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Acker has big plans

Western Cape Regional Police Commissioner General Nic Acker has no plans to retire for a very long time and is determined to implement many community service projects — including an electronic emergency services system for deaf and blind people.

General Acker, 52, is just back from a six-week holiday in Europe. It was announced recently that he would soon become one of two deputy regional commissioners. The post of regional commissioner will therefore be upgraded.

"I don't see my new appointment as a demotion. If a man who is senior to me in rank is appointed to head the region, then I accept it," he said.

General Acker said that on his trip overseas with his wife he had visited a radio control centre in Switzerland. "They have marvellous electronic Braille equipment which enables blind and deaf people to contact emergency services and I am going to push hard for this to be implemented in this country."
Many cops are leaving force

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MASS RESIGNATIONS

Colonel denies benefits will be lost but more resignations expected:

By Sowetan Correspondent

Police are leaving the South African Police force in their dozens. So far this year, an average of five members a month have quit and more resignations are on the way.

Political uncertainty and the chance of getting a golden handshake have resulted in 1,241 policemen and policewomen quitting the force in the first nine months of this year. This excluded municipal policemen and special constables.

Most of them quit because of poor salaries and long working hours.

Politics have also played a major role in their decision to seek employment elsewhere.

One senior policeman said: "The policeman on the street is tired of doing the Government's dirty work."

However, the rumour that only a third of the lump sum pension would be paid out if a policeman leaves from March 1993 has also been blamed. The remaining two-thirds would be paid at a later stage.

Another issue that is worrying members is the question of accumulated leave. Some policemen have up to 18 months accumulated leave. A rumour doing the rounds in police stations is that from March 1 next year, they will only be paid three months of their accumulated leave. The rest will be forfeited.

"The only way out is to take everything that is due to you now and run," said a senior police officer who has put in his resignation. "We stand to lose thousands of rand if we stick around."

However, Lieutenant-Colonel Reg Crewe of the SAP public relations division in Pretoria dismissed the rumours about the lump sum pension payouts and accumulated leave as "untrue."

Colonel Crewe added that apart from the 1,241 SAP members who have quit this year, 1,386 special constables and 136 municipal policemen left the SAP.
Two British newspapers have accused a senior South African police officer and policemen respectively of leaving the scene of Monday's massacre at Bisho shortly before the shooting began.

Michael Hamlyn, of London's The Times, yesterday said Brigadier Wynand van der Merwe of the riot unit "disappeared" hastily into a police helicopter at the point when Umkhonto we Sizwe commanders Ronnie Kasrils and Chris Hani led marchers to the left of the Bisho stadium.

Chris McGreal wrote in The Independent that the SA policemen "disappeared" just before the shooting started and "reappeared in large numbers as soon as the barrage of gunfire against the unarmed demonstrators died down and the weeping started."

McGreal said that a Colonel Louw afterwards said police had to guard white-owned property on the route of the march.

SAP public relations chief Major-General Leon Mellet in a statement last night denied that police had left the scene.

Hamlyn wrote that after the massacre, Brigadier van der Merwe had insisted he had had no advance information about the shooting, which followed his hasty departure.

"As the marchers approached the brow of the hill where the border lies, Mr Kasrils and Mr Hani led their section off to the left towards the stadium."

"At this point, Brigadier Wynand van der Merwe, of the riot section of the South African Police, who had accompanied the marchers to the border, disappeared.

"He drove hastily to a police helicopter close by and flew back down the valley."

"Asked yesterday why he had done so, he said 'I could see what was going to happen and I wanted to be out of the way.'"

Brigadier van der Merwe could not be contacted for comment yesterday.
Roger, come in good buddy

STAR 11/9/92.

HERE has been a lot of speculation about the motives of Minister Kriel in sacking 13 generals and setting up the beginnings of a community policing system. Those who have tracked the manoeuvrings of Mr Smuts and his Cabinet since February 1990 have dismissed these moves as a cynical change in the packaging and marketing of the same tired, old product. They have noted, without surprise, that they were tuned to coincide with the visit of the European Community delegation led by Douglas Hard.

Others have welcomed Mr Kriel’s announcement as the first clear admission by the State that the police are in deep trouble, and as a genuine attempt to begin a reform process.

For once, the more charitable view may be correct. The fires of anarchy in South Africa are now licking at the flesh of the Nationalist Government’s traditional constituency — white farmers and white suburbanites — and taking a high toll in its hoped-for new constituency in so-called coloured and Asian areas.

Police tardiness in responding to calls, and gross inefficiency when they do, is fuelling those fires. Moreover, policemen are dying every day, the victims of decades of State politicisation of a force that should be the people’s friend, not the Government’s.

Far from being purely a marketing ploy, Mr Kriel’s reforms may be a response to growing pressure from within the ranks of public-spirited policemen keen to pull the force out of the political wilderness in which it finds itself, and to reposition themselves as friends of the communities they serve.

To be a policeman and to be hated for one’s uniform and one’s job is unbearable. The only defence against that kind of hatred is terror, and terror’s price is death.

If I were a policeman, that is what I would be fighting against. I would work for the day when I would be mobbed by smiling kids when I walked into my neighbour-hood and greeted by their parents. I would not fear and certainly not hatred. I would work for the day I could know that if I were attacked by a baddie I was trying to arrest, youth in the crowd would rush to my aid, not trash my skull in with rocks and then pour petrol on my still-breathing body.

If so, one should accept that Mr Kriel is genuinely trying to restore some measure of police credibility and begin building police-community relations, what plan might one put on the table to help him and the police meet the challenge of this Mission Impossible?

Here is my suggestion.

Step 1 would be to designate a target community at the scale of a medium-sized municipality or a group of two or three municipalities, some white and some black, and to establish in it a powerful civil society monitoring group made up of representatives of the church, trade unions, businesses in the area (including the taxi business) and existing local government.

Step 2 would be to enter into a very simple formal agreement with police headquarters in Pretoria. This would define the target area as a community policing experiment that would run for a minimum of two years.

Police headquarters would undertake to leave the entire police force in this community in place for the two years — station commanders, detectives, officers, constables, in uniform and out — and make no staff transfers or replacements unless these have been requested by the monitoring group.

However, if the civil monitoring body did request personnel changes, these would be implemented without question or delay.

There would also be an agreed set of organisational rewards for policemen who did their jobs fearlessly, incorruptibly, and efficiently.

For its part, the monitoring body would undertake to channel community concerns and priorities to police command structures at this community level and, in the longer term, to build community respect for the police. Trust would come later.

There is an unbuilt accountability mechanism here that is gentle but effective. Because the community monitoring body would be able, in terms of the agreement with Pretoria, to get policemen transferred out of the community and replaced by policemen acceptable to them through an agreed interviewing and selection procedure, individual policemen would very rapidly become accountable to the community through the monitoring body.

The method is gentle, because the sanctions would go no further than removal — unless criminal or disciplinary proceedings were instituted through other mechanisms. It is effective, because gaining transferred out would rid the community of “bad apples” — quite apart from the sobering effect of this public rebuke on the apple concerned and the loss of tangible organisational rewards.

That’s all there is to it.

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meanwhile, the matrix politicians are desperately groping around for solutions, while the matrix politicians are desperately groping around for solutions.
Winnie Mandela resigns ANC posts

Winnie Mandela — voicing a concern to continue serving her people and country yesterday resigned her positions in the ANC, saying she had enemies both inside and outside the organisation.

Her decision leaves her as an ordinary member of the party.

She announced her resignation from the ANC's national executive committee (NEC), the Women's League NEC and the league's PWV regional executive a week after the NEC had considered a report by two independent lawyers on a demonstration in her support at ANC headquarters earlier this year.

The inquiry, led by Wits University attorney Dennis Davis and Durban attorney Linda Zuma, re-opened to hear evidence from Mandela after it had been closed. A second report based on her testimony was handed to the NEC last week. Davis could not say what the report contained.

Mandela said yesterday: "The generalised attacks against my person and, through me, my organisation have once again resumed. To my enemies I now neither have a family nor privacy. The intensity and viciousness of these attacks have deeply hurt my daughters, those of my grandchildren old enough to understand, my husband, our relatives and many of my friends inside and outside our country."

She said she was tendering her resignation in the interests of her husband, ANC president Nelson Mandela, and her family.

She appealed for understanding from those who had elected her to her positions; "This is a selfish move on my part nor lack of appreciation of the mandate you have given me. I have dedicated all my life to the only kind of existence I know the struggle for my people. I will continue to serve my people and my country relentlessly," she said.

"My support of our liberation movement will never cease. I appeal to all to help us to lead a normal family life."}

ANC disrupts QwaQwa show

THE ANC should stop its disruptive last action campaigns which were polarizing SA society and return to the negotiating table, Deputy Defence Minister Wynand Breytenbach said yesterday.

Opening the QwaQwa National Show in Phuthaditjhaba at which the ANC alliance held its "people's assembly", Breytenbach reiterated government's position that constitutionalism was the only way to solve the country's problems.

"Mass action has to stop. Violence must come to an end. Intimidation must come to an end and those actions which affect the dignity of others must be stopped," he said.

Government's door was open to players, he said. The will and attitude was all that was lacking in the ANC and its ally or boss, the SAPC, in order to get talks back on track. He called on the QwaQwa government to maintain present constitutional structures until new structures had been established and accepted.

"A person does not break down his old house before he has built a new one," he said. Nearly a million people were employed in the agricultural sector and in 1989 they were paid nearly R1,6bn in cash and a further R6,1bn in kind.

He said farmers had to use resources better to prevent the country from becoming poorer. QwaQwa owed this not only to its citizens but the whole of SA.

Saps reports that Breytenbach dismissed the people's assembly protest as a circus. The protest was held alongside the show and was mostly competed for the crowd's attention.

The tripartite alliance in QwaQwa protested on Wednesday and yesterday to highlight their call for Chief Minister Dr T K Mopheli to resign and for the installation of a government of national unity.

Early attempts by the SA security police to get the ANC supporters to voluntarily disperse failed. A large contingent of heavily armed SA and QwaQwa police were present at 4.20pm as ANC supporters marched out of the stadium.

Economic anarchy

GREED and an undermanned and underskilled police force had allowed SA society to slide into economic anarchy, Witwatersrand attorney-general Klaus von Lieres and Wilkau SC, said yesterday.

Addressing delegates at a Johannesburg conference on fraud, Von Lieres said reported economic crimes in SA had increased by 67% from 33 101 cases in 1986 to 55 281 in 1991.

A total of 19 982 fraud docket with a potential loss of R347bn were currently under investigation. Corporate frauds under investigation involved a potential sum of R347bn.

Von Lieres said policing levels to combat fraud in its various guises on the Witwatersrand were quite inadequate — only 134 officers and men to deal with more than 6 000 cases.
The commissioner of police is not happy with the media. He is trying to improve relations with newspapers and encourage openness in a traditionally secretive force — granting interviews with, rather than applying for, court interventions against, The Weekly Mail, arranging tours of detention cells under scrutiny because of the numbers of prisoners dying in them.

But General Johan van der Merwe is frustrated. Nobody recognises the “drastic” changes he has made in the police force. There is still a great deal of negative and “malicious propaganda”. Many people are “stuck with the perceptions of the past”. The police are being “unfairly blamed” for failing to stop violence when they could never stop all of it, no matter what they did.

He is particularly upset because of the “negative” spin put on the “retirement” of 19 generals and the media’s failure to accept his assertion that these were long-planned, voluntary rationalisations.

Yes, he had read Peter Waddington’s letter in The Weekly Mail in which the Goldstone Commission’s policing expert had a month ago recommended to the government precisely this form of slow and staggered purge of the “top echelons (who) leave much to be desired.”

This was particularly so for the commissioner Waddington’s official report on the police investigation into the Boipatong massacre, although critical, had been useful in pointing out “certain shortcomings” in the SAP, he says, but the letter “was not worth a cent”.

“I would say that was more destructive than constructive. I hadn’t seen it before (you published it) and the fact that these kinds of letters are being published without any word to the police or any other attempt to bring it to our attention, I think that whole attitude leaves much to be desired.”

The overall effect, the commissioner believes, is to distort public perceptions of the police. “The perception has been created at this stage that the police are not acceptable to the community, which is not correct. Yes, there are certain communities where we have a problem with our relationship with the community and it is our serious intention to try to correct that as soon as possible.”

“I don’t think (the public perception) is only the fault of the police. To a certain extent I would say the perception is due to propaganda, malicious propaganda in some cases, and in others a deep-rooted culture because of the past.”

The fundamental difference, Van der Merwe has with the press, however, is that he does not believe there is a crisis in the police force. There are “problems”. Nevertheless, he has asked the cabinet for a special judicial commission of inquiry “to have a completely new look at our crime situation.”

“You would expect him to be weary of inquiries, particularly since every one of them has pointed to fundamental problems in the SAP.

Waddington, for example, reported “inadequate command and control”, “ineffective intelligence and contingency planning”, “unstructured investigation” and “insufficient awareness of community relations” in his official report for the Goldstone Commission.

Van der Merwe has also had the International Commission of Jurists, Amnesty International, United Nations emissary Cyrus Vance and his team of monitors, a host of judges and magistrates, University of the Witwatersrand academics, a new police board and the media poring over his shoulders.

Undaunted by all this attention — none of it favourable — he wants a joint Department of Justice and Department of Correctional Services inquiry into “whether, in our specific circumstances, there are no other steps we can take, other changes that can be effected, to combat crime.”

Seeing a different set of problems to those examined by Waddington and Vance, Van der Merwe is deeply concerned about our penal system, tight sentencing, early release of convicts and the ease with which accused persons get bail.

He acknowledges, but plays down, the problems everywhere else is talking about. 178 deaths in police custody since January 1990, rightwing resistance to change in the ranks, police involvement in the Trust Feeds massacre, judicial criticism of the police in the Alexandra night-vigil massacre trial, the damning Waddington report.

“We are doing our utmost (to stop the deaths), but if you compare us to other police forces, in Britain or America, and take account of how many people we have in custody, we have quite a good record.”

He plays up “drastic changes” in the police force a completely integrated training programme, a community relations programme, agreement to be answerable to a police board, the National Peace Accord and the new police code of conduct “We have been willing to subject ourselves to whatever was required.”

What hasn’t changed, he says, is the “attitude of certain communities and certain organisations”. Those who feel there has not been enough change are “stuck with perceptions of the past.” These perceptions cannot change without the help of community and political leaders, he adds. One thing that hasn’t changed is his defensive response to hard questions. Are there not some policemen so tainted by their past that they cannot be part of a new police force? “If that is the case, what about the leaders of an organisation like the African National Congress, which was involved in the murder of defenceless people, woman and children? Or does that not matter? How do you distinguish between that and the SAP?”

If the commissioner sounds like a reluctant reformer, he is not. He is proud of his contribution to change and looking for ways to go further along this road. But his purpose is to preserve the police force, its standing and its morale — and to avoid building a new post-apartheid force.

“What is important at this stage is to effect the changes in such a manner that we can save not just the SAP, but the country. We may destroy the police force, or the motivation of the police — and then we can have civil war. And there is nothing more serious than that.”
FORMER Cape Town Peace Committee (CTPC) co-ordinator Ms Helen Zille said yesterday she believed police were involved in a "dirty tricks" campaign against the ANC in black townships to undermine its constituency in a future election.

At the Goldstone Commission inquiry into Western Cape taxi violence Ms Zille said under cross-examination by Mr John van der Berg, for the ANC, the CTPC, the Black Sash and the Democratic Party's Urban Monitoring and Awareness Committee, that she believed that "elements" in the police were exploiting divisions in the community "to convince one side that the ANC was supporting the other".

She said, she had become aware of a "dirty tricks campaign against the ANC, and I am not a supporter of the ANC."

"We all know there will be a non-racial election in the not too distant future, and that all parties are already making their sums," she said.

The hearing was adjourned by the chairman, Cape attorney-general Mr Niel Rossouw, until October 9.
THE SPATE of countrywide police killings had a sequel in the Western Cape this week when two policemen were shot dead in Khayelitsha and Crossroads.

Police discovered the body of Lance-Sergeant Peter van Niekerk, of the Khayelitsha branch, in his car with several bullet wounds in his head and body.

Major Attie Laubscher said police arrested a policeman in connection with the incident.

In another incident police discovered the body of assistant constable Sebenzile Tutu on Wednesday, 100m from Crossroads police station. He had been shot several times.

The body of an unidentified man was also discovered. The man, about 28 years old, was shot in the head.

A number of spent AK-47 cartridges were found at the scene.
Police incompetent, say Yeoville women

By Susan Smuts

Women living in Yeoville claim the police have been incompetent in tracking down the serial rapist who has attacked at least 18 women and is still terrorising the Johannesburg suburb.

Some of the rapist's victims are in contact with each other and have spent time and effort trying to help police track him down. They and other concerned residents have formed a street committee. On Saturday they held a 'picket in Bellevue.' A lack of results in the police investigation has led the victims — and many potential victims — to consider asking that the case be transferred to the East Rand or Brixton murder and robbery squads.

Among the criticisms of the police are:
- A sculpted head of the rapist — shown by police to the press — does not look like him. A photo of the bust was published although three of the victims stated it bore no resemblance to their attacker and another three have not seen it. Victims are working on another bust.
- Two identikit earlier released to the press were inaccurate, yet victims were not given the opportunity to rectify them.
- Suggestions and leads have not been followed up.
- Police neglected to inspect the premises and escape route the rapist used after one attack.
- Fingerprints from two of the houses were lost because police did not have the correct equipment with them at the time.
- The police have refused to tell a victim whether sperm samples taken from her matched those of other victims.
- The police reported they were following a lead that a man on a TV advert was the rapist — days after a victim said he was not the man.

Though Yeoville police have set up patrols and respond to calls promptly, victims say there is little co-ordination between Yeoville and Hillbrow police, who are both investigating.

The investigating officer, Colonel Henri Basson, could not be reached for comment yesterday, but police spokesman Colonel Franz Malherbe said "It is absolutely unfair that people are pointing fingers at the police. It is sheer ingratitude for what the police are doing."
Police 'quitting force in dozens'

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Policemen and women are leaving the force in their dozens and, so far this year, an average of five a month have quit and more resignations are on their way.

Political uncertainty and the chance of losing out on a golden handshake has resulted in 1241 police resignations in the first nine months of this year. This excluded municipal policemen and special constables.

So far, most of those who have quit have done so because of poor salaries, and long working hours.

Politics also played a major role in their decisions to seek employment elsewhere.

One senior policeman said: "The policeman on the street is tried of doing the government's dirty work."

One issue worrying police is the question of accumulated leave. Some have up to 18 months' leave accumulated. However, rumours are that, from March 1 next year, they would only be paid out three months of their accumulated leave. The rest would be forfeit.

However, Lieutenant-Colonel Reg Crewe of the police public relations division in Pretoria, dismissed the rumours about accumulated leave as 'untrue'.

Police ‘assaults’
Acker gives undertaking

DENNIS CRUYSWAGEN
Staff Reporter

THE Divisional Commissioner of Police, Major General Nic Acker, has given lawyers an undertaking that police will not assault two men arrested in connection with shootings in Khayelitsha in July.

General Acker also told lawyers police would not interrogate Mr Phakamusa Mhlabanuzima and Mr Twoboy Jack without their knowledge or consent or them having had a reasonable chance to be present.

Lawyer Mr Denzil Potgieter said General Acker gave the undertaking last Thursday when Mr Mhlabanuzima and Mr Jack were due to have asked the Supreme Court for an urgent interdict restraining police from assaulting them.

The matter will now be heard later.

The two men face 11 counts of attempted murder arising out of attacks on police.

Mr Mhlabanuzima said in an affidavit that they were arrested in July and first appeared in court on July 3, but the matter was postponed and they were transferred to Pollsmoor Prison.

But when they appeared again on July 24, the prosecutor asked that they be transferred to Stellenbosch police station. Their attorney, Mr Bululani Ngcuka, opposed the application.

"The main grounds advanced by the State were that police investigating the case could not interview us at Pollsmoor because they could not find us there. It was pointed out that this contention was ridiculous."

But the request was granted.

Mr Mhlabanuzima said he and Mr Jack were prejudiced by the decision to move them to Stellenbosch.

"We have both been assaulted and subjected to intensive interrogation. It is clear the purpose was to isolate and place us at their mercy."

At one stage police said "if I did not co-operate they would spread a story that I was an informer and I would be killed."

A policeman also showed him a bullet, indicating it was meant for him, he said.

"I was terrified during the whole ordeal and still fear for my life."

Mr Jack said police threatened to take him to the beach for a braai where they said they would "take me into the sea and no one would ever see me again."

He said his hand was wounded during his arrest.

"It was extremely painful when my hand was squeezed and I cried out in pain. The officer then hit me between the eyes with his fists."

Brigadier Acker denied allegations by Mr Mhlabanuzima and Mr Jack, but said he had undertaken that members of the SAP having contact with the applicants will refrain from assaulting, molesting, harassing and/or threatening the applicants.

In addition, he said police would not question Mr Mhlabanuzima and Mr Jack in connection with criminal charges without informing their attorneys of their intentions.

The men also planned to ask the Supreme Court to have them transferred to Pollsmoor Prison. The matter was to have been heard on Thursday, but they appeared in the Mitchell's Plain Magistrate's Court before their Supreme Court hearing and have since been transferred to Pollsmoor.
A-G to sue Minister over promotion offer

By Charmeela Bhagwat

Witwatersrand Attorney-General Klaus von Lieres is taking legal action against Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee and other high-ranking officials, accusing them of reneging on an agreement to promote him.

Mr von Lieres said the new post - deputy director-general of the Department of Justice security matters - was offered to him in March 1987 and his appointment was to be made effective as soon as the post had been instituted.

The post was allegedly created because of the increasing number of actions brought against the State and the security forces.

Mr von Lieres claimed the post was offered to him at the Minister's office in Pretoria by the then Justice Department director-general, S S van der Merwe. He accepted when Mr Coetsee was allegedly told the news, he congratulated Mr von Lieres on his appointment.

Apart from Mr Coetsee, Mr von Lieres will be taking the present Justice Department director-general Jasper Noeth and Commission for Administration chairman Dr Piet van der Merwe to court.

A celebration followed the appointment, according to Mr von Lieres' attorney, Hendrik Malan, of the legal firm Malan and Steyn.

Mr von Lieres has claimed there were deliberate delays in the creation of the post to make way for the appointment of former State attorney Hans du Plessis. His annual personal merit assessment had been "manipulated downwards" to prejudice him and enable Mr du Plessis to get the appointment.

When the matter was finally resolved according to Civil Servants' Act procedures in April 1988, Mr du Plessis had already been appointed.

Mr Malan said the Justice Department could offer no reason for the change of heart, but he was waiting for opposing affidavits from the department.

If Mr von Lieres wins the application, his rank would be upgraded to that of deputy director-general, back-paid from April 1 1988, the day the post was created, said Mr Malan.

He said Mr von Lieres was not making the application for the money "For Mr von Lieres it is a matter of principle. An injustice has been done by the Justice Department and he wants to set the matter right."

Asked why he thought the attorney-general was overlooked for the post, Mr Malan said, "We believe there was a scheme to outdo him because he was from the wrong camp. He is a very strong, respected man. He has always done what he believed was right and has never bowed to superior officers or played to the powers-that-be."

The matter will be heard in the Pretoria Supreme Court on a date still to be set.
Cops held on theft charge

JOHANNESBURG
Brixton Murder and Robbery detectives yesterday arrested two Hillbrow police constables and a civilian for allegedly robbing police funds of almost R20 000.

Police spokesman Warrent Officer Andy Proke said most of the money was recovered and the men would appear in the Hillbrow Magistrate's Court tomorrow.

One of the suspects alleged he had been robbed after collecting cash from a bank on Monday morning.

The 22-year-old constable allegedly claimed he was held up, taken to a deserted spot and shot in the knee — Sapa
168 cops killed this year

PRETORIA — A total of 168 policemen have been murdered this year.

Of those killed 78 were on duty and 90 off duty.

General Daan Trée Huggett, attached to the Violent Crimes Investigation unit of the SAP, said the attacks on policemen were “shocking and their lives had become cheap”.

Speaking at a police conference on crime combating and investigation, he said attackers would not succeed in demoralising the SAP and added that the attacks had to be condemned in the “strongest possible terms” — Sapa
Laws to mirror the nation.
Ex-police chief in murder trial

MARITZBURG — A former Mooi River police station commander was under the influence of alcohol when he allegedly shot two people, the Supreme Court here heard yesterday.

A Mooi River police officer testified that Lieutenant George Nicas had slurried his words on the evening of the shooting W/O Arthur Joseph also made a statement to a senior police officer that Lt Nicas had been under the influence of alcohol that evening.

Lt Nicas is charged with the murders of Brutville residents Mr Joatham Mchunu and Mr Sibusiso Mdele in 1990. He is also charged on four counts of attempted murder, two counts of handling a shotgun while under the influence of alcohol, and two counts of negligently discharging a firearm.

Lt Nicas has pleaded not guilty to two counts of murder, four of attempted murder and two of contravening the Arms and Ammunition Act in connection with two separate shooting incidents at Brutville on April 7 and June 16, 1990.

Cop was drunk on duty, court told

W/O Joseph told the court that about eight shots were fired the evening Mr Mchunu died and that Lt Nicas had fired three of them. He said Lt Nicas had sat at the back of a stationary Casspir and had fired through an open flap. A W/O Coetzee fired the other shots, which were rubber bullets, W/O Joseph said.

W/O Arthur Joseph said he was armed with a shotgun and a side pistol but he did not use them as he did not see any reason to fire "at that stage".

Before the police Casspir left the scene one of the policemen in the vehicle mentioned that a person had been shot but Lt Nicas gave no instruction to stop and attend to the person. Later it was reported that an injured man was taken to the Brutville clinic. He (W/O Joseph) went there and saw a man who had been shot but he was already dead.

Under cross-examination, however, W/O Joseph conceded that the dull sound made by rubber bullets could have sounded louder because they were fired within the confined space of the metal Casspir, and that he could not therefore say with certainty which shots were fired by Lt Nicas.

He also conceded he would not have been able to hear if people were throwing things at the Casspir because the chanting and toy-toying crowd was making too much noise.

He agreed too that his first estimate that the crowd was between 50 and 100 people might have been wrong.

W/O Joseph said that he was scared the evening Mr Mchunu was shot because "I didn't know at that stage whether the crowd was dangerous". The Brutville community was tense and there is always a risk petrol bombs may be thrown at Casspirs.

The trial continues today — Sapa, Own Correspondent.
Toise arrest: Police acted ‘in good faith’

Staff Reporter

POLICE are investigating a charge of defeating the ends of justice following the arrest of Brown’s Farm squatter camp ANC chairman Mr Christopher Toise.

Reacting to allegations that Mr Toise’s arrest was intended to portray the ANC in a poor light or that the investigation was improperly conducted, police said their officials had acted in good faith.

Mr Toise was arrested on September 4, in connection with the murder in July last year of ANC activist Mr Mziwonke “Pro” Jack.

The charge against him was withdrawn when it was found he was in jail at the time of Mr Jack’s killing.
CID chief to join G'stone

Johannesburg

The head of the SAP detective branch at Woodstock, Major A.G. Campher, is the fourth Cape Town man to be appointed to the Goldstone Commission.

He joins three lawyers from well-known city firms, Mr John van Niekerk, Mr Noel Tunbridge and Mr Max Hales.

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone will head five countrywide units to investigate and monitor violence.

Major Campher was a member of the Peninsula Murder and Robbery Squad before his transfer to Woodstock.

The five units comprise 20 members — nine attorneys, two advocates, 12 policemen, and three SADF members — Saps.
Police probe raises hackles of ANC

TALKS between government and the ANC have been complicated by a police probe into the possibility of senior ANC members being involved in crimes before the ANC's unbanning in 1990.

The ANC warned that any attempt to arrest or prosecute its leaders would derail the current limited talks as well as any future negotiations.

Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer and ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa have been locked in talks since Monday in a bid to arrange a summit meeting between the two parties' leaders.

The ANC is demanding the freeing of political prisoners, without the release being linked to a general amnesty, before it is prepared to allow its president Nelson Mandela to meet President F W de Klerk.

Law and Order spokesman Capt Craig Kotze said yesterday a police team had intensified investigations into unsolved crimes in which senior ANC, PAC and right-wing leaders could be implicated.

The ANC said the move showed government was not serious about negotiations and said the investigation was a cynical attempt to get a blanket general amnesty for government officials.

Law and Order Minister Herman Kriel denied this allegation last night.

Kotze said people who had been granted amnesty for certain crimes would not be prosecuted, but if they were linked to other crimes, it would be a different matter.
Goldstone's sleuths meet

By Helen Granger
Pretoria Bureau

Policemen co-opted on to the
Goldstone Commission's five in-
vestigative teams met in Pre-
toria yesterday to discuss and
streamline investigations to be
undertaken.

In a statement last night Mr
Justice Richard Goldstone said
members met for the first time
and informally discussed proce-
dures to be followed.

Two of the most important
players in the teams are Major
Frank Dutton, who will co-ordi-
nate the Durban and Maritz-
burg teams, and Colonel Adrian
Eagar of the Johannesburg
team.

Major Dutton is well known
for heading the Trust Feed

massacre investigation.

Colonel Eagar was a Brixton
Murder and Robbery Squad de-
tective for about 15 years be-
fore being transferred to Van-
derbijlpark police station to
head a probe into the Boipatong
massacre.

Other members of the teams
are Major V Harms from Dur-
ban SAP, Major P M Smythe
from Maritzburg SAP, Detec-
tive-Sergeants P M van der
Merwe and M J Moreni from
Johannesburg SAP, Major A C P
Coetzee from Johannesburg
SADF, Major A P Campher of
Cape Town SAP and Captain
J F Haynes of East London
SAP.

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Attacks prompt army uniform probe

Staff Reporter

The SA Army is currently investigating the possibility of changing its brown field dress for another pattern after an increase in the number of attacks by criminals wearing uniforms.

Spokesman Colonel John Roit last night confirmed that the army was also investigating ways in which a new pattern of field dress could be protected by law. However, there were no plans to change the uniform yet.

"The army believes it is necessary to consider protecting the uniform to prevent, as far as possible, people from using articles of uniform while committing violence for political or other reasons as is happening at present," he said.

The current Defence Act does not prohibit the wearing of browns by civilians, but an amendment to change this has been proposed and is under consideration, Colonel Roit said.

Obtaining an SADF uniform is as easy as walking into the nearest army surplus store, and this week Durban-based DP unrest monitor Roy Amshele called for regulations to be imposed to cut down on the availability of uniforms.

A number of options, including a camouflage pattern, were being considered, but the investigation would take time, Colonel Roit said. If such a step was finally approved, it was unlikely that a change to the field dress would be implemented before the end of the year or the beginning of 1993.

Colonel Roit added that a new uniform would be phased in on a replacement basis.

It is understood the issue will receive urgent attention when it comes before Parliament during next month's sitting. The Star's Own Correspondent reports.

Other arms of the defence force — the navy and air force — were not expected to be affected by the uniform change.

Latest figures show that 32 people have been killed in recent weeks in attacks in which uniforms were worn by assailants.

The latest such attack was on the Natal South Coast where eight people were killed. Survivors alleged that the attackers were wearing SADF browns.
Cops not targeting ANC, says Kriel

MINISTER of Law and Order Mr Meurs Kriel yesterday denied police were only investigating crimes committed by ANC members to prearrange the organisation into accepting a blanket general amnesty.

Kriel said police had a long list of outstanding unsolved crimes, such as murder and robbery, committed by supporters of various political convictions.

"It is the duty of the SAP to investigate all outstanding unsolved crimes, no special police team has been established for this purpose and these crimes will be further investigated as part of the ongoing duties of the South African Police," he said.

Kriel emphasised the Government was also "fully committed" to investigating crimes allegedly committed by security force members.

He was surprised that the ANC, which was constantly demanding that crimes committed by security force members before 1990 be investigated, presented investigations into itself as an obstacle to reconciliation and negotiation. - Sapa
Planned for 1989?
Mandela's release

Skepticism on

Nair not faced by loss over Stem

Majority in NP
Pik Botha to block

Govt plans to restructure police force

Central Commando

The athlete's return to the world stage is a major event, but it is not clear how much impact it will have on the political landscape.

The release of Nelson Mandela from prison is expected to have significant implications for South Africa's future. However, there are many who remain skeptical about the prospects for change.

Africor, the African Reconstruction Corporation, has announced plans to restructure the police force to improve its efficiency and effectiveness.

The South African economy is facing significant challenges, and the release of Mandela could provide a boost to the country's hopes for a brighter future.

Economic problems are not the only issue facing South Africa. Political instability and civil unrest are also major concerns, and the release of Mandela could help to bring about a more stable and peaceful future.

The government has outlined a number of measures to address the pressing issues facing the country, including the need for economic reform and increased investment in education and health care.

The release of Mandela could provide a positive example of how South Africa can work towards a brighter future, but it remains to be seen whether the country can overcome its many challenges.
5 cops on assault charge

Own Correspondent
PORT ELIZABETH — Five SA Police Academy members have been charged with assault following a departmental inquiry into alleged racial incidents at the academy in Grahamstown.

A police spokesman said yesterday that the inquiry and charges arose from a single incident in which racism and racial discrimination were alleged recently against a senior academy officer.

An official statement by the police liaison department here said criminal charges of assault had been laid against five members of the academy.
Govt plans to restructure police force

Johannesburg - The government's

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT
Custody death: policeman guilty

A suspended police constable has been found guilty of murdering a man who died as a result of an assault in police custody.

A second suspended constable was found guilty of assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm.

Andries Strydom (23) was yesterday found guilty in the Pretoria Supreme Court by Mr Justice J J Strydom of the murder of Michael Nkabinde, who died in hospital in November 1990 after an assault on him by Strydom and Andries Greyling (24).

"He was convicted of murder with intent, in that he ought to have foreseen that his actions could have culminated in the deceased's death. Greyling could only be found guilty on his plea of assault with intent. I am convinced he withheld himself from further assaulting the deceased after he initially assaulted him."

Of Strydom, the judge said: "Any reasonable person would have foreseen that hitting a person's head on a hard object, like a floor or a counter, could cause his death. Strydom is a trained policeman. The assumption that he could have foreseen that he could cause the deceased's death could be made beyond a reasonable doubt."

Because of his failure to testify, the court did not know whether Strydom ceased the assault when he realised — if he did realise — the possibility he could cause Mr Nkabinde's death.

Strydom was again released on warning by the judge on the grounds that there "was no question of the death sentence as there obviously were mitigating circumstances."

Sentence will be passed today — Pretoria Correspondent.
Suspended Sandton councillor takes legal action

SUSPENDED Sandton town councillor Frederick Ehlers will bring an urgent application in the Rand Supreme Court for his reinstatement.

Ehlers, who was suspended for 60 days following suggestions that the council's tendering procedures were open to bribery and corruption, said he would file the application soon.

A letter had been sent to all councillors and to Sandton mayor Bruce Burns earlier this week requesting the convening of a special meeting to discuss the suspension, Ehlers said.

This had been done following the breakdown of a mediation attempt last week by DP MP for Bryanston Rupert Lormer.

The mayor had been given until 5pm yesterday to respond, failing which the urgent application would be served, Ehlers said. "As no meet-

ing has been convened, I hope to file papers by Monday next week."

Ehlers stated individual councillors would be cited in the application so as not to burden the ratepayers with the cost of the action.

The application aimed to have Ehlers reinstated to the council and would reclaim any council allowances withheld due to the suspension.

Council chambers would be packed on Thursday, he said.

'\textbf{I saw policeman shoot passerby}\\

MARITZBURG — An SAP sergeant testified in the Supreme Court yesterday that he saw his former Monoriver Station commander, Lt George Nichas, cock his shotgun and fire twice at a man walking along in a Bruntville street in 1999.

The man fell after the second shot but the police caspar in which they were travelling did not stop. Later at the Bruntville clinic he and other policemen, including Nichas, saw the body of a dead man whom he recognised as the alleged murderer victim, Itham Mchunu. He could not say whether Mchunu was the person who was shot at by Nichas.

Nichas has pleaded not guilty to two murder and four attempted murder charges, and four counts of contravening the Arms and Ammunition Act in connection with two shooting incidents in Bruntville on April 7 and June 16, 1990.

Two of the charges relate to his alleged unlawful handling of firearms while under the influence of alcohol.

Sgt Martin Mhlongo denied having seen or heard a large toy-toying group in the vicinity of the caspar at the time of the shooting as claimed by several other police and civilian state witnesses. Asked by Judge Booyens how it was possible he did not see the crowd, Mhlongo said he did not know if it was because he was seated in the caspar while some of his colleagues were standing.

He saw the man at whom Nichas fired through the caspar's open rear doors.

Defence advocate Kobus Booyens SC asked Mhlongo (who resides in Bruntville with his family) if he had been intimidated in connection with his evidence or statement to the police concerning the shooting.

Mhlongo said he was not aware that ANC supporters in Bruntville hated the accused.

Mhlongo also testified that before leaving the police station in the caspar he had noticed that Nichas's speech was not normal, as though he had been drinking liquor.
The names, who's behind the unreachables
Goldstone men. The unreachables
the bezt," said a Johannesburg attorney Said a Dur-
ban lawyer with extensive experience in investigating
violence "Goldstone has a point in avoiding people
who could be accused of bias But you need people who
have some background in this Hopefully he will ex-
pand the teams later on.

Even lawyers with these doubts welcome the invol-
vement of policemen. "We have been hamstrung in
gathering evidence in the past because we could never
go where policemen can go," said one

Just what powers the policemen will exercise is not
yet clear Goldstone has been very guarded on this
when announcing the members of the teams, he said.
The investigation units will not be criminal investiga-
tion teams and will not ‘usurp the normal duties or
work’ of the police Commission members also point
out that the commission already has ‘unlimited
powers of search and seizure’ What appears likely is
that the investigation units will be directed very close-
ly by the commission, which will also decide what to
do with their findings

This is some way, perhaps from the image of The
Untouchables But most South Africans will happily
sacrifice a little romance for real results

has led to the arrest of a local warlord

LIEUTENANT B NARDU — Navd (34) joined the police in
1976 and recently worked in the Greytown area. He became a
detective in 1984 and has investigated unrest since 1985.

KEVIN HOJEM — Hojem (40) is a practising attorney in
commercial contractual insurance and town planning mat-
ters A former president of the Durban Metropolitan Cham-
ber of Commerce, he currently serves on the Natal Region-
al Peace Initiative and is a trustee of the Peace and Recon-
struction Foundation, alongside the ANC’s Jacob Zuma and
Dr Frank Mdlalose of Inkatha

DAVID PISTORIUS — A former litigation attorney fo-
cusing on insurance and shipping, Pistorius (62) is now
consultant to a major Durban legal firm Johannesburg-
born, he is on the executive committee of the Maritime
Law Association of South Africa

OLIVER HART — Hart (56) is a commercial and litiga-
tion lawyer in Durban He is a former president of the
Natal Law Society and of the Association of Law Societies
of South Africa

ERIC VAN ROOYEN — An attorney specializing in crimi-
nal law, Van Rooyen (63) has served on the Natal Law
Society and practices in Greytown

ALSO APPOINTED — Detective Warrant-Officer G Vi-
lakazi, Detective-Sergeant B R Mahlangu and B P Mhlongo
(SAP, Durban), Major V Hormae (SADF, Durban) and Major
P M Smythe (SADF, Maritzburg)

JOHANNESBURG

COLONEL ADRIAN EAGAR — Eagar (44) has been with
Brixton Murder and Robbery since 1976 and rose to assis-
tant command A policeman for 26 years, he was appoint-
ted to head investigations into the Soweto shootings

DET-SERG P M VAN DER MERWE — Van der Merwe
is a detective, Criminal Investigation Services, Westonaria

DET-SERG N J MOREMI — Moremi is based in Benoni
with the Criminal Investigation Services

HANS FABRIGUS — Fabrigus (48) is a Pretoria advoc-
ate of 17 years’s standing, and has been a senior coun-
sel for four years He has been an ad hom member of the
Industrial Court, has served as a judge in Natal and Venda
and has done human rights work for the Southern African
Catholic Bishops’ Conference

BILL SCALLES — Scales (44) has been an advocate in
Pretoria for nine years and has done both commercial
and human rights work He is a member of Lawyers for
Human Rights and recently acted for jailed spy Detzer
Gerhardt.

ALSO APPOINTED — Major ACP Coetzee of the
SADF and P Bothu, a Pre-
toria attorney

CAPE TOWN

MAJOR ANDRE CAMPHIER — Camphier (36) was born in
Cape Town and joined the police in 1969 He command-
ed the Vredenburg Murder and Robbery Unit from
1984 to 1988 and currently heads the Woodstock detec-
tive branch in Cape Town

JOHN VAN NIEKERK — A former chairman of the Di-
visional Council of the Cape (1989-71), Van Niekerk (57) is
an attorney specializing in litigation He was educated
at Bishops, Rhodes University and the University of Cape
Town

ALSO APPOINTED — At-

torneys N Tumbridge and M
Hales

PORT ELIZABETH

CAPTAIN ERIC HAYNES — Haynes (32) heads the dis-
trict investigation unit of East London’s Criminal In-
vestigation Services He joined the police in 1977, and served in Pretoria, Johan-
nesburg and Port Shepstone before coming to East Lon-
don a year ago

DAVID GEARD — An attor-
ney specializing in commer-
cial litigation, Geard (49), is
based in Port Elizabeth
Policeman admits falsifying statement

MARITZBURG — A police officer on Friday admitted falsifying a statement on a shooting in Brunsville during 1990, allegedly committed by former Mooi River station commander Lieutenant George Nichas.

Testifying in the Supreme Court here, Sergeant Johan Fourie said he had seen a murder committed. He had approached a Captain Fitchard from Mooi River two to three days after the shooting, but Capt Fitchard said he did not want a statement.

Asked why he did not report the matter further, Sgt Fourie said he had in fact told a Sergeant Venier everything he had seen and assumed Sgt Venier had told Capt Fitchard.

Sgt Fourie also contended the court he had falsified parts of a statement he had later made to a Lieutenant-Colonel Du Plooy because “Nichas and Du Plooy were very good friends for many years and I knew if I made certain allegations, he would not have noted them.”

He added that the District Commissioner for Ladysmith, a Colonel Sauer, would not have made sure these allegations were not included.

Sgt Fourie said he also saw the direction of the other police officers’ statements during the investigation and knew these were not accurate “I could not stand alone because I worked with them,” he said.

Lt Nichas is charged on two counts of murder in Brunsville during 1990, four counts of attempted murder and four counts of contravening the Arms and Ammunition Act. He has pleaded not guilty to all counts — Sapa
Hospital strike may end soon

THE National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union and Transvaal Provincial Administration are today expected to announce details of a settlement of the four-month-old hospital strike which has led to clashes between strikers and non-strikers.

Talks between the TPA and Nehawu were held on Friday in another bid to reach a compromise and end the strike. Violence has mounted and lives have been lost since the strike began. About 7,000 hospital workers have been dismissed since the strike began.

Sowetan Reporters and Sapa.

Cops probe ANC members

A SPOKESMAN for the Department of Law and Order yesterday denied allegations that, by investigating members of the ANC, police were trying to obtain a blanket amnesty for members of the security forces.

Police spokesman Capt. B. S. J. van Ruyven confirmed, however, that 17 senior ANC members were being investigated for various crimes.

Among those police are probing are South African Communist Party general secretary Mr. Chris Hani, SACP chairman Mr. Joe Slovo, ANC national chairman Mr. Oliver Tambo, SACP member Mr. Ronnie Kasrils and commander of the ANC's military wing, Mr. Joe Modise.
SA needs the police

ANC

Own Correspondent
DURBAN — South Africa needs you

This was said to those police who strive to work according to professional standards in a difficult environment by an ANC representative at the Policing in a New South Africa conference held here on the weekend.

The ANC's director of Intelligence and Security, Mr. Joseph Nhlanhla, said his organisation did not view the police as the enemy, nor did they view the crisis in policing, the weekly revelations of allegations of police brutality or incompetence "with glee", but with increasing alarm.

He said it would be an understatement to say the relations between police and black communities are lacking in mutual trust.

The police were caught between "an abhorrent, unpopular political policy and the persons on whom this was enforced", he said.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr. Hernus Kriel, said a new independent investigative body, the Statutory Board, would be created to investigate serious crimes allegedly committed by the SAP.

He said a new Community Relations Division would be established in an attempt to promote police-community relations.

Inkatha Freedom Party representative Mr. Walter Felgate said the calibre of any country's police force was "a product of the society around it".
ANC probed: 'Ploy' denied

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — A ministry of Law and Order spokesman yesterday denied allegations that, by investigating members of the ANC, the SA Police was trying to obtain a blanket amnesty for its security forces.

Police liaison officer Capt B S J van Rooyen confirmed that 17 senior ANC members were being investigated for crimes.

Among those police were investigating were SACP secretary general, Mr Chris Hani, SACP chairman Mr Joe Slovo, ANC national chairman Mr Oliver Tambo, SAPC member Mr Ronnie Kasrils and Mr Joe Modise, commander of the ANC's military wing.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said "This is not a special police investigation and is not directed at ANC only."

He said "normal police duty" required investigations of all crimes — including those within right-wing organisations, Inkatha, and the security forces.

ANC spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus yesterday said the police investigations were "unacceptable."

"The government is trying to force us to agree to its general amnesty which benefits its security forces."

"To say the police will investigate everyone, including the SAP, the IFP, and the right wing, is a lie. This is directed at political organisations and especially at the ANC."

Mr Niehaus said ANC members would not cooperate — Sapa.
Death, arson in tense Chicke

ANC accuses \textit{Kriel}'s accused of selectivity, morality

\textit{Kriel} accepts ANC's request to reopen trial in Pretoria.

\textit{ANC} rejects mock trial in Pretoria.
Stress caused cops to kill?

PRETORIA. — The number of policemen under 38 who were found medically unfit due to depression and stress had increased from 37 last year to 260 this year, the Supreme Court here heard yesterday.

Counsel for two suspended policemen, Andries Jacobus Strydom, 28, and Andries Jacobus Greyling, 25, who were respectively found guilty of murdering and assaulting Mr. Michael Nkabinde in custody in 1990, used the figures in argument for suspended, or partly-suspended sentences. CT 22/92

Sentence will be passed today — Sapa
BLOEMFONTEIN — A video of the "Trojan Horse" operation in Athlone in 1985 in which three people died and 15 were injured was viewed by the Appeal Court here yesterday.

The court was hearing an application for questions of law to be reserved in the case where 13 security forces members were acquitted on charges of culpable homicide or murder.

In the operation security forces members concealed in crates on the back of a truck leapt out and fired on a crowd.

Mr Martin Magmoed of Mitchells Plain, father of Shaun, 16, who was killed, instituted a private prosecution after the attorney-general declined to prosecute.

Mr Justice D M Williamson had found the 13 not guilty and rejected an application for various questions of law to be reserved — Sapa.
More cops for PWV

AN additional 385 policemen will be permanently deployed on the Witwatersrand and in the Vaal Triangle areas, Internal Stability Division spokesman Colonel Roy Harald announced yesterday.

Harald said 50 extra policemen would be deployed in Soweto, 50 in Diepkloof, 110 in Dunottar on the far East Rand and 175 in Vereeniging in the Vaal Triangle.

He said 80 percent of unrest-related incidents occurred in these areas.
385 extra policemen for PWV trouble spots

Crime Reporter

The Witwatersrand and Vaal Triangle would soon receive 385 extra policemen in an effort to combat crime and political unrest, the police announced yesterday.

Internal Stability Division (ISD) spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Ray Harraids said 50 policemen would be deployed in Soweto, 50 in Deerploof, 110 in Dunnottar on the East Rand and 175 in Vereeniging and the Vaal Triangle.

He said 80 percent of unrest-related incidents occurred in these areas and the police had decided to increase the force to create stability.

ISD chief Lieutenant-General Johan Swart said yesterday that the idea to deploy extra policemen in Johannesburg to combat crime was proving to be a major success.

He said almost 400 people had been arrested for murder, robbery, rape and theft between August 24 and September 15.

More than 90 stolen vehicles had been recovered and 45 illegal firearms confiscated, he said.

About 4,000 dangerous weapons had been confiscated and forged bank notes totalling R52,000 seized during the period.
Kriel rejects ANC criticism of probe

PRETORIA — Law and Order Minister Hermus Kriel yesterday accused the ANC of “selective morality” for insisting that SAP members who had committed crimes should be brought to trial but not ANC members.

In a hard-hitting speech to the Johannesburg Press Club, Kriel set out to justify the SAP focus on crimes allegedly committed by senior ANC and SAPP members.

Kriel said he agreed that SAP members who allegedly committed crimes should be investigated thoroughly. “But when ANC members are investigated to determine their involvement in the murder of women and children, then this is perceived as standing in the way of negotiations,” he said. “In other words, prosecute policemen for murder, but don’t touch ANC members — especially not national executive committee members.”

The crimes were committed during the same war, so why the distinction, he asked. Why were some people regarded as untouchable and others as prosecutable?

The SAP was accused of not being impartial, but when it investigated political crimes across the political spectrum, something other than impartiality was expected of it.

Police could not grant immunity to any member but were expected to grant unofficial amnesty to members of certain political organisations.

He denied ANC charges that the SAP was involved in a strategy to obtain amnesty for members of the security forces by investigating crimes allegedly committed by senior ANC members to force a trade-off.

Law and Order spokesman Capt. Craig Kotze said the investigation of senior ANC members appeared to have gained new momentum only because people who had information about crimes committed some time ago were back in the country.

Court to rule on conscription

STEWART ROYMA

A FULL bench of the Pretoria Supreme Court will be asked tomorrow to decide on the validity of the conscription of national servicemen in terms of the Defence Act.

The End Conscription Campaign (ECC) has filed legal action against the Defence Minister and the chief of SADF, attacking the legality of the Act.

Counsel for the ECC will argue that the repeal of the Population Registration Act — to which the Defence Act refers for its definition of “whites” — has rendered the whites-only call-up illegally invalid.

If the ECC application is successful, all calls-ups issued since the repeal of the Population Registration Act will be invalid, and there will be no legal basis for conscripts to continue military service.

“Even if the application is unsuccessful, it will focus attention once again on the anomaly of a racially selective military call-up, at a time when racist legislation has largely been phased out,” ECC Johannesburg chairman Chris de Villiers said yesterday.

Government wanted a citizen force mass mobilisation option, he said.
ANC sclerite duration: 5 years

Killer copes with the spleen.

Women's trial: 1979-1981

ANC supporter: Photos by ANC supporters.

Scuffles...
2 cops jailed for killing drunk man

FIRST OFFENDERS Judge finds dead man's behaviour mitigated in favour of accused who beat him to death

Sowetan Correspondent

Two suspended policemen were yesterday sentenced to a total of 15 years imprisonment after being found guilty of murder and assault in the Pretoria Supreme Court.

Andries Jakobus Strydom (25) of Orchards near Pretoria was last week found guilty of murder, while Andries Jacobus Ferdiusantus Greyling (24) of Tulleken Berea was found guilty of assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm.

Mr Justice JJ Strydom found the pair had assaulted Mr Michael Nkabande on November 24, 1990 after taking him into custody at 2pm.

The court heard they hit and kicked him and bashed his head on a counter.

When he appeared to lose consciousness, Strydom sprayed teargas into his nostrils.

The two constables did not book Nkabande but he was taken down to the cells at the Pretoria Central police station, where the court found the assault took place.

Nkabande died of his injuries three hours later at the HF Verwoerd Hospital. He had been kicked in the body, head and private parts.

Mr Justice Strydom sentenced (Andres) Strydom to 12 years' imprisonment, three years of which were suspended for five years.

Greyling was sentenced to three years' imprisonment, one of which was suspended for five years.

Both will lodge appeals against the sentences.

The assault on the deceased was "inherently injurious" the judge said.

He said Nkabande, who was highly intoxicated, was not up to defending himself against the two young policemen.

The judge said the State had proved aggravating circumstances beyond a reasonable doubt, but there were extenuating circumstances the State was unable to denying beyond a doubt.

The judge accepted in mitigation that both men were first offenders, in their early 20s when the crime was committed and that they were probably provoked by Nkabande's provocative behaviour when he kicked at their vehicle and grabbed Greyling's watch from his arm and threw it into the crowd.
R400 000 paid in rewards for arms

THE SAP have paid rewards of almost R400 000 to members of the public for information which led to the recovery of 1,229 illegal firearms since January 1, 1999.

In addition, police have seized 3,996 firearms during the normal course of investigation during the same period, SAP public relations said in a statement yesterday.

Of the recovered firearms, 683 were AK-47 rifles. A total of R184,900 was paid to informers for the recovery of 279 AK-47s — with a reward of up to R6,000 offered for information leading to the seizure of an AK-47.

Despite the fact that the SAP were doing everything possible to trace and remove illegal weapons, there were still large numbers in circulation, the police said.

Of the weapons seized, 134 were homemade rifles, 2,972 were pistols (including 99 Makarovs), and revolvers.

Nineteen arms caches were also traced during the period.
More than R372 000 was paid in the past nine months as rewards for information leading to the seizure of illegal firearms and arms caches, police said yesterday.

A total of 1 211 illegal firearms — including homemade weapons, AK-47 rifles, shotguns and Makarov pistols — and two arms caches were confiscated with the help of the public.

About 2 000 illegal firearms were confiscated during normal police investigations in the same period — Crime Reporter.
Ex-special constables ‘linked to killings’

VUSHI KAMA
Staff Reporter

FORMER special constables, forming themselves into groups, were partly responsible for the spate of brutal killings, rapes and armed robberies in Peninsula townships, the Mitchell’s Plain Magistrate’s Court has heard.

Giving evidence yesterday during a bail application for Mr Fuzile Jangile and Mr Michael Mvukwe, both of Khayelitsha, Warrant Officer G Brink of the Murder and Robbery Unit said there was a link between the Balaclava Gang, which was managing the lives of township businessmen, and the activities of some former special constables.

He said there was forensic evidence linking former special constable Mr Jangile, 25, and Mr Mvukwe, 22, to the attacks on and the killing of township businessmen, and that more investigations were being undertaken.

They are also linked to the cold-blooded murder of a policeman, the killings of prominent Langa businessmen and an attack on party-goers in Khayelitsha’s up-market Bhwa Park area.

The State also links Mr Jangile to eight armed robberies and murders in the Transkei.

The two were arrested in a car on August 31 in Lansdowne Road, allegedly on their way to an attack in the Frankdale squatter camp.

No charges were put to them and they were not asked to plead.

The hearing continues.
could mean asserting greater political control over the force, at least in the short term
Otherwise, general reform could be stymied by police resistance

**Reform**
Other reforms Brewer advocates include
- Establishing a single national force by absorbing or disbanded homeland and other policing agencies,
- Exercising political control by a committee of politicians and nominated laymen along the lines of the old UK watch system,
- A purge of officers (particularly senior ones) not committed to reform,
- Exercise of stricter discipline,
- Introducing public accountability mechanisms,
- Placing the emphasis on ordinary crime prevention, with special units on UK and US lines for unrest control,
- An enormous expansion of manpower,
- Demilitarisation and disarming of the police, and
- Extensive retraining and the democratisation of command structures to reflect society

There are significant differences between the concept and Kriel’s vision

The Minister believes that, even under a ANC unitary political system, the force should move towards maximum decentralisation. He added that the SAP welcomes constructive criticism aimed at improving its service and relations with the community, of which it is part

The problem is, this will be impossible as long as the police are perceived as playing a political role

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**The Police**

**Or call Robocop**

**If restructuring goes according to plan, tomorrow’s police will be modelled on their US, Canadian, Australian and German counterparts.**

So says Law & Order Minister Hernus Kriel, who, at a closed three-day conference in Durban on policing in the new SA, cited the retirement of 13 generals as an example of how the force’s general staff is being rejuvenated and reformed.

Others — including an array of foreign experts — delved into the scale of the reformation task

**Time and trust**

Peter Waddington, of Reading University in England, who assisted the Goldstone Commission, said fundamental change takes time. Trust is of primary importance. "The problem is that the SAP doesn’t have time. It must transform itself in the inevitable turmoil which accompanies democratisation.

Moreover, the hand the SAP has to play in the present political context is the least conducive to democratic policing. "Restraint will be attacked by some sectional interests as cowardice and abrogation of responsibility. But these are precisely the conditions in which to credibly forge reputations"

Waddington remarked that police in authoritarian societies are often less competent than those in liberal democracies. "The simple reason is that it is unnecessary for them to tread the precarious line between doing too much or too little. They know that situations which get out of hand can be solved with overwhelming firepower. If the SAPs policing style is to be more democratic, it must become more competent in the fundamentals of policing — from preventative patrolling to murder investigation."

An added dimension, says Belfast University sociology professor John Brewer, who is writing a book on SA policing, is that the SAP is more than incompetent. It is "politically biased. The SAP and compatible forces have been proactive in politics by furthering the State policies of internal colonisation, by supporting the values and ideologies which underlay the State, and in suppressing opposition beyond the legal limits."

An alternative agenda for police reform.
MORE than R170 000 in reward money was paid out by the SA Police between January 3 and September 17 for information leading to the seizure of unlawful firearms, SABC radio news reported on Wednesday.

The total amount was paid for the recovery of 1 213 AK-47 rifles, Makarov pistols and other firearms.

Police also seized almost 4 000 additional firearms and uncovered 17 caches in the course of normal investigation during the same period.

In a statement released on Wednesday, police said there were still large numbers of illegal weapons in circulation despite strenuous efforts to trace and remove them.

Police have appealed to the public to come forward with any information that might lead to the confiscation of illegal, dangerous weapons. – Sapa
Head cop on "sex" charges

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — A former officer-in-command of a police station appeared in court yesterday on four charges of indecent assault.

Captain John Michael Baird, 34, of Uitenhage, appeared in a Regional Court here charged with committing sexually indecent acts with four youths during last year.

He has not been suspended from the police.

The trial was postponed to November 23.
Nats quiz Govt on policemen's safety

By Peter Fabricius
Political Correspondent

DURBAN — Extreme concern about the number of policemen being killed in political unrest has emerged as a dominant theme at the Natal National Party congress in Durban.

During debate on law and order issues yesterday, several delegates urged the Government to provide more protection to policemen.

One delegate tackled Deputy Law and Order Minister Gert Myburgh and asked why the SAP was sending "youngsters" into flashpoints.

He asked whether older policemen could not be selected for dangerous township duty.

Mr Myburgh said the policemen being sent into trouble spots were "very special young men" who had been selected after "psychometric" testing.

He detailed funds allocated in the current Budget, including:
- R13 million for bullet-proof vests
- R51 million for 150 Nyalas bullet-proof vehicles
- R7.0 million for 200 reinforced patrol bakkies
- R7.8 million for R-5 rifles, 288 pistols and shotguns
- R3 million for three Leo special video units for monitoring unrest from helicopters.
Call for horseback patrols in city

Staff Reporter

POLICE on horseback should patrol the city centre, says the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce.

It also suggests that meter maids double up as visitor assistants trained to give tourists reliable directions.

The chamber has also suggested that appropriate pomp be attached to the traditional noon gun’s loading and firing.

The ideas, which include a suggestion that meter maids hand out maps to tourists, were contained in an article on facilitating tourism in the Chamber of Commerce’s weekly Business Bulletin.

Another suggestion was that flags be hoisted on Signal Hill to signal the arrival of visiting cruise liners.

Tourist Mr Hermann Willems of Belgium welcomed the ideas. Similar traditions, which had been abolished in European cities, were also being re-introduced, he said.

He was particularly pleased with the prospect of mounted police officers patrolling areas like Greenmarket Square and the Grand Parade, where, he had been warned, tourists were often mugged.

A Capetonian who has just returned from a hike around the world, Mr Michael Lawson, said Cape Town had much potential but was a “dead city” which could do with some livening up.

One traffic police officer said he would gladly assist tourists with directions and that traffic wardens already did this.

“But horses in the city might not be such a good idea,” he said. “There would be manure everywhere.”
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SA accepts EC offer

OUTR AFRICA'S, responding to a challenge to coordinate with other African leaders in response to coordination with other international organizations and African leaders in recent international gatherings, has accepted the offer of a regional summit on economic cooperation.

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By ANDREW GAYSON

Focus needed outside Africa

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Officials mum on probe into SAP

BY BAFANA KHUMALO
THE South African Police has been unable to provide details of investigations into senior police officials alleged to by Law and Order Minister Hermus Kriel this week.

In an address to the Johannesburg Press Club, Kriel said the SAP was investigating alleged crimes by 100 policemen. Among these were Major General Jac Buchner, the commissioner of the kwazulu Police; General Jan Viktor, chief of the Ciskei Police; the now-retired Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling, former head of police forensic laboratories; and Colonel Eugene de Kock, commander of the Vlakplaas police base.

These investigations indicated, he said, that the SAP did not regard itself as being above the law. He also said they were not seen as an obstacle to negotiations — a clear reference to the African National Congress complaint that the police probe of crimes by senior ANC men was such an obstacle.

An inquiry from The Weekly Mail for further details on the status of these investigations from the two government departments involved, the SAP and the Department of Law and Order, made no progress this week. Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze referred the newspaper to the SAP, who said they had no details and referred The Weekly Mail back to law and order.

This is in sharp contrast to the announcement by the government that it is investigating senior ANC officials for activities including the 1983 Pretoria bombing, in which 19 people died. Dockets have been opened in this case, according to press reports.

The Weekly Mail faxed the SAP five questions on the status of the alleged investigations into police officers. In the three days they had an opportunity to respond, the police and the Ministry managed to send the newspaper a copy of Kriel’s speech. The SAP said they were still awaiting detailed information concerning the investigation.

Kriel indicated that policemen under investigation included those listed in an ANC document under the headline “Those who should go”, which was annexed to his speech. The document identifies 15 policemen which Kriel said were a random sample of cases being investigated by the SAP. In addition to Buchner, Neethling, Victor and De Kock, they include:

- Major Koos Vermeulen, currently on secondment to the Bophuthatswana Police. He is said to be implicated in the killings of captured ANC operatives.

- Captain Paul van Dyk, currently at police headquarters in Pretoria. He is said to have been implicated in the 1986 killing of ANC operatives at Amsterdam.

- Lieutenant Colonel Dolf Ondelaar, former head of the Peninsula riot squad in Cape Town, who is said to have been linked to 10 percent of all security force killings in the Western Cape.

- Colonel Hermann du Plessis, a former Port Elizabeth security policeman now at police headquarters. He is said to have been implicated in the 1981 killing of Siwe Kondile. Du Plessis was also in charge of interrogating youth activist Siphelele Mntshikulu, who disappeared in 1982 after being poisoned with thallium in detention.
Row over dawn raid

JOHANNESBURG — Several Sebokeng houses in the Vaal Triangle were searched early yesterday police confirmed, although they could not immediately comment on allegations that a PAC leader's home was among those raided.

PAC spokesman Mr Mark Shinners said police confiscated membership lists from the home of Sebokeng regional chairman Mr Ichabeth Makhiti.

Asked the reason for the raid, Captain Piet van Dewenter said it was in connection with information received about illegal weapons — Sapa.
Cop guilty of sex charges

BY DALE GRANGER

A MILNERTON police officer has been fined R200 for sexually harassing a police-major's daughter and another young female constable.

In a police departmental hearing last week, Lieu-
tenant George Johannes Daniel Kotze, 32, was con-
victed on two counts of "behaving in a manner unbecoming to his rank".

Lieut Kotze was found guilty and fined R100 on each of two counts but acquitted on a third. Police liaison officer Major Attie Laubscher confirmed this yesterday, and said an appeal had been lodged.

According to evidence before the hearing, Lieut Kotze had called the major's daughter, a constable, into his office at the Milnerton police station on June 18, put his hands up her dress and fondled her inner thighs.

Lieut Kotze had denied all knowledge of the sexual harassment charges and his attorney argued that the women constables had "compared notes and agreed on a conspiracy against the lieutenant".
Controversial police chief Buchanan Retires

Patrick Lamence

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ILINDI - Major-General
Teddy doesn't hang out here anymore

PORT ELIZABETH - A resident appealed to a "Sherlock Holmes" in the city to solve the mystery of the hanging teddy.

In a letter to a local newspaper, a resident appealed to a "Sherlock Holmes" in the city to solve the mystery of the hanging teddy, police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Captain Henry Chalmers, investigated the matter and found that some policewomen staying in single quarters hang the teddy out when they are upset.

"It appears that the mood of some of our policewomen on the fourth floor determines whether their teddy bear should be indoors or outdoors.

"However, this will cease so that we can avoid further curiosity and consternation among passersby," said Chalmers.

So "Sherlock Holmes" comes to the rescue and the teddy comes in from the cold — Pen.
Numerous attacks on police over weekend

Numerous attacks on policemen were reported in the PWV region at the weekend, police said yesterday.

Police were attacked with AK-47 rifles in five attacks in Sharpeville, Vereeniging.

In the first attack, a man wielding an AK-47 attacked a group of policemen on patrol. There were no injuries.

Soon after that, a group of people stoned a police van and fired several shots at it with an AK-47 rifle. No injuries were reported.

An unidentified gunman fired a number of rounds at a police van with an AK-47 rifle on Saturday night, police said.

In another attack, a group of gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles fired several shots at a patrolling police vehicle.

During the attack, the police crashed into a private vehicle, injuring the driver. Police said he was not seriously injured.

In Alexandra near Johannesburg, an explosion destroyed a house. There were no injuries.

An off-duty policeman was shot dead during an argument with another policeman outside a beer hall in Letsapa, near Ottsdal, early on Saturday morning, police said yesterday.
New police scheme to curb criminals

Spokesman says plan was introduced because of tremendous crime rate.

By Ike Motsapi

THE South African Police are offering a R1,000 reward for any information that might lead to the arrest and conviction of people involved in unlawful acts.

Members of the public have been asked to provide this information to a committee that will include appointed members, the police and respected leaders.

Persons who provided this information would not be asked to divulge their names.

A police spokesman said the scheme was not a ploy to turn people into police informers. The exercise was aimed at curbing crime.

Colonel Johan Mostert, head of the police public relations division in Pretoria, said "On July 1, the crime prevention programme called 'Crime Stop', was launched."

"Members of the public can telephone the toll-free number 0800-11-12-13 at any time of the day and night and supply information regarding crimes that they have knowledge of."

"For such information a reward, not exceeding R1,000 may be claimed."

"In view of the fact that crime is increasing tremendously and that there are many unsolved cases that have to be closed because eye-witnesses do not come forward for fear of intimidation this programme offers a solution."
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This culture will not change until minority rule is abandoned. The HRC has records of 73 deaths in detention without trial during 1983 to 1990 and a further 57 deaths in custody from 1984 to 1992.
A dismal dossier of death in police custody

Following the furor created by the accusations by psychologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman that police are responsible for killing prisoners in custody, the Human Rights Commission (HRC) has drawn up a list of people who have died in police custody. "It has always been our belief that the powers conferred on security police by legislation are a sure recipe for torture and for the inevitability of deaths as a consequence of such torture," the HRC said. "In addition, the police culture engendered by the system of apartheid is such as to hold black lives in low regard and throughout the police force, not only within the ranks of the security police, there is an attitude which justifies the use of torture and other brutal methods carrying a high risk of death in waging war against a perceived enemy."

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Massacre night tapes erased

TECHNICAL POINT Judge demands that damaged tapes be handed to the commission:

The recording of radio calls made to the SAP Internal Stability Unit in Vereeniging on the night of the Bophelong massacre were accidentally erased the next day, the Goldstone Commission was told yesterday.

The SAP Police officer investigating allegations of security force complicity in the matter, Major Christo Davidson, told the commission, which is hearing evidence on the massacre, that the erasure of about 13 hours of radio calls on the day and night of June 17 had occurred accidentally.

During cross-examination by Mr Arthur Chaskelsoon, counsel for the African National Congress, Davidson said all calls made between 2pm on June 17 and 3am on June 18 had been accidentally erased by the person on duty.

Asked by Chaskelson how this could occur, Davidson said it was a technical problem he could not explain.

Chaskelson put it to Davidson that the tape had been deliberately erased.

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone ordered that the relevant tapes be immediately fetched and submitted to the commission. Davidson agreed to this.

During cross-examination, Davidson also revealed yesterday that only three SAP armoured vehicles had been in the Bophelong area on June 17. These were a camouflaged Casspir from the Soshanguve municipal police, a yellow SAP Casspir and a yellow SAP Nyala.

He said they had only entered the township after reports had been received of violence in the area.

Witnesses from the township who have appeared before the commission have alleged that camouflaged Casspirs were present in Bophelong during the massacre, dropping off attackers from the KwaMadala Hostel and escorting them back to the hostel. - Sapa
Gluckman files to probe police secrets

By DESMOND BLAIR

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Mandela in new Koevoet claims

DRIEFONTEIN — Allegations of renewed activities by the Koevoet police unit followed at an African National Congress rally addressed by ANC president Nelson Mandela at Driefontein, in the eastern Transvaal, yesterday afternoon.

Before Mr Mandela began his address to a 400-strong crowd, in commemoration of ANC activist Saul Mkhize who was killed by police at Driefontein in 1984, he was told by senior ANC officials that a large number of policemen had been intimidating residents since Friday.

It was alleged police had erected roadblocks and had conducted house-to-house searches since Friday.

ANC Driefontein branch chairman Yunus Capee claimed a large number of the police were Koevoet members.

"It was just an intimidation effort to try to discourage the people from attending the rally," Mr Capee said.

Speaking to journalists after the rally Mr Mandela said it was not the aim of the mass action to cause insurrection.

"All we want to do is to pressure the Government into accepting an interim government and democratic elections," he said. — Sapa
Police probe 'Koevoet searches'

The police have launched a high-level investigation into the ANC's claims of Koevoet police actions in the north-eastern Transvaal, Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said yesterday.

The investigation would be headed by Brigadier Floris Mostert.

The probe followed allegations on Sunday at an ANC rally at the south-eastern Transvaal settlement of Drielonten that members of the reputedly disbanded Koevoet police unit had carried out house-to-house searches in the area on Friday and Saturday, speaking a foreign language.

Nelson Mandela said at the rally he would bring the matter to the attention of the Goldstone Commission for investigation. "We will establish the facts of this incident," Captain Kotze said.

He said the disbanding of Koevoet was well underway, but reiterated that Koevoet members could remain in the police force.

Koevoet, a police counter-insurgency unit, operated in the former South West Africa, mainly in Ovamboland. It became notorious for its treatment of the local population — Sapa
Police need to wipe slate clean

SOUTH Africa is probably the only country in the world where the police are, quite continuously, a big news story in their own right. Some of these stories are bogus, readers of this column will doubtless have noted Dr Waddington's censure not only of police incompetence but of sections of the press "for what seems to have been maliciously inaccurate or precipitate reporting of gossip, tit-tat-tattle and rumour". But stories of police hit-squads also abound, some of them authenticated beyond doubt, and with the Trust Fund case, murder by the police is now a matter of settled judicial fact. Similarly, Dr Jonathan Gluckman's account of the deaths of over 200 detainees in custody deserves to be treated with the utmost gravity.

His credentials are impeccable and Heron Kriel's attempt to suggest that such deaths may have been due to simple trauma of arrest takes us back to the worst days of detainees dying through slipping on soap, falling out of windows, and the like. Mr Kriel is a disgrace.

But the news stories are not all one way. More than 50 policemen have been killed in the last five years — last week in Durban alone they were killed at the rate of one a day. Many of these killings too seem to have been assassinations in cold blood there are hit-squads on the other side too.

We have the terrible Norwood case in which a policeman, a man, for God's sake, of the Soweto Internal Stabilisation Unit, is on trial as a serial killer of five people. There is also the Schweizer-Reneke case where three policemen are at last on trial for kidnap and assassination.

Not least, last week saw the dramatic gurning down by police of "Billy the Kid" (Shu Mkhize) and four others in a Hollywood-style shoot-out in Isipingo. A major police success against notorious gangsters? Well, yes, but even that was not the whole story, for Sergeant Sunphwwe Mvuyane, one of the victorious policemen was recently suspended from the Kwanza police on charges of operating protection rackets.

Mkhize was famous in Umlazi for being the only man brave enough to attack Sergeant Mvuyane, whom he blamed for the death of his father. The way in which Sergeant Mvuyane's car has been turned into a limpet mine and similar impediments was doubtless not unconnected with Mkhize's public impediments and with Mkhize's public vow of vengeance against him.

Thus, via the police operation, Sergeant Mvuyane has in effect settled a private township feud.

How did we get here?

The story begins with the fact that the police were, after 1948, treated effectively as a closed domain for the employment of poor, often poorly educated Africans.

Not only did this guarantee their entrenched position in time of low grade and racist police leadership, even at the top level, but it was implicitly understood that the criteria for recruitment were ethnic and political. If you were in the right sort of Afrikaans led you had a home in the police.

This recruitment pattern quite casually entrenched the brutal behaviour towards Africans typical of the farm life from which many of these lads had come.

The policing of townships was a special case, effectively, arrangements had to be reached with the township bosses, which often meant with mobsters or isolos.

The inevitable gang-based substructure of township life had to be dealt with in any scheme of de-legitimising law and order which often meant that policing there had to follow a complex agenda quite at variance with its public rationale. In effect policemen were told "Do whatever you need to do. Provided there aren't major riots no one will care."

A further great twist of the ratchet was provided by MK's commencement of the armed struggle in 1961. John Vorster, the Minister of Justice, effectively told the Security Branch that any and all means were to be used to halt sabotage.

Casual beatings up were replaced by systematic torture, a fact of enormous influence throughout the police. Given the elite nature of the SB torture was, not only legitimised but flaunted a man like the station master at Harrismith, could appear in court with multiple broken limbs without any real pretense that this had happened other than in torture sessions.

Worse still, Vorster and his successors covered for the police, denying all criticism of police methods and even making it an offence to publish certain facts about them. Every Minister of Police from Vorster on has steadily lied to the public in defence of the indefensible.

In effect this amounted to telling the police that they would get away with anything, up to and including murder if necessary. Lucidious cover-stories would be propagated from the front benches of Parliament, no less.

This reign of bullies defended by courage reached its height under PW Botha.

This police culture of brutality and irresponsibility has come under increasing pressure. The disarray in the police force, the public criticism is strong and open. The politicians on the defensive at last, and the fear of anti-police reprisals for encouraging greater ruthlessness in some respects has probably led to the reining down of casual brutality.

But as with so much else in South African life, the heritage of the past needs to be faced more openly. The police need to begin up again and a set of new, real and independent policies on force, discipline and conduct are required. And the Constitution needs to be amended so that the police can no longer act with impunity and be immune from accountability for their actions.

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Koevoet troop implicated in raids

At the insistence of the ANC, police investigate assault in South Eastern Transvaal:

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The investigation will be headed by Brigadier Floris Mostert, he said.

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Police image ‘harmed by false Weekly Mail claim’

PRETORIA — Weekly Mail newspaper reports about allegations of police underground operations to kill political campaigners had harmed the public image of the police, police lawyers said in Pretoria yesterday.

Johann Hattingh told a one-man Goldstone committee inquiry into the matter police had proved beyond doubt they were involved in planning attacks on ANC campaigners were false.

He said police had evidence that a letter from the Weekly Mail was faxed to the Minister of Law and Order on the eve of publication of the allegations, and did not give the minister a chance to investigate.

Hattingh said that in the May 7, 1992 edition of the Weekly Mail a picture appeared on the front page with a caption reading “In this house police planned violence”, but the police had proved beyond reasonable doubt the statement was false.

“We have evidence Anton Harber (co-editor of the publication) told a spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order, Captains Craig Kotze, that they were going to publish what they had to publish irrespective of what he (Capt Kotze) was going to say,” Hattingh said.

He criticised a report in the newspaper which said the operations of the police should be published because it was of public interest, and that the police’s attempt to stop the newspaper from publishing the allegations was proof enough that the allegations were true.

Hattingh said the Weekly Mail should be requested to give equal prominence to the findings of the commission as they did to the “so-called expose”.

Legal representatives for the ANC and the Weekly Mail are to table their argument before the committee today — Sapa
Probe into ‘Koevoet action’

THE police had launched a “high-level” investigation into ANC claims of continued Koevoet police action in the southeastern Transvaal. SAP spokesman said yesterday.

The investigation would be headed by Brig Floris Mostert, who was in charge of the specialised SAP units which were supported by former Koevoet members.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said yesterday investigations by the organisation at this stage indicated that several policemen who “clearly could not speak any of the country’s languages” had attempted to intimidate residents in the Drifontein area not to attend Sunday’s rally.

The rally was held in commemoration of ANC member Saul Mkhize who was shot by police in 1984.

Mandela told the rally he would bring the matter to the attention of the Goldstone commission. An ACM spokesman said yesterday it had not yet received a request to look into the matter.

Niehaus said the matter would definitely be referred to the commission.

The SAP Public Relations Directorate said police would establish the facts of the alleged Koevoet actions, and stressed that the process of disbanding the Koevoet unit was well under way.

Dissolving the unit took too much of administrative procedures, a spokesman said.

Koevoet was established in the former South West Africa as a police counter-insurgency unit but was withdrawn to SA after Namibia became independent.

Criticism of Koevoet tactics last month led President FW de Klerk to announce the disbanding of the unit.

Inkatha spurns idea of NP alliance

CAPE TOWN — Inkatha has spurned the possibility of forming an alliance with the NP “at this stage”.

This follows indications in a weekend speech by Natal NP leader George Bartlett to the provincial head committee that the party was contemplating a broad anti-ANC front embracing Inkatha.

But yesterday Inkatha’s Walter Felgate said that at this stage “we can’t think of being alone” because, among other things, the NP was still ambiguous about federalism.

Government talked about federalism. But in its proposals for an interim and new constitution had not come up with a genuine federal model that devolved power from the regions upwards.

The NP proposal was “basically a unitary state with regionalism built in and this is very problematic as far as we are concerned”, said Felgate.

He also criticised government for holding bilateral talks with the ANC on constitutional issues and said that left other organisations uncertain as to what the NP’s final model would look like.

Bartlett said the NP accepted a single Natal-KwaZulu state and a “future Natal constitution within a federal system must now receive our urgent attention”.

The Mineral and Energy Affairs Minister said the time had come for “those who share common values and constitutional principles to openly meet together to plan for the future, the new constitution, the negotiation process and strategy.”

Multi-party discussions between members of the anti-ANC front should start as soon as possible.

Treurnicht tries to stop CP split

CP LEADER Andre Treurnicht yesterday moved to dampen the controversy raging in his party, which is threatened by a walkout of five MPs in the next two days.

Meanwhile Potchefstroom MP Andries Beyers — who at the weekend made public the controversy and challenged CP policy in calling for a smaller Afrikaner homeland and negotiations with all parties — has claimed he is getting “overwhelming support” from fellow MPs and the public.

Treurnicht said he did not think the events at the Transvaal Youth Congress, where Beyers made his speech, would lead to a split. There were no grounds for a split and the CP hierarchy would try to talk the matter out. He said he would try to reconcile the parties this week and would meet Beyers before Thursday night’s executive meeting.

Treurnicht said the matter was not insurmountable. There was a basic agreement in principle between the two sides but misunderstandings had arisen.

Meanwhile the controversy continued to rumble at lower echelons of the party with CP general secretary Lem Theron calling on Transvaal Youth Council chairman Mooino Montjoh to withdraw his declaration of support for Beyers.

Beyers’ remarks were out of place, Theron said, and the CP was looking at the whole issue through the correct channels.

An executive committee was considering the proposal by Beyers and four others and it would submit recommendations to the August 22 special congress in Kimberley.

But a source, who is planning to join the walkout this week, said the committee had met last week and had already made its decision to reject the proposal in the document “The Road Ahead”.

Discussion of the document in the party was “a complete waste of time”. Some members, who were inclined to support Beyers, were alienated by the debate.

A source who heard the decision said that attempts to reconcile the parties were “too little, too late”.
ANC Koevoet claim probed

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Mr Mandela said at the rally he would bring the matter to the attention of the Goldstone Commission for investigation.

“We will establish the facts of this incident,” Captain Kotze said.

He also stressed “the process of disbanding the former Koevoet unit” was well under way.

Captain Kotze reiterated that individual Koevoet members had been given a choice to remain in the police force and if they elected to do so they would be absorbed in other police units — Sapa
Police Board ‘lacks authority’

PRETORIA — The newly-established Police Board was ineffective because it lacked real authority, said most delegates at a crime conference at the Human Sciences Research Council here yesterday.

The police, on the other hand, felt they were in a process of changing past practices. Most speakers at the conference, attended by the police, corrections service, political parties and academics, felt it was difficult to change a 40-year-old police culture that viewed the force as being above the law.

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The police said it was difficult to gain the confidence of the ordinary man in the street because, although they were trying their best to cope with crime, fear and intimidation were thwarting their efforts.

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He said the police must change from being reactive, to community protective, before matters could improve.

ANC claim on Kooygote denied by cops

JOHANNESBURG — Allegations that members of the former Koevoet police unit were deployed in an area a month after the unit was disbanded were denied by police yesterday.

"Allegations that the Investigation Support Service Unit, or so-called Kooygote, is still functioning are devoid of all truth," a senior SAP official said.

It said that individual members of the unit had been transferred to police stations on a decentralised basis.

Cohen: Back Peace Accord

JOHANNESBURG — United States Assistant Secretary of State Mr Herman Cohen said last night that "the violence question should not hold negotiations hostage." Speaking at an Smuts airport before his departure, Mr Cohen said he was deeply concerned because the economic situation in South Africa had gone from stagnation into a downward spiral.

The downward economic spiral could not be reversed until there was an internal political settlement.

He was optimistic, however, as all the parties he had consulted during his visit — except the PAC — favoured an early return to negotiations.

Mr Cohen said ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela had a "return to negotiations scenario very clearly in mind," but wanted the question of violence addressed first.

"We therefore call upon all parties to lend greater support to the National Peace Accord so that it can be implemented effectively," he said.

In addition, all parties should work to establish political tolerance of opposition groups.

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"The members of the police stations are employed in groups of five or less and they will receive in-service training on a individual basis until such time as the training course commences," the SAP official said.

The police statement followed claims by Drie-Fontein ANC chairman Mr Yamas Cassim on Sunday that Koevoet members had been used on Friday and Saturday in house-to-house searches and general harassment of local residents.

Mr Cassim also said that members of the police unit on duty in the Driefontein area last week had used a foreign language.

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JOHANNESBURG — Allegations that members of the former Kooyeot police unit were deployed in an ANC branch in eastern Transvaal last week were denied by police yesterday.

"Allegations that the Investigation Support Service Unit, or so-called Kooyeot, is still functioning, are devoid of all truth," a terse SAP statement said.

It said that individual members of Kooyeot had been transferred to police stations on a decentralised basis.

Training

"The members at the police stations are employed in groups of five or less and they will receive in-service training on a specific basis until such time as their training course commences."

The police statement followed claims by Drs. Fontein and chairman Mr. Yunus Caje on Sunday that Kooyeot members had been used on Friday and Saturday in house-to-house searches and general harassment of local residents.

Mr. Caje also said that members of the police unit on duty in the Drs. Fontein area last week had used a foreign language.

The SAP said in response that they had begun to compile a syllabus and other training material for the group.

ANC dipped its hands in blood

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Professor Fatuma Meer, one of Mr. Nelson Mandela's biographers, says the ANC must also take some of the blame for violence.

"The ANC is not blameless, the ANC has also dipped its hands in blood," Professor Meer, director of the Institute of Black Research at the University of Natal, told Technikon students and staff yesterday.

Speaking on Concordia, Professor Meer said both the ANC and the government was a government that tried to break the impasse in negotiations by working out a settlement.

An interim government could be in place by the end of the year if the government agreed that a two-thirds majority would be required by the future constitution-making body.

Many people had seen the stayaway as the ANC's "referendum."

Professor Meer cautioned, however, that while votes cast in the March white referendum were secret, the stayaway was an obvious public thing and workers' actions or omissions were open to interpretation as signs of political sympathies. This made them vulnerable to intimidation.

"The ANC is not blameless," Mr. Harris himself was quoted in a Sunday newspaper, admitting their self-defence units have become uncontrollable. The ANC has also dipped its hands in blood," she said, although claiming it was in response to attacks that party supporters resorted to violence.

But the root of the violence lay with a "correct front" whose plotters were hard to identify, although it was the government, disadvantaged by Mr. Mandela's "god-like reputation" and a "mythologised ANC", and an Inkatha Freedom Party with "magnificent support" which stood to gain from the destabilising actions of this front.
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Union accuses security police of records theft

SHARON SOROUR
Labour Reporter

THE Metal and Electrical Workers' Union (Mewusa) has accused security police of stealing confidential computer records from its Athlone offices.

Union spokesman Brian Williams said records listing the union's entire regional and national leadership, as well as lists of national and international funding and solidarity contacts were stolen from the offices at the weekend.

Mr Williams said, "Years of work have gone missing and this will badly disrupt the union's activities. Our view is that the security police are involved in the robbery."

The thieves only broke into the office where our confidential records were kept, and stole a computer and fax equipment worth R15,000, including floppy discs with other information.

All other valuables in the other offices like typewriters, an overhead projector, a radio, a photocopy, heaters and a range of other valuables were untouched, he said.

Mr Williams said the Nactu-affiliated union held a leadership meeting last week to discuss the union's position surrounding mass action and other forms of opposition to the government.

Nactu has not supported Cosatu's mass action programme, but Mr Williams said the union believed mass action and other forms of opposition to the government should be intensified, involving all liberation movement organisations.

Mr Williams said a brief summary of the outcome of the meeting had been sent to various companies, explaining the union's position on mass action.

The burglary may have had something to do with the meeting, he said.

He rejected claims that the break-in was linked to Nactu not supporting the mass stayaway.

The investigating officer, Sergeant G Pick of the Athlone police, said computer equipment was also stolen from the Athlone offices of the Congress of SA Writers earlier this year.

He declined to comment on Mr Williams's allegations, saying police were investigating.

Anyone with information can contact Sergeant Pick at 0971129.

Boy, 9, roars off at speed after tiff with father

Gun-toting tots (they are only 8) starting
Police ‘feel angry, helpless’

By JACKIE CAMERON

RANK-and-file policemen in Western Cape unrest areas revealed yesterday they felt pressured and that their hands were tied — and many feared for their lives.

The Cape Times spoke to Internal Stability Unit (ISU) policemen on patrol in their Nyala armed vehicle through restless townships and violence-torn Cape Flats areas yesterday.

“It makes you angry when people you are trying to protect spit in your face and swear at you,” a disheartened officer said as the hard-shelled vehicle rumbled down a disturbingly quiet Khayelitsha road.

“We cannot stop them the way we used to before the ANC was unbanned. People are watching us and waiting for us to make mistakes,” he said.

He said it was “difficult and frustrating to adjust your way of working when one minute someone is your worst enemy and the next thing you have to risk your life to protect him.”

Later, as the Nyala drove the group into Manenberg, swerving onto curbs and pavements to avoid several blazing tyre barricades, adults and children could be seen pulling crude hand signs from their gates.

A mass of shouting people surged forward and, within seconds, a barrage of rocks and bricks was pounding against the sides and the reinforced windows — rocking the vehicle and igniting a fervour of activity in the cabin.

“I’m not scared because we are supposed to be safe in here,” one of the officers said as he loaded his teargas rifle with remarkable speed and pointed it out of a gun hole.

He told me later that “certain bullets pierce through”.

Several teargas canisters were fired in all directions, and rubber bullets were shot just above the heads of the residents. They were engulfed by the fog-like acrid gas and disappeared from view.

Another policeman whispered that “many of the older men were transferred at the beginning of the year following a 2½ hour aptitude and personality test because of their attitude towards blacks.”

The patrol, of about eight men, lasted about three hours.
Police refuse ANC Koevoet request

The police yesterday refused a request by the ANC to make public information on the redeployment of members of Koevoet and of 31 and 32 Battalion.

The ANC yesterday said it remained unconvinced that the inclusion of the units within other SADP units would "address the problems surrounding their operations."

"Previous experience has shown that words often do not mean what they seem to say when undertakings are given by the De Klerk Government. We insist the names and rank of all the officers of these battalions be made public so that their actions can be monitored."

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said the ANC's request could mean that the organisation was being given "carte blanche to have these people intimidated."

The SAP would not submit members of the three units to "exposure which could lead to death."
Employers suffer stayaway 'hangover'

A NUMBER of employers whose production was affected yesterday said they were considering disciplinary action against their workers. All had agreed to "no work, no pay, no discipline" for the two-day general strike.

While hundreds of thousands of workers took part in marches, demonstrations, sit-ins and protests under the banner of the mass action campaign on Tuesday, the majority who supported the two-day general strike returned to work.

Costa claims 400,000 people took part in yesterday's actions which included more than 40 rallies, marches and occupations of buildings.

Most employers surveyed in the sector not affected by the Numsa strike said there had been a "fairly full turnout". But there were also many examples of workers not arriving, arriving and leaving, or arriving and sitting-in.

Some said workers had broken agreements reached last week to allow shop stewards to attend marches and demonstrations while production continued.

Production on both gold and coal mines was normal, according to Anglo American, but some disruption was experienced in a few of its industrial companies.

JCC's Stuart Morris said attendance was good, but productivity poor.

ANC says Koevoet still operating

THE ANC said yesterday that the organisation was unconvinced that the inclusion of Koevoet and 31 and 32 Battalions within other SADF units would address the problems surrounding their operations.

"We reiterate our demand that these units be disarmed and disbanded," it said.

It asked for the names and ranks of all officers of the battalions. The ANC also requested that details of where they were to be deployed be made public so their actions could be monitored.

Police this week denied media reports that the Investigation Support Service Unit, formerly Koevoet, was still operating. They said they were investigating ANC claims of continued Koevoet police action in the southeastern Transvaal.

The probe was to be headed by Brig Floris Mostert, who was in charge of the specialist SAP units which were supported by former Koevoet members.

ANC says Koevoet still operating

Yesterday's statement also denied ANC allegations that residents of Driefontein were intimidated by unit members.

It said that on August 1 the president of the local ANC branch and other leaders in the Driefontein area were told of a police crime prevention operation in their area.

Mostert, in his investigation, had found that no incidents of police misconduct were reported during the operation.

The statement said components and sections of the unit had been disbanded and individual members transferred to police stations on a decentralised basis. At police stations they were employed in groups of five or less.

A training syllabus was being compiled and until the course began, the members would receive in-service training, it said.
Showdown for CP faction today
SILLY PADDOC

THE showdown in the CP between the five prominent "new right" members and the old guard takes place today when the five meet to decide whether they will resign.

Bethal MP Chris de Jager yesterday said the five were to have discussions with the Transvaal executive.

"If the party does not shift its policy closer to where we stand then we must decide whether to abide by the party line or do the honourable thing and resign," he said.

The other four are Moekane Mente (Ermelo), Free State leader Cebhul Fenaar, Roux de Ville (Standerton) and Potchefstroom MP Andries Beyers, who brought the imminent split in the party to a head at the weekend by calling for talks to negotiate a smaller Afrikaner homeland.

The old guard, led by CP deputy leader Ferdi Hartzenburg, is calling for the five to be expelled, and attempts this week by leader Andries Treurnicht to reconcile the two factions are understood to have failed.

According to one of the five, it had become impossible to remain in the CP "which had no policy and is not prepared to shift its position to accommodate changes."}

The members had the support of about another 10 MPs but they were unlikely to leave the party as they hoped to reform it from within. However, numerous councillors and officials were behind the five, as was the Transvaal Youth Congress.

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Police alerted before massacre
KATHRYN STRACHAN

THE Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the Bophelong massacre of June 16 yesterday heard that evidence would be presented during the next eight days claiming that police had been negligent in their investigations.

Senior counsel for the ANC and the Vaal Council of Churches, Arthur Chaskelton, told the commission in his opening statement that witnesses made reference to the participation of "white men" in the actual attacks on residents.

None of these men were identified as policemen, but there were numerous statements which confirmed the presence of security force vehicles in the area during the massacre, and in some cases, these vehicles were perceived as accompanying and possibly assisting the attackers, he said.

"Despite numerous and persistent complaints and the presence of armoured vehicles in the township and nearby, none of the attackers was apprehended. The obvious suspects were allowed more than 16 hours to cover their tracks before police entered the hostel," he said.

The ANC's first witness, Meshe Abe, a petrol attendant at a filling station on Frith Street, said the hostel had been guarded and she was attacked by some 20 men.

She heard shots fired and saw armed men crossing the road toward Bophelong.

Shortly afterwards, two policemen arrived, but appeared disinterested in their report and left the area. She said with him at the filling station that night was a security guard who radioed his employers. Two white security guards arrived. They said the police had instructed them to take the two men away because it was not safe.

Counsel for the SAP, Flip Hattingh, denied police had participated in or facilitated the attack, and added any allegation they were informed before the attack of the possibility of it taking place would be denied. He said that on the evening of June 16 there had been several police in the area, but at no stage during the attack were they in Bophelong.

Anton Mostert, representing the SADF, denied the only SADF members in the township at the time of the attack were members of the Vaal Commando.

He said members had seen large numbers of people moving towards the KwaMandla hostel and had concluded that it was the hostel which was under attack. They later tried to locate the group but failed.
Police reform ‘the key to lower crime levels’

PRETORIA - Fundamental organisational reforms in the SAP and a broader system of police accountability was urgently needed, Witwatersrand University research officer Etienne Marais said yesterday.

Stressing the importance of improved police and community relations, Marais told an NSSC conference on the management of crime in a new SA that police reform was the only way the problem could be addressed.

Steps taken should include the immediate opening up of the police to public scrutiny, and dealing with controversial questions such as clandestine operations.

The issue of SAP members’ racial sensitivity should be tackled head on, preferably with the help of outside experts. A specialized unit should be established in the interim to address police and community relations and the setting up of an action programme for all local units.

"Research into the prevalence of discrimination in policing is vital. This should be followed by a programme to address the racial attitudes of the force’s members."

Marais said guidelines for the functioning of police community “forums” should be established.

He stressed that police and community relations were the essence of law enforcement in the context of democratic freedoms and that ultimately it was the police force that was responsible for the management of these relations. The SAP and other policing forces in SA needed to make a fresh start in building a partnership with the communities they served.
Senior policeman to probe torture claims

Staff Reporter

A SENIOR police officer has been appointed to investigate allegations of torture at Peninsula police stations.

This is in reaction to an article in The Argus on July 29 on a report done by researcher Mr Lovell Fernandez for the University of Cape Town's Institute of Criminology.

The report found that Bishop Lavis, former headquarters of the Peninsula Murder and Robbery Unit, was most frequently named in connection with allegations of torture at police stations Athlone and Bellville were next.

The acting Regional Commissioner in the Western Cape, Brigadier G A G van Zyl, said he had appointed an officer to investigate the allegations in depth.

Everyone who made such allegations would be interviewed and sworn statements would be taken from them.

Brigadier Van Zyl said the police did not tolerate misconduct by force members and had proved that action was taken when substantiated evidence of misconduct or assault was found.

It was important to note that only three cases of assault had been reported against members of the Murder and Robbery Unit since 1990. "Not one of the members was found guilty in a court of law," he said.

He also asked that police be given a chance to investigate complaints before "vague and unsubstantiated allegations" were made public.
Murder, assault probe in cell death

BLOEMFONTEIN — A man died in police custody early yesterday, the police public relations division here has revealed.

The post-mortem will be held “at a date to be arranged with the Free State’s chief state pathologist.”

A case of murder and another of assault were being investigated under the personal supervision of Major-General L.T. Calitz, regional commissioner in the Free State, the police said.

In their statement, police said that on Sunday, two men robbed a municipal constable of his official firearm in the Mokwollo township outside Vredefort.

Two suspects were arrested on Wednesday, but when a routine visit was paid to their cells at 130am yesterday it was discovered that one of the men had died.

Police said they had not been able to trace the dead man’s relatives, who as a result had not been informed of his death, or of their right to appoint a lawyer and a private pathologist.

General Calitz said he viewed the incident in a very serious light.

A full report would be made to Lieutenant-General L.P.E. Malan, section head of the Visible Policing Department in Pretoria once investigations had been completed — Sapa.

Attention has been focused on the issue of cell deaths following allegations two weeks ago by pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman — Sapa.
'Lied to protect himself'

By JACQUIE GOLDING

The outcome of the one-man commission of inquiry into a Weekly Mail exposé of police covert operations in the Vaal is expected to be released today — and is certain to cause controversy.

The commission has heard evidence from African National Congress members Daniel Kolsang and Solly Nqomuzulu that the police had abducted them, held them in a "safe house" in the Vaal and offered them money to carry out attacks on ANC members.

The inquiry has focused on the two witnesses, one of whom was described at the commission this week as "a liar and fabricator".

The Weekly Mail's counsel, Frans Rautenbach, admitted that this witness had lied, but maintained that the claim by police that "safe houses" were a necessity for investigations into crime "provides the ideal cover for various assassinations".

Kolsang had fabricated some aspects of his testimony "for his own protection", Rautenbach said. It was accepted that Kolsang had acted as a police informer, but he could also have been instructed by the police to assassinate ANC activists, he argued.

Commissioner R Wise commented that he found it difficult to "selectively believe versions of untruthful witnesses".

Counsel for the South African Police, Phillip Hattingh SC, argued that there was no proof to justify The Weekly Mail's reports about police "plotting violence". He asked the commission to find that a report on secret bases and the planning of violence from them was "untrue and unsubstantiated".

Hattingh requested that The Weekly Mail give equal prominence to the commission's findings as it had to the original exposé.

Referring to The Weekly Mail's front-page photographs of policemen allegedly involved in operations from the secret base, Hattingh said the manner in which the exposé had been presented was a problem.

Hattingh argued that The Weekly Mail's editor, Anton Harber, had not given Minister of Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze sufficient time to respond to the allegations.

It had been made clear to The Weekly Mail that "police were involved in covert operations", but the newspaper had nonetheless published the allegations that this was linked to violence, he added.
Witneses link SAP, whites to Boipatong

By JACQUIE GOLDING

WITNESSES who claimed that the Boipatong attackers had been "dropped off" by armoured vehicles and that whites were among the attackers were brought before the Goldstone Commission by African National Congress senior counsel Arthur Chaskalson SC this week.

Mshack Theone, a petrol attendant at the Trek petrol station on the corner of Noble and Frikkie Meyer boulevards, in Boipatong, gave evidence to the commission this week after having been in hiding since June 25, in fear of his life.

He claims to have seen security forces on the outskirts of the township on the night of the massacre. "The police were constantly looking for me and I had to leave my relatives behind because of the truth. All I want is protection," he said.

Theone alerted police when he saw groups of armed men crossing the road towards Boipatong. Counsel for the South African Police, Phillip Hattingh SC, denied that the police had participated in or facilitated the attack.

He added that they were not forewarned about the attack.

The only South African Defence Force members present at the time of the attack were those of the Vaal Commando, said Colonel Anton Mostert, who is representing the SADF.

At the second sitting yesterday, a second witness corroborated Theone's testimony that whites were among the attackers.

Edison Themba Kotu, who lives in Slovo Park, said he heard shattering noises and gunshots on the evening of June 17. He witnessed a group of black men dressed in civilian clothes and wearing white headbands, carrying traditional weapons such as spears, shields and zulu pipes, interspersed with two white men dressed in "police uniforms" armed with "long guns."

He added that he saw two Hippo disgorging a group of about 50 men. The black men were chanting "umshiva" (a zulu war cry) while running in and out of houses smashing windows and attacking people.

Kotu was at home at the time of the attack and he decided to investigate where the attackers came from. He went to the void outside kwaMadala hostel, where he saw the groups of men returning from the township with various items such as television sets, clothes and others. "Two Hippo were slowly moving behind the group but no action was taken," he said. He then went to a friend's house, where he found that Samuel Moloi's pregnant wife had been killed.

A woman who refused to be named testified that she had seen the killing of her mother and brother. She said that among the group of men were three whites. While her mother and brother were being hacked to pieces, she heard one of their attackers say "kill those dogs", she said.

Controversy arose this week when Mostert gave Judge Richard Goldstone a blue file containing "military secrets" but refused the other committee members and counsels for the other parties access to the documents.

Despite a request by Chaskalson that they should be made available, Mostert was adamant that this will not be allowed.

He said the documents — including briefing documents reflecting SADF instructions on or before June 17 and general documents hosting secret standing orders and operational planning — were "secret and irrelevant" to the commission. Judge Goldstone said he was not "prepared to accept documents he could not make available to the rest of the commission."

"Well, that is the only basis I am prepared to give them to you," Mostert said. He said that other documents requested by Chaskalson had "gone missing."

Judge Goldstone said the police would respond to the Waddington report on the Boipatong massacre within the next few days. He added that a decision on whether a public response should flow from the report would be made after the police had released their response.

The four-person committee of the commission — which includes international assessor PN Bhagwati, a former chief justice of India — is to decide when to visit kwaMadala hostel. The hostel has been partially demolished by locals since the massacre.
PRETORIA — Crime in SA was spreading like a cancer and had escalated to the extent the perception existed that the police were no longer in control, SAP Maj-Gen JF Callitz said yesterday.

Speaking at the HSRC conference on management of crime in a new SA, Callitz said the SAP did not always have sufficient manpower to combat the unrest as well as the rising crime rate. The approved police manpower was 122,850, with 109,119 posts actually filled.

He said high levels of visible constant policing, especially in violence endemic areas, was vital. Attempts to expand the SAP would have to be accelerated.

What was needed was a ratio of police to population higher than that for international standards, he said.

The complete prevention of crime would require such a high degree of authority that the principle of democratic freedom would be jeopardised.

Correctional Services Department head Maj-Gen HJ Bruyn said the country could not afford the soaring costs of the prevailing prison population and it was vital that alternatives to imprisonment be introduced.

He warned “We either find solutions or we have ourselves sentenced to virtual bankruptcy or a collapse of the penal system.”

SA had one of the highest per capita rates of imprisonment in the world, surpassed only by the US.
'Concern' after policemen visit homes

Policemen yesterday visited the homes of two Boipatong residents who were giving evidence to the Goldstone Commission on the June 17 Boipatong massacre, according to counsel for the African National Congress, Arthur Chaskalson.

He told the commission yesterday that the policemen had visited the home of two witnesses while the witnesses were in Vereeniging giving evidence or waiting to do so.

He requested that the SAP give the assurance that this would not happen again without warning. The visits had apparently caused the witnesses some concern.

Commission chairman Mr Justice Richard Goldstone requested that counsel for the SAP, Mr P Hattingh, inquire into the matter.

He said it would be a good idea if in future the counsel informed the commission if the police intended visiting witnesses as this would prevent undue alarm.

Mr Hattingh said he had requested the police to "measure certain distances" in the township but had not asked them to visit any witnesses — Sapa
Minister linked to the Goniwe probe

Attorney-General tells Vlok he's "going to bleed" in light of probe:

Sowetan Correspondent

EASTERN Cape Attorney-General Michael Hodgson has discovered a potentially explosive document which shows that before the death of Cradock activist Matthew Goniwe, a Government minister chaired a sub-committee meeting of the State Security Council dealing with Goniwe.

An investigation has revealed that as a result of the discovery of the document, Eastern Cape Deputy Attorney General Malherbe Marais allegedly told Minister Adnaan Vlok in a telephone conversation at the beginning of June that he (Vlok) "is going to bleed".

Contacted last night, Vlok refused to comment on any of the allegations "because the Goniwe murders are being investigated by the Attorney General, and it would be improper to comment at this stage".

Hodgson was appointed by President FW de Klerk in May this year to investigate an alleged "death warrant" signal sent to the State Security Council by the SADF's Eastern Province Command on June 7 1985 - three weeks before Goniwe and three other anti-apartheid activists were murdered.

The alleged signal called for the "permanent removal from society" of Goniwe and two of his colleagues.

The sub-committee, according to the document, was charged with discussing Goniwe's future as a teacher at the state employment in Cradock. Vlok, now Minister of Correctional Services, was at the time Deputy Minister of Law and Order and Defence.

The document will be produced as evidence in the reopened inquest into the Goniwe killings. No date has been set for the inquest.

After its discovery in early June, Hodgson and Marais flew to London to interview former security police colonel John Horak about the document, and the structures and workings of the State Security Council. Horak had formerly been employed in the secretariat of the SSC.

Hodgson is scheduled to travel to Pretoria next week to investigate the document further.

Sources close to the investigation believe that the telephone conversation was taped.

Hodgson has refused to comment on his investigation or the discovery of the document.
Police beat me, claims flats man

By EUNICE RIDER

A KHAYELITSHA stallholder last night laid a complaint of assault against police after he was allegedly beaten at a Khayelitsha train station by several policemen in a marked van.

Police spokeswoman Major Denise Brand said last night, however, that no police van with the reported number existed in the South African Police force.

She confirmed a report by a Khayelitsha eyewitness that the man was sprayed "with something" by the alleged policemen, but could not say what the substance was.

Screaming

The witness said she was alighting from a train at Nonquhele Station, Khayelitsha, shortly after 6pm when she saw several men she took to be policemen beating the stallkeeper, who runs a butchery on the station.

"Everybody was screaming and crying," she said.

Major Brand said last night that a 47-year-old man had laid complaints of theft and assault against the police, but that the numbers on the doors of police vans — as he had reported them — did not exist in the SAP.

Robbers kill 3 in Langa

THREE men were shot dead and another man was seriously wounded when about seven armed robbers tried to rob them in Langa last night.

Newspaper

MR. R. S.

Mr. R. S. said he had buried his son's body in the yard of his house in Gugulethu. The property was seized by the police, he said.

"I am doing business," he said. "I am doing business."
‘Police cover-up’ of massacre: New probe

THE alleged police cover-up of the Trust Feed massacre will be the subject of a judicial commission of inquiry, the government has announced.

In May this year Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel appointed a former regional court president, Mr Willem Krugel, to analyse alleged irregularities in the police investigation into the massacre. Critics said the step was inadequate.

However, Mr Kriel yesterday said he had now decided to order a full judicial probe into the matter. The judge would be named later. The DP welcomed the move.
Police response to UK criticism

PRETORIA — The commissioner of police has announced 16 steps to be taken to eliminate shortcomings in the South African police noted by British criminologist Dr Peter Waddington in his evaluation of the police's handling of the Boipatong massacre.

The steps were listed in a statement signed by Major-General W Grove on behalf of the commissioner, and include the formation of an inspectorate within the Internal Stability Division.

General Grove admitted "mistakes were made in the unexpected chaos in Boipatong" but much of the 16-page statement was spent justifying police action and repudiating the July 23 report by Dr Waddington.

Dr Waddington said "Although the SAP does not agree with all the criticism in Dr Waddington's report, it has been studied with an open mind. The questions at issue in the report are not denied primarily because of errors of fact, but mainly because of unjustified conclusions and an over-simplification of complex situations which do not necessarily point to disfunctioning of the entire SAP."
Promise and threat in high-risk plan

For the ANC and other Patriotic Front groupings, regionalising the police holds a promise and a threat.

The threat is that regionalisation might seem to perpetuate corrupt and politically oppressive structures such as the KwaZulu, Ciskei or Venda police.

But the problems these pose are not in principle different to those in the SA Police. For example, regionalisation in Natal on the lines suggested in the article above could solve the KwaZulu Police problem as effectively as regionalisation on the Witwatersrand and elsewhere would combat the overt politicisation and bias of many SAP actions if the strategy worked. It would work equally well in the PWV and in the homelands.

Where precisely the same training and re-socialisation needs exist, the promise of regionalisation for the ANC and its allies is that it will be a leap into a democratic future, setting up regional structures—which could later be modified and developed—that create models for democratic accountability.

For ordinary people, regionalisation holds out the best and indeed the only short-term hope of bringing all ranks of the police back under a powerful accountability structure.

If there is truly a commitment by President de Klerk's Government to end the violence, this proposal could in a matter of months be fully implemented by consulting with a broadly representative national working group, which could in turn consult with international experts on civil accountability procedures.

The National Peace Accord structure, or an independent think-tank, such as Idea, could convene the working group.

On its own, even without any further political progress at the negotiating table, full regionalisation of the police could cut back significantly on the level of violence and create a climate in which political negotiation could be resumed.
Foxes behind the Wolves
political needs of a society.

The problem is not to devise mechanisms to bring their political agenda under control and make it subject to regular public scrutiny. The second problem is the culture of violence that has developed within the SA Police.

**Magnitude**

In a telling piece of socio-historical analysis, historian R W Johnson recently sketched this sorry process.

The bitter fruits of South Africa's 300-year colonial history, indelicately prolonged into modern times, now set its children's teeth on edge.

Dr Jonathan Gluckman's revelation of 300 pre-trial detention deaths underscores the magnitude of the problem.

Violence in society cannot end until the police culture of violence has been brought back under civil control.

The third problem is that of corruption, a passion for justice.

Third, the legislation would disqualify any candidate who in the run-up to the election made statements that supported a political party, or who directly or indirectly used channels of political influence to support his or her candidacy.

Accountability provisions could make it relatively easy to keep the chief constable accountable after his election.

In the first place, he would be elected for a two-year term by the electoral college; carry the can for the acts and omissions of his regional force, which he himself has appointed, and, for defined misconduct, be subject to recall.

Such accountability cannot work without hard facts about the day-to-day functioning of the police at two levels - individual and organisational.

At the individual level, charges of criminal or procedural misconduct against the police cannot be investigated by the police, or by quasi-independent ex-policemen.

The power and autonomy of the judicial process are required, with regional police review boards headed by a Supreme Court judge, and staffed by skilled investigators, all on the staff of the Department of Justice.

**Blunt**

At the organisational level, the acts and omissions of the regional force in its command structure and operations must be subject to accountability audit procedures applied by trained legislative auditors on the Auditor-General's staff.

At both levels, findings would, by statute, be made public on completion of an inquiry, without the politically inspired delays the State now routinely uses to blunt the impact of commission findings on sensitive issues. In addition, the chief constable would, by statute, be required to publish annual performance statistics.

These might include number of emergency calls received, average response time to calls, crime statistics by category for the region, number of arrests made by category, number of prosecutions/convictions.

The effect of these measures - initially, the electoral college process would be the more powerful regulator — would be to make the chief constable accountable to the citizens of the region. If he failed to bring crime down and make people feel safer, he would be out on his ear at the next election.

For the first time in South Africa, we would be blessed with a fully accountable policing system rooted where it belongs — in civil society.
Waddington ‘made generalisations’

Police reply to expert’s criticism

THE SAP said yesterday in its written response to the Waddington Report that methods and techniques used by police in certain foreign countries would not necessarily be successful in South Africa.

The police response, written by Major-General W Grove, was submitted to the Goldstone Commission yesterday.

Grove said Dr Peter Waddington and his delegation had not considered “the fact that British philosophies, systems and methods have never yet been subjected to typical South African Third World realities”.

However, he said the police had given attention to certain issues raised in the report, which had described the SAP investigation into the Bophelong massacre as “woefully inadequate” and “seriously incompetent”. The report had said “thorough reappraisal of the entire organisation” was needed to address the defects.

Absurd

Grove criticised the delegation for making generalised findings based on police performance solely on the Bophelong massacre investigation. “To regard the shortcomings (of this investigation) as normal, unavoidable and unacceptable is absurd.”

Some of his criticisms included:

- The alleged failure of the Waddington delegation to consult the relevant cross-sections of the residents of both the hostel and the township, and its failure to accompany the police in the townships for fear of losing their “objectivity”.
- Their alleged failure to take full cognisance of the difficulties of conducting the investigation in Bophelong, where police were hindered by the unco-operative responses of residents.
- Remarks on inadequate police equipment and intelligence.

However, Grove said the SAP had viewed the recommendations with an “open mind” and had made changes in the organisation’s structure and procedures.

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Only Goniwe’s job discussed — Vlok

By DESMOND BLLOW and Sapa

CORRECTIONAL Services Minister Adriani Vlok yesterday admitted he had chaired a State Security Council meeting in 1985 at which activist Matthew Goniwe had been discussed — only days before Goniwe and three other activists were murdered.

He also admitted he had held a telephone conversation with the deputy A-G of the eastern Cape in June this year, which he claimed was illegally tapped.

It was alleged in the media on Friday that the telephone conversation alluded to an explosive document regarding the SSC meeting and that Vlok was told that he (Vlok) “is going to bleed”.

The former Law and Order Minister broke his silence yesterday to emphatically deny media insinuations that he had been involved in the murder of Goniwe and three other activists in 1985.

He also stated that he had asked the SAP to urgently investigate the allegations that his phone was illegally tapped while he was speaking confidentially to eastern Cape deputy A-G Malherbe Marais.

Vlok said he viewed the matter in a very serious light and that “legal steps would be considered against those responsible”.

Eastern Cape A-G Michael Hodgson last Friday discovered a potentially explosive document concerning Vlok who chaired a sub-committee meeting of the SSC dealing with Goniwe before his murder.

Hodgson was appointed by State President FW de Klerk in May to investigate an alleged “death warrant” signal sent to the SSC by the SADF’s Eastern Province Command on June 7 1985 — three weeks before Goniwe and the other three activists were murdered.

The alleged signal called for the “permanent removal from society” of Goniwe and two of his colleagues.

The sub-committee was, according to the document, charged with discussing Goniwe’s future as a teacher in State employ in Cradock.

Yesterday Vlok said he had chaired the meeting asked to conduct an investigation and make recommendations “on the handling of violence and the serious general unrest situation prevalent in the country at the time”.

“The process the possible reappointment of Goniwe, who at that time had been suspended from his post as a teacher, was also looked at, and it was in fact recommended that Goniwe be reappointed.

“An aspect which emerges from this (media) reporting and which I find extremely disturbing is the deduction that someone apparently listened-in illegally to a telephone discussion which I had with the deputy A-G."

“I view this in a serious light and have already lodged a criminal complaint with the SAP.

“Such a state of affairs is totally unacceptable and all possible legal steps will be considered against those responsible for this,” Vlok said.
Ace unit to keep an eye on SAP

By EDITH BULBRING
Political Correspondent

PROPOSALS for a new and independent unit to investigate complaints against the SAP have been submitted by the Police Board to Law and Order Minister Hermus Kriel.

The recommendations, finalised at a board meeting this week, are expected to be implemented within weeks.

The existence of the unit should go some way towards allaying fears about lodging complaints against the SAP and suspicions of cover-ups by police officers investigating their own colleagues.

The unit will be independent of the SAP, its investigators, who must be temporary or permanent force members, will have to be above reproach.

Acceptable

Its regional offices will be housed in premises separate from those of police.

The Police Board, which deals largely with police policy, was established in terms of the National Peace Accord.

It consists of senior police officers and representatives acceptable to all political parties.

According to the board's proposals, 11 regional investigating offices will be established at a total cost of more than R4-million.

Complaints investigated would include murder, corruption, assault and racism.

A chief police reporting officer, who must be a serving or retired judge of unquestionable character, will be in full control of the future unit, which will be called the Police Complaint Investigation Unit.
Nearby 500 police were out of the firing line at 8:30 a.m., cops moved...
SHAKE, OLD FRIEND

Nelson Mandela and the head of the police Internal Stability Unit, Lieutenant-General Johan Swart, exchanged a warm handshake on the steps of the Union Buildings in Pretoria at the end of Wednesday's march by more than 70,000 ANC supporters.

A crush of journalists, intrigued by the ANC president shaking hands with a police general, mulled around the two men before Mr Mandela was hustled into a luxury limousine by jubilant ANC supporters.

"My name is Lieutenant-General Johan Swart and I'm in charge of the Internal Stability Unit," the general told the press. "I was stationed in Soweto in 1989 and 1990 and Mr Mandela and I established a good relationship there. We worked together in Soweto. He would call me at my office or at home and we often defused (conflict) situations together."

Asked if the handshake was a gesture of reconciliation, General Swart replied, "I was called by him to come over because he recognised me and he wanted to say hello."

General Swart added that he was "very satisfied with the march" and the behaviour of the crowd, although "a few windows had been broken."

Asked whether he approved of mass action, the general said he was a policeman not a politician. "But I have always liked Mr Mandela," he said.
ANC blames Koekoek

By THEMBA KHUMALO

Despite vehement police denials, Driefontein villagers in south-eastern Transvaal are adamant their raiders last week were members of the notorious Koekoek unit.

ANC president Nelson Mandela alleged on television that Koekoek members were involved in house-to-house searches at Driefontein last Saturday.

They harassed the community by locking some families inside their houses to prevent them from attending an ANC rally in the village, Mandela alleged.

State President FW de Klerk announced last month that Koekoek and the controversial 32 and 131 battalions would be disbanded and members of the two battalions would be absorbed into SADF structures as part of rationalisation of the security forces.

The alleged police action on villagers and the involvement of Koekoek has sparked off a row between the ANC and the police.

In response to Mandela's allegations, the police have launched a high-level investigation headed by Brig Floris Mostert.

Mandela said he would bring the matter to the attention of the Goldstone Commission for investigation.

Driefontein ANC chairman Yunus Cajeer said about 300 policemen arrived and parked about 300 metres from his shop on Saturday morning.

Cajeer, who is also a local general dealer, said he identified clearly some 200 of the policemen as Koekoek members through their language and their uniform.

He said the men wore dark-green overalls and blue coats.

"They were the only ones who wore that uniform and spoke a Namibian dialect.

"They looked like people who came from an isolated place because they were so excited about buying takkies and after one of them bought a pair others followed suit and they were behaving like children," Cajeer said.

Another villager, Paul Nkos, alleged that Koekoek members came to his house and asked to search the car which was parked in his yard.

Cajeer said the police barred people from going to work while they were conducting the searches.

Cajeer has made a statement to the police about the incident.
Youth leader
dies in custody

JOHANNESBURG —
ANC Youth League
branch chairman Mr
Abel Montoedi died in
police custody on Wed-
nesday, but his name
was withheld until his
next-of-kin had been in-
formed.

Mr Montoedi, chair-
man of the ANCYL
branch at Mokwalled
near Vrededorp, was al-
legedly involved in rob-
bing a policeman of his
firearm.

The ANCYL blamed a
"low-key campaign of
harassment" by security
forces — Sapa.
Police react to threats to kill ANC leaders

Staff Reporters

The police said yesterday they regarded threats by a newly launched body known as the Returned Exiles Committee (REC) to assassinate leading ANC members as "very serious" — and would not allow anyone to break the law.

According to a Sunday newspaper report, REC members claim to have teamed up with Askaris (guerrillas who have switched sides) to assassinate ANC leaders and cadres implicated in atrocities in the organisation's detention camps outside the country if they were not "brought to justice".

The report quoted REC leader Pat Hlongwane (33) as saying that about 200 Askaris and REC members had recently undergone "retraining" in Israel and were at present grouped in the Durban region.

Police Colonel Johan Mostert said last night the SAP would investigate the threats and "take the appropriate steps".

He told The Star that the incorporation of the Askaris or "turned ANC terrorists" into the police force had begun several years ago and had been completed.

And although some Askaris had left the force and rejoined the ANC, Colonel Mostert said, he did not know of any who had joined the REC.

"For some time now they have been fully fledged policemen. No SAP member has been sent to Israel for training or for retraining."

"The allegations are denied categorically," he said.

Colonel Mostert added that the police did, from time to time, receive information on threats to the lives of ANC members. In such cases, steps were taken to warn such individuals of the dangers.

Spokesmen for the ANC could not be reached for comment last night.
Judge accuses police of lying

Johannesburg — A Supreme Court judge yesterday accused a team of policemen investigating a massacre of lying.

Mr Justice H Daniels made the accusation at the end of the trial of four men who were accused of killing 12 people in Alexandra township last year. The 12 were murdered during a funeral vigil in March 1991.

Mr Justice Daniels acquitted Mr Gibson Mbata, 28, Mr Derek Majosi, 21, Mr Christopher Mbata, 30, and Mr Petrus Buthelezi, 31, on 12 counts of murder, 16 counts of attempted murder, housebreaking, and the unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition.

A fifth man, Mr John Zskwe, was found not guilty and discharged earlier in the trial.

In his judgment, he said the police team investigating the massacre had lied and fabricated evidence.

Mr Justice Daniels said the state had failed to make out a case against the four on the evidence given by the police or the contradictory testimony of other state witnesses who were at the vigil when the attack occurred.

He found that the policemen had surreptitiously leaked information to witnesses before an identity parade and had lied in statements to a court during a bail application.

One was struck, Mr Justice Daniels said, by the inherent improbabilities and the number of inconsistencies and discrepancies in the evidence of the police witnesses involved.

He said the senior investigating officer, Major Johannes Jacobus Barnard and Detective Sergeant Stephanus Crous, had taken statements which put themselves at the scene of the fabricated recovery of an AK-47.

Witnesses

Both policemen, neither of whom had testified, owed the court an explanation on this, the judge said.

"To my way of thinking these two witnesses could perhaps be seen as most important witnesses," he said.

"Having decided not to call them, the state left itself open to the drawing of inferences adverse to its case."
Snooper a police spy, ANC claims

Weekend Argus Reporter

THE ANC has claimed that a man caught snooping around its Western Cape headquarters is a police spy.

The man, Mr Xola Dyarinti, was allegedly controlled by alleged Central Intelligence Services member Mr Mzwandile Mpmbe.

Mr Dyarinti was caught taking down car numbers.

He was questioned and released.

Police liaison officer Captain Attie Laboscher said police did not divulge the names of informants or their handlers.
Police action during mass action may mark new trend

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — In stark contrast to previous years, the police seem to have acted with admirable restraint during the mass action campaign. Some observers believe this could mark the beginning of a new trend in the style of policing protests.

In the townships during the mid-1980s the very sight of a police van — or "mellow yellow" as they came to be known — was sufficient provocation to spark off an incident of stone throwing and tear gas, rubber bullets and buckshot.

During last week’s mass action campaign the police and protesters seemed to be co-operating far better.

In Krugersdorp the police seemed to have a harder time restraining about 30 AWB supporters, while not having to take any action towards the 5 000 supporters of the ANC alliance.

The AWB was angry that the illegal gathering was being allowed to go ahead. The armed group of shouting and gesticulating AWB could not convince the police to take action against the marchers.

Indeed the Krugersdorp station commander Colonel Arthur van Rensburg said it would be "unwise" for the police to do anything, because if they took any action the protesters were likely to swarm through the suburbs, wreaking havoc.

Certainly a far cry from the days before the unbanning of ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela.

For their part the ANC marshalls also seem to have been on their best behaviour. On a number of occasions marshalls, addressing the police in the road as "com" — short for comrade — asked police to move aside to allow another taxi to offload supporters outside the stadium.

The Krugersdorp march was the first to the CP-controlled town hall, and when the delegation negotiated their way inside, that too was historic.

The 5 000 marchers sat in the parking lot in front of the hall for much of the afternoon, with just a few senior police visible.

Police only had to come forward once — when the AWB tried to enter the hall to object to the ANC delegation going inside. After the marchers left, a large police contingent was seen behind the building where they had remained out of sight throughout the afternoon.

After the march Wits/Vaal Regional Dispute Resolution Committee co-chairman Mr Rupert Lorriner commented: "The police behaviour was impeccable," but added "there is no doubt that the presence of the United Nations monitors has made everyone behave better".

Even Mr Mandela was moved to thank the police for keeping a cool head during the march on the Union Buildings in Pretoria last Wednesday, despite reports that some in the crowd were provocative.
Shootings:

Cop charged

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — A Newcastle Riot Unit lieutenant has been charged with attempted murder and defeating the ends of justice after he allegedly, in two separate incidents, shot and wounded two constables this year.

Both were shot with birdshot.

A police statement after the first incident said the constable was wounded after his shotgun accidentally went off.

A witness to the second incident told police she saw a white policeman chasing an Indian policeman.
Mellow Side to Crowd

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THE COMER SPANS UNTO THE WORLD
'Surprise' checks in store for SAP

SILLY PADDOCK

LAW and Order Minister Henk Kriel responded yesterday to mounting criticism of deaths in custody by announcing that inspectors would be appointed to carry out surprise visits to police stations.

The Minister had just received the report of the police investigation in response to pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman's allegations that at least 200 people had been murdered in police custody. He said he would study the report before deciding what action to take.

Kriel said six inspectors would initially be appointed from the ranks of former magistrates. They would report directly to him and Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe. 

Police were planning to extend this measure "by way of community participation", he said, but did not elaborate.

"Negotiations are at present being conducted with potential candidates (to be inspectors) with a view to appointing them as rapidly as possible. They will have powers to visit, without warning, any police station or police cell in SA," Kriel said.

The inspectors' duties would include visiting police cells "at unexpected hours" to determine whether all regulations and instructions regarding persons in custody were properly adhered to. They would also conduct interviews with those in custody to determine if they had any complaints.

He stressed no criminal or illegal conduct by the SAP would be tolerated.
Deputy minister in the firing line

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

Mr Johan Scheepers is about to be fired as Deputy Minister of Law and Order. President F W de Klerk is expected to make an announcement about the minister's removal from the sensitive post this week.

Mr Scheepers is a National Party veteran and pioneer of a number of schemes aimed at improving police-community relations at local government level.

It is reliably understood that Mr Scheepers, who met Mr De Klerk yesterday afternoon, could be replaced by the Deputy Minister of (own affairs) Health Services and Welfare in the House of Assembly, Mr Fanus Schoeman.

Mr Scheepers will retain his post as Deputy Minister of Land Affairs.

His side-lining follows a controversial statement after last week's ANC march on the Union Buildings in which he accused the ANC of numerous flagrant breaches of conditions set down for the protest.

Pretoria police spokesman Major Andrew Leach said at the time that no serious incidents were reported.

However, well-placed observers believe that the mass action controversy may be used as a pretext for shifting Mr Scheepers out of his position.

Government sources said yesterday that he had not been popular with Law and Order Minister Mr Hermus Kriel, as well as with certain policemen in the force.

One source of friction was apparently that Mr Scheepers had to divide his high-pressure law and order job with the increasingly time-consuming land affairs portfolio.
Cops face a new storm

EVIDENCE ERASED

Crucial police recordings on Boipatong massacre accidentally ‘wiped’ out:

THE police’s tape recordings of radio calls to the Internal Stability Unit in Vereeniging on the night of the Boipatong massacre were “accidentally wiped off”. This shock disclosure was made to the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry by the SAP’s Major Christo Davidson. Counsel for the African National Congress suggested to Davidson that the tape recordings were deliberately erased.

The wiping out of the recordings is bound to add to criticism of the police.

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Witnesses influenced before giving evidence

Cops lied in court - judge

Policemen investigating the Alexandra night vigil massacre secretly gave information to witnesses before an identity parade, a Rand Supreme Court judge said this week.

They had also lied in court during a bail application, Mr Justice H Daniels said as he acquitted four men of 13 counts of murder.

He found Mr Gibson Mabatha (28), Mr Dereck Majota (21), Mr Christopher Mabatha (30) and Mr Petrus Buthelezi (31) had no case to answer at the end of the State's case.

The judge had earlier found the State had no case against a fifth accused, Mr John Zwane.

The men had pleaded not guilty to 13 counts of murder, 17 of attempted murder, one of housebreaking with intent to murder and illegal possession of a machinegun, firearms and ammunition. The charges arose from an attack on a vigil in Alexandra on March 27 last year.

In a judgment highly critical of the investigation, the judge said the State's case had been muddled with "inconsistencies, contradictions and fabrications".

Witnesses had been encouraged to give evidence to suit the State's case.
Boipatong: Police tapes ‘erased’

The Argus Correspondent

VEREENIGING — Tape recordings of about 13 hours of radio calls to the police Internal Stability Unit (ISU) at the time of the Boipatong massacre in June have been erased, the Goldstone Commission has been told.

The calls, from 2pm on June 17 to 3am the following day, included ISU conversations with their patrols, other police units and the SA Defence Force, the commission heard yesterday. The massacre happened between 10pm and 11pm.

During cross-examination by Mr Arthur Chaskalson SC, counsel for the African National Congress and the Vaal Council of Churches, Major Christo Davidson said the calls might have been accidentally wiped out by the person on duty.

Major Davidson said he had been told on the telephone by a police technician in Pretoria that the recordings could have been lost because both sides of the tape had been used by mistake.

The tapes were blank in parts while other segments of conversations had been preserved, he said.

Mr Chaskalson asked whether this could happen if someone had erased the tapes. Major Davidson said this was possible.

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone asked that the tapes be submitted to the commission immediately. Major Davidson said this would be done.

Major Davidson also told the commission that only three police vehicles went into the township on the night of the attack and that their occupants saw none of the attackers.

Police had received the first reports of a possible attack at 9.55pm after two factory employees had seen 200 to 300 people crossing a major road between Kwamadala hostel and Boipatong, he said.

From 10pm police had received many reports of people attacking houses and killing residents in the township.

A single ISU Casspir left Vereeniging at 10.10pm, but stopped to investigate a reported shooting in Sharpeville, and arrived in Boipatong only at 10.35pm, said Major Davidson.

He said another Casspir then arrived from the Sebokeng municipal police station. An ISU Nyala vehicle followed soon afterwards.

The police discovered that people had been killed and houses had been damaged, said Major Davidson.
Killing: Cop’s action probed

JOHANNESBURG — A charge of murder is being investigated against a policeman who allegedly shot and killed a man in Boipatong in June, Witwatersrand police confirmed yesterday.

The policeman had been suspended from duty. The case docket would be referred to the Transvaal attorney-general for a decision. — Sapa.
Police praised for restraint.

Staff Report

MONITORS from the Joint Forum on Policing yesterday commended the police for their restraint during the mass action in the Peninsula last week—but said certain incidents showed police were unaware or disrespectful of Peace Accord structures and Goldstone Commission recommendations.

Monitors said yesterday excessive force had been used in Milnerton and Grabouw and there had been "disregard for the wearing of name tags in Milnerton and Mitchells Plain"


FALLING FILES

Cases collapse because of growing incompetence in the security forces:

By Mathatha Tsedu
Investigations Editor

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EMEMBER the time when judges and magistrates used to compliment the police for their diligence and professionalism in investigating cases?

Do you remember how the compliments always prefaced heavy sentences that would send mostly political activists to Robben Island and similar dungeons?

The police then were proud of their record and bandied statistics about, showing their success rate.

That was in the "old" South Africa.

The advent of the "new" South Africa, and its violence and horrible killings has, however, changed all that.

The violence, which comes in all manners, has been blamed on the State, and police have been found wanting in both the efforts to curb the phenomenon, and in attempts to track the killers.

The advent of the "new" South Africa and the liberalisation of politics seems to have taken away the professionalism of the police that successive police ministers used to boast about.

Only this week, police disclosed that they had wiped out 13 hours of tape recordings relating to the Boipatong massacre.

It is now also a common occurrence for judges to lament the sloppiness of police investigations into massacres that have left many black people dead and thousands more maimed.

This week Rand Supreme Court judge, Mr Justice H Daniels, joined a growing list of judges who have found reason to publicly rap police on the knuckles.

Presiding over the trial of four men charged with the slaying of 15 people who were attending a night vigil in Alexandra township on March 27 last year, Daniels found that police

- Leaked information to witnesses before an identity parade;
- Encouraged witnesses to give evidence to suit the State's case.

- Had allowed witnesses going for an identity parade to discuss the suspects,
- Held two identity parades after the suspects had been charged and their names widely publicised,
- Failed to bring an informer whose sole information had been used to arrest one of the accused.

Daniels said the State's case had therefore been riddled with inconsistencies, contradictions and fabrications, leaving him with no option but to discharge the four men as they had no case to answer to.

He found that a policeman had changed his evidence, rendering it useless and that of other witnesses suspect.

As a result, Mr Gibson Mbutha (28) Mr Derrick Maposi (21) Mr Christopher Mbutha (30) and Mr Petrus Buthelezi (31) walked out of the Rand Supreme Court free.

In previous cases, such as the discharge of the seven men last month charged with the massacre of 42 people in Soweto, police were found to have shown less than expected zeal in their investigations.

In the Alexandra case, they were found to have gone overboard in trying to secure a conviction, thus again rendering the process of justice ineffective.

Attack on a vigil

The trial followed the attack on a vigil of a student who had been killed in violence. At dawn, a group of armed men stormed into a tent where mourners were singing hymns and freedom songs, and opened fire with rifles and pistols.

Arrests of the four men followed information gathered from survivors and an informer. Now the men have been released, joining other similar accused who have been discharged because police investigations were found wanting.

But the question hanging in the air now is what will happen to those cases where police incompetence has led to discharge by default?

Is it the end of the road? Will the perpetrators of the killings in Soweto, Jeppe station, Klooftown station and many other places never pay for their crimes?
Work of union ‘hampered by security police’

SHARON SOROUR
Labour Reporter

The Metal and Electrical Workers’ Union has accused the security police of “severely hampering” its operations after thieves struck at its Athlone offices for the second time in two weeks.

Union spokesman Mr Ben Petersen said R12 000 worth of goods, including a hired fax machine, two heaters, a projector, a hot plate and a calculator were stolen on Tuesday.

In a burglary at the beginning of August, confidential computer records listing the union’s regional and national leadership and lists of national and international funding contacts were stolen.

Computer equipment worth R15 000 was stolen — and other valuables were left behind.

Union spokesman Mr Brian Williams said years of work was missing.

This would disrupt the union’s activities badly and the union believed the security police were involved.

“These suspicions still stand, following the second robbery. There appears to be a campaign to disrupt the union completely. This break-in will severely hamper ability to communicate with our members and we believe the security police are involved,” he said.

The union had a very militant history — having one of the highest strike records in the Western Cape — and was constantly fighting for the rights of its members, he added.

“Some people are definitely trying to intimidate us,” he said.

The break-in had been reported to the Athlone police.

Police liaison officer Captain Attie Laubscher confirmed the break-in. He said police were investigating. Anyone asserting that police were involved was asked to provide the investigating officer Sergeant G Pick (697 1120) with names of suspects or further information.
NEWS Goldstone agrees specialists should examine tapes

Experts to hear tapes

Sowetan Correspondent
and Sapa

The commission inquiring into the Bophal massacre agreed that copies of tape recordings between security forces on the night of the killings be heard by both police and private experts.

Commission chairman Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said this would prevent "further allegations of tampering with the tapes".

The commission was told at its hearing in Vereeniging on Tuesday and yesterday that information contained in police tape recordings of radio messages between security force units on the night of the massacre had been erased by mistake.

Meanwhile, Law and Order Muster Mr Henk Krueb and the Commissioner of Police have expressed concern at the impression created by the erasure of 13 hours of police radio calls recorded on the day.

This was disclosed yesterday by counsel for the police, Mr P Hattingh, SC, who said Krueb and Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe were "perturbed" by the impression created by the reports.

Hattingh told the commission "We believe we have an explanation for what happened and we would like to put it to you as soon as possible."

Yesterday the Goldstone Commission was again told that information contained on police tapes and relevant to it had been destroyed due to operational error.

The officer in charge of the operations control room at the Vereeniging Internal Stability Unit, Sergeant Ito O'Reilly, told the commission that taping equipment which automatically recorded telephone and radio conversations by security force members had been used incorrectly since its installation in March.

The unit had only become aware that it was using the equipment incorrectly after the massacre.

Only then had investigations revealed that all conversations between about 2pm on June 17 and 3am on June 18 had been taped over.

O'Reilly said the machine used ordinary commercial tapes, but only one side could be used, or information would be taped over.

The recording equipment was attached to telephones and to radios, and automatically recorded all conversations by security force members using those particular frequencies or telephones.

On June 18, the day after the Bophal massacre, she had turned over the tapes in the machines that had resulted in the destruction of all information pertaining to action taken by security forces on the night of June 17.

During cross-examination by Mr Domos Kuny, SC, for the African National Congress, O'Reilly confirmed that all tapes recorded since March 24 had been similarly affected.

She said the Vereeniging ISU had not realised their mistake because only one occasion had they had cause to play back a tape, and in that particular instance, the required information had not yet been taped over.

The commission is in possession of the tapes.

The outcome of an application for part of the hearing to be held in camera is not yet clear.
A United Nations proposal grid plan for Yakuza

Adapt or else - Kihei

Minister calls cops to be impartial - New moves on negotiations welcomed

News
BLOEMFONTEIN — Four policemen were suspended from duty yesterday, pending an investigation into the death of a detainee last week.

The policemen are members of the SAP Section for Visible Policing at Vredefort.

Abel Montoeedi was found dead in his cell on August 6.

Brigadier Bert Vosloo, SAP Deputy Regional Commissioner in the Free State, said in a statement the Chief State Pathologist had completed the postmortem into the death and had informed the SAP.

A private pathologist, appointed by Mr. Montoeedi's family, had been present — Sapa.
**VEREENIGING**  
An SA Police special constable yesterday told the Goldstone Commission police colleagues had threatened him with violence if he did not change a statement alleging the presence of police Casspirs in Boipatong on the night of the June 17 massacre.

constable Ntetsa Xaba testified before the commission, which is hearing evidence on allegations of security force involvement in the Boipatong massacre of more than 40 people, that he had made a statement to the Vereeniging police to the effect that he had seen four Casspir armoured vehicles in the township on the night of June 17. At least one of these vehicles appeared to be escorting attackers.

A week later he had been recalled by a white police officer to "correct a mistake" in his statement.

Mr Xaba alleged the policeman, whose name was not revealed to the commission, had threatened to "donder" him if he did not change his statement.

Mr Xaba, a Boipatong resident, said in his statement that he had seen a Casspir in the street he lives in about 11pm escorting four armed men, two in front of the vehicle and two behind —

**Boipatong: Police probe was ‘cavalier’**

From CHRIS BATEMAN

LONDON — The police probe into the Boipatong killings adopted a “somewhat cavalier” approach to their accountability and provided British monitors with “garbled” and unintelligible tapes of the night’s events.

This is according to the man who headed the independent evaluation of the Boipatong probe, Dr Peter Waddington, director of criminal justice at Reading University.

Speaking from his Reading home yesterday he said “We were pretty appalled — the mechanisms for making the police accountable did not seem to be in place”.

His understanding was that it had only been in response to his team’s request for the tapes that the “garbling” problem was identified.

His team had not been suspicious because “I don’t think they (the SAP) were competent enough to cover their tracks.”

Dr Waddington emphasised that it had not been his team’s task to establish whether or not there was police complicity in the killings.
Western Cape police top unrest injury list

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Four cops suspended

BLOEMFONTEIN — Four policemen were suspended from duty yesterday, pending an investigation into the death of detainee Mr Abel Montoedi last week.

The policemen are members of the Section for Visible Policing at Vrededorp.

Mr Montoedi was found dead in his cell “during a routine visit” at 1:30 am on August 6.

Brigadier Bart Vosloo, Deputy Regional Police Commissioner in the Free State, said the chief state pathologist had informed police of his post-mortem findings.

A private pathologist, appointed by Mr Montoedi’s family, had been present at the post-mortem.

When the police investigation had been completed, the dossier would be handed to the attorney-general.

In Pretoria, Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said yesterday that the appointment of six retired magistrates to inspect detentions was an initial step taken to curb deaths in custody.

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Woman finds mum raped

Staff Reporter

A CITY woman arrived at her parents’ Pinelands home to find her mother had been raped and her...
ANC hails talks
But lines of communication with government stay
Member of ANC constituent committee
in Afrikaans and English

ANC and беларус

CP rebels will talk to government
Everyone, even the ANC

Distress six explosions, explosions deposed

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With the cold passing north of the

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Front source: ANCemergency
A FORMER Koëvoet member, convicted of murder in Namibia and sentenced to 10 years in jail before being released after serving 15 days, has been moved from his post in the police to an administrative one pending an inquiry into his suitability as a policeman.

Warrant Officer Dirk Calitz is facing charges of assault in connection with an incident in Robertson in April 1990 when police allegedly fired teargas into a meeting hall of 900 people.
Remove Kriel, says DP

By BARRY STREEK

MINISTER of Law and Order Mr Hernus Kriel should be removed from office because he is unable to guarantee the safety of ordinary South Africans, the Democratic Party's parliamentary caucus said yesterday.

Furthermore, he apparently had no control over his own department. Mr Kriel had held the Law and Order portfolio for one year, but an analysis of his record revealed a performance at least as unsatisfactory as that of his predecessor, Mr Adriaan Vlok.

"Violent crime is spiraling, over 2,000 people have died in political violence during his tenure, recommendations of the Goldstone Commission have largely been ignored, policemen implicated in serious derelictions of duty are in some cases still holding office, and evidence of instances of SAP partiality continually becomes available."

Despite innumerable appeals, the government still refused to outlaw the carrying of dangerous "cultural" weapons except in selected unrest areas.

The second interim Goldstone report, while excoriating both the IFP and the ANC, also noted "a history over some years of state complicity in undercover activities, which includes criminal conduct."

"Despite revelations by Dr Jonathan Gluckman concerning 200 suspicious deaths in police custody, five more people have since died in custody."

"And these allegations of systematic police abuse come on top of those brought to public attention in 1987 by Dr Wendy Orr. But the pattern of inaction by the SAP has remained unchanged," the caucus said.
PAC army to meet police

THE Azanian People's Liberation Army and the Police and Prison Officials' Union will hold talks on the killing of policemen, Popcrus general secretary Peter Nkuna said yesterday.

The meeting will take place in Zimbabwe or Tanzania early in September.

Apla, the military wing of the Pan Africanist Congress, regularly claims responsibility for attacks on policemen in South African townships.
Policing the Police

High time for SA to lay down the law

COMpletely autonomous regional police structures, each under its own elected chief constable who is accountable to the electoral body that appoints him, must be created in South Africa, argues Victor Nell.

Today's headlines have a chilling message for South Africans if we don't get our act together and stop the violence, the world will stand by and watch us go down the tubes like Mbabane's Zulu and the Bosnian Muslims.

The train killings are the most puzzling manifestation of South Africa's political violence. There is no pattern to the deaths and therefore no indication whether the targets are members of a particular political party and the attackers remain faceless.

How might the plan for regionalizing the police function put forward last week in this newspaper address this problem?

Policing has two functions. One is to institute measures that stop crime before it is committed by such methods as maintaining a visible, uniformed police presence, exercising surveillance over known violence hot spots, and stop-and-search methods.

Its second function is to identify criminals, apprehend them, marshal the evidence against them, and bring them before a court of law. This is where all police effort so far seems to have concentrated.

This is the point of the repetitive police pleas for "witnesses to come forward" and identical suspects - a life-threatening exercise in a system that has no witness protection programme and on occasion seems deliberately to expose witnesses to the danger of reprisals.

However, shifting the focus to prevention is unlikely to be an irresistible problem in police science.

What would the New York police, for example, do if half a dozen subway passengers were killed every week by masked gunmen? One thing is certain: the problem would not be allowed to drag on for months and years.

Back home, as far as one can determine from reading the newspapers, police responses to suggestions for effective steps to counter the violence have been totally inadequate.

Somewhere there has been a collapse of the political will to deal effectively with the problem. But no one knows where this collapse has taken place.

Police command structures are no centralised, and are intertwined with this country's political system, that it is impossible to establish whether a political agenda exists, let alone its purpose.

There is only one way to break this impasse: create completely autonomous regional police structures, each under its own elected chief constable who is accountable to the electoral body that appoints him, and to have strong, independent accountability procedures which would use outside experts as required.

Suppose, hypothetically, that this system had been instituted for the Johannesburg metropolitan area two years ago? Suppose that the chief constable was a powerful and incorruptible individual of stature, not a professional police manager, but not a politician, but an individual with a talent for command and a passion for justice.

Such a person and his deputies would have tolerated the ongoing violence. However, the cost or inconvenience, control measures would have been formulated and specifically put into place and the problem would have been dealt with. If not, the chief constable would have been out of a job very soon.

The point is that the chief constable is apolitical. The logic is that the police political agenda, if it is taken away from the central government and made regional, again becomes plain and visible to ordinary people, who are in a position to do something about systems they don't like or that fail to protect them.

This country's salvation is going to be in strong local and regional democratic structures, with real power to change the way people live and improve their quality of life.

There is no more important place to start than with the police now.

The author is director of the University of South Africa's Health Psychology Unit.
Tapes erased in error, say experts

INITIAL evaluation by an independent agency investigating the erasure of information from police tapes pertinent to the Goldstone Commission's inquiry into the Boipatong massacre appears to confirm that it was done in error.

A police witness earlier this week told the commission that the taping equipment, which automatically recorded telephone and radio conversations by security force members, had been used incorrectly since its installation in March.

All conversations recorded between about 2 pm on June 17 and 3 am on June 18 had been over-taped. The equipment ran ordinary commercial tapes, but only one side could be used or information would be erased.

On June 18, the day after the Boipatong massacre, police had flipped the tape in the machine, resulting in the destruction of all information pertaining to action taken by security forces on the night of June 17.

Counsel for the commission read out the initial findings of Grinaker Electronics Agencies, which was charged with finding out how the information had come to be erased from the tapes.

The company found that the tapes had not been "bulk-erased per se", confirming that on completion of one side the tape was turned over for further recording.
De Villiers: Hearing in camera?

PORT ELIZABETH — The State wants the initial hearings of the trial of three men for the murder of farmer Andre de Villiers to be held in camera.

And Mr Valence Watson, an ANC member and friend of the murdered man, has been receiving death threats.

A police spokesman, Captain Henry Chalmers, said today one of the three men would appear in court in Kirkwood today, while the other two would appear tomorrow.

Police announced last night the arrest of the three, two of whom they said were members of Umkhonto we Sizwe.

The murder had earlier been linked to the Gonwwe investigation.

Captain Chalmers said an application would be made for the identities of the suspects to be protected, and the initial hearings to be held in camera, since an identification parade was still to be held.

Mr Watson said he had received death threats over the weekend. He said it was peculiar that while the suspects were supposedly in custody, he and his family were receiving death threats — Ecna.
Cops friendly, residents wary

By STAN MHLONGO
VAAL township residents this week received peace letters from smiling security force members deployed in the area.

Amid the violence and ongoing tension between police and residents, the notices pleaded for help in restoring peace and love to the troubled township.

The Vaal unrest, which began in 1984, has involved police and residents in chilling hate for hate games.

Many policemen and residents have been killed in violent clashes.

The animosity peaked at the Sebokeng massacre of 1990, when scores of residents were shot near the Sebokeng police station while on an illegal march to Vereeniging.

However, the night vigil massacre of 1991, where residents were gunned down, was the only exception when police were not implicated in the massacre of residents.

The Goldstone Commission into the Bophelong massacre of June 17, 1992, presently taking place in Vereeniging, has heard allegations by residents who claim the police were involved in the massacre.

So how would the police and troops eventually win the confidence of residents under the present blanket of animosity and hatred built by past clashes?

Seemingly taking a leaf from Norman Vincent Peale's novel How To Make Friends And Influence People, the troops and security forces have marched boldly into the townships.

Mind you, this time there was little sign of aggression.

In fact, Maki Motloung of Evaton remarked that it was the first time she had seen a smiling soldier - because the boys from the army and police descended on the Vaal townships wearing smiles on their faces.

"We are battling to bring peace and stability to the townships, please help us" the notices read.

The troops went a step ahead in their attempt to improve their communication exercise with the residents and got into action themselves.

They played football with the township kids and enjoyed a few laughs as they mingled with their bitter "former rivals" - the Vaal community.

However, Nhlanhla Mbatha of Evaton is sceptical about the return of peace and the removal of barricades in the Vaal by the troops.

"There is no denying that the deployment of troops has provided a calming effect on the trouble-torn Vaal townships," he said.

"What magical powers are they using? Or are they - as activists have always suspected - the notorious third force behind the violence waged on blacks by the faceless vigilantes?"
Suspect 'necklaced' by policemen

By S'BU MNGADI

A DURBAN youth was taken to a deserted spot, viciously assaulted and set alight while questioned by five policemen.

While Vusi Phiri, 20, sat sobbing in agony, the police drove off and left him by the roadside.

The evidence was given before magistrate DJ du Plessis in the Durban Regional Court this week, where the five policemen face a charge of attempted murder.

The accused are Lance-Sgt Mark Allan Lucy, 24, and constables David Wilemus Potgieter, 19, Pierre Comenius Laubscher, 18, and Bradford Brown, 19.

The five have pleaded not guilty.

During the hearing this week, Phiri removed his shirt before the court to reveal extensive scarring on his body.

Phiri said he was asleep at home on January 13 when a group of policemen arrived at about midnight. They put him in the back of a police van and drove him to nearby Marianhill Park.

The policemen told him they were looking for an unlicensed pistol.

Phiri denied ever possessing a firearm and a black policeman said if he did not give them the pistol, he would hand him over to the white policemen.

The group made him sit down and assaulted him for about 20 minutes.

One of the policemen used a cigarette lighter to burn Phiri's toes, feet, ears and one hand. Phiri told the court he was barefoot and wearing only long trousers.

One of the policemen went to the van and returned with a tyre which he put around Phiri's neck. Another policeman returned with a can of petrol which he poured over Phiri's body. The third man held out a cigarette lighter. The petrol caught fire and the men jumped back.

**Mad**

Phiri said the police watched him run away crying.

He told the court that the tyre fell off while he was running and he managed to remove his burning trousers.

He walked to a nearby house, whose occupants took him to Marianhill Hospital.

He spent three months in hospital and was still not perfectly well.

He said he could not identify any of his assailants.

Another witness, Const Barbara Bartels, said she accompanied the five policemen on January 13 in a crime prevention patrol during which they picked up Phiri.

Driving in two vehicles, they took Phiri to a bushy area.

She told the court that someone, who sounded like Phiri, said: "I am talking true."

Bartels then heard a "woof" sound and saw a man, who she later found out was Phiri, run past her, his upper body on fire. She got out of the car and said: "Are you mad?"

She walked towards the group and saw Phiri sitting on the side of the road with his head in his hands.

One of the policemen asked her to return to the car which she did. They left Phiri sitting by the roadside and drove off.

Const Mziwamandla M Nzemande, of Kloof police station, said he drove in a police van with Potgieter and Laubscher.

A third witness, Nkosinathi Poulos Bise, said Lance-Sgt Lucy threatened him with violence if he divulged the evening's events.

The hearing continues.
SAP's new eye in the sky monitors hotspots

By Andrew Whittle
Crime Staff

Police action in unrest and other areas can now be monitored from afar with sophisticated electronic equipment recently acquired by the police.

Generals or commanding officers can control events in the field through the Locus Command and Control Integrator.

The system had been used in Soweto for the past three weeks and has proved highly effective, according to SAP spokesman Colonel Tienie Haigryn.

"The system is compatible with all existing police and emergency services systems," he said.

"It is a pity we didn't have this new system before Boipatong, because we would have had a record of everything that happened," said Colonel Haigryn.

The technology of Locus was more advanced than what currently used in Europe and would catapult the SAP into the league of American-style policing.

The system used a geographical information system to pinpoint locations, incorporated infra-red photography, and fully integrated police and emergency services.

Colonel Haigryn could not disclose the cost of the system, but said the SAP would approach the Government to subsidise the project.

Andrew Philips, marketing manager of Irene Commercial Enterprises, the company supplying the camera equipment, which is fitted to police helicopters, said the camera was effective over a radius of 60 km.

But it could zoom in at closer range to photograph licence plates, as well as people and policemen at a particular crime scene.

The images were relayed at three-second intervals and could be monitored by generals who wanted to keep an eye on the action and give commands to their officers.

Mr Philips said any reservations he had about SAP members not being able to handle the new equipment were soon dispelled.

"The motivation and enthusiasm of the SAP members involved in flying the helicopter and operating the camera equipment increased dramatically," he said.
Police 'not in the clear yet'

Erasure reports prove nothing - ANC:

INITIAL findings by experts charged by the Goldstone Commission to study erased police tape recordings in no way exonerated the police, the ANC said at the weekend.

The organisation denied newspaper reports that the initial evaluation of the tapes appeared to confirm the police's claims of accidental erasure.

It said the findings had merely determined that the tapes were erased by recording over the initial information.

"Whether this was done deliberately, or as the police claim, they have since March been systematically recording over previous messages, is a matter for the Goldstone Commission to determine," an ANC spokesman said.

Police told the Commission last week that tapes, which before erasure had recordings of security force radio calls made on the night of June 17 were erased by overwriting.

They denied that it had been deliberate to conceal information which may have proved crucial to the Commission's inquiry into security force complicity in the massacre.
Seven policemen killed in 3 days

Crime Staff  

Eight people were wounded, four seriously, in a hail of bullets directed at a police vehicle in Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, on Saturday night.

Since Friday at least 21 people, including seven policemen, have died in political violence countrywide. Dozens of others have been injured.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Wikus Weber said the shooting took place at about 9 pm. A police vehicle stopped on the corner of Vasco de Gama Street and the Pretoria main road and was fired at by unknown gunmen with AK-47 assault rifles, R-1 rifles and shotguns.

Lieutenant Weber said the police did not return fire and withdrew because their vehicle was not bulletproof. None of the policemen were injured.

Police reinforcements later found seven men and a woman had been wounded in the shooting. They were taken to the Alexandra Clinic.

Earlier on Saturday, police found the bodies of two men in Alexandra. One had been hacked and stabbed, and the other shot in another attack, an unidentified man was stoned and injured.

And on the East Rand, police yesterday found the bodies of two men who had been hacked and stoned in Tembisa.

In Soweto, an unidentified man was shot dead and another seriously injured on Saturday night when gunmen opened fire on a train between Phomolong and Dube stations.

Late on Friday afternoon, an assistant constable, JZ Mtumkulu (25), was shot and wounded by three men at Merafe Station. A police spokesman said Constable Mtumkulu was in a satisfactory condition in Baragwanath Hospital.

The gunmen escaped with his service pistol and 16 rounds of ammunition.

In their unrest report for the 24-hour period ending at midnight on Saturday, police said a policeman was stabbed in the neck with a bottle in Kagiso, near Krugersdorp.

At Riviere station, west of Johannesburg, a man was slightly injured when he jumped from a moving train after being attacked and robbed.

At Sharpeville, in the Vaal Triangle, unknown gunmen fired at the police station and a bottle store. No injuries were reported.

In Langa, near Cape Town, police found the body of an unidentified woman. They arrested a suspect, and then used teargas to disperse people throwing stones at their vehicle, the unrest report added.

Four policemen were killed and five wounded in two separate attacks at Mlantsane, in Ciskei, on Friday night. The attackers — said to be four heavily armed men and a woman — fled into Transkei after a high-speed chase and gunfight with SAP members.

Also on Friday, three policemen and two members of a gang were killed at Sokuhulu Reserve, Kwa-Mbonambi, near Empangeni, in a shootout.
Claim against Kriel

AZANIAN Youth Organisation president Mr Thami Meerwa is claiming R150,000 in damages from the Minister of law and Order for being allegedly unlawfully arrested, assaulted and maliciously prosecuted.

Meerwa said he was arrested in Soweto on February 22 this year by three members of the South African Police.

The policemen allegedly assaulted him, pointed a firearm at him and called him a "kaffir". Meerwa's attorney, Mr Cyril Morolo, says in a letter to the Minister of law and Order, Mr Herrius Kriel, Meerwa alleges he was taken to the Moroka police station where he was again assaulted by two plainclothes policemen.
Police probe ANC men’s deaths

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Two ANC members who were injured during a shootout with police in the Empangeni area on Friday could have died at the hands of security forces members while being taken to hospital, it was alleged yesterday.

Major-General Colin Steyn, Regional Commissioner of Police, said an investigation had been launched. Two members of the police internal stability unit and two members of the SADF were being held for questioning in connection with the deaths of the two men, he said.

He said yesterday the police had gone to Mr Michael Mhlethwa’s house when they heard that Mr Simon Mswele, wanted on several counts of murder and armed robbery, was hiding there. During an ensuing gun battle, three policemen were killed and the two men were injured.

Two members of the internal stability unit and two members of the SADF were assigned to transport the injured men to hospital. However, the two were certified dead on arrival at the hospital.
Policeman stayed off work as a ‘protest’

Staff Reporter

A POLICEMAN has told the Wynberg Magistrate's Court that he did not report for duty for six months in protest against not being given a higher rank.

Constable Mkululi Morara, 32, of Langa, also told the court yesterday that he was dissatisfied with being transferred from Nyanga police station to Manenberg, which also led him not to report for duty.

He has pleaded not guilty to charges of deserting his job as a policeman, falsifying a doctor's certificate and presenting a false statement to his superiors.

The State alleges that Constable Morara deserted his job from December 21, 1991, to June 30, 1992, and that within that period he had given his seniors a falsified doctor's certificate that purported to explain why he could not be on duty for part of the period of absence.

Constable Morara told the court that he was not on official leave during that period, but that he was protesting against the fact that he had not been given a higher rank.

The hearing has been postponed to October 9 and Constable Morara is out on warning.

Mr JG Van-Zyl was on the Bench, Mua I Nueman prosecuted and Mr JF Riley represented Constable Morara.
A former police detective yesterday admitted he would not have arrested a KwaZulu policeman and an Inkatha Freedom Party leader if he had had a chance to talk to them in Ulundi although warrants for their arrests had been issued.

Johannes Jansen van Rensburg, a former detective warrant-officer, who had to investigate a shooting involving IFP and ANC supporters at a funeral procession at Wesselton near Ermelo in 1990, was testifying before a Goldstone Commission committee inquiry yesterday. He was asked by counsel for the KwaZulu government and Inkatha, Louis Visser, if he could have arrested two men implicated in the shootings — a Warrant Officer Maseko of the KwaZulu Police and Godfrey Dlamini of Inkatha — if he had found them during his investigations in Ulundi.

Mr van Rensburg said he could not simply arrest a policeman. He had to first question the person. Mr Visser said W/O Maseko claimed to have been questioned by the police but not arrested.

Mr van Rensburg said he knew nothing about W/O Maseko being questioned because "I was not there" — Sapu
A DYING man's last words to his wife and a glimpse of four faces through a window were the vital clues in the murder of an Eastern Cape farmer, who had key information about the slaying of activist Mr Matthew Goniwe.

Mr André Maasdorp de Villiers, 42, who had been providing information to the Press and the ANC about the notorious SADF/Hammer unit — alleged to have been involved in the murders of Mr Goniwe and three colleagues in 1985 — was gunned down in an ambush on his Addo farm Athelstone on Monday night.

Eastern Cape police are offering a R10 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killers.

ANC regional chairman in Port Elizabeth Mr Linda Mtshweni said Mr de Villiers died 46 minutes after he was shot, "but only after he had mentioned the name of a person to his wife. He said to his wife, that this was the work of so-and-so."

Mr De Villiers' 18-year-old son Louis, who narrowly escaped death when the killers fired at him, saw four men standing next to his father's bakkie seconds after the shooting.

Mr De Villiers' brother, Mr Francois de Villiers, said Louis and his mother Elizabeth were watching television when they heard two shots.

Louis rushed to the window and saw four men.

The men saw him at the window and shot at him, but missed. Louis ran outside with the family dogs and the men fled, Mr de Villiers said.

Another vital clue may be provided by a farm labourer who heard someone about "stand still" as he was about to open the garage door for Mr de Villiers.

Eastern Cape police liaison officer Captain Henry Chalmers said a "full-scale force" of police was working on the case.

Police had determined that .9mm calibre guns were used to kill Mr de Villiers.

Captain Chalmers said police were investigating all possible avenues, including allegations that the Hammer Unit was involved.

But the initial investigation at the scene indicated the motive was robbery and that the slaying was not politically motivated.

"Captains" Chalmers said "Bags were found at the scene and this would appear to indicate that the killers intended carrying things away."

The pattern of the attack was similar to other robberies.

"We are suspicious about this being a political killing because, firstly, there were five men at the scene which is unusual for a political murder and, they gunned down Mr de Villiers outside his home, where his family were and where there were several lights, running the risk of being identified."

An investigation into "third force" activities by The Argus's mister newspaper the Star last week revealed dramatic new allegations of Hammer involvement in the slaying of Mr Goniwe and his colleagues.

The ANC said it had a telephone call from Mr de Villiers about 4.30pm on Monday. He said he had released some documents to Weekend Argus and the Sunday Tribune.

"Weekend Argus on Sunday reported details of Hammer unit members making use of a panel-beating business in which Mr de Villiers had shares, "he investigation quoted Mr John Scott, a former hammer member yesterday Mr Scott was named by the ANC as one of those mentioned by Mr de Villiers in his testimony to the organisation.

The ANC's Eastern Cape region, which is inquiring independently into Mr Goniwe's death, said Mr de Villiers had provided information and promised more on the Hammer unit, an elite special forces group.
PORT ELIZABETH. — A man is in the process of disclosing information about the "Hammer Unit", which was allegedly involved in the killing of activist Mr Matthew Goniwe, was killed on his farm near Addo on Monday night.

Mr André Maulderp de Villiers, 43, was gunned down at his farm Abelstone as he parked his vehicle at 8:30pm.

The ANC, which is inquiring into Mr Goniwe's death, said yesterday that Mr de Villiers had given them information about the Hammer Unit, allegedly made up of security force members, and was to provide more.

Mr de Villiers's son Louis, 18, was watching television on Monday night with his mother, Elizabeth, 47, when they heard three shots outside.

Louis rushed to the window and saw five men next to the family's vehicle. The men saw him and shot at him, but missed. Louis ran outside with the family's dogs and the men fled.

Mr Francois de Villiers, the dead man's brother, said Louis had jumped into the bakkie and driven his father into town, but could not find the doctor.

Mr de Villiers was certified dead by a doctor at the police station.

Mrs de Villiers, who said her husband had been gunned down by five "well-dressed men", said that as he waited for a farm labourer to open the doors of the large shed adjoining the house three shots rang out. He fell forward on to the car hoofer.

"They had just come to kill André, but they could have walked in and shot all of us." Mrs de Villiers said her husband was wounded in a leg and died about 20 minutes later.

She had no doubts "The killing is politically motivated".

Mr Francois de Villiers said that as his brother died he whispered the name of ANC member Mr Valence Watson and said "Tell him we will work on this".

Mr Watson said Mr de Villiers had uncovered "only the tip of the iceberg" at a press conference at the ANC regional offices in Port Elizabeth yesterday, regional chairman Mr Linda Mtig said Mr de Villiers had died after he voluntarily approached the ANC's Matthew Goniwe Task Force with information.

Mr Mtig said Mr de Villiers was one of those brave compromisers who came forward and volunteered to speak to the ANC about what he had suspected.

"He was very concerned. Our links with him started three months ago. But he had not given us much except to tell us about the use of a paneleighting business - in which he had shares - by individuals to change car registration number plates and to respray those cars.

"He told us the men who brought the cars always wore balaclava caps and he recognised some of them as members of the Hammer Unit and this made him suspicious."

Mr de Villiers had mentioned some names - Staff Reporter Sapa
Commonwealth to appeal own orders

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The Commonwealth has appealed its own orders, seeking to overturn the decisions made by the state and local courts. The appeal is centered on the issue of the constitutionality of the orders, and the Commonwealth claims that they are unconstitutional. The appeal has been filed with the federal court of appeals, and a hearing is scheduled for next month.

Costant plans 'tax rebellion'

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Next week, 70% drop in company profits for the next quarter will be announced. This action will result in a reduction of 50% in the company's revenue, and will have significant implications for the company's financial stability. The company is expected to announce the cuts in a press release next week.

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When ABC man was killed

The police failed to intervene when ABC man was killed. According to ABC man's family, the police were notified of the incident but failed to take action. The family has filed a lawsuit against the police department, seeking compensation for the loss of their loved one.

Policy markup by market

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The market markup policy for ABC man has been marked up by 20%. This action has been taken to address the increased demand for ABC man's products, and to ensure that the company can continue to meet the needs of its customers. The markup will be effective for the next quarter, and will be reviewed at the end of the year.
Koevoet men's fate debated

By Abdul Milazi

The Namibian government should accept Koevoet members who wanted to return, to prevent them from committing further atrocities in South Africa, says Namibian Ministry of Information and Broadcasting secretary Bob Kandetu.

Speaking in Johannesburg on Monday, Mr Kandetu said Namibian ministers were debating the return of members of Koevoet, the controversial police paramilitary unit accused by the ANC of fomenting violence in South Africa.

"Any Namibian citizen serving in another country's army relinquishes his or her citizenship. Such people are not welcome in our country, especially those who were involved in the atrocities in South Africa. However, if we do not take them back they will continue killing people," said Mr Kandetu.

Police spokesman Captain Burger van Rooyen said there were 626 Koevoet members serving as "laborers" in the South African police force. He said all had been granted South African citizenship.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said the ANC wanted Koevoet to be disbanded.
ANC seeks meeting over alleged police complicity

THE ANC’s PWV region is organising a high-level meeting with the police to discuss a growing number of allegations of police complicity in violence, regional spokesman Ronny Mamoepa said yesterday.

He said the police were often present at the scene of shootings, but failed to take statements from witnesses. He accused the police of shooting at residents of Selby hostel on Tuesday.

“The police failed to apprehend the perpetrators but immediately opened fire on the hostel inmates who were giving chase,” he said.

Fourteen hostel dwellers had died in five separate attacks since mid-July, he said.

“In all incidences, police conduct has revealed an unwillingness to respond. Where they responded, the police surrounded or subjected the hostel to a search after an attack, taking no statements from witnesses,” Mamoepa said.

Police said yesterday they had been fired on when they tried to intervene in a gun battle at the hostel.

Automatic weapons and three other firearms were seized in a raid on the hostel, after a gun battle which left three dead and 11 injured, police said.

Sapa reports the SAP again complained yesterday the ANC was not abiding by the national peace accord, and that its allegations were designed to increase antagonism towards policemen.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Lt-Col Dave Bruce’s comments followed the shooting of Umkhonto we Sizwe member Lot Phalwane three days after his return from exile in Nigeria.

The ANC said Phalwane was shot dead in Alexandra township, north of Johannesburg, on Monday evening and that a police Casspir driving past at the time had failed to stop.

The statement that a police Casspir was in the area at the time of the shooting “is a well-known ANC ploy designed to create the perception that the police were, in some way or the other, involved,” the Human Rights Commission (HRC) said yesterday.

Violence reverted to “its usual intensity” last week following the departure of UN monitors. Seventy-two people died in the week ending Tuesday, it said.

Sapa reports a man was killed and five others wounded in an attack on commuters at Nancefield station in Soweto yesterday. In another incident, two three-year-old children were burnt to death at a house near Scottburgh on the Natal south coast.

Five men were killed in Umbumbulu near Durban, bringing the total number who died in unrest on Tuesday to eight. A five-year-old child was among the people killed.
'Killer was hit

STEFAANS BRUMMER
Staff Reporter
PORT ELIZABETH - Family and friends have attacked police statements that Mr André de Villiers, gunned down at his Addo farm on Monday after disclosing alleged hit-squad activities, seems a victim of common crime.

They point to evidence which seems to contradict police statements yesterday that robbery was the possible motive.

The evidence includes Mr de Villiers' dying words that "this is a political set-up" and signs that the killer was a professional marksman.

Eastern Province police commissioner, Major General Koos Calitz, said yesterday preliminary investigations indicated the motive was "a normal criminal act".

Police said their evidence was:
1. Empty bags found at the scene, probably intended to remove loot.
2. Five people would not be used to assassinate someone.
3. The pattern of the attack was the same as at "countless" farm robberies in the Eastern Cape.

HAMMER BASE? Auto Bodyworks, a panelbeating firm in Port Elizabeth, where Hammer activities allegedly took place. Mr De Villiers was co-owner with Mr Dave Mandel until about seven years ago.

- The attack took place in a well-lit area next to the house.
- A political assassin would rather have ambushed the car outside in the street, where he could not have been identified.

But Mr De Villiers' son, Louis, 18, who rushed his father to a doctor and the police station, said yesterday he had no explanation for his father's dying words that "this is a political set-up and a cover-up. Ask Valence Watson about it."

Mr De Villiers, 42, had earlier given information on hit squad activities to the ANC's task force investigating the Mathew Gouws murder and to Mr Watson, an ANC member.

Louise de Villiers yesterday disputed the police argument about the yard being well-lit, saying two of the three outside lights were the movement-sensitive type and would only have switched on after the arrival of his father's bakkie.

He added: "The house was open all day and night. All the doors were open. If they had wanted to rob they could have simply come in and shot us all."

Mr Watson commented on the police statement yesterday: "Of course they will say that. But his dying words to his son were that it was political and a cover-up. If a dying man had no need to lie, he said"

An Argus team at the De Villiers farm saw yesterday that three shots fired by the assailant - only one apparently did the shooting - were three or four looked on - at Louis and his stepmother, Elizabeth, as they looked from a window where they were watching the argument.

BULLET HOLE: The labourer, who does not want to be identified, who was with Mr De Villiers when he was shot, points to a bullet hole in the victim's bakkie.

An attempt on his life.

In the early hours of the morning Mr de Villiers was shot to death.

The trigger was pulled after his brother, Mr Francois de Villiers, said yesterday that the night before the bakkie was blown up at the farm and his brother had been Pollsmor.

About a week ago his brother had been pulled out of the farm and had been made a possible witness in the investigation of a murder.

Mr de Villiers had been seen in town on Monday and had been in a bar.

Mr de Villiers' brother, in a room, said yesterday: "The man who did this was armed. Why the other shots were fired then?"
Police attacked crowd, court told

By DALE GRANGER

RIOT POLICE under the command of a former Koevoet officer allegedly fired teargas into a Robertson community hall on April 11, 1990, trapping residents, before firing rubber bullets at them as they ran out of the hall.

This was evidence yesterday in the Worcester Regional Court where Major Johannes Calitz, 31, is being tried on charges of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and an alternative charge of negligently causing policemen under his command to shoot, causing 135 people to be injured.

Mr Franklin Keyster, the manager of the Cosy Cove Hotel, said he had watched policemen throw two objects into the hall. About two minutes later people ran screaming from the hall and about 10 to 15 policemen had fired at them as they fled, Mr Keyster said.

The trial continues today.
2 policemen killed escorting meat truck

Staff Reporters and Sapa

Two municipal policemen were shot with AK-47s while escorting a meat truck to a butchery in Katlehong, on the East Rand, yesterday.

Police spokesman Captain Burger van Rooyen said the murder brought to 143 the number of policemen killed this year. Last year, 145 policemen were killed.

The constables, whose names have not yet been released, were stationed in Katlehong.

The driver of the truck suffered several bullet wounds and was admitted to Natalpruit Hospital where he is in a stable condition.

Police said the policemen were robbed of their firearms.

Detectives of the East Rand Murder and Robbery Squad are investigating, and can be contacted with information at (011) 849-2020. All bona fide tip-offs are being offered.

In other unrest over the past two days:

• One person was killed and five were injured in a shooting at Nancefield station, Soweto, yesterday morning. Police said the shooting occurred when Nancefield hostel dwellers were boarding a train.

• At New Canada station, police removed the man’s body from the train.

• A man was killed and three people were arrested during a police raid on a home in Murchison, near Port Shepstone, yesterday.

Police said ANC member Sifiso Mgobhe (22) was killed when he pointed an AK-47 at policemen. Mr Mgobhe was wanted for murder.

However, the local branch of the ANC said Mr Mgobhe was alive and well. A spokesman said the ANC did not have to explain to the police why police uniforms were found in the house because the people arrested were not ANC members.

Police said an arms cache was also found during the raid, and they were investigating if the men were involved in Tuesday’s attack in the Umbumbulu area, south of Durban.

Five people, including a five-year-old, were killed when gunmen in security force clothing raided Mpumalanga township, at Umbumbulu. Yesterday, two more bodies were found in the vicinity of the attack. One, in an SAP camouflage jacket, is believed to have been one of the attackers.

• Three men were shot dead and 14, including a policeman, were wounded in a shootout at the Selby hostel in Johannesburg. On Tuesday night, Police searched the hostel yesterday and seized various weapons.

• A woman was stabbed to death in Alexandra, near Sandton, on Tuesday. Her body was found at the woman’s hostel in Fourth Avenue.
SCENE OF SHOOTING: The entrance to Mr De Villiers' farm Athelstone where he was gunned down on Monday night

Witness protection under spotlight

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA — Concern is being voiced in human rights circles over the adequacy of measures to protect potential witnesses in cases such as the Gonwé killings.

This comes after the murder of Mr André de Villiers who was giving information to the ANC and the Press about the "Hammer unit".

Sources say the murder will "scare off" others who might be able to shed light on crimes under investigation.

The sources believe witness protection programmes must be looked into again and that a widely publicised call should be made for witnesses to come forward — and it should be accompanied by the promise of full protection.

However, judicial sources said yesterday that informants revealing information which placed their lives at risk were not taking advantage of the State's existing witness protection programme.

According to Lawyers for Human Rights director Mr Brian Currin, this could be because witnesses feel "uncomfortable" about entrusting their safety to the State. He added he believed the State was not properly implementing its programmes in any case.

"Our programme is the only one functioning," he said. LHR funds and runs a witness protection programme independently of the State.

The Department of Justice disputed this, saying its programme — announced in a Government Gazette earlier this month for the purpose of protecting witnesses in court cases and the Goldstone Commission — is operating.

A departmental spokesman could not give further details, although Goldstone Commission vice chairman Mr Neil Rosseau confirmed the scheme was functional.

He said it was important for the public to know that protection was available in the form of safe houses, allowances and security.

Judicial sources in the eastern Cape, where dramatic evidence is unfolding regarding the SADF "Hammer unit" and its alleged connection with the Gonwé killings, said no informants had applied for witness protection. Mr De Villiers had apparently been advised to apply for protection but declined to do so.

Eastern Cape Attorney-General Michael Hodgen, who is heading a new probe into the Gonwé murders, said he had taken "extraordinary" measures prior to the State's protection scheme to safeguard a witness who supplied him with a list of names of people allegedly involved in murders. But she had "left of her own volition," he said.
Hammer probe: Cops ‘have info’

Own Correspondent
PORT ELIZABETH — The brother of Addo businessman Mr André de Villiers, who was murdered this week after disclosing information about the Goniwe murders, alleges the police have information about “the destruction of people”

Mr Francois de Villiers, an attorney, said the police were reluctant to follow up information about the Hammer unit which allegedly carried out political murders.

“My brother started investigating fraud at the Ibhayi city council some years ago. He told the police everything he knew. The matter was squashed. André gave details to the police and co-operated with them. He told them about the fraud. Later on he gave them information concerning the destruction of people. He saw certain things,” Mr De Villiers said.

“The strange thing is that the people involved in the frauds were also the people involved in the elimination of people.”

“Just before André’s death he phoned me in Pretoria to say he had more information. I said, ‘keep that information for when I come down (to the Eastern Cape).’”

● Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development Dr Tertius Delport yesterday denied Mr André de Villiers discussed the Hammer unit with him.

Dr Delport was asked to comment on a claim by Mr Valence Watson that Mr De Villiers had given Dr Delport information on the unit and people linked to it.
Addo killing: Suspects named

PORT ELIZABETH — Police last night released the names of the three men who have appeared in court in connection with the murder of Mr Andre de Villiers, the Addo farmer who was shot outside his home last Monday.

The men are Mr Xolani Mcinan, 23, Mr Tsimang Maki, 22, and Mr Lintile Stemela, 23.

One of the men appeared in the Kirkwood Magistrate's Court on Monday. The other two appeared in the same court yesterday.

Their appearances were brief; they were not asked to plead and no evidence was led. The case was postponed to September 1, when the men will appear in the court at Addo.

Mr De Villiers was shot hours after he spoke to ANC member Mr Valerie Watson about information he intended to disclose about the Hammer unit, which has been mentioned in connection with the killing of Mr Matthew Gennie and three other Catoedock activists.

The names of the suspects were withheld and their court appearances held in camera so as not to prejudice identification parades held on Monday and last night.

Police duty officer Captain Johan Victor said last night the police took one of the suspects to Mr De Villiers's farm, Atherstone, yesterday as part of the investigation.

Police are still searching for the fourth suspect.
Police unit on cycles for Boland

Staff Reporter

POLICEMEN on bicycles will soon patrol the Boland where a 30-man mobile unit has been introduced to stamp out the mounting suburban crime wave.

The unit consists of a caravan charge office, a mobile jail, two vans and six policemen on bicycles.

The mobile unit has been set up by Colonel Ferdi Louw, who heads the Stellenbosch Crime Prevention Unit to redress the "severe problem of housebreaking that have arisen in the area, especially in the case of the aged."

Yesterday the campaign began in Somerset West and each day the unit will appear in a randomly selected suburban or central district in Stellenbosch, Somerset West or the Strand. Soon bicycles on the beat will be a common feature of 20 other rural police stations, including Hermanus and Villiersdorp.

Police assistant Anthony Elias said cycling was better than being in a van.
‘Teargas caused chaos’

Warrant Officer pleads not guilty to charge of assault with intent

DI CAELERS
Staff Reporter

AS THE crowd at a Robertson community meeting sang Nkosikoe Lebela's 'I'm Afrika, teargas canisters were lobbed through a window, sending people screaming and crying in all directions, the Worcester Regional Court has heard.

Former advice office worker Mr Ignatius Davids told the court yesterday he was on the stage when he saw a man "with something in his hand" smash one of the hall windows. "More than one" tear gas canister came flying into the hall.

Chaos had ensued as the crowd panicked and broke open the side doors, falling over each other in their efforts to escape, he said.

Mr Davids was giving evidence in the trial of former Koevoet bush fighter Warrant Officer Dirk Daniel Johannes Calitz, 31, who has pleaded not guilty to assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm.

Witness Mr Franklin Keyser, manager of the Cosy Cove Hotel at Robertson, told the court he had watched from his hotel room as a policeman threw two "objects" through a window of the hall.

He said 10 to 15 policemen in "blue bush pants" had shot at the people as they fled.

Two other witnesses, Mrs Gertrude Adams and Miss Alfreda Carolus, alleged they had been knocked down as they ran from the hall.

Mrs Adams said she had found herself lying flat on one of the broken-down side doors but had "crawled out from under the people and ran to save my life." She was later treated for birdshot injuries to her neck, head, chest, both arms and her stomach.

According to Miss Carolus, she tripped and fell outside the hall. She leapt up and ran, only to find herself face-to-face with armed policemen. A man had run towards her shouting "Turn around girl or you'll be shot."

Both women claimed the meeting was "calm and orderly" prior to the arrival of the police.

Warrant Officer Calitz’s defence is that people at the meeting were breaking down the hall and had locked the doors so that the police could not enter. Police were later forced to fire because the people were attacking them.

The hearing continues.
Watson 'is next on Hammer death list

STEFAANS BRUMMER
Staff Reporter
PORT ELIZABETH — Violence Watson, friend and confidant of murdered Addo farmer Mr Louis de Villiers, believes he is "next on the list".

Mr Watson, who works for the ANC's human resources department, is the person Mr de Villiers confided in about the SADF's clandestine Hammer unit in the months before his death.

Mr Watson said a source had alleged that "laughing" Hammer members had said he was next.

He said Mr de Villiers approached him with allegations about a huge fraud involving the Ibhayi Town Council and the Hammer unit after going to the police, his Member of Parliament, Deputy Constitutional Development Minister Mr Tertius Delport, and Democratic Party MP Mr Eddie Trent, without success.

"Andre, who was apolitical, went to the police. He trusted them. He went to his Member of Parliament. He trusted him. He went to Trent. He trusted him. Then eventually he came to me in desperation."

Mr Delport has denied being approached by Mr de Villiers, but Mr Trent has confirmed that he was approached.

Mr Watson said Mr de Villiers had stumbled on the alleged Ibhayi fraud and Hammer activities when he was partner in a Port Elizabeth panelbeating business.

An example of the alleged fraud was to "get a vehicle from the Ibhayi Town Council to fix up a dent that would cost R100, but they would charge R10 000," Mr Watson said.

A cell of Hammer operatives also used the panel shop as a meeting place.

"They would come and have their meetings there. They would arrive and change their number plates."
Minister raises murder case reward to R50 000

LAW and Order Minister Hernus Kriel announced last night that, because of serious allegations of government involvement in the murder of Addo farmer Andre de Villiers, he was raising the reward from R10 000 to R50 000 for information leading to the conviction of the killers.

De Villiers' body was found on his farm on Monday. It is alleged he had information on an SAPS hit squad called the "Hammer unit" which allegedly could have been involved in the murder of Cradock activist Matthew Gonwe and three others.

Kriel said all avenues of investigation were to be pursued "with the greatest vigour in order to establish the truth as rapidly as possible".

He promised that a senior and experienced investigative team under the direction of Eastern Cape Regional Commissioner Major Gen Koos Calitz would be formed immediately to probe the case.

"I wish to give the assurance that everything possible will be done to apprehend those responsible for this murder and to establish the truth and motive behind his killing," Kriel said.

Meanwhile, at a news conference in Pretoria yesterday, President F W de Klerk raised the possibility of appointing a judicial commission of inquiry into Gonwe's death.

He said the latest information indicated a breakthrough in the investigation, but should prosecutions not follow the option of an inquiry could be exercised.

He said the De Villiers case was getting the best possible attention and, on his instructions, "no effort will be spared" to find the murderer.

Asked if he had confidence in his Military Intelligence chief Gen Joffel van der Westhuizen and whether it was not time to dispose of him, De Klerk said he had full confidence in the legal system and only once evidence was forthcoming and could be proved would he take action.

DP MP (PE Central) Eddie Trent said he and DP defence spokesman Gen Bob Rogers had sent a memorandum to De Klerk stating that De Villiers had information on the Hammer unit and its links with the killing of Gonwe and also with other serious fraud cases.

Trent said he had often spoken to De Villiers, who had made it clear he feared for his life. He said he and Rogers were collecting information.

The ANC called yesterday for the immediate introduction of a witness protection programme to be put under the direct control of the Goldstone commission.

"Such a witness protection programme should be widely publised in order to counter the reign of fear and terror that any potential witness is faced with," it said in a statement.

It said such steps were essential to ensure the murderers of Gonwe "and the many other SA patriots do not go free".

"The events of the past days only strengthen our belief that there are highly placed people in government and security structures who are desperate to prevent their involvement in murder and political terror being revealed. In this reason government is now so eager to declare a blanket amnesty," it added.

Police success rate greatly improved, says Kriel

Police were CRM-fighting methods, improved equipment and an expanded personnel base had greatly strengthened the efficiency and success of the police, Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel told a media briefing yesterday.

He said a decision was imminent. Kriel said more than 2 400 police assistants had been posted countrywide this year, and more than 3 400 assistants were in training. In September a further 3 020 assistants would start training.

Kriel said a matter of extreme concern was the number of police being attacked. To date, 145 had been killed. Drastic protective measures had to be taken, which included providing bullet-proof jackets.

On CB radio crime, Kriel said more than 75 business owners had been established countrywide with more than 450 policemen involved. More than 25 000 businesses were visited each week.

He said an efficient informer system was in place. The reward system had also been upgraded. Since March, an additional 2 550 informers had been registered.

Kriel said the crime prevention exercises held countrywide recently would be held regularly.

The police air wing had also been invaluable in the crime fight and, when used, led to a reduction of up to 80% on crime in a region.

There was a need for more aircraft, and if additional channels were made available, this would be put in place.

Kriel said of the 200 satellite police stations envisaged, 50 were in operation and an additional 180 stations were being planned.

A further 32 contact police points had also been established since March as well as 10 mobile stations.
ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

I am amazed that the police will let me drive my car
with a wind turbine instead of a gasoline engine.

I understand that the police have been
looking for new sources of energy
since they were not satisfied with
the energy produced by the
windmills.

Jacqueline Golding spoke
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Forensic chief Neethling calls it a day

By Helen Graae
Pretoria Bureau

General Neethling became well-known after renegade former policeman captain Dirk Coetzee named him as the alleged mastermind behind the concoction of poisons designed to kill ANC members.

In a subsequent R1,5 million defamation action by General Neethling against Vrye Weekblad and The Weekly Mail over the publication of Mr Coetzee's claims, the court found General Neethling had lied to both the court and the Harms Commission of Inquiry into politically motivated murders.

Replying to questions yesterday about the circumstances of his retirement, General Neethling said “I am just retiring. I have been in the civil service since 1997.”
Neethling calls for stronger policing

PRETORIA — Police forensics specialist General Lothar Neethling says he opposes efforts to force the SAP into softer policing policies.

He told a Johannesburg newspaper this week that he thought the police force should become stronger and more autocratic. The masses could not be controlled without a strong police force, as in Japan.

A bill of rights would solve nothing, and a structure should be created to make South Africans more law-abiding, he said.

General Neethling, 57, retires on August 31 — Sapa (253) C.R. 21/8/92
Court told of chaos in teargassed hall

By DALE GRANGER

In the trial of a former Koevoet officer, the court was told yesterday of the chaos inside the Robertson Community Hall after police had fired teargas.

A man who had attended the meeting told the court he had struggled through the hall looking for his wife as people were panicking, trying to escape.

"After the first shots went off it was chaos. People were pleading and praying just to get out," Mr. Willem Maurise, 36, said.

The policeman in command of the riot unit sent to the hall, Warrant Officer Dirk Calitz, 31, has pleaded not guilty to a charge of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and to the alternative charge of negligently ordering policemen to shoot and cause 125 people to be injured.

Mr. Maurise said he had found his wife on the stage of the hall twice but after losing her again he could not breathe and "just wanted fresh air."

"People were pushing up against the main doors and it was dark from the smoke. After I got out they (the police) shot at me but missed," he said.

Mr. Maurise said he had run from the police but was shot in the calf. Later he was taken to hospital in a bakkie and the next morning he met up with his wife, whose arm and leg were in plaster.

Mr. Willie Matthis said the police had fired their guns for about five minutes and when he escaped from the hall he was confronted with between five and 10 policemen and was shot in the back of the leg and wounded behind the ear.

Mr. Matthis said he had hidden behind a wall for about five minutes.

The trial continues today.
ANC is harassed by police, MP says

Political Staff

The police are harassing and terrorising the ANC in the rural areas of the Western Cape, the ANC MP for Claremont, Mr Jan van Eck, said yesterday.

The Defence Force in the Western Cape had "a fine record", but this was not the case with the police.

Mr Van Eck told an Institute of Citizenship meeting in Cape Town that he had experienced police harassment of the ANC in recent trips to the rural areas.

Tyres slashed

"Everywhere we went we were pursued by the police."

An ANC organiser had his tyres slashed at Oudtshoorn but was not even allowed to lay a charge.

Mr Van Eck said that if an ANC government used such tactics, he would fight them.

In the two years since President FW de Klerk had taken over government, there had been more killings than ever.

The present security forces had to be purged very seriously and very deeply.
AN ORDERLY meeting turned into chaos when riot police under the command of a former Koevoet officer fired tear gas into a hall in Robertson in 1990, the Worcester Regional Court has been told.

This was the evidence of a furniture salesman, Mr Willem Mauries, who was testifying in the trial of Warrant Officer Dirk Daniel Johannes Calitz, 31, who has pleaded not guilty to assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm.

Warrant Officer Calitz was in charge of a riot unit sent to Robertson where a meeting was being held to protest against electricity and water costs and housing shortages.

The State alleges that more than 100 people were injured after Warrant Officer Calitz gave the order to fire tear gas into the hall and later rubber bullets and birdshot at the fleeing crowd.
Larger SAP more efficient now — Kriel

SAP's decision to exit the market

SAID, a decision to exit the

market, following months of

negotiations and uncertainty, was

made after extensive discussions

with SAP's management team and

customers.

"We have been working very

hard to ensure a smooth transition,

"SAP's CEO said. "We understand

the concerns of our customers and

will work closely with them to

ensure a seamless transition."
Police tortured 15 --- forensic expert

"The police themselves need such inquests," Simpson continues. "Our system needs a police force and it needs to function properly. That is why so many countries, even where police misconduct is very rare, have elaborate procedures to prevent it and a proper system of investigation to check and balance it."

The problem, he feels, is not only that the state batters and/or conceals its own medical evidence, but that it is impossible to prove allegations of torture in court. "If you have been detained under Section 29," he says, "you are in solitary confinement and are not even allowed a pen and paper to keep notes. You are in a situation in which it is very difficult to keep track of time and of events, and there is no one independent to check up on your bruises.

"If indeed you are assaulted, only the very people you assault have the hard evidence, and they are hardly going to testify against themselves."

Unless victims have actually lost eyes or suffered permanent physical damage, it is improbable testimony versus that of policemen who can refer to lengthy docket-books.

Furthermore, the victims are often poor black people who do not have the resources to fight the state, which has access to as much expert legal and medical advice as it needs. Attorney Shirley Walsh, who represents many torture victims, says: "The majority of these cases are settled out of court, for minimal sums. If the points are to discipline the police and compensate the victims, these out-of-court settlements fail on both counts."
Valuable leads' in Addo case

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — A major breakthrough in the investigation of the murder of Addo farmer Mr Andre de Villiers can be expected soon, Eastern Cape Police Commissioner Major-General Koos Calitz said yesterday.

He said it was not possible to give further information.

The police investigation was at a sensitive stage and valuable leads were being followed up. General Calitz said.

Police spokesman Captain Henry Chalmers said the attackers were five black men.

Speaking from Addo, widow Mrs Liz de Villiers said: "I know they were black men because I saw one of them firing at me in the house. I'm not entirely sure, but I think there were about five of them."

"I have a vivid picture of the man who fired at me. The bullets hit the wall. But we knew that Andre had been hit. Our concern was for Andre at that moment, not ourselves."

"Andre had fallen forward on the hooter and the hooter was going all the time."

Asked if there was light enough for her to see clearly the face of the man who shot at her, she said: "The main lights were on, but the lights that go on and off (security lights activated by activity) were on and I have a vivid recollection of his face."

MPs ask for full probe of Hammer

Political Staff

THE prompt action taken by President FW de Klerk over the murder of Mr Andre de Villiers was welcome, but his announcement was disappointing, the Democratic Party said yesterday.

The MP for Port Elizabeth Central, Mr Eddie Trent, and the MP for Walmer, Lieutenant-General Bob Rogers, said in a joint statement that they had requested that the whole field of covert operations in PE, particularly those of the SADF's Hammer unit, should be investigated.

There appeared to be a link between the murder of Mr Mathew Gouws and three others, the arrest of Ms Pamela du Randt, allegedly an ex-member of Hammer, in London recently, corruption in Ibhays, the tapping of Mr Adrian Vlok's telephone and the murder of Mr De Villiers.

Law and Order Minister Mr Hermus Kriel has announced that the reward for information leading to conviction of the murderers has been increased from R10 000 to R50 000.

- Democratic Party MP for PE Central Mr Eddie Trent and MP for Walmer Lieutenant-General Bob Rogers yesterday said in a joint statement they were pleased that the Goldstone Commission had a representative in the investigation.

He is Lieutenant-Colonel Henk Heslings, who this week inspected the scene of the murder and has returned to Pretoria to report to Mr Justice Goldstone.
Street kids to meet with cops

By Lucas Mathe

TALKS HAVE been scheduled between police and street children in an attempt to end alleged harassment.

The Cape Town children’s project, Molo Songololo, last week organised a delegation of street children to hand a list of complaints to police detailing alleged maltreatment.

In the last 15 children alleged that on at least 12 occasions they were harassed or arrested by police.

During several of the incidents they claimed to have suffered physical abuse at the hands of police officers.

The boys alleged that during some of the arrests they were tear-gassed in police cells. Some claimed they were sprayed with teargas in the face, kicked and punched.

In the most severe case, according to Molo Songololo, a boy received stitches in hospital after he had allegedly been kicked several times by police.

“Every time we were picked up we were punched and kicked and our faces sprayed with teargas,” said the children, whose ages range from 14 to 18 years.

Mr Patric Solomon of Molo Songololo said they wanted to draw attention of the police to the plight of children.

Police spokesperson Major Deneke Brand said a meeting would be set up between street children and the station commanders of Woodstock and Mowbray police stations.

“I specifically asked the children whether the complainants wanted to lay charges. They said they would find out and let me know,” Brand said.

She added police could not investigate any cases of assault until formal complaints had been made.

“To date no official docket has been registered of any alleged police harassment or assault.”
Cop deaths: Five Soweto men held

JOHANNESBURG — Soweto police have arrested five men they believe are responsible for murdering policemen in the township, police confirmed yesterday.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Eugene Henning said detectives had recovered eight weapons including four police service pistols, but that their serial numbers had been filed off and it was difficult to trace them to their owners.

Lieutenant Henning said ballistic tests would be conducted to match the weapons with their owners.

At least 145 policemen have been killed in South Africa since the beginning of the year, but Lieutenant Henning could not say how many of the deaths occurred in Soweto.

The suspects are expected to appear in court on Monday.

Three people were killed and eight others, including a policeman and a youth, were injured in violence mainly on the Witwatersrand, according to the yesterday's police unrest report.

In the only incident reported in the Western Cape, a man was injured when a group of people stoned buses at Nyanga.

Police arrested 150 people when a large group of demonstrators refused to leave the premises of a firm on the Sebokeng road near Vereeniging after their employers had obtained a court order.

The police confiscated several firearms and ammunition after a raid in Thokoza, near Alberton, which ended in the early hours yesterday.

The SAP will maintain a "visible police presence" in the East Rand's Chris Hani squatter camp this weekend following information about a planned attack there.

A spokesman said yesterday that information had been received that "a confrontation would take place" on the nights of August 22 and 23 between "Amabatho" and Inkatha in the Chris Hani squatter camp, in the Daveyton area.

"Amabatho" was understood to be a Xhosa faction, he said. — Own Correspondent and Sapa.

IFP calls for 'ANC' probe

DURBAN. — The IFP is to call on the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry to investigate alleged ANC involvement in the massacre at Mpumalanga, outside Polokwane, in the mainland of South Africa.

Speaking at a press conference in Durban yesterday, IFP Umzimkhulu branch head Mr. Reuben Mfeka said the IFP would ask the Goldstone Commission "to probe into the alleged abuses of members of the ANC's self defence units."

An ANC spokesman said.

"The impression I get is that these statements were not drafted by the leadership of the IFP but by police headquarters in Pretoria." — Sapa
Former Springbok denies part in covert activities

Weekend Argus Reporter

BUSINESSMAN and former Springbok hang-glider Mr Dave Mandel of Port Elizabeth has again denied being party to covert activities alleged to have taken place at his panel-beating shop.

In two statements, one issued through attorneys, he also states that he did not observe any activities, allegedly involving the “Hammer” unit, taking place at the shop.

He was responding to various reports published this week following the shooting of Eastern Cape farmer Mr Andre de Villiers. It has been alleged that Mr De Villiers was providing information to assist in investigations into the death of Cradock activist Mr Matthew Gomwe in 1985.

In his statement, Mr Mandel confirms that Mr De Villiers was a director of the panel-beating company during 1984-88, at which stage Mr Mandel was also a director. Mr De Villiers did not take part in the day-to-day running of the business, Mr Mandel says, and he left in 1986.

Mr Mandel confirms that he joined the Hammer unit as part of his national service but denies being involved in or observing any unlawful activities. Nor did any covert activities take place at the premises of the panel-beating business, as referred to by Mr De Villiers and published in various reports. He also strenuously denies that he was involved in any fraud with the Ibhayi Town Council. The allegations are “false and malicious” and are “based on unfounded and unproven hearsay statements.”

“Although the true facts may eventually show that frauds had been committed in dealings between the Ibhayi Town Council and private firms and/or individuals and that the Hammer units carried on unlawful activities, I have strenuously denied, and continue to do so, that I have ever been involved in such activities,” Mr Mandel says.

Since 1989, the police have investigated charges involving a total of R3 080 against my company and eventually brought charges against my brother and I. Despite lengthy investigation by the police, the charges were withdrawn as long ago as July 25 1991.”

Mr Mandel says that quoting information given by Mr Valence Watson to The Argus is “absurd and untrue”; he appeals for the matter not to be prejudged “on the basis of reckless allegations.”

Murder leads followed up

PORT ELIZABETH. - The Commissioner of Police in the Eastern Cape, Major-General Koos Calitz, expects an important breakthrough in investigations into the murder of Addo farmer Mr Andre de Villiers.

He said yesterday it was not possible, however, to disclose more. Investigations were “at an extremely sensitive stage” and valuable leads were being followed up. — Saps.
Alleged 'poison'
policeman to retire

JOHANNESBURG — Police forensic chief Lieu-
tenant-General Lothar Neethling is to retire at the
end of the month.

General Neethling became well known after
renegade policeman Captain Dirk Coetzee named
him as the alleged mastermind behind the conco-
tion of poisons designed to kill ANC members.

In a subsequent R1.5-million defamation action
by General Neethling against Vrye Weekblad and
The Weekly Mail over the publication of Captain
Coetzee's claims, the court found General Neeth-
iling had lied to both the court and the Harms Com-
mmission of Inquiry into politically motivated mur-
ders.

Police decided not to suspend him on the
grounds that it would conduct its own investigation
into the findings and those of the commission. Gen-
eral Neethling's appeal against the court's finding
is pending.
General Swart hopes to change

The ISD is a combination of all riot police units. As part of the process of change, and to foster police relations with the community - the ISD will move to a new building in Pretoria in October. Those who serve the community will be separated from those who "repraise riots".

Although this narrowly parallels the Goldstone commission recommendations, General Swart is vague when questioned about recommendations, especially those concerning community policing and demonstrations and protests.

However, a pale blue folder with "Dr Waddington" stencilled on its spine (the Waddington report of the Goldstone commission strongly criticized police investigations into the Bophelong massacre) sits on a shelf.

The ISD is changing its external appearance - new uniforms are being designed to replace the camouflage, pale sparrow green Casspars are replacing the bright yellow and blue of conventional police Casspars.

But, apart from the painting of its ships, more careful selection of policemen is under way. Psychometric evaluations are being carried out on all ISD policemen.

"I've been a sitting politician. I'm concerned that some members have been attached to old riot units for 10 or 12 years," says General Swart.

"I think they should go back to normal police duties. If they are attached to riot units for too long, death doesn't matter; they become insensitive. I'm concerned about this."

Born in the small community of Great Brak River in the Cape, Johan Swart, son of a factory worker, has spent his long time living in Pretoria and home at the age of 16 to become a policeman in Pretoria.

He is always seeking ways to interact with communities and cut crime. In Welkom in the mid-80s he spearheaded a township clean-up campaign and had a "toffee for tyres" project to combat neck-lacing.

Children were given handfuls of toffees for each tyre they brought in.

He is sensitive to the fact that communities want charity less than they want dignity. "If we are to change the perception that people in black areas have about the police, and to win their goodwill, our own actions and attitudes must change. We live in a changed country," he says.

General Swart's three children are all policemen, and this week he became a grandfather. "While I'm serving the police I want to serve my grandchildren and your children."
Cop arrested for brutal slaying of injured ANC men

By FRED KHUMALO

HEADS rolled in the SA Police force this week as sinister circumstances surrounding the death of two northern Natal ANC activists came to light.

On Thursday an Empangeni warrant officer was arrested following the ANC's evidence which stated that after a shootout last Friday morning, Bongani Mthethwa and Simon Mawelli were killed following their arrest.

Police said the shootout took place when they swooped on a house being used as Mawelli's hideout in the KwaSokhulu settlement near Empangeni. In the ensuing shootout three policemen were shot dead.

A police statement said Mawelli was shot in the stomach, and his accomplice Mthethwa was wounded in the leg. They were subsequently arrested.

Dark story of custody deaths will see the light

Mawelli was being sought by the police in connection with murder and an attack on a police helicopter early this year.

A police autopsy report released on Friday contradicted the previous police statement.

The autopsy report listed the cause of death as "multiple gunshot wounds".

Forensic pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman performed a second autopsy on the two men. He will release his report to lawyers this week.

Members of the SAP and the SADF were initially held in connection with the deaths but were later released.

A warrant officer is expected to appear in court tomorrow.

DP violence monitor Roy Ainslie said on the day of the incident he received a call from a concerned person saying the men were in custody but were not receiving medical treatment. Ainslie phoned the Empangeni police station and checked that the two activists were alive. The captain confirmed that Mawelli and Mthethwa were alive and receiving medical attention.

"But 10 minutes later I received a call from the captain saying the men had been killed in the shootout," said Ainslie.

He said it was clear that "between KwaSokhulu and Empangeni the two men were just blasted away".
Man shot in genitals by cop — action call

HANOVER PARK residents have appealed for action to be taken against a policeman they allege shot an innocent man in the genitals.

According to a statement signed at the weekend by 42 Hanover Park residents who claim to have witnessed the shooting of Mr Steven Brown 10 days ago, a "drunken" detective had arrived at Walvis Court in Hanover Park and fired several shots while shouting abuse at residents.

An official police statement said people had thrown stones at the policeman and he had been attacked by a dog as he tried to investigate illegal liquor sales. It said he fired two shots at a man who had threatened him with a knife, wounding him in the genitals.

But the residents said Mr Brown was accosted as he passed on his bicycle.

Police liaison officer Colonel Anthony Dewhurst said: "The police are taking statements, and these will be forwarded to the attorney-general for a decision on whether to prosecute."
after arrests

Murder row grows

The newspaper reported that the police had arrested several suspects in connection with the murder investigation. The suspects were believed to be linked to a local gang. The community was on high alert and demanded justice for the victim.

The police were working around the clock to gather evidence and interview witnesses. They were also increasing patrols in the area to ensure the safety of the community.

In a separate incident, a woman was reported missing. The police were conducting a wide search for her, and the community was urged to report any sightings.

The local government called for a meeting with the community to discuss crime prevention strategies. They encouraged residents to be vigilant and report any suspicious activities.

The situation was tense, but the community was united in their demand for justice and safety.
MIAMI, the fiercest Stateside battle is threatening to_split婴幼儿
touch and bitterness strength.

Authoritative sources in the Miami area say two individuals of unknown identity were killed during a violent clash between white and black factions in the city last night.

Two men were reported to have been shot dead in a cafe in the Little Havana district of the city, where racial tension has been high for several weeks.

Residents of the area said the incident was the latest in a series of violent confrontations between blacks and whites.

Meanwhile, in South Africa, President P.W. Botha has announced the formation of a new national unity government to tackle the country's problems.

The government will include representatives of all political parties and will be chaired by a neutral figure, according to Botha.

The announcement follows months of negotiation between the government and opposition parties, including the African National Congress (ANC).

The ANC has been banned in South Africa since the mid-1970s, but the government has been under pressure to allow it to play a role in the political process.

Hugo, a black militant, has been detained by the government for his alleged involvement in recent violence.

Hugo, 35, is said to have been implicated in the killing of a white farmer in the Transkei region.

He is being held under the Terrorism Act, which allows for indefinite detention without trial.

The government has been accused of using violence to suppress dissent and maintain control.

In its reaction, the government has argued that it is necessary to maintain order and stability.

A new force to counter black violence, sabotaging the negotiations process and planning to retain an independent power base irrespective of any negotiated settlement.

He said this was born in the early '80s under the protection of former president Mr. P.W. Botha's State Security Council and operated on the basis of minimal political accountability.

Colonel Hugo was reported as saying this was now out of control and the disbandment of units such as the CCB and "Hammer" had no effect because their original design allowed them to operate independently.

He said these units were cut off from their sources of intelligence and told they must identify and act against political targets.

He alleges President F.W. de Klerk and his ministers "don't know even half of what is going on today," and says the government faces an acute dilemma — in moving to re-assert control over rogue elements the government could risk losing the support of the security forces as well as the exposure of political figures.

In its reaction, the ANC called on the Goldstone Commission to advertise its witness protection programme.

Mr. Brian Curran, director of Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR), said Colonel Hugo was a reliable and accurate source.

Mr. Curran said the government was not investigating the possibility of a third force because it had publicly claimed there was no such thing.

ANC spokesman Ms. Gill Marcus and past activities of the security forces had to be made public for the political process to go forward.

The Law and Order Ministry was locked in meetings yesterday and no spokesmen could be reached for comment.
PRETORIA — A witness in the Goldstone Commission committee inquiring into violence on trains yesterday described how he was sold out by members of the police to Nancefield hostel dwellers after providing police with information about illegal firearms.

The witness, referred to only as Mr. O, said on three occasions he had taken police to the predominantly Inkatha hostel, where he stayed, to point out people in possession of firearms and perpetrators of train attacks, and this had led to arrests.

He said he had to leave the hostel after being sold out.

"My problem is not with the whole police force, but with Capt. Vermaak and his group who told hostel people that I was giving information to the police," he said.
R50 000 reward for Addo information.
Dismay over W Cape police chief shake-up

Staff Reporters

THERE was disquiet in the ANC (Western Cape) and city police ranks today over the announcement that the head of the Criminal Intelligence Service is to become regional commissioner of police in the Western Cape.

Lieutenant-General Piet Viljoen comes to replace Major-General Nick Acker, who has been regional commissioner for just over a year.

General Acker was praised by Claremont MP and ANC member Mr Jan van Eck, who said he would be missed as chief of police in the region.

The move is in keeping with the announcement by the commissioner of police, General Johan van der Merwe, that one of the aims of restructuring the force is to devolve power to the regions as far as possible.

ANC Western Cape publicity secretary Mr Maxwone Jacobs said it was "inappropriate" that Criminal Intelligence Service personnel were being appointed to "sensitive" positions.

The service is staffed largely by former security policeman and was formed when President De Klerk disbanded the security police.

"We really don't think it is appropriate to appoint CIS members in sensitive positions, given the record of the security police," Mr Jacobs said.

Mr Van Eck said General Acker had "improved the relationship between police and the black community tremendously" and hoped General Viljoen would follow his approach.

A top police source said today he believed there might be ructions following the announcement of General Viljoen's transfer.

"While not wanting to cast aspersions on the abilities of General Viljoen, he is a quiet type of person and not a go-getter like General Acker."

General Acker is overseas and could not be contacted.
Police harvest crop of thieves with 24-hour farm patrols

JOHAN SCHRÖNEN, Crime Staff

A ROUND-THE-CLOCK “farm watch” is operating in the Philippi area, where crippling crime has become a way of life for some farmers and driven others from their land.

Farmers say equipment and produce worth more than R300 000 has been stolen since the beginning of the year.

“Just this month, irrigation equipment worth more than R14 000 has been stolen from fields which are impossible to guard day in and day out,” said Sergeant Janne Rupperberg, who heads the patrol and owns a smallholding in the area.

“Last week Mr. William Ohlson, of Klein Rietvlei farm, was attacked and robbed of R1 000 by two men who surprised him at the gate of his farm.

“Mr. Ohlson stopped at the gate to remove a tree stump which had been placed in the road to block his way, apparently by his attackers.

“He was knocked over the head, robbed of his wallet and the men fled.”

After several meetings between farmers and police, Athlone CID chief Brigadier Jan Benadie set up the unit of eight men, which started operating at the beginning of the month.

The police team patrols the farms and surrounding area in shifts.

Delighted farmers offered to finance a new patrol vehicle and set up a base at a Philippi business centre.

Sergeant Rupperberg said crime prevention in the area was a team effort by the community and the police.

“Ease of access for the Farmers to the new patrol was important and a radio communications channel on the farmers’ own radio network has been set up to connect farmers with the patrol,” he said.

“They use a separate commercial band to send urgent messages to minimise response time.

“In its first two weeks of existence the patrol has already resulted in a more intimate relationship between the police and the community on all levels, from farmer to labourer.

“In the first two weeks several arrests have been made, including five for murder, five for stock theft and three for housebreaking.”

He added “It is a good idea to tailor-make a police patrol to suit a specific community with its own unique needs, such as the Philippi farmers.

“The Cape Flats is a vast and varied area with dunes, gravel roads and waterlogged plains which require a special patrol.”
Third Force exists - officer

A FORMER senior officer in the SADF Military Intelligence has broken cover to support claims about a current Third Force network made up of serving and former members of the State's security apparatus.

He has told American and British newspapers that this Third Force is today actively fomenting black-on-black violence, sabotaging the negotiations process, and planning to retain an independent power base irrespective of any negotiated settlement.

Colonel Gert Hugo is the second most senior source from within security circles to have gone public on the Third Force.

He says he knows from direct experience that such a network is now operating, with the support of top figures in the security forces.
Lawyers criticise cell death inquests

The objectivity of certain inquest magistrates in dealing with deaths in detention was questioned by a Johannesburg lawyer yesterday.

Speaking at a Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) news conference, attorney Lawley Sheen, who regularly represents the families of deceased prisoners, called for all inquests into deaths in detention to be heard by "at least a Supreme Court judge".

Sheen pointed out that magistrates started their careers in the Justice Department as prosecutors, and some retained a "civil servant attitude".

However, LHR attorney David Dison said the current failure of the inquest system could be blamed on an "extreme case overload", rather than subjectivity of presiding officers.

The reason cell deaths continued on a regular basis - 80 this year - was because the inquest system simply did not work, Dison said.

He called for a special unit to investigate alleged deaths of detainees at the hands of police.

The LHR called yesterday's news conference after Sheen failed in his bid to have the inquest of Bethuel Maphumulo conducted by a judge rather than a magistrate.

Maphumulo, 31, handed himself over to the Soweto Murder and Robbery Unit on December 11 1996, in connection with theft, on the understanding that bail would be granted at his first court appearance.

Three days later he was dead. The police explanation was that Maphumulo had drowned in a swimming pool while attempting to escape.

But two post-mortem reports - one by the state pathologist and one by independent pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman - indicated the cause of death was "multiple injuries" and the fracture of the hyoid bone in the neck.

At the time, Gluckman said such a fracture was highly suggestive of manual strangulation.

"Despite Sheen having pointed out the contradictions between the police version and the post-mortem report, the Attorney-General has left the matter in the hands of a magistrate when there is a prima facie case of murder," said LHR Witwatersrand regional director Ahmed Motara.

The LHR claimed that Justice Minister Kobe Coetsee earlier gave an undertaking that a judge would conduct the inquest into every death in detention in respect of which Gluckman prepared a report, and sufficient evidence existed to warrant it.

However, Coetsee's undertaking only extended to four specific files handed to him by Gluckman earlier this year, said Von Lieres.

Meanwhile, Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) director Brian Currim has called former Military Intelligence colonel Gert Hugo - who claimed he knew that hit squads were still operating - a "rank charlatan".

Hugo told several overseas publications that the "third force" was activelyomenting black-on-black violence, sabotaging negotiations and planning an independent power base.

Currim said government was not investigating the third force because it had called it did not exist.

The Law and Order Ministry was in meetings yesterday and no spokesmen could be reached for comment.

Nest egg plan by MPs 'is off'

The last tranche of the so-called "nest egg" for opposition Members of Parliament (MPs) was not covered by the government's "some money for some members" scheme.

Political staff A MOVE by government MPs to finance their own offices before the current Parliament is replaced by an interim government was off, said NP chief whip Reepile Nienaber.

Details of a wide range of proposals to change pensions, grants, tax and medical aid schemes were submitted to the current Parliament.

But an angry Nienaber yesterday said the matter had been raised as part of routine follow-up reports from MPs.
Students' Union

AVB agrees to

KATHMANN STRAWHART

The occupation of Union Hall (AVB

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DP demands third force probe

THE DP called yesterday for an urgent judicial inquiry into all covert activities, because allegations of a third force were becoming increasingly believable.

DP national chairman Ken Andrew said in a statement there were so many inexplicable incidents of politically inspired violence and ample evidence of abuse of power in the security forces that former military intelligence officer Col Gert Hugo's revelations this week made the need for a probe urgent.

Andrew said Hugo's claim that covert units operated independently of the rest of the intelligence community confirmed what the DP's research department had already deduced.

President F.W. de Klerk needed to grasp the nettle and order a "full investigation and a full disclosure."

‘Assassins must face trial’

STATE-hacked killers would have to stand trial when a new government was in place, but that government could pardon them, the ANC's official journal Mayibuye says.

"The ANC has said that it is not opposed to a general amnesty in principle. A negotiated resolution of any conflict entails a measure of reconciliation. But this cannot be a pious forgive-and-forget operation.

"What is being forgiven and forgotten has to be fully disclosed. Trials and pardons can (then) follow.

"The criminals cannot forgive themselves. Only a representative government can consider this.

"The decision to have such an amnesty cannot be taken by an elite. It affects those who have lost their loved ones and society as a whole. There are those out in hell already -- and they want to pull the rest of the country with them."

Mayibuye says.

Mayibuye also says the ANC and its allies will hold a week of mass action in October.

It quotes ANC campaigns head Ronnie Kasrils as saying: "We are now in phase four of the campaign for peace and democracy. We must keep the tap open for mass action to continue rolling."

Mayibuye says the next phase of mass action will unfold around the issues of interim government and a constituent assembly, the SABC, hospital workers, homeland repression, food prices and the drought, and political prisoners.

It says a conference of forces which support the demands will be held in October and that a week of mass action will be organised.
De Villiers murder suspects are named

PORT ELIZABETH — Three men who have appeared briefly in court charged with murdering Addo farmer Mr Andre de Villiers, who was shot dead outside his home last Monday, have been named by the police.

They are Mr Xolani Ngemane, 23, Mr Tamsanqa Oliver Mali, 22, and Mr Landile Sitemela, 23. They appeared in the Kirkwood Magistrate's Court but were not asked to plead.

The hearing was postponed to September 1, when the men will appear in court at Addo.

Police are still searching for a fourth suspect.

The men's names had earlier been withheld pending identification parades, which were held on Monday and last night.

Mr de Villiers' widow Liz, 37, attended the identification parade, as did his employee Mr Greg Higgins.

Police took one of the suspects to Atherstone farm yesterday as part of the investigation.

Mr de Villiers was shot hours after he spoke to ANC member Mr Valence Watson about information he would disclose concerning the activities of an undercover SADF unit known as "Hammer".

The unit was allegedly responsible for the killings seven years ago of United Democratic Front activist Mr Matthew Genwe and three other UDF activists.

ANC regional president Linda Mtoba said she had been given the names of the accused and would comment after meeting lawyers today.

ANC spokesman Ms Gill Marcus declined to say if two of the men were members of its armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, as police allege, and said she would issue a statement only after the ANC had completed its own investigation into the matter.

Mr Watson claimed he had received a death threat on the telephone last night from a man who spoke English with an Afrikaans accent.

"Is that Valence Watson? I have a bullet with your name on it," then put the phone down — Sapa
R1.3m police station opens

Staff Reporter

ALEXANDER BAY. — South Africa could not advance without full cooperation between the police and the community, the former deputy minister of law and order, Mr. Johan Scheepers, said here.

He spoke at the opening yesterday of a R1.3 million police station.

About 300 people, including 90 prominent policemen and former policemen from around the country, attended the opening, held outside the new complex.

The station was financed by state-owned mining company Alexander. Oct. 15, 72.
Police face top-level shake-up

Staff Reporters
A TOP-LEVEL police shake-up is on the cards as speculation grows that up to a quarter of the general staff could be asked to retire early.

Police sources confirmed today that rumours had been circulating for some time that a number of generals could be asked to go.

The general staff is said to be more than 50 strong. It was expanded some years ago with the regionalisation of the police force.

A source said the reason for the move could be to make room for officers of colour at the top of the force.

He also confirmed that a letter outlining plans to give more junior police officers the chance of early retirement had been received at Western Cape regional police headquarters yesterday.

The plans stipulate that candidates must be over 50 and have at least 10 years' service. The source questioned the move and said another recent letter from police headquarters had said the policy of early retirement must stop.

Another source said police headquarters was "far too big," adding: "Decentralisation is the way we are going and we do not need such a big headquarters staff."

He believed that generals who retired early would not be replaced "per se." "But with the changing circumstances in the country, new posts need to be created."

One of the most immediate needs was for a chief of community policing.

The source said the fact that there were no generals of colour needed to be addressed and it was possible that "a black general in charge of community policing might be the first."

He speculated that the appointment could be made in the next few months.

Captain Craig Kotze, Ministry of Law and Order press secretary, said the ministry was not prepared to comment on speculation. An announcement would be made later by Minister Herman Kriel.

However, he said the police was a "living organism" and retirements were "part and parcel of the normal coming and goings" within the force.
Flats attitude kinder — SAP

THE SAP said yesterday there has been "a positive change of attitude" by Khayelitsha residents towards the police.

Station commander Lieutenant-Colonel Winston Heunis said the police needed the help of all the people in Khayelitsha to combat crime.

"If the police and our residents work together to prevent crime, there will be peace and stability," he said.
Black Police Chief for City?
Generals face ‘early retirement’ in drive to improve police image

PRETORIA — Sweeping changes in the SAP are imminent, including the retirement of at least 10 police generals, in an effort to boost the force’s credibility and improve community relations.

The reorganisation and revitalisation of the SAP, discussed at yesterday’s Cabinet meeting, was also aimed at ensuring that the force was representative of all SA’s communities, senior police sources said yesterday. A police major described the changes as “a move towards affirmative action.”

It is thought likely that of the staff of 52 generals, all of whom are white, between 10 and 15 will be asked to retire to make way for at least three black candidates.

Incorporated in the shake-up would be thecreation of the post of chief of community policing, a move suggested by Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel in Parliament earlier this year.

“Sweeping changes are coming in a number of key areas,” one senior source said.

The streamlining of the general staff, which was expanded as part of a regionalisation drive a few years ago, would be part of the process.

New talent had to be given an opportunity to develop and an effort had to be made to ensure the general staff was representative of the broader community.

The retirements are possible because of new legislation which allows policemen to go on pension early, at the age of 50 instead of 55, because of the stresses inherent in their jobs.

It is understood Police Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe is not likely to retire, but one name mentioned is KwaZulu police chief Maj-Gen Jack Buchner.

Buchner, 55, although a firm believer in community policing, has been criticised by political groups who claim the KwaZulu Police function as Inkatha’s army.

Buchner, seconded to the KwaZulu Police from the SAP, is understood to be not averse to retiring early.

Our Cape Town correspondent reports that the highest-ranking coloured policeman in SA is understood to be a likely candidate for a promotion and possibly a posting to Cape Town.

He is Brig John Manuel, former station commander of Mitchell’s Plain police station.

Manuel, at present in Pretoria, caused a rumpus in 1989 when he gave his public support to rebel Mitchell’s Plain policeman Lt Gregory Rockman, who had spoken out about police brutality and racial discrimination in the force.

Law and Order spokesman Capt Craig Kotze said an official statement on the matter would be released soon.

“I cannot comment on the speculation at this stage,” he said.
Top generals set to get chop

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POLICE PURGE In an attempt to establish its credibility, the SAP will axe 10 top officers:

Sowetan Correspondent

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Three black generals are to be among a new breed of younger officers who will be moved in to replace old-guard generals who have not adapted to the changed politics of today, a police colonel confirmed.

The aim of the shake-up is to "make the police force more responsive to the needs of the community", he said.

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Another colonel said: "The police force has absolutely no credibility at present and it will not have until there is a new dispensation."

The general staff, which was expanded some years ago with the reorganisation of the police force, was said to be top heavy and carrying at least 50 members too many.

Sources said the retired generals would probably not be replaced directly, but new positions would be created.

They believed there would not be a vacuum of experience at the top of the force following the retirement of the men.

Some policemen just below the general level have already been asked to retire and sources confirmed letters had been sent to regional police headquarters outlining some of the plans for the retirement scheme.

Below the level of the general staff, some men and women over 50 with at least 10 years' service would be asked - or told - to take early retirement.

Press Secretary for the Ministry of Law and Order, Captain Craig Koize, refused to comment.
Top cops face axe

CHIEFS REDUNDANT Top brass may leave in bid to give the police force a new political image:

ABOUT 10 police chiefs are facing the axe in a move which political analysts say is aimed at getting negotiations back on track and at the same time cleanse the image of the police.

According to informed sources three black generals are to be among a new breed of officers to take the place of old-guard generals. New posts are to be created, including that of a chief of community policing.

Police sources believe this post would be filled by one of the three black generals who are to be promoted. It is understood that Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe's job is not one of those on the line.
Political Staff

TWO of the men who appeared in court in Kirkwood on Tuesday in connection with the murder of Mr Andre de Villiers are members of the African National Congress military wing, uMkhonto weSizwe.

Both Mr Xolani Mzinane, 23, and Mr Thamsanga Masi, 22, are members. ANC media spokesman Mr Phila Nkayi said yesterday.

The third accused, Mr Landile Semelela, 23, is not a member.

Police are still searching for a fourth suspect.

Mr Nkayi said the ANC had met the three men's families and lawyers yesterday.

He would not say whether the ANC would assist with the legal costs of any of the men, but that a statement would be made once they had looked at the "whole situation."

The men appeared in court on Monday and Tuesday. They were not asked to plead and have been remanded in custody until September 22.

ANC spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus said earlier, the ANC wanted access to the three men.
SAP to disband Askari units

The police are disbanding their Askari units and will integrate the members into other sections of the force.

Police liaison officer Captain Burger van Rooyen said yesterday the police were hoping to disband the units, by October 1.
10 generals face axe in police shake-up

By Bronwyn Wilkinson
and Peter Fabrencias

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The shake-up was discussed at yesterday's regular weekly meeting of the Cabinet and Law and Order Minister Herman Kriel was expected to make a statement.

A Defence Force spokesman said last night the SADF had no intention of instituting a similar shake-up.

"The SADF does not retire generals. Generals retire when they reach retirement age according to the normal rules of the Commission for Administration," Democratic Party security spokesman General Bob Rogers said.

He said there was an urgent need to restore the credibility of all the security forces among the grassroots.

Police generals may get the axe

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Police forces have already been asked to retire and sources confirmed that letters had been sent to regional police headquarters outlining some of the plans for the retirement scheme. Below the level of the general staff, some men and women over 50 with at least 10 years' service would be asked to take early retirement.

Some generals and officers just below them are already of retirement age. Sources said they would be the first to be asked to retire.

One colonel said he still did not know whether he would have a job after the shuffle.
ANC says changes a mere facade

Black officers to move up in police re vamp

LAW and Order Minister Hernus Kriel yesterday announced sweeping changes to the SAP, including the early retirement of 13 generals to make way for black appointments to the top management structure to improve the police's credibility.

However, the ANC said the changes were merely a "facelift". While it would be "charitable" to reject all the changes as insignificant, the ANC said it took strong exception to the NP government unilaterally restructuring society.

Kriel told a news conference at the Union Buildings that four new lieutenant generals would be appointed and some could "very well be members of population groups other than whites".

He said "Up to now it has been the policy of the SAP not to appoint people of colour to the position of general".

Kriel also announced the setting up of a new "independent investigative body", to be headed by a judge, to probe allegations of serious crimes committed by police.

A community relations division would also be set up, with a subdivision to "sensitise all serving members about the changed political environment".

This division and a new human resources management division would be managed by private sector experts.

Kriel said the aim of the restructuring was to restore police credibility, to heighten effectiveness in providing a professional service and to begin setting up a police service for the new SA.

Police attorneys-general, advocates, lawyers, the SAP, National Intelligence Service and, if necessary, foreign experts The board would report to Parliament.

Kriel said it would also be necessary to look at a rationalisation drive at lower ranks in order to rejuvenate the police.

He said greater participation by the community in policing matters was essential and should take place through police and community co-operation forums.

I trust that this band of iron and steel will be accepted by the entire community and all parties as a genuine gesture aimed at bridging the gap which exists between the SAP and certain communities.

Kriel said new training would emphasise impartiality, professionalism, no discrimination on the grounds of race, colour, creed or sex against any member of the public and courtesy towards all members of the public. No policeman would be above the law. The principle of minimum force would be observed in maintaining law and order and the SAP would accept public accountability.

The ANC said its concerns included that:

- The establishment of the board went against agreements reached by the Police Board established in terms of the national peace accord;
- The list of generals due to retire did not include the names of any mentioned in the serious complaints against the security forces;
- As long as racist and repressive laws remained on the statute books, all efforts to alter the style of policing would not address that central question, and
- The changes did not affect the forces on the ground where restraining within fully accountable procedures and structures was urgently required.

The ANC said the community relations division would be effective to the extent that the whole SAP would be fully accountable and would earn the respect of the communities it was supposed to serve.

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new SAP structure

Top brass welcomes

Warning of worst

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assertion into KwaZulu

He had
and, one bloody day, died together

One big family who lived together

Washing out the bloodstains
Cynthia Lekhua's mother and sisters
Diem en Pilo! Police work is a tradition in the family of slain Goedemoed station commander Chris Schutte

Goedemoed is a rustic, close-knit community in a bend of the Orange River. This week a policeman went berserk and shot eight of his colleagues and friends. "I suppose you could call it a family murder," says a shocked Sergeant Kobus Kruger.

MARK GEVISSEER and GUY ADAMS visit Goedemoed

We joke that people cry when they are affiliated here. Once when they hear their posting is Goedemoed and once when they hear they must leave.

We're a close-knit community, and that's why the news of the shooting hit us so hard. People here are like family, and the shooting has left a huge hole.

Sgt Kobus Kruger, attacked by his own gun

He says he has been killed by his own weapon. "I was not alone," he says. "Someone was with me at the time of the shooting."

Sergeant Kobus Kruger, 32, was stationed at Goedemoed, a small police station in the Western Cape, about 100 km north of Cape Town. He was killed in a shooting incident that left six other colleagues dead.

The shooting took place on Monday after working hours. Kruger, who had been on duty with two other officers earlier, returned to the station from a break and opened fire, according to witnesses.

Witnesses say Kruger was known for his volatile temper and had been involved in a number of altercations in the past. He was also known to be aggressive and had been suspended from duty several times.

The shooting occurred at the station's parade room, which is also used as a living quarters. The officers were killed in a hail of gunfire, with some being shot multiple times.

The shooting has shockingly divided the community and has left the station's personnel and their families in despair. The community is now united in grief and support.

The shooting has also sparked a national debate over police brutality and the need for reform. Many have called for an inquiry into the incident and for the police department to take swift action to prevent similar incidents in the future.

The families of the officers who were killed have expressed their grief and have called for justice. They are demanding answers and are waiting for the results of the investigation.

The shooting has left a lasting impact on the community and has left many questioning the safety of police officers and the justice system. It is a stark reminder of the dangers that police officers face in their line of work.
Waddington memo led to SAP 'purge'

From Vietcong to tycoon
A teenage Vietcong guerrilla who spent his youth shooting at GIs grows up to become a capitalist and a very successful one too

Can George dress up as Moses?

Israel's sudden optimism
After years of refusing to negotiate with Palestinians, the new Israeli government not only wants talks, but talks at dizzying speed

Military plan for a Ciskei 'Inkatha'

A family kind of murder

Between Uhuru and California

An instant of joy for the station post

In the darkness of Johannesburg station, hundreds of homeless squatters sleep in cardboard boxes. Some have jobs by day, some sell fruit at the station, others have nothing. The atmosphere turns carnival when a Salvation Army mobile soup kitchen arrives to deliver bread, vegetable soup and blankets... but in moments it is all snatched away and there is an ugly stampede by those who missed out. Full story on PAGE 7

Photo: GUY ADAMS

Judging the judges

In the case of the forthcoming Constitutional Court, there are calls for a new, non-racial South Africa. And what will become of the old judges? We explore new ideas for, opening up the country's most exclusive old boys' club.

Opinion

Confessions of a necklace killer

A wealthy Johannesburg schoolboy explains why he stole a woman's necklace at gunpoint.

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19 go - but the top three politicians are still in charge

Philla Coetzee

The police shake-up announced yesterday leaves in place three of the most notorious top guns, report:

PHILIPA GARSON

ANC's intelligence department was the scene in a meeting between the government and the police. The minister was joined by his top two deputies, who are also implicated in the investigation of the demise of the three most powerful police officers in South Africa. They are Brigadier John Manuel (community services), Brigadier Mthethwa (training and management), and Brigadier SM Tshis (in charge of intelligence). The three were sworn in as acting heads of their respective departments. They are likely to be promoted to the rank of General. They were joined by the minister, who is in charge of community policing, and the police head of the Western Cape province. An additional 35 inspectors will be recruited from the ranks of the police, the public protector, the National Intelligence Service, and, possibly, foreign experts. The minister said the restructuring would mean a focus on the police's performance and accountability.

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ubiquitous and they can be found in every city. However, they often cause confusion and fear among residents. The police have been working to address these issues and promote safety.

A recent incident highlighted the need for better communication and community outreach. In response, the police department has launched a new campaign to educate the public on safety measures and respond to concerns.

Meanwhile, educators are addressing the issue in schools, promoting dialogue and fostering understanding among students. The community is working together to create a safer environment for all.

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Manuel: Long string of firsts

DENNIS CRUYWAGEN  
Staff Reporter

His list of achievements is impressive and filled with some remarkable “firsts” for a person of colour in the police force.

Now Brigadier John Manuel is poised to make history by becoming the first coloured general in the force.

In any other country this achievement would have not been unusual. But in South Africa, with its police force described by some as racist, it is a milestone.

All that stands between Brigadier Manuel and a place in police history is successfully completing a staff course.

Given his record as an achiever, this should be a mere formality.

And who knows, if persistent rumours are true, he could re-

A hotbed of resistance, Mitchell’s Plain bore the brunt of attempts by riot police to bring the unrest under control. Many accusations of brutality were levelled at riot police. But this could not be reported fully owing to press censorship during the state of emergency.

But Lieutenant Rockman spoke out, accusing riot police of brutality.

Not only did his commanding officer support him fully, but he called on the riot squad to act “more professionally.”

Brigadier Manuel was the first coloured policeman to be promoted to the rank of senior sergeant in 1971, major in 1984, lieutenant colonel in 1987, colonel two years later and brigadier in April.

He was appointed deputy commissioner of police in Soweto in 1990.
A new Minister is an urgent necessity if the SAP is to be seen as neutral

Leaders of the police have put it succinctly: we have no other police force. Yet the status of the police is in question daily from all sides of the political spectrum. Struggling in terms of numbers and image, the SAP is in a race against time to restore its credibility — and its forgone reputation for integrity.

The essence of the problem is that unless there is agreement to remove the police from the arena of political disagreement, future constitutional agreement might as well be thrown out as it is written. Unlike most other legacies of apartheid, the SAP cannot be abolished, it can only be rehabilitated. Yet it has a clung image of being an agency of the National Party.

General Johan van der Merwe, the SAP Commissioner, freely acknowledges the damage handed down by the apartheid era: "We have a problem in certain communities," he says. "For many years, our priority was combating terrorism. We had little opportunity to do classical policing."

For much of the NPA's 44 years in power, the police were expected to enforce a myriad of laws that were loathed by the majority of the population. They were also made increasingly unaccountable under President P.W. Botha's dubious "total strategy."

And the SAP's image was badly stained by a series of deaths in detention in suspicious circumstances. The most notorious case was that of Steve Biko in 1977. There is also a long list of fatal shootings when police have been confronted with large crowds of blacks.

In terms of political neutrality, the police were severely compromised by the revelations in 1991 that government had been secretly funding the Inkatha Freedom Party.

As a result of all this, the police have a severe credibility problem.

Politically sophisticated blacks seem to regard every policeman as potentially a member of a murderous hit squad — just as, for many white policemen, every black man was once a potential terrorist. The police are automatically assumed to be wrong, negligent or acting in bad faith. On the other side, there is a culture of illegality apartheid laws have undermined the entire legal system.

Assassinations of policemen are encouraged by some radical.

Kriel

Sloebert

Van der Merwe

Tony Leon, the DP's Justice spokesman, rightly castigated the police for "passing judgment on the ANC in this matter," and the ANC for "rushing to judgment before the first facts had been established."

Perhaps the biggest SAP problem is the lack of manpower. This shortage was vividly illustrated when a few dozen armed young constables had to confront a volatile crowd of 50 000. Our ratio of policemen to overall population is less than half the average ratio in stable Western countries.

To worsen the shortage, there are peculiar policing problems. Van der Merwe points to the differences in dealing with First-World and Third-World crime. "In Western countries, the police must deal with serious crime."

The police force cannot be replaced by the army. Calls for "restructuring" and "abolition" are simply unrealistic.

In a national force of about 120 000, there are undoubtedly rotten elements — and there have been disturbing allegations about illegal activities. But, paradoxically, it is also encouraging that more than 1 800 policemen were convicted of criminal offences in 1990, when the political climate was universally volatile.

As a matter of policy, known right-wingers are removed from potentially violent situations and no policeman may belong to a political party. Several policemen have been prosecuted after deaths in detention.

Whatever the rights and wrongs of the past, it is necessary to restore some perspective on the role of the police in society. With political scientist Alf Saldier points out that the police are almost always dealing with real criminals.

Police work cannot constantly be scrutinised by fastidious liberals — though officers must, of course, always be accountable to the community. Police in all countries are in a symbiotic relationship with criminals, as in the setting up of informer networks, some corruption is inevitable.

Whatever shortcomings there may be and whatever its past crimes, there is general agreement that the SAP will not gain credibility until government and the ANC find a way to agree that the role of the security forces must become unstructured.

At present, there is great controversy over the question of an amnesty for political crimes committed by policemen. Whether or not such an amnesty is desirable morally, even hostile politicians in a future govern-
Why the Phoenix won't fly

The essence of Reserve Bank Governor Chris Stals's annual address on Tuesday was that the economy is adjusting quite well to his tighter money policy of the past three years — despite the lengths to which he had to go to counter government's spendthrift ways.

Demand is coming into closer kilter with the economy's ability to supply and, while this has not yet been reflected in consumer prices, indications are that it will do so soon.

Moreover, on the face of it, the economy is well placed to soon begin a sustainable recovery — reserves are rising, the balance of payments is in good nick, there is surplus capacity and foreign borrowings are modest.

What is needed now is a steady nerve to ensure that a bit more of the same will stabilise prices. To draw back from the brink by cutting interest rates or devaluing the currency would be to forsake a rare opportunity to reduce inflation to below the double-digit level and keep it there.

The cost, of course, has been high, especially in unemployment and all the other hardships that declining economic growth inevitably brings. The severe drought in parts of the country have aggravated those problems — but good rains are promised.

It would be nice now to say that, despite the discomfort of having to wait for the final fructification of Stals's sensible policies, a return to relative and increasing prosperity might not be far off. Were economic adjustment the only factor in this equation, that would be so.

But that is not so. Political developments of the past few months have sent businessmen and investors, consumers and workers, into a slough of economic despondency. No longer is the economy in the process of an austere but orderly economic adjustment, it is in the process of a very dangerous free fall that could lead to severe and prolonged impoverishment.

The breakdown of CODESA, strikes and stayaways, as well as threats of tax and bond boycotts have brought about a sea change.

Simply put, the economic price of a political settlement is not yet high enough to force either government negotiators or those of the African National Congress, its communist allies and labour supporters, into agreement.

Government, which has control of the lion's share of this country's resources and a powerful means of preferment through the public service, is cushioned for the time being from the consequences of its intransigence.

Likewise, the ANC and black labour leaders still have the protection of secure jobs in their own bureaucracies. The folly of their political extravagance has not yet sunk home. And it is for that reason they argue that the economy is in such a mess that more austerity, wrought of disruption, doesn't matter. It most certainly does.

They are soon to find out their folly. The SA economy is a modern industrial one that will take time to atrophy. It is going to be a slow and painful process that will hurt blacks more than whites.

And once its productive resources are run down, no quick reversal of policy will restore prosperity even to current levels. Besides, taking political measures to destroy jobs while simultaneously demanding living wages and more jobs is irrational.

As those who have jobs steadily become fewer in number, trade union membership will erode and so will the power of its officials.

The great mistake of CODESA was for politicians to believe that a political settlement could be achieved without the involvement of business and labour. Had this not been the case, it is possible that faced with the economic consequences of their political folly both sides would have been less inclined to walk away from negotiations.

The latest Reserve Bank figures show that the economy has moved from a mild, though prolonged, recession into a steep slump. Business activity is declining, there is no new investment as corporate profits and share prices tumble. Disposable incomes are falling and there is no new saving.

What has hit the economy in recent months is not merely adjustment to more strained circumstances — it is a tidal wave of despair and it has been whipped up by the politicians. Neither monetary nor fiscal policy is capable of changing that situation.

Instead of prosperity rising Phoenix-like from the ashes of inflation, the politicians have contrived to have the bird plunge back into the flames of civil destruction and economic despair.

Indeed, any attempt now to kickstart the economy by cutting interest rates, increasing government spending or devaluing the currency will simply compound the problem by stimulating inflation, eroding the balance of payments surplus and increasing official debt.

The politicians will have to provide the stability and certainty that is basic to any return to economic growth. And the greater their insensitivity to the economic cost of their political intransigence and folly, the harder that achievement is going to be.

They should reflect too on whether once a political settlement has been reached, the austerity they are forcing on their respective supporters now will ensure the continuation of their own leadership positions.
ment are likely to realise that a purge on any significant scale would be counter-productive. At any hint that individuals will be singled out for vengeance, members will see it as their duty to protect one another.

Meanwhile, it seems clear that a new Law & Order Minister must be appointed—one who does not come from the NP parliamentary caucus. Whatever the talents of the present Minister, Hernus Kriel, his political origins are a heavy albatross.

But who should replace him? There are some suggestions in the air.

One senior academic suggests that Harry Schwarz is the man for the job. He argues that Schwarz is not compromised by his political past, he is a first-rate lawyer, he has a high sense of political duty, he is not perceived by the liberation movements as a defender of apartheid, and he is not beholden to any party now.

British commentator R W Johnson, now working at Natal University in Durban, agrees that Kriel "will have to go" if the SAP is to have any chance of achieving acceptability.

He wonders whether a military man should be brought in as Minister—but not an army general, rather someone like a navy admiral, unutilised by any previous involvement in township policing. Robert Schrire of the University of Cape Town says a change of Minister is essential to achieve a "dramatic symbolic change."

Stadler says a new Minister—he suggests Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert for the job—would have to be able "to win the confidence of the police while being prepared to trample on policemen's toes."

Schrire notes that it might be tempting to replace the Commissioner for the same reasons, but this would be unproductive "Bringing in an outsider would affect morale. The SAP needs a professional head."

There is general agreement that our police structure should be decentralised as a matter of urgency. Johnson points to the effectiveness of the Durban City Police, the only one of its kind in the country. It has full police powers, but the members are recruited locally, they mainly speak English, and, therefore, find it easy to be in touch with the community.

Schrire notes that devolved police force authority would require great emphasis on community relations, drawing in highly respected people who would then have ready access to the community as well as the police authorities.

There is already much to build on. Thanks to reforms by former Minister Adriaan Vlok, the SAP is now better paid and better manned. Flaws in procedure highlighted by the Waddington report have been addressed with surprising humility by the generals. National Peace Accord structures are under-used, but in place. We have an internationally accepted code for political demonstrations.

The Goldstone Commission has done sterling work in cutting through the propaganda of all sides and the United Nations monitors already seem to be having a beneficial effect. A specialist Internal Stability Unit has been created to avoid situations where young and inexperienced constables must deal with huge, threatening crowds.

But no real progress is possible until the government and the ANC in particular have reached agreement on removing the police from the political arena. The immediate appointment of a new Minister might be just what is needed.

It is most important to remember that this person should not merely be "new"—but above all a non-Nationalist...
Kriel admits: SAP has had racist policy

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG

The Minister of Police, Mr Hernus Kriel, admitted yesterday a racist policy in the force had prevented black officers from reaching the rank of general.

Mr Kriel, announcing sweeping changes to the police force, said "Up to now it has been the policy of the SAP not to appoint people of colour to the position of general."

He also said a committee had investigated how racial discrimination had prevented promotions in the past and those affected had had their seniority restored "and will be promoted once they have passed the necessary developmental courses."

The government's new plan for the SAP would lead to the appointment of blacks, coloureds and Indians to the top management structure to improve police credibility.

NEW CAPE CHIEF
Piet Viljoen

OUT
HPM de Villiers

PROMOTED
Nic Acker

The changes include the early retirement of 15 generals — five have already retired — and will mean a transformation of the top command structure of the police in the Western Cape.

The head of the Central Intelligence Department in Pretoria, Lieutenant-General Piet Viljoen, is the new Western Cape regional commissioner.

Top police officials yesterday welcomed the changes.

Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe said the general staff associated itself "wholeheartedly" with the changes and had been part of their planning.

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However, he conceded that some loss of morale could be expected below general staff rank.

General De Villiers said he did not regret that more blacks were not drafted into the general staff earlier, but added that he thought the time was now ripe. There were already several senior black officers and their addition to the general staff would be for the good of the force and the community, he said.

What he did regret was "this terrible criticism of the force" which was staffed by people of quality who had tried their best to serve the whole community.

SAPA reports that the names of the 18 police generals who have retired or will do so in the next few months are:

HPM de Villiers, deputy commissioner, A B Condie, D S Kemp, head of financial services, P M du Plessis, head of personnel services, J J M Venter, head of management services (already retired), T Coetzee, head of logistics, G J Viljoen, J J Fischer, H F Grobler, J R Groger, C M van Nollack, of administrative services, G N Erasmus, G C May, T Braynard, J A P Burger, OC of the stabilising units, H Gloy, of the unrest and violent crimes section, Lothar Nothling, technology adviser, and R Robinson, of effective service rendering.

Cops quit

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This division, along with a new human resources management division, would be managed by private sector experts.

The ANC said that while it would be "curtilage" to reject all the changes as insignificant, it took strong exception to the NP government's unilateral restructuring of society.

Mr Kriel said the changes were not discussed with the ANC "because they are not talking to us and we can't wait with these initiatives until negotiations are under way."

However, he said the final structure would still have to be negotiated and a decision made on whether the SAP should remain a single national force or be fragmented into a federal system.

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Cops quit

Yesterday there was speculation that a coloured senior officer, Brigadier John Manuel, could be in line for a top police job in the Western Cape.

Mr Kriel said that four new lieutenant-generals would be appointed and some could "very well be members of population groups other than whites".

He also announced the setting up of a new "independent investigative body" to be headed by a judge to probe allegations of serious crimes committed by SAP members.

A community relations division would also be set up as well as a subdivision to "sensitise all serving members on an urgent basis" about the changed political environment.

This division, along with a new human resources management division, would be managed by private sector experts.

The ANC said that while it would be "curtilage" to reject all the changes as insignificant, it took strong exception to the NP government's unilateral restructuring of society.

Mr Kriel said the changes were not discussed with the ANC "because they are not talking to us and we can't wait with these initiatives until negotiations are under way."

However, he said the final structure would still have to be negotiated and a decision made on whether the SAP should remain a single national force or be fragmented into a federal system.

Mr Kriel said the new training for the SAP would lay strong emphasis on impartiality, professionalism, non-discrimination and courtesy.

The principle of minimum force would be observed in maintaining law and order and the SAP would accept public accountability.

Top police officials yesterday welcomed the changes.

Police Commissioner General Johanna van der Merwe said the general staff associated itself "wholeheartedly" with the changes and had been part of their planning.

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ANC and IFP accuse police of partiality
SA Police shake-up a 'facelift'

By Peter Fabruci and Bronwyn Wilkinson

The unprecedented shake-up of the SA Police to restore its damaged credibility has been dismissed by the ANC as a "facelift" but welcomed by contrast parties.

Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel announced yesterday he was retiring 13 generals, rectifying racial discrimination in promotions and appointing an independent body under a judge to investigate serious crimes allegedly committed by the police.

These measures were among an extraordinary package of "sweeping initiatives" — including the imminent promotion of the SAP's first black generals — "to restore the credibility of the SA Police and to heighten its effectiveness", he said.

A new division of Community Relations would also be created, as well as a new subdivision aimed at "sensitising" members of the SAP to the changed political environment in which policing had to take place, Mr Kriel told a press conference in Pretoria.

"This initiative is all about intensifying the process of changing the hearts and minds of policemen," he said.

Mr Kriel candidly admitted that blacks had been discriminated against in past promotions and promised they would now be promoted to the ranks they should have attained.

Four black brigadiers could be promoted to the rank of general in mid-October after completing a course.

In its initial response last night, the ANC described the shake-up as "facelift" and criticised the Government for making changes unilaterally, but added that it would "churlish" to reject all the changes.

It said the new body which would investigate police crime would not be totally independent as it would remain under a Government department.

The Inkatha Freedom Party and Democratic Party generally welcomed the moves and the Conservative Party described them as "cowardly compliance with the power-hungry ANC-SACP alliance".

Mr Kriel said emphasis would now be placed on total impartiality, professionalism, no discrimination, sovereignty of the law, the principle of minimum force, and accountability to the public.

More reports:
- Pages 10 and 17.

The investigative body, under the Ministry of Justice, will consist of a statutory board with a judge as chairman, an attorney-general as the chief executive officer, and three area chiefs.

The board will report annually to Parliament.

The division of Community Relations will be aimed at promoting the principles and implementation of community-supported policing.

Civilian experts will also be brought in to run human resources management and training.

Well-placed police sources made it clear that one of the aims of retiring the generals was to remove people who had not adapted to the new politics.

However, the most senior of the 13, Lieutenant-General Henk de Villiers, said this was not true of all of them.

Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe stressed at the press conference that the SAP's general staff had had a hand in the changes.

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Judge calls for probe into police

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — A judge here lashed out at the KwaZulu Police yesterday, calling for an investigation into its activities as well as into the overall position of the police in South Africa.

Following a five-hour judgment, three former KwaZulu policemen were convicted of murder, attempted murder and robbery and sentenced to an effective 18 years in jail each.

"The facts of this case suggest there may be reasons for an investigation into the activities of the KwaZulu Police and indeed of the overall position of the police in this country," said Mr Justice McCall.

There were certain aspects which the judge found "most disturbing".

He decried the "lamentable lack" of proper control over the issuing of weapons to the policemen and criticised the way in which the KZP had carried out certain procedures.

Two other people, allegedly involved in the planning of the crimes, were still KZP members.
New police chief speaks

By DANIEL SIMON

NEWLY-APPOINTED regional commissioner of police for the Western Cape, Lieutenant-General Piet Viljoen, will be returning to the Cape to take up his first official posting since leaving the province in 1986 to join the police.

Born on a farm near Worcester in 1937, the 54-year-old general was named this week as the new head of the Western Cape police

In an interview, General Viljoen said he did not expect to be appointed regional commissioner. "This is good for me as I am nearing the end of my career."

He also said that he had no objections with the restructuring of the command structure or with working with generals of other race groups, even if one served under him.

"I have no objection to working with generals of other race groups. The police work closely together and are the best of friends. You get to know each other and there is very little distinction between races. You fight side by side against crime. However, I believe people must be qualified for the job."

Asked if he foresaw the police force becoming a regional structure as opposed to remaining a national one, Viljoen said: "It could happen but this would have to be negotiated in a new political dispensation."

General Viljoen, who headed the Criminal Intelligence Service since 1989, will take up the position of lieutenant-general in January.

He has been based at police headquarters in Pretoria for the past 12 years and from 1979 to 1979 was attached to the security police.

Force retirements: Reactions

THE AWB and the PAC yesterday criticised the retirement of 13 police generals and the restructuring of the police force.

AWB leader Mr. Eugene Terre-Blanche said his organisation was convinced the "shocking dismissal" of the police generals, who had dedicated their lives to the protection of "our fatherland", had been demanded by the ANC.

The PAC said the retirement of the police generals would not eradicate racism in the police force.

The PAC also said it perceived a National Party play to create a new South Africa after its own image, attempting to become the sole agent for change.

The SA Council of Churches hailed the restructuring as a move towards a community-oriented police force.

However, it expressed its concern at the need to deal with specific members of the force who were or might still be involved in covert operations.

His appointment follows a major shake-up of the top command structure of the police force, which will see 18 generals take early retirement to pave the way for black appointments in order to improve the force's credibility.

General Viljoen and General Acker will be joined by a third general who is still to be named.

A likely candidate for the post will be Brigadier John Manuel, a former commander of Mitchell's Plain police station.
Cell deaths: Kriel exonerates SAP

By Peter Fabricius
and Bronwyn Wilkinson

As police yesterday announced the death of a man said to have been shot dead while trying to escape police custody, Law and Order Minister Hermus Kriel said in Pretoria he would soon produce proof that deaths in custody were not the result of police brutality.

The KwaZulu Police said in a statement that a man arrested on a drug charge was shot dead by the SAP in Natal. He was one of four men arrested for the alleged possession of dagga.

According to the KwaZulu Police, the men were taken into custody and one of them tried to escape on the way to the police station in KwaMashu. The SAP fired a shot, totally wounding the suspect.

The suspect's death brings to at least 11 the number of people who have died while in police custody since pathologist Dr. Jonathan Gluckman claimed on July 26 that the police were killing people in their custody.

Dr. Gluckman also raised concern about the number of arrested people who die on the way to police cells.

Mr. Kriel said at a press conference in Pretoria that despite Dr. Gluckman's disclosures, he was not prepared to accept that the deaths were the result of police brutality.

He would make a full statement as soon as he had completed his investigation.

Pressed for his own opinion on the controversy, Mr. Kriel said, "My own opinion is that any death in custody is regrettable. But to come to the conclusion that these deaths are through police brutality, that I am not prepared to accept."
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N one fell swoop, the SA Police is to retire 130 generals and bring about sweeping policy changes in the force, including the appointment of blacks to the rank of general.

This has fuelled speculation that this is FW de Klerk's 'purge of the generals', who might have been opposed to his reform programmes.

Others, less generously, say de Klerk is pretending to be cleaning up the police force while basing it on a policy of sending to pasture generals who are already on the verge of retirement.

Although this is arguably the most radical action ever taken against the police in history, experts say police matters argue that this is not necessarily a purge of the generals.

Leading Unisa academic Dirk Kotze argues that although some of the retirements might not have been voluntary, there is no need to purge the top echelons of the police force.

According to Kotze, it is generally accepted that the higher echelons of the security forces are by definition political appointees and are unlikely to act against those who appointed them.

Law and Order Minister Herman Kriel and Police Commissioner Johan van der Merwe say nothing underhand must be read into the changes.

Kriel denied the shake-up was a result of recent damaging allegations against the police.

Both admit that the force suffers a serious image problem among certain sectors of the community - for this read blacks - and they are trying to shape them for a future SA.

Van der Merwe said they embarked on this course three years ago, long before police scandals became common. He said all the generals participated in the plans to bring about the changes.

In other words, those who retired endorsed the changes.

Kotze says two important factors, among others, played a leading role in the government's decision to embark on the clean-up operation.

Following the signing of the national peace accord, the NP acknowledged an important fact that the police suffer a serious image problem and that they need to be transformed not be seen to be responsible to the whole community.

Kotze said this was an important admission by the State that the police were perceived as representing only the white section of the community.

Previously the government steadfastly refused to acknowledge that there was a strong perception, especially among blacks, that the police were par-

The government has also repeatedly denied charges that there was discrimination in the SAP itself. This week Kriel admitted that "up to now it has been the opinion of the SAP that the police suffer from discrimination in the SAP itself.

Kotze says although this will largely be tokenism, it will go a long way in improving the image of the force, especially among blacks.

He says the police will no longer be viewed as Afrikaner, male and NP, but will be seen to be representative of the whole community. This will have a great spin-off in international opinion.

Among new measures to be introduced is the creation of a statutory board which will be drawn from a wide spectrum of society including lawyers and, if necessary, foreign experts.

A new, independent investigative body, is also to be established. Its brief is to investigate crimes allegedly committed by members of the police force.

In answer to a question, Kriel emphasised that the new measures should not be interpreted as a unilateral restructuring of the police force. He said fundamental changes to the police force will be effected through the negotiation process.

To what extent the new changes will help to bring about a more effective force, it is generally accepted that the problem does not lie with the senior members of the force.

It is the police on the ground, the so-called rogue elements, who are accused of being villains.

Another disquieting feature about the new changes is that they are not expected to cover areas like homeland police, particularly the KwaZulu Police. The latter are suspected of colluding with the SAP in the Natal township violence.

Kriel said the new measures were not extended to the KZP because this force fell outside his jurisdiction.
Black cop is taking yet another step to the top

By DOC BIKITSHA

IT TOOK 36 years of hard work for Simon Tsoka to become the first black brigadier in the South African Police.

Now, five months later, the Alberton-based father of four is in line to make history again with a promotion to general.

The 55-year-old Methodist Church elder is likely to be among brigadiers who reach the top rank in mid-October after completing a special course.

But Brig Tsoka is reluctant to talk about his prospects. In his best police officer's voice, he said: "No comment. I am not counting my chickens before the eggs are hatched."

He said he would only be able to talk further once he had the results of a course he had just completed.

"I won't even dare speculate about my chances. There is too much at stake for that kind of thing."
LESS than three years ago, Mitchells Plain police station commander Colonel John Manuel and his understudy, Lieutenant Gregory Rockman, were transferred for speaking out against riot police brutality and racial discrimination in the force.

Since then the paths taken by the two men could not have been more different.

Brigadier Manuel now holds a senior position at police headquarters in Pretoria and is on the verge of becoming the first "coloured" general in South Africa.

Mr Rockman has lost his two houses, was unemployed for a long time before becoming a self-employed taxi operator — and is still fighting to be reinstated in the police force.

The two men were thrown into the international media spotlight in September 1989 when Lt Rockman criticised members of the Riot Squad for "excessive" behaviour. He called them "wild dogs" who took pleasure in beating their victims.

Colonel Manuel publicly supported Lt Rockman and refused to make a statement during the police disciplinary investigation against his colleague.

Things moved quickly over the next few months as both were transferred to other police stations and Lt Rockman was thrown into one crisis after another.

He was banned from speaking to the media following a string of interviews with local and foreign newspapers and television stations, he was arrested with other "rebel" policemen for leading a march against racism in the force, and he was suspended and eventually dismissed after 12 years as a policeman.

In the process he played a key role in forming the Police and Prisoners Civil Rights Union (PPCRU) with a few dozen prison warders and a handful of policemen who shared his belief that racism in the security forces had to be tackled head-on.

He is still president of the union, which has since grown into a national organisation which claims to have several thousand members.

For a short while, Lt Rockman enjoyed the status of local hero, with a book published about him, a pop music album released in his honour and invitations for him to lead protest marches in the Western Cape and several rural towns.

He was even invited to lead a British Anti-Apartheid Movement march in London.

But the charismatic and outspoken policeman soon found out that in South Africa it is easy to become yesterday's hero.

His major problems began in March 1990, when his house in Port Elizabeth was auctioned in a sale of execution.

In the same month, the Attorney-General of the Cape, Mr Neil Roosaw, decided not to prosecute the riot policemen accused by Lt Rockman of having used excessive force against peaceful protesters.

Mr Roosaw said the evidence needed to identify the policeman was "inadequate".

Lt Rockman and 39 other policemen were sacked two weeks later for going on strike. More than 100 prison warders, also members of PPCRU, were suspended.

In June 1990, Lt Rockman's house in the Strand was put up for auction and his estate was finally sequestrated in October 1991.

While Mr Rockman now finds himself out in the cold, his former boss, Colonel Manuel, has been silently carving his way to the top in the police force.

Colonel Manuel, who had an impressive record before the "wild dogs" incident, became deputy commissioner of police in Soweto in 1986, and subsequently was transferred to a key post at police headquarters in Pretoria. He was appointed a brigadier in April this year.

This week, when Law and Order Minister Mr Herman Kretz announced the retirement of 19 police generals, he also said South Africa might soon have its first black general.

Three policemen are expected to be promoted to general if they successfully complete a staff course. They are Brigadiers Morgan Chetty, Simon Tseko — and John Manuel.

All indications are that Brigadier Manuel will make a success of his latest challenge.

Ironically, he might soon find himself among the ranks of the same generals whose wrath he incurred not too long ago.
Kriel wants cops to be SA’s finest

By BRIAN POTTINGER
THE SAP has drawn up plans for an American-style form of law enforcement with strong city and town police forces.

After announcing this week’s staff shake-up in the SAP, Law and Order Minister Hermus Kriel confirmed that proposals for autonomous local police forces had already been drafted.

Implementation, however, would have to await negotiations with political parties over a possible new federal constitution for the country.

Such a plan, if accepted, will spell an end to 80 years of highly centralised policing in South Africa, in which all major powers are sited at police headquarters in Pretoria.

The main elements of the plan are:

- Strong city and town police forces made up by integrating traffic police and the SA Police
- Regional police forces which would be established after integration of homeland police forces. They would have responsibility for policing smaller towns unable to support their own forces. These forces would be autonomous and have their own commissioners.

Optimism

- A national police force which would provide forensic, fingerprinting, computer support and other specialised services to the regional and local police forces.

An elite investigative unit, like the FBI, would also operate at this level to handle major crimes committed across regional borders.

The security police would also be situated at this level.

Mr Kriel said he anticipated that in the future, the Internal Stability Division, or riot police, would fall away.

“If we want to be optimistic, and we have a political settlement, which I believe we will have, then the riot component should eventually disappear except for a mobile police force at federal level.

“It can be called in by the regions should political riots occur. My hope is that they will disappear eventually because we will not have political riots.”

Training, however, would remain at national level and would not be broken down into regional academies.

Once the new federal form of the police force was in place, said Mr Kriel, it would be possible to recruit policemen at local level and then redeploy them in their own communities.

Mr Kriel emphasised the plans were not “just grabbed out of the sky”, but were being considered seriously by the police.

Disclosure of proposals for policing the new South Africa follows his announcement that will see 13 senior police generals take early retirement.

Mr Kriel also confirmed the establishment of an independent investigative unit under a judge to probe crimes involving policemen, and the creation of a separate community relations division of the police.

Added powers and resources would also be given to the western Cape, Natal and Witwatersrand police regions, where 70 percent of politically-related violence occurs.

Mr Kriel said the changes which would streamline the force were aimed primarily at improving the image of the SA Police.
59 police stations planned

JOHANNESBURG — Plans to construct 59 satellite police stations and 250 police contact points — funded by some of the proceeds of government sales of strategic oil reserves — are to begin this week.

Department of Economic Co-ordination spokesman Mr Ernst van Eck said yesterday R62.4m of the R1.06bn strategic oil funds scheme had been allocated to security services last year in an attempt to halt the slide into violence and instability.

Mr Van Eck said the plan would finally get under way this week as contractors submit their tenders for the various projects. Construction would be completed by March next year.

The oil-funds scheme aimed at socio-economic relief projects was announced a year ago.

The projects include constructing thousands of classrooms, housing sites, clinics and community centres mainly in informal areas and in the homelands.

The unrest in certain areas had also led to projects being delayed, Mr Van Eck said.

Plans for the conversion or upgrading of hostels, for which R31m had been allocated, had also been stalled because of organisations' conflicting views as to how the problem should be approached.

The fund would accommodate 667 projects providing employment for 59,000 people over an average period of 15 months.
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AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE

The Minister of Law and Order has under section 33 of the Police Act, 1958 (Act No 7 of 1958), made the regulations in the Schedule

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1. In this regulation "the Regulations" means the regulations for the South African Police published by Government Notice No R 203 of 14 February 1964, as amended

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ANC, police meeting set

JOHANNESBURG — ANC representatives from the Vaal Triangle and senior police officers will meet at the Transvaal Provincial Administration offices in Sebokeng on Thursday to discuss reconciliation, ANC spokesman Mr Sechake Mothibe told yesterday.

He said the meeting will be attended by community representatives from Boipatong, Bopelong, Sharpeville, Eton, Palm Springs and Orange Farm, the independent Peace Action organisation, and ANC delegates — Sapa
Labour Party faces split

THE Labour Party seems set for further disintegration as some of its members prepare to break ranks and join the Government at its conference on federalism next Monday.

The parliamentary caucus of the LP will meet in Cape Town on Friday where a decision will be taken on the issue. But either way, it will not affect the LP's participation in the Patriotic Front, the Reverend Allan Hendrikse, said yesterday.
Anarchy without police — Goldstone
Police training programmes under review

STEPHANE BOTHMA

THE Police Board had identified training and retraining of policemen in SA and the self-governing states as a priority issue, the board said yesterday.

Current basic training programmes would be reconsidered once response from the SAP had been received on an independent and critical review of the training approach studied by the board, a statement said.

A subcommittee appointed by the board would identify immediate measures and long-term proposals and processes for the board's consideration and approval.

A proposed new complaint procedure to an impartial body was accepted by the board as a "document of importance".

It would be recommended to Law and Order Minister Hermus Kriel that the procedure be implemented as soon as possible.

The board also took cognisance of the various regulations, proclamations and legislation regarding the carrying of dangerous weapons which led to confusion between the various police forces and the public.

"The Minister will be advised to implement uniform legislation in this regard," the board said.
**Police, ANC meet**

ANC representatives from Vaal Triangle branches and senior SA Police members will meet on Thursday to discuss reconciliation, ANC spokesman Sochake Motshela said yesterday.

According to Mr Motshela, the meeting will be attended by community representatives from Bopatong, Bophelong, Sharpeville, Evaton, Palm Springs and Orange Farm, as well as ANC delegates from these townships.

Police station commanders and senior police officers, and the independent Peace Action organisation, will also attend. - *Sapa.*
Retiring general on police body

The Police Board yesterday announced it had appointed a subcommittee to study independent critical reports on police training and make recommendations for new training procedures.

On the subcommittee is Lieutenant-General A B Conradie, current head of training of the SAP and one of 13 generals whose retirement was announced by Law and Order Minister Hermus Kriel last week.

Asked about General Conradie's position on the subcommittee, Police Board secretary Colonel Theo Kleyhans said General Conradie had been a member of the Police Board since its inception.

"Obviously his retirement will affect the workings of the subcommittee, which will have been operating for about a month by then," he said.

Colonel Kleyhans said he believed Mr Kriel would appoint someone else to the board on General Conradie's retirement.

Also on the subcommittee are Democratic Party MP Peter Gastrow and two independent researchers, Professor C D Shearing and Janine Rauch — Staff Reporter
Sex abuse: Cop to be prosecuted

By GLYNIS UNDERHILL

A FORMER Child Protection Unit detective is to be prosecuted for allegedly sexually abusing a 14-year-old schoolgirl while he was investigating her case of molestation by a schoolteacher.

The 35-year-old policeman, who was a detective sergeant in the Cape Town branch of the unit until May this year, will be charged with having sexual relations and committing an indecent act with a female under 16.

Future

Police liaison officer Capt Attie Louw says the policeman would not be suspended as a result of the prosecution. He has been transferred to another unit and promoted.

The policeman's future in the police force will be decided after the case has been heard in court.

The parents of the schoolgirl initially laid a complaint of sexual assault against a teacher.

A police investigation was launched when the girl's parents later laid a complaint of indecent assault against the policeman.

Decision

The result of the investigation was referred to the attorney-general, and acting Cape attorney-general Mr Frank Kana took the decision to prosecute the policeman.

A date has not been set for the case, which will be heard in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court.
Policeman facing child sex charges is promoted

ROGER FRIEDMAN

A FORMER Child Protection Unit policeman who faces two sexually related charges involving a 14-year-old girl has been promoted to sergeant because of his "very good academic qualifications", according to a police spokesman.

The 26-year-old policeman was transferred from the unit to the Cape Town detective branch after a charge of indecent assault was laid by the girl's parents.

He was promoted after his transfer.

He is to be tried in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court on charges of committing "an indecent deed" and having sexual relations with a person under age, the spokesman said.

The alleged offences were in April while the policeman was investigating a complaint by the girl's parents that she had been molested by a teacher.

The parents laid a further complaint of indecent assault — against the policeman.
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Staff Reporter

A FORMER Child Protection Unit policeman who faces two sexually related charges involving a 14-year-old girl has been promoted to sergeant because of his "very good academic qualifications", according to a police spokesman.

The 26-year-old policeman was transferred from the unit to the Cape Town detective branch after a charge of indecent assault was laid by the girl's parents.

He was promoted after his transfer.

He is to be tried in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court on charges of committing "an indecent deed" and having sexual relations with a person under age, the spokesman said.

The alleged offences were in April while the policeman was investigating a complaint by the girl's parents that she had been molested by a teacher.

The parents laid a further complaint of indecent assault — against the policeman.
A start to policing the police

The enforced retirement of 13 police generals and the proposal to equip the Goldstone Commission with its own investigating arm are important first steps towards restoring effective policing and ending the violence. But that is all they are. A start. Not to be missed for a solution or even, as some over-eager commentaries are suggesting, an indication that the violence is now going to be tackled effectively.

Sadly, our rulers have taught us over long years of police insecurity to be sceptical, always to look for the catch. So instinctively one asks oneself why so few of the generals being retired are names that have not featured in allegations of misconduct, and why so many of those that have featured are not being retired.

Such as Lieutenant-General Basie Smit, who was head of the security branch when it was making clandestine payments to Inkatha. And General Jaco Buchner, the former security police officer who now heads the KwaZulu Police Force which is deeply involved in the Natal violence. Most striking of all, why has Lieutenant-General Koos Calitz, commander of the Eastern Cape Division which has the most notorious reputation of all police divisions for repressive action, with a history that stretches from the death of Steve Biko to that of Matthew Gomwe, been promoted to the highly sensitive Witwatersrand Division?

If for no other reason, one would have thought his unprofessional pronouncements last week on the assumed guilt of two ANC men arrested in connection with the murder of Eastern Cape farmer Andre de Villiers — a case which itself invites scepticism — would have made him a candidate for retirement, too, instead of promotion.

But despite all the doubts and suspicions, we do indeed have two steps in the right direction.

Both concede important points that the Government has denied until now — that the problem of security force credibility starts at the top, not the bottom, and that you can never restore credibility through any form of official inquiry that is ultimately dependent on the police investigating themselves.

For months President de Klerk and his Ministers have been dismissing evidence of police involvement in the violence with the argument that the cases exposed were aberrations, that every police force in the world has its "few rotten apples" but the SAP as a whole was strictly impartial and firmly committed to a peace-keeping role.

The forced retirement of the 13 generals cuts across that. As a gesture aimed at — as Hermus Kriel himself says — at restoring the credibility of the police, it amounts to a tacit admission that it was people at the top, not "rotten apples" at the bottom, who were responsible for the loss of credibility.

In other words that the dirty tricks and other tawdry acts were the result of orders coming down from the general staff, not a few rogue elements acting on their own.

An important admission, though hardly a revelation. It was always self-evident that Ruth First, Jeannette Schoen and her daughter, Griffiths and Victoria Mzenge, Mathew Gomwe and his colleagues, Fabian and Florence Ribiero, David Webster and others were not "permanently removed from society" by disciplined loners but by trained hit-squads acting in accordance with approved policy.

It was self-evident, too, that the Goldstone Commission, for all its integrity of its members and particularly its chairmanship, could only be as effective as the quality of information reaching it, and that as long as it was dependent on police investigations for that it could not succeed in determining the extent of security force involvement in the violence.

The establishment of the commission's own investigative task force is therefore an essential and long overdue step, which the firing of a few generals and the reorganising of an investigating commission's effectiveness cannot on their own turn the tide of the violence or re-establish the credibility of the police. Much more is needed.

In the long term, of course, the policing force must be dismantled and reconstituted with a completely new command structure, philosophy and training systems. But since this will not happen until a new, democratically elected government is in place, one must consider what practical steps can be taken now to meet the urgent needs of the transition.

Two things above all are necessary for effective policing — accountability and credibility — and they are mutually inter-dependent. You can't have one without the other.

Lack of accountability is the SAP's fundamental problem. Years of security legislation made the police feel they were a law unto themselves, accountable neither to the courts nor to Parliament.

John Vorster empowered them, saying in effect, in the name of fighting off the communist menace, anything goes. Do whatever you consider necessary, but don't tell me.

So assassinations, torture, dirty tricks, destabilisation, all became permissible — without accountability.

Of the years that became embedded in the mindset, part of police culture. Changing that culture is going to be an enormous task.

Where to begin?

First, the question has to be asked: Accountable to whom? Not
Police have prevented violent coup, says Kriel

BLOEMFONTEIN — Only the police and the Defence Force had prevented a violent overthrow of the government by the African National Congress and the SA Communist Party, Law and Order Minister Mr. Horace Kriel said today.

He told the National Party's Free State congress here that it was nonsensical to claim the police were part of the violence and denied there was any organised "third force."

"Why would the police want to take part in the violence? So they can be shot dead?" asked Mr. Kriel.

"Do people think it is nice for policemen to live in fear of their lives?"

It was the strategy of the ANC and the SACP to destroy the security forces' credibility and to achieve joint control, clearing the way to take over in South Africa.

But the NP would not allow the police and SADF to be destroyed and would not permit anarchy.

"It is only the police that stand between law and order and anarchy in this country," said Mr. Kriel.

"Has not the time come for the South African public to stand up and support the police rather than criticise them?"

"Is it not time for the silent majority to speak up with a loud voice?" — Sapa

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the city's traffic police

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Death note

A senior police spokesman, Colonel Anthony Dewhurst, later said that Sgt Lazenby was a suspect in a R12,000 cheque fraud case now under investigation.

Col Dewhurst said that Sgt Lazenby had been ordered to report to the case's investigating officer at the Parow CID branch at 11am yesterday. He was transferred from the Parow detective branch to the Mowbray CID about three months ago.

Sgt Lazenby died at about 8am. His wife's service pistol was found by his side and police do not suspect a crime.

Col Dewhurst said that the letter was "an exhibit which could affect a magistrate's finding and therefore may only be made public at an inquest."

"Certain allegations were made in the letter and these will be subject to an investigation by a senior officer," Col Dewhurst added.

When Sgt Lazenby's death became known, colleagues, including some from his former Parow CID unit, flocked to the Kraaifontein CID offices. Some openly read the dead man's letter.

When asked about the letter, Col Dewhurst said that "policemen legitimately involved in a case are allowed to read it but not to talk about it."

Shocked detectives told the Cape Times that Sgt Lazenby had been a very popular policeman who had been active in organising sports in the SAP. A former first-team rugby player, he had been a league referee and was also involved in organising Action Cricket and pool matches, they said.

Sgt Lazenby joined the SAP in 1978 and spent several years in a Koevoet unit serving in Namibia in the 80s. He resigned from the force in 1990 but rejoined the SAP last year.

He had been required to undergo a psychometric test a year ago and had passed it, Col Dewhurst said.

A distraught Mrs Lazenby described her husband as "a caring family man who loved his job."

Cop's death note

A CITY policeman was found shot dead in his bed in Kraaifontein yesterday morning, hours after he had phoned the Cape Times to alert it to alleged corruption in the police force.

Police have launched a top-level investigation into the allegations, which were contained in a sealed letter left at the scene and addressed to Cape Times crime reporter Jackie Cameron.

Detective Sergeant Johan Lazenby, 32, was a former Koevoet veteran. His wife Irma, 30, a policewoman, was on duty at the Kraaifontein CID at the time of his death. A domestic servant, who heard the shot, and the Lazenby's three-year-old son burnt were at home. The couple also have a daughter, Azel, 11.

Police took possession of the letter, which was in pencil and in an official envelope, and refused to hand it to Ms Cameron or divulge its contents.

Several policemen are apparently named in the letter.

On Tuesday night, only hours before his death, an anonymous sounding Sgt Lazenby telephoned Ms Cameron at the Cape Times to say that he was leaving town and wanted to leave some "information" for the newspaper.

He said it involved corruption in the SAP and that Ms Cameron should collect the envelope from the domestic servant. He was "frustrated with this mess" and would not be at home.

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Goldstone weighs up police for unit

By Helen Grange
Pretoria Bureau

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone is busy consulting with "various parties" over the policemen to be co-opted on to his commission's special investigation unit, which will be set up by next week to probe the causes of violence.

He is understood to be holding bilateral discussions with the SA Police over the issue, as well as consultations with independent parties to establish the credibility of proposed members of the high-powered team.

The process, according to sources, will probably take a few more days, as Mr Justice Goldstone is intent on making the right choices. It is therefore expected that members selected will somehow have proved their political integrity as policemen.

The team will be assisted by attorneys and advocates, and its investigations will be monitored by international observers of the United Nations.

The Goldstone Commission's witness protection programme announced recently to prompt witnesses with information on political crimes to come forward — is to be assisted by the National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro).

Nicro will be able to provide social workers, in suitable cases, to act as security officers ensuring the general welfare of the protected person and to act as a liaison between the person and the commission.

The social workers could also assist the person to maintain contact with family members, and help him or her find employment after the protection period is over.

Educational and reading material could also be provided by Nicro during the protection period — making the time less oppressive and frustrating.

The Goldstone Commission's witness protection programme provides protection of witnesses' identities from the police, if necessary, and protection can be extended beyond the standard three-month period if Judge Goldstone finds it necessary.
No ‘organised’ third force exists, says govt

BLOEMFONTEIN – Government yesterday categorically denied the existence of a third force “on an organised basis.”

And Law and Order Minister Hercules Kriel told delegates at the NP Free State congress all that stood in the way of a violent takeover by the ANC and the communists were the SAP and the SADF.

However, he said police urgently needed better training.

He said many of them were dying because they did not know how to deal with crisis situations properly.

Kriel dismissed allegations that the security forces were fomenting violence, saying it did not make sense for police to participate in violence as this would make them more vulnerable to death or injury.

“Only the SAP stands between law and order and anarchy in this country,” he said during his spirited defence of the SAP.

He accused the ANC and the SACP of trying to destroy the credibility of the security forces by calling for joint control of the SAP and SADF.

Once they had achieved this objective they would be in a position to take over control of the country.

He said government would not allow this because this would lead to anarchy and chaos.

Kriel said as a result of new police initiatives since March to combat crime, serious crime had declined by 3.7% in May and 9% in June.

He made an appeal for more people to join the police reservists, noting that the law had been changed to allow members of the police to belong to political parties.

Young and older males were needed to help secure the safety of neighbourhoods and serve as farm guards.

After his speech he said the police were conducting discussions with the Red Cross to assist in monitoring the treatment of prisoners at police cells.

Kriel said the police had already stated that they were prepared to assist the Red Cross.

He also said the six magistrates that would act as inspectors of cells had been identified.

The police hierarchy were talking to them to see if they would agree to take the job.

Kriel would not release names or give further details saying he would do this once he released the findings of the investigation into the allegations of independent pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman.

The Minister said he had received the report and was busy discussing it with Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee and the attorneys-general.
Probes put ‘intense demands’ on police

Two new independent investigative teams — one to probe police crime and the other to assist Mr Justice Richard Goldstone investigate violence — were creating "intense demands" on human resources in the police force itself, a police source indicated yesterday.

A new body under the Justice Department to investigate police irregularities was announced last week by Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel, while at the same time, a special investigative unit under the auspices of Mr Justice Goldstone was given the green light.

The Goldstone team is likely to be made up of policemen known for their integrity.

The team will be assisted by attorneys and advocates, and monitored by UN observers.

The unit should be ready next week, and work on the causes of violence would begin soon afterwards — Pretoria Bureau.
Officer to probe police allegations

The regional head of the police combating and investigation service, Brigadier Nick Snyman, will today appoint a high-ranking officer to investigate allegations of misconduct made in a note left by a dead policeman.

Detective Sergeant Johan Lazebny, 32, was found shot dead in his bed in Kraainfontein yesterday morning.

No foul play is suspected.

The former Koevoet veteran left a sealed letter addressed to a journalist, alleging that several policemen were involved in misconduct.

Colonel Anthony Dewhurst, head of police liaison in the Western Cape, declined to divulge the note's content but stressed the officer would be investigating only charges of misconduct and not corruption.

He said Brigadier Snyman would probably appoint only one person and the investigation would be completed within two weeks.

"It depends on the information. It will be evaluated and then further steps will be decided on. If there is any substance to the story, action will be taken," said Colonel Dewhurst.
Extra cops for Cape Flats

Johannesburg Bureau

INTERNAL Stability Division (ISD) personnel in Cape Peninsula townships are to be increased by about 100 because statistics show that the Peninsula is one of the main areas affected by unrest.

Lieutenant-General Johan Swart said yesterday that another 1,500 ISD members would be permanently transferred to major unrest areas in the Witwatersrand, Vaal Triangle, Soweto, Natal and the Eastern Cape.

"In order to stabilise these areas, as a matter of urgency it has been decided that immediate steps be taken and that a further 1,600 members of the Internal Stability Division will be permanently transferred to these areas," General Swart said.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Ray Harrauld said the recent attacks on police patrols in townships adjoining Cape Town justified the transfer of additional manpower to the ISD.

7 706 unrest incidents

He said the police would rather see the men used to combat normal crime, but until unrest violence had been brought under control the policemen would remain with the ISD.

General Swart said that of all the unrest incidents reported, 86% occurred in the six areas.

A total of 7,706 incidents had been reported during the past year, of which 6,649 were in the areas that would now be strengthened.

"The Internal Stability Division is committed to serving the people of our country. We will do everything possible to stabilise these areas so that all people may live in peace," he said.

"I would like to invite all the peoples of South Africa to assist us in bringing peace and stability to our country, so that together we can look forward to a bright future."
Top cop to probe death note charges

A SENIOR policeman has been appointed to probe allegations of police corruption contained in a detective's death note.

Detective Sergeant Jhan Lazenby was found shot dead in his bed at his Kraaifontein home early on Wednesday.

A sealed letter addressed to the Cape Times crime reporter was left with his domestic worker.

The head of the Bellville CID unit, Colonel W Swart, has been appointed to investigate the corruption allegations.

Police seized the letter as an exhibit for the inquest hearing into Sergeant Lazenby's death and refused to divulge its contents.
Preparation for a new beat

Judge Richard Goldstone was reported this week, as saying that, without the police, "we will become another Lebanon." But he also said the SAP must become a more democratic organisation and shed its "structural arrogance." There are signs last that this process is beginning.

While the SAP cannot be replaced, it can be transformed - which was the thinking behind the announcements last week by Law & Order Minister Herman Kriel and SAP Commissioner Johan van der Merwe.

For the first time, there was an unequivocal admission that the SAP has a credibility problem - and a admirably blunt confession by Kriel that black policemen have been the victims of "a policy of discrimination." Confession alone may deserve some credit, but it does not entail forgiveness.

What is required is a genuine, which will be most visibly offered by the SAP when it promotes blacks to the rank of general. At present, three brigadiers are attending courses which, if passed, will make them the first black major-generals in the SAP's history.

Sceptics will sneer and talk of window-dressing, but we have to start somewhere.

Behind the drama, it remains unclear exactly how the retirement of 18 SAP generals - a third of the total - will in itself improve attitudes and methods in the force. How many generals were identified as reactionaries and retired against their will? And how many were moved aside simply for the sake of making way for younger men? It is surely a questionable assumption that youth will automatically be more enlightened.

Van der Merwe made it clear that "strong emphasis will be placed on the following key aspects" of policing:

☐ Total impartiality.
☐ Absolute professionalism.
☐ No discrimination on grounds of race, creed and so on.
☐ Courtesy towards the public.
☐ Policemen are not above the law.
☐ The use of minimum force, and
☐ The SAP must serve and be accountable to the public.

These are admirable aims. It is also a confession of inadequacy that they should have to be set out at all.

But there are grounds for optimism. A committee has been set up to investigate all aspects of training. This committee will consist of local experts (intriguingly) "diverse political convictions," as well as international experts.

Manpower will be used to better effect, with 1600 men to be added to the new specialist Internal Stability Unit in areas most affected by political instability and violence. Another long overdue reform is the plan to release, over a two-year period, about 13,000 desk-bound members of the police force. This will replace them with civilians.

Perhaps the most imaginative and far-reaching reform is the establishment of a new investigative body, headed by a judge - to probe alleged crimes by the police themselves. If the accusations are true, the police force will have much to lose.

Some men can be retired, others transferred. But, in the end, the same constabulary will be doing the same kind of work in the same areas. If the personnel cannot change, then it is time for a radically new image.

Why not de-militarise the rank structure? Instead of generals, colonels and majors, let us have assistant commanders, superintendents and inspectors in the British style.

This would immediately serve to place the SAP symbolically closer to the communities it serves. It would remove the lingering military whiff of the "old school" era. The basic blue uniform could remain the same, but new headdress and badges of rank.

The SAP's new emphasis on decentralisation is encouraging. The three most important regions - western Cape, Natal and Transvaal - will now enjoy more autonomy and be commanded by a lieutenant-general. The danger is that this devolution will be bureaucratic only, with no visible evidence to persuade the affected communities of a change of heart.

Much the same applies to the well-intentioned creation of a sixth division of the SAP, the Community Relations Division. Again, this is in itself a commentary on past policing style, after all, every policeman should in a sense be a community relations officer. But at least the nettle has been grasped, and, as Kriel says, "crime and political violence in SA can only be effectively addressed if the principle of community-supported policing is practically implemented."

Which brings us back again to the political dimension. Kriel talked hopefully of "a hand of friendship". Conversations which the FM has had with senior SAP officials suggest that they are sincere about this.

Unfortunately, as we pointed out last week's cover story, the SAP still answers to a Minister who - whatever his readiness to clean the stable - remains a member of the National Party Cabinet. Equally unfortunately, there is little sign of a softening in the ANC's position on the security forces.

Assuming that the police reforms are implemented with vigour, the SAP itself cannot do much else to achieve legitimacy in black communities.

That will depend, crucially, on some kind of security accommodation (perhaps with some form of amnesty) between government and the ANC.

It is, therefore, time for the ANC to come to terms with the police force which it will certainly inherit if it takes power. As a start, the ANC might propose a new Minister who would also be acceptable to the Nats (Leaders August 28) - and it should begin to offer active and constructive input to the new structures that have been set up. Alternatively, the ANC can simply continue to exercise power without responsibility.

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Loose cannon

Even in ANC circles, there are those who have misgivings about the tactics sometimes employed by Moses Mayekiso. The latest example is his threat of a black "bond boycott" if the financial institutions persist in failing to grasp what he calls "the big picture."

Addressing the Council of SA Banks (Cosab) recently, as president of the SA National Civic Organisation (Sanco), Mayekiso said the bankers have to "help the democratic forces press the government to discard its racist stance on the nature of reform and the future constitution."

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Guarded response to regional policing plan

BRENDAN TEMPLETON

watersrand University's policing expert from the Project for the Study of Violence, supports the principle of this system of community policing but believes Nell's proposals "are fraught with difficulties in detail and implementation."

"He places too much emphasis on the individual elected official. There is an enormous amount required from him, and to adapt to the police organisation inside two years will be extremely difficult," Marais said.

Lawyers for Human Rights director Brian Currie also welcomed the suggestions, but disagreed that the police agenda was the "fact of life."

"Within one's system, one should not have laws which underpin a political ideology. That is monstrous and we must not work from that premise."

Democratic Party justice spokesman and Houghton MP Tony Leon described Nell's proposals as "interesting and innovative in some aspects, but dangerously naive in others."

He suggested that existing, more-localised officials -- like those of an executive mayor -- would be more appropriate. This would avoid having a police official being tempted to turn prominent investigations into aruses in an attempt to maintain popularity.

The Inkatha Freedom Party's Suzanne Voe said her party was in favour of regionalisation but said the executive mayor, who had more power, would be more suitable for the role.

Endex, the regional police official, had already moved his operations to bring them in line with regulations. But, he said, "outside the solution lay in those agreements after their consultation."

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Boipatong cops 'not dismissed'"JOHANNESBURG — The SA Police on Saturday denied claims in a newspaper that two special police constables who are witnesses before the Goldstone Commission of inquiry into the June 17 Boipatong massacre, had been dismissed from the police force instead the two had "failed to report for duty", said a spokesman.
— Sapa
Police given ultimatum to produce station records

POLICE had until Friday to provide information on the numbers of officers deployed at PWV stations and their records of arrests, prosecutions and convictions, Cosatu spokesman Amos Masondo said at the weekend.

He said talks between the ANC, Cosatu, police and the SA Rail and Commuter Corporation (SARCC) had been postponed after it became clear key information was not available.

"They basically had no information. The very little they had was unsatisfactory," he said.

"We were also not satisfied by the inability of the police to provide a coherent strategy (to combat train violence)," said Masando.

The meeting was attended by SAP Witwatersrand commander Gen Erasmus and SARCC MD Wynand Burger as well as representatives from Cosatu, the SACP and the Civic Associations of Transvaal (Caut).

Burger said a great deal of progress had been made in implementing recommendations for improved train security made by the Goldstone commission.

"From the SARCC side, we are very concerned about the situation, the violence, the deaths and the injuries," he said.

A Witwatersrand police spokesman said yesterday police would furnish the information needed on the number of police deployed at stations and their record of arrests, prosecutions and convictions at Friday's meeting.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that a commuter was killed and thrown off a train at Fellside Railway Station, Elsburg, near Germiston on the East Rand on Saturday. Police are investigating the case of murder.

Two policemen have been killed since Friday and 13 injured in attacks around the country.

Eleven policemen were injured, three seriously, in two separate hand grenade attacks in the Eastern Transvaal township, Wesselton, early on Saturday.

Police said they were investigating "chases of murder, attempted murder and arson."

A policeman was found dead on Friday night in the police barracks at Protea in Soweto after being shot by an unknown gunman.

Meanwhile in Natal, two people have been arrested in connection with the death of a policeman, who was stabbed to death at Ewadabe near Pinetown on Saturday.

Police said at the weekend 90 arrests were made last week in 'an intensive crime prevention and stabilising operation in the Soweto/Vaal Triangle area.'

Fifteen stolen vehicles and 12 illegal firearms were recovered in Soweto where 62 people were arrested, the statement said.
Coldstone prose heads for the pass

Graham Linscott reports on the daunting task of the Simpler-eyed Lionmen
New Cape police chief goes

Staff Reporter

ANOTHER police general is to take early retirement, police headquarters confirmed today.

Major-General Leon Mellet, head of the police liaison division, confirmed that Lieutenant-General Piet Viljoen, who had been earmarked for the post of regional commissioner of police in the Western Cape, had opted to go.

The confirmation comes less than two weeks after the announcement of a major reshuffle in the police which saw 18 generals retiring from the force.

General Mellet said today that General Viljoen had apparently built a house in Pretoria recently and had opted to stay there and retire rather than move to the Cape at the end of the year.

When his transfer to Cape Town was announced there was disquiet in the ANC (Western Cape) and local police ranks over the fact that General Viljoen, head of the criminal intelligence service, was to become regional commissioner over the head of Major-General Nic Acker, who had been regional commissioner for just over a year.

The ANC said it was "inappropriate" that CIS personnel were being appointed to "sensitive" positions.
SAP general to quit

THE police general earmarked as the new Cape police chief is to take early retirement — and a replacement for him has not yet been finalised, a police spokesman said yesterday.

Police had announced that Central Intelligence Service (CIS) head Lieutenant-General Piet Viljoen would become regional commissioner of the Western Cape following a major police shake-up in which 18 generals were retired last month.

A Pretoria police spokesman said yesterday that General Viljoen had decided "of his own free will" to take early retirement.

He had apparently recently built a house in Pretoria and chose to remain in Pretoria rather than move to Cape Town.

The police spokesman said the new Western Cape structure — of having two deputy regional commissioners — would not change.

Major-General Nic Acker, current regional commissioner, is to become one of the two deputy regional commissioners.

The date on which new appointments are to be taken up has not yet been decided but is unlikely to be before next year, the police spokesman said.
THE PERFECT ALIBI: Mr. Christopher Tsose emerged from Atkinson Magistrates Court today after being cleared of the murder.

Mr. Tsose's defence attorney, Mr. Peter Ntsele, said that his client was at the scene of the crime at the time it was committed. He presented evidence that Mr. Tsose was at a friend's house on the night of the murder.

Mr. Tsose was once a crime suspect in a case involving a missing person, but was cleared of all charges.

On the day of the murder, Mr. Tsose was seen leaving the scene of the crime, according to police sources.

Mr. Ntsele said that his client had an alibi and was with his family at the time of the murder.

"I am satisfied with the outcome," Mr. Ntsele said. "We have presented strong evidence that proves Mr. Tsose's innocence."
Teargassing at PE fete: police probed

PORT ELIZABETH — The Eastern Cape Attorney-General is considering a docket which alleges policemen used teargas on people locked in a police van at a fete and on others in a Thornhill police cell.

The docket and memorandum detailing events on June 27 at the Woodridge Country Fair and later at the Thornhill police station were sent to Acting A-G Michael Hodgen on August 28.

Police spokesman Captain Henry Chalmers, who originally expected the docket to be completed by the end of July, said the finding of more witnesses willing to make statements had caused the delay.

"Another hold-up was the fact that Major Peet Grobler, who was put in charge of the investigation, was also heavily involved in the Uitenhage team which co-ordinated police activities during the ANC-led mass action campaign last month," Captain Chalmers pointed out.

He said three people had filed two cases of assault with the police.

The first case arose from the alleged teargassing incidents and the second from an alleged death threat made in July to one of the men who had been arrested at the fete — Sapa
HAUSHUSH talks between the Government and the ANC about an amnesty ought to be viewed with great reservation. Not because an amnesty is unaccountable, but because it can have far-reaching consequences for all of us.

An amnesty can either facilitate reconciliation and a smooth transition towards democracy or it can become a source of further division.

A general amnesty will impact on our legal system, on human rights considerations and on the rights of the victims of the offenders who are to be absolved from punishment.

An agreement whereby two political actors, in our case the Government and the ANC, agree to pardon or absolve from punishment selective categories of their respective support base cannot be called an amnesty. Such deals amount to ad hoc political arrangements cloaked with legality that are evil.

The essential elements of an amnesty are the granting of an exemption from punishment to all those who committed the offenses for which they fall within the categories defined in an amnesty law.

In the United States President Carter granted a general amnesty to all those convicted of offences relating to desertion during the Vietnam War, but made no use of an amnesty when, in 1945, an amnesty was granted to all those who deserted during the four-year Indonesian War had committed crimes while engaged in either of the two conflicting sides: Serious crimes such as rape and murder were included.

Israel granted a general amnesty in 1967 after the Six-Day War.

Germany has a colourful history of amnesties with 18 being granted during the short period of the Weimar Republic.

Amnesties in European countries have been used to achieve aims which were deemed reasonable and legitimate. In South Africa a general amnesty was regarded as desirable and legitimate.

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Past governments in South Africa, in an attempt to retain control of power, have allowed their security forces to get away with numerous crimes and human rights transgressions.

This was a development not new in the region. A number of Latin American countries have recently had to deal with the problem of granting amnesties to societaries from military dictatorships, during which shocking atrocities and human rights abuses occurred, to some form of open democracy.

Amnesties were liberally used, but sometimes with consequences which were counter-productive. The one country from which South Africa can learn, both about failures and successes, is Chile.

After the general election of 1970, Salvador Allende became President of Chile. His regime's implementation of socialist policies further polarised an already divided society. In September 1973 the military, under the direction of Pinochet and at the head of the military junta, during its 16-year reign until the first free election were held in December 1988, General Pinochet's regime implemented a ruthless policy of squashing all opposition. Thousands disappeared, were tortured, murdered and imprisoned. Some opposition groups resorted to violence involving bombings and assassinations.

In 1978 General Pinochet decreed an amnesty for the perpetrators of criminal acts which occurred between the coup and March 1978. Instead of this amnesty becoming the end of a beginning, it brought another factor of immunity for the past and a promise of impunity for the future. Serious transgressions of human rights continued.

Similar to our Vorster and P W Botha eras, General Pinochet started to introduce some reforms during the 1990s to quash more legitimacy. Press freedom was reintroduced and from the mid-1990s a staged transition took place. Negotiations for a new constitution and free elections took place with opposition groups.

Throughout the talks General Pinochet took a firm stand on the future of the military. "Don't touch my military" was his bottom line. One of the consequences of the talks was a tacit agreement between the junta and opposition groups that political criminals and human rights abuses committed during the regime of the junta would not be prosecuted after the forthcoming elections. This was agreed to in the interests of a smooth transition towards democracy and to heal the deep rifts which existed in Chilean society. The new democratic government which was subsequently elected in 1989 has stuck to this tacit agreement.

The realisation that more is necessary to achieve reconciliation led to the new government to appoint a high-powered and autonomous "Commission on Truth and Reconciliation". The new president argued that "only on the basis of truth will it be possible to satisfy the demands for justice, which were the indispensable conditions to reach an effective reconciliation."

It was his view that only that truth would rehabilitate in the public mind the dignity of the victims, facilitate for their relatives and loved ones the possibility to honour them, and permit their reintegration. In some measure, for the damage caused.

The commission investigated about 400 serious cases. Most of the perpetrators were security force members. The commission involved supporters of various opposition groups. Information on the extent to which crimes committed was sent to the judicial authorities but, apparently in accordance with the tacit agreement not to prosecute, no prosecution resulted.

The commission published a detailed report setting out human rights abuses as well as particulars of the victims.

Following one of the recommendations of the commission, a law was passed during January this year to create a National Corporation for Reparation and Reconciliation in essence, it provided for restitution for victims and welfare in the form of pensions, medical and educational benefits.

Since March Chilean Members of Parliament have proposed a bill to amend the 1978 amnesty and to pass a new amnesty law to formalise the arrangement entered into between General Pinochet and opposition groups.

Human rights organisations and opposition Members of Parliament are in turn campaign against a blanket amnesty, arguing that "crimes against humanity cannot become a subject of an amnesty under the Geneva Convention on Human Rights of 1950. Taking into account the different circumstances affecting South Africa and Chile, what can we learn from the Chilean experience?"

An amnesty unilaterally declared by an unrepresentative government does not facilitate reconciliation.

If all significant political groups agree to an amnesty, it can play a major role in achieving reconciliation in a deeply divided society and in paving the way for a free election and a stable democracy.

An amnesty, however, is not sufficient to restore a sense of justice or the dignity of the victims and their relatives. A cleansing process by way of revealing all the facts and the magnitude of the human rights transgressions is necessary.

Reconciliation at the end also means restoring the dignity of the victims by way of real or symbolic reparations.

An amnesty should not contravene the need to be accountable to international human rights conventions.

These are all factors which we in South Africa need to take into account when debating the issue of a general amnesty. As soon as an interim government is in place, a general amnesty law should be agreed upon. To do so before an interim government would deprive such a law of the legitimacy and broad support which it deserves.
**Top cop believes in power of prayer**

By Mathatha Tsedu

Every shift at New Canada's Police Mobile Unit starts with a prayer. It is a prayer for peace on the rails of Johannesburg's most populated area, Soweto.

It is also a prayer for safety of the policemen who take their lives in their hands every time they walk into the trains that over 130 lives have been lost since the beginning of the year.

The prayer is the innovation of the new commander of the unit, Colonel Frank Sneyd, who took control last month.

Sneyd (53) has no illusions about the immensity of the task at hand. His job, he says, is to put an end to the killings on Soweto trains.

"If I cannot do this without the support of the people I am protecting, they must support us and give us information which leads to the arrest and conviction of the people, be kind to each other, and do not help the wrongdoers."

But there are efforts being made to improve the situation, he adds.

"Fear or favour?

Just today, our policemen were on a train that was attacked. They were stopped by bystanders from rending assistance to the injured because people said we were siding with Zulas.

"It is an unfortunate perception which is unfortunate. I am here to deal with this problem without fear or favour," he added.

Sneyd has a unit of 500 policemen and 400 people who have to police 127 trains daily and over 1 million commuters. Each train consists of about 12 carriages, but there would need 50 policemen on each train. This is impossible to achieve, he said.

Instead, what has been done is to analyze the trends of attacks and deal with "problem trains." The analyst has shown that attacks occur during the 30 minutes between 3:45 and 6:15 in the morning and between 5:30 and 6:15 in the evening.

"So, this is when we must be on guard," he said.

Sneyd says the police are almost convinced that a third of killers are responsible for the attacks.

**Ethnic warfare**

"After last week's attack at Johannesburg station, we started rounding trains from 4am and it was o.k. here. But in East Rand the target area with 11 stations and eight people killed and 11 injured.

"Now, today, it is back here. There is also the possibility of revenge attacks. You find that if a train on coach carrying mainly Zulu people is attacked, an attack also comes shortly thereafter in which Xhosa and Tswana," he added.

Sneyd however said to describe the killings as ethnic warfare was an over-simplification of a very complex matter.

"It is a matter of people, but we have to be proper today for the Mlanamakanzi attack is neither Zulu nor Xhosa. Victims of train attacks are from various backgrounds," he added.

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**Police file**

Joined police force: 1957

Left force for seven years from 1965 to 1972

Worked in the Free state and Pretoria police training college.


Became head of the mobile unit on August 17, 1992.

But there have been elaborate decisions on increased security measures, including searches at stations on trains, metal detectors, fencing stations and even a helicopter.

What has happened to them, why can't they stop the killings, we asked.

Sneyd said he wished he knew.

"The thing is when you introduce a measure, the killers change tactics. For example, when the Mlanamakanzi train was attacked, our men were aboard. There was no policeman on the platform.

"Usually we start checking from the front going back. But today we change disciplines. The policemen boarded the train at Midway and when the train got into Mlanamakanzi, they were attacked from the front."

"When the shooting last week at Johannesburg station occurred, I told a platoon of 30 policemen at Bramafamte, further a few metres away. We tried Yes, we tried," he added.

He said stations near hotels were the main targets of station searches because of the prevalence of attacks near such dwellings. But he emphasized, he could not say that hotels were the source of attacks on trains.

Sneyd said his men were undergoing training in discipline and case handling as well as public relations to improve their image and reactions.

**Confiscated arms**

He wanted men, he added, to become better professionals who served their communities and not just seen as those by which they serve.

It is a hope that is hard to imagine when police are seen as friends of Inkatha Freedom Party from whom they confiscated arms in June but allegedly handed them back.

Then is an assertion that Sneyd was refused vehemently. He showed Sowetan large quantities of spears, knobkerries, axes and other sharp-edged instruments stored in a safe place at New Canada.

This, he said, was the arsenal taken from Inkatha members. Sneyd said the police were out to help the community and called for assistance.

In the meantime, a devout Christian, he speaks on prayers each time the shifts change, prayers to God to open the hearts of his fellow-men to stop the carnage and prayers for his men to return to base safely.

Those with arms relating to train attacks can contact him at Tel (011) 474 8966, or the Unrest bedrooms (011) 890 1140 or 980 8140. People can also contact the toll free all hours number 085 811 0414. All information will be treated as confidential.
Court told: Cop set man on fire
More police to patrol CBD

AN additional 150 detectives would soon be deployed in Johannesburg's CBD to curb the unacceptably high level of crime, Deputy Law and Order Minister Gert Myburgh announced yesterday.

The planned deployment followed the formulation of a joint anti-crime strategy between the SAP and the Central Johannesburg Partnership at a meeting held yesterday.

The strategy will be in place by the end of 1992. By January next year, 250 extra detectives will have been transferred to the central area, including the 180 trained detectives promised by Law and Order Minister H. Kriel on August 25.

During the past two months, 400 police assistants have also been deployed in the CBD.

The battle against crime should produce tangible results when all elements of the strategy were in place, Myburgh said in a statement issued jointly with the partnership.

Statistics showed that the increase of crime in the city centre had in fact already been curbed but crime remained unacceptably high, Myburgh said.

Police/community forums have already been established in every police station on the Witwatersrand - including those in or near the Johannesburg CBD - to improve cooperation between the community and the SAP, he said.

Extra satellite police stations, in addition to the two already operational in the Small Street Mall and Bank City, were also envisaged for the CBD and its immediate vicinity.

"Should these plans be implemented, it is hoped that six new satellite stations will be established in other Fredericks or Delvers Streets in the CBD, in Fordsburg/Mayfair, in Selby, in Wolmarans/Thist Street, in High Point Centre in Pretoria Street Hillbrow and in Bramforsen," he said.

At a meeting held between the police and the Central Johannesburg Partnership yesterday, it was also decided to monitor the effectiveness of the joint measures implemented, Myburgh said.
2 policemen die

By Clyde Johnson
Lowveld Bureau

NELSPRUIT — Within 10 minutes of each other, two young Nelspruit policemen died in separate shooting incidents on Wednesday night.

A police spokesman said Constable N1 Dicks (20) and colleagues were leaving the Nelspruit police station at 8:10 pm. Constable Dicks was holding his service revolver. A shot went off, hitting him in the head.

At 8:20 pm Sergeant JM Ferrera was at home with his wife and a friend. He excused himself and went to the toilet. A gunshot was heard and he was found with a bullet wound in the head. He left a letter.
Anti-crime battle gets boost

Six more police satellite stations are to be built in the city. The move is part of a wider strategy to boost police presence and improve response times in areas with high crime rates.

The new stations will be located in strategic locations across the city, ensuring that police officers are readily available to respond to incidents. This will help to deter criminal activity and provide a sense of security for the local community.

The police department has already been working closely with community leaders and residents to ensure that the new stations are located in areas with the highest demand for police services. 

The decision to build the new stations comes as part of a larger push to modernize the police department and improve its overall effectiveness.

Mayor Johnson announced the plans during a press conference yesterday, stating that the new stations are a critical part of the city's ongoing efforts to make it a safer place for all residents.

"We are committed to providing our residents with the best possible police service," said Mayor Johnson. "These new stations will help us to achieve that goal and ensure that our community is protected and safe."
Police say
Sheikh will not be held

Staff Reporter

A SIX-YEAR-OLD warrant for the arrest of former Muslim Judicial Council chairman Sheikh Abdul Gamed Gabier would not be put into force, police said yesterday.

Sheikh Gabier, who had been in Canada since February 1996 and was there when the warrant was issued, returned to South Africa on Wednesday.

He had been subpoenaed to appear as a state witness in the trial of three men accused of murdering policeman Constable James Farmer at a Salt River funeral at which he officiated.
Interim steps must be taken to give police credibility.
Idasa urges united police force

JOHANNESBURG. — A strong, united national police force, subject to discipline and accountability, was urgently needed during transition, Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa executive director Dr Alex Boraine said last night.

It would be difficult to convince the wider community that changes were taking place in the police force when it was seen as an instrument of an unrepresentative government, Dr Boraine said at the opening of an Idasa conference on policing in Vanderbijlpark.

The controversy surrounding the Ciskei, Bophuthatswana and KwaZulu police forces underlined the necessity of a single national force, he said.

Dr Boraine said the police had to experience a remarkable shift in perceptions when former enemies and terrorists became partners in negotiations and they did so against the background of bitter hostility from the majority of black South Africans.

"It is often overlooked that there is a policy within some black organisations to 'kill a cop a day'," he said.

"An understaffed, overworked, underpaid and pressurised police force cannot on its own bring about the fundamental changes which need to take place.

"The sooner South Africa proceeds to an interim government, the sooner the image of the police force will change to that of a force at the service of all South Africans."
Small business steering group

Theo Rawana

Sun City — A steering committee, which is to formulate a framework of policy affecting small business, has been established.

The Small Business Unity Workshop Conference, held in Sun City yesterday; appointed the five-man committee comprising chairman of the five workshops.

It is to coordinate the different small business committees nationwide to formulate a uniform policy.

The chairman are Potchefstroom University's small business advisory bureau director Piet Moodman, Sunnyside Group chairman Keith Foster, Dick Ross of Barlow Rand who is chairman of Matchmaker Services, Willie Coradie of Volkskas Bank, and Phal Khumalo, Business Challenge CEO.

The workshops they headed were on training/consultation, deregulation, subcontracting/matchmaking, financing and marketing respectively.

The idea of such a committee came when Foster, giving his report on the deregulation workshop, told the meeting that not one party in all the main political players had a small business policy.

"If the situation is left the way it is, small business will always be neglected," Foster said.

"Deputy Trade and Industry Minister David Graaf, who is entrusted with small business, is still finding his way working out a Cabinet view on small business.

He said the Sunnyside Group and SABC's small business forum were working on merging into a single body and hoped to have the structure in place by the end of the year.

The steering committee would immediately get to work investigating the final structure, he said.

ANC president Nelson Mandela should meet police generals and tell them directly what his organisation expected of police, instead of simply criticizing them from a great distance, says Idasa director Van Zyl Slabbert.

Addressing an Idasa conference on policing in Vanderbijlpark yesterday, Slabbert said a new negotiating forum dealing with the role of the security forces and stability during the transition to democracy was urgently needed.

Slabbert said a future political accord would depend on "transitional stability" in the public service, including the police.

He warned political leaders that the public service could disintegrate, with grave consequences, if it was left without a sense of purpose while national negotiations were going on.

The public service had been "methodically and systematically" built up to pursue the goals of apartheid.

Now it was facing a crisis of legitimacy, he said.

Slabbert said he had always regarded Codena as an inappropriate forum for negotiations because it had created the illusion that politicians could negotiate transition on their own.

He added that efforts by Finance Minister Derek Keys and Cosatu to establish an economic forum and the recently established housing forum, were places where "the most important bargaining is taking place."

"I think it is unreasonable to expect the police to pull themselves up by their own bootstraps.

"Like most of us, they were singularly unprepared for change," Slabbert said.

"Only five or six years ago it was seen as part of the training of police and soldiers that they had to eliminate the enemy," he said, adding that the same was true of the liberation movements.

Police consultant Kobus Neethling, who has addressed more than 1 500 policemen on ways of improving their creativity, said police needed new skills if changes in their values were to be effective.

He said police and community visions of SA needed to be aligned to truly address the accountability of the force.

Neethling said the majority of policemen he had spoken to wanted to continue with policing and had a "positive awareness" of their role.

Police needed to be caring, emotionally involved, vulnerable, empathetic, humanistic and intuitive to succeed in their work, he said.

Eastern Cape council of Churches chairman Mbesi Xundu said community organisations had shown they appreciated law and order by using marshals to control their protest marches.

He said chiefs and headmen needed to be elected by their communities to create confidence and increase the accountability of their policing activities in the rural areas.
Robertson man tells of shooting

By DALE GRANGER

A ROBERTSON man who lives behind the community hall here where residents were meeting told the Worcester Regional Court yesterday how he was shot in 1990 when police opened fire on those who fled the hall which had been teargassed.

Brick manufacturer Mr. Joey Jansen, 44, of Reide Avenue, was testifying in the trial of Warrant Officer Dirk Calitz, 31, a former Boerwars officer. WO Calitz pleaded not guilty to a charge of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, alternatively of negligently ordering policemen to shoot and cause 123 people to be injured.

WO Calitz commanded a riot unit sent to the hall on April 11 where about 400aggrieved residents had met to discuss the spiralling costs of rent, electricity and water.

Mr. Jansen, who was shot in the thumb, nose and wrist, said he heard noises "like a thunderstorm and heavy raindrops" on his tin roof, and went to investigate. He was hit by rubber bullets as he stood in the doorway.

WO Calitz admitted ordering his men to fire teargas into the hall and to fire rubber bullets at those who fled.

He said people were breaking down the hall and police reacted in self-defence when they were charged by residents armed with chairs and placards.

He said he believed the lives of the 10 Paarl-based policemen and seven Robertson recruits were in danger when about 18 people ran out of the hall and charged at them. He then gave the order to open fire.

The case was postponed to November 28.

Mr. Jansen was represented by Mr. G. van der Post.

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Two key Webster witnesses vanish

Johannesburg — Two key-witnesses in the David Webster inquest which opens in the Rand Supreme Court on Monday have disappeared, police confirmed yesterday.

Detectives probing Dr Webster’s murder three years ago were urgently trying to locate the two witnesses, Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said.

“All attempts to find and subpoena Mr Cornelius du Plessis and Mr Hendrik Cleophas Mpotoane have been unsuccessful so far,” he said.

New powers

A draft law tabled in Parliament yesterday will enable the government to re-open inquests under a judge, a move which could pave the way for the re-opening of the Matthew Goniwe inquest.

A memorandum attached to the Inquests Amendment Bill said the new measure would give the Minister of Justice the power to request a judge to re-open an inquest.

The judge will have the power to subpoena any person who has already given evidence to the inquest.

The bill will be debated during Monday’s short parliamentary session — Own Correspondent, Political Staff
New steps to thwart cop-killers

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

EAST LONDON — Police vehicles are to be equipped with powerful American-style loudspeakers in a bid to foil assassinations by cop-killers posing as stranded motorists.

Law and Order Minister Mr Hermus Kriel yesterday unveiled measures to halt the killing of policemen and revealed that 21 were dying violently every month.

He told the National Party Cape congress here that a particularly alarming trend was for police to be ambushed when they stopped to assist cars which had apparently broken down at the side of the road.

Police were investigating a system whereby the occupants would be ordered through a loudspeaker to vacate their cars and “spread” before police would leave the safety of their vehicles.

Other measures to improve police safety would include bullet-proof vests, armoured “bakkies” and increased training.

Mr Kriel said that in 1991/92 the majority of policemen killed were not on duty. He said 68 black policemen had had their houses burnt down or badly damaged in arson attacks during the last 12 months.

To loud applause Mr Kriel said he wanted to offer particular praise “to black and brown members of the force because they work in particularly difficult circumstances.”

He said attackers were increasingly wearing security force uniforms and asked “Is this not perhaps the third force?”

The SAP and SADF were all that stood in the way of the ANC grabbing power, he said.

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Webster killing probe to begin

JOHANNESBURG. — The formal inquest into the apparent political assassination of Dr David Webster will begin in the Rand Supreme Court on Monday — more than three years after his death.

Dr Webster was gunned down outside his Johannesburg home in Troyeville on May 1, 1969.

Testimony would be heard at the Supreme Court hearing, police said, but detectives involved in the investigation were urgently trying to find two key witnesses.

They appealed for assistance in tracking down a Mr Cornelius Otto du Plessis, who lived in Troyeville, and a Mr Hendrik Cleophas Mpotane, who lived and worked in Randfontein.

Both had since moved.
Independent bodies to deal with police

RAY HARTLEY

TWO new independent bodies would begin by December to deal with serious complaints against the police, and with creating new training methods, police spokesman Col Frans Malherbe said yesterday.

The formation of the two bodies was among reforms announced by Law and Order Minister Hercules Kriel last week.

A panel, consisting of judges, advocates, political leaders and community representatives, would hear serious complaints brought to parliament.

A second independent panel on training, which would “represent the whole spectrum of the population”, would appoint new police training and development training programmes.

Responding to criticism of the police made at an Idasa conference on policing, he said the value of being taken of what delegates had said.

Affirmative action was under way in the police force and the 53% black and 45% white ratio would change rapidly.

“My big questions is we reform, but when are our worst sections going to seek at themselves to reform and accept the hand of friendship we are holding out?” Malherbe said.

Party political use of SAP ‘must end’

A FUTURE ANC government would be tempted to follow the NP’s example and use police for party political ends, unless dramatic moves to depoliticise the force were made immediately, SACP official Essop Phahad said in Vanderbijlpark yesterday.

“This government must stop using the police as their personal instrument and the police must stop being used,” he told delegates at an Idasa conference on policing.

“I don’t think (Law and Order Minister) Hercules Kriel has the capacity to act with the breadth and vision to take the police into a new era.”

A new independent trade union for policemen, that was not tied to any political party and represented all political persuasions, was needed to give policemen a say in their work, Phahad said.

“There is no earthly reason why police should not be allowed to have trade unions. The police must form a trade union so there is an organised body that will act for them.”

The peace accord specifically stated that permission was not required for protests, yet police continued to insist on being asked for permission, said the peace accord.

Local dispute resolution committees could form the basis of a new, improved relationship between the community and police, he said.

“We need to move as rapidly as possible to the first phase of transitional arrangements so that we can begin to have multi-party control over the police.”

“We would be naive in the extreme to think that a police force that has been trained to view us as the enemy, can change overnight,” Phahad said.

“The overwhelming majority of our people are fed up with the spiralling crime rate and are fed up with the violence.

“They want to know what it is that prevents the police force from dealing with violence.

“Why can’t the same police force, which was so effective in dealing with the ANC’s underground structure, deal with the violence?” he asked.

ANC legal expert Matthew Phosa told the conference police needed to be “thoroughly democratised”.

He said police should be service oriented and accountable.

“The police must serve the people by guaranteeing their rights to live in freedom and to exercise their lawful, democratic rights,” Phosa said.

Non-partisanship, openness and professionalism were needed along with the minimum use of force.

“The interests of all in the community should be considered and the poorer communities should not be discriminated against because of a lack of resources,” he said.

Meetings

Meanwhile the ANC said yesterday it was dismayed by Idasa director Van Zyl Slabbert’s suggestion that ANC president Nelson Mandela should meet police generals and not just criticise them from a distance.

“In the first instance, Mandela has held frequent meetings, at his request, with the police at various levels of seniority,” the ANC statement said.

“Secondly, virtually all Mandela’s visits to different parts of the country include a visit to police stations and discussions with the commanding officers and senior staff.”

“An ANC statement said.”
ANC hits at Slabbert

Political Staff

The ANC said yesterday it was "disappointed" at the sweeping statements made by Idean's policy director, Dr. Van 2y, about its relations with the police.

Dr. Slabbert had stated that Mr. Nelson Mandela should meet police generals and tell them directly what an organizaional complex of the police should do in dealing with them from a great distance.

The ANC said in a statement, released by its department of information and publicity, that Mr. Mandela had held frequent meetings at his request with the police at various levels in the country.

"Visually all Mr. Mandela's visits to different parts of the country included visits to police stations and discussions with the commanding officers and senior staff."

Saps reports from Vanderbijlpark that several SAP generals are to meet visiting international police experts on Friday.

This was announced at the four-day conference on policing in the 1980s hosted by Idean at Vanderbijlpark.
New police culture needed – Slabbert

There could be no improvement in police-community relations without an interim government, according to Institute for a Democratic SA (Idasa) director of policy and planning Dr Frederick Van Zyl Slabbert. Summing up proceedings at the end of the Idasa conference on “Policing in the 1990s” held near Vanderbijlpark yesterday, he added that at the same time an interim government could not be created without stability.

An effective police force was needed immediately and could not wait for this to happen. A transition of the kind SA was experiencing generated “enormous insecurity”.

“In this insecure environment the public focus on the police as agents of stability, yet the police, themselves, are caught up in their own transition. It is essential that the police learn how to manage change, but they cannot do it on their own.”

A new political culture as well as a new police culture had to be developed — Sapa
Police not our private army, NP congress told

EAST LONDON — The SAP was not a private army of the National Party or the Broederbond, Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel said yesterday.

He told the Cape NP congress in East London he rejected ANC claims to this effect. In the end, it was the SAP and SADF that stood in the way of a power takeover by the ANC, he said.

The SAP was an impartial law enforcement agency whose members did not belong to political parties.

"Now, it is this 'private army of the NP' that must recover the stolen vehicles such as BMWs of the national executive of the ANC that have to protect the million-rand houses of the communist leadership of the ANC," he said.

It was also this "private army" that had to be used to prevent mass action from turning into total disaster.

Kriel said the ANC claim was just the sort of inflammatory statement condemned on Tuesday by President F W de Klerk. He asked what sort of impression the ANC statement would create in the townships.

An average of 20,88 policemen a month had been killed this year. This was a scandal. Most of them had not been on duty. In the last 12 months 58 black policemen had had their houses burned, attacked or partially destroyed, he said.

Between February 12 1991 and July 31 this year, card-carrying and identified members of the ANC alliance had been involved in 28 attacks on security forces, Kriel said, asking if this was not perhaps the third force which had been mentioned.

Something had to be done about police safety. A system was being investigated in which police vehicles would use loud-hailers to order people out of stopped vehicles and into search positions before police got out of their own vehicles.

He also said the SADF had created an atmosphere in which the government could negotiate from a position of strength.

"People forgot too easily that there had been violence in the country before February 1990. The present violence would have been 10 times worse had it not been for the developments of February 1990," he said.

"Thanks to the initiatives of F W de Klerk we can still deal with the violence in this country," he said.

He said when wrongdoers in the police were discovered, action was taken.

"We do not protect our police like the ANC protects Ronne Kasrils," Kriel said.

— Sapa
Black police generals possible within days.

SA could have its first black police gen.
SAP has lost its way top officer said yesterday...

RAY MARTLEY
THE SA Police had lost sight of its mission and had become over-militarised, Kwa-Zulu Police Commissioner Maj-Gen Jac Buchner said yesterday.

In a speech unusual for a senior police officer, Buchner told an Ilda conference on policing that the black-white officer ratio was poor and relations with the community were at "an all-time low".

Brutality, use of maximum force, the poor treatment of prisoners and a failure to respond to complaints about police behaviour were key factors behind this, he told the conference in Vanderbijlpark.

"The image of the police officer as an aggressive, heavily armed representative of the state should be changed."

There would be more ready acceptance...
Top black SAP men to sell group policing

Staff Reporter

BLACK policemen will be promoted to senior positions to sell the idea of community policing to a sceptical black population.

Deputy Law and Order Minister Mr Gert Myburgh yesterday said police could no longer take on the sole responsibility of combating crime and the fight against crime, violence and chaos must be a joint initiative between the police and the community.

This follows the completion of an officer’s course yesterday by three black brigadiers who could become South Africa’s first black generals.

A police spokesman yesterday said Brigadier John Manuel — tipped for a top post in the Western Cape — and Brigadiers Simon Tsoka and Morgan Chetty could be promoted “on merit” if they passed their courses.

The Police Promotion Board would discuss the candidates and decide on the promotion and posting.

While welcoming the news, the ANC yesterday expressed its disquiet that “ethnic considerations” seemed to play a role in the decision.

Although it did not wish to question their competence, the ANC said it found it more than a coincidence that the generals come from “three population groups” previously excluded from the higher echelons of the SAP.

The policy seems to be a general for each ethnic group and the police ministry must deracialise policing, the ANC said.
An alleged brutal midnight assault with a crowbar on a man held in the Mamelodi police cells last weekend is sure to add more fuel to calls for an independent commission of inquiry to investigate the mounting death toll in police custody. ELIAS MALULEKE reports.

A fit of anger, he threw a bunch of keys at her before she ran out of the house, and he went to bed. Thenjekwayo alleged he was woken up by loud knocks shortly after midnight. When he opened his door, two black policemen started to drag him out. He protested and was then allegedly slapped in the face. He warned the police that his teeth had been wired following an assault by a thug 14 days earlier. As they dragged him to the van, allegedly punching him, one of the policemen lost his watch. After a search he was told he would “s” it if he did not produce it at the charge office. He claimed that on arrival at the charge office in Mamelodi West, he was ordered to sit on the floor and as he did one of the cops swung at him with a crowbar. “I raised my arms to protect my head and the crowbar struck my left arm. As I screamed out in pain, a third policeman who was in the charge office joined the two and I was dragged out into the courtyard. “As we headed towards the cells, I was struck from behind with the crowbar and staggered forward. I was then punched and kicked and fell down,” he said.

The alleged assault continued while he was on the ground, before being dragged semi-conscious and bleeding into a cell. One of the policemen then poured water over his head. “I collapsed right next to the door. I was helped to some bedding by the other people in the cell,” Thenjekwayo said.

Thenjekwayo’s aunt, Pauline, who accompanied the police to the police station, said she was outside when she heard Thenjekwayo screaming.

A few hours after he was released from the cells on Tuesday, Thenjekwayo was picked up by detectives and taken to court in connection with the alleged assault on his aunt. He was not asked to plead and was released on his own recognisances.

He said, however, that after his court appearance he was taken to the police station where his injuries were photographed. He was then told to stay home the following day as the police planned to take him to a district surgeon for a check-up, but had by Friday not showed up.

Thenjekwayo said he would approach Lawyers for Human Rights tomorrow, if he was feeling well, to bring a claim against his assailants.

Maj Lesch said the Commissioner of Police and all concerned policemen could not tolerate such behavior from police officers.

More than 180 people have died in police custody from January last year to date.

One of the latest victims this week was a 30-year-old man who was found dead in a cell in Marble Hall on Sunday, few hours after he was arrested for allegedly being drunk in public.

The other was SA Commercial Catering and Allied Workers Union organiser John Cele, who died from a mysterious bullet wound while being interrogated by KwaZulu police on Wednesday.

The KZP said Cele shot himself in the head with his own gun
Court rules on kitscop killing

THE findings of an inquest court in Oudtshoorn has brought to a close a chapter in a lengthy battle between residents of Oudtshoorn’s Bongolethu township and special constables stationed there in the 1980s.

The court found last week that a special constable stationed in Bongolethu in 1988, David Sibango, had killed Mr Suyisile Andrew Douse, 26, unlawfully.

Douse died after being shot in the back in January 1988 by Sibango.

Following the shooting, a crowd gathered in the township and in the ensuing confrontation with police two people were killed and several others injured.

Johnny Carelse, 15, and Selwin Botha, 22, died after being shot.

A schoolteacher, Mr Moses Mvumbi, was seriously injured.

The Supreme Court subsequently granted an application for an urgent interim interdict restraining members of the SAP in Bongolethu from acting unlawfully.

The application was filed separately from a previous application requesting relief for inhabitants of Bongolethu against alleged unlawful behaviour by members of the SAP in an affidavit submitted by Ms Linda Majola, whose father Mr Eddie Majola had killed a special constable, Bangi Salman, a week before the shooting.

She said Sibango had told her Salman’s death would be avenged and “blood would flow.”

In affidavits made after the shootings, Sibango claimed he had shot Douse in self-defence after he was attacked by Douse and two brothers, Mr Mbuieko Mvumbi and Mr David Mvumbi.

Several colleagues of Sibango made statements and gave evidence supporting Sibango’s version of events.

However, the dead man’s wife, Ms Emily Minnies, and the Mvumbi brothers said Sibango had shot Douse in cold blood.

The Mvumbi brothers were subsequently acquitted in the Oudtshoorn regional court on a charge of attempted murder after the magistrate found the special constables who had given evidence to the court had changed their stories several times.

In cross-examination during the inquest hearing, the special constables contradicted their affidavits and each other’s evidence. The magistrate remarked they had made a “poor impression” on the court.

Despite some discrepancies, the court found that the evidence given by Minnies and the Mvumbi brothers was a more likely version of events.

Consequently, the court found there was prima facie evidence that Sibango had acted unlawfully. A dossier is to be forwarded to the Attorney-General.

Sibango, who is serving a long-term sentence for murder, had a Std 2 education and six weeks’ training before becoming a special constable.

Douse’s widow, 33-year-old Emily Minnies, said she was pleased that “the truth had come out” but felt Sibango should be charged with murder.

“I am bitter that I have been left to raise our son, Fhilemo, who is now seven,” Minnies said.
Transkei, SA cops swap uniforms

TRANSKEIAN Police officers on Friday visited the SAP in Pretoria to exchange sets of uniforms—a gesture of goodwill aimed at mending poor relations between the two forces.

The uniforms will be displayed in the respective police museums.

As he presented the uniforms, SAP commanding officer of public relations, Maj-Gen Leon Mallet, said he welcomed the gesture.

"Co-operation such as is evident here today can also be implemented with regard to the unfortunate attacks on farmers and their property in the eastern Cape," he said.
Justice in Webster case
But Black Sash疑问
Fresh evidence claimed.
The suspect continues today.

The two witnesses who were present at the scene of the murder were both hypnotized and shown photos of the suspect and the murder scene. However, they were unable to identify anyone.

The suspect was last seen leaving the building in a dark car.

The police are continuing their investigation.

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Evidence of a death probe.

**Death Probe at Webster**

**Eyes Shock Destroyed**
Harms' Probe of CCB Halted

The head of the Action Room, A. W. Heslop, could arrive in Britain today in time to give evidence today.

Johnnsen's next witness was John Harms. He took the stand a few minutes before 10:00 a.m. and was challenged by Mr. A. W. Heslop, who asked him a series of leading questions. Mr. Harms answered them all in a calm and collected manner, and the hearing continued until 1:00 p.m.

Next witness was John Harms.
Union suspends Checkers sit-in

Johannesburg — Sixteen South African Commercial Catering and Allied Workers Union (Saccawu) officials agreed yesterday to suspend their sit-in at the Checkers head office here.

Saccawu member Mr. George Thobakgale said they would meet management today to discuss a long-standing issue and hoped to negotiate the reinstatement of more than 120 workers. The union began the sit-in on Wednesday to protest against last month’s dismissals of 65 workers — Sapa
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Webster: Inquest told of CCB probe
Institute offers long arm of help

COWBOYS are learning to cry, as the SA Police Institute for Behavioural Science (IPS) equips police
men and women to cope with the stress and danger that come with the job.

In the Western Cape region, there are 12,000 full-time and assistant policemen and women
of all ranks.

During the 13 months it has been active here, the institute has developed equal adeptness
at counselling already-traumatised police and preparing newcomers for future stress, says
institute commander Lieutenant-Colonel Johan Pieterse.

In line with other regions, says Colonel Pieterse, initiatives in the Western Cape unit are increasingly preventive rather than curative.

"A great deal of our work still concentrates on post-traumatic stress, often experienced
after a contact situation where a policeman is shot at and a colleague killed or injured, or
where policemen and women have to go out to murder or rape scenes.

"Our role is growing and we want to do as much as we can
to prevent build-ups of stress among our colleagues."

Second in command at the institute is Captain Willem Conradie, who says that after a shoot-out
or after attending to a traumatic scene, a vulnerable police
officer or woman could display a variety of symptoms.

"The person could have recurring nightmares, or might
wake up in the middle of the night soaked in sweat.

"Another symptom is sensory hypersensitivity.

"This is when a person would be able to discern sounds and
sights around the house which others may not be able to de-
tect, like a tap dripping in a
bathroom several metres from the
bedroom.

"And, of course, one can expect such a person to withdraw socially."

In the crossfire between tradi-
tional, professional training models for police, and people's expectations of fearless public
servants, police have been ex-
pected to hold fear and stress
without blinking.

Colonel Pieterse says: "When a policeman has been exposed to an extraordinary situation, he needs to talk about it.

"We need to get away from the mass media perception of police as guys and girls who can take a punch and where individuals are not allowed to show weakness or vulnerabili-
ty.

"However, we know that if traumatic events remain sub-
conscious, they inevitably emerge as post-traumatic stress.

"One of the keys to lowering stress levels among police is selecting the right people for the right jobs."

Consequently, Colonel Pieterse, Captain Conradie and their team of nine specialists are refining the ways by which new recruits are admitted.

Suicide moves up list of police enemies

A TOTAL of 74 policemen have com-
mitted suicide so far this year, compared with 61 in the whole of 1991.

Captain Braam Beetge, one of the psychologists involved in training 29 counsellors who man crisis lines for policemen, said the stress of the job was only one factor in the rising sui-
cide rate.

He said: "It's one of the biggest fac-
tors, but it's a complex syndrome
involving depression, interpersonal
problems, genetics and stress at home.

"Relationship problems accounted for at least 40 percent of the 307 calls the crisis line received between April and the end of September. Problems like depression, stress and substance abuse followed closely.

Some policemen were affected by a condition known as "burnout stress syndrome", something Captain Beetge
described as stress over a long period
of time that is difficult to cope with.

"If a person is in a situation for a short time period, he can cope. But the body gets tired and loses its potential to fight off a longer time period. One's immune system cannot take it any longer.

"Policemen are in traumatic situations
every day and they need time to offload, to get rid of emotions and to come to therapy."

Captain Peter Koortzen, another
psychologist, said the crisis line
worked with "normal people who are confronted by abnormal situations, like bomb blasts".

He added: "In that situation, young police people will sometimes have to sit next to dead bodies for two to three hours until they are removed. Sometimes they have to pick up the pieces and place them in plastic bags. It's the most awful stuff."

More and more black policemen
also have been turning to the crisis line.

Captain Beetge said: "They live in a world of complete insecurity. They are outcasts in their own society. The stress they experience in the townships is very threatening for them."

There was a distorted perception
within and outside the police that the only mad people seek psychotherapy", he said.

"Most of them are afraid of us. We are the "kopkrimpers" (shrinks). They still believe we write reports about them which will influence their promotion in the police force."

"Some of them tell us not to tell anyone they are seeking psychotherapy. They even ask if we are taping the conversation."

Captain Koortzen said it was an uphill battle to convince policemen that "it's okay to feel and it's okay to be afraid. It's also okay to be a human being and it's okay to cry — what's wrong with that?"

One call he remembers was at the end of April. It was from a Vereeniging policeman.

"He said that someone had tipped him off that there were weapons in a certain house in a black township."

"A group of about five or six police
men went there and knocked on the door a few times. There was no reply. They went inside, but as they went down the passage someone jumped out of a room and began firing. Two of the men were badly wounded."

"The problem lay more with those who witnessed their colleagues being shot."

The first step on the road to recovery was what the psychologists call "debriefing".

Captain Koortzen said: "Debriefing depends on the person's state of mind. You have to be very careful. You can damage a person if you don't handle them correctly.
Police death toll at 90

By THEMBA KHUMALO

At least 90 security force members have died and 137 have been wounded in various attacks on them by unknown people since May, the Human Rights Commission said in its September report.

These casualties resulted from 207 attacks on the security forces.

Although the HRC could not identify the assailants, Karl Zimbi, a shadowy commander of the PAC's Azanian People's Army (Apla), has threatened to intensify attacks on security forces.

Responsibility

He has previously claimed responsibility for most of the attacks on policemen who were wounded in various incidents countrywide.

Recently the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union met Apla's high command in Harare where they signed an agreement which would exonerate Poperu members from future guerrilla attacks.

The HRC report further said for two consecutive months - August and September - Natal has topped the violence list, accounting for 43 percent of the country's total.

The report said deaths in the South Coast region dropped from 68 to 45.

The East Rand remained a flashpoint with 43 deaths in September while Vaal fatalities plummeted sharply in the same period. The death toll remained at 17 each in Alexandra and Soweto.

At least 11 deaths occurred in police cells in September, bringing the total death toll in police custody to 95 this year.

There were 300 prisoners - among them six political inmates - awaiting their fate on Death Row. Among them is Jerry Richardson who was convicted for killing Stompie Seipei, a 14-year-old activist, and Alex Seheri, an Umkhonto weSizwe cadre who was sentenced for murdering two Soweto residents in 1987.

The report said in September 21 percent of the victims were ANC supporters and 12 percent were IFP supporters or members. The hostels suffered only one death and no injured inmates.

While the first half of September saw a continuation of train attacks, no such incidents were recorded in the last week of the same month. However, since January, 21 women were killed in train attacks and 36 were injured. Three chidren died and 9 were injured, said the report.
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HoR ‘aided drummies’

by Darryl Strieker
Political Staff

THE House of representatives, while under the control of the Labour Party (denied 100,000 to help a group of drum makers). The plan is a conspiracy to help the Drummers to make more money, and it also aids the financial situation in the House of Representatives administration which is still deteriorating.

The House of Representatives Committee on Public Accounts was informed yesterday that the details of financial transactions should be reported to the Minister of Finance. The Committee also recommended that the Reserve Bank should ensure that the financial transactions are reported to the Minister of Finance.

Webster: 3 ‘told to say nothing’

Johannesburg — A top Special Branch officer at the SAIPR Special Services General Hephaestion was in court yesterday. He was told by the Special Branch General Hephaestion that two officers were ordered not to talk.

The second officer of the CID at the time General Hephaestion and Mr Abraham discovered that a DRB project on Dr Webster’s was a failure. He was ordered by General Hephaestion and Mr Abraham to cease investigations and to advise the Minister of Finance not to involve General Hephaestion in any investigation.

The third officer of the CID who was involved in Joseph Webster’s affair was ordered by General Hephaestion and Mr Abraham to cease investigations and to advise the Minister of Finance not to involve General Hephaestion in any investigation.

Savimbi fails to turn up for crucial meeting

LUANDA — Peace in Angola was balanced on a knife edge yesterday as Unita soldiers captured several positions around the capital, and recently arrived in Cabinda by air. The meeting of the presidents of Angola and Namibia was due to be held in the capital.

Savimbi’s forces reportedly forced the government to retreat, and the meeting was postponed.

HoD ‘shortage’

THE House of Delegates Committee on Public Accounts has expressed concern at the shortages and short comings of the health administration’s personnel and communications. The report examines the health administration’s internal controls and recommendations to the Minister of Health.

AMNESTY PROTEST

Western Province Council of Churches Theologian Mr Shun Mtunza issued a statement condemning the amnesty bill after a march to Parliament yesterday.

11 000 flee Cabinda fighting

BRAZzAVILLE — Eleven thousand people have fled conflict and military repression in Angolan Cabinda in one week. The government has declared a state of emergency in Cabinda and recently arrived in the capital.

The refugees are being housed in temporary shelters and the government is providing food and medical assistance.

The refugees are reported to be living in squalid conditions and are facing food shortages and lack of medical care.

Dr Savimbi and Mr Dos Santos have been meeting in Angola to discuss peace talks. The two leaders are expected to meet again in the coming days to discuss the latest developments.

The negotiations are reportedly aimed at ending the conflict and establishing a lasting peace in the region.

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Black generals to head community relations

SA’s first black police generals would formally receive their rank on December 1 when 15 senior officers were scheduled for promotion, the SAP said yesterday.

Three black brigadiers, Brig Simon Tsoka, Brig Morgan Chetty and Brig John Manuel, would be promoted to major-general and appointed to senior positions in the recently announced community relations division.

Chetty would serve as head of community relations in Pretoria while Manuel and Tsoka would head the Natal and Witwatersrand branches of the division.

Manuel would also serve as deputy regional commissioner in the Witwatersrand.

The SAP said 13 white officers would also be promoted to general on December 1.

In another development, a group of 20 police and community representatives were scheduled to leave for Denmark early next month to study policing methods, a well-placed source said yesterday.

The source said the trip had been organised by Idasa and was funded by the Danish government.

Community and police representatives are also expected to travel to London shortly to study policing methods there.

The new appointments follow Law and Order Minister Hermus Kriel’s announcement of the retirement of 13 police generals in August and are part of a programme to rejuvenate the force.

A police statement released yesterday said other structural changes announced by Kriel would also be implemented by December.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said the ANC welcomed the appointments, but added police appeared to have adopted a policy of “a general for each ethnic group.”

He said although the ANC did not question the capabilities of the three black generals, it was “more than a coincidence” that they came from the three race groups traditionally excluded from senior police posts.

Wits Policing Research Project academic Etienne Marais said the move would boost the morale of black police officers who had been overlooked for promotion over the years.

The appointment of blacks to senior posts would not necessarily improve police relations with the community if local police structures remained inflexible.
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Three new generals

Chief of the SAP announces promotions effective from December 1

The South African Police will promote three black officers to its general staff on December 1.

Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe confirmed yesterday that the three brigadiers - along with 13 white brigadiers - had passed their course and would be promoted to the rank of major-general.

General MS Tsoka will become a deputy regional commissioner and head of community relations in the Witwatersrand division.

The division also serves Soweto.

General M Chetty will serve in the post of head of community relations at police headquarters in Pretoria.

General JM Manuel will be the head of community relations in Natal.

Van der Merwe said other structural changes to the police force announced earlier would also come into effect on December 1.

The promotion to the rank of general signifies considerable changes in the force from the days when black police officers were issued with brown uniforms while their white colleagues performed their duties in the blue uniform.

Sapa
Popcru slams "token' generals
Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG —
The promotion of South Africa's first three black police generals, which has been scheduled for December 1, was "nothing but window-dressing", the Police and Prisoners Civil Rights Union (Popcru) said yesterday.
Their positions do not give them actual authority within the police, a Popcru statement said.
Widows and orphans

A TOTAL of R2,3m has been paid out to families of the 184 policemen killed on duty this year. SAP Widows and Orphans Fund chairman Gen Alwyn Conradie said yesterday the fund's income this year was R4,5m, of which R3,3m had already been paid out.

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'Token promotions'

THE promotion of SA's first three black police generals, which has been scheduled for December 1, was "nothing but window-dressing", the Police and Prisoners Civil Rights Union said yesterday.

"Their positions are such that they will be exposed to the public while not having actual authority in the police," it said.

Brig Simon Tsoka, Brig Morgan Chetty and Brig John Manuel will be promoted to major-general and appointed in the community relations division.
Repression gave a false sense of security

LAW and Order Minister Bertus Kriel told a Pretoria University audience last night that repressive laws in force before the start of government's reforms in February 1990 had created "a false sense of security."

Addressing an Institute of Strategic Studies function in Pretoria, he said that only a vibrant economy would bring relief from a soaring crime rate and political violence.

Before February 2 1990, political violence and the revolutionary onslaught could be fought by way of massive repression, a full state of emergency, preventative detention without trial, and curfews, Kriel said.

"But by forcefully keeping the lid on the pot we have simply veiled a very serious problem instead of solving it - in other words a false sense of security was created," he said.

He said the country faced conflict, mayhem and anarchy unless political and other role players joined forces to resolve the problem.

He stressed, however, that SA's economic problems were the biggest single factor in escalating crime. Seven out of every 10 crimes in 1991 were economically related.

Kriel said 1,895 people died in more than 7,500 incidents of political violence in the year to end-September.

Boesak: Govt land sales must stop

CAPE TOWN - People who lost their land in the western Cape through the Group Areas Act should put in their claims for restoration now, ANC regional chairman Allan Boesak said yesterday.

"Illegal sales of state land must be stopped immediately," he said.

Boesak said government was selling off land as fast as it could that had been earmarked for resale to victims of the Group Areas Act.

"Of the 5,200 properties in state hands last year, only 3,200 remain."

The current Rondevlei case is a clear example that illegal sales and corruption are taking place while the interests of those with legitimate claims are being sidelined and ignored," Boesak said.

"We demand that the government take immediate steps to freeze all sales of state land and, furthermore, that it instructs the state departments concerned to write to all families whose land was removed under the Group Areas Act, informing them of their right to submit a claim for the return of the land," Boesak said.

He added that the ANC, in conjunction with other organisations, was considering launching a campaign to inform the public of its right to submit land claims.
General takes his salutes from blacks and whites

By MOSES MAMAILA

THE promotion of Brig Magabole Simon Tsoka to the rank of major-general was long overdue, he told reporters at a media conference to announce his promotion.

Tsoka, who is the Soweto West deputy commissioner, takes up his new post on December 1.

Responding to a question on whether he considered his promotion to be overdue, Tsoka gave an emphatic "yes". "I served 36 hard and difficult years in the police force to earn this position," said the seasoned cop who led the team that apprehended John Kgabi, the notorious Pretoria muti-killer.

Kgabi, who targeted young girls, was convicted of 13 murders and condemned to death. He was hanged a few months after his conviction in 1979.

Asked if he considered his promotion a political move by the government to improve the image of the SAP, Tsoka said he did not want to put himself in a political corner. "I worked for this and I deserve it. My work warranted my promotion. Although, like all other black policemen, I was subjected to various threats from some people who regarded policemen as agents of apartheid, as a Christian I always believed the good guys would some day conquer the bad guys."

Tsoka maintains his policy of neutrality even in sport. "I like soccer but I do not favour any particular club because once I do that I would no longer be objective in my police work," he declared.

The man who will now be saluted by both black and white junior officers is expected to take the post of the Witwatersrand deputy commissioner in December.
Cops forced to exhume bodies they dumped

THIS was the macabre sight as police exhume 14 unidentified bodies on the orders of the Goldstone commission at Ratanda township, near Heidelberg, this week.

Police had earlier dumped coffins containing the bodies in a row of unmarked graves.

After complaints by the African National Congress, the commission told the police to return the corpses to a government mortuary for identification.

This weekend, Ratanda residents were still angry after witnessing a police unit, accompanied by a team of grave-diggers, drop the coffins into open graves on Thursday morning.

Eleven graves were left uncovered.

Tense

Police have given conflicting statements about the reasons for the mass burial.

Lieutenant-Colonel Roelf Rohrs, one of the officers who carried out the exhumation, said all except one body had been identified before burial.

"Some are murder victims, some have died of unnatural causes," he said.

A later statement by a police spokesman contradicted this. It said police obtained magisterial permission to bury the bodies after they had lain unidentified at a government mortuary for six months.

Community leaders said the Ratanda community believed the bodies were those of victims of recent violence in the township, involving residents, the police and Inkatha-aligned hostel-dwellers.

According to ANC Ratanda branch chairman Obed Nkosan, police arrived in trucks at the township cemetery with 14 coffins carrying unidentified bodies.

An ANC national council meeting was opened in a tense stand-off with police as the 14 graves were dug.

"Why were the police involved in this mass burial and why were these bodies dumped here without dignity? Who are the dead?" said Mr Nkosan.

"They could be my parents, my uncle, other relatives - there are so many people who have gone missing here and in other areas," he said.

"We are also appalled that not even the normal procedures of lowering the coffins was followed. You could see they were just thrown in.

"One coffin was upside down, one was broken and some were lying skew inside the grave, not even touching the bottom."

The ANC was told about the burials by the local community and instructed its lawyers to contact Judge Goldstone, who appointed advocate PJ Botha to investigate.

The ANC also contacted Police Commissioner Major-General Johan van der Merwe, who appointed a Heidelberg police officer to investigate the burials.

Removal

On Friday evening, ANC members and policemen under the command of Colonel Rohrs negotiated the removal of the coffins.

In the gathering darkness, under the glare of the spotlamps of a police Nyala, teams of policemen in camouflage uniform, wearing white surgical masks and red gloves, began hoisting up the coffins one by one with the aid of a hosepipe serving as a makeshift rope.

Tomorrow, in an identification process facilitated by the Goldstone commission, the bodies will be photographed and fingerprinted in the presence of police and lawyers representing the ANC.
By KURT SWART

AS a very credible in his home town Saldanha Bay in the 60s, John Manuel wore a brown uniform. The distinctive SAP Blue was reserved for whites.

Today, after 28 years, he is a brigadier and in a month will don the full regalia of a general — one of the first three blacks to achieve this.

Each promotion has been a proud milestone for Manuel, 47, not a tall man but broad of shoulder and powerfully built.

He joined the SAP at 19 in 1964. In 1968 he became one of the first four basic training instructors at the newly opened Bishop Lavis police training college in Cape Town, where he stayed for 20 years.

In 1973 he became one of the first black warrant officers — before 1971 the colour bar meant no "non-white" could rise above the rank of sergeant.

In 1975 he became a lieutenant, captain in 1981 and major in 1984.

Muzzled

In April 1987 he was promoted to lieutenant-colonel and made station commander at Mitchells Plain where he became embroiled in the Gregory Rockman affair.

Lt Rockman made world headlines in 1989 when he tried to stop riot policemen from assaulting protesters and slated them as "wild dogs" who enjoyed beating their victims.

JOHN MANUEL

His refusal to be muzzled led to his dismissal.

Brigadier Manuel publicly supported Rockman and refused to speak against him at the police inquiry.

"Gregory and I are still friends," he said this week.

"The Mitchells Plain police were trying to reach out to the community in a tense situation.

"What really angered me was the lack of communication by the riot police I was station commander but they didn't bother to keep me up-to-date and there was conflict between us.

"Rockman was the public relations officer and had done good work in fostering better relations with the community. He had the right to intervene, even though the riot police section leaders just ignored him"

Proud Policeman

"I had to support Rockman. I knew the circumstances and I would have been a traitor not to do so. But I want that to be part of the past. You must not imprison yourself in the past. I want to look forward. We want to communicate with each other in the SAP and with the community.

"After the Rockman affair Manuel was promoted to full colonel and posted to Soweto East, where he became deputy district commissioner in January 1990.

In April this year he was promoted to brigadier and transferred to Pretoria.

Rockman, struggling as a self-employed taxi driver in Uitenhage, was elected president of the left-aligned Police and Prison Civil Rights Union (Popuru), formed to stamp out police brutality and discrimination.

And to democratise the force.

This week Popuru slated the promotion of three "non-white" brigadiers as "merely window-dressing", which would not change the day-to-day running of the police.

"We believe real changes will take place under a democratically elected government," Popuru said.

Answering Popuru's charges of tokenism, Brig Manuel said: "We went through the same course as the white candidates and were measured by the same standards and criteria.

"Anyway, after 28 years, I think it's high time I was made a general," he smiled.

Brigadier Manuel is satisfied with reforms within the police force.

"Discrimination is on the way out but the structure and mechanics of change are moving faster than changes in attitudes. The pace of change in hearts and minds in the force is acceptable at this point.

John Manuel is intensely proud of his career.

"At 19 I fell in love with the uniform and I still wear it with pride.

"But I'd like the police to change their attitudes and improve community relations. In many cases, there is no relationship at all.

"Married for 29 years to schoolteacher Ms Sophika Clarke, he has four teenage sons of whom the eldest, Jonathan, is a social work student at Rand Afrikaans University."
'Stick your hand up if you're a good cop'

By Themba Khumalo

THE agreement between the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Pop- eru) and Apia that the guerrilla movement should not attack union members during their military operations in the townships is clouded with controversy.

Poporu general secretary Peter Nkuna this week tried to explain to City Press how PAC soldiers would identify Poporu members during their operations, but the process seemed complicated and confusing.

He said Apia would work closely with PAC local structures such as student bodies and civic associations to identify "good" policemen or Poporu members who lived in each township.

Those policemen would be introduced to local communities and would in turn be "known" to the guerrillas so that they were exempted from possible attacks.

When the "good" police were sent out on patrols, they should inform PAC structures in those areas so they did not fall victim to Apia attacks.

But the agreement seemed not to have taken into account the fact that in terms of the police rules to ensure security and secrecy, especially among black members of the force, policemen are usually not told in advance about where they would patrol, raid or man roadblocks.

In some cases they are simply issued with the necessary equipment, including guns, and ordered into vans without being told where they are going to until they are at or near the scene where the operation will commence.

But Nkuna, an imposing young prison warden at Johannesburg Prison, conceded that very few of Poporu's 5,000 paid-up members were policemen.

"Because of intimidation by white officers and certain regulations regarding the police force, most policemen are either reluctant or scared to join Poporu," said Nkuna.

Poporu drew most of its membership from black prison warders who were frustrated by the racial discrimination and repression that took place in prisons, he said.

The Apia/Poporu agreement came in the wake of increased attacks on black policemen.

A man calling himself Karl Zimbiri and claiming to be the Apia commander in the country, has claimed responsibility for many of the attacks.
Webster inquest
Eberhardt Bertelsmann, if he would like to give
further evidence in camera, Mr Du Plessis did not reply.
Mr Bertelsmann then asked Mr Justice Stegmann
if, through the lack of reply, it was not evident Mr Du
Plessis was scared, and whether the rest of his
evidence could be heard in a cleared court.
Argument for the in-camera hearing of the rest of
Mr Du Plessis' testimony was heard after the court
had been cleared.
Mr Du Plessis told the court on October 15th that he
had been in Eleanor Street, Troyeville, on May 1,
1989 when Dr Webster was shot outside his home.
He said he had been travelling about 25km behind
a white Opel Ascona in which there was a man in the
driver's seat and another in the back.
Yesterday he said he had recognised the man in
back seat who had possibly fired the fatal shot at Dr
Webster.
The man had been sitting in court with someone
who looked like a rugby player. It was obvious he
had worn a wig on the day of the murder, but he had
recognised the man by his crossmarked face.
Earlier yesterday the former second-in-command
of the SAP Criminal Investigation Division, General
Jaap Joubert, told the inquest that former Defence
Minister General Magnus Malan and former Minis-
ter of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok had been told
of the existence of the CCB as early as December 3,
1989.
Questioned about the September 12, 1989 shooting
of Swapo executive member Mr Anton Lubowski
which came to light during the investigation into Dr
Webster's killing - General Joubert said he had
been told things in confidence and had a moral
obligation to maintain that confidence unless other-
wise ordered by the court.
Mr Justice Stegmann said General Joubert would
have to give evidence which could be relevant to the
Webster murder, but could keep other details of
meetings with SADF generals and CCB head Mr Joe
Verster confidential.
General Joubert said he had held meetings with
the head of Military Intelligence, General Rudolph
"Witkop" Radenhorst, who told him the CCB was
upset about the detention of two CCB operatives.
General Radenhorst told him on December 2, 1989
that he would speak to the State President and
General Malan about the detentions.
The hearing continues today — Sapa
Webster ‘flew ... after shot’

JOHANNESBURG. — Former CCB operative Mr Ferdie Barnard had said Dr David Webster “flew through the air after being shot”, Mr Barnard’s former employer said in the Supreme Court here yesterday.

Mr Willie Smit, who had employed Mr Barnard as an insurance assessor, was giving evidence at the inquest into the May 1, 1989, killing of the Wits academic.

He said Mr Barnard made the statement while on the way to Lanseria Airport in Randburg, with his (Mr Smit’s) mother in the car.

Mr Smit also told the court Mr Barnard had said he had made an unsuccessful attempt to “take out” anti-apartheid activist Mr Bruce White.

He said Mr Barnard and his brother Calla had arrived at his Florida home on the West Rand in a state of panic between 7am and 8am one day, saying they needed an alibi.

Mr Ferdie Barnard asked Mr Smit to provide one. He also asked Mr Smit if he knew about Dr Webster’s assassination and then told his former employer he had orders to monitor Mr White and to “take him out”.

Mr Ferdie Barnard said the first attempt on Mr White had been unsuccessful as he and Mr Calla Botha — another CCB operative — had been spotted by a security guard, Mr Smit said.

Mr Smit, a former managing director of ACA Insurance, employed Mr Barnard as an assessor when the CCB operative was paroled from prison after serving part of a sentence for multiple murder.

Mr Smit told the court Mr Barnard had a photograph album which showed the corpses of 22 or 23 people he had killed. The album was shown to others at the insurance company.

Mr Smit had owned a .357 magnum pistol, which he sold to Mr Barnard. Mr Barnard took Mr Smit’s identity document to get details of the gun and failed to return it.

At a later stage Mr Smit told Mr Calla Barnard that in terms of Mr Barnard’s parole he was not allowed to own a gun and he (Mr Smit) wanted to know what had become of the pistol. Mr Calla Barnard told him the gun had been sold to a police lieutenant.

Mr Barnard often wore wigs in the presence of Mr Smit — including one similar to the hairstyle of one of the people said to have murdered Dr Webster. Mr Smit told the inquest he identified pictures drawn up by witnesses as Mr Barnard and a friend of his whom he knew as Mr Eugene Riley.

During cross-examination Mr Smit said he had been threatened and, because he feared for his safety, had been reluctant to give evidence.
JOHANNESBURG — Colonel Staal Burger, head of the CCB’s Region Six, used the Pretoria flat of freelance journalist Mr Johan Gagiano to hide from Namibian police in early 1990, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

The inquest into the murder of anthropologist Dr David Webster also heard Colonel Burger left the flat after being recognised by a neighbour.

Mr Gagiano, who has a history of treatment for alcoholism, was released from a rehabilitation centre to give evidence yesterday.

He told Mr Jurie Wessels, legal counsel for CCB head Mr Joe Verster, that an elderly woman named Madelaine had recognised Colonel Burger.

She said the man resembled the head of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad that the police were looking for in connection with the September 1990 killing of Swapo executive member Mr Anton Lubwski.

Mr Gagiano said he told Colonel Burger what the woman had said, and the CCB operative then left, after a stay of three or four days.

Mr Piet Coetsee, SC, for the SA Defence Force, said Colonel Burger would deny staying there or even visiting Mr Gagiano at home.

Mr Coetsee said Mr Gagiano’s statement, in which he claimed Colonel Burger told him who killed Dr Webster on May 1, 1990, was a fabrication.

Mr Gagiano said he had received a threatening telephone call after giving evidence last week. His former wife also received strange telephone calls last week and her flat was watched by men in a white car.

The inquest, under Mr Justice Michael Stegmann, continues today. — Sapa
Harassment untrue - police

Spokesman says few harassment cases have proved to be true:

Very few of the many allegations of police harassment of returned exiles have proved true, police spokesman Captain Nina Barkhuizen said on Tuesday.

She was reacting to claims that SAP harassment of returned exiles was of such a nature that many intended leaving the country, had fled their homes or were in hiding.

Although "precious few" claims of harassment had proved well founded, all would be investigated.

"If they prove to be true or if anyone emerges as guilty of these offences, the necessary steps will be taken against them," said Capt Barkhuizen.

An earlier newspaper report said the National Co-ordinating Committee for the Reintegration of Exiles had compiled a dossier of alleged police torture - Sapa.
THERE is no evidence to support allegations made in the *Weekly Mail* of May 8 to 14 and May 15 to 22 that the South African Police (SAP) planned and instigated violence in the Vaal area, the Goldstone Commission has found.

In a report released yesterday the Commission also found that in evidence before the one-man Goldstone Committee chaired by Mr RM Wise, SC, set up to investigate the *Weekly Mail* allegations, nothing justified the allegations that the SAP had a base which was linked with the planning of assassinations in the Vaal, or the innuendo that the police were involved in a death campaign or a "silent war against leaders and activists of the ANC and its allies".

The committee also found the statements by Mr Daniel Koltsang and Mr Solly Mngomezulu that the SAP planned and instigated violence, which constituted the basis of reports by the *Weekly Mail* on May 8 and 15 this year, to be totally false.
Police admit 'lack of enthusiasm'

A LACK of enthusiasm on the part of some policemen was hampering efforts to curb violence on trains, a senior police officer said yesterday.

At least 231 people have been killed and 434 injured in 363 incidents of violence on the trains in the southern Transvaal since the beginning of the year, according to police figures.

Most of the incidents occurred on the Johannesburg-Soweto, Johannesburg-Vereeniging and Kweesne-Katlehong lines.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Lt-Col Dave Bruce told journalists in Johannesburg yesterday that although policing of trains had been stepped up, it appeared some policemen were "less motivated" than others.

But Bruce pointed out that 121 people had been arrested since April, many for being in possession of dangerous weapons.

He admitted nobody had been convicted of murder on trains, largely due to a lack of evidence because witnesses were reluctant to come forward.

The ANC PWV region has charged that this week's attacks on commuters on the Johannesburg-Soweto line would not have occurred had security measures agreed upon by the SA Rail Commuter Corporation and community organisations in May been implemented.

Bruce showed the media a new centre from which the policing of the trains was being co-ordinated.
Covert police hit squad report 'lies'

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Allegations in the Weekly Mail that police planned and instigated violence in the Vaal and maintained a base from which to plan assassinations, were untrue, the Goldstone Commission found.

The report of a one-man committee of the commission by Mr RM Wise, disclosed to President De Klerk yesterday, found that the two sources quoted in the Weekly Mail, who alleged police instigated attacks on activists, were lying.

Their information was "untruthful and without substance," said the chairman of the commission, Mr Justice Richard Goldstone.

The Weekly Mail reports, published in May this year, were "seriously prejudicial" to police, who had not had an opportunity to respond before publication, the judge said.

'Police ignored massacre warning'

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The police were either involved in the Boipatong massacre or their handling of the attack by Kwamadala hostel dwellers showed gross incompetence, lawyers representing the ANC told the Goldstone Commission inquiry into the June 17 massacre.

Delivering his preliminary closing arguments, ANC lawyer Arthur Chaskalson said the police had been warned of an impending attack but had taken no action to prevent it.

Even if there were no security force Casspirs and no white people present during the attack — a number of witnesses had alleged there were — it implied a level of involvement on the part of the police, if not gross incompetence or complicity, Mr Chaskalson said.

He asked why the Boipatong police station was not properly equipped, since police were afraid to enter the township without armoured vehicles.

"It should not be a question of money or resources. Nothing is more important than stopping the violence," Mr Chaskalson said.

The reports were based on information supplied by Mr Daniel Kholsang and Mr Solly Ngomezulu who told the committee that police used false names, unmarked cars with false number plates, unregistered safe houses and pag-
Man ‘lied’ to inquest

OWN CORRESPONDENT

JOHANNESBURG.—The inquest into Dr David Webster’s murder took a dramatic turn yesterday when businessman Mr Willem Smit admitted he had falsely implicated former CCB operative Mr Ferdi Barnard in the killing.

Mr Smit testified on Wednesday that Mr Barnard, whom he had known since 1983, had told himself and a number of his employees that he had been involved in Dr Webster’s murder. His allegations were also contained in a written statement.

During cross-examination by Mr Barnard’s attorney Mr Piet du Plessis earlier yesterday, Mr Smit said he did not wish to answer any more questions and would walk out of the hearing if questioned any further.

At that point Mr Smit said he stood by his statement, but did not wish to testify any further and would lie under cross-examination in order to get out of the court.

He said his presence at the inquest was ruining his business and his family.

After a break, his counsel Mr Hennie de Vos told the court Mr Smit had had a conversation with someone outside the courtroom and did not wish to testify any further.

The court then reconvened in camera.

When the inquest was reopened to the public and media shortly afterwards, Mr Du Plessis put it to Mr Smit that his statement and evidence had been a fabrication.

Mr Smit admitted that he had lied about Mr Barnard’s disclosures to himself and members of his staff. He also retracted evidence that Mr Barnard had asked him for an alibi after an unsuccessful attempt to murder political campaigner Mr Roland White.

At the conclusion of his cross-examination, Mr De Vos informed the court he was withdrawing from the matter.

The media, through the State, later asked Judge M Stegmann if they could be informed of what had occurred during the in-camera session.

Stegmann said the impression might have been created that pressure had been improperly applied on Smit.

The judge said there had been no proof of this being the case.

City advocate a ‘CCB target’ — Page 12
Hostel inmates are blamed for massacre

INDEPENDENT witnesses and other evidence conclusively proved that only Kwamadala Hostel residents had been responsible for the Boipatong massacre, the Goldstone commission was told yesterday.

First Hattingh, SC, delivering closing argument for the SAP at the inquiry into the massacre, told Judge R Goldstone the evidence further proved the attackers had moved on foot from the hostel to the township.

He asked the commission to reject allegations the SAP or individual members had been involved in the killings, or had supported or protected the attackers.

However, senior counsel for the ANC, Denis Kuny, argued that the events in Boipatong that night showed the police had either been actively involved in the massacre or had neglected their duty.

Responding to a remark by Goldstone that it was "hardly conceivable" that the police would use their official vehicles to assist in the attack, Kuny said that in the past police had gotten away with similar actions merely on the basis of an official denial.

Arthur Chaskalson, also representing the ANC, questioned how Kwamadala inmates could have brazenly attacked, murdered and plundered with apparent impunity.

Either the group of about 500 attackers knew the security forces were so incompetent that they would not be apprehended, or it had been arranged that no action would be taken against them, he argued.

Weekly Mail claims 'false'

PRETORIA - The Goldstone commission found yesterday that allegations by the Weekly Mail newspaper of planning and instigation of violence by the SAP in the Vaal area were devoid of truth.

The commission's report, released in Pretoria, found no justification for the newspaper's allegations that the SAP operated a base where assassinations of political campaigners were planned.

In the report, the Goldstone commission said statements by Daniel Kolsang and Solly Mngomezulu, whose allegations of SAP involvement in violence and assassinations were the basis of the Weekly Mail reports on May 8 and 15, were totally false.

The commission accepted the finding that the newspaper staff's attempts to get police comment had been inadequate.

The Ministry of Law and Order welcomed the findings yesterday.

A spokesman said in a statement the findings "will hopefully increase confidence in the SAP" - Sapa

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A family caught in Natal's crossfire

Many of the people who are dying in Natal have little passion for politics, and, like the Nkholas, differ from their enemies only nominally.

Dennis Ngobe, in spite of being an Inkatha member, was shot by Modres police yesterday at a peaceful meeting in the region. He was shot as he was making a speech to protest against an order to ensure peace in the region. His death added to the tension in the area.

ANC man shot in Ciskei

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Goldstone denies secret base 'police command centre in the desert'
CCB colonel is to remain faceless.

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Owner of cap not at attack

A POLICEMAN whose camouflage cap was found at the scene of an attack on Khayelitsha residents on September 3 last year said yesterday that he was in Guguletu at the time of the incident.

Lance-Sergeant Henry John Hendricks, appearing before the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the Western Cape minibus taxi war, gave evidence on the attack in DM Section, Site B, in which at least three people died and about 100 shacks were burnt down.

Accusations at the time included police complicity in the attack and the discovery of Sergeant Hendricks' cap was held up as evidence of this.

However, Sergeant Hendricks told the hearing yesterday that he had arrived on the scene only after the attack had taken place.

At the time of the attack, given by other witnesses as about 10.45pm, he was "busy pulling a stolen car out of loose sand" in Guguletu.

When he arrived on the scene of the attack, he tucked his cap into a loop on his waistband. Later he discovered the cap had vanished.

Later, ANC MP Mr Jan van Eck and colleagues arrived. An Assistant Constable Stekela later told him that one of Mr Van Eck's colleagues had made the allegations.

The hearing resumes on Monday.
'Cop apathy' over rail deaths

JOHANNESBURG — A lack of enthusiasm among some policemen was hampering efforts to curb violence on trains, Witwatersrand police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said yesterday.

However, he said 121 people had been arrested since April.

At least 231 people have been killed and 434 injured in train violence in the southern Transvaal since the beginning of the year.
Loitering crossed wires

Staff Reporter

SEVEN residents of Site Five in Noordhoek were issued with summons by Wynberg police for allegedly "loitering" at a four-way stop in Kommetjie recently.

While a member of the Fish Hoek police reportedly expressed concern at the action, Colonel Raymond Dowd said yesterday that his mobile unit had taken the action after complaints.

Captain Polly Strydom, of the Fish Hoek police, was reported in the Fish Hoek Echo to have "expressed concern at this action", and said he would "look into the matter".

The police were on their way to Simon's Town when they stopped and warned the men yesterday.

On their way back, the men were still there, so they issued them with summons with an option of R30 admission-of-guilt fines.

Colonel Dowd said there had been a misunderstanding and Captain Strydom had been concerned that one of the men had been waiting for a lift. Last night Captain Strydom refused to comment further.
JOHANNESBURG. — Details of an alleged CCB plan to kill Cape Town advocate Mr Dulah Omar were again made public during the Webster inquest in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

The details were given by former Region Six CCB operative Mr Abraham "Slang" van Zyl, who submitted to the inquest the same statement he gave to the Harms Commission of Inquiry into politically-motivated violence in 1990.

Questioned by Mr Eberhardt Bertelsmann, for the Webster family, Mr Van Zyl said Mr Omar had been identified as a target for elimination by a criminal known as "Peaches" Gordon, who had since died.

Mr Gordon had told him that Mr Omar was a candidate for elimination as he was an executive member of the United Democratic Front in the Cape and a member of Lawyers for Human Rights.

Mr Omar was to have been killed with a handgun outside his home by people who lived nearby and could make a getaway on foot, Mr Van Zyl said.

An amount of R15 000 had been drawn from CCB funds for the operation, of which Mr Gordon had received R5 000. The remaining R10 000 had been returned to the CCB.

No paperwork had been involved in the return of the money.

Witness admits he told 'pack of lies' as the CCB "placed great store in the integrity of its operatives", Mr Van Zyl told the court.

The groundwork of the Omar project had been laid in March and April 1989, and Mr Ferdi Barnard had used a total of R7 000 to monitor Mr Omar in June and July 1989.

Mr Barnard had been called in to verify the information that Mr Van Zyl, whose responsibility the project was, had received from Mr Gordon.

Mr Van Zyl told the court of his involvement in a bomb blast at the Early Learning Centre in Athlone and in hanging a baboon foetus in a tree in Archbishop Desmond Tutu's garden.

Earlier yesterday Mr Barnard's former employer, Mr Willie Smit, admitted that his statement to the inquest had been a "pack of lies".

Mr Smit refused to give further testimony while being cross-examined by Mr Piet du Plessis, for Mr Barnard and others.

After an in-camera hearing into the reasons for his refusal, Mr Smit admitted to Mr Du Plessis that Mr Barnard had never mentioned any involvement in the killing of Dr David Webster, an University of the Witwatersrand lecturer who was shot dead in Johannesburg on May 1, 1989.

Mr Smit denied that Mr Barnard had asked his brother Calla to get rid of an AK-47 rifle which Mr Smit earlier said had been used in the fatal shooting of Swapo executive member Mr Anton Lubowski.

Mr Smit said his claim that Mr Ferdi and Mr Calla Barnard had visited him early one morning to ask for an alibi was also a lie. The Barnards had visited him at 9pm and had made no mention of the Webster murder.

Mr Smit said his evidence had been an attempt to discredit Mr Ferdi Barnard, but was not part of a conspiracy.

Asked by Mr Du Plessis if his entire statement was a "pack of lies", he said it was.

The presiding judge, Mr Justice Michael Stegmann, ordered that CCB head Colonel Joe Verster be available to give evidence today.

His counsel, Mr Jurie Weseling, asked that his client be allowed to appear in disguise to protect his identity — as he had done before the Harms Commission.

Mr Justice Stegmann said he would give a ruling on that at a more appropriate time — Sapa.
Funds run out: Police cut back on recruiting

JOHANNESBURG — The recruitment of new members into the police has been suspended because of a lack of funds.

Police spokesman Major Ruben Bloomberg said budgetary cuts, announced by Finance Minister Mr Derek Keys recently, made it impossible for the police to recruit new members. Mr Keys said government spending would have to be cut by 3 percent in real terms and the number of civil servants chopped by 5 percent.

The announcement on the freeze on police recruits followed a 21.9 percent increase in the police budget in March — allocated to boost police force numbers in an attempt to combat escalating crime.

The R5,55 billion budget allowed for the recruitment of 11,000 assistant policemen, 3,500 regular policemen and new equipment.

Major Bloomberg said there was a possibility that the 5 percent police budget cut would affect the efficient combating of crime, but added that the effect would be negated by the fact that the country had 114,000 trained policemen.

Major Bloomberg said recruitment had been suspended until next year. He could not predict when new members would be employed.

This meant only recruits who had not yet undergone their six-month training course would attend the police's six-month training course starting in January.

The second annual course, which ran from June to November, would be put on hold.
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Policeman denies being involved in arson attack

LINDA GALLOWAY
Staff Reporter

A POLICEMAN whose camouflage cap was found at the scene of an attack on Khayelitsha residents has told a committee of the Goldstone Commission he had not been involved in the arson attack.

The commission is inquiring into the events of the taxi war in the Western Cape last year. Lance-Sergeant Henry John Hendricks, who was a member of the internal stability unit at the time, said under cross-examination he had lost his cap after the attack while chasing a suspect who he thought was armed.

Sergeant Hendricks said his unit had arrived on the scene, in Zola Budd Drive, at 11.50pm on September 3 last year. They had stood by, giving protection to fire service personnel, and he had assisted a colleague in a scuffle.

He had seen a man wearing a yellow blanket carrying what looked like a gun. He and a colleague gave chase but gave up when the man disappeared between the shacks.

After the chase he realised his cap, which had been tucked into his waistband, was gone. He could not explain why the colleague had specifically said they had not given chase.

Even though he had not seen his pocket book, which had details of his shift that evening, since December last year, he clearly remembered the times of events that night.

He could not explain why a fireman had stated that when his vehicle arrived on the scene at 11.20pm, a Casspir was already there.

Sergeant Hendricks said his unit's Casspir had been the only one at the scene.
LEGAL argument in the trial of five policemen, alleged to have attempted to murder a man by necklacing him, will begin in the Durban Regional Court today.

Lt-cts Mark Allan Lucy and Simon Gerald Coetzee, and consts David Wilhelmus Pietgieter, Pierre Cornelius Laubscher and Bradford Brown, have pleaded not guilty to attempting to kill Vusi Phiri, whom they suspected of unlawful possession of a pistol.
Judge orders his arrest

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CCB chief
in brief

CCB man flees the country

A WARRANT for the arrest of former CCB managing director Joe Verster, who failed to appear in court yesterday, was issued by Mr Justice Michael Stegmann in the Rand Supreme Court.

The court was told that Verster, who was subpoenaed to appear yesterday to testify at the inquest into the May 1 1989 killing of Wits University academic Dr David Webster, had left the country.

Agreement to disagree

FOOD and Beverage Workers Union of South Africa official Mr JT Mdlalose yesterday contested an attorneys’ statement on Friday that two union officials had been reinstated as members of the union’s executive committee in terms of an order granted in the Rand Supreme Court. He said the return to FBWUSA administrative affairs of the two officials was the result of an agreement reached in court, rather than an order as reported.

Security boost for Natal

AN ADDITIONAL 250 policemen left for troubled areas of Natal from the Transvaal yesterday, Law and Order Deputy Minister Gert Myburg told Soweto. He said they formed part of 600 policemen who would be deployed in the province as part of the Government’s plan to curtail violence there.

Alleged necklacers on trial

LEGAL argument in the trial of five policemen, alleged to have attempted to murder a man by “necklacing” him, will begin in the Durban Regional Court today.

The men, Lance-sergeants Mark Lucy (24) and Simon Gerald Coetzee (22) and constables David Potgieter (19), Pierre Lanbocher (18) and Bradford Brown (19), have all pleaded not guilty before Mr PJ du Plessis to attempting to kill Mr Vusi Phal

Is fencing-off the answer?

THE GOVERNMENT appears to be in a dilemma over plans to fence off troublesome hostels on the Reef and the Vaal Triangle.

“The aim of fencing off hostels - in line with the Record of Understanding - was to place a barrier between attackers and people on the receiving end of the violence, but in areas where normality has returned we have to ask ourselves whether such measures solve the problem or worsen it,” said Deputy Law and Order Minister Gert Myburg during a tour of eight hostels on the Reef and the Vaal Triangle yesterday.

Hefty damages paid out

A STELLENBOSCH wine farmer yesterday agreed to pay two farmworkers R50 000 each in a Supreme Court sequel to the fatal beating of one of the workers. Mr Wynand Smit, owner of the Koopmanskloof wine estate, did not accept liability when settling the claims arising from assaults by a former employee, Mr Rudolf Rux, said the applicants’ attorney, Mr Glynn Williams.

Smit agreed to pay the estate of the late Andrew Thompson R20 000 and R30 000 to Mr Godfrey Williams, plus their costs, to Stellenbosch Reports and Supa.
Cop to face murder trial

DURBAN — An application for the discharge of ex-police officer Lt George Niehas on two counts of murder and four of attempted murder, was dismissed in the Supreme Court, Durban, yesterday.

Lt Niehas, the former Moon River station commander, is alleged to have shot a number of people during two incidents at Bruntville during April and June, 1990.
Cops get 18 months for mock necklacing

DURBAN — Three Pinetown policemen who assaulted a man by hitting him, burning him with a lighter and then pretending to necklace him were jailed for periods of nine and 18 months yesterday.

Sergeants Mark Lucy, 24, and Simon Coetzee, 23, were sentenced to two years' imprisonment, six months suspended for five years, and Constable Bradford Brown, 19, was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment, nine months suspended for five years.

Constable David Wilhelmus Potgieter and Constable Pierre Cornelius Laubscher were fined R500 or 50 days suspended for five years for being accessories.

Magistrate Mr P J du Plessis said he had a duty to impose sentences to illustrate that the type of behaviour would not be tolerated.

The policemen had totally disregarded Mr Vusi Phiri's dignity as a human being and his rights when they took him from his home to an isolated spot late at night and seriously assaulted him to frighten him into giving them information about a firearm he obviously had no knowledge of.

The "bizarre idea" of a simulated necklacing had gone "horribly wrong" and Mr Phiri had been set alight.
Killings: Govt tackles ANC

JOHANNESBURG — The ANC owed the public an explanation on whether it was the organisation's policy to approve the shooting of policemen, Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said yesterday. He was reacting to a report that the ANC had admitted that one of its members was shot by a member of a self-defence unit who mistook him for a policeman.

"There must be a public condemnation by the ANC of the killing of policemen." Sapa
MARITZBURG — Former Mooi River station commander, Lieutenant George Nicholas, was yesterday found not guilty on two counts of murder and two of attempted murder following a series of shootings in Bruntville during 1980.

A relieved Lieut Nicholas shook hands with his counsel, Advocate Kobus Booyens SC, following judgment in the Supreme Court, Durban, yesterday and left shortly afterwards in the company of several ex-colleagues.

Mr Justice William Booyens said that never in his 34 years as a judicial officer had he heard so many witnesses — both policemen and civilians — tell so many lies.

"It is a pity that we couldn't find out the whole truth," Mr Booyens said.

He said it was "disturbing" that so many of the witnesses had lied, because this had made it very difficult for the court to come to a finding.

The only evidence that could be believed, had been from a forensic specialist and a medical doctor.

The judge commented that from the evidence it seemed as if the witnesses were talking about different events.

"The differences in their versions were endless," he said.

Police witnesses, two of whom he described as "pathetic", had given evidence as they thought their superiors would want them to, he said.

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Policeman cleared.

On the other hand, the civilian witnesses had seemed prepared to lie in order to incriminate the station commander.

"It is a pity that these lies prevented us from reaching the truth," Mr Booyens said.

A smiling Lieut Nicholas said soon afterwards: "Justice has been done. The truth speaks for itself."

"I knew all along the witnesses' evidence was fabricated. I knew all along the state couldn't prove I had shot the deceased."

"My actions were to protect life and property as well as to maintain law and order."

He said he expected his suspension from the police force to be lifted following his acquittal.

Lieutenant Nicholas was accused of shooting and killing Mr Jotham Mchunu on April 7, 1980, while investigating unrest in Bruntville.

On June 16, 1980, the state alleged Lieutenant Nicholas had shot at a crowd to disperse them in Bruntville. Two people had then walked past a group of police vehicles from where Lieutenant Nicholas allegedly fired shots at them, killing Mr Sibusiso Madela.

Lieutenant Nicholas also faced attempted murder charges arising from four injuries during these two incidents, and with unlawfully discharging firearms and handling firearms under the influence of alcohol — Own Correspondent and Sapa.
FORMER Mooi River station commander Lt George Nichas was found not guilty on two counts of murder and two of attempted murder after a series of shootings in Bruntville during 1990.

Passing judgment in the Durban Supreme Court yesterday, Judge Booyen said that never in 34 years as a judicial officer had he heard so many witnesses — policemen and civilians — tell so many lies which prevented the truth from being discerned.
Snipers wanted — and the police don’t care

ONLY in South Africa An advertisement for “snipers with their own rifles” appears in the classified columns of the Durban daily press — and the police barely raise an eyebrow.

A South African Police spokesman said the police had no intention of investigating.

But the mysterious advertiser is being probed by the Security Officers Board and the employers body in the security industry, the South African National Security Employers’ Association (Sansea). They might as well say “Hitmen required to take out people,” said Sansea’s national secretary, Don Darke.

The advert, which appeared in two Durban daily newspapers, read: “Snipers required 12 hour duty. SAP or SADF personnel aged between 23 and 30. Own firearm or rifle required, but not essential. Driver’s licence essential. Urgent. Phone 3095773 b/h.”

Telephone calls to this number proved fruitless. The man on the line said the vacancies had been filled, but refused to give any other information. However, the number apparently belongs to “Rocket Security Force”.

Sansea officials and the registrar of the Security Officers’ Board, Frans Lubbe, could find no record of the company. All security firms are required by law to be registered to operate a security company without registration is in itself a criminal offence and Lubbe said he would initiate an urgent investigation.

Darke described the advert as “highly inflammatory”, a contravention of the code of conduct by which all registered companies must abide and contrary to the national peace accord. “It sounds as if someone is hiring a private army,” he said.

Darke said such an advert would tend to bring the industry into disrepute. His organisation and the board would begin an urgent investigation.

However, the police appeared quite unconcerned about the advertisement. An SAP spokesman in Durban described it as “very strange”, but added there was no law preventing a company from employing sharpshooters if it wished to do so.

Asked whether the police intended investigating, he said they had made no inquiries, and did not intend to do so. “You can investigate until you are blue. But there is no law against it.”
‘Lenient’ on cops’ necklace

By FRED KHUMALO

ANGER and condemnation from both legal and political circles greeted the “lenient” sentencing of three white policemen who early this year necklaced a black Natal youth.

"The sentence does not reflect the interests of the community," said Lawyers for Human Rights Natal regional director Bess Pillenier.

"Necklacing has been shouted on rooftops by the SA government as the most dastardly deed... it's ridiculous now that officers can get away with this heinous crime," said ANC spokesman S'bu Ndebele.

Azapo spokesman Strini Moodley said the sentence "drives home the point that a judiciary that is rooted in racism cannot be expected to act fairly."

Sgt Mark Allan Lucy, 24, and Lance-Sgt Simon Gerald Coetzee, 23, were each sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment for the necklacing of Vusi Phiri, a 19-year-old schoolboy from Marimba in January this year.

Each had a further six months' imprisonment suspended for five years.

The third accomplice, Const Bradford Brown, 19, was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment (half suspended for five years).

Phiri's trauma started when six policemen descended on his parents' house in Marianhill and questioned him about an unlicensed firearm which they said was in his possession.

His house was searched thoroughly by the policemen, but no gun was found.

In an attempt to force him to confess, the policemen took Phiri to a secluded place where the questioning punctuated by beating, continued, until they left him for dead.

"Three of them started to assault me again. One burnt me with a cigarette lighter on my ears, feet and fingernails, I kept jumping to get away from flames but they had pinned me down on my side. One of the white policemen went to the van and came back with a tyre which he put around me... then policeman came back with petrol and sprinkled it on the tyre and on me. It must have been two litres," Phiri said.
Helping Hand Takes off Operation

Police, traffic cops all set to promote the friendly city
NEWS FEATURE  You get used to seeing such things as corpses but not killings - cop

A police vehicle riles a little girl

STABILITY UNIT Vaal police took reporter Abbey

Makee and photographer Pat Seboko on a township patrol:

"You know, Abbey," he says, as usual, "I pity the kids here. You know what? Kids don't give a damn about who is ANC or Inkatha or who governs the country."

"You've got to rely on your feelings. Once you're suspicious, you must stop," Schoeman says.

The result? They have found nothing and get back into the Nissan from which I have been watching them at work.

Makee adds: "We've been doing it but we have to just be sure. It's a job that needs to be done regardless of the consequences. I know the community might not like it, but it is a job we must do."

Shortly afterwards, Schoeman turns to me and explains why he has ordered the search of the home.

"Tsk tsk," Schoeman says, spotting a man who is their police informer.

"This is our police informer," Schoeman says, "but he is not saving the police any trouble."

"We've got to be very careful. We have to make sure that when they join us, they are not differently fit and mentally stable."

"All my men have been screened," he says, watching his sound crew sitting behind the rearview mirror.

"As we drive in and out of the street, regard it as both an exercise of crime and evidence," Schoeman says, with a hint of his psychology. "Abby, you start again."

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ANC slates police over fatal shooting of 'stone-thrower'

ROGER FRIEDMAN, Staff Reporter

The ANC is outraged over the shooting to death by police of Mr Mikhentle Kolisi, a man with a history of mental illness, who was found allegedly throwing stones at cars on De Waal Drive last week.

Police were called to De Waal Drive at 10 pm last Tuesday following complaints by 10 motorists that their cars were being stoned, said police liaison officer Lieutenant John Sterrenberg.

When they arrived at the scene Mr Kolisi allegedly started throwing stones at them, two stones striking their police vehicle.

The police were forced to dive for cover, Lieutenant Sterrenberg said.

In an attempt to arrest the man police fired a warning shot into the embankment separating the inward and outward lanes of the highway.

A second warning shot was fired to no avail and Mr Kolisi allegedly carried on throwing stones.

A third shot hit Mr Kolisi in the leg and a fourth shot hit him in the chest, killing him.

"This trigger-happy police behaviour has got to stop," said Mr Willie Hofmeyr, assistant secretary of the ANC (Western Cape).

He described the police action as "another fantastic piece of over-reaction by a police force which daily demonstrates that they have not learnt the lesson of avoiding maximum force."

"Why the police could not have found a less fatal method of stopping Mr Kolisi is a mystery."

"It is intolerable that the police should continue to adopt this policy of shoot now, ask questions later."

"We demand that the police observe the Goldstone Commission recommendation that maximum force should only be used as a last resort, and demand an immediate investigation into this, and many other, apparently senseless killings by policemen," said Mr Hofmeyr.

Mr Shorty Ntoviyane, a brother of Mr Kolisi, and housemate of Mr Kolisi, said Mr Kolisi was on medication because he suffered from "fits and lost his mind sometimes."

Mr Ntoviyane said he had arranged to take his friend's body back to Transkei for burial later this month.

He described Mr Kolisi, who has a wife and three children in Transkei, as "never being a rough man."

He is incensed that police shot Mr Kolisi dead and feels a murder charge should be laid against the policeman who fired the shot.

Police said the total damage to the 10 cars reportedly stoned by Mr Kolisi was R9 350.
Probe ordered as guilty cop rehired

Staff Reporter

WESTERN CAPE regional commissioner of police Major-General Nic Acker has ordered a departmental investigation following the re-employment of a Stellenbosch policeman found guilty of assault.

SAP liaison officer Lieutenant John Sterrenberg said the department's legal services were "looking into it" following a complaint by Stellenbosch's Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR).

On Tuesday, the Minister of Law and Order agreed to an out-of-court R12 500 settlement to Khayamandi resident Mr J Phenduka following the 1990 assault by Sergeant M Handile. LHR regional organiser Mr Wayne Malgas said Mr Phenduka suffered a broken jaw and injuries to his face and neck.

In October 1991 Sgt Handile was sentenced to four months imprisonment, of which three months were suspended, Mr Malgas said. "Handile only served 15 days of his sentence whereas he was released, was re-employed by the SAP and is presently stationed at Khayamandi police station in Stellenbosch," he said.
ANC renegades behind campaign to kill police

RENEGADE members of the ANC's self-defence units were behind a campaign to kill policemen in Reef townships, police spokesman Capt. Opperman said yesterday.

Opperman said 18 defence unit members — many of them from Phola Park — had been arrested. Three had appeared in court in connection with possession of firearms and attacks on policemen.

A recent claim by an ANC defence unit member that he had accidentally shot a prominent ANC member because he mistook him for a policeman was further evidence of instructions they had received to kill policemen, he said.

At least 184 policemen have died violently since the beginning of the year. Last year 143 were killed.

ANC claims that the defence units were out of control because of police infiltration. "It's clear that the police has been infiltrated by those who do not want to live in peace with the community," the police said.

SAPA reports that three people — one of them a policeman — were killed and two others were injured in attacks on Reef townships yesterday. Police said Const. P. M. Mpanza was thrown from a train between Eldersburg and Katlehong on the East Rand.

His body, which landed on a train, was badly mutilated.

He was the third policeman in seven months to die in violence on trains.

At Aerodrome two assistant constables were killed and 14 others were shot, police said.

Government's Social Relief Fund paid out R670,000 and had assisted more than 600 families affected by political violence since it was established three months ago, said chairman Piet Koornhof.

Govt fence-sitting on hostels

GOVERNMENT will not fence off hostels, identified as sources of violence, in terms of the record of understanding it reached with the ANC in September.

In terms of the understanding, seven Reef hostels were to have been fenced off by Sunday.

Local Government and National Housing Department official Johan Oosthuizen said yesterday government would not fence off hostels.

Oosthuizen said objections from Inkathas and the Transvaal Hotel Residents' Association had made it impossible to construct fences around the hostels in terms of the agreement.

He said it seemed implementation of the agreement would fuel violence rather than end it.

However, the hostels would be fenced off in due course as part of government's strategy to upgrade them, Oosthuizen said.

ANC spokesman Saki Macozoma said yesterday the ANC had not met to discuss the matter.

But government's decision to renege on the agreement had serious implications for future negotiations. He would not discuss the implications.

The agreement was hailed as a breakthrough for constitutional negotiations which had virtually collapsed after the June Bophotang massacre.

The ANC cancelled talks between itself and government after the massacre, saying such talks would be resumed only after government had — among other things — taken sufficient steps to curb violence.

The fencing off of the hostels is a demand from the ANC, which attributes most unrest incidents to hostel residents. The organisation believes barriers between hostel residents and townspeople will restore peace in the townships.
New-look policing takes off
Six months after Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel appealed for closer co-operation between the public and police, and following a directive to station commanders to reach out to their neighbourhoods, Cape Town is well on its way to friendlier police-community relations and more efficient policing.

TYRONE SEALE
Weekend Argus Reporter

INSTEAD of trading blows and insults, old foes are swopping home telephone numbers and friendly asides.

These are the formative days of the South African Police — the police by and for all South Africans, as Nicro social worker and police-community relations specialist Mr Chris Ferndale puts it. These are the days when police are not only expected to lend shoulders to cry on, but are given the chance to cry themselves. A polite knock on the station commander’s door will now get the same results as the old militant march through the township. Battled women, too, can expect more than a dismissive “it’s a domestic affair” from the neighbourhood policeman.

Things are different for shebeen owners, gang leaders, looters and other troublemakers. They can now expect appeals and, where need be, ruthless pressure from community-based protection and prevention forums.

New attitudes and strategies are being formulated at neighbourhood level. The situation has moved away from the rhetorical mudslinging and endless debate about the ability of the executives of apartheid to serve the interests of the majority of South Africans.

In Cape Town crime-prevention bodies such as neighbourhood watches have existed in white areas for many years. Now the transformation of policing is being taken up in some of the city’s most violent areas — suburbs where many would advocate vigilantism above analysis and negotiation.

Areas where such progress is being made are the seven mini-suburbs served by the Manenberg police station and Hanover Park. The last week’s headlines with the gruesome murder of a gang leader and revelations of local gangster politics.

This week the Manenberg Police Community Forum officially announced its establishment after months of talks involving the police, advice offices, civic bodies, neighbourhood watches, religious leaders, neighbourhood watches, women’s groups, political organisations and Nicro.

The first move towards such a forum was made last year by community organisations demanding community-friendly policing. They marched from Heidelberg to the Manenberg police station to stress the point.

In a statement this week the Manenberg forum, Nicro’s Mr Ferndale said an attempt at improved community-police relations had again been made early this year.

“In May we started working around the various issues. Organisations were busy with anti-drugs campaigns and other actions, but there was no co-ordination and the relations between these structures and the police were bad."

“As the community, we thought it would be good to have a democratic structure. In May, Mr Kriel sent out a directive to police for the establishment of community forums.”

Also in May, during the Police Budget Vote debate in Parliament, Mr Kriel called for greater public co-operation to prevent crime, saying a simple ‘thank you’ meant a great deal to a policeman or woman.

He said it was true that the police were trying to make the force acceptable to all South Africans — including the ANC, the Conservative Party and the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging.

He announced that an expert on creative thinking, Dr Kobus Noethling, was working with the police to “bring home at ground level to members of the force the new milieu in which we find ourselves.”

He said he was aware that, for the police, the ANC had been “the enemy” until February 2, 1990.

“Now the ANC is a political role-player and we are aware that this is causing problems in the force.”

Back in Manenberg, this week’s meeting — a follow-up to an August 11 meeting at which local police and the community committed themselves to closer co-operation — was marked by frank criticism of police shortcomings, acknowledgments of these by the police and self-criticism by community representatives of their neglect of civic duty and support for the police.

The forum agreed to develop programmes to deal with visible policing, family violence and wife-battering. Also included were the re-education of the community and police about policing, gangsterism at schools and in the community at large, and witness protection strategies.

The forum committee will have access to the Manenberg police station to inspect cells and assess the day-to-day running of the station.

In Hanover Park the local Community Action Group met this week. It comprises the police, the advice office, taxi organisations, the civic association, Nicro, health workers and the ANCs interim committee.

Closed to the Press, the meeting discussed the implications of the killing two weekends ago of Young Americans gang leader Lugman “Joepie” Jochems, allegedly by members of the Back Street Kids.

Weekend Argus has learned from an informed source that the Young Americans are planning to expand their influence and drugs market in Hanover Park by cracking down on smaller gangs in the area.

It was likely that these gangs would form a temporary alliance to prevent expansion of the already dominant Young Americans.

On Sunday church services in Hanover Park will be devoted to praying for peace in the township.

A peace march through the area is being planned for the end of November under the Community Action Group banner.
Cops 'employ criminals'

by Diane Coetzer

14/11/92

Lawyers for Human Rights have accused the police of harbouring convicted criminals among its ranks.

The accusation arises from the re-employment of a Stellenbosch policeman, Sergeant Matthews Handle, who was found guilty of assaulting a township resident.

Handle was convicted after he broke the jaw of Khayamandi resident, Mr Johnson Phenduka, and caused other injuries to his face and neck.

He was sentenced to four months imprisonment of which three months were suspended for three years. Handle served only 15 days of his sentence before he was released. He has been re-employed and is presently stationed at the Khayamandi police station.

On Tuesday, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Hermus Kriel, reached an out-of-court settlement of R12 500 in the matter.

Regional organizer of Lawyers for Human Rights, Mr Wayne Malgas, said cases like this do not build public confidence in the police force.

"When the police are prepared to employ convicted criminals to enforce the law," he said.

"This sends a clear message to the public that the SAP is prepared to tolerate unlawful acts by its members," he said.

Malgas said it was also pertinent that the presiding officer in the case, while not issuing an order in this regard, had placed on record his opinion that Handle was not fit to carry a firearm.

"It is unacceptable that the policeman has been re-employed in the same community in which he committed the crime."

The organization has written to SAP Regional Commissioner, General Nic Acker, objecting to the re-employment of Handle and asking for the situation to be rectified.

A spokesperson for the police said he was looking into the matter.
In the arms of the law

THE police have paid R381,265 in reward money for 2,294 illegal firearms recovered so far this year, the SAP disclosed on Friday. Among these weapons were 338 AK-47 rifles, 876 shotguns and 455 pistols.

Another R10,000 was paid for information leading to the discovery of three arms caches, police said.

From January 3 to October 29, 173 persons were prosecuted for illegal possession of AK-47 rifles.
Boipatong tapes erased ‘on purpose’

own Correspondent

Johannesburg — An investigation by British government experts has found that the Boipatong tapes may have been “hurriedly and deliberately erased with the object of obscuring the contents”.

Details of the findings are scheduled to be made public today by the Goldstone Commission. They were released on Friday to the SA Police's legal advisers to enable the police to consider their response.

It is understood that the police have angrily questioned the validity of the British findings. Police told the Goldstone inquiry the recordings had accidentally been wiped clean.

The tapes in question were those which recorded radio communications between police in the field and the Vereeniging internal stability unit on the night of the June 17 massacre.

Boks

Leicester — Springbok players were pelted
POLICE paid out almost R400 000 in rewards this year for the recovery of 470 firearms between January and the end of October.

The SAP, which pays up to R6 000 for information leading to the recovery of an AK-47 rifle, said 339 AK-47s had been collected and 173 people prosecuted for unlawful possession of firearms.

Rewards included R193 000 paid out for the AK-47s, R36 000 for 876 shotguns, R33 000 for 455 ordinary calibre pistols, and R30 000 for 228 ordinary calibre revolvers.

R10 000 was paid following the discovery of three arms caches.
ANC supports probe into all armed forces

ANC official Mac Maharaj said on the SABC’s Agenda programme last night that the ANC supported the investigation of Umkonto we Sizwe and all other "armed formations" as recommended by the UN. He said government had not shown a similar commitment to an impartial investigation of the SADF, SAP and KwaZulu Police.
The ANC would decide whether government was negotiating in good faith based on the response to the Goldstone commission’s revelations of a covert campaign to undermine the ANC undertaken by Military Intelligence (MI), Maharaj said. He said the question of whether or not government’s chief negotiator Roelf Meyer was aware of this campaign would not dictate the ANC’s attitude to talks with government.

President F W de Klerk’s response to the Goldstone report was "unfortunate" and he should have accepted its recommendation immediately that its powers be extended, said Maharaj.

Meyer said on the same programme that government supported in principle the Goldstone commission’s recommendation that its powers be extended, but would need more details on the issue before a decision was reached.

Inkatha national chairman Frank Milose said he would support investigations to expose MI efforts to undermine the ANC. But Milose said the KwaZulu Police response would not object to specific allegations being investigated.

ANC opportunist Bill Jeffreys said Sudafex, the newspaper that reported the Goldstone commission’s report, was not a political party and had not asked for an opinion.

Police chief takes issue with Goldstone

PRETORIA — Judge Richard Goldstone has come under fire from SAP Commissioner Gen Johann van der Merwe, who said yesterday the police had been prejudiced by his commission.

Goldstone had indicated that a witness brought before the commission by the SAP was the initial link in providing clues to an MI role in covert operations.

Van der Merwe said the witness had been presented to disprove allegations. He took issue with Goldstone’s comment that a Mozambican army deserter that he was paid by the SAP to commit acts of violence.

He said claims that former MI agent Ferkh Bar had gained access to the SAP Criminal Bureau’s computer system had not yet been established. He said the SAP was unwilling or unable to perform its task, he said. — Sapa
'Police not given chance to test allegations'

The Argus Political Staff reports.

THE Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, said today that it was regrettable that the police had not been given the opportunity to present evidence to the Goldstone Commission or to test allegations made before it.

General Van der Merwe said that, as far as the witness who was presented by the police was concerned, the purpose of presenting him was to prove that allegations made to Vrye Weekblad on October 30 by Mr. Jose Alberto Cun, a deserter from the Mozambique Army, were false and to refute his claim that he was paid by the police to commit certain acts of violence.

During questioning by the commission, facts came to light which led to the discovery of the Military Intelligence operational centre.

On the claim that the computer system of the Criminal Bureau of the police was accessed by Ferdi Barnard and his team, the police were not given an opportunity to establish whether this was true or to respond to this allegation.

Referring to the judge’s comment that the police “have been singularly unsuccessful in apprehending the culprits responsible for thousands of political murders over the past couple of years”, General Van der Merwe said such a statement could fuel the perception that the police were unwilling or incapable of solving such crimes.

It also contradicted the judge’s own view “that the morale of the police is being jeopardised on a daily basis by verbal and physical attacks on its members”.

The chairman should take note that in the past four months 1241 arrests had been made in connection with 251 cases in which 517 people were killed in political violence.

Since the beginning of 1991, 1704 AK47 rifles and 2802 revolvers and pistols had been seized.

Since July 1 last year, 16691 cases of illegal possession of firearms were investigated which resulted in 13146 prosecutions.

The case of unlawful possession of an Uzi machinegun, referred to by the commission chairman, which was investigated by the police, was remanded on request of the Defence to February 17 next year for the purpose of applying for indemnity.

With reference to the IFP marches in Johannesburg and Durban where dangerous weapons were displayed, as far as the Johannesburg march was concerned, the matter was still being investigated and the case docket would be submitted to the Attorney-General.

With regard to the Durban march, certain contraventions of the law were investigated and the docket presented to the senior public prosecutor who declined to prosecute. This matter was being investigated further.
NEWS Sowetan to pay priz

Police chief slams Judge Goldstone

Black organisation call for elections for a new government:

By Themba Molefe
Political Reporter Sowetan 18/11/92

COMMISSIONER of Police General Johan van der Merwe yesterday launched a stinging attack on the Goldstone Commission's revelations of police involvement in underhand activities.

Van der Merwe complained that the commission did not give the police a chance to present their side before revealing details of a secret SADF project.

"In regard to the chairman's (Goldstone's) comment that the South African Police 'have been singularly unsuccessful in apprehending the culprits responsible for thousands of political murders over the past couple of years', I wish to point out that such a statement could fuel the perception that the police are unwilling or incapable of solving such crimes."

He said the commission should take note of the successes the police had achieved in solving crimes of political violence. During the past four months 1241 arrests were made in connection with 251 cases in which 57 people were killed in political violence.

In a dramatic twist to the secret SADF unit saga, Goldstone last night said the commission had found documents which implied that former Defence Minister Roelf Meyer knew of the employment of Barand were false.

Meanwhile, black liberation movements yesterday called for an election for a constituent assembly following the commission's revelations.

African National Congress spokesman Mr Joel Netshitenze said the revelations were just the tip of the iceberg: "We have said all along that the Government was the obstacle to a speedy transition. These revelations now make for the acceleration of elections for a constituent assembly and an interim government."

Pan African Congress director of publicity Mr Waters Tobots said the solution to the "endless revelations" of corruption would come with the election of a constituent assembly and transitional authority.

The AZANZAN Peoples Organisation said the Government should resign immediately. Publicity secretary Mr Smit Moodley said, "Mr de Klerk cannot hide any longer behind the tired cliche: 'We did not know'," said Moodley.

Inkatha Freedom Party national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose called for the disbandment of MI6 operations. "I feel flabbergasted that a government can act in that manner. I feel terrible that there could be plans organised by a government to use a confirmed murderer, a criminal, against any political people or party," he said.

President PW de Klerk said last night the Cabinet would meet today to discuss the Goldstone report.
A JOINT SA Police and SADF statement has welcomed the envisaged "code of conduct" for Self Defence Units in the townships. (Cheran 22/11/92)

"This may even prevent SDU and MK members shooting members of their own ANC/SACP/Cosatu alliance, thinking that they're policemen," the statement said.

The statement said the perpetrators of violence, unlike the security forces, are "AK-47 wielding, uncontrollable, undisciplined, protection-money-taking groups launching their cowardly attacks from behind women and children".

The statement said the ANC had, however, conveniently failed to address the issue of the 194 policemen killed this year.

It said the ANC had failed to address the issues of:
- MK/ANC members arrested in the Vaal for illegally being in possession of SAP and military uniforms, firearms, explosives and ammunition of Russian origin;
- The ANC hindering police attempts to investigate and secure scenes of unrest-related murders and crimes; and
- The recent acknowledgement by the ANC and Chris Hani that they cannot control elements within the SDUs.
Police deny MK infiltration

JOHANNESBURG — Police yesterday rejected as ridiculous allegations made this week that elements linked to the security forces were trying to infiltrate the ANC Northern Transvaal region.

The ANC said a woman they found later to be a sergeant in the police force had asked to join uMkhonto weSivume. — Sapa Oct 31 1992.
Police tried to infiltrate our region - ANC

IDENTITY REVEALED  Woman involved

could be the one police are looking for:

POLICE were yesterday searching for a woman suspected of stealing police identity documents. The ANC alleges that a female member of the security forces made an attempt to infiltrate their Northern Transvaal region.

The SAP, however, claim that she is not a security force employee and that certain identity documents were stolen from a police sergeant.

Police yesterday rejected as "ridiculous" allegations that security force elements were trying to infiltrate the ANC Northern Transvaal region.

"The whole thing is a load of hogwash. We are not interested in the ANC. The ANC is a lawful organisation and not considered to be the enemy," said SAP spokesman Lt-Colonel Ray Harrald.

The ANC branch, in an earlier statement, claimed a woman had approached them on Oct 21, requesting to join the ANC's military wing Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK).

The ANC claimed the woman was a sergeant in the police force and had been in contact with "askam" - ANC cadres "turned" by State agents.

The ANC region said its investigations "revealed" the woman was a sergeant in the SAP. The police gave her alleged force number and claimed she was appointed a sergeant on December 1 1990, in Pretoria North. She provided the ANC with false addresses.

Harrald yesterday said police were looking for the woman mentioned by the ANC in connection with a theft charge. They suspected she stole police identity documents.

The police said the woman was an acquaintance of a police sergeant, who had provided her with accommodation.

The sergeant last saw her on October 4, whereafter she discovered that her appointment documents were missing.

The colonel confirmed that the police force number belonged to the sergeant. - Sapa
"Cop posed as ANC leader"

Staff Reporter

A POLICE informant posing as the head of an ANC self-defence unit organized two attacks which caused the deaths of 14 people in Thokoza last year, the Goldstone Commission has found.

The report found that Mr Mmengu Ceba, who was the leader of a self-defence unit (SDU) in September 1991, organized the ambush of a march by hostel dwellers which killed 16.

According to a report in a Sunday newspaper yesterday, Mr Ceba also led a violent coup by the Phola Park SDU to oust the Phola Park Residents' Committee. Three members were subsequently assassinated.

The technique of using people like Mr Ceba in criminal activities led in with suggestions from Mr Barnard made to Military Intelligence (MI) last year which MI claimed it never adopted, the report noted.

The commission has forwarded some of its findings to the attorney-general.

Police spokesman Coi Ray Harald said yesterday a statement would be issued only after the report had been studied.
201 policemen killed

South Africans have a four-fold task in ending minority rule • Cops killed
SA team to study French policing

JUDGE Richard Goldstone has been asked by the French government to organise a team of ANC, Inkatha and police officials to study public order policing methods in France.

A well-placed source said the group, which would include representatives of other political players, would probably visit France in February. The SA Police had broken out of international isolation, with visits to the UK and the Netherlands also possible in the coming months, the source said.

Yesterday, a group of 20 police, ANC and Inkatha representatives returned from an Inkatha-organised tour of Danish police institutions. Inkasa official Ivor Jen...
Ex-Koevoet cop ‘intended injury’

A FORMER Koevoet officer in command of a riot unit in Robertson ordered teargas fired into a packed community hall, blocked the main exit and ordered his men to open fire, wounding 115 people with deliberate intent, the state alleged yesterday.

State advocate Mr C A Cilliers was presenting the prosecution case in the Worcester Regional Court trial of Warrant Officer Dirk Calitz, 31, on charges of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

WO Calitz has pleaded not guilty, but admits ordering his men to fire teargas into the packed Robertson Community Hall in April 1990 after hundreds of residents gathered to discuss soaring rents.

He also admits ordering his men to open fire with birdshot and rubber bullets on the fleeing crowd but claims this was done in self-defence when a mob armed with chairs and bottles tried to attack police.

Noting that no police were injured, Mr Cilliers alleged WO Calitz had himself created the situation where people were shot.

The trial was postponed to February 19.
Police fired at residents in self-defence, court told

VUSI KAMA, Staff Reporter

THE advocate for former Koevoet bushfighter, Warrant Officer Dirk Calitz, has told Worcester Regional Court that the policeman and his charges shot at a group of Robertson residents in self defence, amid chaos after a community meeting.

"Giving his final argument yesterday, Mr Dirk Uys said the residents stormed out of the hall at Ncubela township after the police threw teargas into it when they found furniture being broken.

The advocate said police realised their lives were in danger as the residents moved out of the hall, attacking them.

The prosecutor, Mr C Olliers, said the police shot at the residents without any provocation.

The state alleges that Warrant Officer Calitz threw teargas and ordered policemen under his command to shoot rubber bullets, teargas and birdshot at the fleeing crowd on Wednesday, April 11, 1990.

It is alleged that he earlier gave the order to throw teargas through the hall's window. Mr Uys also told the court that Warrant Officer Calitz gave orders to fire after the crowd started attacking the police.

More than 50 people were injured in the incident, the court was told.

The court also heard that residents were meeting to discuss local issues when the chaos broke out.

The hearing was postponed until February 11 and Warrant Officer Calitz is out on warning. He is charged with assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm.
'Trojan Horse' appeal fails

BLOEMFONTEIN — The Appeal Court here has found that had certain evidence been admitted in the so-called "Trojan Horse" trial, it might well have influenced the conduct of the defence's case.

The Chief Justice, Mr Justice Corbett, however ruled against reopening the trial saying a new trial may not lead to a conviction and that so much time had passed, witnesses would no longer have accurate recall of events.

Mr Justice Corbett, found that evidence that police Lieutenant Douw Vermeulen gave at the criminal prosecution that arose from the stone-throwing incident in Thornton Road, Athlone, in 1965, would have made a considerable evidential impact.

The evidence should have been admitted at the private prosecution of Lieutenant Vermeulen and 12 other police officers and men, as a result of the deaths of Shaun Magmoed, 16, and two others, who were shot by security force members concealed in a lorry.
205 policemen give lives

Crime Reporter

The fact that 205 policemen have already been killed in the line of duty this year was described yesterday as a "disgraceful and contemptible state of affairs."

The strongly worded Government statement was prompted by the deaths of three policemen this week.

On Monday, one policeman died while investigating a housebreaking in Benoni, while two others were killed manning a roadblock near the Transkei border in Natal.

Police spokesman Brigadier Franz Malherbe said most of the record number of killings were politically motivated, and occurred on the Witwatersrand and Natal Police were still seen as the enemy by many blacks, he said.
Minister, cop face damages

MARITZBURG. — The Minister of Law and Order and a Maritzburg policeman are facing damages claims amounting to about R105,000.

Three separate applications before the Supreme Court this week claim a policeman, Mr Bekizisewe Bhekwa, negligently shot and killed Mr Isaac Williams and injured Mr Lawrence Dimpna on May 7 last year.

The applicants allege Mr Bhekwa fired when it was dangerous and inopportune to do so and without regard for the safety of other people. He also allegedly fired without warning.

The hearing continues. — SapaCT 26|1|92
Cops killed 2 — evidence

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — Fellow policemen were responsible for the deaths of a one-year-old girl and a 25-year-old man during the Northern Areas riots in 1990, a police constable told the Inquest Court here yesterday.

Constable Joseph Hendricks said "there was no doubt in his mind" police had fired shots that killed the two.
Probe into SAP claim: Violence link

A one-man commission of inquiry into a Mozambican army deserter’s allegations of SAP involvement in political violence will begin its investigation today.

The committee was appointed by Mr Justice Richard Goldstone on Monday to probe claims made by Jono Cuna to Vrye Weekblad about SAP involvement in violence.

When the commission began probing Cuna’s allegations, they discovered a link to the SADF’s Military Intelligence (MI) and when they raided a MI operations centre two weeks ago they confiscated files which showed the SADF had planned to subvert Umkhonto we Sizwe — Sapa
JOHANNESBURG — The "unforgivably lethargic attitude" of policemen investigating the death of African National Congress lawyer Mr Bheki Mlangeni had effectively sabotaged the possibility of his murderers being brought to account, lawyers argued in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

He was killed in 1991 when a cassette player he received in the post exploded when he turned it on to listen to a tape.

In their closing arguments, advocates appearing for the Mlangeni family, the SADF, the SAP and the state in the inquest argued before Mr Justice B O'Donovan that the court had to find his death was caused by an unknown person or persons.

Mr Gys Rautenbach, appearing for the Mlangeni family, asked the judge to admonish the police for their poor investigation. A proper investigation could have led to dramatically different findings, he said.

Aspects of the investigation criticised by Mr Rautenbach included:

- The Vlakplaas base had been visited once three months after Mr Mlangeni had died, even though investigating officer Captain Andre Kritzinger conceded Mr Coetsee's former colleagues could have had a motive.
- Captain Kritzinger had warned Vlakplaas officials of his impending "surprise" visit.
- He did not compile a list of possible suspects because he did not have proof any Vlakplaas policeman was involved.

He had deliberately misled an independent forensic specialist, Dr David Klatzow, thus destroying a safeguard in a matter where policemen investigated other policemen.

Captain Wal du Toit's police laboratory, which might have provided clues concerning the explosives used, was only visited three months after the explosion.

Mr Etienne du Toit, SC, for the Minister of Law and Order, said the documents suggesting Vlakplaas policemen might have been involved were inadmissible since they were not affidavits.

The state, represented by Mr H Broodryk and Mr J Neveling, said "no expense was deemed too costly" in the police investigation.

Mr Anton Mostert, SC, for the SADF, said the Defence Force had only become involved when Mr Flores and MI agent Ms Pamela du Randt were called to give evidence. He asked the judge to exonerate the SADF.

Judgment was reserved — Sapa.
PROCLAMATION

by the

State President

of the Republic of South Africa

No. R. 135, 1992

POLICE SECOND AMENDMENT ACT, 1992
(ACT No 118 OF 1992)

COMMENCEMENT

Under section 2 of the Police Second Amendment Act, 1992 (Act No. 118 of 1992), I hereby determine 1 December 1992 as the date on which all the provisions of the said Act, shall come into operation.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Pretoria on this Twentieth day of November, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety-two.

F. W. DE KLERK,
State President
By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister of the Cabinet

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PROKLAMASIES

van die

Staatspresident

van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika

No. R. 135, 1992

TWEEDE POLISIEWYSIGINGSWET, 1992
(WET No. 118 VAN 1992)

INWERKINGTREDING

Kragtens artikel 2 van die Tweede Polisiewyssigingswet, 1992 (Wet No. 118 van 1992), bepaal ek 1 Desember 1992 as die datum waarop al die bepaleings van genoemde Wet, in werking tree.

Geges onder my Hand en die Seel van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Pretoria, op hede die Twaalfde dag van November Eenduisend Negehonderd Twee-en-negentig

F. W. DE KLERK,
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The readers of The Weekly Mail are no doubt aware of the less than cordial relationship which has existed over the years between The Weekly Mail and the South African Police. It is unlikely that they would have read many positive stories about the police in this tabloid and consequently it should come as no surprise that we are under a firm conviction that The Weekly Mail has been conducting a campaign to try and discredit the South African Police.

Over the years, the South African Police Public Relations Division has built up a good working relationship with most of the media. On a personal and professional level, sound relationships exist. However, due to the obvious anti-police agenda followed by certain newspapers, relationships became sour. Whilst the South African Police has generally welcomed constructive criticism, most of the reports by these newspapers have been destructive by nature.

The South African Police does not expect any newspaper to be “pro-police” or only to write positively about the police. All we ask is that the media remain objective and practice fair and balanced journalism. Surely it is only ethical to obtain the other party’s point of view when adverse allegations are made against that party.

A problem which we have experienced with certain newspapers (including The Weekly Mail) is that the South African Police is given little or no time to respond to lengthy allegations (on other occasions we have been given only a day, or even hours, in which to respond to allegations).

Even after the Goldstone Commission found that the two men who had furnished the newspaper with the information regarding the safe-houses (and other allegations) were liars, the newspaper still refused to accept the findings and criticised the one-man commission (they claim that it is their right to do so). However, the police don’t own a newspaper and even if they issue a news media statement, newspapers can decide whether or not to publish it or they can use it selectively. Thus, whilst most people will agree that there must be press freedom, surely there must be a limit to this freedom.

What the police object to is the following:

- Unsubstantiated allegations being presented as fact (as was the case with the “safe houses” story).
- Lengthy allegations being submitted so shortly before the deadline that it is impossible to furnish a meaningful reply.
- Stories reflecting negatively on the police being ignored or rarely being published.

The police were criticised for restrictive legislation which existed (for example section 27B of the Police Act and the media Emergency regulations). However, these were repealed and generally welcomed.

However, when the police resorted to ordinary legal methods to prevent publication of an article which endangered the lives of policemen, they (the SAP) are still criticised. The same critics have themselves resorted to these measures to seek redress.

As the newspaper is the medium which carries the stories, the tangible proof of improved relationships ought to be reflected in this medium.

We will continue to assist reporters in obtaining information for their stories but it is difficult only supplying them with “ammunition” with which to “shoot us.” We trust that positive stories will also be carried as readers should be fully informed.

In conclusion, this police force is here to stay — adapting constantly to changing circumstances. It can he to nobody’s benefit for the South African Police to be constantly denigrated. Should any of our members err, we will ensure that disciplinary steps are taken. It is unfair, however, that the entire police force should be vilified.

The South African Police is already performing a difficult and thankless task under strenuous and testing circumstances. As long as we are discredited by, inter alia, sections of the media, we will face an uphill battle in trying to improve and cement police-community relationships.

The Editors Respond:

Major-General Mellet complains that we gave the police only four days to respond to our story. By any standard, four days is a long time and an exceptional display of good faith.

Clearly, the police have not lost the unfortunate habit of blaming the media for its own problems. The major-general conveniently forgets some of the force’s own contribution to poor media relations: years of lying to the press, harassing the media in the courts, detaining journalists and closing and confiscating newspapers. Not enough has been done to repair this damage and restore trust.

Improved police/press relations will not come about from our finding “friendly” stories to write about the force, it will only come from change within the South African Police.

We do run a campaign around the police force to clean it up, make it accountable to the public and help restore its lost legitimacy and trust. Maj-Gen Mellet is mistaken in dismissing this as anti-police.

Our “safe houses” story led to a commission of inquiry that pointed to the need to put these institutions under proper control. Maj-Gen Mellet should be thanking us for highlighting this problem, if he is genuinely interested in changing the force.
Rebel policeman Gregory Rockman has no regrets, even if he has joined the ranks of the minibus taxi driver brigade.

DENNIS CRUYWAGEN
Weekend Argus Political Staff

He has lost his home, has temporarily lost his wife and his estate has been sequestrated. He was kicked out of the police force and has seen the officer who stood by him in his rebel days become South Africa's first coloured police general.

But Mr Gregory Rockman, founder of South Africa's first union for policemen and prison warders, says he has no regrets... even if he lives in a world far removed from uniforms, police argon and charges offices.

He still heads the Police and Prisoners Civil Rights Union (Popuru), but Mr Rockman is now an occasional minibus taxidriver in Port Elizabeth.

It's quite a step down from being one of the most popular policemen in 1969, but, said Mr Rockman "I have no regrets I would do it all over again if I had the chance."

He added that he would only rejoin the police force once an interim government was in power.

At the time he spoke out against police, Mr Rockman enjoyed the support of Mitchell's Plain station commander

Colonel John Manuel, who was then -- as he is today -- South Africa's highest-ranking coloured policeman. The two are still friends.

"I saw Manuel about two weeks ago. I am happy that he has become a general because he's a man of integrity and character, and his heart is in the right place," said Mr Rockman.

Times are fairly tough for Mr Rockman these days.

"My financial situation is not too bright. I've lost a lot, but I have managed to keep my integrity. I still manage to eat one meal a day."

He lives with his wife Sharleen and two children in Port Elizabeth. Formerly stationed in Mitchell's Plain, then a hotbed of political unrest, Lieutenant Rockman caused an uproar three years ago when he accused members of Cape Town's riot unit of behaving like "wild dogs."
MR ABB WILLIAMS says he finds the allegations which have been made about his cheating at UWC "amusing".

"It is amusing that so many years after the event statements like these are being made," was his comment.

However, teacher organisations representing members employed by the Department of Education and Culture (DEC) are not amused.

Sadtu regional chairperson Ms Vivienne Carelse said if the story is true, the organisation could understand why Williams had made "anti-education proposals" to lower standards in the Department of Education and Culture.

A recent circular issued by the DEC lowers the pass mark for higher grade students to 100 out of 400, and 75 out of 400 for subjects taken on the standard grade.

DEC students now have to know only a quarter of the work they are taught to pass an examination.

"If the claim that he cheated in his exams is true, it further vindicates our position that the man in the highest decision-making position has even less legitimacy than he purports to have," Carelse said.

"It also epitomises the kind of person teachers have been dealing with.

"His latest decisions probably emanate from his fraudulent approach to his own education." Carelse said Williams did not set a good example for students and had laid the foundation for poor educational standards in DEC schools.

Sadtu rejected the lowering of standards and their members were not prepared to implement the latest proposal.

Cape Teachers Professional Association (CTPA) president Mr Archbe Vergouw said his organisation had a responsibility to protect the integrity of the teaching profession.

"It is unthinkable that a man who is charged with dishonesty during his years at a tertiary institution could be at the head of education," Vergouw said.

"If there is any substance in this claim, the CTPA regards it in a very serious light. We will have no other option but to call on the Minister to tell the truth or we will call for his resignation.

"We regard our profession as one of high calling and allegations like these which impact on the integrity and personality of the minister are unacceptable to the organised teaching profession."

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**'Trojan horse' judgment**

By Rehana Rosouw

A FATHER'S seven-year battle for justice after the killing of his 16-year-old son was lost in the Appeal Court in Bloemfontein this week.

Mr Martin Magmoed appealed for an assessment of the judgement which acquitted policemen over killings in the "Trojan Horse" massacre. His son Shaun was killed in the incident.

The death of Shaun and two other youths sparked an international outcry on October 15, 1985, when policemen hidden in crates on the back of a railways truck opened fire on alleged stone-throwers in Athlone.

Seven years later, it appears the policemen involved in the incident have been exonerated.

Magmoed brought a private prosecution against the commander of the Western Province Unrest Unit, Colonel Pieter Janse van Rensburg, Major Christian Loedloff of the then SA Railways police, Commandant Salmon Pienaar of the SADF, Lieutenant Douw Vermeulen of the South African Police and the nine policemen who had been on the truck.

The Appeal Court considered whether it was possible to set aside the acquittal of Vermeulen and order a new trial on the basis of evidence which was not admitted during the criminal prosecution of the policemen.

On Wednesday the Chief Justice, Mr Justice Corbett, said there was no need to set aside Vermeulen's acquittal as there was no certainty that a new trial would result in a conviction.

In his judgment Mr Justice Corbett said that there was one general observation he wished to make.

"Having read the evidence in this case, and particularly having several times viewed the video film, I am left with feelings of shock and dismay at the conduct of the policemen concerned with the execution of this operation.

"Even on the respondents' own version their reaction to the situation is which they found themselves to be, in my view, grossly excessive.

"Moreover, as the trial court found, there were 'strong indications' of the common purpose to act illegally.

"Another court ... may well have concluded that these strong indications, taken in conjunction with the failure by the accused to enter the witness box, were cogent enough to secure the conviction of the respondents, or some of them," said Mr Justice Corbett.
Mother arrested for crossing a road

By Queenie Wilson

Although she doesn't want her son to see her drive in school because she misses the fun and excitement of driving, she promised him that he would be in "first grade" when she was finished with school. He had always dreamed of going to school and being a teacher, and now that he was going to start, he was determined to do everything he could to be the best teacher he could be. He had always loved reading and writing, and he knew that he could use those skills to help others learn. He was excited to start his new adventure and couldn't wait to show his parents what a great teacher he could be.
Klipplaat leads way to new SA

THE ANC, AWB and Conservative Party in the Karoo town of Klipplaat are planning joint protest action to register widespread grievances against the municipality.

The protest march, which could see the flags of these traditional enemies flying together for the first time on Wednesday, is scheduled to coincide with the court appearance of 15 coloured families on rental arrears charges.

"This will be the first joint action of its kind and could see the occupation of the court buildings," said Klipplaat civic leader Amos Byasi.

"Yes we will support the protest," was the response of Klipplaat AWB commander Johannes Humana.

"We are trying to work out a solution for all the residents of Klipplaat and the country in general," he said. - Pen

Council hit list

gets no from Vlok

By MOSES MAMAILA

IN a dramatic disclosure this week, the Petsana Civic Association in Reitz, Free State, revealed a document asking former Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok to "remove" the township's radical elements, responsible for violence and boycotts, from society.

Correspondence leaked to City Press disclosed that the white Reitz Council and the black Petsana Council held a meeting in April 1990 during which they decided to jointly apply to Vlok for permission to "remove" eight ANC-supporting individuals.

In a letter to Vlok dated May 8 1990, the councillors requested that Vlok provide the Petsana municipality police with their own station commander so municipal police could "remove" the radical elements.

The letter - which was drafted by former CP senior official, advocate CH Pienaar - also stated that the radicals had to be removed because they organised blacks in Petsana under the banner of the ANC.

In his response dated July 30 1990, Vlok refused to grant the Petsana Town Council its own station commander to facilitate the removal of the "radicals" but gave an undertaking that more police would be deployed in the area.

The letter also said: "We did not mean what we said to be taken as a threat to the lives or safety of any individual."

Town clerk Harry Theron said: "We did not mean that people should be killed or made to disappear from the surface of the earth."

However, one of the "lucky" eight, Joseph Makhoba, was adamant that the councillors meant to kill them.

"It was obvious that had Vlok granted them permission to remove us they would have killed us," he said.

"I must confess that we owe our lives to Vlok who played a vital role in saving us," added Makhoba.
‘I was told to lay charge with cop who beat me’

By S'BU MNGADI

A NORTHERN Natal worker who was severely assaulted by a notorious Rambo-like cop and his two colleagues at the weekend tried to lay a charge against the perpetrators... only to be advised to lay his charge with them.

Mnelu Madela was still angry but confused at this “twisted arm of the law” this week when he telephoned City Press for advice.

Madela said he was about a kilometre from the centre of the tiny northern Natal town of Hluhluwe on November 20 at about 9 pm when a police van pulled up next to him.

Three white policemen—one he recognised as Sgt Wally Reimers—wanted to know what he was doing in town at that time of the night.

“I told them I was walking to nearby Illala Weavers, where I was renting a room. But even before I had finished my sentence, Reimers started hitting me with fists and open hands and kicking me. His two colleagues also joined in.

“I was and still am totally confused about what I had done wrong,” the filling station worker said.

They threw him in the back of the police van and drove to the Hluhluwe SAP station with his head locked tightly under Reimers’s strong right arm, he was dragged into the charge office, much to the surprise of other policemen inside.

“Again, Reimers repeatedly assaulted me in full view of other policemen. This must have lasted for about three minutes, and when he had reduced me to his punch bag, he told a Sergeant Dlamini to drive me home, which he did,” Madela said.

He was bleeding profusely from the nose and mouth but was driven home in that state.

White cops

The following morning Madela went to the police station to lay a charge of assault against Reimers and the two unidentified officers. However, black policemen at the charge office allegedly told him they had never before opened a docket against fellow policemen—and white ones for that matter.

“Sergeant Fakude told me to wait while he called Reimers on a two-way radio. Fakude returned and told me to wait as Reimers would soon be at the police station to take down my statement.

“When I insisted that a policeman other than Reimers and his co-suspects take down my statement, the policemen said they could not help me,” Madela told City Press.

He then left the police station, convinced that relief did not lie with the Hluhluwe police station.

At work his employer’s son, Michael Openshaw, took him to a doctor who advised him to make a statement to a lawyer.

Hluhluwe SAP branch commander W/O G Jacobs said he was unaware of the incident as it had not been recorded and entered in the Occurrence Book.

Jacobs advised Madela to make a statement to a lawyer or police station of his choice. The policeman also told the complainant to come and see him. “I must not tell the policemen at the front what it’s in connection with, in case they turn him back again,” Jacobs added.

Madela’s encounter with local policemen followed another “unprovoked” bashing of a minibus taxi by a white police reservist driving a van on October 24 this year, locals claimed.

In this case Reimers again allegedly refused to open a docket of malicious damage to property against the police reservist.
Murder of six policemen condemned

By Anna Lowe
East Rand Bureau 1/12/72

Police have condemned the brutal murders of six policemen on the East Rand, Natal and Vaal Triangle at the weekend which have increased the death toll of policemen who have died violently this year to 207.

A spokesman for the police directorate of public relations in Pretoria yesterday said last year's figure totalled 145.

Substantial rewards are being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killers.

In the weekend attacks:
- East Rand Constable P K Mathala (29) was shot dead while on duty at the Orifantsfontein charge office on Sunday.
- Also on the East Rand, Daveyton assistant Constable Pieter Sothoane was stoned by about 60 men when he went to visit his brother in the Chris Hani squatter camp at 9 am on Sunday. A man was arrested.
- Sergeant M J Modise (41) was gunned down by two men with AK-47 rifles when he arrived at his Tsakane home on the East Rand on Sunday.
- In Evaton in the Vaal Triangle, Constable G J Mofokeng was shot when gunmen sprayed a house with gunfire on Friday night. Two people were injured.
- In Mariannhill, near Pinetown, in Natal, Constable Hela Nhlambe (27) and a friend, Langalakhe Ngcobo (22), were fatally wounded in the head on Sunday.
Popcru 'boils';
Call to mediate

THE Western Cape Regional Dispute Resolution Committee has been asked to mediate between Popcru and the Department of Correctional Services amid fears that frustrated Popcru members could turn to armed violence to draw attention to their grievances.

"Things are boiling in Popcru (Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union),” a senior source in Popcru said in Cape Town this week. — Sapa
IN ALEXANDRA's streets where political rivals fought pitched battles nine months ago they now work side-by-side to clean up their township.

And in a township where about 60% of the 360,000 residents are unemployed, volunteer cleaners are only too happy to do the back-breaking work for a mere R8 a day, Sapa reports.

In March, Alexandra erupted into an orgy of violence which saw tens of people killed and hundreds left homeless when hostel dwellers loyal to the Inkatha Freedom Party clashed with township residents rallying under the banner of the ANC. Now, although there is still animosity among political groupings, peace is returning to Alexandra.

"People on the ground are speaking to one another and finding a new common vision of the future," says township interim council chairman Brian Wegerie, whose council was set up in April, functions as a local dispute resolution body under the national peace accord with representatives of the ANC, Inkatha, Democratic Party, National Party, churches, business and the SAPF.

Crass committee member Dean Yates said Alexandra residents were suffering from "war-weariness" and "People want peace. They do not want to kill anymore."

Wegerie believes eight months of intense work by the crass committee is bearing fruit. "The situation has improved tremendously," agrees LC Khosa, Inkatha's representative on the committee.

A complete social reconstruction and new development plan for the township, which borders Johannesburg's plush northern suburbs, is envisaged. Some R15m has been allocated for reconstruction in the "Beirut" area, scene of much of the fighting near Alexandra's migrant hotels where houses were broken to the ground.

WILSON ZWANE reports the crass committee yesterday announced its reconstruction strategy. It has set itself the task of:
- Reconciling polarised groups and creating a climate of tolerance and trust.
- Eliminating political, social and economic conditions which undermined peace.
- Fulfilling the principles of the national peace accord, and
- Forging a competent and commonly agreed socio-economic reconstruction and development programme which makes the best use of all available resources.

The crass committee has appointed four task groups to deal with development, communications, security and relief.

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Top UK cop sees SAP 'swing to community'

Staff Reporter

There is a strong swing in the South African Police towards providing a community-friendly service based on close communication with the public, according to Mr Peter Stevens, a chief superintendent with the London Metropolitan Police.

He said this had become evident in his discussions with several high-ranking SAP officers.

Mr Stevens, the senior community relations official at Scotland Yard, is one of 40 Commonwealth observers on the violence in South Africa.

The recent establishment of the SAP Community Relations Department and several Peninsula community forums are seen as evidence of a swing to community policing.

Mr Stevens said that in London over the past 10 years there has been a major shift from a police force concerned only with law enforcement to an accountable police service that understands the community.

"The SAP needs to work on its ability to communicate with the public and accept that the enforcement of law must come second to the feelings of the community," he said.

He said all public marches in London were led and flanked by unarmed police officers who moved with and talked to demonstrators.

"I have never seen a system like that here. Here, the police tend to sit at a distance in riot gear," he said.

Mr Stevens said that all London police stations were visited weekly by civilians who were from community centres and had unrestricted access to every detainee.
SA police must consult public, says EC officer

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ONE of the lessons police had to accept was that the feelings of the community should be put above law enforcement, said Scotland Yard senior community officer Mr Peter Stevens.

As a member of the Commonwealth team observing violence in South Africa, Mr Stevens has met senior police officers and President De Klerk.

He said at the University of Cape Town Medical School yesterday that in his discussions he had detected a "great mood" for change.

"I believe the South African police want to move forward."

Mr Stevens, who holds the rank of Chief Superintending Metropolitan Police Services, said he had observed some marches, including the first ANC-organised march through Nylstroom.

He said the strategy used by British police when dealing with demonstrations was very different from anything he had seen in South Africa.

"It's based on communication with the people involved, who recognise that we try to help the demonstration and not to hinder it."

London police did not have the authority to ban marches.

Usually a policeman was the first person at the starting point of demonstrations to talk to organisers. When marches started, policemen were positioned in front, at the rear and on the sides.

"If it's a really big one we'll strip London of policemen for one thing and move with the people. The whole point is to build up a relationship with them.

He said police would not monitor a march from a vehicle or wear camouflage uniforms.

Police were trained in riot control methods but were not part of an elite unit, and returned to normal police duty the day after a march.

He said an inquiry into riots in Brixton and Tottenham found that public peace was more important than law enforcement, and that a police force which did not consult with the public would not be efficient.
Cop jailed for 8 years for killing

JOHANNESBURG — An Internal Stability Unit constable was sentenced yesterday to eight years imprisonment in effect for what a Rand Supreme Court judge described as a brutal and unprovoked murder of a man in Jeppe, Johannesburg.

Mr Justice J M C Smit found Constable Jacobus Alberts, 22, guilty of murdering Mr Sosibo Sosibo on October 4 last year by stabbing him 19 times.

Alberts' companions that evening, also policemen, were fined R600 or six months each and given a one-year suspended sentence for assault.

The policemen were on duty at Thokoza on the East Rand when they slipped off to Jeppe in a Casspir. There they chased a group of people, catching Mr Sosibo Oberholzer and stabbing him before Alberts stabbed him. — Sapa
3 policemen hurt in blast

Three policemen were injured when a grenade was thrown at their armoured car in Batanda township, near Heidelberg, last night.

An SAP spokesman said a police patrol was attacked while attempting to disperse a crowd of about 200 people at 10:45 pm. The three policemen were slightly injured.

Police and Defence Force troops conducted a search in the township between 3 am and 4 am today, but no arrests were made. — Sapa
Lawyer was 'stabbed till helpless'

A man accused of murdering Johannesburg advocate Legwai Pitje told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday how his policeman friend stabbed the lawyer inside a car until Pitje "was helpless.

Mohali Mothlabi (24) and special constable Seatile Matlose (23), both of Kagiso, have pleaded not guilty to kidnapping, robbing and murdering Pitje on July 12.

Mothlabi said in a fight on the back seat Matlose stabbed Pitje. The two men then put him in the car boot.

The trial continues.

Staff Reporter
Constable jailed for 'unprovoked' murder

By Philip Zob

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"This is the type of behaviour that provokes a feeling of antagonism towards the police. It is something our country cannot afford," the judge said.

Alberts's companions, Constable Danie Oberholzer (20) and Constable Frederick Wasserfall (20), were each fined R600 (or six months) and given a one-year suspended sentence for assaulting Sombo.

The men had been on duty at Tokoza on the East Rand when they went to Jeppe in their Casspir. They chased after a group of blacks, catching Sombo. Oberholzer hit him and Wasserfall kicked him before Alberts stabbed the man. Alberts was convicted of direct intent to kill an innocent man.
The report's conclusion was that the false statements made by the accused were contrary to the facts and the evidence presented. The accused's statement was considered to be against the interest of justice. The report concluded that the accused should be found guilty of the charges.
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- Tell Apla to take holiday, said Kriel

Angry Sun City golfers accept blame

By DAN RIEFF

TOP golf stars Nicky Frye and Nick Faldo last night accepted the blame for breaking the rules and being disqualified from the Million Dollar tournament in a day of high drama.

But Frye, the US PGA champion, delivered a stinging attack on the farcical situation which put him out of the tournament after he moved an advertising board, which was replaced.

A grim-faced Nick Faldo, the British Open champion, flew out last night after being disqualified forsigning a wrongly marked scorecard.

At Jan Smuts airport, while he wanted to board a plane to London with his

LAW and Order Minister Hernus Kriel and senior policemen knew more than two months ago that Apla, the armed wing of the Pan Africanist Congress, planned to launch a terror campaign against white civilians.

But instructions from police headquarters that target communities in the Border area be warned of the threat never reached the people on the ground.

They were thus unprepared for the murderous grenade and limpet mine attacks this week on a King William’s Town golf club and a Queenstown steakhouse which left four people dead and scores injured.

This week outraged mayors of small towns throughout the Border region demanded to know why they had not been warned of Apla’s murderous plans.

The Sunday Times has established that the SA Police were aware in early October that Apla was preparing to attack soft civilian targets in South Africa.

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Extracts from PAC report of November 11 meeting with government attended by Hernus Kriel

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The minutes, in the hands of the Sunday Times, indicate he had merely appealed to the PAC as a patriotic gesture to send the Apla cadres "on a holiday for some months".

Yesterday, an SAP spokesman in Pretoria told the Sunday Times that early in October, police commissioner General Johan van der Merwe had indeed issued a directive to all regional commissioners instructing them to inform the public about the threat.

He also ordered local police stations to hand out community leaders and businessmen and warn them to be on the alert for suspicious looking people and objects.

Schools

But Border SAP spokesman Lt-Col Christo Louw said yesterday that no specific instructions or warnings were received from headquarters regarding an Apla terror campaign.

"The police would not have handed out local instructions or warnings to local police, nor would they not have issued nationwide warnings," said Lt-Col Louw.

Yesterday, Law and Order spokesman Capt. Craug Kotze confirmed that Mr Kriel had attended the meeting with the PAC on November 11, but said the minister "cannot comment on the contents of bilateral discussions".

He said it was completely absurd to suggest the government and the SAP had been doing nothing, while in fact they have been doing their best to achieve a political solution, not only to the violence in general, but to the armed struggle of the PAC and Apla.

The Apla terror plan was uncovered during interrogation of 20 youths belonging to the Pan Africanist Students Organisation, who were arrested in connection with an early morning petrol-bomb attack on a house in Ficksburg on September 29.

Police said the youths were acting under orders from a senior Apla commander based in the Bloemfontein area but that the campaign was being masterminded from the Transkei by a man known as Sizwe.

Soft targets — including cinemas, sporting events, buses, schools and churches — in the Eastern Cape, Free State and Natal would be attacked over the festive season, said the police, who said construction of the petrol bombs used in attacks at Ficksburg and Fountains showed that Apla was responsible.

But apart from deploying an additional 260 policemen along the Transkei border in the Eastern Cape and southern Natal and introducing roadblocks on some roads in the area, the police appear to have taken few steps to warn the local community about Apla's plans.

Yesterday, a Sunday Times poll of towns identified as likely Apla targets showed widespread ignorance of the Apla plan.

Queenstown Mayor Johnny Johnson said "We were given no warning. We were not told of any dangers by the police."

Dordrecht Mayor Clive Howell said "They didn't say a word, but frankly, even if they had, we wouldn't rely on them to protect us — they are even too scared to go onto the township."

Indwe Mayor Louis Pretorius said police had not told him about Apla's plans.

UGIE Town councillor Leonard Love said "If the police had this kind of information they should have gone into every town and discussed it with the authorities and special security plans should have been made."

Maclear, Mayarees, Marti Scheepel said she was horrified "It seems the police issued a warning through a newspaper. We don't get that newspaper here."

Cathcart Mayor Arthur Brandtke said the town had not been informed of Apla's campaign.

Komga Mayor Basil Day said he had heard "absolutely nothing."

Kei Road Mayor Peter Weewege was angry that he was not told and would do "everything in my power" to find out why.

King William's Town Mayor Jack Hubert van der Spuy said "Neither I nor any member of the council was warned about possible attacks."

This week, Mr Kriel announced plans to move SAP reinforcements from Pretoria to the Border, step up roadblocks, deploy policemen in civilian clothes at restaurants and other areas that could be "soft targets" and pay a R100,000 reward for information leading to the capture of Apla terrorists.

White residents have threatened to take up arms and "fight fire with fire" unless the government acts.
SAP 'knew base for attacks was Transkei'

By Patrick Laurence

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Murdered National Party politician Dr Robert Smit "worked unofficially" for the Bureau of State Security (BOSS), gathering information which he passed on directly to the organisation's chief, General "Lang" Hendrik van den Bergh.

This was revealed by Van den Bergh during a confrontation with Liza Grundlingh, the Smit's daughter who was 13 when her parents were murdered in their Springs home in November 1977.

Sunday Star reported yesterday that Grundlingh confronted Van den Bergh with an anonymous tape-recorded voice that said the general had ordered the Smit killings because Smit "knew too much about the money going out of the country".

But, according to the Sunday Star, Van den Bergh, angered by the accusation, told her: "I swear God can take my youngest grandchild if I lie. I did not have anything to do with your father's death.

"If I had any relevant information, I would have given it to the police. It was not a normal murder — it was carefully planned and carried out very professionally."

He added: "Robert Smit would often come to my office (BOSS headquarters in the Hendrik Verwoerd Building in Pretoria) and he would give information about things he had heard on his overseas trips. You could say he worked unofficially for me. Robert Smit and I trusted each other.

"If he had wanted to tell anybody anything, he would have come to me — and he never did, not with this rubbish about Government money being hid away in overseas bank accounts. That's also a load of rubbish."
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During the journey, Steyn intercepted the baKKkie and instructed the driver to go into a plantation where Mr Law and Mr Watson heard him fire four shots and saw Mr Mthethwa, who had been shot, lying down.

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Natal policeman guilty of murder

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The judge said “It is deplorable that a commanding officer of a unit, out of misplaced loyalty towards one of his members who committed a crime, neglected his duty to see that justice is done”.

He had doubts that the mishandling of the case was limited to the commanding officer, since the whole unit refused to stand on an identity parade.

“There is no room for such an attitude, especially at this time when the good image of the police is being damaged by allegations that members that commit crimes are being protected by their colleagues”.

The judge ordered that his remarks be forwarded to the Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, so that he could take any action “he sees necessary”.

Mr Justice Page also said the evidence suggested that one of the members of the unit, Detective-Sergeant Koen Maritz, might have been an accessory to the crime.

“It is possible he may have defeated the ends of justice and/or encouraged perjury,” the judge said. He would forward the documents to the Attorney-General for his decision.

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Later at KwaMbonambi police station, a man introduced as Leon, who was identified by the court as Maritz, told Law and Watson to say Mswele and Mthethwa had died of their injuries on the way to hospital.

The following day, Law and Watson made police statements to this effect, but decided a few days later to tell the truth.

Mr Justice Page said he could only convict Steyn of attempting to murder Mswele because the State had failed to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Mswele was alive at the time Steyn shot at him with his R-5 automatic rifle.

Dealing with Erasmus’s evidence, the judge said he could not believe that firearms were handed in on every occasion when members of the Empangeni Murder and Robbery Unit had a few drinks.

Although he accepted evidence that members of the unit had drinks the night before Mswele and Mthethwa were murdered, he did not believe Erasmus could not remember whether Steyn had put his R-5 in the safe.

Erasmus had said this “in order to avoid saying the firearm was not handed in” and he was aware that his evidence was false, the judge said.

During evidence heard in mitigation, Colonel Christo Nel described Steyn as an outstanding policeman who had always worked well under difficult circumstances.

Nel also told the court that Mswele was wanted by police in the area in connection with 21 murders and numerous attempted murders, including attempts to murder 21 members of the police and army. Three policemen were killed at Sokhulu. The day Mswele and Mthethwa were murdered.

Police clinical psychologist Major Jacob le Roux told the court that suicides among policemen had increased from 5.5 a month last year to 8.1 this year as a result of stress.

Le Roux also said murders of policemen had increased from five a month last year to 20 a month in the first eight months of this year — Sapa
SAP death toll rises above 200

CAPE TOWN — Statistics show that 461 policemen have been killed since President de Klerk's February 1990 speech that ushered in the "new South Africa."

The SAP said yesterday this year's death toll of 209 policemen represented a 66 percent increase on last year's figure of 145 deaths, while the figure was almost double that for 1990, when 107 policemen were killed.

The SAP said the statistics represented the number of policemen killed while they were off duty and during the course of their duties.

"The SAP will obviously do everything in its power to ensure that its members are as safe as possible." — Sapa
SAP bumbling and callous UK papers

By Garner Thomson
Star Bureau

LONDON — A picture of callous and bumbling South African policemen, backed by a government more worried about tourism than compassion, is being painted in Britain following the murder of two UK women at Sodwana Bay.

And reports about South Africa's continuing slide into anarchy continue to appear in British newspapers, which suddenly see SA as one of the murder capitals of the world.

The newspaper Today yesterday published a three-column report claiming that the country's spiralling murder rate had done nothing to galvanise police into properly investigating the death of the two women, Julie Godwin and Elizabeth Overt. It calls the local police amateurish and bungling.

It was only when Tourism Minister Org Marais warned that "these unfortunate deaths could have a severe effect on the nation's economy" that an attempt was made to take more appropriate action.

Vital evidence was ignored or destroyed, and the victims' relatives found policemen more worried about where the next beer was coming from than catching killers.

"Within two hours of journalists arriving on the scene on Wednesday, two crucial clues, previously overlooked by police, were picked up on the beach."

Today also reports the "callous" treatment received by Cuan Crewe, Over's fiancee.

Police called him and asked whether he was the owner of a truck they had found, it says.

"When I said 'Yes,' he (a policeman) said 'Yeah, well it's here, covered in blood, and we've got two women's bodies on the beach.'"

And the Daily Express yesterday carried a full-page report on South Africa in the light of the murders, headlined "Apocalypse soon?"

It reports the murder of the two women as commonplace.

• The bodies of the two women are to be flown back to the UK for bursal.

No arrests have yet been made in connection with the killings — Sapa
Drop in political deaths reported

POLITICALLY related deaths dropped to a nine-month low of 263 in November, according to the latest Human Rights Commission (HRC) report on repression.

HRC national director Sasho Sadik said the declining number of killings could be attributed to the increased presence of international observers at potential sites of conflict.

She said there had been a noticeable shift in violence from the Transvaal to Natal and this trend could be reinforced by the return of Transvaal hostel dwellers to Natal over the festive season.

While the 114 people who had died in the PWV was below the 1992 monthly average of 161, a total of 192 had died in Natal, the report said.

Of the 263 killed in November, 140 had been victims of vigilante actions, while the security forces had killed three and injured 30, it added.

At least 3,324 people had been killed in violence during 1992 — about 33% more than this time last year, the report said.

A total of 17 security force members were killed in November and a further 12 were injured in 31 separate incidents, the HRC said.

Meanwhile, a total of 161 members of the police force have been killed since President PW de Klerk’s February 1990 speech, police statistics show.

A police spokesman said yesterday the 1992 death toll of 209 policemen represented a 56% increase on last year’s figure of 145 deaths, while the figure was almost double that for 1990, during which 107 policemen had been killed.

Sapa reports from Durban that a man was killed in KwaMashu early yesterday, bringing to at least seven the number who had died violently in the greater Durban area at the weekend, police said.

**PEANUTS**

By Charles Schulz

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**Policeman did kill ANC man**

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Court seeks policeman

A warrant for the arrest of a policeman allegedly involved in the killing of Umkhonto we Sizwe cadre Itumeleng Samuel Padi (24) last year was issued in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Daniel Knoester, one of the six policemen who attacked Padi's home in Phiri, Soweto, on May 19 last year, failed to appear, and magistrate Mr J W Botha issued a warrant for his arrest.

Padi and his girlfriend Nokuzola Ncalo (22) died in a pre-dawn raid on his backyard home when police fired 33 shots after Padi allegedly pulled out the pin of a grenade.

A policeman told the inquest yesterday that his evidence-in-chief differed from a statement made after the shooting.

Under cross-examination by Gys Rautenbach, for the Padi and Ncalo families, Sergeant Rudolph Moagi said that he had made a hand-written statement which was later taken to a typist.

When the inquest started in September, Rautenbach produced press reports to challenge the SAP version of the shooting. He quoted from a report of the shooting in The Star in which a police spokes-man gave a different account of the raid.

The hearing continues today — Staff Reporter, Own Correspondent.
National agreements 'have not helped quell violence'

THE national peace accord, the Codesa declaration of intent and five bilateral accords between the ANC and government had failed to reverse the growth of violence, the SA Institute of Race Relations said yesterday.

The country was going through its second worst year of political violence on record, with 2,924 people having died in political killings by the end of November, the institute said.

This represented an 18% increase on the 1991 number, institute figures showed.

The Human Rights Commission earlier this week said political deaths had dropped to a nine-month low of 263 for November — well above the 1991 monthly average of 215 deaths a month.

Institute spokesman Paul Pereira said SA's worst year of violence remained 1990, when 3,699 people were killed.

The institute said fatalities in political violence since September 1984, when political killings started on a large scale, would probably reach more than 15,000 by the end of 1992.


Pereira said the institute believed violence would be combated more effectively if the national peace accord was amended to prohibit "people's war" and the struggle to make the country ungovernable.

He said other steps that could be taken included:
- The renunciation by churches of the Lusaka Declaration in which SA churches said liberation movements had been compelled to use force to fight apartheid.
- Enforcing ruthlessly the ban on weapons including those displayed in public.
- A decision by the state to respect the rights of both boycotters and non-boycotters during stayaway actions.
- Public commitment from political leaders supporting the right of people to participate in or abstain from political actions.
- The replacement of the R1 rifle used by the SAP's Internal Stability Unit (ISU) with a less lethal weapon.
- Increasing the minimum age of ISU members from 21 to 25.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports from Durban that a man was shot dead by unknown assailants at the KwaMashu hostel on Monday evening.

Hearings on arms smuggling

LLOYD COUTTS

THE Goldstone commission will hold public hearings tomorrow and on Friday on ways to curb the illegal importation of automatic weapons into SA, the commission said yesterday.

The hearings will be held at the Breakwater campus of the University of Cape Town.

A police spokesman said most AK-47s were brought into SA from Mozambique and Swaziland. Most of the weapons, often sold by former Fredimo soldiers, ended up in Natal, the eastern Transvaal and the PWV fetching between R500 and R1,500.

A liaison forum for the SAP and Mozambican government officials had been established for high-level contact on the issue of arms smuggling.

Police had confiscated 7236 illegal firearms up to October 10, including 2854 rifles (with AK-47s), 2227 pistols and 2177 revolvers. The confiscated weapons were destroyed, the police spokesman added.

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Arrest warrant for cop who failed to turn up at inquest

POLICE IN ACTION ... This truck is among the four which were destined for Mozambique with stolen goods. Soweto police thwarted the attempt when the drivers were about to drive out of the country.

PIC MBUZENI ZULU

Warrant out for cop

By Mzimase Ngudle

A warrant for the arrest of a policeman allegedly involved in the killing of Umkhonto we Sizwe cadre Tumelo Padi last year was issued in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Daniel Knoester, one of the six policemen who attacked Padi's home in Phiri, Soweto, failed to appear at the inquest and the magistrate, Mr JW Botha, immediately issued a warrant for his arrest.

Family members grumbled in the courtroom yesterday when three of the policemen had a memory lapse during cross-examination.

Constable Harry Mhlungu said he could not remember to whom he made his statement regarding the incident.

He could not remember whether he took an oath but could recall that he gave his statement to Lieutenant Herman Havenga, a colleague who was also involved in the attack.

Sergeant Moelehi Mongi said he had forgotten who made him sign his statement. He also gave his statement to Havenga and not to the investigating officer.

Asked why they gave their statements to Havenga and not to the investigating officer, both policemen said they did not know who the investigating officer was.

Detective Constable Mandla Ncule admitted that he usually imprinted an affidavit stamp in the absence of persons making statements, even days after the date on which they made statements.

Investigating officer Captain M Matadin told the court that Padi was killed on May 19 when he tried to pull out the pin of a hand grenade when police came to arrest him.

The police then fired 33 shots, killing him on the spot. His girlfriend, Ms Nokuzola Ncalo, was also shot dead during the attack. The hearing continues.
Police to take up residence in city hotel

THE SAP is preparing to move into five-star barracks on Friday when it takes over Johannesburg's Downtown Inn, formerly the plush Landdrost Hotel.

The Southern Sun Group said yesterday the Downtown Inn in Plein Street would "cease to operate" from Friday.

The lease was scheduled to expire in 1993, but Southern Sun had agreed to early termination of the lease to enable landlord Standard Bank Property Fund to finalise arrangements with new tenants.

All business booked for the Downtown Inn would be diverted to the Rand International or the Johannesburg Sun.

A Standard Bank Property Fund spokesman confirmed yesterday the SAP would be taking over the building as a police residence.

A source said it was SAP policy to take over hotels for single quarters and barracks, and that the move was part of its intention to increase security in the CBD.
Killer policeman jailed for 18 years

OWN CORRESPONDENT

MARITZBURG — A policeman who shot two prisoners was sentenced this week to 18 years' jail — with the recommendation that Warrant-Officer Hendrik Steyn serve the whole of his sentence without remission.

Steyn had been convicted in the Supreme Court in Maritzburg of murder and attempted murder after he shot Michael Mthethwa and Simon Maweli in the Lower Umfolozi area on August 14.

The two men had earlier been wounded in a skirmish with the police and were being escorted to hospital when they were intercepted by Steyn and shot.

It was clear, said Mr Justice N. Page, that Steyn felt that Maweli, a man wanted for crimes including murder, should pay with his life. But Steyn had no right to take such decisions.

Steyn had committed two "cold-blooded crimes", shooting the two while they were helpless.

The fact that he was a policeman had to be regarded as an aggravating factor.

Mr Justice Page strongly criticised the way prisoners were being released before they had served their full sentences.

He had recently read in the press of a policeman he had sentenced to 18 years' jail for two serious crimes being released after 17 months.

This had been done without consulting him and with no apparent justification.
Policing project in E Cape

GRAHAMSTOWN — Township residents are co-operating with the police on a pilot project to develop new methods of community policing in Grahamstown.

The project arose out of a meeting in October between police and political organisations on issues affecting residents in Grahamstown’s townships, including the activities of a notorious local gang.

Professor Rob Midgley, a member of the Local Dispute Resolution Committee (LDRC), which facilitated the meeting, said the discussions quickly broadened and it was decided to pursue the more ambitious goal of developing better policing methods in the city.

It is hoped these will improve relations between the police and the public.

Already a specialist group consisting of representatives of the community, police, the LDRC and two “neutral” people has been set up to investigate the issue.

Professor Midgley said “It is no secret that relations between police and the black community have not been very good for a very long time. But a specific complaint was that there was no police presence in the township to do daily crime prevention.”

The committee will come up with proposals for effective community policing and it is now finding out what kind of policing the community needs.

The committee hopes to get experts on policing to hold workshops — Ecna.
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SADF forced to cut back on personnel

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Policeman jailed for 'executing' wounded prisoners

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN — A police officer who shot two prisoners has been sentenced by the Supreme Court, Maritzburg, to 18 years imprisonment and the court recommended that Warrant Officer Hendrik Steyn serve the whole sentence without remission.

Steyn had been convicted of attempted murder after he shot Michael Mihethwa and Simon Msweli on a road in the Lower Umboloz area on August 14 this year.

The two men had earlier been wounded and were being escorted to hospital when they were intercepted by Steyn and shot.

It was clear, said Mr Justice N Page yesterday, that Steyn felt that Mr Msweli, a man wanted for many crimes including murder, should pay with his life.

But Steyn had no right to take such decisions, Steyn had committed two “cold blooded crimes” said Mr Page.

He said Steyn had shot the two while they were helpless Steyn had “executed” them.

Mr Page said the fact that Steyn was a policeman must be regarded as an aggravating factor. It was his duty to protect the community and his crimes would have to be severely punished.

Mr Page strongly criticised the way prisoners were being released before they had served their full sentences.

He said that practice could have been a factor in Steyn’s decision to shoot the two victims. This practice caused frustration and encouraged people to take the law into their own hands.
FRIENDLY FACES: Warrant Officer Ockert Griebenauw, in front, with his team of new police PROs who are ready to talk to members of the public.

Police urge public to pop in for a chat sometime

Johan Schronen
Crime Staff

Crime and complaints should not be the only matters that bring police and citizens together.

Warrant Officer Ockert Griebenauw, who heads a team of 12 new public relations officers at police stations in the Cape police district, said people should realise there was a human behind every policeman and that the image of the police as a "force" had been replaced by that of a "service."

"We cannot prevent crime and enforce the law on our own," he said.

"Without the participation and involvement of the public, we are only half a service. The policeman or woman on beat should become a household name with families in the community."

"A specialist at each charge office has now been nominated and trained to liaise with people to keep contact with the community and provide a friendlier and more efficient service."

Warrant Officer Griebenauw said interaction between policemen "on the ground" and citizens should be encouraged to produce a greater sense of trust on both sides.

Residents are invited to contact the new police liaison officers with suggestions or constructive criticism.

"Popping in for a chat to see who the voice is on the other end of the telephone is most welcome. We are part of the community and we want to be accepted in that way," he said.
SA Police may rejoin Interpol

Staff Reporter
THE South African Police may rejoin the International Police (Interpol) after an absence of 37 years.

Colonel Reg Crewe of the SAP public relations directorate in Pretoria said yesterday the issue was being considered but no decision had yet been taken.

He said the police relinquished their Interpol membership in 1955 for "financial reasons", after joining the global crime-fighting organisation in 1948.

However, Interpol and the SAP have enjoyed an informal working relationship over the years and collaborated on several occasions to solve complex international crimes.

Interpol, which gathers information on criminals and their activities from 100 affiliate countries, deals with criminals in three main categories:

- Those who operate in more than one country, such as smugglers who deal mainly in precious metals/stones and drugs.
- Criminals who do not travel but whose crimes affect other countries, such as counterfeiters of foreign banknotes.
- Criminals who commit a crime in one country but flee to another to escape prosecution.
More robbers ‘use cop garb’

PRETORIA — The police yesterday expressed concern about the increasing number of crimes committed by criminals dressed in police or defence force uniforms.

According to SAP statistics, 37 crimes were committed in Natal so far this year by people wearing SAP or SADF uniforms.

Thirty-one people were arrested there in connection with crimes in which the uniforms were used.

Uniforms most commonly used were those of the SAP, the SADF and the KwaZulu Police.

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Police ‘harass’ advocate’s family

By Philip Zoon

Three Randburg policemen have been accused of behaving like “aggressive animals” after they allegedly broke down the front door of the home of Johanneburg advocate, harassed his wife and tried to arrest the couple on false charges.

Advocate Gerrit Meyer’s wife, Karin, was at home with her three children in Fairland when the policemen arrived at about 1pm yesterday. They jumped over the gate and shouted at her to open the front door, she said.

She said she would not let them in because she was afraid they could be criminals. At no stage did they offer to identify themselves. She told them that her husband was on his way home, and pleaded with them not to kick down the front door.

She then locked herself, her two daughters (5) and her 1½-year-old baby girl in the study. Within minutes the policemen had broken down the front door. They threatened to arrest her if she did not open the study door, she said.

John Caplan, a Johannesburg advocate who spoke to her on the telephone while her husband drove home, said he heard “complete terror in her voice”.

When her husband arrived, the policemen tried to arrest him. Meyer said he told them to leave. He was shown an arrest warrant for someone else on a charge of non-payment of taxes.

Meyer said the police continued to threaten him, even after he told them he was an advocate. According to Meyer, one sergeant said “I’m not afraid of any advocate, any attorney or any court in this country.”

The policemen finally left after he told his wife to phone his father, attorney Piet Meyer and make arrangements for bail application.

Piet Meyer said “If this happens to an advocate, what happens when they go to houses of black people?”

The Meyers laid a charge of malicious damage to property with the district commissioner Brigadier Jac de Vries.

De Vries said detectives had completed their investigation and a docket could be submitted to the Attorney-General today.

He said it did happen that policemen abused their power, although he did not think such occasions were common. He placed high emphasis on police acting within the law, by using minimum force. Police officers who contravened this principle would be brought to book.

De Vries nevertheless appealed to members of the public to co-operate with police.

English tourist dies on Table Mountain

By Cyril H. Sedgwick

CAPE TOWN — The body of an English tourist, who fell 40 m to her death down Table Mountain, was found last night.

At 11.15 pm, 20 Mountain Club members and Metro rescue personnel stretchered down the body of Sharon Webb (34), of Cumberworth, Lincolnshire, Grass, which she tried to climb.

Blinkwater Ravine is the body of Sharon Webb (34), of Cumberworth, Lincolnshire.
R100-m to be spent on peace

By Carina le Grange

As much as R100 million in sponsored funds would be spent on peace over the next few months, National Peace Secretariat chairman Dr Antonie Gildenhuys said in a statement yesterday.

Gildenhuys was responding to what he called a "misleading" report on a R60 million marketing campaign.

He said the facts were that a media campaign of R3 million, which had been donated by the press, TV and radio, would be launched this Christmas to communicate the objectives of the National Peace Accord.

It was expected that the main part of the peace campaign would be launched at the end of March. This could amount to more than R100 million, but would depend on donations of media space and sponsorship.

Gildenhuys said there would also be production and market-research expenses of about R1.8 million.

Panel to probe claims against SAP

Peter Fabricus
Political Correspondent

A permanent independent board chaired by a judge to investigate allegations of misconduct against the police is to be appointed early next year, Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel said yesterday.

Kriel said at a Pretoria press conference that the Cabinet had already approved the legislation to establish the board.

It would probably be tabled early in the next session of Parliament starting at the end of January, he said.

Kriel said the board would be chaired by a judge and run by an attorney-general.

It would have its own inspectors to investigate allegations of criminal conduct against the police.

He confirmed that the board to be launched next year was the same as the committee he referred to in August when he announced a package of measures to improve the image of the SAP.

He said then that the committee would fall under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Justice and not the Minister of Law and Order who controls the SAP.

It would thus be independent.
Gluckman’s offices bugged

The offices of top Johannesburg pathologist Dr. Jonathan Gluckman — whom Law and Order Minister Herms Kriel criticised yesterday — were recently found to have been extensively bugged with sophisticated equipment, Gluckman confirmed this morning.

Gluckman, who had to call in technical experts because he suspected he had been placed under surveillance, received numerous anonymous death threats after he had made dramatic allegations five months ago that police were killing prisoners in their custody.

He said bugs were found on his private line and in the main switchboard at the office, and others were in the ceiling, in the lights and in the skirting boards.

Yesterday, responding to Gluckman’s allegations, Kriel criticised the Johannesburg pathologist and released statistics showing only a handful of cases in which the police could be implicated.

Kriel provided a detailed police report with a breakdown of 138 cases obtained from files at Gluckman’s offices, and said only 34 of these people had died in police custody.

According to Kriel:
- In two cases SAP members were found guilty of criminal actions, and in two cases they were not guilty.
- Two cases were still pending.
- Six cases were suicides.
- According to inquiries, and eight cases were still under investigation.
- There were 14 cases in which inquests had already been finalised and which the police had not been found responsible by the courts.
- In another 14 cases, the named people were not dead.

In his reaction yesterday, Gluckman accused Kriel of trying to discredit him, and said his implication that he had performed autopsies on 14 people who were still alive was “the most bizarre charge” ever levelled at him in a long career.

He said the allegation repeated by Kriel yesterday had first been made in an Afrikaans Sunday newspaper on November 29. Since he had spent most of yesterday giving evidence in a murder case, he had not been able to ascertain the full extent of Kriel’s remarks.

Gluckman said a woman police constable who had arrived at his office had collected records of consultations from his files which had nothing to do with the deaths in custody.

“I await, with interest details of the rest of the Minister’s statements, as well as the report on which they were presumably based, all of which I assume his office will supply to me in time."

“In the meantime, I con-...”

Gluckman’s offices were bugged

Deaths in detention

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Breakdown of how the SAP classifies the Gluckman cases.

Kriel said the International Red Cross had also been given permission to visit prisoners without prior warning, and that an investigation was being conducted to see how suicides could be prevented.

Police would also consider going through police cell to remove any object which could be used to carry out a suicide.

The Minister said Gluckman, who believed he was on the receiving end of a campaign by the police and the Government to discredit him, said the bugging seemed “to fit in well” with on-going attempts to discredit him.

Apart from confirming the bugging, Gluckman declined to comment further or answer any other question this morning.
Hot-pursuit warning

Govt threat to APL draws angry response
Policeman skips MK inquest

BY ROSALEE TELELA

A POLICEMAN allegedly involved in the killing of Umkhonto weSizwe (MK) member Tumel Lali again failed to appear in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Despite the issuing of a warrant for his arrest by magistrate JW Botha on Monday, Lieutenant Daniel Kroester's whereabouts are still not known. The case has been adjourned until January 6, when an inquiry will be held into the non-appearance of the policeman.

Kroester was supposed to be a prime witness during this week's inquest hearing into the death of MK member Padi and his girlfriend Nokuzala Ncalo, killed during a raid by police in the early hours of May 19 last year.

Police say Padi was shot and killed when he attempted to throw a hand grenade at them. Ncalo, who was in the same room as Padi, was shot when she allegedly "stormed" the police.

Pathologist Russell Johnston testified that Padi had died of shotgun wounds and a head wound from a gunshot, either from a R1 or R5 that the police carried during the raid. He said Ncalo's death was caused by sustained shotgun wounds to the chest and abdomen.

Two policemen, Constable Harry Mhlangu and Sergeant Mohamed Moag, who were present during the shooting, told the court they could not recall whether they were present when affidavit stamps were put on their statements.

During cross-examination it emerged that both witnesses had given their statements to a policeman who had also been present during the shooting, and not the investigating officer in the case.

The investigating officer, Detective Constable Ncule, declined to answer most questions put to him by defence counsel Gys Rautenbach. He confessed, however, that at times he stamped statements in the absence of those who made them, and that it was possible he had done the same with the statements of Moag and Mhlangu.

Testimony by a forensic expert, Dr David Klatzow, contradicted the police claim that Padi had been sitting on the right side of the bed when police entered the room. He argued that it was more probable that he was on the left side, basing his deduction on the fact that there were no signs of massive bleeding on the right side and the manner in which blood had splattered on the ceiling.
Police to probe torture claims

Police will thoroughly investigate allegations made in the Weekly Mail newspaper yesterday that Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad detectives routinely tortured detainees to extract information. Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said:

"The newspaper reported that detainees were tortured in a "waarheidskamer" (truth room) in the squad's headquarters in Brixton, Johannesburg."

In spite of police pledges that illegal investigation methods would not be tolerated, it quoted police sources and lawyers as saying confessions were extracted from detainees by giving them electric shocks, hanging them from their wrists and beating them.

Opperman said in a statement yesterday that the SAP had never condoned or tolerated misconduct by its members, especially unlawful killings.

"In the near future an independent police board would investigate serious complaints and allegations," he added.

The Weekly Mail reported and torture had always been standard practice at Brixton and reached a peak during the 1980s, when the Murder and Robbery Squad was headed by former Civil Co-operation Bureau section leader Staal Burger - Sapa.
Minister's detailed report denies SAP on Neill murder claims

Heineman, the prosecution's most powerful witness in the ongoing inquiry into the Nottle shooting, was asked by the judge this afternoon to elaborate on his evidence.

"The SAP she has provided is not relevant to the case, gentlemen," he said. "It was taken from a store window and is not a reliable source of information."

In another development today, the defence team submitted a motion seeking to have the trial postponed to the end of the year due to the complexity of the case. The judge indicated he would rule on the motion next week.

The trial is expected to continue for another week, with evidence from witnesses such as Dr. Jones and Mr. Brown scheduled to be heard.

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John, the accused, was seen leaving his house this morning with a bag over his shoulder. Sources close to the case have told reporters that the bag contained evidence that could be pertinent to the investigation.

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The court has adjourned until tomorrow morning for the release of the minutes of the preliminary hearing.

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Magistrate acquits cop who shot cowering boy

By DAN DHLAMINI

THERE was elation and bitterness in the Potchefstroom Regional Court this week when the magistrate acquitted a cop who fatally wounded a student who hid under a bed.

Bongi Nyokong's mother Elizabeth Mathapelo Bojo and relatives wept bitterly while Constable Ephraim Fente Rampete exchanged smiles of victory, shaking hands with colleagues and advocate EM Coetzee, who successfully defended him in the murder trial which emanated from an inquest two years ago.

In discharging Rampete, Magistrate LP Virtue said independent pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman's admission this week that there were some mistakes in his statement weighed in favour of Rampete.

The magistrate said Dr Gluckman's inquest report on how Nyokong, a Tlokwe Secondary School Standard Nine pupil died on February 23, 1990, had prompted the Attorney General's decision to prosecute Rampete in a criminal court.

The elderly Dr Gluckman who has been a pathologist for the past 40 years made newspaper headlines recently when he said police were responsible for most deaths in detention.

This week, Dr Gluckman accused Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel of trying to discredit him over allegations that criminal police actions caused the deaths of detainees.

During cross-examination Dr Gluckman conceded that he had made a mistake when he said the shot which hit Nyokong had been fired about 12 inches away from the deceased whereas it was much nearer as testified by both Dr Klupp and Rampete.

Earlier, State pathologist Patricia Klupp testified that Nyokong's injuries were in line with allegations that he was shot at a very close range while under the bed.

Her evidence correlated with that of Rampete who said Nyokong had grabbed the barrel of the gun and in the ensuing struggle a shot went off hitting him in the arm. Nyokong died of his injuries at Potchefstroom's Killie de Haas hospital.

The magistrate said there were no eyewitnesses who saw exactly what happened inside the bedroom of school teacher Marcus Mosete on February 23, 1990.

Magistrate Virtue said it was clear that Rampete's intention was not to kill Nyokong, but to arrest him because he could have shot him during an earlier chase.

He said police were targets at that time and their attackers were dangerous.
Top cops meet over Buthelezi allegations

By MONWABISI NOMADOLO

WITWATERSRAND deputy Attorney-General J Humans has revealed that A-G Klaus von Lieres held a meeting with senior police officers last month concerning investigations involving Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

Contrary to police reports that the Buthelezi docket had been handed to the A-G for his decision whether to prosecute or not, Humans said he was not aware the docket had been handed to the office, adding his senior would have informed him.

However, police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman told City Press he was certain investigations had been completed and the docket handed to the A-G.

The A-G could not be reached for comment as he is on leave until January.

In October Buthelezi defiantly led two marches in central Johannesburg and Durban protesting against the ban on the carrying of dangerous weapons in public and fencing off of Reef hostels.

SAP regional commissioner Gen Gerrit Erasmus had turned down a request by march organisers to carry weapons in public. Buthelezi defied the ban and led the 20 000-strong march.
Covert operations defended

COVERT police operations had proved more successful than conventional methods in uncovering arms smuggling networks and these operations could be extended in the future, the Goldstone Commission heard this week.

WL Wepener, for the SA Police, said covert intelligence and infiltration operations were "absolutely essential" to combat the import and distribution of weapons.
'Killer cop rap just the beginning'

By FRED KHUMALO

"MORE heads must roll,\nThis was the message from both the ANC and the DP after W/O Hendrik Steyn, of the Empangeni murder and robbery unit, was sentenced to 18 years' imprisonment for the murder of ANC members Michael Mthethwa and Simon Mswele.

DP unrest monitor Roy Amslee applauded the Pietermaritzburg Supreme Court judge for his finding and his hard-hitting comments against Steyn's colleagues who tried to cover up for him.

The colleagues refused to take part in an identity parade from which the suspected killer was to be pointed out by witnesses.

The judge further hinted that at least two officers from the unit "may have" defeated the ends of justice and could be deemed accessories after the fact.

He formally asked that his harsh comments be forwarded to the Commissioner of Police, raising the likelihood that a thorough investigation could be carried out and that action could be taken against unit head Capt. Joseph Erasmus and Det-Sgt. Koen Mantz.

During the sensational case, the court heard that members of the Empangeni murder and robbery squad visited a house which they believed was a hideout for murder suspects Mswele and Mthethwa.

Following a shootout, in which three policemen were killed, the two suspects were overpowered and arrested.

Immediately after the incident, police issued a statement saying the two suspects had died in the shooting, but the ANC disputed that version.

The ANC, in conjunction with family members of the two men, commissioned independent pathologist Dr. Jonathan Gluckman to examine the bodies.

Gluckman's finding - that the two men were killed while in police custody - was confirmed during court proceedings by SADF AEFU clerks and witnesses Andrew Watson and Gavin Law.

Watson and Law were with the police in a bakkie which was taking Mswele and Mthethwa to hospital after the shootout.

Watson told the court that one white policeman stopped the bakkie to look at the injured man. One of the policemen was Steyn.

Steyn then climbed on the bakkie and instructed the driver to turn into a plantation.

Once there, Watson and Law jumped off and Steyn told Mswele and Mthethwa to get out of the car. Steyn then apparently "rolled" Mswele off the bakkie as his "intestines were coming out" and he was unable to move.

It was then that Steyn fired the fatal shots.

At a police station in KwaMbonambi, the two witnesses claimed that they were told by a policeman to keep quiet and to write that Mswele and Mthethwa had died on the way to hospital.

ANC northern Natal secretary Senzo Mchunu said: "The case itself and the judgement in particular indicates why the majority of people in SA have completely lost faith in the regime's discredited and corrupt police force."

Amslee said the conviction of Steyn did not come as a surprise.

"We certainly think more heads will roll."
Police 'lose' records of major arms haul

POLICE cannot find records of a major arms smuggling "bust" presented by their lawyers to the Goldstone commission in Cape Town this week.

Police counsel told the commission that undercover policemen had discovered weapons-smuggling networks at East Rand hostels. They gave as an example an incident where they recovered 40 AK-47s, a Makarov pistol, a 9mm pistol and an RGD5 hand-grenade.

Mr WJ Weepener, for the police, said several people, including an alleged chief distributor, were arrested.

Legal

However, police in Pretoria, Johannesburg and the East Rand and their legal counsel in Cape Town were unable to obtain further details of the case.

Both Major Reuben Bloomberg and Captain Peter Brandt of the police public relations directorate in Pretoria said that despite numerous inquiries they could not trace documents about the case.

Brigadier Stoffel du Toit, the SAP legal officer who helped compile the submission presented to the Goldstone commission by Mr Weepener, was also unable to give further details of the case.

He referred the Sunday Times back to the public relations directorate which conducted further inquiries.

The head of the Central Investigation Services in Germiston, Captain Steenkamp, also could not recall or find details of such a case which, he said, would have been memorable because of the "arrest" of an alleged "chief distributor".

Expressing concern about the prevalence of illegal weapons, Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said on Friday that his commission would establish a new committee to investigate ways of curbing the illegal importation, possession, distribution and use of firearms and explosive devices in South Africa.

Legal teams representing the ANC, Inkatha Freedom Party, KwaZulu government, SA Defence Force and the police agreed to the formation of the committee and its terms of reference.

Firearms

Mr Weepener recommended that arms smugglers receive heavier sentences.

He called for the ANC to make available its information regarding the illegal import and distribution of firearms and for better co-operation with neighbouring states.

Police figures showed that 711 people were killed and 895 injured in AK-47 attacks from July 1, 1991, to November 30 this year.

Last year police confiscated a number of illegal weapons including 1,090 AK-47s, 2,150 pistols, 1,075 revolvers, 632 home-made rifles and 1,697 kilograms of explosives.

Tomorrow the Goldstone commission moves to Durban for a further one-day preliminary hearing into violence in Natal.
Judge says police are protected by falsified records

A POLICE station's occurrence book is meant to be an accurate diary of events of the day. Instead, it has become a weapon for the self-protection of policemen, littered with false entries and deliberate omissions, says a judge.

This emerged in a recent Rand Supreme Court trial involving a police assault at Brixton police station in 1990.

The beating was not recorded in the occurrence book.

And during the two-week trial three policemen gave "palpably false" evidence about assaults at the station, the judge found.

Mr Justice John Myburgh last month awarded Mr Alfred Mbnjana R265,000 damages and costs against the Minister of Law and Order.

Torn

Mr Mbnjana, 29, of Soweto, was hospitalised for four months with a torn pancreas in 1990 after he was assaulted by police in the Brixton charge office.

In his judgement, Mr Justice Myburgh said the fact that the occurrence book entries for that night did not contain any reference to Mr Mbnjana nor an assault on him was not significant.

"The occurrence book has become a weapon in the protection of policemen," he said.

"If the assault is considered petty, no entry is made. If the assault is serious, a false entry that 'necessary violence' was used — when the opposite is true — is made."

Mr Mbnjana told the court that on Saturday evening, July 14, 1990, he was stopped in Brixton by two men in plainclothes — one black and one white — who identified themselves as policemen and ordered him to accompany them to the Brixton police station.

At the charge office the white policeman made false allegations that he had kicked their vehicle. When he denied the allegations, he was slapped by the two men.

Punched

He was taken to an adjoining room. The black policeman fired two teargas canisters into the room and locked the door. He lost consciousness.

The judge found that it was "improbable" that tear gas had been used in the assault, and rejected the claim that the door had been locked.

Mr Mbnjana said he was revived and taken to the charge office where he was repeatedly punched all over his body until he collapsed again.

Shortly before midnight he was told to take his things and leave. Barely able to walk, he managed to reach Langlaagte station where he collapsed and fell asleep.

He was too sick to go to work on Monday morning and his mother called an ambulance to take him to Baragwanath Hospital.

Mr Mbnjana was diagnosed as having traumatic pancreatitis. He was discharged from the hospital on November 19, 1990.

The judge found that Mr Mbnjana had been "slapped in the face and punched or kicked in the stomach" by a policeman.

Assault

Although police witnesses at the trial denied members of the public were assaulted by policemen or that excessive force was used, they said "necessary force" was often used.

Constable J. Strydom, who was duty officer in the police station's charge office at the time, said the alleged assault took place. He told the court that during his six-month stint as duty officer he had never seen an assault on suspects, even on the night of Mr Mbnjana's assault.

This evidence was "palpably false," the judge said.

Another witness, Sergeant Maree, whose spell as duty officer in 1990 followed that of Constable Strydom, said suspects were often slapped around and this was not entered in the occurrence book.

If all those assaults had to be recorded they would quickly fill an occurrence book, he said.
National health policy proposed

KATHRYN STRACHAN

AFTER a week-long conference, major health organisations on Friday released their national health policy which is expected to hold far-reaching implications for future health provision in SA.

The policy document — which was formulated by the SA Health and Social Services Organisation and the National Progressive Primary Health Care Network — has first to be ratified at a regional level before it is formally adopted.

The document focused on the fragmentation of the present health service which has resulted in wasted resources and inequitable care to different sectors of the population.

The issue of labour relations in the public health sector was given prominence in the document. Poor labour relations had damaged and disrupted health care in SA and undermined the morale of workers, it said.

The document said that in order to avoid strike action, workers, especially nurses, had to be guaranteed freedom of professional association, and acceptable dispute resolution mechanisms had to be adopted.

Many of the health sector’s problems arose from the concentration of health personnel in urban white areas and in the private sector while there were few in rural areas. To redress the imbalance, the document resolved to implement incentives such as higher pay or greater professional recognition for work to attract personnel to underserved rural areas or to the public sector.

The document also proposed a stronger emphasis on mental health. Several investigations in recent years had found that up to four in 10 people were suffering from some form of mental ill-health, which was often brought about by the violence in communities as well as within families and by alcohol and drug abuse.

Speaking at the conference, Gerald Bloom, a developmental studies lecturer at Sussex University, said there was no simple solution to the problem of financing essential health services in a society as segmented as in SA, where there were many sophisticated hospitals for the rich and an under-developed primary health care service for the poor.

“It may be unrealistic to attempt to provide the entire population with the kinds of services which have been developed to serve the elite, or even those services which formal sector employees have come to regard as their right. The establishment of new institutions is costly and takes time to establish,” said Bloom.

Johannesburg city health executive director Dr Nicky Padayachy proposed an option for health sector restructuring which could be rapidly implemented once an interim government was in place.

“There is obvious support for a unitary health system with decentralised implementation and the removal of fragmentation, duplication and racism. There is also wide support for equity and for a primary health care approach, including community accountability and participation,” she said.

ANC slates TPA over hostels

THE ANC has called on the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) to hand over the R38m set aside for upgrading of hostels to the Transvaal Youth Forum in order to improve community participation in the process.

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the TPA was acting unilaterally and making false claims about having formally consulted hostel dwellers about the upgrating process.

“There have been instances where the TPA has talked to individuals. In reality the TPA has not consulted and, where there have been consultations, they have been undemocratic,” he said.

The Hostel Residents’ Association had informed the ANC that it had never been officially consulted by the TPA, he said.

The TPA say at the weekend it had reached consensus during consultations with the residents of 35 of the 92 hostels it administered.

“Consultations among representative negotiation groups are in progress in respect of 42 other hostels,” the TPA said, adding that it would proceed with the upgrading process despite recent ANC criticism.

The TPA statement said allegations that it was not following guidelines for upgrading agreed on in November by the National
Koevoet living it up on SA soil

By Abbey Makoe

MEMBERS of the notorious Koevoet unit, who lost against Swapo in Namibia, are reaping the fruits of their support for South Africa's thwarted run of a democracy.

They live in tents and semi-posh houses in a former mining area in Roosberg near Warmbaths, assured of a salary from the Government.

Those spoken to gleefully expressed gratitude for the SAP's generosity, vowing never to return to their place of birth, Namibia.

Hardly three years in the country, Koevoet members, all from three villages in the former South West Africa, are living in better circumstances than many SA-born citizens languishing in squatter settlements.

They were flown from Ovamboland, Kavango and Kaukaland where some of the men left their children behind, they said.

A school has been built, well-furnished and registered with the DET.

Classes are from Std A to Standard 3. Emphasis is placed on English and Afrikaans.

SAP officers interviewed by Sowetan congratulated the Namibians for their "trustworthiness and support in the past." In fact, the Namibians saw themselves as heroes and herorines in South Africa's war against Swapo.

Ask them who they voted for during the UN-supervised elections, the answer is two-fold either "Ek het nie gestem nie" or an outright "DTA" ("I didn't vote" or "Democratic Turnhalle Alliance") which was funded by South African taxpayers' money.

Afrikaans is the only SA language they excel in, though they were not fluent by any means.

Meanwhile, their population continues to grow. Koevoet women in labour are taken to Warmbaths hospital to deliver. The whole Koevoet community is undoubtedly well looked after.

They also have a clinic in the neighbourhood, run by an unknown warrant officer. White officers sharing their living space with the Koevoets, a name SAP officials requested be abolished from newspapers, were high ranking.

The man in charge, Lieutenant-Colonel Willie Fouché, appeared popular among the Koevoets. So was his colleague, Lieutenant-Colonel Salie Seerfontein.

While Fouché reiterated that "I will never leave them in a lurch," Seerfontein's argument was that the Koevoets were in fact South Africans. "They were born in 'Suidwest' (South West) while the territory was still SA's protectorate," he said. He argued that his wife and two children were born in Namibia but encountered no problems in being granted SA documents.

He cried apartheid in reverse, criticizing the inevitable arrest of the Koevoets should they return to Namibia, where they are wanted for atrocities they perpetrated against their own people - under the guidance of the SA seurcorps.

There are 630 men, 328 women and 560 children who were flown into the country by the SAP in 1990.
Policeman’s affair probed

Own Correspondent

FORT ELIZABETH — A departmental investigation is being carried out into the relationship between an Eastern Cape policeman and his girlfriend, and the effect it is having on his work and the community.

The 22-year-old constable, who asked not to be identified for fear of intimidation, claims the furor is because his girlfriend is coloured and he is white, and working in a “racist” Eastern Cape town.

However, liaison officer Captain Lisbe Vermeulen said race was not the issue.

“There are certain norms and standards with which all policemen and policewomen have to comply.”

“When we have reason to believe their personal lives might cause a problem within the community or affect their jobs, then it has to be investigated,” Captain Vermeulen said.

The Afrikaans-speaking constable said a high-ranking police officer threatened he would be transferred or forced to buy his discharge.

“He asked me why I was having a sexual relationship with a ‘Hoito’.”

Capt Vermeulen said the officer denied bringing race into the issue.
Probe: No Renamo, KwaZulu Police link

NO link between Renamo and the KwaZulu Police, as claimed earlier this year by the ANC, had been found, the Goldstone Commission said yesterday.

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said the claim had been based on the presence of about ten armed Portuguese-speaking men at a bar in Nelseni in August this year.

"They were black and spoke Portuguese. What they were doing there was impossible to ascertain."

"There appears to be no doubt that the presence of these men in KwaZulu was the sole origin of the belief or rumour concerning a relationship between the KwaZulu Police and Renamo soldiers."

The commission said in its report to President F W de Klerk that Northern Natal ANC leaders had claimed at the end of September that Renamo soldiers were in KwaZulu and that their presence was linked to alleged hit-squad training.

But an extensive probe by the commission's investigative team in Natal found "there is no justification for the allegations of a Renamo connection with the KwaZulu Police."
Heavy sentence for SA courts and cops

Commonwealth probe finds deep black pessimism

By THELMA KUMALO

THE 12-man Commonwealth observer team in SA has handed down a serious indictment of our system of criminal justice.

During its two-month mission to monitor violence here, it heard repeatedly that "the system" had broken down and that the majority of black South Africans had no confidence in the society.

Addressing a press conference in Johannesburg recently, mission chairman and a judge in Ghana, Justice Amahah, said the absence of black confidence in the system led to low rates of crimes being reported, fewer were detected and only a handful were prosecuted.

He said: "The courts are seen by the public as distant and ill-equipped to quickly dispose of the volume of urgent cases which come before them. We have noted with surprise the raising of bail, sometimes on small sureties, in cases of crimes where the loss of human life is treated with less severity than the simplest offences, such as the stealing of goods."

Disinterested

In cases of violence the message sent out was that the courts were not interested in the protection of human life or limb, Amahah said.

The police were also criticized by the team for taking sides. Amahah said people had told of how they would not report offences to the police because they were seen to be impartial or were too inconsistent or indifferent to do anything.

"The police would rather put the person reporting through the inconvenience of a long, endless police routine, or would at best investigate the complaint inefficiently, giving little chance of success in a prosecution," Amahah said.

He said, however, that his team had a continuous relationship with senior police officers at most parts of the country and they were (team members) were invited to give lectures on Commonwealth countries.

The team consisted of former police commissioners from Canada, New Zealand, Malaysia, a chief superintendent of Scotland Yard, a former senator from Bahamas, a lawyer and MP from Zimbabwe, a lawyer and former Indian MP and the director of the Institute of Criminology in Canberra, Australia.
SAP probes claim of police manipulation of taxi trade

By Helen Grange

Goldstone Commission evidence that some policemen are running taxis in Alexandra, and that taxi permits are being fraudulently issued or obtained, is being urgently investigated by the SAP.

In a statement yesterday, Commissioner of Police General Johann van der Merwe said he had taken note of findings in the Goldstone committee's report on public violence and intimidation in the taxi industry, and had instructed that recommendations about police relations with taxi operators be implemented.

In its report, the committee advised the police to maintain good public relations, ensure that lines of communication were kept open, and that complainants received feedback on the progress of investigations.

The committee heard evidence that taxi permits were being fraudulently obtained through consultants.

A number of allegations of negligence or corruption against the SAP in general, and individual policemen, emerged during the inquiry, but were proved groundless.

Van der Merwe said it was "heartening" that these allegations were found to be untrue, but conceded that there appeared to be a breakdown in communication with complainants. He had taken steps to remedy this.

The National Transport Policy Forum (NTPF) has warned taxi owners not to buy whitewall tyres imported from eastern Europe. Such tyres did not conform to the required standards for tyres on commercial taxis, and could not withstand the climatic conditions in South Africa, said the NTPF.

Some of the tyres were marked M&S, which stood for "mud and snow".

Taxi owners were also warned not to buy tyres sold at the side of township roads, as many of these had been regrooved. Such tyres were a "timebomb".
Police patrol border farms

POLICE moved quickly to secure farms and towns on the Transkei and Lesotho borders yesterday, after the declaration of 23 unrest areas in the region by Law and Order Minister Hermus Kriel.

Additional police had been moved in and new Internal Stability Unit bases were being established yesterday, police spokesman Capt Lube Vermeulen said.

Security operations would continue on Christmas day and through the rest of the festive season. Police said they had not ruled out attacks on isolated farms and towns on Christmas day.

Tensions in the area remained high yesterday after two stormy farmers' meetings on Tuesday at which Kriel and Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee were heckled and booed. Farmers and right-wingers demanded greater security measures and cross-border raids against Apla gunmen, the alleged perpetrators of attacks on whites in the border areas.

The white Mineworkers' Union came out in support of the farmers' demands, with a spokesman saying violence against defenceless whites on farms and in towns would not be tolerated.

Pretoria police spokesman Capt Piet Brandt said police would "treat fire with fire" and act with equal vigour against armed right-wingers and Apla gangs, if they broke the law. He added, however, that the AWB and other right-wing groups had not "taken the lives of innocent people", as Apla allegedly had.

Transkei leader Maj-Gen Bantu Holomusa has accused the police of threatening to take drastic action against black guerrilla movements, while allowing white right-wingers to move about carrying heavy arms openly.

Holomusa yesterday called for an "indaba" early next year to address the deployment of AWB members along Transkei's borders with SA.

Pickelburgh schoolgirl Leanne Pretorius, who was shot dead last week, was buried at an emotional service in the town yesterday.

Sapa reports Free State ANC spokesman Dirk du Toit.

Patrols

said yesterday Apla's attacks were contributing to the culture of violence that was tearing SA apart. He said the police and SADF no longer had the manpower to prevent violence and suggested that Umkhonto we Sizwe should come under the discipline of a government of national unity.

The CP said its Ladybrand MP, Chari Hertzog, would meet the Lesotho police commissioner in Maseru today to discuss the recent violence.

"We will reiterate our standpoint that any terrorist base must be neutralised (within seven days)," the CP said.

The CP welcomed assurances by the Lesotho government that it would not permit Apla to operate from its soil, but it wanted details on how Lesotho would neutralise a terrorist threat. It would also seek assurances that Umkhonto was not allowed to operate from Lesotho. "The CP is not taken in by the ANC 'threats' against Apla," the party said.

It saw both the ANC and the CP as responsible for the current wave of terror against white South Africans.
Cache tip-off: SAP assault alleged

By Charmeela Bhagwatt
Crime Reporter

Two Verwoerdburg men, whose tip-off resulted in the confiscation of a small arms cache in Buccleuch, near Sandton, on Christmas Day, have alleged that the police assaulted them after receiving the information.

Robert Barsley (23) — a former policeman and the owner of a security company called Max Security — and Lance Haefliger (32) have laid charges of assault against the police.

According to Haefliger, Barsley tipped off the police and told them he had taken the weapons to his offices, where he said the police could collect them.

Barsley said he initially refused to tell the police where he found the weapons because he knew the people involved.

When he did say where he had found the weapons, the policemen drove him away in a minibus and assaulted him.

"They then returned to the offices and assaulted Haefliger. I directed them to the house where I found the weapons," said Barsley.

In addition to three Uzi machine-guns, magazines and ammunition which police found at Barsley's office, they found an R-1 rifle, explosives and other ammunition at the house in Buccleuch, police said.

"I was taken to the police station, where I met Lance who had to be treated for his wounds," said Barsley.

Police spokesman Major Andrew Lesch confirmed that charges of assault had been laid against the police and said an investigation would be conducted.

He said the case would be taken to the Attorney-General after investigations were completed for a decision on whether to prosecute.
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‘Inept’ cop gets the sack

A POLICEMAN entered by a Goldstone committee investigating violence in Natal’s Mooi River/Bruntville area would leave the police force this month, Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe said yesterday.

The announcement came shortly after the release of the committee’s report, which stated that investigations conducted by Warrant Officer Benade into the fighting which broke out in December last year 1991, were not satisfactory.

Van der Merwe did not elaborate on the circumstances of Benade’s departure.

Charges against 172 people linked to the violence were withdrawn for lack of evidence subsequent to his investigation. Their weapons were also returned to them by the police.

No forensic tests were done, confiscated weapons were never linked to the accused, blood smears were not linked to the weapons nor were the clothes of the accused examined macroscopically, the committee found.

Van der Merwe said the investigation into the violence “was addressed by the SAP as a matter of urgency a few months ago.”

A new investigating officer, Warrant Officer R Robson, was appointed in September. He had already established his bona fides with the community and had met the different parties, Van der Merwe said.

“Major General P.L. du Toit, who is based at SAP headquarters in Pretoria and who has been appointed in terms of the National Peace Accord, will co-ordinate the investigation,” he said. - Sapa
Goldstone report slates police handling of probe

THE SAP was being disingenuous in trying to argue that its actions had no bearing on violence in Natal and that it should not be scrutinised, the final Goldstone commission report into violence in the Mooi River, Natal, area stated.

An outside mediator would be appointed to facilitate the peace process in Natal’s violence-ravaged Mooi River/Bruntville region, it said.

The commission said the ANC and Inkatha had agreed to meet proposed mediator Nico Coetzer, who was recommended by the Association of Law Societies.

The report, released yesterday, was compiled by a committee established by the commission.

The committee strongly criticised the efficiency of police investigations into violence which plagued the township in December 1991.

It said it had not been impressed by police investigations conducted by WO Johan Benade.

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Benade had also not taken notice of the work of the earlier committee established by the Goldstone commission to investigate the incident, and did not consider affidavits from witnesses made to that committee.

Police Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe said yesterday Benade would leave the SAP at the end of December. Another officer had been working on the case since September.

Van der Merwe said the new investigating officer, WO R Robson, was an experienced and competent investigator and had already met the parties involved and had established his bona fides with the community.

He said the report was still being studied and those matters that had not yet been addressed would be attended to as soon as possible.

He said Maj-Gen P L du Toit had been appointed in terms of the peace accord to co-ordinate the investigation into violence in the region.

The report said despite ANC allegations of police bias, no clear evidence of this was presented to the committee.

“A finding that the police did not actively fuel violence is not the end of the matter, for both their proactive intervention and their investigations can have a real impact on actions and attitudes in the community and therefore on the levels of violence”.

Police needed to respond to calls from the community for protection and keep the community informed of the progress of its investigations to encourage an impression of a professional and effective police force.

Local police needed clarification on the policy regarding the carrying of dangerous weapons and better procedures for the collection of evidence in riot situations, the report said.

However, the committee did recognise problems the police had in combating violence.

It also recommended that the failed local dispute resolution committee be revived and international observers be invited to participate.

The committee recognised that both the Inkatha-supporting hostel inmates and ANC-orientated township residents had legitimate concerns.

The carrying of dangerous weapons remained a problem among ANC and Inkatha supporters, with police experiencing difficulties in enforcing the recommendations of the previous committee in this regard.

The report said the Mooi River/Bruntville community was disillusioned that the earlier Goldstone committee’s recommendations had not been implemented and attempts to launch a local dispute resolution committee had failed.
Hendrickse in as LP leader again

PORT ELIZABETH — Labour Party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse was unanimously re-elected for a 15th term at the party’s 27th annual congress here yesterday.

Deputy leader Mr Miley Richards was also unanimously re-elected while Durban Suburbs MP Mr Luwellyn Landells replaces Mr Chris Aprill as national chairman as Mr April defected to the Democratic Party earlier this year.

Congress unanimously resolved not to disband.

Mr Hendrickse, a founder member of the LP in 1969, served as its first national chairman and was elected to the Coloured Persons’ Representative Council in the same year.

He was elected leader of the LP in December 1970, replacing Mr Sonny Leon.

Other executive members are Mrs Yvonne Bassier (deputy chairman), Mr Eddie Samuels (secretary-general), Mr Abie Delport (deputy secretary-general), Mr Dougie Josephs (treasurer), Mr John Schultz (trustee), Mr Isaac Kruger (national organiser) and Mr Peter Hendrickse (national PRO).

During a lengthy debate, the congress mandated its leadership to initiate discussions with the ANC “with regard to possible alliances.”

Mr Hendrickse said that the LP’s future did not lie with the National Party nor the Democratic Party, but with the ANC and the Patriote Front.

The congress, however, rejected a resolution which would have allowed individual members to hold dual membership of the LP and a second political party or organisation.

In another resolution, the party called on the government to engage in bilateral talks with the PAC in an attempt to end the attacks by APLA.

Congress also resolved that all armed forces should be brought under the control of the envisaged transitional executive authority.

It called on President F W de Klerk immediately to dissolve the ministers’ councils of the tri-cameral parliament as a first step towards the creation of a government of national salvation.

It further condemned the government’s stalling tactics on negotiations.

On the economic front the congress condemned the retrenchment of teachers — Own Correspondent, Political Staff.
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2 bodies in shaft - cops to appear

Two will face murder and robbery charges in Klerksdorp court in the new year:

By Mximasi Ngudie

TWO policemen will appear in court early next year to face murder and robbery charges following the death of two men whose bodies were found in a ventilation shaft in Klerksdorp on Christmas eve.

Western Transvaal police spokesman Lieutenant Petrus Ramatsoele said Lance-Sergeant Carel Blom (25) and Constable Gaviu Carter (19) had been suspended from duty as a result.

A third suspect would be arrested in due course, he said.

Ramatsoele said the two men will appear in the Klerksdorp Magistrate’s Court on January 7 on charges of murdering and robbing Mr Bobo Tshowa (29) and John Ngathi (35).

Tshowa, a co-owner of two liquor stores in Jouberton, Klerksdorp, and Ngathi, were allegedly robbed of R1 000 and six bottles of liquor on April 21.

The two went missing the following day and mystery has surrounded their fate since.

Information on the two missing men was supplied to the police by a suspect in another case on December 22.

On Christmas Eve, and only hours after arrest of the two policemen, the skeletons were found in an old ventilation shaft at a mine in Klerksdorp.

Ramatsoele said the arrests came after police received information following the arrest of a man on charges of illegal possession of gold dust.
Handgun licence applications soar

APPLICATIONS for gun licences have increased this month by almost 23% compared with December last year, as South Africans attempt to secure their personal safety.

The bulk of applications, 18,237 from December 1 to 27, was for handguns to be used for self-protection, an SAP spokesman said yesterday.

In December 1991, 15,818 applications were received.

During the period October 1 to December 27 alone, almost 50,000 licence applications were received, he said.

Police could not comment on the number of licences issued, but gun dealers reported the number of applications rejected had dropped significantly over the past year.

"Two years ago an average of 20 applications a month were not granted to customers who had applied through our store. But in recent months the number has dropped to about five a month," one of Johannesburg's largest dealers said.

Although the amount of money spent on firearms had not increased, more of the cheaper firearms were bought, he said.

Smaller calibre handguns, bought to be carried on the person, were by far the most popular, but inquiries for shotguns were received regularly.

"The trend a few years ago of buying a large handgun to be kept in a safe has shifted to the purchase of pistols and revolvers which can be carried in holsters. People who in the past vowed never to carry a firearm now constitute the majority of our customers. They are all buying arms after falling victim to criminals," the dealer said.

Trade in other security equipment, such as burglar and other alarms, security lights, self-defence sprays and even bullet-resistant clothing, was also steadily increasing, dealers said.

And retail stores in suburban shopping centres offer full riot gear, including helmet, gas mask, shield and batons. They report that business is good.

"Although it is rare for an individual to walk into our store and purchase riot gear, the interest in bullet-resistant clothing is high," a Bramley security equipment dealer said.

Full riot equipment was sold mainly to security companies and private security personnel. "But, we do not question anybody about the motive for the purchase and will supply anything that is within the law," she said.

The law prohibits the sale of automatic firearms and teargas, dealers said.

Although it was difficult to obtain a licence for semi-automatic weapons, these were available for sale, they said.
CP mobilises home guard units

CP Home guard units in the Ladybrand area announced yesterday that they would establish camps to train communities in self-defence and weapons skills. The decision was taken by the leadership of 14 CP home guard units in the Ladybrand area at a meeting in the southern Free State town of Mityrandi yesterday.

CP MP for Ladybrand Mr Charles Hertzog said yesterday's meeting was part of a nationwide mass mobilisation. Local home guard units would improve and support the existing neighbourhood watch system, he said.

Training camps would instruct communities in weapons proficiency and self-defence against attacks on pedestrians or motorists.

Hertzog encouraged all countrymen, (volkgenot) to involve themselves.

SUSAN RUSSELL

Yesterday's meeting follows two further incidents in the border area this week. A 15-year-old white teenager, Daniel Reu, was knocked down and slightly injured by a black taxi on Sunday morning. Police were searching for the driver.

On Tuesday, a white motorist was forced off the road by two black taxis while driving between Ladybrand and Hobhouse. The SAP has set up a National Transport Policy Forum.

The SAP has assured the National Transport Policy Forum that it would provide maximum protection to taxis and other vehicles after attacks on two black minibus last week left one person dead and three injured.

Two black minibus were attacked on Wednesday and Thursday last week, days after 15-year-old Leonne Pretorius was killed in a grenade attack on her parents' Ficksburg farm. The transport forum, representing all SA taxi associations, met the SAP in Ficksburg on Tuesday to discuss the situation.

Forum road safety campaign coordinator Moletie Rapoole said yesterday: the forum had complained about unlawful roadblocks manned by bogus police personnel, and the negative attitude of some traffic officers.

Rapoole said the SAP had told them extra policemen and soldiers had been deployed, and a helicopter and two aeroplanes were on standby.

"The police dealt with our problems most satisfactorily and assured us that roadblocks would be clearly marked and would be staffed by identifiable police officers," he said.

Police officer beaten to death

STEPHEN COPLAND

Johannesburg policeman Jerry Thw was beaten to death by a group of taxi drivers and their accomplices in Hillbrow on Monday. Thw, a Waterkant police spokesman, was killed yesterday.

The police began to intervene when the group surrounding him and beat him to death. Thw said he had been arrested for murder but had subsequently been released. Taxi drivers questioned by police insisted that the policeman attempted to rob one of the taxis, sparking an off-the incident.

Pleas said he had hoped to clear up the details of the attack the police were still unclear and that two people had been questioned.

Pleas said the man carried a gun that he was a robber. He added that the SAP strongly condemned all vigilante activities.

Thw was rushed to hospital in a police vehicle after falling down on the ground for more than two hours and was pronounced dead on arrival. Pleas said he had warned the group that Thw was a policeman, but the attack might then be interpreted as directed specifically against a member of the SAP.

Police hope arrests end Pretoria train attacks

STEPHANE BOTHMA

The arrest of three men, allegedly responsible for a spate of killings and robberies shortly before Christmas, could put an end to train attacks in the Pretoria area, police believe.

Four attacks on Pretoria Metro trains — the first train killings in the area this year — took place on December 18, 19 and 24 and left three men dead and one injured.

The first arrest was made on Monday this week at the Snelvio station outside Pretoria, and followed by two more arrests at the Pretoria station on Tuesday and at Mabopane yesterday. Northern Transvaal police said:

"We are confident that these arrests are part of an organised gang." A spokesman said.

Saps reports police announced a man had been arrested in connection with the deaths of two policemen, one of whom was Castor Eben, in Vosloors.

East Rand police liaison officer Capt. Ida van Zavel said the arrest of a 21-year-old man on Monday followed the shooting of a municipal policeman and a fingerprint expert who were gunned down.

The suspect was due to appear in the Pretoria magistrate's court yesterday. A second man is being sought in connection with the incident.

And in Durban, police arrested a man yesterday in connection with the death of a man who was abducted and shot and whose body was found with a bush knife before he was buried in a shallow grave in Tongaat, on the Natal North Coast.

The arrest ends a month-long saga which involved the abduction and alleged abuse of two boys by six men at the beginning of December.

The suspect, along with three others arrested in connection with the incident, are due to appear in court shortly.

Two youths who witnessed the killing and mutilation of the men had been abducted by the men and had been captured in a shack at a Tongaat site for nearly two-and-a-half weeks.

Women and dogs shot on smallholding

WEST Rand police discovered the bodies of two women and the carcasses of six dogs on a smallholding near Randfontein after a worker found a note on the door asking that the police should be called.

The body of Myrna Barnard, 59, was found on her bed with a bullet wound in her head. Her elderly mother, Florence Cherry, was also shot in the head.

One of the dogs was shot and killed next to Cherry, and five others were killed in the bathroom.

Police have seized a firearm and a note claiming responsibility for the murder and are searching for a 12-year-old Barnard, who could assist in the investigation.