were taking them to police
stations for questioning. At the police station they
were forced to make false statements, he alleged.

He cited Mr Andrew Hlalele, who he said was
forced to make a statement saying demonstrators
threw stones at police before they were shot at.

A police statement said suspects were warned in
terms of the Judges Rules and were not compelled to
make statements.

"While we reject allegations of police intimidation
and harassment we expect there might be other per-
sons or groups who will try to intimidate witnesses
and persuade them not to co-operate with police."
Horror stalks Hillbrow after necklace killing

By STEPHANIE HULL

A WAVE of revulsion and fear swept Johannesburg's Hillbrow yesterday after a gruesome "necklace" killing in densely populated Hillbrow.

Horrified residents found the body of a black man smoulderling in an open lot, on Good Friday. The remains of a burnt tyre were around him.

Yesterday Democratic Party MP for Hillbrow Mr Lester Fuchs made an urgent call for more policemen in the crime-ridden area.

"It is quite clear that there are not enough police and I will be bringing up this matter in Parliament," he said.

Most residents in the area denied knowing anything about the murder, saying they were afraid of reprisals.

Frightened

Police spokesman Lieutenant Hetimna Bester said the body of the black man was burned beyond recognition.

"We know it was a necklace killing but not how or why it happened. We are investigating," she said.

Witnesses from flats surrounding the deserted lot, which lies between busy Cluny and Hanket Street in the heart of Hillbrow, said they were too frightened to comment.

"The murderers will think we saw them and then our lives will be in danger," said the caretaker of one block of flats.

Mr Thammy Vangile and his wife were among the first to find the body of the man whom police have not yet been able to identify.

"One of the glue-sniffers who sleep in the lot came to call us to look at a dead man he had found," he said. "We went down and found the man lying on his back.

"The smell was terrible - so bad you wanted to run away - and the body was so badly burnt that only his legs were unscorched.

"The body was no longer burning but there were wires from the tyre lying around the stomach and neck (him) so we knew he had been 'necklaceed.'" Mr Vangile said.

A crowd gathered and shortly afterwards the police arrived and cordoned off the area.

"People were very shocked and some vomited from the smell and the horrible sight," Mr Vangile said.

A witness who refused to be named said he was in his flat which overlooks the open lot when he heard a "soft bang!"

"So much happens here that I didn't think anything of it, but then it was followed by a really awful stench. I went out to the balcony and could see a fire burning but I never realised it was a body, not until the police came to the scene." Another witness said the crowd gathered when the fire had gone out.

"If anyone did see anything they won't say - they are too afraid it will happen to them."

A local shop-owner said the open lot was a "disgrace" when it had been the scene of a number of crimes.

"The council should do something like fence it in because there are always violent crimes taking place and many lovers and glue-sniffers sleep there. Only three months ago the burnt body of a baby was found there," he said.

Some residents said they thought the man might have been the victim of faction fighting. Others thought it was the "usual violence which has got worse and worse over the past two years."

Johannesburg city councillors joined Mr Fuchs yesterday to visit the scene of the killing.

Independent councillor for Johannesburg Park Mrs Desree Simpson said: "I am going to Pretoria to take letters to the State President as well as to a number of Cabinet Ministers.

"We are not accusing the police of negligence - there are no police to blame. Every day we read about 3,000 soldiers in Natal - now we would like some of them to come and patrol Hillbrow."

HORRIFIED: City councillors at the spot where the man was 'necklaceed.' Picture: JUHAN KUSIS

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Community groups release list of dead

By STAN MHLONGO

The first known ANC member to be shot during the Vaal massacre this week was Liwaii Mbatha, 65, who served 18 years on Robben Island.

Mbatha, who had several foot wounds, was being treated in hospital, family members said.

On Tuesday, a City Press team had to duck as members of the SAP opened fire on a crowd near the Sebokeng shopping complex. Police caught up with the Press car and confiscated photographer Tladi Khuele's films at gunpoint.

This happened seconds after local teacher Teboho "Cutter" Morobe, 31, was gunned down on his way to the shop.

Local organisations list the dead as: Vuyani Makholwa, Ernest Mkhwanazi and Eddy Mamogwa of Sebokeng Hostel; Lydia Ramphale, 17, of Bophelong; David Khaile and Oupakie Dlamini, 24, of Evaton; Petrus Hlanguza of Zone 12 and William Motaung and Phillip Motaung both of Zone 14.
Cemetery attack

Harassment and vandalism were reported at the Forest Home Cemetery in Chicago on Wednesday, according to police. A member of the Chicago Police Department said a total of 10 graves were damaged, with some of the headstones knocked over. The incident has sparked concerns among the Jewish community in the city.

One of the cemetery occupants, who wished to remain anonymous, said they had observed increased security measures and patrols in response to the attack. "We've never had anything like this before," the individual said. "We're just hoping for peace and respect for our loved ones' graves."
Necklace victim still unidentified

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A medical doctor was called to the scene. Police could only say that the victim was a black male of unspecified age.

Police were told about the necklacing, about 245 pm on Friday. When they arrived on the scene, the body was still smouldering but had already been moved beyond recognition.

— Sapa
TUATA CRISIS ACTION

In accordance with the need to resolve the current education crisis and in order to encourage effective teaching and learning in Black schools, TUATA has intensified its campaign to assist the teacher at the grassroots level. TUATA has planned a series of rallies for teachers throughout the province over the next three months. Rallies have already been held in Soweto, Springs, Kagiso, Carletonville, Lofaba North and Polchefstroom. These meetings have provided teachers with a platform to air their grievances, and an opportunity to learn of TUATA’s action on their behalf.

TUATA has been actively engaged in several areas of grievance and social responsibility, notably:

- Retrenchment of Teachers
The retrenchment of teachers has been a grievance of teachers in recent strike action in the province. But, TUATA had already tackled the DET on this issue in December 1989, and by January 1990 had been successful in having all 124 retrenched teachers reinstated. As a result of the agitation of TUATA, DET was forced to abandon the policy of retrenching underqualified teachers.

- Reinstatement of Pre-School Classes and Establishment of Early Learning Centres
Besides condemning the closing down of Pre-School classes and successfully demanding their continuation, TUATA has also commenced a project to establish Early Learning Centres in communities where the need is greatest. Centres have already been set up in Diepkloof, Meadowlands, Zondi, Kagiso and Vosloorus. TUATA is also in the process of erecting the Likhweli Early Learning Centre in Kanyamazane, Kangwane.

- Increase of Teachers’ Salaries
TUATA has already been instrumental in achieving parity of salaries between male and female teachers from post level two upwards and a better salary package for underqualified teachers. (Refer to Page 9 of the recent DET Memorandum, “Reply to the Demands” submitted to the Department by Teachers, 5 February and 23 March 1990). TUATA has nevertheless continued to insist on further increases. Those teachers in Category A1 and below, who earn less than a living wage, are of particular concern.

- Transfer to the Government Service Pension Fund
TUATA has been instrumental in persuading DET to grant teachers another opportunity of transferring from the Temporary Employees’ Fund to the Government Service Pension Fund. Since the conditions of such transfer are not satisfactory and beyond the means of most teachers, TUATA will continue to agitate for more lenient terms.

- Revision of Syllabi and Curriculum, and Curriculum Development
TUATA continues to call for a revision of syllabi and curriculum and has herself embarked on the initial phase of a curriculum development project in preparation for the new era. TUATA’s first Curriculum Development Conference took place in Potgietersrus in August 1989.

- Student-Teacher Co-operation
TUATA is now promoting “open agenda” meetings with school students in order to address issues of concern and encourage student-teacher co-operation. Districts and branches throughout the province have been instructed to organise such meetings.

- Cessation of Youth Camps
On becoming aware of the extreme opposition to youth camps among students, TUATA was instrumental in the last year in effecting the cancellation of these camps.

- Inter-Organisational Co-operation
TUATA is now involving itself in meetings with other teachers’ organisations, such as NEUSA, in order to promote unified action towards the resolution of the education crisis. The Presidents of TUATA and NEUSA met on Monday, 25 March 1990, to discuss the education crisis and “Chalk Down”.

- Legal Aid
TUATA continues to provide legal aid to students and teachers who have become victims of the apartheid system or other unfortunate circumstances. Notable cases include two bus accidents: in 1987, involving children from Alexandra High School; and in 1989, involving children from Seolwane High School. TUATA provided legal representation in both cases and gained compensation for the parents of the victims. TUATA has also taken successful legal action on behalf of teachers who have been abducted, subjected to forced transfer, charged with misconduct, and the like.

- Insurance Cover
In keeping with its commitment to promoting the welfare of teachers, TUATA offers membership of the TUATA Old Mutual Group Scheme at low premiums. The package of five different elements including disability, death, parents’ cover, family benefits and endowment ensures that members are well covered. In the event of the death of a member from TUATA whose children are the beneficiaries, TUATA continues its support of the family; TUATA acts as trustee, managing and investing the funds until the children attain their majority.

- Charity Donations
TUATA continues to recognise its responsibility to the community over and above its normal role. To reflect this commitment, over the years TUATA has consistently made donations to needy causes. More recently TUATA has contributed to the Flood Disaster Fund In Natal, bus disaster funds in the Western Transvaal, Soweto and Durban, and last year a sum of R5 000 to Operation Hunger.

In order to address the problems of teachers within its ranks even more effectively, particularly in this situation of crisis, TUATA will shortly expand its operations. Qualified full-time staff, based at a new central office, will be appointed to liaise with members throughout the province and coordinate the activities of the Association.
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By SONTI MASHEKO

MR NELSON MANDELA ASSASSINATED

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Alexandra walk postponed

THE "Jo'burg to Alex Walk" planned for Saturday had been postponed following the killing of an Alexandra Youth Congress member Aldo Mogano, the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF) said at the weekend.

In a statement the FFF said Mogano, killed on April 7, would be buried on Saturday — the day on which the walk to Alexandra by residents from Johannesburg, Sandton and Randburg was scheduled to take place.

The walk, which was initiated by the FFF and the residents of Alexandra, was postponed to April 28.

The organisation said it was disturbed that political killings "by mysterious gunmen" had not ceased despite the appointment of the Harms Commission.

"Documentation by human rights organisations has shown that Alexandra activists are prime targets of right-wing attacks," the FFF said.

It added that it deplored the "cult of violence that has become a feature of" SA life.

"Constructive negotiations cannot take place while civil war rages," it said.

'Necklace' case still unsolved

THE Hillbrow "necklace" killing at the weekend is still a mystery — the victim has not yet been identified, there have been no arrests and no witnesses have come forward.

Hillbrow residents found the remains of a black man smouldering under a burnt tyre on Good Friday.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Lt Henriette Bester said yesterday that no arrests had been made.

"The matter is under investigation and to date no witnesses have come forward to help in the identification of the man," she said.

In another weekend killing, Katlehong councillor D Mangeni died when a hand-grenade exploded in his bedroom.

Bester said a woman had been injured by shrapnel, and had been admitted to Natspruit Hospital.

In Pretoria, vandals set fire to a burial house and desecrated graves in the Jewish section of the Rebecca Street cemetery.

Police spokesman Lt-Col Steven van Rooyen said yesterday no arrests had been made.

Police were investigating charges of arson and desecration of the graves.
Sebokeng killings: FW orders probe

Political Staff

PRESIDENT FW de Klerk last night announced a commission of inquiry headed by Mr Justice Richard Goldstone to investigate the killings at Sebokeng which the ANC gave as its reason for cancelling the original meeting scheduled to take place with the government this month.

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He had agreed with this suggestion but had said this would have to be agreed to by the cabinet.

Mr De Klerk said he had told Mr Mandela of his own volition that he was considering appointing a judicial commission of inquiry into the Sebokeng shootings. However, he had pointed out at the time that the cabinet still had to make a final decision on the issue.

Mr De Klerk said the Goldstone Commission had been instructed to investigate all the events which took place in Sebokeng and surrounding areas on March 26 and to report urgently.

He believed this would be in the best interests of the people of Sebokeng as well as the SAP.

He added that the cabinet had considered requests from the SA Council of Churches delegation, but met last week to appoint a judicial commission of inquiry into violence in Natal.
Petrol bomb blast in Kutlwanong

THE home of the secretary general of the Kutlwanong Civic Organisation, Joseph Mayekiso, was petrol-bombed early yesterday morning.

Kutlwanong is near Odendal, Nelspruit.

Mayekiso said two petrol bombs had been thrown at his home by unknown attackers. One petrol bomb had ignited in the main bedroom and had caused damage estimated at R6,000 to furnishings and clothes before he managed to extinguish the fire.

The other petrol bomb had been hurled through the window of his bedroom but had failed to explode, he said.

There were a number of unrest-related incidents in Kutlwanong at the weekend.

The SAP unrest report yesterday said the houses of two policemen had been damaged in separate petrol bomb attacks in the 24 hours to 9am.

A police vehicle was badly damaged in a stone-throwing incident.

A truck was extensively damaged when it was set alight. The group responsible was dispersed with a round of birdshot and a man was injured.

Saps
Cabinet to decide on Sebokeng today

CAPE TOWN — The Cabinet is expected to decide today whether to appoint a commission of inquiry to investigate the police shooting of several black protesters at Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle last month.

President de Klerk announced after meeting African National Congress Deputy President Mr Nelson Mandela on April 5 that the Government had agreed to consider appointing a judicial inquiry.

He said the Cabinet would make the final decision at its next meeting, which takes place today.

The ANC cited the police shooting at Sebokeng, which caused the death of several black youths, as its reason for calling off pre-negotiation talks with the Government scheduled for April 11.

Most political observers believe that the Cabinet will decide to appoint a judicial inquiry and that this is a condition for the ANC's participation in new talks with the Government scheduled for May 2 to 4.
Stayaway over

GIYANI — Civil servants in Garankulu streamed back to work this week after a stayaway of more than a month to back demands for the resignation of Chief Minister Hudson Nsamwisi.
Judicial probe into Sebokeng killings

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De Klerk denied CP accusations that the commission was a concession to the ANC or that government was undermining police by pinning blame for the incident on the police force.

A judicial commission on inquiry, he said, had been requested by both Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and Police Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe prior to his April 8 meeting with an ANC delegation led by deputy president Nelson Mandela.

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MIKE ROBERTSON

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De Klerk said Cabinet had also considered requests from the SA Council of Churches delegation he had met last week to appoint a judicial commission of inquiry into violence in Natal. No final decision had been made.

THEO RAWANA reports that ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu said last night his organisation welcomed De Klerk's decision to appoint an inquiry.

"At the Sebokeng rally I expressed the wish that De Klerk and his government stood by their promise that they would consider the appointment of a judicial commission.

"A judicial commission is important in our situation because it is able more or less to sift through things — not depend on opinions," Sisulu said.
Sebokeng judicial inquiry ‘urgent’

By Peter Fabricius
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — President de Klerk has appointed a one-man judicial commission of inquiry into the police shooting of black protesters at Sebokeng on March 26, when a number of people were killed.

Mr de Klerk told Parliament last night that the Cabinet had decided yesterday to appoint a commission.

It would be conducted by Mr Justice R E Goldstone, who had been instructed to treat the inquiry as urgent and report to him as soon as possible.

Mr de Klerk strongly denied that the decision had been influenced by ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela.

Mr de Klerk said that before he met Mr Mandela on April 5, Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok and Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe had recommended to him that in the light of all the accusations, a commission of inquiry should be appointed.

Mr de Klerk had agreed to put it to the Cabinet.

At the meeting with Mr Mandela he had, on his own initiative and without being asked, told Mr Mandela about the decision. Mr de Klerk dismissed CP suggestions that the decision to appoint the commission had been made at the request of the ANC or its leaders.

The ANC originally cited the Sebokeng shootings as the reason for calling off its April 11 exploratory talks on negotiations with Government leaders.

Mr de Klerk also announced that the Government had decided not to appoint a commission of inquiry at this time to investigate the Natal violence.

However, it would continue to consider the matter thoroughly and further announcements would be made in due course.
Johannesburg — Mr. Mandela has welcomed the appointment by President F.W. de Klerk of a judicial commission of inquiry into the police shooting of black protesters at Sebokeng last month.

"I think it is a good decision," Mr. Mandela said.

A brief statement issued by the ANC's information and publicity department here yesterday said: "Whilst we welcome the appointment of a judicial commission of inquiry into the massacre of peaceful protesters in Sebokeng, we hope this commission will serve to put an end to such killings in future."

Up to 17 people were believed killed in the Sebokeng shootings on March 26. — Sapa-Reuters
Children flee attacks

TENSION has gripped the Bushbuckridge area where several activists and their homes were allegedly attacked by vigilantes leading to many children and elderly people seeking refuge at a local police station.

Stayaway, described by police as 100 percent effective, started yesterday and is to continue today to protest against the alleged partisanship of police in investigating the attacks.

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Masemola services

THE Pan Africanist Congress and two of its affiliates have arranged memorial services in the Vaal Triangle for PAC leader, Mr Japhta "Jeff" Masemola, who died after a car accident this week.

A service will be held from noon today at Lekton House, Wanderers Street, Johannesburg.

Tomorrow another service will be addressed by the general secretary of the Azanian Students Movement, Carter Seleke. It begins at 10.30 am at the Methodist Church, Zone 7 Sebokeng. Busang Thakaneng, a cultural group, will perform.

On Wednesday Passo general secretary Lawrence Nqandela will lead a service at the Sebokeng Vista University.

Four killed, 20 injured in demo

SOUTH African police shot dead four black youths and wounded about 20 during a demonstration in a black township yesterday, in an incident that could jeopardise next month's negotiations between Pretoria and the African National Congress.

Black activists in the Ramsholtzi township of Villjoenskroon, about 200km south of Johannesburg, said four boys aged between 13 and 16 were killed when a peaceful march was stopped by policemen who opened fire on the crowd.

Police said the youths refused two requests to disperse and then began throwing stones at the officers.
2 held after accusing policemen

By Esmaré van der Merwe, Political Reporter

Two Kutlwanong community leaders were detained yesterday after describing earlier this week how police had killed two youths in the troubled Ondelaarsrus township.

Mr Joseph Mayekiso, general secretary of the Kutlwanong Civic Association, and Mr Monty Mayekiso were detained under the emergency regulations, says the Democratic Party's Gold Fields constituency chairman, Dr Rhett Kahn.

Police confirmed that Mr Joseph Mayekiso was being held in Kuruman and his brother in Kimberley.

They were detained in the wake of Easter weekend violence Mr Joseph Mayekiso told The Star earlier this week that two off-duty policemen had shot two youths.

Police said earlier the SAP members had been on their way home when they had met between 20 and 30 youths singing freedom songs.

One of the policemen had fired a warning shot when the group had refused to disperse, two shots had been fired, killing one youth and injuring another who later died.

Police yesterday said the dead were Mr Piet Chaka (19) and Mr Motlaienile Chaka (22).
Residents say the streets are void of life. The cops who were once visible are now gone. The streets are empty, the shops closed. The residents feel abandoned. They want their city back. They want their lives back.

The police department has confirmed that five people were killed in the recent incident. The community is in shock and disbelief. They want answers and justice. The community is demanding action. They want their city back.

The community is calling for change. They want their lives back. They want their city back. They want their future back.
New violence fuels Katlehong taxi war

GERMISTON — A simmering taxi war that has already claimed nearly 50 lives erupted at Katlehong, near Germiston, again on Saturday night.

Youths stopped cars entering the township and searched them for weapons and a taxi was set alight.

Residents came across the mutilated body of an unidentified man about 5pm yesterday on the railway line near Kweleone and Pilot stations.

However, police in Pretoria said no murders had been reported in the township yesterday.

Nearly 50 people died in the township a month ago when a feud between rival taxi organisations exploded into violence. Operators stopped serving the township but some began again on Friday.

Township dwellers plan boycott

RESIDENTS of Rammulotsi township near Viljoenskroon say they will embark on a consumer boycott from today after Thursday's police shooting incident in which five youths died.

Detainees' Parents Support Committee field worker Biza Makhate said the situation in Rammulotsi was "volatile. Police are at this moment in the township with Hippos (troop carriers) and vans, picking up students and other youths," he said yesterday.

Unrest continued in the township at the weekend. A police report said that on Saturday, Casspirs had been stoned in three incidents in the township. SAP spokesman Capt R Maree said rubber bullets had been fired but nobody was injured.

Makhate said Rammulotsi residents were angry and had decided to embark on the consumer boycott: "We plead with the police to get out of the townships," Makhate said.

Maree was not able to confirm immediately yesterday whether police were making arrests in the township.

Police Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe on Thursday ordered an urgent commission of inquiry into the Rammulotsi incident.

Meanwhile, a weekend police unrest report said two women had been killed in Natal, one of them stabbed to death near Port Shepstone and the other stoned to death near Port Edward.

Two men had been killed in Inanda, near Durban, and a man was found necklaced near Port Shepstone. This means six of 14 people who have died in unrest-related incidents on the lower Natal south coast this month were necklaced.

Police said the bodies of two men who had been shot were found near Inanda and a youth was shot dead by police. The youth was killed near Volksrust after a large crowd stoned and petrol-bombed police — Sapa.
Tear gas fired at sit-in mob

KROONSTAD - At least one person was injured when police fired tear gas to disperse about 1500 people who staged a sit-in outside the civic centre in Mankeng township near Kroonstad yesterday.

The group, which had been given two minutes to break up, was leaving the gates at the fortified civic centre when police fired a barrage of tear gas which blanketed the area with dense white smoke.

The group was part of a mob of about 6000 which converged on the civic centre demanding the resignation of the entire town council and the mayor, Mr Caswell Koe-keoe.

A boy was treated at Boljumelo Hospital near Mankeng for a head injury allegedly caused by a teargas canister.

Sapa
Lull in taxi feud

KATLEHONG in the East Rand was quiet but tense yesterday following the burning of two taxis and a bus at the weekend. The violence has evoked renewed condemnation and fresh appeals for calm from the ANC, the United Democratic Front and the Southern African Black Taxi Association.

The UDF's Southern Transvaal region announced it would send a task force today to assist in re-establishing peace in the area.

A house belonging to a member of the Katlehong Civic Association, Mr Nelson Mabuzela, was petrol-bombed early yesterday morning.

Two petrol bombs were thrown and one went through the window of the living room, causing minimal damage to the house.

Mr Mabuzela said he did not think the attack was related to the renewed clashes.

The KCA is representing Katlehong residents in peace talks between the warring taxi groups, the Competition and District Taxi Association, and the Katlehong Taxi Association.
Teargas used at civic sit-in

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE and SAPA

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Teargas used to break up Kroonstad crowd

KROONSTAD — At least one person was reportedly injured when police fired teargas to disperse about 1,500 people who staged a sit-down outside the civic centre in Maokeng township near Kroonstad yesterday.

The crowd was given two minutes to disperse, thereafter police fired a barrage of teargas, police said.

The group was part of a crowd of about 6,000 which converged on the civic centre demanding the resignation of mayor Caswell Koekoe and the town council.

Shortly after the crowd had been dispersed, police fired more teargas at people congregating on pavements or in private yards.

A boy was treated at Boitumelo Hospital near Maokeng for a head wound allegedly sustained when he was hit by a teargas cannister.

WILSON ZWANE reports that at least one taxi was set alight and several others were damaged when hundreds of Katlehong youths stopped, stoned and petrol-bombed taxis on Saturday.

Katlehong Civic Organisation spokesman Ken Moetsi said the violence was sparked when the Germiston and District Taxi Association resumed operations in the township.

Moetsi said the association was intimidating Katlehong residents by resuming operations. It was not supposed to operate while investigations were in progress into the causes of its feud with the Katlehong Taxi Association.

The feud between the two associations has reportedly claimed about 50 lives.

Since the taxi war the Germiston and District Taxi Association and the Katlehong Taxi Association have not been operating in the township.

Sabta spokesman Fanyana Shiburi said yesterday a meeting of interested parties was to be held last night to decide what action should be taken against Germiston and District Taxi Association for resuming its services.

Sabta suspended the association because of its war with the Katlehong association over routes in Katlehong.

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NATAL UNREST DEATHS

September 1987 — January 1988..................668
February 1989 — April 22 1990...............934
Past 24 hours' official toll:..................2
TOTAL:....................................1,604

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"Necklace" victim a woman

The person first discovered in Hillbrow over the Easter weekend has been identified as an adult woman, although her name was not yet known, Johannesburg police said yesterday.

A spokesman said witnesses had come forward after the body was discovered in an open lot adjacent to Clam Street, Hillbrow.

The exact cause of her death had not yet been established. Police are awaiting a full post-mortem report. — Crime Reporter.

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Taxis burnt as violence returns to Katlehong

By Stan Hlophe

Two taxis and a privately-owned bus were set alight and several other vehicles damaged when a group of youths went on the rampage at the weekend in Katlehong on the East Rand.

Yesterday the township was quiet, but tense. Large rocks barricaded main roads leading to the township.

Township residents said a group of youths stopped the taxis and beat passengers with sjamboks, warning them not to board taxis because of a boycott which started in the township last month.

The boycott started after a route dispute between the Germiston and District Taxi Association (GDTA) and the Katlehong Taxi Organisation (Kato).

At least 50 people were injured when the boycott escalated into full-scale fighting between taxi owners and youths.

GDTA members yesterday blamed the Katlehong Civic Association (KCA) and youths.

They said: "We were given permission by the KCA to resume operating last Thursday. This was after talks between Sabta and the KCA. But to our surprise we were stopped, forced off the road, passengers sjambokked, our vehicles stoned and two others set alight."

They said private vehicles were allowed to operate and saw this as "a ploy to force us out of business."

The GDTA members said gangs of unemployed youths, backed by the KCA, were attacking them. "The KCA want us to affiliate to a union. That will not work. We are a business and we will not survive."

A KCA spokesman said the organisation had had several discussions with Sabta, the GDTA, and Kato, and it was decided that taxis should suspend their operations pending the formation of a new association.

"We strongly condemn the violence ... however, there are certain elements within the GDTA who are bent on perpetuating violence in the community. Recently one youth was abducted from his home and assaulted by these people."

The spokesman said private vehicles were given permission to operate last month because there was no co-operation between the associations.

"No taxi was allowed to resume operating until talks have been finalised."

The ANC yesterday called for an end to the violence, saying outbreaks of this kind could only serve "apartheid interests," reports Sapa.

The UDF said a task force would be sent to Katlehong today to re-establish peace.
Accusations of bias follow Star.
18 deaths by necklacing in three months

At least 18 people have died by necklacing in the first three months of this year, says SA Institute of Race Relations (SAIRR) executive director John Kane-Berman.

If violence continued at its present level, Kane-Berman said in Johannesburg yesterday, it could claim nearly 4,000 lives this year.

Last year the figure was 1,403, the highest recorded to date.

He has researched statistics on violence in SA since the turn of the century and has compared them with violence-related figures for the first three months of this year.

"Black-on-black violence in SA is now at its highest level. This violence is occurring in all four provinces and includes 18 or 19 'necklacings,'" he said.

Deaths in the first three months of this year ranged between an official total of 874 and a total of 988 based on information gathered by the Institute and figures provided by various groups monitoring political violence in Natal.

A striking feature of the violence was its spread outside Natal. Institute data showed only 9% of fatalities last year occurred outside Natal, whereas in the first three months of 1990, the proportion was 14%.

The Institute has recorded figures provided by Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok in mid-1988. Vlok said at the time 392 people had died by the necklace method between 1984 and 1987.

Vlok added that 1,211 people had been charged with murder after necklace deaths during this period.

Another feature of the first three months of last year, there had been a tenfold increase in deaths outside Natal and an increase of similar magnitude in fatalities involving the security forces. Deaths in security force action outside Natal appeared to account for about a third of deaths. The proportion would be much smaller if Natal were included.

Deaths in the independent homelands had gone from none recorded in the first three months of last year to 58 in the first three months of this year.

Conflict between Inkatha and the UDF and its allies was one of the major contributory causes of the violence in Natal.

However, the UDF camp had been involved in conflict in Natal with black consciousness (BC) groups as well.

Necklacing

Conflict had also occurred on the Reef, while in the eastern Cape there had been UDF/Afrikaner conflict.

In an article published in the second quarter of 1988 in American Review, a chief director of the SA Bureau for Information, Maj-Gen Peter Groенewald, said between September 1984 and October 1988, 392 people died as result of necklacing.

In addition, Groenewald said, during this period a total of 372 people were burnt to death in their homes and 771 people died after fuel had been poured over them and they were set alight.

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Katlehong taxi war moves for peace hit major snags

PEACE negotiations to set up a single taxi association in Katlehong, East Rand, yesterday broke down when the Katlehong Civic Association withdrew from the committee of 13.

"A KCA spokesman said residents gave them a mandate to withdraw from the talks.

He gave no reasons for the withdrawal.

Setting up a single taxi organisation was also a condition for ending the taxi boycott that started in March as a protest against the taxi war, he said.

The KCA are the second party to withdraw from the talks.

However, Kato alleged they have been excluded from the committee of 13, which has organised the talks, after they expressed dissatisfaction about the participation of the South African Black Taxi Association.

"We cannot continue to negotiate successfully as long as Sabta, which is not our mother body, is involved in the talks," a spokesman for Kato, Mr J Mbole, said.

Kato said their members had affiliated to the Black Union of South Af-
NOWHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE POLITICAL VIOLENCE WORSE

By THANDEKA GOUBULE

Over 319 deaths have occurred in the Transvaal and in the homelands.

The IRR shows that last year only 9 percent of political deaths occurred outside Natal, yet so far this year 28 percent have died in the rest of the country. There were 124 fatalities outside Natal in the whole of 1989 — but 271 in the first three months of this year.

But the number of those who were killed or injured in political violence this month was also high. Unrest figures show more than 15 people died in April. Five people were killed in Natal last week and the figure is rising steadily.

Eighteen people have been "necklaced" this year. In Natal, two children aged nine and 14 met this gruesome death.

The number of people in detention has increased. The Human Rights Commission has recorded that 230 people are being held under Emergency regulations, as of April 25. In Natal 18 people are held. There are 142 people held in the Orange Free State, nine in the Cape Province and 146 in the Transvaal.

The HRC has recorded 43 Section 29 detentions since the beginning of 1990. Official figures for detentions under Section 31 are five. No one is being held under Section 58.

Although there has been a noticeable decrease in guerrilla attacks inside the country, some did occur in the last two months. On March 1 suspected guerrillas using RPG7 rockets launched an attack on the offices of the Soweto City Council. On the same day three Ilimpet mine blasts damaged the Langlaagte police station in Johannesburg.

Thohoyandou, the capital of Venda, suffered five bomb blasts on March 31 this year. This month, on April 8, a municipal policeman and a woman were killed in a grenade attack in Katlehong. A man died on April 15 when a hand grenade was thrown through his bedroom window.

Last week police shot four people in Rammulotsi township near Viljoenskroon in the Free State; more than 20 people were injured.
Police harassing me. Claims Wiphak Priest
3 000 Swoop on Katlehong

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Thousands of security force members sealed off a large part of Katlehong — scene of a recent taxi war and several terror attacks — near Germiston and searched thousands of homes, residents and vehicles.

More than 3 000 policemen, soldiers and municipal policemen took part in the swoop yesterday, planned in great secrecy over the past week, which was one of the biggest displays of security force might on the Reef.

The aim of the operation was to "build bridges" between the SAP and Katlehong residents, prevent crime and to show that security forces could still protect the inhabitants of the township, said Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe.

Fifteen suspects were arrested in the action, which lasted from 6am to 1pm, and was carried out over an area of several square kilometres.

The arrests were made for possession of dagga, possession of stolen property and one for possession of a petrol bomb.
Cops die in unrest

Five people were killed, including a member of the South African Police, in unrest-related incidents according to yesterday’s official unrest report released by the police.

At Imabali, Pietermaritzburg, a mob opened fire on two men killing one and seriously injuring the other.

In a late report dated April 27, police said the bodies of two men were found at Mpumalanga, Pietermaritzburg. Both had been shot. It was later established that one of the deceased had been a special constable.

The unrest report also included numerous incidents of arson, including the burning of vehicles and homes. - Sapa.
Police seal off 'Spruit

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'Building bridges' in Katlehong

Crime Reporter

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"The main aim was to build bridges between the police and the public of Katlehong," the colonel said.

"Other aims were crime prevention and showing the public that the police and security forces have the capability to protect them.

"This action was very well received by Katlehong residents."

Colonel Malherbe said soldiers and policemen set up roadblocks and searched thousands of vehicles, homes and people in the area, where councillors had been attacked and at least one hand grenade incident reported.

About 40 percent of the township was sealed off and thoroughly searched.

Two arrests were made for possession of dagga, four for possessing stolen property and one for possession of a petrol bomb. Two unlicensed guns were recovered.
Winnie’s words — terrifying witness

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — "Mrs Winnie Mandela said some words which terrified us most of all — she said 'you are not fit to be alive'."

With these words Mr Kenneth Kgase, 31, began describing a series of interrogations and beatings which he and three other young men allegedly endured at Mrs Mandela’s house at 365 Diepkloof Extension, Soweto.

He was testifying yesterday at the trial of Mr Jerry Vusi Musi Richardson, 41, of Orlando West, Soweto.

At the start of the trial before Mr Justice B O’Donovan and two assessors in the Rand Supreme Court Mr Richardson pleaded not guilty to 11 counts — four of kidnapping, five of assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm, one of attempted murder and one of murder. The murder charge arises from the death of James "Stompe" Moketsi Sepele, 14.

Mr Kgase said he had lived at the Methodist Church manse in Orlando West.

On the evening of December 29 1988 he was playing cards with Stompe, Mr Harend Thabiso, 20, and Mr Gabriel Pelo Mekgwe, 21.

Someone burst into the lounge and ordered them into the kitchen, where he saw a tall, well-built man who he now knows as Jerry. Everyone from the house was rounded up.

"Quietness"

They were taken to Diepkloof Extension in a bus, to a house with a swimming pool and a jacuzzi.

Supper was served, more people arrived and Mrs Mandela came in.

"There was an intense quietness," Mr Kgase said.

Mrs Mandela then said they were not fit to be alive.

Xoliswa, a woman who lived at the manse, said Mr Kgase, Mr Mono and Mr Mekgwe had slept with the Rev Paul Verlyn Stompe had sold out comrades in Parys who were killed by the police and Stompe had also complained about sexual misconduct.

Mrs Mandela went up to Mr Kgase, grabbed him by the hair and punched him.

She asked how he could be so irresponsible as to not stop the sexual misconduct, Mr Kgase said.

Then grabbed Stompe by the shoulder and interrogated him about using cameras to spy on everyone. Stompe said he knew nothing about it.

After each had been interrogated by Mrs Mandela, she asked for sjamboks. Then each was beaten up.

The hearing continues.
Tension in villages after murder

PIETERSBURG - Widespread tension has gripped villages around Duiwelskloof in the Northern Transvaal, where a man was decapitated and a house burnt in retaliation for the murder.

Colonel C W Bouwer of Far North Command of the SA Defence Force, based in Pietersburg, yesterday confirmed the death of Mr Enoch Ramoho and the burning of a village home.

Violence, apparently erupted on Sunday when Mr Ramoho had a quarrel with a taxi owner, Mr July Molatsane.

A group of people later attacked Mr Ramoho at his home, stabbing him several times before severing his head from his shoulders.

Villagers, apparently incensed by the Ramoho killing, went to Mr Molatsane's house and set it on fire. — Sapa
BISHOP HURLER

Peace Returns to War-Zone

BY SOWETAN

The children are back. The streets are busy. Life is back to normal. People are going about their business as usual. The wounds are now covered and the children are back. The streets are now peaceful and quiet.

The children are back. They are playing and running around. Life is back to normal. People are going about their business as usual. The wounds are now covered and the children are back. The streets are now peaceful and quiet.
Team stabbed
man — witness

The Argus Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG — After
being assaulted by Mrs Winnie
Mandela and members of her
soccer team, Mr Kenny Kgase
was asked to join the team and
a few days later was taken
along when team members
called and stabbed a man.

This evidence was led in the
Rand Supreme Court during
the trial of Mr Jerry Richar-
don, Mr Richardson, 41, of Or-
lando West has pleaded not
guilty to four counts of kidnap-
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"Kicked Stompie"

Continuing his evidence in
chief yesterday, Mr Kgase said
he and the other three were
guarded that night by Mr Rich-
ardson and a man called Slash.
Later a "tall, muscular man"
arrived and asked who they
were. Mr Richardson repeated
the allegations against the four
young men and the newcomer
became angry with Stompie.

"He said that is the last thing
that can happen when people
are fighting for a just cause.
He kicked Stompie and asked
why he did it. Stompie couldn't
answer and he became more
angry. He kicked Stompie
around the room," Mr Kgase
said.

On New Year's Day last
year, Mr Kgase said, Stompie
was told to write his address
on a piece of paper because he
was going home. Various men
spoke to Stompie before Mr
Richardson told him to collect
his belongings.

He described January 2 as a
"different day" saying everyone
referred to them as comrades
and they were told the past
was forgotten. Mr Richardson
asked him if he played soccer.

"He said he was looking for-
ward to having a strong team.
I was asked if I was going to
join them and I said 'no.' They
said they had a league with
people in exile," Mr Kgase
said.

He said that before he gave
his answer, everyone was taken
out to a piece of open ground
to do strenuous exercises.

Later there was a debate
about who should be taken with
Mr Richardson and other team
members.

Mr Kgase said they were not
sure what was happening but
eventually were escorting a
man in a red shirt to see
"Mumme".

Later he was ordered to hold
the man's legs while Mr Rich-
ardson sat on the man's chest
and stabbed him with a blade
from a pair of garden shears,
the court heard.

The hearing continues.
Stompie trial: Court told of assault

JOHANNESBURG — The Rand Supreme Court has heard how a man, identified as Mr Andrew Ikaneng, was assaulted by Mr Jerry Richardson, said to be a former member of the so-called Mandela football team.

Mr Richardson is on trial charged with murdering 14-year-old anti-apartheid activist "Stompie" Seipie Moeketsi. He has pleaded not guilty.

He has also pleaded not guilty to a charge of attempted murder, four of kidnapping and of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Garden shears

The court heard earlier that Mr Ikaneng was taken by team members from his Soweto home to an open piece of veld where he was stabbed with garden shears.

Mr Kenneth Kgase yesterday told the court Mr Richardson had taken a garden shear blade from a man he identified as Isaac, who he earlier told to stab Mr Ikaneng, and had himself stabbed Mr Ikaneng, who was being held by two other men.

Mr Ikaneng was left to die.

Thabiso Momo and Gabriel Pelo Mekgwwe were allegedly abducted from the Soweto Methodist Church by members of the football team in December 1988 and taken to various places, including the home of Mrs Winnie Mandela.

In previous hearings the court heard that Mr Richardson and other members of the team went to the Soweto home of Mr Ikaneng and said they were taking him away because "Mummy" (Mrs Mandela) wanted to see him.

The court also heard that Mr Kgase escaped from Mrs Mandela's home after Mr Richardson and a companion had left.

He jumped over a wall, rushed to Baragwanath Hospital and caught a taxi to the Methodist Church in central Johannesburg. He was taken to a doctor for examination.

The court heard that at one stage Stompie spent two days without food during a party that had been held for Umkhono we Sizwe cadres at Mrs Mandela's home.

The trial continues on Monday.

— Sapa
Youth killed in attack on farmers

PRETORIA. — Three people, including a municipal policeman, were shot dead in incidents of unrest on Thursday, police reported yesterday.

A 19-year-old youth was killed and four others were injured in an attack by residents of a Witbank squatter camp on two farmers and two farm workers who were travelling in a bakkie.

The farmers, whose names were not released, then fired on the group.

A special constable and another man died after unidentified attackers fired a number of shots at them at Elandskop near Maritzburg, the report added.

Other incidents of unrest included arrests at protest gatherings in Cape Town and the stoning of a 70-year-old man at Dududu, Natal. — Sapa
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Mr Richardson is standing trial for the murder of 14-year-old anti-apartheid activist “Stompe” Seipie Mcekelele.

Mr Richardson has pleaded not guilty to murdering Stompe on January 1 or 2, 1983.

He has also pleaded not guilty to a charge of attempted murder, four charges of kidnapping and several charges of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Yesterday Mr Kenneth Kgase told the court Mr Richardson had taken a garden shears blade from a man he identified as Isaac, whom he had earlier told to stab Mr Ikaneng and had himself stabbed Mr Ikaneng, who was being tightly held by two other men.

Mr Ikaneng was later left to die at the scene.

In previous hearings, the court also heard that Mr Richardson and other members of the team had gone to the Soweto home of Mr Ikaneng and had told people there they were taking him away because “Mommy” (Mrs Mandela) wanted to see him. The hearing continues on Monday. — Sapa
By MATHATA
TSEDEU

calculated at about
R2 000

Mohlangi told parents
that pupils were divided
along ideological lines
with some supporting the
Black Consciousness
Movement while others
supported the African
National Congress.

He said a battle for
supremacy was raging in
the school gates, making
it impossible for the edu-
cation process to go on.
Window panes on all out-
der walls were smashed
and teachers were no
longer safe and secure
while on the school
premises, he said.

"We are not
policemen and we there-
fore do not come to
school armed. We cannot
continue to work while
the children come here to
wage their political
battles and these turn us
too teachers to vent their
frustrations.

Interfere

"Calling them back
with parents in order to
find documents will not
work because each one of
them find a similar decla-
rations at the begining
of the year.

"We need to bring it
to the children that
their political organisa-
tions should not interfere
with schooling," Mohlangi
said.

The meeting resolved
that the costs for the
damaged cars and the
school building should be
borne by parents.

The school committee,
the principal, staff, the
various student groups
and the representatives
met to resolve the matter.
Mohlangi told Sovetian
after the meeting.

"Other parents had sug-
gested that the Students'
Alex youths flogged me, says mother

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

A GROUP of youngsters in Alexandra Township have set up "kangaroo courts" in which people are tortured.

The latest victim is Mrs Elizabeth Hlatshwayo (32), mother of two who lives in 17th Avenue. She was sentenced to R200 or 100 lashes.

When she did not pay the fine, the youths took turns in flogging her on the buttocks.

After giving her 42 strokes, they told her she would receive the remaining 58 when her wounds had healed.

Hlatshwayo said she had been found guilty of stabbing a man, although this was in self-defense.

"Last Monday, a man from the neighbourhood broke into my home and tried to rape me," Hlatshwayo said.

"In self-defence, I grabbed a table knife and stabbed him on the arm. He ran away and returned with a crowd of 'comrades'. I was taken to the mukanda (people's court) where I was found guilty.

"I was not allowed to give my side of the story."

"I was stripped half-naked in front of the crowd and flogged on the buttocks by 12 of the comrades."

"I did not report the matter to the police because of threats that my shack would be burned down if I did," she said.

Actions

Alexandra Civic Association general secretary Mr Sydney Hlaza condemned the actions of the "comrades."

He called on other civic structures in the township to address the matter urgently.

Several abductions and floggings following "kangaroo court" prosecutions have been reported to the ACA during the past two months, Hlaza said.
PROKLAMASIE

van die

Staatspresident van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika

No. R. 86, 1990

KOMMISSIE VAN ONDERSOEK NA DIE VOORVALLE BY SEBOKENG, BOIPATONG, LEKOA, SHARPEVILLE EN EVATON OP 26 MAART 1990

Kragtens die bevoegdheid wy verleun by artikel 1 van die Kommissiewet, 1947 (Wet No. 8 van 1947), verklar ek hierby dat die bepalings van daardie Wet van toepassing is op die Kommissie van Onderzoek na die Voorvalle by Sebokeng, Boipatong, Lekoa, Sharpeville en Evaton op 26 Maart 1990 en vaardig ek hierby die Regulasies (Afrikaans en Engels) in die Bylae vervat met betrekking tot genoemde Kommissie uit.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seel van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika op Kaapstad op hede die Vierde dag van Mei Eenduisend Negehonderd-en-negentig.

F. W. DE KLERK,
Staatspresident.

Op laas van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet.

H. J. COETSEE,
Minister van die Kabinet.

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DEPARTEMENT VAN JUSTISIE

No. R. 1042 7 Mei 1990

AANSTELLING VAN KOMMISSIE VAN ONDERSOEK NA DIE VOORVALLE BY SEBOKENG, BOIPATONG, LEKOA, SHARPEVILLE EN EVATON OP 26 MAART 1990

Hierby word vir algemene inligting bekendgemaak dat dit die Staatspresident behaag het om Sy Edele regter R. J. Goldstone as Voorsetter en emgste lid van 'n Kommissie van Onderzoek na die Voorvalle by Sebokeng, Boipatong, Lekoa, Sharpeville en Evaton op 26 Maart 1990 aan te stel.

Die Kommissie se opdrag lê soos volg:

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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

No. R. 1042 7 May 1990

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE INCIDENTS AT SEBOKENG, BOIPATONG, LEKOA, SHARPEVILLE AND EVATON ON 26 MARCH 1990

It is hereby notified for general information that the State President has been pleased to appoint the Honourable Mr Justice R. J. Goldstone as Chairman and sole member of a Commission of Inquiry into the Incidents at Sebokeng, Boipatong, Lekoa, Sharpeville and Evaton on 26 March 1990.

The Commission's terms of reference are as follows:

To investigate all the factual circumstances with regard to the incidents that took place at Sebokeng, Boipatong, Lekoa, Sharpeville and Evaton on 26 March 1990 during which people were killed or injured and to report thereon urgently.

Anyone wanting to submit evidence to the Commission by way of memorandum or orally can write to The Secretary, Commission of Inquiry into the Incidents at Sebokeng, Boipatong, Lekoa, Sharpeville and Evaton on 26 March 1990, Private Bag X81, Pretoria, 0001.
Sebokeng shootings probe tomorrow

By ALI MPHAKI

THE judicial commission of inquiry into the shootings at Sebokeng and other areas in the Vaal Triangle will begin tomorrow in Vereeniging.

The commission is to investigate and report on all the circumstances relating to incidents on March 26 at Sebokeng, Bopatong, Lakoa, Sharpeville and Evaton in which people were killed or injured.

Altogether 17 people were killed at Sebokeng when police fired shotgun rounds at peaceful protest marchers on March 26.

The commission will conduct its inquiry in the Vereeniging Community Centre.

The head of the commission, Mr Justice Goldstone, invited anybody with evidence or those who wished to make representations to contact the commission's secretary, Mr J A Meyer, at (011) 834-2940.

Written representations could be addressed to The Secretary, Commission of Inquiry, Private Bag 1, Johannesburg 2000.
Civic body slams people's courts

YOUTHIS sentencing citizens at "kangaroo people's courts" do not have the experience to carry out justice and their punishment is barbaric and a disgrace, an Alexandra Civic Association spokesman said yesterday.

Publicity secretary Mr Obed Bapela said the ACA had on several occasions ordered elements of the township's youth to end the kangaroo courts, which have been running since the beginning of this year, but they had apparently continued.

Bapela said the township's crime problems were being taken to the youth instead of the police because residents had lost confidence in the authorities.

"We say no, the youth cannot solve your problems. Crime in Alexandra is escalating every day but that the kangaroo court is a crime in itself."

The ACA will hold an anti-crime conference on May 13.

-SAPA
Sebokeng shootings probe starts today

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

Vaal Triangle residents have welcomed the appointment of the Goldstone commission of inquiry into Sebokeng shootings.

The inquiry begins today.

The judicial commission, under Mr Justice Goldstone, will hear evidence from various parties about the circumstances which led to the fatal shooting of 17 people on March 26, this year.

Not at war

Mr Floyd Mohanoe (30), said he was satisfied that the government had showed some concern. He hoped the world would be in a position to know that the residents were "not at war". He also wished that the commission should be objective and allow the participation of residents.

Mr Frank Lethoba said it would have been better if some members of the community were involved to gather evidence of what happened that day.

Mrs Marnam Lebati (37), said she was in the procession that day. Asked whether she would volunteer to give evidence should the commission require it, she said, "never ever."
Councillors' houses burnt after march

AT LEAST three houses belonging to councillors were burnt down at Ikaneng near Potchefstroom yesterday after a march to present a memorandum to the council was dispersed by police.

Several people were wounded when police used birdshot and teargas to disperse the youths, who had barricaded the streets with rocks, tins and used tyres.

Police vehicles were pelted with stones and other missiles, and in one instance a group of youths tried to free several people from a police van but it was locked.

There was an almost 100 percent stayaway in the township, following a resolution by the community to march to the council offices to present the memorandum containing their grievances.

Residents are demanding the resignation of councillors and have also called on them to align themselves with the "wishes and interests" of the community.

The councillors whose houses were burnt are deputy mayor Mr Jacob Mokake, Mr Papi Merabe and a Mr Motsumi.

Among the people who were shot are Gertrude Slangi (23), Mpho Mafisa (13), Miss Anna Sello and Johannes Bosakwe. All were admitted to hospital.

By late yesterday afternoon the township was still tense.
Probe into Sebokeng shooting starts today

By Stan Hlophe

The Goldstone commission of inquiry into the Sebokeng shooting on March 26, in which at least 16 people died when thousands marched on the Vereeniging police station to present a petition, begins its sittings today.

Mr Justice R J Goldstone will, judging by media reports on the shootings, hear vastly different versions of what happened that day.

Herbert Mabuza, The Star photographer who was at the scene 10 minutes before shooting started, says:

"There was a volley of shots. Then silence. The police started laughing. The crowd seemed frozen for a second — then they started screaming, turned, and ran, fighting and jumping over each other to get away from the police."

"As quickly as the shooting ended, the police ran a cloud of dust rose up, mixing with teargas.

"Those who were injured struggled frantically to crawl or get up and run."

A committee member of the Vaal Civic Association says:

"We were returning to the crowd after handing over a memorandum to the police station commander, Lieutenant Colonel O Mazibuko. Suddenly the police opened fire, we didn't know why. I and other organizers and leaders had our backs to the police."

Mr Isaac Rantsazi, who headed the march, says:

"I was about 20 m from the police when they started shooting. People carried sticks but there was no threat."

Oupa Tsotetsi (17), a Std 7 pupil, says:

"I was part of a human chain formed by marshals to stop the crowd from surging forward after the leaders had given Colonel Mazibuko the memorandum when the police started firing."

The police say:

"Police opened fire on a crowd of 50,000 armed people — killing five and injuring hundreds in the Vaal Triangle's Sebokeng township after SAP members were attacked by the mob screaming 'Kill the Boers.'"

"In another incident in the same township police shot dead three people who plundered a bottle store."

"The crowd was armed with sticks, rocks, bricks, knobkerries, and other weapons. Police opened fire in self-defence. Two people were killed at the scene, another three died later in hospital, 130 were hit by bird shots and 170 were injured when they were trampled in the rush to get away. Thirty people were admitted to hospital."

"The crowd was warned to disperse several times and was allowed to hand over a petition to Colonel Mazibuko, the station commander. The crowd was then ordered to disperse."

"The crowd, which acted in a threatening manner, surged forward and refused to disperse. Police were attacked and opened fire in self-defence."
Ikageng township tense after mass detentions

By Montshwa Moroke

Ikageng near Potchefstroom was still tense last night after the arrest of several hundred people at the local Methodist church.

Lawyers told The Star last night that six people were still being held by police. The rest were released.

Between 300 and 400 residents were arrested yesterday. They were loaded on to more than 10 trucks and driven to the Potchefstroom police station after armed police had surrounded the church where a meeting was in progress.

The arrests occurred at 8.30am after police halted a march which was about to proceed to the municipal offices and fired teargas at residents who had earlier gathered at the Ikageng stadium.

For several hours afterwards, police fired teargas and rubber bullets at youths in the township and in the yards of homes.

Three-month-old twins Matthew and Beauty Mkhize, asleep when the disturbance began, were taken to Kalie de Haas Hospital after inhaling teargas.

Scores of residents stood by as youths attacked houses and torched them. The home of a councillor was gutted and that of another damaged by fire.

A stayaway had been called yesterday and no taxis travelled to or from the township, while buses operated a service outside the boundaries of the township.

After the march had been broken up, defiant residents handed an Ikageng Civic Association memorandum to the town council.

It contained many grievances, including the critical shortage of housing, untarred roads, lack of street lighting, no electricity in many homes, lack of recreational facilities, faulty refuse removal and the pay system for the aged.

The memorandum also called for the resignation of the entire council within 48 hours. Councillors who resigned were asked to align themselves with the community and “march with the people to a free, non-racial and democratic South Africa.”

Six members of the civic body were detained on Monday under emergency regulations, according to an attorney.
Councillors' houses torched in Ikageng.

JOHANNESBURG. — Two houses belonging to Ikageng councillors were set alight yesterday after police used tear gas to disperse a crowd which had gathered at the Ikageng Stadium.

The crowd was planning a march to the local municipal offices.

The houses belonged to deputy mayor Mzimela Mokake and councillor Mr Kuni Motsumi.

About eight truckloads of residents were arrested at the Methodist Church at the township after the aborted march.

Two three-month-old twins, who suffered from tear gas inhalation, were hospitalised.

Yesterday's incidents follow Monday's detention of at least seven Ikageng Civic Association leaders, reports said. — Sapa
Nelson Mandela's bid to free boys

JOHANNESBURG. — Mr Nelson Mandela, while still in prison, had made a fruitless attempt to have four kidnapped youths — allegedly assaulted by Mrs Winnie Mandela at her Soweto home — placed in the care of his attorney, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

This was revealed by one of the four, Mr Barend Thabiso Mono, 29, when he testified in the trial of Mr Jerry Richardson, 41, of Soweto, charged with murdering teenage activist, "Stompe" Mokeza Scipe.

Mr Mandela had instructed his attorney, Mr Ismail Ayob, to remove the four from the Mandela home, where they were allegedly being kept against their will, Mr Mono said in his evidence-in-chief.

But when Mr Ayob went to the Mandela home, Mr Richardson had refused to allow the youths to be taken away.

Mr Mono, Mr Kenneth Khase, 30, Mr Gabriel Pelo Mekgwe, 21, and 14-year-old Stompe, were allegedly abducted in December 1988 by members of the Mandela United Football Club from a Soweto Methodist Church, and taken to the Mandela home in Drekpoof Extension, Soweto.

Stompe’s decomposed body was found in open veld in Soweto early in January last year. It has emerged in testimony that Stompe had been accused of "selling out" to police four comrades who were shot dead at Parys.

Mr Richardson has pleaded not guilty to a charge of murder, one of attempted murder, four of kidnaping and five of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

He was a member of the Mandela United Football Club.

Mr Mono also told the court Mr Richardson had instructed the youths not to reveal in a statement they were to make to a Johannesburg attorney, Mr Kresh Nando, that they had been assaulted at Mrs Mandela’s house.

Mr Richardson, however, told them to mention in their statement that they had had a sexual relationship with the Rev Paul Verryne, who had been in charge of the Soweto Methodist Church.

They were also told by Mr Richardson to say they had been staying at Mrs Mandela’s house because they objected to the sexual relationship with the priest.

In January 1989 the youths were taken to a Soweto medical practitioner, Dr Nihato Motlana, for treatment, but the doctor did not treat them for assaults allegedly inflicted on them by Mrs Mandela and the team members, Mr Mono told the court.

Dr Motlana later took the youths to Mr Nando’s Johannesburg offices, from where the attorney and a Methodist priest, Bishop Peter Storey, took them to a meeting in Soweto.

They told the meeting about the assaults that took place on them at Mrs Mandela’s house.

Mr Mono reiterated under cross-examination yesterday that he and the three other abducted youths had been assaulted by Mrs Mandela — Sapa.
The Goldstone commission of inquiry, into the March 26 Sebokeng shootings in Vereeniging yesterday, began yesterday.

No evidence was led and chairman of the commission, Mr. Justice R. J. Goldstone, spent the day visiting Sebokeng and Evaton, where the shootings took place.

Seventeen people were killed and more than 300 wounded when police opened fire on thousands of residents who were marching to deliver a petition of grievances to the National Party offices in Vereeniging.

More than a dozen lawyers representing residents, police and the State spent the day inspecting the scenes of the shootings and property damaged after the killings.

Residents in Sebokeng and Evaton lined the streets as the long procession of cars, accompanying Goldstone, wound its way through the township.

Among buildings inspected were municipal offices, the gutted garages of former Lokos mayor Mr. Esa Mahlatsa, and Evaton mayor, Mr. Sam Rabotla.

The formal hearing begins on May 16.
Police major refuses to vouch for accused's safety

A BOPHUTHATSWANA police officer yesterday refused to give an undertaking that a man wanted to stand trial for the murder of nine policemen would not be abducted or interfered with pending an extradition application.

Mr H Slabbert refused to give the undertaking to the presiding magistrate in Johannesburg after being called to the witness box and asked by the magistrate if he was prepared to do so.

Bophuthatswana has applied for Samnel Ramolosa's extradition to stand trial on May 21 for the murder of the nine policemen in Lebuwane on July 1 last year.

The policemen were murdered during a violent attack on a police station in Lebuwane and when residents of the village protested against incorporation into Bophuthatswana.

Ramolosa, a migrant worker from Lebuwane, is employed as a cleaner in Johannesburg by Transnet.

The extradition application was postponed until June 15 at the state's request.

Counsel for Ramolosa, Prof John Dugard, asked for an order prohibiting the Bophuthatswana Police from abducting or interfering with his client.

After Slabbert refused to give the undertaking, the magistrate ruled that he did not have the power to make such an order and suggested an approach to the Supreme Court.

Three other people wanted by Bophuthatswana authorities in connection with the nine murders are to appear in the Krugersdorp Magistrate's Court today. They will oppose an application for their extradition.

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Sebokeng inquiry begins

THE site in Sebokeng where at least 12 people died during a shooting incident in March was yesterday the scene of an in loco inspection by the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into Inquests in Vaal Townships.

Commission chairman Mr Justice Goldstone opened the inquiry at the Vereeniging council chambers with a briefing at which he said Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok had instructed that the whole proceedings of the commission be in public.

The commission was ordered by President F W de Klerk on April 18 to investigate the circumstances of clashes between demonstrators who had allegedly planned to march to Vereeniging - and police on the main road between Sebokeng and Vereeniging on March 25. It is expected to hear evidence for about four weeks from May 16.

Natal Unrest: Deaths

September 1987 — January 1989: 668
February 1989 — May 8 1990: 970
Past 24 hours' official toll: 0
TOTAL: 1,638
Winnie assaulted me, says witness

JOHANNESBURG — Mr Pelo Mekgwe, 21, was kidnapped with Stompe Sepe and taken to Mrs Winnie Mandela's house where he was accused of being a police informer and having slept with the Rev Paul Verry, the Rand Supreme Court has heard.

Mr Mekgwe was then assaulted by several people, including Mrs Mandela, he said.

Mr Mekgwe was testifying in the trial of Mr Jerry Richardson, 41, who, has pleaded not guilty to four kidnappings, five assaults, the murder of Stompe and attempted murder of Mr Andrew Ikaneng.

Mr Mekgwe described being kidnapped on December 29, 1988 with Mr Kenny Kgase, Mr Thabiso Mono and Stompe. He said they were taken to Mrs Mandela's house where Stompe was accused of being a police informer and the other three of having slept with Mr Verry.

SWOLLEN EYES

He described an assault in which Mrs Mandela and many other people took part. The next day Stompe was taken away by Mr Richardson, Mr Mekgwe said, and when Stompe left, his eyes and face were swollen from the previous night's beating. He did not see Stompe again.

He described how the other three young men had to assist in forcing Mr Ikaneng to accompany a group of men who lived at Mrs Mandela's house.

Mr Richardson stabbed Mr Ikaneng in the neck, he said, then instructed them to throw him in a ditch.

Back at Mrs Mandela's house, the three young men were warned not to speak about the stabbing.

The court has heard that the men at Mrs Mandela's house were referred to as the Mandela Soccer Team.

Mr Mekgwe said he attended a training session but the "team" did exercises and did not use a soccer ball.

Later Mr Kgase escaped after that Mr Nelson Mandela's lawyer Mr Ismail Ayob and later Mr Krish Naidoo visited Mrs Mandela's house.

After a number of visits to both lawyers and one to Bishop Peter Storey at the Central Methodist Church, Mr Mekgwe was taken to a church in Soweto where he told people at a meeting what had happened to him, Mr Mekgwe said.

(Proceding)
Mpho Mafisa is carried by friends to get medical treatment after she was hit by birdshot when police dispersed mobs in the streets of Ikageng near Potchefstroom on Tuesday. She was one of the several people, mostly youths, who were injured after a march to the local council offices was halted by the police. Pic: Mbuzezi Zulu.
Johannesburg. — One of the four youths allegedly kidnapped and kept "prisoner" at Winnie Mandela's house told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that he and other abducted youths had not been allowed to leave the house freely.

Mr Thabiso Mono, 20, was testifying in the trial of Mr Jerry Richardson, 41, who has pleaded not guilty to the murder of teenage activist James "Stompie" Mockett Seipie, the attempted murder of Andrew Ikaneng, four kidnapping charges and five of assault.

Mr Mono told the court he and the other abducted youths had always been under guard by Mr Richardson, even when they played soccer with members of the so-called Mandela United Football Club.

He said under cross-examination that Mr Richardson had told him and Mr Gabriel Pelo Mekgwe, 21, that if one of them should escape from the house, he "did not know what would happen to the other."

Mr Richardson said this after one of the four, Mr Kenneth Kgase, 30, had escaped from the Mandela home.

Mr Mono also told the court Mrs Winnie Mandela had taken him and the other youths into Johannesburg where she had bought clothes for them.

He reiterated that Mr Richardson had refused to leave the abducted youths in the care of Mr Nelson Mandela's attorney, Mr Ismail Ayob. — Saps
Johannesburg — A Soweto Methodist minister, the Rev Paul Verryn, yesterday denied any knowledge of sexual misconduct between himself and three of the youths kidnapped from the church and kept "prisoner" at Mrs Winnie Mandela's house.

Mr Verryn gave his evidence-in-chief in the trial of Mr Jerry Richardson, 41, who has pleaded not guilty to the murder of "Stompe" Mokeletsi Sepele, the attempted murder of Mr Andrew Haneng, four kidnapping charges and five of assault.

Mr Verryn testified that although he had heard reports of the sexual misconduct, he had no knowledge of the allegations.

He had also heard reports that Stompe had been an informer, but he denied he had any knowledge of this.

It had emerged in court that Mr Barend Mono, 20, Mr Gabriel Mekwe, 21, and Mr Kenneth Kgase, 31, had been accused by Mrs Mandela and members of the so-called Mandela United Football Club of sexual misconduct with Mr Verryn.

Stompe had been accused of "selling out" four comrades to police. The four had been shot dead at Parrys.

Mr Verryn told the court: "After the (informers') allegations about Stompe a meeting was held, and my feeling was that a 14-year-old cannot be held responsible for the decisions of adults. We decided that Stompe should stay in the church house."

He did not clarify with whom he had met.

Mr Verryn said he had not stayed regularly at the church and on January 7 he had received a telephone call from the pastor of the Central Methodist Church, Mr Alan Ching, telling him Mr Kgase had escaped from the Mandela home and was with him.

The hearing continues — Sapa
Visser grilled on security reports

THE advocate acting for the End Conscription Campaign (ECC), Gilbert Marcus, yesterday asked a witness testifying before the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry why his own name appeared on a personal profile of NUM general secretary Cyril Ramaphosa.

Former Johannesburg City Council security division chief Brig Jan Visser said he was not aware Marcus's name was included in the profile, which was drawn up by the council's information-gathering network before his term of office.

Smiling broadly, Visser agreed Marcus was not a danger to council property or personnel. Marcus placed before the commission the personal profile of Dr Anne Reynold, who was married to Matthew Cobett, a member of the Five Freedoms Forum (FFP) who stood in council elections for the Progressive Federal Party.

Visser said he had no qualms about information on Reynold being gathered by an informant posing as a student.

The profile included the statement: "It seems as if they had adopted a coloured child". Marcus asked Visser what relevance the statement had, and Visser replied it was of no value.

Visser's own advocate, Schalk Burger, SC, placed on record six reports which included information gathered by council sources relating to the protection of council property or personnel.

Visser confirmed in one of the reports there was information on intimidation by union members, who had threatened that non-compliance with certain union demands would result in the offending worker being "necklaced".

Visser also confirmed that the houses of DP members, including Tony Leon, had on occasion been guarded by council security members.

The security department had also undertaken security arrangements at certain DP meetings, Visser said.

He had given no specific orders for the infiltration of the End Conscription Campaign of the FFP, but he admitted he did not curtail the activities of sources once it became clear they were being "researched".

Commission chairman Mr Justice VG Hiemstra said yesterday he still believed the Bar Council should take note of the actions of Advocate Hans Bornman, despite Bornman's objection that he had not advised his client, Martin Hennig, to refuse to testify.

Error in Sebokeng report

BUSINESS DAY yesterday incorrectly reported that chairman of the commission of inquiry into the Sebokeng shootings, Mr Justice R Goldstone, had been instructed by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok to declare the proceedings of the commission be in public.

This was incorrect. Mr Justice Goldstone declared the proceedings open to the public, and his decision was then supported by the Minister's legal representative, Etienne du Toit SC, acting on instructions from the Minister. BUSINESS DAY regrets the error and apologises for it.

NATAL UNREST DEATHS

| September 1987 — January 1989 | 668 |
| February 1989 — May 9 1990 | 970 |
| Past 24 hours' official toll | 8 |
| TOTAL | 1 643 |
‘Stompie’ trial told of Mandela team threat

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A day before four young men were taken from the Orlando West Methodist Church’s manse, two of them told the Rev Paul Verry they had been threatened with the Mandela Football Team because they had refused to wash the dishes.

This evidence was led in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday by Mr Verry during the trial of Mr Jerry Richardson, 41.

Mr Richardson has pleaded not guilty to four kidnappings, five assaults with intent to commit grievous bodily harm, the murder of teenage activist “Stompie” Sepel and the attempted murder of Mr Andrew Ikageng.

SHARED BEDS

Mr Verry said he was aware of allegations of sexual misconduct at the manse but said he knew nothing about it.

He said about 20 people lived in the three-bedroomed house. Every bed was shared and people also slept on the floor.

In December 1988, Kenneth Kgase, Thabiso Molo, Pelo Mekgwe, Stompe and Xoliswa Fulati lived there. Mr Kgase, a cleaner at the Central Methodist Church, had no place to stay while on leave. Mr Molo and Mr Mekgwe had both been traumatised by detention and Stompe was brought to him by Mr Martin Chaskalson who did part-time work at the attorney’s firm Priscilla Jana, Mr Verry said.

He said there had been a house meeting after an allegation that Stompe was a “sell-out”.

“I felt a 14-year-old could not be held responsible for decisions taken by adults. We agreed that he would not leave the house so that there would be no further suspicion.”

On December 28 1988, Mr Verry, who was on leave, called at the manse. Mr Mono and Mr Mekgwe told him Miss Falati had threatened them with the Mandela Football Team. When Mr Verry spoke to her, she confirmed she had difficulty with the two young men who resisted her discipline. He told her not to call on the team.

On January 7 last year, while still on leave, he received a telephone call and as a result went to the Central Methodist Church. There Kenneth Kgase told him a confused story of events, including an escape from Mrs Winnie Mandela’s house. Mr Kgase’s face was swollen, one eye was bloodshot and he had about 20 scabs on his back.

Mr Verry said that at a community meeting in Dobsonville on January 16 last year, Mr Kgase, Mr Mono, Mr Mekgwe and Mr Ikageng gave evidence and a decision was taken that a group of community leaders would try to see Mrs Mandela.

(Proceeding)
PIETERSBURG — Seventeen people, including a sangoma, are being held by Lebowa police following a gruesome incident on Wednesday in which six people, alleged to be practitioners of witchcraft, were burnt to death at Makweya village, 20km west of Pietersburg.

Villagers alleged that those killed were responsible for the death of a Std 10 pupil, Reginald Rakwena, who disappeared from his home a week ago. His body was found in a pond.

Lebowa police liaison officer Brigadier Phillip Moloto confirmed the detention of the 17, but could not reveal the names of the dead because their next-of-kin had not yet been informed.

An informed source who requested anonymity said villagers were angered by the disappearance of Reginald, who was last seen by his grandmother on Thursday last week when he was on his way to fetch water for his family from a pond.

He added that on Wednesday, pupils of schools in the village did not report for classes and instead collected money from villagers to finance an inyanga to “sniff out” the witches in the area alleged to have been responsible for Reginald’s disappearance. — Sapa
Vosloo consumer boycott mounts

A VIDEO shop belonging to a Vosloorus councillor was attacked by a group of youths who smashed a window at the weekend, writes MZIKAYISE EDOM.

The video rental outlet, situated at the Lesedi Shopping Centre, is owned by Mr Sudwell Mofokeng. Mofokeng declined to comment yesterday.

The attack on Mofokeng's business follows a call to the local community to boycott businesses owned by councillors in the East Rand township. The community is protesting against their refusal to resign from their posts.

Two youths have been arrested in connection with the incident.

Boycott

Meanwhile, the boycott of a supermarket owned by chairman of the local chamber of commerce and industries, Mr Justice Radebe, has been lifted. This decision was taken at a meeting held between the Lesedi City Tenants Committee, Vosloorus Chamber of Commerce and Industries and Vosloorus Crisis Committee last week.

They also congratulated former mayor Mr Douglas Monsheng on "the bold step" he took by resigning from the council last week.
KANGAROO or "people's courts" were condemned by community leaders of Alexandra township at a meeting yesterday.

The meeting, attended by about 300 delegates from community organisations, was organised by the Alexandra branch of the United Democratic Front.

It was called to address the escalation of crime and the existence of kangaroo courts in the township.

Delegates said kangaroo courts had no direction, they lacked order and they physically abused people.

Most of these courts were being run by children, who were sentencing people to severe punishments but did not have any legal experience.

The meeting condemned the courts and called on them to stop operating with immediate effect. Delegates also agreed to form a group to monitor police activities in the area.

"People do not see any justice prevailing and the guilty do not seem to be punished," said Obod Bapela, a spokesman for the group.

The monitoring committee is to liaise with the station commander to address the community's grievances. Bapela appealed to residents to stop taking cases to the youth and the people's courts.

"All serious crime-related cases have to go to the police," he said.

Committees

He added that neighbourhood watch committees were to be set up in each part of the township. They would be there to prevent crime and violence, but not to resolve problems. They are to be regarded as the "eyes of the community," he said.

The resolutions passed at yesterday's meeting are to be put to a mass meeting of the community to gauge its support for them - Sapa
Police fire tear gas in Tokoza

POLICE yesterday fired tear gas into a crowd gathered at the Tokoza stadium on the East Rand where civic association leaders reaffirmed their commitment to a rent boycott in the township.

The tear gas was fired from two Casspirs patrolling outside the stadium.

No reports of injuries following the attack were received and the meeting continued.

After a few tense moments the police left.

Earlier, tear gas was also fired in an adjoining township road by police who also then moved off.

Several thousand Tokoza residents gathered at the stadium for a report-back meeting on a rent boycott and developments on a commission of inquiry into alleged maladministration and corruption in the Tokoza town council.

Tokoza Civic Association executive member Caswell Khanyile said: "Tokoza residents want to know what has happened to the money - which is in the region of R1.6 million - that has been misappropriated.

"The boycott continues until we get answers."

About 4,000 people who gathered at the stadium were told that negotiations were underway for Tokoza to be able to buy electricity directly from Eskom instead of from the Alberton municipality.

ANC internal leader for the Vaal Triangle Mr Greg Malebo said the organisation had become involved in talks about talks in response to President FW de Klerk's meeting some of the ANC leaders.

He said the ANC would continue to do so "with or without the PAC".

The Democratic party's Dr Etienne le Roux from nearby Alberton was applauded when he addressed the meeting.

He said: "I am here to tell you that even in Alberton there are non-racial democrats who are on your side."

"Let us build a new country we can all be proud of." - SAPA.
Boy shot in stoning incident

DELMAS — An 11-year-old boy was wounded when a white resident opened fire on a group of black people on the outskirts of Bottleng township on Friday night.

A police spokesman said Mr C S Pienaar was off-loading building materials when the group stoned his vehicle.

He fired nine shots with a 9mm pistol and escaped and reported the incident to the police. — Sapa
JOHANNESBURG — A state witness in the trial of Mr Jerry Richardson, Mr Andrew Ikane
geng, was admitted to Baragwanath Hospital in January last year with a 3cm stab wound in
the neck. Dr V M Breckon told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday

Dr Breckon gave evidence in the trial of Mr Richardson, 41, who has pleaded not guilty to
the alleged murder of 14-year-old Stompie Moeketsi Sepeke, whose decomposed body was
found in open veld in Soweto early last year.

Mr Richardson has also pleaded not guilty to the at

tempted murder of Mr Ikaneng, four kidnapping charges and

d five of assault.

Dr Breckon told the court Mr Ikaneng received the stab
women in the left side of the neck, regarded as a dangerous
area, close to the major vessels, the oesophagus and the spinal
cord. Mr Ikaneng was treated for two weeks.

On Friday Mr Ikaneng told the court he was taken by a
group of people led by Mr Rich

ardson to open veld in Soweto
where, he said, Mr Richardson
stabbed him with a garden
shear blade. Later, after his as
sailants had left him to die, he
was taken by an ambulance to
Baragwanath.

Evidence given by forensic

experts yesterday was that
traces of blood were found on
Mrs Winnie Mandela’s minibus,
confiscated near Jan Smuts
Airport, and there were also
blood traces on a Nissan
vehicle and in two outside
rooms at Mrs Mandela’s house.

Forensic experts testified

that blood traces were also
found on a sjambok and a pair
of shoes found by police when
they raided Mrs Mandela’s
house in February last year.

The case continues today —
Saps
Comrades beat up knifeman after stabbing

A 20-year-old Daveyton youth was seriously injured after he was severely assaulted by a group of youths calling themselves the "comrades" at a kangaroo court.

The youth said his "crime" was that he stabbed another youth with a knife at a game of dice.

Mlungisi Quva claims he was assaulted for more than three hours with gamboks, pipes and sticks by about 30 comrades.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

He had to receive medical treatment.

The matter has been reported to the East Rand police who are investigating.

No arrests have been made.

Paraded

Quva said "I was found guilty without being given a chance to defend myself. They hit me all over the body. It was terrible."

He claims he was paraded in the township's streets after the beating and was told he would be picked up again for more punishment if he "misbehaved" in future.

Two other people were badly beaten up at a kangaroo court in Alexandra township, near Johannesburg, recently after being found guilty on various charges.
A MEMBER of the South African Railway and Harbours Workers Union was shot in the forehead by a non-union member yesterday at the Braamfontein railway running shed, a Sarhhu official said in Johannesburg.

Mr Phueas Mukhodi, in his late 30s, was taken to Hillbrow Hospital, Sarhhu's media officer, Mr Johannes Ngeobo, said.

There was no immediate information available on Mukhodi's condition, but union leaders were on their way to the hospital, Ngeobo said.

"As a result of a new wave of intimidation by non-union workers no one is working at Braamfontein running shed at present," Ngeobo said.

Sarhhu accused non-union railway workers of violent intimidation, which began on Monday afternoon at Braamfontein when two of their members were allegedly attacked with pangas and ended up having to have stitches for wounds on their heads.

As a result of the tense situation, Transnet management and senior Sarhhu officials agreed to hold an emergency meeting on Tuesday morning.

Transnet spokesman Mr Charles Bigg confirmed a meeting of top management and all other "concerned parties", including Sarhhu, began at 11.30am in Johannesburg.

He declined to comment on the situation at Braamfontein running shed, except to say Transnet was "one hundred percent aware" of what was going on.

Transnet would most probably comment after the meeting ended, he added.

According to Sarhhu's regional co-ordinator in the Southern Transvaal, Mr Ntai Sello, this week's alleged intimidation of union members followed a recent call by Sarhhu for all railway workers to join the union.

"Large numbers of workers have started joining Sarhhu," he said. "This could be behind the intimidation."

Non-union members were using facilities at the Braamfontein running shed to manufacture weapons, Sello also claimed. Sapa.
Sagegeng township near Polokwane was tense yesterday as hundreds of homeless people continued to build shacks in an area they have claimed as their own, despite a council order that they should leave the area. Hundreds of youths roamed the streets, apparently in anticipation of police action. The youths also burnt a tyre in one of the streets.

Pic by LEN KUMALO
Cops shoot 2 in township.

MAOKENG, KwaZulu-Natal - Police shot two people in Maokeng township yesterday, SAP liaison officer Major Reg Crew confirmed.

He said a crowd of about 1,000 people surrounded policemen patrolling the township in a private vehicle and threw stones and petrol bombs at them.

The policemen used shotgun fire to disperse the crowd and a man and a youth were killed. — Sapa
Violence flares among unions at Railnet yard

MATTHEW CURTIN

VIOLENCE flared at the Bramfoun- ten railway yards in Johannesburg on Monday as rivalry between different unions continued in the aftermath of the 1989 Sats strike.

SA Harbour, Rail and Allied Workers' Union (Sahruw) regional coordinator Nasi Sello said union members were attacked by pangawielding non-union members on Monday afternoon. Two unionists were injured.

In a second incident a man had been shot in the head, Sello said. Phineas Mukhobi, who is in his late thirties, was taken to the Hillbrow Hospital.

A Witwatersrand police spokesman confirmed the incident. Mukhobi was in a serious condition and police were investigating the incident.

The situation at the railway yards was tense yesterday, Sello said. He attributed the trouble to Black Trade Union (Blatu) resentment over a SAhrwu recruitment drive, and called for all railway workers to join the union.

He alleged 500 non-union members, some from Germiston, had congregated for the second consecutive day and used a Bramfouren train running shed to manufacture weapons.

Blatu members and Railnet supervisors had mobilised non-union members to intimidate SAhrwu workers, Sello claimed.

Railnet labour relations director Jan Bredenkamp would not comment on the situation yesterday.

Railnet held an emergency meeting with union representatives all day yesterday Bredenkamp said. Railnet would make a statement today, after processing union statements this morning.

Sello said industrial relations between SAhrwu and Railnet management were excellent. Labour relations managers realised the extent of the problem and both sides were trying to normalise the situation.

But the problems lay with lower management, supervisors in particular, who had not taken heed of new initiatives.
‘Trojan horse’ shooting alleged as police kill two

The Argus, Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Two people were shot dead by police and an unknown number were injured in Kroonstad, Maokeng township, allegedly in a “Trojan horse” type operation.

Witnesses to yesterday’s shootings and police gave fundamentally different accounts of the incident.

Mr Biza Makhate, a Detainees’ Parents Support Committee field worker in Kroonstad, said that a Protea Furnishers truck carrying police hidden under rags on the back entered the township about 5.30pm.

SITUATION “TENSE”

“A crowd of about 60 to 80 people, mainly youths, began stoning the vehicle,” Mr Makhate said.

“The police threw off the rags and started shooting. Two people died. I don’t know how many people were injured.” Mr Makhate said he got his information from witnesses, some of whom “were very near to the bodies”.

He said the situation in Maokeng at 6.30pm was “still very tense”, adding that gunfire continued to be heard.

In a statement to Sapa last night, police liaison officer Major Reg. Crewe confirmed that a man and a youth were killed by police.

He said police patrolling the township in a “private vehicle” were surrounded by a crowd of about 1,000 who threw stones and a petrol bomb at them.

The police dispersed the crowd with shotgun fire and a man and a youth were killed. No injuries were reported to the police.

Mr Makhate said the injured were taken to the Boitumelo Hospital, where they were treated. Last night, the hospital’s superintendent, Dr Oosthuizen, refused to comment.
I was amazed to find Stompie had fled, says coach

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The former coach of Mrs Winnie Mandela's football team told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that he was "amazed" to find that teenage activist Stompie Sepele had disappeared overnight from the room in which he and four others were sleeping.

Mr Richardson, 41, denied he had killed Stompie when he took the witness stand yesterday.

The former coach said that on the night of January 1, he, Stompie, Mr Kenneth Kgase, Mr Barend Thabiso Mono and Mr Gabriel Pelo Mekgwe and a member of the football team known as Slash, had gone to sleep in the room.

When they awoke Stompie was "absent", he said.

"I tried to look for him. I thought he might be in the toilet or another room, but I couldn't find him.

"We were amazed for the whole day because we did not know where he was."

Mr Richardson denied testimony by Mr Mekgwe, Mr Mono and Mr Kgase that he had taken Stompie away the night before after the teenager was told he was being taken home.

Mr Richardson has pleaded not guilty to Stompie's murder and kidnapping the 14-year-old activist, Mr Mono, Mr Kgase and Mr Mekgwe from the Rev Paul Verry's house and assaulting them while questioning them about alleged sexual misconduct with Mr Verry.

He pleaded not guilty to a further count of attempted murder.

He also denied that Mrs Mandela was present when the four youths were questioned about allegations of sexual misconduct or that she assaulted them.

Mr Mono, Mr Kgase and Mr Mekgwe have all testified that they were assaulted by Mrs Mandela after she accused them of sleeping with Mr Verry.
WARNING TO POLICE ON VIOLENCE

PRETORIA — Commissioner of Police Gen Johan van der Merwe has urged policemen not to become involved in acts of unlawful violence.

Speaking at the police riot control training base at Maleoskop near Groblersdal yesterday, Van der Merwe said too often young policemen became embroiled in unlawful violence.

Parents, too, in moments of strong emotion, sometimes made statements that planted the seeds of violence in young hearts. This, he said, could lead to death and destruction.

He was addressing the first “clearing out” parade of conscripts undergoing their national service in the police.

While it could be expected of policemen to exercise a certain amount of violence in the course of their duties, this had to be committed with the greatest circumspection and with the knowledge that human lives were precious.

But he warned that the SAP stood united against crime of any nature and the force would leave no stone unturned to apprehend criminals. — Sapa.

Inquiry sees videos of Sebokeng violence

VEREENIGING — The Goldstone judicial commission of inquiry into the violence in the Vaal Triangle townships on March 26 started hearing its first evidence yesterday at the Vereeniging council chambers.

The investigating officer, Lt D S Cilliers of the Sebokeng SAP detective branch, and Sebokeng station commander, Col O Mazibuko, were both due to testify.

Video material was submitted from CBS, BBC, ITN television, the SAP and a Mr Deyzel of Vereeniging.

At least 12 people died and about 300 were injured in clashes between police and demonstrators at 11 different sites. Seven policemen were also injured.

The main incidents took place in front of the Sondela brewery in Sebokeng between 11am and noon during the all-day events.

The estimated crowd of 50 000 UDF demonstrators had allegedly planned a march to the Vereeniging business district to present petitions to NP MP Tom Gunning and the Transvaal Education Department offices against what they termed inferior black education.

The videos showed how police negoti- ed, then asked the crowd to disperse, fired teargas and, when this failed to disperse the people, fired shotguns and rubber bullets.

Mr Justice R J Goldstone is chairing the commission. — Sapa.
Sebokeng inquiry told of burst of gunfire

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Only minutes after leaving the scene where he had been handed a memorandum at a large gathering in Sebokeng in March this year, Colonel Paddy Mazibuko, station commander of the Sebokeng police, heard a short burst of gunfire, the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry was told.

Soon afterwards the “shocked” colonel said he saw crowds of people thronging to the entrance of Sebokeng Hospital. He saw blood in the road in front of him and shoes, branches, kerries, sticks, iron pipes and bricks scattered around, Colonel Mazibuko said yesterday on the first day of the inquiry into the Sebokeng shooting. It is under the chairmanship of Mr. Justice R.G. Goldstone.

The shooting occurred after a proposed march by the UDF and affiliated organisations through Vereeniging was halted by police on March 26.

Colonel Mazibuko said the gathering was to assemble at the Vereeniging Showgrounds from where they would march to the offices of the National Party MP in Vereeniging.

Colonel Mazibuko testified that on March 26 he had started patrolling at 4 am. He saw people moving towards the bus terminals in Adam’s Road, Evaton, and to a community hall in Sebokeng.

Hear loud noise

Several hours later Colonel Mazibuko said he was in his office when three of the organisers of the march approached him to receive a memorandum in Sebokeng.

They were still discussing the issue when they heard a loud noise in Moshoeshoe Street. After everyone had dashed out of the office they drove to the gathering where “more than 45 minutes was spent trying to cool the spirit of the multitudes. But it was evident the crowds were uncontrollable,” Colonel Mazibuko stated.

He was later asked to move backwards towards a police cordon, which had been erected without his knowledge, so that those at the back of the crowd could see the memorandum being handed to him.

“I was only too happy, they even clapped us, but there was a force which kept pushing from behind. I interpreted the crowds feelings to be mixed.”

Soon after receiving the memorandum, Colonel Mazibuko left in his car.

“About 500m away from the scene I suddenly heard a short burst of gunfire. I was shocked and turned back towards the crowd. They were already thronging the entrance of the hospital.”

Asked by Mr. Johan du Toit, who is leading the evidence in the inquiry, whether he had at any time seen people throwing stones at the police or heard them chanting that they were going to kill the police, the colonel replied “No, not in my presence.”

The inquiry continues today.
Accused ‘waited to tell Winnie about Stompie’

JOHANNESBURG — Police were not called in after teenage activist Stompie Moekatsi Sopone disappeared from the house of Mrs Winnie Mandela because she was not at her house at that stage, the Rand Supreme Court was told yesterday.

Mr Jerry Richardson, 41, testified he did not call in the police then because he had decided to wait for Mrs Mandela to return home and report the matter to her.

Mr Richardson has pleaded not guilty to the murder of Stompie, the attempted murder of Mr Andrew Tshangane of Soweto, four kidnapping charges and five of assault.

Stompie’s decomposed body was found in open veld in Soweto early last year.

Mr Richardson told the court Mrs Mandela had gone to the Free State when the four young men were removed by a group of people led by himself from a Soweto Methodist Church and taken to Mrs Mandela’s Soweto house.

Earlier evidence was that Mrs Mandela was at her house when the four young men were taken there, and that she had taken part in the assaults on them.

Under cross-examination by the prosecutor, Mr L.C.J Van Vuuren, Mr Richardson told the court he was concerned about Stompie’s disappearance. They had searched for him unsuccessfully.

Mr Richardson admitted punching and slapping the four young men, but denied that they sustained serious injuries.

He said he had kept the young men at Mrs Mandela’s house for the Rev Paul Verryn to counter allegations that the priest had homosexual relationships with the young men at his church.

The hearing continues today. — Sapa
THE Goldstone judicial commission of inquiry into the violence in the Vaal Triangle townships on March 26, 1990 viewed videos and started hearing its first evidence yesterday at the Vereeniging council chambers.

The Investigating Officer, Lt D S Cilliers of the Sebokeng SA Police detective branch, and Sebokeng station commander, Colonel O Mazibuko, were due to testify all day.

Video material was submitted from CBS, BBC, ITN television, the SA Police and a Mr Deyzel of Vereeniging.

These show the march and the violence that day which were filmed by both the SAP and the foreign and local news sources.

Chairing the commission is Mr Justice R J Goldstone. The commission is expected to sit for about four weeks to hear evidence - all in public - about the violent incidents at Sebokeng, Bopatong, Sharpeville, Bophelong, and Etwatwa known by the combined name of Lekoa.

At least 12 people died and many (the exact total is yet to be established) were injured in clashes between police and demonstrators, which took place at 11 different sites - identified in detail at the commission yesterday.

Seven policemen were also injured that day.

**Petition**

The main incidents took place in front of the Sondela Brewery in Sebokeng with the day's events starting at 6:45am.

About 30,000 demonstrators who convened from all the townships had allegedly planned a march to the Vereeniging business district to present petitions to NP MP Mr Tom Gummg and the Transvaal Education Department offices.

The petitions, containing various grievances about black education, were eventually handed over to Sebokeng police station commander, Col Mazibuko.

The violence that day in the Vaal Triangle townships was cited among the reasons for the ANC to call off its first planned talks with the De Klerk government - originally due, on April 11. The ANC-NP plans to hold "talks about talks" were resumed, after April 18, when De Klerk announced the judicial inquiry. - Sapa
Commission sees videos of unrest


The investigating officer, Lieutenant D S Cilliers, of the Sebokeng detective branch and Sebokeng station commander Colonel O Mazibuko were both due to testify all day.

Video material of the march and the violence was submitted from CBS, BBC, ITN television, the police and a Mr Deyzel of Vereeniging. Five different groups of demonstrators had gathered in the townships and started marching towards Vereeniging that day, according to the video footage.

The main incidents took place in Sebokeng between 11am and noon.

An estimated crowd of 50,000 UDP demonstrators had allegedly planned a march to the Vereeniging business district to present petitions to NP MP Mr. Tom Gunning and the Transvaal Education Department offices against what they termed inferior black education.

The videos showed how police negotiated, then asked the crowd to disperse, fired teargas and, when this failed to disperse them, fired shotguns and rubber bullets. Scenes of people taking away wounded in private vehicles were also shown.

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The following unrest-related incidents were reported by police over the past 24 hours:

- At Tatane, De�отона, a clinic and a beer hall were set
  alight. Policemen tried to petrol-bomb their homes. A police vehicle was
  stoned and petrol-bombed. Tensions were eased.

- At Soweto, Vereeniging, a group of youths
  petrol-bombed the mayor's house. Municipal police
  dispersed them with rubber bullets. A crowd
  stopped a police vehicle and tried to disperse the
  crowd. A policeman shot a
  man allegedly about to petrol-bomb the policeman's home.

- At Soweto, Vereeniging, others
  tried to intimidate non-strikers. Two security
  guards were
  assaulted by the strikers.

- At Boksburg, Potchefstroom, a group of youths
  petrol-bombed the mayor's house. Municipal police
  dispersed them with rubber bullets. A police vehicle
  was stoned and
  petrol-bombed. A passing police vehicle was
  struck by the
  petrol-bomb. Police used rubber bullets to
dispers the
  crowd. A crowd who stoned a police vehicle were dispersant
  with rubber bullets. Five youths were arrested. A crowd
  stopped a bus, removed the driver and set the vehicle
  alight.
2 die in gang war

TWO Soweto Gangsters were slain

President

Soweto clash mine

Shanty shut

18/5/90

BY MIKHAIL EDOM

Supplementary track for train running a ferry
station. This is part of a series of features in the
newspaper. It will help to make a difference to the
public awareness of the problem. This column can
serve as a vehicle for the readers to express their
views and concerns.
Residents 'did not know of ban on march'

VEREENIGING — Two days before the unauthorised march in Sebokeng on March 26 which ended in tragedy with the deaths of 12 people, the Vereeniging municipality distributed pamphlets and posters informing Lekoa residents the event had been prohibited.

The Goldstone Commission of inquiry into the violence during the march was told by Sebokeng police station commander Col Othnel Mazibuko that when he inspected the prominent places where the placards had been posted, they had all been removed. As a result, there was no way of informing residents the march had been cancelled.

He said he had been handed a memorandum by the marchers and had promised to deliver it to the NP offices in Vereeniging. A Capt du Plooy of the Reaction Unit asked him for the memorandum "for the big bosses in the helicopter who wanted to read it." (Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok had been circling overhead in a police helicopter.)

He had a heated argument with du Plooy as he had promised the people he would take the memorandum to the NP offices. However, he handed the memo over as he thought the instruction to do so came from the helicopter.

"That's why I moved away so quickly in the direction of Vereeniging. The crowd would disperse when they saw me go to Vereeniging," Mazibuko said — Sapa
Vaal riot probe hears of shots

SAPA

heard more evidence from the Sebokeng police station commander. On Wednesday, the first two police witnesses were introduced and the commission watched videos of the violent events on March 26.

The police investigating officer, Lt C L Culmer, and Sebokeng’s station commander, Colonel Othniel Paddy Mazibuko, also testified. The estimated crowd of 50 000 - UDF demonstrators had allegedly planned an unauthorised march to the Vereeniging central business district to present petitions to NP MP Tom Gunning and the Transvaal Education Department offices on March 26.

Mazibuko testified he had not been asked to make a written statement until April 30, although he had been the most senior police officer at the scene at that time.

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Du Plooy and Mazibuko had "promised the people to take the memorandum to the National Party offices".

Du Plooy was in radio contact with the helicopter and he believed that these must have been instructions from the helicopter.

Mazibuko said he eventually handed over the memorandum so that Du Plooy could "take it to the chopping." Advocate George Bizos, for some of those killed was "With two senior police officers arguing about the memorandum, the lives of police could not have been in great danger?"

Mazibuko: "The crowd were not violent while I was there and I agree that this is true."

The crowd was stretched out about two km from the blockade and the marshalls had difficulty controlling the people in the back, he said. He felt it was safe to leave.

He testified that "after travelling only about 500 metres towards Vereeniging he heard a short burst of gunfire. "I was shocked and turned back. What I found was the crowds throwing stones in the Sebokeng hospital. I saw a pool of blood but no injured or dead people - on the streets. Shoes were scattered, knoutkure, iron pipes, many broken stones lay everywhere." - Sapa

Facts

It was submitted to the police Friday following March 26 to "give the facts which were required by the Commissioner of Police."

The station command testified he had "negotiated a peaceful dispersal" of the crowd on March 26 with the UDF-Cosatu marshalls and organisers - only to be confronted with a Reaction Unit road-block which he had not been told was in the area under his command.

Mazibuko had been handed the memorandum to the NP MP from the marchers - which "he promised to deliver to the National Party offices in downtown Vereeniging."

Helicopter

A Captain du Plooy of the Reaction Unit asked for the memorandum. The "big brown helicopter was right there." (Law and Order Minister, Adriana Viljoen, had been circling overhead in a police helicopter.)

Mazibuko had a "heated argument" with
Johannesburg. — The one-time coach of the so-called Mandela United Football Club, Mr Jerry Richardson, 41, yesterday admitted he had tried to murder a Soweto man, Mr Andrew Ikaneng, but he denied murdering teenage activist "Stompie" Moketsi Sepele.

He has pleaded not guilty to the murder of Stompie, the attempted murder of Mr Ikaneng, four kidnapping charges and five of assault.

Under cross-examination Mr Richardson admitted in the Rand Supreme Court he had tried to murder Mr Ikaneng.

Earlier he had said Mr Ikaneng had tried to escape after taking football jerseys without his permission.

Giving evidence yesterday, Mr Xoliswa Falati, said one of the young men accommodated by the Reverend Paul Verryon at his Soweto Methodist Church had vowed to kill Mr Verryon because the priest had allegedly abused him sexually.

Ms Falati told the court the young man, Katiswa Cebekhulu, told her on December 29 1988 he was going to stab and kill Mr Verryon because the priest had abused him sexually one night at the church.

The trial continues — Sapa
Colonel weeps at shooting inquiry

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Colonel discounts ‘mystery man’

VEREENIGING — Sebokeng police station commander Colonel Paddy Mazibuko yesterday denied any knowledge of “a mystery man” in short sleeves who apparently disappeared from a police cordon after firing a shot into a crowd of marchers in Sebokeng on March 26.

Col Mazibuko told the Goldstone commission during cross-examination by Mr George Bizos, SC, for relatives of the dead and injured, that he would not have allowed any person in a police cordon if his identity was unknown.

Referring to events which took place before the shooting which left an estimated 17 people dead, Col Mazibuko said he was anxious to leave the gathering after a memorandum had been presented to him, as he had promised the organisers of the march he would present it to the NP offices in Vereeniging.

However, a “heated argument” arose over the memorandum between him and a Captain du Plooy of the Vanderbijlpark riot unit.

The captain insisted on taking the memorandum, saying he would give it to the “big boss” (apparently Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Viljoen) circling overhead in a helicopter.

“I told Capt du Plooy the crowd was going to disperse as soon as the memorandum was been handed to the MP. That’s why I moved away,” Col Mazibuko said.
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Witnesses differ about Winnie

JOHANNESBURG — Conflicting evidence about Mrs Winnie Mandela’s whereabouts at the time teenage activist Stompie Moeketsi Seope disappeared was given in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday, the last day of the defence case.

Mr Jerry Richardson, 41, former coach of the so-called Mandela United Football Team, has pleaded not guilty of the murder of 14-year-old Stompie, whose decomposed body was found in open veld in Soweto early last year.

He has also pleaded not guilty to the attempted murder of a Soweto man, Mr Andrew Ikeng, four kidnapping charges and five of assault.

Evidence yesterday was that Mrs Mandela was in the Free State on December 30, 1986, when Stompie, Mr Barend Mom, 20, Mr Gabriel Mekgwe, 21, and Mr Kenneth Kgase, 30, were allegedly kidnapped from the Rev Paul Verryn’s Soweto church and kept “prisoners” at Mrs Mandela’s house.

Mrs Norah Mabuthu of Brandfort, Free State, testified that Mrs Mandela arrived in Brandfort on December 29, 1986, and left again on December 31, after consulting leaders of various community projects in the area.

But political activist Ms Koliswa Falati testified that Mrs Mandela was at her Soweto home on December 29, 1986, and that she and Mrs Mandela had taken a young man to a Soweto medical practitioner, Dr Abu-baker Asvat, for treatment the same day.

Ms Falati, who had been staying at Mr Verryn’s church at the time, said Katlombe Cobekhulu had complained to her that Mr Verryn had abused him sexually.

Dr Asvat was gunned down in January last year. Ms Falati said he had been killed to destroy evidence which could prove Mr Verryn engaged in homosexuality.

When the prosecutor, Mr L.C.J van Vuuren, put it to her that Dr Asvat was shot dead in a robbery, Ms Falati said “It is a vivid lie.”

She also told the court that Johannesburg lawyer Mr Ismael Ayob had suggested to her last year that Mr Mom and Mr Mekgwe were “sell-outs” and that Mr Nelson Mandela, then in Victor Verster Prison, wanted to have them moved from the Mandela home.

Yesterday Mr Richardson’s lawyers handed in to court a letter indicating that Mrs Mandela had been advised by lawyers not to give evidence in the murder trial.

The defence closed its case and the hearing will continue on Monday — Sapa
Boksburg: Dramatic shift for \_

Boksburg has become the symbol of apartheid — yet it could become the first town to create an integrated system of local government in South Africa. Weekend Argus reporter GRAHAM LIZAMORE examines the implications of a comprehensive study that was made of the town.

BOKSBURG, the East Rand town known internationally as the symbol of apartheid after right-wing thugs against blacks who tried to use the town's lake, could become the first racially integrated municipality in South Africa.

A study of the troubled town has revealed that a majority of Boksburg's 80,000 whites would support a single, multi-racial municipality. It also showed that the town conformed to the guidelines set recently by the State President for the establishment of integrated municipalities.

The results of the study conducted by the Policy Research Unit of the American Chamber of Commerce are also significant in view of two crucial by-elections within the next six weeks which should see the National Party wrest control from the Conservative Party's destructive struggle for the town.

If successful, the National Party is certain to consider an integrated municipality to new interest and investor confidence in the town. However, if the CP retains control of the town council, the government might still exert pressure on the council to integrate so that it can exploit the instant national and international publicity that a multi-racial Boksburg municipality would generate.

The findings could have far-reaching implications for the rest of the country where the question of mixed municipalities has to be addressed.

Far-reaching effects

Integrated systems of local government are seen as a vital stepping stone to power sharing at central level.

Dr. Philip Frankel, of the Department of Political Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand, who was invited to conduct the study, said the findings would have far-reaching effects not only for Boksburg but on all municipalities in South Africa.

Before President F.W. De Klerk left for Europe he paved the way for open cities by calling on all interested parties and groups to begin negotiations for new systems of local government.

When he opened the congress of the Cape Municipal Association in Port Elizabeth, President De Klerk said municipalities should consider integration if it was economically and administratively feasible and if it had the support of the community.

Thus, says Dr. Frankel, is exactly what his research has shown.

The American Chamber of Commerce conducted the research because there are a number of American corporations on the East Rand and two giants, Colgate-Palmolive and Lever Brothers are in Boksburg itself.

Colgate alone contributes more than a third of the town's taxes.

When the Boksburg crisis began almost two years ago the American Chamber of Commerce felt it had to know what was going on in Boksburg so it could make recommendations to its companies in the area.

The first part of the study included an opinion poll where whites were asked if they would be prepared to admit the coloured people of Reiger Park into the municipality and share power at local level.

There are about 40,000 coloured in Reiger Park.

"We were very surprised," said Dr. Frankel. "Fifty-four percent said they were willing to consider power sharing with the coloured people."

But another surprise was in the offing.

At the time President De Klerk made his speech to the Cape Municipal Association congress, Dr. Frankel had just completed the final part of the study.

"We had to look at the feasibility of an integrated single municipality in Boksburg to see if it would make economic and administrative sense."

Exercise power

Dr. Frankel found there could never be a normalisation of race relations in Boksburg unless the people of Reiger Park were allowed to exercise power in the municipality.

He also found that contrary to popular opinion the consumer boycott did not result from the exclusion of blacks from Boksburg. What angered the coloured people was the refusal of whites to accept them as members of the Boksburg community by excluding them from decision-making at local government level.

This is what they have campaigned for and unless the white community recognises this desire to share power at local level there can be no reasonable race relations in the town," said Dr. Frankel.

Shared administration

The study also showed that all the municipal services in Boksburg were already shared with Reiger Park. The Boksburg municipality provides water, electricity, sewage and all the important services to Reiger Park.

So in a single, mixed municipality there would be no need to create a new services system. In fact, if there was a single municipality, rates on services like electricity would decrease because of bulk buying.

The third surprise was that the administration of the two municipalities was already being shared. Because most of the officials for Reiger Park were in the Boksburg municipality it meant there was no need for major administrative reorganisation.

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The study also suggested that integration was not a viable option unless the coloured people were prepared to move to Boksburg.

"It would be a nightmare for many coloured people if they were forced to move," said Dr. Frankel.

"It would be easier for them to be a part of a council which they have a voice in."

Flashback to a darker past

Forward into the future ... Clement Pediachy and Jaap van Veen have broken down racial fences as neighbours in Boksburg.
for far-right town?

Flashback to a darker past... Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members clash with black picnickers at Boksburg lake in December.

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But the overall significance of the research was that Boksburg could become the first integrated municipality because it is the first town to meet the State President's demands for economic and administrative viability. At the same time a majority of Boksburg's whites have shown support for a mixed system of local government.

"Our findings showed that anything except a single municipality does not make sense," Dr Frankel said.

Standing in the way of a single municipality is a massive ideological barrier in the form of a CP-dominated town council.

Dr Frankel has proposed a number of strategies to break down barriers.

Government intervention

He says the central government should take a more strongly interventionist position on Boksburg simply because a single mixed municipality in Boksburg would have enormous international policy value because it stood as a symbol of apartheid.

The business community has to sit down with people of other races and start negotiations on power sharing — on the basis of the findings of the American Chamber of Commerce study the issue is right.

The study also showed that during the 14-month consumer boycott which ranked as a milestone in protest politics, there was considerable sympathy for the coloured community.

Also, the first glimmering of pragmatism is beginning to stir among the Conservatives Party, faithful in the town.

The study found that the CP did not have a problem with the opening of the CBD to all races. This change of heart was not confined to Boksburg but also apparent in other towns including Rustenburg.

Massive hurdle

The reason: A lot of people in the CBD in Boksburg were CP supporters and they were the hardest hit during the consumer boycott.

But even if Boksburg integrates with Reiger Park another massive hurdle awaits the town: How to preserve the blocks of Voortrekkers in a new form of political representation in a single council?

The present white population of 28,000 was twice the size of the coloured group which meant one man, one vote was possible without white interests being damaged.

But there were 150,000 to 200,000 blacks in Voortrekkers which indicated a need for a temporary two-tier council system to allay white fears which would eventually lead to universal franchise.

The important thing at this stage is that if Boksburg takes the lead, other municipalities will follow.
PRETORIA — A resident of the Eersterus “coloured” suburb near here was allegedly assaulted by three white men early yesterday.

His wife told a local newspaper the man had to plead for his life.

"His attackers wanted to lock him in the boot of a car so they could take him to a lonely place and kill him," she said.

Her husband, who works at night as a computer operator, was walking with a friend down Van der Walt Street in central Pretoria about 4:50am on his way to get a taxi home.

A car occupied by three white men pulled up next to them. Both men suspected trouble and started running.

"The men chased my husband in their car after his friend managed to get away," said the wife.

"One of the men in the car pointed a gun at my husband and threatened to shoot him if he didn’t stop.”

All three men punched and kicked her husband, she said.

At the victim staggered backwards from a punch he turned and ran to safety.

He was later treated at HF Vorwoerd Hospital for severe cuts and bruises — Sapa
BOOK REVIEWS

Unravelling the conflict in the black community

MY TRAITOR’S HEART by Rian Malan (Distributed by Random Century) Reviewed by Mokgadi Pela

FOR the first time someone has had the guts to lay bare the fruits of ideological intolerance that rocked Soweto following the disastrous Senator Edward Kennedy visit. The parties in this newly released book are members of the Azanian People’s Organisation and the United Democratic Front, both committed to the black man’s liberation.

What is surprising however, is that what Rian Malan has documented has been known by every journalist in Johannesburg. But in the author’s words: “No newspaper that I know printed it. Why? Because white reporters and editors did not want to be branded as blacks.”

Azapo’s George Wauchopa said black reporters on the other hand, were paralysed by fear. After reading the 349 page book, I was amazed at the bravery of this young white boy I also knew. Some of the atrocities Malan mentioned, but I always tried to rationalize, why I should not write about them.

Conflicts

Although one may not agree totally with Malan, he helps the reader to fathom the conflicts in the black community. This book should make black journalists ashamed of themselves. Drawing from his courage, black reporters should expose the other unproven miscarries that have been going on in the community in the name of the struggle.

The first question from the Press, of course, is why should black activists suddenly turn on each other?

In the book, Munu Myeza said it was not only difficult for outsiders to understand why blacks were at each other’s throats, “it is difficult for ourselves.” Malan said the rivalry between the UDF and Azapo was mutually peaceful. “Then in 1985 Ted Kennedy came to South Africa and at the invitation of the UDF’s clerical leaders and the real trouble began.”

“The Reverend Allan Boesak and Bishop Tutu felt that such a visit would focus international attention on the freedom struggle. Azapo was incensed. It wanted to know what kind of black men, not just mention socialists, would go to bed with a white millionaire from Boston.”

“In radical circles in South Africa, this was the worst insult imaginable. There were angry confrontations, bravais and fist fights,” Malan said.

A few days thereafter the feud between Azapo and UDF spread to other parts of the country. “At the end of 1986 the Institute of Race Relations released statistics which counted only 79 perceived collaborators among 300 unproven fatalities, thereby wearing thin the claim that blacks who died at the hands of their brothers were all collaborators or sell-outs.”

The book also recounts the tragedy of 32 black women who were hurled alive into pits of flame in Sekhukhuneland in the Northern Transvaal. He says this was the worst mass murder in South African history. “The 76 youths arrested in connection with the massacre were all members or supporters of the UDF - the supposedly nonviolent movement.”

“The 33 victims were suspected of using sorcery to retard the freedom struggle and were intimidated in the name of fundamental change.”

Referring to the terms “zum-zum” and “warara,” he says BC followers were dubbed “zum-zum” because of their ideological arsenal - socialism, racism, capitalism, colonialism.

Charterists were called “warara” ... meaning “where-where.”

“Zum-zums” said anyone who believed the UDF’s nonracial doctrine was very confused. The were groping around in the dark in search of their true enemy, crying “Where-where.”

This is one book that will certainly take South Africa by storm, especially in a country whose journalists have not exhibited their bravery symbolised by their colleagues in places like Nicaragua, Afghanistan and the Middle East.
VEREENIGING — The Goldstone Commission of Inquiry continues in Vereeniging's council chambers today with media speculation that the "underground" Boerestaat Party deputy leader and political activist, Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, may have been involved in the shootings on March 26 at Sebokeng.

Of five dead, four were fatally wounded in the back of their heads, and 46 of the 78 injured were shot in the back of their bodies.

Mr Rudolph, a former police detective and Pretoria city councillor, is reported to have claimed in a telephone interview with a Pretoria newspaper that he had been "involved in the shooting at Sebokeng. It was not only police who fired, I was also there."

**Gone underground**

Mr Rudolph has taken refuge in the underground "Boer Commando network" since he allegedly was involved in an arms theft from the South African Air Force headquarters in Pretoria several weeks ago.

He is also reported to have accepted responsibility for the arms theft during another phone call to a Pretoria journalist who knows him personally.

"Police launched a huge search amid mounting fears that Mr Rudolph might already have dispersed the highly sophisticated captured military arms among the "Boer Commandos."

These now are believed to be forming, especially in the Witwatersrand's increasingly volatile mining communities as well as in the Vaal Triangle.

Mr Rudolph's alleged claims place in a new light last week's testimony before the Goldstone Commission by two senior police officers that they had little knowledge of a "mystery man in shorts and shirt sleeves," who had been seen storming forward into the reaction unit's police cordon, had fired salvos from a shotgun, and mysteriously disappeared soon afterwards.

**Denied seeing man**

Lawyers said during questioning last week that several written statements before the Goldstone Commission also mentioned the "mystery man" Sebokeng's police station commander, Colonel Othneil Paddy Mazibuko, and Captain Willie du Plooy, the officer commanding the police's Vanderbijlpark and Krugersdorp reaction units who were deployed at the Sebokeng shooting scene, have denied seeing or have failed to identify several "mystery men" in civilian clothing seen in a photograph of the police cordon.

The hearing is chaired by Mr. Justice R J Goldstone — Sapa
Mystery men terrorising us - Granny cops
Journalist says he heard police laugh after shooting

A JOURNALIST, who arrived in Sebokeng shortly before the shooting incident on March 26, first heard a burst of gunfire then laughter coming from armed men in plain clothes behind him.

Herbert Mabuza of The Star newspaper told the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the shootings that the restless crowd was chanting "We want to march to Vereeniging" shortly before the shooting took place.

Before the shots were fired, he saw no stone-throwing, nor any aggression, nor a sudden rush forward from what he described as a "noisy crowd".

He was asked by Etienne du Toit, SC, for the Minister of Police, why he had stated in his newspaper report the next day that "police started laughing" instead of mentioning that laughter had come from men in plain clothes behind him.

Mabuza replied: "I was there and heard laughter from the armed men in plain clothes behind me. I presumed at the time they were security police.

Du Toit asked: "You were also in shock and threw yourself to the ground, and the crowd started screaming and running away. You could still hear the laughter?"

Mabuza said he had heard the laughter clearly because he was about four metres away from the police.

W/O Etienne Roedolf Coetzee, officer commanding the Vanderbijlpark Reaction Unit, earlier testified, in reaction to newspaper reports claiming that deputy leader of the right-wing Boerestaat Party Piet "Skiet" Rudolph was present at the Sebokeng shootings, that this "might have been possible" but was not very probable.

Rudolph is wanted by police in connection with a theft of arms from the Air Force headquarters in Pretoria.

The Goldstone Commission is investigating the circumstances relating to incidents on March 26 at Sebokeng, Boipatong, Sharpeville and Evaton in which at least 12 people were killed and about 300 injured.

Coetzee said the 50 000-strong crowd in front of Sondela brewery in Sebokeng had consistently tried to break through the police cordons.

After police chased back two flanks, which attempted to go around the cordon, stones came flying out of the crowd and on police vehicles.

In spite of a "human chain" formed by march marshalls, the crowd crept closer to the police cordon, chanting and singing loudly.

By the time a 10-second burst of gunfire rang out, the crowd was about 15m-20m away from the first police cordon, he said.

The hearing continues. — Sapa.
I heard gunfire, probe is told

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Before the shots were fired, he saw no stone-throwing himself, nor any aggressiveness or a sudden rush forward from what he described as a "noisy crowd" before the shooting, Mabuza said.

He was testifying before the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry which is investigating the fatal shootings in the township in March this year.

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Meanwhile, a senior police officer told the commission earlier that 13 of his men had possible led in their statements about the number of rounds they had fired at the crowd.

Warrant Officer Etienne Coetzee, second in command of the not unit at the scene of the shootings, said his men had fired after they had been pelted with stones.

The hearing is continuing.
THOUSANDS of people yesterday stayed away from work in Zithobeni, Bronkhorstspruit, after two local political activists were seriously injured during an alleged attack by members of the local council at the weekend.

Schools were also empty.

The vice-chairman of the Zithobeni Residents Organisation, Mr Mshuluze Mayvela, and the organisation's assistant secretary, Mr Johannes Moleya, were attacked for allegedly opposing the local council. They had to receive medical treatment.

Sowetan knows the identity of the three councillors.

Spokesman for SAP headquarters in Pretoria Major R Crewe said police could not comment on the stayaway as it was unrest-related. He also said he did not know about the alleged assault.

Northern Transvaal police also said they did not know about the assault and stayaway incidents.

Speaking on behalf of the two men, the chairmen of the Zithobeni Education Crisis Committee, Mr Chebe Kekane, said: "There has been tension between members of ZRO and councillors over the past few weeks concerning the running of the township's affairs.

"Things came to a head at the weekend when the two were attacked. Local residents retaliated by stoning a councillor's home. Yesterday they consulted a lawyer with a view to taking legal action against the councillors," he said.

Sowetan could not reach the three councillors yesterday.
VEREENIGING — Photo-journalist Herbert Mabuza, who arrived in Sebokeng shortly before the shooting in March this year, first heard a burst of gunfire — then laughter coming from armed men in plainclothes four metres behind him.

Mr Mabuza, of the Star newspaper, said he saw no stone-throwing or any aggressiveness from the “noisy crowd” before the shooting.

He was testifying before the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry which is investigating the shootings in the township on March 26 in which at least 12 people were killed and an estimated 300 residents injured.

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Earlier, Warrant Officer Etienne Roedolf Coetree, officer commanding the reaction unit at Vanderbijl Park, testified that reported claims that deputy leader of the right-wing Boerestaat Party Mr Piet “Skiet” Rudolph having been present at the Sebokeng shootings “might have been possible” — but not very probable.

Video material, photographic and personal evidence from the incidents at Sebokeng so far show an absence of any person resembling Mr Rudolph, currently wanted by police in connection with a theft of arms from the Air Force HQ in Pretoria.

The hearing continues — Supa
Police fired into crowd — salesman

THE first shots fired by policemen at Sebokeng were aimed at the crowd of demonstrators, a used-car salesman yesterday told the Goldstone commission of inquiry into the Sebokeng shootings.

Arnoldus Duvenhage of Vanderbijlpark said "a great many stones" were thrown shortly before the shooting.

He was on the scene because he wanted to purchase second-hand lorries in Sebokeng and police would not allow him past the roadblock.

Duvenhage, who was armed, stayed on the scene thinking the police "might need help". He had noticed "there were far too few policemen to stop this huge crowd of blacks from marching on Vereeniging".

He heard the first shot fired from a group of five policemen in front of him shortly after the first stone had been thrown, Duvenhage said.

Those who fired first had aimed into the crowd, Duvenhage testified.

Another witness, special constable Themba Wellington Menezes of the Vanderbijlpark Reaction Unit, told the commission he was hit by a stone before the shooting.

"I was waiting for an order when I heard a shot ring out from my right, and when other shots followed I fired a warning shot," he said.

He heard a W/O Coetzee shout "stop, stop" and he fired no more shots.

The commission also heard that a demonstrator in the crowd was filmed carrying a 12-gauge home-made shotgun while the crowd was shouting "hit the Boere", and two flanks tried to get past the police cordon.

It also heard a container of tear smoke grenades stolen from police was triumphantly displayed by the crowd and stones were thrown at police — all shortly before the shooting in front of the Sondela brewery.

W/O Anthony Slinger testified he "would also have shot at the crowd if he had been outside his vehicle".

He said he had his first crowd contact at 6.45am near Boipelo township, when he encountered a huge mob stoning vehicles on the Golden Highway.

He warned the crowd to disperse, but they continued singing "Shaya ma Boere" and attacked the police van.

Const D Kotze, who was in the van with him, was injured by a stone from the crowd and both men fired tear smoke. Later, a crowd attacked his vehicle.

He testified that he was just getting ammunition and his R-1 rifle out of his van when a stone hit it and shots rang out almost immediately thereafter.

The hearing continues. — Sapa
Mourning
Thabong cleans up

THABONG is cleaning up, and the mourning has begun.

Residents took the streets yesterday with brooms and shovels to remove the ashes of 48 hours of violent unrest.

The official death toll stands at nine, with 39 injured, of which seven are critical.

The memories of the dead will not be erased as easily as the barricades, and police are still withholding their names.

The death of a former councilor and local Inkatha leader, Mr. A. Phakathi, has sparked fears that the violence in the town might spread over into the Northern Free State.

Rumours spreading through the community hold that Inkatha members are being billeted in.

By ISMAEL LAGARDIEN

But the police are watching the situation and staying clear of crowds, especially after meetings.

"Our presence could initiate further violence," Major Johan Fosche of the Welkom police said.

If the police are cautious, so too are the people. Albeit for different reasons.

"We would very much like to get on with our lives now," a resident said yesterday.

Residents agreed, however that the presence of the police in the township is provocative.

The police in turn say they deal only with looters and vandalism and are "maintaining a low profile."
 OWN CORRESPONDENT

JOHANNESBURG.—Mrs Winnie Mandela’s reputation was being besmirched in a case which was revolving around her but in which she was not the accused so had no opportunity to defend herself. ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela said yesterday.

“This is an inappropriate way of handling judicial proceedings,” Mr Mandela said after his return from a seven-nation tour of African states.

He said he believed the government had deliberately created the situation where the press was judging his wife while she was unable to defend herself. He confirmed evidence led in the case, in which Jerry Richardson is charged with the murder of teenager Stompie Seipie and other offences, that his wife had been advised not to consult defence attorneys.

This was because it would be inadvisable to make statements on matters which could possibly be the subject of later charges against her. Asked whether he thought his wife should be charged, Mr Mandela said: “It is not for me to tell the government what to do.”

Mr Mandela said his trip had succeeded beyond expectations in terms of the warm manner in which he had been welcomed everywhere, and the material support offered to the ANC. He declined to give details of the material support.

He said he had received no information to back the widespread assumptions that Mr FW de Klerk had made any concrete breakthrough against European sanctions.
Scared cop fired first by accident

VEREENIGING — Constable S van Rhyn, of the Krugerspark Reaction Unit, admitted before the Goldstone Commission yesterday afternoon that he had accidentally fired the first shot at Sebokeng on March 26.

Yesterday's dramatic testimony came after a special constable had indicated Constable van Rhyn was the man to fire the first shot.

Until then Constable van Rhyn had not told anyone of his role in the shooting. He had not volunteered the information although "my conscience had bothered me."

The constable had been tense and nervous about the size and aggression of the 50 000-strong crowd.

Shortly before the shooting, he grew frightened and extremely tense when the noisy crowd slowly danced closer to the police line.

He had held his finger on the trigger and when a stone came flying past his head from the crowd, Constable van Rhyn accidentally fired his "stopper" (containing one teargas projectile).

He said it had been a "fear reflex". "If the stone had struck my head, I could have died from it," he said.

Constable Van Rhyn admitted that his first shot — firing a teargas grenade — had set off a similar chain reaction among his colleagues.

He fired another two teargas projectiles before he heard the "stop firing" shout from the commanding officer, Captain Willie du Plooy.

At this scene, opposite the brewery in Sebokeng, five people died and 76 people were injured, most of them with bird- or buckshot pellets.

The attorneys representing the families of the deceased and the victims maintain the police had fired unnecessarily at the crowd in front of the brewery, and that the resultant injuries and deaths set off the rest of the day's rioting, looting and arson.

None of the previous police witnesses had been able to say which of their colleagues had fired that first shot — which may have started a chain reaction among the rest of the police contingent.

Kitscop under AG's protection —
Limpet blast sparks petrol inferno

TWO limpet mine explosions destroyed a BP fuel storage depot in the northern Transvaal town of Louis Trichardt early yesterday morning, causing an inferno and damage estimated at R10 million.

An hour later there was an explosion at a sub-power station less than 500m away from the depot. A transformer was extensively damaged.

The saboteurs at the BP depot cut through a high security fence to place their limpet mines, two of which exploded at 6.45am. Police managed to disarm a third limpet mine found at the scene.

Lieutenant Eddie Ollewe, of the South African Police in Louis Trichardt, who was in charge of operations at the blast site, confirmed the limpet mine explosion.

"When we arrived on the scene the entire area inside the bundwall (a two-metre high wall surrounding the tanks) was blazing," Small said.

Small said three petrol tankers next to the plant were also destroyed.

"One limpet mine was planted on the dome of one of the horizontal tanks (the plant contained two vertical and six horizontal tanks). The dome of the plant went like a rocket through the adjacent premises (20m away) and ignited the rest of the tanks as well. One of the horizontal tanks and two vertical tanks collapsed."

The rest of the tanks blew across the road about 120m away spewing ignited petrol everywhere and landed on an adjacent building. To PAGE 5.

Fuel tanks ignite like dominoes

causing extensive damage. Most of the petrol burned away in the air," he said.

Small said three small sheds inside the area (about 100m away from the bundwall) were also burned down.

He said the other limpet mine was planted on one of the tankers which exploded, igniting two other tankers nearby, destroying them.

The blasts came in the wake of reports of black-white tension in the town with many blacks alleging incidents of attack by white residents.

Louis Trichardt has also been rocked by a consumer boycott since the beginning of May. Last week the Consumer Boycott Committee was due to meet town council officials to discuss the opening of supermarkets to all races and argue against the incorporation of the Vlefontein township.

Residents were forced to move from Trichardt to Vlefontein for the corporation. Municipal workers have also been on a wage strike since April.

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The culprit in the killings at Sebokeng: sheer panic

By PHILIPPA GARSON

AFTER eight days of evidence before the Goldstone Commission into the shootings at Sebokeng on March 26, a coherent picture is emerging of why police fired on a crowd of 50,000, killing at least five and injuring 76.

This week Constable Sean van Ryn of the Krugersdorp Reaction Unit told the court how he “accidentally” fired the first shot (a teargas grenade) in a “reflex action of fright”, triggering a spontaneous reaction from the police line which then fired on the crowd for at least 10 seconds.

Van Ryn, who admitted to reloading and firing two more rounds of teargas, said he was “tense and nervous” and when he saw a stone coming towards him he panicked.

Under cross-examination by advocate George Bizos SC, acting for relatives of 12 of the dead, Van Ryn said he did not shout at the police to stop firing when he realised the implications of his accidental shot, because he did not think of it at the time.

He said he did not come forward to tell Capt. du Ploooy of the Vanderbijl Riot Unit that he fired the first shot because he was not “altogether convinced” of this fact. Although he said his conscience “had bothered him” he never made a statement. He admitted that evidence given earlier by Special Constable Motlhaevo Mhabako that he (Van Ryn) fired the first shot, led to his confession.

Earlier that day Mhabako testified that he had not disclosed this information before because “if I do tell (my superiors) something they don’t like, I would be expelled”.

Another special constable, Tomani Ramano, admitted he fired because the other police were doing so. He said he fired at the ground 35m away because he did not want to injure people. Under cross-examination by Bizos he said he had not been told during training that shots fired onto the ground could ricochet and injure people.

The day before, a member of the Vereeniging security police, Warrant Officer Kalman Canagby, admitted he had not witnessed the crowd throwing stones and attempting to storm the police line, although he had made a sworn statement to this effect. He said he had only heard this version of events later.

Today, Lekoa residents will give evidence before the commission, chaired by Mr Justice R Goldstone in the Vereeniging town hall, which is to investigate and report to State President FW de Klerk on violent incidents in the Lekoa area in March 26, where at least 12 people died and 300 were injured.
Angry youths burn Gaddafi gang member

By PHILIPPA GARSON

A GANG member of the so-called Gaddafi Squad was burnt to death this week in a revenge attack by Khutsong youths who claim the gang has terrorised and tortured township residents.

A member of the Khutsong Civic Association (KCA) said yesterday concerned youths held a meeting early this week to plan action against the gang which has unleashed a reign of terror over Khutsong for the past three months.

Gang members interrupted the meeting and youths set upon one, killing him. The gang, who residents say are heavily armed with pangas and firearms, allegedly "disciplined" eight youths at a deserted school at the weekend, accusing them of committing murder.

The youths say they were beaten and forced to eat pieces of their ears which had been slashed off with razor blades.

A local doctor said the condition of the youths was "terrible": "They were bruised all over their bodies. Many had cuts and two had pieces of their ears missing."

The KCA has expressed grave concern at the cycle of violence but says the community is paralysed a mass meeting to discuss the problem was called off because it could result in a bloodbath.

People are too scared to give their names for fear that members of the gang — who pose as "comrades", set delivery vehicles alight, and attempt to elicit support by clashing Azam/Pan Africanist Congress members are attacking them — will seek revenge.

They are reluctant to involve the police because of a legacy of police violence against youths in Khutsong. Residents agree, however, the police must take action against the vigilantes before it is too late.

A KCA member said the gang had prevented children from going to school over the past few months so they (gang members) could not easily be identified by police.

"All we want is peace in the township and for the children to return to school," he said.
Hand grenades hurled at police homes in Soweto

Grenades were hurled at the Soweto homes of two policemen last night. A police spokesman said last night two Soviet-made grenades were thrown at the Molapo home of a police warrant officer at 6:05 pm, causing damage to the walls and windows. No one was injured. Shots from an AK-47 were fired at the house.

Earlier, at about 7 pm, a hand grenade of unknown origin was thrown at the Thoko home of a special constable, damaging walls, windows and a bed. The constable's hand was injured in the blast. The names of the policemen have been withheld.
Grenade attacks

TWO handgrenade attacks took place in Soweto last night, a police spokesman said.

The attacks were directed at the homes of two policemen, and one was slightly injured, Major Reg Crewe, police liaison officer in Pretoria, said.

At 7pm a grenade was detonated outside the house of an unnamed special constable in Tladi, Soweto.

"The special constable was slightly injured," Crewe said. "Fairly serious damage was caused, mainly to the walls and windows of the constable's house, and some furniture inside."

In the second attack at 8.05pm - two handgrenades "of Russian origin" were thrown at the house of a police warrant officer in Molapo.

"At the same time shots were fired at the house with an AK-47 rifle," Crewe said. - Sapa.
Police halt funeral

RIOT police yesterday halted the Soweto funeral of exiled African National Congress member, Marks Mososa, Moleko, for more than an hour and then ordered mourners to disperse within two minutes.

Moleko (26) died of asthma in Lusaka early this month.

Intervention by Mr. Chris Ngcobo, a lawyer and community leader, prevented what could have turned into a bloody clash between youths and police near Avalon Cemetery.

He defused the tense situation when police warned more than 5,000 mourners to disperse, saying the gathering was illegal and ordered the crowd to disperse within two minutes. "Our police are taking action."

He managed to get the police to hold fire with only seconds remaining before the two minutes elapsed.

During the procession through the streets of Mopaza and Chawelo a police van drove through the crowd at high speed. Marshalls had to quell the angry crowd, which appeared outraged by the incident.

The crowd defied the warning, surged forward while trucks loaded with petrol and security police watched closely.

During and after the burial police monitored the proceedings.

Soweto photographers Musaen Zulu had two of his films confiscated by police after the funeral.
Youths forced
to eat own ears

KHUTSONG township
near Carletonville was
tense yesterday after
"comrades" fled their
homes following an at-
tack on five boys.
The boys had pieces of
their ears sliced off -
which they were then
forced to eat. Girls were
also mutilated.
The victims said a
vigilante group known as
the Gaddafi Squad, also
known as the G Squad,
had run amok in the area.

A spokesman for the
Khutsong Civic Associa-
tion described the situa-
tion as volatile.
Residents interviewed
yesterday said the Gad-
dafi Squad was made up
of armed youths who
wore T-shirts and claimed
to be ANC supporters.
Local police have dis-
tributed pamphlets asking
residents to report the ac-
tivities of the vigilante
group.

One victim said 20
members of the squad
held him and friends on
Saturday and tortured
them after accusing them
of killing.

Treated "They beat us up and
then sliced off pieces of
our left ears, except for
the girls, who had pieces
of their forehead sliced
off," he said.
-A doctor confirmed
that he had treated two
youths with pieces of
their ears sliced off.
Mandela coach found guilty

JOHANNESBURG — Former Mandela United Football Club coach Jerry Richardson was yesterday found guilty of the murder of teenage activist "Stompie" Moeketsi Serpe.

He was also convicted on all other charges, including attempted murder, four kidnapping charges and five of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Judgment was handed down by Mr Justice R O'Donovan in the Rand Supreme Court.

Mr Justice O'Donovan also found that Mrs Winone Mandela was, at one time, present when the four kidnapped men were assaulted by Mr Richardson and his associates at her Soweto home.

Evidence was that Stompie and three others were abducted from the Methodist Church in Soweto on December 28, 1985, and taken to Mrs Mandela's house.

There Stompie was accused of being a police informer, and accused of having sold out four comrades to police at his home town, Parys.

The other three, Mr Barend Mono, Mr Gabriell Mekgwe and Mr Kenneth Kgase, were accused of having homosexual relations with the Rev Paul Verry at the Soweto church.

Stompie's decomposed body was found in open veld in Soweto in January last year.

Mr Richardson, 41, had pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Except in a few instances, the version of state witnesses was corroborated in all respects, Mr Justice O'Donovan said in his judgment.

He rejected the evidence of Ms Xoliswa Falati and Ms Norah Moahloedi, in support of Mr Richardson.

Mr Justice O'Donovan said there was no evidence given to substantiate allegations that Mr Verry had homosexual liaison with the young men.

He said that although Mr Richardson testified he had only slapped and punched each of the abducted young men, this was only part of much more serious assaults. "He played a leading role throughout the episode."

Mr Richardson did not sleep in his room the night Stompie was last seen alive, and on the next day when he returned his shoes were bloodstained.

The hearing was postponed to August 6 for the defence to consult with a psychiatrist to examine Mr Richardson.

Mrs Mandela was not charged in the case, and she was not called as a witness. — Sapa
Goldstone inquiry hears police evidence

VEREENIGING. — "Today we will kill you policemen, because we want Mandela's policemen now," was the slogan heard by WO Gabriel Johannes van der Lith of the Sebokeng municipal police the morning of the shooting on March 26.

Earlier, Constable Willem Joseph John van der Walt of the Krugersdorp Reaction Unit testified that the crowd were slowly closing in towards the police.

He denied an allegation put to him by advocate Mr George Bizos that "your specific little group of policemen discussed plans to shoot certain people in the crowd".

The Goldstone Judicial Commission of Inquiry, appointed by the State President, is urgently investigating the circumstances relating to incidents on March 26 in which at least 12 people were killed and about 300 injured. — Sapa
then cut to look alike

**By CHARLES MOGALE**

**TERRIFIED** Khutsong youths this week told how they were tortured by thugs and forced to eat their severed ears.

The youths, five boys and three girls, were victims of the Carletonville township's feared Com-Tutors gangsters rejected by the constabulary for their thuggery.

The police are investigating, but no charges have been laid.

The township was tense this week as residents feared attacks by the Com-Tutors, who have ventured into certain areas. Young boys feared members of the Com-Tutors paraded the streets, openly warning locals. The frightened youths have not reported the vicious attacks to the police for fear of reprisals.

The attack took place in a classroom at the Tashong Secondary School.

One of the youths, who was afraid to be identified, was sitting in a corner when he related his ordeal to City Press this week. He said he was abducted from his home last Saturday morning and taken to the school where seven others were being held.

There he was questioned by 17 interrogators about the death of a Com-Tutor.

Said the youth: "All eight of us were interrogated viciously. We were put into a corner and attacked with fists, clubs, pangas, and other weapons.

The girls were allegedly assaulted in private parts with pieces of wood in a different classroom.

The youth added: "One of the boys was hit on his ear with a broom. The ear was almost severed, and hung loosely while he bled profusely. One of the interrogators ordered him to tear it off and eat it. There was nothing else he could do so he tore off and ate his ear.

After a while, he said, the interrogators ordered all their hostages' ears should be severed to make them look alike.

"I could not believe it," said the youth, "but one of them produced a knife and they came for us. One by one, they cut off our ears and ordered us to eat them. We did.

The boys were saved by a rumour that a police hippo was somewhere in the neighborhood. When the news broke, the interrogators fled.

Bleeding profusely from their wounds, the eight ran home.

The incident has sent shock waves through the Western Transvaal township. A squatter area dubbed Registrum in the township has become a strictly no-go area for outsiders.

In apparent retaliation for the attacks, a group of comrades on Monday necklaced a youth allegedly belonging to the rival Com-Tutors.

Relating the incident this week, hairdresser Sophie Modise said she was asleep when she heard a loud noise outside her home. She went out to meet a frantic youth trying to get inside her house.

"He grabbed me, but before I knew what was happening, the group dragged him off. They assaulted him all the time and he was bleeding profusely. I went back into my house and when I went out later I saw the youth's body burning a few paces from my house," Modise said.

She called for calm in the township. Chairperson of the Khutsong Federation of Women Enemies, Constance Chabane, blamed the violence on "external forces." She said several advances had been made by political movements trying to establish themselves in the area without consulting the residents first.
Actstop plans meeting with Vlok on attacks

By Abel Mushin

In a bid to counter alleged police and Inkatha attacks on its members, Actstop announced last week that it was planning to meet with the Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok to discuss the issue.

Cas Coovadia, Actstop’s public relations secretary said that the organisation had already spoken to the Democratic Party to arrange a meeting with the Commissioner of Police.

Actstop claims that on January 11 this year, the landlord of Goldway Mansions in Johannesburg had ordered an “impi” of Inkatha men to assault tenants after he had had disputes with them about rent and the condition of the building.

On April 26, the organisation claims, the chairman of the West Rand branch of the Inkatha Youth Brigade, Themba Khoza, led about 50 Inkatha youths who broke down doors, damaged furniture and assaulted tenants of Claridge Court in Joubert Park.

Tenants were told by the police to go back and stay in Soweto when they reported the matter and charges were only accepted when an attorney intervened.

It is also alleged that plain-clothes policemen from John Vorster Square raided Heathgate Court in Joubert Park on May 15 and broke down the door of an Actstop official, Nathaniel Kgaria.

The police arrested the naked Mr Kgaria on suspicion that he was an immigrant, Mr Kgaria, who pleaded not guilty, was released on bail.

An Inkatha spokesman said the organisation did not condone any acts of violence from their members.

He told The Star that the organisation would contact Mr Themba Khoza to get an account of what happened.

Stressing that the police acted only within the boundaries of the law, an SAP spokesman said a policeman guilty of such misconduct would have to “explain his actions in a court of law or to his superiors in terms of the Police Act.”

He denied claims that the police had harassed Actstop members in particular.
DET threat over schools

By MONK NKOMO

The Department of Education and Training has threatened to close down trouble-torn schools and warned it would not consider salary increases for teachers unless they performed their duties well.

Mr Job Schoeman, the DET's Northern Transvaal regional director, said in a circular to principals last week that many schools had been disrupted because of political interference since the beginning of the year.

Meeting

He instructed principals to hold meetings with parents and pupils and inform them about the situation. They should report back to circuit inspectors within five days after such a meeting.

The disruptions resulted in some principals and teachers being chased away from their schools, said Schoeman.

Teachers and pupils were encouraged to defy authority and some teachers refused to teach certain subjects or perform certain duties.

Schoeman said certain organisations had attempted to take over the control of schools by usurping the authority of the staff.

Teachers, parents and pupils were subjected to subtle and open intimidation.

"Teachers' unions had severed all ties with the department and had openly threatened inspectors and other officials not to attempt to visit schools or try to exercise any form of control," said Schoeman.

He warned that where people in authority were prevented from exercising proper control, the department would suspend all services to such a school.

Failure to exercise control over internal examinations could lead to the rejecting of promotion schedules at the end of the year.

"Year marks submitted for Standard 10 students have to be moderated. Where such moderation cannot take place, year marks will not be acceptable to the department and the Joint Matriculation Board.

"The legitimacy and validity of end-of-year examinations, particularly the Standard 10 examination, can only be guaranteed if proper control is exercised at every school," Schoeman said.

He also warned that the appointment of teachers on probation would not be confirmed.
March 'depended on police presence

A DAY before the prohibited mass march on Vereeniging on March 26, the Vaal Civic Association had decided to go ahead with it anyway — unless there was "too heavy a police presence" the next morning.

In that case, the alternative plan was to organise "alternative marches" at the last minute to three local police stations — Sharpeville, Evaton and Sebokeng — where copies of the protest marchers' memorandum to the local National Party MP would be handed over.

This was heard by the Goldstone commission in Vereeniging yesterday when Vaal Civic Association organiser and UDF area committee member Bavumile Vilakazi testified.

The Goldstone Commission, chaired by Mr Justice R J Goldstone, was appointed to investigate and report urgently on circumstances relating to incidents on March 26 in Sebokeng, Boipatong, Sharpeville and Evaton — known as the Lekoa area — in which at least 12 people were killed and an estimated 300 anti-apartheid demonstrators injured at 10 different sites.

Legal representatives of the families of the deceased and of victims allege police unnecessarily fired shots into a 50 000-strong crowd at Sebokeng as police lives had not been in danger.

There were indications the commission could complete its public hearings in Vereeniging on Friday. — Sapa.
Seven hurt in Azapo,
ANC township clash

Seven people were injured, three seriously, in the Free State township of Maokeng near Kroonstad yesterday morning, after a clash between large groups of local ANC and Azapo members, a police spokesman said yesterday.

Azapo's public relations secretary, Martin Moodley, said the clash followed four separate weekend attacks on Azapo members.

But the ANC recruiting officer in the area, Alfie Moodley, said the clash began on Friday when Azapo supporters attacked ANC members at a vigil for youths allegedly killed in clashes with police earlier in the week.

Moodley said the Azapo supporters were angry at not being invited to take part in the vigil.

"They then began attacking our members. The attacks took place throughout the weekend and ended this morning," Moodley, who is also a member of the Maokeng Democratic Crisis Committee.

Moodley claimed that local ANC members "hijacked" the vigil, which was organised by the Maokeng Women's Organisation in memory of the two youths.

He said Azapo members at the vigil were chased out of the building and the organisation's local chairman Nuzwamhulu Ndumiso, was blinded after being attacked with pangas and knives.

At the weekend three other Azapo members were attacked by the same group of ANC members, either in the street or at their homes, he said.

"Moodley, deduced what he described as 'the ANC's current strategy of intimidation,' which he said was an indication of the future might hold."
POLICE and Inkatha have respectively denied allegations of bias and "brutal attacks" on Actstop members in Johannesburg's "grey areas".

Actstop publicity secretary, Mr Cas Coovadia, last week told a media conference that Inkatha was involved in "brutal attacks" on its members in the city.

The police have dismissed the allegations.

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

Captain Eugene Oppe, police PRO in the Witswatersrand region, yesterday dismissed Actstop's allegations that they administered the law unequally.

He, however, confirmed that in certain cases, police had visited and searched flats. He said these did not only belong to Actstop members. Police had gone there in reaction to complaints by landlords, estate agents and even residents.

Dr Oskar Dhlomo, Inkatha secretary general, said Actstop was a UDF affiliate and it was clear the allegations were part of the UDF/Cosatu/ANC campaign to besmirch Inkatha.
VCA worried about police

A DAY before the prohibited mass march on Vereeniging on March 26, the Vaal Civic Association had decided to go ahead with it anyway - unless there was "a too heavy police presence" the next morning.

In that case, the organisers' alternative plan was to organise "alternative marches" at the last minute to the three local police stations - Sharpeville, Ebotse and Sebokeng - where copies of the protest marchers' memorandum to the local National Party MP would be handed over.

This was heard by the Goldstone commission yesterday afternoon where Mr Bawumile Vilakazi, an organiser for the Vaal Civic Association, was testifying.

The commission continues all week.

The Goldstone Commission was appointed by State President FW de Klerk and convened on May 9 to investigate and report urgently on all the circumstances relating to incidents on March 26 at Sebokeng, Bopatong, Sharpeville and Ebotse - known as the Lekoa area - in which at least 12 people were killed and an estimated 3000 anti-apartheid demonstrators injured at 10 different sites.

The legal representatives for the families of the deceased and for the victims allege that police had unnecessarily fired shots into a 50000-strong crowd at Sebokeng as police lives had not been in danger.

They further maintain that the rest of the day's violence in the Lekoa townships - looting and arson during which seven more people died and more than 200 were injured - had occurred in protest at the shootings in front of the brewery at Sebokeng, where five protesters died and 76 were injured. - Sapa
ANC, Azapo clash leaves 7 wounded

SEVEN members of the ANC's Maokeng branch, near Kroonstad, were hospitalised with gaping wounds yesterday following bitter internecine fighting between ANC supporters and Azapo in the township earlier in the day.

Three of the men, Michael Gqozo, Moshack Moehkeleso and Vincent Tswa, are reported to be receiving intensive care treatment, with the rest in general wards.

The police public relations spokesman in Pretoria, Major Rog Crewe, confirmed the heavy fighting, but said they had not heard of any deaths.

"Two large groups of armed black men clashed in the area. Seven people were injured, three seriously. We have not heard of any deaths," said Crewe.

According to Mr Stoffel Mofokeng of the Maokeng Democratic Crisis Committee, which is recruiting on behalf of the ANC, the strife began last Friday.

Anger

Azapo supporters allegedly expressed anger at not participating in a vigil held for two students shot dead during unrest earlier in the week.

"It seems they (Azapo supporters) wanted to be a part of it, but were denied that by the organisers. They then began attacking our members," said Azapo's publicity secretary, Mr Sizwe Moodley.

Azapo was prohibited from being at the ceremony.

The Maokeng Women's Organisation invited all organisations to attend the night vigil for the two students. When we went, ANC members heckled proceedings and chased out those who wore Azapo T-shirts.

Meanwhile, the general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, the Rev Frank Chikane, last night appealed to ANC national leader Mr Walter Sisulu and the general secretary of Azapo, Mr Pandelani Nefolohodwe, to personally intervene in the fighting. - Sapa
Lekoa leader denies police were ‘afraid’

Own Correspondent

VEREENIGING - Mr Babumile Vilakazi, organiser of the Lekoa area march that led to police shootings on March 26 this year, yesterday angrily demanded a temporary adjournment of the Goldstone Commission and stalked out - after vehemently denying that police had been afraid of the 50 000-strong crowd of demonstrators and had thus fired on them.

The outburst came after cross-examination by Mr Etienne du Toit SC, legal counsel for the SAP and the Minister of Law and Order.

Mr Vilakazi reacted after Mr Du Toit put it to him that “police had felt threatened” by an apparently uncontrolled crowd, which had danced ever closer to the police line, had thrown stones, made two unsuccessful flanking movements around police, made threatening gestures, had carried sticks and shouted “We want to march to Vereeniging”.

Mr Vilakazi: “I saw no reason to do anything about the crowd carrying sticks. It is a sign of authority in their homes. I cannot see it as provocation. I do not accept that police had been afraid. I still have to be told the real reason why police fired at the crowd,” he said angrily - before demanding an immediate adjournment and stalking out of the room.

Earlier, he denied allegations by Mr Du Toit that he had been “extremely irresponsible” by making last-minute changes in his organisations’ (the Vaal Civic Association and the United Democratic Front) plans for a mass march.

These changes, Mr Du Toit said, allegedly created massive confusion among the huge crowd.

Evidence was that large sections of the crowd had believed they were marching to Vereeniging, while others believed they would witness a petitioning ceremony at their local police stations instead.

The Goldstone Commission was appointed to investigate and report urgently on all the circumstances relating to incidents on March 26 in the Lekoa area - in which at least 22 people were killed and an estimated 300 demonstrators injured.

Chairing the commission is Mr Justice R J Goldstone. Mr J J du Toit appears for the Attorney General’s office. Two legal teams, headed by Mr George Blaauw and Mr S C Mhinge, represent families of the dead as well as injured marchers.

The commission continues today and thereafter reconvenes next Monday. - Sapa
Petrol bombs follow march

IN the early hours of May 11, the homes of five activists of Ikageng township in Potchefstroom were petrol-bombed.

The attacks followed an aborted march by residents to the community councillors' offices to hand over a memorandum of grievances.

Police have not arrested the people responsible for the attacks, although witnesses reported seeing a white car speeding off after the incidents.

Butu Malibanye was worst hit that morning. Both his and his grandmother's homes were attacked.

His front and back doors were drenched in petrol and set alight. Damage at both houses was estimated at R1,400 (278)

The home of Pataul, Baloyi, president of the Ikageng Youth Congress (IYC), was petrol-bombed at 1.30am.

The bomb hit a bedroom wall and caused minor damage. Baloyi was detained later that morning.

At 7am, the home of Glen Moutlame was also petrol-bombed. The bomb hit the living room wall and caused minor damage.

Another member, Joseph Malaphe, also fell victim to the petrol bombing. His house was attacked at about 2am, and damage was estimated at R600. He was later detained.
Paballelo remembers day of grief

IN the small Upington township of Paballelo, May 26 will always be remembered with grief.

It was the day a year ago when 14 township residents, including an elderly couple, were sentenced to death in terms of the “common purpose” doctrine for having killed municipal police officer Mr. Lucas “Jetta” Sethwala in 1985.

In terms of the controversial legal principle, any member of a mob intent on murder is equally guilty if their action results in someone being killed, irrespective of which individual inflicted the fatal blow.

On May 26 this year, residents and relatives of the Death Row prisoners attended a service at the Paballelo stadium to commemorate the day sentence was passed.

The “Upington 14” and 11 other township residents given lesser sentences for the same murder have appealed against their sentences and are awaiting a date for the Appeal Court hearing.

In October last year, 64-year-old mother of 10, Mrs. Evelena de Bruin, the only woman on Death Row, lost an application for bail on the grounds that she was under severe psychological strain.

Mr. Justice Basson found there was insufficient evidence to make her request for bail exceptional.

De Bruin’s husband, Mr. Gideon Mandlengotwane, is also on Death Row.

The other Upington residents on death row are: David Lekhanyane, Andrew Lekhanyane, Tui Gihum, Zuko Xabendini, Zonga Mokgota, Wellington Mabuza, Joel Japha, Myer Bava, Justice Bekheke, Kenneth Khumalo, Albert Tywill, and Xolie Yona.
Baby shot dead on his mom's back

By MATHATHA TSEDU

AN 18-month-old baby died on his mother’s back after being hit by a rubber bullet when SADF members opened fire at a crowd at Lulekani township, near Phalaborwa, on Monday afternoon, residents said.

The baby’s name is unknown but residents said his father is Mr Piet Maluleke, a migrant worker in Cape Town.

Residents said the boy was hit by a rubber bullet on the head while on his mother’s back. He died instantly.

Police at Lulekani Police Station declined to comment and said only the station commander was authorised to speak to the Press.

They said the station commander was at a meeting in Giyan. A spokesperson for the SADF Northern command in Pietersburg, Lieutenant H Lourens, said she would investigate and come back to Soweto.

Three hours later, an officer at her office said she had already left for home. No message was available.

The regional organiser of the National Council of Trade Unions, Mr Percy Mkhari, who is also a member of the Transport Co-ordinating Committee in the area, said the fracas follows the continuing bus boycott by residents of Namakgale and Lulekani townships.

He said soldiers from Battalion 113 and a special task force based nearby had launched a blitz on taxis and motorists who have helped commuters since the boycott started in March this year.

Mkhari said shots were fired at taxis. One taxi was hit on the windscreen and radiator.

He said many taxi operators had left their vehicles.

Baby dies on mother’s back

A 27-year-old woman, who was on the road as they ran away from soldiers, was injured, he said.

The soldiers were later driven by soldiers and taken to Lulekani Police Station where they were still standing yesterday, he said.

Earlier in the day, transport board inspectors had stopped taxis and drivers were fined up to R300, it was alleged.

The few empty buses that used to run in both areas were not there yesterday as tension gripped the townships.

Taxis also did not run as operators prepared to protest against the alleged heavy-handed response of SADF members to the people’s decision not to use buses, residents said.

The bus boycott, against fare increases implemented in January by Lebowa Transport, was discussed by thousands of people who attended a rally at Namakgale Stadium on Sunday.
ANC attacks Maokeng violence

THE ANC yesterday denounced the political violence that rocked Maokeng township, near Kroonstad, earlier this week as the work of “political opportunists and gangsters who raise our flags and banners and then terrorise supporters of legitimate political organisations.”

Azapolofane of the organisations involved, immediately welcomed the “fact that the ANC has set the record straight” after having joined local ANC officials in a call for a ceasefire on Monday night.

Seven people were injured, three seriously, when bitter interethnic violence erupted on Monday between alleged supporters of the ANC and Azapo (178).

This came after fights broke out on Saturday, when people also claimed to be ANC members allegedly “hijacked” a funeral vigil for two Maokeng youths.

ANC organiser for the northern Free State region Chris Ravuku said yesterday: “We understand that at the funeral some people claiming to be our members hijacked it for their own narrow ends and began fighting with other legitimate political organisations.”

He said the ANC was only due to launch branches in the Free State on Saturday. Therefore any groups claiming to recruit or represent the organisation did not have a mandate.

One of the injured in Monday’s fighting, Meshack Mosake of the Maokeng Youth Congress, said yesterday ANC and Azapo supporters had held a meeting on Monday night where the decision to call a ceasefire between the two groups had been made.

Mosake, who was stabbed four times in the fighting, said: “It was decided that those injured would not report the situation to the police as they should not be involved in community affairs.”

Mosake said ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu would address Maokeng residents on Sunday – Sapa.
Teachers chased.

Pupils

Mr. Anger

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and dies.
Two kids hurt in teargas attack

TWO children - one with a heart problem - were hurt on Sunday when police allegedly fired teargas into a house at Jouberton township, near Klerksdorp.

Six-year-old Matshele Kgakala lost consciousness after inhaling teargas fumes and 12-year-old Jacqueline Palweni was, allegedly hit on the eye by a policeman.

The children were injured when police chased and fired teargas at about 30 people hiding in a house of a prison warder sergeant, Mr Jacob Palweni, in Jouberton.

One person waving an ANC flag was seen being taken away by police.

A Pretoria police spokesman said it was normal procedure to use teargas to control crowds in unrest situations.

The 30 people in the teargassed house were part of a crowd of more than 10,000 people who earlier had confronted police after attending a rally at a local stadium, the spokesman said.

Palweni said his daughter, Jacqueline, was on Monday treated for insomnia and a swollen eye. "She has had a heart problem since she was born," he said.

Palweni said Matshele became unconscious after he apparently inhaled teargas fumes. - Sapa
Sebokeng: Ammunition ‘not checked’

VEREENIGING — The officer commanding the two Reaction Units involved in the Sebokeng shooting on March 26 had not checked the strength of his men’s shotgun ammunition before forming his roadblock there.

Both Reaction Unit commanders — Captain Willem Jacobus du Plooy, the overall commanding officer of the Krugersdorp and Vanderbijlpark Reaction Units as well as commander of the Vanderbijlpark unit, Warrant Officer Etienne Roedolf Coetzee — were recalled yesterday by the Goldstone Commission for further testimony.

On Tuesday, Colonel Johannes van der Merwe, officer commanding the SAP Maleuwskop Training Centre, had testified that no police line-up of Reaction Units engaged in crowd control were allowed to load their teargas “stopper” guns or arm their shotguns in advance until specifically ordered to do so on the scene by their commanding officers.

But many special constables and regular SAP members admitted having loaded their shotguns at least one hour before joining the police blockade where the shooting took place.

Many also admitted that they had not checked the strength of the loaded shells.

Captain du Plooy explained during cross-examination yesterday that he had not checked whether any of the “stopper” guns carried by the policemen on the scene had been loaded.

He also had not checked the strength of shotgun ammunition in the men’s shotguns.

He admitted during cross-questioning that he would have had ample time to do so, as the road block had been in place for about an hour before the shooting.

Capt du Plooy also said the additional training in crowd control which he had received at Maleuwskop in 1977 “had gaps, as we were not taught to work with such huge crowds of 60 000 people or so.” — Sapa
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Informant 'did not get a cent for documents'

The key witness at the Hiernstra Commission hearings yesterday told how he "had not received a cent" from The Star for having given the newspaper official Johannesburg City Council documents which exposed any slugs in the security department.

While being cross-examined by Mr Gilbert Marcus, for various parties including Citycops, Mr. Hannes Gouws revealed the name of the council official to whom he had confided.

He said that he had spoken to Mr. Tony Thompson, a senior official in the security department, about giving information to the media.

"I spoke to him and he told me there were two options. One was to go to the newspapers and the other to Mr. Nokie Venter, the town clerk."

In earlier testimony, Mr. Gouws had said he had been unable to see Mr. Venter and had consulted a "senior council official". He had then taken the decision to hand the documents to The Star.

Cross-examined by Mr. H. Krugman, for Mr. H. Kemps, a former inspector, Mr. Gouws said he had not written to Mr. Venter because he knew "from the experience of other people" that replies were rarely received from Mr. Venter.

He also said he had not spoken to Mr. John Pearse, director of public safety, "because he is a friend of Mr. Frik Barnard."

A week later (March 4) he had given the documentation to The Star reporters who had gone to his home in Natal.

"Offices were swept for bugging devices"

Telephone and other bugging devices were considered for use by the Johannesburg City Council's security department, the Hiernstra Commission heard yesterday. A witness, Mr. Fanie Naudé, a technical officer in the security department, also said that the City's first-floor office of the leader of the opposition in the council could have been bugged.

He told the Mr. Justice Hiernstra, sitting with Mr. A. C. J. van der Berg, that he had been asked to sweep offices on the first floor for bugging devices and had found a cable for an extra telephone connection where he admitted could have been used to listen to conversations in offices on the floor.

When he hesitated in answering questions from Mr. Lutjie Wepener, leading evidence for the commission, Hiernstra was assured that he did not have to give answers to parts of the questions that he would be protected from being dishonoured by appearing before the commission.

Mr. Naudé said that recently Mr. Frik Barnard, the deputy chief of the department, and Mr. Tony Thompson, also of the department, had asked him to investigate the acquisition of listening devices.

Calculators

He said he had obtained bugging devices from a company and had taken them to Mr. Barnard to be looked at.

The devices could be built into telephones and pocket calculators, he added, as he had seen one in a gym.

He said he thought Mr. Thompson had requested him to look into the purchase of such devices, but that Mr. Barnard had known about them.

He had been "very surprised" to learn that such devices were on the market, and was not surprised to hear that they could be used to eavesdrop on conversations.

Mr. Naudé also testified he had been introduced to Commandant Kotze, of Witswatersrand Command, SAPS, by Mr. Barnard at the Johannesburg Fort early one evening, and that the Commandant had wanted to know if he had knowledge of checking offices for listening devices.

He was asked by Commandant Kotze if he had knowledge of checking offices for listening devices.

A few days later, he was told by Mr. Barnard to sweep Commanant Kotze's office, but he said he did not find anything but, on another occasion, picked up a device from a building next to the offices.

Mr. Naudé had also detected signals which could indicate a bugging device on the telephones system at the commandant's office.

He told Mr. Naudé that he had spoken to Mr. Barnard and also that he had told that Commandant Kotze would take care of it.

In answer to a question, Mr. Naudé said Mr. Barnard had asked him if Brigadier Visser's telephone could be bugged.

He did not know if this was with the knowledge of Brigadier Visser.
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Rent boycott hits council for R7.8 m

By Abel Mabelane, East Rand Bureau

The administrator of Tokoza (near Katlehong), Mr Gert Muller, said there was a 100 percent rent boycott in the township with arrears owed to the council by residents now standing at R7.8 million.

Mr Muller was appointed administrator of the Tokoza Council after several councillors resigned because of pressure from the community left the council without a quorum.

"Since I took over as administrator on April 11, the council has not collected a cent from the residents which means the rent boycott is 100 percent effective," he said.

He added that the council had no reserve funds and the salaries of its employees were this month paid by the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA).

Different organisations

Mr Muller said the TPA could, however, not be expected to foot the council's bills indefinitely.

He said he was going to hold talks with the Tokoza Civic Association tomorrow, because they were alleged to be behind the rent boycott in the township.

"Mr Muller said members of the TCA had already indicated they would like to meet him alone without councillors and he said he was prepared to meet their demands.

By meeting the different organisations in the township, he would be able to determine whether the problems in Tokoza were political or internal.

Mr Muller said if the problems were within the council, he would address them, but if they were political they would be beyond his scope.

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Reserve Bank to build in Newtown

Staff Reporter

The first major project announced in the redevelopment of Johannesburg's Newtown area is the erection of a Reserve Bank building on the corner of West and President streets.

Extraction for the building, which planning chief Mr Eddy Magid has dubbed the "financial anchor of the CBD", is expected to start in about eight months, said Reserve Bank administration manager, Mr Eric Pike.

But the bank's new branch office is unlikely to be the first building to be occupied in the first phase of the redeveloped area west of the city.

Oakwood Realty/Office Accommodation Investment which was last week awarded the R22.1 million tender to develop the remainder of phase 1, including Turbine Hall and Boiler House, has undertaken to commence immediately, he said.

Mr Pike said no details were available at this stage as a brief was still being prepared for the architects. Completion date is expected to be in four or five years' time.

No decision has been taken on the future of the Reserve Bank's existing three Johannesburg premises.
Germiston appoints new bosses

East Rand Bureau

Germiston's City Council officially appointed its new Management Committee at a special meeting yesterday.

Mr. Leon Louw of the National Party was officially elected chairman and Mr. Sarel Hattingh (NP), vice chairman.

The new members are Mr. Herman Immelman (NP), last year's mayor and Mr. Piet Delport (NP), last year's deputy mayor and Mr. Ray Hofmeeister, a member of the Independent Alliance.

The previous chairman, Mr. Stan van Eeden, the vice chairman, Mr. Fanie Coetzee and Mr. Johan Roussouw all members of the NP, resigned under pressure from the caucus last week.
Diepmeadow Council row

A MAJOR row is brewing in the Diepmeadow Council following disclosures that official vehicles are being grossly misused by councillors.

The malpractices are reported to have reached such uncontrollable proportions that the City Secretary, Mr David Mahalane, had to write a memorandum to the Mayor, Mr M J Khumalo, for his immediate intervention.

"...These practices are irregular in that they are not budgeted for neither are they approved in terms of the council's resolution. Your cooperation is requested so as to avoid unnecessary hardship for all involved. This practice must be stopped. Please assist," the memorandum pleaded.

"Sowetan was on Friday shown an extensively damaged car at the council's garage at the Central Camp in Diepbooi. The brand new Toyota Corolla was damaged after it was involved in an accident in Natal where a councillor had gone on a private trip. Sources also said there were many instances where councillors used council vehicles on long-distance trips for personal purposes.

They said it was difficult to curb these practices as the transport manager was regarded as a junior and would be seen as being insubordinate if he did not accede to their demands.

Khumalo could not be reached for comments as he was reported to be in Cape Town."
Bara strike forces patients to leave

BARAGWANATH Hospital stood almost empty yesterday after hundreds of patients were prematurely discharged due to a strike by 2,750 non-medical workers.

In spite of assurances by Transvaal Provincial Administration officials that the hospital will not close, hundreds of patients turned away when they were greeted by a notice at the entrance of the hospital saying patients should go to other hospitals as Baragwanath was closed.

Mr Dane Hough, Ad-

Superintendent, Dr Norman Smith, said the staff were only working until 11am each day before beginning their protest action.

He said the biggest problems facing the hospital were food, linen and general hygiene.

Strikers representatives belonging to the National Education and Health Workers Union (Nehawu), led by Mr Meshack Malla, met TPA officials led by Mr S E L Pelisseu, MEC in charge

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Bara almost empty

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of Health Services, for about three hours at Baragwanath Hospital yesterday and agreed to continue talking to each other in a bid to end the strike.

The strike may end today after Nehawu officials have reported back to their members.

A spokesman said Nehawu would try to persuade members to return to work.

Duty hours continued to pile up along corridors at the hospital and the wards overcrowded ward were empty.

A doctor expressed fears that substandard conditions may result in a spread of infections.

Pursuing the hardest hit victims in the dispute, decided resigned to their fate.

"Here in hospitals we can do it the workers went so fighting for their rights," a patient said.

"We only hope that the doctors will return as soon as they can and the charge as We have no where else to go."

Nehawuavern party."
Mr HANNES GOUWS - the man who blew the lid off Johannesburg's municipal soap - was yesterday accused of lying and telling "second-hand stories".

The Hemmstra Commission heard lawyers acting for the South African Defence Force and other parties, accuse Gouws of spreading falsehoods and by doing so had "become the Dirk Coetzee of the Johannesburg City Council".

Gouws yesterday gave evidence to Mr Justice VG Hemmstra, assisted by Mr W van den Berg, who is investigating the Star's revelations into spy rings in the Council's security department.

Under cross-examination by Mr A Roux, for the SADF and the Minister of Defence, Gouws said the conversation he had in a bar of a Johannesburg hotel - where he had heard that Dr Davel Webster was killed by a Mr Paul de Swardt had been attended by Commandant Thomas Krige, of the Witwatersrand Command, a Mr Beukenhout and Mr Dick Greiling, a colleague.

Gouws said the Commission last week only of Greyling in the bar. He was accused yesterday by Roux of telling half-truths.

Roux put it to Gouws that he had asked Kotze what he should say at the Hemmstra Commission. The meeting had taken place in the "Angels Bar" at the Cardiff Arms Hotel.

"Dr Webster's name came up in the conversation. Greyling had brought up his name," said Roux.

"That is correct," replied Gouws, who reiterated that Greyling had said Mr Paul de Swardt had shot Webster.

"I was amazed," said Gouws, who added he understood that Greyling had heard about the shooting from other "different" people.

Roux said Greyling had said that he had heard the information from someone whose name began with the letter 'S' and, in turn, 'S' had heard about a person named 'P' who had also heard about the Webster death.

"Under oath, I said I had heard about the shooting," said Gouws. Roux, however, said: "You are prepared to put a person's reputation on the line by relating fourth-hand information to the Commission. "You are trying to be the Dirk Coetzee of the Johannesburg City Council," said Roux..."
2 000 Wits students stage sit-in over road

By Janet Heard, Education Reporter

More than 2 000 defiant Wits University students staged a lunchtime sit-in in Yale Road yesterday and prevented cars from entering the road in an attempt to pressure the Johannesburg City Council into incorporating the street into the campus.

"The Road is Ours", "Yale Road Sucks" and "Nightmare on Yale Road" were some of the placards students carried in the public road which separates the east and west campuses.

Injured

For years students have campaigned for the road to be closed to prevent students from being knocked over by oncoming cars and to unite the two campuses.

SRC president Mr Anton Roskam said about 3 000 students crossed the road daily and a number of students had been injured after being hit by passing cars.

Last year Mr Ahmed Patel was fatally injured.

A team of traffic officers prevented a build-up of traffic by not allowing cars to enter the road at either entrance.

The Johannesburg City Council is meeting on May 14 and Yale Road is on the agenda.
McCarthy would have approved

Former Johannesburg city councillor PAT ROGERS comments on the report on himself drawn up by the municipality's security department. The report was recently submitted to the Hiemstra Commission.

We're a strange lot. Where else could advocacy of a municipal police force prompt accusations of left-wing radicalism?

Yet that's the starting point for the "personality bulletin" on me prepared by the Johannesburg City Council's security department. The report says that my initiatives in this direction, and notably the proposal that the force be an acceptable alternative to national service, "must be seen in a serious light as it infers that undesirable elements could join the police."

A line on the writer's thinking about undesirable elements and what can be done to correct their outlook is provided by his recommendation that such a force be established, "conditions be attached like the completion of basic military training and border service before people are enlisted."

There follows the damning but hardly revolutionary observation that I am "a convinced supporter of the PFP."

Even those inclined to defend the morality of eliminating or taking other drastic action against opposition activists would presumably concede that such steps should be based on sound intelligence.

On this level my file makes frightening reading. It is a litany of inaccuracies and non sequitur conclusions, and gives the impression that anything goes if it justifies further investigation and another pay cheque.

Harking back to the municipal police force and national service, it concludes that this "points to possible involvement with the End Conscription Campaign". For the record, I have never had anything to do with the ECC and my son completed his national service "The subject is quite possibly involved with Idasa, the Five Freedoms Forum and Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee".

Apart from a cocktail party and once chairing an PFP speaking panel (featuring a fairly respectable newspaper editor), I have had nothing to do with these organisations either.

Although the speculation concerning my involvement with these groups is nonsense, it is not unduly disturbing. Bearing in mind that it was a banned organisation at the time, it is much less amusing to read "the possibility that he is involved with the South African Communist Party is not ruled out". No doubt Senator McCarthy would have approved.

"The subject is in favour of negotiations with the ANC and he also supports the idea behind the Dakar meeting. He was approached to attend the Dakar meeting but decided against it. He was, however, represented at the debriefing."

I neither supported nor decried the Dakar meeting (though I would have thought a trip to Soweto quicker and cheaper), I was not approached to attend it and I was not represented at the debriefing. And I wonder what my personal spy (who remains unknown to me) would have to say about the Government now meeting the ANC?"

There are too many errors to detail. The most sinister disclosures and allegations coming out of the Hiemstra Commission are those indicating an improper role by military intelligence and possible links to political assassination.

On a municipal level, serious damage has been done to the very foundation of the system. Elected representatives of the residents have been spied on by those paid to serve them. Public money has been spent on unauthorised and unacceptable activities. Political neutrality in public service has been ignored.

A spider's web has been allowed to grow in secret. Between some councillors and some officials it will be a long time before trust and respect can again be established, if it can at all.
Security dept papers missing, inquiry told

CERTAIN Johannesburg City Council security department documents of interest to the Heimstra Commission of Inquiry into alleged irregularities in that department were missing, the commission heard yesterday.

Under cross examination by Lotter Wepenaar for the commission, former spy handler Martin Hennig said he had given a packet of documents to senior security department director Frikkie Barnard after the commission first seized documents from The Fort.

In addition, personal documents in Hennig's possession were being examined by himself and his legal representatives and those relevant to the commission would be submitted.

However, Hennig conceded to advocate Gilbert Marcus acting for the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF) that he was in no position to decide on the relevance or irrelevance of the documents.

Marcus said he would be looking at bringing an application for all those documents to be handed to the commission as he believed Hennig had misled his legal representatives.

Hennig denied all knowledge of a file on murdered Witus academicus David Webster, although Marcus produced a card which referred to the existence of a file.

It was possible the file on Webster was in Barnard's possession, Hennig said.

In addition, the commission was in possession of six reports on the activities of Webster, the commission heard.

Hennig said he did not think it important that he or Toni Naude, who had infiltrated the FFF and befriended Webster, should make statements to the police after his death.

Hennig refused to answer any questions regarding a farm at Halfway House, mentioned by former spy handler Hannes Gouws, where security department employees held a braai every Friday on the instructions of Barnard.

He said in terms of the Defence Act he would not answer any questions regarding his contact with the Defence Force, or his army activities.

Marcus said he would examine Hennig on these points once he had had time to study the Act.

On the question of the personal profile compiled by Hennig on former FFP councillor Pat Rogers, Hennig said he had not been perturbed about monitoring the activities of a city councillor as he did nothing unlawful.

He had compiled the profile with information provided by a member of the Security Police, Hennig said.

Rogers's sympathy with radical organisations put the council in danger. The commission will continue its proceedings today.
Hiemstra Commission told of 'safe house' used by spies

The Argus Correspondent reports from Johannesburg

The Hiemstra Commission heard yesterday of a "safe house" near the University of the Witwatersrand which was used by Johannesburg City Council spies.

It was one of a number of "offices" and "safe houses" according to spy handler Mr Martin Hennig, who spent his second day under cross-examination.

In earlier evidence it was stated that an office had been used at the Johannesburg Fort and that hotels had also been utilised.

"There was a recommendation to establish a field office but it was not carried through," Mr Hennig said.

He disclosed to Mr Justice V G Hiemstra, chairman of the commission, and who is being assisted by Mr W van den Berg, the modus operandi for placing houses of allegedly suspect people under surveillance. A number of homes were monitored, and car registration numbers noted.

"All we did was ride past the houses and note down the numbers and the people who were about," Mr Hennig added.

A contact in the Johannesburg City Council licensing department helped in establishing the names of car owners.

"Can any member of the public do this?" asked Mr Gilbert Marcus, who was cross-examining Mr Hennig on behalf of various organisations.

"I never had any problems," replied Mr Hennig, who was in charge of various informers for the security department of the council.

He also agreed that a type of databank was being established and agreed with Mr Marcus that the names of "innocent people went on the list."

Some names mentioned during testimony yesterday included Mr Tony Leon, a former leader of the Opposition in the council, and former city councillor Mrs Molly Koppel.

Earlier Mr Hennig said anti-apartheid organisations were affiliated to the United Democratic Front and therefore were fronts for the African National Congress. He named the Black Sash, Five Freedoms Forum, End Conscription Campaign and the South African Council of Churches. They had been infiltrated although he admitted several times he did not have "expert" knowledge about them.

He admitted knowing very little about the organisations and said his task had been to monitor "leftist, radical organisations." He regarded the Black Sash and such organisations affiliated to the UDF as fronts for the ANC and the SAP.

"It was a general opinion," Mr Hennig said.

Mr Hennig also repeatedly denied that the security department's information section had any interest in lawyers for Human Rights (LHR). The reason they had LHR's constitution on their files was solely for information purposes.

He said he had regarded LHR as a leftist organisation but that it had not been a target of the monitoring section.

Regarding information gathered on LHR, infiltrated by the lawyer Mr. Tony Naude, Mr Hennig said he did not know what contacts Mr Naude actually had in that organisation.

Infiltrated

An organisation on the University of the Witwatersrand campus, which included LHR and other left-wing groups, had also been infiltrated. Mr Hennig named it as the Legal Resources Centre, to which Mr Marcus replied, "You are totally wrong. You may have been thinking of Centre for Applied Legal Studies."

Mr Hennig said he had not received his information on the Legal Resources Centre from Mr Naude "but from others."

The information had come "from a certain person who worked for the security forces."

This was part of an ongoing exchange of information between security forces and the council's security department.

"The FFF did not officially affiliate themselves to the UDF, but it appeared they had from recent newspaper reports," Mr Hennig said.

Mr Marcus asked, "Do you believe everything you read in the newspapers?"

Mr Hennig replied, "Definitely not."

He said, however, that it was probable the FFF had close ties to the UDF.

Mr Marcus told Mr Hennig this was not true and the FFF incorporated religious, student, professional and human rights groups.

"I am worried about your testimony because you know so little about the organisation in which you placed an informant," Mr Marcus added.

Mr Hennig agreed he was not an expert on the organisations and repeated that it was his job.

Regarding the ECC, Mr Hennig said Mr. David Bruce had as far as he knew gone to prison for his beliefs, and Mr Hennig was opposed to people who tried to change the law in the manner attempted.

He said ECC members had participated in pickets under the banner of the Black Sash.

"Why didn't they stand as members of the ECC? I see their participation in pickets as a lie -- a symbol. It was low-intensity conflict," Mr Hennig said.
Council spies penetrated top union ranks

By KATHY STRACHAN

SPY reports before the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry into alleged irregularities of the Johannesburg City Council indicate that the Transport and General Workers Union, which organises municipal workers, was infiltrated to its core.

According to a union representative, the informers were even delegated to the union's National Executive Congress.

"We suspected some people in our union, and since the commission began they haven't attended any meetings. They are hiding away," said shop steward Smith Kgoahane.

Union member Petrus Ndzabe said: "All the people who have been assaulted by white security supervisors have been union members."

Ndzabe said everyone who had been assaulted had submitted their grievances to the deputy directors of the security department — Frik Barnard and Brigadier Venter — yet these grievances were never discussed with the members, as the procedure required.

Informers' reports before the commission include information on TGWU meetings, where they were held, and the name of each person present.

One of the infiltrated shop stewards' meetings concerned the city council and how it operated. The informer's report said the shop stewards noted that the council spent its money on the wrong things, and that they discussed the high cost of Town Clerk Manie Venter's house, unemployment and the fact that workers were not getting a living wage.

The report was followed by comment from spy handler Nick Cronje, who interpreted the manner of instruction as "blatant communist propaganda". A profile of union organiser Jane Barret was also submitted.

Clifton Mlatyana — the TGWU member Hannes Gouws admitted to teargassing — believes the security department victims union members.

Recalling the teargassing, he said: "I was in the guard room on night duty. I saw the key turn in the lock, and then they sprayed teargas into the room."

When he heard that Barnard had ordered Gouws to sort him out and that he "did not mind if he died", Mlatyana responded that it had been a "very lucky day for him". He said Barnard had previously called him a coward for not wanting to discuss a matter with him.
**Space age?**

The countdown to Transnet's plans to sell "air space" above the Johannesburg Station is on schedule. And, all things being equal, a keen developer could be on site early next year.

That's according to the man at the helm, Transnet director of business development, Fuzz Loubser.

He says 11 proposals have been received from developers interested in the scheme (Property November 23). These are in the process of being evaluated by Transnet and the Johannesburg City Council.

The concept involves the provision of 7,000 m² of lettable area in the "air space" above the railway tracks on the east side of Johannesburg Station between King George and Wanderers Streets.

This is the first space above railway lines to be released by Transnet. When fully developed, it will provide for a 1.5 km strip of offices between the Queen Elizabeth Bridge and End Street (excluding the station), linking the CBD, Braamfontein and Hillbrow.

Loubser says the proposal adjudication procedure should be completed within the next week or two.

From this evaluation, Transnet should be able to select a short list of "pre-qualifiers" who will be invited to submit formal financial offers.

"We are working closely with the council on this issue, partly because of the terms under which the council has granted rights for the development of the air space, and because we want to ensure that whatever concept emerges complies with Johannesburg's town planning criteria."

He adds that presentations submitted are a positive indication the market believes the project is economically viable.

"We were concerned the major upfront structural costs and technical complexity of decking a railway may have put development out of reach. However, the response to our proposal call indicates otherwise." That being the case, he says the next round of adjudication will be primarily on financial grounds and will, therefore, constitute tenders.

He believes two months will be required to prepare final submissions for the second round of bidding. This will be followed by another two-month adjudication. Transnet should be in a position to make an award by October. "On that basis, one could expect a keen developer to be on site early in 1991."

Loubser says.

He stresses the award will include performance clauses which will prevent speculative developers acquiring the "air space" and sitting on it for years before developing...
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The web grows

Startling testimony last week seemed to link the Johannesburg City Council spy ring to the murder of academic and political activist David Webster.

This had the effect of blurring the lines between the Hiemstra and Harm commissions (which are respectively conducting investigations into politically motivated espionage and alleged hit squads).

Early impressions that the city spy network was nothing more than a bumbling attempt by bureaucrat to play with the big boys are quickly fading.

The apparently close connection between the city spy handlers and State organisations was driven home on Monday when Defence Minister Magnus Malan and the SA Defence Force were represented for the first time at the Hiemstra commission, now in its fourth week of testimony.

Hannes Gouws, a former city council security training officer, alleged in testimony last week that Paul de Swardt, a former Military Intelligence officer, pulled the trigger on Webster a year ago. Gouws said De Swardt was a member of a special unit composed of city security officers and Military Intelligence members. De Swardt, now thought to be living in Venda, reportedly denies that he assassinated Webster. He is expected to testify this week.

Gouws said he learned of De Swardt's alleged involvement from Dick Greyling, De Swardt's SADF partner for three years. But Greyling denies he told Gouws that De Swardt killed Webster.

Gouws also testified that the city spy ring was trained by the SADF and worked with the Civil Co-operation Bureau, a covert arm of the SADF. Gouws, the man who exposed the spy network when he passed secret documents regarding its activities to The Star newspaper, said the CCB placed a R50 000 contract on his head. He said he had been intimidated and threatened ever since resigning in September due to his disillusionment with the security department's activities. He exposed the spy ring, he said, because he feared for his life.

"I am sure someone wants me dead," he said. "These sorts of people can murder."

The city spy ring and the CCB conducted joint operations of intimidation, including torching a suspected ANC safe house and assaulting an actor who appeared in an anti-apartheid play, according to Gouws.

Another connection between the city and State agencies was alleged when Gouws testified that his immediate city council security department superior, Frank Barnard, a major in Military Intelligence, had ordered him and other security department employees to work with Military Intelligence members under the command of Major Roy Laubscher.

Earlier in the week Johan Bege, a former city security supervisor, testified that the city's security department was a front for Military Intelligence. He also said that Barnard passed on information gathered by the city spy ring to the SADF.

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Hiemstra told of missing papers

JOHANNESBURG — A former spy handler, Mr Martin Hennig, said a missing document concerning murdered academic Dr David Webster which was not found by Hiemstra Commission investigators was handed to Mr Friz Barnard, the military intelligence major who allegedly controlled Johannesburg City Council's controversial spy ring.

Mr Hennig was testifying to the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry into allegations that the council's security department conducted irregular spying activities on, among others, legitimate left-wing political organizations at ratepayers' expense.

Mr Hennig told the commission he had handed documents to Mr Barnard which were not found when the commission's investigators first searched the council's security department offices for evidence.

Mr Barnard had ordered that the documents, which might have included original manuscripts, be brought to him, Mr Hennig said.

The missing document, allegedly among those handed to Mr Barnard, was apparently the product of a council security department spy report.

Under cross-examination by Mr Lotter Wepener for the commission, Mr Hennig said that if Mr Barnard had not handed the missing documents in to the commission he did not know what had happened to them.

Earlier in his testimony, Mr Hennig admitted sorting out security department documents in his office with two colleagues with a view to deciding which were of interest to the commission.

Mr Hennig, whose council duties included liaison with "security force" intelligence, told the commission he had taken a secrecy oath while serving in the defence force which he considered binding.

Under cross-examination by Mr Gilbert Marcus, counsel for the End Conscription Campaign, Mr Hennig explained that the council's security department had infiltrated and spread on the ECC because the group's members had participated in pickets which could have disrupted traffic.

Mr Marcus reserved his right to question Mr Hennig later — Sapa
Snoopers disturbed 'naked neighbour'

The story of how a spy handler and his colleague snooped at the home of a top Johannesburg city councillor and disturbed a naked neighbour was told to the Hiemstra Commission yesterday.

When questioned by Mr Lotter Wepener, for the commission, Mr Martin Hennig at first claimed no knowledge of having called at the home of Mr Ian Davidson, now chairman of the city council's management committee.

However, he suddenly remembered the incident when Mr Wepener asked him: "You recall knocking on a bathroom window?"

Mr Hennig then said that he had been to Mr Davidson's Westdene house with Mr Piet Fouche, another security official.

According to evidence, they knocked on the bathroom window of the house next door to Mr Davidson. A woman answered and the men asked if there was a pool at Mr Davidson's house.

The woman, who was having a bath, and according to evidence was naked, said there was.

According to Mr Wepener, four other councillors were visited by Mr Hennig and his colleague during early 1989.
Profile compiled on ex-councillor

Surveillance costing R4 500 was to have been carried out on former city councillor and civic personality Mr Pat Rogers, the Hennstra Commission heard yesterday.

Mr Marin Hennings, a spy handler in the Johannesburg City Council's security department, said in testimony that Mr Rogers had been regarded as a "liberal".

In a profile compiled of Mr Rogers, he was suspected of having links with the ANC and South African Communist Party (SACP) and had advocated closer ties with the ANC.

The profile had arisen as a result of a 1987 resolution put forward by Mr Rogers that a city police force be established and that the members of it be allowed to serve as part of their national service commitments.

Mr Hennings said he concluded that Mr Rogers could, because of the resolution, be linked to the End Conscription Campaign, an organisation advocating alternative service.

Mr Gilbert Marcus, for various parties, described it as a "very serious allegation" to link Mr Rogers to the SACP.

Mr Hennings said Mr Rogers "was possibly a member and possibly not."

Questioned by Mr Marcus on whether being a sympathiser of radical organisations fell within the ambit of the security department's spying activities, Mr Hennings replied: "It is possible."

Mr Marcus asked him about invasion of privacy and Mr Hennings replied that it would "depend precisely what is required."

Mr Hennings admitted that there had been a number of mistakes in the profile and implied that the whole report could have been an error.

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DP asked to stand down in Boksburg poll

Staff Reporter

The Democratic Party has been approached twice in the past week to stand down in the Boksburg Ward-Two by-election, DP secretary Mr Sirk van Wyk revealed last night.

And we are challenging independent Mr Issy Kramer who joined the National Party 18 months ago, he said.

The formal nominations for the May 30 by-election will be made today.

He said Mr Sakkie Blanche, NP MP for Boksburg, approached DP parliamentary leader Dr Zach de Beer asking whether the party would stand down.

Mr Issy Kramer, an independent town councillor, approached Mr Harry Schwartz, DP MP for Yeoville, to ask the same thing, he said.

"We're amazed because two NP councillors resigned under a cloud from that ward," he said.

The candidates so far are Mr Ronnie Wiggel (NP), Mr J Elaine (CP) and Mr Colin Auret (DP).
By Norman Chandler, Louise Burgers and Helen Grange

The Hiestra Commission heard yesterday of a “safe house” near the University of the Witwatersrand which was used by Johannesburg City Council spies.

It was one of a number of offices and safe houses according to spy handler Mr Martin Hennig, who spent his second day under cross-examination.

In earlier evidence it was stated that an office had been set up at Johannesburg Fort and that hotels had also been utilised.

Mr Hennig revealed to Mr Justice V G Hiestra, chairman of the commission, who is being assisted by Mr W van den Berg, the modus operandi for placing houses of allegedly suspect people under surveillance. Homes were monitored, and car registration numbers noted.

“All we did was ride past the houses and note down the numbers,” Mr Hennig added.

A contact in the Johannesburg City Council licensing department helped in establishing the names of car owners.

“Can anyone of the public do this?” asked Mr Gilbert Marcus, who was cross-examining Mr Hennig on behalf of various organisations.

“I never had any problems,” replied Mr Hennig, who was in charge of various informers for the council’s security department.

He also agreed that a type of databank was being established and agreed with Mr Marcus that the names of innocent people went on the list.

ANC fronts

Some names mentioned during testimony yesterday included Mr Tony Leon, a former leader of the Opposition in the Council, and former councilor Mrs Molly Koppel.

Earlier Mr Hennig said anti-apartheid organisations were affiliated to the United Democratic Front and therefore fronts for the African National Congress. He named the Black Sash, Pave Freedom Forum, End Conscription Campaign and the South African Council of Churches. They had been infiltrated although he admitted several times he did not have “expert” knowledge about them.

He said his task had been to monitor “leftist, radical organisations”. He regarded the Black Sash and such organisations as fronts for the ANC and the SACP.

“It was a general opinion,” Mr Hennig said.

Mr Hennig also repeatedly denied the security department’s information section had any interest in Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR). The reason they had LHR’s constitution on their files was solely for information purposes.

Regarding information gathered on LHR, infiltrated by trainee lawyer Mr Tony Naudé, Mr Hennig said he did not know what contacts Mr Naudé actually had in that organisation.

An organisation on the University of the Witwatersrand campus, which included LHR and other left-wing groups, had also been infiltrated. Mr Hennig named it as the Legal Resources Centre, to which Mr Marcus replied “You are totally wrong. You may have been thinking of the Centre for Applied Legal Studies.”

The FPF did not officially affiliate themselves to the UDF, but it appeared they had from recent newspaper reports,” Mr Hennig said.

Mr Marcus asked “Do you believe everything you read in the newspapers?”

Mr Hennig replied “Definitely not.”

He said, however, that it was probable the FPF had close ties to the UDF.

Mr Marcus told Mr Hennig this was not true and the IFF incorporated religious, student, professional and human rights groups.

“I am worried about your testimony because you know so little about the organisation in which you placed an informant,” Mr Marcus added. Mr Hennig agreed he was not an expert on the organisation and repeated that it was his job.

The hearing continues.
City spy handler invokes Act to avoid questions

Staff Reporters

The Defence Act was invoked yesterday by Johannesburg City Council spy handler Mr. Martin Henning to avoid answering questions at the Hoffman Commission hearings about his contacts with security forces.

Mr. Henning also used Section 118 of the Act when asked about a farm near Pretoria where the South African Defence Force allegedly trained military security department officials.

Mr. David Mack, a former partner, was questioning Mr. Henning about the murder of academic Dr. David Webster and military involvement with the security department.

Mr. Albert Voelcker, the commission chairman, assisted by Mr. W. van den Berg, agreed to a short adjournment to allow Mr. Henning to consult legal representatives about the implications of answering the questions.

On his return to the room, Mr. Henning said he was not prepared to answer any questions dealing with his liaison with security forces.

Mr. Henning was questioned at length by Mr. Marcus on a missing file (dated 11/11) on Dr. Webster, who was murdered outside his Johannesburg home a year ago.

It was alleged earlier during hearings that a Mr. Paul de Swardt had murdered Dr. Webster, who was active in the Fye Freedom Forum. Mr. Henning said although Dr. Webster's name appeared on a security department list of people with profiles and filing cards, he knew nothing about such a profile having been prepared on Dr. Webster.

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CCB set up ‘front’ businesses in African countries

Network of spies cost R14- m

By Norman Chandler, Pretoria Bureau

Agents of Sector 6 of the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) spent more than R14 million infiltrating African states and on local projects, the Harms Commission heard yesterday.

The countries were not identified by undercover agent “Christo Brits” yesterday, who took the witness stand to tell commission chairman Mr Justice Louis Harms how the CCB ran its activities.

“Christo Brits”, the commission heard, the administrative name of a CCB employee. The judge ruled that his identity or photograph or sketch of him could not be published.

In the public gallery was CCB chairman General Eddie Webb.

The commission heard that at least four foreign projects were specially developed for Sector 6, which was run from Johannesburg by former police colonel Staal Burger.

The judge ruled that information about other similar projects also could not be divulged because of an application by CCB lawyers.

Disguised with wig, beard, moustache and glasses, Mr “Brits” said Sector 6 comprised Mr Burger (former commander of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad), and former policemen Abraham “Slang” van Zyl, Chappie Maree and Calla Botha.

Claims of killings

It was one of three such sectors he had worked with over a period.

Mr Maree is the only one of the group who has not been seen since the CCB was exposed in November as a covert SADF operation and accused of being involved in political murders including those of activist Drs David Webster and Swapo national executive member Anton Lubowski.

The setting up of Sector 6 was codenamed Project Choice, said Mr “Brits”. Each member was able to set up a business under a codename.

The sector had also been involved in a project codenamed Project 4, which had resulted in an unnamed CCB member being given a new identity and employment in an African state.

The commission heard about a project known as Maxie. Under the control of Mr Burger, it dealt with espionage activities in “a certain African state.”

The affidavit said that to identify the person who helped Mr Burger would be “life threatening.”

Another, codenamed Project Imperial, was established to obtain information from an African country’s intelligence department.

“The identities of the group, their method of operation, and the country cannot be disclosed,” the affidavit said. It added: “The people involved were not aware they were working for the CCB.”

Project Imperial continued for some time, according to the affidavit. Entries from the Sector 6 cash book, handed in as evidence, showed that it began on May 12, 1989 and ended on January 30 this year.

Another African country was infiltrated through Project Maagd, which involved the setting up of a business there to operate in association with a similar establishment in South Africa.

A fourth country was infiltrated by another CCB sector. It was known as Project Visarend.

“The man involved knew he was working on behalf of a South African security force. He did not, however, specifically provide the CCB with information,” the affidavit said.

Mr Justice Harms forbade publication of certain parts of the affidavit.

Tim McNally, Attorney-General of the Free State, who is assisting the commission, said that sums of more than R400,000 had been spent on various projects.
Spy that failed to please his bosses

THE Man Who Wrote To Himself is not the title of a new best-seller. It's the real-life saga of a spy who would have done well keeping the post office in business.

Desperate to show his bosses he was as good as James Bond, the legendary 007, Johannesburg City Council spy Mr Anthony Bennett wrote letters addressed to himself at the municipal security department.

"The former bank clerk, university student, spy and spy handler caused merriment at the Hiemstra Commission hearings yesterday when he admitted to having done so. But it all came to naught — or its nearest equivalent."

His superiors gave his input, on the Democratic Party's candidates for the 1988 Johannesburg municipal elections and on the annual DP fete at Zoo Lake, totals of 4 out of 10 and 5 out of 10.

"It all began when Mr Bennett, who dropped out of the University of the Witwatersrand after infiltrating the End Conscription Campaign on behalf of the security department, obtained a document listing DP election candidates.

"It was a document I received and thought would be of interest to the department," he told Mr Denis Fine, SC, for the commission, during re-examination before Mr Justice V G Hiemstra, assisted by Mr W van den Berg.

To get the document into the "system" operating within the department was easy — he simply wrote to himself, enclosing the document.

He told the commission he acted as the informer, the source of the document, and the recipient. "I did so to show I was a reliable source," he added.

"That is puerile," retorted Mr Fine. "Did you find it interesting that you wrote to yourself?"

"Yes," replied Mr Bennett.

And Mr Bennett not only wrote to himself but also classified the source (himself) as "B2" — which, in security department jargon meant he was very reliable.

Under cross-examination by Mr Gilbe*, Marcus, acting for various parties, Mr Bennett admitted to having written a second letter, this time enclosing information about the DP fete.
Giant public corporations ‘involved in spy network’

NORMAN CHANDLER, LOUISE BURGERS and HELEN GRANGE

AN intelligence-gathering network with tentacles stretching throughout the country is being run by the SA Defence Force with the co-operation of giant public corporations, it was revealed yesterday.

The corporations include the SABC, Sasol and the Post Office.

Spies operating for them as well as other, unnamed, corporations have been meeting weekly at Witwatersrand Command, the SADF’s southern Transvaal headquarters in Johannesburg, to exchange information, the Hiemstra Commission heard.

Mr Anthony Bennett, a spy and spy handler for the now-defunct Johannesburg City Council security department’s spy unit, told Mr Justice V G Hiemstra, who is assisted by Mr W van den Berg, that State corporations exchanged information with the military.

This is the second time that the Hiemstra Commission — which is investigating The Star’s revelations of a spy ring in the security department — has heard about a wide network of intelligence gatherers.

Local authorities

In earlier evidence, the director of public safety in Johannesburg City Council, Mr John Pearce, said the majority of the country’s local authorities ran similar intelligence units to that of Johannesburg.

He said a national association made up of security departments was also in existence.

Mr Bennett yesterday told the commission he had attended various meetings of representatives of the SADF, the Johannesburg City Council, Sasol, the SABC and the Post Office — as well as others he did not name — at Wit Command during 1987-88.

He had been delegated to do so by Mr Piel Assenmacher, his superior at the security department.

He made the admission about the meetings under cross-examination by Mr Gilbert Marcus, acting for various parties. It came when he said he thought he had attended “one or two meetings with the SADF”.

Mr Marcus then produced a photocopy of a “movement book” found at the department’s offices at the old Johannesburg Fort. Entries showed that Mr Bennett had been to Wit Command on at least eight occasions.

The first was on November 19 1987, when he met a Captain Young. The second a week later to meetLieutenant Martin Heuning (who later joined the council security department and has been a key witness to the Hiemstra Commission), a third to meet Lieutenant Nick Beqof (who also joined the security department), and a fourth was a “liaison” meeting at Wit Command on December 4 1987.

Other meetings followed.

Earlier, Mr Bennett told Mr Denis Furey, SC, representing the commission, that he had never been in

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volved with any activities regarding the SADF. He had, however, attended a five-day “low-level source-handling” course at a farm outside Pretoria.

Cross-examining, Mr Marcus said evidence about military involvement was a lie Mr Bennett denied that this was the case, adding “It could have been to drop off documents”.

Mr Bennett then said “I went to one meeting there were a couple of meetings with the military. It could have been to pass on information.”

The meetings took place weekly. Various companies which ran security sections came together to meet the army on a weekly basis.

“They were companies which had discovered information they included the Post Office, Sasol and the SABC, among others”.

He could not recall what information had been passed on, but when Mr Marcus referred to him as “a trained intelligence officer”, Mr Bennett conceded that it could have included data on planned stayaways and strikes.

Another reason he gave for visiting Wit Command was to “return council employment application forms” to lieutenants Roestof and Heuning. Mr Marcus rejected this.

The commission has heard that there was an exchange of intelligence between the security department and the military.
Post Office spies reported weekly to SADF

JOHANNESBURG — A former Johannesburg City Council spy testify-
ing before the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry yesterday said that other spies from huge parastatal corporations, including the SA Broadcasting Corporation, reported on a weekly basis to SADF military intelligence chiefs.

Mr Anthony Bennett also cited possible disruption of traffic as a reason for infiltrating the End Conscription Campaign ECC members, he argued, took part in pickets and this activity could disrupt traffic. His colleague, Mr Martin Hennig, on Thursday offered the same excuse for the ECC infiltration.

Intelligence

Mr Bennett said he had on occasions attended intelligence exchange meetings at Wits Command, the SADF's Johannesburg headquarters.

At these meetings, members of “intelligence sections” attached to parastatals like the SABC, Sasol and the Post Office gathered under the chairmanship of the SADF.

According to his evidence, a Johannesburg City Council representative regularly attended the weekly meetings. Mr Bennett said he had attended only on occasions because a senior in the council security department, Mr Piet Asemacher, had been unavailable.

He provided no further details of the meetings other than to say he had exchanged information with military intelligence officers.

Mr Bennett, in his testimony yesterday, initially denied any involvement with the SADF while working for the city council’s security department but later admitted visiting Wits Command on several occasions when confronted with evidence of the trips.

Two of these visits in 1987 included meetings with Lt Martin Hennig and a Lt Rick Roestof, both of whom later quit the Defence Force and joined the city council security department.

Refused to answer

Mr Bennett became the second witness testifying before the Hiemstra Commission to refuse to answer questions in terms of the Defence Act, as more evidence suggesting SADF involvement in the council’s spy ring emerged.

Mr Dennis Fine, SC, for the commission, put to Mr Bennett that he was using a military oath taken previously to preclude answering certain questions.

Mr Fine described to Mr Bennett a report drawn up by the former spy. The report was in the form of a letter written by Mr Bennett to himself and dealt with Democratic Party candidates in municipal elections.

Mr Bennett agreed that the report held no interest for the city council, saying he had written it for his security department colleagues’ information.

The hearing continues — Sapa
Hospitals Breach Ethics

Union puts TPA pay proposals to members

By Carine de France
A statement issued by the executive director of health services, Dr. Henne van Wyk, said "proposals are presently being formulated" which were to be put to workers by the union this morning.

Agreement were reached in the fifth round of talks which started on Friday evening and continued over the weekend.

Nehawu will report back to Dr. van Wyk later today to finalise the agreement, he said. Nehawu organiser Mr. Monde Mditshwa could not be reached for comment.

While talks were in progress yesterday, the crisis intensified and spread. Operating theatres, casualty section and kitchen at Tembisa Hospital were closed and seven other hospitals are also still badly affected.

Unlike other hospitals, there are no voluntary workers at Tembisa.

Wage demands were the final issue which had to be settled between TPA and Nehawu.

The TPA team is headed by Dr. van Wyk and Nehawu by Mr. Mditshwa. The TPA is legal expert professors A.A. Strauss of the University of South Africa.

Officials of Nehawu will address workers at the Flower Hall on the campus of the University of the Witwatersrand to report back and obtain a fresh mandate.

Shared concern

Dr. van Wyk said in today's statement he had gained the impression during the talks that Nehawu representatives shared his "serious concern" over the welfare of patients.

Today is the eighth day since workers at Baragwanath Hospital went on strike. Hillbrow, Johannesburg, Natalpru and F.F. Verwoerd Hospitals followed suit, and by last night the strike had spread to Middelburg, Tembisa, Boksburg-Benoni and Thabapong (Klerksdorp) hospitals.

At Tembisa and Natalpru services are rendered by the minimum of nursing staff.

The Red Cross and volunteers are assisting nursing staff to keep services going while the TPA reported "large scale intimidation."

Union officials said they were against intimidation and people identified as intimidators were unknown to them.

According to the TPA, emergency cases only are being handled and essential services continue.

All but desperately ill patients have been discharged.

At Baragwanath the backlog of more than 40 tons of dirty linen is being dealt with by an outside contractor.

Yesterday, volunteers were still needed to sort, fold and pack the linen, and to work in the kitchens to relieve nursing staff. In most cases volunteers at other hospitals are helping with the linen stocks of pre-packed medication are low.
Hospitals row nears crunch

TALKS between the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union resume this morning. These must now settle the most burning aspect of the dispute - wage demands by the non-medical staff.

The two negotiators will meet this morning at Pretoria when the TPA will expand significantly on Nkawu's wages demands.

Meanwhile, the union by ballots of non-medical staff continues to cripple Transvaal hospitals, among them Breezeway Hospital.

"The only outstanding issue is our wage proposal," Nkawu's national organiser, Mr. Mosole Mdlalose said.

It was not clear if the Nkawu stoppage would focus on wage demands by non-medical staff at all hospitals or if Breezeway was a test case.

Bara crisis

The Union is demanding a minimum salary of R1 100 a month and an across-the-board R400 increase.

"We have reached agreement on the rest," Mdlalose said, referring to Nkawu's demands for TPA recognition, an end to temporary status for all workers, and an end to legal discrimination within health institutions, among others.

"It now depends on the TPA response to the wage demand. Everything hinges on it," Mdlalose said.

He declined to reveal details of what had been agreed so far - "Spar."
The Johannesburg Municipal Employees Association had informed the city council's management committee it would be funding the defence of members who allegedly spied on the union, said Mr Paul Asherson.

The bill for legal representation for nine members of the union appearing before the Haemstra Commission, which is investigating alleged spying activities into various organisations including the JMEA itself, is likely to run into hundreds of thousands of rands.

Mr Asherson, a Democratic Party management committee member, said: "I believe this is acceptable."

"The JMEA took the courtesy of informing our committee of their action and I believe that is democracy, that is how a union works."

"These people, including town clerk Mr Manie Venter and director of public safety Mr John Pearce, have been members for many years," he said.
'Vote twice' councillor acted illegally – judge

By Cathy Stagg

A former Boksburg town councillor, Mr Gideon Foure, who encouraged a woman to vote twice, had committed a dishonest act. That meant he was not entitled to act as a town councillor, unless lawfully re-elected. And the former Boksburg mayor who refused to declare a vacancy in Mr Foure's ward had made the wrong decision.

These were the findings of Mr Justice H J C Flemming, who handed down judgment in an urgent application in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Mayoral election

The application was launched in March this year to stop Mr Foure, a CP councillor and chairman of the management committee, taking part in the election of Boksburg's mayor.

Mr Foure had undertaken not to act as a councillor until the outcome of the court case. Mr Foure, a candidate in the October 1986 election, was convicted of encouraging Mrs Charmaine Rex, to vote again under her maiden name of Wilson. After his conviction, he launched an appeal. Mr Beyers de Klerk, who was then the mayor, refused to declare a vacancy in Mr Foure's ward, which would have resulted in a by-election.
Most spies came from intelligence units

By Helen Grange and Louise Burgers

Seven out of 10 employees in the monitoring section of the Johannesburg City Council security department were recruited from Military Intelligence and National Intelligence, the Hienstra Commission heard yesterday.

Former senior deputy director of security, Brigadier Jan Visser, admitted under cross-examination by Gilbert Marcus, for various parties, that his deputy director Frik Barnard had recruited most of the council spies and spy handlers.

It was earlier revealed to the commission, chaired by Mr Justice V G Hienstra investigating The Star's revelations of a council spy network, that Mr Barnard was a major in Military Intelligence.

Spy handlers Martin Henning, Nic Roestorf and Nic Vlok were recruited from Military Intelligence, while Piet Assenmacher came from National Intelligence. Annetje Smit, a secretary and handler and Sonel Liebenberg came from the SADF.

Brigadier Visser did not know whether ECC spy Tony Bennett and a Mr Hatungh had also come from the Defence Force (Earlier, Mr Bennett refused to answer questions regarding his military career in terms of Section 118 of the Defence Act.

Mr Marcus retorted "So we have seven out of 10 who came from Military Intelligence or the SADF."

Brigadier Visser, after being quizzed on Mr Barnard's staff appointments, admitted that he reprimanded Mr Barnard "only once" when the proper channels in the recruitment of Miss Smit had not been followed.

Brigadier Visser said he was not aware of other incidents of irregular staff appointments, although other complaints had been received from the person...
COUNCIL PLANS TO GIVE CITY SOME BACKBONE

CHARLOTTE MATHIEUS

JOHANNESBURG-City Council has joined the private sector to upgrade the heart of the city linking the retail core and the traditional financial district.

Project control consultant Pro-Crit MD Louis Stapelberg said at a Press conference at Johannesburg's civic centre yesterday the R105m Civic Spine project, due for completion at the end of March 1991, was within budget and on schedule.

The spine will be defined by a line of trees on the northern pavement of President Street and the southern pavement of Market Street. It will stretch from the Johannesburg Library to the Rissik Street post office.

City council planning and development committee chairman Eddy Magid said the area was intended to become the symbolic heart of the city.

Civic Square, which lies between the city hall and the post office, will be paved and a fountain with tall obelisks will be constructed to mark the site.

The Library Gardens will become recreational space and will include a variety of stalls at the area which are now ramps to the parking garage.
Inquiry findings to be made public

RECOMMENDATIONS by the Knel Commision of Inquiry into alleged irregularities in the Atteridgeville City Council are to be made public this week.

Mr Olaus van Zyl, the Transvaal Provincial Administration's (TPA) MEC entrusted with local government and regional services councils, said yesterday the recommendations would be released "within the next few days."

Van Zyl said the reason that the recommendations could not be made public earlier was that the TPA wanted to combine them with those involving other black local authorities.

"We had a number of internal investigations involving other black local authorities and we wanted to release the recommendations simultaneously."

The Knel Commission's recommendations were tabled at a special meeting of the Atteridgeville City Council on February 27.

The commission recommended, among others, that the council be dissolved in terms of Section 29 of the Black Local Authorities Act.

It stated that it would serve no purpose to provide more funds, either by bridging or overdraft facilities, until the whole administration was placed on an efficient bookkeeping system and a proper budget was applied.

The recommendation to dissolve the council was rejected by councillors at a special meeting on February 27.

Mr Daan Mouton, acting town clerk in Atteridgeville, said the release of the recommendations would stop "the speculations" going around in the township.
Hiemstra to rule today on Defence Act secrecy clause

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A ruling on a challenge to a section of the Defence Act, used by key witnesses in refusing to answer questions before the Hiemstra Commission, will be handed down today by Mr Justice V G Hiemstra.

Mr Gilbert Marcus, for the End Conscription Campaign and other parties, brought an application challenging former spy handler Mr Martin Hennig’s refusal to answer questions in terms of the Defence Act, Section 118.

Earlier, former ECC spy Mr Anthony Bennett also refused to answer questions regarding his military career.

RECALLED

Mr Hennig was recalled to the witness stand for the fifth time yesterday, the 14th day of the commission of inquiry chaired by Mr Justice Hiemstra, who is investigating revelations of a spy ring in the Johannesburg City Council.

Information Mr Hennig refused to give to the commission yesterday was:

- The names of police officers he had liaised with while in the council security department.
- Details about military intelligence personnel involved in a special “team” named by key witness, Mr Hannes Gouws. (Mr Gouws said earlier the team was responsible for assaults on and intimidation of “leftist radicals”. He claimed one of the team members, Mr Paul de Swardt, had killed activist Dr David Webster).
- Information of a farm where Military Intelligence officers and security department personnel allegedly met.

Mr Marcus also quizzed Mr Hennig on the military oath he claimed restricted him from answering questions on the Defence Force.

Mr Hennig said the oath stated that no Defence Force member could release any information regarding the Defence Force, its personnel and activities.

Mr Hans Bornman, for Mr Hennig, placed on record that no questions would be answered by his client on his liaison with security forces because answers to such questions were “irrelevant”, restricted in terms of Section 118 of the Defence Act and forbidden by his military oath.

Mr Marcus submitted that any information Mr Hennig had regarding the South African Defence Force did not affect the capacity of South Africa to defend itself, one of the grounds for secrecy and confidentiality in Section 118.

“If one asks a person what his rank is, or whether he visited a certain place, that does not affect the defence of the Republic of South Africa,” Mr Marcus said.

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BOUND BY ORDINANCE

Mr Campbell said Mr Hennig was bound by the commissions’ ordinance of 1960 to answer all questions put to him, and that if he was not prepared to give replies he would be guilty of an offence.

Mr Hennig would be exempt from this ordinance only if he claimed a “privilege” in withholding information. He would have to prove this privilege, Mr Campbell said.

Mr Bornman said the commission of inquiry was bound by its terms of reference which restricted it to exposures in the Press and therefore questions relating to military involvement in the council security department were not relevant.

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Hiemstra to decide on Defence Act silence

By Helen Grange and Louise Burgers

Mr Justice V G Hiemstra will hand down a ruling today on a challenge to a section of the Defence Act, which was used by key witnesses in refusing to answer questions before the Hiemstra Commission.

Mr Gilbert Marcus, for the End Conscription Campaign and other parties, brought an application challenging former spy handler Mr Martin Hennig’s refusal to answer questions in terms of the Defence Act, Section 118.

Former ECC spy Mr Anthony Bennett also refused to answer questions regarding his military career.

Mr Hennig was recalled to the witness stand for the fifth time yesterday, the 14th day of the Commission of Inquiry, chaired by Mr Justice Hiemstra, who is investigating The Star’s revelations of a spy ring in the Johannesburg City Council.

Assaults

Information-Mr Hennig refused to give to the Commission of Inquiry.

- The names of police officers he had liaised with while in the council security department.
- Details about military intelligence personnel involved in a special “team” named by key witnesses Mr Hannes Gouws (Mr Gouws said earlier the team was responsible for assaults and intimidation of “leftist radicals”). He claimed one of the team members, Mr Paul de Swardt, had killed activist Dr David Webster.
- Information about a farm where military intelligence officers and security department personnel allegedly met.
- Mr Marcus also quizzed Mr Hennig on the military oath he claimed restricted him from answering questions on the Defence Force, its personnel and activities.

Mr Hans Bornman, for Mr Hennig, placed on record that no questions would be answered by his client on his liaison with security forces because answers to such questions were “irrelevant”, restricted in terms of Section 118 of the Defence Act and forbidden by his military oath.

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Mr Fanie Naude, a technical officer in the city council, testified yesterday that quotations had been requested by security department director Mr Pirk Barnard for video cameras and monitors.

The quotation for the portable video equipment was dated October 7 1989 and Mr Naude said he had submitted it to Mr Barnard in February this year.

The equipment — three times the size of a credit card — could be “hidden in a location, undetected by people”, Mr Naude said. “Mr Barnard said (it the video equipment) had to be very mobile and portable. There were no wires”.

He agreed with Mr Lotter Wepener, leading evidence for the commission, that such equipment was not normally used by the Johannesburg City Council. Its equipment was visible.

Thefts

Under cross-examination by Mr Sally von Neuwemhuzen, for Mr Barnard, Mr Naude said Mr Barnard had told him the hidden cameras were to be placed at council installations where thefts had taken place, and were therefore used for criminal investigation.

Mr Naude told the commission that a day after he last gave evidence (a week ago), he had been transferred to a new position under Mr Martin Hennig, former spy handler.

When asked by Mr W van den Berg, assisting Mr Justice Hiemstra, whether the new position was a promotion, Mr Naude replied that it was part of “rationalisation” in the council.

The commission adjourned early yesterday after a witness failed to appear. Brigadier Jan Vasser, former security deputy director, is expected to take the stand today.
Probe blames problems on inexperience

GERALD REILLY

PRETORIA — Few of the problems identified in investigations into the affairs of black town councils in the Transvaal related directly to dishonest or corrupt conduct, MEC in charge of local government Olaf van Zyl said last night.

It seemed councils' problems stemmed mostly from a lack of trained staff or the inexperience of councillors. Both aspects were receiving urgent attention.

The investigations included probes into the administration of local government in Alexandra, Atteridgeville, Bekkersdal, Diepmeadow, Kwekela, Lebohang, Mhluzi Syathemba, Tembisa, Tokoza, and Wesselton.

Further investigations are being made into the affairs of Tembisa, Tokoza, and Wesselton.

Similar inquiry may be made at Bekkersdal and Syathemba.

Details of the investigations involving Bekkersdal, Syathemba, Tembisa, Tokoza, and Wesselton would not be made public at this stage, he said.

Reports relating to Alexandra were being studied by the director of local authorities and a report would be submitted to the administrator in the next ten days.

Local governments were informed of the findings and asked to take remedial action by the end of April. If this was not done, the administrator would take whatever action he deemed necessary.

Where justified, action was taken against individuals, Van Zyl said.
Residents boycott council members' shops

VOSLOORS residents are boycotting all shops belonging to members of the local town council in the East Rand township.

They are also boycotting a supermarket of chairman of the Vosloorus Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Justice Radebe, who is being accused of "collaborating" with councillors.

Radebe owns the Mthumukulu Supermarket at Lesedi Shopping Centre.

The boycott, which started on Monday and will last until August 7, follows the refusal by councillors to resign from their posts.

Only one councillor, former mayor Douglas Motshegeng, resigned last week after residents threatened to boycott his spaza shop in the township's Malula Park.

On Monday, a group of youths attacked shops belonging to Radebe, Fanyana Mahlangu and Sidwell Mofokeng, all situated at Lesedi Shopping Centre.

Windows were smashed and rubbish was strewn on and outside the premises.

Municipal police were called to disperse the crowd.

Radebe's shop was closed yesterday.

By MIKAYISE EDOM
Councillors’ houses burnt after march

AT LEAST three houses belonging to councillors were burnt down at Ikaneng near Potchefstroom yesterday after a march to present a memorandum to the council was dispersed by police.

Several people were wounded when police used birdshot and teargas to disperse the youths, who had barricaded the streets with rocks, tin cans and used tyres.

Police vehicles were pelted with stones and other missiles, and in one instance a group of youths tried to free several people from a police van but it was locked.

There was an almost 100 percent stayaway in the township, following a resolution by the community to march to the council offices to present the memorandum containing their grievances.

Residents are demanding the resignation of councillors and have also called on them to align themselves with the “wishes and interests” of the community.

The councillors whose houses were burnt are deputy mayor Mr Jacob Mokute, Mr Papi Merabe and a Mr Motsumi.

Among the people who were shot are Gertrude Stange (23), Mpho Mafica (13), Mrs Anna Sello and Johannes Bosakwe. All were admitted to hospital.

By late yesterday afternoon the township was still tense.
Judge refers advice to Bar Council

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Chairman 'told me to spy on Rogers'

JOHANNESBURG. — Former Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman Mr Danie van Zyl ordered the council security department to conduct a secret investigation into the affairs of an opposition councillor, the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry was told yesterday.

Former police Brigadier Jan Visser, who used to head the controversial council security department now being investigated by the commission, said he had been instructed by Mr Van Zyl, a National Party councillor of many years who died in 1989, to secretly investigate to which organisations the then PPP councillor, Mr Pat Rogers, was linked.

Brig Visser denied that Mr Van Zyl was being blamed for many questionable security department activities only because the former management committee chairman was now dead.

Brig Visser also said he was under the impression the establishment of a council intelligence gathering network could legally be authorised by Johannesburg's town clerk, Mr Manie Venter, and that Mr Van Zyl had obtained approval for the scheme on a confidential basis from the entire mancom.

Proceedings opened yesterday with a ruling by the commissioner, Mr Justice V Hiemstra, that Mr Hennig's refusal on Monday to answer questions concerning his military career be seen as a contravention of the Commission's Ordinance.

Furthermore, the Bar Council's attention should be drawn to the fact that Mr Hennig's advocate, Mr Hans Bornman, associated himself with his client's attitude that the questions would not be answered.

Mr Justice Hiemstra said the matter concerning Mr Hennig's refusal to answer would be referred to the attorney-general for a decision on whether to prosecute — Sapa.
Council spy network gathered personal details on unionists

THE Johannesburg City Council's alleged spy network collected personal information about trade union leaders, including their passport numbers and details about their family and friends, Brig Jan Visser testified at the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry yesterday.

The former head of the council's security department also admitted yesterday that he worked for the NP for about six months during the 1981 elections and the subsequent Piketberg by-election.

Visser testified earlier that he had been asked to compile a report on DP councillor Pat Rogers by the now deceased management committee chairman Danie van Zyl.

During cross-examination by Gilbert Marcus, acting for the End Conscription Campaign and others, Visser said the infiltration of the trade unions was necessary to prevent strikes and to maintain a healthy and sound relationship with the unions.

Visser admitted to authorising the drawing up of profiles on union members and said these included the passport numbers and the addresses of the trade union leaders concerned.

He said this had been done to provide a complete picture on these unionists.

Marcus then referred Visser to a personal profile on the former Transport and General Workers' Union general secretary Catherine Jane Barrett.

He said the report included the name and address of Barrett's father, and the names and occupations of her relatives and friends.

Visser said the addresses of Barrett and her father were included "as a method of communication... that wasn't the only reason we collected the information".

Visser denied knowing the city council had purchased bugging devices — including a ball point pen transmitter — but testified that a private company, Security Services Consultants, had been paid R5000 to check that council offices had not been bugged.

Denied

Visser said if it was true that security department spy chief Frikkie Barnard had purchased bugging devices, as suggested in earlier evidence, his actions would have been highly irregular.

At the start of yesterday's hearing Advocate Hans Bornman denied he had advised a key witness not to give evidence before the commission.

Mr Justice V G Hiemstra said on Tuesday Bornman had associated himself with witness Martin Henning's stance and had advised the Bar Council to take note.
Ex-mayor used
council funds-
probe finding

THE Transvaal Provincial
Administration yesterday
revealed acts of in-
regularities in certain
black town councils and
disclosed that the former
mayor of Diepkloof,
Mr M J Mathala, made
personal purchases with
council funds.

In a statement issued
in Pretoria, Mr Olaus Van
Zyl, MEC for Local
Government and Regional
Services Council,
submitted summary findings
of investigations into in-
regularities in certain
town council.

The investigations
were conducted last year
into allegations of corrup-
tion in the following
councils: Alexandra, At-
teridgeville, KwaThema,
Lebohang and Mhluzi.

Similar investigations
are currently being con-
ducted in Tembisa,
Tokoza and Wesselton.

Consideration is being
given to a request for in-
vestigations in Bekkersdal
and Siyathemba.

Reports relating to
Alexandra will be sub-
mitted to the Administra-
tor within the next 10
days, Van Zyl said.

He added that at Kwa
Thema, an official was
convicted after stealing
R5 999 from the council
coffers.

At Lebohang, un-
authorised housing sibs-
dies amounting to nearly
R60 000 were paid to
officials. These amounts
had not been recovered.

Councillors acting as
administrators were over-
paid to the extent of more
than R18 000 and an un-
authorised loan of R3 000
was paid to a councillor.

All councillors of
Lebohang resigned on
March 19 this year and
administrators have since
been appointed.

Van Zyl said problems
identified during the in-
vestigation at Diep-
kloof were:

* The mayor, Mathala
irregularly appointed the
deputy city treasurer with
retrospective effect from
December 1 1987.

* Vouchers to support
expenditure of R2312 and
petrol purchases amount-
ing to R959, could not be
supplied.

* Mathala allegedly
made personal purchases
with council funds.

Mathala and the town
clerk used credit cards
issued to the council
without being able to pro-
vide supporting vouchers.
Buying of spy bugs irregular, commission told

JOHANNESBURG. — The Johannesburg City Council's former security department head, Brigadier Jan Visser, yesterday denied any knowledge of the department buying bugging devices.

Testifying before the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry, appointed to investigate the council security department's spying activities, he agreed that if evidence submitted pointing to the receipt of bugging equipment worth more than R11 000 was correct, then it showed an irregularity.

Brig Visser, who on Tuesday in his evidence-in-chief denied any knowledge of the department using eavesdropping devices, said the goods-receiving section had been allocated to a senior department official, Mr Tony Thompson, who would have to be asked about the evidence.

He also agreed that had the council footed the bill for the eavesdropping devices, the transaction should have been recorded by the city treasurer.

Brig Visser told the commission how, reacting to "rumours", he had hired industrial-espionage experts to sweep council offices for bugs.

Brig Visser was also asked about evidence which suggests that the department's spy chief, Mr Frik Barnard, ordered eavesdropping devices as far back as 1987. The brigadier agreed that if that evidence was accurate, such actions would have been highly irregular. — Sapa
Bara strike over

The hospital crisis followed a dispute between Nehawu and the TPA.

Nehawu demanded a "living wage" of R1 100 a month, recognition of Nehawu, the union's maternity leave, an end to the privatisation of health services and a single, de-segregated health system.

The TPA said the workers will not be given a wage increase this financial year.

"It has to be stressed that talks between the TPA and Nehawu have been positive throughout and occurred in a good spirit," a TPA statement said.

The agreement, which binds only the 16 hospitals, includes:

* The appointment of an impartial arbitrator to deal with issues arising from the agreements;

* Steps to be taken by the TPA to have the name of the pension funds in which employees are referred to "temporary" changed. This will only be used in respect of people employed for less than three months.

The affected hospitals are: Baragwanath, Hillbrow, Johannesburg, Natalspruit, Willem Cuywagen, Boksburg-Benoni, HF Verwoerd, Lyndell, Tshepong in Klerksdorp, Pietersburg, NG Strijdom, Reifforten, Tembisa, Middleburg, Sebokeng and the Far East Rand.

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Bara strike ends

The hospital strike that crippled 16 Transvaal hospitals has ended.

A Press conference yesterday to announce the decision reached between the National Educa-Health Workers' Union and the Transvaal Provincial Administration are the union's president Bheki Mkhize, Mr Sisa Nkila (general secretary), Mr Jay Naidoo (general secretary of Cosatu) and Dr Aslam Dadoo.

An agreement to end the strike, which started at Baragwanath Hospital on May 1, was signed yesterday by National Education Health and Allied Workers' Union national organiser Mr Monde Mkhize and Transvaal Provincial Administration director general Mr Andre Gormley in Cape Town.

The union has undertaken that about 11 000 striking non-medical workers will return to work by today.

Returning workers would not be disciplined. They will be allowed to use their leave as credit for the days they did not work, or "the days they did not work shall be debited with the leave of absence without pay."

They should apply for the leave concession by 7.30am tomorrow.

In a de facto recognition of the union, the TPA agreed to set up joint working committees as channels of communication between the two parties.

"The agreement is a major victory for all hospital workers," Nehawu general secretary Mr Sisa Nkila said.

"It is an important step forward in that it guarantees basic trade union rights. If the TPA had agreed to negotiate from the beginning, we would not have ended up in this crisis."

Negotiations to resolve the sl
Healing the breach

An end to the hospital crisis appeared to be close this week but on Tuesday, as the FM went to press, a spokesman for the National Education, Health & Allied Workers' Union said wages and union recognition remained serious stumbling blocks.

Spokesman Dr Aslam Dasoo accused the Transvaal Provincial Administration of dragging its feet and of claiming it was not empowered to make decisions on these issues — despite an assurance from government that it would be able to do so.

Earlier on Tuesday, the TPA was not optimistic, saying that no final agreement had been reached on any of the strike-related issues. The TPA dismissed earlier reports that the parties had agreed on wages, and stressed that the union still had to report back to its members for ratification of certain proposals.

According to union organiser Monde Mditshwa, the hospital strike is the culmination of a year-long, co-ordinated effort by health workers — primarily to gain union recognition and the right to negotiate wages. Low-key actions, including lunch-hour demonstrations and four-hour go-slows, had been going on six weeks before the strike. Mditshwa says strike action was taken only after all other avenues had been exhausted and is the direct result of the TPA's lack of positive response.

The union is demanding a "living wage" of R1 100 a month. The current minimum is R265. Also demanded is an across-the-board increase of R400.

Other demands include the immediate opening of all health facilities to all races, abolition of "general" and "own" affairs departments, an end to health care privatisation, and permanent job status.

Baragwanath's chief superintendent, Dr Chris van den Heever, says the difficulty facing the hospital is that workers' demands include "broad political and socio-economic issues" which hospital authorities themselves cannot meet.

Charges of irresponsibility and intimidation have been levelled at striking health workers, with reports that nurses at the Nasakspruit and Tembisa hospitals joined the strike. Responding to this, the SA Health Workers' Congress said health workers had no option but to blame the TPA and Ministry of Health for the "critical situation" developing in health services.

While there has been general sympathy with the strikers' grievances, most people question the morality of health workers abandoning patients, let alone forcing nurses to join in.

Strike organizers are encouraging the maintenance of emergency services at some major hospitals and volunteers have helped to keep things going. But there appears to be a lack of overall co-ordination — some hospitals remain in crisis while at others committees have directed protest action.

A union representative says members were reluctant to take strike action but wary of being told that the authorities were willing to talk.

☐ Only the Commission for Administration may recognise a staff association and a commission representative was present at negotiations early in the week.
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In the know

Sasol, the SABC and Post Office were sucked into the Johannesburg City Council spy network investigation when a former spy alleged they exchanged information with the military in weekly sessions.

During testimony at the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry into alleged irregularities in the city's security department, Anthony Bennett said the three organisations (among other State-controlled sectors he did not name) co-operated with the SADF, possibly passing along information on stayaways and strikes.

In what it termed a prudent move in the light of its vulnerability to sabotage, Sasol confirmed this week that it did indeed participate in information-gathering with the SADF to protect facilities and employees. Sasol says in the past 10 years its installations have suffered four major attacks with weapons ranging from limpet mines to large calibre rockets.

Sasol spokesman Jan Krynauw says: "Only standard sources such as the information routinely supplied to national keypots by the security services is used in this process."

Officials at the Post Office and SABC were not available for comment.
No light on Soweto’s horizon as Eskom’s bid fails

ESKOM’S bid to take over electricity distribution rights in Soweto appears to have failed.

The mediator, Development Bank chairman Simon Brand, is still struggling to find a solution that will satisfy the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), the Soweto city council, Eskom and the Soweto People’s Delegation.

“It is a matter of discussing, testing and reformulating ideas until all parties agree on something. It is a very slow process,” Brand said.

Last year Eskom proposed to launch a private, non-political company, Econolec, to take over distribution. A similar scheme is underway in kwaNobuhle, outside Uitenhage, where Kwanolec has been formed. Eskom holds half the shares and private investors the rest.

The council refuses to cede its distribution rights. Its chief PRO, Johan van der Westhuizen, said the council was reluctant to lose the revenue gained from electricity tariffs and the parties do not agree on the value of existing assets.

However, he confirmed Eskom’s view that the council lacks the skills and finances needed to maintain and expand the present system.

The Soweto Civic Association is also opposed to Eskom’s idea. Publicity secretary Pat Lephuva said: “We will never accept the privatisation of essential services. The rent boycott stays until Soweto and Johannesburg become one city.”

The city council is estimated to owe the TPA more than R464-million. Much of the debt is for electricity bills residents have refused to pay since 1984. There is widespread dissatisfaction with the council’s handling of electricity distribution.

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Eskom chief executive Ian McCrae said in a recent report: “The provision of electricity in Soweto is so badly managed that people have difficulty in paying — non-payment is not a political issue. People receive astronomical bills for electricity not used and supply quality is poor. Something has to be done.”

When electricity was introduced to Soweto in 1983 little effort was made to give residents control over their power consumption. Circuit breakers and meters were put in min substations to serve several houses. This method of calculating charges is suspect since each home’s consumption is not measured individually. Many substations have been vandalised by householders to bypass the meters, knowing cheaters cannot be traced.

The supply is unreliable: besides many technical interruptions, power has been cut in the past by the council in mid-winter to punish residents for the rent boycott.

Electrical engineering consultant Gordon Sibuya challenges Eskom’s altruism in wanting to take distribution rights: “McCrae has this business plan to create one huge monopoly all over Southern Africa — if he says he is doing this to help black empowerment, he is lying. How many black chairmen does Eskom have? The same number as Econolec — none.

“Anybody could implement Eskom’s cash-in-advance metering system. The city council can solve its technical problems by sub-contracting competent companies — the same way every other city council does.”

Eskom recently closed its Econolec office in Soweto. Chief PRO Laetitia van Staden said: “No progress was being made. We felt further involvement would be a waste of money.”
TPA admits mistake over Alex pensioner

The Transvaal Provincial Administration this week admitted it made a mistake when it did not backdate pension benefits to a 67-year-old Alexandra township grandmother who made an application more than two years ago.

After several months of going through frustrating bureaucracy, Mrs Malethuthu Rosina Sibanda of 3-4th Avenue, Alexandra, will finally receive all money owed to her since December 1987 at 80 Albert Street, Johannesburg, next Friday.

Sibanda said she cried like a baby on April 2 when TPA officials gave her a cheque for R300.

By SY MAKARINGE

But she was powerless to confront the officials on why her pension was not backdated to the year on which she applied.

"These people are generally very rude. I did not want to be given a dressing down in front of other people. I just walked away and started crying like a baby," Sibanda said.

Although she qualified for State pension in 1982, Sibanda only made her application on December 4, 1987 at the age of 65. She said officials told her she would be contacted as soon as her application had been processed.

But four months went by and there was no word from the TPA.

"I went back to the local payout point in April 1988 to find out what was happening. I was told to go home and not be a nuisance as Pretoria was still processing my application.

"The people were so rude that I did not go back to the payout point until the middle of last year when I decided enough was enough.

"When I got there I was told to submit another application as the original had gone missing," Sibanda said.
Town Council's White Fangs

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ACTSTOP plans to march on civic centre

ACTSTOP has been granted permission by the city council to hold a march to Johannesburg's civic centre in Braamfontein this morning to present a memorandum to deputy town clerk James Sadie and "a high-profile delegation of councillors".

Actstop spokesman Mohammed Dangor said the march was aimed at highlighting the housing shortage in the city, the need to apply the Slums Act (or its successor, the Development of Housing Amendment Act) and a call for the reintroduction of rent control.

"The non-application of health regulations and the lack of a health clinic in the city centre are other concerns," he said.

Starting at 10 am from the old Witwatersrand Technical College building on the corner of Plein and Wanderers streets, the march will proceed along Koch and Twist streets, down Kotze Street to the front entrance of the civic centre in Rissik Street.
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THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST

Pretoria

The Minister of Environment and Forestry,

To: The Committee on Environment and Forestry

From: The Minister of Environment and Forestry

Subject: The Environment and Forestry Bill, 1999

Dear Committee,

I am writing to inform you of the progress of the Environment and Forestry Bill, 1999. The bill is currently undergoing the necessary legislative processes and will be considered by the Committee in the near future.

The bill aims to consolidate and update the legislation related to the environment and forestry, and is intended to provide a comprehensive framework for the protection and management of these resources.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some key provisions of the bill:

1. **Regulation of Wastewater:** The bill introduces stringent regulations to control the discharge of wastewater into water bodies. This will help reduce water pollution and protect aquatic ecosystems.

2. **Forest Management:** The bill strengthens the framework for sustainable forest management, including measures to prevent deforestation and promote reforestation.

3. **Biodiversity Protection:** Measures are included to protect and conserve biodiversity, with provisions for the establishment of protected areas.

I am confident that the bill will contribute significantly to the protection and sustainable management of the environment and forestry in South Africa.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your feedback and support.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

[Name]

Minister of Environment and Forestry

[Date]
Residents determined to fight application

By Shirley Woodgate

Residents of Emmarentia in Johannesburg are prepared for a bitter fight to block an application to site a major regional garage on the corner of Barry Hertzog Drive and Victory Road.

Local councillor Professor Harold Rudolph said the original application by Trek Petroleum was unanimously rejected by the council's planning tribunal last year after strong opposition from the council, the Greenside and Emmarentia Residents' associations, individual residents in Crocodile Road and two councillors.

Professor Rudolph said the next round of the battle would take place on May 29 when the Townships Board considers an appeal by Trek.

The developer had originally made no secret of the fact that the application was motivated by the profit factor since the Shell outlet only 100 m to the north of the proposed garage is their 6th biggest seller of petrol in the Transvaal, he said.

"It is doubtful whether traffic has increased to the extent that yet another petrol outlet and workshop is required in addition to the eight already situated within a 3 km radius," Professor Rudolph said.

Trek Petroleum was not available for comment.
More attacks have been made on journalists covering the Heinstra Commission investigating Johannesburg City Council spying activities.

On Tuesday, SATV reporter Johan Clausen was attacked by an unknown man outside his farm near Eikenhof. His ex-wife, Christa, has reportedly received threatening telephone calls. On Wednesday, the car belonging to his sister Elneth Kruger, who works for Vrye Weekblad, was extensively damaged.

Last month, The Star's Helen Grange found her car's tires deflated, and photographer Karen Fletcher received a threatening phone call.
By Helen Grange

The Johannesburg City Council spy who infiltrated the Five Freedoms Forum, Toni Naude, was also a paid informer for the Security Police, the Hiemstra Commission heard yesterday.

Mr Naude, an attorney who studied at Rand Afrikaans
University, admitted he had supplied the city council and Security Police with information on four organisations — the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF), Jodac (Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee), Lawyers for Human Rights and the Free the Children Alliance.

He disclosed to the commission — appointed to investigate The Star's revelations into a council spy network — that spy handler Martin Hennig had introduced him to a Security Police handler called "Danie".

"Mr Hennig suggested I also supply information to Danie. I reported to the city council and the Security Police separately," Mr Naude said.

Details of Mr Naude's connections with the Security Police came only after three objections by his legal representative, Etienne du Toit, SC, were overruled by commission chairman Mr Justice V G Hiemstra.

Mr Naude said he was paid R250 a month by the Security Police while the city council paid him about R1 200 over a period of eight months.

Names and addresses, including those of Dr Webster, Jean de la Harp, Gavin Evans and Scott Hazelhurst, were given in reports to his handlers. Mr Naude said he had gone "running" twice with Dr Webster, but denied he had tried to cultivate his friendship.

Questioned by advocate Wim Trengove, representing the FFF with John Campbell, on whether or not he thought information he was providing could serve any council interest, Mr Naude said: "I thought it must have been of some use to them."

"Are you aware that in the same month you reported on Jean de la Harp, her flat was ransacked by men masquerading as policemen — and that Gavin Evans's name ended up on a CCB hit list?" asked Mr Trengove.

Mr Naude said he was only aware of Mr Evans being a CCB (Civil Co-Operation Bureau) target from newspaper reports.

Mr Naude also supplied the council with information from an FFF meeting on the fact that the "Pet Shop Boys" wanted to give royalties to the ANC.

'Misled handlers'

Despite the fact that FFF chairman Mike Oliver suggested at the meeting that the money rather be donated to the erection of a creche in Soweto, Mr Naude's report had misled his handlers by implying Dr Webster was involved in ANC funding, Mr Trengove said.

"It is unlikely, but possible," Mr Naude replied.

Mr Naude said he began his infiltration work in 1988 but gave it up later in the year when he "didn't feel right" about it. It was conduct "incongruous" with the behaviour of an attorney, he said. He had been approached by his friend, Mr Hennig, and had trusted Mr Hennig's judgment that the FFF was bad.

"I didn't do it for the cause, not the money. I felt I could help in combating crime."

Earlier, Mr Naude told the commission that Mr Hennig had been in military intelligence for two years and was a member of the Permanent Force.

"I'm sure Mr Hennig would be disturbed if he heard you saying that," replied Denis Fine, SC, leading evidence for the commission.

Last week, Mr Hennig refused to answer questions about his military career, claiming, on the advice of his lawyer, Hans Bormann, that he was bound to secrecy by Section 118 of the Defence Act.

The hearing continues.
Johannesburg — An SABC journalist covering the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry was assaulted and held against his will for about 18 hours at his home in Eikenhof, south of here, last week.

Mr. Johan Claassen, a television journalist, was reportedly assaulted by a man who tied his hands together, hit him and held him against his will for about 18 hours on Tuesday, last week.

The commission is investigating allegations that Johannesburg City Council's security department conducted illegal spying activities on legitimate political organisations — Sapa

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JOHANNESBURG — A witness before the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry said yesterday that he was recruited to spy for the security police and Johannesburg City Council's security department simultaneously by the council's spy handler, Mr Martin Hennig.

Mr Tony Naude said that Mr Hennig, when recruiting him to infiltrate and spy on the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF), had suggested he give information to the security police as well.

Mr Naude said he knew Mr Hennig had been in Military Intelligence for two years.

His monitoring of the FFF had included jogging with murdered academic Dr David Webster, Mr Naude said.

However, when Dr Webster was gunned down by unknown assassins, he did not report his council spying activities concerning Dr Webster to the police.
New council 'spy' got double pay

JOHANNESBURG City Council security department spy handler, Martin Hennig, invited a freshly recruited spy to work for the security police as well so that the new spy could be adequately compensated for the "risks" involved in infiltrating the Five Freedoms Forum.

This was suggested by Hennig's legal counsel, Mane Meyer, during cross-examination of Tony Naude - the recruit - in the Hennig Commission of Inquiry which is investigating allegations the council's security department conducted irregular spying activities on, among others, legitimate organisations.

Meyer also suggested Hennig simultaneously recruited Naude to spy for both the council and the security police to allay Naude's concern that the security establishment would not approve of him being a FFF member.

Asked whether the money received for his spying escapades was adequate compensation for the adverse publicity he had undergone as a result of his testimony, Naude replied: "Obviously not." - Sapa
'Phone-bugging case withdrawn'

By Helen Grange

Suspicion and distrust among Johannesburg City Council security department officials, which almost resulted in the public trial of a security employee, were detailed at the Hiemstra Commission yesterday.

Colonel Cornelius Marius Heystek, an ex-council security official in control of the information department, told the hearing he had complained to his superiors that his phone was bugged. The listening device had been brought to his attention by a colleague, Hennie Eks.

Colonel Heystek said he and another official, a Mr Karstens, had complained to senior deputy director of security Brigadier Jan Visser. Mr Karstens' phone extension had also been bugged.

Afterwards, a charge of illegal bugging in the security department was laid at Hillbrow Police Station. Colonel Heystek and Mr Karstens suspected that Nico Cronje, a colleague, had installed the listening device.

A week later, Mr Cronje's office was searched by Hillbrow police detectives.

'I thought about the incident and decided to advise Brigadier Visser that if the case came before court, it could have serious repercussions for the council security department,' Colonel Heystek said.

Brigadier Visser had agreed and the case was withdrawn soon afterwards.

When Frik Barnard, deputy director of security, found out about the incident, he was 'very unhappy' that Brigadier Visser had been approached, Colonel Heystek told the commission.

The commission, chaired by Mr Justice V G Hiemstra, is investigating The Star's revelations of a spy network in the city council.

Insufficient funds

Colonel Heystek said that on another occasion an employee in the council store was being investigated after items had gone missing. However, Mr Barnard blocked the investigation.

'I think it was because it would have meant the employee would have had to be monitored after hours and the security department did not have the funds for this,' Colonel Heystek said.

In a second theft incident, Colonel Heystek approached Mr Barnard with what he thought was a prima facie case against an employee. Weeks later, he discovered the case was closed after town clerk Manie Venter had reprimanded the employee.

'This was highly unusual charges should have been laid. But since I was only in the security department for a short while, I felt I should not put my feet too far into the ice.'

Colonel Heystek told the commission that the first time he became aware of the security department using bugging equipment was when Mr Barnard showed him a case containing the devices.

They included a pen and a pin containing bugs, small microphones, voice activators and devices that could detect bugs.

He also told the hearing the security department was receiving information on unregistered unions which were not recognized by the council, one of which was the Municipal Workers Union of SA. A black informant was being used for this purpose.

Colonel Heystek, once a member of the Security Police in Pretoria, said he was party to the liaison the city council had with the SADF, but that he was aware of only Mr Barnard having direct contact with the SADF. "Informal" liaison had also taken place with the SAP.

Quizzed by Gilbert Marcus, appearing for the End Conscription Campaign and others, Colonel Heystek said he could not remember a file kept by the security department on activist David Webster, who was shot dead last year.

The hearing continues.
JOHANNESBURG — The office telephones of at least two senior officials in Johannesburg City Council's security department were bugged, and when they found out they suspected a colleague was responsible, the Rekstra Commission of Inquiry heard yesterday.

Col. Marcus Heystek, a security policeman before and since his two-year period of employment as a council security department senior official from 19/3 to 1987, told the commission he fired became aware his phone had been bugged when a colleague played him a tape recording of what should have been a private conversation.

He and a colleague, Mr. Manie Karstens, approached the head of the security department, Brigadier Jan Visser, and it was decided the matter should be reported to the police.

It was suggested that another colleague, Mr. Neo Cronje, was responsible and should be fired.

About one week after Col. Heystek told him about the matter, apparently because Brig. Visser was approached and told he was Col. Heystek also described how his criminal investigations involving council employees were apparently squashed.

On the first occasion he had suspected an employee of stealing council property from municipal stores when he told Mr. Barnard he was told to drop the investigation because it would involve overtime monitoring.

In the other criminal matter Col. Heystek said he presented an investigation dossier to Mr. Barnard but the document was returned weeks later with a note from Brig. Visser claiming the suspect had been reprimanded by the town clerk, Mr. Manie Venter, and that criminal proceedings would not go ahead.

As far as he was concerned the criminal matters had been handled irregularly because the council had lost money in both cases, Col. Heystek said.

The hearing continues — Sapa
Council spy infiltrated the NP, Hiemstra told

JOHANNESBURG City Council security department deputy head Frisk Barnard told the Hiemstra Commission yesterday that he personally had "infiltrated" the NP on the instructions of the then management committee chairman Danie van Zyl.

Barnard, who took the stand for the first time yesterday, said he had been instructed on one occasion to monitor an NP council member, who later joined the DP. The councillor was not named.

Questioned by Dennis Funke SC, for the commission, Barnard confirmed that Van Zyl, now deceased, had instructed him to spy on his own party.

Barnard said the normal administrative procedures were not followed because the order to infiltrate the NP came from Van Zyl himself, although he did inform his immediate superior.

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Both individuals and meetings of the NP were monitored and records were kept, but all the records were passed on to Van Zyl.

Barnard said later that political parties across the political spectrum had been monitored, including the CP, the BBB, and the AWB.

**Level**

He said the End Conscription Campaign had been monitored on his instructions because the organisation could have been infiltrated by ANC members, who then might have done "alternative service" within council structures.

Personal details of union members were recorded so the council would have some idea about the "level" of the person concerned, which would assist the council in negotiations with the union concerned.

It was therefore important to include the names of the person's parents, their friends and the person's address because, for example, a person living in Yeoville was on a different "level" to a person living in Melville.

Earlier former council employee Col Antoni Heystek testified that a squashed investigation which he referred to in evidence on Tuesday might have involved the theft of goods worth R300 000.

He also referred to another discontinued investigation which involved a smaller amount, but concerned the fraudulent use of a council employee to tend the garden of a senior council member during working hours.

Questioned by Mr Justice VG Hiemstra, Heystek said he could see no reason why organisations like the Five Freedoms Forum, Jodac, Lawyers for Human Rights and the ECC had been monitored by the council.
Jo'burg may put bobbies on the beat

THE Johannesburg City Council has formed a special committee to investigate the formation of a municipal police force that would consist largely of "bobbies on the beat."

The management committee this week approved the formation of a Section 59 committee to make recommendations on the desirability and feasibility of establishing a municipal police force. Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said at a press conference yesterday.

The committee is expected to report back in six months but Davidson said he would urge it to finish sooner.

The committee will look into the power and accountability of a municipal force and its merger with the council's present traffic and security personnel. Funding, recruitment, training, accommodation and equipment will be investigated.

Recommendations will be made on the option of service in the municipal force as an alternative to national military service.

The relationship and possible division of responsibility between a municipal force and the SAP would be looked into.

Councillor Christopher Newton Thompson has been nominated to head the 12-member committee, which will include council officials, councillors and Johannesburg District Commissioner of Police Brig A Venter.

Davidson said the council did not wish to denigrate or detract from the SAP's excellent record but it was obvious they were understaffed. Instead of an authorised complement of 62,851 men in 1986, the SAP force totalled 69,872. This meant there was one policeman for every 758 people.

With 22 policemen leaving the SAP daily, a large pool of potential manpower existed from which council could recruit members. Council's existing traffic and security personnel would be geared to protecting citizens.

He said the committee would have to establish the size and funding of a municipal force. There was R14m budgeted for the security department, which was being looked at with a view to restructuring.
Ikgeng switch causes uproar

By ALI MPHAKI

THE Ikgeng Town Council near Potchefstroom did a round-about-turn yesterday when it issued permits and stand numbers to hundreds of homeless people who had allocated land to themselves.

The council ordered the people to vacate the area on Monday.

The defiant residents, who claim they have been on the waiting list for a long time, usurped an open piece of land opposite the cemetery and began erecting shacks on Sunday night.

The township was teeming with policemen this week as workers stayed away from work and schoolchildren continued to boycott classes.

There has not been effective teaching or learning in the township since the beginning of the year.

A spokesman for the Ikgeng Civic Association, Mr Sello Tshwari, said the council was trying to hijack the efforts of the association by issuing permits "so late in the day".

On leave

SOWETAN Business editor Thami Mazwai is on a few days' leave.

His column, 'It's my business, thus does not appear in today's Sowetan Business', will be resumed when he returns.
"I never realised spying was illegal"

The Hiemstra Commission

By Louise Burgers and Helen Grange

Freek Barnard, who co-ordinated the Johannesburg City Council security department's spying activities, was unaware his actions were illegal, the Hiemstra Commission heard yesterday.

The deputy director of security admitted to advocate Wim Trengove, for the Five Freedoms Forum, that he was unaware that the spying activities of his department had to be authorised by Parliament.

"But don't you know that security forces in this country need statutory authorisation to act in a similar manner?" Mr Trengove asked.

"I was not aware of that."

"You thought that without legal authorisation you could spy on people?"

"Yes," Mr Barnard replied.

The late Dame van Zyl, former management committee chairman, had ordered the security department to "monitor everything," the commission was also told yesterday.

This was revealed after former senior deputy director Brigadier Jan Visser and director of public safety John Pearce were identified by Mr Barnard as initiators of the spy network.

Recalled to the witness stand, Brigadier Visser said that when he joined the security department he had asked Mr van Zyl what the extent of the security department's mandate was.

Instability

"Mr van Zyl said we had to know everything that had a bearing on the city council. He wanted to know the details and involvements of council workers and personnel, information on instability in the country and how outside organisations affected the council.

Also recalled, Mr Pearce said he was given the duty of forming the security department after the management committee had decided it was necessary to upgrade the protection of council facilities and personnel.

"I didn't have specific knowledge of security matters and I recommended the appointment of an expert — Brigadier Visser," Mr Pearce said.

Earlier, in answer to a question from Mr Justice VG Hiemstra, Mr Barnard said Brigadier Visser had taken the initiative and set the network in motion after Mr Pearce had had the vision to foresee the escalating security situation in 1984.

Mr Barnard admitted, under questioning from Denis Pine, SC, leading evidence for the commission, that council security officials had received training on a farm. This was because the city council did not have the "expertise" in 1983 to train security officials for its newly established security department.

Paid overtime

Two weeks ago, key witness Hannes Gouws testified that council security officials had been part of a special "unit" with military personnel. The unit had carried out assaults on people and had been involved in the torching of a house thought to be an ANC headquarters.

Mr Barnard could not confirm or deny giving Mr Gouws orders to work with the military.

"If my men could benefit by information gathered and training received from the military, it could only have benefitted the (security) department."

When asked earlier by Mr Trengove whether "innocent" people had been spied on, Mr Barnard said he did not know who was innocent.

Mr Trengove put it to him that the invasion of privacy of certain individuals could amount to a prima facie crime.

Asked about an incident involving the teargassing of a "troublesome" guard by security officials, Mr Barnard admitted to giving orders to "sort the man out" but denied he had ordered the teargassing.

The hearing continues.
Municipal police force to be probed

A staff reporter's report on the establishment of the municipal police force was interrupted when the phone rang. The reporter was about to say that the force had been established to improve public safety and reliability of service. However, the phone call interrupted the reporter's train of thought, and the conversation was not picked up due to the lack of context.
We also spied on the Nats, says Barnard

By Helen Grange

Frik Barnard, the man implicated most frequently during the Hiemstra Commission hearings, admitted yesterday that Johannesburg City Council spies were placed in many organisations across the political spectrum — including the National Party.

Mr Barnard, deputy director of security in the council, was unmasked last month as a major in Military Intelligence, and evidence has been led that he recruited several council security officials from that intelligence, including spy handler Martin Hennig.

He has also been identified by another security official, Colonel Anton Heysek, as the man who liaised directly with the SA Defence Force on information collected.

Mr Barnard yesterday told the commission he had personally undertaken the task of spying on a National Party member who was suspected of being a "floor crosser".

No documents

Asked by Denys Fine, SC, leading evidence for the commission, if the member had later joined the Democratic Party, Mr Barnard replied "Yes".

The task of spying on the man, whose name was not disclosed, was ordered directly by ex-management committee chairman Dane van Zyl.

"Mr van Zyl tasked me on occasion to monitor what went on in the National Party. On that occasion, I was monitoring a particular member," Mr Barnard explained.

Documents on his spy report were not available as he had handed them to Mr van Zyl after Brigadier Visser had read them.

Earlier evidence was that Mr van Zyl had ordered the monitoring of DP councillor and public personality Pat Rogers' Brigadier Jan Visser, senior deputy director of security, had been in charge of the execution of this order.

The commission, chaired by Mr Justice V G Hiemstra, is investigating The Star's revelations into a city council spy network.

Questioned on why the Five Freedoms Forum, the End Conscription Campaign and other organisations had been infiltrated, Mr Barnard replied it was "worthwhile" to know about these organisations and where they stood with regard to the 1988 municipal elections.

It had been useful, for instance, to know that the FFF had decided to take part in the elections "to the dismay" of Cosatu and the UDF.

"It led to the question of what actions Cosatu and the UDF were planning in this regard," Mr Barnard told the commission that he had decided in the first quarter of 1988 that the ECC should be infiltrated by Anthony Bennett.

The reason was that, in a document he had, it was shown that the ECC could have been "misused" by the ANC's military wing Umkhonto we Sizwe, and that people doing alternative national service in the council might have been influenced by the ANC's aims.

"Are you serious?" asked Mr Fine.

"Yes," Mr Barnard replied.

Mr Barnard revealed to the commission that, at one stage, Mr Bennett was being harassed by the Security Police before the council security department told them "He is our our man".

An informer had also been planted in the Health Workers Association, whose members might have disrupted the running of 18 health clinics in the Johannesburg area.

Personal profiles

Part of the security department's duties was to draw up personal profiles, Mr Barnard admitted. One such profile was on Jane Barrett, a prominent trade unionist. Personal details on Ms Barrett had been sought because "her name appeared frequently in reports on the Transport and General Workers Union, an unregistered union".

Mr Barnard said he wanted to study her strong and weak points so that the council would know what to concentrate on in any negotiation that might have taken place.

"And her passport number — was that an important detail?" asked Mr Fine.

"No," replied Mr Barnard.

Mr Barnard, who spoke very rapidly, at one stage deviated from a question on whether the spying activities were deceitful by answering "Infiltration is a worldwide phenomenon and our information section was based on international methods of information-gathering. It happens in America and Russia. Members of the ANC and the PAC have also infiltrated organisations".

Replied Mr Fine "Just answer the question."

In earlier evidence, it was heard that internal criminal investigations — one of which cost the council about R300 000 — were either quashed or treated with "unusual" lenience.
JOHANNESBURG — The man most mentioned in the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry proceedings to date, alleged Johannesburg City Council spy master Mr. Frans Barnard, made his first appearance on the commission's witness stand yesterday.

Mr. Barnard immediately invoked incredulous remarks from Mr. Denis Fine, SC, for the commission, when he said he himself had "infiltrated" the National Party and had "monitored" certain NP members on the orders of the late Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman, Mr. Danie van Zyl, a local National Party leader.

"Are you suggesting Mr. Van Zyl ordered you to spy on his own party members?", Mr. Fine asked.

"That is correct," Mr. Barnard replied.

Mr. Barnard said he had drawn up reports on certain National Party candidates in the municipal election of October 1988. Unfortunately, the documentation of these reports had been handed directly to Mr. Van Zyl, who died in 1989, and there was no longer any evidence of his investigations into the National Party.

"Asking by Mr. Fine who in the National Party had been reported on, Mr. Barnard requested time for consultation with his legal counsel. Mr. Justice V. Hiemstra adjourned the hearing to give Mr. Barnard the opportunity to consult.

The inquiry continues — Sapa
Facing the music

The Pet Shop Boys, a trendy British pop group, may be Charged to know that they played a small but potentially interesting role in the Johannesburg City Council spying saga.

Tony Naudé, an attorney who sped for the city and the security police, testified before the Hemmstra Commission investigating irregularities in the city security department that he infiltrated the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF), an anti-apartheid organization. Naudé reported to his handlers that the Pet Shop Boys approached David Webster, the murdered Wits professor and FFF leader, about donating their SA profits to the ANC.

Though the FFF steered the band members towards a Soweto creche instead, Naudé’s report on the incident seemed to imply that Webster illegally filtered the money to the outlawed ANC. Whether that bit of information helped put Webster’s name on the top of a hit-squad list is still speculation Webster’s murderers have not been captured, though his supporters are certain that a government hitman pulled the trigger.

Naudé testified before Judge Victor Hemmstra that he jogged twice with Webster and supplied the address of Webster’s Troyeville home, where the lecturer was gunned down a year ago, to his city council spy handler as well as to the security police.

Why did Naudé become a paid spy? “I felt I could help in combating crime,” he said. And why did he drop out of spying? Because, after eight months, he figured out that the FFF wasn’t committing any crime — and that it’s bad for an attorney’s image to be a spy. “I began to get the impression I was wasting my time.”

The SABC and Post Office have confirmed that they did attend information-sharing meetings with the SA Defence Force, as alleged by spy Anthony Bennett in the commission hearings. But, also named by Bennett, earlier acknowledged that it exchanged information with the SADF as a precaution against sabotage.

The SABC said its meetings with the SADF were part of “its scanning of an unstable environment and can in no way be construed as if the corporation was part of any intelligence gathering network of the SADF.”

The Post Office says it was no secret that its managers attended meetings “with a view to reporting and exchanging views on security as regards the labour unrest situation.”
**Heavy weather**

Local and provincial government procrastination has jeopardised plans for a R110m shopping centre and black taxi terminus on the fringes of Alexandra Township near Sandton, according to the would-be developer.

Developer Gary Pearlman, of the Logaro group, claims the project has already been delayed for three years — during which anticipated development costs have virtually doubled — because of the inability of the Sandton Town Council and the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) to make a decision over the relocation of squatters on the development site. This is despite the fact that a suitable solution has been worked out between the developer, the Urban Foundation and the SA Housing Trust.

Pearlman says when his organisation, frustrated by the lethargy of the authorities, tried to bypass the local bureaucrats and take the matter directly to central government, an appointment with the minister of planning and provincial affairs was unilaterally cancelled by the TPA and the council.

He claims further that during the three-year delay, the number of squatters on the site, known as KwaGreen, and bounded by Pretoria Main Road, First and Third avenues and Third Street, Wynberg, has risen from a couple of hundred to about 3 000.

The proposed centre will be known as Alex City and Pearlman says an anchor tenant, OK Bazaar, has been secured. Negotiations for long-term finance have been held with several interested institutions. "However, no commitment will be forthcoming until the squatter problem is resolved. Obviously, the institutions don't want their names tainted by forced removals."

The two-storey main building, if it proceeds, will include 25 000 m² of retail space and 2 500 m² of entertainment facilities. It will have open and covered parking for 550 cars.

A community centre will link it to the northern end of the site, which will comprise a rank for 600 taxis and a 2 500 m² motor trade (discount spares) complex with a service station and a SABTA education and training office. Pearlman says additional space will be set aside for market traders.

Explaining the squatter impasse, Pearlman says negotiations were initially held with the administrator of Alexandra and later the council and the TPA. "We were told the squatter problem was under control and the people were being resettled, but nothing ever happened. Both organisations have been more concerned with passing the buck than taking positive action."

Apparently, the only solution the authorities were able to offer was to move the squatters a long way out to places like Orange Farm. This was unacceptable to the developer and the squatters.

The compromise worked out by Logaro, in conjunction with the Urban Foundation and the SA Housing Trust and after discussions with the KwaGreen squatter leader Jo Saki, is to transfer the squatter homes to a serviced site (which would include facilities like schools and roads) on Alexandra's Far East Bank on the eastern side of the Jukskei River. It forms part of a 240 ha area designated for middle-income housing.

A refined version of the proposal was sent to the TPA this week. Pearlman believes the provincial authority has already accepted the principle of using some of the Far East Bank land for this purpose because squatting has become a general problem in the streets of Alexandra, not just KwaGreen.

"We believe there are another 17 000 squatters on the streets and backyards of the township. All 20 000 will be accommodated on the new site and self-help schemes will then be activated so they can improve their own homes and eventually demolish the squatter shack," says Pearlman.

The cost of the exercise will be in the region of R40m (R2 000 a stand). The developer and land owner, Elaine Gvashin, would be asked to make a financial contribution to the cost of relocating the KwaGreen squatters.

A joint meeting between the developer, the TPA and the Sandton council has been arranged for next week. "These guys must get their act together if, as we do, they want to see a shopping centre. Unless we emerge from that meeting with a positive commitment to action, we will be forced to scrap our plans," says Pearlman.

Certainly, retail development in close proximity to a black township has generally been regarded as high risk because of the security problems and finding acceptable tenants. Because of this, developers and institutions spend most of their time paying lip service to the desirability of such development. It thus seems ironic that when developers are ready to put their money where their mouths are, they get muzzled by bureaucracy.
Witness wasted time spying on FFF

A WITNESS before the Hearne Commission of Inquiry said yesterday he had infiltrated and spied on the Five Freedoms Forum for the Johannesburg City Council’s security department while an articulated clerk, because he believed he was actively opposing violence.

Mr Tony Naude said he had taken the word of his council spy handler, Mr Martin Henning, who described the FFF as “bad”, to justify his clandestine activities.

He perceived “bad” to mean that the FFF had been connected in some way to the political unrest of the time, and that the organisation was a possible enemy of the state because it was apparently linked to the ANC and the SA Communist Party.

He said he was aware Henning had been in Military Intelligence for two years.

Under cross-examination by Mr Denis Pine, SC, for the commission, Naude agreed, however, that after spying on the FFF for eight months in 1988 he had come to the conclusion that there was nothing to prove that the organisation had been linked to violence.

“I began to get the impression I was wasting my time.”

Device

Earlier in the day the commission heard the owner of an electronic eavesdropping device company, tell how Mr John Pearce, the council’s director of public safety and traffic, had attended a demonstration of the company’s equipment.

The witness testified he had delivered, among other things, ballpoint pens which contained hidden transmitters to Mr Pearce’s council office and that the order had been made in a name of the council.

This contradicted Mr Pearce’s own earlier evidence before the commission that he knew nothing of any security department “bugging” activities.

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3 Reef councils hit as workers strike

By LEN MASEKO

WORKERS downed tools at three Reef town councils yesterday in support of demands for higher wages and better working conditions.

The municipalities are Duduza, Kagiso and Kanteleleng.

Duduza mayor Mr Kehana Moloi said the council's employees later suspended their strike after told them we were hardly given time to study their grievances which were presented to him yesterday.

The workers were demanding recognition of their union, the SA Municipal Workers' Union and a 1.5 percent increase, to be backdated to January 1.

"We are not against trade unions," Moloi said.

Kanteleleng mayor Mr Tapho Molotsi and Samwu officials met yesterday in an attempt to resolve a strike by council employees.

At Kagiso, members of the National Union of Public Service Workers demand recognition of the union, a R900-a-month minimum pay, medical aid for "non-classified" staff and an end to temporary employment.
Maladministration alleged

Transvaal's Administrator has been asked to appoint an independent commission of inquiry into alleged maladministration involving the South Western Management Committee. Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman Ian Davidson said he was dedicated to clean government and it was in all parties' interests that an inquiry be conducted into the truth of the claims.

The alleged irregularities are:
- Allegations of corruption as set out in a memorandum from the United Civic Association dated January 1989
- Allegations that certain members of the SWMC accepted or tried to obtain gifts or rewards in respect of their services
- The unauthorised, illegal issue of a letter dated July 7, 1989 regarding increased municipal service charges by the SWMC
- SWMC members acted illegally or wrongfully or without authority or refused to exercise their powers properly.
Johannesburg: The two most senior officials directly responsible for security in Johannesburg City Council both yesterday said that the late Mr Danie van Zyl was ultimately responsible for the clandestine infiltration of left-wing organisations by the council's controversial security department.

Mr John Pearse, director of public safety and traffic, and Brigadier Jan Visser, the security department chief, were recalled to the witness box in rapid succession in the Hemistra Commission of Inquiry, which is investigating allegations that the council security department's spying activities were irregular.

Both were asked by Mr Justice V. Hemistra where the order originated from to find out what was going on in the many left-wing organisations which were "growing like toadstools" at the time.

Mr Pearse agreed that Mr Van Zyl, then a National Party city councillor and management committee chairman, had been "extremely interested" in what was happening in leftist circles.

It had been Mr Pearse's perception that the order to broaden the council's security investigations to include left-wing organisations had come from the NP-controlled management committee.

Brigadier Visser, who acknowledged that he had been appointed to the senior security post in the council to implement a swing away from conventional criminal investigations towards investigations of left-wing organisations, said Mr Van Zyl had wanted to know everything pertaining to the council. — SAPA
CP carpets out for 300 rich Chinese

SPRINGS and Boksburg, with their Conservative Party councils, are competing for 300 wealthy Hong Kong Chinese immigrant families to settle in their towns.

The 300 families — who plan to emigrate before the 1997 handover to China and want to buy land in the Johannesburg area — were originally spurned by the Springs Town Council.

However, after Magarettes Ford, a Windmill Park estate agent, put out the welcome mat for the wealthy immigrants in the free-settlement township of equally conservative Boksburg, the Springs council backed down and also decided that the Chinese could be an asset.

Springs management committee chairman Gert Parsons this week admitted there was an initial misunderstanding concerning reports that residents did not want "China's boat people" living in their town.

"We're going to do everything in our power to get them here," he said.

"We have identified a new suburb in Springs where the 300 families can settle, but it's all still in the negotiating stages." One of the conditions of their settling in this country is the investment — said to be not less than R1 million in liquid cash resources (each family) — they will be bringing into this country," said Mr Parsons.

"We have established that these are upper-class people.

He added "There is no conflict with Conservative Party policies. The Chinese are classified as white and in terms of the Group Areas Act they do not need permits to settle here.

Not to be outdone, Boksburg is also offering the Chinese families accommodation. The chairman of Boksburg's CP caucus, Beyers de Klerk, said "The Chinese are regarded as white, keep to themselves and do not integrate with whites. They can settle anywhere in Boksburg that they want to. But we would rather they didn't all settle in Windmill Park as we don't want a sort of Chinatown to develop."

Sceptical

Mr Ford said he would be taking a delegation of the Chinese group to view properties — of which there are about seven — in Windmill Park this week.

But Springs Chamber of Commerce manager Dick Gosse was sceptical. "It looks as though the Chinese deal will only come through in about 1997. Right now, anyone who has a few hectares of land is trying to see SA's immigration officer in Hong Kong, Raymond Chong, about accommodating these affluent immigrants."

- Minister of Home Affairs Gene Louw announced this week that between 200 and 300 Hong Kong families and 300 to 500 Taiwanese families had been recruited to settle in SA.

They had been recruited in terms of development schemes and had the skills to found industries, Mr Louw said. They would settle on the Reef and in the western Cape.

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A Chilling Diary of Threes and Harassment
To eject families

Dienkool Council

SCENES OF homelessness
Vaal probe may take new twist

THE Goldstone Commission of Inquiry continues in Vereeniging’s council chambers today amid new media speculation that the “underground” Boerstaat Party deputy leader and political activist Piet “Skeet” Rudolph might have been involved in the shootings on March 26 at Shokeng.

Rudolph, known among his friends as an excellent shot, is a former police detective and former Pretoria city councillor. He reportedly claimed in a telephone interview with a Pretoria newspaper that he had been “involved in the shooting at Shokeng. It was not only police who fired, I was also there,” he reportedly said.

Rudolph has taken refuge in the secret underground “Boer Commando network” since he allegedly was involved in a spectacular arms theft from the South African Air Force headquarters in Pretoria several weeks ago.

He reportedly also accepted responsibility for this daring arms heist during another phone call to a Pretoria journalist who knows him personally.

Police launched a massive search amid mounting fears that Rudolph may already have dispersed the highly-sophisticated captured military arms among the so-called Boer Commandos — Sowetan Correspondent
Argument ends in Seipei murder trial

JUDGMENT in the murder trial of former Mandela Football Club coach Jerry Richardson would be handed down on Friday, Mr Justice Bryan O’Donovan said in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

State advocate Chris van Vuuren and defence counsel Hestie Joubert concluded argument before the judge and two assessors yesterday.

Richardson has been charged with the murder of teenager Stompe Seipei, attempted murder, kidnapping and assault with intent to cause grous bodily harm.

Regarding Seipei’s alleged murder, Van Vuuren said there were “enough relevant facts to draw the necessary inferences” that Richardson murdered Stompe.

Joubert replied: “I agree the accused is guilty of attempted murder, but in respect of committing murder I submit the State should view the events on Sunday January 1 1989 as probable, but one still has to speculate who killed Stompe.”

The court heard Seipei was last seen leaving Winnie Mandela’s home with Richardson on January 1. His body was found on January 6.

“Anything could have happened in that time. There is no evidence the accused killed Stompe,” Joubert said.

He said witnesses contradicted each other and exaggerated and lied about Winnie Mandela’s presence in her home on December 29 1988. He told the judge her involvement could not be left out and the State’s case fell down as the witnesses had lied about her presence.

Joubert concluded that, except for the attempted murder charge, Richardson should be acquitted.

Regarding Seipei’s murder, Van Vuuren said the court “must view everything as a whole for the cumulative effect. One by one, the facts do not point to guilt, but the cumulative effect is vital.”

NATAL UNREST DEATHS

September 1987 — January 1989: 666
February 1989 — May 20 1990: 97
Past 24 hours: 3
TOTAL: 1 668
High-handed MEC must quit — Umsa

NATIONAL black local authorities organisation, the United Municipalities of SA (Umsa), has called for the resignation of Transvaal MEC for local government Olaus van Zyl.

Umsa president Tom Boya said yesterday a meeting of Umsa councillors and mayors at Secunda at the weekend had resolved that a letter be written to Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough calling for Van Zyl's resignation.

Boya said the decision was prompted by Van Zyl's decision to sack the Lekoa City Council for its failure to collect rent and service charges.

Van Zyl announced last week that the Lekoa council, which he had warned last October to put its house in order, had failed to do so and would therefore be relieved of its offices and replaced by an administrator.

Boya said government knew the rent issue was a political one which it must sort out itself.

“What does Van Zyl expect them to do? These people must know they are not dealing with puppets.”

Sapa reports the letter sent to Hough condemned “the high-handed manner in which Van Zyl dissolved the city council of Lekoa on grounds of financial mismanagement and squabbling among councillors.”

Van Zyl was in Cape Town yesterday and could not be reached for comment.

About 150 municipal workers of the Lekoa council picketed outside the council's offices in Sebokeng yesterday morning in protest against the sacking of the council.
Call for MEC to resign

The president of Umsa, Mr Tom Boya, made the request in a letter to the Administrator, Mr Dame Hough.

Boya alleged that Van Zyl "has no interest in black local government".

Letter

The Umsa action was sparked by what the letter said was the high-handed manner in which Van Zyl dissolved the Lekoa town council on the grounds of financial mismanagement.

Boya said in the letter it was difficult for black councils to take strong action against rent and service charge defaulters.

"We feel strongly that there should have been more consultation and perhaps Lekoa's problems could have been solved without having to dissolve the council." Sapa
Johannesburg in transition

DP faces the challenge of regenerating the city

Because of the intensely party-political nature of the Johannesburg City Council over the last 40 years, many are watching with critical interest the new management of the city after the Democratic Party's capture of control recently.

If the city can be run effectively and humanely according to liberal democratic principles, the possibility of non-racial government on a far wider basis becomes both important and attractive.

Naturally, and quite properly, the new management committee's first commitment is to the residents of Johannesburg. To provide them with efficient services at cost-effective rates and charges, in an atmosphere of minimum red tape, is an ambitious goal in itself.

On this ideal, the DP (and Progressive Federal Party) election manifestos of the past are issue-specific. The creation of a user-friendly city environment in which the civic administration stands at the side of the people, rather than on their backs, will be pursued with vigour.

Of wider implication, however, is the possibility of implementing the reality of the new South Africa on the ground. Johannesburg is a splendid instance where practical effect could be given to the theoretical abstractions of implementing sound principles for the future administration of the country before a new national constitution is introduced.

An alarming characteristic of previous administrations in the Golden City has been a continuing assumption of a long-vanished reality that the major cities of SA are white cities funded by various black satellite townships. Rather, the new administration, more readily than most, acknowledges that today's metropolitan areas, especially Johannesburg, are essentially black cities that surround an enclave of white municipalities.

Historically and traditionally, black satellite towns were managed and financed as integral parts of the white-run municipalities within whose boundaries they fell. In 1973 the ill-conceived and under-financed administration boards took over that task and subsequently authority was transferred, by stages, to black local bodies.

Urbanisation

These are today in a constant state of crisis because they lack revenue resources to maintain themselves, let alone to make desperately needed improvements. The new Johannesburg management committee is at least prepared to negotiate with authentic representatives of the disadvantaged communities. It is also prepared to address fundamental and critical urban urgencies — for example the proliferation of black taxis, the spiralling trade of the informal sector and the need for the integration of both into existing patterns of transport and commerce.

The city council will also be able to get on with the job of 'positive urbanisation'. This implies planning for the future on demographic and rational lines, rather than simply as an adjunct of political engineering.

An enlightened administration in Johannesburg realises that cities have their own rules if they are going to operate effectively, and those rules go beyond culture and other conditions that may change. In the short term, strategically, this means political obstacles such as the Group Areas Act have to be overcome. But long-term, the future of the city will depend on demographics and resources. Thus the campaign for an open city in Johannesburg is not simply a party political strategy.

Careful planning, taking into account the realities of modern SA, and the future projections for its population growth and rapid rate of rural depopulation, will all have to be put into the equation. There is no doubt that the new managers of Johannesburg have every determination to ensure that, far from becoming an urban blight, Johannesburg becomes a centre of renewal and a source of hope for the entire country.

The question arises whether Johannesburg can forge a different system of local government from the rest of the country. President de Klerk has recently indicated he might well be amenable to a new structure of local government developing as a result of particular initiatives.

Consultations

Simultaneously, and ironically, the Government has committed itself to centralising and streamlining the system of local government in SA. Quite how the circle is to be squared is a matter of mystery.

Assuming, however, that the Government is amenable to local initiatives, there is every possibility that a
Hearing is told many knew of spy network

The hearing continues — Sapa

THE Hiemstra Commission heard yesterday that “many knew” about the spying activities of the Johannesburg City Council’s security department.

Taking the stand for the third time before the commission, deputy security director Frikk Barnard said other local authorities, security forces and private individuals were aware of the department’s activities. He also assumed management committee members Jan Burger and Cecil Long had known about some of the activities. He could not say if other management committee members had known about the spying network.

He had thought it was former management committee chairman Danie Van Zyl’s duty to inform other members about the network, Barnard said.

When asked by his counsel, Advocate S van Nieuwenhuizen SC, if councillors knew the monitoring of organisations like the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF), Cosatu, UDF and its affiliates, the Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee (Jodac) and End Conscription Campaign (ECC) would “dirt their hands”, he said it was possible they knew.

During cross-examination by Advocate Nic van der Walt for the city council, Barnard said van Zyl had been on a “frolic of his own” when he told the security department to spy on city councillor Pat Rogers.

He said he found it strange that a city councillor would want information on another member.

Asked by SADF counsel advocate André Roux if the SADF had assigned his department to spy on apartheid groups and persons, he said no assignment was given.

There had, however, been an exchange of information between the SADF and the city council.

He denied he had been a major in Military Intelligence, but said he had been an Army Intelligence major.

The hearing continues.
Despite lack of housing, Soweto gives back cash.

**To RA48-M: Council, no!**

BY MZIKAVESE EDOM

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Soweto hard at work putting house in order, says Van Zyl

The Soweto town council was working hard to put its house in order, and that was why it did not suffer dismissal like the Lekoa (Vaal) town council, Transvaal MEC for local government Olaus van Zyl said yesterday.

Van Zyl said the courses of action the TPA had threatened against the two councils were different.

Last week Van Zyl announced the dismissal of the entire Lekoa council because it had failed to “rectify the unhealthy state of its financial affairs” and end squabbling among councillors.

Last October the TPA had warned Lekoa and Soweto to take steps to remedy their financial positions, to determine tariffs and collect rent and service charges arrears. Lekoa was also directed to end discord among councillors and Soweto to rectify staff matters and end corruption.

Deadline

Lekoa’s warning had been in terms of Section 29 (2) of the Local Authorities Act and measures to be taken in case of non-compliance would be dismissal of the council. In Soweto’s case the warning was in terms of Section 29 (1).

Van Zyl said Soweto had acted promptly on some of the TPA’s directives and at the end of the three-month deadline set, a new set of directives was put forward. It would be some time before progress would be evaluated, he said.

Soweto PRO Johan van der Westhuizen said yesterday the council had been quick to respond to the TPA’s allegations it had taken steps to investigate corruption, promulgated new flat rates, appointed a new town clerk, and had established a forum for regular communication with developers and local businessmen.

“Mayor Sam Mkhwanazi and town clerk Piet Geers are presently overseas to raise funds — through investment, not loans.”
Levies on Reef to increase by 10pc

By Shirley Woodgate

Turnover and payroll levies in the 14 municipalities within the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council are to be increased by 10 percent from July, chairman John Griffiths announced in his budget speech yesterday.

The rise to R1.11 percent on turnover and 0.276 percent on payroll levies is aimed at pushing up levy income by R20 million to R70 million in a total budget of R1.07 billion.

An amount of R763 million represents revenue from the sale of electricity and water to CWRSC municipalities and the balance will be derived from investment interest and the surplus brought forward from the past year.

Presenting the CWRSC's fourth budget, Mr Griffiths said provision had been made for expenditure of about R327 million mainly for improving the infrastructure in underdeveloped areas in the region. R7 million or 2.27 percent will be taken up in operating costs.

Most of the funds (36 percent) have been allocated to projects in Soweto (R117 million), followed by 20 percent or R63 million for regional undertakings, 11 percent for Diepmeadow (R34 million), 7 percent for Alexandra, 5 percent for Dobsonville and Johannesberg and nearly 3 percent for Randburg and Roodepoort.

The remainder will be divided between Randburg and Sandton, the South Western management committee, Lenasia and Lenasia South East, all receiving below two percent; and Davidsonville and Marlboro Gardens at the tail end below one percent.

Mr Griffiths said in most cases the CWRSC was the sole provider for capital programmes of black local authorities in the region.

On land use and transport planning, he said the council had asked the Administrator to entrust this function to the CWRSC as an additional regional task which would further broaden democracy. "Not only income but future development will eventually be shared by all groups within the region."

He estimated that unless increased applications were received from member councils, services could be upgraded to an acceptable level within the next two years. The CWRSC had embarked on long-term planning involving multimillion rand water and sewer schemes for the region.
"Full council approved monitoring"

By Louise Burgers

Johannesburg city councillors must have been aware of the monitoring activities of its security department and of liaison with national intelligence, as those functions were included in a document approved by the full council in 1983, Friska Barnard said yesterday.

Mentioned in the document was liaison with all State, municipal and national security bodies, screening of personnel, protective services including security-risk analysis, and research of security aids such as bugging devices, the deputy security director said.

Referring to screening of personnel, Solly von Niewenhuizen, for Mr Barnard, said anyone with imagination could have known what was envisaged. "Now it's political. It is easy to claim no knowledge of the activities, but it should have been obvious to anyone that someone would have had to get their hands dirty to fulfil the monitoring functions," said Mr von Niewenhuizen.

Mr Barnard agreed that "anyone" could have realised what was going on.

Yesterday he clarified his position in the Defence Force. He said he was a member of Army Intelligence, not Military Intelligence. He was a Citizen Force major and had never been a member of the Permanent Force, though he had received promotion twice in the army while employed at the city council.

Liaison with the council security department began in 1984 with the protection of national key points, the provision of council security at military parades in the city and at information seminars, on a social basis and with the exchange of information.

He emphasised that the security department was not a military organisation. "We worked with them, but it stopped there."

Mr Barnard said there was nothing sinister in meetings between the city council, the military and the owners of national key points such as the SABC, the Post Office, AECI, the Transvaal Provincial Administration, Eskom, Rand Water Board and others.

When questioned by A Roux, for the SADF, about the ground-plans the military had regularly requested, Mr Barnard said it was possible that copies had also gone to the Security Police.

When asked whether it was not possible that the SADF needed the plans for protecting important people, mapping out alternative routes, setting up medical points and mapping out parades, Mr Barnard said he knew of no parades in Yeoville.

In earlier evidence, the commission heard that the SADF had been regularly supplied with ground plans of properties in Johannesburg. A Yeoville house, monitored by the council, was torched in January 1989.

Mr Barnard took the stand for the third time before Mr Justice V G Hiemstra, investigating The Star's disclosures of a spy network in the council.

He agreed with Nic van der Walt, for the city council, that the late chairman of the management committee, Danie van Zyl, had been on a "troika of his own" when he ordered the security department to spy on former opposition councillor Pat Rogers.

- Hans Bornman, legal representative for spy handler Martin Hennig, was referred to the Bar Council two weeks ago in connection with Mr Hennig's refusal to answer questions relating to his military career. Mr Bornman has been exonerated of any misconduct.
R1m for E Rand fire stations

The East Rand Regional Services Council (ERRSC) has set aside R1 million for the erection of satellite fire stations especially in the black towns, during the current financial year.

The ERRSC said, however, they did not at this stage wish to take over the fire brigade and ambulance services.

According to the council, fire brigade services have not been identified as a regional function.

The council was therefore not empowered to execute the scheme of satellite fire brigade stations and it would have to first obtain the approval of the Administrator and the Minister of Finance.

"It should be noted that development aid by the council in respect of this scheme will be restricted to the creation of infrastructures and not towards the financing of operating costs or the provision of equipment and vehicles," the council said.

"The council should not enter into any financial commitments before proper agreements have been drafted and concluded."—East Rand Bureau.
East Rand RSC reports increased revenue for 1990

The revenue from the East Rand Regional Service Council levy and the regional establishment levy is estimated at R118.2 million for the 1990/91 budget as against an estimated revenue of R98 million for the 1989/90 budget.

The ERRSC is expected to receive an estimated income of R98.8 million during the current financial year.

An ERRSC monthly meeting was told on Monday that the increased revenue was due mainly to salary increases and turnover, on which the levies were based, and the success in tracing unregistered levy payers.

The number of registered levy payers was 38,558 in March this year, as opposed to 32,110 in March last year.

The meeting was also told that provision had been made for 10 percent increase in the levy rates.

The council resolved to maintain the 20 percent rebate applicable to farming enterprises.

East Rand Bureau.
MINISTER of Constitutional Development Dr Gerrit Viljoen has appealed to black communities to support their local councils to ensure sound local government during the transition to a new dispensation.

The call comes in a statement after talks on Monday between Viljoen and Deputy Minister Mr Roelf Meyer and a delegation from the Urban Councils Association of South Africa, led by its president, Mr PD Nhlapo.

Viljoen said he had "emphasised the essential role of black local councils and the councillors in ensuring an orderly progress to a new and just South Africa and appealed to them to continue their very important task."

He said he explained the Government's aims in creating a peaceful climate for a negotiated settlement and informed Ucass about recent developments in the negotiation process, particularly regarding local authority affairs.

"I gave the assurance that the functioning of all local government systems must and will continue in an orderly way until a new constitution, also for local government, has been properly and legally negotiated," Viljoen said.
councillors concerned by the threat to be employed by the Council and the need for the work, including improved pay and conditions for the staff. The Council has suggested a new clause in the agreement, which would offer better pay and conditions for the staff.
Mass stayaways in Transvaal

Staff Reporter

Work stayaways, marches and factory demonstrations erupted across the Transvaal yesterday as thousands of workers took part in the Congress of SA Trade Unions (Cosatu) "day of action" on the Labour Relations Act.

Sapa reports that police arrested 128 demonstrators on the East Rand and that teargas was used to disperse marchers in central Johannesburg.

The Cosatu action was designed to press the Government into enacting a union-employer accord on the Act before Parliament goes into recess.

A national picture could not be obtained yesterday, although hundreds of shopworkers staged protests in Port Elizabeth.

Major industries in the Eastern Transvaal were hit when the protest, fuelled by local grievances, mushroomed into full-scale stayaways.

A Sasol spokesman said very few black workers had turned out at the Secunda plants and Anglo American reported a complete stayaway of workers from all divisions of Highveld Steel in and around Witbank.

A Cosatu spokesman in Secunda said between 40,000 and 50,000 people had taken part in a march through eMbalenhle township to the council offices.

Police reported that teargas was used on several occasions in eMbalenhle to disperse youths setting up roadblocks. A coal truck was burnt near Secunda and there was sporadic stoning of vehicles.

In Witbank, where a boycott of white businesses is taking place, the town centre was deserted.

In Germiston, an estimated 5,000 unionists from three industrial areas marched through the city at lunchtime yesterday.

Police said 128 people had been arrested for obstructing traffic during marches in Kempton Park, Spartan and Isando.

Postal and commercial workers staged separate marches in the Johannesburg city centre yesterday, one to the Stock Exchange, and, according to Cosatu regional secretary Amos Masando, there was a partial stayaway in Industria.

Demonstrations were also reported from Elandsfontein, Wadeville and Edenvale. A union source said thousands of workers had marched from Vereeniging to Sebokeng.
Local govt 'free of stranglehold'

CAPE TOWN — Major local authorities in the Transvaal would be released from the stranglehold of ministerial control by the Local Government Ordinance Amendment Bill for Transvaal, Tony Leon (DP Houghton) said in the House of Assembly yesterday.

Speaking in second-reading debate on the Bill — which was approved without objection — he said legislation emanating from Parliament under the guise of devolution of power had been nothing more than the deconcentration of such power.

"In point of fact, devolution of power means a transfer of power to local units giving them autonomous, discretionary decision-making power, whereas the delegation of authority and functions to local units simply means that local government acts as the agent of central government in the field responsible for implementing policies laid down by the State.

"It is very pleasing to see that the obsessive compulsions to centralise and control the nooks and crannies of local government is being relinquished, in stages, although haltingly and imperfectly."

The Bill recognised the party political nature of major local authorities and allowed for an entire gamut of local functions to be performed by a council, including closing and diverting roads, renaming streets and increasing fines.

"It was a matter of regret that the Bill did not go far enough in, for example, reviewing the unsatisfactory system of appeals against town planning decisions." — Sapa
We could have stopped mine attack — spy chief

The
Hiemstra
Commission

By Louise Burgers

Intelligence mastermind Frik Barnard believed a limpet mine attack on a power station in Johannesburg in February this year could have been prevented had the spy network still been in operation.

Mr Barnard, deputy director of the Johannesburg City Council security department, yesterday ended his testimony before the Hiemstra Commission after five days in the witness box.

He told the commission "If our information system was still in operation, we could have prevented such a sabotage attack."

Mr Barard denied a suggestion by Denis Pim, SC, for the commission, that he had been ordered by the Defence Force to infiltrate the End Conscription Campaign.

Destroy documents

It emerged yesterday that spy handler Martin Hennig and another security employee Sonet Liebenberg had been present when a suggestion was made to destroy documents in Mr Hennig's safe. Mr Barnard said he thought Mr Hennig had made the suggestion, but he had not agreed because the commission had sub poenaed the documents.

Mr Barnard denied he was ever a member of the Civil Cooperation Bureau or that he knew about a military team, which key witness Hannes Goewe claimed he belonged to and which carried out attacks, allegedly at the instruction of a military major.

The commission resumes on June 4. All witnesses will probably be dealt with in a week, whereafter the eight legal teams will begin argument.
JOHANNESBURG — The city council’s intelligence chief here, Mr Frik Barnard, had only his personal perceptions to guide him in the running of the council’s spy network, and he might have been completely wrong in his assessment of what constituted a security threat.

Mr Barnard, said by his seniors to have controlled the spy network now being investigated for possible irregularities by the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry, took important intelligence decisions, such as the move to infiltrate and spy on the End Conscription Campaign, but by his own admission was “definitely not” an expert in the field.

ECC advocate Mr Gilbert Marcus, in the final day’s cross-examination of evidence submitted by Mr Barnard, yesterday asked for an explanation as to why the spy chief’s “perceptions” were being offered as the only justification for many of the spy network’s activities.

Mr Barnard said he could not explain.

Mr Marcus put it to Mr Barnard that his perceptions of what constituted a security risk were based purely on his political bias.

Mr Barnard denied the suggestion but did agree that his perceptions might have been completely wrong.

Cross-examined by his own advocate, Mr Solly van Niewenhuizen, yesterday, Mr Barnard said revolutionary rhetoric contained in ANC documents helped form the perceptions which guided him in the running of the spy network.

According to the documents the destruction of local authorities featured high on the ANC’s agenda.

The infiltration of local and national left-wing political organisations and church and human-rights groups was also planned by the ANC to “reactionalise” leaders in the liberation struggle. — Sapa
TPA call on rents

Black councils are told to get tougher

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration has ordered 35 black councils to take action against rent defaulters.

The councils, whose townships are affected by rent boycotts, were this week told by the TPA to "take definite and drastic steps" against people owing rent.

"Mr Olus van Zyl, the TPA's MEC in charge of local government and regional service councils, said in a statement the province had limited funds for helping local authorities with bridging finance.

Boycott

He said the boycott was closely linked to consumers being intimidated into not paying rents and service charges. Councilors were also being pressured to resign.

"We have approximately R30 million a month to bridge financing..."
Parents back ‘chalks-down’

Staff Reporters
Parents of pupils affected by last week’s teachers’ “chalks-down” yesterday, at a mass meeting in Ennerdale, endorsed the action taken by teachers.

Teachers called the meeting to explain the reasons for their actions, including the strike and the march last Friday by about 1,000 teachers on the Johannesburg office of the Department of Education and Culture (House of Representatives).

“Some parents felt that teachers didn’t have the interests of pupils at heart when they marched and engaged in a chalks-down,” an Ennerdale Civic Association spokesman said last night. “They were fully briefed at the meeting and now understand why teachers took these actions,” the spokesman said, adding that parents had pledged their full support to any future actions taken by teachers.

Suspended
The areas affected by the four-day strike action, which started last Tuesday, included Eldorado Park, Ennerdale, Riverlea, Bosmont, Coronationville and Randfontein.

The strike was suspended last Friday pending the response on May 29 of the education authorities to a list of short-term grievances.

The short-term demands include:
- Reinstatement of all teachers who were allegedly unfairly suspended in 1981.
- That all outstanding salaries be paid immediately.
- That salaries be paid on time.
- That there be full parity between male and female teachers.

Boksburg election posters vandalised

By Anna Louw, East Rand Bureau

Posters of four candidates contesting a municipal by-election in Boksburg have been spray-painted with signs of the anti-Christ (666) and the Ku Klux Klan (KKK).

In another incident, the walls of the home of the National Party Member of Parliament for Boksburg, Sakkie Blanche, had the words “Mandela”, “AWB” spray-painted on them.

Posters of the four candidates in the municipal by-election in Ward Two which includes Sunward Park were damaged on Wednesday.

The candidates are:
- Andrew Wheeler (Independent)
- Hansie Rabie (CP)
- Ronne Wiggell (NP)
- Colin Auret (DP)

The by-election takes place on Wednesday.

According to Mr. Blanche he received a call yesterday morning from Johan Brandt, a National Party campaigner, who told him his wall had been spray-painted.

Mr. Blanche said when he had driven past his home at 10:30 pm on Wednesday there was nothing on the walls.

The incidents have been reported to the police.

Santa revue may be screened on TV
Jo'burg to be open soon

THE Johannesburg Municipality has committed itself irrevocably to an open Johannesburg and will take immediate steps to open the city's residential areas to all races.

The chairman of the Management Committee, Mr Ian Davidson, told a news conference on Wednesday that a committee had been formed under the chairmanship of Mr Sas Reinecke, councillor for Berea, to investigate the possibility of an open Johannesburg.

Reinecke is being assisted by two Democratic Party councillors, three National Party councillors, and members of the private sector. - Supa
Atteridgeville mayor threatens evictions

By MONK NKOMO

THE Atteridgeville City Council, which has lost R2-million since the rent boycott started on April 2 this year, warned residents this week that they may lose their houses if they do not pay their bills.

Atteridgeville mayor Mr Velaphi Mathebula issued letters on Tuesday and Wednesday, appealing to residents to pay rent immediately.

Mathebula said: "You are behind in payments. You may lose your house and we may give it to those who are prepared to pay. There is a long list of people seeking houses. Do not listen to wrong advice. Those people will not help you to pay when your debt is too big. Please pay today.'"

The Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents Organisation (Asro) resolved at a public meeting on April 1 to stop paying rent, following allegations that some officials were misusing public funds.

Residents also demanded the resignation of councillors "because they are useless and not serving the public's interest." Asro's general secretary, Mr Reeves Mabutsi, said the councillors should heed the call that they resign. "Only after the resignation of councillors will the masses convene to discuss what they see as affordable tariffs for essential services," he said.

The council this week issued a statement saying councillors had received a mandate from their constituencies not to resign. In response, an Asro spokesman said not a single councillor had addressed a public meeting since the elections about two years ago.
Jo'burg may cut red tape for move across colour line

By Louise Burgers, Municipal Reporter

The Johannesburg management committee is to ask the city council to pass a recommendation approving all future applications from people of colour to live in white areas.

Management committee member Paul Asherson said all permits had to go to Pretoria.

"And Pretoria has to ask Johannesburg for its opinion every time in the past Johannesburg has, most of the time, had no objection. To cut out this step, which can be time-consuming, the management committee has stated it has no objection, and will not need to be consulted therefore in the future."

This item, and the move this week by the Democratic Party-controlled management committee to appoint a committee to investigate ways of opening residential areas, could provoke lively debate at the monthly council meeting on Tuesday.

Conservative Party leader in the council, Jacques Theron, says the CP will definitely raise the issue of open areas.

"Here they sit, the DP and the Nats, six members of a management committee. The NP will not even open up their own party to other races and they want to prescribe to the rest of Johannesburg, and open up residential areas. Just take a look at their election manifesto - there's no mention of open areas. And the DP certainly doesn't have the majority of votes."

- A DP motion calling for the appointment of an international team of management consultants to restructure the Johannesburg City Council will be debated on Tuesday.
Members of the National Union of Public Service Workers toy-toy at the Tokozá Town Council offices, shortly after they downed tools in support of wage demands on Wednesday. The workers vowed not to return to work until the municipality agreed to grant them a "legal overdue" 13.5 percent increase.
Jo'burg to be open soon.

The Johannesburg Municipality has committed itself irrevocably to an open Johannesburg and will take immediate steps to open the city's residential areas to all races.

The chairman of the Management Committee, Mr. Ian Davidson, told a news conference on Wednesday that a committee had been formed under the chairmanship of Mr. Stas Reynecke, councillor for Berea, to investigate the possibility of an open Johannesburg.

Reynecke is being assisted by two Democratic Party councillors, three National Party councillors, and members of the private sector. Sapu.
Dissolved council to challenge TPA action in court tomorrow

LEKOA UP IN ARMS

THE Lekoa Town Council will challenge the Transvaal Provincial Administrator's decision to dissolve it in an application in the Rand Supreme Court tomorrow morning.

This move is likely to trigger similar actions by other councils which have been dissolved by TPA. Other expelled Transvaal municipalities include those in Tokoza, Tsakane, Embalenhle, KwaGuqa and Zithobeni.

Tomorrow's application was made by 22 councillors including former mayor Mrs Kate Ngwenya.

By Mzikayise Edom

and the first respondent is the Administrator of Transvaal, Mr Danie Hough; the Lekoa Town Council is the second respondent.

Both Hough and Lekoa Council were served with affidavits by the council's lawyer, Singer Horwitz, last week.

Affidavits

In their affidavits, the sacked councillors are calling on the court to issue a rule nisi compelling the respondents to show cause why:

* The decision of the first respondent (Hough) taken on or about May 18 in terms of which the applicants were removed from their positions as town councillors, should not be corrected or set aside in terms of the provisions of Rule of Court 53 (1)(a).

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Residents in the townships under the Lekoa council owe about R147-million in rent arrears since the boycott started in 1984.

Last week, the TPA ordered 35 black councils to "take definite and drastic steps" against rent defaulters.
Randburg rates up

By Julienne du Toit

Randburg householders face an effective average increase of R12.92 a month in their rates and taxes from July, it was announced by management committee chairman Andre Jacobs during yesterday.

The budget had a remarkably small shortfall of R622 121, he said.

The monthly increases for the average household will be:

- Rates up 15 percent from R46.86 to R53.89.
- Cleansing tariffs up 56 percent from R6.25 to R9.75.
- Sewage tariffs up 13.08 percent from R18.27 to R20.66.

Household electricity was increased by 11.5 percent from R122.27 to R136.32 in January.

Water tariffs were increased in April by 18.9 percent.

"This is a good news budget," said Mr Jacobs.

"It is balanced and all the community's needs are looked at."

A sum of R500 000 has been made available for a municipal swimming bath in Windsor East as, according to the council, this suburb is the most densely populated.

Facilities at Golden Harvest Park are to be upgraded, but this will happen over a long period because funds cannot be allocated on a large scale all at once.
Police and marching youths clash

By Therese Anders

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'Open city' referendum rejected

Johannesburg City Council last night voted against a Conservative Party motion calling on the management committee to call a referendum to gauge the views of white voters on an open Johannesburg.

The CP accused the management committee of sowing great uncertainty and disruption by launching its open city plan. Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said he had no problem with a referendum as long as all city residents, regardless of race, were able to take part. — Municipal Reporter.
Lekoa case put off

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

THE case in which the Lekoa Council is challenging the Transvaal Provincial Administration's decision to dissolve it was yesterday postponed indefinitely in the Rand Supreme Court.

The urgent application to have all 22 former councillors remanded was postponed to give the TPA a chance to respond to the affidavits. This was made a court order.

The respondent in the matter is the Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Dane Hough.

The matter, which was not argued, was heard before Mr Justice Joffe.

Rectify

The council will remain dissolved until the TPA responds to the councillors' affidavits.

A lawyer representing the council, Mr L Singer, said "We agree not to proceed with the matter to give the TPA a chance to oppose our application."

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Other councils which have been dissolved include those in Tekoza, Tshakane and KwaGuqa.
Houghton residents have won the battle against the development of cluster housing on Houghton golf course. The Johannesburg City Council decided yesterday that it would permit single unit dwellings per 2,000 sq m. The applicant, JCI, withdrew its original proposal to develop cluster housing on the golf course after vehement opposition from residents last year. It re-submitted an application after amending plans to fulfill the requirements of the lower Houghton density policy.
Children First

Across the line

Two high schools reach out on sportsfield

Two high schools in Porthouse outside.

JOVAL PANTHER

Friends (from left) Catherine Whipple (15), Emae Coney (16), Hemming Herson (16) and

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Children First
Jo'burg council to look for better guests

JOHANNESBURG's overseas guest programme will in future concentrate on attracting businessmen and tourists to spend money in the city rather than hosting irrelevant individuals.

Management committee member Paul Asherson said money would be spent marketing convention-cum-holiday packages at attractive rates to overseas businessmen and tourists rather than paying in full for individuals' trips around SA.

The only individuals who would be invited to SA at the council's full expense would be experts whose knowledge could be used by the council for the city's benefit.

Asherson said he resented the suggestion that the overseas guest programme would pay for visitors to SA in return for free trips overseas for Johannesburg councilors or council officials.

As a private sector organisation, the Johannesburg Publicity Association (JPA), would serve as a watchdog over the programme, Asherson said. The council decided last week to hand control of the overseas guest programme to the JPA.

Asherson said future amounts to be spent on the programme were still to be decided in the forthcoming budget.

He said invitations to overseas guests issued by council under the former NP-dominated management committee would not be cancelled. He could not say how many people had been invited.
The police have arrested a man suspected of racketeering and conspiracy, according to a police press release. The suspect, identified as John Doe, is accused of operating a gambling ring in violation of state law.

The police conducted a search of Doe's residence and seized a large amount of gambling paraphernalia, including electronic devices used to facilitate the operation. The investigation is ongoing, and more arrests may be forthcoming.

The police have also warned the public to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police department. The police have reinforced their commitment to fighting organized crime and will continue to investigate any and all cases of racketeering and conspiracy.
Residents opposed to trauma unit

By Shirley Woodgate

Plans for a new trauma unit, 28-hour reporting, and a 9-stations clinic could lead to a 24-hour trauma unit on the eastern border of Orange Grove, Johanna. The plan is to be opposed by Orange Grove residents. The plan proposes a 10,000 sq m development with parking. The plan would be mixed use and a new clinic would be an asset to the area, but the 28-hour reporting time would destroy the ambience of the area, said a resident. No comment was available from the developers.
Spying on ECC was for military — Egan

By Louise Burgers and Helen Grange

Information was gathered on the End Conscription Campaign and some of its members because infiltrator John Egan knew the military would be interested.

The information had "nothing to do with the Johannesburg City Council", the Hiemstra Commission heard yesterday.

Mr Egan, who was in charge of infiltrating black trade unions, said he was aware the council was “fed up with the military and on that basis “I would submit everything”.

Questioned by Gilbert Marcus, for the ECC and others, Mr Egan admitted compiling a report on Ian McKenzie, an ECC office bearer.

The information on Mr McKenzie was "handed in for what it was worth", although he knew it was of no use to the council.

Mr Marcus asked Mr Egan whether the reason why he had provided the military with information on the ECC was because members of the ECC were perceived to be unpatriotic — as people not prepared to do their duty for their country.

Pressed

After being pressed for an answer by Mr Justice VG Hiemstra, Mr Egan finally answered "yes".

He, however, denied knowing anything about an attack on actor Andre-Jacques van der Merwe, who was assaulted after appearing in an ECC play.

Mr Egan told the commission he had participated in military incursions into Soweto at night for the purpose of "surveillance". This could mean monitoring a school, he said.

"I was utilised as a Citizen Force member in a supportive role. I manned radios, relaying information from man in the field.

The commission heard last month that council security officials formed part of a military team involved in assaults, in Soweto among other places. Mr Egan admitted frequently visiting a military training farm near Sandton.

Spy handler! John Egan.

Picture by Sean Woods.

Mr Egan said he infiltrated various black trade unions such as the SA Municipal Workers' Union, the Municipal Workers' Union of SA, the breakaway Transport and General Workers' Union, and the National Unemployed Workers' Co-ordinating Committee.

After persistent cross-examination by Mr Marcus, Mr Egan admitted having spied also on the Paper, Printing, Wood and Allied Workers' Union.

"Why didn't you tell us it was infiltrated?" Mr Marcus asked.

Mr Egan said it had "shipped my mind" and he had not wanted to compromise his source.

Mr Marcus accused him of misleading the commission.

Mr Egan also admitted that the Johannesburg Municipal Combined Employers' Union had been infiltrated.

Yesterday the commission heard that house plans had been obtained and profiles of people had been drawn up, including former Progressive Federal Party councillor Geoff Stark.
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Second PFP man 'spied' on

AT LEAST two PFP Johannesburg city councillors were the subject of secret investigations by the council's "spy network", it emerged yesterday.

The Hienstra Commission investigating alleged spying activities in the council yesterday heard of plans secretly to investigate a second PFP councillor, Geoff Stark. Earlier it had heard how the network drew up a profile on PFP councillor Pat Rogers, on the orders of then management committee chairman Danie van Zyl of the NP. Former spy network member and new witness before the commission John Egan yesterday admitted receiving orders from council "spy master" Frik Barnard to investigate and obtain "political-type documents" concerning Stark. But he refused to tell the commission how he was to obtain the documents for fear of incriminating himself.

Egan also admitted giving information to his superiors on End Conscientisation Campaign member Ian McKenzie. He said he had had to "handle" trade union informants connected to the council and had been in charge of seven paid spies.

Natal Unrest: Deaths

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Cosatu also 'drawing up profiles'

By Helen Grange
and Louise Burger

The Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) was
drawing up its own profiles on
senior white Johannesburg City
Council officials, the Heimstra
Commission heard yesterday.

In response to this submission
by his legal counsel, Hans Born-
man, spy handler John Egan
said: "That's the impression I
got."

Mr Egan said he had dis-
covered that Cosatu was gathering
details on senior white officials
in the council's electricity de-
partment. Mr Egan was in
charge of the infiltration of sev-
eral Cosatu trade unions.

Among other reports he had re-
cieved from his sources were:

- That a member of the Munici-
pal Workers' Union of SA had
knowledge of a necklacing relat-
ing to a strike by the SA Trans-
port Services

- That the SA Council of
Churches had donated R10,000 to
the municipal workers' union
for striking workers

- That a "violent action" was
planned against deputy director
of security Frikk Barnard and se-
nior deputy director Brigadier
Jan Visser

Mr Egan admitted obtaining
from sources three private doc-
uments which had been drafted
by various attorneys. He would
not say how they had come into
his possession.

Mr Egan denied he had ob-
tained plans of Cosatu House
and said he did not know who
was responsible for bombing of
the building in 1977.
JOHANNESBURG — Johannesburg city council spy master Mr Frik Barnard’s interest in city councillors and the subsequent secret investigation into PFP councillors arose from his fear that the National Party would fall from power.

Testifying before the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry yesterday, former council spy network member Mr John Egan admitted that Mr Barnard had instructed him to investigate then PFP councillor Geoff Stark because the spy master was concerned that the “delicate balance” in the council would be upset.

PFP councillors’ homes were secretly observed to see who visited them, and other PFP councillors were reported on, including an in-depth profile on Mr Pat Rogers.

The National Party lost its majority in the council when details of the spy network were exposed in the Press, which lead Mr Barnard to “push the panic button”, Mr Egan said.

A meeting of spy network members was called after the exposure and Mr Barnard ordered a list be compiled of “top secret” missing documents, already in the hands of the Press.

The exposure of the spy network lead to the appointment of the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry by the Transvaal Provincial Administration to establish whether the network was guilty of irregularities. — Sapa
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'No record of fees paid to council spies'

The Johannesburg City Treasury had no knowledge of how the security department administered its funds, although it continued to allocate money for the payment of spies.

Yesterday, the Hiemstra Commission heard that no records could be found for the payment of informers from 1965, when the monitoring network of the department was established, until April 1967.

In a 36-page report to the commission, the City Treasurer, Willie Siebert, said the security department had kept its own records because the former City Treasurer, Perry Rabe, had accepted in good faith that the payment of informers was a sensitive matter and records could not be kept in an ordinary way.

The cash book and supporting documents relating to the payment of spies were kept by the security department.

Mr Siebert said, however, the bookkeeping system of the security department was "not so wonderful."

The National Intelligence Service (NIS) yesterday denied having exchanged information with the Johannesburg City Council, as was previously testified before the Hiemstra Commission by council's top security official, Brigadier Jan Vasser.

In an affidavit handed to the commission, the director-general of the NIS, Lukas Barnard, said the only liaison with the city council was for the purpose of facilitating NIS duties that required the help of the council.
Corruption claims as councillors questioned

By Mtshwiti Moroke

The independent commission of inquiry into allegations of maladministration in the South Western Management Committee (SWMC) began yesterday in the Johannesburg Civic Centre.

Evidence was presented by at least three councillors.

Several ratepayers' organisations, under the umbrella of the United Civic Association, are expected to testify before the commission.

The one-man commission is being chaired by advocate Henk Botha.

Allegations are expected to be made that there were irregularities in the allocation of certain residential sites by the SWMC, and that members were dilatory in the performance of their duties.

Victor Thomas, a councillor, declined to give evidence because he had been found guilty in court and fined R2 000 for accepting money from two people as an inducement to allocate housing.

Accepted

Mr Botha accepted Mr Thomas's wish not to give evidence and said the commission would obtain the necessary court documents.

Kurt Mateman, another councillor, denied an allegation that he had accepted custom-made kitchen units worth R3 500 in his house in Eldorado Park as payment for the allocation of a house to a William Volmink.

Many of the allegations in the documents refer to Margaret Mateman, who is alleged to have accepted money in payment for the transfer of a flat and houses, and accepted built-in wardrobes worth R3 000.

Mrs Mateman is also alleged to have accepted an amount of R10 000 for herself as payment to secure 50 stands for Minray International.

The hearing continues at 9 am today.
Demolition of Reef shack's 'criminal'

THE demolition of squatters' shacks on the Reef in the middle of winter was "immoral and criminal", Soweto civic leader Ntato Molotla said yesterday.

He was referring to the demolition of shacks in Alexandra, Thokoza on the East Rand and Kiptown in Soweto this week.

Molotla said he did not have words "strong enough to condemn the action". It was immoral and criminal to remove people from any settlement without providing them with an alternative.

"I urge more people to raise their voices and shout until government makes more land available to people to build whatever structures they can afford."

The Black Sash also condemned the demolitions saying the trauma of forced removal from private land had been acknowledged by government. "In the same way the government has recognised that urban settlers could not be wished away," the Black Sash said.

It challenged government to call a moratorium on evictions and removals until people had alternative accommodation.

Kathlehong council 'wants to end boycott'

THE Kathlehong Town Council wanted to meet the Kathlehong Civic Association (KCA) in a bid to resolve the rent boycott which began in March, mayor Tan Molotsi said yesterday.

In a telephone interview Molotsi said the council was concerned about the deterioration of services because of the boycott. "We want to meet the Kathlehong Civic Association and negotiate with them fixed rates for services and electricity," Molotsi said.

'Spy boss took explosives into Jo'burg civic centre'

FRUK Barnard, the man said to have run Johannesburg City Council's "spy network", was once observed carrying a box of plastic explosives inside the civic centre, the Hemistra Commission heard yesterday.

Former council security guard Jan Griffith said Barnard had told him not to talk to anyone about the explosives when the two men met inside the civic centre one night.

Griffith said he knew the box Barnard had been carrying contained plastic explosives because he had seen and handled the substance often during his military training.

Under cross-examination by Barnard's legal counsel, advocate Solly van Niewenhuizen, Griffith insisted he knew the difference between plastic explosives and brass fire lighters.

The commission also heard that the network apparently ran its own finances and only housed with the city treasurer's department when it wanted money.

City treasurer Willie Sebert testified that the only financial documentation available to record payments made by the network to spies for "secret" information over a two-year period were documents approving advances to the network.

Sebert said former city treasurer Perry Rabe had approved the extraordinary system whereby the network conducted its own financial affairs. He, however, would not have done so, he said, Sapa
Ex-spy handler suggested
destroying army documents

By Helen Grange
and Louise Burgers

Former spy handler Martin
Hennig yesterday admitted be-
fore the Hiemstra Commission
having suggested that military
documents in possession of the
Johannesburg City Council secu-

rity department be destroyed

Top council security officials
met after The Star exposed the
security department's spy oper-
ations and a suggestion was
made that 'top secret' documen-
tation be destroyed

"I knew that in the past mili-
tary documents were shredded," Mr Hennig told the commission.
He said his suggestion was
shouted down at the meeting

Restricted

"Who are you to decide what
has to be destroyed?" Wim
Trenovge, SC, for the Five Fre-
doms Forum, asked.

Mr Hennig replied that they
were restricted documents.
Their contents were not impor-
tant to him — what was im-
portant was the fact that they were
SADF documents.

Yesterday Mr Hennig told the
commission he would answer
some questions relating to his
military connections — after
previously refusing to furnish
the information on the grounds
that it was restricted in terms

Cross-examined on his mili-
tary connections by Gilbert
Marcus, for the End Conscription
Campaign and others, Mr Hen-
nig revealed that he had met
three members of a special mil-
tary and council team alleged
to be involved in the murder of
activist Dr David Webster.

They were Paul de Swardt,
Dick Greyling and Major Roy
Laubscher.

Mr Hennig, however, demed
knowing of the activities of the
team, although he was named
as being a member by key wit-
ness Hannes Gouws.

He refused to say with whom
he had liaised in the SADF while
in the employ of the security de-
partment. He said he was merely
asked to find out names of ve-
cicle owners from lists of regis-
tration numbers provided by the
Defence Force.

He agreed with A Roux, for
the SADF, that the registration
numbers could have belonged to
cars seized by the military in
road blocks, for example.

The commission heard earlier
this week that R1,7 million was
spent on the information section
of the security department over
a seven-year period.
SA doesn't need this luggage

Gael Neke, publicity secretary of the Five Freedoms Forum, looks at the total onslaught paranoia in the Johannesburg City Council

Hiemstra told about bugs in ballpuntos

By Helen Grange

Johannesburg City Council spies had bugging equipment, including a transmitter, hidden in a ballpoint pen, and telephone tapping devices, the Hiemstra Commission of inquiry was told yesterday.

The commission’s security department which runs the spy system itself paid R1,000 to a firm specializing in bugging to supply council officials with the equipment when it was being installed.

The bugging of the official’s office was stopped when the department was told yes yesterday.

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Hiemstra Commission

More than R100,000 worth of such equipment had been in the principal teen.

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Hiemstra said he would not reveal that the department was paid R1,000 to supply council officials with the equipment when it was being installed.

Bugging devices... evidence of the Johannesburg City Council’s paranoia

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Illegal

In his paper, delivered at the 13th annual law conference, Professor Tony Matthews said one of the greatest ills of South African society was the virtual demise of legal accountability by public officials at all levels. The progressive breakdown of accountability, death squads and dirty tricks produced by the security forces.

The spy activities of the JCC have no parallel. They have no public accountability. They have no legal authority to spy on South African citizens. We believe they were committing illegal and criminal actions against our organization and others.

It is matters that need to be highlighted in the current official investigations. And, if they are not, they will have to be raised publicly elsewhere, for South Africa cannot enter a new era carrying such sinister baggage.
A pure white hole in the black area

By SHAUN JOHNSON

The farm of Boeretuin Party leader Robert van Tonder north of Johannesburg could soon be surrounded by a mixed-race township.

The Weekly Mail established this week that the planned free settlement area of Cosmo City, intended to house 55,000 people, will encircle the veteran right-winger's rural enclave at Sandrivier, outside Randburg.

The location of Cosmo City could hardly have been more perversely chosen. For years Van Tonder has used his isolated farm — distinguished by a van't Vierkleur flag at its entrance — as the headquarters from which to wage a battle for the restoration of the old Boer Republics.

Now the proclamation of Cosmo City places at loggerheads the competing South African ideologies of separation and integration. A mixed race sea will surround an island of white purity.

But while his neighbours may have decided to sell out to the "new South Africa", says Van Tonder, he is staying put and will not accept a payout for his property.

"Some nations have fought for centuries and I tell my followers don't think of giving up after only nine decades. We have only just started. I am not going anywhere."

While he says he "obviously" opposes the Democratic Party-controlled Randburg council's decision to proclaim a free settlement.

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Robert van Tonder ... a Vierkleur flies from his white island in the new grey area near Johannesburg. Picture: STEVE HILTON-BARBER, Afrapix
Spymaster denies carrying explosives

JOHANNESBURG. — Johannesburg City Council spymaster Mr Frrik Barnard yesterday denied any knowledge of an incident in which he was alleged to have been seen carrying a box of plastic explosives inside the civic centre.

The potentially incriminating evidence was led on Wednesday before the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry by Mr Jan Griffith, a former council security guard, who said he had come across Mr Barnard carrying a box of plastic explosives inside the civic centre building late one night. Mr Barnard had sworn him to secrecy on the matter, Mr Griffith said.

Mr Barnard yesterday denied any knowledge of the incident by way of a written affidavit.

After listening to legal argument for and against the admissibility of Mr Griffith's testimony, Mr Justice V Hiemstra ruled that the evidence would not be considered in the process of drawing an overall conclusion on the spy network's activities.
Cosatu ‘also had dossiers’

By Helen Grange
and Louise Burgers

The Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) was drawing up its own personal profiles on senior white officials in the Johannesburg City Council, the Hiemstra Commission heard yesterday.

In response to this submission by his legal counsel Hans Bornman, spy handler John Egan said, “That’s the impression I got.”

Mr Egan said he had discovered that Cosatu was gathering details on senior white officials in the council’s electricity department. Mr Egan was in charge of the infiltration of several Cosatu trade unions.

Among other reports he had received from his sources were:

- That a member of the Municipal Workers Union of SA (MWUSA) had knowledge of a necklacing relating to a strike by the SA Transport Services.
- That the SA Council of Churches had donated R10 000 to the SA Municipal Workers Union for striking workers.
- That a ‘violent action’ was planned against deputy director of security Frik Barnard and senior deputy director Brigadier Jan Visser.

Mr Egan admitted obtaining documents which had been drafted by various attorneys. He would not say how they had come to be in his possession. One concerned security measures at Cosatu House.

Mr Egan denied he had obtained plans of Cosatu House and said he did not know who was responsible for bombing of the building in 1987.

Mr Egan was again queried on the monitoring of Geoff Stark, former PFP councillor, and the methods used to obtain “political-type” documents.

Wim Trengove, SC, asked whether he had burgled Mr Stark’s offices to obtain documentation and whether he had taken anything other than the documentation. Mr Egan refused to answer on the grounds that he could incriminate himself.
Miriam Makeba home

INTERNATIONAL SA-born singing star Miriam Makeba arrived home yesterday after 31 years in exile. Scores of photographers and television crews at Joburg airport struggled to get near her.

Makeba said she would be in SA for one or two weeks. “I always wanted to come home. This is my home — my mother died here in 1950. Everybody is coming home, so why shouldn’t I? My umbilical cord is buried in this soil.”

Makeba said she had not slept for a week thinking of her return, and whether she would get a visa or not. But she added: “I think I’ll be happier when I come back to meet before my people.”

She would consult “cultural structures” in SA, she said. Makeba, 58, left SA in 1959 on a tour of the US with the musical, King Kong. Her passport was cancelled in 1960 when the SA government refused to allow her back into the country for her mother’s burial.

She settled in Guinea, West Africa, in 1968 and represented her adopted country at the UN in the mid-seventies.

Asked whether she regarded her exile as self-imposed, Makeba said: “When I went to ask for a visa, I was told my name was in the computer. I could not understand why I was never allowed home. I never committed a crime... I never killed anybody.” — Sapa

Spymaster denies explosives allegation

JOHANNESBURG City Council’s “spymaster” Frik Barnard on Friday denied any knowledge of an incident in which he was alleged to have been seen carrying a box of plastic explosives inside the civic centre.

The evidence was led on Wednesday before the Hemistra Commission by Jan Griffith, a former council security guard, who said he had come across Barnard carrying a box of plastic explosives inside the civic centre building late one night. Barnard had sworn him to secrecy on the matter, Griffith said.

Barnard on Friday denied any knowledge of the incident by way of a written affidavit, among the last evidence accepted by the commission.

Stricken

After listening to legal argument for and against the admissibility of Griffith’s testimony, Mr Justice V Hemistra ruled that the evidence would not be considered in the process of drawing an overall conclusion on the spy network’s activities.

The judge said he would not, however, accede to a request by Barnard’s legal counsel. Solly van der Westhuizen that the evidence be stricken from the records.

The commission adjourned on Friday until June 22 when the respective legal teams will be permitted one hour each to debate closing arguments.

The commission was appointed by the Pienaar Provincial Administration to investigate allegations that the activities of the spy network run by the council’s security department were irregular.

Mr Justice Hemistra, in reaching a finding, must consider almost 4 000 typed pages of transcripted evidence. — Sapa
TPA launches probe into coloured area

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration has appointed a commission of inquiry to investigate the activities of the South Western Management Committee following allegations of corruption and maladministration.

The commission, appointed by the Transvaal Administrator, Mr Dave Hough, was launched last Wednesday and is being financed by Johannesburg City Council's management committee.

It will sit again this week.

Advocate Hec Bothe is chairing the inquiry.

Chairman of the United Civic Association, Mr Dudley Arends, which called for the inquiry, said he was happy that it was sitting.

He said: "There is a lot of corruption concerning the allocation of houses, residential and business sites. Municipal tariffs are also high."

Anyone wishing to give evidence before the commission may contact Mr Henri Kruger at (011) 407-7407. The commission is sitting on the 16th floor, Civic Centre in Braamfontein.
By Louise Burgers, Municipal Reporter

The Randburg municipal by-election result will not change the political profile of the country but could prove the Democratic Party is not to be discounted.

This is the view of Mark Manley, the Democratic Party candidate in Windsor East:

"Voting got off to a slow start this morning when polling opened at 7 am at the Windsor East Community Centre. The candidates expect the tempo to pick up at 5 pm when people return home from work.

"This election is essentially about local issues but it may send signals to the Government that the DP cannot be ignored," Mr Manley said.

National Party candidate Frank Harrison, although confident of a win, admitted the result would be close due to the nature of the ward.

"We are expecting a close result and a low percentage poll."
Council plea for end to boycott

By MONK NKOMO

RESIDENTS in Atteridgeville, Pretoria, have a right to challenge town councillors and call for their resignation if they did not do their duty, the acting town clerk, Mr Dan Mouton, said yesterday.

Mouton appealed to residents to call off the 10-week-old rent boycott and said the issue and that of calling on councillors to resign should be divorced from each other.

"Residents have a democratic right to call for councillors to resign if they do not serve the interests of their constituencies," Mouton told Sowetan.

"But residents must, at the same time, realise they must pay for services rendered by the council," Mouton told Sowetan.

He said: "Councillors do not render electricity and water supply services. They are just political figures.

"The council has to maintain and render essential services. If residents do not pay it will be difficult to maintain and repair these services."

Mouton said the council had already lost R3 million in revenue since the boycott started.

Residents have resolved that they would "pay affordable rents" as soon as councillors resigned.

However, councillors have vowed they will not resign.
One day's notice then out

Alberton Town Council yesterday gave Pola Park squatters until Sunday to move out of the area, the council's management committee chairman, Mr Johan van der Merwe, said.

Council police and workers moved into Pola Park early yesterday to demolish the shacks, but stopped after negotiations with the squatters.

On Tuesday the squatters were given one day's notice to move out of the area, the chairman of the Pola Park Residents' Committee, Mr Prince Mhlambi, said.

Mr Mhlambi said that the squatters, who claimed they were not given alternative land on which to resettle, would resist the removal.

"The council will move into the area on Monday to raze the shacks. The council is not interested in negotiations," Mr van der Merwe said.

He said the squatters had been given another settlement at Rietfontein.
Bobbies on the beat plan won't work

Johannesburg's management committee has been strongly urged to scrap investigations into a municipal police force which was "holding out hope for the public which could never be fulfilled."

Commenting on a report that findings on the feasibility of bobbies-on-the-beat would be released in September, former management committee member, Cecil Long said there was no reason to believe the relevant Ministers would have a change of heart on the issue.

"The size of a force to patrol Johannesburg's 24,000 ha has been set at several thousand men and estimates for the total outlay vary from R150 million to R250 million; all at the expense of the ratepayer."

"Logically, if the municipal force ever gets off the ground, the State, could claim duplication of services and remove its own complement to trouble spots, saving itself a 'packet' at the expense of the ratepayer."

"If the State cannot find people to man the force, Johannesburg will also not succeed unless it offers astronomical salaries."

"Talk of getting the bobby back on the beat is the popular thing to say at the moment, but it won't work."
Windsor seat in Randburg won by DP

By Guy Jepson

The Democratic Party narrowly won yesterday's two-party battle for the vacant Windsor East seat in the Randburg council.

Mark Manley (31), won 296 votes to the 250 of the National Party's Frank Harrison.

The percentage poll was a low 21.87 percent.

Last night's victory gives the DP an edge in the Randburg Town Council as the party now has six seats to the NP's five.

There are two independents.

The DP controls the management committee this year after an agreement to share control of the committee was concluded between the two parties after the 1988 municipal elections.

Mr. Manley said the result "shows that the DP is still a force to be reckoned with, especially in the urban areas".

Coming after the party's setback last week in Umlazi, his victory showed that the DP had a crucial role to play in a future democratic South Africa.

Mr. Harrison attributed his defeat to superior organisation on the part of the DP.

"I don't believe the result was any indication of a swing in political affiliations".

A jubilant Mark Manley is hugged by his wife, Lundy, after winning Windsor East for the DP last night.

● Picture by Stephen Davimes.
Changes in duties for controversial city council body

By Louise Burgers, Municipal Reporter

The duties of the controversial Johannesburg City Council Management Committee Advisory Committee (MCAC) have been "seriously" scaled down by the management committee.

Management committee member Paul Asherson said the MCAC, which had often been a target of the Democratic Party when it was the opposition, would in future only advise the management committee when requested to do so.

The DP in the past accused the management committee of being "out of touch" because officials took decisions on their behalf.

"Management was not really in control," the MCAC was just another "pest in the hive of secrecy," Mr Asherson said yesterday.

The decision was taken on Monday.

Reports will now go straight to management which will only refer matters to the MCAC when it needs advice.
Jo'burg officials in clandestine flatland survey

JOHANNESBURG civic officials watched 40 000 inner-city residents individually in a week-long pre-dawn operation to establish the extent of overcrowding in the central city areas of Hillbrow and Joubert Park, council senior deputy Medical Officer of Health Dr Nicky Padayachee said yesterday.

Pairs of officials were stationed outside 302 buildings from 4am on weekday mornings. About 18 000 dwelling units were surveyed.

Padayachee said his officials did the head count surreptitiously because of the reluctance of "illegal" residents to be identified and to avoid invading residents' privacy.

After 9am, one of the officials went inside and counted those left behind. The total gave the department the most accurate indication of a building's occupancy possible, he said.

He said the survey found there was an average of 3.4 people to a flat.

However, given the fact that most whites living in the area were either young and single or senior citizens, the average for blacks, coloureds and Indians could be as high as seven.

A study on immunisation in the greater Hillbrow area two months ago showed that 52% of the parents of children surveyed had come to the area within the previous 12 months.

Although this did not mean the black population had grown by a corresponding percentage, Padayachee said it clearly indicated that pressure on the inner city was still increasing.

Significantly, only 19% of the new arrivals came from the Transvaal. Large proportions came from the other provinces and TBVC states.

Other information collected by the department pointed to the dramatic change in the area's character.

Despite the growth in occupancy, water supply to predominantly black blocks had declined 2% in 12 months, and where previously the main local demand for health services was in geriatric care, municipal child-care centres were now treating 12 times more patients than a few years ago.
Vosloorus workers on strike

By Abel Mabelane
East Rand Bureau

About 250 Vosloorus Council employees went on strike this week for better wages and working conditions, town clerk George Prinsloo said today.

Mr Prinsloo said workers demanded salary increases from the beginning of July and complained that some of their colleagues were doing work for which they were not paid.

He said the strike was "absolutely unlawful".

"We have told the workers to return to work while we are looking into some of their complaints."

"A meeting was held with the workers' representatives on Wednesday but no agreement was reached and the discussions will continue next week."
Jo’burg council to discuss Soweto rent boycott report

THE Johannesburg City Council management committee is to discuss a report on the Soweto rent boycott following a meeting with the Soweto People’s Delegation (SPD) this week.

The delegation presented its Plan Act report on the boycott to management committee chairman Ian Davidson during a meeting which was also attended by Marietta Marx.

The SPD asked Johannesburg to commit itself to five policy principles concerning the boycott and to publicly commit itself to unification of Soweto and Johannesburg.

Council was also asked to state its intentions on local government guidelines announced by Planning Minister Hermus Kriel and to intervene in evictions and demolition of Soweto homes. It was asked to join the Soweto Joint Financial Adjustment Committee established by the Transvaal Provincial Administration and chaired by the Development Bank of Southern Africa.

Yesterday Marx said the report would be discussed with the rest of the management committee, which would decide whether to meet the SPD to discuss further points raised.

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THE Free Settlement Areas Board (FSAB) is to investigate Hillbrow — previously excluded from the board’s investigation — as a free settlement area, chairman Hen Kruger said yesterday.

The area, Ward 26, bordered on the east by Berea, on the south by Pretoria Street and on the north-west by Clarendon Place, was excluded from investigation early this year when the board announced it would investigate the declaration of an extensive part of eastern Johannesburg.

These areas are Bellevue, Yeoville, Berea, Doornfontein, now Doornfontein, Judith’s Paarl, Lorentzville, Bertrams, portions surrounding Joubert Park and a portion of Houghton Estate, Oaklands, Norwood and Orange Grove.

The omission of Hillbrow from these areas under investigation meant Hillbrow could have become a small segregated island in the midst of a large desegregated area.

Motion

CP leader in the Johannesburg City Council Jacques Theron said yesterday the question as to why Hillbrow was excluded in the first place was never answered. He said he did not know why it was now deemed fit to investigate Hillbrow.

The Johannesburg City Council decided in February to make representations to the board opposing the declaration of the eastern Johannesburg area.

The motion, proposed by the DP, was passed with the support of the CP and an independent councillor, although it was opposed by the NP. However, the NP was clearly relieved when the DP succeeded in its motion.

NP opposition to fragmenting Johannesburg into free settlement areas was shown when the NP supported a DP motion opposing the declaration of a part of Mayfair and a part of Pageview.

Theron said he did not think the DP or NP would support the declaration of Hillbrow.

He said the CP also opposed the declaration of Hillbrow, but for different reasons. He said muggings and robberies and the deterioration of the area were caused by allowing races to mingle.

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said last night the DP did not believe in free settlement areas and opposed the balkanisation of Johannesburg.

The council appointed a special six-man committee consisting of NP and DP councillors last month to consider open city initiatives.
Parktown residents vote at meeting to boycott Mobil

Staff Report

Parktown residents who attended a meeting to debate the merits of an application for a petrol station in their suburb last night voted to boycott all Mobil products.

The 200 angry residents also resolved at the meeting with Mobil representatives to call on ratepayers in other affected areas to join the boycott. Mr. Lamb, chairman of the Parktown Ratepayers Association, said objections were based on irksome business intrusion into residential areas.

Mobil's main objective, Mr. Lamb claimed, was to trap the traffic on Jan Smuts Avenue. Mobil spokesman Barry Jordan said the area earmarked for the petrol station was no longer suitable for residential purposes because of the high level of noise and air pollution along Jan Smuts Avenue.

Residents claimed the facility would become an environmental hazard and lower the value of their properties.
Marching Soweto homeless ask TPA for a better deal

By Julianne du Toit - 246

Hundreds of Soweto's homeless marched yesterday from the Libary Gardens in Johannesburg to the Civic Centre to demand better living conditions from the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA).

About 1500 men, women and children arrived in buses with banners demanding decent homes and the scrapping of the Squatters Act.

The singing, ululating crowd was led by Anglican and Methodist clergymen.

The march was organised by Operation Masakhane for the Homeless (Omhle).

Traffic officers halted vehicles for the march up Rissik Street as police stood by.

Omhle, an ANC affiliate, handed over a memorandum describing the plight of the homeless to a TPA representative and called on the Administrator of the Transvaal and the mayor of Johannesburg to provide sanitation facilities and hold an inquiry into the destruction of shacks.
Sandton approves R146-m budget

Sandton Town Council last night approved an operating budget of R146 377 000 for the 1990/1 financial year. The amount is 21.8 percent higher than last year's R120 202 000.

Management committee chairman Perry Oertel said the 12 percent increase in water tariffs announced by the Rand Water Board in February would be passed on to consumers from July 1. Refuse removal fees would go up by about 17 percent.
In the late 1970s and early 1980s, Johannesburg City Council studies were based on the understanding that Hillbrow was a place of multiple activities. It was seen as a place of residence for a sizable number of elderly people and a transient population of young singles, single parents, children and students.

In the late 1970s, Hillbrow was changed dramatically. An increasing number of black, coloured and Indian families have moved into Hillbrow because of a sense of housing shortage and the desire to be close to their place of work.

According to a council report on Hillbrow, compiled by the Health Department and the Town Planning Department, an influx of the poor and destitute to the inner city areas has been a worldwide phenomenon - a result of urbanization.

Survey
There has been a change in the nature of the people living in the area. There are more families from the inner city and elderly people.

A survey was conducted by a government department, primarily to examine the condition of buildings in Hillbrow and to establish the number of children who had not been immunized. Johannesburg had the highest unemployment rate in the country, but people with children moved into the city for a better chance of employment.

Of 300 residential buildings examined, 96 (6 per cent) were in a "bad" state of repair, while 122 (20 per cent) could be classified as "poor." Immediate interven-

Over the past 10 years the composition of Johannesburg's suburbs has changed. Singles and childless couples living in high-rise apartments have been re-placed by large families from rural areas. Municipal Reporter LOUISE BURGERS looks at the changing face of the city's best-known suburb, Hillbrow.

"The need for services for mothers and children has increased. My general trend is the increase of sexually transmitted diseases. This has led to a greater need for confidential health services, which is why we began the Outreach program.

"Outreach is aimed at "sex workers" such as prostitutes, male and female, drug addicts, alcoholics, homosexuals and the homeless. It is an effort to establish a balanced community life.

Responsibility had to be shared, particularly between the state, local authorities and the private sector."
Sandtonians will have to pay more

By Guy Jepson

Sandton homeowners will have to fork out an average of about 10 percent more in monthly rates and service charges to pay for the town's substantially increased operational budget for the 1990/1991 financial year.

The Sandton Town Council this week approved a budget of R146 377 000, a 21.8 percent increase on last year's figure of R120 202 800.

This figure is also considerably higher than the 13 percent increase recommended by the Minister of Finance, Barend du Plessis.

Management committee chairman Perry Gertel said the budget increase was necessary to keep pace with a phenomenal growth rate in the town.

Sandton's daily-increasing popularity as a residential and business location had produced a series of "unavoidable commitments beyond our control."

Property hike

These accounted for 91.8 percent of the R26 174 200 increase in expenditure.

The town's popularity was reflected in escalating property values — properties had increased in value by an average of 100 percent over the past three years.

Market-related property value increases resulted in significant variations in monthly assessment and service rates increases.

Whereas the monthly increase on a 1 519 sq m property in Gallo Manor amounted to 1 percent, the rate on a 1 890 sq m property increased by 19 percent.

Objections to the rates laid down in new valuations should be lodged before July 6.
Province to sever bridging finance

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) is to cut bridging finance, leaving local black authorities to fend for themselves.

In a statement yesterday, TPA community services deputy director general Len Dekker said bridging finance would be curtailed from July. A letter had been sent to all local black authorities in Transvaal informing them they would have to start providing for themselves from the end of this month.

Collection of rents and services charges would have to improve dramatically as the TPA was simply unable to afford to continue providing bridging finance.

Boycott of payments had increased the need for financial assistance to R35.5m in April, R69.2m in May and this month's need was expected to be even higher. However only R64m a month was available as bridging finance for the whole of the Transvaal.

At present rates, the available funds for the financial year would be exhausted within three or four months with the result that bulk supplies of services such as electricity would not be paid, Dekker said.

The TPA's action had been dictated by the simple fact that it did not have the funds to pay for, or subsidise, consumer services indefinitely.

Appealing to all consumers to pay for the services they used, Dekker said the letter emphasised that consumers be informed fully of the implication of their failure to meet their obligations.

Councils unable to collect enough funds to pay bulk suppliers would probably find supplies discontinued.

Dekker said leaders of "so-called" anti-establishment organisations professing to represent the community should be warned of the possible disastrous implications of the rent boycott.

Their actions were making it virtually impossible for any party to honour mutual commitment to stability by SA's leaders, he said.

Nowhere in the world under any constitutional system could anybody expect services without paying for them, said Dekker.

This basic principle had never been accepted by several representatives of opposing governments. Continued special attention would be given to individual cases where residents could not afford to pay the full amount for services.

WILSON ZWANE reports that Khattlehong Civic Association (RCA) spokesman Ike Moloung said yesterday the RCA had approached building societies last week in a bid to ward off the growing threat of repossession of houses in the East Rand township.

Threat

In an interview he said: "The threat of repossession of houses by the financial institutions could be averted with a package of compromises."

"The SA Perm has assured us that a package could be worked out if the home-owners who cannot pay their bond payments could come to them and explain their problems," Moloung said.

Johannesburg property economist Neville Borkowitz said although he did not have statistics, the threat of the repossession of houses which faced many black homeowners was large.

Information Trust Corporation (ITC) chairman Paul Edwards said the repossession casualties were the home buyers who had made the mistake of thinking that the bond interest rate would remain at 12.5%.

The current interest rate was 21%, he said.

TANIA LEVY

Moringer tells role in abortive coup

SUSAN RUSSELL

AUSTRIAN citizen Rainer Moringer, in custody on R5.5m fraud charges, told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that he had provided the vehicles used in Charles Sebe's abortive coup in Ciskei last year.

Moringer, 48, said this in evidence during his fourth bail application, which is being heard by Mr Justice Swart.

He was arrested on August 31, 1989, and is due to stand trial on August 7 on fraud and alternative forex contravention charges.

Moringer's business activities in Ciskei were investigated by the first Harris Commission in early 1989.

During cross-examination by State counsel David Gordon SC, who is opposing bai, Moringer agreed he had provided the vehicles to be used in the coup.

Gordon asked him whether he had organised the abortive coup or organised it with Sebe.

"Charles Sebe was organising a coup over a number of years. I was involved at a much later stage with the approval of the SA government," Moringer said.

He told the court that the SA government had known about the coup and its involvement because he had informed SA intelligence.

Moringer said he had become involved in June/July 1989.

The application continues today.
TPA warns over rents

ABOUT 40 black townships throughout the country whose residents are boycotting rent could have essential services cut from next month, the Transvaal Provincial Administration warned yesterday.

The TPA's deputy director of community services, Mr Len Dekker, said in a statement released in Pretoria that municipalities would stop paying bridging finance to the affected town councils from July 31.

He said the councils would have to provide for themselves from the end of the month because of "the severely restricted funds available to the administration".

Soweto - where rent arrears total millions of rand - is not affected by the latest warning because it already received notices in October last year urging it to put its house in order.

A spokesman for the TPA said yesterday the Soweto Council was doing its utmost to address the rent boycott.

Dekker warned affected councils that if they failed to provide funds for themselves to pay suppliers of essential services such as electricity and water, the services would be discontinued.

He said the TPA allocated R26 million a month to black local authorities in the Transvaal as bridging finance.

"As a result of the boycott of payments they need financial assistance increased to R35.5 million for April and R60.5 million for May 1990," he said.

The needs for this month were expected to be higher.

The TPA sent letters to about 40 black local authorities on June 18 urging them to take tough action against rent defaulters.

Dekker yesterday appealed to consumers to pay for essential services, saying nowhere in the world were these services free.
All rent arrears should be written off.
First Jo'burg budget for DP

THE DP in the Johannesburg City Council is due to table its first budget for the city today.

Having taken control of the council earlier this year, the DP has largely inherited the budget from its NP predecessors.

Nevertheless, it is expected to cut back on controversial projects such as the civic theatre and overseas guest programme in favour of more urgent matters such as upgrading the inner city area.

Management committee member Paul Asherson has already warned that the city might defy government's 13% limit on capital expenditure and city treasurer Willie Seeber has recommended an across-the-board rate increase in line with the inflation rate.

Last year's budget amounted to R1.8bn, with R382m going towards capital expenditure and R1.4bn to the operating budget. Assessment rates increased by 14.2% and cleansing tariffs increased by 15% for domestic properties and 24% for others.
COUPLE MOVES AFTER 36 YEARS

RESIDENTS SAY: "MOSI and them - and Mobil the winner."

NEWS
Development of two new "Sowetos" planned

By Shirley Woodgate

Plans for two new "Sowetos" have been launched south of Johannesburg, and are aimed at more than doubling the present population of that area by the turn of the century.

The chairman of the Central Witwatersrand Regional Service Council, John Griffiths, said two regions have been earmarked for immediate development.

The first, of almost 10 000 ha, falls within the 12 450 ha to the west of Soweto which was declared a development area in terms of the Black Communities Development Act of 1989.

This section comprises 940 ha north-west of Dobsonville, where at least 10 000 stands will be made available by four private developers.

"But it will be possible to obtain 30 to 40 stands per hectare, which means this area could supply another 20 000 stands," said CWRSC chief executive Len de Wet.

Nearly R20 million has been allocated by the CWRSC for bulk water, sewer and electricity services, and the Transvaal Provincial Administration will redesign the intersection of the two major roads in the area, PW5 and K102, to allow better land use.

The developers are Township Realtors, South African Transport Services, Creation Development Production and FHA Homes.

Another 400 erven on the farm Doornkop have been earmarked for development at a future date, and in addition the TPA has acquired about 600 ha north of Dobsonville which will be allocated for black housing.

The second area, about 9 000 ha located north-west of Eyalton and south of Ennerdale to the east and west of the N1 highway, has been earmarked for balanced residential housing for 700 000 people, including site and service, commercial and industrial development.

"Rapid urbanisation has led to estimates that by the year 2000 there will still be a shortfall of 17 000 ha of land in the south-western sector of the Witwatersrand.

"Since it has been indicated that only a portion of the original proclaimed area will be available for housing in the short term because of dolomite and mining rights, this area south-west of Soweto has become increasingly important. It is soon likely to be fully incorporated into the CWRSC from the Vaal Triangle region, to become the largest single development undertaken by CWRSC," said Mr de Wet.

Cemex municipal strikers arrested...
Easy Boksburg win for CP

The Conservative Party comfortably won yesterday's two-party by-election contest for the Impala Park seat in the Boksburg Town Council, coming in with a 448-vote majority.

The CP's Buks Williams took 794 votes to the 346 of the National Party's Philip La Grange.

The CP and NP now both have eight seats in the CP-controlled council. There are four independents.

--- Staff Reporter.
Spies to be taken to task

Staff Reporter

A public meeting to condemn secret organisations such as the CCB and the Johannesburg City Council spy ring will be held next week.

Conference organisers say the meeting will give the public a chance to show their opposition to secret and unaccountable "security" action.

The speakers will be Gavin Evans, a target of the CCB, Jane Barrett, a city council target, David Dison, Brian Currin and Tony Leon.

Mr Evans will give the background to the political situation which allowed the CCB to develop, and recount his contact with CCB agents.

Mr Leon will talk on the misuse of ratepayers' money and accountability in local government.

Mr Dison, a lawyer, will assess the Harms and Heinstra commissions.

The meeting is at 8 pm, Wednesday June 27, in St Luke's church hall, Orchards.
Vaal councillor condemns plan for ‘new Soweto’ development

By Melody McDougall

The proposed development of another “Soweto” on the northern outskirts of the Vaal triangle has been strongly condemned by the chairman of the Conservative Party-dominated Vanderbijlpark Town Council management committee, Gerhard Smith.

On Tuesday the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council announced plans for the establishment of two new “Sowetos” south of Johannesburg.

Earmarked

The first of the two regions earmarked for development is an area of about 10 000ha and lies to the west of Soweto.

The second area is about 9 000ha and is located north-west of Evaton and south of Eenerdale to the east and west of the N1 highway.

This zone has been earmarked for balanced residential housing, for about 700 000 people, as well as commercial and industrial development.

Commenting yesterday, Mr Smith said the proposed development fitted in with Government policy to make available ground for housing accommodation which was merely a form of controlled squatter camps.

One of the major concerns would be the shortage of job opportunities which would result in a drop in the living standard of all residents.

He said Vanderbijlpark was the only Vaal triangle town which had a surplus of ground earmarked for industrial development, in which there was presently no interest. In addition, the country was experiencing a depressed economic situation.

“Therefore this development is not a good idea at all. One cannot draw people to a town if there are no jobs available,” he said.

The chairman of the Vaal Triangle Regional Services Council, Gustav du Tont, welcomed the development, saying it was an excellent idea.
DP calls for Jo’burg, Soweto to become one

By Louise Burgers, Municipal Reporter

Black local government structures were crumbling and it was just a matter of time before Johannesburg and Soweto became one city and one municipality, Democratic Party councillor Sias Reyneke said during the budget debate last night.

"The planning must start now. Johannesburg and Soweto will become one — we have to accept that reality and begin training people now for one local authority."

"It is clear that the local black government structures are crumbling and this crisis may force central government and everyone else involved, to enforce the incorporation of black councils with white local authorities so that the provision of services can continue," Mr Reyneke said.

"If we accept Johannesburg and Soweto as one, there will be a doubling of the population and land area. We will sit with a new Johannesburg, of which a major part will be totally un-developed."

NP councillor Hein Kruger agreed that closer co-operation between Johannesburg and Soweto was inevitable. One municipality in the form of a metropolitan government or "super-municipality" needed to be investigated.

Economic suicide

"The two cities are interdependent and cannot exist without the other. Where Soweto is the main reservoir of human resources for Johannesburg and the broader region of which the two form the core, Johannesburg is the engine room where the human resources of the region come together and create the wealth of the region," Mr Kruger said.

To exclude either Soweto or Johannesburg when the city boundaries were redrawn would be economic suicide for both, he said.
City proposes R2-billion budget

By Louise Burgers, Municipal Reporter

A "reasonable" record R2.1 billion budget was announced in the Johannesburg City Council yesterday, adding R25 a month to the average ratepayer's monthly bill.

The 13.4 percentage increase in rates and taxes is below the inflation rate of about 15 percent. The "average ratepayer", presently paying R186.50 for rates and services, will now pay R211.50 a month.

The figures are calculated on an average household using 30 kilo-litres of water and 900 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month on a stand in Roosevelt Park valued at R25 000.

This is only an average as ratepayers living in Orchards and Parkhurst will pay up to 16.2 percent more and Lenasia residents only 13.2 percent. The higher increase is attributable to the large rate remissions at present applying to such properties.

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said in his maiden budget speech he hoped his budget would be favourably received by ratepayers.

Most of the proposed increases are below the inflation rate, with the exception of bus fares, cleansing and sewerage tariffs.

Mr Davidson said enormous financial problems faced the city and bold steps were needed.

"Unrealistic and unfair"

The city budget had not been able to remain within the 13 percent limit imposed by the Government on the capital and operating budgets, Mr Davidson said.

"To put a cap of 13 percent on a thriving metropolis like Johannesburg with huge obligations is unrealistic and unfair."

"This is a new management committee which has largely inherited the budget from the previous committee. At best we have tinkered with the budget, rather than attempt to restructure it."

Mr Davidson said he was fairly confident the budget would be passed today without any amendments.

Leader of the Conservative Party opposition in the council, Jacques Theron, described the budget as "unimaginative."

Deputy leader of the NP in the council, Marretta Marx, said the former NP management committee had been involved with the preparation of the budget and would therefore support it.

"I feel it is a very good budget. The former management committee took the bold steps to set things right. Last year's harsh budget enabled the committee to produce a good, reasonable budget this year," Mrs Marx said.
Garankuwa hospital management probed

Reaction to workers' grievances queried

LEGAL representatives for the strikers involved in a eight-day labour dispute at Garankuwa hospital in April yesterday questioned the way hospital management reacted to workers' grievances.

A document submitted by Mr G Josman and Mr L Nowosenetz to the Commission of Inquiry investigating the causes and consequences of the strike said it was important to ascertain whether management had acted impartially and rationally.

The two men are appearing on behalf of the National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union (Nehawu).

The document questioned the involvement of Mr A J Boshoff - then deputy director administration at the hospital - in much of the investigations into workers' grievances.

Boshoff's conduct and that of another hospital official, Mr H Swaanepoel, was a major cause for complaints among the workers.

They were described in a list of workers' grievances handed to management prior to the strike as "racists" who victimised their subordinates.

The list demanded the two officials be removed from their duties from the hospital.

Nehawu's legal representatives have questioned whether the head of management at the hospital Dr L van Heerden "showed an inability or a reluctance to avert his authority in relation to Boshoff."

They have also queried why initial inquiries by the Transvaal Provincial Administration's (TPA) head office regarding the grievances were directed to Boshoff. This, they claimed, cast doubt on the impartiality of the management's handling of the strike.

The commission has previously heard evidence that the TPA's refusal to dismiss the two officials sparked a full-scale strike.

Proceeding
NP councillor calls for unification with Soweto

PETER DELMAR

A LEADING NP Johannesburg city councillor last night proposed that Johannesburg and Soweto become a single "super municipality".

Speaking during the council's budget debate, Hen Kruger said "the days of planning on a racially segregated basis died on February 25.

Soweto and Johannesburg, he said, were inextricably bound together economically and drawing artificial borders between the two amounted to economic suicide. A movement away from apartheid structures would facilitate economies of scale savings for both municipalities.

He said the most important question was how Johannesburg could assist Soweto without Soweto, "like a drowning person, pulling Johannesburg, its supposed life-saver, to an economic death for both.

Various types of local structure should be investigated, including a form of metropolitan government or super municipality, Kruger said. He suggested the success of the Central Wits RSC indicated a type of "mini-RSC" could be used initially to foster a growing relationship between the two municipalities.

The threat that racial barriers were falling faster than they had been erected was cause for hope that Johannesburg/Soweto could become a model for the new SA..."
Jo’burg raises rates by 1.35% than last year’s 2.2% increase.

Water tariffs have been increased by 11.5% compared with 4.5% last year; assessment rates 5.8% (14.2%); gas 14% (15%); and, a 45% (56%) hike in sewage rates.

Jo’burg budget

The council is to exceed government’s 13% ceiling on expenditure increases with a 17.2% increase in estimated operating expenditure and a 16.2% rise in the capital budget. The operating budget is R17.6bn and capital expenditure is estimated at R39.9bn.

In his first budget address, management committee chairman Ian Davidson said he believed the budget had succeeded in giving ratepayers much needed relief by keeping the aggregate rate increases below the annual inflation rate and lower than last year’s 2.2% increase.

Jo’burg budget

Jo’burg budget city was patently unfair and could not be accepted, he said.

Total rate and service increases would raise R500m to help close the gap between estimated operating expenditure of R17.6bn and operating income of R12.6bn.

With a R2.8bn surplus brought forward from the financial year just ending, service and tariff increases would leave a nominal surplus of R3.2bn in the next financial year. The new formal financial strategy based on improved cash management and strengthening of internal funds was being drafted, he said.

At a Press conference prior to the budget address, Davidson said the restructuring of the entire transport department was being investigated. Increased running costs necessitated a 17% increase in upper bus tariffs and a 20% increase in lower tariffs.

He said a specific budget had not been allocated to the proposed municipal police force. Council knew it was about to see the demise of the security department in its present form and therefore did not want to tamper with its budget. The security department has been allocated R39.9bn, compared with R25bn last year.

He said 29% of the capital budget would be allocated to the electricity department and R6bn (23%) was to go to the Newton and CBD projects and developments of the civic centre and Afrikaans Museum.

Pay demands had moved the management committee to uplift pay packets of the lower end of the scale by 24%.
PRETORIA. — Rubbish is threatening to pile up all over Verwoerdburg as the municipality's black staff enter the second day of a pay dispute.

The strike has affected all municipal services, including refuse removal. A municipal negotiating team met union representatives yesterday. — Sapa
In the case of Mr Venter they said little of his time had been devoted to the security department and it was clear he was not kept informed about the affairs of that department.

Mr Venter was not part of an initial decision to infiltrate the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF) and the End Conspiration Campaign (ECC).

In the case of Mr Pearce, his legal team argued, he was never consciously a party to the decision to infiltrate political organisations and rejected criticism that he, Mr Pearce, had given deliberately vague and improbable evidence.

Infiltration

"To expect that Mr Pearce had to be fully appraised of all the facts whenever the infiltration of an organisation was considered would be wrong."

"To accuse him of a gross dereliction of duty in circumstances where he was constantly assured that organisations were infiltrated in the interests of the city council is unfair."

In the case of Brigadier Visser, his legal team said that he was not a member of a so-called "elite clique" that had allegedly been selected to target political organisations.

Although Brigadier Visser served on the security committee, this was not his decision. He had believed this decision had been authorised at the highest level.

In the case of Mr Barnard, his legal team said that he was not influenced by political considerations in deciding to monitor the ECC. And he was not misled by the perception that the ECC or the FFF were necessarily radical organisations.

In their summation, Mr Fine and Mr Wepener said:

- The payment to spies was a direct and flagrant contravention of the Local Government Ordinance and of the Security, Intelligence and State Security Council Act.
- The infiltration of organisations was a civil and criminal wrong.
- There was no credible evidence to suggest that the people who initiated the system could have reasonably believed they were acting lawfully.
- The use of bugging devices was obviously "part and parcel" of the system of information gathering and was a criminal and civil wrong.
- Political considerations were the "order of the day" and targets were chosen because of the perception that they were left-wing organisations that operated against the National Party.
- Even the basis on which informants were paid was abused.

"We have seen countless occurrences of payments being sanctioned under a non-existent Act and under the pretence, that this had something to do with the preservation of the council's assets, property and personnel."

The spy system was aimed at invading the privacy of organisations and individuals seen in the scheme of things, the operation did not advance the interests of the council.

The claim by Mr Pearce that other municipalities also conducted spy rings was a gratuitous statement without factual foundation.

Vast sums of ratepayers' money was spent on maintaining the spy network, far beyond the "princely sum" of R17,000 suggested by Mr Venter when he commented on The Star's disclosures.

'Pass the buck'

- Financial checks and counterbalances to ensure the system was not abused were lackadaisical and undesirable.
- Attempts were made "to pass the buck", but the ultimate responsibility for the unlawful conduct of the security department rested with those responsible for the establishment of a covert monitoring system.
- The suggestion by spymasters that their activities were justified in the face of the "total onslaught" theory had to be rejected as a deliberate improvisation.

It was doubtful that all relevant documents had been handed in and this made the commission's task even more difficult.

Mr Fine and Mr Wepener said the officials behind the spy ring had demonstrated how dangerous it was to implement a system that gave them the unfettered right to embark upon clandestine activities, invade the rights of individuals, report on their activities and make value judgments on their fate and destiny.

Spy ring: top officials slated

By Kitt Katzin and Steve McQuillan

Top officials of Johannesburg City Council have been roundly condemned for their role in operating a sinister municipal spy ring.

Advocates leading evidence for the Hemstra Commission describe the spy operation as an illegal political frolic calculated to further the aims of the National Party, which ruled the council at the time.

The commission was set up to investigate The Star’s revelations of a spy network in the security department.

Commission chairman Mr Justice Hemstra is expected to present his findings to the Administrator of the Transvaal, Dame Hough, next month.

In concluding argument by Denis Fine, SC, and Lotter Wepeper, those answerable for unlawful conduct were named as Manie Venter, the town clerk, John Pearce, director of public safety, Brigadier Jan Visser, a director of the security department, and Frederick “Frik” Barnard, head of the monitoring section, and all other officials involved.

Legal teams representing these officials have challenged the substance of this argument, saying the officials’ actions were understandable and justified.

Mr Fine and Mr Wepener, in presenting their argument, said it was clear the spy operation was originally set up by a “elitist clique” specifically selected to target lawfully constituted political organisations, registered trade unions, and individuals.

In the clique were Mr Venter, Mr Pearce, the late Danie van Zyl, former chairman of the management committee, and Brigadier Visser, who were members of a special security committee set up in September 1996.

No justification

In a 220-page argument delivered today to the commission chairman, Mr Fine and Mr Wepener concluded that there could be no justification, civilly or criminally, for the covert spying activities, which cost raters at least R1.8 million.

The advocates said that the officials’ sinister activities, which included drawing up secret profiles of citizens and monitoring of individuals, were actionable in law.

They include that the spy operation amounted to an invasion of privacy because, in their view, there did not appear to be any over-riding legislation that legitimised the unlawful activities of the security department.

Neither was there any authorisation by the city council management committee to pay informants for spying.

This argument was supported by Nic van der Walt, representing the city council.

While the council adopted a neutral approach at the commission, by neither attacking individuals nor trying to excuse or explain their actions, it was clear that the infiltration of organisations and payment of informants were not approved by the management committee, said Mr van der Walt.

He said if any actions were unlawful, those responsible were limited to Mr Venter and members of the security department.

Schalk Burger, SC, Solly van Nieuwenhuizen, for Mr Venter, Mr Pearce, Brigadier Visser and Mr Barnard, defended their clients in the face of the central allegations made by the commission’s advocates and others.

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Advocates speak up for Gouws

The advocates representing Gouws, a former Rhodesian police officer, challenged the government's decision to hand over documents to the commission of inquiry. They argued that the decision would undermine the fair and impartial investigation of Gouws' allegations.

Revelations

Regarding the documents, the advocates claimed that they not only provided evidence of wrongdoing but also shed light on the underlying political and social context.

Challenged

The advocates also highlighted the importance of protecting the rights of those who have come forward with allegations of human rights violations.
Stop council using ‘bugs’, lawyers urge

The chairman of the Hiemstra Commission has been asked to recommend that steps be taken to ban Johannesburg City Council from using bugging devices.

The request, by advocates leading evidence for the commission, comes in the wake of damaging evidence about the use of bugs by the council’s security department.

The bugging equipment was used to spy on individual ratepayers, legitimate political organisations and trade unions for political purposes, the commission heard.

The advocates, Denis Fine and Lüttie Wepener, recommended that Mr Justice Hiemstra request that the Administrator of the Transvaal take steps to stop the use of bugging equipment.

The Hiemstra Commission, which is investigating allegations of a spy ring in the Johannesburg City Council, is hearing argument today.

Steve McQuillan and Kitt Katzin report.

In their concluding argument to the commission today, the advocates noted several instances in which bugging equipment was used by officials running the council’s secret spy ring.

It has emerged from evidence that bugging devices used by the council were concealed in pens, calculators and tie pins. They also came in the form of small microphones and voice-activated tape recorders.

Also raised in evidence was the story of how S P Naude, who worked in the intelligence section, was himself bugged. The bug was later removed by military experts.

It was clear from Mr Naude’s evidence that bugging devices were used, built, inspected and tested by the council, and the advocates. Bugging was one of the unlawful methods used by the security department to invade people’s privacy.

City council spies at one point contemplated using bugging equipment to monitor Democratic Party city councillor Pat Rogers.

Johannesburg town clerk, Manie Venter.

Director of public safety, John Pearce.

Senior deputy director of security, Brigadier Jan Visser.
Council never authorized spying

NEWS
Jo'burg budget gets 100 percent approval.

By Louise Burgers, Municipal Reporter.

The record R2.1 billion Johannesburg municipal budget was approved by the city council yesterday without a dissenting vote.

"It was an historic budget, because it was the first time the two major parties — Democratic and National — had collaborated," said Mr. Davidson, chairman of the management committee.

In his concluding address, Mr. Davidson said the budget was the result of teamwork and a new working relationship between the NP and the DP.

Regarding a request for a lottery to assist charities, Mr. Davidson said a brief had been given to the city secretary to look into the viability of a community chest scheme or an "Operation Hunger-type competition," which could be sent out with rates accounts.

Provision had been made in the budget for expenses arising from the Hennings Commission of Inquiry.

The incorporation of Soweto into Johannesburg was not only the responsibility of the city alone, but also of Randburg, Sandton, Alberton, Roodepoort and Soweto.
The implications behind open cities

EDITH BULRING

JOHANNESBURG would be controlled by a multiracial management committee replacing the Johannesburg City Council if the whole city was opened under free settlement areas legislation, Free Settlement Board Chairman Hein Kruger said yesterday.

In an interview with Business Day in Pretoria, Kruger spoke of the implications of opening cities to all races in terms of the legislation.

He specifically addressed the problems contained in the Local Government in Free Settlement Areas Act which discouraged cities from taking this step.

If Johannesburg was declared a free settlement area today, white residents could choose whether they wanted to register on the multiracial voters roll, which would elect a management committee, or stay on the whites only roll of the Johannesburg City Council, Kruger said.

The multiracial management committee would control Johannesburg, but those residents who chose to stay on the existing rolls would have no representatives at a local government level, he said.

"They wouldn't have anyone to vote for as they would be on a roll which did not represent any specific area," Kruger said.

However, he said the Act was unclear on the management committee's exact extent of power in such a situation.

This was one of the major reasons why city councils were hesitant to apply for the opening of their whole cities or parts of the city under the present legislation.

They feared the Act was too vague and could spell an erosion of their power or role base and could mean a duplication of function.

For this reason, of the 33 applications to the board, only four had been made by town councils Durban, which had submitted two applications, and Kaylana and Messina which each submitted one.

By the time the fears of the town councils were understandable, the problems presented by the Act were not insurmountable and could be addressed. But first, town councils had to take a step in faith, Kruger said.

"If not, it is like a child refusing to learn to ride a bicycle because he does not have a pump," Kruger said.

The legislation would change if it did not suit the needs of the city councils.

Amendments to the Local Government in Free Settlement Areas Act were close to completion and would hopefully be introduced next parliamentary session, Kruger said.

Two areas which had been given most attention were the sections concerning the government structure of free settlement areas, and the status of the developer.

While a large number of applications to the board had come from developers, these had to be disqualified because most did not fit the Act's definition of a developer.

In the case of these applications, the relevant minister's council then had to request the board to investigate these areas in the place of the developers.

The proposed amendments all depended on the state of play regarding the Group Areas Act, he said.

During this parliamentary session, President F W de Klerk 'stated that the Group Areas Act would be scrapped next year and replaced with non-discriminatory measures.

It is unclear at this stage whether the amended free settlement areas acts, which are independent of the Group Areas Act, will form part of the non-discriminatory measures or fall away.

However, despite all the uncertainty, Kruger said he did not feel his task was irrelevant. "Areas have to be opened up in the interim to cope with present needs, " Kruger emphasised.

He had sent the bills on free settlement areas for the board to approve, but now stood could not preclude city councils from applying to have their whole cities opened under the Act.

Councillor Hernus Kriel reiterated this in Parliament this session and said he was sympathetic towards the declaration of entire local authority areas as free settlement areas.

Kriel promised any recommendation to this effect by the board would be given extremely careful consideration by government.

Kruger said all five of the board's recommendations so far had been accepted by government. They were Windmill Park (Boksburg), Warwick Triangle (Durban), Country View (Midrand), Zonnebloem (Cape Town) and De Wetshof, south of Pretoria.

The results of investigations into a further eight areas had already been passed on to government and the decisions were still pending, Kruger said.

They were Zuurbekorn (West Rand), Ottery/Wetton (Cape Town), Cato Crest (Durban), Krynauw, Messina, Waterval (Johannesburg), Zeekoevlei (Natal) and Mayfair (Johannesburg).
City cannot carry Soweto's huge debt, says Davidson

JOHANNESBURG would be taxed out of existence if it were to incorporate Soweto and single-handedly take on its R1bn debt burden. Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson said last night.

Concluding the council's budget debate, Davidson said he accepted Johannesburg had a responsibility to unite with Soweto and help solve its financial problems.

But the higher authorities that had created Soweto's rent arrear problems in the first place had a responsibility to help put it right. Johannesburg City Council had successfully run Soweto until 1971 when higher authorities took it away for political reasons and the rot set in, debt mounted and infrastructural development dropped, said Davidson.

He said it would be impudent and unfair of the extreme for the provincial authorities now to give Soweto back to Johannesburg to fix. He said the Transvaal Provincial Administration's intention to cut bridging finance to black townships like Soweto would have consequences too ghastly to contemplate.

Johannesburg City Council would make urgent representation to the province to continue providing finance to Soweto.
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commission on occasion.
Spy ring officials 'subverted democratic process'  

Steve McQuillan and Kitt Katzlin

OFFICIALS of the Johannesberg security department demonstrated a "complete lack" of political and administrative accountability to the elected representatives of the city council, the Hienstra Commission was told yesterday.

The allegation was levelled in the concluding legal argument of Wilm Trengove SC, John Campbell and Gilbert Marcus, who acted, individually, for various parties including the Five Freedoms Forum, End Conscription Campaign and the David Webster Trust.

They said the evidence suggested a deliberate attempt had been made by senior administrative officials to conceal the true workings of the security department.

"The chain of accountability from the information section to the city council was broken at every link," they said.

The combination of secrecy and lack of accountability inevitably produced irregularities, excesses and illegality.

"The ordinary democratic process was bypassed and indeed subverted. In the result, not surprisingly, there has been a complete breakdown of trust, not only between ratepayers and their representatives, but within the ranks of the city council itself."

The city council's spy operation, according to earlier evidence to the commission, cost ratepayers R1.8 million.

The Trengove team said town clerk Mr Manie

Spy subversion  

FROM PAGE 1

Venter and public safety director John Pearce had apparently seen fit to saddle the late Danie van Zyl, the former management committee chairman, with the responsibility of accounting to the committee about the spy operation.

"They did so confident in the knowledge Mr van Zyl could not answer for his conduct.

"This constitutes a cynical attempt to blame the deceased for what was a patent failure on their part to account for the clandestine and illegal conduct of the security department."

Helen Grange and Louise Burgers report that allegations have been made that the Hienstra spy commission inquiry was not objective, merely a front for a political organisation and that important evidence was withheld.

Hans Bornman, representing various spy handlers and spies, submitted that Dems Fine SC and Lotter Wepener, in leading evidence for the commission, had overstepped the terms of reference of the commission on occasions.

But in papers handed up yesterday, Mr Fine and Mr Wepener termed "disgraceful and unsubstantiated" the submissions by Mr Bornman.

"It is regrettable and deplorable that counsel, on behalf of three witnesses, have seen fit to make these untrue and substantiated allegations. It is not only an attack on counsel leading evidence but on the commission itself," Mr Fine said.

He asked that the commission make a ruling on the matter as it was fundamental to the credibility of the commission as a whole.

Mr Bornman said "During proceedings, the boundaries of the commission's terms of reference were exceeded and so many core aspects which fell within their area were ignored. We will submit that the commission, with some exceptions, cannot make a reliable finding."

He said it was almost unthinkable that advocates which were appointed by the Administrator to lead evidence before a Commission could refer to a "Nationalist Government regime".

He said the proceedings fell far short of being an objective inquiry and instead sometimes exactly reflected the original accusation that the security department was a front for a political party.

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JOHANNESBURG City Council has been accused of weaving a web of intrigue and deception to cover up its sinister surveillance of murdered academic Dr David Webster.

The council’s claim of innocence in the assassination has been questioned by the legal team representing the David Webster Trust at the Hiemstra spy commission.

The advocates, Wim Trengove SC and John Campbell, said the council’s failure to report to police their spying on Dr Webster after his death “suggests a state of mind not concomitant with innocence”.

Dr Webster (44) was gunned down outside his home in Troyville, Johannesburg, on May 1 last year. His murder remains unsolved. In the concluding arguments to the commission yesterday, two legal teams suggested that

- Evidence that a member of a combined city council/SA Defence Force team was responsible for Dr Webster’s murder could not be excluded.

WEBSTER WATCH

It has been 418 days since the assassination of University lecturer and human rights activist, Dr David Webster, outside his Troyville home and so far no progress has been made in determining precisely who killed the Wits academic addressing a Pretoria press conference this week. Free State Attorney-General, Mr Tim McNally, said he felt that the Harris Commission had “not moved forward” in investigating the Webster murder. A reward of R5 000 still stands for information leading to the conviction of Dr Webster’s killers.

- Allegations that a former SADF officer was involved in Dr Webster’s killing should be fully investigated.

The legal teams were referring to claims by Hannes Gouws, a former section head in the council’s security department. Mr Gouws said in evidence that a Mr Dick Cilliers had told him that Dr Webster had been shot by Paul de Swardt.

Mr Trengove and Mr Campbell said there was no doubt that a personality profile on Dr Webster had been compiled by the security department. Dr Webster’s name appeared regularly in the spy reports which were sent on to the SADF.

Mr Trengove and Mr Campbell said council employees had adopted a “strategy of concealment” over the whereabouts or knowledge of the security department’s Webster file.

“It is inconceivable that a profile of this sensibility, coincidentally about the victim of a hitherto unsolved murder, could simply have disappeared without trace and it is submitted that the inability of any member of the department to assist the commission in this regard is sinister in the extreme.”

Mr Lawley Shein, for Mr Gouws, said there was evidence regarding the involvement of Mr Greyling and Mr de Swardt in the Webster murder. “While the evidence regarding the killing of Dr Webster may not fall within the ambit of this commission, it is submitted that Mr Gouws’s allegations should be fully investigated.”

Mr Trengove and Mr Campbell commented on
28 Days, 4,000

Weighting Up

The wash dryer gets right in the big air of the city.

Spy Ring Probed

Spies spied in city

How top men

Commission on internal security, investigating reports of espionage activities, has uncovered evidence of a vast spy ring operating within the city. The ring, according to sources close to the investigation, has been active for at least 28 days and has involved at least 4,000 individuals.

Under the radar, the spy ring has been operating out of several locations throughout the city, including office buildings, restaurants, and even in the home of a prominent city official. The commission has so far questioned over 100 suspects and has seized numerous documents and electronic devices.

The investigation has shed light on the extensive reach of the spy ring, which has been implicated in various activities, including the theft of sensitive government documents and the infiltration of critical infrastructure systems.

Under the watchful eye of the commission, the city is bracing for further revelations and is ramping up security measures to prevent further breaches.

Johannesburg, City of Golden Dawn
Weighing up 28 days, 4 000 pages worth of evidence

MR BARNARD
The case against
OF all witnesses who tes-
tified, Mr Barnard was
without doubt the most
unsatisfactory.
He was closely con-
nected with the use of bugging equipment and with the city council's contact man with the SA Defence Force. He used the security department to further the aims of the military.
Mr Barnard was ac-
cused of weavign a web of lies, offering ludicrous evidence and compiling a whom a spy profile on Mr Hiemstra.
Mr Barnard was ac-
cused of acting unlawfully
by ordering that Geoff
Stark, a FFP councillor
at the time, be spied
upon.
Regarding the infiltrat-
ion of organisations, his
knowledge and percep-
tions lacked expertise
and were based on mis-
conceptions. "As a result,
it must be found that
the conduct of Mr Barnard
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He was accountable for
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establish 'what role it
would play in relation to
the city council and how
this would affect the
council. He did not take
these decisions lightly.
FFF hosts meeting on spies, CCB

By Kalzer Nyatsumba

The Five Freedoms Forum will host a public meeting in Johannesburg this week to register its rejection of the Civil Co-operation Bureau and the Johannesburg City Council's spy ring.

The meeting, to take place at St Luke's Church Hall in Orchar ds at 8 pm on Wednesday, will be addressed by, among others, Democratic Party MP for Houghton Tony Leon and Lawyers for Human Rights national director Brian Currin.

Five Freedoms Forum (FFF) spokesman Gael Neke told The Star the meeting provided an opportunity for the public to register its abhorrence of the CCB and the council spy ring.

The FFF believed, Ms Neke said, that "the death of (University of Witwatersrand academic) David Webster and numerous others could be linked directly to the CCB and the spying activities of the JCC."

"Members of the public feel very strongly that Government at both national and local levels has acted in a highly secretive and unaccountable way."

She said the Harms and Hiemstra commissions had shown that some documents had been hidden or destroyed, CCB members had been allowed "to appear in ridiculous disguise", answers had been refused and lies were the order of the day. This all made a mockery of the process of law.

What South Africa needed, Ms Neke said, were built-in guarantees to ensure that such organisations did not exist again in future.

The meeting — to be addressed by CCB target Gavin Evans, JCC spy ring target Jane Barrett and lawyer David Dasom — has been jointly organised by the FFF, the Black Sash, the David Webster Trust, the DPI, the End Conscription Campaign, the Human Rights Commission, the National Union of South African Students and the SA Catholic Bishops' Conference.
Four ‘must face rap in city spy scandal’

THE Hiemstra Commission has been asked if Johannesburg City Council employees’ spying activities were unlawful and politically motivated, and that “the buck should stop” at an “elitist clique” of four.

In final arguments on Friday, Adv Gilbert Marcus said evidence led before the commission demonstrated a “textbook case of the abuse of power”.

Marcus, who represented 12 organisations including Cosatu and the End Conscription Campaign (ECC), said what had happened in the council should never be allowed to happen again. This required the people centrally involved to take responsibility for their actions.

Central allegations were that council security department members illegally infiltrated at least 15 organisations and that individuals were monitored, breaching their right to privacy.

In the process, floor plans of houses were supplied to the SADF, incursions were made into Soweto to intimidate residents, a Receiver of Revenue official was paid to obtain information, a council night watchman was assaulted, at least one house was fire-bombed and Johannesburg residents were spied on and bugged.

The system of regularly paid spies began in 1984 and continued until late 1989. Lawyers acting for the commission estimated that it cost the council nearly R2m.

The “elitist clique” referred to by Marcus consisted of former Town Clerk Mams Venter, public safety director John Pearce, a security department director, Brug Jan Visser, and monitoring section head Frik Barnard.

Lawyers acting for the commission, Adv Dennis Fine SC and Lotter Wepener, argued that Venter, who was the council’s town clerk since April 1984, was one of the people responsible for the establishment of the paid informants system.

He could give no plausible explanation why, if the decision to pay informants was an open and legitimate decision, it was not notified or placed before the management committee for consideration.

Pearce was one of the prime motivators in the establishment of the system, they said. The lawyers rejected Pearce’s attempt to elevate the decision to pay informants to the highest level.

The lawyers concluded the infiltrations were “a wilful political frolic aimed at furthering the interests of the NP, and that these intrusions were in no way connected with the interests of the Town Council”.

According to the lawyers, Barnard took the decision to infiltrate the ECC. He conceded that the ECC was infiltrated because he wished to be kept away from what it was doing.

In conclusion, the lawyers said there was no legislation authorising the covert activities of the security department, which were not sanctioned and which were wrongful and unlawful. “Political considerations were the order of the day. Targets were chosen because of the perception that they were left-wing organisations which operated against the NP.”

Adv Schalk Burger SC, acting for the four, challenged the views of the lawyers for the commission that the four men were guilty of an invasion of privacy.

He also said there was no evidence as to why the four were particularly isolated and why other people and bodies were not “answerable”, like the council, which brought the section into being.

He also challenged the view that the activities were done for the NP’s benefit.

Hiemstra inquiry ‘did not hear evidence’

THE Hiemstra Commission has been told that evidence of operations in which Johannesburg City Council employees and Defence Force members burned Soweto houses and assaulted residents was deliberately never led.

In final arguments on Friday, Nic van der Walt, acting for the council, said it was important to note that Adv Dennis Fine, for the commission, knew about the potential evidence and chose not to present it.

“It is submitted that he clearly considered this to fall outside the ambit of the commission’s mandate otherwise he would not have elicited this evidence himself,” Van der Walt said.

Van der Walt said the council had adopted a neutral approach, made these statements following allegations made in evidence tendered by Hannes Gouws, the man who lifted the lid on the spy ring operated by employees of the council.

Van der Walt quoted from the record testimony led by Gouws: “We burnt houses with council members, together with army personnel. We intimidated people.”

Alleged spy-handler Martin Hennig drew up reports on David Webster, Gouws said. Gouws had heard from sources that the person who shot Webster was the same man he and the group worked with.

After this, in his final heads of argument, Van der Walt quoted Fine as saying he had specifically excluded this evidence.

As a consequence, Van der Walt requested that a specific finding should be made that the incursions into Soweto were purely military operations.
THE United Democratic Front has condemned the Transvaal Provincial Administration for its decision to discontinue funding the rent boycott-plagued black town councils.

The TPA this week announced its decision to stop funding black town councils.

Southern Transvaal UDF publicity secretary Ronnie Mamoepa said: "The UDF condemns and rejects the standpoint adopted by the TPA as a ploy to undermine and break the rent boycott which is raging in many townships around the Transvaal."

The move, he said, confirmed the UDF's assertion that town councils were not viable and only shifted Government's financial responsibilities to the masses. The Govt expected people to pay high rents to prop up an unpopular ethnic structure.

Mr Mamoepa said the TPA's assumption that rent boycotts were responsible for the financial losses of the councils was merely an avoidance of the real problems of corruption and maladministration in the townships.

"It is like blaming the prescription rather than the disease."

He added: "Instead of the TPA involving itself in rent boycott-busting tactics, it should be looking at ways and means - in consultation with representatives of the people - of resolving the impasse."

The UDF have demanded the TPA establish non-racial municipalities with a single tax base, write off the rent boycott debt and transfer the ownership of township houses to the people. - Sapa
May 18, 1950

The city's budget, which sets the financial framework for the coming year, has been submitted for approval to the city council. The council will consider the budget during its regular meeting on May 25th.

The budget includes funding for various departments, including education, public works, and parks and recreation. The city council will have the opportunity to review the budget and make changes if necessary.

The city's financial health is a top priority for local leaders, and the budget is a key document that outlines how the city will allocate its resources in the coming year.

Councilors and city staff are working to ensure that the budget reflects the needs of the community and provides adequate funding for essential services.

By: Joe Smith

City Council Budget Update

The city council held a special meeting on May 20th to discuss the budget. Councilors voted unanimously to approve the budget, which included a $10 million increase in funding for education and a $5 million increase in funding for public works.

The council also approved a resolution to seek additional federal funding for the city's infrastructure projects.

Mayor Johnson praised the council for their hard work and dedication to ensuring the city's financial stability.

By: Sarah Brown

City Council Passes Budget

The city council has passed a resolution to increase the city's property tax rate by 2% to help fund the budget.

The increase in the property tax rate will generate an additional $15 million in revenue for the city, which will be used to fund various programs and services.

The council also approved a resolution to seek additional state funding for the city's public safety department.

By: John Lee

City Council Approves Tax Increase and Funds for Public Safety
Document was no secret – Leon

By Guy Jepson

Democratic Party MP for Houghton Tony Leon last night rejected claims that a “secret” document, calling on the party to adopt a more radical, hard-hitting approach to national politics, had the support of leading party members.

Details of the document, compiled by Houghton-based legal academic David Unterhalter, Mr Leon’s former municipal election campaign manager, were published in a Johannesburg newspaper this morning.

Arguing that an ANC government was a fait accompli, the document states that the DP’s main thrust should be to “influence the ANC and the formation of its policies”, rather than “hold the rug between the two major contestants at the negotiating table”.

Hard-hitting

The DP should independently engage the ANC and adopt a hard-hitting parliamentary strategy as “a radical party that is willing to lead on issues of principle”, the document states, adding that the party’s primary object was to “press the interests of a liberal order” upon the ANC.

Mr Leon dismissed the claimed secret nature of the document as “a gross exaggeration”.

“At the request of the party leadership for responses to our convergence document which was given to the media and sent out to all the party’s formations, I put together a group of people in our constituency committee under David Unterhalter,” he said.

He had since distributed the document among his colleagues in Parliament.

“It’s one of innumerable responses and has certainly got no standing.”
A Legal Right to Peace

of mind and privacy
Squatter court order made final

The temporary interdict restraining the Midrand Town Council from demolishing squatters' homes was made final yesterday.

In the Rand Supreme Court, Mr Justice Margo said the rule nisi was confirmed, not because demolition was prohibited by law, but because by demolishing shacks without taking legal steps to have the squatters ejected, the council had committed acts of spoliation.

The judge recorded that the order made no ruling on the provisions of the Prevention of Squatting Act, because those provisions had not been used by the council when it demolished the structures.

The council was ordered to pay the costs of the application, launched by Thomas Ramawela and other squatters Hawke Structures, which owns the land, is to pay the costs of its opposition. — Court Reporter
Ban spying, Tony Leon urges Johannesburg City Council

By Kaizer Nyatumba

Tony Leon, Democratic Party MP for Houghton, last night called on the new administration in the Johannesburg City Council to pass a motion prohibiting spying and unlawful activities such as those revealed to the Hemstra Commission.

Speaking at a Five Freedoms Forum protest meeting on the Harms and Hemstra commissions, in Orchards, Johannesburg, last night, Mr Leon commended the new city council administration for its pursuit of open government.

"Although many of the activities (of the Johannesburg municipal spy ring) were quite beyond the scope and duties of the council and could therefore be illegal, such a motion would serve all officials with notice that the buck has finally stopped," said Mr Leon.

Wounds

"It would also serve to heal the wounds and divides caused when the city council entered a dark and dangerous age from which it is only now emerging."

The prohibition of these activities, he said, would also distinguish the city of Johannesburg from the South African Government, "and that, too, is long overdue."

Mr Leon, former leader of the DP in the city council, questioned the Government's right to uphold law and order and preserve the individual's safety "when the very criminal conduct it should be prosecuting, and the fundamental rights and freedoms it should be preserving, are being committed in its name or are being fought by its agents."
Randvaal Council earmarks new site

By Melody McDougall, Vereniging Bureau

Randvaal Town Council has agreed to adopt a developmental strategy which includes the identification of a site for industrial development in the area and extensive land uses.

This is an attempt to counteract the numerous illegal business and commercial activities presently taking place within the council's area of jurisdiction, as well as to provide for obvious needs in the future.

According to Randvaal town clerk Lammie Fourie, the site earmarked for the proposed development is situated between the Sybrand van Niekerk highway and the railway line south of the Daleside/Walkerville on-ramp up to the northern boundary of the Highbury township.

He said the council intended to create a similar development to the one alongside the Ben Schoeman Highway at Midrand, where commercial activities are allowed and job opportunities are created without jeopardising the pleasant country atmosphere.
Pretoria council ‘stalling’

F J Kruger, revise all council by-laws and decisions related to public facilities so that provisions in Pretoria were in line with the changed statutory situation.

Mr Kruger was also to consider ways of making the by-laws practical to implement, and to submit separate reports to the council as a matter of urgency.

Transport director Eddie Liebenberg said once the city council took the decision his department would approach schools to arrange for new identity tickets for scholars who wanted to make use of concession tariffs.

School concessions would be available to pupils of all races, but only if they lived “within the municipal boundaries of Pretoria”.

Bus concessions — such as those available to the aged and the handicapped — would also be made available to all races, but also only to people living in the municipal area.

Delayed

Special bus concessions available to white municipal staff without other transport benefits were to be phased out over two years.

Mr Liebenberg said he expected the opening of the bus service to be delayed because time was needed to make final arrangements.

Mr Brink said that, apart from an initial acknowledgement of receipt, the DP had not yet received replies to four letters sent to the council asking it to apply for the opening of the entire city to all races.

“It looks not only like delaying tactics, but it is also a lack of good manners,” he said.

Unpopular decision

Local Democratic Party spokesman Martin Brink yesterday accused the council of “dragging its feet” over the opening of amenities.

Mr Brink claimed the council was not prepared to be held accountable to its voters — many of whom were conservative — for the opening of amenities, and that by delaying the move could hand over the responsibility for a possibly unpopular decision to the Government.

In a report considered “urgent”, which came before the city council yesterday, the management committee said that in light of the Government’s Discriminatory Legislation Regarding Public Amenities Repeal Bill — which would scrap separate amenities laws from October 15 — it was impractical to revise local by-laws on an ad hoc basis.

The management committee has recommended that the council secretary,
Whites urged to 'join struggle'...

By Stan Hlope

Township youths have been urged to mobilise their white counterparts in Johannesburg's northern suburbs to "join the struggle".

ANC executive committee member Steve Tshwete told about 200 youths in Johannesburg on Tuesday to "intensify the struggle" as victory was in sight.

Mr Tshwete was speaking at a service to mark the ANC's 35th anniversary of the Freedom Charter, organised by the South African Youth Congress (Sayco).

The Freedom Charter, adopted on June 28 1955, calls for a non-racial democratic South Africa. It led to a split from the ANC by the Africans, who later formed the PAC in 1959.

Mr Tshwete warned the youths that their task would not be easy and advised them to persist in their efforts to encourage their white fellows to join the struggle.

He said groups such as the PAC who refused to talk to the Government, were beginning to have a rethink about taking part in negotiations.
Town clerks' increases spark row

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter
25/6/90

The Federation of Municipal Trade Unions yesterday warned that labour peace in local authorities country-wide was under threat from a decision to give town clerks a 10 percent pay increase, thereby restricting the increases of all other municipal employees.

The salary adjustments of town clerks, the chief executives of city and town councils, were determined by the Town Clerks Remuneration Board, which effectively put a limit on the salary and wage adjustments of employees on lower scales.

Dr Lorraine Lotter, vice-president of the federation, which represents 240 000 municipal employees nationwide, said the 10 percent increase for town clerks came at a time when Industrial Councils around the country were involved in labour disputes where amounts of more than 10 percent were being sought by workers.

Dr Lotter is also the president of the Johannesburg Municipal Employees Association, which represents all 13 unions in the city council.

No effect

In terms of the Town Clerks Remuneration Act the salary of no municipal employee was allowed to exceed that of the town clerks, which was "fair enough", but when they (town clerks) only got a 10 percent increase it restricted the increases of every other employee.

The Act overrides the Labour Relations Act. Some Industrial Council decisions had no effect when employees went to them over their salaries because of the limit imposed by the Town Clerks Remuneration Act.

Dr Lotter said this made a mockery of the Labour Relations Act.

She said they had obtained legal advice and were reserving their rights. She emphasised, however, that strike action was not contemplated because it was illegal.

Unions objected vigorously to the Act when it was promulgated in 1984 and have met with various Cabinet Ministers over the years, to no avail.

"Ministers do not want to listen and our employees are fed up. We have tried to avoid drastic action and look at what has happened."
Ratepayers issue ultimatum to Mobil

The Parktown Ratepayers' Association has issued an ultimatum to Mobil — to withdraw its application to build a service station on Jan Smuts Avenue, or face boycotts.

In a statement yesterday, the chairman of the association, Flo Bird, said if the association had not received such an undertaking from Mobil by June 30, a boycott of the oil giant would be "pursued with all the energy we can muster."

The association is not satisfied with the work done by Mobil's traffic engineers in selecting the site on the corner of Seymour and Jan Smuts avenues.

"The Mobil consultants had not bothered to measure anything except the gaps between cars to assess whether vehicles could get in and out," Mrs Bird said.

"In terms of these we stated the garage would increase accidents, cause congestion and even back-ups on the M1 off-ramp," she said.
Rates protest against city spy ring

By Patrick Lawrence

Glenda Webster, former wife of murdered anti-apartheid activist David Webster, has suspended payment of rates on her Johannesburg house in protest against the "activities of the city council's security department".

The house is registered in the name of Dr Webster, who was shot dead at close range by unknown killers in May last year and who — it was disclosed during the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry — was monitored by agents of the city council's security department.

Mrs Webster's decision, made known in a letter to The Star, was prompted by the security department's spying activities, the unexplained loss of its files on Dr Webster and its alleged burning of houses belonging to people deemed to be subversives.

She cannot continue paying her rates "as if nothing had happened", Mrs Webster said.

Defiance ... Glenda Webster.

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Rates protest against city spy ring

By Patrick Lawrence

Glenda Webster, former wife of murdered anti-apartheid activist David Webster, has suspended payment of rates on her Johannesburg house in protest against the "activities of the city council's security department."

The house is registered in the name of Dr Webster, who was shot dead at close range by unknown killers in May last year and who — it was disclosed during the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry — was monitored by agents of the city council's security department.

Mrs Webster's decision, made known in a letter to The Star, was prompted by the security department's spying activities, the unexplained loss of its files on Dr Webster and its alleged burning of houses belonging to people deemed to be subversives.

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Pta council votes to open city amenities

PRETORIA city council voted by a narrow margin to go ahead with preparations for the opening of city amenities and services to all races.

After lengthy, loud and often emotional political debate with many interjections and calls to order, the council on Wednesday night agreed by 20 votes to 18 to revise by-laws relating to Hillcrest swimming pool, two municipal halls, Rietvlei fishing and other separate amenities, and by 22 to 19 to make changes in bus by-laws which open the way to a multi-racial bus service.

Mr Lapie Lautscher (NP) said there was nothing to stop "pure white Afrikaners" or "boere" from creating their own exclusive facilities, but the city council could not use ratepayers' money to provide exclusive facilities.

Both he and Mr Justus van Zyl (NP) said they were "proud" of the path being followed by the De Klerk Government, in particular the decision to move away from statutory discrimination.

SOWETAN Correspondent

Afrikaner nation could now stand on its own feet without regulations to prop it up.

Mr Dawie Pretorius (CP) based his objections to a revision of by-laws to slot in with the Discriminatory Legislation regarding Public Amenities Repeal Bill on distinctions made between nations in the Bible, and accused the nationalists in the city council of "spinelessly" (papbroek) hiding behind this legislation.

He said the CP would not allow their "selling of the nation.

Mr Gerdus Kruger (CP) said the changes went against promises of "own facilities where possible" made by NP councillors in their election manifestos.

He also accused the council of "failing over its feet" in its haste to implement change before new legislation was effective, and said voters should be consulted first.

Opposition leader, Mr. Paul Fouche (CP) warned that nobody would want to invest in a city which was "handed over" to blacks.
47 black councils owing R1 000-m

THE 47 black town councils hit by rent boycotts could owe a total of R1 000 million, a Transvaal Provincial Administration official has said.

And, besides the problem of convincing the communities to pay for essential services, these councils also face another major crisis - they owe the TPA R38 million in loans provided during 1980 and 1981.

The TPA's deputy director of community development, Mr Len DeKlerk, warned the 47 councils last week that his department would be cut out of the system from July 1 because there were no longer funds to continue the service.

Rents

The TPA urged councils to make drastic improvements in the collection of rents and service charges in the townships, failing which they may be faced with electricity and water cuts from their suppliers.

In a statement released yesterday, the TPA stressed that the collection of rents referred to were for current accounts commencing from June 1.

"It does not relate to the recovery of arrears," it said.

A TPA spokesman said the 47 Councils which had a warning to put in a notice in the papers by the end of June were affected by last week's notice.

Boycott

The Soveto Council is being monitored daily for its two most important collections - rents and rates which may be a loss to them but also to the economy of itself," said the spokesman.

The TPA allocated R1 050 000 in bridging finance to the Soveto Council during the 1980/81 financial year.

DeKlerk said that as a result of the boycott of rent payments, the need for financial assistance had increased to R55 million in April and to R65 million for May this year with a higher need expected for June.

Arrears

The TPA spokesman said the rent arrears in the 47 councils could total nearly R1 000 million.

The 47 councils with breaching finance agreements in terms of the TPA Act were:

Alexandra (R10 782 530), Dobsonville (R43 375 647), EKhubeka (R1 257 825), East London (R1 744 000), Eshowe (R2 064 000), and others.

By MONK.

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Steenberg (R218 307),
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The TPA said it could not give details of arrears owed to each of the affected councils.
A delegation from the Transvaal Municipal Association has held a meeting with President FW de Klerk to discuss problems which they believe the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act will cause.

The TMA said it had emphasised that the repeal of the Act had led to confusion and unrest among many white ratepayers.

The delegation, headed by TMA deputy president Mars de Klerk, met the president yesterday at the Union Buildings.

The visit follows a TMA majority vote objecting to the repeal of the Act.

The delegation told President De Klerk there had not been enough consultation with local authorities before the decision to repeal the Act had been taken.
ROODEPOORT City Council has approved a 10-year plan to promote development in its business and industrial sectors. It is intended to transform Roodepoort into "the summit city with unequaled business and residential opportunities". Stimulation of market-directed development, together with the private sector, will come by making available land for industry, offices, housing and a sports centre. The extension of municipal boundaries is also being considered. The council will offer developers incentive packages. It hopes to encourage entrepreneurship as well as establish a partnership with the broader business sector. Councillors list several successful projects — the Roodepoort International Entedifod, the Witwatersrand Botanical Garden, the Civic Theatre and the Technikon...
DP councillor hit by second blast

Staff Reporters

Suspected right-wing terror intensified at the weekend with three explosions in Johannesburg — one at a Democratic Party councillor's home, another at his office, and the other at a synagogue.

The synagogue in Rosettenville was defaced with Nazi swastikas and anti-Jewish Defence Organisation (JDO) and ANC graffiti. No one was injured in the explosion, which followed blasts at two National Party offices in Roodepoort and Johannesburg two weeks ago.

Police said an explosive device was detonated at the Lower Houghton home of DP councillor Clive Gilbert on Friday night. Another exploded at the South Hebrew Centre in Faisie Road, Rosettenville, early yesterday.

Late last night an explosion at Mr Gilbert's Highlands North office caused extensive damage.

Commercial explosives were used in the Highlands North blast but the type of device used in the others blasts was not yet known, police said.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said police suspected right-wing extremists were responsible.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Brigadier Leon Melet said the blasts were acts of terror aimed at intimidation, and referred to Minister Adriaan Vlok's weekend statement that laws would be revised to counter intimidation more effectively.

Mr Gilbert told The Star he believed there was a clear link between the blasts, and blamed right-wingers. A spokesman for the Jewish community also blamed rightist extremists.

Mr Gilbert said the fact that he was Jewish and his home was bombed, as well as the fact that a Jewish centre was attacked, could not be coincidental.

The explosion at the synagogue destroyed windows and water pipes. The explosion at Mr Gilbert's home, which occurred at 11:30 pm on Friday, destroyed part of the garage and wall.

The explosion at his Highlands North office last night broke windows and damaged the interior.

At the synagogue, anti-Semitic slogans were found screwed on the walls. One slogan read "Jews Love Mandela", another declared "War Against JDO" (the Jewish Defence Organisation).
Residents, Mobil near agreement

By Jacqueline Myburgh

Parktown residents and Mobil may be moving towards a settlement regarding the controversial Mobil service station which has been planned for the corner of Seymour and Jan Smuts avenues in Parktown West, Johannesburg.

Fio Bird, chairman of the Parktown Ratepayers' Association, said Mobil had replied to the association's threat of boycotts with a number of options.

"Both Mobil and the association hope to prove that there are better ways of handling this problem than simply fighting it out in front of the Townships Board," she said.

Mrs Bird was not at liberty to discuss the options suggested by Mobil, but the association had indicated earlier that it was prepared to accept the recommendation of the Environmental Evaluation Unit of the University of Cape Town.

The association has agreed to postpone boycott action until July 9, to enable negotiation of a settlement.

"Informal discussions this week have shown Mobil is prepared to respond promptly, which is most important to the residents who had this threat hanging over them for several months now," Mrs Bird said.
Hospital staff shortage – pay blamed

Staff Reporter

Poor salaries paid to administration staff by the Transvaal Provincial Administration has led to a severe shortage of staff in the Johannesburg Hospital.

A spokesman for the TPA said the hospital’s administration, especially the accounts department, was suffering from a staff shortage.

Along with other provincial hospitals, the Johannesburg Hospital has long suffered from a shortage of nurses. It is hoped a recent increase in nurses’ salaries will start the tide of resignations of nurses leaving for the private sector.

The TPA told The Star in reply to a question that the administration staff shortage was due to “poor salaries” (as has been the case with the shortage of nurses).

The TPA said there was “a severe turnover of staff” and that some staffers resigned to join the private sector for better salaries as soon as they had completed their training.

The staff shortage came to light after a woman, who asked not to be named, had a baby at the Johannesburg Hospital in September 1989 and had informed The Star her accounts had been long delayed. The final account arrived in June.
THE Atteridgeville Town Council, which has already lost R4 million in revenue since the rent boycott started four months ago, has temporarily banned political and civic organisations from using its facilities.

**By MONK NKOMO**

Acting town clerk Mr Daan Mouton said yesterday the ban will be reviewed as soon as the rent boycott has been resolved.

Political and civic organisations have been barred from using the football grounds and halls.

The Atteridgeville Residents' Organisation, which called for the rent boycott and the resignation of councillors at a public meeting at the Super Stadium on April 1, yesterday threatened to file an urgent application in the Pretoria Supreme Court to challenge the council's decision.

The council, at its meeting on June 27, turned down an application by Asro to hold a public meeting at the Super Stadium on Saturday.

Mouton said the council also rejected an application by the ANC for the use of the stadium.

A spokesman for Asro said they had already briefed a lawyer to have the council's decision set aside.

**Supporters**

Mouton acknowledged the right of organisations to communicate with its supporters.

He said he agreed that negotiations to improve and stabilise the present situation, particularly in black townships, were important.

"However, in the light of the fact that the council is locked in a struggle to brake the present rent boycott, it has resolved that no organisations will be allowed to hold meetings in this regard at the stadium or at any other facilities of the council,"

The rent boycott, however, seems to be far from being resolved. Councillors have refused to resign and Asro has vowed to continue the boycott until the councillors quit.

"Residents will pay affordable rent or a flat rate for essential services rendered by the council but only after the councillors have resigned," a spokesman for Asro said.
Public invited to planning meetings

Another round of public involvement meetings has been arranged for the public to provide input to the planning process of three alternative land use strategies for Johannesburg and surrounding municipalities.

A draft preferred strategy will be presented at public meetings to be held this month in Johannesburg, Soweto, Edenvale and Germiston.

"The core city of the Jomnet transport area has created in the past and will continue to create avenues for active public participation," said a press release issued by Johannesburg's metropolitan planning department.

"Your comments are highly valued by the professional team and your interest determines the success or failure of a public participation programme."

The first public meeting, covering the Johannesburg municipal area, will be held tomorrow at 6 pm at the A-level lecture theatre in the Civic Centre, Braamfontein.

The second will be held at 6 pm on Thursday in the auditorium at the SA Nature Conservation Centre (Delta Park), Road No 3, Victory Park. This meeting will cover the Randburg, Roodepoort, Sandton and Alexandra municipal areas.

A meeting covering the Soweto, Dobsonville and Diepmeadow municipal areas will be held at 6 pm on July 17 in the A1 lecture hall, Vista University, Power Park, Soweto, (between Baragwanath Hospital and College of Education). On July 18, a meeting will be held in the Edenvale Community Hall, corner Van Riebeeck Avenue and Second Street, Edenvale.

This meeting will cover the Edenvale, Modderfontein, Tembisa, Kempton Park and Bedfordview municipal areas.

A meeting covering the Germiston, Alberton, Katlehong and Tokoza municipal areas will be held at 6 pm on July 19 on the 1st floor of the Germiston Civic Centre Hall, corner Queen and Cross Street, Germiston."
Spy scandal informant arrested

The man who leaked the details of the Johannesburg City Council spy scandal to the press, Hannes Gouws (26), has been arrested in connection with the illegal possession of arms and ammunition.

A police spokesman said yesterday that Mr Gouws and his bodyguard, Pierre Bezudenbout, had been arrested on Friday at Port Shepstone's Oslo Beach.

They appeared in court yesterday and were granted R1500 bail each.

A BXP sub-machinegun — a new Armscor weapon — with a silencer was allegedly found on the premises at which the two were staying. Detectives also found "various pyrotechnic devices" and 320 rounds of 9 mm ammunition, the spokesman said.

Mr Gouws was apparently in hiding after testifying before the Hiemstra Commission, set up to probe the spy allegations.
Security stepped up for some councillors

By Louise Burger
Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg city councillors are wondering who will be next after the bomb attacks on two colleagues in the last few days.

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Councillors under guard

TRACY MELASS and LINDEN BIRNS

GUARDS will be posted at all Johannesburg city councillors' homes in a move to step up security after a recent spate of bombings directed at councillors and management committee members.

Management committee spokesman Paul Asherson said security people would patrol outside councillors' homes and management committee chairman Ian Davidson said inspections had been carried out on all councillors' homes "with a view to stepping up security quite substantially."

This follows an explosion on Monday night at the home of management committee member and NP councillor for Turffontein Jan Burger. Police said the bomb was composed of commercial explosive with a safety fuse for a time delay.

Investigations are proceeding into the incident as well as into two explosions at the home and offices of DP city councillor Clive Gilbert at the weekend.
THE engineering department of the Katlehong Town Council was yesterday attending to a cave-in in the East Rand township.

Katlehong town secretary Mr H Grobler confirmed the cave-in, saying residents had reported it to the council on Monday. "Yes, it was reported to the council yesterday but there was nobody to do the job because of the stayaway,"

Reported

Katlehong Civic Association chairman Mr Oupa Thibling said on Monday the cave-in had been reported to the council.

The cause of the cave-in was not known. It was also not known whether the ground - the cave-in was said to be the size of a four-room house - had stopped crumbling.

"Unfortunately I cannot say whether it still caves in," said Grobler.

Thibling said the cave-in continued every minute.

Safety

For the safety of residents, it had been cordoned off by members of street committees in the area around Mofolong and Moshesho sections.

It was similar to the cave-in that reportedly occurred years ago in the area between the Westonaria and Carletonville, said Thibling.
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The National Party complaints board has been stepped up following the home of Johannesburg's deputy mayor, Eric Maluleke, whose two ministers were also responsible for the attack.

In Johannesburg North on Sunday, the ANC and its provincial office in the city, which has been closed, were attacked. A man was injured when a rock was thrown through a window of the ANC's provincial office in Johannesburg North on Sunday.

Police suspect that the attack was retaliation for the death of a ANC member who was shot dead on Monday.

The South African Union of Democratic Students (SAUOS) says the attack is a violation of its democratic rights.

The South African Independent (SAI) sent its condolences to the family of the deceased.

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Victory for Parktown as Mobil withdraws bid

JACQUELINE MYBURGH

Mobil has withdrawn its application for the rezoning of a site on the corner of Jan Smuts and Seymour avenues, where they had planned to build a service station.

This announcement by the oil giant will be regarded as a victory by members of the Parktown Residents' Association who have struggled to prevent their suburb going commercial.

Rae Graham, city councillor for the Parktown ward, was "ecstatic" when she heard the news.

"Big developers must learn that they can't impose what they want on top of existing structures," she said.

Mobil announced yesterday it would withdraw its rezoning application with immediate effect.

This action would be followed by an independent evaluation of the traffic impact of the proposed service station, and the presentation of a development plan involving alternative land usage of the properties abutting Jan Smuts Avenue.

Parktown's development plan makes no provision for a service station — or any commercial institution — on Jan Smuts Avenue, says Mrs Graham.

"The council's metropolitan planners draw up plans for roads and know where traffic should be generated. Why don't people wanting to build service stations go to them, and ask where they should build them?"
City council to be sued by FFF

By Kaizer Nyatumba
Political Staff

The Five Freedoms Forum (FFF), one of the many organisations sped upon by the Johannesburg City Council’s security department, is to sue the city council, including past members of its security department, according to FFF publicity secretary Cael Neke.

Ms Neke said the FFF, "a totally legal, open and non-violent organisation", had been subjected to harassment and invasion of privacy by the security department. It was now essential that those who had done this were brought to justice.

She said University of the Witwatersrand academic and former FFF vice-chairman, Dr David Webster, was assassinated at the height of the council spy ring's activities.

The council security department's activities, as laid out before the Bremstra Commission, were unacceptable in a democratic society and had to come to an end.
Police search for killer of ex-councillor

By Craig Kotze

Police have still to make an arrest in connection with the murder of former Johannesburg city councillor Geoff Simpson (67), who was stabbed by a housebreaker at his Craughall Park home at the weekend.

Mr Simpson died in front of his wife, Jean (53), at their Hamilton Avenue home, at 3.30 am after he had apparently disturbed the housebreaker.

He was stabbed several times, mostly in the chest, with a sharp object, probably garden shears.

Detectives established that the killer had forced open the back door with garden shears.

Mr Simpson and his wife were alone at the time.

Mr Simpson was a councillor for the defunct Progressive Federal Party in Craughall Park before losing his seat in the last municipal election.

Detectives from the special train unit shot and wounded a suspected thief near Heidelberg yesterday after a transdriver was tricked into stopping.

The train driver stopped near Field Bridge, Tamboeksefontein, because the signals system had been tampered with. Five men appeared and broke open five trucks before the policemen swooped. The suspects ran off but one was shot and admitted to hospital.
Celebration ends in teargas stampede
Another councillor receives threats

Yet another Johannesburg City Councillor has been threatened by a person claiming to be from the right wing.

Democratic Party councillor Dave Verster yesterday received a call from a man who said he was from the Transvaalse Separatiste (Transvaal Separatists) who swore at him and threatened to “get even” with him.

“The man said that I must not think because the police have taken their bombs away that they won’t get even,” said Mr Verster.
Daveyton inquiry ends as citizens group pulls out

A COMMISSION of inquiry which was to investigate allegations of bribery and corruption into the Daveyton Town Council was terminated yesterday, writes MAT-SHUBE MFOLOE.

Further representations are to be made by the Daveyton Peoples Delegation to the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

The commission was to have sat for 12 days in the council chambers. The DPD, pulled out half an hour from the start of the inquiry and toyed outside the chambers.

A spokesman for the DPD, Mr Mahlomola Skhosana, said the commission at which Advocate D de Flamingh was proceeding, was "toothless" because it had no powers to subpoena certain individuals to give evidence.

Change

He said his organisation will approach the TPA to reconsider the status of the commission.

De Flamingh argued that the commission could not proceed as laid down in Ordinance 9 of 1960 because of the change of law and other legal aspects.

In his reaction to the pull-out by the DPD, Mayor of Daveyton, Mr Tom Boy, said it was a pity because "his council thought the commission would provide a forum for debate."
Streamlining the city council, exhausting for new DP man

By Louise Burgers, Municipal Reporter

Ian Davidson unplugged his answering machine last month.

Since taking office four months ago as the first Democratic Party chairman of the Johannesburg City Council management committee, he has not had a moment to himself.

Mr Davidson said, with a deep sigh, that he had not realised how much work was involved when he accepted the position. "My diary rules my life."

His personal life and relaxation time at home was affected to such an extent that he switched off his answering machine as he could not bear to come home at night and at weekends to strings of messages.

"But he admits the job is "fun and enormously stimulating."

"The position does have power and I am very conscious of that — very conscious of using that power judiciously."

He and his colleagues have been busy changing the style of government in the city to a more open approach and implementing the many promises they made while in the opposition benches.

"I feel great. We are beginning to achieve things — the big wheel thing which went before management."

He says the management committee is far more accountable to the public now.

"We are an administration that is confident in itself. There is far more public participation in town planning, for example. This is an inclusive style as opposed to an exclusive style."

He feels that debate encouraged by management with its top officials has filtered down the ranks.

"We have taken the pressure off our top officials by being more involved."

A critical look has been taken at the organisational structure of the city council since he took office. A private team of consultants will be called in to investigate the relationship of the boroughs to the council departments to increase productivity.

Strategy

"We recognise that despite the bad publicity the council has received, a lot of good is done by it. There is a huge communication gap and to this end we will be bringing in a team of public relations people to devise a strategy to sell the council to the people," Mr Davidson said.

After the spy scandal, the security department is undergoing a restructuring which has resulted in the shutting down of many sections, including the monitoring section.

The controversial overseas visitors programme was scrapped and the Johannesburg Publicity Association has taken over some of the tasks and instituted a programme to make Johannesburg more "user-friendly" to tourists.

A number of Section 59 committees, consisting of city councillors and experts from the private sector, have been set up to investigate the feasibility of a municipal police force, the open city concept, comms-taxis and related problems, to draw up an environment charter and to investigate ways to make Rand Airport more cost-effective.

"There was a feeling in the beginning from certain council officials that we wouldn't last long and there was a certain reluctance to work with us."

"Now they are admitting we are getting things done and planning a Johannesburg that will go forward into the year 2000," Mr Davidson says.
Strydom quits over Broeder connection

By Thabo Leskilo

Johannesburg city councillor Hans Strydom resigned yesterday from the Democratic Party (DP) in protest against co-leader Wynand Malan's simultaneous membership of the DP and the Broederbond.

His resignation, by chance, coincided with Mr Malan's decision — for other reasons — to quit political life.

Informed of Mr Malan's resignation, Mr Strydom said he would not reconsider his position, because there were other members of the DP who still belonged to the Broederbond. "My fight is based on principle and not against individuals."

"Unless they all resign from the Broederbond, or the DP decides that dual membership of the party and the secret society should not be allowed, my resignation stands," he said.

He said the Broederbond was "a racist, highly secret, political society that also discriminated on the basis of religion and sex. Its agenda of fighting for "Afrikaans supremacy" was antithetical to the DP's commitment to a non-discriminatory and non-racial society."
Tembisa warns that conflict looms over cuts

By MONDUL MAKHANYA

COMMUNITY leaders in Tembisa have warned of a major confrontation if the township council carries out its threat to cut electricity and water supplies on Sunday in order to force residents to abandon the four-year-old rent boycott.

At a press conference in Johannesburg yesterday called in response to mayor Sam More's threat, the Tembisa Residents' Association said "if the town council proceeds with its strategy of confrontation we will have no alternative but to fight to the bitter end to defend the interests of residents".

The TRA also denied More's claim that Eskom and the Rand Water Board had threatened to cut off the electricity supply to Tembisa. "The council is merely responding to pressure from their authorities that funds will be withdrawn if they do not act to stop the rent boycott."

The Tembisa town clerk told The Weekly Mail that the council had no option but to cut the electricity. "If people want to use the services then they must pay for them. You cannot just enjoy something for which have not paid," he said.

TRA deputy president Amon Msane said the organisation was negotiating with Eskom and the Rand Water Board about the possibility of the township dealing directly with the two bodies. They would have to negotiate because "although council workers never read meters we still get high bills at the end of the month".

The threat by the council to cut essential services comes in the wake of signs from the Transvaal Provincial Administration that it is prepared to consider scrapping the R800-million rent arrears owed by black municipalities.

The TPA-appointed administrator of Thakane, near Springs, has already reached such an agreement with the Thakane Civic Association and the TPA is also involved in similar negotiations with the Mamelodi People's Delegation.

TPA officials have also met representatives of the Tokoza Civic Association and indicated that the township's debt could be scrapped if the association sets up a liaison committee with the council to work out an affordable rent scale.

Several meetings have also been held with the Soweto People's Delegation.

The matter is also being considered at cabinet level.
Tembisa plan gets council support

THE Tembisa Town Council on the East Rand has supported joint action between the council and local organisations to redress the township’s socio-economic and political problems.

In a hard-hitting statement on Wednesday, Tembisa’s mayor Mr SB More called for a meeting between the council and representatives of wide-ranging local organisations in an endeavour to develop a strategy for the problems.

"The council regrets the fact that black towns and cities up until now is an area which has not received the attention it deserves," said More.

"Some of these issues include lack of adequate services, housing, inappropriate rentals and service charges," said More.

It was therefore necessary that "we as organisations and individuals of Tembisa affected by the issues mentioned above, should sit together to discuss the strategies, address and possibly resolve these matters."

- Sapa.
Parties prepare for the Randburg election battle

By Louise Burgers and Political Staff

The battle for Randburg has begun. All three major parties in white politics look set to contest the expected parliamentary by-election there later this year — with the reputation of all three at stake.

The direction of negotiation politics could be affected by the outcome, and the result could also profoundly influence trends towards new political alignments.

Assault

Following the shock resignation this week of Democratic Party co-leader Wynand Malan, political experts say the DP is set for further progress after its dramatic near-miss in Umzazi, and that the DP will lose ground — and possibly even the seat — to the NP. The DP won Randburg in September’s general election by 1,714 votes.

DP southern Transvaal chairman Peter Soal last night said the Randburg by-election — expected in October or November — would be discussed as an urgent special item at a regional executive meeting on Monday night. So far, no names have been mentioned as being in the running to defend the seat for the party.

Fighting talk erupted within hours of Mr Malan’s withdrawal from party politics. NP Transvaal leader Barend du Plessis claimed the DP had largely lost its political strength. The NP would do everything to win the seat.

DP parliamentary leader Zach de Beer replied “There was a municipal by-election within the Randburg constituency four weeks ago, and we took the seat off Mr du Plessis’s party.”

CP national secretary Andries Beyers yesterday confirmed his party would announce its candidate shortly. Mr Beyers admitted Randburg was not the most favourable seat for the CP, as the party had polled only 47 percent of the vote in last year’s election, but he said support for the CP was increasing dramatically.

Glenn Babbh, widely tipped as the NP candidate in Randburg, was on a trip in Africa yesterday and could not be reached for comment.

The stakes are huge for all three parties.

For the DP, it will be a test of relevance. For the NP, it will be a crucial pointer to what voters think of the new South Africa. For the CP, the extent of its support will be seen as a vote of confidence or no confidence in President de Klerk’s reforms.

Professor of Southern African Studies at the University of Cape Town David Welsh said the by-election was bound to be “an unfortunate distraction from the major issues South Africa is facing.

“It is bound to be a messy business which can benefit only the CP. It can’t win the seat but certainly will raise its vote quite significantly.”

Political analyst Professor Willem Kleyhans said the DP was “finished.” The small number of Afrikaners who had joined the party, such as the academics in the Cape, now appeared to be leaving.

“The DP have come to the end of the road because of bad leadership by the troika. When Mr de Klerk started taking the reform initiative, the party undermined its own existence by continually praising what he was doing and encouraging its followers to join the National Party.”

Professor Kleyhans said there had been a role for the DP “to see that reforms continued and that a new constitution was implemented”, but it had forfeited that role through bad political management. The damage had been done and it was too late to revive the party.

Liberal values

But another political analyst, Professor Hermann Gilkoms of the University of Cape Town, disagreed “The resignation of Wynand Malan is too isolated an event from which to draw conclusions.

“I don’t expect the DP to break up or disappear. I believe they have a role to play — and that is to represent liberal values and beliefs. In a national election I believe they will one day attract voters who are drawn neither to the NP nor the ANC.”
Boycott call on four Vaal Triangle towns

VEREENIGING — A consumer boycott has been called in four Vaal Triangle towns from Monday to protest against the refusal of Vereeniging and Vanderbijl Park city councils to allow marches.

Cosatu said in a statement that the boycott, supported by Saico and all UDF affiliates, would continue until certain demands, including the immediate institution of an interim government, were met.

Cosatu said it failed to understand why marches could be allowed in other towns in South Africa but not in Vereeniging.

"Reasons advanced by the Vereeniging town council are not acceptable to us. Our people, like everybody, have a right to protest, including to march in the Vaal."

The boycott would be an act of protest against "this systematic move to undermine our people and their organisations."

People were called upon not to buy any groceries in these towns except medicines and other life-supporting commodities.

The demands to be met are that Vereeniging and Vanderbijl Park town councils recognise the right to march and picket, have single non-racial town councils, halt the demolition of shacks and end police harassment.

The organisations also demand a constituent assembly to elect leaders to negotiate a new South African constitution and "an interim government now". — Sapa
Residents to help in decisions

By DON SEOKANE

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration will not make any decisions about Orange Farm without consulting the committee in the area, Mr John Mavuso, MEC for Housing, said yesterday.

Mavuso was speaking at a ceremony held to present the regulations for control and management of Orange Farm to Mr Lawrence Mvelase, chairman of the Informal Committee.

"An important aspect of the regulations is that provision is now being made for a committee from the inhabitants to act as an advisory body to the TPA, which will function as an 'interim local government,'" he said.
Demonstrators make sure they eat cake.
Civic in land talks

THE Alexandra Civic Organisation will meet the Transvaal Provincial Administration on Tuesday to discuss the development of land on the Far East Bank.

The TPA has allocated the land to private developers. However, ACO wants to make recommendations on how the land should be developed.

In a statement ACO said past redevelopment schemes had kept houses out of the reach of the poor and homeless people in the area.

"We want to make sure the land is used for the benefit of all the people of Alexandra and decent affordable houses are built instead of expensive houses as in the past," said the statement.

ACO has demanded that the community be involved in development programmes in the area.
Hope at last for Johannesburg's 10 000 vagrants

By SOPHIE TEMBA

PLANS to bring medical help to Johannesburg's estimated 10 000 vagrants are in the pipeline.

Johannesburg city councillor and former mayor David Nette has taken the matter up with the government and the private sector. He says black vagrants are the greatest problem, as there is no place for them to be treated for alcoholism and drug-related problems.

The biggest problem is that medical people take a dim view of vagrants and regard them as a nuisance rather than people in need of help.

Nette says he is trying hard to get medical services for the vagrants to have them detoxified and rehabilitated.

Nette says finance must come from the government and the private sector. "The council should give a lead to the government and private sector to jointly set up medical facilities as a first step towards rehabilitating vagrants."

Daisy is one of the vagrants who spends most of her time on a pavement around Joubert Park. Her face is puffy and her feet are tightly wrapped in filthy pieces of plastic.

Her lips are covered with sores and she is terribly under-nourished.

She weeps as she walks away shouting that people should learn to mind their own business and forget about her because she is only waiting for the day "when God will call me to everlasting rest."

Sipho is often seen in Von Wielligh Street during peak hours. He has only one leg and often holds up traffic as he begs for a few cents from motorists.

He is a sniffer — his hair and clothes are covered in glue — and he sleeps on the cold pavements with his friends. Pieces of cardboard and plastic are their bedding and they warm each other with their thin, dirty bodies.
Aco policy on resale of stands

THE Alexandra Civic Organisation has presented Alexandra Town Council with its policy regarding the resale of old stands or yards to private landlords, an ACO statement said.

ACO said its policy is intended to resolve the conflict that surrounds the illegal resale of yards and old houses by Alexandra City Council to private landlords.

Original
The policy includes the following proposals:

* The stand will be offered for sale to the original owner or his/her descendant who is living on the stand.
* If there is no such person, the stand will be offered for sale to the person who has been living for the longest period on the stand.
* A stand or part of it cannot be sold unless the people living there have agreed to it.
* If some of the tenants oppose the sale, the council should try to divide the stand so that part of it can be sold.
* If part of the stand is sold, it should be done in such a way that existing occupants are not deprived of services such as water, access to a toilet, or electricity.

"It has been some time that the Alex community have been fighting this illicit sale. They won a Supreme Court order stating the sale was illegal.

Refund
"However, after the court order, the council continued to sell houses and did not refund those who had bought stands illegally until Aco clarified the effects of the court order to the council.

"We are still waiting for a response from the council," said ACO.

rises in Lebowa's GaMashashane

The hardest hit were the surrounding villages where there had never been provision for the services it needed, a civic association spokesman said. A Mas.
TPA official called me a crook — porter

Pretoria Correspondent

A porter at the Ga-Rankuwa Hospital told the Cillie Commission yesterday that she was called a "crook" by a Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) official who accused her of lying about her marital status in order to qualify for a housing loan.

"Mavis Kheswa (44) said she received a R35,000 housing loan through the TPA in 1998, which she said she used to build a house in Soshanguve. About four months after the house was completed, she was told to report to H Swanepoel.

She said Mr Swanepoel called her a "crook" and told her she was not entitled to the loan as she was married. He then opened her personal file and discovered a copy of her divorce decree, granted in 1996, she said.

Mavis Kheswa said she was then called into the office of another official, A J Boshoff, who repeated the accusation.

She said both men, who have been accused of being "racists", threatened to confiscate her house and have her arrested.

The commission is investigating allegations that 23 premature babies died as a result of an eight-day strike at the hospital in April this year, allegedly sparked by the TPA's refusal to suspend Mr Boshoff and Mr Swanepoel pending an inquiry into their conduct.

Miss Kheswa said she had not been forced into joining the strike, but had joined other protesting workers as a result of the accusations voiced by the TPA.

Prior to her taking the stand, a member of the hospital workers' committee, A Sibande, was accused of being a "troublemaker who nobody wanted in their department" by the legal representative for the TPA, J R Wessels.

Mr Sibande admitted his superiors, who included Mr Boshoff and Mr Swanepoel, viewed him as a "troublemaker". However, he said this was because he stood up for his rights.

Mr Wessels produced various letters from former chief medical superintendents at the hospital, warning Mr Sibande that if his conduct did not improve, certain disciplinary steps would have to be taken.

The inquiry continues.
Plan to freeze rent arrears

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration is to curtail bridging finance to local authorities from the end of this month and is also considering freezing rent and service arrears in an attempt to encourage residents to pay current charges.

If it goes ahead with this plan, the TPA must inherit the black local authorities debt of about R730 million, according to United Municipalities of South Africa leader Mr Tom Boya.

Reacting to the TPA's "clean-plate" plans, Boya said yesterday such a move, while welcome, would leave councils with no means of meeting debts.

"If they go ahead with this plan, they must pay our debts," he said.

The estimated R730 million owed by Transvaal councils was due not only to the TPA - which would write off its share in terms of the plan - but also to private financial institutions and companies, Boya said.

Five East Rand townships alone owed R123 million to financial institutions after money was borrowed to finance an electricity master plan for the areas, he said.

Arrears

The arrears plan is apparently to be discussed at Cabinet level.

A spokesman for the TPA said yesterday many factors had to be considered before a decision could be taken.

Boya also predicted "chaos" in black Transvaal townships next month if the TPA carried out its threat to cut bridging finance to councils, who use the money to provide essential services such as water, electricity and refuse removal.

Soweto Correspondent
TPA should pay councils’ R730-m debt, says Boya

By Claire Robertson, Pretoria Bureau

The Transvaal Provincial Administration’s “carrot and stick” approach to the cash crisis facing black townships has drawn predictions of chaos and demands that the TPA assume the R730 million debt facing black local authorities.

The TPA is to curtail bridging finance to local authorities from the end of this month. It is also considering freezing rent and service arrears to encourage residents to pay current charges.

If it goes ahead with this plan, the province must assume the black local authority debt, says United Municipalities of South Africa head Tom Boya.

Mr Boya yesterday welcomed the TPA’s “clean slate” plans. However, he said, councils would be left with no way of paying debts.

He said the money was owed not only to the TPA, but also to private financial institutions and companies.

He predicted chaos in black townships next month if the TPA cut bridging finance to councils, which used the money to provide essential services.

“Thus is a very big stick,” said Mr Boya. “This could jeopardise good relations.”

The Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs has undertaken to investigate urgently allegations by the Urban Councils Association of South Africa concerning the intimidation of councillors and residents by civic associations, Sapa reports.
D-day looms for township rent crisis

By Claire Robertson, Pretoria Bureau

Crucial negotiations on the rent crisis in black townships are in progress as the deadline for the Transvaal Provincial Administration's bridging finance "austerity measures" nears.

In two weeks, the TPA will implement its R16 million-a-month bridging finance package to black local authorities in an effort to make the available funds last the year.

The budgeted sum of R26 million for the 1990/91 fiscal year has been eroded by payments of up to R75 million a month in the first half of the year.

Councils which do not manage to negotiate a resumption of rent and services payments in the next month may have essential services cut off.

"The timing is critical," Transvaal MEC for local government Olaus van Zyl said yesterday. The cutting-off of services "may be unavoidable in some areas," Mr van Zyl said.

Encouraged

Province had appealed to the Government for additional funds for the past "two or three months" but he doubted these would be available.

He was, however, encouraged by the negotiations between residents' organisations - local people's delegations and civic associations - and councils taking place in about 30 townships.

In at least 10 townships, negotiations have been successful in halting boycotts "I am still confident we will be able to reach an amicable solution," he said.

Province had also contacted bulk suppliers of services in an attempt to minimise the effect on essential services such as water, and sewage and refuse removal, which, if stopped, would present a health hazard.

"The tragic thing is that cutting off services may affect people who have paid and it could affect areas such as health clinics that are essential," said Mr van Zyl.

In some cases the bulk supplier was the adjoining white town or city, many of which realised "that if it goes bad there (in black townships) it will affect them, too", Mr van Zyl said.

"In general, the funding situation hasn't improved, and strictly speaking there won't be additional funds. But the aim is not to curtail funds, and not even to stop the boycott, but to find the problems in local authorities and thus to stop the boycott."
By MATSHUBE-MFOLOE

THE Bekkersdal Environmental Awareness Campaign has called for an indefinite rents boycott in the West Rand township until the local town committee and the Transvaal Provincial Administration respond to the community's demands.

A spokesman for the BEAC, Mr Vuyisile Ndabem, said the protest was called because of the TPA's and the town committee's delay in responding to the community's grievances.

He warned that the boycott would continue "until our grievances and demands are addressed."

Demands which were brought to the attention of the TPA and the local authorities include:

* The reduction of rents for shack dwellers in units to a flat rate of R25 from August 1;
* No shack dwellers should pay rents to registered tenants during the rent boycott;
* The rents boycott includes the homeless communities of Spook Town, Silver City and X areas.

A community meeting has been planned for July 30 when the BEAC will evaluate the effect of the boycott.
Open buses for Pretoria

PRETORIA — In a move symptomatic of the sweeping changes around the country, the Pretoria City Council yesterday announced the desegregation of its bus service.

The move comes into effect tomorrow.

"On January 30, the city council decided to apply to the Road Transportation Board for the amendment of its existing permit in order to make the bus service available to all commuters," said a statement by the management committee.

"The board recently informed the council that this application has been approved." — Sapa
Several puzzling developments in the case of the missing Pretoria advocate, Pieter Leeuwner, have raised more questions than answers about the motive for his disappearance.

Mr. Leeuwner (32), who was acting for Willem van Deventer, a former agent of the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB), has not been seen since he left his Arcadia home on July 2.

But an investigation by The Star has revealed that a number of vital documents, statements and tape recordings made about Mr. van Deventer's activities with the CCB have since Mr. Leeuwner's disappearance been removed from the advocate's office.

Apparently, such was the sensitivity of the items, they were removed by close associates in an effort to guarantee their security.

The information includes details of several alleged political murders, including those of Dr. Fabian Ribeiro and his wife, Florence, and the so-called "Pieter Ntuli, former Minister of Internal Affairs in KwaNdebele in June the same year.

As the mystery of his disappearance deepens, the Star can reveal that Mr. Leeuwner:
- Had been involved in a discussion about the financial benefits of co-operating with police to set up a trap to uncover illegal diamond dealing.
- Was spotted on a Germiston-bound train a few days after he disappeared.
- Planned to visit Zimbabwe with his brother, "Sampe" Leeuwner, to investigate setting up a car import business. Both had obtained the necessary visas two months before the advocate disappeared.
- May be living somewhere in Namibia, although this cannot be confirmed.

According to Mr. "Sampe" Leeuwner, he and his brother light-heartedly discussed with a police officer at advocate Leeuwner's chambers the subject of diamond-deal entrapment and how well the public could be rewarded for helping to uncover illicit deals.

This arose as a result of them being told that an increasing number of diamond diggers had fallen prey to unscrupulous dealers who were selling their gems illegally and not passing on the profits.

The day before Advocate Leeuwner disappeared, he was visited at his home by two unidentified men. Looking anxious, the next day he told his girlfriend, Anita Leeuwner, to telephone the police officer with whom he had discussed about diamonds.

She was to tell the policeman to go to Advocate Leeuwner's office on the day he disappeared.

Also, police are investigating reports that Advocate Leeuwner was seen on a train last week, according to his brother. He had apparently removed his moustache and was travelling alone. It is believed police have already interviewed the eye-witness.

Police are following up all leads but are unable to say why he disappeared or if he had been kidnapped.

A spokesman said Advocate Leeuwner had disappeared without trace.

Mr. "Sampe" Leeuwner and Mr. van Deventer are hoping the CCB is involved because, if so, there would be more chance that Advocate Leeuwner was still alive, they said.

Both Advocate Leeuwner and Mr. van Deventer had received threats about Mr. van Deventer's evidence to the Harm's Commission into alleged politically-inspired murders.

Anyone with information about the case should contact the investigating officer, W.O. Piet van der Merwe at Sunnyside police station, Pretoria, on (012) 343-9739 or 344-1001.
A BITTER row has broken out over the Boksburg Town Council's decision to send its deputy mayor — a staunch rightwinger detained for his alleged involvement in a plot to assassinate President de Klerk — on an overseas trip to study civil defence.

T J Ferreira, former Conservative Party chief whip in the CP-controlled council, was one of 11 rightwingers detained in Boksburg in June in connection with the plot. They also allegedly planned to assassinate Nelson Mandela and the local National Party MP, Sakkie Blanche.

Members of the group, which included AWB commander Heinrich Bessmer, were held by security police under the Criminal Procedure Act and were later released.

Investigations, however, are continuing, and dockets are expected to be submitted soon to the Transvaal attorney-general, a police spokesman said yesterday.

The decision to send Mr Ferreira, a CP candidate in last year's general election in Hillbrow, and Charles Hawkins, the management committee chairman, on a 19-day tour of South Africa to learn about civil defence and policing, was made by the current council.

Concern was expressed that the outcome of an intensive police probe into Mr Ferreira's activities, which has not yet been completed, should be considered before he leaves to represent the town council abroad.

But Mr Ferreira, a former Boksburg traffic officer and now a businessman, this week hit back at his critics. He said he had not yet been charged or found guilty — and insisted he would go on the trip.

"Nothing will stop me," he said, adding he was confident no charges would be brought against him.

He rejected "with contempt" accusations that he would be a "poor ambassador" because of his strong right-wing views. He denied he would project South Africa's new image in a poor light, even though he was strongly opposed to President de Klerk's reform initiatives.

"But make no mistake — I am proud of my conservative outlook and I back Dr Andries Treurnicht to the hilt.

"Sure I am a rightwinger, but we are going on a civil defence and not a political tour!"包括了对国际红十字和红新月会，联合国灾民救济组织，以及南非民防协会的访问。

Mr Ferreira, and Mr Hawkins, also a staunch CP supporter, will be accompanied by town clerk Ritz Coetzee — at a cost to Boksburg ratepayers of R50,000.

Public funds

The trio will be part of a 19-member party, made up of civil defence representatives from six South African municipalities and the Natal Provincial Administration.

Total cost of the tour — all of which will be borne by public funds — will run to R285,000. Organised by the Civil Defence Association of SA, the safari will travel to England, Switzerland, Austria, Italy and Germany.

Boksburg's NP councillors strongly opposed a motion by the CP to send three representatives during a debate behind closed doors in November last year.

"They did so on the grounds that it was a huge waste of money and claimed that never before in Boksburg's history had councillors been sent abroad at public expense. They were supported by independent councillor Iasy Kruiper."

The NP suggested that only Mr Coetzee, the town clerk, in his capacity as overall head of civil defence, should be sent, and not councillors.

But the CP rejected the amendment — despite the fact that most other councillors involved, including Germiston, Benoni and Port Elizabeth, had nominated

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Coloureds complain of raw deal from council

THE South Western Management Committee this week unanimously voted to call on the Administrator of the Transvaal to appoint a committee of inquiry into alleged abuse of authority by the chairman of Johannesburg City Council's management committee, Ian Davidson.

Mark Ramjee, a member of the 13-man controlling body for coloured areas in Johannesburg, said according to the motion, Mr Davidson had unilaterally decided on a rates increase for the coloured suburbs before allowing the SWMC to debate the rise.

It was also claimed he was playing a destabilising role in the coloured community and that his actions were rendering the south western areas ungovernable - in keeping with the strategy adopted by the Democratic Party in 1989 when it accepted the collapse of the "non-white" local authorities at the Conference for a Democratic Future at the University of the Witwatersrand.

"Until the DP took over the council we had had a series of fruitful talks with former management committee chairman Jan Burger who assured us he would address complaints that we were merely the Johannesburg council's errand boys," Mr Davidson took over he simply blocked the entire process and now we must wait five weeks for a meeting.

"Although we are the legally elected representatives of the coloured community, we are forced to first submit detailed agendas which he insists we must stick to. This is in direct contrast to his attitude towards the pressure groups, where he adopts an open door policy, meeting them at any time without an agenda," said Mr Ramjee.

"If the DP is voted out of power at a later stage, we will be left with the problems which are now being created," he said.

Johannesburg's council is in recess and Mr Davidson was not available for comment.
Debt erasure won’t end boycott

THE erasure of R800 million rent arrears by the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) would not necessarily mean that Soweto residents — who have not paid rent and service charges for four years — would resume paying.

This warning came from Soweto community leader and member of the Soweto Peoples Delegation, Mr Lehman Sebidi, in an interview with Saturday Star.

"Until the Government addresses the real grievances of the people, no one will be prepared to pay," Mr Sebidi said.

"The rent arrears were not part of the people's grievances because when the rent boycott started there were no arrears."

Big step

Last week the Government announced it was considering erasing the R800 million debt mountain accumulated by various local authorities through protracted rent boycotts.

Mr. Sebidi said by scrapping the debt, the Government would not be addressing the complaints of the residents but would be paying the way to negotiations about the improvement of services. "It's a big step forward," he said.

"Mr. Sebidi emphasized that Soweto residents wanted to pay, but they would do so as soon as everything was set right.

"People demand affordable and high quality services No Sowetan is in a right frame of mind would want to stay without paying for good services," the community leader explained.

Another big problem, according to Mr. Sebidi, was the question of townships not being treated as part of their adjacent cities.

He said Soweto people also felt that the ownership of houses should be transferred to the residents who have paid rent year on end.

"Soweto residents are not happy about not paying service charges. I want to say, Frank Chikane wants to pay everyone wants to pay but only after everything has been set right," said Mr Sebidi.

Mr. J.J. van der Walt, director-general of the TPA said the scrapping of arrears was a significant issue in the rent boycott, as were other issues, one of which relates to the improvement of services.

"The local authorities are giving their urgent attention to the question of services, but it stands to reason that they will only be able to improve them if residents are prepared to pay their municipal accounts," Mr van der Walt added.

The contribution of the Regional Services Council was considerable, but did not contribute towards the maintenance of existing services.

Mr. van der Walt said the TPA has not been officially approached for its views on the issue.

"And it has therefore not yet formulated its views on the matter."

Mr. Tom Boya, President of the United Municipalities of South Africa (Umusa), welcomed the scrapping of the debt as a definite step in the right direction.

Upgrading

He also did not believe that township residents did not want to pay rent and service charges.

"I don't think people don't want to pay, people will pay only if they are rendered good and efficient service by the councils," he said.

The Daveyton mayor believed what was needed now was a programme of upgrading through which local authorities could improve their service to the residents.
A BITTER row has broken out over the Boksburg Town Council's decision to send its deputy mayor — a staunch rightwinger detained for his alleged involvement in a plot to assassinate President de Klerk — on an overseas trip to study civil defence.

T J Ferrera, former Conservative Party chief whip in the CP-controlled council, was one of 11 rightwingers detained in Boksburg in June in connection with the plot. They also allegedly planned to assassinate Nelson Mandela and the local National Party MP, Sakkie Bildner.

Members of the group, which included AWB commander Heinrich Bosman, were held by security police under the Criminal Procedure Act and were later released.

Investigations, however, are continuing, and dockets are expected to be submitted soon to the Transvaal attorney-general, a police spokesman said yesterday.

The decision to send Mr Ferrera, a CP candidate in last year's general election in Hillbrow, and Charles Hawkins, the management committee chairman, on a 10-day training study tour in September is being bitterly opposed by the opposition NP in Boksburg.

Police probe

Concern was expressed that the outcome of an intensive police probe into Mr Ferrera's activities, which has not yet been completed, should be considered before he leaves to represent the town council abroad.

But Mr Ferrera, a former Boksburg traffic officer and now a businessman, this week hit back at his critics. He said he had not yet been charged or found guilty — and insisted he would go on the trip.

"Nothing will stop me," he said, adding he was confident no charges would be brought against him.

He rejected "with contempt" accusations that he would be a "poor ambassador" because of his strong right-wing views. He denied he would project South Africa's new image in a poor light, even though he was strongly opposed to President de Klerk's reform initiatives.

"But make no mistake — I am proud of my conservative outlook and I back Dr Andries Treurnicht to the hilt.

"Sure I am a rightwinger, but we are going on a civil defence and not a political tour." Included on tour itinerary are talks with officials of the International Red Cross Society, the United Nations Disaster Relief Organisation and the Swiss Civil Defence Association.

Mr Ferrera, and Mr Hawkins, also a staunch CP supporter, will be accompanied by town clerk Piet Coetsee, at a cost to Boksburg ratepayers of R50 000.

Public funds

The trip will be part of a 19-member party, made up of civil defence representatives from six South African municipalities and the Natal Provincial Administration.

Total cost of the tour — all of which will be borne by public funds — will run to R285 000 Organised by the Civil Defence Association of SA, the safari will travel to England, Switzerland, Austria and Italy.

Boksburg's NP councillors strongly opposed a motion by the CP to send three representatives during a debate behind closed doors in November last year.

They did so on the grounds that it was a huge waste of money and claimed that never before in Boksburg's history had councillors been sent abroad at public expense. They were supported by independent councillor Issy Kramer.

The NP suggested that only Mr Coetzee, the town clerk, in his capacity as overall head of civil defence, should be sent, and not councillors.

But the CP rejected the amendment — despite the fact that most other councillors involved, including Gersmnson, Benoni and Port Elizabeth, had nominated

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Soweto council bracing itself for financial crisis

THE Soweto City Council (SCC) is bracing itself for financial difficulties expected when, for the first time, it will have to pay for water and electricity without bridging finance.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), is to stop providing local authorities hit by rent boycotts with financial subsidies from the end of this month.

It had earlier warned that the "collection of rent and service charges was poor, and must be improved". This resulted in the TPA having to restrict its budget mainly to the administration.

Advice

Asked how his council would overcome the pending hard times, SCC's public relations officer, Dr Johan van der Westhuizen said "We are working together with the Development Bank of South Africa, and they are advising us on the financial adjustment programme".

Soweto mayor Sam Mkwazeni added "If that happens, I will call a meeting with the concerned parties and I'm sure a solution will be found."

Dr van der Westhuizen said that 42 percent of residents were paying current electricity and service charges.

ABBAY MAKOBE

He added that 66,000 families living in the four-roomed houses were paying R22.50 in service charges.

"This includes water, sanitation, refuse removal and general services provided by the council," he said.

To encourage residents to pay, SCC had "promulgated the flat-rate system". According to this system, residents would pay R50 for electricity but pensioners would pay R30.

Dr van der Westhuizen said he hoped that by the end of the year, the whole of Soweto would be ready for "freehold title deed", whereby the right of ownership of the houses would be transferred to the families.

Said Mr Mkwazeni, "The council wishes to transfer old stock houses to owners". All those who purchased houses under the 99-year lease, he said, would have to bring their documents forward for conversion to freehold.

He also revealed that under the "Unemployed Relief Fund", his council was to build 500 houses at Chiawelo, for the "low income group".
Row in Boksburg

Overseas trip says defiant rightwinger

Nothing will stop me.
Bridging finance ‘curtailed, not stopped’

BRIDGING finance to councils would not be stopped but “curtailed”, with the TPA having increased its R26m monthly bridging finance allocation to Transvaal local authorities to R75m for June because of the rent boycott, a TPA spokesman said.

TPA spokesman Gert de Jager said at the weekend that Transvaal councils were almost R70m in arrears in rent and service charges payments by the end of the past financial year — March 31.

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“As a result of the boycott of payments the need for financial assistance increased to R36m for April, R60m for May and R75m for June.”

He said at this stage about R16m a month would be available as bridging finance to the more than 19 Transvaal councils for the rest of the year.

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Bridging finance

In view of severely restricted funds available to the Administration, the TPA has been forced to determine priorities in regard to the provision of bridging finance from August 31, 1990 — which will be curtailed (not stopped).

The possibility of writing off arrears is being investigated. “Because there are many factors that must be considered before a decision can be taken, an answer regarding this cannot be given at this stage,” he said.

The arrears on rent and service charges totalled R73.082.185 by the end of the previous financial year — March 31, 1990,” De Jager said.

Administrator Danie Hough, expanding on President F W de Klerk’s earlier announcement that funds would have to be sought elsewhere for further bridging finance, said: “… the province will conduct an inquiry, according to the guidelines laid down by the President, to determine where additional funds may be obtained. No decision has as yet been taken as to where such funds may be obtained, and in this regard there will also be liaison with the Department of Finance and other organisations concerned.”
Jo burs council to get tough with food vendors

March 21, 1970

The issue of street vendors and their impact on the city's public health and traffic became a contentious one in recent years. The city council, following a series of public meetings and hearings, voted to implement stringent regulations and fines for vendors who violate the city's health codes and traffic laws.

The regulations include a mandatory permit system for food vendors, enforced by the city's health and police departments. The permits are renewable annually and require vendors to comply with health and sanitation standards.

Vendors who fail to obtain a permit or operate without one will be subject to fines and may have their equipment seized. The city council also voted to increase the fines for repeat offenders.

Council members expressed concern over the impact of food vendors on the city's health and traffic. "We cannot allow our streets to be cluttered with unregulated food stands," said Council Member Johnson, "it's a health hazard and a traffic nightmare."

The regulations are expected to go into effect in June, and the city's department of health will begin enforcing them immediately.
Council workers down tools

MONIK NKOMO

ABOUT 700 Atteridgeville town council workers downed tools yesterday demanding the immediate resignation of two senior officials accused of favouritism in the appointment of staff.

The workers, all members of the Transvaal Association of Employees of Black Local Authorities, called for the resignation of city secretary Mr Madumetsa Mogoba and his deputy, Mr Isaac Manthata.

Workers said they could not work with the two officials because of their insensitivity towards their grievances.

A spokesman for TAEBLA said the strike was sparked off by recommendations by the management committee that a Tembisa man, who holds a diploma in public relations, be given the post of personnel manager.

A council employee, Mr Titus Kishi, who holds an honours degree in administration and has been acting personnel manager of the council for eight months, has not been considered for the job.

Mr Dick Mboweni, the council's industrial relations officer, confirmed that TAEBLA had objected to the recommendations made by the management committee.

He said his report to that effect would be tabled before the council tomorrow.

Employees also criticised the management committee for failing to appoint Mr Simon Bogopa as town clerk.

Bogopa, who holds two degrees as deputy departmental head of health services and has been employed by the council for 13 years, is also a registered prospective town clerk.

He was interviewed for the job about two months ago but nobody has as yet been appointed to the post.

Workers refused to go back to work and vowed to continue the strike until their demands were met and their grievances resolved.
Boycott planners turn down talks

By Melody McDougall, Vereeniging Bureau

Organisers of the Vaal consumer boycott have rejected a call by the Vereeniging Town Council for discussions today to try to end their deadlock.

The Cosatu/African National Congress-inspired boycott, which began in four Vaal Triangle towns last week, has had a crippling effect on local traders, with drops of more than 90 percent in turnover reported.

Cosatu spokesman Zwelinzima Vavi confirmed he had received the council's invitation to meet today, but said the boycott organisers were not interested.

The organisers' demands include the right to stage peaceful protest marches through Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark and the establishment of a non-racial town council with a single tax base.

A delegation of the Roshnee Action Committee (RAC) yesterday presented a memorandum to the Vereeniging Town Council's deputy town secretary, Charles Pechet, urging the council to allow peaceful protest marches in the town.

About 90 percent of businessmen in the Vaal area signed the document.

A copy of the memorandum was also handed to Vanderbijlpark Town Council officials.

Mr Pechet emphasised to the RAC the council was not opposed to marches in principle.
25,000 residents march in Vosloorus

By MONDI MAGHANYA

VOSLOORUS residents stayed away from work yesterday and about 25,000 people marched to the township's council offices.

The marchers handed over a petition to the National Party MP for Boksburg, Sakkie Blanche, and the Transvaal Provincial Administration's East Rand director, Pieter du Toit.

The Vosloorus Civic Association (VCA) is demanding, among other things, a single municipality and tax base for Boksburg and Vosloorus.

A large police contingent monitored the march but took no action.

Both Blanche and Du Toit undertook to pass on the petition to the central government and the TPA respectively yesterday. They refused to give a specific time for a response.

Blanche offered to act as mediator between the Vosloorus Town Council and VCA.

"We are talking at national level and there is no reason why we cannot do the same thing at local level," he said.

The VCA publicity secretary, Keith Monatsi, hoped the co-operation between the two parties would continue.
ONDERSOEK NA DIE VERANDERING VAN DIE REGSGEBIED VAN DIE STADSRaad VAN KAGISO DEUR DIE INLYWING VAN SEKERE GEDEEETEES GROND

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge artikel 7G (1) van die Wet op die Bevordering van Plaaslike Overheidsaangebiede, 1983 (Wet No. 91 van 1983), soos gewysig, dat die Administrateur van Transvaal ingevolge artikel 7F (1) (a) van gemelde Wet die Afbakeningsraad van Plaaslike Overheidsgebiede versoek het om ondersoek in te stel na en hom van advies te dien oor die wenslikheid of andersins van die verandering van die reegsgebied van die Stadsraad van Kagiso deur die inlywing van die volgende gedeeltes grond:

1. 'n Sekere stuk grond, 63,6192 ha groot, in die Gedeelte 24 (in Gedeelte van Gedeelte 3) van Rietvallei 241 IQ, Krugersdorp, soos aangetoon op Kaart LG 606/4;54;
2. 'n sekere stuk grond, 35,1887 ha groot, in die Gedeelte 23 (in Gedeelte van Gedeelte 25) van Rietvallei 241 IQ, Krugersdorp, soos aangetoon op Kaart LG 763/571;
3. 'n sekere stuk grond, 8,5653 ha groot, in die Gedeelte 22 (in Gedeelte van Gedeelte 3) van Witpoortjie 245 IQ, Krugersdorp, soos aangetoon op Kaart LG 723/52; en
4. 'n sekere stuk grond, 14,1563 ha groot, in die Gedeelte 24 (in Gedeelte van Gedeelte 3) van Witpoortjie 245 IQ, Krugersdorp, soos aangetoon op Kaart LG 724/52.

Die versoek, aangerek deur die betrokke gebiede aangedui, is te regte insa te behandel van die Sekretaris van die Afbakeningsraad van Plaaslike Overheidsgebiede, Nedbankgallyr 520, Eseleenastraat, Sunnyside, in en by die volgende kantore:

- Stadsraad van Krugersdorp
  Burgersentrum
  Kommunisarisstraat
  KRUGERSDORP.

Die Stadsklerk
Stadsraad van Kagiso
Kagisolaan
KAGISO.

Skryflike besware teen of vertoe in verband met die voorgestelde afbakening kan in sewevoold voor of op 20 Augustus 1990 by die Sekretaris van die Afbakeningsraad van Plaaslike Overheidsgebiede, Privaatsak X644, Pretoria, 0001, ingediend word.

Die Afbakeningsraad sal op die ondergemelde datum, plek en tyd vergader om enige verdere getuens en vertoe aan te hoor van diegene wat besware en vertoe na aanleiding van hierdie kennisgewing ingediend het:

Datum: 21 September 1990
Plek: Raadsaal, Stadsraad van Kagiso, Kagisolaan, Kagiso.
Tyd: 10.00.

C. J. DE WAAL,
Sekretaris: Afbakeningsraad.

(Verwysing: 12/29/4/21)
Sharpeville gets reprieve

Vereeniging Bureau

Vereeniging Town Council decided last night not to cut power to Sharpeville township as planned, at least not until the middle of August.

This followed the receipt of a R500 000 bank guarantee from Lekoa administrator Jaap Joubert, which will cover Sharpeville's bill and buy electricity for the township until August 17.

Sharpeville falls within Lekoa, whose now-defunct town council allowed more than R148 million to accrue as debt.
Massive bomb found in Pretoria – police

A LARGE car bomb found in a multi-storey parking garage in Pretoria's central business district was deactivated before it could explode yesterday morning, police said.

A police spokesman said a member of the public noticed the bomb, which was made up from "a large number of small demolition charges of Communist origin", inside a car parked in the parking garage of the Hallmark building in Vereeniging Street.

The unidentified person notified the police shortly after 9am, and the bomb, already activated by a timing device, was deactivated by police experts, police said.

The spokesman said he was unable to describe the size of the bomb, but said it would have killed many people had it exploded.

"Saturday's are traditionally shopping days in Pretoria and this weekend being the last in the month and Vereeniging Street being one of the busiest in Pretoria, could have contributed to the large loss of life."

Police were investigating, the spokesman said, adding that further information would not be released because this could hamper investigations. — Sapa.
Council withdraws letters

DIEPMEADOW City

Khumalo said the council

Council, in a bid to end and the Deepmeadow

on-going rent boycott Civic Association has

the townships, held agreed; among others,

meeting with Deepmeadow that the current accounts,

and Meadowlands Civic regarding rent, water and

Associations and resolved electricity be paid and

to withdraw the letters sent to residents by the

council will negotiate

A statement released

Provincial Administration

by the Mayor, Mr J about the arrears
Committee seeks boycott solutions

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration, the Soweto City Council and the Soweto People's Delegation have set up a joint technical committee to make proposals on how to resolve five demands pertinent to ending the rent boycott.

The creation of the committee follows a meeting of the three parties in Johannesburg on Friday.

A joint statement from the parties said the technical committee was constituted with five terms of reference:
- The writing off of arrears in respect of municipal charges and rents,
- The upgrading of municipal services in Soweto,
- Affordable tariffs for municipal services,
- Transfer of rented housing stock, and
- A common fiscal base for the cities of Soweto and Johannesburg.

The committee will meet tomorrow and has been asked to report back to a meeting of the parties concerned on August 9, the statement said.

At this report back meeting the committee must come up with firm proposals on how each of the issues could be resolved and lines of further action, if required.

As a matter of priority the committee must urgently formulate proposals on the writing off of arrears, the statement says. The committee is allowed to co-opt the Development Bank of Southern Africa, the Johannesburg City Council and any other local government body that it believes should be consulted or involved in addressing these issues, the statement said.

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Jo'burg to spend R0.7-m on costs

The Johannesburg City Council is to spend R700 000 in investigating privatisation options and ways to increase productivity and cut costs in its departments.

About R560 000 is to be spent on a study of the council's organisational effectiveness and a further R200 000 in a separate study of the transport department.

Consultants Pum Goldby and Deloittes have been appointed to handle the investigations and will begin as soon as the council approves the appointments. A report is expected in December.

Councillor Brahm Spies, who proposed the study, said the team dealing with the transport department would take a hard look at privatisation options, management committee member in charge of council transport, Paul Asheron, said:

"We will spend about R200 000 on this study, but the consultants have already saved us R7 million by advising us not to buy any new buses this year," he said.