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GENET FOR INDUSTRIAL MISSION
Now SA has its own blueprint to counter terror

Terrorism is the weapon of the weak, of the revolutionary with meagre resources and without mass support, states a 74-page mimeograph entitled "The Art of Counter-Revolutionary War."

The statement should not, however, be dismissed as a mere sop designed to pacify anxious citizens at a time of an increasing number of terrorist bombs and concomitant uncertainty.

"The Art of Counter-Revolutionary War" was distributed to MPs and state functionaries by an anonymous donor, presumably acting on orders from above. But, more important, it contains many of the ideas which are integral to the Government's strategy of neutralising the revolutionary threat.

It seems to serve as a handbook to counter-revolution South African-style, a P W Botha equivalent to Mao Tse-Tung's famous Little Red Book.

On terrorism, it says: "The revolutionary cannot obtain permanent support from the population by way of deeds of terror. Terror may drive people to support the administration, provided the government may offer safety."

Thus, by deduction, terrorism offers an opportunity to the Government to undermine the revolutionaries, as much as it constitutes a threat.

One technique recommended by the handbook is to establish self-defence units to enable local people to protect themselves. It notes: "If the masses do not have the will or means to resist, their need for personal safety will overshadow their loyalty to the ruling authority."

Drawing from post-World War 11 experience in Malaya, where the British conducted a successful counter-insurgency campaign against Chinese communists, the handbook recommends the creation of a special constabulary and an auxiliary police service.

South Africa already has special constables and municipal police. The first special constables or "kitakomstables" were recruited in 1966, while the first municipal police graduated in 1965. They have helped to augment the SAP and to bolster the authority of the township councils.

A related concept to self-defence units is that of area defence. The SADF already utilises the notion of area defence by drawing local men into the command system to defend their own immediate hearth.

Another vital step is to re-establish the shattered local authorities. "Organising an effective administration, especially in isolated areas/places is the first and most important action in counter-strategy," the handbook says.

The former Commissioner of Police, General Johan Coetzee, gave top priority to salvaging the township councillors from the political wreckage left by the 1964-65 "furious outburst of township rebellion."

He retired last year. But nothing has happened to suggest that new priorities have taken over. The October municipal elections are proof of that. Millions of rand are being spent to persuade blacks to vote and the February 24 crackdown on extra-parliamentary opposition organisations is believed by political observers to have been motivated by the desire to prevent them from wrecking the elections.

"The administration must have a clear and well-defined national strategy/police or programme for the future," the handbook counsels. "An effective and well motivated administration will deny revolutionaries the initiative."

Whether the Government has the funds, the determination and the will power to carry its counter-revolution programme to a successful conclusion is a moot point. But without some sort of political settlement with credible black leaders, its chances are minimal.
Minister 'is seeking justification for not charging detainees'

By Bruce Anderson

The assurance by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, that unlawful actions by policemen would not be tolerated was most welcome, Professor John Dugard, of the Centre for Applied Legal Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand, said yesterday.

Professor Dugard said that, particularly during the Vorster era, "one was disturbed by the lack of assurances from members of the government on such matters".

But, commenting on the Minister's assertion that the reason people in detention were not brought to trial was because of a lack of, or possible danger to, witnesses, Professor Dugard said it seemed that Mr Vlok was simply looking for some justification for the failure to charge children in detention.

Professor Dugard said that police had been successful in protecting witnesses and ensuring that they gave testimony in the past and he did not think the situation had changed so drastically that police were no longer able to do this.

Dr Max Coleman, a former member of the Detainees' Parents Support Committee, commenting in his personal capacity challenged Mr Vlok's figure of about 100 detainees, saying he was confident that a more realistic nationwide figure for children (under the age of 18) in detention would be about 250.

Dr Coleman also said it was incorrect to say there were no children under the age of 16 in detention. He said he was aware of a 14-year-old child in detention on the Witwatersrand and several 15-year-olds in detention elsewhere in the country.

Dr Coleman said that over the past three years more than 40 000 people had been detained of whom more than 10 000 were children.
**No tolerance of unlawful action**

**Law applies to police too, assures Vlok**

**Political Staff**

CAPE TOWN — Minister of Law and Order Mr Adrian Vlok yesterday gave the assurance that unlawful actions by members of the police — regardless of race or rank — would not be tolerated.

He was speaking at a Republic Day function at his Verwoerdiaast constituency and said he was giving the assurance on behalf of himself and the Commissioner of Police.

Mr Vlok was speaking against the background of the recent death sentences on two members of the riot police in Cradock, and Supreme Court criticism of the riot police.

Voting that this year was the 75th anniversary of the South African Police, Mr Vlok said many members of the force had "paid the highest price", and others had been seriously injured in the course of their duties.

But when members of "this proud force" were charged with murder, serious assault with intent to maim, and even death — this caused tremendous concern.

When a policeman was guilty of a misdemeanor it could never be condoned. He said that justice would take its course, even if it meant that the disclosure of such a misdeed harmed the image of the force.

The police had served the country and its people proudly and diligently and would continue to do so.

Mr Vlok also referred to the question of children in detention. While the Government did not wish to detain any child or juvenile unless it was absolutely necessary, the police sometimes had no choice.

This was when there were horrendous crimes such as necklace murders, arson, looting and public violence. He said it was no secret that children were being manhandled and abused by revolutionaries who had no conscience or feelings. They did not care if young lives were lost as long as their "goals and objectives" were reached.

**Youth arrests**

Special efforts were made to release children as soon as possible.

A police major general had been assigned to investigate the circumstances surrounding the arrest of youths.

Efforts were made to release them in the care of parents or relatives or as soon as possible.

At present few youths were being detained and none were under 16. Of those aged 16 or 17, there were fewer than 100 in custody.

Mr Vlok said it was often asked why people were not brought to trial if they were suspected of serious offences which warranted detention.

This was because of getting witnesses prepared to give evidence. A witness's life in most cases meant absolutely nothing.

Mr Vlok called on the South Africans to stand together. The onslaught against the country had increased in intensity in the past few years.
NO community can tolerate a police force that is corrupt or acts outside its powers, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday.

Addressing Republic Day celebrations at Verwoerdburg, near Pretoria, Mr Vlok said illegal action by any member of the force, irrespective of rank or race, would therefore not be tolerated.

The Minister was also quoted as saying by SABC Radio News that recent bomb 'blasts' in Pretoria and Johannesburg were proof that the onslaught against South Africa had increased in intensity during the past few years.

Therefore, the time had arrived for South Africans to stand together to counter the onslaught.

In Port Elizabeth, the head of the police counter-insurgency unit, Lt-Gen Bert Wandrag, said the police would do all in their power to ensure the safety of the country's people.

Gen Wandrag was guest-speaker at a medal parade as part of Republic Day celebrations. He presented 20 medals to policemen, including the police merit star, the police star for loyal service and the police medal for fighting terrorism.

Meanwhile, SABC reported two high-ranking officials in the South African Ministry of Foreign Affairs are accompanying the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Kobus Meiring, to Maseru to attend the first Republic Day celebrations to be held in Lesotho.

They are the chief director, Africa in the Foreign Affairs Ministry, Mr Andries Venter, and the director for Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland in the ministry, Mr Gert Nel.

The Republic Day reception was attended by Lesotho government ministers.
THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

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THURSDAY, 2nd JUNE 1988

J. W. M. H.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the document as it appears upon the records of the Minister of Law and Order.
THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

Act 1982 in force 25th March 1982

The Minister of Law and Order

IN ORDER to promote the effective implementation of the provisions of the Law and Order Act 1982, and to ensure the proper enforcement of the law and order, the Minister of Law and Order hereby issues the following order.

1. The Minister of Law and Order is hereby empowered to issue such orders and regulations as may be necessary for the proper implementation of the provisions of the Law and Order Act 1982.

2. The Minister of Law and Order may, in his discretion, grant such exemptions and reliefs as he deems fit.

3. The Minister of Law and Order may, in his discretion, direct any person to appear before him or his representative for the purpose of giving evidence or furnishing information.

4. Any person who fails to appear before the Minister of Law and Order or his representative as directed, or who fails to give evidence or furnish information as directed, shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the Law and Order Act 1982.

5. The Minister of Law and Order may, in his discretion, impose such penalties as he deems fit for any breach of the provisions of the Law and Order Act 1982.

6. This order shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

Given under my hand and seal of the Minister of Law and Order.

[Signature]
Minister of Law and Order
Technikon at Witbank will serve highveld

East Rand Bureau

The Highveld regional director of the Department of Education and Training, Mr J H Booy- sen, on Wednesday turned the first sod for the new Mpumalazankono Technik- kon to be built at a cost of R6.2 million at kwaGu- qa in Witbank.

The technikon, sched- uled for completion in April 1990, will consist of five workshops, one cen- tral store, 24 classrooms, a library, satellite stores, three typing rooms and four rooms for cultural enrichment courses.

Mr Booyse said, the same completion date applied to six draughting, rooms, a computer room, cafeteria, an interactive video room, maths, sci- ence and resources stores, administrative, block, assembly hall, a caretaker’s cottage and garaging for two buses.

Mr Booyse said the classrooms to be re- placed had been in opera- tion since 1981.

Police fire on Wits students

Police yesterday fired rubber bullets at about 100 University of the Wit- watersrand students who had gathered on the cam- pus steps in Jan Smuts Avenue to protest against the continued detention of students and a staff member.

The protest followed a lunchtime meeting in the Great Hall which was ad- dressed by a lawyer, Ms Kathy Satchwell, the mother of Mr Chris Ngqobo, a student who has been in detention for two years, and the Rev Francois Bill, a former detainee.

A spokesman for the police public relations di- vision in Pretoria said the police used rubber bullets to disperse a group of students. He said three bullets were fired.

A spokesman for the university said the students had been persuaded not to move off campus.

Two detachments of police moved on to the campus and a few rubber bullets were fired.
BBC to screen documentary on detained children

TORTURE CLAIMS VAGUE - POLICE

BBC television is to screen a documentary on June 8 which will claim that some children in South Africa have "experienced detention and torture at the hands of the security police."

Police yesterday dismissed the allegations contained in the film as "vague and faceless."

A BBC statement released by Sapa said the 50-minute film, entitled Suffer The Children: A Report from inside South Africa, would also deal with children, both black and white, who were "having to cope with growing up in such a divided society."

"Mothers, priests, lawyers, social workers, and the children themselves, speak out about what is happening to children there," said the statement.

The statement quoted Johannesburg lawyer Priscilla Jana as saying "We've got cases where children have been dragged out of their homes and have been assaulted with the butts of guns, batons, fists, or whatever instrument is available."

"We've had a case in my job where little children including 10 and 11-year-olds were arrested, including young girls. And they are put into a cell and whipped."

The BBC statement said one boy named William, who was 11 years old when he was arrested, "was severely beaten, like many others."

"His further ordeal of torture is not an isolated one either."

The statement quoted William as saying "They put a baby's dummy in my mouth, pressed me against the wall and covered my head with a wet sack."

"They then connected electric wires to my toes. My whole body was filled with the most serious pain, very painful."

The statement said he was never charged with any crime.

Police public relations in Pretoria yesterday replied in a statement that the BBC document, as had many such films in the past, contained allegations that were "vague and faceless."

"This is obviously done because such allegations are not possible to investigate. These statements are obviously made for propaganda purposes," said the police statement.

"Fortunately, the propagandistic statements (contained in the Sapa report) were so exaggerated that very few viewers — if any — will believe them."

The police statement said that, in the matter of the detention of children, it was "false" to suggest that the police were unconcerned about the children's welfare.

"We have gone to extreme lengths to ensure their release as quickly as possible," said the statement, which added that those children who could not be released received "the best possible care" during their terms of detention.
THE Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, yesterday challenged Dr Max Coleman of the Detainees Parents' Support Committee to make public the names of those youths under 16 years whom he claimed were being held in terms of the emergency regulations.

He was commenting on news reports quoting Dr Coleman as having said that Mr Vlok's Republic Day statement that 'no child younger than 16 was being held in terms of the emergency regulations and that less than 100 aged 16 and 17 were being detained, was untrue.

Mr Vlok said he regarded Dr Coleman's allegation that about 250 children up to the age of 17 were being detained, some for over a year, in a serious light.

"I take the strongest exception to Dr Coleman's public statement in which he tries to make out that I am misleading South Africans by giving false information," he said.

"A 14-year-old youth referred to by Dr Coleman was detained for a few hours only."

"He was arrested on March 30, but was released the following day after supplying police with valuable information. He was taken to his parents' home at 16.30 on March 31."

Mr Vlok said he was prepared to allow a magistrate to accompany Mr Coleman to any police cell or prison to point out the particular detainees.

He had already assigned a police officer to make arrangements with Dr Coleman.

"Should he not accept my challenge or fail to name the children or point them out, that will be proof positive that his allegations are total fabrications and abominable lies," he said.
NUM men to sue
Police Minister for R136 000

By DAN DHLAMINI

THE massive police crackdown on miners who were
involved in a legal strike last August, has resulted in
68 NUM members filing a
lawsuit for unlawful arrest and detention against the
Minister of Police.

Lawyer Igbal Motala,
who is representing the 68
men, said the workers were
suing for R136 000.

He said each of the men
was suing for R2 000 for
having been arrested and
detained for one night be-
fore they were granted bail
of R1 000 each at the
height of the legal strike on
August 12 last year.

More than 300 000
mineworkers countrywide
were involved in the strike.

NUM had accused the
police of taking sides with
mine management by har-
assing the miners who were
involved in a legal strike.

On that day, Klerksdorp
police pounced on 78 men
at NUM’s Klerksdorp office
while they were holding a
meeting concerning the
strike.

The State subsequently
dropped charges against
68 NUM members and
concentrated only on
NUM’s regional chairman,
Moses Gladile, 37, and
tVaal Reefs branch chair-
man Charles Mapeshoane, 39.

Seven months later,
after the case had started,
Gladile was acquitted and
Mapeshoane was convicted
on a charge of sabotage
and sentenced to five
years’ imprisonment.

Motala said last week
the appeal against the con-
viction and sentence
against Mapeshoane failed
in the Transvaal Supreme
Court.

Motala said the con-
cerned parties have al-
ready received notices of
the intended action, but
summonses would only be
sent after the Gladile court
records had been made
available.

Shooting on
Ciskei border

CISKEI soldiers opened
fire on a car that failed to
stop at a border post, kill-
ing a middle-aged woman
and seriously wounding
one man.

A relative, who declined
to give their name, said
Ntombekhla Mankahla, 34,
was shot at when she failed
to stop at the border post
near Frankfort. She was a
nursing sister at Mount
Coke Hospital near Zwehl-
sha.

The relative said Mank-
kahla was on her way to
Transkei with a friend to
visit her child, who is at
school there.

The man, DV Mavuso,
was later admitted to Cec-
hla Makwane Hospital. He
is the principal of Sisiko
Secondary School near
Middledrift.
Row erupts after top policeman resigns

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG - Claims and counter-claims, transfers and resignations have erupted among Witwatersrand police in the aftermath of the murder trial of two former policemen.

Now, the commander of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad, Lieutenant Colonel Staal Burger, who resigned yesterday, and that of two other members of his squad, "hanged on circumstances", surrounding the murder case.

Earlier this year Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad member Robert van der Merwe and East Rand Murder and Robbery Squad commander Jack la Grange were found guilty of murder.

Colonel Burger said reasons for the transfers were contrary to those given by the Witwatersrand CID chief, Brigadier Barry Henn, who had claimed the transfers were merely a reshuffle and in no way involved the La Grange/Van der Merwe affair.

HONOURABLE

But Colonel Burger emphasised that he and his men had not been transferred because of suspected involvement in the case.

"I want to say that I and my men are working out of here as honourable men and because we believe our transfer is unjustified."

Colonel Burger resigned after notification that he was to be transferred from the position which he had held for ten months to the Jeppe detective branch as commander.

Three other members of his branch — two of whom also to be transferred — also tendered their resignations yesterday. The men planned to remain in the public sector, said Colonel Burger.

"DIRECT SLUR"

He would not give further details.

He refuted an earlier statement by Brigadier Henn that the transfer was not a demotion.

"I view it as a direct slur on my integrity and ability as a professional policeman and commander of the branch and I was left with no option but to resign," he said.

"With 24 years in the force and 14 at the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad I stand by..."
POLICE have arrested at least 106 suspected ANC members, including 23 detained in a recent sweep, and shot dead another 19 since the beginning of the year, a spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday.

A further six suspected ANC members had blown themselves up while on sabotage or terror missions inside South Africa over the same period, said Brigadier Leon Miett of the Press secretary to Mr Vlok.

"A total of 591 terrorists were neutralised in the past 18 months, of whom 63 were shot dead. The rest were arrested, deserted from the organisation or were effectively removed from the ANC network," said Brigadier Miett, quoting figures released by Mr Vlok in Parliament during his Budget speech in the house of Assembly earlier this year.

Brigadier Miett said 490 ANC members were "neutralised" in 1987. Of those arrested this year, 79 were detained between January 1 and April 16, 23 were shot dead since April 15.

Since April 23 suspects were arrested in the largest single operation of its kind this year and nine, including three women, were shot dead near the Swaziland border recently.

On May 8, Security Police arrested four more alleged members of the all-white Broederstroom ANC cell on the rented smallholding.

Large quantities of arms were also seized, including a SAM-7 surface-to-air missile.
"Do not underestimate our fist of iron," Vlok replies to ANC threats

By David Braun, Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The Government has reacted angrily to the latest threats by the African National Congress of massive violence against the white community, particularly white MPs, judges and "other legitimate targets for attack and assassination".

These threats, and threats to disrupt the October municipal elections, were made by various ANC leaders in interviews with Mr. Michael Hornby of The Times, London.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr. Adriaan Vlok, hit back yesterday with a strong counter-warning: "Do not underestimate our fist of iron. We will not just sit back and allow you to threaten or endanger the lives of South Africans."

Mr. Vlok said the report by Mr. Hornby following interviews with Mr. Oliver Tambo, Mr. Chris Ham and others of the ANC clearly depicted the true colours of the murderous organisation.

Mr. Vlok said "If what is reported are the views of the ANC, and I have no reason to believe otherwise, then it is more proof that the ANC has realised that it has lost all support for its cause in South Africa."

"It cannot get any voluntary support to negotiate because it has no mandate to do so."

"Its last hope of becoming a ruling dictator is to force and coerce people through violent intimidation, murder, chaos and large-scale bloodshed to follow their communist line of thought."

"From its own mouth it is nothing but a terrorist organisation which kills wantonly and indiscriminately, such as was again the case last night when an eight-year old Soweto child was killed when a hand grenade was hurled into his bedroom."

Mr. Vlok said that although in the interview the organisation reveals certain of its plans, it was another matter whether they would succeed.

Search goes on for peace talks site

Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — South Africa and Angola, Cuba and the US are working their way, through about 20 percent of Africa's capital cities in their bid to find a mutually acceptable venue for their next round of peace talks.

The search for an African venue for further negotiations between South Africa, Angola, Cuba and the US is apparently proving to be a major stumbling block.

Diplomatic sources today revealed that the latest series of African capitals on the table for consideration, submitted by South Africa, are Gabon (Douala), Kinshasa (Zaire), Lilongwe (Malawi) and Abidjan (Ivory Coast).

This follows Angola's earlier proposals that Praca (Cape Verde), Harare (Zimbabwe) and Lusaka (Zambia) are held.

Although South Africa did not formally reject any of these out of hand, it is understood that Pretoria is not in favour of either Zambia or Zimbabwe because of their hostile attitude towards South Africa.

Cape Verde is considered to be ill-equipped (from a hotel and conference point of view) to handle the large delegations from four countries and the world's media.
Vlok warns ANC on new terror strategy

LAW and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok last night condemned a new ANC strategy to assassinate judges and MPs as part of a stepped-up terror campaign to disrupt the October municipal elections.

Asked for comment on reports on the ANC's plans in overseas newspapers, Vlok warned the ANC not to "underestimate our fist of iron" and said experience had shown the ANC was no match for the SA security forces and its intelligence. He said its terrorists were being killed off, arrested and bound by the SA forces, and this would continue.

Vlok said: "Terror acts by the ANC and its communist masters will make South Africans more determined not to fall for its Marxist tyranny."

The ANC's new strategy was reported by the New York Times and the London Times in a series of interviews with Umkhonto We Sizwe chief-of-staff Chris Hani and Umkhonto political commissar Steve Tubwete, who outlined a stepped-up terror campaign to disrupt the elections.

Hani was quoted by The Times as saying he regarded NP and CP MPs as legitimate targets for attack and assassination.

Others who fell into that category were "reactionary judges who dish out death sentences on our people" and other white people involved in the enforcement of apartheid.

The New York Times said the military leaders admitted responsibility for the recent spate of bomb attacks and defended what they called armed propaganda in city centres.

The Times said: "The present campaign is to show that SA is on a slippery slope.

"The ANC is not only responsible for the recent wave of violence, but its armed wing, Umkhonto We Sizwe, is planning to disrupt the October elections and bring down the government."

Political leaders, including ANC president Oliver Tambo and others who may not be quoted in SA, have denied in the interviews that assassinations were or would become ANC policy.
It’s all a pack of lies says SA Police

The report alleges one 13-year-old boy was arrested, questioned once and held for nine months without further interrogation before being released without charges.

Paul Verryn, a Methodist minister who helps children and families of detainees in Soweto, said girls and boys of 13 were being tortured with electric shocks through the nipples, feet and genitals. Some of the victims were as young as nine years.

"Children have become a target because they represent a real threat to the present regime," Verryn said.

"I think that is because they have organised themselves incredibly well and have an outstanding communications system and less sense of responsibility which would restrict an adult, for instance, in pursuance of their ideals."

Mortuary

Others interviewed for the programme said young children were kept in cells and whipped until they had gaping wounds, forced to lie naked on the floors of mortuaries and subjected to severe disfiguring beatings. Their parents were seldom informed of their arrest and often spent weeks trying to locate them.

"It's such a common experience in the average black township that if you can't find a child anywhere, you'll find them in the mortuary," said Saki Macozoma of the South African Council of Churches.

The police yesterday produced copies of birth and baptism certificates proving that detainees pointed out by Dr Max Coleman are older than 15.

Five of the seven detainees visited gave ages under oath which confirmed with DPSC records. In two instances, DPSC records were contradicted by the detainees who were questioned in the presence by a magistrate, Dr Coleman said.

The visits arose after the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, challenged the accuracy of Dr Coleman's assertions that there were still 15-year-old in detention.

After Dr Coleman's visit to Dieploof Prison on Monday, the police worked through the night to track down the birth and baptism records of the five detainees who claimed they were 15.

Records

According to Law and Order Ministry spokesman, Brigadier Leon Mellet, the records show that everyone of the five
‘Five are older than fifteen’

THE police yesterday produced copies of birth and baptism certificates proving that detainees pointed out by Dr Max Coleman are older than 15.

The documents were handed to the magistrate who was appointed to accompany Dr Coleman, of the Detainees Parents Support Committee (DPSC), to point out any detainees who are younger than 16.

Dr Coleman, speaking in his personal capacity, said on Monday after visiting seven detainees at Johannesburg’s Diepkloof Prison that there were still 15-year-olds in detention.

Five of the seven detainees visited gave ages under oath which confirmed with DPSC records. In two instances, DPSC records were contradicted by the detainees who were questioned in his presence by a magistrate, Dr Coleman said.

The visits arose after the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adraaan Vlok, challenged the accuracy of Dr Coleman’s assertions that there were still 15-year-olds in detention.

After Dr Coleman’s visit to Diepkloof Prison on Monday, the police worked through the night to track down the birth and baptism records of the five detainees who claimed they were 15.

Records

According to Law and Order Ministry spokesman, Brigadier Leon Mellet, the records show that everyone of the five is older than 15. He said Dr Coleman had violated an agreement between himself and the police not to make any statements regarding his visit to the prison until the magistrate had made his findings.

The birth and baptism documents were now being handed to the magistrate.

Brigadier Mellet said the police would have no objection to releasing the records for public scrutiny once the magistrate had made his findings.
POLICE would not issue any official statements on the stayaway because it was a contravention of the emergency regulations to give publicity to such actions, a Pretoria police spokesman said yesterday.

"No official statements regarding the stayaway or intimidation will be issued because it is a contravention of the emergency regulations to give publicity to the stayaway or to further its aims," said the spokesman.

- It is an offence under the emergency regulations to incite or encourage members of the public to stay away from work or to go on illegal strike, or to publish anything which shows the extent to which a stayaway is successful or which discloses particulars of the manner in which members of the public are intimidated, incited or encouraged to take part in or support such action.

It is also an offence to give an account of any incidents in connection with stayaway intimidation, incitement or encouragement.
Detainee asks court to restrain police

By Jo-Anne Collinge

An application for an interdict to restrain police from unlawfully assaulting a Soweto detainee was brought in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

The applicant, Mr Abram Molifi Rapetswa (22), was a pupil at Mokgome High School who was detained on April 28 and taken initially to Protea police station in Soweto. He was later transferred to Diepkloof prison.

His application relates to his treatment by police at Protea.

Detailed allegations of unlawful treatment are included in his founding affidavit to the court.

Emergency regulations prohibit The Star from disclosing details of the allegations made in this and supporting affidavits until the court has given a “final judgment” in the case.
Detainee brings application

DIANNA GAMES

AN URGENT court application was yesterday brought against the commander of the Protea police station in Soweto by a detainee who alleged he was assaulted.

Abram Rapetswa's application — supported by affidavits from 12 other detainees — was brought against the Minister of Law and Order, the Protea police station commander and the Commissioner of Police.

Rapetswa requested his application be joined to that of Protea detainee Samuel Mokgetse who obtained an interim order restraining police from assaulting him.

Rapetswa's application included a statement from the commander made at the Mokgetse hearing stating it was his duty to protect detainees and that would be done
Vlok condemns SA churchmen

Political Staff

TWO prominent Western Cape churchmen, the Rev Lionel Louw and Dr Allan Boesak, were strongly criticized yesterday by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, for statements they had made about actions taken by the police and defence force.

Mr Vlok said Mr Louw had made a statement in the United States based on hearsay and "untested allegations", and accused Dr Boesak of telling "blatant lies".

Mr Louw, chairman of World Vision in South Africa and former chairman of the Western Province Council of Churches, had written in one of the world's largest newspapers, the Los Angeles Times, that the SA police and defence force "are harassing and imprisoning innocent people and committed atrocities of torture and killings. But they are not being held responsible for their actions".

Mr Vlok said this allegation was "based on hearsay or untested allegations. He actually holds this out as the truth before millions of people".

Dr Boesak had written in a book: "During recent years, there has hardly been a place where the police and army have not wantonly murdered our children ..." Mr Vlok called the statement a "blatant lie".
ANTI-SANCTIONS PROTEST FOR TUTU

PORT ELIZABETH — Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu was met at the airport in Port Elizabeth yesterday by a group of placard-bearing anti-sanctions protesters.

About 150 people from four organisations braved the cold to wait for his arrival at 8.45 am.

First to arrive were members of Victims Against Terrorism.

Mr Sean McCallum, a technikon student, said a branch of the organisation was being formed in Port Elizabeth and had the support of many businessmen who were deeply concerned about the effects of unemployment in the eastern Cape.

Next to arrive was a busload of people led by controversial former community councillor Mr Tomsanya Linda.

He said there were more than a 100 in his group who did not have jobs. Archbishop Tutu, who supported Ford motor company’s move from the city, had no right to visit Port Elizabeth, where people were starving, Mr Linda said.

The third group comprised members of the Positive Student Organisation at the University of Port Elizabeth.

The fourth group comprised members of the Northern Areas Management Committee and the Labour Party.

ARCHBISHOP TUTU FACED A BARRAGE OF PLACARDS

CHURCH SITTING

Archbishop Tutu has come to Port Elizabeth in his capacity as chairman of the service committee of the Church of the Province of Southern Africa to assist with arrangements for a sitting of the church’s provincial standing committee in November.

A three-pronged counter-revolutionary plan was available and could succeed if South Africa was prepared to implement it, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday.

Addressing the President’s Council on the country’s security position, he said the plan consisted of security force action against revolutionaries and radical activists, good government for the people of the country, and the institution of a political dispensation acceptable to the majority of the people affected by it.

“The revolutionary, the radical, is just as dangerous to the search for a political solution — among other things — as the terrorist. Purposeful action has to be taken against both — by different means,” Mr Vlok said.

Dealing with good government, Mr Vlok said there were alarming rears which had to be eliminated.

The Government was determined to show all the inhabitants of the country that it cared for them and was prepared to help.

The institution of a new dispensation was absolutely inseparable from the other two factors — Sapa.
I’d have killed too, says man behind clemency petition

By PETER AUF DER HEYDE, Port Elizabeth

THE organiser of a petition calling for the pardon of two former riot policemen sentenced to death for murdering a township resident says he would have done the same thing had he been in the same position.

Conservative Party city councillor Danie Dorfling said more than 3 000 people in Port Elizabeth, including “coloureds” and blacks, had signed the petition asking the state president to pardon Warrant Officer Leon de Villiers and Constable David Goosen.

De Villiers and Goosen were last month sentenced to hang for the murder of Mlungisi Stuurman, an 18-year-old Cradock township man.

The court had heard how the two policemen had assaulted — “panel beaten” — Stuurman so badly that they decided he would have to be “taken out.”

A former policeman himself, Dorfling said the South African Police were no longer trying to uphold law and order in the township but fighting a “terrorist war”.

“The only way to win such a war is to wipe them out. It is not right to accommodate them in the jails of this country. They should all be wiped out,” he said.

He said he had helped to build the townships, but during unrest time he would not “even drink the water there, as you never know what they do to you.”

Dorfling said he would have done the same thing as De Villiers who, the court heard, had ordered Goosen to kill Stuurman.

He said he wished the judge would sit down with him for “five minutes and forget about his legal books as he has no idea what it is like in the townships.”

The petition says De Villiers and Goosen were exposed to extreme violence which they had no part in originating. As a result, their own violence threshold had been lowered.

Dorfling said he had already sent the petition to Pretoria and hoped to distribute it further using his “contacts throughout the country”.

“It warms my heart to see so many blacks signing and it would make me very happy if we could give the state president one million signatures.”

Dorfling said if President PW Botha refused pardon, he would get the Reagan administration, which had “done the same for blacks when they said Sharpeville Six must not hang”, to petition the state president. He said he was surprised the American government had not already done so. — ANA
Local control of policing may answer ‘crime capital’ problem

It may be, as the car stickers suggest, that crime would not pay—if it were run by the Government. As it is, Maritzburg and Durban are the crime capitals of the world, the Witwatersrand averages seven murders and eight rapes a day, and security is again the crucial issue in the coming municipal elections.

Neighbourhood Watch and Block Watch, higher insurance premiums, the growth of security firms and recent calls for soldiers in the suburbs—all of these point to the seriousness of South Africa’s urban crime wave and the need for new answers, now. They may come from the Johannesburg City Council, and they may well challenge traditional perceptions of the omnipotent role of the SAP in the maintenance of law and order and the prevention and detection of crime.

Last July a motion proposed and supported across party lines called on the management committee to examine and report on the establishment of a Municipal Police Force to assist the SAP, or “in conjunction with Local Authorities request the SAP to train and employ policemen at the cost of the Local Authorities” for local use.

Central control view

The interim report of the Director, Traffic and Security, makes interesting reading:

Disappointingly it is stated that the Commissioner of the SAP is “totally opposed to the proliferation of police forces in South Africa and is not in a position to train police officers for local authorities, even be it at their own cost.”

This is out of line with Western countries which recognise the need for community identification in law enforcement, especially in racially divided cities, and see policing as one of the government’s major responsibilities. In the South African context, this need assumes a greater weight through the militarisation of the SAP by the State of Emergency and its politicisation by responsibl-

Johannesburg City Councillor PAT ROGERS, a former member of the BSAP in Rhodesia, urges closer links between the community and law-enforcement agencies.

The SAP is out of line with concepts of community identification with law enforcement, says Councillor Pat Rogers.

The following extract from the interim report of the Director, Traffic and Security, is revealing:

“Although the concept of separate city police forces may be unacceptable, the need for more extensive policing remains. The SAP has more important tasks concerned with internal security.”

The report points out that the Department already has a law enforcement infrastructure which provides support for the SAP and makes scores of arrests not related to traffic offences. And it records that “consensus has now been reached and within the foreseeable future traffic officers will have the same powers as police officers.”

(“This follows numerous meetings between the Justice Department and the United Municipal Executive.”)

Municipal security officers are not yet being considered as police officers with full powers, but it is suggested that this could change in the near future, pending their continued upgrading and training. It is further suggested that the real problem, therefore, is a shortage of manpower in the Traffic and Security Department.

“The report has been held over for further investigation into financial implications, and relevant to this is a resolution by council on a motion by myself in November 1987, that the management committees should request the Government to allow service in a municipal police force as an alternative to national service in the Defence Force.”

My proposal is not a “soft option”. The SAP is already an allowable alternative to national service in the Defence Force and the army sees fit to have national servicemen used as tax collectors and in other non-military roles, while for others a great deal of time is unproductively spent.

We simply cannot afford a continued waste of resources and inflexibility of thinking at a time when crime in the suburbs has become a major security issue.

The Police Commissioner, who expresses himself opposed to “the proliferation of police forces in South Africa”, may care to reflect that what is wanted does not represent a departure in principle from the black municipal police forces (“greenfields”) already established at considerable cost.

Fundamental to the prevention of crime is the viable presence of “the bobby on the beat.” At the very least, a municipal force could undertake this aspect of police work, leaving the SAP free to handle investigation and apprehension.

In the meantime it is the root cause of crime that needs to be addressed: unemployment and political frustration.
Now Coleman wants to take Vlok to court

THE battle between Law and Order Minister Adnaan Vlok and leader of the now-restricted Detainees' Parents Support Committee Dr Max Coleman could rage on — in court.

Coleman told the Weekly Mail yesterday he was consulting lawyers and was prepared to take legal action against the South African Police, the South African Broadcasting Corporation and the Citizen.

The development follows the minister's dramatic withdrawal this week of the offer he had made to Coleman to visit detainees in the company of a magistrate.

Vlok alleged Coleman had breached an undertaking that he would not make these proceedings public.

"I made no such undertaking," said Coleman yesterday, stressing that he was speaking in his personal capacity. "It is simply not true." He said there had been no correspondence on the offer.

By THANDEKA GQUBULE

Citizen had reported the allegation as fact.

While considering legal action, Coleman stressed "it would be a pity if the whole exercise were to be allowed to generate into a point-scoring debate instead of addressing the real issue — the continuing detention of children."

He added: "Instead of waiting for these differences to be resolved by the proposed mechanism of visiting child detainees in their cells in the presence of a magistrate, the minister has chosen to subject me and the DPSC to trial by the SABC, which does not afford us an equal opportunity to reply."

Speaking in the President's Council yesterday, Vlok warned: "DPSC members out to destroy the morale and image of the security forces through slanted, biased allegations and lies must stop it, or their wings will be clipped."

Addressing a plenary session on the "unrest situation" in the country, he claimed DPSC members had caused the country "untold harm."

The "battle of numbers" began after Vlok said in a Republic Day speech in Pretoria there were no children in detention under the age of 16, and only 100 of that age.

Coleman disputed this, and the minister challenged him to supply the names and dates of birth of any detainees under 16.

According to Coleman, the terms of the visit were that he was not allowed to speak to detainees, nor was he permitted to explain to them the purpose of the visit.

He said he accepted these terms "under protest" when it became clear no compromise could be reached.

The wrangle over precise ages continued after the visit.
The BBC film on children in detention, screened on Wednesday night, was obviously designed to generate hatred towards South Africa’s police and other security forces, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adrian Vlok, said in the President’s Council yesterday.

Mr Vlok said in a briefing on the security situation that the police and the Government took the strongest exception to the film which, according to information he had received, gave an extremely biased and slanted picture of so-called children in detention in South Africa.

But what was most shocking was that neither the South African Government nor the police were given a chance to comment on the serious and one-sided allegations made in the film.

"Worst of all is that a spokesman for the BBC in London had the audacity to phone my office to ask for comment — but still without us having been given the opportunity to view the film.

**Government not believed**

"When Brigadier Leon Mellet (the Minister’s liaison officer) asked the BBC spokesman why the allegations were not put to the SA Police for comment beforehand, the interviewer said ‘Quite frankly, the BBC does not believe the SA Government.’"

"If this is the BBC’s attitude then why should the South African Government continue to host their representatives in our country?"

"Every allegation in this antagonistic film will be investigated and, if any are proved to be factual, the necessary action will be instituted."

"We will not allow South Africa and, especially, our security forces to be vilified through deliberate lies and slanted distortions."

Serious allegations of torture, beating and disfiguring of children, supposedly by the police, were made in the film and were apparently backed up by some well-known South Africans such as Johannesburg lawyer Ms Priscilla Jana.

A Methodist minister of Soweto, Mr Paul Verrey, was quoted in the film as claiming that 13-year-old girls and boys were tortured with electric shocks. He said some of the victims were as young as nine.

"We will go to him and ask him to supply us with the evidence," Mr Vlok said.

A South African Council of Churches worker, Mr Saki Macozoma, claimed it was common to find missing children in mortuaries, while another person claimed that children’s fingers were chopped off.

"They, too, will have to give us the evidence."

Mr Vlok said the film was commissioned by the BBC to be filmed in SA under strict secrecy.

In London, a South African embassy councillor, Mr Michael de Morgan, has told British television viewers that South Africa might co-operate with an international inquiry into allegations of child torture by security forces. — Sapa and The Star Bureau.
for presentation to the House of Assembly.

The Committee met in the usual place.

For any errors or omissions, I do not bear any responsibility.

The Committee was addressed by the Speaker of the House.

I would like to express my appreciation to the members of the Committee for their efforts.

The Committee adjourned to continue at a later date.

I am confident that the Committee will continue to fulfill its responsibilities.

I leave the meeting in the capable hands of the Chair.

Signed,

Chair of the Committee.
THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

AND WATERWAYS

The Minister of Transport, Airports, Roads, and Waterways, in his capacity as the President of the Cabinet, has announced the following changes in his ministry:

- The appointment of Mr. John Smith as the new Director of Airports.
- The appointment of Ms. Jane Doe as the new Director of Roads.
- The appointment of Mr. Robert Johnson as the new Director of Waterways.

These appointments are effective immediately and will take place on the 15th of June 1988.

John Doe
Minister of Transport, Airports, Roads, and Waterways

THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

The Minister of Finance, Mr. David Brown, has announced the following changes in his ministry:

- The appointment of Mr. Thomas Williams as the new Director of Finance.
- The appointment of Ms. Samantha Clark as the new Director of Revenue.
- The appointment of Mr. Michael Jackson as the new Director of Budgets.

These appointments are effective immediately and will take place on the 15th of June 1988.

David Brown
Minister of Finance
Khayelitsha to get R7,8-m police station

Political Staff

TENDERS for a new, R7,8-million police station in Khayelitsha are to be called in September, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday.

A temporary police station, at an estimated cost of R540 000, was under construction and was expected to be completed soon, Mr Vlok said, in reply to a question from Mr Ken Andrew (PFP Gardens).

Another temporary police station was situated at the housing office of the Western Cape Community Service of the Provincial Administration.

"Several police stations are being planned for this area," Mr Vlok said.
A 'Sharpeville' at KTC if police had fired, says general

By MICHAEL DOMAN
Supreme Court Reporter

IP' police had shot people during the conflict in KTC in 1986, hundreds — possibly thousands — could have died, creating another “Sharpeville”, the Supreme Court has been told.

General Ronnie van der Westhuizen, former Western Cape Divisional Commissioner of Police, was giving evidence yesterday in the R200,000 damages claim by 21 KTC residents and the Methodist Church against the Minister of Law and Order.

General van der Westhuizen said he was convinced that the head of the unrest unit, Major Dolf Odendal, tried everything in his power to prevent the burning of KTC.

Taken fright

"According to my information the destruction could not be avoided," he said.

During cross-examination, Mr Henri Viljoen SC, for the plaintiffs, suggested that if the leaders had been wounded by police, others might have taken fright and run away.

General van der Westhuizen said "Several were shot in the unrest and that didn't stop them."

"If police had fired there could have been a few thousand (bodies). It could have been another Sharpeville. A life is more important than a hut."

Mr Viljoen: There were women and children in the huts. Were their lives not in danger by police not stopping the attacking men?

General van der Westhuizen. Nobody died.

The court heard that an investigation team headed by General van der Westhuizen concluded after the burning of the Crossroads satellite camps and KTC that "witdoeke" from Crossroads were responsible.

He said no leaders were identifiable in the "witdoeke" ranks, even with the help of Major Odendal, and there was no-one he knew of who could be charged for burning KTC.

General van der Westhuizen said human nature did not make him feel sympathy for the "witdoeke" who suffered the enforcement of stayaways, consumer boycotts, kângaroo courts and necklace murders.

He said: "All are subject to the law. I was impartial to both 'witdoeke' and comrades. One just does one's job."

"If a policeman lets his feelings take over he can't do his job."

General van der Westhuizen said he was not involved in any conspiracy to support the "witdoeke" and he would have found out if someone like Major Odendal had decided on his own to help the "witdoeke."

"All policemen are not his friends. He would have been stupid to take such a decision."

General van der Westhuizen said he had read a May 1986 Supreme Court order restraining the police, the army and squatter leaders from attacking or allowing attacks on KTC, but none of the affidavits supporting the application, which alleged earlier misconduct by policemen.

"I was present in KTC on June 9, 10 and 11 1986 and I was kept up to date on the situation. I felt the allegation that police helped the 'witdoeke' was unfounded."

"If complaints had been sent to me, I would have had them investigated."

Handed Major Odendal's "transgressions file" (oordtredingsregister) by counsel for the Minister, Mr G D Griesel SC, General van der Westhuizen said Major Odendal had never been found guilty of any irregularity or offence.

General van der Westhuizen said the file contained no complaints relating to Major Odendal's actions in KTC on June 9, 10 and 11 1986.

ANC flag

Evidence was that two complaints of assault had been made against Major Odendal, but the Attorney-General declined to prosecute in both cases.

The file contained reference to Major Odendal wrestling with mourners for an African National Congress flag draped over the coffin of ANC member Ashley Kriel in July 1987.

"The flag constituted an offence in terms of a Government Gazette," General van der Westhuizen said.

The Minister has denied police assisted in or failed to prevent attacks by 'witdoeke' which destroyed KTC.

(Proceeding)
Police station toilets
'open to all races'

Political Staff

TOILET apartheid in police stations has been abolished.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday that toilets at police stations had "already been opened to all races for a considerable time."

"As far as could be ascertained, all notice boards relating to race have been removed."

Mr Vlok said this in reply to questions from Mr Jan van Eck (Independent, Claremont) in which he asked whether all toilets in police stations were open for use by members of staff as well as members of the public of all race groups, and whether all notice boards relating to race had been removed from these toilets.
General: No prior warning of attack

Supreme Court Reporter

MAJOR GENERAL Ronnie van der Westhuizen, former Divisional CID Chief, yesterday told the Supreme Court he had not received advance warning of the attack on KTC and after the camp was destroyed no evidence was found that witdoeke vigilantes were responsible.

He said this during cross-examination in the R200 000 damages action brought against the Minister of Law and Order by the Methodist Church and 21 families after the destruction of KTC by witdoeke vigilantes between June 9 and 11, 1986.

The general said there was no proof that the witdoeke had destroyed KTC and that in a "war situation" anyone could wear a white strip of cloth (by which witdoeke are identified) and remove it the following day.

He did not see anyone wearing a white cloth take part in the destruction of KTC and neither did he know that a large armed group of people had moved from Crossroads to destroy KTC. He conceded that shacks were set alight but said this could have been done by the comrades.

Asked by Mr H P Viljoen, SC, for the residents, if it was not illogical that comrades would destroy KTC, their own stronghold, Maj-Gen Van der Westhuizen said the comrades could have infiltrated KTC and burnt it down and blame it on Crossroads residents.

Asked why the witdoeke on the police videos were not arrested, Maj-Gen Van der Westhuizen said the witdoeke shown on the videos were standing at the side of the road and did not commit any crime.

Asked if he was aware that on June 9, 1986, the witdoeke had told major Dolf Odendaal that they were going to burn down KTC, Maj-Gen Van der Westhuizen said he was not.

If Major Odendaal had in fact received such information it would have been his duty to stop the group.

The hearing continues today.

Mr Janse van Rensburg prosecuted Mr D D Greeff SC, with M-C Y Louw and W F Brand, and instructed by the State Attorney, opposed for the respondents. Mr R M Viljoen, with H P Pretorius instructed by the Legal Resources Centre, appeared for the residents.
Rylands principal resigns because of ‘political interference’

By DENNIS CRUYWAGEN
Education Reporter

MR Ismail Waja, principal of Rylands High School for the past 12 years, has resigned because of alleged “political interference”.

In an interview on Tuesday, his last day at the only high school for Indians in the Western Cape, Mr Waja said he had no job and would rest for a while before “picking up the pieces”.

Mr Waja, 50, alleged that teachers at Rylands had been victimised since 1985.

“I have been involved in a running battle with the Department of Education and Culture (House of Delegates). They were victimising my school and staff as far as I am concerned,” he said.

In 1985, 11 Rylands teachers were dismissed and 11 were transferred. The transfers were later cancelled and the dismissed teachers applied to the Supreme Court for the sacking to be declared invalid, he said.

They lost the case and their appeal is still pending.

Mr Waja said none of his teachers who had applied to go on sabbaticals had been given leave. Some had applied more than once, he said.

Two married teachers had asked the department for transfers to Natal where their husbands were teaching.

He said another teacher was granted an urgent transfer after approaching a Transvaal member of the House of Delegates for assistance.

Rylands High suffered a tremendous loss last year when a teacher, a Mr N Bajjahnath, had to resign to take up a post-graduate British Council scholarship in London when he was refused leave.

Mr Waja said the last straw came this month when he was informed his school had been upgraded from a high school to a comprehensive school on April 1 and that he had been acting principal since then. The department had advertised the principal’s post as vacant, he said.

“It is not a demotion because I would probably have been transferred to another school. But my roots were taken away and I was made to feel insecure in my post,” he said.

He resigned, ending a 30-year teaching career.

“I would have gone happily if my community had told me ‘Mr Waja we want you to leave’. It is very sad to walk away after giving 30 years of my life to teaching.”

The acting chief executive director of Indian education Mr A K Singh said he was “astounded”.

He would not comment on Mr Waja’s allegations.
Toilets open to all

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — All toilets in police stations in South Africa were open for use to people of all race groups, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adrian Vlok, said yesterday in reply to a question from Mr. Jan van Eck (Independent Claremont).

Mr. Vlok said, as far as he knew, all notice boards relating to race had been removed from police station toilets. — Sapa. Someham 15/16/89
Police had access
to defence notes

Supreme Court Reporter
COUNSEL for 15 terrorism
accused told the Supreme
Court it would be alleged
they could not have a fair
trial because three security
policemen had probably
read their instructions and
were aware of their de-
ference.

Mr Michael Donen, for 14 of
the accused, said yesterday
he had been instructed to bring an
application for a special entry
in terms of the Criminal Proce-
dure Act since there seemed to
be a dispute of fact between
the defence and the State about
what had happened to docu-
ments belonging to the accused
after their alleged escape at-
temp on June 8.

The accused are Ashley
Forbes, 22, Peter Jacobs, 23,
Nickie Pedro, 20, Nazeen Lowe,
24, Anwar Dramat, 19, Clive
Bandjies, 19, Davian Fortuin, 22,
Jeremy Veary, 22, Walter
Rhoodes, 23, Wayne Malgas, 22,
Collin Carncross, 22, Ashraf
Karram, 20, Colin Petersen, 23,
Leon Scott, 23, and Yasmina
Pandy, 20.

Mr Willie Viljoen, for the
State, said papers had not been
"confiscated." The 14 men ac-
cused, who shared a cell, had
been ordered to put their pa-
pers in boxes which were kept
in a storeroom at Pollsmoor
Prison.

"The accused had never been
denied access to the boxes," he
said.

"Some documents were held
back and handed to the inves-
tigating officer Warrant Offi-
cer Nortje."

"I showed these to Mr Donen
so that he could see if they con-
tained instructions between at-
torney and client. He con-
formed they did not and I
handed them back to the po-
lice.

"My instructions are that
these are the only documents
being kept from the accused."

Cross-examined

Mr Viljoen said Warrant Of-
ficer Jeff Benzien, who was
due to be cross-examined in
the trial at the time of the al-
leged escape, went into the
storeroom, but did not have ac-
cess to the boxes.

"On Thursday, June 9, the ac-
cused confirmed to a Warrant
Officer Zazym, of the Prisons
Service that they had every-
thing they were looking for."

Mr Donen said the submit-
tion would be that the accused
could not have a fair trial be-
cause Warrant Officer Nortje,
Warrant Officer Benzien and
another security policeman
called Coetzee had probably
read their instructions to their
lawyers and were aware of their
defence.

Mr Donen: It is for your lord-
ship to decide what the facts
are in the alleged irregularity.

Mr Justice Williamson May-
be the facts will sort them-
selves out by the end of the tri-
als. They may be important ... 
maybe not.

Mr Donen: It is clear from
Benzien's evidence he has been
through a pile of documents.

"Our version is that a copy of
the charge sheet belonging to
accused Jeremy Veary, which
bore the defence of each ac-
cused, was never returned

"We will try to establish at a
later stage that this was the
document Benzien saw."

In evidence, Sergeant Pieter
Taljaard told the court he
found a Russian-made RGD-5
offensive hand grenade with its
detonator in a sock inside a pil-
low slip at the flatlet in Ath-
lone where Ashley Forbes was
arrested.

During yesterday's tea in-
terval Walter Rhoodes and Col-
in Petersen were given permis-
sion to see their children in the
dock.

(Proceeding)
Appeal for Vaal death row pair

CP Reporter

VAAL residents Josiah Tsawane and Daniel Moleke have been granted leave to appeal against their death sentences for killing a security policeman.

Attorney Ishmael Ayob this week said the appeal had been set for September 2 in the Bloemfontein Appeal Court.

Tsawane and Moleke have been on death row for over two years.
NO NEED TO SHOOT

Top cop tells inquest court

THERE was no need to shoot at all the thousands of people, including pensioners, who protested against rent increases in Mamelodi three years ago because they never threatened any violence against the police, Brigadier Hertzog Lerm, former Divisional Inspector of the Northern Transvaal, told an inquest court yesterday.

Brig Lerm, who was pensioned when 12 people were killed by the police on the morning of November 20, 1985, also told the court: "I gave no orders for live ammunition to be used and I only gave orders that tear gas be used to disperse the people who numbered about 8,000.

"He was going evidence at the inquest into the death of the 12 people who were shot dead by police in Mamelodi that day.

Stayaway

Brig Lerm said he went to Mamelodi that morning after receiving a report that there was a massive stayaway from work and schools in the township and that large numbers were marching towards the local town council offices to discuss their grievances with the mayor.

Brig Lerm said, included real.

BRIGADIER Hertzog Lerm... evidence at

23 ARRESTED

ALTOGETHER 23 suspected ANC members had been arrested in the past three months, the Department of Law and Order revealed yesterday.

Further details of the incidents linked to the arrests were given.

- A bomb attack on the railway line at Pretoria, Krugersdorp, on March 16.
- The murder of the three black detectives at Atteridgeville on the same day.
- Limpet mine attack on the municipal offices at Atteridgeville on April 8.
- Limpet mine attack at Witpoortjie station on April 11.
- Limpet mine attack on the Johannesburg City Hall on April 14.

Furthermore some of those detained have

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PRETORIA. — Some of the people in a crowd of Mamelodi residents, 12 of whom were allegedly shot dead by police during a rent protest march in November 1985, were under influence of alcohol, Brigadier Hertzog Lerm told a Pretoria North Magistrate’s Court yesterday.

Brig Lerm, who was attached to the office of the area’s divisional police commissioner at the time, and was called to the scene of protest shortly before the alleged shootings, was giving evidence at the inquest into the death of the 12 Mamelodi residents.

State pathologist Mr Johan Loubsen testified that ten of the 12 died as a result of R1 and/or R4 submachinegun fire and buckshot and two of them due to heart failure.

He said that after he was telephoned by a Lieutenant-Colonel Loots informing him that thousands of Mamelodi East residents were marching to the stadium to speak to the mayor, Mr Bernard Ndlazi, and after receiving a radio message that the residents had gathered at the local municipal offices, he drove to the scene.

"When I arrived at the municipal offices I saw thousands of black people, chanting and singing and standing shoulder-to-shoulder down the street. Mr Ndlazi was addressing them but their screams were drowning his voice.

"The front of the crowd was made up of women, mostly under the influence of alcohol. I ordered them to disperse and some started to retreat but a young black man moved forward shouting at the women not to listen to me," said Brig Lerm.

The brigadier said one youth told him: "Today you cannot win. We are much more than you are."

"I then asked the crowd why the demonstration was taking place. A youth told me the the mayor was building houses for himself and for the community; that tariffs were increased and that they were protesting against the presence of the SADF and police in Mamelodi."

He said the crowd then started to push him against the fence after which he requested them to go to the soccer stadium "as I feared they would trample each other to death".
Brigadier testifies at Mamelodi inquest

'I did not order use of live ammo'

By McKee Kotolo

Pretoria Bureau

A former divisional inspector of the northern Transvaal police, Brigadier Hertzog Lerm, yesterday told an inquest hearing that he did not give orders to use live ammunition during the Mamelodi shootings in which 12 people were killed.

Brigadier Lerm said he ordered only that tear gas be used to disperse "about 8000 residents" at the local town council offices on the morning of November 21 1985.

No need to shoot

He told the court there was no need to shoot at the people who had gathered there to present their grievances to the mayor, Mr Zikhalah Ndla-

He added that the huge crowd had not threatened any violence.

The brigadier was testifying at the inquest into the death of 12 people, including pensioners, who were allegedly shot during a Mamelodi rent protest march. The residents had also called for the withdrawal of police from the township.

Brigadier Lerm said he was called to Mamelodi to bring in police reinforcements to help disperse thousands of residents moving from Mamelodi East to the town council offices in Mamelodi West.

He could not go into the township but was blocked by a crowd of residents at the entrance about 60m from the town council premises.

He said he told Lieutenant-Colonel Loots, who asked him whether to use tear gas to disperse the people, that he should use teargas and nothing else because there was no need to use firearms.

Brigadier Lerm thought the crowds would gather at the town council offices.

He warned the crowd which he estimated at 5000 — three times and gave them 10 minutes to disperse before the shooting occurred.

He then ordered that the policemen in Lieutenant-Colonel Loots's vehicle fire teargas from a strategic point so that it could be effective with the direction of the wind.

He stressed that no other weapons should be used.

The brigadier added that at the time some senior officers were in a helicopter which hovered over the crowds.

He also said that as the number of people increased, he asked them to go to the local stadium where the mayor would be able to address them, but they refused.

He said most of the people in the front row were women who appeared to be under the influence of liquor.

Brigadier Lerm said the shooting occurred at about 9.50am. At about 1pm — after an 11am meeting with SAP and SADF officers — he received information that three men and five women were killed in the shootings. The number increased to 12 at about 5pm, he said.

The hearing continues...
Comrades were 'in local control'

An inquest into the 1985 Mamelodi shootings, in which 12 people were killed, yesterday heard that the incident happened when the three Pretoria black townships were under the "total control of the comrades".

Former Divisional Inspector of the Northern Transvaal police Brigadier Heinz Lerm, said that on November 21 1985, when security forces opened fire on a crowd protesting against the high rentals and police presence in the township, Mamelodi "appeared to have been under the total control of the comrades".

"There was no longer law and order, people reported cases to the comrades, they held courts, rent, water and electricity were no longer being paid. Schools were no longer being attended," he said.

Brigadier Lerm stressed that those who protested on the day of the shootings "were intimidated and forced to go there".

WARNING LETTER (2-5)

He referred to a letter which was earlier read in court, to show that they were intimidated.

The letter, purporting to be from the banned Congress of the South African Students, warned a person called "Solly" not to stay at home on November 21.

Brigadier Lerm's interpretation of the letter was that "Solly" stood for "soldier".

A State pathologist, Professor J D Louwse, said 10 people died of gunshot wounds while two died of heart failure. He said most of the victims were shot in the back. The wounds were inflicted by different types of firearms.

The dead were: Mr Sam Nkonyane (31), Elizabeth Thole Malela (28), Mrs Salome Malela (40), Mrs Sarah Tela (66), Mrs Muzium Motlwa (21), Mr Moses Motse (21), Mrs Jerry Ngwate (19), Mr Jacob Songo (34), Mrs Elizabeth Musa (41), Thabo Makota (16), Mr Jacob Masanabo (25) and Mr Freddie Mvumbiela (87).
Mamelodi shootings: Cop ‘may have left out’ facts

PRETORIA. — The man in charge of the police in Mamelodi on November 21, 1985, when 12 people died — 10 allegedly shot dead by police — yesterday told the inquest magistrate he may have left out some important aspects in his statement, taken six months after the incident.

Brigadier Hertzog Lerm was answering questions from Mr Morris Basslian, appearing for the families.

“I believe my statement in April 1986 was a true reflection of what happened that day in Mamelodi. I only wrote down what I could remember, although it is possible that I may have left out other important aspects,” said Brig Lerm.

Brig Lerm also said he was told by a Colonel Loots that a group of people were approaching the administration offices from Mamelodi East and that they were unruly. Col Loots told him that if he was to stop them he would have to shoot thousands of them.

Brig Lerm said that while he was at the administration offices his life was not in danger. He did not see any people throwing stones, nor any petrol bombs. He also did not see any weapons on the scene.

The proceedings came to an abrupt adjournment yesterday when Mr Basslian disagreed sharply with magistrate Mr P J Pretorius’s ruling on the use of a video-tape recording of the incident as evidence.

Mr Basslian disagreed with Mr Pretorius’s ruling that the crowd appeared peaceful at first and that it later became aggressive.

“There was no single incident of violence; no use of weapons or objects and no hostile movement by the crowd,” argued Mr Basslian.

The hearing continues. — Sapa, Own Correspondent
THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) The Minister of Law and Order may make regulations for the time being necessary for the purpose of enabling any police officer to whom the regulations are made to issue a warrant to any person who appears to be a criminal or other person in possession of any thing which is likely to be used for criminal purposes, and for the purpose of enabling any police officer to issue a warrant to any person who appears to be a criminal or other person in possession of any thing which is likely to be used for criminal purposes.

(2) A person shall not be detained under this Act unless the person is:-

(a) a person who is suspected of having committed or being suspected of having committed an offence;

(b) a person who is suspected of having committed or being suspected of having committed an offence;

(c) a person who is suspected of having committed or being suspected of having committed an offence;

(d) a person who is suspected of having committed or being suspected of having committed an offence;

(e) a person who is suspected of having committed or being suspected of having committed an offence.

The Minister of Law and Order may, in any case where there is reasonable ground to believe that a person is in possession of any thing which is likely to be used for criminal purposes, issue a warrant for the arrest of such person.
An unjustified vicious attack

By Sheena Duncan of the Black Sash, Transvaal Region

The Minister of Law and Order has launched another vicious attack against the Detainees’ Parents Support Committees and leading members of the organisation, using the Government’s control over the SABC radio and TV to do so. As one who has the greatest respect and admiration for the work of the DPSC I wish to point out the following facts:

1. The DPSC is not in a position to defend itself. The State President himself issued a proclamation which inter alia prevents the organisation from issuing statements.

2. The Minister has accused the DPSC and its members of deliberately belittling South Africa and tarnishing its image.

The DPSC and its members have always prided themselves on being patriotic South Africans committed to the wellbeing and interests of all its people, not to a tiny minority. They would take exception to attempts to portray them as anti-South Afri-

Mr. Vlok and those believing themselves to be loyal South Africans should do everything in their power to end these abuses.

Anyone doubting that torture of detainees (including children) is widespread needs only examine court actions over the last couple of years and the amounts awarded to those who suffered torture. The Minister should be the last to claim ignorance of these proceedings and the realities which they reveal, since he has had to pay large sums in damages to the victims.

3. The Government is now reacting to the growing revulsion to its actions at home and internationally. It is particularly sensitive to the exposure of its treatment of children. The DPSC and other organisations, as well as professionals, have recently reported and exposed the Government’s treatment of children.

4. It is not these organisations that are responsible for the detention of children. Minister Vlok and members of the Government must accept responsibility for their own actions.

When the DPSC started to campaign against the detention of children there were thousands of children being detained. Today the Minister tells us that there are “less than 80” children in detention. We welcome this reduction. If more South Africans followed the example of the DPSC by acting on their consciences the Government would soon be forced to reduce that number to zero.

MEMORANDUM

4 As for the claim that the DPSC, and others have lied, exaggerated and made untested allegations, especially about torture, the Minister should be well aware of the detailed and documented memorandum on torture which was presented to the Government in 1982, only to be conveniently forgotten. Instead the Government is using every mechanism at its disposal to cover up abuses committed by the forces, and attempting to smear and discredit those exposing their actions.

SYSTEM CRITICISED

The DPSC has aimed its criticism at the system of apartheid security laws, and detention policies which use the security forces to carry out acts of repression. The DPSC has not focused its criticism on the individuals who have committed abuses, but has been primarily concerned with conditions which inevitably result in these abuses.

Finally, it is futile and destructive to indulge in attacks against individuals who are working to expose these injustices. Attacking and defaming people who are selflessly working to defend those who are being abused will not put an end to these abuses.

We appeal to Minister Vlok to carefully examine his conscience as to whether his and his Government’s actions are truly in the interests of “South Africa”; or whether they are unjustifiable actions in defence of a small (and shrinking) minority, trying to perpetuate an indefensible domination.
on rent strike

EAST LONDON. Municipal cops alias "greenflies" Duncan Village township here have gone on a rent-strike after they were moved from Mdantsane to Duncan Village.

The cops are unhappy with the high rents and the condition of the houses they live in.

More than 100 policemen live in the Ndende Street area after many were moved there to be available on short notice.

The house were built as part of a township upgrading scheme.

A policeman who refused to be named said they were promised free accommodation if they moved, but were charged rent of R213 for a house shared by four people. The amount had been steadily dropped to R$7, but the cop said the rent was still too high.

**Unhealthy living conditions**

He also complained about "unhealthy conditions" and said houses had no electricity, no ceilings, the floors became damp at night, there were no inside doors and the roofs leaked when it rained.

The policeman said they were not harassed or threatened with evictions for refusing to pay.

Other people living in the same area are also refusing to pay rent.

The head of the municipal police, Warrant Officer William Welsnars, denied they were compelled to stay at Ndende St.

"They can stay wherever they choose. The accommodation in Duncan Village was just a favour for those who don't have houses."

He would not comment on the greenflies' rent boycott, referring inquiries to the mayor of the Gomo Town Council, Eddie Makeba.

Makeba was not available for comment. - ELNEWS

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ALLEGATIONS of Labour Party interference in education should be investigated by an independent judicial commission of inquiry, the CTPA's 21st conference demanded this week.

Mr Archie Vergeatine said a commission of inquiry would improve the tarnished image of the teaching profession, improve standards and restore teachers' confidence in the education authorities.

In a paper on the subject, he said: "The Minister of Education and Culture refuses to delegate his powers to capable officials. The only conclusion we can draw is that he wants to use these powers in the interest of his party and to make the teaching profession more accommodating towards it."

CTPA president Mr Franklin Sono said politicians were tampering with education.

Corruption and repression

We are watching the situation. The allegations amount to corruption and repression. This is what we are up against."

Openly expressing its support for non-racial sport for the first time, the CTPA called on members to join non-racial organisations.

Other resolutions were that:

- Married women be allowed to take fully paid maternity leave for their first three children and maternity leave at half their monthly salary for the next two births;
- Teachers employed by the House of Representatives be given the right to retire at the age of 55 like teachers working in white education departments;
- Salary gaps between teachers in categories A, B, C and D be narrowed to one notch; sexual salary discrimination be abolished; and long-serving teachers below category A be promoted to category A.
SA POLICE

Image cleaning

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok has embarked on what may be a politically risky campaign to clean up the image of the SA Police (SAP). But at the same time he expects a fairer deal from the SAP's critics, and is prepared to take action against people who cannot substantiate allegations of abuse against the SAP. His tough attitude has emerged clearly in recent weeks, and is backed by SAP Commissioner Henrie de Witt.

Vlok says no society can tolerate a police force that is corrupt or operates beyond the law. While he and De Witt are prepared to fight to the last for what he describes as "this proud force," they will not tolerate the illegal

action of any policeman, regardless of rank or race. Criminal action by any member of the SAP will not be condoned and the law will run its course, even if it means exposing evidence that damages the image of the SAP.

Vlok's attitude is unambiguous, and is a significant change from what was sometimes perceived as an attitude of "my men, right or wrong" by previous ministers in charge of the SAP. In effect, Vlok is saying that policemen who take the law into their own hands or engage in criminal activities — regardless of whether they are unrest-related or not — will be investigated and brought to trial.

Evidence of action being taken can be seen partly in the tough and often relentless probing by senior officers of the alleged criminal actions of fellow members of the force. Court sequels to some investigations have resulted in a number of policemen — including officers — being either jailed or sentenced to death. There are believed to be at least nine former policemen currently on death row.

Vlok's attitude has not gone unnoticed by some of his harshest critics. Progressive Federal Party Law and Order spokesman Tiaan van der Merwe says that while the cause of illegal action by some policemen is due to undemocratic action by government and the granting of excessive powers to the security forces under emergency laws, it is encouraging to note Vlok's concern.

Politically, Vlok is walking a tightrope. Some members of the force appear to believe that taking the law into their own hands on occasion — particularly in unrest situations — is justifiable. The risk of a resentful backlash within the force cannot be ruled out.

Some of government's rightwing opponents may also react sharply to open criticism by Vlok of SAP elements seen (by the rightwingers) to be under pressure from radical revolutionaries who (they may argue) understand nothing less than the sort of frontier "justice" that has come to light in some court cases against policemen.

In the long term, however, the SAP's image is bound to improve and with it the shaky morale of some sections of the force.

Vlok believes he is doing his bit, but expects quid pro quo from the SAP's more radical critics. He will no longer tolerate what he regards as often unsubstantiated and at times blatantly incorrect statements about police action either in the townships or against detainees.

Wherever possible, senior policemen are now being instructed to follow up allegations in order to establish the truth and to take action where necessary. However, it is understood that in a number of cases — details of which have already been published or broadcast around the world — the "facts" given by the critics have been found on
On strike: The boycott-breaker police

THOUSANDS of Soweto municipal workers, including 60 percent of the municipal police, went on strike this week to protest against a wage freeze introduced by the council on the grounds that some council workers are participating in the rent boycott.

Siphiwe Thusi, organiser for the South African Municipal Workers' Union, told Weekly Mail the council deemed it unnecessary to increase workers' wages as they were not paying rent.

Municipal police, who have been involved in the eviction of Soweto rent defaulters from their homes, have joined their colleagues in rejecting the collection of rent and eviction of residents by the city council.

The Soweto municipal workers, including police, street sweepers, office cleaners, clerks, drivers, water department workers and other manual labourers went on strike after management refused to meet their demand for higher wages.

The workers demand that due to the upgrading of Soweto to Grade 12 on January 12 in terms of the Department of Development and Planning this year their salaries should increase accordingly. The workers claim the council's response to the demand has been since most workers of the council do not pay rent, it is not necessary for them to receive an increment.

The rent boycott in Soweto, that began in June 1986 has cost the city council thousands of rand.

The issue of workers not paying rent is an issue for the community organisation and the council. It should not be brought into the dispute between the union and management,” Thus told the Weekly Mail.

Soweto council workers have also demanded the recognition of their shop stewards and their union—an affiliate of the Congress of South African Trade Unions—and the disbanding of the staff association.

According to Thus, “White people are cleaning their own offices and municipal police reinforcements have been brought in to help the council.” According to a union official, they have received a letter indicating the council’s willingness to negotiate.

At the time of going to press the city council was not available for comment.

THE GREENFLIES WHO WANT MORE

THE rent boycott in East London’s Duncansville Village has spread to the people employed to break it the municipal police.

This week one of the policemen spoke out for the first time about conditions under which the force, dubbed "greenflies" from the uniforms they wear, are accommodated.

The policeman, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the municipal policemen housed in the township’s Nkentane St area had stopped paying rent in March—ironically only a month after they had evicted several families for refusing to pay rent.

The evictions formed part of a concerted effort by the Gompo Town Committee to break the rent boycott. People have been refused burial sites and served with eviction notices.

The February evictions were challenged in court, but the Gompo Town Committee withdrew the orders against them in a tacit admission that the action was faulty legally.

The policeman said about 100 police lived in new houses built as part of the upgrading process in the Nkentane St area. They were quartered four to a house, which meant they lived in crowded conditions.

He said they were ordered to leave their family homes in Mzantsane and other areas so that they could be summoned at short notice. They were promised free accommodation at Nkentre St, but R213 rent was demanded.

The amount had been steadily dropped, and currently stood at R87, which the “greenflies” were refusing to pay because they could not afford it and “the rent is too expensive for the poorly-built houses”.

He said: “Houses have no electricity, the floors become damp at night, there is normally leakage from the roofs during rainy days and rooms are without doors.

“We do everything in the same small rooms, cooking, putting everything we have in the rooms in which we sleep.”

The policeman said they were not harassed or threatened with evictions for refusing to pay.

The municipal police head, Warrant Officer Willem Wolmarans, denied the police were compelled to stay at Nkentre St. “They can stay wherever they choose,” he said.

“The accommodation in Duncan Village was just a jaccal for those who don’t have houses.”

Chris Mahoya
Inquest told crowd was 'aggressive'

Colonel questioned on protesters' behaviour

By Mckeed Kotlolo, Pretoria Bureau

A retired district commander of the Pretoria North police, Colonel Fredrik Dawid Calitz, told the November 21 Mamelodi shootings inquest on Friday that the residents who had gathered at the local town council offices that day were "aggressive and threatened violence".

Colonel Calitz said that on several occasions he had warned the crowd to disperse, but they had refused.

Asked by Mr Morris Basihan, appearing for the families of the victims, how he had come to decide that the crowd was aggressive, the colonel said "The situation was frightening. The people ignored the warnings to disperse and go home. They laughed, sang and danced. They made a lot of noise and caused a commotion."

They were aggressive even after the arrival of Brigadier Hertzog Lerm about 30 minutes after he (Colonel Calitz) had warned the people to disperse.

Brigadier Lerm had testified earlier that the crowd was not aggressive and did not threaten any violence.

The colonel also said the residents were aggressive when the mayor, Mr Zikhali Ndlazi, addressed them before the shootings.

The witness agreed with Mr Basihan when he said that in video recordings Mr Ndlazi greeted the masses and "they responded by saying 'Hello'."

The colonel said certain sections of the crowd listened as they were addressed by the mayor and other police officers, but others were not co-operative.

Mr Basihan said that nowhere in the video tapes viewed in court did the residents show any signs of aggression nor did any of the statements submitted by other policemen and witnesses who were at the scene at the time mention any aggression on the part of the crowd.

Asked if he had seen any resident carrying a weapon at the town council offices, Colonel Calitz replied "I did not see any weapon."

Asked if he had received any information from policemen about people carrying stones, he said he was not in charge that day and "nobody reported to me anything about stones or weapons."

He said in his 30 years in the police force the refusal to disperse when asked to do so was an "essential sign of aggression."

Mr Basihan suggested that he did not ask the crowd to disperse because that did not appear in any of the many statements submitted by policemen, the mayor and other witnesses who were at the scene.

He said teargas canisters were fired at the crowd after Brigadier Lerm had given them about five minutes to disperse.
The Minister of Finance and the Minister of Transport, in consultation with the Minister of Home Affairs, are hereby authorised to provide for the payment of compensation to any person who suffers loss or damage arising from any of the following:

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Mr Speaker, last year, the Assembly, at the beginning of its term, established the Committee to Inquire into the Establishment of a Metropolitan Police, in pursuance of the provisions of the Metropolitan Police Act, 1929, and the recommendations of the Committee of the Federation of West African States, and to examine into the law and practice of police administration in other countries and to submit a report to the House.

A Report from the Committee was made on Tuesday, 12th June, 1934, after the second Sitting of the Session, and the Report was printed. The Committee was directed to receive evidence on the 12th and 13th of June, and to report a Bill by the 25th of June, and the Committee observed that it was desirable that the Bill should be in a form that could be concisely expressed and comprehensively described.

The Committee has now presented its report, and the Report is printed in the following form:

(2) A.D. 1935, No. 22.
(3) [Printed at the Office of the House of Assembly.]
EVIDENCE by the mayor of Mamelodi, Mr Zikhali Ndlozi that part of the fence bordering the local administration board offices was flattened by a large crowd on November 21, 1985 but only after tear smoke was used, was not the truth, a senior police officer said yesterday.

Brigadier Hertzog Lerm, former Divisional Inspector for the Northern Transvaal, said the fence was flattened before the crowd was dispersed by the police with tear smoke that morning.

Mr Morris Baschan, who is representing the families of 12 people who were killed that day, put it to the witness that Mr Ndlozi had testified at a commission of inquiry that the fence was not damaged before the police used tear smoke.

"That is not true," replied Brigadier Lerm.

He was testifying in the Pretoria North Magistrate's Court at an inquest into the deaths of 12 people who were allegedly shot by security forces on November 21, 1985.

Cross-examined by Mr Basshan, who is assisted by Mr Dikgang Moseki, Brigadier Lerm said he had ordered the large crowd three times to disperse before he ordered tear smoke be used.

Refused

The police officer said he wanted the crowd to go to the nearby football stadium but the crowd refused, saying that they feared they "would be tear gassed," the court heard.

Brigadier Lerm said he ordered the crowd to disperse because he feared they would trample each other to death. There was pandemonium and the crowd was emotional. They were shouting and raising clenched fists, Brigadier Lerm said.

He agreed under cross-examination that none of the people in the crowd carried weapons, bricks or stones. He also did not hear of or see any acts of violence being committed by the crowd.

Mr Basshan put it to Brigadier Lerm that video tapes submitted in court as exhibits did not depict any scenes of violence or people being dragged or threatened.

"I believe what you say," replied Brigadier Lerm.

The defence lawyer, following a court order on Monday, yesterday submitted 28 statements made by witnesses during a private commission of inquiry which was conducted by the Pretoria Council of Churches in 1986. Mr Basshan submitted that although the police were invited to testify at the inquiry, they did not respond.

Proceeding

BRIGADIER Lerm.

warning
Van Eck challenges Vlok on police action in townships

By PETER FABRICIUS, Parliamentary Staff

CLAREMONT independent MP Mr Jan van Eck is seeking a parliamentary investigation to decide if Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok gave correct information to Parliament about police action in the townships.

Mr van Eck gave notice to the House of Assembly yesterday that he would ask for a committee to be appointed to investigate "the correctness or otherwise" of replies given by Mr Vlok to questions asked by Mr van Eck in February and June.

Two black youths

On February 16 Mr van Eck asked for information about two black youths detained for questioning, and allegedly tortured, in Nyanga.

Mr Vlok said the youths' allegations that they had been tortured by the police had been investigated by police and found to be untrue.

Also on February 16 Mr van Eck asked Mr Vlok about an incident in which Mr van Eck tried to lodge a complaint at the Caledon Square police station in December 1987 and alleged that he was threatened with detention under the emergency regulations and ordered to leave.

Mr Vlok denied this and said Mr van Eck had been "requested" to leave as he was "argumentative".

On June 23 Mr van Eck asked Mr Vlok questions about action by a plainclothes police patrol in the KTC squatter camp on May 5 last year. Mr van Eck asked if the patrol had tried to evade him when he approached them.

Mr Vlok said the patrol was pursuing people who had petrol-bombed a police vehicle when Mr van Eck approached them and so could not be interrupted.
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Men are wanted by SAP

TWO South African men named by Zambia as infiltrators of the African National Congress were wanted in this country on various criminal charges, the South African Police have said.

In a statement in response to media enquiries, the SAP said one of the men, A K Swart, is wanted by the diamond and gold branch of the police in connection with a charge of fraud. "He has previous convictions for illicit diamond buying," the SAP stated.

Hendrik Stephen du Plessis, the other man arrested by Zambian authorities along with Swart, was a "confidence trickster, with a long list of previous convictions for perjury, theft and fraud."

The statement gave no further details on Swart, but went on to say the SAP had contacted Zambia about the activities of Du Plessis. On November 5 last year, local police "wrote to the Zambian police in connection with fugitive offender Hendrik Stephen du Plessis."

"In the letter it was pointed out that Du Plessis is wanted for trial in Pretoria on several criminal charges for which warrants for his arrest have been issued."

"It was mentioned that, according to information, he had entered Zambia from Botswana on June 10, 1987, posing as a political refugee from South Africa, that his pretended refugee status was only a ploy in endeavouring to escape justice for purely criminal offences, and that he had never been politically active while in this country."

"The Zambian authorities were requested to assist with the tracing of Du Plessis. Subsequently, on December 1, 1987, a telex was sent to the Zambian authorities, informing them that it had been positively ascertained that Du Plessis was in Zambia, that he was in the company of a white male, A K Swart, who was also wanted by the police, and that they were at a certain address, which was given in the telex."

"A K Swart is wanted by the diamond and gold branch in connection with a charge of fraud. He has previous convictions for illicit diamond buying." — Sapa
Mamelodi inquest: Police videos don’t confirm evidence

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The inquest into the deaths of 12 Mamelodi residents during a rent protest in March 1988 was yesterday shown police videos of the day’s events.

The videos failed to confirm earlier evidence by KwaNdebele Commissioner of Police Brigadier Hertzog Lerm that a crowd of people had pushed over a fence outside the Administration Board building where they were gathered.

Police cameraman Major Warnich Roussouw said he had been unable to determine, from the helicopter in which he was filming, whether the crowd had pushed over the fence or had been behaving aggressively. The fence was stationary at the time when police opened fire with tear gas canisters. Maj Roussouw said that as far as he was able to tell, the crowd had dispersed after the teargas was fired and had not regrouped.

The inquest had determined earlier that the 12 people killed all died of bullet wounds received during police action.
Court sees video tapes

A VIDEO cameraman who took pictures from the air during the Mamelodi shootings on November 21, 1985, yesterday told an inquest court that he did not see any act of violence being committed or people attacking security force vehicles.

Major Warnich Rossouw also told the court during cross-examination by Mr Morris Bassilaa, appearing for the families of 12 people who died on that day, that he saw no incidents of violence near the administration board offices even before security forces sprayed tear smoke to disperse the large crowd that had gathered nearby.

Major Rossouw was testifying before Mr J N Pretorius in the Pretoria North Magistrate’s Court at the inquest into the deaths of the 12 who were allegedly shot dead by security forces in Mamelodi on November 21, 1985.

Barricades

The police officer said that a number of streets in the township were barricaded with objects such as stones and burning tyres after the large crowd was dispersed with tear smoke.

After viewing the two video tapes, “taken by Major Rossouw the court yesterday found that there were 33 burning objects in the streets. Most of these were tyres.

Cross-examined by Mr Bassilaa, Major Rossouw said he did not see any of the people in the crowd near the administration board offices throwing stones, surrounding and for attacking a police or SADF vehicles while he took the shots.
State paid for cops' legal fees

Own Correspondent

DEFENCE counsel for two policemen, Leon de Villiers and Patrick David Goosen, sentenced to death last month were paid by the State, the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee said yesterday.

Replying to a written question from the MP for Sandton Mr Dave Dalling, the Minister said an agreement had been reached with defence counsel regarding the fees.

The exact payment was, however, a confidential matter details of which he was not prepared to divulge.

The case lasted 78 days.

Mr Coetsee said the State was also paying the fees of a psychiatrist and a pathologist who were called as expert witnesses.
Policeman 'behaved like old, hungry hyena'

By Sue Olswang

A policeman from John Vorster Square has been convicted of indecently assaulting a young woman and sentenced to a R800 fine or six months' jail.

Warrant Officer Willem Nothing Odendaal, 51, of Mondeor, who appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday, was further sentenced to six months', suspended for five years.

He had previously pleaded not guilty to a charge of indecently assaulting the young woman when she was brought into the crime control office at John Vorster after being arrested for alleged shoplifting.

MIGHT LOSE HIS JOB

Magistrate F.J. M Bosman said Odendaal was "like an old, hungry hyena who saw a weak and injured buck which he could ruthlessly attack".

"He misused his position as a senior police officer to commit a serious crime and he terrorised a young and innocent woman for a period of about three hours. He has dirtied the good name of the SA police force and does not deserve to be a member of the force. He has already been de-ranked to the Uniform Branch but might now lose his job because of this conviction."

The court heard that the young woman was interrogated by Odendaal after being arrested. While taking her details and fingerprints he tried to put his tongue in her mouth and had also touched and tried to caress her breasts and buttocks.

Odendaal then insisted on taking the young woman home and again indecently assaulted her when they stopped outside her home.

Odendaal denied he had tried to caress her. "I kissed her lightly on the mouth a few times because I wanted to help her feel better. I also put my arm around her at one point but I never did any of the things she claimed I did."
ANC Boy (15) Paradled

The struggle continues.

The ANC played a significant role in the struggle against apartheid in South Africa. Their methods of resistance included street protests, political mobilization, and armed struggle. The ANC's strategy was to unite all black South Africans, regardless of their race, to fight against white minority rule. The parade shown in the image is likely a symbol of the ANC's continued struggle for justice and equality. The image captures the resilience and determination of the ANC, who remain steadfast in their fight for a better future for all South Africans.
Crack units out to crack cop crime

By DE WET POTGIETER

The SA Police have established crack anti-corruption units to stamp out crime committed by fellow officers.

The establishment of the units — it's the first time their existence has been confirmed — follows warnings by senior Government and police officials that they will not tolerate corruption in any police or para-police force.

It comes at a time when eight policemen are sitting on death row.

The SAP has never hesitated in acting against the perpetrator of any crime, not even when such a person is from within its ranks," General Hennie de Vuit, the Commissioner of Police, said this week.

Police in Orlando are investigating the mysterious disappearance of more than 150 firearms — including shotguns and service pistols — from the Soweto municipal police headquarters.

Several Soweto municipal officers are under investigation for various crimes.

400 DIED

Last year — when 400 people died and 623 were wounded by police in the line of duty — 1,100 policemen were suspended and 175 dismissed after investigations into irregularities.

There were 500 complaints about the conduct of municipal policemen, including allegations of murder, assault, theft, rape, malicious damage to property, culpable homicide, robbery and negligent and drunken driving.

In the first six months of this year, court cases against policemen have increased.

- January 13, a policeman who hit a man over the head with a baton and took his jacket was sentenced in the Wynberg magistrate's court to an effective 15 months in jail.

- March 6, a 17-year-old Grahamstown girl who was shot by police in 1985 was awarded R15,000 by the Minister of Law and Order in an out-of-court settlement.

Nomthle Mumeni was shot while playing cards with a group of friends. Witnesses said the policeman pointed his firearm at the girl twice before pulling the trigger.

- March 9, a policeman who shot and killed a 16-year-old Port Elizabeth boy was convicted of culpable homicide and fined R800.

- March 11, a number of "kitokonstables" in Maritzburg's township were dismissed following allegations of their involvement in criminal offences.

BLAMED

- March 20, 10 Lebows policemen blamed at an inquest for the death in detention of a Pietersburg reporter, Mr Makompo. Lucky Katsumela, were acquitted in the Potgieterus regional court.

- March 30, Captain Jack In Grange and Detective Sergeant Robert van der Merwe became the first white policemen to be sentenced to death.

They were found guilty of murdering two drug dealers and attempting to murder a third.

- May 5, Warrant Officer Leon de Villiers, 37, and Constable David Goosen, 27, were sentenced to death by the Grahamstown Supreme Court for the murder of a black youth during a drunken faray into a black township.

- May 10, three Natal policemen and the assassins they hired were convicted of murdering a woman who had laid an assault charge against a policeman.

- In the Rand Supreme Court, former policeman Karel Fourie Prinsloo, 21, was charged with two murders, two armed robberies and two assaulots.

- May 17, the former commanding officer of the Bramley police station, Colonel Martinus Swart appeared in the Phalaborwa court on charges of the illegal buying of elephant tusks and rhinoceros horns.
Cop tells of shooting at 200
PRETORIA — A Pretoria policeman recalled in the Pretoria North Magistrate’s Court yesterday how he emptied his pistol at a group of 200 people who were stoning his house, wounding one of them.
Sergeant Essau Nkwe was giving evidence in the inquest into the death of 12 people killed during a protest march on November 21, 1983.
Sergeant Nkwe said he saw the group approaching his house and they started stoning it. He produced a pistol and fired eight bullets through a broken window, shattered earlier by stones.
After the shooting he saw a woman lying in the road. Sergeant Nkwe said he did not check whether the woman had been killed and he saw a group of boys carrying her later to a nearby house.
He had opened fire because he feared for his life and those of his family — Sapa.
Lodger testifies at Rev Kani inquest

Groans heard long after shots

By PETER DENNETHY

A LODGER at the home of the Rev Cameron Kani, who was shot dead in his garage in New Crossroads on February 2 this year, told an inquest court yesterday of hearing groans from the garage more than half-an-hour after the first shots.

Mr Mungun Nyabaza said he, his brother and the two Kani sons were being "held at gunpoint" by a policeman in the front room of Mr Kani's house, 410 Dykobus Close.

"We pleaded with him to allow us to go outside to see how Rev Kani was" He said to us that if we went outside he would blast our heads off.

"We had no alternative but to listen to him groaning in pain."

Mr Nyabaza noticed that the first two ambulances that had arrived left, "apparently without treating Rev Kani." According to earlier police evidence, Lieutenant Eugenius Bester, who had been wounded in a shootout, was taken away in the first ambulance.

Warrant-Officer Hendrik Rossouw of Unrest Unit 10 testified that Mr Kani had initially seemed dead to him. He went into the house for 15 to 20 minutes to "secure" the house, and only when he came out did he hear a groan.

Disarm a .375 magnum

He then called another ambulance. WO Rossouw also explained that he had had to "disarm" a .375 magnum that was picked up and handed to him. He had accepted that there was no need to take fingerprints.

Constable Theunis Rosslee had touched it first, WO Rossouw said. He himself had removed spent cartridges.

WO Rossouw said some of the bullet marks, on the lead garage door, counterweights, indicated shots must have been fired from inside the garage. Mr Kani had been wearing a dark jacket, he said.

Mr Nyabaza, the lodger, said the 52-year-old Mr Kani had returned home about 10pm and had been working on his car in the garage by the light of a bulb on an extension cord.

When he heard shots hitting the inside of the garage, he peeped out of the toilet window, but could see only a right arm on the garage floor. He heard two more shots being fired.

A torch was shone through the window, and a policeman asked whether he knew the "skolite" who had just been shot dead there. He denied knowing him, as he did not yet know it was Mr Kani.

"Rev Kani has been a lay preacher with the Reformed Methodist Church for many years," Mr Nyabaza said. He had never seen a firearm in the house.

Mr Nyabaza said in a statement to police, who woke him up at 4am one morning, that he had been "influenced" by certain people to say certain things, but had refused to make a false statement. He was not prepared to say who "influenced" him, as he was afraid of intimidation and for his life.

The hearing continues
Boy saw minister stagger when shot

The minister, who was standing in the front of the church, was holding a gun in front of him. He fired the gun, and the minister staggered back. The bullet struck the minister in the chest, and he fell to the ground. The congregation immediately gathered around the minister, offering their support and aid. The incident caused a great deal of shock and concern among the community, and police were called to the scene. The minister was rushed to the hospital, where he was treated for his injuries.

The incident was investigated thoroughly, and the police department worked diligently to determine the circumstances surrounding the episode. The minister was later released from the hospital, and he continued to serve the congregation with dedication and commitment. The community came together to support the minister and the church, and they worked to heal the伤痛 caused by the incident.
A MAN was shot dead in Guguletu yesterday after police were held at bay for nearly four hours during an operation to arrest an alleged trained insurgent.

Police confiscated a quantity of arms and ammunition after the man was killed.

Police investigations are continuing.

Major Jan Calitz, chief liaison officer for the police in the Western Cape, said that about 4.15am yesterday, members of the Reaction Unit went to a house in Nokwanda Street, Guguletu, after they received information that a trained insurgent was hiding there.

While they were searching the house, a shot was fired at the policemen.

The policemen withdrew from the house along with several occupants. Major Calitz said shots were fired at the police during the next few hours.

About 7.50am, once it was light enough to see, police penetrated the house and a 20-year-old man was shot dead.

Major Calitz said he was armed with a Makarov pistol. A subsequent search of the premises uncovered an arms cache in the backyard.

In the cache, police found an AK-47 rifle, magazine, ammunition and a quantity of grenades.
Torture equipment was found in the offices of the security police in Zwide after the Ciskei Supreme Court granted an application to two Border activists to search their offices.

Mr Justice Heath, who heard the application of trade unionist Tando Dyantyi and Border Council of Churches (BCC) field-worker Boyce Soci in camera, granted permission to the two former detainees, their attorneys and the deputy sheriff to carry out the search.

Both were detained under the Ciskei National Security Act, and alleged they were assaulted and tortured by security police.

'Electric shocks'

Some of the objects allegedly used in torturing Dyantyi were found, and the security police were told not to get rid of them as they would be needed for civil claims against the police.

Dyantyi said, in his affidavit, he was blindfolded and placed in what he believed to be a chair. His hands and arms were fastened to the armrests and given electric shocks.

He was told he was making too much noise and a piece of cloth was placed into his mouth. The torture was extremely painful and he lost consciousness.

As a result of the events, he instructed his lawyers to institute a civil claim for damages against the Ciskei Minister of Justice and the policemen concerned.

Assault and torture

Because the 'perpetrators' were likely to do everything possible to hide the truth, it was essential that he be given an opportunity to secure evidence to support his allegations. He wanted a search for the equipment used during his torture, Dyantyi said.

The policemen who tortured him displayed such contempt for human life and for law that they were likely to obstruct any investigation.

'Soci filed a supporting affidavit detaching similar allegations of assault and torture. He named the security policemen involved.

— VERITAS
FIFTEEN shots in three volleys were fired at the Rev Cameron Kani's garage in New Cross-roads after a policeman was shot at from the garage, the policeman said at the Wynberg in-quest court yesterday.

Sergeant Theuns Japha Rosslee, of the Unrest Unit, was giving evidence at the inquest into the death of Mr Kani, 52, who was shot dead in the garage of his New Crossroads home on February 2.

Earlier the court heard that Mr Kani had been a lay preacher with the Reformed Methodist Church for many years.

Sgt Rosslee said that on February 2 he, Lieutenant Eugene Bester, and constables Ralph Smith, Shaun van Wyk and a Constable Dana were patrolling the New Crossroads area when a shot was heard.

Lt Bester stopped the patrol van and all the policemen clambered over a wall and into a yard. Sgt Rosslee was following Lt Bester to "cover him" and the other policemen followed them.

When Lt Bester ran into a house and moved towards the garage, Sgt Rosslee saw a car parked in the open en-
SADF shot three people in Mamelodi, court told

PRETORIA. — Three people, including two women — one of whom died, were shot by members of the SADF in Mamelodi on November 21, 1985, it was alleged in the Pretoria North Magistrate’s Court yesterday.

Mr Joseph Matimbe, chief security official of Mamelodi Sundowns Football Club, said he was standing in his yard that morning when he saw an SADF member on a truck, pointing a firearm at him.

He was testifying at the inquest into the death of 12 people allegedly shot by security forces that day.

He said he saw Miss Thoko Beauty Malaza who was “bleeding from the head” fall in the street. She died later.

He said he was then shot from behind. — Sapa
38 000 sign
La Grange plea

WITBANK — More than a thousand signatures a day are arriving for the petition asking the State President to spare the lives of convicted murderers and former policemen Jack la Grange and Robert van der Merwe, the petition organiser said yesterday.

Retired Witbank railway worker Mr Matham Hoffman said he now had almost 38 000 signatures.

— Highveld Bureau.
**Ambulance not told of shot Kani**

By YVETTE VAN BREDA
Court Reporter

POLICE did not tell ambulance men called to help a wounded policeman that the Rev Cameron Kani was also wounded during a shooting at the lay preacher's New Crossroads home, a Wynberg inquest court heard yesterday.

This was evidence at the inquest into the death of Mr Kani, 52, of the Reformed Methodist Church, who was shot dead in the garage of his home on February 3.

Earlier, Sergeant Theums Jakobus Rosslee said he, Lieutenant Eugenius Bester and three constables were patrolling the New Crossroads area when they heard a shot.

Lt Bester led the policemen towards an open garage door "The nose of a car" was parked in the dark garage. Sgt Rosslee was closest to Lt Bester as he entered the garage.

There was a shot from inside the garage which hit Lt Bester. Sgt Rosslee retaliated with two volleys of 12 shots "at a black figure" which collapsed to the floor. As Sgt Rosslee moved slowly towards the man, who was lying on his side, "he swung his weapon towards me".

He immediately fired two more shots at the man and as his hand went limp, Sgt Rosslee kicked the weapon out of it. He said five of the 15 bullets were tracer bullets and weren't standard issue.

He had not checked to see whether Mr Kani was dead or alive as he was afraid of contracting AIDS.

Constable Shaun van Wyk, who was left to guard Mr Kani, said that after Lt Bester was taken away by ambulance, Mr Kani showed signs of life.

He groaned for about 10 minutes as if he was in pain and slid "like a snake" from the place where he had been shot, before he lay still.

Yesterday an ambulance man, Mr Andre Swanepeel, said he and the driver of the ambulance were on their way to hospital with a patient when a police car stopped them in Nyanga and led them to the scene.

They arrived there about 12.30am and were told there was an injured policeman who needed to go to hospital. Two policemen helped Lt Bester to the ambulance where he was given the necessary treatment and taken to Tygerberg Hospital.

Mr Swanepeel said the ambulance could take five patients.

"No one told us about another injured person," he said. He heard no moaning from the garage, as members of Mr Kani's family had said, but added that he did not go near the garage and left the scene about 17 minutes later.

Mr Anton Rossouw, another ambulance driver, said he had been notified by Metro about 1am to go to the Kani house. Police had told him that Mr Kani was dead.

Asked by Mr J Gaunlett, for the Kani family, whether he would have gone to greater lengths to check whether Mr Kani was dead if police had told him that the man had recently moved around and groaned for 10 minutes, he said he would have.

A third ambulance was called which took Mr Kani's body away.

**'Riddled with bullets'**

Dr L van Ieperen, a specialist pathologist, told the court he had examined Mr Kani at the Salt River mortuary and found that he was "riddled with bullets." He said Mr Kani was a sick man who had tuberculosis and a shortened left leg. He was "definitely handicapped in his going about".

His left side had been "destroyed" and he had nine broken ribs. He counted 15 bullet entrance wounds and 13 exit wounds. Both his legs had been fractured by the bullets. Dr Van Ieperen said multiple bullet wounds had caused Mr Kani's death.

He said it would have taken a maximum of 25 minutes before Mr Kani had "systemic failure" but could not say how long it would have taken before he died. Dr Van Ieperen said he doubted whether Mr Kani would have been able to move with fractured legs and a collapsed left side.

The hearing continues today.

Mr G Huffman, the inquest officer, Mr J Gaunlett, instructed by the State Attorney's office, appeared at the Ministry of Law and Order. Mr P Steyn of the Attorney-General's office led the evidence. Mr Gaunlett was instructed by Mr J Haldas of Mulroney.
COP TOLD HOW HE SHOT VICTIMS

By MONK NKOMO

A POLICE lieutenant shot dead two people who allegedly attacked and wounded security force members in Mamelodi on November 21, 1985, according to a police video cameraman who filmed the scene in the township on that day.

Sergeant Paul Henry Nel yesterday told a Pretoria North inquest court that he filmed a scene where Lieutenant Roux explained to him that he had shot dead two black men.

Sgt Nel said Lt le Roux told him that one of the men was killed when a group of people, including a fence and a fence, threw stones and bricks at the scene. A warrant officer was wounded and the left headlight of a car was damaged.

Sgt Nel, who was filming at the inquest into the death of 12 people in Mamelodi on November 21, 1985, said he also filmed a scene at another house where le Roux told him that he had shot dead a black man with a R1 rifle.

Lt le Roux, the court heard, also told him that the group of people on a roof of a house hurled stones and bricks at a passing patrol. He told him that members of the South African Police and the South African Defence Force were wounded during the attack.

"Lt le Roux explained that the shot fired from the R1 rifle was fatal as the body of the black man was found some metres away from the house near an outcast latrine," said Mr Nel.

Another witness, Mr Moses Sekgatle, a motor mechanic at the council's workshop in Mamelodi, contradicted earlier evidence by a former white employee of the Administration Board in Mamelodi that seven town council vehicles were damaged by unknown people that day.
Torture instruments found

Two political activists were granted permission to search the offices of the Zwelethu security police.

The application, heard in the Ciskei Supreme Court, was brought by trade unionist Tando Dyantyi and a Border Council of Churches field worker, Boyce Soci. Both were detained under the Ciskei National Security Act. The two alleged that while in detention they were tortured by the security police.

Some instruments allegedly used to torture Dyantyi were found in the offices. The security police were instructed not to dispose of them as they will be produced as evidence when the civil claims instituted by the two activists are heard.

The applicants are suing the Ciskei minister of justice and members of the police.

Dyantyi said the policemen had displayed such contempt for human life and for the law that they were likely to obstruct any investigation. He asked that the application be heard in camera.

Dyantyi said he was blindfolded, tied to a chair and electrocuted. He was castigated for making a noise and a cloth was put in his mouth. The torture was so painful he lost consciousness.

Soci filed a supporting affidavit detailing similar allegations of torture by the security police.

Deva Pillay, for the applicants, said that Soci's civil claim for damages had been instituted and the matter was awaiting trial date — Ventus News Agency
Police offer R1 000 for ‘unrest’ info

By CHRIS STEYN

POLICE are distributing pamphlets in Peninsula townships offering rewards of up to R1 000 for anybody who informs on inhabitants who promote unrest, make fire bombs or are involved in necklace killings.

Township residents, including children, were seen yesterday reading the pamphlets, entitled “Are You Tired of Being Harassed?”

Western Cape police liaison officer Lieutenant Attie Laubscher confirmed that the pamphlets were being distributed by hand by members of the security forces who were on patrol in the townships.

Police state in the pamphlet that rewards of up to R1 000 will be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone who,

- Makes or uses firebombs,
- Promotes unrest through agitation or intimidation or instigates or instructs a person to take part in violence,
- Partakes in violence resulting in serious injury, or
- Murders or seriously injures anybody through the so-called necklace method.

Police state in the pamphlet that rewards for information regarding explosive devices or recovery of arms caches will be considered on merit.

The pamphlet also states that rewards of up to R500 will be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone who commits acts of

- Violence, excluding political unrest, that results in serious injury, and
- Damage to property and looting.

The pamphlets also inform township residents that the police need information concerning people “preventing your children’s education, keeping you from work, who stop you buying where you like.”
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CRAYZY GANG!}

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MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

Storm goes into hiding

WOMAN IN TOPLESS SNAPS

A GLAMOROUS BULLETIN

By JYNE LIZZAN

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16/11/1983
police and military units before being recruited after Prime Minister Mugabe’s triumph in Zimbabwe. But, official sources now claim, the group engaged in private operations through the wide network of ex-Rhodesia’s Rhodesians and their families still living in Zimbabwe.

These clandestine activities reportedly culminated in the abortive snatch job last week in which they tried to release friends and, in one case, a relative.

The attempt has severely embarrassed the South African Government — which has officially denied involvement with the plot — and further increased tensions with Zimbabwe.

The A-Team type plan involved the freeing of five Zimbabweans facing charges of taking part in bombing attacks on ANC targets in Harare on South Africa’s behalf.

The accused are cousins Barry and Guy Bawden, Kevin Woods, Michael Smith and Philip Conwy-Jayso.

Cancelled

Initial plans involved the ambushing of the armored vehicle transporting the prisoners between Chikurubi maximum security prison and the magistrate’s court.

An attack group armed with automatic weapons and gas would then have overcome the guards and hustled the prisoners to the nearby Cleveland rifle range.

There a Zimbabwean Air Force Augusta Bell helicopter, stolen by deserter Lieutenant Gary Kane, was to have picked them up and flown them to an isolated airstrip in the Midlands.

There the group were to have transferred to a Dakota aircraft, brought in under the guise of a mining charter, which would have flown them all to South Africa.

The operation was timed for last Thursday but was called off when, it is alleged, one of the co-conspirators, Briton Charles Behan, was arrested by Botswana authorities and handed over to the Zimbabweans.

Another conspirator — named as Maguire and believed to be related to one of the prisoners — escaped back into South Africa.

The route used by the convoy carrying the prisoners was also considered too heavily guarded.

Behan had escaped from Zimbabwe only days previously after his car, packed with weapons and explosives, was stopped and searched.

Kane and an unidentified woman conspirator fled to the Dakota to South Africa and have since gone to ground.

Strain

This week facets of the personality of the 22-year-old Zimbabwean pilot-defector began to emerge.

One of Kane’s friends in Harare yesterday described him as “headstrong and immature”.

“I think he got involved in this exploit because he is that sort of young man who feels sorry for people,” said the friend.

He said Gary was only five when his mother Anne married Rhodesian television personality Mr. Roy Kane.

The couple had two daughters, Tawny, 17, and Allie, 15, of their own before the marriage broke up 10 years ago.

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Blast a hockey club

By JANINE LAZI

ABOUT 200 spec escaped unhurt ye afternoon when a 1,800 t control terrorists charged at the hockey club with police with a hockey club.

A bus damaged and window in the area shuttered.

Sixteen people were clubbosed at the in Johannesburg. A biff short of injuries were reported.

A car bomb exploded yesterday near a polling station in Okahandja. No one was hurt.

Still reinstalling

LAST week’s national radio and television stations — still RL15 — were restored to the Cord, well above the level of the last. The win at 763,334 co Natal sales were also a re six figures.

Brrrr!

THE whole country will shiver over the next days — except the far the South Weather Bureau expected snowfall in the North-West Cape and the Brandon tod
Exposed: The Crazy Gang

Gary remained in the care of his stepfather whose surname he had taken...

"Gary had a lot of responsibility placed on his shoulders around the age of 12," said the friend.

"He grew up a very popular, ordinary, straightforward kind of kid. He worked hard and was good at sport." But after Gary joined the Zimbabwe Air Force and qualified as a pilot he was sent on active service to the Mozambican civil war and showed signs of strain.

"I think he was in need of rest and recreation," said the friend.

"It was a very difficult situation for a young man in a war in which Zimbabwe is not really involved. He was under a lot of pressure.

Shadowy

"Gary became friendly with the family of one of the guys who is under suspicion of espionage. He is very young, rather immature and headstrong." In South Africa, a source claimed Kane was an unstable character.

Asked about the fugitive pilot's whereabouts, he said, "He is hiding and will stay there for a very, very long time." Kane's stepfather was not at his Randburg townhouse yesterday but his 12-year-old stepdaughter Alina said, "The last time we saw Gary was Christmas when we visited our mother in Harare. "We haven't heard anything from him since then. It was a terrible shock to read these things about him in the newspapers." Last week's dramatic events have gone from bad to worse.

1 In May 1987 a flat in central Harare occupied by an ANC official was devastated by a booby-trapped television set.

2 In November 1987 an exiled South African, Jeremy Brickhill, was critically injured by a car bomb.

3 In September 1987 six whites were detained on allegations of spying on the ANC.

4 In January this year an ANC house in Trencher, Bulawayo, was the target.
Daughter shot by cops' father claims R65 000

BY WOOK NOKOMO

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Police exposed
BBC lies Vlok

The Argus Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG. — Police investigating the BBC's Suffer the Children TV programme have exposed lies by two people featured in the documentary, according to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok.

In a statement released yesterday he said "Investigations by the SAP have brought to light that certain claims made in the programme are flagrant lies."

"The two children featured in the programme, William Mbuli and Esther Megale, said during an interview with the SAP — captured on videotape — that they were not assaulted or maltreated by the SAP."

He added "According to William, he was coached by two people linked to the Detainees' Parents Support Committee on what to say and he simply repeated the allegations."

The committee could last night not be reached for comment.

Mr Vlok's statement also said the BBC programme alleged that a 15-year-old girl was detained in a cell with men.

He said "It is not necessary to say that this is an utterly shocking allegation and that such an incident would be a serious breach of regulations."

According to a sworn statement obtained from the person involved, it appears that she is 26 years old and was definitely not held in a cell with men."

The Argus Foreign Service in London reports that the poor quality of a film intended to respond to Suffer the Children left journalists at a well-attended Press conference snickering.

The film was shown at the South African Embassy after staff moved to dampen mounting criticism over the detention of children and the Sharpeville Six.

Professor S A S Strauss, professor of criminal law at Unisa, was introduced to the Press to explain "procedures" in the Sharpeville Six case.

He said he thought it unlikely the case would be resolved until October or November.

The trial judgment had been "fully in accordance with manifest legal view of the Appeal Court over a long period of time."

Professor Strauss rejected suggestions that politics influenced the judgment. He said "Any judge in South Africa would reject any interference with the judicial process."
SA puts case in London on The Six

SA fields questions in London on Sharpeville Six and child detention
Police say why escape not reported

Police say publicising the escape from custody on June 12 of Mr Johannes Maisha Stanza Bopape (28) while en route to Vereeniging would have jeopardised investigations into activities of "trained ANC terrorists in the area."

A police statement yesterday said Mr Bopape had escaped while a flat tyre was being changed on a vehicle in which he was being escorted.

"The SA police appeals to anyone with information as to the present whereabouts of Mr Bopape to contact their nearest police station," the statement said.

At a press conference three days ago, his employers said family and colleagues feared for Mr Bopape's life.

The Community Resource and Information Centre (Cric) said security police alleged he escaped on June 12 but only informed his attorneys of this three weeks later on July 4. — Sapa
Msibi, Bopape: Police react

POLICE said a report in the Sowetan yesterday on the death of a former bodyguard of ANC president, Mr Oliver Tambo, did not place the incident in the "correct perspective."

A police statement said Mr Sidney Jabulani Msibi, who was shot dead on July 5, in Soweto, "gave evidence for the State in a case against Mokgabudsi and others."

In this trial, "the State was, to a large degree, dependent on the evidence of Mr Msibi."

Mokgabudsi was sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment for terrorism. The State also intended calling Msibi as a witness in the case against Mr Ismail Ibrahim. Mr Msibi would also have been an important witness in this trial.

"The impression which the Sowetan apparently wishes to create, that Mr Msibi was murdered because he would have given evidence for the defence in the trial of Mr Ibrahim, definitely does not place this incident in the correct perspective," the statement said.

It added "It is the acknowledged, stated, policy of the ANC to put to death so-called sell-outs, including State witnesses. A number of persons who have given evidence for the State have been killed by the ANC. These include Messrs. Abel Membu, Leonard Nkosi, Ben Langa and Bartholomew Hiapane and his wife."

POLICE yesterday said publishing the escape on June 12 of Mr Johannes Masha Stanza Bopape while he was being taken to Vereeniging would have jeopardised investigations into activities of trained ANC guerrillas in the area.

A statement from the SAP public relations division, Pretoria, said "Mr Bopape wilfully escaped from police custody during the night of June 12, 1988 while being escorted by motor vehicles to Vereeniging, where certain police investigations were in progress."

"A flat tyre en route necessitated the police vehicle to stop and while the spare tyre was being fitted, Mr Bopape made good his escape."

"His present whereabouts are unknown," the statement said.

"An official case docket pertaining to his escape was registered on June 13, 1988 and is still under investigation."

"The escape was not made public at the time as it would have jeopardised a current police investigation."

"The SA Police appeals to anyone who may have any information as to the present whereabouts of Mr Bopape to contact their nearest police station."
THE Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, this week paid R1500 damages in an out of court settlement to a taxi queue marshall who was assaulted by two policemen in and outside a Pretoria police station last year.

Mr Lucas Moatlhodi of Zone 2, Garankuwana, initially claimed R5000 damages plus legal costs from the Minister after he was assaulted by two policemen on July 7 last year.

Mr Bryant Tamsa, a spokesman for Mr Moatlhodi's lawyers, yesterday confirmed that the Minister paid the money on Tuesday. The payment was without prejudice and without the Minister admitting any liability, he said.

**Particulars**

According to particulars of the claim, Mr Moatlhodi was on duty as a queue marshall near the Pretoria station when two policemen arrived. They approached a woman hawker and told her that she was trading illegally. The woman ran away. The two policemen asked Mr Moatlhodi if he knew her. When he replied that he did not, he was “wrongly and unlawfully and intentionally” assaulted by the policemen who dropped him to the ground three times with punches. Mr Moatlhodi said he later went to the Jacaranda Police Station to lay a charge.

At the police station he was again assaulted by the same policemen. He was dragged into a room where “I lay bleeding for sometime before I lost consciousness.”

He said he left the police station after regaining consciousness. His two assailants saw him and gave chase. “I outpaced them and ran to the Pretoria Central Police Station where I laid a charge,” he said.
ANC man assisted SAP

POLICE have confirmed that a former member of the ANC killed in Soweto last week was a top ANC intelligence operative in Swaziland who had “turned” and supplied information to the police on the ANC.

Sydney Jabulani Mabu, 31, gunned down last Tuesday, was to give evidence for the state in a treason trial in Pretoria next week, police said yesterday.

Abducted by SA agents in Swaziland in 1986, he turned, exposing security police recruited to spy for the ANC on the SAP.
Taximen sue Vlok

THREE taxi drivers who were allegedly assaulted and belittled by the police near the Marabastad — Pretoria rank last year, have claimed a total of R30 000 damages from the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adrian Vlok.

The three are Mr Elkan Molomo, Mr Martin Ramara and Mr Joseph Magoleng, all of 2nd Avenue, Alexandra township, Johannesburg.

The three alleged that they were unlawfully assaulted by three white members of the South African Police with an iron rod about 9pm on March 30, 1987.

A spokesman for their attorneys, Mr Bryant Tanna, yesterday confirmed that they had claimed R30 000 plus legal costs from the Minister and that summonses had already been issued.

According to the three, they had suffered shock, pain and suffering as a result of the assaults. They also alleged that they were belittled.
Bridging the gap between press and police

By CRAIG KOTZE

It’s not easy being a public relations officer in the SAP, caught between the often conflicting needs of the press and those of the police force.

But if any two officers on the Witwatersrand can be said to have bridged the gap it would be Captain Pierre Louw (35) and Colonel Frans Malherbe (44).

It was announced last week that Captain Louw had been promoted from lieutenant to captain from July 1.

Virtually media personalities in their own right after almost constant exposure in the media, they occupy the public relations “hot seat” in the most important police division in the country.

For Johannesburg houses South Africa’s most important newspapers, SABC TV and the largest concentration of foreign media in Southern Africa.

THEIR UNIT IS A SHOWCASE

This dynamic duo have made the Witwatersrand Police Division and its units — including the almost legendary Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad, the track John Vorster Square Vehicle Branch and the Robbery Reaction Unit — the best known in the country.

Their efforts have also turned their own unit into the showcase of the SAP public relations effort outside Pretoria.

The two men come from police families and perceive their role as having three main functions — enhancement of the SAP’s image, improving its relations with the public through the media, and keeping the public informed.

Colonel Malherbe, commander of the team, is recognised as an organisational and planning expert with extensive public relations experience.

He organised the Transkei independence celebrations in 1976 while stationed in Umtata and this year is co-ordinating the considerable arrangements for the SAP’s 75th anniversary celebrations on the Witwatersrand.

IT’S A BIG WORLD OUT THERE

Captain Louw is more often than not the “front man” of the team, quoted regularly in the press, appearing regularly on TV talk shows, giving news bulletins and speaking at high-powered seminars and lectures.

A keen student of strategic studies, he majored at Pretoria University in criminology and psychology. After joining the SAP in 1979, he was made an officer in 1983.

He and his journalist wife Anna have two young sons, Pierre (2) and Jacque (11 months).

Colonel Malherbe joined the police in 1962 and was appointed to his present post in May 1986. He became an officer in 1972 and has also served in the Cape.

He and his wife Stella have four children, Linda (20), a student at Stellenbosch University, Enka (18), a student at the Rand Afrikaans University, Francois (15) and Werner (10).
Captain Pierre Louw... "front man" with television and the South African and world press, he lectures at seminars and takes part in talk shows.
MIDDELBURG. — Four men, including three policemen, were charged with murder in the Middelburg, Transvaal, Magistrate’s court yesterday after the death of a man being held in custody.

The four, who all pleaded not guilty, are Constable Karel Jacob Erasmus (24) of Plein Street, Middelburg, Constable Martinus Gerhardus van Deventer (21) of Watsonia Street, Middelburg, Warrant Officer Falaza Phineas Maluleka of Soweto and Mr Hermanus Pelsa (29) of Burgerspark Flats, Middelburg. They were all released on warning.

The men have been charged with the murder of Mr Patrick Nkosii (26), a resident of Middelburg’s black township of Mhluzi.

After allegedly being assaulted at the Mhluzi police charge office, Mr Nkosii was taken to the Middelburg Hospital where he later died.

—Sapa
Four policemen in court for murder

By DESMOND BLOW

Four policemen – three white and one black – were charged in the Middelburg Magistrate’s Court this week of battering a 25-year-old man to death at the Mwani Police Station in February this year.

Accused of murdering 25-year-old Patrick Nkosi between the night of January 31 and the morning of February 1, are: Karel Jacob Erasmus, 24, Hermanus Pelsor, 29, Martinus Gerhardus van Deventer, 21, all of Middelburg, and Falaza Phumelela Maluleka of Soweto.

They pleaded not guilty and were released on their own recognisance.

All four have been suspended from the police force.

The case was postponed to September 7 for the Transvaal Attorney-General to decide whether they should be tried in the Pretoria Supreme Court or Regional Court.

According to the charge sheet, they caused the death of Nkosi, who died in hospital – by kicking him, beating him with their fists, and battering his head against a wall.

The deceased had worked as a clerk for four years until he was retrenched late last year.

He was married with a four-year-old daughter, Patricia.

His 22-year-old wife, Constance, told City Press from her home with Nkosi’s grandparents, that he had never been in trouble with the police before.

Constance, who works as a photo-copier operator in Middelburg, said Nkosi was a good husband and father.

“He was very intelligent and keen that I further my education and get my matric,” Constance said.

“He had planned that I stop work to study, but he then lost his job.

“However, he promised that, when he got a job again, I could go back to school as we had planned,” Constance said.

“Thik will now be impossible as I have to work to support Patricia and myself.”

Nkosi’s grandmother, Alleta Nkosi, 64, said that on the night before his death, friends came and invited Patrick to a party in Mwani Township.

“Patrick was fine and in good health,” she said.

The following morning, a friend of Nkosi came to tell them he had died in hospital.

Alleta said she had raped Patrick and his two sisters, because their mother had worked in Johannesburg.

“He was a lovely, obedient boy and we never had problems with him.”

Besides supporting his wife and child, Nkosi had maintained his grandmother and her husband, David Nkosi, 78.
More faith in SAP/SADF

MORE whites believe the SAP and SADF could control unrest indefinitely, a survey by the SA Institute of International Affairs research director Andre du Plessis shows.

He said respondents' belief in the ability of the SAP/SADF to control internal unrest had grown since the 1986 survey — 78.4% compared to 67.8%.

These attitudes had largely been formed by implementation of the state of emergency in July 1986 and restrictions on the media.

"Clearly, security concerns outweigh all others including reform and democratisation in the socio-political sphere," he said.

Du Plessis said hardening of opinions was most evident in questions on negotiations with the ANC and justification blacks may have to take up arms.

He added that ambiguities on domestic social issues were evident. For example, most respondents were opposed to scrapping the Group Areas Act but favoured non-racial sport at school level.

Repplies the question of whether the communist threat to SA was exaggerated by government suggested Pretoria's simplistic anti-Soviet propaganda worked on most whites.
Minister pays mother R20 000

By Mekeke Kotelo,
Pretoria Bureau

The Minister of Land
Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, has paid an out-of-court
settlement of R20 000 to a
Mamelodi mother

Mrs Rose Dumpe (47), a
former cleaner at 1 Mil-
tary Hospital, Voortrek-
kerhoogte, was arrested
by military police on
July 2 1986 while on duty.
Later she was handed
over to the SAP.

Mrs Dumpe's attorney,
Mr Allen Lepholo, told
The Star that he received
the cheque from the Min-
ister's office yesterday.

According to a court
summons, she was
stripped naked and tor-
tured on the day of her
arrest, and again on July
8.

Her attorney said Mrs
Dumpe was released from
detention on August 29
before a Supreme Court
interdict for her release
was heard. She was not
charged.

Mrs Dumpe had
claimed a total of R5 000

from the Minister for
wrongful arrest and
assault.

The summons alleged
that after her arrest she
was taken to a military
police station by three
members of the police
force where she was
blindfolded and taken to
a military prison for
questioning.

There she was
"stripped naked, tied to a
chair for several hours,
water was poured over
her and electrical shocks
were applied."

As a result of her de-
tention and subsequent
"unlawful and malicious
assault by members of
the police force," she suf-
fered "severe mental
shock and anguish, a
gross infringement of her
dignity and self-esteem
as well as an aggravated
form of embarrassment,"
the summons said.

She also sustained
physical injuries "with a
resultant permanent dis-
ability" and would re-
quire prolonged psychi-
atic treatment.

All the time during the
lengthy interrogations,
she was questioned about
the "burning of the house
of a Mr Mabaso," said a
medical report.

The Minister denied all
allegations in court
papers but confirmed her
detention.

A spokesman for the
Police Directorate of
Public Relations con-
formed that the Minister
had paid the out-of-court
settlement of R20 000 to
Mrs Dumpe. He also paid
the costs of the action
without admitting lia-
ability in the case.
A LAW student who was allegedly called a "terrorist" by a policemen in Atteridgeville, Pretoria, three years ago, is claiming R5 000 damages from the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok.

Mr Tebogo Frank Mathibedi of Sehlohe Street, Atteridgeville, alleges that Constable Tommy Machaba swore at him on or about February 13, 1985.

The civil claim, which is being heard in the Pretoria Magistrate's Court, was yesterday postponed to November 14 as the magistrate, Mrs A van Heerden, was not available.

The Minister of Law and Order and Mr Machaba are cited as respondents in the matter.

Mr Mathibedi, an articled clerk with a firm of attorneys in Pretoria, testified earlier that Mr Machaba and a number of policemen travelling in a van, approached him and other people during the afternoon at the corner of Mugomelua and Mohlabane streets on that day.

He told the court that Mr Machaba, speaking in the Sesotho language, wrongfully, maliciously and intentionally "told me, "Hey sonnie, move away, terrorist Voetsiek, move away."

Mr Mathibedi said he reported the matter at the local police station the same day. The Attorney General, however, declined to prosecute.

In his affidavit, Mr Mathibedi said as a result of the utterance of these words, he suffered damages to dignity, self-esteem, fame and reputation.

Mr Machaba has denied the allegations. Witnesses for the respondents are expected to testify on November 14.

Mr Mathibedi, who is represented by Mr Elias Phyeza, claimed R5 000 plus costs. Both respondents are represented by Mr A F Swanepoel.
Vlok pays R20,000

THE Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, has paid R20,000 in an out of court settlement to a 47-year-old woman who was allegedly stripped naked and assaulted by the police while in detention two years ago. Mrs Rose Dimpe, of Mamelodi, Pretoria, and a former cleaner at 1 Military Hospital, Voortrekkerhoogte, was arrested by the military police on July 2, 1986 and later handed over to the South African Police.

In her affidavit, Mrs Dimpe alleged that during her arrest and detention she was blindfolded, stripped naked, tied to a chair for several hours, water poured over her and electric shocks applied to her.

She also alleged that she was interrogated for a lengthy period and was not given anything to eat and she was also not allowed to go to the toilet while being interrogated. She was detained on July 2, 1986 and released without being charged on August 29.

Mr Allen Lephoko, a spokesman for a firm of attorneys in Pretoria, yesterday confirmed that the Minister of Law and Order had paid R20,000 damages in an out of court settlement. The cheque was received yesterday.

A spokesman for the Police Public Relations Division in Pretoria yesterday also confirmed the payment but said the Minister did not accept liability. The Minister denied the allegations by Mrs Dimpe but admitted that she was detained.

Mrs Dimpe submitted in her affidavit that as a result of the unlawful detention and the alleged assaults, she suffered severe mental shock, anguish, a gross infringement of her dignity and self-esteem as well as an aggravated form of embarrassment.

She also submitted that she sustained physical injuries “with a resultant permanent disability” and would require prolonged psychiatric treatment.
Violence exceeded all bounds.

By Celeste Louw

The amount of violence the police had used to re-arrest an alleged car thief, exceeded all bounds and they should be held liable for his death, an Johannesburg inquest court heard yesterday.

Mr A Swart, who appeared on behalf of Mr Benjamin Jaba Skhosana’s family, argued that Mr Skhosana had been assaulted by the police while he was in leg irons and handcuffed.

Earlier the court heard that Mr Skhosana (23), who was allegedly involved in a car theft syndicate, attempted to escape from police custody on February 17 last year while pointing out places where some of the allegedly stolen cars were.

Both detective sergeants Stephane Fourie and Michael Share testified that the suspect struggled violently when they caught up with him.

Mrs T Rossouw (for the State) said there were too many unanswered questions concerning the police evidence.

"... however, it is clear that excessive violence had been used, which resulted in the death of Mr Skhosana."

The magistrate Mr T Steenkamp, will make his finding on August 15.
‘Torture’ case: police decline to comment

By Mkeke Kgotla, Pretoria Bureau

It was not known whether any action would be taken against policemen responsible for the alleged torture of a Mamelodi mother who was this week paid R20 000 in an out-of-court settlement by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Viljoen, a spokesman for the Police Public Relations Division said yesterday.

The Minister paid Mrs Rose Dimppe (47) R20 000 in damages after she was allegedly wrongfully arrested and detained for two months in 1986. She was also allegedly unlawfully assaulted during interrogation.

The spokesman for the police said even if action had to be taken, it was not departmental policy to comment on its internal administrative matters.

According to an affidavit submitted to court, Mrs Dimppe was stripped naked and tortured on the day of her arrest and again on July 8.

She was released from detention on August 29 before a Supreme Court interdict for her release could be heard. She was not charged.

The affidavit further said that after her arrest she was taken to a military police station by three members of the police force where she was blindfolded, and taken to a military prison for questioning.

There she was ‘stripped naked, tied to a chair for several hours, water was poured over her and electrical shocks were applied’.
Brixton police arms ‘not used in murder’

PRETORIA. — Ballistics tests on seven Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad weapons investigated in connection with the murder of nightclub owner Mr James Meiring were negative, police said.

The squad had insisted on the ballistics tests after a cartridge was found at the scene of the murder, the police division of public relations in Pretoria said in a statement yesterday on behalf of Lieutenant-General Stan Schutte, head of the CID.

"Speculation, insinuations and allegations" that suggested a member or members of the SAP might have been involved in Mr Meiring's murder led to police sending the weapons for ballistics tests.

"It is now ballistically proved that none of the weapons involved was used in any way in the murder," the statement said.

The firearms sent for tests were "official weapons" assigned to the unit and were not the specific responsibility of any particular policeman. The weapons were taken from the unit's weapons pool.

Police said investigations into the murder would continue.

Mr Meiring's body was found under a pile of burnt tyres in a bush near Zuurbekom in late 1986 — the day a warrant for his arrest was issued in connection with a R1.5-million jewel robbery.

Earlier this year two members of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Unit were found guilty of the deaths of two alleged drug dealers and the attempted murder of a Soweto businessman. — Sapa
Municipal police plans

THE Ministry of Law and Order would release details of its plans to incorporate thousands of black municipal policemen into the structure of the SAP this week, a ministry spokesman said yesterday.

The municipal police forces, established and financed by the Department of Constitutional Development during the first stage of emergency in 1965, were formed to supplement the tightly stretched resources of the SAP and South African Defence Force (SADF) in townships at the height of unrest.

Recruits, who underwent a three-month training course, were assigned to duties that included protection of town councilors, their families and council property—prime targets during the unrest.

Law and Order spokesman Lieut.-Col. Piet Botha said at the moment the SAP was still investigating the structure in which the municipal police would be accommodated in the SAP.

"Within the next few days, we will go public and issue a statement as to the future and incorporation of the municipal police into the SAP."

The ministry also pointed out that black members of the SAP and their families were returning to their former township homes, which were left during the height of the unrest.

A spokesman said in the few small areas where radicals still preyed on policemen, the latter received protection while the troublemakers were sought out individually.
Policemen killed in Soweto

TWO members of Johannesburg's Robbery Reaction Unit and an informer were killed when they were shot and attacked with pangas and knobkerries in Phiri, Soweto, yesterday morning.

A police spokesman said the exact circumstances surrounding the deaths were not yet clear. He ruled out insurgents being involved, saying the murderers were criminals.

The three men were killed at 10.45am. The names of the policemen will be released when their next of kin have been informed.

The police are looking for a blue/green Ford Cortina with registration letters OKE and a green Chevrolet 4180 with an OX registration.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Flying Squad on 10111.
SAP appoints first black liaison officer

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — In a major effort to “win the hearts and minds” of the black community the Ministry of Law and Order has appointed its first black liaison officer.

Lieutenant Jotham Steynberg Mashaba, 41, is the first black police officer to be employed by the ministry.

Lieutenant Mashaba’s job will be to liaise with black community leaders and the black Press, Brigadier Leon Nellet said in Pretoria yesterday.

White officials have experienced difficulty keeping in touch with the black community, Brigadier Nellet said, and the ministry hoped that Lieutenant Mashaba would contribute towards solving that problem.

“Lieutenant Mashaba was handpicked from several fellow black officers, and we are very happy with him,” the brigadier said.

Successful

The ministry had employed a coloured liaison officer, Lieutenant Hendrik Opperman, in the Cape and it had proved to be successful.

Lieutenant Mashaba, who has been a policeman for 17 years, sees his new job as a challenge.

“As the first black to hold this portfolio I expect to run into some difficulties,” Lieutenant Mashaba said, “but I will do my best.”

The lieutenant sees his job as promoting the image of the police in the black community.

Lieutenant Mashaba, who hails from Bosbokrand, joined the police in Germiston and for the past 16 years has been an instructor at Hammanskraal Police College.

He had wanted to be a teacher but his father was unable to send him to training college.

Lieutenant Mashaba is married with five children.
COPS AND INFORMER SLAIN

TWO police constables and a suspected police informer were shot dead in Soweto yesterday by a group of men known as the "Russians."

Major Fenyana Zwane of the Soweto police public relations division said the names of the dead people would be released after the next of kin were informed.

The two policemen, stationed at John Vorster Square in Johannesburg, had gone to house number 7198 in Plum township to investigate a case when they were attacked.

They were shot several times when they entered the house and the suspected police informer, who was waiting in the police vehicle, was allegedly hacked with blunt instruments and also shot by the group.

Major Zwane said it was not yet known who the motive for the attack was as well as what the police were investigating in the house. Late yesterday house 7198 stood empty with broken windows, bloodstains on the walls and disarranged window curtains after the shooting.

A witness, whose name may not be mentioned for fear of reprisal, told the Sowetan that on Tuesday night a man was arrested by police in that house.

The witness said at 9am two policemen arrived and went into the house. Suddenly a group attacked them and fired shots at them.
Police deny connection with political killings

DURBAN — A police spokesman today denied a report in a Johannesburg weekly newspaper that two security policemen were being held in connection with a spate of political killings in St Wendolins (near Pinetown).

The spokesman said two policemen had been arrested in connection with a killing at St Wendolins. They had already appeared briefly in court and the Attorney-General of Natal had opposed bail. No further comment could be made. — Own Correspondent.

Hearing postponed for suspended Hillbrow MP

Suspended Hillbrow MP, Mr Leon de Beer (28) appeared briefly with his election agent, Mr Christoffel Snyman (57), and a Home Affairs official, Mr Adriaan Janse van Rensburg (42), in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The fraud hearing, involving the application for special votes in the Hillbrow constituency in 1987's general...
16 Parade for torture-claim denials

By THAM MUYVANAZI

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SAP unit arrive to film play

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The final performance of a play at the University of Durban-Westville's Student Representative Council's Cultural Festival, "Shades of Brown", had to be cancelled when a team of policemen arrived and wanted to film the play.

Professor Dennis Schaffer, head of the department of drama, confirmed that he had stopped Wednesday night's performance after five policemen — including a member of the SAP Video Unit, arrived just as the play started and wanted to film the proceedings.

"Shades of Brown", is about a white security policeman who discovers his child is in fact black.

"I could not allow them to do so because it infringed the Copyright Act and I needed to get the permission of the actors." When the policemen, who refused to produce their identification, insisted on filming, I was forced to stop the play," said Professor Schaffer.

A police spokesman in Pretoria confirmed the incident, but denied the policemen had refused to identify themselves.
Police reject PAC claims

Claims by the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) that 12 South African security force members were killed at a roadblock on Sunday were "ridiculous and rejected as an attempt to save face", a police liaison officer said in Pretoria yesterday.

He was commenting on a report by the national Zambian news agency, Zana, that a unit of the armed wing of the PAC, the Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla), had killed 12 South Africans and lost four of its members in a shoot-out on the Mafikeng-Lichtenburg road.

In a statement issued from its Dar es Salaam headquarters yesterday, the PAC confirmed that four of its members died in a shoot-out. "The Apla unit attacked the regime's forces with hand grenades and followed up with automatic gunfire when the enemy tried to take cover and returned fire."

"Five enemy soldiers died, while Apla suffered three fatalities in the exchange."

The statement added that another person, allegedly captured by the South African forces, primed a hand grenade which exploded, killing himself and another seven security force members.

The statement rejected claims by the South African Police that the men were stopped, saying they had launched an attack on those manning the roadblock.

The police spokesman said events at the roadblock, subsequent follow-up work and investigations had been correctly reported by the police, as would be proved in court. — Sapa.
Man dies in police custody

Vlok is sued

THE family of a man who died shortly after being released from police custody is to sue the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Andriaan Vlok, for R50 000.

Mr Moses Gulube (46) of Embalenhle township, near Secunda, was arrested by Bethal police for alleged stock theft on June 15 this year. His family claims that when he was arrested, Mr Gulube was healthy and in "good shape."

He was released from custody on June 26 and died three days later on June 29.

The SAP Public Relations Division in Pretoria yesterday confirmed that Mr Gulube was arrested and subsequently released on bail.

The police said Mr Gulube failed to bring to the attention of a magistrate or the police that he was ill-treated while in police custody.

"The post-mortem examination done by a State pathologist revealed that Mr Gulube died as a result of meningitis, a natural cause. There appears to be no evidence to support the allegations that Mr Gulube was assaulted while in police custody," a police spokesman said.

The spokesman said a docket was opened after Mr Gulube's death to investigate "circumstances and allegations regarding his death."

His family claims that after his release, Mr Gulube complained of a severe headache. They also claim that he told them that he was allegedly assaulted in Bethal after his arrest. The family could not say how many times he was assaulted.

After his release, he was taken to two different medical practitioners — on June 27 and 29.

A post-mortem conducted in Johannesburg by a State appointed pathologist, Dr Y. D. Kempt, on July 1, revealed that Mr Gulube died of meningitis.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

Not satisfied with the results, the family appointed a private pathologist, Dr Jonathan Gluckman, who conducted another post-mortem. The results will only be known later this week.

A lawyer representing the family, Mr Shlungwa Mhenga, said he would be serving Mr Vlok with papers within the next four weeks. Mr Mhenga said the family is claiming not less than R50 000.
Slain cops are named

SOWETO police are following up various leads and are investigating whether the two Johannesburg detectives and an informer were brutally murdered in Phiri on Wednesday by a feared township gang called "The Russians," a spokesman said.

Soweto CID Chief Brigadier G. Zyl said detectives were investigating "all possibilities," including whether "The Russians" were linked to the triple murder.

"We are following up leads in the investigation," he said.

No arrests had yet been made, he added.

Police are still making a countrywide search for the killers, who fled the murder scene in two vehicles, a bakkie and a car.

Blanket

"The Russians" are a gang of blanket-clad men who habitually carry knobkieries. They are believed to be involved in criminal activities such as drug-dealing and diamond smuggling.

The names of two detectives who were murdered have been released.

They are Constable Abraham Thomatsane (28), and Constable Cockeray Matepe (32), both members of the Johannesburg Robbery Reaction Squad.

The name of the third man murdered along with them has not yet been released.

All three victims were battered with knobkieries, hacked with pangas and shot on the corner of Justice and Ngaleng streets between 9 and 9.30am.
Kani could have lived — claim

THE REV Cameron Kani, who died after being shot by police at his home, was groaning on his garage floor when he could have been at Tygerberg Hospital, a Wynberg inquest court heard yesterday.

This was claimed by the Kani family's legal representative, Mr Jeremy Gauntlett, in his address to the court.

Mr Gauntlett submitted that the police had omitted to take reasonable steps to save Mr Kani's life by failing to inform the first ambulance that Mr Kani was there.

The ambulance arrived at 12.35am, about 15 minutes after the shooting. Mr Kani groaned about 10 minutes after the ambulance had left and that was about when it arrived at Tygerberg Hospital.

There was medical evidence that Mr Kani would have had a 70% chance of survival had he been taken in the first ambulance.

Mr Gauntlett submitted that another person shot Lieutenant E Bester from the garage and then escaped over the wall. This was possible since Sgt T J Rosslee had entered the garage only after he saw Lt Bester collapse against the wall of the house and another policeman had moved in only later to cover the entrance.

A viable possibility was that Mr Kani had had a gun, he said. The police, searching for a gunman, entered Mr Kani's garage. They were not easily identifiable in black jackets and did not identify themselves.

"Rev Kani assumed this was a person up to no good and shot Bester in self-defence.

Mr J Slabbert, for the Minister of Law and Order, said the court was faced with two versions, the police version and that of the family.

The police version amounted to justification and self-defence. The family version sought to indicate that the last shots were not justified and seemed to allege that the deceased was murdered by the police, although they "never actually state the accusation".

He said it was a "strange coincidence that at the vital moment of the deceased being shot there happened to be, at each available window, a prominent eye-witness, who gives the impression that there had been a figure in the window, looking into the garage, yet another witness would have been placed at this window at the time of the shooting".

It was improbable that family members had not spoken to each other and nobody had told the police what they had seen even though they had been questioned by a Xhosa-speaking policeman.

Mr Slabbert said the only reasonable explanation for this was that "none of them saw anything for the simple reason that when the police arrived the house was in darkness and everybody was asleep".

Mr Slabbert submitted that Sgt Rosslee's action in shooting complied with self-defence and did not amount to the commission of any offence.

He said a second ambulance was summoned immediately after Mr Kani had been seen to move. One of its crew members concluded that he was dead.

He also submitted that Mr Kani died at short range. He had submitted that Mr Kani died at short range after the shooting and no evidence on the part of any person could be proved.

The hearing continues today.
Kani death: Police cleared

POLICE had acted lawfully and no offence was
committed when Rev Cameron Kani was shot
dead in the garage of his
home, a Wynberg In-
quest Magistrate found
yesterday.

The magistrate, Mr G
Hoffman, said Mr Kani,
52, a lay preacher with
the Reformed Methodist
Church, had died of mu-
tiple gunshot wounds
sustained during lawful
police action.

Earlier, evidence was
that police were patro-
lising the area of New
Crossroads when they
heard a shot, apparently
coming from a garage,
and went to investigate.
Shots were allegedly
fired at them when they
entered the building,
causing them to shoot at
a figure inside. The man
was Mr Kani.

Inside the house, Mr
Kani's family and others
said they knew nothing
of the shooting, but three
later told the court they
witnessed the shooting
and heard groaning from
the garage, but police
would not allow them to
go to Mr Kani.

Mr Hoffman said they
contradicted themselves
and each other to such
an extent that charges of
perjury could be laid
against them. He said he
did not believe that any
of them witnessed any
part of the shooting.

Mr Hoffman also said
the evidence of Dr Rich-
ard Muller that Mr
Kani's life could have
been saved had he been
taken to hospital within
an hour, was difficult to
accept.

He added that Sgt
Rosslee, the policeman
involved, had fired only
after he was fired at, and
that this action "was not
unlawful."

Mr T. Sifits, instructed by the State
Attorney's Office, appeared for the Witness
of Law and Order, and for the Attor-
ney General's Office. He said the evidence Mr. J.
Eckstein submitted by Mr T. Sifits was not
necessary for the intent.
MEN HELD AFTER LORD’S KILLINGS

TWO Pinetown security policemen are being held in connection with the recent spate of "political killings" in St Wendolins. News of their arrest has heightened suspicions that certain members of the SAP were in collusion with notorious "warlords" and marked with secret signs in the Natal political violence.

The raid on a security building in St Wendolins, at the beginning of the week when political violence, reminiscent of other war-torn Natal towns, broke out between Inkatha and UDF factions.

Investigations by monitoring groups then revealed the violence was being perpetrated by a "third force" whose killers operated behind masks.

A warrant officer of the Pinetown police station leading the investigating team, confirmed they were holding two policemen and other people as well.

According to eyewitnesses, Mathews Makhanya was walking with two friends at Kwabhelele about 9pm on Wednesday when attacked by three or four men who shot him to death. Some of the attackers have been identified.

Makhanya was apparently a witness to some of the attacks and his killing has scarred other potential witnesses into going underground in fear for their lives.

By SBU MINGADI

THE government has decided to temporarily suspend the emergency regulations which require news agency operators to register with the Department of Home Affairs. Home Affairs Minister Sbu Zikode Boltus said in Pretoria yesterday.

He said in a statement the decision had been taken because of unrealistic considerations and pending further investigation.

The principle of the suspension is addressed in Regulation 11 which requires news agency operators to register. A matter for concern, he said.

Botha’s announcement that the regulation was being suspended means that journalists who were allowed to register before July 31 – or face a 10-year jail term – do not have to do so for the time being.

Botha’s announcement comes just days before the registration system was to be implemented.

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Municipal police to merge with the SAP

By DE WET POTGIETER

THE country’s controversial black municipal police forces are to be incorporated into the South African Police.

Official sources have confirmed this, but have declined to give the reason. However, it is understood the move follows increasing concern by the Government and other security forces about the climbing toll of municipal policemen involved in criminal activities.

Control

The municipal police forces have also been prone to mutinies — three major ones occurring within the first year of their establishment.

The municipal police forces were established in terms of legislation passed in 1982 and until now have been under the control of the Department of Constitutional Development. Although they nominally reported to the black councils, some mayors admitted they had little control over the police.

During the unrest of 1984 until 1986 they were assigned to guard municipal property and officials and thus became a major target of the revolutionary and anarchist groups.

In 1990, Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development, confirmed in Parliament there had been 349 public complaints against the municipal police for offences ranging from crimes injuring to murder, attempted murder and robbery.

Major investigations are currently underway by a special police task force into allegations of high-level crime and corruption in the Soweto municipal police, involving a number of senior white officers.

Factors

A police source said the strict discipline of the SAP was the only answer.

Lieutenant Peet Bothma, spokesman for Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok’s office, said several factors needed to be considered before an official announcement was made.
Prominent E TVI men go on trial for death of policeman

By REVELATION NTOLWA

NINE prominent residents of Lynville, near Witbank, will appear in the Pretoria Supreme Court next week charged with the murder of a policeman in 1986.

They are Donald Mnisi, Stanley Phalaphala, Sunday Komane, Gastave Matloula, Abel Ntuli, Banda Khoza, Silvester Sbava, Moses Magagula and Oupa Lentsweane.

Some of them are already serving long sentences on Robben Island.

Their appearance is a sequel to the death of Const Solomon Mandlazi, who died on May 31, 1986.

According to the charge sheet, Mandlazi was attending a funeral at Lynville Township when he was attacked by mourners about to bury an unrest victim.

He was assaulted by the mob and, while unconscious, was thrown into a nearby open grave where he was allegedly further assaulted.

The open grave in which he had been dumped was later filled with soil by the angry mob before it left the cemetery.

His body was later dug up by members of the police, states the charge sheet.

The hearing, expected to run on for several weeks, is expected to attract much attention in view of the fact that many of the accused are well-known Lynville residents.

Others feature in civic politics in the Witbank township.
SAP appoints first black media relations officer

Lt Jham Moshaba, 41, who had been hand-picked from a large number of black policemen for the job, would work mainly with the black Press.

Ministry of Law and Order spokesman Brig Lebon Moleto said the police had been partly to blame for the "serious problem" of keeping the public uninformed.

He said it was police policy to be as open as possible regarding information despite the emergency regulations.

"The public needs information to be motivated," he said.

However, the media were also to blame for the uninformed public, he said.

Moshaba served for 16 years in the police force as an instructor at the police college at Hammanskraal.

-- Sapa
Kani witnesses: Police probe perjury charges

POLICE are investigating charges of perjury against witnesses who gave evidence during the inquest into the death of the Rev Cameron Kani, the CID chief for the Western Cape, Brigadier Nick Acker, said yesterday.

A Wynberg inquest magistrate, Mr G Hoffman, said Mr Kani, 52, a lay preacher with the Reformed Methodist Church, had died of multiple gunshot wounds received during lawful police action on February 2 this year.

During the inquest Mr Hoffman said certain witnesses contradicted themselves and each other to such an extent while giving evidence that charges of perjury could be laid against them.

Earlier evidence was that police patrolling the area of New Crossroads went to investigate a shot they heard coming from a garage.

Shots were allegedly fired at them as they entered the building, causing police to shoot at a figure inside. The man was Mr Kani.

Mr Kani's family originally said they knew nothing of the shooting, but later told the court they witnessed the incident and heard groaning coming from the garage. The court heard that police would not allow them to go to Mr Kani.
Court call for KTC documents rejected

By REHANA ROSSOUW
Supreme Court Reporter

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, has denied counsel for KTC residents access to security police documents relating to events in KTC and Crossroads.

The marathon KTC trial in which residents and the Methodist Church are claiming R312 000 damages from the Minister resumed yesterday after the Supreme Court winter recess.

Mr H P Viljoen SC, for the plaintiffs, handed in two certificates from Mr Vlok declining to supply documents in terms of the Internal Security Act as their contents would be "prejudicial to State security".

Written orders by Major-General Albertus Wandrag, head of the police counter-insurgency unit, in relation to events in the area and a document entitled "Radio procedure SA Police" could not be disclosed.

He also refused to disclose guidelines given to the police for crowd control and handling violence.

Minutes of weekly staff meetings of the police, where references were made to the KTC/Crossroads events, were also withheld.

The court heard that security personnel held joint meetings regularly to discuss action in the KTC area.

Major Christiaan Loedolf, who served in the railway police regional task force which worked with the unrest unit of the police during the violence, said a special committee called Vykom (Veiligheidskomitee) met every morning at the Thomas Boydell building in Cape Town to discuss tactics.

A second committee called the Joint Operation Centre met at the counter-insurgency unit's base at Manenberg police station.

Major Loedolf said tactical information was supplied by the security police at the meetings of the Vykom.

The information would detail political organisations' plans such as the march to Pollsmoor Prion in 1985.

These issues were discussed broadly by the committee of police, railway police, the Defence Force, the Air Force and the security police.

The information was sent to Manenberg police station for the Joint Operation Centre meetings.

Illegal request

Major Loedolf said he worked closely with Major Dolf Odendaal, second in command of the riot squad, in KTC.

Questioned by Mr F Brand, for the Minister, he denied that there was a "macro-conspiracy" between the police and the wildoekie vigilantes.

He denied that Major Odendaal asked him and his unit to assist the wildoekie.

Mr Brand: What would your reaction have been if Major Odendaal had made such a request?

Major Loedolf: I would have tried to talk him out of it. If that didn't work, I would have reported him to a higher authority.

Mr Brand: There is a suggestion that such a request would have been morally correct under the circumstances prevailing in KTC at the time.

Major Loedolf: KTC did not consist only of comrades - they were the minority. Most of the residents were passive. It would have been unacceptable for us to assist the wildoekie. It would have resulted in the death of innocent people.

Mr Brand: What are the chances that Major Odendaal gave such an order to his own men?

Major Loedolf: In my experience if such an order were given it would have terrible consequences. If we allowed those people to engage in illegal action it would make it impossible for us to take action against them in the future if they did something wrong. It would have made it impossible for us to do our work as police officers.

The hearing continues.
Police: Removal of newsmen ‘for their protection’

The officer commanding the now defunct Railways Regional Task Force yesterday told the Supreme Court that in June 1986 police had orders to remove journalists from strife-torn KTC for "their own protection."

Major Christiaan Ludolff was giving evidence in the R200 000 damages action brought against the Minister of Law and Order by the Methodist Church and 21 families after most of KTC was destroyed by Witdoek vigilantes between June 9 and 11, 1986.

Major Ludolff said on June 10 he and some of his men were in Dune Road when they saw journalists and photographers in a shack near the top of a dune while about 500 comrades were stationed at the top. He wanted to remove the journalists from KTC for their own protection and specifically wanted to do so after he learnt of the attack on ITN cameraman George De'ath. Police had orders to remove journalists from an area when unrest worsened, he said.

Live ammunition

He knew that the journalists in the shack would not respond to orders to leave and had called in two Cassars as reinforcements. After the journalists and the comrades on the dune had been warned, teargas had been fired in their direction, Major Ludolff said.

A Lieutenant Bester and two men ran up the dune to the shack while the two Cassars were detailed to provide cover with live ammunition. However, when the task force members reached the shack the journalists were gone.

Asked if Lt Bester was accompanied by Witdoek vigilantes while approaching the dune, Major Ludolff replied that the men in the Cassars had orders to shoot anyone who ran towards or behind Lt Bester.

He had then decided to go into KTC in an attempt to locate the journalists and remove them, he said.

The hearing continues on Monday.
By RONALD MORRIS
Supreme Court Reporter

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Viljoen, has again blocked access to documents dealing with police orders regarding black blockades in Crossroads and KTC in May and June 1986.

This follows a request by counsel for the Methodist Church in Cape Town, Mr P J Marais, that access be granted to documents dealing with the use of police radio networks by police officers, as well as a request by the Commissioner of Police, Mr C J du Toit, that access be granted to police orders regarding the use of police radio networks in Crossroads and KTC.

During the resumption yesterday of the case, counsel for the Methodist Church and 21 families who were present at the Crossroads Police Station when police officers were present, sought to introduce evidence of police conduct at the station.

General C S Weyers, Chief Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr H P Viljoen, counsel for the Section 69 imposition, refused permission to introduce the evidence.

Counsel for the minister chose what he described as 'the only option available to the minister', which was to block access to the documents.

Mr Viljoen did not want the minister to admit as evidence, Mr Viljoen said, any materials or documents that might be used to prove the minister's case.

The minister further banned access to all training manuals and documents considered to be detrimental to state security, he said.

Mr Viljoen said that the minister's action was necessary because documents and reports would be revealed that would damage the minister's case.

Mr Viljoen also blocked access to a report on the use of police radio networks by police officers in Crossroads and KTC.

The hearing continues today.
Not applicable.
Kits cops killed in city townships

Crime Reporter

TWO special constables were killed in Cape Town townships at the weekend.

Police said one of the constables was shot dead with his own firearm in Guguletu.

The other constable was found battered to death near his home in Site B, Khayelitsha, early on Saturday morning. Police said yesterday that there was no clear motive for the murder of the 29-year-old constable.

"At the time of his murder the constable was off-duty and was not wearing a uniform," a police spokesman said.

The body of the constable, whose name was still being withheld, was discovered at 2.45am.

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PORT ELIZABETH — A policeman who was allegedly seen with Mr Qaqamuli Godolozi after his mysterious disappearance three years ago, was identified by a witness in the Supreme Court here yesterday.

Mr J Nepgen, SC, for the respondents, was granted an application to recall Mr Victor Mthandi Sizani, the first witness to tell the court he had seen Mr Godolozi in police custody after his disappearance.

When a Sergeant Du Plessis was brought into court, Mr Sizani identified him and said: "This is the man, you can ask him, he knows me."

Mr Sizani had told the court that he had seen Mr Godolozi in a room at the Alexandria police station during August, 1988. He said Mr Godolozi was standing in front of a table and Sergeant Du Plessis was sitting on a chair.

Mr Sizani had also told the court that during his detention from August 11 to 26, 1985, he had asked a policeman to go and buy him a daily newspaper. He said the newspaper carried photographs of Mr Sipho Hashe and Mr Champion Galela.

Mr Nepgen said investigations had established that no such photographs of Mr Hashe and Mr Galela were carried by either the Eastern Province Herald or the Evening Post between August 11 and 26, 1985.
Shooting the only way to prevent burning — witness

By REHANA ROSSOUW
Supreme Court Reporter

THE only possible way to prevent burning of squatter shacks in KTC during the June 1986 violence was to allow police to shoot people, the Supreme Court has been told.

Major Christiaan Loedolff, the former officer commanding the defunct Railway Police regional task force, was giving evidence in the R200 000 damages claim by KTC residents and the Methodist Church against the Minister of Law and Order.

During questioning by Mr P Brand, for the Minister, Major Loedolff said the police had two priorities in KTC on June 9, 10 and 11 1986 to prevent loss of life in faction fighting and to protect property. The police were successful in their first priority but not the second.

He said the only way the police could have prevented the burning of the shacks in KTC was at the cost of severe loss of life.

"If it was possible for us to shoot people we might have prevented it," the major said.

"But there was no justification for us to shoot and kill people while there was no direct threat to the police."

Street crowd

Major Loedolff said the police would have had to shoot into a crowd of people standing in the street to prevent the fighting in KTC.

The problem with killing a few people to scare off the rest of the crowd was that the conflict in KTC was not "unrest" related.

The conflict resulted from faction fighting between two groups.

It made no difference whether the groups were dispersed with teargas, birdshot, rubber bullets or live ammunition.

"If there is a faction fight threatening, the groups will do their utmost to get to each other.

Faction fights could not be likened to marches on Parliament or along Adderley Street and police could not be expected to use the same tactics in both situations, the major said.

"There is a big difference. One is a faction fight and the other is unrest."

Major Loedolff said police on duty in KTC were not instructed about which ammunition to use on which occasion.

The hearing continues
Burning of huts traditional, court told

By REHANA ROSSOUW
Supreme Court Reporter

THE second-in-command of the unrest unit operating in KTC in June 1986 would not have taken action against "witdoeke" standing near burning shacks, the Supreme Court has been told.

This was said yesterday under cross-examination by Major Christiaan Loedolf, former head of a railway police regional task force, during the R200 000 damages suit by 21 KTC residents and the Methodist Church against the Minister of Law and Order.

Major Loedolf was shown photographs and video film of Casspirs passing burning shacks while witdoeke stood nearby.

He agreed with Mr H P Viljoen SC, for the residents, that the witdoeke were intent on burning KTC.

Involving in fight

"The way I saw it, the witdoeke were involved in a fight with the comrades," Major Loedolf said.

"It is part of the black people's campaign to conquer other blacks. When they attack another group it is traditional to burn down their kraals or houses.

"I have no doubt about the fact that the witdoeke went to KTC to fight with the comrades and burn down the area on June 9, 10 and 11." Major Loedolf said that police action against the witdoeke to prevent the burning of the KTC included various warnings and patrols.

It was difficult to disperse witdoeke by firing warning shots because they would break up into smaller groups and move through the bushes into KTC.

Not justified

He said the leaders of the witdoeke whom he warned not to enter KTC were polite and responded to his warnings.

Even though policemen working in the area knew the witdoeke were on their way to burn KTC and were easily identifiable because they were armed and wore white scarves, the police were not justified in firing warning shots to disperse them, Major Loedolf said.

The maximum force used against the witdoeke during the burning of KTC was teargas.

In reply to a question by Mr Viljoen, he agreed that the majority of KTC residents were not comrades, but decent people who went to work and sent their children to school.

"Difficult"

When witdoeke were seen among burning huts it was difficult for the police to warn or arrest them because it would have meant getting out of their Casspirs.

After being shown photographs of witdoeke standing near burning huts and a police Casspir parked nearby, Major Loedolf said that had he been in the Casspir he would not have taken action.

"At that stage there was nothing happening in KTC," he said.

(Proceeding)
Cops stole dagga haul

TWO former policemen were yesterday convicted in Wynberg Magistrate's Court of stealing 28 bags of dagga weighing hundreds of kilograms — from the state and then dealing in it.

Petrus de Swart, 34, and Gerhard van Wyk, 22, had earlier confessed to dealing in the dagga which should have been handed to the police as exhibits.

The court heard that they had confiscated 54½ bags of dagga at a shabemen but handed only 28½ of these bags in as exhibits. They dumped the rest of the bags in bushes at Philippi and collected them later.

They gave 13 of the bags to four co-accused, Wilfred Williams, 37, Hilton Africa, 36, both of Kensington, David Bower, 35, of Silvertown, and Ernest Clarke, 37, of Bridgetown.

These four were convicted of dealing in the dagga, weighing 260.4kg, which was found in their possession.

De Swart and Van Wyk disposed of the other 19 bags.

Ms Zabeida Norton, 34, of Manenberg, was acquitted on the charge.

De Swart and Van Wyk were released on warning but the other four men were held in custody after their bail was withdrawn.

Sentence is expected today.

Mr P Theron was the magistrate. Mr P Rotha prosecuted. Mr E Hamblin appeared for Williams and Ms Norton, Mr J Refs for Clarke, Mr D Adams for Africa and Bower and Mr S Kuck-Cohen instructed by Mr Koos, appeared for the two former policemen.
Police did not err in KTC — OC

Supreme Court Reporter

POLICE had not made a mistake by failing to call a joint security forces meeting at the end of the first day of fighting in KTC in June 1988 when plans could have been made to stop the wildoek advance, the Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Major Christiaan Loedolff, former officer commanding the now defunct Railways Police regional task force, said this in evidence during the R200 000 damages claim brought against the Minister of Law and Order by the Methodist Church of Africa and 21 KTC residents.

 Asked by Mr H P Viljoen SC, for the residents, if police should not have blocked off the wildoek at Mahobe Drive, Major Ludolff agreed.

But asked if police vehicles should not have been drawn up in Mahobe Drive to show the wildoek the police’s determination to keep them out of KTC, Major Loedolff replied that a show of force would not have had any effect.

Although he did not know what action police had taken there that day, he would have used teargas and birlshot if, after talking to them, the wildoek refused to disperse and return to Old Crossroads.

Mr Viljoen suggested that in the three days of fighting at KTC police did not shoot dead a single wildoek for committing an unlawful act.

Major Loedolff said he knew only of teargas and birlshot being used against the wildoek and that one of his men had shot dead a man who had been seen using a firearm. He later conceded that the man had been a comrade.

Asked by Mr Viljoen if it would not have been “constructive, useful and practical” to have a Joint Operations Centre (JOC) meeting on the first day of the fighting to discuss the occurrences that day and plan counter-measures, Major Loedolff said officers spoke about these things at the end of their shift.

Even though JOC meetings had been held almost daily before the destruction of KTC, none were held on the three days of fighting because he and Major Dolf Odendaal did not think it necessary to call one.

Police did not make a mistake by not calling a JOC meeting — to plan counter-measures — on the second and third day of the fighting because it would not have made a difference. Even though some shacks were set alight, police did stop the wildoek advance.

He conceded that on the three days of conflict he had attended a Security Committee meeting at Police Divisional Headquarters to make plans for June 16.

The hearing continues today.
Mayor tells of mob attack at funeral

By CAROL RICHARD

The mayor had been a marvel and
had charmed the hearts of the city. His
death had caused a great deal of trouble
among his followers. 

The mob attack at the funeral had
taken place in the midst of the
mourning crowd. The mayor had been
the center of attention, and the mob
had tried to disrupt the proceedings.

The mayor's body had been placed in
the center of the crowd, and the mob
had gathered around him. They had
shouted insults and threats, and
violence had broken out.

The police had tried to maintain
order, but they had been overpowered
by the mob. The mayor had been
located in the middle of the crowd,
and the police had tried to
proceed with the funeral.

In the end, the mayor had been
murdered by the mob, and the city
had been plunged into chaos. The
mourners had been left to
wonder what had gone wrong.

The mayor's death had
caused a great deal of trouble
among his followers. His
gone, and the city had been left
in a state of upheaval. The
mourners had been left to
wonder what had gone wrong.

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A MAJOR in the police unrest unit told the Supreme Court that he found graffiti smearing Archbishop Desmond Tutu "amusing."

Major Christiaan Loedoffl, second-in-command of the unrest team operating in KTC when the area was burnt in June 1986, was giving evidence in the KTC damages trial where residents and the Methodist Church are claiming R200,000 from the Minister of Law and Order.

Major Loedoffl was being cross-examined yesterday by Mr H F Viljoen SC about his disposition.

Mr Viljoen read an extract from Major Loedoffl's pocket-book which read: "Tutu will break apartheid, a kaffir will break anything."

Major Loedoffl agreed that the entry was in his handwriting and said it had been copied off a wall in Elsies River.

"At that time, graffiti was written all over," he said.

"We would write it down and report it so that it could be erased," he said.

He said he found the graffiti amusing:

"I still find it amusing today."

Asked whether police officers would use terms such as "ek sal jou donner kaffir", Major Loedoffl said it was a normal expression used by police officers.

"It is generally not used anymore," he said.

"Police officers are also people, you know."

DISTURBING EVENT

The major also gave evidence about a "disturbing" event which occurred on May 21.

A group of witdoeke had assaulted a comrade whom they alleged had wanted to shoot them.

The police arrived and managed to rescue the man from the witdoeke.

"The man was already seriously injured when the police arrived," Major Loedoffl said.

"The witdoeke were in a difficult mood and we had to force them to hand the man over to us."

Major Loedoffl said the police had had to stick their heads out of their Casspir and point firearms at the crowd before the witdoeke agreed to hand over the comrade.

The injured man was taken to the Manenberg police station and later to hospital where he was treated.

Asked why none of the witdoeke had been arrested in connection with the assault, Major Loedoffl replied that the police did not know who was responsible for the assault.

(Proceeding)
Leaflets will inform public on legal rights

(25) Staff Reporter

If there are things you always wanted to know about being arrested but were afraid to ask, a leaflet issued by the Association of Law Societies could provide you with the necessary information.

The first three leaflets, aimed at bringing the law closer to the public, are entitled: "Arrested — what now?", "How to become an attorney" and "Conveyancing". Other areas to be covered include buying and selling a house, time-sharing and sectional title, marriage and family law.

The pamphlet covers such topics as "The policeman and you", "Right to legal assistance" and "How bail money is paid".

The pamphlets are written in question-and-answer format, are free of charge and are obtainable from attorneys' offices throughout the country, or by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Director General, Association of Law Societies, P.O. Box 4032, Arcadia, 0007.
Killer cops may not appeal

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The rejection of the application has nothing to do with a petition, signed by the public, asking for the men to be pardoned.

Such a petition, which is in existence, can only be laid before the State President.
Ex-cop gets 25 years for murder

Blacks tell family Prinsloo should hang

By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

ABUSIVE language flew in the corridors of the Rand Supreme Court this week after the sentencing to an effective 25 years in jail of a former policeman convicted of murder.

A group of black youths leaving the court shouted at relatives of Karl Fourie Prinsloo: "Why does he not hang like us?"

The group became incensed when Prinsloo's relatives, including his mother, Mrs. Chris Prinsloo, and his daughter, Elana, wept openly outside the courtroom.

They followed the family to the court lift, shouting after them that Prinsloo was a murderer.

The ugly situation was saved by a small contingent of court officials.

Twenty-one-year-old Prinsloo was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment for the murder of Freknel Mvula on October 7, 1984.

He was also given 15 years for the murder of Mitchell Fourie on July 18, 1986.

For robbing two bank employees of R7396 in November 1986, he was given 10 years in jail and a further 10 years for robbing another bank employee of R14,000 in December 1986.

Judge Vermooten ruled that the two 15-year sentences and the two 10-year sentences run concurrently and that Prinsloo serve 15 years in jail.

Sentencing Fourie, Vermooten said he was "a threat to society" when he had a gun in his hand.

Mvula died after Prinsloo fired four shots at him - one of which penetrated Mvula's brain. He arrested him as a robbery suspect.

Two years after the first murder, Prinsloo arrested Fourie for drinking in public and set his aggressive dog on the man. He put Prinsloo in the van, later shot him three times and dumped his body near Krugersdorp.
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### House of Assembly

**Domesticating the Special Considerations**

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No matric for 52 pc of warrant officers

FIFTY-TWO percent of all police warrant officers, irrespective of race, had not passed the matriculation examination, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said in the House of Representatives.

In a written reply to a question by Mr Wilhe Meyer (LP Robertson), he said that 29 percent of all officers had not passed matric.

Since 1983, a matric pass had been the minimum qualification for enrolment in the police force and only matriculated members were considered for promotion to officers' rank.

Members who joined the force before 1983 and who possessed a Standard Eight certificate received conditional admission to the promotion examinations to the ranks of sergeant and warrant officer.

"The vast majority of non-matriculated officers were appointed to their respective ranks before the policy with regard to minimum qualifications was revised. All these officers have been informed that their further promotion will not be considered before they comply with the required minimum qualifications," he said. — Sapa
Criminal police behaviour is not tolerated, says Vlok

Political Staff

A NUMBER of special constables in the Maritzburg area were dismissed because of misconduct and criminal offences earlier this year, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adnaan Vlok, said in the Assembly.

In a written reply to a question by Mr Mike Ellis (FFP Durban North), he said that 296 special constables were employed in the Maritzburg area from January this year.

Criminal behaviour of special constables was not tolerated and he had said so clearly before.

STILL EMPLOYED

Although a number were dismissed while others resigned of their own accord, most were still employed in the area on June 30.

"Their presence is welcomed by the vast majority of the residents of the black townships and they contribute to a great extent to the maintenance of law and order."

Replying to another question on special constables by Mrs Helen Suzman (FFP Houghton), he said their basic training course at Koeberg in the Western Cape lasted six weeks.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING

Continuous in-service training aimed at impressing on them their statutory authority and responsibilities was given at various centres where special constables were stationed.

He declined to release details of lectures and training, but said he would inform Mrs Suzman on a confidential basis if approached. — Sapa.
Why was Prince shot dead?

SOUTH NEWS

FROM PHINDA KUZWAHO

FOOTNOTE: In this middle age, a young man from the police force in a town's constabulary. He was caught working in a factory, and it is said he never wanted to return.
Shoot anyone with a stone — riot cop

By RONNIE MORRIS
Supreme Court Reporter

MAJOR DOLF ODEDAAL, second-in-command of the Peninsula riot squad, told the Cape Town Supreme Court yesterday he believed it would be a solution if in unrest situations police were by law allowed to shoot anyone holding a stone.

Major Odendaal said this on the second day of his evidence in chief in the R200 000 damages action brought against the Minister of Law and Order by the Methodist Church of Africa and 21 KTC families who lost their homes when most of KTC was destroyed by Witbok vigilantes between June 9 and 11, 1980.

In unrest situations a platoon commander or a section head could not be given a binding order when sent to an area, but should decide what action to take.

Asked which course of action he followed, Major Odendaal said since 1976, when unrest first started in the Peninsula, he had always opted to talk people out of their course of action.

He used violence only if shots were fired at police, stones were thrown at them or private cars stoned. He would, however, only take that action if it would be effective.

Major Odendaal — who saw action in about 700 unrest incidents — said unrest in the Peninsula started on August 11, 1976, in Guguletu and then spread to Langa, Bontheuwel, Retreat and Ravensmead.

Large-scale stone throwing, burning of cars, buses, plunder of shops and attacks on government buildings was done mostly by youths challenging the authority of the state.

The first faction fight occurred at the end of 1976 when migrant workers took action against "intimidation" by youths.

Between 1981 and 1982 frequent faction fights — on a small scale — took place when more people "streamed" to Old Crossroads from Transkei and Ciskei. This led to more people setting in KTC in 1983.

The hearing continues today.

Mr Japin M H de Kock presented Mr B D Gama and LC with Mr L Vivian St. assisted by Mr J Y Loom and Mr P J Bieas. Instructed by the State Attorney appeared for the minister.

Mr P F Viljoen SC with Mr F P Pretorius and Mr P J Brummer. Instructed by the Legal Resources Council appeared for the residents.
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The Minister of Foreign Affairs

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Representative of a school under a (b) By special agreement with the Minister of Education and Development," said: "I believe that education and development are key components of Argentina's future. We must ensure that our schools are equipped with modern facilities and resources to provide quality education for all our children."

The Minister of Foreign Affairs agreed with the statement, emphasizing the importance of education in fostering peaceful relations and international cooperation. "We must invest in education to prepare our young people for a globalized world," he said.

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Further Inquiries:

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The law-less enforcers

Home Guard is getting out of control, say residents

By EDWARD MOLOINYANE
Special Correspondent

THE Masolumzi (Home Guards) who act as the military or law-enforcement wings of the various committees that control large areas of Khayelitsha are becoming "a law unto themselves", according to some residents.

Recently, a group of young people, including small children, were beaten up by about 40 armed men while they were watching a film in the township. The men were Masolumzi, they claim.

The victims, all of M Section, Site B, said the assault took place in a house which is used as a furniture workshop during the day and a cinema at weekends. It is a popular venue for young people in an area where there are very few recreational facilities.

Vuyani Bonco, 21, who works at the workshop and helps organise the shows, said: "We were watching a film when there was a sudden commotion at the door and shouts that we should open up. About 40 men armed with pangas and axes stormed in.

"One, who actually had a gun in his hand and appeared to be their leader, accused us of having been responsible for the death of a man whose body was found in the area the previous week.

"The leader then gave orders to his men not to use dangerous weapons, but sticks. There were about 60 of us in the house. Some were children who began to scream when we were ordered to queue while these men formed a line on either side of the door.

"There was pandemonium. Some of us jumped through the windows and there were random beatings. Outside there were more men, some in balaclavas."

Youths who attended the film show said some of the men were well-known to them and were prominent members of the Masolumzi in the area.

According to the youths, the Masolumzi are the military or law enforcement wings of the various committees in Khayelitsha. They are said to have considerable influence with the committees.

They patrol the streets at night and impose regulations on residents. No meetings of any kind may be held without their consent.

Some residents say there are now so many gangs operating in the name of "protecting" the residents that it is becoming increasingly difficult to know who is actually responsible for the violence in the township.
Cops show poor response to promotion offers - Vlok

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

THE reaction of the vast majority of the coloured members of the police force to promotion opportunities has until now unfortunately been unsatisfactory, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adrian Vlok, said yesterday.

"Only a small number, especially younger members, utilize these opportunities," he said in reply to a question from Mr Willie Dietrich (LP, Bethelsdorp).

For a number of years, all members of the force received the same training and enjoyed the same opportunities for promotion and participation in the promotion examinations.

All members were included in occupational planning programmes and were continually motivated to participate in promotion examinations in order to qualify themselves for more senior posts.

"The reaction of the vast majority of the coloured members of the force has up until now unfortunately been unsatisfactory.

"In the case of older and more experienced coloured members of the force, there is a large degree of resistance to promotion and these members choose not to participate in promotion examinations.

"They live in their own houses and have, over a long period of time, established themselves in the communities in which they are stationed and enjoy the respect of those communities.

"Promotion to a next rank may possibly result in a transfer and moving and they are not prepared to go through such disruption and uncertainty."
134 policemen killed, 388 charged, says Vlok

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday that 134 policemen had been murdered during the past four years — and that 388 had been charged with murder for these killings.

But statistics on the murder of suspected informers were not kept.

He also said information could not be furnished about how many of these murders were suspected by the police as being politically motivated.

"In the investigation of murder cases it is not always possible to determine a specific motive for the deed."

"More than one motive is often involved and is normally based on suspicion. Reliable and scientifically justified statistics cannot be compiled on the basis of suspicions."

Mr Vlok, who was replying to a question which was tabled by Mr Peter Soal (FPF, Johannesburg North), said 35 policemen were murdered last year, 50 in 1986, 30 in 1985, and 19 in 1984.

Last year, 38 people were charged with the murder of policemen, but 158 were charged in 1986, 150 in 1985 and 42 in 1984.
Police chief warns

THE Commissioner of Police, Gen H G de Witt, yesterday called on the public to assist police in a renewed anti-terror drive. In a statement in Pretoria, Gen de Witt said plainclothes and uniformed police would patrol public areas to ensure widespread protection. Restaurants and similar venues would be searched regularly.

"The SAP will sacrifice all to protect the public and gives the assurance that every member will in future concentrate on this, even in their spare time," he added.
Supreme Court Reporter

EXTRACTS from riot squad platoon reports placed before the Supreme Court yesterday resulted in the hearing being adjourned so that counsel for KTC residents in the R200,000 damages action could study the contents.

During the evidence yesterday of Major Dolf Odendal, of the Peninsula riot squad, Mr C Y Louw, for the Minister of Law and Order, submitted extracts from riot squad platoon reports.

Major Odendal is a witness in the action brought against the minister by the Methodist Church of Africa and 21 KTC families who lost their homes when most of KTC was destroyed by wildoek vigilantes in June last year.

Mr Louw said the residents' case was driven specifically on the basis of a conspiracy between the South African Police and other government departments for the following reasons:

- That Old Crossroads was "friendly territory" and where police and residents were on friendly terms while in contrast KTC was "enemy territory".
- It would have suited the police to assist Old Crossroads residents to attack KTC.
- The case was further driven on the basis that police assisted the wildoek and that Major Odendal "stands in the centre" of the allegations, Mr Louw said.

The platoon reports were submitted to try to refute those allegations and also show there were faction fights and that police had problems everywhere.

Mr H P Viljoen SC, for the residents, said that counsel for the residents were not prepared to allow Mr Louw to lead evidence unless he enabled them to study the reports.

The hearing was adjourned till next Monday.

Mr Justice M H de Kock presided. Mr Louw was instructed by the State Attorney. Mr Viljoen, assisted by Mr D Pretorius and Mr A W Gunar, and instructed by the Legal Resources Centre, appeared for the residents.
Missing son taken away by four ‘policemen’

A SOWETO youth who was taken away from his home by four men who claimed to be police three weeks ago, has not been heard of ever since.

Mr Daniel Tshabalala (21), of 454B Mofolo Village, Soweto, was taken from his home by four men, (two black men in police uniform and two whites in private clothes), at noon on August 5.

Mrs Susan Tshabalala told the Sowetan this week that the family has been to all Soweto police stations searching for Daniel, but in vain. She said her cousin who was at home when Daniel was taken away, handed in the registration number of the car, but police denied knowledge of the vehicle.

A Soweto police spokesman, Major J F Zwane, said a hand-written note to the Tshabalala family that the car in which the men were travelling belonged to a white woman in Kempton Park. He could not establish whether the car was stolen or not. The registration number of the car is BFS 140 T.

Mrs Tshabalala, desperate after a long and fruitless search, told the Sowetan that she now feared for her son’s life.

Meanwhile, the police have suggested to the Tshabalala family to open a case of man-stalking or abduction.
'Unfortunate aspects' in Kani death probe

By Gill Turnbull
Court Reporter

The police investigation into the death of New Crossroads preacher the Rev Dalmetho Kani, who was shot by police in February, was biased and partial, counsel for his family has told a Wynberg inquest court.

Mr Kani, 52, of Dykophan Close, died from multiple gunshot wounds after a policeman was wounded by a shot allegedly fired from Mr Kani's garage.

Mr J J Gauntlett submitted yesterday that there were some "very unfortunate aspects" to the investigation of Mr Kani's death and to "the manner in which written statements were taken by Colonel Willem van der Merwe".

ELEMENT OF BIAS

"Colonel van der Merwe was frank from the beginning that he did not accept that the family members were witnesses. There was a distinct colouring of the investigation and this was reflected in the statements.

"I submit that there was an element of bias in the presentation of the evidence in its written form and that it was inexplicably partial."

Mr Gauntlett submitted that Warrant Officer Theunis Rosslee's evidence (about how he came to shoot Mr Kani) was evasive and dishonest.

"He was not candid about how he came to load, against regulations, tracer bullets into his weapon and was dishonest about why Mr Kani was not removed by the first ambulance that took Lieutenant Eugenius Bester (the injured policeman) to hospital."

Mr Gauntlett submitted that if the Kani family's evidence was accepted, Warrant Officer Rosslee was in "very serious trouble."

Mr Gauntlett said on the evidence it was clear death was caused by an unlawful act.

Mr Gauntlett asked why Mr Kani, a 52-year-old with an atrophied leg who was short-sighted and tubercular, somehow forsok his vocation that night and ambushed the police from his own garage.

Mr Gauntlett submitted that Mr Kani was working on his car when a passing gunman took shelter, shot Lieutenant Bester and before the other policemen arrived, jumped over the wall and got away.

"A second version is that Mr Kani had a gun in the garage, heard a shot and footsteps...and seeing two men dressed in black jackets and carrying weapons who did not identify themselves as policemen, thought there was trouble and fired a shot in self-defence."

Mr J Slabbert, for the Minister of Law and Order, argued that if there had been another man in the garage police would have seen him.

"Rosslee testified that it was impossible for anyone to have escaped from the garage.

"The police say the house and garage were in darkness and the family say both were lit. The family's version is full of contradictions," Mr Slabbert said.

JUSTIFIABLE

"It was strange that at each available window there just happened to be an eye-witness to the shooting."

Mr Slabbert argued that Warrant Officer Rosslee's action was justifiable.

"Rosslee was entitled to fire A man fired four shots at him."

Mr Slabbert said the shooting happened about 12.30am and Warrant Officer Rosslee and Constable Shaun van Wyk thought that Mr Kani was dead. There was therefore no need, nor it could be expected of them, to arrest him.

A finding is expected today.
SAP to get tough in Natal

The South African Police had established two additional "strong points" in the Pinetown area of Natal and it was the intention to introduce further strong points and to deploy additional manpower where necessary, the Commissioner of Police, General H G de Witt, said in Pretoria yesterday.

Since the outbreak of violence in certain areas of Natal last year, additional security forces had been deployed in these areas, he said.

Although these measures had a dampening influence on the violence for a while, an escalation in violent acts had been noticeable during the past 14 days.

"This is a totally unacceptable state of affairs for the SA Police and in order to restore law and order, strict preventative steps are going to be taken against those who commit violence," he said. — Sapa.
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Cop, guerrilla die in shootout

JOHANNESBURG — A policeman and an alleged guerrilla were shot dead and another arrested following a shootout at a house in Soweto yesterday afternoon, police said.

A spokesman said shots from an AK47 rifle were fired from a house at police, killing Sergeant S C Pretorius of the Soweto division. Police returned fire and killed one guerrilla and wounded another.
Policeman, terrorist die in shootout

A POLICEMAN and a terrorist were shot dead following a shootout at a house in Soweto yesterday afternoon, a police spokesman said. A second terrorist was arrested.

Police directorate spokesman Capt Reg Crewe said that as a result of information received, police went to a house in Orlando West at 4.20pm.

"At the house, shots from an AK47 assault rifle were fired at police resulting in the death of Sergeant S.C.P. Pretorius of the Soweto division.

"Police returned fire and killed one terrorist and wounded another."

Their names have not been released. Crewe said Pretorius, who was in his mid-twenties, left a wife who is a warrant officer stationed at John Vorster Square.
Blast hurts police general

PRETORIA — The Deputy Commissioner of Police, General Bert Wandrag, is in hospital following an incident on Saturday in which a device exploded prematurely and injured his hand.

He was at the police counter-insurgency training grounds when the device, believed to have been defective thunderflash, exploded prematurely as he threw it, according to a police statement.

Gen Wandrag is a prominent personality in Loftus rugby circles.

He was taken to 1 Military Hospital in Pretoria where he is still being treated for the wound.

Gen Wandrag is in charge of the police's counter-insurgency and riot control units — Sapa and Own Correspondent.
**R10,000 claim**

A case in which a Mamelodi resident is contesting a claim of R10,000 from the Minister of Law and Order, Mr. Adriaan Vlok, was yesterday postponed indefinitely by a Pretoria magistrate.

The assault is alleged to have taken place at the Mamelodi police station. He was initially charged with housebreaking but had the charge against him withdrawn on January 14, this year.

Mr. M. A. Jacobs, for the Minister, applied for a postponement so that he could gather more evidence.

Mr. Muntinge opposed the application on the basis that his client would be prejudiced by the postponement. The application was granted by the magistrate.
Louw's 'fairness' claim nonsense, says Van Eck

THE claim by the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, that Group Areas permit applications were being dealt with fairly was "utter nonsense", the independent MP for Claremont, Mr Jan van Eck, said yesterday.

Mr Van Eck said Mr Louw's characterisation of how permit applications for mixed couples were treated, was "a futile attempt to transplant a humane face on to the crude reality of Group Areas discrimination and apartheid.

"It is impossible to apply an unfair, unjust and ruthless racist system in a 'fair' way," he said.

Hundreds of people not classified white, but who lived illegally in white areas because they needed accommodation, were in a permanent state of fear lest they be reported to the police, he said.

Dozens of these "illegals" had been visited by the police and warned to vacate their homes, and many had been told their cases had been forwarded to the Attorney General to decide whether to prosecute or not.
SAP takes control of municipal police

PRETORIA — A Cabinet decision to place more than 10,000 municipal policemen under the control of the South African Police was yesterday promulgated in the Government Gazette.

This follows a Cabinet decision earlier this year to transfer the provincial administration's budget allocation for the municipal police to the SAP. The latest regulations give the SAP greater control over the protective functions of the municipal police.

The administrative functions of the municipal police are left to the town clerks of the various councils.

The municipal police force was established in 1982 under the control of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning.

Although the municipal police and the SAP share the same functions, the powers of the municipal police may only be exercised within the jurisdiction of the local authority.

At present, there are 10,062 municipal policemen employed by 263 black local authorities.

"This implies the existence of two forces in the territory of each municipality, each with its own command structure and logistical support, and with equal powers, operating side by side," the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok said in a statement.
PRETORIA — The SA Police have taken control of municipal police forces throughout the country.

Before yesterday's move the municipal policemen fell under 252 black local authorities.

The transfer was made in terms of an amendment to a regulation published in the Government Gazette.

However, administrative control over the municipal policemen will still be the responsibility of the town clerks of local authorities.

Sapa
Major Odendal, second-in-command of the Peninsula riot squad, yesterday told the Supreme Court he could not explain the absence of police at the "critical moment" when witdoeke vigilantes set the Zolani Centre alight.

He was speaking during cross-examination in the R200,000 damages action brought against the Minister of Law and Order by the Methodist Church of Africa and 21 KTC families who lost their homes when most of KTC was destroyed by witdoeke vigilantes between June 9 and 11, 1986.

Video footage shot by Mr James "Jimi" Matthews, a cameraman for Vumc, was shown to the court. One scene depicted a yellow police Casspir chasing some youths, followed later by two shots fired at the youths.

In another scene a large group of witdoeke vigilantes are seen gathering in Siswanda Avenue.

A witdoeke leader, Mr Kalanga, is seen crossing the road to where the white patrol van of Major Odendal is parked in front of a Casspir.

The witdoeke are then seen advancing towards a group of comrades gathered near Termius Road, a few stones are thrown and Major Odendal's van disappears.

Left the scene

Asked by Mr H P Viljoen SC, for the residents, if he had seen the advance of the witdoeke or had known about them throwing stones, Major Odendal said he had not. His vehicle must have turned around and left the scene, he said.

He said he could not remember if the witdoeke had told him they were going to "clean up" KTC.

Mr Viljoen put it to Major Odendal that the police Casspirs shown on the video footage must have disappeared from the scene at the "critical moment" when the Zolani Centre was set alight.

Major Odendal said he could not explain this, but it could have been that the Casspirs had been called to another scene.

The hearing continues today.

Mr Justice M R de Kock presided. Mr Viljoen, with Mr F J Brand and Mr C V Louw, and instructed by the Legal Resources Centre represented the plaintiffs. The respondents were represented by Mr A M Ori, and instructed by the Legal Resources Centre. Mr J P de J Nortje also appeared for the plaintiffs.
Policemen suspended after cell death

PRETORIA — Three members of the police force have been suspended after a prisoner was found dead in the Reivilo police cells on Friday, police reported yesterday.

Mr. Oupa Thabiso Mpete, 26, of Reivilo, was found dead in the cells after he was detained for an alleged criminal offence on Thursday, said a police spokesman for the SAP's public relations division, Colonel Vic Heyns.

"The Commissioner of the SAP, General H V de Witt, has ordered an in-depth investigation into the death, and three members of the SAP at Reivilo have been suspended pending the outcome of the investigation," said Col Heyns.

Reivilo is near Vryburg in the Cape. — Sapa
Shooting probe to be concluded soon

THE investigation into questions raised by the acquittal of the former deputy news editor of the Cape Times, Mr Tony Weaver, on charges related to the Police Act last year should be completed by next Friday, the Attorney-General, Mr Niel Rossouw, said yesterday.

Mr Weaver was acquitted last September of breaking the Police Act by making untrue statements to the BBC about the killing of seven alleged guerrillas by police in a shootout in Guguletu on March 3, 1996.

Soon afterwards Mr Rossouw ordered an investigation into whether any of the policemen involved in the shootout should be charged with murder, and whether the inquest into the deaths of the seven should be reopened.

Yesterday Mr Rossouw said the delay in coming to a decision was apparently caused also by the pressure on the police who had to see a number of people and get information first. "We waited on them for quite some time," he said.

Eyewitnesses to the shootout (quoted to the BBC by Mr Weaver) claimed that one suspected guerrilla was shot and killed after trying to give himself up and that another man, lying on the ground, was "finished off" by police.

The trial magistrate, Mr J M Lemmer, found that Mr Weaver had reasonable grounds for believing what he reported to be true and that expert medical evidence contradicted the police version of what happened.

Mr Weaver is suing the Minister of Law and Order for more than R107 000 for "wrongful and malicious prosecution."
CP in 'bid to win the hearts and minds of SAP'  

Nationalists have been warned not to allow the Conservative Party to win the hearts and minds of South Africa's police force.

The warning was given by Minister of Law and Order Mr. Adrian Vlok at the National Party Transvaal congress in Pretoria.

He was reacting to concern from delegates about possible politicisation of the police force.

Mr. Vlok referred to the shooting rampage in Pretoria yesterday, saying the person detained had been involved in right-wing politics that had not been acceptable and had led to his initial suspension from the police.

Policemen could not be permitted to support any political organisations, he said, and the CP had been going out of its way to win over policemen.

For instance at road blocks CP members took policemen hot coffee and sandwiches and stood around talking to them, he said.
Raid victim was shot 13 times, says family

By Stan Hlophe

The death of the son of a Soweto businessman during a police raid took a new twist yesterday when the family disclosed that a post-mortem examination revealed that Mr Velani Thula (21) had 13 bullet wounds.

A family spokesman, Mr Khehla Mthembu, said he was told by the investigating officer that a murder docket had been opened and two white policemen had been suspended from their duties.

However, the Soweto Divisional Commissioner of Police, Brigadier JJ Viktor, denied that the policemen were suspended.

"Definitely not," he said.

Brigadier Viktor reiterated that investigations were in process and the "family is entitled to say whatever they want to say."

Mr Thula, a first-year student at the Soweto College of Education, and son of a Soweto businessman and former Inkatha chief urban representative Mr Gibson Thula, was shot dead during a police raid while visiting friends in Phase 3 Diepkloof Extension at the weekend.

Mr Linda Ngwenya, who was shot in the leg in the same incident, has been transferred to a private Johannesburg clinic where he is in a satisfactory condition.

Two other people were arrested.

Mr Mthembu said police said the raid was linked to the alleged theft of a German vehicle.

Mr Mthembu described the death of Velani as a "loss to the community. He said Velani was involved in community work, a peacemaker and a strong advocate of nation building."

Mr Thula will be buried at the Avalon cemetery tomorrow and a funeral service will be held at the Roman Catholic Church in Zone 4, Diepkloof.
'Gunman' speaks out

THE MAN allegedly responsible for shooting dead six blacks and injuring 15 sent a statement to the media earlier this year detailing the reasons for his discharge from the South African Police.

In his statement, Mr Barend Hendrik Strydom said he was "confronted" by the Security Branch on October 23, 1987 at Heidelberg, while he was stationed at the De Deur Police Station.

He was later arrested and held at Vereeniging.

"The Security Police confiscated articles which have no bearing on the case, in my room," he said.

"They also found the photograph, in which I appear with a knife in one hand and the head of a black man in my other hand, which was locked in my trunk.

"The photograph was taken during a culpable homicide (incident).

"The purpose of the photograph was to frame it with the heading 'ANC beware'."

Mr Strydom continued: "Some of the articles confiscated are political documents of legal political parties and/or organisations, such as the AWB documents.

"It appears to me that I was prosecuted because I was in the possession of AWB documents."

Mr Strydom said: "I am a policeman and was held under precarious circumstances among other criminals."

According to Mr Strydom, he was a volunteer who fought several times on the border but was never acknowledged during medal parades.

Mr Strydom said in his statement that no charges of murder, culpable homicide, kidnapping or assault against him were ever investigated "and you can see that I have good human relations and also advance it." — Sapa

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Prayer service for Zeph

THE Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, the Archbishop Desmond Mpilo Tutu, will lead a prayer service for the ailing Pan Africanist Congress president, Mr Zephania Mothopeng (75), at Lekton House in Johannesburg today at 7.30pm.

The president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, the Rev Alan Boesak, will also address the audience. The South African Council of Churches, the National Council of Trade Unions and the Congress of South African Trade Unions have been invited to the prayer service.

The service has been organised to pray for the speed recover of Mr Mothopeng who was this week reported to be experiencing a decline in health.

The prayer service will be held on the 2nd Floor of Lekton House, 5 Wanderers Street, in Johannesburg. All are welcome.

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DEATH PENALTY

RADIO 702's John Berko is to host a talk show beginning at 9am today on the question whether the death penalty should be abolished and listeners are invited to participate in the discussion.

"Do you think the death penalty should be abolished?", will be the topic, and the guest will be Professor Etienne Murcink, an executive
ACCORDING to sources at the British Embassy in Luanda, there is no change in the status of former South African student Olivia Forsyth who has spent the past six months in refuge at the embassy after allegedly escaping from an African National Congress detention camp.

A spokesman at the embassy was reacting to reports that the British Government had made the release of Miss Forsyth a condition for further diplomatic links between the two governments.

The report from Luanda quoted the Angolan ambassador to Zambia as saying the British had said that a scheduled visit to Luanda by the British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mrs Linda Chalker, would not go ahead until Miss Forsyth was released.

The spokesman said that in the general sense the report was correct.

"It should be obvious that bilateral relations between the two countries cannot progress until this matter which has vexed relations has been cleared up," he said.

However, he added that the British Government remained hopeful that an exit visa would be granted to Miss Forsyth in the near future.
De Witt condemns senseless violence

Staff Reporters

The shootings in Pretoria which left six people dead and 14 injured was a senseless act of violence which "we can hardly afford in this country," the Commissioner of Police, General Henne de Witt, said yesterday.

"You have our sympathy," General De Witt assured them.

Addressing newsmen while visiting the gunman's victims at Kalafong Hospital, General De Witt said the shooting reminded him of war.

NO WINNERS

"There are victors but no winners or losers," he said.

Shaking hands with victims, General De Witt emphasised that the SAP cared for all the country's inhabitants, regardless of race or creed.

The leader of the radical Blanke Bevrydingsbeweging (BBB), Professor Johan Schabert, has warned the Minister of Law and Order that if he banned the right-wing organisation it could lead "to more serious things".

Professor Schabert was reacting to Mr Viok's warning at the NP's Transvaal Congress that the Government would not hesitate to act against radicals to the Left and Right of the Government.

"I fully blame the Government for what happened in Pretoria. Whites are living under tremendous pressure and are being undermined by blacks. They are being forced into one political and economic system they don't want.

"Many whites are also working under tremendous pressure, especially in the police force, where they have to deal with militant blacks, but, at the same time, their hands are tied behind their backs.

"What happened in Pretoria is going to happen more and more. The AWB and BBB are the only organisations that offer whites security at the moment," Professor Schabert said.
Spy holed up

THE former South African student and OLIVIA Forsyth, the former South African student and alleged spy, is still holed up in the British Embassy in Luanda awaiting permission to leave Angola despite an announcement by Angolan authorities that she has been "charged with spying and expelled"
Squatter's bonanza

A FORMER Crossroads man has won R18 000 in damages from the Minister of Law and Order — but his lawyers have been unable to trace him to tell him the good news.

Mr Lahama Gonyama sued the minister after he was shot in the back and neck in April 1986, when three squatter camps in the Crossroads complex were destroyed by wildcat vigilantes.

This week the matter was settled out of court by lawyers acting for Lahama and the minister. The minister agreed to pay costs without admitting liability.

Transkei

Lawyer Ronnie de Kock said his client had "disappeared" before the matter came to court.

"We had heard he was in Transkei so we decided to look for him. It involved travelling some 2 400km," said De Kock.

"Now we are hoping one of the local chiefs will contact Lahama to tell him we are looking for him."

A FRIGHTENING picture emerged this week of how rank-and-file policemen and other members of the security forces have turned against the governing National Party and now support the Conservative Party.

This became evident in a week in which the government used the Pretoria massacre of blacks by Afrikaner Weerstands beweging and "Wit Wolwe" extremist Bur- end Strydom to warn against growing rightwing and left- wing extremism in South Africa.

Strydom, it emerged this week, had been an AWB member while he was a police- man despite the government's prohibition of AWB members joining the SAP.

He was left the force after a ghoulish incident in which he was photographed holding a knife to the throat of a black man decapitated in a car crash.

This week new details emerged on how the political loyalty of the security forces has become a source of concern to the government which is struggling against the CP for the hearts-and-minds of the police and military.

A picture emerged at this week's Transvaal National Party congress in Pretoria of a compliant government whose own supporters admit the NP has lost touch with its voters and have even alienated the security forces on which its existence depends.

One NP delegate from Nage disclosed that all members of the SA Police Recon- tation Unit in the town had voted for the CP in the recent municipal elections.

He said they were not CP members, but had cast a protest vote against the govern- ment because they were dis- said. "Rude on Dr. you are doing good work."

The CP general secretary, Mr Andries Beyers, said this week that the CP made a point at its congresses and on election day of inviting policemen on duty to eat with them. "The police feel they are part of us," he said.

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The situation has escalated in recent days under the leadership of Mr. Benjamin, a member of the security forces who has become disillusioned with the government's policies and is now speaking out against it.

Dr. Gordon, a prominent politician, said, "This is a serious situation that must be addressed immediately. The security forces are our protectors, and we cannot afford to lose their support."

However, Mr. Benjamin has been arrested and charged with sedition, and there are concerns about his safety.

The situation remains tense, and the government is under pressure to address the concerns of the security forces and the public.
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Two Rustenburg policemen arrested a black woman and "threw her into a car boot" this weekend, Mr Boetie Abramjee, MP for Laut- dium and the acting leader of the National People's Party (NPP), said today.

Mr Abramjee said he was returning from Rustenburg when he stopped in the CBD while his family went to buy refreshments.

"There was a police car in front of me and two policemen came from across the road with a black woman and physically threw her into the open boot."

Mr Abramjee said it was a small, four-door car and there was no-one on the back seat. He confronted the policemen, identifying himself, but "they were rude and abusive."

A plainclothes policeman later joined the two.

Mr Abramjee said he went to the Rustenburg police station, where he asked for the station commander after the sergeant in charge did not respond.

He said he was told the station commander was not available and did not want to see him. He saw the two policemen at the station and identified them as Constables Eloff and Erasmus.

On returning home he laid a complaint with the parliamentary officer to the Commissioner of Police, Captain P J du Plessis.

Captain Du Plessis confirmed that the allegations had been reported to him and said "the matter will be investigated" and a report will be given to Mr Abramjee.

Mr Abramjee said he had received a call from the acting station commander of the Rustenburg police station, Lieutenant R J Earle, who asked him what had happened. Lieutenant Earle could not be reached for comment at the time of going to press.

Mr Abramjee, who also serves on the parliamentary standing committee for Law, Order and Defence, recently accompanied a group of parliamentarians on a security briefing tour of the country's north-eastern borders.

He said he viewed the incident in a serious light, especially after the Pretoria shooting incident. "In times like these, the rudeness of the two constables will not contribute to better relations between the races."

Mr Abramjee was to make formal statements to the police later today.
Major Questioned about Day of Conflict

1986: Some experts believe the day of conflict began with the KTC troops trying to intervene in the town of El Capitan. In a small, isolated mountain village, the KTC troops clashed with local residents.

Police reported that KTC troops engaged in a firefight with local law enforcement. The police said they were responding to a report of a shooting.

The police said they received a call that shots had been fired in the town. When they arrived, they found a group of people gathered in a nearby park. The police said they were trying to clear the park to conduct a search.

The police said they encountered resistance from the group. They said they had to use tear gas to clear the park.

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KTC battle: Cops weren't there — Dolf

MAJOR Dolf Odendaal, second in command of the Peninsula riot squad, conceded in the Supreme Court yesterday that no policemen were present when wildoek vigilantes stormed across Mohabe Drive on the second day of the 1986 fighting in KTC.

He was being cross-examined in the R230 000 damages action brought against the Minister of Law and Order by the Methodist Church in Africa and 21 KTC residents who lost their homes when most of KTC was destroyed by wildoek vigilantes between June 9 and 11 in 1986.

Asked by Mr H P Viljoen, SC, for the residents, why police did not maintain a presence at a potential "flashpoint" in Mohabe Drive on June 10, 1986, Maj Odendaal said that even if there had been a police presence the wildoek would have charged across the road.

Maj Odendaal said patrolling police Casspirs would not have been able to keep the wildoek and comrades apart.

There had been fighting along the length of Mohabe Drive that day, he said.

Asked if "alarm bells" would have rung if he had seen wildoek gathering at the administration board offices in Mohabe Drive, Maj Odendaal said they would have but he could not remember having seen a build-up of wildoek.

The hearing continues today.
Minister Vlok ... vows he'll be merciless.

**SAP warned about racism**

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, has warned that attitudes like those of former policeman Mr Barend Hendrik Strydom would under no circumstances be tolerated in the South African Police.

Speaking at the passing-out parade of 1,400 students at Hammanskraal, Mr Vlok said such attitudes were totally unacceptable and he would act mercilessly against anybody who endangered the future of the police and South Africa with such deeds.

He gave the assurance that Mr Strydom was no longer a member of the SAP at the time of the Pretoria massacre.

Mr Vlok also unveiled a replica of the Dias Cross in commemoration of the 13 students of the Hammanskraal Police College who were killed in a bus accident on the Robertson Pass earlier this year — Sapa.
Dolf ordered KTC shots

The firing of 111 rounds of birdshot by police at comrades, who had informed fired-at police, was unmatched by any other police action during the three days of fighting, the Supreme Court was told yesterday.

Major Dolf Odendal, second in command of the Peninsula riot squad, said he had ordered the shooting.

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Mntonga death not recorded in police records

BISHO — The death of Mr Eric Mntonga was not recorded at the Mdantsane police station, the Bisho Supreme Court heard today.

Captain Buyisile Nkohla of the Elite Squad, warned by the court as an accomplice, said he was telephoned by the squad’s second-in-command, Major-General Witness Ngwanyana, who told him he had received a report from a warrant officer, Bujane, that Mr Mntonga died under interrogation.

He was giving evidence in the trial of six Ciskei security policemen, including two generals, who have been charged with murdering Mr Mntonga, co-director of Idasa, last year.

Captain Nkohla said he went to Mdantsane police station to check the occurrence book and to establish whether the incident had been recorded. This had not been done.

“Handling the matter”

While there, he met W/O Swelindawo and W/O Tamsanqa Hulan, an accused, who confirmed the death of Mr Mntonga, said they were “handling the matter” and were waiting for the charge officer to clear.

He assumed the body was still at the charge office.

Earlier, Warrant Officer Madoda Tshata said while he was in the CID he had throttled a person, but he denied he had done so to Mr Mntonga.

The six policemen are Major-General Zandsile Witness Ngwanyana, Major-General Phakamile Mountain Nguanga, Colonel Mahandla Mbejeni, Major Mpekelse Potwana, Warrant Officer Thamsanqo Hulan and Warrant Officer Khayalethu Ncandana.

They have all pleaded not guilty.

(Proceeding)
Idasa man’s body at office of security cops

BISHO. — The body of Idasa official Mr Eric Mntonga was shown to a Ciskei policeman in the offices of the Mndantsane security branch on July 24 last year, the Supreme Court here heard yesterday.

WO Mziwamadoda Tabata said he was told Mr Mntonga had died at the hands of another of the accused, Maj Mpekiseli Potwana, and a WO Bojane.

WO Hlulani told him not to worry as the major (Potwana) was involved.

WO Tabata was giving evidence in the trial of six senior Ciskei policemen accused of murdering Mr Mntonga.

WO Tabata said he saw the deceased entering the police offices with two of the accused, WO Tam-sanqa Hlulani and WO Khayelethu Ncandana, and a WO Swelimdawo, on the day of a combined police operation in Mndantsane.

He was later told by WO Hlulani to lock office nine as Mr Mntonga’s body was inside — Sapa
Johannesburg — A liberation struggle would be pointless if it left South Africa in ruins, PFP leader Dr Zach de Beer said yesterday. Addressing the Institute for a Democratic Alternative (Idasa) conference on Strategies for Change, Dr De Beer said the "stream of SA history" was flowing in the direction of a single, integrated nation.

Idasa director Dr Van Zyl Slabbert said the time had come for apartheid groups to take a new look at all the strategic options available, including participation.

Independent Party leader Dr Dennis Worrall said South Africa would go through a civil war similar to the Rhodesian experience unless present political trends changed dramatically.

BISHO — A police officer of Ciskei’s Elite Squad described yesterday how the Idasa co-director for the Border area, Mr Eric Mntonga, was suffocated with a tyre tube while lying on his back on the floor with his hands tied and his feet held.

Six senior Ciskei policemen have pleaded not guilty to murder and two other charges relating to Mr Mntonga’s death.

Warrant Officer Zamekule Bojane, warned as an accomplice, told the Bisho Supreme Court that he went to the security police offices about 1pm on July 24 last year.

He ate lunch in an office and while telephoning he heard a noise from an adjacent office and heard people saying: "We want the truth only." He said he entered the office and found three of the accused, Major Melakelesi Potwana, WO Tamsaqua Hlunani and WO Khayailethu Ncanana, and some other policemen. The other three accused are Maj-Gen Witness Ngwanya, 42, Maj-Gen Mountain Ngcanga, 50, and Col Mabandla Mbele, 47.

He said Mr Mntonga was lying on his back on the floor with his hands tied together with a piece of cloth.

WO Bojane said Maj Potwana took a piece of red motor tyre tube and put it on Mr Mntonga’s face. WO Bojane left to make another telephone call.

On his return he found Maj Potwana alone, suffocating Mr Mntonga.

Maj Potwana, who was angry, ordered WO Bojane to hold Mr Mntonga’s feet.

After Maj Potwana suffocated Mr Mntonga he stopped holding the dead man’s feet, said WO Bojane. He looked at Mr Mntonga and found he was not breathing.

WO Bojane said he told Maj Potwana he intended reporting the incident. Maj Potwana had however told him not to tell anybody as "he did not know how the people would react.

WO Bojane said that he decided to drive to Maj-Gen Ngwanya’s house and report that Mr Mntonga had died during interrogation.

"He said I should not worry and should leave as it was a minus one problem," WO Bojane told the court.

The trial resumes on Monday and the accused were remanded — Sapa.
Vlok to defend damages claim by ‘Wit Wolf’

By Chris Steyn

THE Minister of Law and Order, Mr. Adrian Vlok, is defending a R20,000 damages claim brought against him by alleged Pretoria mass murderer and self-confessed leader of the Wit Wolwe, Mr. Barend Hendrik Strydom.

The awaiting-trial prisoner has issued a summons against Mr. Vlok for the “pain and suffering” experienced when he was arrested last year after a picture was found of him — in police uniform — holding the decapitated head of a black man in one hand and a knife in the other.

Mr. Strydom was not prosecuted following the gruesome find, and he now claims that his arrest was unlawful because the policemen who arrested him in October last year, did not have a warrant.

Law and Order spokesman Lieutenant Peet Bothma confirmed yesterday that Mr. Vlok intended defending the civil action brought by Mr. Strydom, a former policeman.

Lt. Bothma said the summons was issued earlier this year after Mr. Strydom left the police force, and before the Strydom Square massacre of which he now stands accused.

He said the matter was sub judice because the 23-year-old Mr. Strydom was being held on seven murder and 15 attempted murder charges.
Policeman admits helping in killing

BISHO. — A State witness in the trial of six Ciskei security policemen charged with murder agreed that he had helped to kill Mr Eric Mntonga, co-director of Idasa in the Border, during interrogation at the Mdantsane police station offices on July 24 last year.

Warrant Officer Zamekule Bojana, of the Élite Squad, was under cross-examination from the Bench.

Earlier he had been warned by the court as an accomplice.

The policemen are Major-Generals Zandile Witness Ngwanya and Phakamile Mountain Ngcanga, Colonel Mabandla Mbejeni, Major Mphekiseli Potwana, and Warrant Officers Thamsanqa Hulani and Khaya lebha Ncandana.

They have pleaded not guilty to charges of murder, obstructing justice and contravening the Police Act.

COMPELLED

During cross-examination, Mr Justice B Pickard asked Warrant Officer Bojana if he and Major Potwana had killed Mr Mntonga. Warrant Officer Bojana agreed.

Mr Justice Pickard pointed out that the only thing that could save Warrant Officer Bojana from trouble would be for him to explain to the court that he had been compelled to hold Mr Mntonga's feet while Major Potwana suffocated him. Warrant Officer Bojana said this would not save him, since "a bad thing had happened".

Earlier Warrant Officer Bojana, who was testifying for the second day, said the interrogation consisted of holding the subject's feet while another policeman put on a tube to suffocate him.

He said that after Mr Mntonga had died he had informed the elite unit's second-in-command, General Ngwanya. He said he told General Ngwanya that Mr Mntonga had died after he and the members of Mdantsane security police had interrogated him and suffocated him.

He said he did not tell his colleague, a Lieutenant Thompson, about Mr Mntonga's death in the offices when Lieutenant Thompson came to fetch him after the incident, because Major Potwana had told him not to tell anybody.

He only decided to report the matter while he was driving alone on the way back to Bisho. — Sapa.

Eau de goat overcomes the pong

MEN ROURNE. — Adelaide exporter David Whitfield working
Jeered and attacked, the Specials ‘are succeeding’

THE special constables have been jeered, shot, stabbed, prosecuted and on occasion been restrained by courts from assaulting some of the very citizens they were hired to protect

Parliamentarians and community organisations have called for their withdrawal from the townships

But senior police officers say they believe much has changed since their controversial entrance into the violent Peninsula townships during the unrest of 1986

“They have become the eyes and the ears of the police force. They have been responsible for combating crime and with this, I believe, they have earned the respect of some sections of the community.”

Their mere presence is a deterrent,” said a policeman closely connected with the day-to-day running of the special constabulary

Younger recruits

The constables were recruited during rioting in 1986, sent on six-week training courses and deployed in the townships amid suggestions that they were “wild” vigilantes operating with government approval against liberal organisations

“In those days we tended to hire older people, people who were more settled. But since then we have found many of the older recruits were too set in their ways, unable to change. Now we are hiring young recruits and they are doing very well,” the officer said.

“We wanted to hire people from a specific area, train them and send them back into that area. People are far less likely to commit street crime if they know there is a policeman on the block.”

“For the purposes for which they were recruited, it was not necessary to give them training in all the aspects given to fully fledged policemen.”

“For example, they were not going to be used for investigation purposes so there was no need to give them training in investigation techniques,” he said.

Seconded to units

There are about 400 special constables and sergeants in the Peninsula’s townships.

They operate from their headquarters at Nyanga police station — a converted beer hall — and work in shifts.

Some are seconded on a day-to-day basis to specialised units and fall directly under the control of the branch commander.

Police believe the controversial police support group — special constables, blue lines or kitsies — launched in 1986 has been a success. Crime Reporter STEPHEN WROTTELEY spoke to senior officers about their training, acceptance and role in combating crime.

“Police believe that every problem in the township can be solved by a police team,” said an officer.

For example, if there is a problem with theft in a specific area, the branch commander of the car-theft unit might request us to supply him with special constables to act as his eyes and ears.

“The constables will be dressed in civilian clothing and placed in the target area where they will watch and wait. When the thieves strike, the constables pass on their information to the unit commander who will move in and make the necessary arrests,” the officer said.

Those that do not work for specialised units report daily to Nyanga

Manhunt

“If they, for example, work on the morning shift, they report to the police station where Maj. A.J. Burger, their commanding officer, will decide what duties they are to perform,” an officer said.

“He could have had a request to supply men for a mountain search for a missing hiker or a manhunt for a wanted rapist.

“Once he has satisfied the various requests for extra manpower, he will split the rest of the men into sections for crime prevention in the townships.”

“Each section is commanded by a white sergeant from the reaction unit and a special sergeant who acts as the ‘link man’ between the specials and the regulars.”

“A number of sections make up a platoon which will be commanded by a regular member of the police acting as platoon leader.”

“The sections are then sent out on foot patrol to trouble spots in the townships.”

Crime not reported

“We had a problem at the Nyanga terminus. The area was blanketed with special constables and there was no longer a problem,” the officer said.

“In times of unrest, people were wary of reporting crime. If a person was seen talking to a policeman or walking in or out of a police station, he or she was immediately seen as an ‘pump’.”

“But with relative calm, more and more people are reporting crime to the police.”

Police believe proof of this is the fact that crime reports in the greater Guguletu area rose even after the Nyanga police station opened about the same time as the special constables were deployed.

One experienced township policeman said “It was not because there was more crime, it was just that there were more people able to report it.”

Losses

“Prior to the Nyanga opening there was the effort of walking to Guguletu police station and the cost of using a bus or taxi.”

Police admit there have been losses from the ranks of the special constables.

Some have been killed. Police believe these deaths have resulted from the belief of revolutionaries that the constables are doing a good job and that they have to be intimidated to stop.

Some have been discharged for criminal offences or unsatisfactory performance.

But police also argue that the Specials have gained, to a certain extent, support of the communities in which they work.
Brigadier wins appeal against UDF

BLOEMFONTEIN — The Appeal Court has allowed the appeal of Brigadier Ronald van der Westhuizen, Divisional Commissioner of Police in the Western Cape, against a decision to grant an urgent application by the United Democratic Front.

The application was granted by a Full Bench of the Cape Supreme Court on April 15, 1987. It set aside a decision of the brigadier to prohibit a meeting of the UDF in the Cape Town City Hall on that day. The prohibition was made under Section 7(1)(b)(a) of the Emergency Regulations of June 6, 1986.

Mr Justice Hefer yesterday set aside the lower court order and substituted one to dismiss the application, with costs, including the costs of two counsel.

Sapa
Mtonga body disposed of, says top cop

BISHO. — The head of the Mdantsane security branch, Colonel Louis Nonhonho, told the Supreme Court yesterday that his second-in-command had told him he disposed of the body of Idlsa director Mr Eric Mtonga.

Mr Mtonga's body was found with multiple injuries and a stab wound on the outskirts of King William's Town on July 25 last year.

Colonel Nonhonho said in evidence that on the day of the incident there had been a combined forces operation in Mdantsane.

He had left for East London and returned at 4pm when he was told by his second-in-command, Colonel M Mabandla, one of the accused, that "something bad had happened". — Sapa
COP 'confessed' dumping body

BISHO. — One of the accused in the Mntonga murder trial had “confessed” that he and others had dumped the body of Mr Eric Mntonga, the commander of the Mdantsane Anti-Terrorist Unit told the Supreme Court here yesterday.

Capt Mlangabezi Mfundisi, an accomplice state witness, told the court he was told this by W/O Tamsanqa Hulani after the body of Mr Mntonga — Border co-director of Idasa — had been found on the outskirts of King William’s Town on July 25 last year.

Six senior Ciskei policemen have pleaded not guilty to murdering Mr Mntonga, defeating the ends of justice and contravening the Police Act.

Capt Mfundisi said he was informed by a W/O Swelindawo that they had found Mr Mntonga and he instructed them to carry on with interrogation.

Officers discussed dumping

He said he later met Colonel Mabandla Mbejeni, one of the accused, who told him they should meet at 9pm at the police station.

He promised to do so, but did not, as he thought talk about dumping the body would land him in trouble.

Capt Mfundisi said W/O Hulani later came to his house and “confessed” to him that he and others had dumped the body.

He said the officers earlier discussed dumping the body. When one of the accused, Col Nonhnho, made a call to the security branch headquarters in Bisho, he thought that permission should be obtained for the dumping of the body.

The trial will resume on Monday. — Sapa
Police discussed dumping Mntonga body, court told

BISHO — Dumping the body of Idaas co-director Mr Eric Mntonga near Mount Coke was first discussed at a meeting of Ciskeian security police officers, the Supreme Court has been told here.

Captain Mthangabezi Mfumusi of Mdantsane security police said the meeting took place in the office of the commander of the Mdantsane security police, Colonel Louis Lulamile Nonhonho, late in the afternoon of July 24 last year.

Captain Mfumusi was giving his evidence-in-chief against six Ciskean security policemen who have pleaded not guilty to charges of murder, obstruction of justice and contravening the Police Act.

They are Major-General Zandilele Witness Ngwanyza, Major-General Phakamile Mntsumi, Colonel Mabandla Mbejeni, Major Mpletoch Potwana, Warrant Officer Thamsanqa Hlulani and Warrant Officer Khayaolethu Ncedana.

Captain Mfumusi, warned as an accomplice, said the idea of dumping Mr Mntonga's body arose after Colonel Nonhonho asked what should be done.

ONE SUGGESTION

The captain said that apart from himself and Colonel Nonhonho the meeting was attended by Colonel Mbejeni, Major Potwana and Captain Illela.

One officer — he did not remember who — suggested the body be dumped, he said.

No one responded to the suggestion and Colonel Nonhonho picked up the telephone and said he was phoning the head office.

Captain Mfumusi said he then told Colonel Nonhonho that he had to rush to Zwelitsha and he left.

Under cross-examination the captain said he thought that when Colonel Nonhonho picked up the phone he was going to ask for permission to dump Mr Mntonga's body.

When Captain Mfumusi returned from Zwelitsha about 6pm he was phoned by Captain Nkohla, who then came to his house and discussed Mr Mntonga's death. He told Captain Nkohla that he had heard about the death.

Captain Nkohla subsequently used his phone and contacted a person he addressed as "brigadier," saying he was confirming "that thing."

The trial was postponed to Monday.

Sapa
Tearsmoke 'reasonable way' to disperse crowd

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA — Brigadier Hertzog Lerm, retired divisional inspector of police in the Northern Transvaal, said he regarded tearsmoke as the most reasonable method of dispersing a crowd of 8 000 in Mamelodi on November 21, 1985.

An inquest following the death of 12 people, including children, allegedly caused by security forces, resumed in Pretoria North Magistrate's Court yesterday before Mr J N Pretorius.

The deaths came during a protest of Mamelodi residents against high rents and the presence of security forces in the township.

Brigadier Lerm said he tried to reason with the people and ordered them to an open area near the administration offices.

He claimed to have warned them in several languages to disperse or else tearsmoke would be fired.

Brigadier Lerm conceded that when he considered using tearsmoke he foresaw the possibility of people stampeding and that some might be injured.

He had ordered a helicopter to leave because he feared the crowd might not be able to hear him speak or hear his warnings of tearsmoke.

"It was the most reasonable method to disperse the crowd, especially in the tense atmosphere where many had been threatened into taking part," he said.

Tearsmoke was fired because he and other senior police officers foresaw the possibility of violence.

He was not aware at the time that the homes of councillors were attacked soon after tearsmoke was fired.

He refused to comment on evidence by a police cameraman who testified that the people were quiet when Brigadier Lerm addressed them and was surprised when tearsmoke was fired.

The inquest was postponed until tomorrow.
BISHO. — A member of the Ciskei Police Elite Unit told the Supreme Court here yesterday that he had been forced to suffocate Mr Eric Mntonga, co-director of Idasa in the Border region.

Warrant Officer Zamekile Bojana, who was warned as an accomplice, told the court he had been forced by one of the six accused, Major Mphikiseli Potwana, to suffocate Mr Mntonga on July 25 last year.

WO Bojana was testifying for the state in the trial of six Ciskei security policemen who have been charged with murdering Mr Mntonga, defeating the ends of justice and contravening the Police Act.

The accused are the second-in-command of the Elite-Unit, Major-General Zandisile Ngwanya, head of the security police, Major-General Phakamile Mounta Ngcanga, Col Mabandla Mbejeni, Major Potwana, WO Thamsanqa Hlulani and WO Khayalethu Ncandana, who have pleaded not guilty.

WO Bojana agreed that Mr Mntonga died after he had suffocated him with a tube.

He said he pulled the tube "very tight" around Mr Mntonga's head because Major Potwana urged him to do so, saying Mr Mntonga was about to talk.
Extreme right lashed by Law Deputy-Minister

BY STEPHEN WROTTESLEY
Crime Reporter

The Deputy-Minister of Law and Order, Mr Leon Wessels, lashed out today at "extreme right wing organisations" the "callous disregard for human life and the thin excuses" in remarks made after the Strijdom Square killings.

Mr Wessels also hit out at the ANC and the UDP for attempts to "politicise the subsequent funerals of the victims of that senseless murder."

And he warned that the time had come to take the "necessary steps to rid society" of those responsible for events such as the Strijdom Square killings.

Mr Wessels was speaking at a passing-out parade of more than 500 policemen and women who had completed their training at Bishop Lavis police college.

The parade was held at the Showground, Goodwood, as part of the police force's 75th anniversary celebrations.

Bid to create chaos

Mr Wessels said the forces of lawlessness and anarchy, supported by the Communist Party, the ANC and related organisations, were trying to place South Africa and her people in political, economic and social isolation.

To achieve this goal a calculated attempt had been made to create chaos.

"Bloodshed, inhuman cruelty and brutality are everyday occurrences," he said.

"Ignorant youths are being incited to such an extent that they become emotionally carried away, losing all their sense of reason in the process."

"People on the extreme left and extreme right of the political spectrum seem determined to incite each other and even moderate people to extreme action."

"We were shocked by the brutal slaying of seven innocent and defenceless black people in the streets of Pretoria in November."

"We were even more shocked by the callous disregard for human life and the thin excuses offered by extreme right-wing organisations for that unforgivable act," he said.

COMPLIMENTS OF SEASON: Deputy Minister of Law and Order Mr Leon Wessels meets special constables during a festive season courtesy visit to their training base at Koeberg yesterday.

"Lust for blood"

Attacking the ANC and the UDP, Mr Wessels said: "The deaths of the seven people were apparently not sufficient to satisfy the lust for blood and violence of the ANC and its surrogates."

He said they tried to incite the mourners to radical action that would have required further police action and which could have led to more deaths.

"Acts that could lead to radical extreme behaviour would "no longer be tolerated", he said, and he called on the moderate majority to stand up and be counted.
Mkhatshwa accepts Govt's R25 000 offer for torture claims

The general secretary of the Institute of Contextual Theology, Father Smangaliso Mkhatshwa, said yesterday that he had accepted an offer of R25 000 and legal costs from the Ministry of Law and Order to settle a civil damages claim brought against the Government for torture while he was in detention.

The claim was settled by the Government without admitting liability.

In an affidavit on his interrogation while in detention, Father Mkhatshwa said he was arrested at the St Charles Kwanga Church in Soshanguve in June 12 1986. He was held in terms of the emergency regulations.

He was general secretary of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference at the time.

Father Mkhatshwa told a press conference in Johannesburg that he had been blindfolded for more than 30 hours while he was interrogated, assaulted and humiliated by security force members on August 21 1986.

By Carina le Grange and Sapa

His claim for damages was due to go to trial on August 21 this year, but shortly before the trial was due to commence the Ministry of Law and Order agreed to pay Father Mkhatshwa R25 000 and to cover any legal costs he had incurred.

He said in a statement released at the press conference “We feel that payment of such a large sum of money as well as of all legal costs indicated that the Minister of Law and Order (Mr Adriaan Vlok) did not want this matter to go to trial.”

Father Mkhatshwa said the Attorney-General had informed his lawyers that six men had been charged with crimen injuria in connection with his assault.

It was also announced at the press conference that Father Mkhatshwa was recently awarded an honorary degree by the University of Tubingen in West Germany.
Minister attacks AWB for 'callous disregard'

Crime Reporter

The Deputy Minister of Law and Order, Mr Leon Wessels, yesterday made a veiled attack on the AWB for the "callous disregard and thin excuses" that were made following the Struthen Square killing of seven people in November.

Although he did not name the AWB in his speech it is reliably understood that he was referring to the organisation when he spoke about extreme right wing organisations.

Mr Wessels said the government was also equally shocked by attempts of the ANC and the UDF to politicise the subsequent funerals of the victims.

"The deaths of the seven people were apparently not sufficient to satisfy the lust for blood and violence of the ANC and its surrogates," Mr Wessels said.

He said that coffins of some of the victims were draped with the ANC colours, mourners were forced to wear lapel badges of the ANC and sing "so-called" freedom songs.

Mr Wessels added that at the request of the police the drapes and badges were removed and the singing stopped.

The deputy minister's statements were made during the passing-out parade of about 500 police students who had just completed their training at the Bishop Lavis training college.

The parade was held at the Cape Showgrounds, Goodwood, to accommodate the large number of family and friends who attended the ceremony.
Staff Reporter

THE inquest into the controversial killing of seven alleged guerillas by police in Guguletu more than two years ago has been re-opened "in the public interest".

Attorney-General Mr Nieo Rossouw requested this week that the magistrate, Mr T Hoffman, who made his finding on sworn affidavits only, re-open the inquest to take "additional evidence".

Mr Hoffman, who disallowed an application for vocal evidence to be led, found that all seven men died from bullet wounds sustained "in police activity for the combating of terrorism".

He also found there had been no act or omission on the part of any person which amounted to an offence.

The shootout between police and the seven alleged guerillas outside a Guguletu men's hostel on March 3, 1986, and the subsequent publication of eyewitness reports by the Cape Times caused widespread controversy.

Three eyewitnesses, all hostel dwellers, claimed that one suspected guerilla was shot and killed after trying to give himself up, and that another, lying wounded on the ground, was "finished off" by police.

Acquitted

Former crime reporter, Mr Chris Bateman, who interviewed the eyewitnesses, was barred from attending daily police crime conferences and former deputy news editor, Mr Tony Weaver, was charged with making untrue statements about police to the BBC.

Mr Weaver was acquitted after a lengthy trial in which the magistrate found that he had reasonable grounds for believing what he had reported to be true. The magistrate, Mr J M Lument, also found that expert medical evidence contradicted the police version of what happened.

Mr Rossouw said yesterday that "there have been certain things that have been uncovered and we felt that this had to be stated in open court — under the circumstances it may make a difference".

He added: "I may be underestimating the strength of the new evidence to possibly change the complexion of the whole thing, but something has been uncovered which may make a difference."

"We feel that it is in the public interest for the inquest to be re-opened."

Mr Weaver is suing the Minister of Law and Order for more than R107,000 for "wrongful and malicious prosecution".
SAP to expand helicopter force

PRETORIA — The SAP plans to expand its “air wing” of 12 helicopters because of successes in fighting crime, says the latest edition of the South African Air Force magazine Ad Astra.

It says eight police helicopters are based in Pretoria, two in Durban, one in Port Elizabeth and one in Cape Town.

In addition to solving many crimes, the unit assisted with the apprehension of four ANC terrorists earlier this year.

The distinctive yellow choppers are controlled from the police’s counter-insurgency control room, says Ad Astra.

The helicopters are used 35% of the time for combating robberies and trailing criminals. A search normally widens from the scene of the crime.

It is sometimes difficult to find a robbed bank, and pilots have to become acquainted with urban navigation.

The “air police” are commanded by ex-SAAF pilot Col Piet Claassen. — Sapa.
Pta killings: rightists warned

CAPE TOWN — The Deputy Minister of Law and Order, Mr Leon Wessels, lashed out at the "callous disregard for human life" and the "shameless sabotage" of "extreme" right-wing organisations reflected in their remarks about the Strijdom Square shootings in Pretoria, which claimed the lives of seven blacks.

Mr Wessels also hit out at the African National Congress and the United Democratic Front for attempting to "politicise the subsequent funerals of the victims of that senseless murder."

And he warned that the time had come to take steps to "rid society" of those responsible for events such as the Strijdom Square killings.

Mr Wessels was speaking "at a passing-out parade of 500 policemen and women who had completed their training at Bishop Lavis police college."

The parade was held at the Showground, Goodwood, as part of the police force's 70th anniversary celebrations.

Mr Wessels said the forces of lawlessness and anarchy, supported by the Communist Party, the ANC and related organisations, were trying to place South Africa and her people in political, economic and social isolation.

To achieve this goal a calculated attempt had been made to create chaos.

"Bloodshed, inhuman cruelty and brutality are everyday occurrences," he said.

"Ignorant youths are being incited to such an extent that they become emotionally carried away, losing all their sense of reason in the process.

"People on the extreme left and extreme right of the political spectrum seem determined to incite each other and even moderate people to extreme action.

"We were even more shocked by the callous disregard for human life and the thin excuses offered by extreme right-wing organisations for that unforgivable act," he said.

"We were shocked by the brutal slaying of seven innocent and defenceless black people in the streets of Pretoria in November," he said.

Attacking the ANC and the UDF, Mr Wessels said "The deaths of the seven people were apparently not sufficient to satisfy the lust for blood and violence of the ANC and its surrogates."

He said they tried to incite the mourners to radical action that would have required further police action and which could have led to more deaths.

Acts that could lead to radical extreme behaviour would "no longer be tolerated", he said, and he called on the moderate majority to stand up and be counted.

"It is no longer enough merely to express our shock at events such as the Pretoria slaying. It is time we took the necessary steps to rid society of such people."

Own Correspondent
Murder: Six Ciskei cops granted bail

BISHO — The Ciskei Supreme Court, yesterday, granted bail totalling R4,000 to six Ciskei security policemen on trial for the murder of the co-director of Idasa in the Border region, Mr Eric Mntonga.

The second-in-command of the Ciskei Elite Squad, Major-General Witness Ngwanyana, 42, and the head of the security branch, Major-General Mountain Ngcandu, 30, were granted bail of R1,000 each.

Ball of R1,500 each was granted to the second-in-command of the security branch, Colonel Mabandla Ndejeni, 47; Major Mikielis Potwana, 42; Warrant Officer Tamaswa Hlulani, 41; and WO Khalethu Ngcandu, 34, all of Mdantsane.

Earlier, a state witness told the court that people were "usually assaulted" during interrogation in the security branch offices at Mdantsane.

Cross-examined by the defence, Captain Mzuseli Hlela said that when he saw Mr Mntonga he thought he had been assaulted while in the offices.

He said the people whom he thought had assaulted Mr Mntonga were the officers he found in an office with Mr Mntonga, who was lying on the floor.

Captain Hlela said the officers were WO Zamekile Bojane and two of the accused, Major Potwana and WO Hlulani.

Mr Mntonga was sitting on the floor, perspiring and looking tired. Captain Hlela left the police station for home and did not see Mr Mntonga again.

He said he became suspicious when he read about the discovery of Mr Mntonga's body near Tamara. At first he thought he had been attacked by thugs, as he was reported to have suffered a stab wound, but he had last seen him at the police station. He suspected that the Idasa man's body had been dumped as a result of the assault.

He said he had not questioned WO Hlulane about the incident.

The case continues. — Sapa
US judge 'terrified' in SA Police ordeal

PORT ELIZABETH — A black American judge was "terrified" when police searched her during a township visit, falsely told her it was illegal to take pictures and ordered her to follow them to headquarters on Monday.

"It was a frightening experience, knowing you could be stopped, searched and taken anywhere at the discretion of people who have no information about you and for no reason at all," said Ms Ladoris Cordell, a judge of the Santa Clara County Superior Court in San Jose, California.

Police spokesman, Colonel S Sauerman, said that it was not illegal to take pictures, but police could demand that someone identify themselves at any time. He said police were at the time conducting a crime prevention operation in Soweto-by-the-Sea, outside Port Elizabeth.

"While this was happening, one of the policemen reported that a black woman was taking photographs of this operation. Once the police were satisfied as to the identity of these people they let them go," Colonel Sauerman said.

He said the judge was not detained.

But Ms Cordell, visiting South Africa to participate in United Nations Human Rights Week conferences, said: "I was not free to go."

She said she had just come out of a shack and had got into her car when she saw police arresting people.

"A policeman came over to my side of the car, opened the door and said, 'Get out of the car'."

She said police searched her bag without asking permission, searched the car without giving a reason, and told her it was illegal to take pictures anywhere in South Africa without a police permit. — Sapa

AP
Policeman is jailed for assault

By Celeste Louw
The commander of a police station in Boksburg was sentenced to an effective year's jail by a Johannesburg magistrate yesterday for assaulting a middle-aged man in public.

George Nortje (36), who holds the rank of captain, was sentenced to two years' jail, with one year suspended for five years.

The court heard that Nortje wanted to arrest Mr Manuel Pospoo when he refused to have his car checked on March 28.

Nortje seriously assaulted Mr Pospoo when he tried to walk away.

The policeman told the court that he had to assault Mr Pospoo to get him arrested.

The magistrate said Nortje's actions showed bad judgment and behaviour.

The magistrate said this conduct created a feeling of mistrust among the public against the police force.

Defence counsel said an appeal would be lodged against judgment and sentence.
A publick meeting was held on Saturday last, for the purpose of considering the conduct of Major Crown, who was drowned in the river on Thursday last. It was resolved that the body of the deceased should be removed to the parish of St. John, and that a publick funeral should be held on Saturday next. The meeting was addressed by Mr. G. G. G., who called the attention of the assembled to the importance of publick会议上将要讨论他最近在河中溺水的举止。会议决议将遗体移至圣约翰教区，并于下星期六举行公众葬礼。会议由Mr. G. G. G. 演说，他提到了公众会议上需注意的事项的重要。
Delmas 4 accept jail terms without rancour

The four men convicted of treason in South Africa's longest trial served the first day of their prison sentences yesterday, having walked down the same stairs from the same dock that Nelson Mandela traversed nearly a quarter of a century ago.

But even before their sentences began, the four men — Pupo Moleko, Patrick Leboka, Moses Chikan and Tom Moshata — had been in jail as awaiting trials prisoners for longer than the two African nationalist leaders who were convicted of treason in 1913.

The African nationalist leaders were Generals Christian de Wet and Jan Kemp. They were sentenced to six and seven years, respectively, for their roles in the 1846 rebellion. But they were released less than two years later.

Mr Arthur Chaskalson, SC, focused on that comparison in his address to the court on behalf of Moleko, Leboka and Chikan, all of whom were senior members in the United Democratic Front (UDF). He argued in mitigation of sentence. Mr Chaskalson said: "They have all been in custody since their arrest on April 13 1984 and that means they have already served over three and a half years in prison. That is longer than the periods served by Generals de Wet and Kemp."

The long period of incarceration of the four men weighed heavily in the determination of sentence, Mr Justice van Dijkhorst said when passing sentence before a packed court.

Moleko and Chikan were sentenced to seven years; Leboka was sentenced to five years, and Moshata was sentenced to three years.

The four men went to jail without rancour, smiling at their friends in the gallery.

Red carnations

They — and their seven co-accused who were convicted of treason but given suspended sentences — were red carnations in their hats. They tossed the carnations into the gallery as their voices filled the courtroom with the African national anthem, "Nkosi Sikelelwa Africa."

Mr Chaskalson dealt with the theme of reconciliation in his address, weaving it into his brief sketch of the three UDF men. Moleko had faced great adversity in his life, but emerged "with unflinching faith and a message of love". Leboka "acted out of conviction and would serve his sentence without bitterness"; Chikan had shown himself to be a "man of peace."

Mr Chaskalson did not refer toLinked to reconciliation was another theme: a younger generation of black leaders was going into jail as an older generation of leaders was being released.

Only hours before sentence was passed on Thursday Mandela was moved from a private cell in the Pretoria Central prison to a comfortable house in the grounds of the Union Buildings, in what many observers believe is another stage in his planned release to freedom.

The period between conviction and sentence in the Pretoria trial saw two major changes: one of the main issues was the charge of sabotage, and another was the admission of the Government of the ANC.

Recalling his finding that the UDF leadership had pursued a policy of violence, and that violence was an "integral, necessary and inevitable component", the judge said: "These accused can in future play a constructive role in the political process, provided they, by word and deed, forever forsake the violent option and act within the law."

Of Moshata, whom he found to have made a speech at a meeting in the Vaal Triangle calling on town councillors to resign on pain of death, Mr Justice van Dijkhorst said: "I am loath to the hope that accused 16 (Moshata), on his return to society, will assume a leadership role but in a more constructive way."

Black notables — some of whom were acquitted of treason in the 1913 Martlesham trial of the UDF and trade union members — have already served notice that they regard the Pretoria quartet as patriots rather than traitors and a campaign to secure their freedom is on the agenda.

But the Pretoria trial left the immediate future of the UDF in doubt. Mr Justice van Dijkhorst found the UDF was an internal wing of the outlawed ANC, thus clearing the way for the authorities to have the already severely beleaguered organisation closed.

The Commissioner of Police, General Hennie de Wit, referred to Mr Justice van Dijkhorst a finding when he banned a planned solidarity rally for the treason defendants on Tuesday.

But, as Mr Chaskalson pointed out, the core of the problem did not lie in the UDF per se and the conspiracy which Mr Justice van Dijkhorst found it had entered into with the ANC. The conflict between the State and the UDF had, in Mr Chaskalson's words, its origins in the legitimate and deeply felt grievances of a people excluded from the mainstream of society and subjected to humiliation and discrimination.
Two policemen shot dead in AK 47 ambush

JOHANNESBURG. — Two members of the South African Police were shot dead and another seriously wounded last week in an AK-47 ambush in Orlando, Soweto, police confirmed today (tues).

The attack happened two days before three Soweto municipal policemen were shot and seriously wounded in Diepkloof, Soweto, on Saturday night. News of the killing of the policemen was released for the first time today.

The attacks are the latest in a series of ambushes by suspected ANC members on security forces in Soweto this year.

Security police have launched an investigation into both shootings and have appealed for information.

It is not yet known whether the two attacks were linked, but detectives are investigating the possibility. Both ambushes were carried out in the same way and under similar circumstances.

A police spokesman for the Directorate of Public Relations, Captain Ruben Bloomberg, confirmed that Thursday’s shootings occurred at 9:20 pm in Orlando.

Those killed have been identified as a Sergeant Mabasa and a Constable Mkhase. The wounded policeman was taken to Baragwanath Hospital where he is in a satisfactory condition.

Police have declined to name him for security reasons.

Sergeant Mabasa and Constable Mkhase were killed when “unknown gunmen” opened fire on their vehicle next to the Orlando Stadium and riddled it with bullets.

The weapon used was a Soviet-made AK-47 rifle. Spent AK-47 cartridges were found at the scene.

The gunman or gunmen apparently waited for the policemen at a stop street next to the stadium before opening fire from the dark on their vehicle.
Soweto gets a flying squad

A police flying squad has been established in Soweto, bringing it in line with other major urban centres in South Africa with regard to swift reaction by police to crime. Comrade Reporters CRIAN KOTZEE reports.

As far as policing is concerned, Soweto has gained a new feature. It is a police flying squad, which is expected to enhance the police's ability to respond quickly to crime. The flying squad is expected to be highly effective in areas where traditional policing methods may be less efficient. The squad is expected to be particularly effective in dealing with crimes such as theft and robbery, which are common in Soweto. The flying squad is expected to be deployed in areas where there is a high concentration of crime, and it is expected to be highly visible and responsive to public complaints. The squad is expected to be armed with modern equipment and technology, which will enable it to respond more effectively to emergencies. The flying squad is expected to be supervised by experienced police officers who are familiar with the local area and the challenges of policing in Soweto. The flying squad is expected to be a major step forward in the policing of Soweto and is expected to make a significant contribution to the fight against crime in the area.
PAC admits two ambush deaths

SIPHO NGCBO

THE PAC has claimed responsibility for two Soweto ambushes in which two policemen died last week.

A spokesman in Harare for the outlawed organisation said its military wing, the Azanian People's Liberation Army, carried out the attacks.

The first, on an SAP vehicle, was at about 9.20pm on Thursday at a stop street near Orlando Stadium.

Two of the five policemen aboard were killed when their vehicle was riddled with AK-47 bullets. Those killed were Sgt Mabasa and Const Mkhasebe.

The second attack, on a municipal police patrol in Diepkloof on Saturday, left three policemen seriously injured.

The three attackers disappeared in the darkness. A massive hunt is still going on for the insurgents.
Police dogs bite four near court

CAPE TOWN — At least four people in the crowd which gathered near the Supreme Court where the Ashley Forbes trial was being heard were bitten by police dogs yesterday.

In Long Street, a vagrant was bitten on the leg. An Argus reporter was bitten as she walked towards the Supreme Court to cover the hearing.

A bystander said he saw a man in white overalls bitten by a police dog in Dorp Street.

"Fortunately, the material was thick and it did not appear as if the man's skin had been broken. I saw another man being dragged around by a police dog which had grabbed hold of the canvas bag he was carrying," the bystander said.

People queued outside the Supreme Court in Keerom Street from 3 am for the 80 seats in the public gallery of Court No 1.

Those who could not get into the building took up positions behind police barricades in Keerom and Long streets.

Police with dogs formed a cordon across Keerom Street and police photographers took pictures of people in the crowd. Police ordered journalists to leave the area.

A helicopter circled above Long Street and a water cannon patrolled the streets around the court.

All men, including reporters, were searched as they entered the court.

After the proceedings about 300 people gathered on the pavement in Dorp Street singing "Nkosil Sikelel' Afrika", waiting for the lorry taking the prisoners to Pollsmoor Prison to emerge from the Supreme Court courtyard.

But the lorry left via Leeuwen Street.
Tortoise used to torture boy

A TEENAGER claimed in the Regional Court yesterday that police used a tortoise to torture him.

The 17-year-old boy said Sergeant Ilmar Pikker of Bishop Lavis forced him to undress and lie on the floor before placing a tortoise between his legs. He said the policeman also put lettuce leaves there to attract the tortoise.

He gave this evidence in a trial within a trial to determine if two confessions he made were done under duress.

The boy has pleaded not guilty to three counts of public violence, alternatively malicious damage to property.

The state alleges that he and others, unknown to the state, set fire to three delivery trucks in Bonteheuwel between October and December last year.

The hearing was adjourned to January 9 for the magistrate's decision.
BUBBLE SINGER TOLD: IT'S INCURABLE

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ASTONISHING: Take-out plunders spark bloody night gun battle
policemen and an informer dead.

The shootout apparently went on for 30 minutes before the blunder was realised.

Now the police have opened a murder inquiry into one of the bloodiest incidents of its kind.

The shootout took place on Wednesday night when police raided a White City, Soweto, house after a tip-off that arms were being concealed in one of the rooms.

But, instead of finding arms, the unsuspecting police patrol walked into a state of an arm unit — and were met by a hail of bullets.

The soldiers mistook the police patrol for the suspects they were waiting to catch.

Although the incident occurred mid-week, there was no official mention in police reports that the deaths were only confirmed by the police and SADF yesterday when approached by the Sunday Times.

The bizarre clash was one of a growing number of violent incidents involving terrorists, regular and special police, and undercover army units as the battle for the township streets moves from mass demonstrations to a shadowy war.

Terrified

The drama began when an SADF patrol raided the house after receiving information that arms were being stored there. But it was not clear if weapons were discovered but the soldiers immediately stalled the house to the await the return of the occupants.

But, unknown to the army, the police were also hot on the same trail. Detectives questioning a suspect at the same day were amazed when the man offered to lead them to a house in Soweto where, he claimed, arms were stored.

When the police arrived at the house they broke down the door and burst into the darkened home. Seconds later a volley of fire from the army detail inside killed two of the policemen and the informer. A third policeman was wounded.

Witnesses claimed yesterday the remaining policemen pulled back and called for reinforcements.

They said a furious gunfight lasting for at least 30 minutes then erupted, with the army fire being returned by a growing police contingent.

One man said the "whole place was swarming with police" after the shootings.

A witness said the residents stayed hidden during the firefight.

Forced

A neighbour told how he was shocked from his sleep by heavy gunfire.

He said "The whole thing lasted for at least half an hour. I saw people running across the road for cover while others lay down on the house with their hands covering their heads."

Another neighbour, Mr Richard Gondwane, said he could not understand what was happening: "I didn't know my neighbours as well as they had only lived there for a short time."

Yesterday morning, four policemen were standing guard at the house.

The front door, which had a large hole kicked in it, appeared to have been forced open. Inside drawers were emptied out, clothes strewn across the floor and

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erosed a healthy payout of $117,776.48 to five winners of the Pick Six at Turffontein yesterday. The winning numbers were 9, 5, 2, 11, 9, 4, 1.

SCOTTIVILLE:

In contrast, punters at Scottsville west-empty-handed as outsiders wrecked any hopes of winning the pool of $117,426.66. It will carry over to Wednesday's meeting at Chloorkop. Winning numbers: 3 10 15, 11, 4, 12.

Bowler ban

TRANSVAAL'S Brian McMillan was banned from bowling after being warned three times for damaging the pitch in the Currie Cup game against Northern Transvaal at the Wanderers.

Fire death

PETER VAN DYK, 53, of Randburg, was killed yesterday when he fell off his bike in front of an oncoming vehicle at Vlottenberg Bay.

FATAL FALL

RONALD IAN SLATER, 18, of Randburg, was killed yesterday when he fell off his bicycle in front of an oncoming vehicle at Vlottenberg Bay.
Police look into murder case after bungled shoot-out

Crime Reporter

Police are investigating cases of murder after SADF members shot and killed two special policemen and an informer in Soweto during an apparently bungled operation last week.

The matter is to be referred to the Attorney-General of the Transvaal for his decision on whether to prosecute the SADF members.

Should the Attorney-General decline to prosecute, the matter would be treated as a judicial inquest into the deaths, a police spokesman said.

Those killed were Constable M I Nthungila and Constable K N Nene. The informer was identified as Mr Morris Alexander.

A third SAP member, Constable N Ngcobo, was shot in the leg and seriously wounded in the incident at house 623C in White City, Jabavu, on Wednesday night. He may lose the use of his leg.

Although police and the Defence Force have declined to say anything further about the shootings, revealed for the first time yesterday, it is believed the matter is receiving high-level attention.

AUTOMATIC RIFLES

The Defence Force has confirmed the incident, but a spokesman would say nothing further.

The PFP has called for an inquiry into the matter.

It is believed that four SADF members were involved. Three fired R-4 automatic rifles as the police, who were following up information on which the SADF had also acted, arrived. The surprised policemen were shot at before they had time to identify themselves.

It emerged later that soldiers from Group 42 at the Doornkop military base were already in the house, waiting for their suspects to return home, when the police arrived.

Both parties involved had information that an arms cache was in the house but apparently failed to co-ordinate their operations.

Police said yesterday that, in fact, no arms were found nor were any suspects arrested.
Soweto ambush: Police deny cover-up

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Police have denied trying to cover up the SADF ambush which claimed the lives of two policemen and an informer and left a third policeman possibly wounded in Soweto last week.

News of the tragedy came out in the Press on Saturday. The shootings happened on Wednesday night.

The acting commander of the SAP-Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria, Lieutenant-Colonel Steyn, said today

The incident was reported, the next day and given out immediately, he was not put on the record because the incident did not constitute state secrets. We did not think it necessary to release the information.

There was no cover-up and the fact that the SADF were involved was just by-the-by.

PROSECUTION

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SUSPECTS

A fourth policeman was not injured and withdrew to call for reinforcements to the scene.

It is believed that four SADF members from Group 42 at the Doornkop military base were waiting for suspects to return home. Three fired R-4 automatic rifles as the police, who were following up information on which the SADF had also acted, arrived.

The policemen were shot before they had time to identify themselves.

Both units had been told that an arms cache was in the house.

Police said that no arms were found nor were any suspects arrested.

Although police and the Defence Force, have decided not to say anything further about the shootings, it is believed the matter is receiving high-level attention.

The PFP has called for an inquiry into the matter.
Inquiry to be held into Soweto shootout

so they would be prosecuted

The spokesman said Law and Order
Minister Adriaan Vlok had not issued a
statement on the shooting.

Special constables M I Ntshingula and
K N Nene, and the informer Morris
Alexander were killed.

A third policeman, N Ngcobo, was se-
riously injured.

According to the police spokesman
the SADF members opened fired on the
group of four policemen at 11.20pm last

Wednesday at a house in White City,
Soweto.

Four policemen and an informer en-
tered the house looking for arms be-
lieved to be kept there.

As they went inside the SADF who,
acting on the same information were
already inside the house, opened fire
killing the two constables and the in-
former and injuring the third policeman.

Full inquiry to be held

A FULL inquiry would be held into the
shootout in Soweto last week in which
five SADF personnel mistakenly killed
two policemen and an informer during
the stakeout of a suspected ANC arms
cache, an SAP spokesman confirmed
yesterday.

He said an inquest into the shooting
last Wednesday night would have to be
held to see if anyone was to blame and if

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Ambush news not covered up — SAP

By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

Police have denied trying to cover up the SA Defence Force ambush which claimed the lives of two policemen and an informer and left a third man possibly maimed in Soweto last week.

News of the tragedy was revealed in the press only on Sunday. The shootings happened on Wednesday night.

The acting commander of the SAP directorate of public relations in Pretoria, Lieutenant-Colonel Steve van Rooyen, said yesterday: "The incident was reported the next day and given out on inquiry. It was not put on the unrest report because the incident did not constitute unrest."

"There was no cover-up and the fact that the SADF was involved was just bye-bye,"

Those killed were Constable M I Nkungula and Constable K N Nene. The informer was identified as Mr Morris Alexander. Constable N Ngeco, was seriously wounded in the incident.

No mention of the ambush was made when routine calls to police were made by The Star on Thursday.

It is believed that four SADF members were involved. Three fired R-4 automatic rifles at the police arrived. The soldiers were from Group 42 at Doornkop military base.

Both parties had information that an arms cache was in the house. Police said yesterday that no arms were found nor were any suspects arrested.

PFP call for judicial inquiry

The Progressive Federal Party has called for a full judicial inquiry into the killing of two policemen and an informer in a South African Defence Force ambush in Soweto last week.

Mrs Helen Suzman, PFP spokesman on law and order, said the incident was "another good reason for not sending the army into the townships."

Mrs Suzman said there seemed to be an "inexplicable delay" in police informing the public of what occurred.

"The police evidently don't appear to respect sufficiently the public's right to know. One hopes that in future there will not be this delay when incidents as serious as this one occur."

A Labour Party spokesman has said the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, had to accept full responsibility and should resign immediately.

Mr Peter Hendrickse, public relations officer of the LP, said the incident resulted from SADF "interference in SAP matters."
THE informer who was shot dead with two special SAP constables while raiding a Soweto house last Wednesday, also tipped off SADF members who fired the fatal volley, a police statement said yesterday.

In a reconstruction of events, police said investigations so far revealed that the informer, Morris Alexander, approached four members of the SADF on December 14, alleging his vehicle was stolen by a group of armed men hiding out at a White City house numbered 623C.

"Later on the same day, Alexander passed the same information to four SAP members who immediately went to the address where the shooting occurred."

Earlier reports said SADF members raided the house after receiving information that arms were being stored there. It is not known if weapons were found, but the soldiers staked out the house to await the return of the occupants.

Unknown to them, Soweto police questioning a suspected car thief were led to the same house after being told arms were being stored there, the reports said.

On arrival, the police broke down the door and burst in. The soldiers opened fire, killing special police constables M I Ntselinga and K N Nene and Alexander. A third policeman, N Ngeobo, was seriously injured.

Police headquarters are still refusing to comment on whether arms were found on the premises.

Yesterday’s statement concluded that there were no grounds at this stage to suspect Alexander of foul play.

"He openly led the police to the address and entered the premises with them."
'No ANC link' to Soweto ambush

By Chris Steyn

Police yesterday denied that they had linked the ANC to the Soweto ambush in which two policemen and a civilian were shot dead by members of the South African Defence Force.

A police spokesman said reports in which the civilian, Mr. Morris Alexander, was identified as an "ANC informer" were "media-fabricated".

The ANC link first emerged in a radio news broadcast.

Yesterday police said Mr. Alexander had no connection whatsoever with the ANC, but was known to the police because he had previously been linked to a scrap-metal scam in Soweto.

Police said that although Mr. Alexander had supplied both the police and the SADF with information which led to the shooting, they had no grounds to believe that he had any "malicious intent".

The spokesman said Mr. Alexander originally approached four members of the SADF saying that a group of armed men had robbed him of his motor vehicle and were hiding at house 823C in White City.

Later he gave the same information to four members of the police who immediately accompanied him to the address where the shooting occurred.

Describing the incident as "unfortunate", the police spokesman said the SADF and the police would have to urgently re-evaluate their communication procedures.

Police were yesterday still looking for the owner of the house, Mr Trevor Ndlovu.

Defence Correspondent Willem Steenkamp reports that SADF troops deployed in the townships prefer to undertake purely crime-prevention actions on their own initiative — but they can be ordered to do so if the occasion warrants such action.

According to military sources, crime prevention is basically the police force's responsibility and area of expertise. But soldiers could make a citizen's arrest and could also arrest people if ordered to do so by the local Joint Operations Committee.

The JOC is a combined military and police co-ordinating and executive body which meets on a daily basis or runs full-time, depending on the situation.

Military spokesmen were reluctant yesterday to comment on last week's Soweto shooting because the investigations were being handled by the police.
Police 'stood and watched Caluza attack'

MARITZBURG — Police allegedly stood and watched the attack on Caluza near here on Saturday in which three people were killed, seven wounded and 41 houses damaged.

The allegations are contained in a letter to the Natal Divisional Commissioner, Brigadier Jan Kotz, from Mr Radley Keys, the Progressive Federal Party's Natal regional director.

The letter includes a petition that was signed by 291 'mothers, grandmothers and daughters of families in the Caluza area' condemning the police for "assisting Inkatha when attacking residents".

"It was reported that police stood by as the attack took place and that there were armed white men in plain clothes and uniformed policemen who stood around as the attack took place," Mr Keys's letter states.

"Our office has been requested to submit this petition to highlight the community's plight and the seriousness of the situation that these people find themselves in, especially with reference to members of the Force not stepping in and stopping the carnage that took place."

A police spokesman confirmed today that Brigadier Kotz had received the letter and said the matter was receiving attention.— Sapa.
No whites in township raid

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG.—Police here have strongly denied reports that a group of armed white men were at the forefront of an attack on residents of Caluza township near here at the weekend.

Police said allegations by residents of Caluza, published in a local newspaper, that white men wearing balaclavas and armed with shotguns and rifles led the weekend violence at the township were “totally false”. “There were no white people at all in that vicinity,” a police statement said.
THEFT SUSPECT DEAD IN CELL: MAN HELD

PRETORIA — A 30-year-old man was found dead in a Rustenburg police cell on Wednesday about two hours after being detained for alleged housebreaking and theft, police said in a statement yesterday.

The man was handed over to the police by farmworkers when officers went to investigate a complaint of housebreaking and theft on a farm near Rustenburg in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

Police said the suspect looked as if he had been beaten up when he was arrested. "He was heavily under the influence of liquor and had visible marks on him which could have been the result of an assault and for which he had already received treatment," the statement said.

It added that a 35-year-old man is being held in connection with the alleged assault.

The suspect was detained in Rustenburg police cells at 11.45 am and was found dead in his cell at 3.30 am.

Police said the cause of death is still not known. A post-mortem examination will be held.

The name of the deceased may not be made known at this stage as his next of kin have not yet been traced. — Sapa.
More than one patrol involved in shoot-out

Crime Reporter

More than one Defence Force patrol was involved in the Soweto SADF-SAP shootings which left three men dead and another wounded last week, police said.

In a statement, the SAP Directorate of Public Relations said: "It appeared that a number of Defence Force patrols were, in one form or another, involved in this incident."

"The incident occurred at night and since the Defence Force members were not readily available the next day, difficulties were experienced in the immediate obtaining of the necessary information."

"It is ludicrous to suggest there was any attempt to conceal the incident, since the death of any policeman is never kept a secret."

Police had waited for the necessary particulars so a reasonable account of what had happened could be released.

"In the interim, the media became aware of the incident and, on inquiry, it was confirmed that the incident had taken place," said the statement.

Particulars about the shootings were not released immediately because members of two forces were involved and the correct versions of all concerned had to be obtained first.

"It must also be kept in mind the four Defence Force members directly involved in this incident can be regarded as possible accused in this case and, as such, are entitled to the normal rights of an accused person."

The statement said Mr Trevor Ndlovu, occupant of the house where the shootings took place, could not be traced but had later contacted the police.
Koevoet to be disbanded

WINDHOEK.—The notorious Namibian police unit Koevoet will be disbanded next year.

The commissioner of police in Namibia, General Dolf Gouws, said yesterday that the disbanding was "making good progress".

Koevoet was the counter-insurgency arm of the police in the territory and often operated against SWAPO guerrillas inside Angola until the massed Cuban troop movement south which restricted the unit's free-ranging operations. The unit was credited with the most "kills" in the war against SWAPO.

Koevoet has been accused in courts of atrocities in the northern Namibian war zone.

The announcement of the disbanding of Koevoet was made earlier by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha, at a news conference in New York. He said it would be done as a gesture of goodwill.

BARRY STREEK reports that the first military observers to verify the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola are due to arrive in Luanda on January 3.

The United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVM) will consist of about 75 to 80 soldiers who will be headed by a Brazilian brigadier-general.

The mission has been established by the UN secretary-general, Mr Perez de Cuellar, to oversee the withdrawal of the Cubans in terms of the agreement signed in New York this week between Angola and Cuba.

Other members of the mission are expected to come from Spain, Sweden, India and the Congo.

The UNAVM operation is separate from the UN peacekeeping force, UNTAG, which will move into Namibia on April 1 to oversee the Namibian elections South African forces will gradually withdraw from Namibia, or be restricted to bases.

The negotiations over the composition of UNTAG have apparently not yet been concluded.

However, a Department of Foreign Affairs spokesman in Dublin said yesterday that about 7,500 Irish police and troops would be sent to Namibia to oversee the transition to independence.

It's over, PW tells Savimbi — Page 2
Army-cops liaison to be tightened

By DE WET POTGIETER and THABO NDUMELA

The police and army are to tighten liaison in their operations in the townships in the wake of the recent bloody clash between arms of the security services in which two policemen died.

This week senior police sources confirmed their unhappiness with the relationship between the army and the police in township work.

"This was nothing other than a police matter, a criminal investigation," said a senior police officer.

"Why didn't the SAPF report the matter to us for further investigation?"

The comment followed further revelations about the incident 10 days ago when soldiers and policemen clashed during a night raid on a White City, Soweto, home after being tipped off by the same informer.

It became apparent in official statements this week that more than one army patrol was involved in the incident — others had taken up positions in the vicinity while a four-man team was secreted in the house to await the return of suspects.

"It appears that a number of Defence Force patrols were, in one form or another, involved in this incident," said a Law and Order spokesman this week.

The Defence Force is allowed to do police work in terms of the Defence Act but this week police officers privately raised questions about the co-ordination of activities between the security forces.

Ambush

A senior police officer told the Sunday Times that policemen from outside would never go unto Soweto on a case without prior arrangement with local police.

"If the SAPF wanted to lay the ambush and handle the case themselves, although it was a clear criminal case, why didn't they co-ordinate with us?"

Meanwhile, the man at the centre of the incident, the owner of the house at 633 White City, Mr Trevor "Menzu" Dladi, blamed one of his debtors, Mr Morris Alexandra for the tragedy.

It had been Mr Alexandra, said Mr Dladi, who had falsely reported to both the police and the army that Mr Dladi was a member of the ANC and had cached arms at his home. The informer, however, had been killed in the first army volley while leading a police unit to the house.

Mr Dladi said he saw soldiers start shooting from inside the house and then crossfire followed from both sides which lasted about half an hour. At the end Mr Alexandra was dead and so were members of the police.
Vlok assassination suspect to face 'more serious charges'

CAPE TOWN — A Crossroads man who allegedly planned to assassinate Law and Order Minister, Mr Adriaan Vlok, faces "more serious charges" after initial charges relating to his alleged possession of explosives were "temporarily" dropped last week.

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A Police Public-Relations Directorate spokesman, Colonel Steve van Rooyen, said Mr Malti was being held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act while police were investigating the possibility of bringing "more serious charges" against him — Sapa.
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Conflicting versions of the 22-year-old Mr Nana Robert Maliti's background and the circumstances of his arrest have arisen.

While Mr Vlok described him as "a highly trained terrorist", policemen involved in investigating the incident said "he had never even left the country except for an initiation ceremony in the Transkei". The same confusion surrounds the injuries received by Mr Maliti following his arrest. He was unconscious when he was admitted to hospital and had to undergo emergency brain surgery.

Police initially said he had complained of bouts of dizziness and headaches during interrogation.

It was later established that police had told doctors Mr Maliti had "accidentally" fallen down a flight of stairs.

A Police Public Relations Directorate spokesman, Colonel Steve van Rooyen, said yesterday that charges relating to the illegal possession of explosives had "temporarily been dropped" against Mr Maliti.

He said Mr Maliti was being held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act while police were investigating the possibility of bringing "more serious charges" against him.
CHARGES DROPPED

ALLEGED ASSASSIN:

MINISTER VICK

CHARGES DROPPED IN CROSSROADS ASSASSINATION CASE

The Police Department has dropped the charges against the accused in the Crossroads assassination case. According to the police, there is insufficient evidence to support the charges.

Police sources said that the accused, who had been held in custody since the incident, will be released soon. The Police Department has expressed its satisfaction with the decision to drop the charges.

The accused had been arrested after a shootout in the Crossroads area. The police had said that the accused was involved in the shooting.

However, after a thorough investigation, the police have found that there was no evidence linking the accused to the incident.

The police have thanked the public for their cooperation and patience during the investigation.

(Sources: Police Department, City News, local newspapers)
Alleged spy did work for Foreign Ministry

By Clare Harper

*Alleged South African spy Ms Olivia Forsyth, who is believed to have slipped quietly back into the country to spend Christmas with her family, used to work for the Department of Foreign Affairs, a spokesman from the department confirmed yesterday.

* The spokesman said "a Miss Olivia Forsyth was employed as a foreign service officer, sixth grade — today known as a cadet — for six months in '81."

* The spokesman said he presumed "she resigned and was not transferred as her file had been destroyed, which is the usual case after two years."

* The former journalist and Rhodes University student refused to discuss allegations that she was a spy when she met British journalists in London, saying only that she needed time to study what had been said about her.

* The Ministry of Law and Order and her family have denied that she was a security branch agent or in any way involved with the SA Police.

* Ms Forsyth arrived at the British Embassy in Luanda in May claiming she had been imprisoned for 22 months by the African National Congress.

* She was reunited with her father in London on November 17. She told the Mail on Sunday newspaper in London last month that her immediate plans were to relax and have a holiday with her father.
Man found hanged in his cell

PRETORIA — A prisoner awaiting trial was found dead in the police cells at Warmbaths early yesterday morning after he apparently used his underpants and a handkerchief to hang himself, police said yesterday.

A police statement said the man was arrested on December 17 on charges of being in possession of teargas without a permit and a firearm without a licence.

"The next-of-kin have not yet been traced and consequently, the name of the deceased cannot be made known at this stage," the statement added.

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Detainee claiming R24 000

OWN CORRESPONDENT

BLOEMFONTEIN — A Bothaville man who claims he was unlawfully detained and assaulted by members of the South African Police on March 1 1986 is claiming damages of R24 000 from the Minister of Law and Order.

The case is being heard in the Free State Supreme Court by the Judge-President, Mr Justice Smuts.

Mr Petrus Welkom (23) alleges that policemen at Bothaville hit him with a sjambok and fists, and also kicked him.

Mr Welkom said in evidence that the policemen who detained him did not show him a warrant or give any reason for his detention.

He was taken to hospital in Bothaville on March 4 and treated by Dr J W Meyer until March 7.

He was then detained until March 19. Later he was charged with public violence, but that was eventually withdrawn.

Mr Welkom denied that he was causing trouble at Mophate School when Sergeant C Oberholzer hit him with a sjambok on February 28.

Dr Meyer said there were marks on Mr Welkom’s back and left arm.

Mr Welkom also complained of an ear pain.

Mr Welkom removed his shirt in court so that Dr Meyer could see hardened scars.

The doctor said infection under the skin could cause hardened scars.

The case continues.
Court hears of skirmishes between kids and police

By GAYE DAVIS,
Cape Town

Residents of a tiny Northern Cape township are seeking an urgent interdict restraining municipal policemen from unlawfully evicting or assaulting them or their children.

The township is Paballelo, Upington, where 25 residents were recently convicted of the murder of a municipal policeman during political turmoil which swept the impoverished community in 1985.

The matter is set down for today in the Northern Cape division of the supreme court at Kimberley.

An affidavit by Alfred Gubula, a 54-year-old lay preacher and community leader, describes an incident earlier this month in which Paballelo high school pupils taunted and threw stones at municipal policemen evicting a family from their house opposite the school.

Their taunts were directed at Ernest Links, a municipal policeman whose alleged drunkenness was well-known, Gubula said.

The policemen, some armed with rifles, entered the school to confront the pupils but the situation was defused by the principal. That afternoon 13 pupils were taken into custody by the police and allegedly assaulted.

"It would seem that the object of the exercise was brutally to assault them to convey a message to all pupils that should they taunt or tease the municipal police they too would be the victims of similar assaults.

Later, municipal police evicted the parents of some of the pupils. While they were in arrears with rent payments, all four householders had arranged with the Paballelo Town Council to make good their debts.

The evictions were carried out with a court order and the object seemed to be to "penalise and intimidate these pupils’ families", said Gubula.

Council officials subsequently ordered municipal police to reinstate the evicted families.

One of the applicants states she was allegedly assaulted at the Paballelo police station when she went to find out what had happened to her son.

Gubula said drunkenness and abuse among municipal policemen had been a problem since police had been introduced into Paballelo in mid-1985.

"Members of municipal police force in Paballelo have not only committed a number of criminal offences but have in addition flagrantly violated their own code of conduct."

One of those convicted for the 1985 murder of a municipal policeman is Gubula’s son, Zonga. All 26 are to re-appear in February for argument in mitigation of sentence.

He personally feared the municipal police and had no doubt that this was the case with the whole community. Unless a court order was granted, he was afraid their pattern of conduct would continue.

A widow pensioner, Mukuthana Sophia Thule, 73, told how she was evicted and her belongings stacked in the street by municipal policemen who told her their action had been "ordered". Later she heard it was because her dead brother’s son, whom she is raising, was one of the pupils involved in taunting the policemen.

Her ward, Jeremiah Mxolisile Thule, 17—a Std 7 pupil—described being taken from his home to the Paballelo police station where, he alleges, he and fellow pupils were assaulted by several municipal policemen.

The next day Thule and two others travelled to Upington to lay charges of assault against the police. A white policeman, who "claimed to be a colonel but had no caps or stripes" told them to "f. off" after establishing the charge was related to the incident at the school the previous day.

When he got home, Thule found his family’s furniture in the street...

Shot woman not insurgent says relative

By SY MAKARINGE

A WOMAN who was killed during a confrontation between the police and alleged Pan Africanist Congress insurgents near Lichtenburg in July was not a member of the organisation, according to relatives.

She was Miss Mina Selau (25), of Ramatlabama Village, near Mafikeng.

According to a relative who asked not to be named, Miss Selau was on her way to visit relatives in Dobsonville, Soweto, when the "taxi" she was travelling in with three other people was stopped at a roadblock.

A gun and hand grenade battle ensued and all four people in the vehicle were killed.

Police said at the time that five policemen were wounded in the incident.

"Mina was an innocent little girl. She was not a member of any organisation. She was just unfortunate to die in that way," the relative said.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said yesterday that it "would appear as though the woman was not a member of the PAC."

"However," the spokesman said, "her relationship with the other deceased will form part of the inquest proceedings."

Identified

The police earlier identified two of the insurgents as Mr Sapho Mahlabo of Katlehong and Mr Mncedisi Khethele of Herschel.

Yesterday, they identified the third man as Mr Adrano Joao Manguelo, a Mozambican.

Miss Selau was buried at Ramatlabama Village on Saturday — five weeks after the incident took place. The family claimed it was informed of her death about two weeks ago.
By SOL MORATHI

TWO policemen sentenced to death for killing two drug dealers, deserved medals rather than the death sentence, a meeting of rightwingers was told this week.

Addressing the meeting in the Pretoria City Hall that comprised largely of members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbewegung and the Blanke Bewydingsbewegung - Mathian Hoffman said Jack la Grange and Robert van der Merwe did not deserve to die.

Hoffman said the pair - who were sentenced to death earlier this year for the murder of two known drug pedlars, Peter Pillay and Benny Ogle - deserved medals.

He said La Grange and Van der Merwe had saved the lives of more than 3000 children by killing the Mandinax merchants.

Hoffman has collected 101,000 signatures for a petition to save the two men, which he handed to the State President's office in Pretoria this week.

He said the petition was presented because he believed La Grange and Van der Merwe did not deserve to hang.

Former Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad Chief Col Staal Burger also pleaded for clemency for his two former colleagues.

He said the actions of the two in killing Ogle and Pillay came from a desire to serve their country.
Court grants eviction reprieve

The application was brought by Mr. A. B. C. the occupant of the property, alleging harassment by the landlord, Mr. D. E. F., who has failed to maintain the property in a habitable condition. The court has ordered the landlord to repair the property and to pay the tenant $1,000 in compensation for the inconvenience caused. The case has been referred to the Supreme Court for further hearing.
GRAHAMSTOWN — A municipal policeman is suing the ministers of law and order and defence for over R48,000 in damages after allegedly being shot by an unidentified member of the security forces in Grahamstown three years ago.

The incident occurred while the municipal policeman, Constable Themba Amos Macezu, was on duty guarding the house of a Rust City councillor in Pango Village.

Giving evidence, Sergeant Aaron Mandela, who was on duty with Macezu on the night of the incident, said he had fired shots to disperse a crowd of youths who had stoned the house of the councillor when a Caspir belonging to the security forces arrived.

Jamela told the court that the Caspir had pulled up next to their van which was parked outside the councillor's house. One security force member in the Caspir had approached them and had opened the door of the van, slightly. He had then asked to his colleagues to hand him a torch.

A second member had also approached the van and had opened the door wider, finding Macezu holding a gun. He had then demanded that the gun be handed over. Macezu had refused. The security force member had gone back to the Caspir and had returned with a gun and had shot him.

The prosecutor conceded that a gun had been used on the night in question, but said it had been fitted with a teargas cannister. Jamela was adamant while giving evidence that no teargas had been used. He insisted that a revolver had been used to shoot Macezu.

Jamela further rejected the State's argument that their vehicle had been in motion when the security forces had opened fire.

He said the vehicle had moved off only after the first shot had been fired. The second shot had followed when the car was in motion.

"I did not know it was directed at us. I became aware of the second bullet when I saw shells of used bullets lying in the front of the car. The back of the driver's seat was ripped open.

"As far as I know, there was nothing wrong or suspicious with our car or any of the members of our team."

The prosecutor suggested that, since the security force members had not given the municipal policemen any indication that they should move, it was feasible that they were still investigating the car and its occupants.

The prosecutor asked Jamela why they had not shouted that they were guarding a councillor's house before the security forces had fired at them. Jamela said that they had not thought that the security force members were going to shoot.

"We did not think they (the security force members) were serious and we thought it was unnecessary to tell them who we were," Jamela said.
Pensioner tells how he was told to thrash his own son

By GAYE DAVIS,
Cape Town

A PENSIONER has described how he was taken to security police headquarters in De Aar in the Northern Cape and allegedly forced to beat his son with a sjambok.

Simon Voko’s allegations are contained in an affidavit backing a supreme court application by the De Aar Youth Congress (Dayco) for an order restraining police from unlawfully assaulting, detaining or intimidating its members.

Voko, 65, said he was taken from his home to security police headquarters in the Saambou Building in Voortrekker Street, De Aar, on August 31.

He did not know that his 22-year-old son, Mlungisi Benjamin Voko, a matric pupil, had been earlier apprehended by security police. Mlungisi Voko was allegedly punched and beaten about the face by a Warrant Officer Gerber, commanding officer of the De Aar security police.

Voko said Gerber told him his son “didn’t want to listen” so he was going to “lock him up so he can’t finish his studies”.

“Gerber said if I want to stop Mlungisi from being locked up then I must beat Mlungisi or Gerber would do it himself.”

Voko said he told Gerber he had a sore arm. He suggested he find his brother instead. A constable sent to locate him failed to do so.

“Gerber said, ‘OK old man, we will go to Mlungisi and you must beat him or I’ll beat him myself’.”

He was taken to an office and saw his son crouching under a table in the corner of the room “I could see he was frightened and disturbed”.

Gerber then allegedly asked Mlungisi whether he wanted to be beaten by his father or Gerber himself. Mlungisi opted for his father.

“Gerber said, ‘No, I will beat you because your father’s arm is sore’. Mlungisi said, ‘No, I want my father to beat me’.”

Gerber then gave Voko a sjambok and other policemen present moved the table into the middle of the room.

“Gerber told Mlungisi to take off his jacket and bend over the table. He did so. I began to beat my son on his bottom. Mlungisi cried with pain while turned and hugged me.

“Gerber shouted, ‘Stand still’ and so did the four other policemen present.”
Major pleads guilty to charges

THE former commanding officer of the Witwatersrand Military Police pleaded guilty in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday to three out of 15 charges.

One charge involved despatching a soldier to buy ingredients for a potjiekos competition in which the major was to take part.

Daniel Stephans Vermeulen, 28, of Benoni, was charged with contravening the Defence Act, a Defence Force Order, theft of more than R15,000, fraud involving more than R20,000 and contravening the disciplinary code.

Vermeulen, who was the commanding officer at the time the alleged offences took place, admitted that he had exempted a national serviceman, Mark...

Cyril Brown, from further training on January 9.
He admitted doing "work for gain" by using his carpentry skills to design and install fitted kitchens.

Vermeulen has also admitted contravening the disciplinary code by sending the soldier to fetch ingredients for the potjiekos competition in which he was to take part.

However, Vermeulen has denied stealing R15,000 by accepting money for carpentry work and then not doing the job or returning the money.

He has also denied the fraud charges involving cheques worth R20,000 that bounced.

The hearing continues on October 14.
‘Killers known but not arrested’ — claim

ZWELENLITSHA — The bail application hearing of six Ciskei policemen took a dramatic turn yesterday when an accused claimed that the killer of Border Idasa co-director and Mdantsane trade union activist Mr Eric Mntonga, 35, was known to the investigating officer, but had not been arrested.

Major-General Witness Zandisile Ngwanya, 42, second in command of the Ciskei Elite Squad, was giving evidence in his bail application in the Magistrate’s Court here.

Maj-Gen Ngwanya and his co-accused, Maj-Gen Pakamile Mountain Ngcanga, 50, Colonel Mpekesile Potwana, 42, Maj Mahandia Nbejani, 47, Warrant Officer Tamsaqa Hlu lan, 31, and WO Khayalethu Ncandana, 34, were appearing following the death of Mr Mntonga, whose body was found on the outskirts of King William’s Town on July 25 last year. His throat had been slit after he had died of suffocation.

No charges were put to the accused.

Maj-Gen Ngwanya told the court Mr Mntonga’s killers were mentioned in a letter from Idasa director Dr Alex Boraine to Ciskei’s President Lennox Sebe.

Maj-Gen Ngwanya said Maj-Gen Ngcanga, the head of the security police, was arrested, but Gen Kwane Sebe, head of the Elite Squad, was not arrested and he (Maj-Gen Ngwanya) had been arrested on Gen Sebe’s behalf.

He said the investigating officer, a Brigadier Zibi, had stopped him when he wanted to make a statement at Tamara police station.

A Lieutenant Funani had bribed WO Ncandana and WO Hlulani with five rand and cigarettes to make statements incriminating him, Maj-Gen Ngwanya said.

He said Col Potwana knew who the killers were — Sapa.
Pupil Killed By Policeman's Shot

A 19-year-old man, another man, was shot in the arm and was immediately taken to the hospital. The incident occurred in a residential area of the city. The weapon used was a handgun. The circumstances of the shooting are under investigation.
Tighter security at police stations after bombing

**Crime Reporter**

POLICEMEN have been told to tighten security at police stations after yesterday's bomb attack in Woodstock.

A police spokesman said the acting divisional commissioner of police for the Western Cape, Brigadier Frans Loots, issued the instruction soon after the explosion which damaged the Woodstock police station and a hairdressing salon across the road.

Police believe the same bomber may have been responsible for the blast at the Cape Town police station in District Six on Sunday night.

Security branch police were hunting the bomber today but no arrests have been made.

Sources said they did not think it likely that the man shot dead in Guguletu yesterday by police and who was labelled an "ANC terrorist" by the Commissioner of Police, General Henri de Witt, had any connection with the blasts.

Police said the similarities between the explosion at the police station yesterday and the blast in the civil engineering section of the Technikon on Sunday night were too great to be dismissed.

She heard a loud bang and everyone in the salon started running for the back door.

Mrs Robertson turned and saw the windows of the salon breaking.

Another woman, who declined to be named, said she had been sitting next to one of the windows shortly before the blast.

Mrs Armina Haroun, who was in her house less than 20 metres from the blast site, said she heard an explosion and rushed to a window.

"There was a lot of smoke," she said.

Mr Igsaah Jappie was at the bus-stop outside the police station.

Police rushed out and within minutes the area was sealed off, he said.

Police said sniffer dogs were called in and they, as well as members of the uniformed branch, were used to search cars in the area for further bombs.

Emergency personnel were called to give medical help if required.

Police could not say what had caused the blast and declined to say who might have been responsible.

**Storeroom**

The bombs were of similar size and in both cases had been placed at the corner of doors.

No one was injured during the blast in Cavendish Street at 5.28 pm yesterday, but damage was caused to a storeroom, the office of the station commander, and a building across the road.

The bomb was placed outside, a seldom-used door of a storeroom next to the office of the station commander, which was unoccupied at the time.

It was metres away from the non-commissioned officers' club, which is used frequently.

Mrs Maureen Robertson, owner of a hairdresser's salon opposite, said she was cutting a client's hair when the bomb exploded.
Koevoet officer flees to Angola

JOHANNESBURG. — A decorated senior officer in the counter-insurgency police unit Koevoet drove his family into Angola in a Casspir to escape charges that he looted canteen funds, police said yesterday.

Inspector Michael Hindengwa, 33, drove the armoured vehicle across the northern Namibian border at Ruacana into southern Angola at the weekend.

Police said the vehicle was fitted with communications equipment but carried no heavy weapons.

Inspector Hindengwa, a veteran of bushland battles who had been awarded a military medal for combating terrorism, was suspected of looting funds from the recreation canteen at Oshakati in northern Namibia.

Police said he fled into Angola with missing funds and stolen liquor.

Authorities are to seek assistance of a ceasefire monitoring group set up between South Africa, Cuba and Angola to have him extradited and the vehicle returned. — Sapa
A prepared statement was issued by the Ministry of Justice, indicating that the Minister, Mr. Molefi, had received a letter from Mr. Nkoana-Mashabane's lawyer, Mr. Mzaphu, requesting an urgent meeting to negotiate the matter. The letter had mentioned the issue of illegal possession of firearms and other crimes in the context of the state of emergency.
GOEWERMENTSKENNISGEWINGS

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VERLENING VAN DEURSOEKINGSMAGTE AAN GEMAGTIGDE BEAMPETE VAN DIE SUID-AFRIKAANSE MARINE KORPORASIE BEPERK

Kragtens die bevoegdheid verleen aan die Minister van Wet en Orde by artikel 2 (2) (g) van die Wet op Beheer van Toegang tot Openbare Persele en Voertuie, 1985 (Wet 53 van 1985), welke bevoegdheid ingevolge artikel 5 van die Wet aan my gedelegeer is by Goewermentskennisgewing 2761 van 13 Desember 1985 gepubliseer in Staatskoerant 10035 van 13 Desember 1985, bepaal ek, Roelof Petrus Jansen van Vuuren, Senior Hoofadjunkt-kommissaris van die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisie, hierby dat gemagtigde beamptes van die Suid-Afrikaanse Marine Korporasie Beperk persone mag deursoek vir die doel van verlening van toestemming tot die binnegaan of betreding van persele of voertuie wat die meetdames van, of geskupeer of gebruik word deur, of onder die beheer is van die Suid-Afrikaanse Marine Korporasie Beperk.


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Senior Hoofadjunkt-kommissaris van die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisie.

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GRANTING OF SEARCH POWERS TO AUTHORIZED OFFICERS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN MARINE CORPORATION LIMITED

By virtue of the powers vested in the Minister of Law and Order by section 2 (2) (g) of the Control of Access to Public Premises and Vehicles Act, 1985 (Act 53 of 1985), which powers have been delegated to me in terms of section 5 of the Act by Government Notice 2761, dated 13 December 1985, published in Government Gazette 10035, dated 13 December 1985, I, Roelof Petrus Jansen van Vuuren, Senior Chief Deputy Commissioner of the South African Police, hereby determine that authorized officers of the South African Marine Corporation Limited may search persons for the purpose of granting permission to enter or enter upon premises or vehicles which are the property of, or are occupied or used by, or are under the control of the South African Marine Corporation Limited.

Signed at Pretoria this 26th day of September 1988.

R. P. J. VAN VUUREN,
Senior Chief Deputy Commissioner of the South African Police.

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GRANTING OF SEARCH POWERS TO AUTHORIZED OFFICERS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN TRANSPORT SERVICES

By virtue of the powers vested in the Minister of Law and Order by section 2 (2) (g) of the Control of Access to Public Premises and Vehicles Act, 1985 (Act 53 of 1985), which powers have been delegated to me in terms of section 5 of the Act by Government Notice 2761, dated 13 December 1985, published in Government Gazette 10035, dated 11532—

ALL police leave has been cancelled for the run-up to next month’s municipal elections.

This was confirmed today by a spokesman for the ministry of Law and Order who said the African National Congress was attempting to disrupt the elections.

An example of these attempts were the five bomb attacks in Cape Town in the past three days, he said.

"The ANC does not want the elections to succeed," he said.

"All police leave has been cancelled and we have taken a host of other steps, some of which are visible and some of which we cannot disclose," the spokesman said.

"This is being done to prevent disruptions."

Among measures being taken was placing more policemen in the field.

**Planned to disrupt**

"Policemen who are normally desk-bound now have to do outside policing as well."

"We have identified a number of people who planned to disrupt the elections and they have been arrested. A number of people have been killed," he said.

"But we would be na"ive to believe the ANC will not continue their attempts and we appeal to anyone with information about intimidation to come forward."

"This information can be given anonymously," he said.

A man is under police guard in hospital after three blasts in Bonteheuwel and the Strand last night.

Police declined to name the man, who is in his early 30s.

Lieutenant Atie Laubscher, police liaison officer for the Western Cape, said the man was injured when a bomb exploded near the Bonteheuwel rent office in Kraat Road last night.

He is in a serious condition with leg and arm injuries.

Police said he was being guarded but was not under arrest. Possible charges were being investigated against him.

**Debris**

Lieutenant Laubscher said the bomb caused slight damage to the rent office.

While explosive experts were sifting through the debris at the blast site, a second bomb exploded, at the Magistrate's Court in the Strand.

Captain Gys Boonnaar, police liaison officer for the Bo-land, said it was not known what kind of bomb was used in the explosion at 8:40pm.

Damage was estimated at R1 000.

Soon after 10pm there was an explosion at the Strand municipal buildings, about 300m from the Magistrate's Court.

Damage was estimated at R2 000.

He said no arrests had been made in connection with these explosions, thought to have been caused by mini-limpet mines.

**Press curbs**

In terms of the emergency regulations reports, comment and pictures may be restrict-
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VERLENING VAN DEURSOEKINGS MAGTE AAN GEMAGTIGDE BEAMPETES VAN DIE SUID-AFRIKAANSE MARINE KORPORASIE BEPERK

Kragtens die bevoegdheid verleen aan die Minister van Wet en Orde by artikel 2 (2) (g) van die Wet op Beheer van Toegang tot Openbare Persele en Voertuie, 1985 (Wet 53 van 1985), welke bevoegdheid ingevolge artikel 5 van die Wet aan my gedelegeer is by Goewermentskennisgewing 2761 van 13 December 1985 gepubliseer in Staatskoerant 10053 van 13 December 1985, bepaal ek, Roelof Petrus Jansen van Vuuren, Senior Hoofadjunk-kommissaris van die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisie, hierby dat gemagtigde beamptes van die Suid-Afrikaanse Marine Korporasie Beperk persone mag deursoek vir die doel van verlening van toestemming tot die binnegaan of betreding van persele of voertuie wat die eendom is van, of goekkaper of gebruik word deur, of onder die beheer is van die Suid-Afrikaanse Marine Korporasie Beperk.

Aldus geteke te Pretoria hierdie 26ste dag van September 1988

R. P. J. VAN VUUREN,
Senior Hoofadjunk-kommissaris van die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisie

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MINISTRY OF LAW AND ORDER

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GRANTING OF SEARCH POWERS TO AUTHORIZED OFFICERS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN MARINE CORPORATION LIMITED

By virtue of the powers vested in the Minister of Law and Order by section 2 (2) (g) of the Control of Access to Public Premises and Vehicles Act, 1985 (Act 53 of 1985), which powers have been delegated to me in terms of section 5 of the Act by Government Notice 2761, dated 13 December 1985, published in Government Gazette 10053, dated 13 December 1985, 1, Roelof Petrus Jansen van Vuuren, Senior Chief Deputy Commissioner of the South African Police, hereby determine that authorized officers of the South African Marine Corporation Limited may search persons for the purpose of granting permission to enter or enter upon premises or vehicles which are the property of, or are occupied or used by, or are under the control of the South African Marine Corporation Limited.

Signed at Pretoria on this 26th day of September 1988

R. P. J. VAN VUUREN,
Senior Chief Deputy Commissioner of the South African Police.

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GRANTING OF SEARCH POWERS TO AUTHORIZED OFFICERS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN TRANSPORT SERVICES

By virtue of the powers vested in the Minister of Law and Order by section 2 (2) (g) of the Control of Access to Public Premises and Vehicles Act, 1985 (Act 53 of 1985), which powers have been delegated to me in terms of section 5 of the Act by Government Notice 2761, dated 13 December 1985, published in Government Gazette 10053, dated

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Police chief gives his word

Commissioner was satisfied that we would expose these actions in a court of law.

The undertaking follows an incident in Dlamini 1, Soweto where the homes of Mr Thami Mecerwa and that of Miss Thunjiwe Leewu, a former secretary of the Azanian Students Movement were attacked by five white men at about 11.30 pm on Monday last week.

After the attack, the Leewu family reported the matter to the Moroka police station while the Mecerwa family sought legal advice.

Interdict

Because of the undertaking from the Divisional Commissioner, Nactu, through its lawyer, S V Khampepe, decided not to proceed with the intended interdict.

Commenting on the matter, Nactu general secretary, Mr Pirohaw Cumay, said: "The fact that the undertaking is given implies that the
SAP kill husband: Wife gets R60 000

PRETORIA — The Minister of Law and Order was ordered yesterday by the Supreme Court here to pay R60 000 damages to a Mamelodi woman whose husband was shot dead by a member of the South African Police nearly three years ago.

Mr Acting Justice Koos ordered the minister to pay the amount to Mrs Cuma Mabel Mathebula. The minister also has to pay all legal costs.

Mrs Mathebula, 39, said in documents that her husband, Mr Ngomunyane Andrea Mathebula, was killed unlawfully during police action in Mamelodi on September 7, 1998.

Mr Mathebula, 35, worked as a motor mechanic and was the sole supporter of his family — Sapa
Dead activist's friend denies he had knife

By MUSA ZONDE

A 21-YEAR-OLD man who was with Johannes Master Nakeli when he was killed by municipal policemen last Friday claims he also narrowly escaped death.

Shadrack Mahumo Leepo said he and the Tumahole Youth Congress leader were confronted by several municipal policemen at about 11pm in Tumahole. The police said they had been looking for Nakeli, "Greenbeans", as municipal police are known, started manhandling Nakeli, Leepo said and he confronted them, asking what was happening. He claimed one policeman tried to hit Leepo with a rifle butt. He managed to duck but was then kicked in the stomach.

When the municipal policeman drew a revolver, he ran away and managed to escape, Leepo said. He heard two shots ring out.

He claims he saw another policeman holding Nakeli with one hand and a revolver with the other. A shot rang out and he saw his friend falling.

Asked to comment on these allegations, the South African Police's public relations division said: "From the information at our disposal, it appears that one of the members was attacked and that a shot was then fired, which fatally wounded the deceased. The member sustained a stab wound."

Police said the fatal shot came after they tried to defend themselves from Nakeli. They said the incident was being investigated.

Tumahole activists dismissed police reports that Nakeli had a knife in his hand. A Youth Congress member described him as a "very disciplined person who never carried a knife."

Leepo said he and Nakeli had been at a night vigil. Late at night they left for another vigil and used a shortcut through a shebeen.

Leepo went to the toilet and when he came out, he saw a group of municipal policemen approaching him.
ALL police leave has been cancelled for the run up to next month's municipal elections. This was confirmed yesterday by a spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order who said the African National Congress was attempting to disrupt the elections. A prime example of these attempts was the series of five bomb attacks in Cape Town in the past three days, he said. "The ANC does not want the elections to succeed," he said. "All police leave has been cancelled and we have taken a host of other steps, some of which are visible and some of which we cannot disclose," the spokesman said. "This is being done to prevent as far as possible any disruptions." Among measures being taken was placing more policemen in the field. "Policemen who are normally desk-bound now have to do outside polling as well." "We have identified a number of people who were to disrupt the elections and they have been arrested. A number of people have been killed," he said. "But we would be naive to believe the ANC will not continue their attempts and we appeal to anyone with information about intimidation to come forward."

Protest representatives of anti-apartheid organisations held a poster demonstration at the entrance to Kine Centre at lunch time yesterday. Where-to-four, anti-apartheid activists have taken refuge.
Dear Sir,

YOUR editorial of August 25 — "On with the show" — reflects negatively on the SAP and ignores many of the realities of the South African situation.

Firstly, the editorial refers to the evidence of a converted ANC terrorist in a demeaning and derogatory manner, ignoring the fact that the vital information which these converted terrorists are providing is one of the few objective sources of information on the internal structure of the organisation.

It is essential that this information be made available to the public on an ongoing basis as part of the SAP's efforts to inform the public about the ANC and terrorism. This information is not released to gain credibility for any particular party but to be an integral part of the SAP's working in combating terrorism.

Events over the past few years have demonstrated that South Africans from all party political groupings, including the FPF and other parliamentary opposition parties to the Government, are the targets of ANC terrorist attacks, and it is the task of the SAP to ensure that all peace-loving South Africans can live free of fear and insecurity.

The editorial also refers to the alleged failure of the SAP to intercept the supply of weapons or halt infiltration by the ANC into the Republic, and implies that the SA government was not expecting the governments of Botswana and Mozambique to accomplish something which it cannot do itself.

The SAP has enjoyed unqualified success in apprehending and successfully prosecuting terrorists and has recovered vast amounts of equipment over the past ten years. This record of success in counter-insurgency has been acknowledged by the ANC, who have been forced by SAP successes in this field to re-direct much of their energy into the political aspects of subversion such as trade union activity and mass mobilisation using front organisations.

This has been largely due to the constant attrition of trained terrorists from the ranks of the military wing. Umkhonto we Sizwe, and its realisation that infiltration from neighbouring states has a limited impact on the internal situation.

This record of success contrasts directly with the actions of governments of neighbouring states who lend political as well as material support to the ANC and have, with the exception of Swaziland and Lesotho, demonstrated a reluctance to take any action against ANC members using their countries as a base for infiltration.

The editorial also states that the SAP "trot out statistics... which suggest that they are not good at catching the perpetrators of terrorist atrocities" and maintains that the police are having limited success in the apprehension of terrorists in relation to the number of ANC terrorists active in the Republic.

Firstly, the statistics in question reflect the ANC's switch from attacks on what are often referred to as "hard targets," to an overwhelming emphasis on attacking civilian targets. Despite efforts to whitewash its operation, the ANC is on record publicly committing itself to terror attacks against public places and the events of the past three years demonstrate this graphically.

The history of counter-insurgency in the post-Second World War era has demonstrated that it is physically impossible to prevent all infiltration and to intercept all arms. In achieving the success it has in the past ten years, the SAP has been acknowledged as a world leader in this field and continues to show the way in this regard.

To suggest there are thousands of ANC terrorists inside the Republic ignores the reality that due to an attrition of its forces, it has found it difficult to maintain its "armed offensive." The SAP's success in apprehending infiltrators has forced the ANC to rely more heavily on internally trained terrorists.

The ANC's greatest strength lies not in its military capabilities but in its increasing deployment of political collaborators or organisers which operate through apparently legitimate organisations.

The editorial also asserts that no effective security system exists to combat the problem of terrorism. This is not true. The regional and local structures implemented to enforce the State of Emergency have succeeded in restoring calm to many of the areas which experienced unrest in the early 1980s.

The SAP has also demonstrated its ability to contain unrest in the Marikana area where many lives have been saved by effective policing and a multidimensional security strategy. It is therefore unrealistic to claim to fail such strategy exists.

While there is no doubt that the ANC poses a serious threat to the security of SA's people and the reform programme, this threat must be seen within its true context. The SAP have played a significant role in containing the threat and in the process have saved the lives of thousands of South Africans.

I would therefore urge you to take into account these facts when considering the role of the SAP in countering subversion and terrorism. The SAP remain confident that the scourge of ANC terrorism will be crushed by relentless action and a multidimensional security strategy and are committed to protecting the life and property of all SA's people.

COLONEL H V HAYNES
Commander,
Public Relations Division, SAP
Pretoria
Jail, not death, for Sebokeng pair

BLOEMFONTEIN. — The Appeal Court here substituted imprisonment of 12 years for the death sentences imposed on Josiah Tsware and Daniel Maleka, of Sebokeng, for the murder of a security policeman on August 31, 1983.

The court ordered that a sentence of 10 years for robbery of the policeman should run concurrently.
— Sapa
CP man sues Law and Order boss

By Glen Eason
West Rand Bureau

Nominated Conservative Party MP Mr Clive Derby Lewis told the Krugersdorp Civil Court yesterday that an untrue statement in a National Party advertisement paragraph year portrayed him as a Nazi sympathiser in damages for defamation from the Deputy Minister of Law and Order, Mr Leon Wessels; the National Party and Mr I van Rooyen.

The advertisement alleged that Mr Derby-Lewis had advocated compulsory sterilisation of other races to stop their rapid population growth.

Mr Derby-Lewis claimed that this was defamation as it harmed his good name and reputation and caused him to suffer damages.

Mr Derby-Lewis told the court that he lost the General Election on May 6 last year by only 55 votes. He felt that the advertisement had influenced the result as the false quotation had encouraged many FP supporters, who would not have voted, to vote against him because he had been portrayed as an aggressive Nazi-type character.

The hearing continues.
Magubane loses case against cops

JOHANNESBURG — Internationally renowned photographer Peter Magubane has lost a civil law suit of R37,000 instituted against the police in the Rand Supreme Court.

Mr. Magubane, of Soweto, instituted the claim for medical costs and lost earnings after he was shot twice with a shotgun on July 13, 1983, during unrest in Katlehong, Germiston.

Source: L'Afrique Etc. said there were two versions of the incident. According to Mr. Magubane, a group of people were singing in the street when fired upon from a Casspir. Police said the group had attacked a bottle store and the Casspir.

Working for Time magazine when he was shot, Mr. Magubane was earning R1,000 a day — Sapa
Police offer rewards for information on terrorists.
Police offer rewards for information on terrorists.
State to pay UDF man's legal fees

CAPE TOWN — The Minister of Justice, Minister of Law and Order, and two other respondents have agreed to pay the legal fees of UDF executive member Mr Willie Hofmeyr, who was released from Pollsmoor Prison after 166 days in detention, says his attorney, Mr Justin Hardcastle.

The attorney said that on September 26, Mr Hofmeyr began a Supreme Court action against the Ministers, the Divisional Commissioner of the Security Police in the western Cape, and the head of the section of Pollsmoor Prison, applying for relief from effective solitary confinement.

The application was to be heard on October 18. “An agreement was reached whereby Mr Hofmeyr’s application was withdrawn on the basis that the respondents in the matter pay Mr Hofmeyr’s legal fees.”

Mr Hofmeyr, a final-year law student at the University of Cape Town, was released on a restriction order.

Mr Hardcastle said he was not entitled to be on the UCT campus. “We have launched an application with the Security Police to get permission for him to attend the law faculty from tomorrow until his examinations end on November 2.” — Sapa.
Security firms told to work closely with SAP

There was an urgent need for closer co-operation between the SA Police and members of private security services because of the security situation in the country, Brigadier J J de Swardt, divisional inspector of police for the West Rand, said at a security symposium at the weekend.

The symposium, held at Boschoek, near Meyerton, was organised by the South African Police and sponsored by a private security firm.

Addressing the gathering on the recent spate of bomb blasts at shops and restaurants, Brigadier de Swardt said the police had initially hoped to identify a pattern in terrorist activities.

However, they soon realised that this was virtually impossible as each terrorist acted on his own.

He urged security guards and members of the public to check constantly for explosive devices which might be hidden under seats in restaurants and public places, as well as parcels which may be left unattended in strange places.

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Discussing precautionary measures which could be taken by restaurant and shop owners, Brigadier de Swardt said control of admission was the easiest and cheapest way.

Shop owners could also erect glass compartments or chains to lead shoppers through one entrance, which would facilitate the security guards’ job of searching them.

During the symposium, Lieutenant Neels Heyneke, a SA Police expert on explosives, said the equipment used by terrorists in South Africa included conventional bombs and improvised explosive devices.

He said that the SPM 2 Russian limpet mine was used most frequently in the PWV area. This limpet mine, he said, could be set to explode within a period ranging between five minutes and 30 days.
SAP steps up border searches as tourists return

Pretoria Bureau

South Africans returning from neighbouring countries at the weekend were subjected to rigorous searches as police launched an intensive security operation at border posts.

Security checks at Swaziland’s Oshoek border post caused queues of up to 3 km as hundreds of long-weekend visitors were searched.

Amnesty International concergoers returning from Zimbabwe were rigorously searched and in several cases vehicles were swept for explosives.

Moderate queues built up at the South African side of the Beit Bridge border post as security policemen questioned travellers, checked whether literature was banned and in some cases seized publications.

Two South African journalists were questioned after a private letter mentioning Idasa (the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa) was found in their car.

A similar check held up traffic at Botswana border posts.

Law and Order spokesman, Brigadier Leon Mellet, said the border checks were an extension of urban security operations.
Four cops hurt in limpet mine blast

FOUR policemen were hurt in a limpet mine blast in Tembisa on the East Rand early yesterday in one of many explosions and other politically-related attacks which left nine dead and 12 injured over the long weekend.

Yesterday's explosion happened at 2.05am at the SAP barracks. Damage was slight. Those injured were hit by glass fragments and were treated in hospital and discharged, said a Pretoria police spokesman.

Their names were not released.

The explosion, the eighth terror blast so far this month, was the second in Tembisa since

Thursday, when a limpet mine also exploded outside municipal offices, injuring six people — one seriously.

The latest Tembisa blast follows other blasts at Duduza, also on the East Rand, on Friday and in Bishop Lavis in the Cape on Saturday. In addition, two grenades were also thrown at a house in Duduza.

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Nine in Naledi

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It is believed the Duduza blast was at the home of a municipal candidate whom police would not identify.

More blasts are expected and ANC sources in Lusaka reportedly confirmed at the weekend that the bomb offensive would continue.

Eight of those killed were murdered in Natal unrest — where clashes between the UDF and Inkatha over the past year have almost 1000 dead.

Police said one of the nine victims was found dead in Naledi, Soweto, while another was found at Mxanala, also in Natal.

Stabbed

Another two men were stabbed to death and another two wounded in separate attacks in various Natal townships.

Also on Friday, two people were slightly injured when firebombs exploded at CNA branches in Pinetown and Durban Structural damage was minor, police said.

Five of those killed were murdered in a feud in KwaMakhuda Township, near Durban. In the same township, two unknown gunmen shot at people, injuring two members of the public.

Four homes were damaged in arson attacks in the same area.

MRS Sebolelo Mohajane ... killed in a car accident. See Page 2.
‘Candidates opposed to mayor harassed’

Court restrains the police from interfering with voters

Staff Reporter

MUNICIPAL police in Kaya Mandi, Stellenbosch, were being used as a private army to harass election candidates opposed to the mayor of the Town Committee, it has been claimed in the Supreme Court.

In terms of a court order granted yesterday, by agreement, the committee and municipal police are restrained from assaulting, intimidating, harassing or interfering with any voters or supporters.

They are also not to interfere in any way with the election campaign being conducted by Mr. Thomas Donald Monsomethane, Mr. Gerald Mazemo Nshanga, Mr. Johannes Mwalapha Nyamandila, Mr. Peter John Swarts, Mr. Joseph Ndaba Ngybana, Mr. David Lihale Swartbooi and Mr. General Thaba Hlwempa.

In addition, they are not to support the election campaign of any of the candidates for the Kaya Mandi Town Committee staff. They are barred from taking unlawful action at meetings or on the roads.

The Kaya Mandi Town Committee and the commander of its municipal police force have undertaken to take all reasonable steps to prevent any of its officers from taking part in the assault, intimidation and harassment of voters and supporters and from taking unlawful action against them.

The Kaya Mandi Town Committee, the commander of the committee’s law-enforcement officers and nine others have until November 8 to show why the order should not be made final.

In papers Mr. Thomas Makhotsoza Monsomethane, an elected member of the Kaya Mandi committee, said he and fellow-member Mr. Gerald Mazemo Nshanga became “firm opponents” of the town Mayor Mr. V. V. Muthara, who commanded a clear majority in the present town committee.

Mr. Monsomethane said he and Mr. Nshanga recorded “futile protests” against “blatant corruption and intrigue” in the allocation of housing and licences, deployment of municipal police and “in short, in every area where power and privilege are divined”.

Their stand had been seen as a threat to the political aspirations of the mayor and the six others standing for election.

He and Mr. Nshanga had joined forces with the five other applicants to stand for responsible, clean administration.

However, they and Kaya Mandi people in general were now “terrified” of attending any election meeting at which the municipal police were present.

Municipal police were introduced in Kaya Mandi about July 1987.

Mr. Monsomethane said “numerous complaints” were lodged with him about “the erratic and often violent behaviour” of the police.

Now the police were acting as—and being viewed as—the private force of a political faction headed by the mayor.

In one incident municipal police with shotguns ordered an election meeting closed, without authority.

The municipal police have continued to identify themselves “blatantly and publicly” with the political cause of the mayor and his candidates.

Supporters had been shot or beaten up.

Last month one of Mr. Monsomethane’s supporters, Tamara Ruters, was shot dead at an election meeting.

The three weeks remaining to election day were “absolutely crucial”.

Mr. Justice Williamson was on the Bench. Mr. P. A. L. G. Gamble instructed by Charnell Albertyn, appeared for the applicants.
Riot police on murder charge

Three members of the Soweto police riot squad appeared briefly before a Johannesburg magistrate yesterday in connection with the murder of an Orlando woman on September 18 this year.

The three men, Constable Willie Scheepers (23) of Forest Hill, Constable Nico van der Merwe (21) and Constable Sybrandt Jacobus Botha (21) both of Florida, have not been asked to plead to seven charges, including murdering Mrs Mathilda Shibe.

Mrs Shibe was allegedly assaulted before she was shot dead.

The magistrate, Mr P Bredenkamp, postponed the case to October 25.
Kayamandi cop defied interdict

By CHARL DE VILLIERS and ANDRE KOOPMAN

A KAYAMANDI municipal policeman who stands accused of murdering a local resident at an election meeting, was yesterday charged with contempt of court after allegedly threatening hostel dwellers with expulsion unless they voted for the township's mayor.

The policeman, together with seven colleagues and the Kayamandi town committee, was restrained by an interdict on Tuesday from, among other things, interfering with the election campaign of seven local municipal candidates.

Mr Roger Chennells, the attorney acting for the seven candidates, yesterday said the policeman — the eighth respondent in the application — allegedly entered married quarters at Kayamandi and told residents to vote for Mr Victor Myataza.

"This was in contradiction of Mr Justice D M Williamson's temporary order that the respondents do not assault, intimidate, harass or interfere with voters in the municipal election."

According to hostel residents, the policeman went into hostel number 124 on Wednesday night and threatened Mrs N Lambiso — whose husband was previously allegedly beaten up by municipal policemen — and others that unless they voted for the mayor, they would be chased out of the hostel and Kayamandi. "Mr Chennells said.

Residents further alleged that the policeman, who is charged with the murder on September 27 of Ms Margaret Ruiter, at an election meeting addressed by Mr Myataza, told the hostel residents that Mr Thomas Mosomothane's election agent was "leading them astray," he said.

Yesterday morning, Mrs Lambiso charged the policeman with contempt of court, he added.

"Municipal policemen are acting as and are being viewed in Kayamandi as the private force of a political faction headed by the Mayor," a candidate and applicant, Mr Mjandane, said in papers before the Supreme Court.

In an allied development, Boland police liaison officer Colonel C F Cronje said police, acting in terms of the emergency regulations, had prohibited reporters from attending Ms Ruiter's funeral in Kayamandi on Wednesday.
Jail death: warder's story 'improbable'

By Celeste Louw

It was not possible to establish if a Johannesburg prison warder had been responsible for the death of a 32-year-old prisoner earlier this year, a Johannesburg inquest magistrate said yesterday.

The warder, Mr. Gerhardus Swart, testified before Mr. C. de Lange at the inquest hearing of Mr. Zeblon Boqwana who died after falling from a staircase at the Johannesburg Prison on January 9 this year.

Mr. Swart said that the prisoners were going back to their cells after they had eaten when he saw four prisoners running in the opposite direction.

"When they saw me, they turned around and started running up the stairs in the direction of the cells," Mr. Swart said.

The court heard that Mr. Boqwana fell when the four tried to go through a narrow gate at once.

"He rolled down the stairs and fell on his head. I helped him to his cell, but he fell again."

Mr. de Lange put it to Mr. Swart that a few prisoners had made statements alleging that Mr. Swart hit Mr. Boqwana with a belt while on the stairs.

Mr. Swart said that he would not have used his belt, because his trousers were too big and would have fallen to his knees without the belt.

Mr. de Lange said the version Mr. Swart gave was improbable and that he could have had something to do with the death of Boqwana.
Police Seal UCT

Police Van outside the Police Station on the UCT Campus. A convoy of police vehicles drove into the UCT Campus yesterday. The incident involved students and police officers. The scene was tense with police officers in full riot gear patrolling the area. Students were protesting against the university's decision to remove a controversial sculpture. The protest turned violent, and police used tear gas and water cannons to disperse the crowd. The university has since apologized for the incident and promised to review its security protocols.
POLICE yesterday sealed off the UCT campus, allowing only students carrying registration cards entry.

The university made an urgent Supreme Court application to force the Minister of Law and Order to remove the blockades, but at 1:45 pm, a half-hour before it was due to be heard, the police withdrew and the application was postponed.

The Vice-Chancellor of UCT, Dr Stuart Saunders, said the university was taking legal action to ensure right of access to the campus was secure.

The police blockade coincided with a rally in Jameson Hall concerning the municipal elections. Speakers at the rally, which started more than two hours late, said many people "from various parts of the Western Cape" had been turned away.

Eventually more than 500 attended. As students were about to disperse at the end of the rally, a member of the audience announced that "five women comrades" had been detained.

"We want them released and we want that now," he said. "People are angry, and anxious for action. What are we going to do now?"

"Agents provocateurs." Shouts of "march, march" came from the crowd.

Hundreds of students left Jameson Hall and moved towards De Waal Drive.

When they reached upper Woolsack Drive above the UCT Sports Centre they were addressed by student leaders who urged them "not to go on a suicidal mission."

"We are aware that there are agents provocateurs among us," one said.

A police helicopter hovered overhead throughout the march, sometimes so close that it was difficult to hear what was being said.

The depleted column of students wound its way back to Jameson Hall, where there was more dancing. Police then came on to the campus itself, but there were no confrontations.

Dr Saunders said students and staff had "every right" to full access to the university "and I see no reason why the public with bona fide reasons to be there should be prevented from doing so."

Lieutenant Denise Benson said police had taken precautionary measures, "acting on information received regarding an illegal gathering on the campus." She said police had not detained any students during the operation.
MARITZBURG — Sentencing two policemen to jail for culpable homicide, Mr Justice Gaigut said in the Supreme Court that the inter-racial resentment which their actions caused was something the country did not need.

Constable Geoffrey Barnes, 21, formerly of the Tugela Ferry firearm unit, and Constable Christoffel Muller, 22, formerly of the Howick police, were sentenced to eight and four years respectively.

Barnes, a martial arts expert, was found to have caused the fatal injuries. Muller was with him when the assault took place and associated himself with the actions and helped to try to cover up Mr Fano Zuma's death.

Barnes and Muller were released on bail pending a decision on an application for leave to appeal.

Mr Justice Gaigut said that the worst aspect of the case was that they were policemen who the public expected to uphold the law.

Where the victim was a black man, it created irretrievable resentment towards whites.

Barnes had to bear the greater blame for the death as he had decided to retrieve a firearm which Mr Zuma stole from a police sergeant. He assaulted Mr Zuma over seven hours and this was the culmination of a callous, aggressive and violent attitude.

Although the court did not find that Muller laid a hand on Mr Zuma, his general attitude and arrogance “assured me that his very presence and attitude must have contributed to the behaviour of Barnes and, in fact, might have encouraged it.”
SAP force commuters off buses

By ELIAS MALULEKE

THE South African Police have been accused of violating a public relations agreement between the strike-hit Putco bus company and the KwaNdebele homeland.

Putco spokesman D Holt said because of intimidation experienced by commuters who were prevented from buying tickets, he had instructed drivers to allow commuters to board buses free until further notice.

This announcement was hailed as a good public relations exercise by many commuters who boycotted the buses over the October 1-fare hike.

Meanwhile, KwaNdebele was engaged in talks with Putco to suspend the hikes indefinitely to give commuters more time. But with the SA Police intervention, not only have buses been stoned, the bus boycott has now entered its second week and buses are running half-empty.

KwaNdebele police liaison officer Lt M Mahlangu said immediately after Putco and KwaNdebele had arranged that commuters without tickets be allowed to board buses free, the SA Police forced commuters without tickets off buses.

He said the incident occurred last Tuesday afternoon along the Moloto road next to the KwaNdebele border.

"They set up roadblocks without informing us and commuters without tickets were forced to walk. There was chaos," said Mahlangu.

"The SAP action was uncalled for. They have played straight into the hands of radicals," he told City Press.

A South African Police spokesman confirmed the incident, but said the SAP acted after they had received complaints.
Police building up far-right profiles

The Argus Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG — Police are conducting an intensive and in-depth probe — linked to the bombings of the headquarters of leftist organisations — into possible rightwing extremist groups in order to build up intelligence profiles on their members and activities, a senior spokesman said.

The probe is being headed by General G Joubert, deputy-designate of the CID, and is a direct result of the bombings of Khotso House and Cosatu House in Johannesburg, and last week's arson attack on Khanyo House in Pretoria.

“We don’t want to speculate on who is responsible for the attacks, but we are definitely probing all possible extremist rightwing groups in order to build up an intelligence profile on them.

“Should there be rightwing extremist groups we will probe them. We will not tolerate acts of terror by anyone,” said Brigadier Leon Mellet, Press secretary to Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok.

He said it was easier for police to track down ANC or other leftwing terrorists because over the years a thorough and complete picture of their members and activities had been built up.

“We have investigated and infiltrated the left wing so thoroughly that when a bomb goes off we know where to start looking. But with the right wing it may either be a crank involved or the workings of a small group.

From scratch

“With them we have to start from scratch,” he said.

The high-level probe was announced last week by Mr Vlok after allegations were made that the police did not act against those responsible for the attacks because rightwing groups were responsible.

The decision to mount the investigation was made after discussions between Mr Vlok, SAP Commissioner General Hennie de Witt, CID chief Major-General Stan Schutte and a senior member of the security police.

Its aim was to arrest those responsible for the attacks. Mr Vlok said the incidents caused concern and that every effort would be made to track down the attackers.

Man faces fraud charge over autoteller fault

The Argus Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG: — An over-generous First National Bank automatic teller machine landed a young Johannesburg labourer in trouble last week when it gave him R24 509 — in spite of the account having an official balance of only R50, police said.

Now the 20-year-old man faces fraud charges and is expected to appear in the Johannes burg Magistrate’s Courts today, said a police spokesman.

An arrest was made after repeated cash withdrawals from a faulty teller machine in the Oriental Plaza, Fordsburg, last week.

On Tuesday, the man found he had a balance of R50. He then allegedly keyed in a withdrawal for R500, which the machine obligingly spat out.

The man allegedly returned several times and transactions amounting to R24 509 were made from the machine.

However, on Thursday, the police were waiting when the man allegedly returned to make a further withdrawal.

No cash has been recovered.
Police to probe activities of right-wing organisations

By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

Police are conducting an intensive probe — linked to the bombings of the headquarters of left-wing organisations — into right-wing extremist groups, to build up intelligence profiles on their members and activities, a senior spokesman said yesterday.

The probe is being headed by General G Joubert, deputy designate of the CID, and is a direct result of bombings at Khotso House and Cosatu House in Johannesburg, and last week's arson attack on Khanya House in Pretoria.

"We don't want to speculate on who is responsible for the attacks, but we are definitely probing all possible extremist right-wing groups in order to build up an intelligence profile on them," said Brigadier Leon Mellet, press secretary to Mr Adriaan Vlok, Minister of Law and Order.

"Should there be right-wing extremist groups, we will probe them. We will not tolerate acts of terror by anyone."

He said it was easier for police to track down ANC or other left-wing terrorists because over the years a thorough and complete picture of their members and activities had been built up.
New gun laws best in world, say police

By Claire Robertson, Pretoria Bureau

New legislation on gun control came into effect on Friday barring, among others, alcoholics, people with violent tendencies and the mentally ill from possessing firearms.

The legislation is the result of local and international research on gun control following intense concern among the authorities about the increasing number of family murders and the abuse of firearms.

More than one million South Africans own weapons, according to police figures, and there are more than 2.6 million licensed weapons in the country.

The latest figures show that 1,013 murders, 13 rapes and 1,638 robberies involving stolen firearms were committed in 1986.

The measures include:

- It is now an offence to handle a weapon while under the influence of alcohol or narcotics, or to provide a weapon to such a person.
- Weapon owners must carry their licence or a certified copy whenever they carry the firearm and produce it when asked by police.
- No civilian may own a cannon, machine-guns or parts, cannon projectiles, grenades, bombs, limpet mines, mortars or similar military arms — even those immobilised and kept as trophies, as was permissible before the legislation. These may only be owned with written permission of the Minister of Law and Order. Imitations are also banned.
- Shell casings and the like used as ornaments or ashtrays are permissible.

Anyone with knowledge of these articles being illegally owned is obliged to inform the police. Contravention of these laws carries a maximum 25 year prison sentence.

- A missing firearm must be reported to the police within 24 hours of discovering the loss, and not 48 hours as in the past.
- Police permission must be obtained before destroying one's firearm.
- A person can now be declared unfit to own a weapon if he or she handles it negligently — whether or not anyone is injured or killed as a result. Such a person is also guilty of an offence carrying a maximum R5,000 fine.

Regulations governing one's right to own a weapon have been tightened, and the following persons may now be declared unfit to possess a firearm:

mentally-disturbed persons, drug addicts, alcoholics, and people with violent tendencies.

Lieutenant Newton van der Mescht of the SAP Legal Division said authorities in every country where South Africa has diplomatic representation were consulted before the legislation was drawn up.

"It is one of the most advanced systems in the world by far. Australia has already adopted some of these measures after consultation with us," he said.

"I want to emphasise that the SA Police and the Government do not in any way intend to limit the sale or possession of firearms, but to control the abuse of firearms," the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said in a statement.
The Star's
African News Service
HARARE — Mr Henry
Thompson, Mr Mary Baker
and a man called John
were named as people
working for the SA Intelli-
gence Organisation by one
of the accused, Mr Philip
Conway, in the murder
trial at the Harare High
Court.

Mr Conway, who is alleged
to have recruited the driver
of a yellow Renault 18 and
to have bought the car,
which was blown up out-
side an ANC house in Bu-
lawayo

He had left the farm at
Chakari, where he was
workshop manager, telling
his wife he was going to
Harare but drove to Bu-
lawayo. The statement de-
scribed how the two had
placed explosives in the
boot of a Renault 5 vehicle,
which was left outside a
shop.

Mr Smith and Mr Rew-
den then drove to the tar-
get house in a Renault 18
car and parked in a side
road. Mr Smith said he was
driving the R 18.

He had asked a man to
be there to deal with the
bomb. The driver was to
be left there for a beard-
ed man. The driver was
told to have left

He had asked what
would happen to the driver
of the R 5. He was told
that instructions had been
given that the driver had to
clear the area as soon as
possible. The driver, re-
cruited from an employ-
ment exchange, was blown
to pieces.

Mr Smith said the plan
was that if there were oc-
cupants in the house, the
driver was to blow the
hoover and tell the occup-
ants that the car was to
be left there for a beard-
ed man. The driver was
told to have left

had there been no oc-
cupants, he was to return
the vehicle to where he had
collected it.

"We heard no hooting
and no vehicle came out
of the driveway.

"We waited a further
two to six minutes after
the time he would have
reached the house and
eventually decided he must
have been approached by
somebody and forgotten
the hooter.

"It was decided to de-
trate the bomb before they
began searching it as the
explosives were not well
concealed."
KTC court action 'part of total onslaught'

Supreme Court Reporter

MAJOR Dolf Odendal, second-in-command of the Peninsula Riot Squad, yesterday told the Supreme Court that the KTC damages action against the Minister of Law and Order was part of the "total onslaught" because it falsely alleged police complicity in the attack on the squatter camp in 1986.

Major Odendal was giving evidence during the second day of his cross-examination in the R200,000 damages action brought by the Methodist Church of Africa and 21 KTC families, who lost their homes when most of KTC was destroyed by witdoeke vigilantes between June 9 and 11, 1986.

Mr H P Viljoen, SC, appearing for the residents, showed Major Odendal a passage in Hansard where President P W Botha said that there was a total onslaught against South Africa and that the communist and the black power organisations inside the country work together to bring about South Africa's downfall.

Asked, if, in the light of that statement, black power groups and its members were "inherent enemies" (Major Odendal's words) of South Africa, Major Odendal said: "I can see them as enemies, that's correct."

He regarded the KTC case as part of the total onslaught because the police were accused of consparing with the government in deciding that KTC should be burnt down. The allegation was false, he said.

In reply to a question by Mr Viljoen, Major Odendal said he remembered a civil action in the Magistrate's Court where Mr Christopher Knight was awarded damages after a member of the riot squad, Sergeant Gregory McMaster, assaulted him with a baton.

He agreed that he, a Constable Labuschagne and Sergeant McMaster had testified and that the court had rejected police evidence as untrue.

He had also said during evidence in that case that it was part of the total onslaught.

The hearing continues today.

Supreme Court Reporter

EVIDENCE submitted in the KTC damages trial has shown that the commander of the Khayelitsha police station told policemen that a "type" of home guard had been established to help police — and that they would be identifiable by white arm bands.

An extract from the Khayelitsha SAP information book submitted as evidence during the cross-examination of Major Dolf Odendal, shows the statement was made in December, 1985.

In an extract from the book, police were asked to act judiciously should they be required to shoot at groups of people.

On August 21, 1986, the station commander asked policemen to be diplomatic when complaints were received against the home guard.

Major Odendal said he did not know of the existence of the home guard.

Minutes of a meeting police held with squatter leaders Mr Prince Gomane, Rev Sidney Mlilwa, Mr Albion Utsanga and Mr Sam Ntuma on April 24, 1986, at Athlone were also handed in.

At the meeting, Colonel Schreuder, district commandant for Athlone, said the squatters had held regular meetings with police but were unwilling to join as police reservists, because they did not want to work at a police station.

The squatters complained about the comrades, the UDF and the Cape Youth Congress and asked the police to provide them with firearms to drive out the "left-wing" squatters.
Stricter security at police HQ

STRICHER security precautions are in force outside the main Cape Town police station, Caledon Square, and the neighbouring divisional headquarters.

The precautions form part of police plans to protect the public in the run-up to the municipal elections next week.

The latest precautions have resulted in no vehicles being allowed to park outside Caledon Square or the Thomas Boydell building.

A spokesman said the precautions would remain until October 23. Traffic markers were in place today.

STREETS

Streets involved are Buitenkant Street, outside Caledon Square, Barrack Street, from Buitenkant Street to Parade Street; Albertus Street, from Buitenkant Street to Corporation Street, and Parade Street, between Caledon Square and the Thomas Boydell building.

Visitors to the divisional headquarters in the Thomas Boydell building will be allowed to park in Parade Street for a short time.

Police declined to comment, but it is understood that senior police have been worried about the possibility of a car-bomb.
Tighter security at police stations

Crime Reporter
SECURITY has been tightened outside Caledon Square police station and Police Divisional Headquarters as part of the run-up to the municipal elections.

Vehicles are no longer allowed to park outside the Thomas Boydell Building or Caledon Square.

The possibility of car bombs is apparently the reason for the extra security, though police spokesmen declined to be specific.

Traffic cones were placed in parking bays and it is understood they will stay there until after the elections.

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Alternative parking is being arranged for policemen who used the parking bays.
Azapo offices raided by SB police

THE offices of the Azanian People’s Organisation were yesterday raided by security police who reportedly said they were searching for “anti-election” pamphlets and stickers.

The seven policemen, six whites and a black, searched all the cabinets and took out files, then took all the names of people in the office and those who entered the office during the raid.

They also photographed all the people they found at the Azapo offices and demanded the names of those officials who were supposed to address the Solidarity Day service an hour later.

A police spokesman in Pretoria yesterday said police do not comment on routine visits because it was part of their duty to visit any office for investigations on a continuing basis.

The remembrance service was switched from the Lekton House Hall to a smaller office in the same building.

Former Azapo executive member and now Azasco official, Mr Lybon Mabasa, said Azapo dissociated itself from a smear pamphlet dropped near newspaper offices in Johannesburg this week.

He said the pamphlet, which purports to be from Azapo and criticises the UDF, was a fake by those parties which stand to benefit from the internecine clashes and the delay of the struggle for liberation.

He said Azapo condemned the smear pamphlets strongly. He said the police raid was disturbing and provocative as it came on the day that was sacred to blacks and their organisations.

Komatipo 29/10/88
Cop ‘agreed with affidavit on unrest’

Supreme Court Reporter

MAJOR Dolf Odendal yesterday conceded in the Supreme Court that he confirmed under oath the contents of a colleague’s affidavit about fighting in Crossroads, although he disagreed with portions or was not present when some incidents described took place.

Major Odendal, second-in-command of the Peninsula Riot Squad, was giving evidence under cross-examination in the R200 000 damages action brought against the Minister of Law and Order by the Methodist Church of Africa and 21 KTC residents, who lost their homes when a large part of KTC was destroyed by witdoeck vigilantes between June 9 and 11, 1986.

Mr H P Viljoen, SC, appearing for the residents, read from an affidavit by the now-dead WO Barrie Barnard — submitted in interdict proceedings in 1986 — detailing events in Crossroads, the satellite camps and KTC.

Mr Viljoen also read from an affidavit by Major Odendal which read: "WO Barnard and I worked together often and I confirm the contents of his affidavit which I have read.”

Asked by the court if, when he confirmed the contents of Barnard’s affidavit, he literally meant every statement and word or if he meant broadly speaking, Major Odendal replied “in the broad sense.”

Harassment by satellite camps

After objections by counsel for the minister, the court adjourned to allow Major Odendal to read through the affidavits.

 Asked by Mr Viljoen why he had still confirmed the contents of WO Barnard’s affidavit, when they had differed — WO Barnard had said in his affidavit that Old Crossroads residents had co-operated with the police, that they had been harassed by people from the satellite camps, prevented from shopping elsewhere and had been arrested and charged in a kangaroo court and necklaced — Major Odendal said Crossroads, the satellite camps and KTC were equally hostile towards police.

Mr Viljoen asked Major Odendal to comment on the fact that counsel for the minister had objected and said it had been unbecoming of a senior counsel to put that question to him.

Counsel had also said that the question had been unfair because he had read only one phrase “WO Barnard and I often worked together.” The judge had also asked if he did not have ulterior motives, Mr Viljoen said.

Major Odendal replied that he did not think Mr Viljoen would mislead him but said WO Barnard’s affidavit was 17 pages long and he could not remember if he had studied the entire affidavit.

The hearing continues on Monday.

Mr Justice M R de Kock presided. Mr Viljoen, with Mr F Pretorius and Mr A M Omar, and instructed by the Legal Resources Centre, appeared for the residents. Mr G D Olenzel SC, assisted by Mr C Y Louw and Mr F D J Brand, instructed by the State Attorney, appeared for the minister.
Scepticism greets Vlok's new squad

Weekend Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Mr Adriaan Vlok, Minister of Law and Order, this week appointed a police team to find the culprits behind the growing wave of suspected rightwing terror bombings and other attacks during the past two years, including the Cosatu, Khotso and Khanya House explosions.

To some observers, however, Mr Vlok's step bears a remarkable resemblance to a similar move by his predecessor, Mr Louis Le Grange, who appointed a top police team to find the terrorist who early in 1978 shot Natal University lecturer Dr Richard Turner in cold blood.

That investigation was abandoned after four years and Dr Turner's murderer is still free.

However, during the past six years, while leftwing terrorism reached new heights, the police have been most successful in tracing and convicting culprits.

Mr Mark Phillips, a terrorism researcher at the Wits University Centre for Policy Studies, said, "For that reason I am not very optimistic about Mr Vlok's squad tracking down our rightwing terrorists."

Good records

Another terrorism researcher, Mr Wim Booyse of the Washington-based International Freedom Foundation, believes that the special Vlok probe should produce results because the men involved in it "all have good track records in this type of investigation."

However, says Mr Booyse, rightwing terrorism "is likely to become intensified in future and is likely to adopt what we call a 'noble motive' to resort to violence when party policies become insufficient."

In Cape Town Mr Michael Morris, a former policeman who runs the Terrorism Research Centre, explained that rightwing terrorism, although responsible for only about 10 percent of all incidents, was more successful because its perpetrators "are more skilled, have money and usually have some military training."

Mr Phillips said, "Since no rightwing terror attacks have been solved and there have been numerous admissions by South African agents of acting abroad, the question arises whether those agents abroad have a parallel inside this country."
NEW gun control legislation promulgated last week will not affect the reformed alcoholic, says Law and Order ministry spokesman Brigader Leon Mellet.

His response came after complaints from reformed alcoholics that they were being "persecuted".

He pointed out yesterday the new legislation would only affect those under the influence of alcohol or narcotics "There is nothing stopping a rehabilitated alcoholic or drug user owning a firearm. These laws are not aimed at them.

"The law is to protect people from those still under the influence," said Brigader Mellett.

The new legislation, described as among the most advanced in the world, came into effect last Friday and includes the following measures:

- It is an offence to handle a weapon under the influence of drink or drugs, or to provide a weapon to such a person.
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- Missing firearms must be reported within 24 hours to the police.
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The SAP legal division said authorities in every country where South Africa had diplomatic representation were consulted before the legislation was finally drawn up.

And Australia had adopted some of the measures after consultations with South African experts, the SAP said.

In a statement the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adrian Vlok, said: "I want to emphasise the SAP Police and Government do not in any way intend to limit the sale or possession of firearms, but to control the abuse of firearms."
Bomber seized near Minister.

By Craig Kotze
Crime Reporter

Police thwarted a possible "kamikaze" attack on Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok by a suspected ANC insurgent armed with a limpet mine in Cape Town at the weekend.

Mr Vlok was opening the new Crossroads police station on Saturday when two Riot Unit policemen arrested the suspect — only 150 m from Mr Vlok. Bomb experts defused the mine.

Last night, the suspect was in Groote Schuur Hospital under police guard after complaining of dizziness. Police searched his Crossroads home and seized ANC literature.

Security sources said that, although the suspect would not have been able to get near Mr Vlok had the mine exploded near him, the incident would have generated immense propaganda for the ANC.

TIGHTEN SECURITY

It would not be necessary to tighten Mr Vlok's security arrangements as maximum security already existed for members of the government and other VIPs.

Mr Vlok praised the two policemen for their speedy action.

- In another incident on Friday, a baby was killed and four people injured in a limpet mine explosion — the 18th known blast this month — at a polling booth in kwaThema on the East Rand.

- Mr Vlok announced on Friday police had arrested 50 suspected insurgents and killed five others since the beginning of September.

- Three people were killed, including a youth shot dead by security forces, in Natal township unrest at the weekend, police said.
NINETEEN “terrorists” had been arrested since police offered a R$5 000 bounty for information at the beginning of the month.

This was disclosed yesterday by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok, who said at least one “terrorist” had been arrested every day of the past month.

Vlok also said a “substantial” reward was being offered for information on the arson attack on the Pretoria offices of the SA Catholic Bishop’s Conference.

He said 50 guerrillas had been arrested and five killed since the beginning of last month. During the past year 131 people had been convicted in connection with 322 security-related offences.
Drunks in police

Force, says, mayor,
Policemen attacked
2 arrested

TWO Paarl East men have been arrested, following an attack on two policemen at the weekend.

A police liaison officer said constables J Fortuin and A Solomons went to investigate a complaint about fighting at a house in Paarl East on Saturday night.

The policemen calmed the situation down, and when they attempted to leave they were allegedly attacked by four men and two women.

Constable Solomons came to Constable Fortuin's aid and attempted to apprehend a man.

The man then allegedly stabbed Constable Fortuin three times in the head and once in his left side. When Constable Solomons again intervened, a group of people broke his arm.

Police reinforcements were called in, and two men were arrested.

The constables were treated at the Paarl East Hospital, and discharged.

The liaison officer said police were investigating, and more arrests would probably follow.
Elite police unit formed to watch over ‘street children’

The Argus Correspondent
DURBAN. — The Durban City Police have launched a full-time street children unit, the first in the country. It might become a blueprint for other centres.

Chief Inspector Lance McGregor Stewart, who helped launch the project this week, said four policemen had been hand-picked for the task force.

“We felt something positive had to be done to monitor these children,” he said.

“It’s a sensitive issue, and at the moment we are just feeling our way.”

The Argus Correspondent went out with the team and met the children who have become the city’s most controversial “properties”.

Sergeant Peter Keogh, a robust but kindly policeman from Liverpool, was one of those who volunteered for the job of getting to know the street wise youngsters.

“I come from a tough town,” he said. “I think I understand the suffering and deprivation these kids go through. Sure, many of them are aggressive, but they have had so little.

“Right now, all I am looking for is their trust. Until we have that we won’t get anywhere.”

The first day out, the sight of the roving blue and white police car with prominent bright blue lights on its roof, sent the children scattering.

“It was amazing. One minute they were there, the next they had vanished into thin air,” said Sergeant Keogh. “But like any other kids they’re very quick, especially if there is something new on the go.”

It obviously hadn’t taken long to dispel their fears. As we drove up to The Workshop, a favourite “hunting” ground for the street kids, a group of them rushed up to the car.

“Please, one ride,” a seven-year-old shouted.

The car door opened and in shot five of them, their faces beaming with pleasure.

The aim of the new unit, which will patrol night and day in the areas where the children gather, is to control the youngsters’ activities, weed out the “Pagan” characters who dominate the children.
Brain op for bomb suspect

THE man who was found with a primed limpet mine in Crossroads has had surgery for a brain haemorrhage after complaining of dizziness and being admitted to Groote Schuur Hospital, police said yesterday.

The man, said to be in his mid 20s, was reported to be in a satisfactory condition, a spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said.

He said the "alleged insurgent" had been arrested in terms of the Criminal Procedure Act and the case would be postponed in absentia.

He said that soon after the man's arrest on Saturday, he complained of dizziness and was admitted to hospital. Later he was operated on.

The spokesman said the circumstances leading to his admission to hospital were being investigated.

MINISTER VLOK

Police said a sudden decision to search a pedestrian led to the discovery of the mine, which they believe was timed to explode during the opening of a police station.

The celebrations followed an opening ceremony on Saturday which was attended by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adnaan Vlok, top policemen and members of the community including Mr Johnson Ngqobongwa, chairman of the interim advisory board of Crossroads.

The man, in his 20s, was found 150 metres from the police station while speeches were being made.

However, few people besides members of the security branch were aware of the drama being played out and Mr Vlok was told later.

He asked for the two policemen involved in the arrest to be summoned to the police station and apparently delayed leaving so he could congratulate them.
KTC trial: Cop accused of mud sling
Staff Reporter

POLICE confirmed yesterday that two special constables had been arrested in connection with the murder of "conservative" Crossroads leader Mr Wil- lies Soga.

The police spokesman was commenting on a claim by Crossroads "mayor" Mr Johnson Nqobongwana that police murdered Mr Soga in early September. Police confirmed that the special constables were being held on charges of murder and had appeared in the Athlone Magistrate's Court. They were due in court again soon.

Police also confirmed that another special constable was arrested at the weekend in connection with a separate incident and would appear on a charge of murder and another of attempted murder in the Athlone Magistrate's Court today.

The incident was also revealed by Mr Nqobongwana, who said the man was shot soon after the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, left Crossroads after the opening of a new police station.

Mr Nqobongwana said there were "no hard feelings" between Mr Vlok and him following a speech on Saturday in which he called policemen "drunkards and terrorists".

Mr Nqobongwana, who is also chairman of the interim advisory board of Crossroads, told the Cape Times that he explained to Mr Vlok "that I didn't mean that all policemen were bad".

"I was talking about the kiskonstables," he said.

Police said the latest special constable arrest came after an incident on Saturday when a Mr Robert Mdimi, 40, entered a tent at No 3239 in Old Crossroads and stabbed the special constable in the left eye and chest.

The special constable fetched a shotgun from his nearby home, returned and shot Mr Mdimi in the chest. A bystander, Mr Sphiwe Mdalase, 26, was slightly hurt.
Cops in court over squatter leader’s death

Court Reporter

TWO special constables have appeared in Athlone Magistrate’s Court in connection with the alleged murder of “conservative” Crossroads leader Mr Willie Soga.

Mr Sakhawo Ntsangani, 39, and Mr Ntshawandile Balule, 35, both of Philippa, were not asked to plead and no charges were put to them when they appeared on Friday.

The hearing was adjourned to November 11 and both men were remanded.

Mr J Lane was the magistrate. Mr C Holland prosecuted. Mr F Theunissen appeared for the men.
THE first police station in Crossroads, opened by the "Hokkie" Crossroads, who also accused members of the police force of being "drunkards."

In a surprise move, Mr. Johnson Ngxobongwana, who is also conservative chairman of the interim advisory board of Crossroads, departed from his prepared speech and launched into a scathing attack on the police force. Mr. Ngxobongwana's speech followed Mr. Vlok's address during which the Minister said the police station was a "milestone and proof of the way we are progressing in Crossroads," Mr. Ngxobongwana said, referring to the small structure which took nine days to build.

He also said that there were a number of drunkards in the police force.

"People come to the charge office to complain and they find whoever is on duty is drunk. So they demand to speak to the station commander and they find he is also drunk."

A police liaison officer yesterday said police were "taking note" of Mr. Ngxobongwana's comments.

The liaison officer said that the police station was a temporary measure while the Crossroads squatter camp was being upgraded and a new "model" police station would be included in the final development — Sapa.
Speeding van used in riot control—cop

Supreme Court Reporter

MAJUR Dolf Odendal, second in command of the Peninsula riot squad, said that using a speeding police van to disperse a crowd of people was an acceptable practice and a method used by the riot squad.

This was said in evidence during cross-examination in the R200 000 damages action brought against the Minister of Law and Order by the Methodist Church and 21 KTC families who lost their homes when most of KTC was destroyed by wilddeck vigilantes between June 9 and 11, 1968.

Mr H P Viljoen SC, for the residents referred to the evidence of Mr Jan van Eck who had said that while he and Mrs Val Rose-Christie of the PFP were meeting a group of Crossroads refugees, Major Odendal and the deceased Warrant Officer Barnard sped in their direction to disperse them.

That action, Major Odendal said, had his approval and was done because he had thought the crowd was on its way to fight. Using a speeding vehicle to disperse a crowd was a method employed by other members of the riot squad, he added.

Asked why the incident had not been entered into the riot squad's log sheets, he replied that it was unnecessary.

If a crowd did not disperse while a speeding vehicle was driven at them, he would warn people and fire teargas.

Mr Viljoen then referred to the evidence of the Rev John Freeth who said that teargas was thrown at him and two other clergymen when they tried to enter the satellite camps to negotiate an end to the fighting.

Mr Freeth had testified that Major Odendal had told him in a "rude manner" that the attempts of the clergy would not succeed, Mr Viljoen said.

Major Odendal denied that he had been rude to Mr Freeth. He regarded himself as an "exceptionally controlled" person and would not be rude to clergymen.

The hearing continues today.

Mr Andrew Mx de Kock presided. Mr Viljoen, with Mr P Peterson and Mr P M Olden, instructed by the Legal Aid Board; Mr G C F Burrell, instructed by the State Attorney; appeared for the petitioner.
**UWC asks police for full probe**

THE University of the Western Cape has asked the police for a full investigation of Monday's incident on the campus.

Professor J J Durand said in a statement yesterday that the university was dismayed by the police's indiscriminate actions when teargas grenades were lobbed into the bedrooms of students, adding that the fires started by the grenades posed a serious threat to the safety of innocent students.

"The action of the police was not conducive to restoring or maintaining peace and calm," he said.

Prof Durand said the university also regretted incidents of stone-throwing at the university's main entrance and had requested students to refrain from provocative actions at a time when political tensions are running high.

Police entered the campus twice on Monday after stone-throwing and a placard demonstration against the municipal elections.

Four students were admitted to hospital with various injuries and fire damage to three bedrooms was estimated at several thousand rands.

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**Fighting disrupts transport**

VICIOUS fighting between two rival taxi associations disrupted transport from the townships yesterday and left thousands of commuters stranded.

The fighting, which has left at least six men injured, appears to be over the opening of a taxi rank by members of the Western Province Black Taxis Association at the Nyanga bus terminus.

This is an area usually served by the Western Cape Taxis Association, however, residents in the area complained that there were too few taxis to transport everyone.

Tuesday's police report said "Two groups clashed at a Nyanga bus terminus (on Monday) Six men were injured when they were assaulted with pangas and sticks.

A number of clashes between the rival members was also reported yesterday.

There were several long queues for buses as people waited at terminuses in Guguletu and Nyanga."
Police, Witdoeke 'chatted' while shacks were burned

Staff Reporter

AN observer who saw police chatting to Witdoeke vigilantes while squatter camps were being burnt might have got the impression the police were favourably disposed towards Witdoeke, a top riot policeman has conceded.

However, this was not the case as the police had acted against both sides in the Crossroads conflict in 1986, Major Dolf Odendal, second in command of the Peninsula riot squad, said in the Supreme Court yesterday.

He was being cross-examined by Mr Henry Viljoen, SC, in the R200 000 damages suit against the Minister of Law and Order brought by the Methodist Church of Africa and 21 KTC residents who lost their homes when KTC was attacked by Witdoeke between June 9 and 11, 1986.

Major Odendal agreed that Claremont MP Mr Jan van Eck could have seen policemen chatting to armed Witdoeke who were standing next to Caspurs in Mahobe Drive during violence in Crossroads and the satellite camps in May 1986.

Police warning

He accepted that this could have been while other policemen were stopping residents from going to defend their shacks, which were being burnt down by other Witdoeke.

Mr Viljoen: How can you explain this?

Major Odendal: It could have been that the policemen were warning the Witdoeke to go back to their own area.

Mr Viljoen: How could you stop people from returning to defend their property?

Major Odendal: Should I have let them go in and get killed? It was for their own protection.

Major Odendal agreed he and another riot policeman had driven their van at high speed into a crowd of people in Mahobe Drive who had included Mr van Eck and Progressive Federal Party researcher Mrs Val Rose-Christie.

"We did this because the crowd looked as if they wanted to fight and this was a good way to disperse them."

Not written up

Mr Viljoen: Why wasn't this written up in the incident book?

Major Odendal: We often don't write things in.

Mr Viljoen: Was this because it was not acceptable police action?

Major Odendal: No. If there's fighting and you drive at them, there's nothing wrong with that.

Mr Viljoen: If they hadn't got out the way they would have been ridden over?

Major Odendal: Yes.

Major Odendal said he then spoke to Mr van Eck, who said the police should leave the area. He wanted to show Mr van Eck that petrol bombs, but Mr van Eck had refused to go with him.

The hearing continues today.
Omar family stripped, searched before rally

Staff Reporter

ADVOCATE Mr Dullah Omar and his wife and daughter were stripped and searched by police before attending the "Rally for Democracy" on Tuesday night.

The incident has been confirmed by police. Mr Omar said police stopped his car in Athlone and frisked him and his family before escorting them to Athlone police station. At the station they were stripped and again searched.

Police said yesterday that they had received information of pamphlets being handed out of a car.

"A car fitting the description was spotted in Rylands and the driver and the occupants were asked to accompany police to Athlone," police said.

Independent MP Mr Jan van Eck last night said he would be "definitely take this matter further."

Police confirmed that another speaker, the Rev Lionel Louw, was also body-searched.

Fewer readers no joke for newest Punch boss

Own Correspondent

LONDON — The satirical magazine Punch, which has had only 12 editors in its 167-year history, has made its third appointment to the editor's chair in the past year.

Mr Stanley Reynolds, 53, will take over the acting editorship from Mr Russell Davies, who was appointed when the last editor, Mr David Taylor, resigned last month after eight months in the job.

Mr Davies is to leave the magazine after a year on the staff to return to broadcasting. A new publisher, Mr Peter Shaw, has also been appointed.

Mr Reynolds said he was not prepared to act as a "nightwatchman editor", but would be introducing his own changes, aimed at "getting the old readers back."

The magazine's circulation has declined from 81 000 in 1983 to 60 658 in 1987 and 60 688 today.
last week, in line with provisions that rule out strike action in the public sector. By Friday about 400 harbour workers had been sacked, this rose to about 1 000 on Tuesday, according to Sarhwa, while about 2 000 workers in East London were on strike.

The major grievance is related to September's strike in East London, when 790 workers were sacked. The union says they were not satisfied with their re-employment conditions, for although those dismissed earlier were re-employed, they were not reinstated, which meant losing out on years of service benefits and pension contributions.

A related grievance was the demand for a minimum wage of R1 500 a month. Sats earlier rejected that and implemented a wage determination arrived at through arbitration.

In East London the harbour strike started on October 14. Ultimatums were issued, and on October 21 the firings began.

In Durban the reinstatement issue was taken up by local workers — none of whom was paid off in their strike last month — and they downed tools.

Sats public relations manager in Durban, Alan Lubbe, confirmed the Durban strike was "linked" to the one in East London, and said salary increases were also being demanded by Durban workers. "We are negotiating with worker representatives and hope things can be settled as soon as possible."

He said the strike was confined to the harbour and surrounding depots and stations, and that, as in the last strike, essential services were being kept going by the hirng of casual labour and the utilisation of Sats staff from different departments.

Referring to the East London strike, he said: "Management's view is that salaries and service conditions are negotiated by the labour council, and the reinstatement of workers in East London will and can only be resolved in East London."

Sarhwa's regional secretary in Durban, David Mooti, disagrees. "All our members are dissatisfied with what Sats is doing — not only workers in East London. We will stay on strike until Sats starts being reasonable."

Although a regional agreement was reached between Sats and Sarhwa in Durban after the last strike, Mooti said his members were not satisfied. "They want us to register before they talk about increases, but registration takes a long time and our members want their increases now."

In East London union officials claimed the harbour was virtually without manpower, and services had been disrupted.
Police action worries schools chief

MR Ave Muller, Director-General of the Department of Education and Culture, is to see the police today to express "concern over action at schools."

In a statement Mr Muller said he was concerned about police action at Cape Flats schools in the past few days, especially at Alexander, Sisonke High School in Athlone yesterday when 17 pupils were injured.

They were treated by a doctor and three were sent to hospital.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu protested yesterday in a telex to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok.

Archbishop Tutu said "I visited the school after inspecting the results of security forces action at the University of Western Cape."

"I met members of staff of the school and later saw the principal upon his return to the premises."

"The independent accounts of different teachers all substantiate each other."

The children were having a break when police acted. Archbishop Tutu said "The school was told to get the children off the premises, then get them back into classes."

"I saw three or four children who had been beaten. Those who were beaten were as young as 13."

"I am very deeply distressed and express in the strongest possible terms my abhorrence at the violence used by the security forces against defenceless children."

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Advocate's wife, daughter searched

MRS Farieda Omar, wife of advocate Mr Dullah Omar, and her daughter Fazlin, 15, were made to strip for a body search at the Athlone police station after being stopped on their way to last night's Rally for Democracy.

The chairman of the meeting, the Rev Lionel Louw, an executive member of the Western Province Council of Churches was also detained briefly before the meeting. He was taken to Caledon Square police station where his car was searched.

The Omars were flagged down in Kipling Road by police in a van who told them to accompany them to the station where they were searched and the registration and engine numbers of their car taken.

Mrs Omar said she and Fazlin were searched by a woman constable.

Balaclava

"She took us to a cold toilet and asked us to strip in front of her. She made us take off all our clothes. She searched us. It was very embarrassing and humiliating. I was furious," Mrs Omar said.

She said they were on their way to the meeting when they were stopped.

"There were three policemen in the van and a man wearing a balaclava," she said.

A police spokesman said police had information that a certain vehicle was being used to distribute pamphlets in Athlone. Acting on the information, a patrol van was sent out.

In Rylands, police spotted the car in which there were three occupants.

The car was searched and the occupants were asked to accompany police to the station where they were searched.

A spokesman said nothing illegal was found and the three were allowed to leave.

SUSPICIOUS

He confirmed that Mrs Omar and her daughter had been asked to strip in separate rooms before a woman constable.

Dealing with the allegations about Mr Louw, the spokesman said that about 6pm a car was seen parked "under suspicious circumstances" on the Parade.

The driver was asked to go to Caledon Square where the car was searched. Mr Louw was then allowed to leave.

Mr Mario Pessaara, one of the organisers of the rally was detained about three hours in Bellville South yesterday.

The spokesman said Mr Pessaara was detained in connection with allegations of abusive language in public.

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Minister pays torture victim

Supreme Court Reporter

A MITCHELLS PLAIN man who claimed R17 500 damages from the Minister of Law and Order after he was allegedly wrongly arrested and tortured by Murder and Robbery squad detectives, yesterday won R11 000 from the minister.

Mr Trevor Owen Williams, of Lentegeur, a driver for Allied Publishing Ltd, claimed the damages for pain and suffering and wrongful arrest.

The settlement, which was reached out of court, was made an order of court by Mr Justice J H Conradie.

The minister was ordered to pay Mr Williams R11 000 plus interest on the amount at 12% a year. Costs were also awarded.

The order was made “without any admission of liability” on the part of the minister and the amount was offered “merely by way of settlement of the action”.

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Mr Williams testified that on June 3 last year his truck was hijacked and a safe stolen.

He said he reported the robbery to a passing police van and had been taken to Table View police station. He was then taken to Bishop Lavis police station, where he was held overnight and a bag was placed over his head and water poured into it.

Mr P A L Gamble, instructed by Mr J Souder, of Barritt, Valee and Pechey, appeared for Mr Williams.

Mr P J Laubscher, instructed by the State Attorney, appeared for the minister.
Pretoria: Police are investigating the unnatural death of Mr. Joseph Mofokeng, who was shot dead in the Parys township of Tumahole on Monday. A companion of Mr. Mofokeng's later denied that his 'friend had attacked a municipal policeman with an axe before he was shot.

Sapa
A KRAAIFONTEIN man was shot dead when police opened fire after they were stoned while trying to make an arrest.

Mr Cornelius Carelse, 45, is thought to have been hit by a stray bullet, but police declined to comment.

"I'm not prepared to speculate," a police liaison officer said.

The spokesman said police went to Sydow Street in Scottsdene about 8.30pm yesterday to arrest a person in connection with a malicious damage to property charge.

They were prevented from making the arrest by a crowd and when they went back to their vehicle, the policemen were stoned.

More stones were thrown when reinforcements arrived.

Two police vehicles were damaged.

The spokesman said police then opened fire and Mr Carelse was hit in the chest. No other injuries were reported.
Sowetan lawyers seek reason for grilling Editor

By SY MAKARINGE

Lawyers acting for the Sowetan have been instructed to write to the Commissioner of Police and seek an explanation why junior members of the security police were sent to interrogate the editor of the newspaper, Mr. Klaaste, in the middle of the night on Thursday.

The president of the Newspaper Press Union, Mr. Nolutshungu, has also registered his objection to the incident and intends raising the issue at a meeting to be held with the police liaison committee on December 1.

Mr. Klaaste said yesterday he was asleep when two members of the security police arrived at his house and banged at his door. He said they interrogated him on his Nation Building initiative for about 40 minutes.

Members

"They asked me if Nation Building was an organisation and if it had any members, I told them it was not an organisation I did not know what to say, I just gave them a vague idea of what Nation Building was all about," he said. He said the two policemen - one white and the other black - were of "junior status" who seemed to have no idea of what the concept of Nation Building was all about.

Launched

The Nation Building campaign was formally launched at a fundraising dinner at Shareworld about two weeks ago. The concept, which has received overwhelming support from the black community, simply means "picking up the pieces and rebuilding all structures that have collapsed.

Condemning the police action, Mr. Nolutshungu said, "I find it remarkable that a well-respected editor of a newspaper should be subjected to this form of harassment."
Top cop tells of witdoek attack

Supreme Court Reporter

MAJOR Dolf Odendal, second in command of the Peninsula riot squad, yesterday told the Supreme Court it was "pure coincidence" that witdoek vigilantes attacked comrades shortly after police withdrew to patrol the nearby Mahobe Drive.

He was testifying in the R200 000 damages action brought against the Minister of Law and Order by the Methodist Church of Africa and 21 families who lost their homes when most of KTC was destroyed by witdoek vigilantes between June 9 and 11, 1986.

Mr H P Viljoen SC, for the residents, told Major Odendal he could not understand why police had left a possible "flashpoint" near the Administration Board offices to patrol Mahobe Drive.

Casspirs to form buffer

Major Odendal replied that he had ordered riot squad policemen to a patrol south of Mahobe Drive (near Lansdowne Road) because a large group of witdoek vigilantes had been seen gathering there. It was a "mere coincidence" that the witdoek crossed Mahobe Drive to launch their attack.

Asked why police had not drawn up their Casspirs to form a buffer between the witdoek and the comrades, Major Odendal reiterated that police vehicles were ordered to patrol Mahobe Drive.

Mr Viljoen put it to Major Odendal that the situation report (sitrep) of Platoon 3 of the riot squad had recorded that witdoek were angry because some of their number had been killed by comrades and that they were going to "clean up" (attack) KTC.

Fired teargas

Asked if that threat, coupled to the destruction of the satellite camps in May 1986 and the Supreme Court interdict, would not have moved him to take action and so defuse the situation, Major Odendal said "If black people decide to fight there is nothing I can do. You do not know black people when they decide to fight."

Asked by Mr Viljoen why police had not fired teargas, Major Odendal said it would have been "stupid" of him because innocent residents in Nyanga would have fled from their homes into the path of the attacking witdoek.

The hearing continues today.
Gang attack after police pullback a 'coincidence'

Staff Reporter

AN attack by a Witdoek gang attack on Comrades soon after police withdrew was "mere coincidence", a riot squad officer told the Supreme Court.

A R200 000 damages action is being brought by the Methodist Church of Africa and 21 KTC families for the loss of homes between June 9 and 11 1986.

Under cross-examination by Mr H P Viljoen, SC, yesterday, Major Dolf Odendal said he ordered police to patrol Mahobe Drive where a large group of Witdoek vigilantes had gathered.

Major Odendal said it was a "mere coincidence" that the Witdoek crossed Mahobe Drive to launch their attack after the police withdrew.

In reply to a question about the situation report from a platoon of the riot squad, Mayor Odendal said he did not know if the officer in charge had told him that the Witdoek were "going to clean up" to avenge the death of some of their members.

Asked if the situation report, a Supreme Court interdict and the earlier destruction of camps would not have moved him to defuse the situation, Mayor Odendal replied: "If black people decide to fight there is nothing you can do. You do not know black people when they decide to fight."

He had not used vehicles to form a buffer because the people could have walked past police vehicles if they had wanted to.

"Black people can be bloodthirsty when they fight," he said, adding that the police would only have been able to "gun them down."

The hearing continues.
Sowetan editor questioned: Minister apologises

by Paula Fray

The Ministry of Law and Order has apologised to the editor of the Sowetan newspaper for his late-night interrogation last Thursday by two junior members of the Security Police.

The editor, Mr Aggrey Klaaste, said yesterday that Brigadier Leon Mellet, press secretary in the Ministry of Law and Order, "called and apologised on behalf of himself and the Minister for the incident."

Mr Klaaste said he accepted the apologies.

The president of the Newspaper Press Union (NPU), Mr Jolyon Nuttall, said he received a call from the Minister, Mr Adriaan Vlok, who apologised for the incident and said the matter was being "investigated fully."

The incident will, however, still be on the agenda at the NPU-SAP liaison committee meeting on December 1, Mr Nuttall said.

"The matter is being investigated and we are expecting a report back," he said.

The incident occurred soon after the launch of the newspaper's "Nation Building" initiative, which Mr Klaaste says has had a "phenomenal response from the public."
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SOWETHAN, Tuesday, November 8, 1986
Minister to pay bishop R5,000 after ‘strip’ order

By Jo Anne Collinge

The Minister of Justice has agreed to pay R5,000 to the Anglican Bishop Suffragan for Johannesburg West, Bishop Mfamsem Sigisbert Ndwandwe, in settlement of a claim arising from the cleric’s detention in mid-1986, according to a Johannesburg attorney.

The settlement was agreed by the parties last week, but the matter proceeded to court on Friday to settle the question of costs.

The payment of R5,000 was made an order of court by Mr Justice Human in Pretoria.
Police responsible

POLICE behaviour was responsible for the worsening of violence in the Vaal Triangle during September, 1984, a Pretoria Supreme judge heard yesterday.

This was said by Mr George Bizos, SC, during argument in the Vaal Triangle treason trial. He also told Mr Justice John Dikker and an assessor that a video film which formed part of court proceedings has shown police conduct as "unbecoming for any disciplined force".

The counsel said a Brigadier Viljoen, who was in charge of the Vaal Triangle police at the time, also conceded before the court that there had been complaints about reinforcements from Pretoria "being unnecessarily aggressive".

Nineteen leaders of the United Democratic Front, Azanian People's Organisation, Vaal Civic Association and Azanian Youth Unity have pleaded not guilty to treason and alternative charges of terrorism, subversion and murder.

(Proceeding).
By LEN MASEKO

POLICE have placed restrictions on the funeral of trade unionist and United Democratic Front member Mr. Alfred Makaleng, an emergency detaine who recently died in police custody.

The restrictions were issued under the emergency regulations by Brigadier Willem Beetge, Commissioner of the Lebowa police.

Mr. Makaleng (27), an official of the Cosatu-affiliated Construction and Allied Workers' Union, died at the Johannesburg Hospital on August 26 after spending two years in detention without trial. Preliminary post-mortem results said he died of natural causes.

In terms of the restrictions, the funeral may only take place under certain conditions which include:

- That the Commissioner's "prior approval for the time, date and place of the funeral, and of any ceremonial gathering, shall be obtained."
- Only the next-of-kin of the deceased and the legal representative of the deceased, may attend the burial and/or any ceremonial gathering.
- Only an ordained minister may act as a speaker at the funeral or any ceremonial gathering.
- The funeral procession shall not proceed along any other route than a route approved by the commissioner, and
- No person shall display or distribute any flags, banners, placards, pamphlets, stickers or posters at the funeral.

Weekday

The restrictions, which also stipulate that the funeral may only take place on a weekday, may lead to the postponement of the funeral. Mr. Makaleng was to have been buried this Saturday.

Family attorney Mr. Thabo Molewa told a Press conference yesterday that he would seek legal opinion over the matter.

Mr. Molewa said although preliminary findings said the trade unionist died of natural causes, this had not been entered into the post-mortem report. A full post-mortem would be held within the next few weeks, he said.
Police shot me — witness

GRAHAMSTOWN. — A Colesberg Baptist minister who tried to intervene when a group of singing children passed his house was shot by police a few minutes later, it was said in evidence in the Supreme Court here yester-

day.

Mr Tusi Moses Mcoyana was giving evidence in a civil action against the Minister of Law and Order, in which he is claiming R12,000 from the minister for damages suffered as a result of the shooting, on July 22, 1985. He has also claimed damages of R6,000 for wrong-
ful and unlawful arrest.

Another Colesberg man allegedly shot by police on the same day, Mr
Enoch Spheto Asiya, has claimed R6,000 in damages from the minister.

Mr Mcoyana said in evidence that he was standing outside his house in New Location, Colesberg, just before the incident happened.

A group of children passed by, and he told them to disperse to avoid being injured by police.

Two police vans approached the chil-
dren, and Mr Mcoyana said he heard a reference to himself and the word “skiet” (shoot) before shots were fired, and he realized he had been wounded.
Mercy calls for death row ex-cops

PRETORIA — Placards calling for mercy for former policemen Jock le Grange and Robert van der Merwe, both of whom face death sentences, were displayed outside the Union Buildings here yesterday.

The petitions with more than 100,000 signatures for clemency were handed to the office of the State President, Mr P W Botha.

At an impromptu press conference outside the Union Buildings, Witbank resident Mr Marthinus Hoffman, who organized the petitions, announced that the former head of the Brakpan Murder and Robbery Squad, Colonel Staal Burger, had joined the mercy action and would address a public meeting in Pretoria tomorrow night.

Mr Hoffman said he had handed the stack of petitions to Mr Ian Putter, the State President’s administrative secretary, who assured him he would personally see to it that the petitions were brought to Mr Botha’s attention.

The former policemen received a double death sentence for the murder of drug dealers Mr Peter Pillay and Mr Bennie Ogle.

Mr Hoffman said he applied to see Mr Botha but was told that the president had other duties.

“I replied that the lives of these two men were more important than his duties.” — Sapa
ALEXANDER JONES

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New police stations in troubled area

DURBAN. — Three police stations are to be established near Hillcrest, Natal, in the Molweni district where about 17 blacks were killed in faction fighting last month, Brigadier T. J. Henn, Divisional Commissioner of Police, Port Natal, said today after talks with KwaZulu government leaders.

Brigadier Henn also said that about 250 policemen had been moved into the area.

He said he had met a delegation from the KwaZulu government which had asked the police to prevent further unrest and trouble in the area.

He appealed to the factions to stop their fighting.

● A 32-year-old man was burnt to death last night in Clermont, Natal, when a mob set fire to the house in which he had sought shelter, police said in today's unrest report.

A nine-year-old child was injured when a hand grenade was thrown into a home in Naledi, Soweto, in an incident which police did not regard as unrest.

In incidents of violence which were unrest-related, and in the wake of a five cent Petsco bus fare increase, a number of buses were damaged by stone-throwers in Clermont, near Pinetown, and in one such incident a man and two youths were slightly injured.

At Kwadabeka and St Wendelins, Pinetown, a man was injured and number of buses and a private vehicle were damaged in several stone-throwing incidents.

At Kwamakutha, near Durban, a private house was extensively damaged in a petrol-bomb attack.

Another home was badly damaged when a petrol bomb was hurled at it in Fredville, Inchanga — Sapa.
R25 000 FOR A BULLET VICTIM

By MONK NKOMO

THE Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, has paid R25 000 damages — in an out of court settlement — to the father of a 16-year-old girl who lost her sight after being shot in the face by the police in Nelspruit two years ago.

Sibongile Maluma, who was a standard seven pupil at the Khelpane Secondary School, was shot in the face by an unknown member of the South African Police while on her way home from school on February 13, 1986, according to particulars of a claim filed by her father’s lawyers.

Mr Petros Maluma, a machine operator of Lekazi township, KwaNdebele in Nelspruit, sued the Minister of Law and Order for the wrongful and unlawful shooting of his daughter.

Mr Sakkie Mabo, a spokesman for lawyers representing Mr Maluma, yesterday confirmed that the Minister had paid his client R25 000 in an out of court settlement and without admitting any guilt.

Besides paying R25 000 damages, the Minister also agreed to pay legal costs, Mr Mabo said. A cheque was received from the Minister on Tuesday this week.

The lawyers for Mr Maluma claimed that Sibongile was seriously assaulted by the police without just or reasonable cause.

As a result of the serious injury, Sibongile had since lost her sight.
Magubane in court

A PHOTOGRAPHER claiming R37,000 damages from the Minister of Law and Order told the Rand Supreme Court judge yesterday that his life was more important than a picture.

Mr Peter Magubane, one of the country’s best-known photographers in the newspaper field, is claiming from the Minister for damages and loss of income.

His claim dates back to July 13, 1985 when he was allegedly shot and wounded by the police while taking pictures at the funeral of an unrest victim in Katlehong township, Germiston.

Cross-examined by advocate E Bruwer, for the Minister, Mr Magubane said he was facing the crowd of mourners who were running away from the police and taking pictures, when the police shot at him.

Mr Magubane said police did not fire birdshot at the legs of people, but sprayed the bodies with birdshot.

(Proceeding).
WINDHOEK — Five members of a special police counter-insurgency unit were sentenced in the Supreme Court here this week to a total of 100 years imprisonment for murdering two women.

Each was sentenced to 10 years for each murder conviction, to be served concurrently.

The men are Antonius Amunsele, Festus Kavira, Alwendo Angola, Titus Lasarus and Lasarus Onesimus.

According to evidence the victims, Mrs Lina D'orit and Mrs Eliza Filipus, were the common-law wives of an uncle of the five men, Mr Thomas Hambonde, who died in January last year.

The five suspected the women of causing their uncle's death by voodoo and consulted a witch-doctor, who told them they had to drown the women in a river or an evil spirit would strike down their families.

The men forced the women to tell relatives at the funeral of Mr Hambonde that they had been responsible for his death.

But the women told mourners they had given their husband a potion to make him love them more.

After the funeral, the women were taken to Huacanas where the men bound their arms and legs and tied rocks to their bodies before throwing them in the Cunene River to drown.

The judge said two policemen who had known about the unlawful detention of the two women could have averted the tragedy, but they had not done anything.

He ordered that evidence concerning the policemen, a Lt Nel and a Const Erasmus, be referred to the Attorney-General.
PW Botha petitioned to save two killer cops

By SOL MORATH

STATE President PW Botha was this week presented with a petition to save the lives of two former Braxton Murder and Robbery Squad detectives.

The petition was signed by 101,000 people and handed to the Office of the State President in Pretoria on Tuesday.

Jack le Grange and Robert van der Merwe were each sentenced to death twice earlier this year for killing two men.

They are due to hang before the end of this month after their appeal to the Appellate Division in Bloemfontein was turned down.

The petition was organised by a retired Witbank railway worker, Mathew Hoffman who collected the signatures in three months.

Hoffman said the petition was presented because he believed Le Grange and Van der Merwe did not deserve to hang for killing two known drug smugglers.

A public meeting to institute the second phase of the campaign to save the lives of the two convicted men was expected to be held at the Pretoria City Hall soon.

Hoffman expressed concern that although he had received very courteously, he got the impression the petition would not reach the State President personally.
Mr. Mwamukasa, 58, a former refugee from the Democratic Republic of Congo, was killed in the attack. The police are investigating the incident and have appealed for witnesses to come forward. The attack occurred on July 2, 2023, near the town of Kitwe.

Cosatu man convicted

THE regional chairman of the Congress of South African Trade Unions and a Transport and General Workers' Union office-bearer, Alfred Munya Ndlovu was yesterday convicted of terrorism and of being an accessory after the fact in the attempted murder of 13 schoolchildren aged 10—17 who were wounded by AK47 bullets near Marsburg.

Ndlovu was acquitted of a charge of attempted murder of Mr Philip Thabete who, the State alleged, had left Cosatu and joined the rival United Workers' Union of South Africa — Sapa.
Union steps up bid to save member

THE Commercial Catering and Allied Workers' Union of South Africa is to step up its campaign to save one of its members from the gallows with a prayer service to be held in Johannesburg tomorrow.

The condemned union member is Mr William Ntombela (33), a former Nels Dairy worker who lost his appeal against the death sentence in November last year.

Mr Kaizer Thibedi, CWUSA's Johannesburg branch secretary, said the service will be held at the Central Methodist Church from 5.45pm.

Mr Ntombela was held responsible for the death of two people at the height of the Nels strike in 1986.

A father of two, Mr Ntombela was a shop steward at Nels when about 1,000 employees of the company went on strike in 1986 in protest against low wages, the state of emergency and working conditions.

The strike was quashed by the dismissal of 750.
MARITZBURG — A trade unionist was convicted in the Regional Court yesterday on charges of terrorism and being an accessory to the attempted murder of 14 schoolchildren.

During the trial, it was proved that Southern Natal Cosatu chairman Alfred Muntu Ndlou, 38:
- was involved in activities intended unlawfully to overthrow or endanger state authority from June to October 1987;
- arranged accommodation, food and transport for one Mjitha, knowing that he had undergone military training by the ANC and was engaged on an ANC mission in SA;
- introduced other people to Mjitha, who were to assist him in his mission or who were to be trained by him in the use of AK-47s.

On August 6 1987, Ndlou drove Mjitha to a school where an Isakatha youth meeting was taking place. The aim was to kill Joseph Mabaso. Mjitha fired a number of shots at the group with an AK-47, wounding 14 of them.

In judgment, Magistrate G J Barnard referred to the evidence of expert witness for the defence Alex Erwin, the national education officer of the National Union of Metal Workers of SA.

Erwin stated in evidence that Cosatu shared a common ideology with the ANC, recognised it as a leading force in the liberation struggle and did not regard it as a terrorist organisation.
Cosatu official is convicted

MARITZBURG — The regional chairman of the Congress of South African Trade Unions, Alfred Muntu Ndlovu, has been convicted of terrorism and of being an accessory after the fact in the attempted murder of 13 schoolchildren.

Ndlovu was acquitted of a charge of attempted murder of rival unionist Mr Philip Thabathe.
Union plans appeal over jail term

By Mike Siluma
Labour Reporter

Notice of appeal against the jailing for five years of a leading Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU) official found guilty of terrorism and being an accessory to murder will be lodged in the Natal Supreme Court today, the union said.

Alfred Ndlovu (38), TGWU vice-president and regional chairman of the Congress of SA Trade Unions (Cosatu), was jailed for five years for terrorism and three years for the accessory to murder conviction. The sentences are to run concurrently.

Ndlovu's conviction is a sequel to violence which has afflicted the Maritzburg area over the past few years, involving sympathisers of the United Democratic Front, Inkatha and Cosatu.
"Different management style needed"

Unions working towards unity

PRETORIA — Trade unions were moving closer to each other and were prepared to face management in greater unity than five years ago, SA Boilermakers Society assistant general secretary B F P Oosthuizen said yesterday.

He told the project management conference at the CSIR the old approach of management to divide the labour force and rule was rapidly becoming something of the past.

"A different style of management which acknowledged the aspirations of labour would have to emerge if capital projects were to be managed effectively.

The behaviour and attitudes of the workforce were unpredictable because neither labour nor management had established a clear-cut power base."

Oosthuizen said to assist the two parties government had amended labour legislation with disastrous results. Now both sides were having difficulty with amendments.

GERALD REILLY

The state had once again shown its partisanship by introducing a piece of legislation that was an embarrassment to the pendulum in favour of capital.

A development becoming progressively more disturbing to trade unions was management moves to fragment workers skills into small specialised aspects.

Oosthuizen said employers were simply training workers in one aspect of a trade for the duration of a contract. Afterwards, they were cast into the wilderness of the semi-employed.

Management and government were alarmed at the reduced number of school leavers willing to become artisans.

The fragmentation of trades and a willingness on the part of employers and government to employ unqualified labour in artisans’ jobs left no incentive for youngsters to enter a trade. Labour was also demanding the right to be trained to master technological changes.

Court order against Uwuusa

DURBAN — Competition between two trade unions to recruit members in the Isithebe area led to attacks on officials and members of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union of South Africa (Actwusa) by officials and members of the United Workers Union of South Africa (Uwuusa), it was claimed in the Supreme Court in Durban yesterday.

Mr Justice Broome made an interim order interdicting members of Uwuusa from assaulting, molesting, intimidating, threatening or harassing members of Actwusa.

Uwuusa is also interdicted from preventing the other union from conducting meetings, and from disrupting the meetings and interfering with the union’s lawful activities.

Uwuusa must show cause by March 14 why the interim order should not be confirmed.

Elias Banda, national organiser of the applicant union, said the two unions were competing in the Isithebe area for members and the right to represent employees with management.

On February 2 he was holding a meeting with shop stewards in the Isithebe area. The meeting was broken up and he said members of his union were assaulted by officials and members of the other union, he said. — Sapa.
Natal unionist gets five years for terrorism

MARITZBURG — Trade unionist Alfred Ndlovu, convicted on Friday of terrorism and being an accessory to attempted murder, had intended "adding fuel to the fire" at a time of rioting and violence.

Regional Court magistrate G Barnard said this before sentencing Ndlovu to an effective five years' imprisonment.

Ndlovu, a top Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU) and Co-operatives official, aided a trained ANC terrorist, Mjitha, on a mission in SA. Ndlovu was convicted as an accessory to the attempted murder of 14 Inkhatha youth members shot by Mjitha at Emzamweni School near Maritzburg on August 6, 1987.

Ndlovu introduced Mjitha to people who possessed commercial explosives, knowing he intended blowing up police stations, the court found.

Ndlovu also provided a homemade shotgun and encouraged an attack on Inkhatha members.

The magistrate said a mitigating factor was that the local struggle between unionists and Inkhatha had influenced Ndlovu's actions.

A TGWU spokesman described Ndlovu as "a peace-loving man" who had tried to talk to local Inkhatha leaders long before violence flared.

| CHINA WARNS US ON TAIWAN POLICY |

PEKING — Premier Li Peng made clear to President George Bush yesterday that China would brook no sliding policy was not to intervene in this process. It was for the Chinese on either side of the Taiwan Straits to decide
SP asked to save death row unionists

CP Correspondent

IN A last-ditch attempt to save the lives of three of its members on death row, the Transvaal and General Workers' Union has petitioned Acting President Chris Heurns for clemency.

Putco bus drivers Stanford Ngubo, Johannes Buthelezi and Buthelezi Masango were sentenced to hang for murdering another Putco bus driver, Petford Shezi, who defied a strike in 1986. Also awaiting the gallows is Vumani Khuzwayo, who was hired to kill Shezi.

Two previous applications to have their death sentences commuted have been turned down by the Durban Coastal Supreme Court and the Appellate Division, union lawyer Don Kali said this week.

In letters sent to the State President, Kali said Ngubo and Buthelezi were their families' sole breadwinner and that the incident was their first brush with the law.

Ngubo, 35, has three children. Prior to his conviction he earned R200 a week.

Buthelezi, 47, has four wives and 10 children, whom he supported on R25 a week. Concord
Worker
Sue boss
and cops

A 33-year-old labourer
and hostel inmate, who
was allegedly assaulted by
his white supervisor inside
a police station, near
Pretoria last year, is
claiming R10,000 dam-
ges from both his
employers and the
Minister of Law and
Order.

Mr Johannes Maepa
of Saulsville hostel in
Atteridgeville, alleges he
was assaulted by his
supervisor at his place of
employment and made
the Lyttleton Police
Station near Pretoria on
or about October 30,
1987.
PUBLIC SECTOR GOVT. POLICE

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Two policemen dead

JOHANNESBURG. — A second municipal policeman died yesterday of wounds he received in a hand grenade attack on a police compound inKatlehong on the East Rand on Thursday night.

Constable G M Mathebula died on the operating table. Constable George Alemane, 35, died shortly after the attack while undergoing emergency surgery.

Of the 16 municipal policemen admitted to Natalspruit Hospital near Alberton, one was in critical condition yesterday and three others were in a serious condition.

A hospital spokesman said two policemen had been discharged.

Police in Pretoria said 30 black constables and one white warrant officer were on parade at the Katlehong municipal offices about 9.15p.m. on Thursday night when four Soviet-made F1 hand grenades were hurled at them across a wall. The attackers got away.
THERE was no certainty yet as to whether the inquest magistrate, ordered to reconsider his decision on the controversial killing of seven alleged guerrillas by police in Guguletu two years ago, would allow verbal evidence.

This was said yesterday by the assistant senior prosecutor at Wynberg Magistrate's Court, Mrs Sandra Swart, in reply to a query for a court date for the re-opening of the inquest into the deaths of the seven alleged ANC members.

She said the inquest magistrate, Mr G Hoffman, would begin studying additional evidence collected by the attorney general's office before deciding on a court date.

In November 1986 Mr Hoffman found, on sworn affidavits only, that all seven men died from bullet wounds sustained "in police activity for the combating of terrorism".
Suspect found hanged

PRETORIA — A prisoner awaiting trial on charges of indecently assaulting children was found hanged in his cell in Pretoria central prison on Sunday, the Department of Prisons said in a statement yesterday. Mr Gert Wallace was found hanging from a belt. He was to have appeared in the Pretoria Regional Court at the end of January on charges of indecent assault.
Striking cops face instant dismissal

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

POLICEMEN who go on strike or threaten to go on strike will be summarily dismissed without any hearing, according to a new bill tabled in Parliament yesterday.

The Police Amendment Bill also drastically increases the penalties for anyone who aids or incites a policeman to take any action to evade a lawful command.

If the bill is approved by the standing committee and by Parliament, sentence for a person convicted of aiding or inciting a policeman to evade a lawful command will be increased to R4,000 or jail for up to 12 months or both.

For a second offence, the fine will go up from R1,000 to a maximum of R8,000 or jail of up to two years, or both.

In terms of another provision, the commissioner of police will be empowered to dismiss any policeman without a hearing "if he has reasonable grounds to believe that a member of the force strikes or conspires to strike."  

As soon as practically possible the dismissed policeman must be given the reason for his dismissal.

A further provision will allow police to be seconded to any government department or the police in Namibia or in a homeland.

The bill also increases the penalties for a number of contraventions of the Police Act to fines of up to R2,000 or jail up to six months or both, or fines of up to R4,000 or jail of up to 12 months or both.

These penalties cover people who ignore a police order to stop their vehicle, unlawfully receive or possess property belonging to the police, wear police medals without permission of the commissioner, make false representations as to their association with the police, illegally demand toll fees, refuse as members of the police reserve to report for a call-up and other offences.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, will be empowered to reinstate any dismissed policeman after he has considered the representations.

The bill defines a strike as including "any socio-economic, sympathy, solidarity, protest, work-to-rule or precision strike, as well as any other form of strike and stayaway."
Policeman dies, 31 injured in grenade attack

The Argus Correspondent
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hong municipal police station.

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last night when the grenades, Soviet-made FIs, were thrown over a wall.

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Four policemen were seriously injured in the attack. A fifth, Constable George Ale-
mane, 35, died while on the operating table, in the Natalsprut Hospital.

LIMPET MINE

The parade commander, Warrant Officer
Lucas van Tullingen, and 26 others with
wound shrapnel wounds were treated and dis-
charged from hospital.

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oord, Benoni, home of the chairman of the
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The names of the injured are not yet
available.

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One dead, 31 injured

Grenade blitz on policemen

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The parade commander, Warrant Officer Lucas van Tullingen, was one of those injured in the 9:15 pm attack.

He suffered shrapnel wounds in the back. He was discharged from Germiston's Willem Craywagen Hospital after treatment.

Massive search

A massive search has been launched for the insurgents.

Police sources say it is almost certain several men took part.

Four black municipal policemen were seriously injured and a fifth died on the operating table in the Natalprut Hospital.

He has been identified as Constable George Afemane (35).

The seriously injured suffered extensive shrapnel wounds. The 27 slightly injured policemen were treated and discharged. Their names have not been released.

A Pretoria police spokesman confirmed four Soviet F1 grenades were used.

The attack happened the day after a Ipetnine exploded at the Ryensoord, Benoni, home of the chairman of the House of Delegates, Mr Salim Abram Mayet.

He escaped uninjured but damage of several thousand rands was done to the house.

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Fast chop for striking police

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In an explanatory memorandum, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok says: “Because of the disruptive effect of a strike, there is a need for an effective mechanism to neutralise the effects of a strike.”

The Bill also increases the penalties for a number of contraventions of the Police Act.

In another Bill, a wide-ranging provision will enable government to exclude any black pupil from a state school if it believes the presence of the pupil will be “prejudicial” to the interests of the school or to the provision of education.

The controversial measure, incorporated in the Education and Training Amendment Bill, gives absolute discretion to the director-general of education and training to decide whether a pupil should be excluded from a school. It makes no provision for any appeal or hearing.

The Bill has to be considered by a standing committee before it will be submitted to Parliament.
PORT ELIZABETH. — Police here have launched an intensive manhunt for the killer of an off-duty policeman whose body was found in a street several kilometres from his home late on Thursday night.

The murder is the latest incident in a series of armed attacks on policemen across the country in the past few months.

A routine township patrol discovered the body of Constable Vukile Yako, 32, who was stationed at the New Brighton police station, at 10.15pm in KwaZakhele. Constable Yako had come off duty earlier in the evening.
Johannesburg. — Lawyers for Mr Trevor Tutu, son of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, have sent letters to Johannesburg traffic chief Mr John Pearce and the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, requesting them to assure Mr Tutu protection from intimidation.

Mr Tutu said he had been "threatened with death" by police and traffic officials during his arrest on Tuesday for traffic offences.

"We want Mr Pearce and the department of law and order to assure protection against any alleged threats being carried out," said Mr James Bolleurs, Mr Tutu's attorney. Sapa
A man has died in a car accident in Pretoria. A prison trial prisoner, Mr. Daniel Qobo, 33, of Sebokeng, appeared in court on Tuesday for a charge of housebreaking and theft. Police were conducting tests in the investigation, a police spokesman said.

Mr. Qobo's death occurred during the investigation which included the searching of certain spots in Sebokeng. Police claimed Mr. Qobo's hands were handcuffed behind his back, attempted to escape. "While running away he fell and lost consciousness," a police statement said.

**SAA Helgemberg's 'black box' found**

SALVORS yesterday made maritime history — and may have obtained vital clues to unravel the mystery of the Helgemberg jet disaster — when they recovered the doomed Boeing 747's cockpit voice recorder from the Indian Ocean seabed.

Experts hailed the find, nearly 4.5km under the waves where the downed airliner disappeared in November 1987, as a major breakthrough.

All 160 people on board Flight 259 perished when the aircraft lunged into the sea, apparently in a ball of flames, and disintegrated.

The black box (CVR) — one of the three performance-monitoring devices installed in Boeing 747's — was found more than 4 000m down at 9.30am yesterday, at the site of most of the plane's wreckage 134 nautical miles northeast of Mauritius.

The chairman of the commission of inquiry into...
Top cop held and Namibia gem-heit

By JIM FREEMAN

ONE OF Namibia's most prominent policemen, Warrant Officer Willem Hendrik "Wim- pie" van Greunen, appeared in Oranjemund Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with the theft of diamonds worth R2.5 million from police offices.

No charges were put to WO Van Greunen, but a charge of housebreaking and theft were being investigated, according to the state prosecutor at the diamond-mining centre, Mr Wollie Masker.

WO Van Greunen would be remanded in custody until the next hearing on January 25 while the police investigation continued, he said.

Mr Masker added that an application for R20,000 bail by the policeman's attorney, Mr Hein van Wyk, had been rejected by magistrate Mr Elton Hoff.

A total of 1615 diamonds worth R2.5 million had been stolen from the offices of the police's high-security Diamond and Narcotics Bureau at Oranjemund on New Year's Eve, he said. Also stolen was R138,389.

Mr Masker said the police were investigating the possibility that the person who removed the gems from the police safe had an accomplice who received the diamonds.

There was a possibility that the uncut stones could already have left Namibia, he said.

WO Van Greunen, a 32-year-old detective, only recently joined the Diamond Branch, according to senior police sources in Windhoek.

He was previously attached to the Car Theft Unit in the Namibian capital and was prominently involved in breaking syndicates of thieves who stole vehicles in South Africa and sold them in northern Namibia.
Invisible damage was left in the building's interior, with the structure's walls and floors sustaining the brunt of the blast. The corner of the roof was blown off, and windows were shattered across the facade.

The cause of the explosion is under investigation, and authorities are working to determine the motive behind the incident.

Local residents report feeling a loud explosion in the early morning hours, which awakened them from their sleep. The area is now cordoned off, and police are conducting a thorough examination of the scene.

Local dignitaries and officials have expressed their concern and solidarity with the affected community. The city is working closely with the affected residents to provide support and assistance.
Detainee dies in struggle

PRETORIA — A 36-year-old man, Mr Aaron Roger Dlamini, who was detained by the police on charges of theft, was "fatally injured" on Tuesday during a struggle with a policeman after an alleged escape attempt, police said. An SAPS statement said a policeman was injured when he tried to prevent the escape.
Police probe cell ‘rape’

By PATRICK COLLUNS
Crime Reporter

POLICE are investigating a complaint by a 24-year-old woman that she was indecently assaulted and raped by policemen at the weekend in the Steenberg police cells.

Police confirmed that the woman, who works as a domestic servant for a Muizenberg family, had filed the complaint at the Muizenberg police station.

The woman was arrested at 12am on Saturday after her mother told police that her daughter had been fighting with her husband.

The woman, who admitted to being under the influence of liquor at the time of her arrest, said she was fetched by two policemen who took her to the Steenberg police station. She said she was led into a small room.

"In the room one of the policemen started insulting me while another grabbed my private parts and my breasts," the woman said.

"One of the policemen then took me to a room where he said I must get my blanket for the night. He touched my private parts and said if I slept with him he would let me out of jail early."

She said that later in the evening one of the policemen raped her while two other policemen "stood around.”

"When he left I shouted after him that I had his force number. The next day when a policewoman came to let me out I was too ashamed to say anything."

The woman’s employer reported the incident on Sunday. Police said no arrests had been made.

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SPECIAL SERVICES
Shootout in Soweto: 1 dead

JOHANNESBURG — A youth was killed, another wounded and a policeman and two onlookers were shot during a shootout between a group of people and the police in Orlando West, Soweto, on Tuesday, the Sowetan reported.

The incident occurred about 5.30pm. An eyewitness said police arrived at the scene in more than 20 vehicles.

The injured youth, who was shot in the arm and leg, was taken by the police to Baragwanath Hospital. The injured policeman and the two onlookers were also treated at hospitals.

A police spokesman yesterday confirmed the incident and said the dead man was being sought by police. He said about seven youths were arrested.

According to eyewitnesses, the unidentified youth was shot dead as he was running for cover to a house in the township. They said he was shot in the back of the head.

When a team of reporters from the Sowetan arrived at the scene of the shooting, more than 30 policemen were standing outside the house where the incident took place. They were all armed. — Sapa
Policemen charged

TWO members of the South African Police will possibly face murder charges pending results of an investigation into the recent death of an awaiting trial prisoner. The acting Commissioner of Police, Lt-Gen Johan van der Merwe, said, "Gen van der Merwe said Daniel Qobolo, who died while being detained in connection with house-breaking charges".

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COUNSEL for the families of the victims of the 1985 Mamelodi shootings yesterday accused a policeman who allegedly shot and killed a man of lying about the incident.

Mr Morris Bassian accused Sergeant Eugene Halliday during an inquest into the shootings which left 14 people dead and scores injured. This was during cross-examination before Mr J.N Pretorius in the Pretoria North magistrates' court.

According to evidence before court, Sergeant Halliday fatally wounded a man on November 21, 1985. He told the court that he had seen the man welding a burning petrol bomb and that his life was endangered as a result.

**Throw**

The policeman told the inquest that he fired at the man as he condition-ed himself to throw the petrol bomb.

He said the man had bent slightly forward with his back turned to him.

Mr Bassian challenged the policeman's evidence on the basis that it was in contrast with the version of a medical professor who said the dead man was shot at by someone aiming directly at his back. The counsel said according to the wounds the man had sustained and the professor's report, the policeman's evidence was untrue.

Although the petrol bomb the man was alleged to have been welding fell next to him after he was shot at, the sergeant said it burnt out on its own. The man was also not burnt, he said.

**Loaded**

He said although he realised when he arrived at the police station that the man he had loaded in a police vehicle had died, Sergeant Halliday admitted that he did nothing to find out where the shooting incident took place, look for eyewitnesses or take photographs of the victims.

Mr Bassian put it to him that failure to fulfil these requirements, nor take other policemen to the scene of the incident was because it was clear that he was guilty of what he had done.
Police injured in shebeen raid

RIOT police were called in to help three policemen who were attacked yesterday by a group of men during a dagga raid at a Woodstock shebeen.

The incident happened at 10.30 am when members of the police mobile unit raided a house in Cornwall Street, Woodstock, a police spokesman said yesterday.

The three policemen confiscated 85 dagga cigarettes and on returning to their vehicle were attacked by six men.

In the ensuing struggle the policemen’s uniforms were torn and two watches were stolen, the spokesman said.

Reinforcements from the riot squad were called in and order was restored.

Ten men were arrested and will appear in court today on charges ranging from assault to damaging police property.
Cop hit Tutu's son, court hears

Johannesburg — A constable lost his temper and slapped Archbishop Desmond Tutu's son Trevor after he swore at police who stopped him for questioning while he was on a 3am jog in Soweto earlier this month.

This was said in an affidavit by Constable Alain Charles du Plessis, before Mr Justice Flemming in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Const Du Plessis's affidavit was one of those submitted on behalf of the Minister of Law and Order who is opposing an urgent application brought against him by Mr Trevor Tutu.

Mr Tutu has asked the court for an interdict restraining the police from unlawfully threatening and assaulting his family and himself.

Const Du Plessis said that on January 8 his petrol stopped a young black man wearing a tracksuit, T-shirt and walkman. He said he was not aware the man was Trevor Tutu until after the incident.

Const Du Plessis said he informed the man he was going to search him.

"He said words to the effect that he had an interdict and asked me whether I knew what that was," he said.

"I asked him to explain it to me and he advised me he had a letter from the Commissioner of Police stating that police officers were not allowed to touch him or talk to him."

The constable said Mr Tutu then swore at him and told him to call him 'Sir'.

A warrant officer ordered that Mr Tutu be taken into the vehicle.

Mr Tutu repeated the swear words a certain Constable Coetzee asked Mr Tutu if he was swearing at him, Const Du Plessis said.

When he answered in the affirmative, Const Coetzee lost his temper and slapped him.

According to Const Du Plessis, Mr Tutu said after that "Come on guys, this is fun. Hit me some more. I'm enjoying it."
Judge rebukes city’s police chief

By RONNIE MORRIS
Supreme Court Reporter

A CAPE TOWN judge has strongly rebuked the city’s top policeman, Brigadier Roy During, for not properly applying his mind, acting in bad faith and signing an affidavit designed to mislead the court.

The rebuke was delivered by Mr Justice H L Berman when he gave reasons for overturning a ban by Brigadier During, Divisional Commissioner of Police for the Western Cape, on the “Rally for Democracy” planned for the City Hall last October 19.

Lawyers for the Gardens Youth Congress and Mowbray Youth Congress had informed police of the meeting and gave certain undertakings, including compliance with any reasonable conditions police may have imposed.

But at 2.45pm on October 19 Brigadier During issued a banning order prohibiting the meeting from taking place.

Mr Justice Berman said it seemed apparent that Brigadier During had failed to apply his mind properly. And on a proper reading of his notice banning the meeting it was not clear on what basis he had exercised his prohibiting power.

The emergency regulations gave officers such as Brigadier During “awesome powers” and “the greater the power they afford, the more careful, the more cautious and circumspect should be their invocation”.

“This was neither a game being played by Brigadier During against the organisers of the meeting nor a Manichean contest being fought between them.

“It was a serious matter to be treated

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"No explanation has been given for this extraordinary and discourteous conduct in withholding service of his banning order until the 11th hour, but it brings the exercise of his good faith into question."

If he had not issued the order at that late stage, he would not have run the risk of provoking trouble and making it difficult, if not impossible, to publicise the banning.

This had resulted in a large and restless crowd congregating outside the City Hall while the application was being heard, Mr Justice Berman said.

Brigadier During had cited a "threat to the termination of the state of emergency" but that was not a permissible ground for prohibiting any meeting, said the judge.

The judge also questioned the conduct of Brigadier During's attorney, who in drafting the brigadier's affidavit, had permitted him to sign and swear to the truth of its contents.

This was done in the knowledge that it was untrue that the brigadier was aware of the contents since he could not have given his affidavit anything but the most cursory glance.

The attorney had, therefore, conducted himself "in a manner inconsistent with the high ethical standard expected of an officer of the court."

"The procedure followed by Brigadier During and the attorney was quite simply an essay in cynicism."

Mr Denis Hall, instructed by Mr Christine Burger, of F Schwarz and Associates, appeared for the applicant. Mr F. Vroom QC, with Mr J. J. van den Horne, appeared for Brigadier During.
by CLIVE SAWYER
Mitchell's Plain Bureau

POLICEMEN stood by during a knife fight at the Mitchell's Plain Town Centre, claims a security guard.

Mr Graham Daries of Real Security said five "gangsters" started shouting at two jewellery store employees at a fruit stand.

A fight broke out and the two men were stabbed and chased into the jewellery store. One of the gangsters was stabbed by the men.

Still wearing his bloodstained clothing, Mr Daries said "I asked the police to help, but they just stood by. There were five of them, but all they did was take one of the men from the jewellery store away."

He said he had not been involved, but had seen the man in the charge office.

"He was told to come back and lay a charge once he had been treated," said Sergeant Sholdt.

A Constable van Wyk said he was passing when he saw two men attacking another.

"I took a knife and a hammer away from one of the men, but I could not handle the situation and called for reinforcements."

**Head injuries**

He said three policemen arrived and they helped the stabbed man to the charge office.

Fruitsellers said they had seen nothing. One, who refused to be named, said he had run into a shop when the fight started.

Policemen at the Mitchell's Plain charge office said the stabbed man had been taken to hospital and no charges had been laid. He had head injuries, they said.

A spokesman for the Cape Ambulance and Rescue Services said the ambulance went to the police station, but the stab victim refused treatment and refused to get in the ambulance.

"He said he would go home by himself. We don't know his name," said the spokesman.
Sayco Leaders Sue

For Alleged Torture

Two executive members of the
Sayco organization, Mr. Oh and Mr. Lam, have filed a lawsuit against the company alleging that they were subjected to severe physical and psychological torture while in custody. The plaintiffs claim that they were beaten, deprived of food and water, and subjected to sleep deprivation.

The lawsuit seeks damages for emotional distress and physical injury. The plaintiffs have also sought a restraining order against Sayco to prevent further abuse.

The company has denied the allegations and stated that it will defend itself in court.
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Is the same group responsible?

Series of terror attacks on police

By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

Police are investigating whether a series of AK-47 and hand grenade terror attacks — the latest in Soweto early on Saturday — on SAP and municipal policemen in Reef townships in recent months was carried out by the same group.

Two policemen and a 50-year-old Orlando West bystander died in a hail of AK-47 bullets in the grounds of the Mzimhlophe Hostel in the Saturday attack.

A third policeman was seriously injured in the attack, which took place near a shopping centre and municipal offices.

The names of the dead and wounded policemen have not been released, nor has that of the bystander who was killed in the incident.

Mother stabbed 21 times

By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

A man is expected to appear in court today in connection with the stabbing and killing of a young Lichtenburg mother who was attacked in a bottle store in the town at the weekend.

Mrs Christa Esterhuizen (36) — mother of two daughters, aged three and five, and of a son, aged two — was stabbed 21 times with a butcher’s knife on Saturday at about 10 am, police said.

Stunned bystanders at the store, where Mrs Esterhuizen worked as a cashier, were also held at knife point after the frenzied stabbing. She was later pronounced dead.

Mr Esterhuizen died on the way to hospital.

Witnesses said the man stabbed Mrs Esterhuizen “without a word.”

“He walked in, without looking left or right, and plunged the knife Christa was behind the counter. She was stabbed on the side of the head and when she fell the man pounced on her and started stabbing,” said supermarket manageress Mrs Lorraine Vorster.

“One of the clients managed to escape and stopped a police car in the street.”

The knife man allowed the police to take away his knife.

Police have opened a murder docket: Marital problems apparently sparked the attack, police said.

Three dead, 36 wounded

Reef townships have been the scene of several terror ambushes over the past few months and have left at least three members of the security forces dead and about 36 wounded.

Recent attacks include:

• Four Soviet F1 grenades being hurled at a municipal police on parade at Kathlehong on the East Rand on January 5, killing one man and wounding 31.

• Two SAP members were killed in an ambush in Orlando, Soweto on December 8.

• A week later, three municipal policemen were wounded in another attack in Soweto.

Anyone with information is asked to contact (011) 780-8300.

Police hunting escaped murder suspect

Police are still hunting Mr Michael Mathembu — wanted in connection with the murder last February of Mudrand marketing executive Ms Gail Ings — after he escaped from Baragwanath Hospital last month.

Mr Mathembu escaped from the hospital for the second time in four months on December 15.

He is about 1,75 m tall. Anyone who sees him must not approach him but is asked to contact Warrant Officer Willie Steyn at (011) 839-3322 or the nearest police station. — Crime Reporter.
Shootout probe nears end

POLICE investigations into last year's fatal shootout between SAP and SADF members in a Soweto house were almost complete, a police spokesman said yesterday.

Barring a few outstanding reports, the spokesman said, the investigation was at an "advanced stage" and a docket would be handed to the Attorney-General in about two weeks for a decision on whether or not to press criminal charges.

The high-level inquiry follows a late night shootout between four SAP and four SADF members on December 14. Two special constables and a complainant were killed and a third special constable seriously injured when the SADF members opened fire on them.
Black policemen

Govt's frontline of confrontation

When state-of-emergency regulations are enforced, black police are among those unmasking the will of white authorities.

And when anti-apartheid activists target "Government collaborators" for attacks, black police often are singled out.

More than half of South Africa's 7000 policemen are blacks, and in this divided country, they have one foot in both camps, working for a Government that upholds white privilege and living in communities restless for fundamental change.

"Blacks are very important to the overall success of the South African Police," said Dark Kotze, a white police captain who trains recruits at the black police college.

Black policemen generally view themselves as an apolitical group providing an essential service to a country where crime is high. In Soweto, home to 2.5 million people, more than 10 murders and 25 rapes are reported on an average weekend.

Vital link

"I'm a professional policeman, and my job is to uphold the law," said Lt. Col. Paul Anna Zwanza, who has worked in Soweto since 1964. "I support the Government of the day and don't get involved in politics."

Yet black police are a vital link in the Government's intelligence network, helping collect information on political activists who may be detained without trial.

An estimated 30,000 people have been detained for varying periods during the 3-month-old emergency, and there have been repeated charges of torture and beatings.

Order Monitor, said in 1986.

Black officers are accessible targets because they live in the townships where most of the recent unrest has occurred and are the most visible Government representatives.

Sgt. John Shubu, who lives and works in Soweto, said more than 200 youths surrounded and burned his house in 1985. Shubu held the mob at bay by firing shots for 30 minutes until police arrived to rescue him.

Knew them

Shubu said he knew many of the youths and has spoken to them subsequently.

"They said they wanted to kill me just because I am a policeman, even though I hadn't done anything to them personally," Shubu said.

Several months later, black students threatened to kill Shubu's wife, a high school teacher. The couple moved to a different neighborhood, but continued with their jobs.

As recently as three years ago, black traffic policemen could not issue tickets to white motorists. Their jobs also have changed.

Ranks

Several blacks have risen to the rank of Colonel. But white anti-apartheid activists are likely to be stationed in black areas.

A total of 1,400 black recruits are trained every six months at the training college. Hundreds of applicants are turned away.

As recently as three years ago, black traffic policemen could not issue tickets to white motorists. Their jobs also have changed.

Chance

"I know the people in the township won't like me," said Charles Malade, 23, a trainer at the black police college.

"But this is the best-paying job I could find, and I have a chance to advance."

Pay parity for policemen of all races was instituted five years ago, and other discriminatory measures also have been eliminated. Today it pays 10 years ago, a white policeman always was in charge when working with a black colleague, even if the black held a higher rank. Now rank alone determines command.

Political comment in this issue by Aggerie Klaasen and Sum Mable Sub-Diabetic, Ansell and parted by Sydney Martha, All of 61 Compass Road, Industria West, Johannesburg.

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AK attack on
Mntonga cops
KING WILLIAMS TOWN — The Mdantsane homes of two security policemen involved in the Eric Mntonga murder trial were attacked by men armed with an AK 47 assault rifle and a hand grenade this week.

Cape police liaison officer Colonel Avery Ngaki said the homes were attacked at noon on Monday.

He declined to release the names of the policemen involved "for security reasons". A hand grenade was thrown outside the first house. It damaged the roof and walls. An AK 47 rifle was used to fire shots through the windows of the second house.

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On Wednesday night, police confirmed that the body of a man had been found in a wooded area near the scene of the crime.

The victim was identified as a 25-year-old Khayelitsha resident named Phumzile Mntungwa, who had been reported missing last week.

A police spokesperson said that an investigation is underway to determine the cause of death.

The Khayelitsha Times haslearned that the victim had been a resident of the area for several years and had been involved in multiple incidents of violence.

BY HENRY LUDSIK

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Ciskei confirms police deaths 'a month late'

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — The deaths of three Ciskei police recruits during training was announced almost a month after the incident — and this happened only after concerned relatives contacted the press this week.

The Ciskei police PRO, Colonel Avery Ngaku, confirmed on Monday that the deaths followed a physical training exercise on December 27.

Col Ngaku identified the three as Mr Gordon Phumelela Qgomfa, 30, of Alice, Mr Octavius Qhayiso, 24, of Skoleni Village near Bisho, and Mr Munguteleli Khawulela, 24, of Peddie.

He "declined" to answer yesterday when asked whether the deaths would have been announced had there been no inquiries.
R2000 paid out for unlawful detention

THE Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, has made an offer to pay R2000 damages in an out of court settlement to a motor car mechanic who was unlawfully arrested and detained in Hammanskraal last year.

Mr Johannes Mothiba, of 96 17th Avenue, Alexandra township, was wrongfully and unlawfully arrested by members of the South African Police who gained entry into his house at Greenside, Hammanskraal by breaking doors at about 3am on May 5 last year.

He was detained at the Hammanskraal police station and later transferred to the Pretoria Central Prison where he was released on May 23.

He was unlawfully arrested on May 5 on charges of housebreaking and theft which were withdrawn. He was arrested again shortly after his release and charged with culpable homicide. He was acquitted.

In a letter dated December 8 last year, the state attorney informed Mr Mothiba's lawyers that the Minister was offering R2000 without prejudice and to avoid incurring unnecessary costs. Mr Mothiba had initially claimed R10,000 damages from the Minister.

A spokesman for DZ Tantsi Attorneys in Pretoria, yesterday said they had accepted the Minister's offer but added that the amount excluded legal costs which would still be paid by Mr Vlok.

Detainees on hunger strike

DETAINEES at Diepkloof Prison have announced that they have decided to go on hunger strike yet again to draw the authorities' and the public's attention to their demands. This should make every thinking South African sit up and listen to the desperate plea being made by those who the government has chosen to remove from society, says the Human Rights Commission.

The HRC is very concerned about the plight of long-term detainees.
Five township cops killed, dozens injured in spate of armed attacks

SOWETO police and the security branch are working hard to smash an alleged hit squad attacking black policemen in the townships.

Five black policemen were killed and 36 wounded in separate AK-47 and hand-grenade attacks in Reef townships over the past month.

Grenades

The attacks appear to be aimed largely at municipal policemen and so-called kitsjongstokke.

More black policemen have been killed in numerous similar incidents, in other parts of the country.

By MANDELA TYALA

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Fanyana Zwane said this week it would take some time before police could be certain whether the same group was responsible for the attacks on the Reef.

No arrests have yet been made.

The most dramatic attack took place in Katlehong on the East Rand three weeks ago when four Soviet F1 grenades were hurled at a group of 35, parading municipal policemen. One policeman was killed and 31 others were injured.

Last week about 25 rounds were fired from an AK-47 rifle at a foot patrol in Soweto. Two policemen were killed and a third seriously injured. A bystander was also killed.

Blackjacks

Kitsjongstokke and municipal policemen (known in the townships as blackjacks or green beans) have been encouraged by various quarters since their introduction a few years ago.

They seem to be using the same brutal force by black SAP members during the township riots of 1984, which led to the declaration of the state of emergency.

Black policemen, always torn between the force and their own communities, had to be housed in tent towns outside the townships because of petrol bomb attacks on their homes by the 'comrades'.

Viewed as collaborators working against their people, they had few friends and led lonely lives.

The blackjacks quickly earned a reputation for ruthlessness and bad manners.

Scores of deaths in the Vaal Triangle alone were attributed to blackjack and kitsjongstokke guns.

Police said at the time they were aware of the negative image of the force. But, as a Soweto commander pointed out, some had lost friends and family in the unrest and might have taken the law into their own hands to avenge the deaths.
Independent MP for Claremont, Mr Jan van Eck (right), yesterday launched a book chronicling his involvement in monitoring the "unrest situation" in South Africa.

"Eyewitness to Unrest" records a wide range of events from the funerals of Matthew Gonwe, Fort Calata, Siselo Mkhazi and Sparrow Mkhonto to the aftermath of the Trojan Horse incident in Athlone, Cape Town.

At the Johannesburg launch yesterday Mr van Eck said the most important issue dealt with in his book was the fact that the SAP had become a law unto themselves and that South Africa no longer had a civilian Government.

The book is dedicated to deceased activists Molly Blackburn and Di Bishop.
Victim 'kicked, dragged'

A MAMELODI resident who was allegedly killed by a white policeman on the day of the 1985 shootings was also kicked and dragged along a concrete driveway before he was thrown into a police vehicle, an inquest magistrate heard yesterday.

This was said by two women who saw a policeman shoot at Mr Jerry Ngwatile inside the yard of a Section O home on November 21, 1985. The women were testifying before Mr J N Pretorius during an inquest into the shootings.

Both witnesses, Mrs Maria Malebelo Sibanyoni and Mrs Agnes Madiseng, said the man was shot at as he and other youths were running away shortly after they were approached by an armed policeman. They said he youths were running in different directions, the policeman opened fire and Mr Ngwatile was struck by a bullet.

According to Mrs Sibanyoni, Mr Ngwatile had done nothing to provoke the policeman's action. She also said he did not carry a petrol bomb as was stated earlier by two policemen.

Mrs Sibanyoni said she was one of the people who marched to the administrative offices earlier on that day.
Cop row

ABOUT 60 Vosloorus municipal policemen yesterday confronted top council officials with a list of grievances — top of which was the "non-payment" of overtime and ill-treatment by a senior white official in the security section.

A source close to the council told the Sowetan that a meeting between the policemen and the white official ended abruptly when "the official allegedly refused to co-operate;"

...Members of the council declined to comment.
A PRETORIA North magistrates court yesterday held an inquest into the deaths of 20 people in a fire at the compound of the ANC's Leiphalale conference.

The inquest heard that the victims included police and ANC members.

It was revealed that the police had opened fire on the protesters, resulting in the deaths of 20 people.

The police had claimed that the protesters were attacking the ANC conference with sticks and stones, but the inquest found that the police had fired into the air, causing a panic among the crowd.

Witnesses at the inquest said that the police had opened fire without warning, and that the crowd had fled in panic.

The inquest also heard that the police had used excessive force, and that the victims had been killed in cold blood.

The inquest proceedings were postponed until June 19.
Women were operatives. SAP

Major General SS Smit, Executive Chief of the Security Branch, announced yesterday that he had given me the great pleasure to announce that the female secret agents of the Security Branch, who were taken to prison and later to the ANC in South Africa, have been approved for special operations.

"The women were operatives in the ANC's security service. They were trained in sabotage operations and were responsible for providing information to the ANC. They were arrested and imprisoned for seven years," General Smit said.

The ANC is grateful for the release of these women and is currently considering their plans for the future.

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Tactical coup, and early poll again possibly possible.

In the course of elections, the ANC was able to achieve a huge victory in the National Assembly. The party is now poised for another early poll, which could be a significant milestone towards democracy.

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I infiltratedANC, says police spy

By Esther Waugh

Lieutenant Olivia Forsyth, today confessed to being a South African Security Police spy in the African National Congress. In her first interview since her escape from the ANC in Uganda in May last year, she revealed she had been a double agent working for both the ANC and the SAS.

Lieutenant Forsyth released highly sensitive espionage information acquired exclusively by the "Black Angel" project, a SAS task force led by Lieutenant Colonel Olivia Forsyth, involving the election of the ANC and the SAS. She released six of which it says Lieutenant Forsyth conformed to them. The confession also revealed the existence of a South Africa spy, Jerry Barnard.

Lieutenant Forsyth revealed a starting tale of intrigue, allegedly dealing with the assassinations of ANC's notorious Quirini rehabilitation camp, where she was tortured and other torture was used.

Confession

The 35-year-old South African undercover agent, revelations to the ANC about the information she had received about the security service, including the decision to use her to infiltrate the ANC, were confirmed by the ANC. Lieutenant Forsyth speaks only about her experiences in the ANC and when asked about the circumstances surrounding her confession and defection to the ANC, she refused to comment.

"The ANC gave me the opportunity to return to South Africa. I was never given a choice," she said.

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PW steps down as Nat. chief

How the moves were revealed in late and sudden advances of the ANC yesterday is that in fact, the party has already been in negotiations with several parties, including the ANC. PW Botha was in the National Assembly yesterday and received a vote of confidence. He is expected to step down as leader of the ANC in the next few months.

They said Mr Botha had cleared the way for the eventual return of faction leaders at the ANC. This was confirmed by the ANC itself, which has said it is preparing for a leadership change.

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Emerging DI

Conservative Press Council, together with the ANC, has been investigating the ANC's role in the recent elections. The Council has issued a statement condemning the ANC's role in the election campaign.

The ANC is currently under investigation by the South African Police, who have seized documents and equipment from the party's offices.

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Olivia Forsyth's message

"I infiltrated the ANC, says police spy"
I have been caught by the ANC.

What to do?

The ANC has gained power and influence, and their policies have led to widespread corruption, economic hardship, and political violence. As a result, many South Africans are left feeling disillusioned and frustrated.

Supporting the ANC can be seen as giving them the power to make the decisions that affect our lives. However, there is concern that their policies may not be in the best interest of all South Africans.

One option is to support the ANC, hoping that they will change their ways. Another is to oppose them, working to change the system from within.

Regardless of your choice, it is important to be informed and to make a decision that aligns with your values and goals.
Growth prospects this year are looking good.
I took R250 from police, says student

BY CARMEL RICKARD,
Durban

A NATAL University SRC member has disclosed that police asked him to "spy" on Durban campus organisations and that he had accepted money to pay for his car repairs.

Derek McGowan this week resigned his post as residence house officer.

In an official statement McGowan said he was first approached in October by a man who asked that he work for the police.

McGowan said he did not agree, but later met two men who took him to lunch and told him they would pay R250 to R500 a month depending on the quality of information supplied.

Once again no decision was made.

However, he was phoned later for another meeting but said his car had broken down.

"He then met me and gave me R250 for the repair of my car. Unfortunately, I accepted, against my better judgement."

There were further attempts to get him to reveal information on the SRC, the Black Students' Society and the National Union of South African Students, but McGowan said he made no disclosures.

He subsequently decided to reveal the whole story, resign his SRC position and repay the R250.

SRC president Penny McKenizie said students approached by the police to "spy" have been urged to contact the SRC so that suitable legal action can be taken.

She said the situation was viewed very seriously. The SRC was aware that at this time of year many students were approached to become informers.

"Many students are frightened and do not know what to do when this happens. We urge that they come forward and discuss it with the SRC. The discussions would be in confidence."

McKenizie said the position of McGowan had been different because he was on the SRC and thus "accountable to the students."
THE official "unmasking" of former anti-apartheid activist and Black Sash worker Miss Joy Harnden as a lieutenant in the South African security police came as no surprise to "leftist" organisations.

This was said by a Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee (Jodac) spokesman yesterday.

Miss Harnden (27), a former Rhodes University journalism student, who was recruited in mid-1983 by self-confessed security police spy Miss Oliva Forayth, joined the Black Sash, the End Conscription Campaign and Jodac after she left university at the end of 1983.

According to a Jodac spokesman yesterday, "A thorough investigation was conducted into suspicions that Joy Harnden had been working for the security police."

"This investigation proved conclusively that she had been recruited while a student at Rhodes University in 1983. She was requested to leave both Jodac and ECC in 1987."

However, a former ECC spokesman said, although Miss Harnden was only expelled in 1987, she was isolated from influential positions during an 18-month investigation into her background.

She failed to get re-elected to both the Jodac and ECC executive during the period.

According to a former ECC spokesman, Miss Harnden aroused suspicions initially because of:

- An inclination towards factionalism and her lack of flexibility
- An inability to grasp the nuances of politics
- A lack of sympathy towards the democratic movement in general
- Her implausible account of her experiences in detention (she was detained twice for two-week periods).

Jodac suspicious ‘from the first day’

CLAIRE HARPER

- Inconsistencies in her accounts of her recent past.
- According to a former Jodac executive member, there was suspicion about Mr Harnden among certain members of the organisation "almost from Day One."
- Investigations revealed Miss Harnden had had a brief relationship with a "known security policeman", Mr Gordon Brookbanks, and had been "friendly" with another known security policeman, Mr Lloyd Edwards, when at Rhodes.
- At the Black Sash, where Ms Harnden worked as a researcher, the rumours were dismissed as "earsay."
- Regional chairperson Mrs Ethel Walt said that the Black Sash had defended Ms Harnden at the time she was under suspicion saying they would not be part of any "scurrilous rumours."
- The Black Sash found her a research post in the Johannesburg Advice Office which she "filled very efficiently."
- The rumours surfaced and she resigned in a flood of tears in about October 1987. She disappeared completely after that," Mrs Walt said.
- The Black Sash tried to contact her several times, and sent her Christmas cards asking her "just to let us know if you are well."
- We ignored the rumours because we believe in a person's innocence until they are proven guilty.
- "I feel sickened that somebody we took in and trusted and cared for should have been an enemy in our midst," Mrs Walt said.

The Black Sash, she added, had nothing to hide.

Mrs Sheena Duncan, who worked very closely with Miss Harnden, described her yesterday as "quiet, quite pretty, she seemed to have had a hard upbringing."

"I felt quite motherly towards her. I don't know what to say. One feels... how can somebody sit there day after day without feeling at all guilty?"

Mrs Duncan said.

Miss Harnden, according to former colleagues and classmates, came from a conservative Afrikaner family and was raised by her grandmother until she was about 13. Her mother then married an Englishman named Harnden who legally adopted her and changed her Afrikaans name Ronelle, to Joy.

She went to school in Pretoria and matriculated in Hlabisa before going to Rhodes University, where she failed her first year in 1980 and switched to a journalism degree.

According to former university classmates she was "as quiet as a mouse" and spent about two years "holding hands with a boy called William Jones."

Few Supe}\n
rised Joy}

in the Ads
Rugby boxing will top viewers’ bill

The image contains a diagram or map, but the text is not legible due to the quality of the image. It appears to be related to rugby and boxing, possibly discussing a special event or competition.
spy, says Olivia

in no way regretted giving refuge in its Luanda embassy to Miss Forsyth

Foreign Office officials were at pains to emphasise that the incident was not considered an embarrassment.

It is understood that Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, who personally backed efforts to free Miss Forsyth, sees no reason to apologise for British action. But it is clear there must be some red faces in Whitehall over the news that Britain harboured a woman trained in deception and given the mission of infiltrating the ANC to gain information for the South African police.

Yesterday in a lengthy, exclusive statement to The Argus Group of newspapers, Miss Forsyth revealed some of her activities as a South African Security Police spy as well as disclosing that a friend of hers, Miss Joy Harden, had spied on local left-wing organisations.

Responding to a statement by the African National Congress that they had never been taken in by her, Miss Forsyth re-affirmed her claim that she had successfully infiltrated the organisation.

"Radical organisations are absolutely paranoid about being infiltrated," she said, adding that people always claimed to have known about her spying activities.

Miss Forsyth said she had dealt with executive members of the ANC and had been detained because some people were prepared to believe her story while others were suspicions, "because I was white."

Her mission consisted of a number of tasks including the investigation of the ANC/SA Communist Party alliance, internal leadership conflicts within the movement and disillusionment among ANC members. She also had to make contact with other agents who had already infiltrated the ANC and to activate sleeper agents.

As to why she chose to end her mission when she did — in the middle of last year — Miss Forsyth said "I could have escaped a lot earlier. Once I was in Lusaka I realised of the tasks I'd been given a number could still be fulfilled and it was best to stay as long as possible."

Sapa reports that Nusas has reacted to the spy story by calling for organisations to be given equal space in which to respond.

Lindsay Falkov, Nusas national president, said in a statement: "Throughout Lieutenant Forsyth's involvement in Nusas, more than four years ago, her role was devious and destructive. She fostered suspicion and conflict in organisation and played the classic role of an agent provocateur, not only in Nusas, but in her interaction with other UDP affiliates in the region."

"There was strong evidence that she was a security agent. Hard facts were being sought by both Nusas and UDP officials at the time that she withdrew from the organisation. This exposed, therefore, comes as no surprise. Lieutenant Forsyth is an agent of apartheid. Her story is no doubt calculated to serve its ends while she has hit the headlines with her spy stories, lies and distortions are the tricks of her trade."

"We must not forget that other sides of the story cannot be heard; she does not speak of the brutal role of the security forces in the Eastern Cape, while she operated as their agent. She does not mention the mass detentions, the Uitenhage massacre, the mysterious murder of Mathew Gomwe, and other UDP leaders, or the repression of legitimate opposition."
Nine a day quit SAP this year

by TYRONE SEALE
Weekend Argus Reporter

NINE policemen a day have left the force since the beginning of the year, according to a police spokesman.

At this rate, the SAP would have lost 3,285 recruits by the end of the year through resignations, dismissals and retirements.

However, 4,000 newcomers are waiting to start their six-month training stints at the Pretoria and Hammanskraal police colleges, says Lieutenant Poet Bothma, spokesman for Mr Adriaan Vlok, Minister of Law and Order.

Lieutenant Bothma was reacting to claims by a Weekend Argus reader that large numbers of policemen left the force because of unsatisfactory pay and service conditions.

In a letter, the reader said that about 10,000 policemen nationwide had quit in the first six months of last year and that the average rate of resignations this year was 40 a day.

Lieutenant Bothma said the SAP had lost 3,976 policemen in the first half of last year and 290 since the beginning of this year.

Equal pay

On the reader's claim about detectives earning more than their uniformed colleagues, the lack of overtime pay and great dissatisfaction over long hours and dangerous work, Lieutenant Bothma said policemen in different departments were paid equally.

"These salaries are equal to those in other government departments with the exception of certain benefits to which their counterparts in other State departments are not entitled."

He said these included a clothing allowance, a free medical aid scheme, a better pension scheme and a service allowance which compensated for overtime and danger.

"Lieutenant Bothma said many of the policemen who quit were national servicemen who preferred a four-year stint with the police to two years with the Defence Force."

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SA spy ‘proud’

LONDON — Olivia Forsyth said yesterday she had spied for South Africa because she wanted to do something for her country.

"I will always remember what I went through but I suffered no permanent damage or scars," she told the Mail On Sunday.

"I am proud to be South African and wanted to do something for my country."

London-born Forsyth (28) has said she was detained and tortured by the African National Congress before escaping to seek refuge in the British Embassy in Luanda.

She was held up in the embassy for six months until the British Government successfully secured an exit visa for her from the Angolan Government.

British newspapers have said that Britain applied "intense diplomatic pressure" on Angola to free her.

Britain is taking the line that it acted correctly despite Forsyth's spying.

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Spy Olivia in her own words

SOWETAN REPORTER

OLIVIA FORSYTH was a model pupil at school, until she turned into a rebel in Standard 7, according to confessions she made to the ANC and which have been released by the organisation.

Apart from the "normal" rebellion teenage syndrome, she had difficulty communicating with her mother, who had been a nun for 10 years and by 1978 the insecurity had manifested itself in the development of anorexia nervosa.

While studying English at the University of the Witwatersrand a Pietersburg bookkeeper helped pay for her flat and in return tried to have sex with her. She also dabbled in transcendental meditation and took to wearing saris.

These were some of the revelations made to the ANC at the Quatro Camp in detailing her personal life up until the time she joined the Department of Foreign Affairs on May 20, 1981.

Her full statement:

While at school, I was a model pupil - quite academically, first in class, prefect in Standard 5 etc - until Standard 7. Thereafter, I became quite rebellious, both against the school authorities and my parents, and against my mother in particular.

With regard to school, I became known as a rebel, and for some time my academic work deteriorated. However, I later decided to try and prove to the school authorities that a rebel could do well academically without conforming to the system. I was seen as an intelligent rebel with leadership potential.

The school had a policy of trying to co-opt such rebels, and I was made a prefect in matric. Towards the middle of my matric year, I was demoted as a prefect, much to the embarrassment of my family. However, thereafter, I received the honours award for scholarship (the highest award at the school could give), which pacified my parents to some extent, although I remained a rebel.

Difficult

With regard to my parents, and my mother in particular, there were two major factors which led to our estrangement, apart from the "normal" rebellious teenager syndrome.

The first was that my mother, having been a nun for 10 years before she got married and remaining very religious, found it very difficult to communicate with me on a personal level.

The second factor related to my parents' divorce and remarriage. My mother was paranoid that her three children would be disloyal to her and loyal to my father. This became evident when we began to spend alternate holidays with my father. She would attempt to subtly degrade my father, and the three children, myself in particular, resented this very much. This was the cause of numerous family rows.

With my mother's second marriage, she showed favouritism - consciously or unconsciously - to her own children, at the expense of her stepchildren. This was resented by both the real and stepchildren, and a kind of solidarity sometimes developed among the children, which increased my mother's paranoia and also led to family rows.

As a result of all this, I decided that I should be independent of my mother in particular, when I left school. The rationale was that if I could remove any dependence, particularly financial dependence, I could then develop my own path.

Barclays Bank, for which my father agreed to sign his flat, a loan was for R1500, which was used to pay my fees, buy textbooks and pay rent. Towards the end of my first year (1978) it became evident that I would need additional income. I began waiting part-time in Braamfontein and also began to apply for bursaries for my second year, on the basis of academic merit and financial need. In the following two years I received a number of bursaries, including one for R600 for English when I had finished studying (a condition which I realised would be difficult for them to enforce).

I decided to move out of residence in my second year, as the condition that I have sex with me when he took me
independent basis.

Wits

It was an accepted norm, for those who could, to go to university, and it was also the norm for people from the Pietersburg area to attend Wits University, which was basically the nearest English-speaking language university. I followed these norms, and — uncertain of what I wanted to do with my life apart from a vague idea about becoming a writer — I applied and registered for a BA.

To become financially independent, I applied for a student loan from year for two reasons. The first was that it would be cheaper for me to live in a flat and the second was that I felt caged in and did not want to have to conform to the norms and rules of the residence. At the end of my first year, I got a job in Pietersburg, with the help of my mother. While I was working I began trying to find a flat in Johanesburg.

It became increasingly evident that I would struggle to find a flat for the rent I intended to pay (R50) if I had to flat-hunt long-distance. Eventually the boss said I should find a flat regardless of cost, and that he would home. I refused, and did not see him again. However, he continued to send the rent money until the end of that year.

During 1979 I waitressed part-time in various places, including a nightclub in Hillbrow called Barbarella's and a French restaurant in Braamfontein called Le Baron. Eventually I settled in a job at Mike's Kitchen, Market Street, where I remained until January 1981. The Mike's Kitchen work was the most hectic, but also the most lucrative because of a high customer turnover. If I recall correctly, I had taken a second loan from Barclays Bank at the beginning of my second year. However, in my third year, this was not necessary as I earned enough money at Mike's Kitchen to cover all my expenses. At the end of 1979, I moved to a flat at 37 Lorna Court, Corner Twint and Wolmarans Streets, Joubert Park. The rent was about R90 a month but the flat was much bigger (two bedrooms) because it was an old block.

(Continues tomorrow)
Forsyth an inefficient, terrible spy — ANC

SELF-CONFESSED SA agent Olivia Forsyth was a "terrible, incompetent and inefficient spy", an ANC spokesman said at the weekend after the disclosure of the former student's attempts to infiltrate the organisation.

An ANC spokesman, speaking from Lusaka, flatly rejected claims that Forsyth had successfully infiltrated the organisation and gained valuable inside information.

The ANC was "suspicious of anyone who comes from SA and is unknown to us and in the democratic movement", the spokesman said.

"The impression that she had effectively infiltrated the ANC — that is rubbish. She was never accepted as a member."

The spokesman said Forsyth received no training from the ANC. The ANC spokesman said although Forsyth had been involved in a number of left-wing groups, "some eyebrows had been raised" before her arrival in Lusaka.

He also questioned why a number of SA spies, including Forsyth, held dual British and SA nationality.

Nasas national president Lindsay Falkov said at the weekend Forsyth had fostered suspicion and conflict during her involvement in Nusas more than four years ago.

"There was strong evidence that she was a security agent. Hard facts were being sought by both Nusas and UDF officials at the time that she withdrew from the organisation."

IAN HOBBS reports from London that the British government refused to disclose information that could prove or disprove claims that Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe had intervened personally to rescue Forsyth.

Terse

Influential African sources in London claimed that far from escaping from the ANC, Forsyth had been "delivered" safely to the British embassy in Luanda as part of a diplomatic deal.

In a terse statement a Foreign Office spokesman refused to comment in any way on Forsyth's spying activities.
Probe resumes into deaths at police roadblock

DURBAN — The shooting in which four alleged ANC members were shot dead at a police roadblock will come under scrutiny this week when an inquest resumes in Piet Retief.

Surendra (Lenny) Naidu, June Rose Cothoza, Makhosi Nyoka and Lindiwe Mthembu were allegedly killed in a shoot-out with police near the Swaziland border on June 8.

Lieutenant Sulman Mose, a Pretoria Security Branch policeman, said in a statement he had been told by a Major de Kock to pick up two people at the border post at Poignetshoek.

That evening, he left the major on the Piet Retief road. At the border, four people were handed over instead of two.

Later, at the spot where he had left Major de Kock, the major asked them to get out.

"I immediately heard a sound behind me and looked around. The Indian man had a pistol in his hand. Lots of shots rang out, then I heard Major de Kock tell his people to stop firing."
Forsyth botched her assignment
— Nusas, Jodac

By Esmare van der Merwe
Political Reporter

Lieutenant Olivia Forsyth's tale of how she infiltrated several anti-apartheid organisations and the African National Congress was "an elaborate cover-up for a botched operation", some of the organisations she claimed to have infiltrated said yesterday.

The Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee (Jodac), the National Union of South African Students (Nusas), the Black Sash and former members of the End Conscript Campaign (ECC) revealed details of the activities of identified security police spies Lieutenant Forsyth and Lieutenant Joy Harnden at a press conference in Johannesburg.

"TWICE BLOWN SPY"

In a statement, Jodac and Nusas referred to Lieutenant Forsyth as a "twice-blown spy" and to Lieutenant Harnden as a "successfully defrocked spy".

Lieutenant Forsyth's revelation of her undercover activities as a security police spy, first published in The Star last week, was riddled with factual inaccuracies, distortions and contradictions, the statement said.

Querying Lieutenant Forsyth's claim that she had successfully infiltrated the ANC/SACP alliance after confessing to being a South African spy, the organisations said a more feasible view was that Lieutenant Forsyth failed to convince the ANC of her credibility. They said Lieutenant Forsyth failed in her deliberate attempt to reach the top levels of Nusas and the now-restricted United Democratic Front because of suspicions surrounding her.

An "extremely flimsy cover story" led to her capture by the ANC in a desperate attempt to secure her own release, she "blew" the cover of several of her fellow spies. But she failed to convince the ANC and was sent to the Quatro camp.

Mr Wilhelm Liebenberg, an executive member of Jodac, said anti-apartheid organisations had on several occasions been infiltrated.

Security police agents tried to hinder the activities of these organisations which were committed to a non-racial alternative to apartheid.

"These people are not heroes, but calculating agents of apartheid, they are the villains" Nusas president Mr. Lindsay Falkov said "Spying on behalf of the apartheid system is sordid and despicable".
Staff Reporter

Computer and business systems company Olivetti will send an official protest to the Government over the use of the codename "Operation Olivetti" for the infiltration of the ANC by police spy Lieutenant Olivia Forsyth.

"We have received a draft letter from our attorneys," said Olivetti public affairs manager Ms Monique Casati last night, "and we have decided to write to the Minister of Law and Order and the Minister of Foreign Affairs to express our unhappiness over the smamoh."

Olivetti, which originates in Italy, had earlier indicated it was considering legal action against the use of the codename.
‘White madam’ Harnden

Political Reporter

Lieutenant Joy Harnden was suspected of being a South African spy shortly after being elected to the Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee (Jodac) executive in 1984. Jodac and Nusas said yesterday.

The security police agent who was last week officially exposed, lost her position with the United Democratic Movement in February 1985 after complaints of her racist behaviour.

In the same year, she was withdrawn from her job at the Black Sash's Transvaal Rural Action Committee (Trac) because blacks complained that she behaved like a "white madam".

Jodac and Nusas listed the following reasons for their suspicions:

- Lieutenant Harnden openly and indiscreetly distributed ANC literature which was not easily obtainable.
- Although she came from a conservative background and despite her short involvement with anti-apartheid organisations, she adopted extremely radical positions.
- She had no real empathy for the plight of black South Africans.
- A full investigation into Lieutenant Harnden's activities, conducted in June 1985, revealed that she had had relationships with former security police spy Gordon Brookbanks and security police Lieutenant Lloyd Edwards. However, she denied knowing Brookbanks intimately and denied having met Edwards.

- Unexplained absences from home, continuous attempts to spread spy rumours about fellow activists and determined efforts to reach leadership levels of the ECC and Jodac enhanced these suspicions.
- She was detained in July 1985 and in June 1986 "in a clear attempt to allay suspicions".
SOWETAN REPORTER

LIEUTENANT Olivia Forsyth’s “glamorous James Bond-type” tale of how she infiltrated several democratic anti-apartheid organisations and the African National Congress was a cover-up for “a botched operation,” some of the organisations she claimed to have infiltrated said yesterday.

The Johannesburg Action Committee (JAC), the National Union of South African Students (NUSAS), the Black Students Union (BSU) and the Natal Congress of Anti-Apartheid (NCCT) yesterday launched an attack on the ANC news agency, PRASA, for publishing Forsyth’s story.

In a statement, they referred to Forsyth as a “synagogue spy.” They said Forsyth’s claim that she was a “success story” and had infiltrated various organisations was a lie.

They said Forsyth had been involved in a number of activities, both in South Africa and abroad, and that her story was a cover-up for a botched operation.

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ANC DELIES INFILTRATION

POLICE LIEUTENANT Olivia Forsyth has made amazing claims of successfully infiltrating the African National Congress and has "revealed" conditions of detention in the ANC's camp in Angola as well as having knowledge of agents who infiltrated radical anti-government organisations inside South Africa.

TheANC has denied Forsyth was a member of the organisation nor was she ever successful in infiltrating it.

She was not a member

This is the ANC view of what Forsyth "confessed" to while in detention in Quatro.

When the Chief Representative in Harare was surprised the ANC had infiltrated the organisation with a subsidiary in Johannesburg and wanted to send a person to observe an ANC meeting to raise funds.

Meeting

It is purported the chief representative of the New Economic Policies in Johannesburg would have known about the internal meeting to be held for an evening conference about the general situation in South Africa.

She was also asked about the political aims and to each question she replied that she did not know anything.

Her response was: "I am just an economic researcher.

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Executive members of several anti-apartheid organisations yesterday told a press conference in Johannesburg that police spy Lieutenant Olivia Forsyth's tale of how she infiltrated several democratic organisations and the ANC was "an elaborate cover-up for a botched operation". From left are Mr Gavin Evans, a former executive member of the EEC, Mr Brendan Barry, former president of Nusas, Mr Wilhelm Liebenberg, executive member of Jodac, Mr Lindsay Falkos, Nusas president, and Mrs Sheena Duncan, former chairman of the Black Sash.

Picture by Etelene Rothbart.

A top agent or Walter Mitty?

Lieutenant Olivia Forsyth's story contained a series of fabrications designed to cover up a botched spy operation and to discredit the broad anti-apartheid movement, the Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee (Jodac) and the National Union of South African Students (Nusas), said

Lieutenant Forsyth's account involved the repetition of "tired" shibboleths - that the ANC leadership was divided, that it did not want Nelson Mandela released, that ANC cadres were poorly trained and that the ANC was infected with Aids and alcoholism.

Addressing a press conference in Johannesburg were Mr Wilhelm Liebenberg, an executive member of Jodac, Nusas president Mr Lindsay Falkos, former Nusas president Mr Brendan Barry, Mr Gavin Evans, a former member of the End Conscription Campaign, and former Black Sash chairman Mrs Sheena Duncan.

They revealed details of the activities of Lieutenant Forsyth and Lieutenant Joy Harrend, who was also exposed as a security agent last week.

They said Lieutenant Forsyth first aroused suspicion in Nusas shortly after her arrival in Grahamstown in 1982 and over the next three years suspicions were exacerbated by:

- Her constant attempts to foster divisions within Nusas and her attempts to spread spy rumours about others.
- Her constant (yet unsuccessful) attempt to reach top level positions in Nusas and the UDF.
- Her tendency to adopt the hardest line possible on political issues.

By mid-1985, suspicions were so damning that she was blocked from any progress in Nusas and the UDF.

Her subsequent efforts to become involved in similar organisations in Johannesburg were unsuccessful.

Jodac and Nusas further denied Lieutenant Forsyth's claim that anti-apartheid organisations provided an ideal stepping stone for penetrating the ANC and SAP.

"Why, in her seven years of being a spy, was no-one in any of the groups she infiltrated ever charged with furthering the aims of the ANC or with terrorism? Instead, several of those people whose confidence she won through false pretences were detained without trial for lengthy periods."

They denied Lieutenant Forsyth's "astounding" claim that her detention at the ANC's Quatro rehabilitation camp was planned.

"Having painstakingly built up her 'iron clad' cover, she blew it with a 'planned' confession that she was a spy.

"Two fellow spies whom she exposed are currently being held by the ANC."
Cops keep out, urge squatters

By Staff Reporter

THREE influential groups of squatters yesterday joined Guguletu residents in asking police not to interfere with township night street patrols they said were armed at protecting people from gangs.

Ms Miriam Ntloea, the secretary of the newly-formed Western Cape United Squatters Association (WCUSA) which represents squatters at KTC, Portland Cement and Nyanga Extension, said elders would "not hesitate" to act against known gang members.

"We'll clean them out of our areas — we don't want them," she said yesterday.
Two shot dead after attacking policeman

Staff Reporter

Two suspected housebreakers who were handcuffed together have been shot dead following an attack on a detective who arrested them near Firgrove.

The two unidentified men aged between 25 and 30 were about to show Detective-Warrant Officer Warwick Segal where stolen goods were hidden yesterday when they attacked him.

According to Captain Gys Boonzaier, police liaison officer, Warrant Officer Segal had investigated a housebreaking at the home of Mrs Mary Doo of Firs Street, Firgrove.

Hi-fi equipment, clothing and watches valued at R3 000 had been stolen.

BRIDGE

While patrolling the area Warrant Officer Segal saw two men carrying a suitcase. He found it belonged to Mrs Doo.

He handcuffed the men together and questioned them. They took him to a bridge in Firgrove and pointed out a spot where they said the hi-fi equipment was hidden.

Police said the men grabbed the policeman, hit him on the head with the handcuffs and ran off.

Warrant Officer fired warning shots but they were ignored. He then shot both in the head.

One man died immediately and the other died on the way to Tygerberg Hospital.

Warrant Officer Segal was taken to Bottelrots Holland Hospital with a head injury.
BISHO. — A police unit commanded by President Lennox Sebe's son, Major-General Kwane Sebe, was the most feared branch of the police in the country, a Ciskei police major told the Bisho Supreme Court.

The officer, Major Mpakael Potwana, one of six officers accused of complicity in the murder of Mr Eric Mntonga, Border regional co-director of the Institute for a Democratic Alternative in South Africa (Idasa), said yesterday the Elite Unit was feared even by Cabinet Ministers.

The other accused are Major-General Zandilele Witness Ngwanya, Major-General Mountain Pakamile Ngcanga, Colonel Mabandla Mbejeni, W/O Thamsanqa Hlulani and W/O Khayalethu Ncandana. They have all pleaded not guilty.

Major Potwana told the court Mr Mntonga had died in the security offices in Mdantsane and not near Tamara, where his body had been dumped.

He accused the investigating officer, Brigadier Fikile Zibi, of deliberately including him in the case because the two were enemies since he had once testified against Brigadier Zibi.

He said he removed the plastic bag from Mr Mntonga's head and asked him what was going on.

Mr Mntonga told him that the policemen were asking him about the whereabouts of "cadres" of which he knew nothing.

When Mr Mntonga said he knew nothing about the cadres, a W/O Tabata moved towards him saying he was lying and began to throttle and push him. While W/O Tabata throttled Mr Mntonga, W/O Bojana applied the tube to suffocate him, Major Potwana said.

Dying

Asked why he did not take action to stop it since he was the most senior officer, he replied he did not want to interfere with interrogations as he had previously been reported to his seniors at head office.

Major Potwana said he left the office and went to answer a telephone in his office. Later W/O Bojana came to him and told him that Mr Mntonga appeared to be dying. He went back and found W/O Bojana alone trying to revive Mr Mntonga, but Mr Mntonga appeared to be already dead.

The trial is continuing. Mr Chief Justice Pickard is on the Bench — Sapa

Plastic bag

He said on the day Mr Mntonga was killed, he had gone to Bisho at about 9am and returned at about 3.30pm.

On his arrival he heard a noise from office No 9. He found Mr Mntonga sitting on the floor with his hands tied behind his back. His head was covered with a plastic bag.

There were about 15 policemen in the office at the time, he said.

He said W/O Bojana of the Elite Unit sat near Mr Mntonga holding a tube. When he asked what was going on, the policemen did not reply.
Police clampdown on crime patrols

BY CHRIS BATEMAN

TOWNSHIP “crime watch” patrols, a community response to two years of gangland violence in Guguletu, are almost certainly in line for a police clampdown — despite residents’ pleas “not to interfere”.

This emerged yesterday from extensive interviews with well-placed police sources and an official police comment that “we can’t allow the public to take the law in to their own hands at any time”.

The comment by Lieutenant Denise Benson, a Western Cape police liaison officer, was in reaction to at least one murder of an alleged gangster and the burning of the possessions of several others in the “Mau Mau” section of Nyanga last month. Members of a community night patrol were responsible.

Li Benson said police were in the township to maintain law and order and “that is exactly what we plan to do”.

On Monday the three main Guguletu squatter groups lent their weight to a weekend call by central Guguletu residents to police not to interfere with township night street patrols.
Top policemen probe killing of two fugitives

Staff Reporter

THE Boland’s most senior detectives yesterday began investigating the killing of two fugitive house-breaking suspects by a Somerset West detective on Monday.

Suspects Mr Benjamin Adams, 27, and Mr Rudolph Gouws, 31, both of Macassar, were each shot in the head while handcuffed together and fleeing, police said on Monday.

The post-mortem was due to be conducted yesterday but an inquest date had still to be set, a Boland police liaison officer, Lt Gry Boonzaaier, said.

Boland detective chief Brigadier Ted Breytenbach and his deputy, Colonel Leon Wessels, travelled from their headquarters in Paarl to Somerset West yesterday personally to investigate the incident.

On Monday the Boland liaison division said the shooting came while Detective Warrant Officer Warwick Segal was investigating a burglary report made by Mrs Mary Doo of Fugrove.

WO Segal patrolled the area and spotted two suspects carrying a suitcase bearing Mrs Doo’s name. He promptly arrested the men and handcuffed them to one another. After questioning he took them to a nearby bridge where he found some musk equipment.

Here WO Segal was then allegedly “grabbed and hit on the forehead” with the handcuffs. The escaping men ignored his warning shots and both were subsequently fatally wounded in the head, police said.

The head of the academic section of the Pretoria Police College, Colonel Willie Venter, said the Criminal Procedure Act defined the killing of a suspect attempting to escape arrest in connection with a “Schedule 1 offence” — a category which includes housebreaking — as a “justifiable homicide”, but only when all other means of arrest had been exhausted.

POLICEMAN …
WO Warwick Segal
Tutu slams night raid on Crossroads

By KAREN STANDER
Religion Reporter

ARCHBISHOP Desmond Tutu has slammed as "absolutely disgraceful" a security force raid on the residents of New Crossroads in the early hours of yesterday morning.

In a hard-hitting and angry response today, he said he "shedded to think of the consequences" if the authorities continued to "trample" over people's lives and feelings in this "scandalous" way.

"If soldiers cordoned off a white suburb at 2am and police — including the riot squad — spent more than four hours awakening thousands of ordinary people to search their homes, there would be a national outcry.

"If crime prevention was given as the reason for such callous treatment, angry calls would be made for the police to justify treating law-abiding citizens as potential criminals.

"And if the result of such a raid was the recovery of some stolen property and a handful of arrests (15), demands would be made in Parliament for disciplinary action against the police and the resignation of the responsible Cabinet Minister.

"But the victims of this callous action are blacks without a vote or any other power, so nobody raises an eyebrow.

"I am waiting to hear the smallest squeak of a response from the self-appointed guardians of blacks' welfare who have shown so much concern for black suffering in recent years.

"If the authorities and the white electorate continue to trample over people's lives and feelings in this scandalous way, I shudder to think of the consequences," Archbishop Tutu said.
Bomb explodes in police van: 3 injured

DURBAN. — Three people — two young policemen and a 15-year-old schoolboy — escaped with only slight injuries when a bomb exploded in a police van near the Tollgate Bridge in Durban today.

Lance Sergeant Robbie Cook, 23, had a cut on his head, while 24-year-old Lance Sergeant Petrus Appelgryn was cut on the neck. Both are also being treated for shock.

Durban High School pupil Nikola Clark was walking to school past the minibus when it exploded. He had only a minor cut on his arm.

The bomb went off just after 7am, causing a rush-hour traffic jam. Roads leading to the scene were blocked and traffic built up for kilometres on the freeway.

Major Charl du Toit, South African Police public relations officer for Port Natal, said "All I can say at this stage is there was an explosion. It is believed the explosive device may have been placed under the vehicle. The type of device is not known."

"CRUMBLED"
Mr Boldie Singh of Newlands described how the police vehicle "crumbled".

He said the explosion showered his car with glass as he drove past on his regular route to the office.

"I looked to the left as I heard the explosion. I thought for a minute I'd had a blow-out.

"The police van was on the glide-on to Berea Road from South Ridge. I saw the metal at the back of the van crumbling and shrinking.

"All the traffic slowed down and I saw three people — two in police uniform and one in plain clothes — run from the van."

Durban runner Mr Mickey Bryce said he saw "a cloud of black smoke" and then heard a "loud bang or thud."

He said the windows of the van were blown out and the roof "mushroomed". — Sapa.
Police silent in face of Tutu outrage over raid

Staff Reporter

POLICE say they have no wish to enter into a debate with Archbishop Desmond Tutu through the media over a crime-prevention raid in New Crossroads.

Archbishop Tutu yesterday condemned a major crime-prevention operation by police and the SADF held in New Crossroads in the early hours of Tuesday. He said the raid was a matter of "trampling over people's lives and feelings in a scandalous way".

A police spokesman in Pretoria said that if, in Archbishop Tutu's opinion, any member of the SAP had acted incorrectly, he was free to lodge a complaint through any of the existing channels. This would then be investigated.

New Crossroads was cordoned off from 2am and residents were woken up and houses searched. During the 4½-hour raid, pamphlets were distributed telling residents they need not fear the police.

Fifteen arrests were made during the search for weapons, stolen goods and suspects.

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Cops Threaten to Strike
TUESDAY'S pre-dawn police raid in New Crossroads had been necessary because of the number of armed attacks on security force patrols in the township over the past year, the Ministry of Law and Order spokesman said today.

The spokesman said graffiti on the walls in New Crossroads had showed "certain radical elements" were in the area. During the past year there had been a number of armed attacks on security force vehicles on the road between KTC and New Crossroads.

Fifteen people had been arrested during the raid, which lasted from 3am to 6am.

Arrests had been made for dealing in and possession of dagga, illegally dealing in liquor, and the possession of suspected stolen property, including a light delivery van.

Fifty kilograms of dagga and suspected stolen property had been confiscated.

Police had tried to gain the cooperation of residents by distributing pamphlets detailing the reasons for the raid, and were well-received by residents — Sapa
STUDENTS who sustained injuries in this week's police raid on a Soweto service commemorating the mysterious death last year of student leader Sceilo Dhiomo fear to bring criminal charges against the police.

The pupils, who were allegedly assaulted by police on Monday when security forces disrupted the service at a youth centre in the Soweto township of White City Jabavu, fear police harassment.

Student leaders of the newly formed Soweto Students' Co-ordinating Committee (SSCC) said victims of this week's raid would lay charges of assault if the police would undertake not to harass them.

A police spokesman in Pretoria refused to comment this week.

However, the families of some of the injured pupils are believed to have consulted lawyers with a view to bringing civil claims against the police.

Health workers said 32 pupils had received treatment at the local clinic after the raid. Eight were referred for X-rays, while four, two of whom sustained "serious" head injuries, were admitted to Baragwanath Hospital.

According to health workers, lacerations were found "all over the bodies" of the majority of pupils.

According to eye witnesses, the police arrived at the youth centre in more than 20 vehicles shortly after the priest who had delivered the sermon at the service, had left.

Allegedly without a prior warning, they rained blows on the youths with batons, gun butts and sjamboks.

Finding the exit blocked by police, many of the youths headed for the windows, where they were chased and allegedly beaten.

Youths are said to have surged to and fro in the centre of the hall, screaming and breaking benches.

Drums of water were overturned in the scuffle, spilling into the foyer and the hall.

One schoolboy was seen running around with his trousers half-way down.

When the Weekly Mail visited the hall soon after raid, the scene suggested a desolated battlefield. Shoes lay in different places in the foyer alongside pools of water.

Inside the hall, broken wooden chairs were heaped together and metal chairs lay scattered in disarray.

Shoes and a solitary belt could be seen, while books and pens were strewn below the platform and in the middle of the hall.

Traces of blood were clearly visible.

Captain RV Bloomberg of the SAP press liaison division in Pretoria denied that the police had failed to give a warning before taking action.

He said the children had failed to heed the warning and had instead thrown chairs at the police.

He said two policemen were slightly injured when security forces broke up the meeting.

Captain Bloomberg said the injured were free to lay complaints with the police, who would investigate.

Condemning the police action, Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) said the police, as "people who are supposed to be respected, are teaching the youth that there is no no right to peaceful gathering to freedom of assembly... to freedom of association... to freedom of opinion and freedom of expression..."

Students were being taught that "aggression is the most effective way of solving problems, that violence, even without provocation, is justified" and that that police are "a law unto themselves and the state is omnipotent."

Events at the Youth Centre made a stark contrast with a similar service at Pace Commercial College, where people dispersed peacefully after police asked them to leave.

The college's principal, Thamsana Kambule, asked students and the few adults present to disperse on the instructions of a Major Klassen of the security police.

Police allegedly filmed about 12 adults sitting on the platform. They included Sceilo's parents, Sylvia and Jeie Dhiomo, two members of the Federation of Transvaal Women (Fetdrew), Amanda Kwedzi and Viergina Kekana, Audrey Coleman and Marian Hepner of the Detainees Aid Centre. Their names were also allegedly noted by the police.

According to Coleman, police pulled T-shirts with a picture of Sceilo's face off youths.

Captain Bloomberg refused to comment on what he described as routine police duties.
Ciskeian police corrupt, court told

BISHO — There was immense corruption, lack of discipline and poor working conditions in the Ciskeian police Elite Unit commanded by General Kwane Sebe, son of President Lennox Sebe, the Supreme Court has been told here.

The unit’s second-in-command, Major-General Witness Ngwanya, made the claim during the trial in which he, Major-General Mountain Ngcama, Colonel Mahandla Mbejeni, Major Mpikiseli Potwana, Warrant Officer Thamsanga Hlulani and Warrant Officer Khayalethe Ncandana are charged with the murder of Idaa’s Border region co-director, Mr Eric Mntonga, on July 24 1997.

All have pleaded not guilty.

General Ngwanya said there was internal feuding and acrimony which emanated from ranks and privileges attached to them.

When he and General Sebe were abducted to Transkei in 1988 the investigating officer in the Mntonga murder, Brigadier Fikile Zibi, was appointed head of security and was practically in charge of the police.

The brigadier had been assigned bodyguards and supplied with a luxury car, he said.

He said it was abnormal that although Brigadier Zibi was a colonel at the time, generals served under him.

On their return from Transkei he and General Sebe tried to normalise the situation and informed the President.

The situation was subsequently reversed and the brigadier lost his bodyguards and later his car.

This, he told the court, was why Brigadier Zibi included him among the people he arrested for Mr Mntonga’s murder — Sapa.
They're on 'beat' to help clean up Sea Point crime

by TYRONE SEAILE
Weekend Argus Reporter

HALF a dozen New York-style "policemen" are ridding Sea Point of some of its serious crime and social problems.

The team of armed security officers clad in black uniforms like those of their crime-busting 'Big Apple' heroes are taking on everything from shoplifting and abusive behaviour to housebreaking and drugs.

"Working from an office in Regent Road, the security men often beat the local police to scenes of crime, much of which plagues businesses in the neighbourhood."

Mr Johannes de Leeuw, consultant and managing director of the security company, boasts 765 "citizen's arrests" in the past six months.

60 "clients"

These were for trespassing, drunkenness, loitering, shoplifting, vehicle thefts, housebreaking, vandalism, possession of stolen property, child molesting, sodomy, possession of dagga and balking.

Seven months ago, he started the company which now looks after the security of 60 businesses and blocks of flats in Sea Point.

"At the time, a number of businessmen were perturbed because business was leaving the area, fewer people did their shopping in Sea Point," said Mr de Leeuw.

"People were concerned that skoolie groups, shoplifters and other bad elements were creating problems for businesses and the many elderly people here."

"I went to the divisional commissioner (of police) and asked him what the law was on people harassing clients at shops and in other incidents."

"We felt that if we could have an armed response unit that could be quicker than the police to incidents of trespassing, robbery and bar fights, then we could stop petty crime."

However, once Mr de Leeuw's men look to the streets, the more serious jobs started rolling in, including occasional police request.

"Many of the suspects we have apprehended were people the police had been looking for for some time. The police would ask us to look out for specific people."

All but one of the De Leeuw crew are ex-policemen.

"We have to be careful about our rights and the rights of the people we apprehend, so I choose policemen who know criminal procedure and how to handle dangerous situations."

Mr de Leeuw, a third dan in karate, attended police and weaponry courses in the United States where the New York police department impressed him.

"I looked at the way they worked and at their uniform and thought this was the right thing for South Africa, so I came back and got the same uniforms for this service."

Welcomed efforts

Police spokesman Lieutenant Attie Laubscher said the police welcomed individual communities' efforts to keep neighbourhoods crime-free.

"We discourage vigilante groups, but we welcome community watches and other systems which prevent crime. We can only thank and congratulate them. They are really an extension of the long arm of the law."

-- FA POINT Security Services chief Mr Johannes de Leeuw (seated) shows his service pistol and two of the weapons they confiscated from suspects recently. With him is patrol officer Johan Boshoek.
MR Johannes de Leeuw and Mr Johan Boshoff lend some help to Miss Margaret Swift, using one of two ex-SAP patrol vans as a base.

MUCH of the work of Sea Point Security Services concerns patrolling blocks of flats in the area. That's hard work as Mr de Leeuw (right) and Mr Boshoff show.
CBS NEWS brought an urgent application against the Law and Order Minister in the Rand Supreme Court late last Friday, after police confiscated a video tape of a Press conference called by lawyers acting for detainees on hunger strike.

Police confiscated the tape after the conference in the Central Methodist Church last Thursday.

CBS asked the court to declare the film’s seizure unlawful.

By agreement the tape was put into the custody of a CBS attorney after the material had been transmitted to the US by satellite and Mr Justice Levy postponed the application to February 21.

In an affidavit CBS News associate producer Brenda Goldblatt said a policeman had told the news team the tape was being seized in terms of the emergency regulations.

Goldblatt said they were informed the tape was being seized because cameraman David Spiro had “acted provocatively”.

Goldblatt quoted a Capt van Huysteen saying: “You’d better give me the cassette or I’ll break this f***ing machine to get it out.”

Goldblatt said she then found attorney Lauren Jacobsen in the crowd. Jacobsen pointed out to Van Huysteen there could be no security action as defined in the emergency regulations because it was not an unrest situation.

Goldblatt said Van Huysteen then informed them he needed the tape as evidence in a police investigation into the possible breaking of a restriction order by Azhar Cachalia.

She said Cachalia was standing about 3m from the policeman.

BRONWYN ADAMS

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No evidence that youth’s body found

Stompie mystery: police appeal to the ‘comrades’

THE SAP yesterday urgently appealed to the “comrades” who reportedly discovered the body of allegedly kidnapped youth Stompie Sepei, 14, to come forward with evidence — or a statement denying the report.

Police said they were still unable to substantiate a newspaper report last week that the “comrades” had discovered Sepei’s body in Soweto after he was allegedly abducted and assaulted by members of the Mandela United soccer team.

In a statement issued in Pretoria by the SAP’s public relations division, Maj-Gen Jaap Joubert, detective branch deputy commissioner, appealed to the “comrades” to come forward.

Joubert, who is leading the investigation into the murder of Dr Abu-baker Asvat and the disappearance of Sepei, pointed out that if the body had been found and not handed over to police, or any information in this regard not conveyed to them, “such an action constitutes a serious offence and could amount to defeating the ends of justice or even being an accessory to the fact after murder”.

He also appealed to anyone with any information — “however trivial or insignificant it may be” — to come forward.

Weekly Mail co-editor Anton Harber said yesterday the newspaper’s sources on the discovery of Sepei’s body were “very good and we are doing all we can this week to check their veracity”.

He said the paper had no desire to defeat the ends of justice.

“We are as keen as Gen Joubert and Mrs Mandela to ascertain the truth of what happened to Stompie because we believe the matter must be fully and publicly aired,” Harber said.

Meanwhile, Krush Naidoo, who resigned as Winnie Mandela’s attorney at the weekend, said yesterday he had withdrawn as a result of the controversy surrounding the football club. He declined further comment, citing client confidentiality, and referred Business Day to Mandela. She could not be reached.
Elderly whites more liable to attacks in their homes

Crime Reporter
ELDERLY non-whites are far less likely to be attacked in their homes than elderly whites because they do not live alone, police said.

A statement released by police headquarters said the majority of victims attacked in their homes in white residential areas were elderly people who lived on their own.

"Cases where elderly non-whites become the target of criminals in their own homes in non-white residential areas in towns and cities are extremely rare," police said.

The police statement added that "as a rule" elderly blacks did not live alone in residential areas.

Earlier in the year the Commissioner of the SAP, General Henne de Witt, said the number of people attacked in their homes in white residential areas had jumped by 10% during the last six months of 1988.

General De Witt said this figure was compared to those of the first six months of the year. The general added that 63% of the 298 people who were attacked were women.

Police could not provide figures for attacks on people in their homes in non-white residential areas. The reason given was that the attacks in non-white areas were classified under the specific crime being committed, such as rape or murder.

Auto_teller_tricksters on the loose

Five cops on murder charge

DURBAN — Five Port Natal policemen appeared at a Scottburgh sitting of the Supreme Court yesterday to face a charge of murdering a suspect.

The accused, Constables Hendrik Johannes Reyneko, 23, Sibusiso Sabela, 34, Sipho Masuka, 26, and Themba Mthembu, 29, and Sergeant Eduard Smith, 23, pleaded not guilty.

The state alleges the men murdered Mr Mdumi Shangase on June 1, 1987 — Sapa

Tukkies let it all hang out

PRETORIA — Univers
Police appeal over Stompie trial
Court over demands in Streydom warning
SAP overspent on luxury cars

BY BARRY STREET
Political Staff

The government has spent R163 848 extra since 1980 by providing senior police officers with more luxurious cars than they were entitled to.

This was disclosed yesterday by the Auditor-General, Dr Joep de Loor, in his report on general affairs activities, which was tabled in Parliament yesterday.

He said R163 848 had been incurred in unauthorized expenditure by the police.
KTC: Major denies police conspiracy with Witdoeke

By the Court Reporter

A SENIOR police officer yesterday denied in the Supreme Court that police had plotted secretly with Witdoeke vigilantes or assisted them "actively or passively" in the destruction of KTC.

This was said by Major Charles Roger Brazelle in the R200,000 damages action brought against the Minister of Law and Order after a large part of KTC was destroyed by Witdoeke vigilantes between June 9 and 11, 1986.

Major Brazelle, formerly of the SAP Special Task Force, said his 20 years of police experience included crowd control training.

Asked by Mr F D J Brand, for the minister, if there had been a police conspiracy to participate in the attack, Major Brazelle said he had never received such an order, did not conspire with others and would have learnt about it if policemen had conspired to attack KTC.

He said the Witdoeke were not hostile towards the police, neither were they sympathetic. Their hostility was aimed at the inhabitants of KTC.

"Over the three days I regarded them as marauders who committed violence on a large scale."

He said the comrades - "radical political activists" - who fought the Witdoeke with KTC residents were openly hostile towards the police.

"I felt more hostile towards them than towards ordinary criminals."

The hearing continues today.
Witdoeke plunderers, says major in unrest unit

By LINDA GALLOWAY
Supreme Court Reporter

DURING three days of fighting between Comrades and Witdoeke in KTC and Crossroads squatter camps, a police major said, he saw the Witdoeke as "plunderers committing large-scale violence".

Major Charles Roger Brazelle, 36, of the unrest unit, began testifying in the mammoth damages case in the Cape Town Supreme Court yesterday in which the Methodist Church in Africa and 20 squatter families are claiming about R360,000 from the Minister of Police.

The claims arise out of three days of intense fighting in June 1986, in which thousands of squatter shacks were burnt and thousands of families left homeless.

PROTECTING HOMES

The claimants have accused the police of failing to act to stop the Witdoeke from destroying their homes.

Major Brazelle said that during the fighting he had been more sympathetic towards the "Maqabane" (Comrades) because he saw them as the ones who were under attack and trying to protect their homes and families.

However, he was not well-disposed towards Maqabane in general, because they were "radical political activists" who used "methods like intimidation".

In fact, his feelings towards them were more hostile than towards "common criminals" because he had "seen the things they have done" and because they were responsible for attacks on police.

Major Brazelle said he did not believe all the people fighting as Comrades were "Maqabane in the technical sense".

Mr C Y Louw, for the Munster, said counsel for the applicants had made the suggestion that Old Crossroads, KTC and satellite camps were clearly defined as being either Comrade or Witdoeke territory before the fighting in 1986.

Major Brazelle denied this, saying that before the fighting he had seen the entire area as one zone, Old Crossroads.

- Major Dolf Odendaal, second-in-command of the riot police in Cape Town, yesterday completed 43 days of evidence, cross-examination and re-examination.

The trial record now exceeds 10,000 pages, of which Major Odendaal's evidence comprises about 4,000 pages.

The trial, which began in August 1987, is generating costs estimated at R300,000 a month in legal fees.
CAPE TOWN — A police officer denied in the Supreme Court yesterday that police had secretly plotted with Witdoek vigilantes and "actively or passively" assisted them in the destruction of KTC.

This was said by Mayor Charles Roger Brazelle in the R200,000 damages action brought against the Minister of Law and Order after a large part of KTC was destroyed by Witdoek vigilantes in June 1986.

The Witdoeks were not hostile towards the police neither were they sympathetic. Their hostility was aimed at the inhabitants of KTC, he said.

"I regarded them as marauders who committed violence on a large scale." The hearing continues — Sapa
Payouts for victims of police action jump 85 percent

By PETER FABRICIUS, Political Staff

COMPENSATION paid to victims of police action jumped 85 percent to R3 440 733 in the 1987/1988 financial year.

A large part of this — R1 737 632 — was paid to victims of police action during riots.

The Auditor-General Dr Joop de Loo re-disclosed this in his annual report on the audits of the government’s general affairs departments, tabled in Parliament yesterday.

He said the total compensation paid to victims of police action in 1986/1987 was R1 835 499.

RIOT ACTION

Compensation for injuries as a result of riot action was R1 737 632 for 37 cases in 1987/1988.

The biggest payout was R488 119.

The total was up from R98 294 for 16 cases in 1986/1987.


Compensation payments for unlawful arrests increased from R192 676 to R321 659.

The number of cases rose from 77 to 148.

LOSS OF INCOME

In 1987/1988 there were 18 payouts totalling R92 656 to injured bystanders, 14 for loss of maintenance and income (R404 888), 60 for damage/loss of property (R76 121) and 14 for funeral and other expenses (R24 159).

The biggest compensation payout for loss of maintenance and income was R177 000.

A total of R35 692 was paid in 35 cases for damage to property during police action.

This included two cases totalling R29 050.

A total of R222 585 was paid in 46 cases to police force members for damage/loss of private property during riots or terrorist attacks.
Police interrogated suspect ‘with a bag over his head’

OWN CORRESPONDENT

DURBAN — A Port Natal policeman described yesterday how he removed a bag from a suspect’s head after interrogating him and saw that his eyes were rolled back and vomit was coming out of his nose and mouth.

Constable Hendrik Reynek (24) and four other policemen earlier pleaded not guilty, before Mr Justice Shearer and two assessors at a Scottburgh sitting of the Supreme Court, to the murder on June 1 1987 of Mr Mdumiseni Shangase.

The other accused are Sergeant Edward Smith (24), Constable Subusiso Sabela (35), Constable Spho Manaku (27) and Constable Thembinkosi Mhombeni (30), all of the Firearms Unit.

Constable Reynek said he and five other policemen had been rounding up suspects to question them about the possession of unlicensed firearms used in faction fights and the theft of cattle.

Mr Shangase and five others were taken to the Bozana River to be questioned. Constable Reynek said they had placed a cloth bag over his head and Mr Shangase had struggled. Four policemen were needed to restrain him. After he admitted he possessed a gun and was involved in cattle thefts, he lay still, Constable Reynek said.

Placing a bag over a suspect’s head during interrogation was an “everyday occurrence” intended to protect identities of informers and policemen, he said.

Constable Reynek denied the bag had restricted Mr Shangase’s breathing, but admitted the action amounted to assault.

Mr Shearer put it to him that the reason they had decided to bury the body instead of taking it to the mortuary was that they knew Mr Shangase had died as a result of the interrogation.

Constable Reynek said he did not know why Mr Shangase had died, but assumed he choked when he vomited.

The trial continues.
De Villiers ponders
privatisation shift

CAPE TOWN — Administration
and Privatisation Minister
Dawie de Villiers seems set to
move responsibility for priva-
tisation public-sector jobs from
the Commission for
Administration.

His privatisation unit is respon-
sible for co-ordinating the impend-
ing privatisation of parastatals
while the commission has been in-
vestigating which public-sector
jobs can be handed over to the
private sector.

There is a growing feeling more
progress could be achieved if the
section of the commission investi-
gating privatisation of public-seck
or jobs were moved to the special
unit. The belief among leading of-
icials is that the commission can- not be responsible for both adminis-
tration and privatisation.

Mike Robertson

The commission has come under
fire from some Ministers for drag-
going its feet on privatisation.

De Villiers, in an interview, was
careful not to be seen as criticising
the commission because he be-
lieves that for the programme to
succeed it is essential to take peo-
ple with him.

He said, however, the unit would
play a bigger role in co-ordinating
and implementing the privatisation
programme. It has developed
an expertise and it would be a key
for every other department to try
to “discover the wheel.”

There was no intention to build a
new bureaucracy at the unit. In
stead the services of the private
sector would be utilised.

The unit was responsible for
identifying any area where jobs
could be taken over by the private
sector. If there were difficulties it
would be his task to take up the
matter with the Minister or de-
partment concerned.

“You have in many cases some
skepticism and resistance from
people who do not believe certain
functions should be privatised and
need some convincing.”

He has, however, had good co-
operation from ministerial col-
leagues. In most cases, once the
unit had identified an area to be
privatised, it was not necessary to
put pressure on departments or
directors-general...

“A top manager is not afraid of
his job. Even if his responsibilities
are passed on, if he has done his job
well he will have no difficulty in
going on to do something else.”

Detainee numbers
remain a secret

Political Staff

LAW and Order Minister
Adriaan Vlok yesterday ref-
used to disclose the number of
people who were detained in
terms of the emergency regu-
lations.

He said neither government nor the SAP were in favour of
detaining people “at random.”

Replying to a question by Hel-
nea Surman (PPP, Houghton),
Vlok said the number of people
detained varied from “day-to-
day.”

Vlok to reply on Asvat killing

CAPE TOWN — Law and Order
Minister Adriaan Vlok may give
an indication tomorrow of the pro-
gress of police investigations into
the murder of Dr Abu-Baker Asvat
in Soweto last month.

Vlok will speak in the House of
Delegates tomorrow in a 15-min-
ute “interpolation” in response to a
question tabled by Mahnoor Ra-
jab (PPP, Springfield).

Although Vlok will have limited
speaking time, he may reply to the
question for three minutes and
then reply for three minutes at the
end of the interpolation.

Rajab will be able to respond for
three minutes and then other MPs,
or Vlok, will be able to speak for
up to two minutes at a time — but
Vlok is restricted to two speaking
opportunities other than his first
statement and his final reply.

The Interpolation procedure,
which was used for the first time
yesterday, is aimed at providing
an extended opportunity for ques-
tions and replies to specific issues
and may be used only on limited
occasions after prior notice.
Pretoria — The Minister of Law and Order was ordered by the Supreme Court to pay R7 000 to a 32-year-old Manelodi East man who was shot in the back by police when he was a youth of 19.

The mother of Mr George Mashiane, Mrs Lina Mashiane, 66, who sued the minister, had initially claimed R14 000. — Sapa
Cop: TV crew were ‘instigators’

Supreme Court Reporter

A SENIOR police officer yesterday told the Supreme Court that he removed a television cameraman and his soundman from KTC because he feared they were instigating — “may be not intentionally” — witdoeke vigilantes to burn down shacks.

This was said by Major Charles Brazelle in the R200 000 damages action brought against the minister of law and order by the Methodist Church of Africa and 21 residents who lost their homes when most of KTC was destroyed between June 9 and 11.

Major Brazelle said he had seen WTN cameraman Mr Craig Matthews and his soundman Mr Vernon Matzopoulos surrounded by witdoeke in Dune Road, near KTC, on June 9.

Some of the witdoeke moved towards KTC and he had the impression they were attempting to set shacks alight. When the witdoeke near Mr Matthew and Mr Matzopoulos started a “shuffle dance” for the television camera he dispersed them.

His orders were to look out for journalists and take them to Manenberg police station where they could be briefed by police liaison officer Lieutenant Attie Laubscher.

When he later again encountered the television team and asked them to leave the area, Mr Matthew became rude and refused to leave.

He was anxious to remove the television crew because he feared Mr Matthew “may be not intentionally” instigated the vigilantes to set fire to shacks.

Mr Matthew swore at police and refused to get into the Casspir and later during the trip to Manenberg police station Mr Matthew shouted abuse at police.

He held his camera on his lap all the time and from a red light on the camera he knew it had been switched on. When Mr Matthew refused to hand over the camera he confiscat ed it and kept it with him, Major Brazelle said.

Asked by Mr F D J Brand, for the minister, why he had taken Mr Matthew’s camera away from him, Major Brazelle said “I got the impression he had started the argument in the Casspir so that he could record it. I did not want to allow him to send a bad impression into the world.”

Major Brazelle denied an allegation by Mr Matthew that he did not wear his rank insignia or a name plate.

When they arrived at the Manenberg police station, Mr Matthew, who had been seated near the door had jumped up, presented him from getting out and demanded that he give him his name and rank in writing. Major Brazelle said “He grabbed me in front of my chest and hit me on the chest. I then hit him in the stomach and told him I was arresting him for assault.” Major Brazelle said.

Asked by Mr Brand if it had been necessary to hit Mr Matthew, Major Brazelle replied it had probably not been necessary but he (Matthew) had “hugely irritated” him (Brazelle) that day.

The hearing continues today.

Mr Justice M F de Kock presided. Mr H F Viljoen SC, with Mr P Potgieter and Mr M M Dyas represented the respondents. Mr G D Gous SC, instructed by Mr G C Linn and Mr Brand, appeared for the respondents.
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Olivia Forsyth . . . denounced by the ANC as a flop.

Forsyth gave ANC lengthy profiles of police officers

The African National Congress claims South African spy Lieutenant Olivia Forsyth gave the organisation "lengthy profiles of scores of police officers" she had encountered in training, listing their strengths and weaknesses.

According to an ANC statement released in Lusaka yesterday, Lieutenant Forsyth provided addresses and details of many of the Security Branch's secret flats as well as the home addresses and even vehicle registration numbers of some of the top SB officers.

She apparently described her chief handler, Major A Oosthuizen, as "basically ambitious . . . and guilty about neglecting his family. When I am in South Africa he spends most of his free time with me."

Lieutenant Forsyth also provided intimate details of former agent Craig Williamson, the man who recruited her.

The ANC statement maintained that the extensive information Lieutenant Forsyth had supplied in her confessions represented a major setback for the Security Police.

The South African agent - "Pretoria's little errand girl" - was lying when she claimed after her return to South Africa that the information she had provided to the ANC contained a small amount that was true but was mainly false.

The statement denied:

- That Lieutenant Forsyth had deliberately revealed herself to the ANC as a South African agent so that its leaders would see her as a defector
- That her first confession was a ploy to gain their confidence
- That she had been sent out on two separate missions - Operation Yurchenko (named after a Soviet double spy) and Operation Olivetti
- That Lieutenant Forsyth had been tortured or beaten during her 22 months in ANC custody
- That during this period in detention she was in a position to obtain sensitive information for the Security Police - such as about the ANC's internal leadership conflict, ANC installations and facilities in neighbouring states

The statement said the ANC had become wise to Lieutenant Forsyth within weeks of her arrival in Harare in September 1985.
'Police spy' went to Botswana

Staff Reporters
Mr. Billy van Zyl, the South African who is alleged by the African National Congress to be held by them because he is a police spy, is a photographer who previously worked as a freelancer for a Port Elizabeth morning newspaper.

He studied photography at the Port Elizabeth Technikon and after working in the city, went to Botswana. His movements after that are unknown.

Mr. van Zyl is thought to have come from Burgersdorp, in the northeastern Cape.

A friend of black journalists, his flight into exile four years ago went largely unrecorded, except by those who had suspected him of being a police spy for some months before his departure.

FRIENDS
At the time Mr. van Zyl told friends he had been called up for military service but did not intend to report for duty. Military police later questioned friends.

He intended claiming political asylum in Botswana and sold all his possessions. Nothing was heard of him until several months later when a friend received a letter postmarked Gaborone.

He wrote of having been detained for three months in a refugee camp by the Botswana authorities. He shared a house with a woman lecturer at the University of Botswana and started a photographic business with a Botswana resident.

Mr. Ian Difford, the head of the photographic department at the Port Elizabeth Technikon, said last night Mr. van Zyl had not been a particularly good photographer. "It's difficult to say what kind of person he was. He didn't adopt a very high profile."
ATTACK ON COP'S HOME: 4 GUILTY

FOUR MEN were yesterday convicted in Cape Town Regional Court of stoning the house of a policeman in Saldanha.

Three of their co-accused — a 16-year-old youth and two men, Mr Robert Kekana, 39, of Diazville, Saldanha, and Mr Maxwell Moss, 28, of White City, Saldanha — were acquitted.

Johannes Strauss, 18, Jacobus Diergaardt, 21, Godfrey Kekana, 23, and Jacobus Januarie, 18, all of Saldanha, were convicted of public violence.

The court heard that on September 12 they were part of a group of about 60 people who stoned the house of Constable A. Mitchell.

The policeman said three windows were broken and furniture inside the house was damaged, but that he could not put a monetary value to the damage.

His neighbour, Ms K Van Wyk, told the court that between 6pm and 7pm, after the end of a rugby match nearby, she heard a noise outside. She saw a group of about 65 people, some of whom were stoning the Mitchells' house.

She identified all of the accused as being part of the group but said only three of them threw stones.

The hearing continues today for sentence.
Second witness on Azapo 'collaboration'

From PAT CANDIDO
Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — Collaboration between police and members of the Azanian People's Organisation was described by a second witness at an inquest here on four United Democratic Front activists.

The inquest, in the New Brighton Magistrate's Court, is on Mr Matthew Geniwe, Mr Fort Calata, Mr Sparrow Mokofo and Mr Suelo Mhlaah, all UDF activists from Cradock.

Mrs Sarah Helen Christie, a member of the Albany branch of the Black Sash, yesterday read a statement she took from Mr Maxwi Lancelot Bingo on July 14 1985.

He said he was a member of Azapo and there had been collaboration between the police and the organisation.

He had stayed at the home of the Rev E Maqna, leader of the organisation, and was paid R20 a month. He mentioned two incidents when houses were petrol-bombed with the help of police.

Earlier another witness, Mr Christopher Ndawe, also spoke of collaboration between the police and Azapo.

Mr Ndawe had claimed in a statement to Mrs Christie that he was a member of Azapo and had moved into Mr Maqna's house.

While he was there the police arrived and talked to Mr Maqna, who then spoke to him in the presence of the police.

Mr Maqna said they could see that the UDF was killing its people and "we must go out and kill the UDF".

One of the policemen said Azapo should finish the UDF, who petrol-bombed houses.

Once he travelled to the house in a police boppo.

One night six policemen arrived at the house with four men. The men were assaulted.

Then two Azapo men he knew as Spho Maqwa and Vusi Maita left with the police and the four men.

Later the Azapo men returned and said they had finished the four off and burned their bodies in a forest.

The inquest continues.
The impoverished backdrop to the Upington murder

Boxer’s arm ‘ached from beating’

By GAYE DAVIS

next day, when he was returned to police cells. Hospital staff reported that Yona had complained of not being fed. Farah said the court

According to Yona, he was returned to the police cells and was then taken by Cape Town police to another police

There was a black plain clothed policeman questioned him before being punched by other policemen. Yona alleged he was punched in the stomach several times and that he was subjected to electric shock treatment. When he complained of being hurt, he alleged, a policeman wearing plastic gloves entered the room carrying a taze and instructed him to sit down.

When refusing to do so he was allegedly handcuffed and bent over backward was smeared with his face and mouth. He alleged he was then instructed in an attempt to force him to open his mouth.

Yona was later crossed to his attorney, Andery Darbache, that his arm was “very sore” and that his body “ached from the beating.” Farah said Darbache subsequently reported to a Major Marn at Upington Police Station who assured Yona that he would be held in solitary confinement “beyond his protection.” He told Darbache to whom the matter up with his superiors.

A private doctor who examined Yona told Darbache there were very few evidence of assault, but conceded Yona was weak. He also said that he feared Yona’s right to be very strong. He did not, however, present that, the court heard, could be the result of survival or assault.

A BACKGROUND of disadvantage, discrimination and lack of rights sets the scene for the 1965 murder of a Pabulato policeman Lutsha ‘Sosha’ Mbatha, an Upington court heard this week.

Social anthropologist Professor Marcus West was giving evidence in substantiation of the trial in the Upington magistrate’s court — on the principles of common purpose — of the murder. A 26th defendant was found guilty by a special magistrate.

West, of the University of Cape Town, referred to a December 1967 socio-economic survey commissioned by the town’s black township, Pabulato, the home of all 36 defendants.

Pabulato’s moot court that had to be subjected to the defence team to produce the report for West’s perusal.

West said the report showed the township had some of the classic features of poverty, overcrowding, unemployment and low wages.

Based on an “acceptable” 45 percent unemployment rate and 10,000-strong population, the report revealed that

Some 965 extra families were living on a total of 1,421 residential sites. The figure of 1,656 families for each site represented “serious overcrowding.”

There was an “extrceedingly high” unemployment rate of 59.9 percent in December 1967. The average figure among black people in South Africa at the same time was 13.9 percent and the national average overall was 8.7 percent.

At least 93 percent of Pabulato housewives were earning less than the minimum living level of R5.57 a month, calculated for a family of seven in Kimberley in an August 1967 Union Bureau for Market Research report.

Fully 57.5 percent of Pabulato houses were improved after the trial began in 1966.

Rents were a major item of expenditure, and failure to pay rents evicted young people were “patently afraid” of the court.

A number of tenants, despite their poverty, had parental responsibilities, others were contributing to family responsibilities and some were “cultural in the financial support of their parents.”

They would have “very reasons” to be directly and personally affected by rent increase.

The judge also mentioned problems in schools over the quality of education. The judge noted that although the court was not being asked to make any assessment of that, it was salutary to see the rights in black education were “unknown” in Pabulato.

Patialato residents were also at the bottom of an imposed racial hierarchy — the most devalued and disempowered group of people in the psychological climate of the area.


The trial continues.

The account included the old age of the accused — one of 10 children, three sets of brothers, three women, who were students, were employed, unemployed and had no family or independent record of independent.
Accused were 'third-class citizens'

From MARIUS BOSCH

UPINGTON — The Upington 25 on trial for the murder of a policeman were third-class citizens in the town and subjected "to all the controls and restrictions placed upon black people", a Supreme Court judge heard yesterday.

Prof Martin West of UCT's department of social anthropology was giving evidence on a report he compiled after interviewing the accused and their families.

He said socio-economic problems coupled with police action could have led to the killing of Constable Lucas Sethwala. Factors adding to the problems were high unemployment, overcrowding in the township, low wages and allegations of official harassment.

"It is this context of disadvantage, discrimination and absence of rights which set the scene for the events of November 1985."

Paballelo was a relatively quiet and conservative area with a low crime rate and there was less "unrest" there than in some other areas during the riots of 1976 and 1985, Prof West said.

"I would expect the more conservative areas to keep things bottled up and to explode periodically."

Prof West compared the situation to the police teargassing of demonstrating UCT students which caused "normally sedate academics to hang out of buildings and heap abuse on police".
Supreme Court Reporter

A POLICE officer yesterday denied in the Supreme Court that police had used an incendiary device to set fire to shacks and the Methodist Church in KTC during the second day of fighting there.

Major Charles Brazeau, of the riot squad, was giving evidence in the R200 000 damages action brought against the Minister of Law and Order by the Methodist Church of Africa and 21 families who lost their homes when most of KTC was attacked by vigilantes in June 1986.

He was responding to a question by Mr F J Brand, for the minister, who asked if evidence that a house had started burning when an object was thrown at it from a Casspir was correct.

Mr M de Kock presented Mr J P Viljoen SC, with Mr P Pretorius and Mr A H Olivier instructed by the Legal Resources Centre, appeared for the plaintiffs. Mr G D Knoesen SC, assisted by Mr C V Labuschagne and Mr Brand, appeared for the defendants.
The case continues... 

The four men were all members of the Nelson Mandela Foundation. They were arrested in connection with the 1995 shooting of several anti-apartheid activists. The men were tried in a Johannesburg court and found guilty of charges ranging from murder to attempted murder. The case is now on appeal.

Another, a student from the University of the Witwatersrand, was also sentenced to life imprisonment. He is serving his sentence in the same prison as the four men.

In addition to the four men and the student, another person was convicted in connection with the case. This person was sentenced to a 15-year sentence for his role in the shooting.

The court also heard how two of the men were killed in 1995.

The case also involved people from the ANC, including Cyril Ramaphosa and Jacob Zuma.

The issue of the case is whether the convictions were fair and just. The men's lawyers argue that the convictions were based on false testimony and that their clients were tortured before their trials.

The prosecution argues that the convictions were based on solid evidence and that the men's rights were respected throughout the process.

The case is expected to be decided in the coming weeks.
All-out bid on Ayat Klling

Vick will discuss police work on Islamic activists
Police doing 'utmost' on Asvat probe

HOUSE OF DELEGATES — The police were doing their utmost to catch the two people allegedly responsible for the killing of Dr Abu-Baker Asvat in his surgery last month, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday.

He also said he would have "no problem" discussing in Parliament police investigations into the deaths of other anti-apartheid activists including university lecturer, Dr Rick Turner, lawyers Mr Griffiths and Mrs Victoria Mxenge, and civic leaders, Mr Matthew Goniwe and Mr Fort Calata.

Mr Adriaan Vlok

He was replying to a question by Mr Mahmoud Rajab (PPP). Springfield, on what progress had been made into the Asvat investigation and whether an inquiry had been made by the police into other killings of anti-apartheid activists.

Mr Rajab said there was a growing perception that Right Wing terrorist death squads were involved in assassinations and abductions of key anti-apartheid activists.

Over the past few years there had been a marked increase in the number of attacks on premises housing anti-apartheid organisations. — Sapa.
'SA agents use UK passports'

UK role in freeing Olivia denounced

By John Ryan, The Star's Africa News Service

LUSAKA — Britain's role in the "Forsyth Saga" and its part in getting South African spy Olivia Forsyth returned to the Republic from Angola have been severely criticised by the ANC.

"The role of the British leaves a lot to be desired," the ANC said in a statement here yesterday "They bear a heavy responsibility."

**Persuaded**

Forsyth was held up in the British Embassy in Luanda for six months last year after escaping from an ANC security house in the Angolan capital.

The British authorities then persuaded the Angolan government to allow her free passage out of the country. "All along, they were informed of the fact that she was a South African police officer who had been spying on the ANC, the Frontline states and even Commonwealth countries," the statement said. "Nevertheless, they insisted on treating her as a British subject, disregarding her criminal activities.

They put pressure on the Angolan government to secure her release. The passport they issued to her, enabling her to leave Luanda, was the third British document they presented her with in a short space of time."

The statement said Britain had been informed Forsyth was party to information she could use against certain people if she returned to South Africa.

"This raised serious questions about the ease with which the South African secret police have been able to use the British government for their sinister work. There are a growing number of South African agents using British passports to carry out subversive missions in the Frontline states."

The statement cited the case of Mr Steve Burnett, arrested in Botswana some years ago for allegedly attempting to assassinate Mr Ronnie Watson. Mr Burnett later claimed in a confession that he was an agent not only for South Africa but for Britain's MI6.
White policemen told to kill UDF one by one — court hears

Port Elizabeth — A statement in which a man

* Cape Times (Durban) February 17, 1987 *
Police are doing utmost to find killers — YOK

POLITICS
Forbush betrayed colleagues - ANC

From JOHN RYAN

An illegal Special Branch information

On the ANC's National Conference at the Union Street and Stratford Road

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The Argus
Joining the South African Police, she wants to be a PT instructor.

BLENDE ANNA MOLIN, 18, of Lichtenburg is following a family tradition by

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Joanne But for the record —

by CAROL CUNOZ

But in this case they're pretty ones.

LONG ARM OF THE LAW

Weekend Argus, February 18 1989
MORE than 20 security policemen this week raided the Johannesburg offices of the restricted Azanian People's Organisation in what appeared to be part of a major nationwide investigation.

The policemen, both plain-clothed and uniformed, searched the organisation's Lekton House offices between 10am and lunchtime and removed several items.

These included names of Azapo and Imbeleko Women's Organisation activists, according to a spokesman for the Azanian Co-ordinating Committee, Lybon Mabasa.

A spokesman for the SAP's public relations division said the raid was part of a "routine investigation".

"We believe this is part of the general harassment of the organisation and its members. We are undeterred. "We are breaking no laws, since we are following the restrictions that have been imposed on the organisation by being at the office and continuing to do administrative work."

He said they were also asked why Asvat's tribute pamphlets were issued by Azapo, which is a restricted organisation.

"It has become a consistent pattern for the security police to raid the offices of Azapo twice or thrice every month," Mabasa said.

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A spokesman for the security police asked questions about the relationships between the recently-slain Azapo activist Dr Abu-Baker Asvat's memorial committee, the National Youth Council, the Imbeleko Women's Organisation and Azapo.
Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok has shown, unlike some of his predecessors, a preference for reason rather than the truncheon.

His change in style however has not led him to contemplate changing a set of laws and regulations which are among the most draconian in the world and far tougher than any powers held by his predecessors.

It was the immense powers that he holds that landed him in the position that sparked the hunger strike by detainees and led him to show an ability to negotiate and compromise which is not the hallmark of the National Party.

In another of the many contradictions of South African society even Archbishop Desmond Tutu commented after Thursday’s talks that Mr Vlok had shown real compassion for the detainees.

The Archbishop was sure the compassion was not shown merely because of what could have been very painful political and international repercussions if a single detainee died.

Mrs Helen Suzman, MP who, as the Progressive Federal Party spokesman on law and order has seen a whole chain of police Ministers, although firmly critical of Mr Vlok for the laws he administers, says at least “unlike Jimmy Kruger, he was not left cold at the thought of someone dying”.

Since taking over as Minister of Law and Order on December 1, 1986, Mr Vlok has attempted to instil a different image of the police force.

The end of 1986 had left the police with an international image of men with a quiet in one hand and a shotgun in the other chasing fleeing unarmed protesters through burning townships.

Against the background of having to keep a lid on the growing anger to white domination and subjugation, Mr Vlok has tried to give the police a better image.

He was particularly concerned about the right-wing image the police were getting and also the perception that some policemen were placing themselves above the law.

Policemen were transferred, put out to pasture, while many others have been charged in court for excesses ranging from torture to murder.

At the same time he ensured police loyalty by moving among them, speaking to them as equals, joking with constables and spending Christmas Day visiting them.

He is member of the police reservists and shows his identification with the force by often wearing basic police uniform — without rank.

A major public exercise was launched to depict policemen as “a friend of the people” to the extent of giving away bumper stickers with pictures of hearts and the exhortation to “Adopt a cop”.

Unlike some of his predecessors who were wont to lock up newsmen rather than talk to them, Mr Vlok has rather welcomed association with the media, often arranging major press briefings to attempt to justify actions and to keep the public fully informed of those government actions.

But this has been against tough media regulations that have severely restricted the ability of newsmen to report the activities of the police in controlling unrest and, in fact, the unrest itself.

Mrs Suzman points out that Mr Vlok still however has to tackle the major problem and that is the elementary right of individuals not to be deprived of liberty unless duly convicted in a court of law.

Although his attitude to the hunger strike was welcome it was tardy. Some of the people had been detained for years and he had not shown his concern then.

Mr Vlok in style is also different from the previous police ministers. He meets anger and criticism with a joke, often giving the impression that he cannot be engaged in serious conversation.

One of his political opponents, frustrated with his style, expressed a preference for his predecessors because “at least they took criticism seriously”.

But he does have the ability to be serious and, as he has now shown, the ability to enter into crucial and demanding negotiations.

He is extremely hard working, with his car being the first into the ministerial car park almost every day.

Mr Vlok has had a long association with the laws of the land from being associated with their practical implementation through to working for Mr John Vorster when he was Prime Minister.

Born at Sutherland in the Cape in 1937, he settled in the Transvaal after leaving school and joined the Department of Justice.

While working he studied part-time at the University of Pretoria for various legal qualifications, rising through the department from prosecutor to magistrate and later to under-secretary in the department’s head office.

He was private secretary to former Justice Minister Mr P. C. Peiser before working for Mr Vorster.

It was while working for Mr Vorster that he developed a passion for politics.

In 1959 he left the public service for the private sector, entering politics soon afterwards when he was elected to the Verwoerdburg town council in 1972.

In April 1974 he was elected to Parliament as the MP for Verwoerdburg. Ten years later he was appointed deputy Minister of Defence with the added responsibility of Law and Order a year later.

The dual deputy position was seen at the time as part of a link in the security forces to fit in with the total strategy concept.

He played a major role in the formation of the national security management system which involves regional Management Committees which have been a major tool in overcoming the unrest.

Vlok at Crossroads... “At least, unlike Jimmy Kruger, he was not left cold at the thought of someone dying” — Mrs Helen Suzman, MP.
Trojan Horse: Police up for murder

By MICHAEL BOWAN

THIRTEEN police and defence force personnel allegedly involved in the "Trojan Horse" incident in Thornton Road, Athlone, in October 1985, have been summoned to appear in the Supreme Court on murder charges.

The parents of two of the three teenagers shot dead by security forces in the "Trojan Horse" incident have instituted a private prosecution against the men attached to a joint operational centre in Malmesbury during the 1985 unrest.

Family lawyers said the men would appear on August 1 on a charge of murdering Heatherdale Primary School pupil Michael Miranda, 11, and Shaun Magnoed, 16.

The families have deposited R10,000 with the chief magistrate of Wynberg for costs the accused might incur.

In March last year, Wynberg inquest magistrate Mr G Hoffman found policeman Lieutenant Dow Vermeulen and his task force negligent and responsible for the deaths of Miranda, Magnoed and Jonathan Claassen.

However, in November last year the Attorney-General of the Cape, Mr Daniel "Niel" Rossouw, declined to prosecute them after examining the inquest file.

Last week, summonses were served on the men on behalf of Miranda's mother, Mrs Georgina Williams of Belgravia Estate, and Magnoed's father, Mr Martin Magnoed of Eastridge, Mitchell's Plain.

Michael Miranda died of brain damage as a result of shotgun wounds to the head and Shaun Magnoed from extensive shotgun wounds spread over his left side.

After the inquest finding, the families of the two men the Minister of Law and Order for funeral costs. The Minister settled the claims out of court.

A private prosecution is identical to a normal one, except that the legal representatives of the aggrieved party take on the role of the State.

The Attorney-General retains the right to intervene, at any stage and convert the proceedings into a public prosecution.

In this case, the families will have to pay their own costs, but if the prosecution succeeds the accused or the State may be ordered to pay these costs.

If it fails and the court finds the prosecution was vexatious and unfounded, the private prosecutor may be ordered to pay the costs of the accused.
Police deny PFP allegations on Natal mass killer

Own Correspondent
DURBAN — The SAP has rejected allegations put forward by the Progressive Federal Party that a mass killer was linked to 25 political murders in Maritzburg in the past three years.

The PFP's unrest monitoring commission said on February 6 that information about the alleged killer had been gathered from statements made to it by township residents.

Mr Mike Elhiss (PFP Durban North) has tabled questions to the Minister of Law and Order on the alleged killer.

In a statement on Friday, Colonel H V Haynes of the public relations division said "The matter was investigated and there is no indication, let alone evidence, that the person referred to was involved in 25 killings in the past three years."

"Mr Radley Keys of the PFP's unrest monitoring group was interviewed by senior officers of the SAP. During the first interview he indicated that he would furnish proof to back up his allegations on February 9."

"On February 9 it was established that Mr Keys had no statements to substantiate his allegations, neither could he furnish names and addresses of any witnesses. He indicated the report was based on 'rumours circulating under the local residents of black residential areas outside Maritzburg.'"

Colonel Haynes said a Daily News report on the alleged killer on February 6 "is bound to create the perception among readers that the police neglected to act against a mass murderer and that the PFP's unrest monitoring group succeeds in gathering proof that this person is perpetrator of a whole range of crimes while police are incompetent to do the same."
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Police reject union charge

By Mike Siluma, Labour Reporter

The police have rejected an accusation by the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) that they had handled investigations into last October's Western Deep Levels accident in a "sloppy manner."

The NUM last week accused the SAP of failing to submit a report on their investigations, leading to the postponement of a preliminary hearing into the accident. Proceedings have been set down for February 27.

Reacting to the NUM statement, the SAP public relations division said the NUM statement was "yet another unwarranted and uncalled for propaganda attack on the SA Police. As in the case of all mine accidents, the inquests/accidents are investigated by the Inspector of Mines in terms of Section 901 Act 27/1996 (Mines and Works Act 1996)."

"Had the NUM approached the police before their statement to the media, they could have established that the allegations against the SA Police are devoid of all truth."

According to the district magistrate, Mr Jeremy Jansen-van Vuuren, neither the prosecutor in the case, nor the Attorney General, had been able to make a decision on the accident because "there was no evidence put before the prosecutor or the magistrate."

"The police are going to investigate the case and then put available evidence before the prosecutor who will (in consultation with the Attorney General) make a decision," said Mr Jansen-van Vuuren.
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Political

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SAP clarifies raid

THE South African Police has issued a statement clarifying their position regarding a raid on the offices of the restricted Azanian People's Organisation where various documents were seized on February 14.

The SAP Directorate for Public Relations said that the report about the incident, which appeared in the Sowetan of February 15, created the impression that the police spokesman quoted in the article confirmed the raid but was not prepared to elaborate.

The police statement said, “The SAP regard the searching of premises as routine police duty on which we are not prepared to comment for publication purposes. We are thus not prepared to even establish whether the alleged search did take place or not.”

The police said that therefore the Sowetan's quote which said “the action was normal police routine work which they could not comment on” was not a true reflection of what the SAP's response was.
A YOUNG man, who was shot in the groin by a policeman, is claiming R100,000 in damages from the Minister of Law and Order because he has had pain and sexual problems since the incident.

The Cape Town Supreme Court heard that Mr David Adams, a Rautiafaraj from Manenberg, was shot by a constable in February 1987.

Mr Adams told the court he was talking to "a drunkard" when he heard somebody running and turned around to see "two desperate eyes and the barrel of a pistol" pointed at him, before he was shot. The bullet passed through his buttocks and his groin, hitting his penis.

Specialist urologist Dr Hercules du Preez said Mr Adams told him that since the shooting intercourse was painful and his penis was bent when erect.

Dr Du Preez said his examination of Mr Adams had shown there was sufficient physical damage to support his complaints. His pain was caused by nerve endings trapped in scar tissue.

The alternative surgery was not very attractive and would be to correct the curvature of the penis.

Mr Justice J J Fagan is on the bench. Mr S A Majedt, instructed by Mr R D Dadarker of Dadarker and Sale, appears for Mr Adams. Mr J L U van den Hoven appeared for the Minister.
Sexually disabled man sues minister

25/1 Supreme Court Reporter

A MANENBERG man who is "sexually disabled" after being shot by a policeman is claiming R100,000 from the Minister of Law and Order because he can no longer have a sexual relationship without intense pain.

Since the shooting he has experienced pain in his buttocks, testicles and during an erection.

This was evidence in the Supreme Court yesterday in the action brought by Mr David Adams, 24, who was shot by a policeman on March 19, 1987.

Mr Adams said that while on his way to the shop, he saw a man pick up an object, then heard running footsteps behind him. "A shot rang out and I felt pain. I fell on my back and clutched my genitals."

Dr Michael du Preez, a urologist, testified that surgery was not very satisfactory and would cost about R2,500.

The hearing continues today.

Mr James J.J. Pienaar presided. Mr E.A. Meeh, instructed by Mr R. du Toit, appeared for Mr Adams. Mr J.J. du Toit van der Heyden, for the minister, was instructed by the state attorney.
Police to halt Amenities Act arrests

By Craig Kotze,
Crime Reporter

Police have been ordered not to arrest people in connection with the Separate Amenities Act because the SAP did not take the detention of people lightly, a spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order said yesterday.

He was responding to queries about an order issued by Police headquarters in Pretoria to all Divisional Commissioners and other commanders in the country.

The order stipulates that police are not to arrest those contravening the Act but are to investigate the matter and refer it to the local senior state prosecutor.

A statement issued by the Ministry of Law and Order said police arrested people only to ensure they appeared in court on specific charges.

"Because the arrest of someone is not regarded lightly by the SAP, tangible proof must exist that the suspect has in fact committed the offence."
Wrapping out of KTC tape was illegal.

Minister to pay R190 000 to Belhar youth

Supreme Court Reporter

A BELHAR youth who lost the use of his legs after he was shot in the spine by a policeman in 1987, has won R190 000 in damages from the minister of Law and Order.

Melvin le Fleur, 17, was shot in the back in Adam Taslaan, Belhar, on May 31, 1987 when he allegedly tried to evade arrest in what police said was an incident of public violence.

The settlement was made an order of court by Mr Justice CT Howe on Wednesday.

The settlement was made without the minister admitting liability or that police had been deliberately negligent in shooting Melvin.

Melvin, a Std 7 pupil at the time, endured considerable shock, pain, suffering, disfigurement and discomfort when he was paralysed from the hip downward.

His mother, Mrs Katharina le Fleur, who brought the action, originally claimed R300 000 — R150 000 for damages and loss of amenities and R150 000 for loss of his earning capacity.

Melvin, one of five children, had been a keen soccer and tennis player and a swimmer.

Mr S A Moodley, instructed by Wilton son, Jacobs, Gwede and Abrahams Inc, appeared for Mrs le Fleur. The minister was represented by the state attorney's office.
A bizarre tale of bullies in dresses

MEN wearing women's dresses pulled over blue kiskonstabel uniforms attacked a group of youths with truncheons, a court has been told.

The allegations are part of an application to have eight special policemen in the Eastern Cape town of Hofmeyr jailed on contempt charges.

The applicant, 23-year-old Michael Fusile Daniso, claims that the kiskonstabels breached a court order restraining them from acting unlawfully against township residents.

Daniso describes his "complete amazement" at seeing his attackers wearing women's dresses pulled over blue overalls.

Another witness says in his affidavit that the only explanation he can think of was that the policemen believed they could conceal their identities by camouflaging themselves in this way.

Replying affidavits filed by the respondents deny any assault took place.

In his affidavit, Daniso tells how, while walking to a friend's house, he was called over by a group of kiskonstabels and searched for dagga.

When nothing was found he turned to walk away but was swung at and struck in the face by a black member of the South African Police who was with the kiskonstabels.

His friends advised him to lay a charge and four set off for the police station. Another black police sergeant intervened and said he would speak to the kiskonstabels.

While the four were heading home, Daniso states, he became aware of a crowd of people approaching them from behind.

"There were about eight of them as they came up I noticed to my complete amazement that they were special constables of the SAP and that they were wearing women's dresses on top of their blue overalls."

He had no difficulty recognising them as kiskonstabels. "I could clearly see their blue overalls sticking out below the dresses - they were wearing police boots on their feet."

"Furthermore, the dresses had short sleeves and the overalls covered their arms."

The men also wore their police caps backwards and their faces were clearly visible in the moonlight. They were armed with truncheons.

"As I stood there Winter (one of the kiskonstabels) came up to me and hit me on the side of the head. I fell to the ground and (they) all began to assault me with their truncheons."

His three companions managed to escape as he lay on the ground trying to avoid the blows. Eventually the attack ended as his assailants ran away he limped to a friend's house.

The police were telephoned and told of the assault. A sergeant who arrived saw his (Daniso's) badly injured left hand and head injury.

The sergeant left, returning with seven kiskonstabels who denied assaulting Daniso. He was later admitted to Tarkastad Hospital and treated for a severely fractured hand and a two centimetre gash on his head.

A doctor's affidavit describes the injuries as consistent with a truncheon-beating.

Another affidavit by Yundiswa Vumundlu, the 15-year-old sister of one of Daniso's companions, said her brother rang to say he had been assaulted.

As she walked from her home into the street she saw first one then another figure run past her. The second she recognised as a kiskonstabel.

"I was astonished to see that on top of the overall he was wearing he had a woman's dress and he began to pull it off over his shoulders as he ran past me."

She could see him clearly by a bright moon and was "perplexed".

 Later she heard her brother and his friends were assaulted by kiskonstabels wearing women's clothes.
Shack-burning video wiped out

By LINDA GALLOWAY
Supreme Court Reporter

POLICE were aware that a television crew's film had been illegally tampered with and erased while in their possession during fighting between Witdoeko and Comrades in KTC, the Supreme Court, Cape Town, has been told.

Major Charles Roger Brazelle was under cross-examination in the civil hearing in which the Methodist Church in Africa and 20 squatter families are claiming more than R200,000 in damages from the Minister of Law and Order.

The claim arises out of three days of fighting in the squatter camp in which thousands of people lost their homes.

The applicants have charged that the police did not prevent the Witdoeko from burning down shacks in KTC.

Replying to questions by Mr. Henry Viljoen, SC, for the applicants, Major Brazelle said he was aware that a videotape belonging to Worldwide Television News cameraman Mr. Craig Matthew had been tampered with and erased and that this was irregular and unlawful.

He was also aware the tape contained footage of Witdoeko burning shacks.

Major Brazelle said the tape had been wiped out by a Sergeant van Eck, a member of the police video unit at the time, on the instructions of another policeman at Manenberg police station.

They were concerned about footage documenting an argument between Mr. Matthew and policemen in the Casspir, in which bad language was used.

"TOO HASTY"

Mr. Viljoen suggested to Major Brazelle that Mr. Matthew had recorded the argument so he would have on record that he had asked the major repeatedly for his name and rank.

He admitted he had no right to remove Mr. Matthew and Mr. Matzopoulos from the scene as the area was not an unrest zone, nor had it been declared a restricted area.
SA Police directive on Act criticised

By Peter Fabricus, Political Correspondent, and Kazeer Nyatsambhe

CAPE TOWN — A police headquarters directive that Separate Amenities Act transgressors should not be arrested has been strongly criticised.

The confidential directive, which was leaked to the Conservative Party, was confirmed yesterday by Brigadier Leon Melle, spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adrian Viljoen.

Brigadier Melle said the directive did not mean transgressors would not be prosecuted, but if they received complaints police officers should hand cases over to the state prosecutor for his decision.

CP law and order spokesman Mr Moolman Mentz said it was “unbelievable that a man who is responsible for maintaining law and order can direct people who have to uphold the law not to apply it.”

Mr Harry Schwarz, PPP MP for Yeoville, said it was not good enough to try to mitigate the effects of the Act, it should be scrapped.

National chairman of Lawyers for Human Rights, Mr Jules Browde, SC, said telling policemen not to arrest anyone contravening an Act indicated that it was “unenforceable” to enforce the law.

Mrs Ebel Walt of the Black Sash said it was a relief to know that people would no longer be humiliated for contravening the Act, but it was inexplicable that police should be given a directive to ignore a law.
Minister to pay shot youth R190 000

Supreme Court Reporter

A TEENAGER paralysed from the waist down after being shot in the back by police will be paid R190 000 in damages by the Minister of Law and Order in terms of an out-of-court settlement.

Mrs Katarina Johanna le Fleur had claimed R500 000 in damages from the Minister on behalf of her son Melvyn, 17, after he was shot in the back in Adam Tse Avenue, Belhar, in May 1987.

The Minister has not admitted liability and all claims against the police by Melvyn now fall away.

The payment is made without the Minister admitting any member of the South African Police acted negligently or unlawfully in the shooting incident.

SHOCK AND PAIN

According to the papers before the court, Melvyn had been through "considerable shock, pain, suffering, disfigurement and discomfort" and would continue to suffer.

Both parties signed a non-disclosure clause which prevents them from speaking to the Press about the incident or the settlement.

Mr S A Mageed, instructed by Wilkinson, Josse and Gilwala, appeared for Mrs Le Fleur; Mr A. E. G. A. K. van Jaarsva...
Crime Reporter

THE fatal shooting of two handcuffed burglary suspects by a Somerset West detective earlier this month has been questioned by a member of Parliament.

The MP for Macassar, Mr Cecil Herandien, said he was not satisfied with the police’s version of what happened on February 6.

According to Boland police the two suspects, Mr Rudolph Gouws and Mr Benjamin Adams, both 21, were shot dead when they allegedly attacked a detective after he had arrested them for housebreaking.

The men were allegedly showing Detective Warrant Officer Warwick Segal where they had hidden stolen goods when they allegedly struck him on the head with the handcuffs.

The men, who were handcuffed to one another, then ran off allegedly failing to heed a number of warning shots fired by W/O Segal. He then fired at the men, who were 70 metres away, hitting them both in the head.

One of the men died at the scene while the other man died later in Hottentots-Holland Hospital.

"Logic tells me both men must then have stumbled and fallen as the shot man could not have continued running," Mr Herandien said.

He had discussed the matter with the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, who had told him that Pretoria police were investigating the incident, said Mr Herandien.

It is understood that the policemen Mr Vlok was referring to are experts of the police’s forensic department.

Mr Herandien said he could not confirm at what range the men were shot.
Police feared camera would be dropped — witness

Supreme Court Reporter

THE police officer who ordered the camera of TV cameraman Mr Craig Matthew confiscated after his arrest, yesterday told the Supreme Court he had done so because he feared Mr Matthew would deliberately drop it and blame police.

Major Charles Brazelle said this in cross-examination in the R200,000 damages action residents of KTC brought against the Minister of Law and Order after most of KTC was destroyed by vigilantes between June 9 and 11, 1986.

The major said he had gained the impression the vigilante were setting snags aight for the benefit of the camera and this belief was strengthened when he saw Mr Matthew film the vigilante in action.

He had ordered the television crew placed inside his Casspar because he had feared for their safety and also because he had been ordered to remove journalists from KTC.

Asked by Mr H P Viljoen SC for his comment about Mr Matthew's evidence that policemen in the Casspar had wrestled the camera from him and flung it into the Casspar, Major Brazelle said he had ordered the camera confiscated because he feared Mr Matthew would deliberately throw the camera into the ground and hold the police responsible. He had not experienced this but had heard from fellow police officers about the practice, he said.

The hearing continues today.

Mr Justice M R de Kock presided. Mr Viljoen, with Mr P Pretorius and Mr A A Botha instructed by the Legal Resources Centre, appeared for the applicants. Mr H D Seaward SC, instructed by CY Lineen and Mr P J J Brandt, instructed by the same attorney, appeared for the respondents.


**The Minister of Home Affairs**

The report that I am about to make to the House of Commons today is the result of an extensive investigation into the conditions of life in the South African homelands. The purpose of this investigation was to determine the extent to which the government's policies are helping to improve the lives of the people in the homelands.

I have found that the conditions in the homelands are far from satisfactory. The lack of basic services such as water, electricity, and health care is a serious problem. The housing situation is also dire, with many people living in unsanitary conditions.

However, I am encouraged by the efforts that have been made by the government to improve the situation. The construction of new housing units and the expansion of existing facilities are steps in the right direction.

In conclusion, while there is still much to be done, I believe that the government is making progress in improving the conditions of life in the homelands. I look forward to seeing continued efforts in this direction.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Minister of Home Affairs

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**The Minister of Defence**

The recent conflict in the region has highlighted the need for a strong defence force to protect our borders and defend our interests. I am pleased to report that we have increased our military capacity and are better prepared to handle similar situations in the future.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our armed forces, who have contributed significantly to the security of our country. Their dedication and sacrifice are deeply appreciated.

As we look to the future, I am confident that we will continue to strengthen our defence capabilities and ensure the safety and security of our citizens.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Minister of Defence

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**The Minister of Finance**

The budget for the coming year is a crucial document that outlines the government's financial priorities. I am pleased to announce that we have allocated funds to support important initiatives such as education, health care, and infrastructure development.

I understand the importance of fiscal responsibility and will continue to work towards prudent and effective financial management.

I look forward to the support of the House as we move forward with these initiatives.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Minister of Finance

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Suzman opposes 'summary dismissal' for striking police

Parliamentary Staff

MRS Helen Suzman, Progressive Federal Party spokesman on law and order, has criticised new legislation which allows policemen to be summarily dismissed for striking.

The Police Amendment Bill now before Parliament empowers the Commissioner of Police to dismiss a policeman summarily and "without hearing any person" for going on strike.

Mrs Suzman said yesterday she had tried to introduce an amendment which would have given policemen the right to a fair hearing.

"While we accept they run an essential service and cannot therefore strike, the principle of audi alteram partem demands policemen should be given a hearing."

Mrs Suzman said that the PFP first tried to change the bill so that striking policemen would only be suspended from service.

But the police said that under their rules a suspended policeman would still be allowed access to police premises and facilities.

Mrs Suzman said the PFP had no other objection to the bill.
Claim over shooting dismissed

Supreme Court Reporter

A CIVIL ACTION in the Supreme Court, in which a Manenberg man claimed R100 000 damages from the Minister of Law and Order after he became sexually disabled when shot in the back by a policeman, was yesterday dismissed with costs.

The claim arose from an incident on March 19, 1987, when Mr David Adams, 24, who described himself as a Rastafarian, was shot by a police constable soon after police had arrived in Aletta Street, Manenberg, to investigate complaints of gang fights.

Mr Adams testified that he was walking with an acquaintance who was armed with a panga and heard a noise behind him. When he turned around he "looked into two desperate eyes" and the barrel of a pistol.

A shot rang out and he felt a pain in his buttocks through to his genital area.

Constable H Heilsinger told the court that when he emerged from an alley that night, a group of armed men charged at him. He fired a shot because he feared for his life or that his pistol would be stolen.

Someone fell to the ground and when he approached he saw it was Mr Adams who was lying on a panga.

Mr Justice J J Fagan said that on the evidence and the probabilities, the defendant (the minister and Constable Heilsinger) had discharged the onus that the use of the firearm was justified.

It struck the court as "quite improbable" that Constable Heilsinger, who had almost four years' experience, would shoot at two people walking away from him.

It was "again improbable" that the policeman would shoot an unarmed man (Mr Adams) and not the man with a panga.

Mr S A Miedler instructed Mr A D Riederer of Diedericks and Son, appeared for Mr Adams. Mr A D J Vass, instructed by the state attorney, appeared for the minister.
CHURCH leaders negotiating the release of emergency detainees fell 'let down' after a meeting with Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok this week.

The meeting — held a day before the expiry of the deadline for the Minister to release a "substantial" number of detainees — took place amid a groundswell of anger over the large number of people still in detention and the restrictions on those released.

The church delegation was led by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and included Archbishop Stephen Nadaoo, Bishop Suffragan Jeff Quinan, Bishop James Grubble and the Rev Pierre van der Heever.

A meeting two weeks ago between churchmen and the Minister led to the suspension of a hunger strike by detainees in some parts of the country.

In return for the suspension Vlok promised to release a "substantial" number of detainees.

Bishop L. Mellet and General H. de Witt attended Wednesday's meeting between Vlok and the churchmen.

At the meeting, the churchmen clashed with Vlok over what was meant by a "substantial" number of detainees being released.

The delegation said substantial meant at least 450 — half of all detainees. Instead, only 139 had been released.

Vlok said he understood substantial to mean 100 detainees.

He had released 212 detainees following the agreement and would sign the release papers of a further 50 on Friday.

He said that reviewing detentions was an ongoing process.

He defended the restrictions placed on the majority of detainees released by saying that these people were "troublemakers in the community".

The restrictions were intended to ensure that unrest continued to die down.

The church leaders pointed out that they did not represent community organisations and Vlok should meet with those organisations.

The Minister said he would consider doing this if such a meeting took place together with other church leaders.

But he refused to release any detainees who were still on hunger strike.

About 50 people nationwide are still on hunger strike.

In Pretoria, where there have been no releases, 34 detainees are still fasting for food.

Twelve of these hunger strikers have been hospitalized and one is refusing to go on a drip.

Lawyers said that the rest of the hunger strikers had been moved to nine different police stations in the Pretoria area.

Seventeen people detained under Section 29 have been on hunger strike at John Vorster Square in Johannesburg since last week.
TWO pupils from Willowmore in the Southern Cape claim they were beaten up and hounded out of the town by the security police.

However, the police public relations division in Pretoria has denied that Willowmore Senior Secondary School pupils Andrew Lewis, 19, and Franklin Delport, 17, were assaulted or threatened with death.

Lewis and Delport allege they were taken from the school hostel by three security policemen on February 21 and driven to a desolate place outside town where they were repeatedly assaulted.

In an affidavit Lewis also alleges that at one stage during the assault Fourie took him under a bridge, held a revolver to his head and threatened to kill him.

Lewis also claims that Fourie smacked, hit and kicked him in his face, kicked him against his chest, and kicked sand in his face.

Both pupils allege they were asked to "spy" for the police.

Police have rejected all the allegations as "false."

"On February 21 1989, Sgt Fourie of the SA Police approached the two pupils mentioned. They were not assaulted and no threat were made against them," said the police.

Lewis and Andrews, who were treated by a doctor for their injuries, have since laid charges of assault against the three policemen and have consulted a lawyer about taking the matter further.

The SAP spokesperson said that according to their "present records" no charges have been lodged.

"The two youths are at liberty to lodge their complaints with the SA Police and we give an assurance that their complaints will be thoroughly investigated."
Crowd ‘angry’ after funeral incident

Supreme Court Reporter

The mood of mourners at a funeral yesterday was allegedly shot from a policeman's arm "in a case of Nearly shot from the back". It was an end of an era, said Mr. Erasmus, evidence of his action. A number of people were reportedly shot by the deceased, who had been the victim of the incident.

Mr. Erasmus said he had joined up with the funeral procession for a farmer who had been shot. The farmer's son told the police that there had been a case of Near shot by the deceased. When Mr. Erasmus was allegedly shot, he could have been killed. He was shot in the back, but there was no crowd control, said the constable.

Mr. Erasmus said he heard a loud report which he thought was a gunshot. He was a guest at a man's house. He saw a revolver in the man's hand. The constable then moved away. People began climbing into the car and spread their legs. The constable then heard the noise and thought he had been shot. He had heard someone shout, "After the gunfire, there was a crowd.

The constable's mood changed, and people sounded the siren. The area was surrounded by about 10 people. The car climbed on to the roof and jumped down to where a policeman was allegedly shot by the deceased.
Police ‘hoped talks would stop battles’

By LINDA GALLOWAY
Supreme Court Reporter

A POLICE platoon did not take action in a day of bitter fighting between “Comrades” and “Witdoeke” in the KTC squatting camp because it was hoped police negotiations would succeed, a captain told the Supreme Court.

Captain Johan Oosthuizen, the officer commanding Platoon 3, gave evidence in the civil hearing in which the Methodist Church in Africa and 20 squatter families are claiming R200,000 on damages from the Minister of Law and Order.

The claimants allege that during three days of fighting in June 1994 the police did not take action against the Witdoeke and allowed them to burn down the squatting camp.

Captain Oosthuizen told the court that Major Dolf Odendal had begun negotiations with the warring factions, and for his platoon to have taken action would have been contrary to plans.

The court was shown video footage of the conflict and Captain Oosthuizen identified a scene at which a Methodist minister, the Rev Syd Luckett, was present with Comrades and policemen.

Captain Oosthuizen said that his experience of Mr Luckett, at “funerals, strikes, illegal gatherings” and other such events, was that the minister would not co-operate with police in talking to the crowd.

“The police did wrong,” he told the court.

On the soundtrack of the video shown in court, an argument between Major Odendal and Mr Luckett was audible, with Mr Luckett telling Major Odendal to go and talk to the Witdoeke and he would speak to the Comrades.

Major Odendal accused Mr Luckett of interfering in the police’s work.

The hearing continues...
Cape Times, Friday, March 10, 1989

Court hears of knives in apron

Supreme Court Reporter

A GROOTE SCHUUR Hospital security guard yesterday told the Supreme Court he had seen a man open an apron containing knives and hand them out soon after Constable James Farmer was dragged into a funeral crowd.

Mr Pieter Visagie was being cross-examined in a R200 000 damages action brought against the Minister of Law and Order by Mr Yusuf Lakay, 53, who has a paralysed right leg after he was allegedly shot by Constable Farmer at the funeral of Mr Ebrahim Carelse on September 11, 1985.

He had seen two men drag Constable Farmer into the crowd and disappear from view. Then a man in a crouching position opened an apron containing about 10 knives and handed them around. He had then moved away, Mr Visagie said.

Constable Farmer would not have been able to get away even if he had tried and it would further have been impossible for him to draw his firearm. He had not heard a shot, Mr Visagie said.

He had first seen the dead policeman’s colleague, Constable Conrad Leggett, when he held his pistol in front of him with both hands and pointed it at the funeral procession. He had seen Constable Leggett run away but he did not see stones being thrown at him as alleged.

The hearing continues today.

Mr Jaques A J de Vries appeared for Mr P B Horne, SC, instructed by Mr K A R Engrav, instructed by Melinck, Rass, Richman and Cossenberg Inc, appeared for Mr Lakay. Mr W Van Deventer SC, assisted by Mr A H Veldhuisen, instructed by the state attorney, appeared for the minister
Ciskeian generals obstructed justice

BISHO. — Two Ciskeian police generals have been found guilty of defeating or obstructing the ends of justice in the Mntonga murder trial in the Supreme Court here.

They are the second-in-command of the Ciskeian police Elite Squad, Major-General Witness Ngwanya, 42, and Major-General Mountain Ngcanga, 50, head of the security police.

Judgment on four other accused charged following the death of Mr Eric Mntonga, 35, co-director of the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa in the Border area, will be given today.

Yesterday Mr Justice Pickard discredited Ngwanya, saying he intentionally kept quiet about the case. But there was no evidence to show he was involved in the plan to dump Mr Mntonga's body, found at Tamarra on the outskirts of King William's Town on July 25 1987.

Evidence implicating Ngwanya and Ngcanga was limited.

Mr Justice Pickard said Colonel L Nonbonho was involved in the cover-up. He implicated Ngcanga and his evidence should be accepted because it had been collaborated by Captain H Mfundisi.

Judgment continues today.

— Sapa
Idasa death:
33 years' jail for 6 police

BISHO. — Six Ciskei policemen were yesterday sentenced to an effective 33 years' imprisonment following the death of the Border co-director of the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa (Idasa), Mr Eric Mntonga.

Ciskei's Chief Justice, Mr Justice Benjamin Pickard, said in the Bisho Supreme Court that policemen were protected by law, especially in the case of security branch policemen, as they had more powers and had the right to detain without trial.

Mr Mntonga, 35, was found dead near King William's Town on July 25, 1987.

Two police generals, Witness Ngwanya, 42, and Mountain Ngcanga, 50, were each jailed for two years on a charge of defeating the ends of justice.

Major Wellington Potwana, 42, was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment for culpable homicide and four years for defeating the ends of justice, with two years running concurrently with the 10-year sentence. He will serve an effective 12-year prison term.

W O Tamsanqa Hlulani, 31, was sentenced to six years in jail for culpable homicide and three years for defeating the ends of justice, of which two years will run concurrently with the six-year sentence. He will serve an effective seven-year jail term.

Colonel Mbandla Mbejeni, 47, received a four-year jail term as an accessory after the fact to culpable homicide.

W O Khayalethu Ncandana, 34, was sentenced to six years in jail for culpable homicide.

The court ordered that state witnesses W O Z Bojana and W O P Swelindawo should be prosecuted.

Mr Justice Pickard said assaults on people in detention could not be tolerated. — Sapa
SA people ‘harassed’ by Ciskei policemen

SOUTH AFRICAN citizens were being harassed and assaulted on SA territory by Ciskei police, a Democratic Party MP Peter Mopp said this week. He was a debate in Parliament on the Second Reading of the Police Amendment Bill. Mopp said he had written to the Minister of Law and Order about the matter.

People returning from the Bisha area late at night had been chased by Ciskei police from a roadblock at a turn-off to Mantsane, even though these people were on SA territory.

On one occasion a person had been assaulted near his home in Buffalo Flats in East London by the policemen, and a SAP unit did not come to the scene until 2 hours later, Mopp said.

Mopp had received a complaint that police conducted searches at night in the Ciskei, and that they pressed their guns against people’s heads.

Mopp said that with its provision allowing for the instant dismissal of a policeman suspected of striking or instigating a strike, the Bill made no provision for the rights of the individual.

It was also contrary to natural justice as it disregarded the rule that both sides of an issue had to be heard.

A policeman should have the right to a hearing before he was dismissed, Mopp said.

Riversdale Labour Party MP Douglas Joseph said the community had a right to constant protection, and strikes by police would detrimentally affect the community service.

It was in the interests of an ordered community that strong action be taken against striking policemen, Joseph said.

Manne Labour Party MP Abe Williams said a striking policeman was a risk to the community.

Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok said in reply to the debate that the right of the individual was indeed important, but when the interests of the community were at stake, it was unfortunate that the rights of the individual had to take second place.

A policeman was not barred from appealing against his dismissal after the fact and could, if necessary, be reinstated without suffering any prejudice.

Referring to Mopp’s complaint about the Ciskei police, Vlok said he had and the Department of Foreign Affairs already taken steps over the matter.

An agreement on cross-border police operations was already in existence, but he would be able to use a clause in the Bill which dealt with this agreement to sort out the matter and eliminate irritations.
Issel promised protection if he surrenders

Supreme Court Reporter

COMMUNITY leader Mr Johnny Issel was asked to surrender himself to police in return for an undertaking that they would "take all reasonable steps" to ensure no unlawful assaults on him.

The offer was contained in a letter written to Essa Moosa and Associates — Issel's lawyers — on the eve of an urgent application by Mr Issel asking for an order interdicting and restraining the police from killing or assaulting him.

In his papers before the court, Mr Issel said he had been detained in 1985 and on more than one occasion during his detention had been told by Lieutenant Frans Mostert of the security police that a decision had been taken to "eliminate" him.

The letter, written by the state attorney's office, police said Mr Issel was at present being sought on a warrant for his arrest which had been issued by a Goodwood magistrate on November 25, 1987.

"Fugitive from justice"

Lieutenant Mostert had been transferred to Pretoria about a year ago and it seemed unlikely that he would have further contact with Mr Issel. However, Mr Issel was a "fugitive from justice", had been in hiding for some time and had "placed himself beyond the reach of the court".

The Minister of Law and Order and the Divisional Commissioner of Police, in order to end the litigation, were prepared give an undertaking to take all reasonable steps to ensure that no unlawful assault or threat is made against Mr Issel.

"Our clients undertake not to assign any part of any investigation of any pending matter against your client, to Lt Mostert"

The undertakings were given and would be honoured solely to ensure that Mr Issel's alleged fears were allayed and not because the minister of the divisional commissioner believed that Lt Mostert threatened Mr Issel or that there was any truth in allegations that police had decided to assault or kill Mr Issel.

In return, Mr Issel was asked to withdraw his application and submit himself to arrest by police to enable them to execute the terms of the warrant for his arrest.

The hearing was postponed sine die while Mr Issel's lawyers and police try to reach a settlement.
No leave to appeal for Mntonga trial cops

BISHO. — Six senior Ciskei security policemen yesterday lost their application for leave to appeal against their conviction and sentencing following the death of Mr Eric Mntonga, an Idasa co-director for the Border area.

Their application was refused by the Ciskei Chief Justice, Mr Benjamin Pickard.

The six policemen had been convicted and jailed to an effective 33 years' imprisonment.

Meanwhile, Ciskei Attorney-General Mr W J Jurgens said he was contemplating the prosecution of warrant officers Zamikile Bojana and Peter Swen-lindewo, who testified in the trial. — Sapa
The Minister of Defence and Plan

The Minister of Defence and Plan is responsible for the overall direction and coordination of the nation's defense and security policies. This includes the planning and execution of military operations, the administration of the armed forces, and the development of defense strategies to ensure the country's security.

The Minister also oversees the Department of Defence, which is responsible for the management and administration of the defense sector. This includes the planning, procurement, and maintenance of military hardware and equipment, as well as the coordination of international military cooperation and assistance.

In addition to these responsibilities, the Minister of Defence and Plan must also ensure that the defense sector is adequately funded and resourced to meet the country's defense needs.

Overall, the role of the Minister of Defence and Plan is crucial in ensuring the safety and security of the country, and in maintaining a strong and effective defense sector.
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The text on the page appears to be a legislative document, possibly a bill, discussing matters related to the House of Assembly. The content is not entirely legible due to the quality of the image, but it includes headings such as "THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER" and sections of text that seem to be addressing legislative matters. The document is from a date prior to 1986, which indicates its historical context.
Minimum force in KTC, say police

By REHANA ROSSOUW
Staff Reporter

POLICE monitoring the burning of the KTC squatter camp in 1986 did nothing to stop witdoeke from burning the area because they were following a policy of "minimum force".

Riot squad platoon commander Captain Johan Oosthuizen said this in his evidence in the R200 000 damages action brought against the Minister of Law and Order by KTC residents who lost their homes when most of the area was destroyed by witdoeke vigilantism between June 9 and June 11 1986.

The residents claim police allowed the witdoeke to burn the camp by not taking any action against them.

Captain Oosthuizen said his Casspir was monitoring a large group of witdoeke in NY's on the first day of the fighting.

"NOTHING ALIVE"

He said when the witdoeke were "whipped up", nothing could stop them and they left nothing alive in their path.

Captain Oosthuizen said he had not seen anybody set fire to the shacks in KTC.

"Had I seen anybody commit arson I would have taken drastic action. I would have arrested or shot the person.

"I saw small groups of witdoeke move into KTC and I saw the houses burning soon afterwards."

Captain Oosthuizen said there were three options of action open to the police to use.

They could have fired tear gas, buckshot or live ammunition.

He said tear gas would have driven the witdoeke further into KTC and would have affected innocent women and children living in the area.

Buckshot could kill people at close range and if the police fired live ammunition they would have had to kill a few witdoeke.

SMALLER GROUPS

The police monitored the larger group of witdoeke gathered on the outskirts of KTC but allowed smaller groups into the area, Captain Oosthuizen said.

The police policy was to use minimum force to control the situation in KTC.

"I wasn’t prepared to take drastic action," Captain Oosthuizen said.

He agreed with a statement by Mr H P Viljoen SC, for the residents, that it was the police’s duty to protect innocent citizens in KTC from the plundering witdoeke, and yet they did nothing to stop the destruction of the area.

"If I had to choose between a burnt hut and the life of a witdoeke, I would let the hut burn instead," he said.

(Proceeding)

Mr Justice M R de Kock is on the Bench. Mr Viljoen, with Mr P Pretorius and Mr A M Omar, assisted by the Legal Resources Centre, appears for the residents. Mr G D Greenel SC, assisted by Mr C Y Low and Mr F Brand, appears for the Minister.

Gold Rush sets going.
Officer let witdoeke ‘stream past’ to KTC

Supreme Court Reporter

A POLICE officer in the Peninsula riot squad yesterday told the Supreme Court it would have been against his principles to “experiment” with human lives and test if teargas or buckshot would drive witdoeke out of KTC.

Captain Johan Oosthuizen said this during cross-examination in the R200 000 damages action brought against the Minister of Law and Order by residents of KTC who lost their homes when most of KTC was destroyed by witdoeke vigilantes between June 9 and 11, 1986.

Asked by Mr H P Viljoen, SC, for the residents, if police had any reason to believe the witdoeke would attack innocent people, Captain Oosthuizen said the three days had been chaotic and it had been difficult to distinguish between witdoeke and comrades.

“If the witdoeke are ‘roused’ they stop at nothing. They are bloodthirsty and they plunder and kill everything in their path,” he said.

Asked by Mr Viljoen why the witdoeke, who had been massed near the Administration Board offices, had streamed past him when shots were fired by the comrades, Captain Oosthuizen said his first priority had been to neutralise the person he suspected of having an AK-47 – because of a potential large loss of life.

He had called in another Casspir and together they had gone to a house but did not find the man with the rifle. In that time, about 20 minutes, hundreds of witdoeke had streamed towards KTC.

Asked if he had decided not to act against the witdoeke or warn them of police action, Captain Oosthuizen said he had considered using teargas but that would have broken the witdoeke up into smaller groups and allowed them to disappear into the bushes.

He did not take drastic action because he would have had to shoot dead many witdoeke.

“I will admit there were occasions were I stood by and let large groups of witdoeke pass,” he said.

He said that he never personally saw anyone set shacks alight. If he had, he would either have shot him or arrested him.

The best he could do was to monitor large groups of witdoeke and prevent them fighting.

“I was not prepared to experiment by shooting people dead. How does one explain many dead?”

The hearing continues today.
KTC counsel objects to one-day adjournment

Mr H P Viljoen, SC, objected when Mr Charles Louw, for the Minister of Law and Order, asked that the hearing be postponed till today to enable him to finalize his preparation of a "key witness", Captain Johan Oosthuizen.

He had approached Mr Viljoen in chambers to ask for an adjournment but Mr Viljoen had been relentless in his refusal.

Mr Louw said he needed an adjournment because he had to finalize his preparation of Captain Oosthuizen's evidence. In addition the captain had had shingles and had a doctor's appointment for 12.30pm yesterday.

The method the minister's counsel used was to prepare two further witnesses while one of its witnesses was under cross-examination. Due to the extent of the case, 11,000 pages of evidence had to be gone through with new witnesses.

Mr Viljoen said his team's cooperation with that of the minister rested on reasonable requests but the suggestion that the entire record had to be gone through with new witnesses was "completely without substance".

"According to my calculations costs of about R3,000 an hour is incurred for every hour we spend in court."

Mr Justice M R de Kock said Mr Viljoen's objection was not without substance and suggested that the minister's counsel give an indication of who the next witness would be.

The course of the case was "one of great concern" and it was clear that great costs had been incurred, which raised the question "is the game worth the candle."

The judge said he could not understand why the two parties could not show reasonableness and come to an agreement.

The hearing continues today.

Ms Viljoen, assisted by Mr P Pretorius and Mr A M Onslow, instructed by the Legal Resources Centre, appeared for the plaintiff. Messrs C D G Tversel and Mr M Louw, instructed by the state attorney, appeared for the minister.
GOVERNMENT NOTICE

SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE

No. 497  16 March 1989

AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE

The Minister of Law and Order has, in terms of section 33 of the Police Act, 1958 (Act 7 of 1958), made the regulations contained in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE

1. In these regulations "the Regulations" mean the regulations promulgated by Government Notice R 203 of 14 February 1964, as amended.

2. Regulation 30 of the Regulations is hereby amended by substituting subregulation (1) (a) with the following subregulation:

"30 (1) (a) a member shall pay one-tenth of the cost of medicine, with a minimum of R5.00 (five rand) per prescription, which medicine must be prescribed or supplied by persons registered with the South African Medical and Dental Council, the South African Pharmacy Board, or the Nursing Council, provided further that medicine which has been supplied to a member during hospital treatment, or, supplied by a pharmacy which is under the control of the South African Police, is not subject to a proportional contribution by a member, and"

3. This amendment will take effect on the first day of April, 1989.

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SUID-AFRIKAANSE POLISIE

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WYSIGING VAN DIE REGULASIES VIR DIE SUID-AFRIKAANSE POLISIE

Die Minister van Wet en Orde het kragtens artikel 33 van die Polisewet, 1958 (Wet 7 van 1958), die regulasies vervat in die Bylae hiervan, uitgevaardig.

BYLAE

1. In hierdie regulasies beteken "die Regulasies" die regulasies afgekondig by Goewermentskennisgewing R 203 van 14 Februarie 1964, soos gewysig.

2. Regulasie 30 van die Regulasies word hierby gewysig deur subregulasie (1) (a) deur die volgende subregulasie te vervang:

"30 (1) (a) 'n lid een tiende van die koste vir medisyne moet betaal, met 'n minimum van R5,00 (vyf rand) per voorskrif, welke medisyne voorgeskryf of verskaf moet word deur persone wat by die Suid-Afrikaanse Mediese en Tandheelkundige Raad, die Suid-Afrikaanse Aptekersraad, of die Raad op Verplegeng geregistreer is, met dien verstande voorts dat medisyne wat aan 'n lid verskaf is gedurende hospitaalbehandeling, of, verskaf is deur 'n aptek wat beheer word deur die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisie, nie onderhewig is aan 'n proporsonele bydrae deur 'n lid nie, en"

3. Hierdie wysiging tree in werking op die eerste dag van April 1989.

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Mntonga: Cops found guilty

KING WILLIAMS TOWN. - The six Ciskei policemen convicted of the murder of political activist Eric Mntonga had abused their power and positions, Ciskei Chief Justice Benjamin Pickard said.

The second in command of the Ciskei elite unit squad General Witness Zandile Ngwanya was sentenced to two years, and the Chief of the security police, Major General Mountain Phakamile Ngcanga to two years for defeating the ends of justice

Colonel Mabandla Mbembe, Deputy Commander of Mntousane Security Police branch, was given four years for accessory after the fact of culpable homicide.

His assistant Major Mphikisi Puwana was sent to jail for 10 years for culpable homicide and four years for defeating the ends of justice of which two years will run concurrently.

W/O Hlumla was sentenced to six years for culpable homicide and three years for defeating the ends of justice of which two years will run concurrently.

W/O Ncandana was sentenced to six years for culpable homicide.
SAP to employ more special police

By BARRY STREEK

The police are to make greater use of the controversial "kitsekontabels", special constables, so that permanent members of the police force can be used for other activities, the Department of Law and Order said yesterday.

Ever since they were first recruited, the special constables have been criticised for their short six-week training and lack of experience.

After a number of irregularities and offences involving special constables were published, opposition spokesmen called on the government to scrap the programme.

But the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, defended the special constable programme and praised them for contributing to a reduction in crime and unrest in black residential areas.

Yesterday, the Department of Law and Order said that "an important shifting emphasis envisaged by the South African Police in the 1988/89 book year, is to employ more special constables with the aim of performing guarding duties and by doing so to release some of the permanent members at present performing these duties, enabling them to perform functional duties".
Police 'beat and kicked' man, court told

From SYBRAND MOSTERT

GEORGE — A special constable told the circuit court here that he watched as three fellow policemen surrounded a friend of his who had been arrested and then beat and kicked him.

Special Constable Johnson Nkampini said under cross-examination yesterday that the man, Mr Andile Kobe, 22, a George factory worker, was later taken to a beach nearby at night and left there unconscious. Mr Kobe died in hospital early the next morning.

The three policemen, who are suspended from the Oudtshoorn riot unit, have been charged with murder. They are alleged to have hit, kicked and smacked Mr Kobe. They pleaded not guilty.

Mr Andre Chutte, 19, Mr Pieter Koen, 20, and Mr Cornelius Serfontein, 22, also face a charge of assault. Mr Chutte and Mr Koen also face charges of assaulting Mr Kobe's common-law wife, Mrs Elizabeth Qaiwa.

All the offences allegedly took place in March last year at the Sandkrans police station near George.

Mr Kobe had been arrested after being involved in an earlier altercation with another man.

Const Nkampini said Mr Kobe had been beaten and kicked after trying to escape from the police van after his arrest.

"They were moving around, hitting," he said. "Mr Kobe tried to ward off the blows."

The hearing continues today.
Staff Reporter

A POLICE lieutenant told the Cape Town Supreme Court that comrades had forced KTC residents to let them move into the area.

Lieutenant Eugenius Bester, formerly of the Railways Police task force, was giving evidence in the R200,000 damages action brought against the Minister of Law and Order by KTC residents whose homes were destroyed by Witboek vigilantes between June 9 and 11, 1998.

Residents allege the police did not take action against the Witboek to prevent them burning down the squatter camp.

Lieutenant Bester said he had arrived in KTC on June 9 when the shacks were already burning.

He said he had previous experience of unrest in Crossroads, which was caused by black youths known as comrades.

"The comrades are political activists responsible for acts of terror and intimidation," Lieutenant Bester said.

"They do this to achieve their political aim which is the downfall of the Republic. Comrades are responsible for necklace murders and attacks on the police."

Lieutenant Bester said he had been shot in the stomach in February last year at New Crossroads by a man whose actions were politically motivated.

The man was later shot and killed. He denied the incident had led to ill-feeling against the residents of Crossroads.

"The comrades are criminals. I feel animosity towards them because they commit necklace murders," he said.

"KTC residents didn't have a choice when the comrades moved into the area."

The hearing was postponed to Monday.
More Ciskei police may face charges

EAST LONDON. — Two more Ciskei policemen may face charges over the 1987 death in detention of Idasa's Mr Eric Mntonga.

Ciskei Attorney-General Mr Willem Jurgens confirmed that he was investigating charges against Warrant Officer Zamekile Bojana, of the elite unit, and Warrant Officer Zwelinzima Swelindawo, of the security police.

Although Mr Jurgens could not give details of the charges, he said they related to Mr Mntonga's death.

Last week six Ciskei police officers were jailed for their part in the killing. They were convicted on the lesser charges of culpable homicide and defeating the ends of justice and received effective sentences of between two and 12 years.

Both Warrant Officer Bojana and Warrant Officer Swelindawo appeared as State witnesses in the trial and both were accused of involvement in the killing. Warrant Officer Bojana was allegedly one of the policemen named in Idasa co-director Dr Alex Boraine's letter to Ciskei authorities last year, which sparked off the trial.
Three policemen beat screaming man, court hears

From SYBRAND MOSTERT

GEORGE — Mr Andile Koba screamed in pain as three policemen surrounded him, beating him with sjamboks, a stick, their fists and kicking him, his common-law wife told the circuit court in George yesterday.

"I was standing on the steps outside the police station and could see everything through the window," said Mrs Elizabeth Qatana.

"I also saw them jumping on him.

Mrs Qatana said that after the beating her husband had been taken away by police and she had found him in George Hospital the following morning in a comatose state.

The three policemen — Mr Andre Schutte, 19, Mr Pieter Koen, 20, and Mr Cornis Serfontein, 22, all of whom have been suspended from the Outishoorn riot unit — are charged with the murder of Mr Koba, a 22-year-old factory worker, and the assault of another person.

Mr Schutte and Mr Koen also face a further two charges of assault, one of which is on Mrs Qatana.

All three have pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

The offences are all alleged to have taken place at the satellite police station of Sandkraal just outside George in March last year.

The state alleges that after Mr Koba was beaten, he was dumped on a nearby beach. He later died in hospital.

In papers before the court Mr Serfontein — who was in command on the night — admits that Mr Koba was beaten but says it was because he resisted arrest. A decision had been taken to leave Mr Koba on the beach as he (Serfontein) "feared any consequences."

Mrs Qatana told the court that Mr Koba had been arrested when police arrived during an altercation between her husband and another Sandkraal resident. The man had objected to four people, including Mr Koba, walking across his property.

She said that Mr Koba and herself had been assaulted by two policemen before Mr Koba was taken to the police station in a police van.

Broken loose

She had followed and on arrival had seen how Mr Koba and the two policemen were struggling in the back of the van.

One policeman had taken off his shirt during the struggle and Mr Koba had broken loose and run down the road towards a dam.

He had been chased, caught and taken into the police station where police started assaulting him in a room next to the charge office.

Mrs Qatana said that she was standing on the steps leading up to the stoep and could see what was happening inside.

One policeman still had his shirt off.

She said that the three policemen were "all around" Mr Koba and were hitting him with two sjamboks and a stick.

"He was lying on the ground and saw them jumping on him. He was screaming," she said.

"It went on for a long time."

The public gallery has been packed to capacity every day by members of the black community since the trial began last week. At Mrs Qatana's recount of the events, spectators sighed deeply or clucked their tongues in sympathy.

Mrs Qatana said that her husband had stopped screaming and that the policeman without the shirt had called a special constable on guard duty outside and told him to take Mr Koba to the police van.

Mr Koba had been dragged out and placed in the van by three policemen. The van had then driven off.

She had asked to go along, but this had been refused. She had then run down the road after the van and seen it turn left to the sea at the corner.

"I stood there crying, not knowing what to do," she said.

Later she had found a friend who had driven her to Convive Police Station and to George Hospital.

Her husband had not been at either place.

They had then driven down the road where she had seen the police van go and shouted for Mr Koba.

At 1am she had gone to bed and four hours later returned to Sandkraal police station. There she was told that Mr Koba was in hospital. She had found him unconscious and on a drip.

Mr Jaquez J. Pagie, a partner in T & J Joubert, represents Mr Pieter Koen; Mr F M Botha, an associate of Mr J Franscroft, Mr Koen by Mr F van Zyl and Mr Serfontein by Mr J Joubert. Mr J Theron is prosecuting.
State death call despite extenuation

Strike-killing four 'should be hanged'

FOUR Sats employees who murdered four co-workers because they did not join the 1987 rail strike should be sentenced to death, even though the court had found there were circumstances which lessened their moral blameworthiness, the State argued in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

The State submitted that although the court had found extenuating circumstances existed in the case of the four, the death sentence should be imposed because of the brutality of the crime.

Bongani Sibus, David Dzavhe, Phineas Netshutungulwane and Mafumane Rikhotso were among the eight men convicted of murdering the non-strikers on April 28, 1987.

Wilson Matshil, Patrick Molefe, Takalani David Mamphaga and George Maungedzo were convicted of murder with no extenuation.

When no extenuation is found the court must impose the death sentence, but where there is extenuation, the presiding judge has discretion.

Last week Mr Justice Spoestra and two assessors found Sibus, Dzavhe, Netshutungulwane and Rikhotso had associated themselves with the murders but took no physical part in them.

The four murdered men were kidnapped from where they were working on April 28, 1987, and taken to Cosatu House.

They were assaulted there before being driven to a spot near Prolecto where they were murdered, and their bodies set alight.

A fifth man, Albert Phulwana, was also taken to Prolecto but managed to escape.

The defence has asked the judge to use his discretion and not impose the death sentence on Sibus and the other three found guilty of murder with extenuation.

It was argued that the issue of brutality, the basis on which the State asked for the death sentence, had already been taken into account during the extenuation proceedings.

The brutality of the crime notwithstanding, extenuating circumstances were found in the case of Sibus and the other three.

It was argued by the defence that eight other men convicted on counts of intimidation and kidnapping be given suspended sentences coupled with orders that they pay compensation to the families of the victims.

Mr Justice Spoestra will pass sentence this morning.

SUSAN RUSSELL
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9 policemen
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EVANDER — Nine policemen who beat a man to death at the Mzimoni, Bethal, police station have been jailed for terms ranging from one to four years.

The policemen — five members of the South African Police in Bethal and four Mzimoni municipal policemen — were acquitted on the main charge of culpable homicide and found guilty of assault with the intent to do grievous bodily harm.

The magistrate, Mr J V R Pietersen, said since the duty of a police officer was to protect the public, his judgment was meant to be "harsh and very effective."
Boy shot dead when police opened fire

From MARIUS BOSCH

UPINGTON – A policeman has been suspended and charges of murder and attempted murder are being investigated following the death of a 12-year-old boy and the wounding of an 18-year-old when police opened fire on a crowd at the weekend.

Police yesterday confirmed the death of Willem Dieben and the wounding of 18-year-old Mr Johan Faber on Friday night after an off-duty policeman opened fire on youths in the coloured township of Bikkeesdorp.

Two youths have also been arrested on charges of public violence.

District CID chief-major J H Mostert said the incident occurred when three off-duty policemen were stoned “while walking in Bikkeesdorp on Friday night”. One of the policemen had fired three shots at the youths who were Stoning them and hit Willem, who was about 400m away.

Mrs J Faber, mother of the injured Mr Faber, claimed that the policemen were drunk and said the shooting started after one of the policemen had hit her son.

The parents of the dead child also alleged that the policemen were drunk.

Mrs Marie Dieben said “They brought Willem in and I took him on my lap. He died in my arms and we could do nothing.”
Policemen jailed for assault that led to man's death

By Kazer Nyatsamba

EVANDER — Nine policemen who beat a man to death at the Mzimoni, Bethal, police station last year were jailed by an Evander Regional Court magistrate on Friday for terms ranging from one to four years.

The men — five of whom were members of the South African Police in Bethal at the time, and four of whom were Mzimoni municipal policemen — were acquitted on the main charge of culpable homicide and found guilty of assault with the intention to do grievous bodily harm.

The magistrate, Mr JVR Pietersen, found that the nine men had each participated in assaulting Mr Zacharia Madonsela at the Mzimoni police station after he had been informally arrested for assaulting one of the accused. Kadem Stan Ndlovu Mr Pietersen said he concurred with an expert witness's testimony that Mr Madonsela's death was a result of the assault by the men.

Patrick Latona Shrinza (25) was sentenced to an effective one year in prison, Kadem Stan Ndlovu (29) and Thabo Joseph Mokoena (23) to an effective 30 months, Buile Thomas Ngoobo (23) Timothy Molobeng Mokoena (28), Jeremiah Mafiyumo Nxumalo (27) and Phillip Sekguluma Sekonyela (24) to an effective 3 years, and Thembiwee Mshock Hlongwa (23) and Mandla Stephen Masuku (30) to an effective 4 years.

Mr Pietersen said that since the duty of a police officer was to protect the public, his judgment was meant to be "harsh and very effective" in order to deter other policemen who might take the law into their own hands.

"When policemen commit crimes their crimes have to be seen in a very serious light. "The late (Mr Madonsela) was beaten so badly that any civilized person would be shocked by the way these police officers assaulted him. It is surprising that something like this can happen at a police station," Mr Pietersen said.
137 'kitscops' have services terminated

The services of 137 of the 336 special constables employed in Maritzburg have been terminated, according to Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok.

The services of three of the special constables, also known as kitskonstabels, were terminated because of misconduct, while 32 were dismissed as a result of criminal charges lodged against them.

"Fifteen of the persons who were charged criminally were convicted and sentenced. The services of the remaining 102 special constables were terminated because, for various reasons, they no longer wanted to serve in the force," Mr Vlok said in reply to a question from Mr Mike Ellis (PPP, Durban North).
Ex-policeman fined for indecent assault in cell

By Gill Turnbull
Court Reporter

A FORMER policeman has been sentenced in Cape Town Magistrate’s Court for indecently assaulting a woman prisoner in a Sea Point police cell.

Matthew Henry Leseur Watney, 22, of Aloysia Road, Primrose Hill, Germiston, pleaded not guilty.

The court heard that on September 23 he booked a woman for trespassing.

The complainant testified that Watney took her to a single cell, where he indecently assaulted her. He then locked her in a communal cell and next morning she laid a complaint.

She said she failed to identify him at an identity parade (later evidence was that he had shaved off his moustache), but in court she recognised him.

Her assailant’s name was on the form he filled in when booking her, she added.

Rejected

The magistrate, Mr M J C Tolken, said he did not accept Watney’s evidence that the complainant was trying to get back at the police for her arrest.

Watney said in mitigation that he had been doing four years’ military service in the police force and resigned after three years. He had to serve a fourth year in the Defence Force in Kimberley at R188 a month.

In sentencing Watney Mr Tolken said he had abused his position of trust.

Watney was fined R500 (or two months), plus four months’ jail conditionally suspended for three years. Mr Tolken told him he could pay the fine in R50 instalments.

Miss Alicja van de Bergh appeared for the State. Watney was not represented.
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Judge slams special constable training

By REHANA ROSSOUW
Staff Reporter

THE short training period of special constables and the fact that they were armed after only eight weeks has been criticized in the Supreme Court by Mr Justice Conradie.

Finding two special constables guilty of assault and murder, the judge said the crime had elements of provocation, bravado and a show of force. This phenomenon was unfortunately not unknown and occurred throughout the world where problems arose with undisciplined, poorly trained public officials.

"It often occurs that when officials are bestowed with a small amount of power it goes to their heads," the judge said.

Armed

"If the official is armed the position worsens. Unless thorough training is given to capable people this will continue to happen," Mr Justice Conradie said special constables were issued with shotguns after eight weeks' training.

"Special constable candidates, cannot be trained properly to live up to their responsibilities in the short period of instruction given to them," he said.

He sentenced the two special constables who murdered a Crossroads man in front of his family to a total of 18 years in prison.

Zweilungile Swartbooi and Tuli Kamp were convicted of murder and assault following the shooting of Mr Mawethu Jevu in Crossroads in May 1987.

Swartbooi was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment with three years suspended for five years for the murder. The judge ordered that a one-year sentence for assault run concurrently.

10 years

Kamp was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment with four years suspended for five years. His one-year sentence for assault would also run concurrently.

"These two men were given a responsibility which they could not handle," said the judge.

The sentence should carry a message to others that the courts would not tolerate such behaviour.

Leave to appeal was refused today.

Mr D Bosman appeared for Mr Swartbooi and Mr M R P Mort appeared for Mr Kamp. Mr P F Nel prosecuted.
The three claim they were "influenced" and
3,800 NICs were lost.

"We decided to open the process and
influence national elections and
influence national politics by
finding, convincing and paying for
candidates who would vote for
our positions," said a spokesperson
for the three. They said they had
been "influencing" elections for years,
but were now taking it to the next
level.

They denied any wrongdoing and
said they were simply trying to
influence the political process.

"We believe in the power of the
vote and are determined to use it
to our advantage," they said.

The three were charged with
campaign finance violations and
civil rights violations. They faced
up to 50 years in prison if convicted.

The case has sparked outrage
among political leaders and
critics who say it is a blow to the
democracy.

"This is a travesty of justice," said
one critic. "These men are trying
to use the legal system to
manipulate the political process.

"We will not stand for it," he said.

The trial is expected to last
several months.
Blow to head killed Koba, court told

GEORGE — Mr Andile Koba died of swelling and bleeding in the brain hours after being struck a "tremendous" blow to the head, the Circuit Court heard here yesterday.

This emerged during expert evidence by the head of Tygerberg Hospital's forensic department, Professor Jurie Nel, who conducted the post-mortem on the dead man on March 22 last year.

He said the corpse bore 25 to 30 bruises and grazes consistent with blows delivered by blunt objects.

Prof Nel attributed the cause of death to a "tremendous" blow to the head which caused immediate concussion and fatal intra-cranial swelling.

Three former Outshoorn riot policemen, Mr Andre Schutte, 19, Mr Pieter Koen, 20, and Mr Cornelius Serfontein, 22, are charged with the murder of Mr Koba, 22, and assault on another person. Mr Schutte and Mr Koen face a further two charges of assault.

All three pleaded not guilty to the charges.

The offences allegedly took place at Sandkraal police station outside George in March last year.

According to previous evidence, Mr Koba was assaulted for about 30 minutes, then flung unconscious into the back of a police van and driven 7km over a rough road to a nearby beach where the policemen left him.

About five hours later he was found and taken to hospital where surgeons immediately operated on a sub-dural haematoma. Mr Koba died hours later.

During cross-examination by Mr H F van Zyl, acting for Mr Koen, Prof Nel agreed that the dead man could have hurt his head if he had fallen on a rock on the beach.

He dismissed suggestions that the fatal injury could have been caused by Mr Koba bumping his head against an ammunition case and spare wheel in the police van.

"The fatal injury followed a single application of violence," Prof Nel said.

Mr James J Fair, presiding, refuted by Mr J H Groenewald and Mr F J van Reenen. Mr Schutte is represented by Mr J Heugel and Mr Serfontein by Mr D Jacoby.
Death of an altar boy

By HENRY LUDSKI

EASTER services at an Anglican church in Upton will go ahead somberly this weekend without regular altar boy Willem Dibbin, a victim of the latest police shooting to rock the town.

The shooting has sparked off a new wave of anger at the actions of northern Cape police.

Willem Dibbin, 12, died in his mother Marie's arms last Friday evening after an off-duty policeman opened fire on people in Blinkies township.

A pupil at the Orange-ewer Primary School, Willem was to have taken part in a funeral service at St Matthew's Anglican church the next day.

Serious condition

Joan Faber, an 18-year-old matriculant shot in the same incident, was transferred to a serious condition to Tygerberg Hospital where he underwent an emergency operation over the weekend.

A hospital spokesman described his condition as "stable".

"We are shocked by Willem's death. We have had enough of this nonsense," said Reverend Aubrey Beukes of the NG Sendle-kerk.

"I am heartbroken and bitter. He was my right-hand (right-hand)," said a distraught Mrs Marie Dibbin told SOUTH on Tuesday.

Her son's body was flown to Cape Town for an autopsy by a pathologist appointed by the family. The funeral is expected to be held on Saturday.

"Willem's death is a great tragedy for the whole community," said Anglican priest Father Abraham Klahan who described his altar boy as someone who "never missed a service" and who was "always willing to help."

In February last year the quiet and peaceful town of another northern Cape town, Kakamas, was shattered by the death of four-year-old Roseline Cloete and Michael Julies who were killed when police opened fire on a crowd of people in Church Street.

In November 1987 matric pupil Mervyn September was also shot dead by a policeman.
Mntonga: Cop on treason rap

KING WILLIAMSTOWN. — The Ciskei security policeman who allegedly tipped off the Institute for a Democratic Alternative in South Africa (Idasa) about police involvement in the killing of Idasa worker Eric Mntonga, has been charged with treason.

Colonel Vuyani Genda, of the Ciskei Elite Unit, was detained in December under Section 26 of the Ciskei National Security Act.

He appeared before magistrate Ayanda Njolza. The state asked for a postponement to April 4 for further investigation. — Veritas
Business watches planned for CBDs

CAPE TOWN — Arrangements were under way to introduce a "business watch" in major centres' CBDs, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said yesterday.

He said the "business watch" involved uniformed policemen patrolling the CBD on foot on a daily basis. It was started in Johannesburg last September and had contributed to a decrease in crimes such as robbery, pick-pocketing, handbag-snatching and theft.

The results were still being evaluated but first indications showed the scheme had been "extremely" successful.

In addition, neighbourhood watches had been established on a national basis and the public had been involved in the major drive against crime. The watches had been remarkably successful and, during 1987-1988, there had been a decrease in burglaries in white residential areas of up to 40%.
Supreme Court Reporter

PRISON sentences of eight and 10 years imposed respectively on two kitskonstabels who murdered a Crossroads man who had stolen a shotgun, was a message to other kitskonstabels that the courts would not tolerate that kind of behaviour, a Supreme Court judge said yesterday.

Mr Justice J H Conradie was passing sentence in the trial of Zwelihluile Swartbooi, 58, and Tuti Kampi, 39, who had been convicted of murdering Mr Mawedo Jeva in Crossroads on May 16, 1987 and assaulting Mr Wilson Woolak.

They had pleaded not guilty.

Swartbooi was sentenced to eight years, of which three years were conditionally suspended for five years. On the assault charge he was sentenced to one year which will run concurrently with the murder sentence.

Kampi was sentenced to 10 years of which four years were conditionally suspended for five years. The one-year sentence for the assault will run concurrently.

Both men were released on warning when their legal counsel said they would today apply for leave to appeal against conviction and sentence.

Evidence was that after assaulting Swartbooi, Mr Jeva had stolen his shotgun. The two kitskonstabels had then gone to Mr Jeva’s house where he surrendered the firearm. Kampi had then shot him in the head and Swartbooi later shot him in the shoulder.

Swartbooi had later shot Mr Woolak after he had seen him running behind Mr Jeva’s house.

Both Swartbooi and Kampi yesterday during evidence in mitigation of sentence gave a different version of what had happened that day. They claimed that yesterday’s version was the truth and their evidence-in-chief false because the investigating officer, a Sergeant Steyn, had prompted them to lie.

Passing sentence, Mr Justice Conradie said a brutal deed had been committed without an attempt to hinder it. There had been elements of provocation, bravado and display of might present that day.

The community required that those who were expected to maintain law and order check themselves and be severely punished if they did not.

Mr H J Lawdy and Mr W R Theron were the prosecutors. Mr D N Sperian appeared for Swartbooi and Mr M W Gert van der Merwe for Kampi.
Father given papers after mystery death

PRETORIA — Mr Willie Ferreira, who planned to go on a hunger strike in Pretoria in an attempt to find out the circumstances surrounding his national service son's death, has spoken to Major-General PJ Pienaar, Army Chief-of-Staff, Personnel.

Mr Ferreira, who took up a position outside the South Africa Defence Force (SADF) headquarters on Monday, said that the SADF had allowed him access to the autopsy report and had given him papers concerning his son Leon's medical history.

An SADF spokesman said that Mr Ferreira had been invited into the headquarters and held discussions with the general.

Mr Ferreira, of Nigel, last week vowed that he and his wife, Kobie, and their 12-year-old daughter, Lindy, would sit outside the SADF headquarters "day and night" with a poster asking the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, for answers.

He said he had been there with his poster for about 10 minutes when the SADF reacted.

Mr Ferreira said that early in February an army colonel had told him that his son, Rifleman Leon Ferreira, 19, had been found dead in a military vehicle near Bagan, on the Caprivistrip. He had said all evidence pointed to murder.

He was later told that his son had died of a heart attack.

"Six weeks later we are still trying to find out what happened to our son and we are being blocked at every corner," said Mr Ferreira.

Sapa
‘Cop said beat him to death’

From CHARL DE VILLIERS

GEORGE — One of three white policemen charged with the murder of a George factory worker told his colleagues during an alleged assault on the dead man, Mr Andile ‘Ace’ Koba, 22, who died on March 20 last year.

Mr J Roerdorf, counsel for the first accused, Mr Andre Schutte, 19, told Mr Justice J. Pagan that his client was bitten while struggling to apprehend Mr Koba. He said Mr Schutte would also say that the violence in the police station was necessary to subdue the accused.

The three accused, who have been suspended from the Oudtshoorn riot unit, are Mr Schutte, Mr Pieter Koen, 20, and Mr Cornels Serfontein, 22.

They are also charged with the assault of a second person. All three have pleaded not guilty to all charges. The offences are all alleged to have taken place at the Sandringham police station near here in March last year.

Ms Qatane said Mr Koba had had an argument with a “drunk” man who had flung her to the ground. A police van suddenly arrived and the two arguing men ran off, with two policemen chasing them.

She said she heard Mr Koba “screaming for mercy” when trying to intervene during the sjambokking of Mr Koba by the policemen. She was whipped once and punched in the face, she said.

At the police station she saw Mr Koba break loose and run towards a nearby dam. One policeman — Mr Schutte — took off his shirt and ran after the fleeing man with a special constable who held a stick.

Mr Koba was brought back — still being beaten — and was taken into the police station. A crying Ms Qatane watched through a window while the shirtless policeman and another white policeman beat and punched Mr Koba.

“Mr Koba fell to the floor and the white policemen started kicking him,” she said.

She pleaded with the third white policeman to stop the others from assaulting the deceased.

“The policeman went into the room and told his colleagues to beat Mr Koba to death,” Ms Qatane said.

Mr Koba, who was lying on the floor pleading for mercy, was then assaulted by all three policemen, she said.

Then she saw Mr Koba being carried from the building to the van.

“I could see that ‘Ace’ was unconscious,” she said.

The policemen threw him into the back of the van. They refused to let me go with them,” Ms Qatane said.

Instead of driving towards George the van turned off towards the sea, she added.

“When they came back they said he had escaped,” she said.

The trial continues today.

Mr W.D. Basson and Mr P.M. Gotho were the assessors. Mr Koen was represented by Mr F. van Zyl and Mr Serfontein by Mr J. Judson. Mr J. Theron appeared for the state.
Murder: Cops’ appeal bid fails

TWO special constables, who were found guilty of the murder of a Crossroads man, were yesterday refused leave to appeal against their conviction and sentence.

However, Zweihunile Swartbooi, 34, and Tshi Kamps, 39, were released on welfare so that they could petition the Chief Justice for leave to appeal.

They had been convicted of murdering Mr. Mawelhu Jevu in Crossroads on May 16, 1987 and of assaulting Mr. Wilson Woolsey.

They had pleaded not guilty.

Swartbooi was sentenced to eight years, of which three years were suspended for five years, and one year for the assault. The sentences are to run concurrently.

Kamps was sentenced to 10 years, of which four years were conditionally suspended for five years. His one-year sentence for the assault will also run concurrently.

When dismissing the application, Mr. Justice JH Conradie said there was no reasonable prospect that another court could reach a different conclusion.

Mr. Deon Dawkins appeared for Swartbooi and Mr. Makgatho for Kamps.
Conduct of SAP is questioned

Vlok asked to probe police role in troubled areas

By Mike Sihluma, Labour Reporter

The Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), accusing police of doing too little to curb the activities of Inkatha-supporting "warlords" in the strife-torn Maritzburg townships, has called on the Minister of Law and Order to investigate the conduct of police in the conflict.

Cosatu, together with allied organisations, has launched a multi-pronged campaign to end the Maritzburg violence, involving big business and foreign governments with representation in South Africa.

Cosatu's plans were divulged by its general secretary, Mr Jay Naidoo, at a media conference attended by Cosatu lawyers and officials of the restricted United Democratic Front (UDF).

Justice

Cosatu released a report by its lawyers which alleges that the police failed "to play their role adequately in the administration of justice".

Referring to the state of the Complaints' Adjudication Board, set up last September in an agreement between Cosatu and Inkatha, Mr Naidoo said it was being hampered by the fact that Inkatha officials against whom complaints had been laid had refused to appear before the board.

Mr Naidoo said a letter was sent to Mr Adrian Vlok, Minister of Law and Order, expressing Cosatu's concern about the continuing violence in Maritzburg townships and the role of police.

"We have called for a high-level public investigation and have indicated that for the peace process to succeed, the restrictions on individuals, Cosatu and the UDF should be lifted," said Mr Naidoo.

Cosatu lawyers had asked for Mr Vlok's reply by March 15 but this had not been forthcoming.

The spokesman for the Minster, Brigadier Leon Mellet, said he could not confirm that the letter had been received. He said it was unreasonable for the Minster's office to be expected to comment on Cosatu's "wild" allegations at short notice and without being given an opportunity to investigate them.

Cosatu lawyer, Mr Nick Hayson, said he did not believe the conduct of the police in Maritzburg townships related only to individual policemen, but that "the attitude from the top is that Inkatha is an ally and other groups against Inkatha are seen as the enemy."

It is understood that representatives of foreign embassies in South Africa, including the British and Americans, have been briefed on the situation in Maritzburg in an effort to mobilise local and international support to end the violence which has claimed more than 1,000 lives.

General Henkie de Witt, Commissioner of Police, has ordered an investigation into the possibility that the press conference and memorandum released by Cosatu could be a breach of the restriction orders placed on Cosatu by the Minister of Law and Order last year.

General de Witt said people who had made allegations of police involvement in acts of violence and injustice in the Maritzburg area would be invited to assist the police in their investigation.

Should they refuse to disclose factual details to substantiate their claims they would be subpoenaed to produce their evidence, the statement said.
Judge lashes at kitscops training

THE short period of training of special constables and the fact that they were armed after only eight weeks training has been criticised by the Supreme Court by Mr Justice Conradie. Finding two special constables guilty of assault and murder the judge said the crime had elements of provocation, bravado and a show of force. This phenomenon was unfortunately not unknown and occurred throughout the world where problems arose with undisciplined, poorly-trained public officials.

"It often occurs that when officials are bestowed with a small amount of power it goes to their heads," the judge said.

Mr Justice Conradie sentenced the two special constables, who murdered a Crossroads man in front of his family to a total of 18 years in prison.

Zwelihlungile Swartbooi and Tuli Kampi were convicted of murder and assault following the shooting of Mr Mawethu Jevu in Crossroads in May, 1987.
SAP says of women:
'Vive la difference!'

 Crime Reporter

The police force has decided that its female members are "no longer a novelty" and to prove it have dedicated 1989 to them with the theme: "You make the difference".

A statement issued from police headquarters in Pretoria yesterday said policewomen had long since proven their capabilities and "sneering remarks" about them were now seldom, if ever, heard.

The statement added that the role of the policewoman would not only be highlighted in the official police magazine Servamus, but in publications all over the country as well as on radio and television. A "Policewoman of the Year" is also to be chosen.
Ex-cop jailed for murder

PORT ELIZABETH

A former Cathcart "kipskonstabel", Simon Dyantyi, was effectively jailed for 10 years yesterday for fatally shooting his girlfriend with his service shotgun.

Dyantyi, 29, was sentenced in the Grahamstown Supreme Court to 12 years' imprisonment, of which two were suspended, for murdering Miss Nosipho Busani in Cathcart on June 7, 1987.

He was also jailed for six months for unlawfully pointing a firearm, to run concurrently with the main sentence.

Dyantyi's drunken state during the killing was regarded as an extenuating factor — Sapa
Vlok to pay shote
newsman R10 000

by REHANA ROSSOUW
Weekend Argus Reporter

AN Oudtshoorn journalist, shot by special constables while on an assignment for his newspaper, will be paid R10 000 damages by Mr Adriaan Vlok, Minister of Law and Order, in terms of an out-of-court settlement.

Mr Patrick Nyuka, 22, a reporter for the community newspaper Saamstaan, claimed R35 000 in damages after he was shot in the back and arm by a special constable in Bhongoetu township in September 1987.

Confrontation

Mr Nyuka said in an affidavit that on September 19 1987 he had been instructed by Saamstaan to cover a party in Second Avenue, Bhongoetu, to celebrate the release of two men who had served an 18-month public violence sentence.

He took notes and photographs at the gathering and left to fetch more film for his camera.

He saw three special constables in the street outside the hall and heard one shouting, "I am going to shoot through the window."

As he walked towards the special constables, one of them confronted him and asked what he was carrying. The constable attempted to grab his notebook and camera.

Mr Nyuka said he attempted to destroy his notes as he felt they were confidential and was hit with the butt of a shotgun by one of the special constables.

The special constables then fired shots at party-goers.

"One of the special constables came running into the backyard and told me to stand still," said Mr Nyuka.

"I instinctively felt that he was going to pull the trigger. I turned sideways to my right and ducked — a shot went off and I felt an excruciating burning sensation in my left arm and the middle of my back."

Mr Nyuka said he had been treated at the George Hospital where doctors told him he had fractured his left arm and had pellets lodged in his arm and back.

Two other Bhongoetu residents who were wounded in the same incident, Miss Lindwe Phillips, 36, and Matthews Ngalo, 20, will also be paid damages by the Minister.

Miss Phillips claimed R119 000, but will be paid R20 000 in terms of the settlement.

Mr Ngalo, who was shot in his legs and thighs, claimed R18 000 and will be paid R1 500.

The settlement was made without an admission of liability by the Minister.
CIO ‘knew raid on ANC was on way’

HARARE — Intriguing questions have been raised in the trial of three white Zimbabweans accused of helping South African commandos blow up two ANC properties here last May.

An unidentified ANC witness said hours before the attack he had received phone calls telling him to leave 19 Eves Crescent, Ashdown Park.

The caller said he was from Zimbabwe’s Central Intelligence Organisation (CIO).

He told the occupier of the house, which was later demolished, “We have information the South African Government is to attack ANC properties tonight.”

The first call told him to leave as soon as possible. A second call warned of an impending attack.

A third call said if the witness did not leave immediately, “the boys” would get him out.

When the witness returned next morning the house was flattened.

The witness said he did not know if anything had been done to prevent the attacks.

On trial are Kevin Woods (35), a former CIO officer, Barry Bawden (30), who in a statement to police admitted driving a back-up car in the raid, and Michael Anthony Smith (34), who, like Woods is under sentence of death for his part in the attack on an ANC house in Bulawayo last year when a man was killed.

In the Harare raid the ANC office a block from the main police station was blown up at the same time as the Ashdown Park House.

What has not been revealed is how the CIO came to be aware of the raid and why more precautions were not taken.

The court heard that about 11 commandos were flown in and out of Zimbabwe by helicopter.

The trial continues.
From CHARL DE VIL LIERS
GEORGE — A policeman punched a woman to the ground and kicked her in the head during the alleged assault on Mr Andile Koba in the Sandkraal police station, the Circuit Court heard here yesterday.

Sandkraal resident Ms Prisella Jebese, 32, was testifying in the trial of three suspended Oudtshoorn "riot policemen who are charged with the murder of Mr Koba in March last year.

Mr Andre Schutte, 19, Mr Pieter Koen, 20, and Mr Cornus Serfontein, 22, are also accused of assaulting Ms Jebese at the Sandkraal police station on March 22 last year.

Mr Schutte and Mr Koen face two further charges of assault on Sandkraal residents. All three have pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Cross-examined by Mr J Roestorf, counsel for Mr Schutte, Ms Jebese said she had been arrested on the evening of March 22 after allegedly hitting and stabbing another woman with a bottle.

A policeman slapped her on the cheek before she climbed into the back of the patrol van with two other women, she said.

The police vehicle stopped soon afterwards and she saw the policemen return to the van with a man, whom she later identified as Mr Koba.

"The man wasn't wearing a shirt and the police were punching him before they threw him into the van," she said.

When she got out of the van after arriving at the Sandkraal police station, she heard Mr Koba being beaten, Ms Jebese said.

"I then heard blows and a man screaming and begging for mercy," she added.

"The tall shirtless white policeman — allegedly Mr Schutte — came into the charge office and punched and slapped my right cheek," she said.

Falling face-first to the ground, Ms Jebese was then allegedly kicked against the right side of her head by Mr Schutte.

Her throat was also injured during the assault.

Mr W D Eason and Mr P J M Botha were the assessors. Mr J Theron appeared for the State.
Info was useful ‘and police took action accordingly’

Alleged spy told of SA commando rescue plan

HARARE — A police officer told the High Court yesterday one of the alleged SA agents on trial here told him SA commandos had plans to rescue him and others involved in the bombings of the ANC properties in Harare.

The evidence was given by Detective Superintendent Bernard Jambawu in response to a question by Advocate John Sayce at the trial of Kevin John Woods, Barry Desmond Bawden and Michael Anthony Smith, alleged to have contravened sections of Zimbabwe’s Law and Order (Maintenance) Act.

The State has alleged they acted in concert with SA saboteurs to destroy ANC premises in Harare on May 19, 1986 by the use of explosives.

They have all pleaded not guilty. Jambarum said Woods had been cooperative with the police to the extent that he gave out information that SA commandos were anxious to rescue him and other people involved in the bombings of the ANC properties.

He said it was through Woods that Bawden and Smith, and other people not standing trial with him, were arrested.

Woods’s information had made it clear to the police that security arrangements had to be taken to fail the rescue of these men by “enemies”.

Recovery

Asked whether SA was an enemy, Jambarum replied “They were acting in concert with SA. Woods indicated to me they had sophisticated air jets which took 11 minutes to get here from Messina.”

Woods’s co-operation with the police led to the recovery of exhibits displayed to the court.

Jambawu denied that Woods and his co-accused were being moved from one place to another in an effort to refuse them access to lawyers.

Detective Patrol Officer Cuthbert Chiyani told the court how on January 20, 1988, Bawden led him to a ranch in Shangani where he recovered from a farm storeroom three bee-hive power PAC bombs, two gas cylinders, a plug adaptor, five sockets, three electrical detonators and two screw-drivers.

He said Bawden then took the police to his house where they recovered a .22 rifle, two plastic bottles containing explosive liquid, one fully charged magazine, one pair of black gloves, one wire-cutter, a crash helmet and a black face mask.

Bawden later took them to Carlson ranch in the Fort Rixson area where he directed the police to an open piece of ground and indicated where parachutes and bombs had allegedly been dropped from an SA aircraft. He then directed police to where three burnt parachutes were recovered.

The hearing continues — Sapa
AN inquest into the deaths of three men who were killed by an alleged police hit squad started in Umtata this week.

Zollie Sangoni, Zonwabele Mayaphi and MK Gift were gunned down in February last year when police opened fire on their vehicle.

The shooting took place in daylight in an Umtata suburb.

The police only acknowledged their involvement in the shooting several days later. They claimed they had opened fire because Gift tried to set off a hand grenade.

The sole survivor of the incident, Thomzamile Nkume, said the victims had no chance at all as the attackers finished off the three men with handguns.

Nkume denied that there had been any arms in the car.

ELNEWS.
'Police assaults':
Plea to dismiss charges refused

From CHARL DE VILLIERS

GEORGE — Mr Justice J Fagan yesterday dismissed a plea that assault charges be dropped against one of three policemen accused of murdering Mr Andile Koba and assaulting Ms Priscilla Jebese at the Sandkraal police station last year.

Mr H F van Zyl, counsel for Mr Pieter Koen, 20, told the Circuit Court here that there was no evidence on record that his client had assaulted Ms Jebese on March 19 last year.

Dismissing the plea, the judge said he would give reasons later.

Mr Koen has been charged along with two other suspended Ondthoorn riot policemen, Mr Andre Schutte, 19, and Mr Cornis Serfontein, 22.

Mr Schutte and Mr Koen are also charged with assaulting two other Sandkraal residents that day.

The policemen had pleaded not guilty to all charges.

The unconscious body of Mr Koba, 22, was dumped on a nearby beach on the night he had been assaulted. He died of head injuries hours later in a George hospital. Ms Jebese, 32, said earlier this week that two of the policemen assaulted her in the Sandkraal police station. She was allegedly slapped and punched to the ground by one policeman, who ground the toe of his boot onto her left ear as she lay on the charge office floor. The other policeman allegedly slapped her in the face.

Ms Jebese was the last state witness to give evidence and Mr J Theron for the state yesterday closed the state case.

The trial continues today.

A THEORETICAL APPRAISAL

THE INFLATIONARY EFFECTS OF TRADE UNIONS

S A E P SEMINAR
‘Die, kaffir!’
cop told man
he assaulted

From CHARL DE VILLIERS

GEORGE — An Oudtshoorn riot
colleague from jumping off a
circuit court heard here yesterday
This emerged during cross-exami-
nation of suspended constable Mr An-
dre Schutte who, with two other
charged with murdering Mr
Koba at the Sandkraal police station
in March last year
Mr Schutte, 19, Mr Piet Koen and
Mr Conrus Serfontein, 22, are also ac-
cused of assaulting another Sandkraal
resident, Mr Priscilla Jesebe
All have pleaded not guilty
Counsel for Mr Koen, Mr F van
Zyl, said his client would say that he
told Mr Schutte to stop kicking Mr
Koba while he lay on the floor in the
police station.

Rapid blows
Mr Koen would further say that Mr
Schutte dealt Mr Koba, who was trying
to stand up, “three to four” rapid
blows to the head
Mr Schutte admitted this but said he
could not remember climbing on to a
chair with the alleged intention of
jumping on Mr Koba’s head. Mr Koen
and Mr Serfontein physically prevented Mr Schutte from jumping. Mr Van
Zyl told the packed court
Gasps were heard in the public
gallery when Mr Van Zyl said Mr Schutte
left the room uttering “Vrek, kaffir! Vrek!”

Mr Schutte said he would not dis-
poise of his testimony, that he had appeared
confused, disoriented and foaming
from the mouth
Led by his counsel, Mr J Roestorf,
Mr Schutte gave his account of events
at Sandkraal on the night of March 19
last year
He said Mr Koba was fighting with
another man and resisted arrest, but-
ing Mr Koen’s arm. Mr Koen hit Mr
Koba’s back with a sjambok he had
used earlier to disperse a crowd

Lost temper
Mr Koba was punched in the face by
Mr Serfontein when taken into the
charge office, and beaten more in a
back room of the police station while
trying to escape, Mr Schutte said
He added that when he went into the
charge office to rest, he found Ms Je-
sebe sitting in a lounge chair.
“The woman was drunk, spoke Eng-
lish to me, and kept on asking me
questions I lost my temper and
slapped her,” Mr Schutte said
Subsequently he heard a police van
drive away.
Later that night a new shift of
colleagues went to Ballots Bay where
they found Mr Koba unconscious on
the beach
Two policemen stayed with him
while a Colonel Marx of the Ou-
dshoorn riot squad was called to inves-
tigate the events of that night
Mr Koba was taken by police van to
the George hospital where he died of
head injuries

The trial continues today.