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Eleven days that changed their lives

Uitenhage . . . the signs that tell of a winter of despair

By Jon Qwelane

UITENHAGE — Withering apricot and peach trees in the yards of the two black townships here tell of a winter of despair ahead, coming so soon after a season that held out littlehope.

Almost everybody walking the streets wears a haggard and distant look.

It is not difficult to recognise that the events of the last 11 days from March 21 to April 1 have remarkably changed the lives of the residents.

The Government may have outlawed gatherings in the area for the next three months, but at every place where people meet the conversation centres on what are described as the Government's evil ways.

The paradox of life returning to normal in these townships is the abnormal way this came about.

It has taken continuous police presence to maintain a semblance of order, but the very presence is highly detested in the townships.

One old man travelling to town watched as a group of white policemen at a roadblock stopped and searched cars ahead of his taxi.

He observed that all the policemen were barely in their twenties, and wondered aloud why they were not at school.

His conclusion was that the young officers did not even know the Constitution.

The rest of the taxi passengers echoed agreement with the old man, even if he really meant the country's statutes.

It seems another hassle which the residents will have to live with, besides roadblocks and constant police surveillance, is the insistent drone of the army helicopter which has become part of township skies since March 21 when police gunfire accounted for at least 19 lives.

The helicopter has hovered overhead each morning and afternoon.

Even after yesterday's funeral of a victim of earlier unrest, the helicopter scanned the streets as more than 10 000 mourners returned from the cemetery.

Every night since the shootings a powerful searchlight has beamed on the unlit townships.

In its glare night turns to day.

But an irreversible fact about life returning to normal in these townships is that there will be at least 36 people fewer.

The majority died in clashes with the police over the past few days, and a number who wept for the system were stoned and set alight by irate mobs.

Supplies of essential commodities such as milk and bread are once again coming in.

Earlier they had been met by traders at police roadblocks.

Services such as refuse removal and water supply have, amazingly, been carried out normally despite the turbulence.

Schools are now in recess for Easter holidays, but there is no doubting for a moment that the children are very politicised.

Industrial unrest may well have become a permanent aspect of normal life in Uitenhage in particular and the Eastern Cape in general.

In the past fortnight two highly successful work boycotts were witnessed, and despite Government bans on meetings to discuss matters related to labour it is likely that a boycott could be called at any time with a reasonable chance of enormous success.

With all that in mind, how normal is the normality in Uitenhage?

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SADF assists the police in major unrest areas

Stones, bricks, apples, bird-shot at Cops

PORT ELIZABETH.

POLICE fired teargas and birdshot yesterday into thousands of people during a confrontation in Zwide, Port Elizabeth, following a funeral for unrest victims.

And in Kwazakhele, Port Elizabeth, police fired tearsmoke and rubber bullets when their vehicles were stoned after the funerals of three unrest victims, a police spokesman said last night.

No injuries were reported to police, he said. But witnesses claimed several people had been injured in the confrontations, reports SAPA.

The police spokesman said there were "no incidents" during the burials, which were attended by about 12 000 mourners.

However, a businessman, Mr Alec Roberts was ambushed outside Port Elizabeth as he was hauling his motorboat behind a pickup truck, police said.

They said the truck and boat were set alight, and Mr Roberts was forced to flee on foot into nearby fields. He was in a Port Elizabeth hospital yesterday with leg burns.

A spokesman for the SA Defence Force said yesterday troops had been deployed in Eastern Cape townships and army groups were assisting police.

"Police monitored the situation and never interfered at funerals as such," he said.

However, crowds of 300 to 400 people later gathered in the township and "stoned police when we came across them".

He said there were no incidents at funerals in Kimberley.

Witnesses reported a strong police and army presence at funerals in Uitenhage. Police guarded government buildings and manned a roadblock on the highway linking the area with Port Elizabeth, they said.

Journalists were barred from entering the townships.

Eye-witnesses said a chanting crowd was approaching the Kwazakhele bus terminal when police in armoured-personnel carriers opened fire during stone-throwing incidents.

The army and police manned key intersections near the sites of the Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage funerals, witnesses said. In Uitenhage police reservists toting shotguns and carrying sidearms lined the streets as vehicles ferried mourners from the burial area to the township.

The Soviet Union yesterday blamed the United States and other Western governments for "the crimes of the racist regime in South Africa", and demanded effective action from all states to abolish apartheid.

The official news agency Tass said in a statement — a seldom-used form believed to reflect top-level Kremlin policy — that recent riots in South Africa attested to a "deep crisis" in the country.

Tass said the violence in SA and the arrest on "trumped-up charges of high treason" of United Democratic Front leaders indicated any reforms pursued by Pretoria had not eased the lot of blacks.

"The essence of the system of apartheid remains unchanged and runs counter to the basic interest of masses of people," Tass said.

The Rand Daily Mail's **London Bureau** reports that three British charities have donated R36 000 towards the Uitenhage Emergency Fund launched by the South African Council of Churches.

Yesterday an advertisement was placed in The Observer newspaper calling on people to contribute towards the fund. Oxfam, Christian Aid and CAFOD have already donated R12 000 each.

The advertisement said the fund was launched to relieve the suffering and hardship amongst the families of those killed and injured in the recent disturbances in South Africa.

Meanwhile, the conservative Sunday Telegraph newspaper yesterday took issue with "revolutionary blacks" and "reactionary whites" in SA who were frustrating "the programmes of reform initiated by President P W Botha's governement".

Referring to the killings of black councillors and members of their families in townships, an editorial in the newspaper said: "The ugly truth is that there are wicked and violent men at work in the African townships, not all of them in the South African Police."

A likely reason for the violence by the "black revolutionaries" was that they realised that Mr Botha had in mind "an accommodation which really might be acceptable to many blacks", the newspaper said.

Referring to Rightwing opposition to Government reforms, the editorial said there were reactionaries in the bureaucracy and the police force, "the latter being no keener on reform than the former".

It asked: "Why are reforms so often dismissed as trivial and meaningless provoking, as much from white reactionaries as black revolutionaries, such extreme revulsion?"



The shell of Mr Alec Roberts' motorboat, which was set alight

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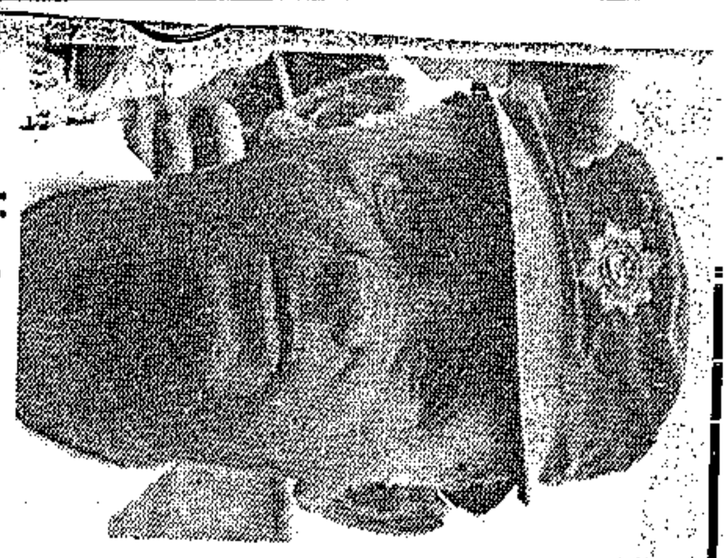
'Minister's untrue' — Commission hears



Lieutenant W J Fouche

From DALE LAUTENBACH, Staff Reporter

UITENHAGE. — A number of elements in a statement to Parliament by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, about the March 21 shootings in Langa were untrue, the Kannemeyer Commission heard today.

In cross-examination by Mr W Trengove for the families of some of the victims, Lieutenant W J Fouche said the leader of the procession was not holding a brick.

The Minister's statement said he was carrying a brick.

"The Minister's statement says you were 'suddenly surrounded'. That is not true?" Mr Trengove asked.

"Correct, that is untrue," Lieutenant Fouche replied.

The statement referring to the moments before the firing order says you were "pelted with stones, sticks, other missiles and petrol-bombs". That is also untrue? — There were stones thrown.

No petrol-bombs

One or two thrown by a woman. It is untrue that you were pelted with stones? Yes, it is untrue.

It is untrue that there were petrol-bombs? I saw no petrol-bombs and did not see any explosions.

Lieutenant Fouche said he had made a verbal report to Brigadier Swart about the shootings in Langa. The brigadier Swart had not written anything down.

A telex, handed to the commission, was sent by Brigadier Swart to police headquarters, Compol.

Lieutenant Fouche said it was possible he did no tell the brigadier everything because of his "shocked condition".

Lieutenant Fouche denied that while Warrant Officer J W Pentz was being cross-examined last Friday at the Uitenhage Magistrate's Court the courtroom door had been held open for him to listen.

Lieutenant Fouche said the "cardinal reason" why he had given the firing order was in defence of his own life and safety and that of his men. His concern for the white residential area of Uitenhage, in the direction in which he believed the procession to be moving, was another reason.

Video of scene

He told the court that after the shootings a video had been made of the scene.

The advocates appearing for the six PFP MPs and the families of those shot have not seen this video.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer said it was "surprising it is not in Uitenhage" when he heard from Mr Chris Jansen, SC, advocate for the Minister of Law and Order, that the video was in Port Elizabeth.

He asked that it be made available as soon as possible as it was "making the task of the advocates in cross-examination extremely difficult" having not seen this material.

Lieutenant Fouche told the commission earlier today that when he gave the order to fire on the crowd only one stone had been thrown at the two police Casspirs.

A bare-breasted coloured woman who broke away from the crowd danced, then picked up a stone and threw it at the Casspir which was under Warrant Officer Pentz's command. This was the only stone thrown before the order to fire.

Lieutenant Fouche ordered his men to fire and, as he did so, many stones were thrown at the Casspirs.

Asked in cross-examination by Mr Peter Gastrow, appear-

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ing for six PFP MPs, whether it would not have been possible for him and Warrant Officer Pentz to have retreated from the crowd, he said: "No".

The reason he gave was that the crowd were 100 metres from the white area of Uitenhage and their behaviour was threatening.

"As far as I was concerned retreating was not a possibility."

Earlier Lieutenant Fouche told the commission that the shootings had been "a great shock".

He believed the crowd was on its way to the white residential area of Uitenhage.

"They were singing a song over and over which said 'today white people are going to be killed'. I believed they were going to Uitenhage to kill whites," Lieutenant Fouche said.

A small boy on a bicycle appeared on the scene about 10 minutes after the shooting.

The police swore at him and told him to go away. He dropped his bicycle and ran, the commission heard.

NOT FIRST

Lieutenant Fouche denied an allegation that the boy had been riding with the procession and had been the first victim after the order to fire was given.

He told the commission he remained at the scene for about 30 minutes after the shootings.

Ambulances took away the bodies and the injured and the fire brigade washed the blood from the road, he said.

Asked what he felt about the shooting, he said it had been a "huge shock".

A small black book allegedly in the possession of the leader of the Langa procession was handed to the commission by Mr Jansen.

The book contains the words: "If you are a big tree, we are a small axe sharpened to cut you down."

The officers in command of two Casspirs in the township the day 19 people were shot dead both allegedly saw the book in the possession of the leader of the procession.

PLAITED HAIR

The leader was wearing black and "had plaited hair", the commission heard.

There are also references in the book to reggae — "Bob Marley lives forever". Marley is described as a "pacifist champion of human freedom" in the book.

"Legalise, don't criticise" is another entry and "Africa our fathers' land we'll fight for you and we know we shall win".

The hearing continues.

Brother's death leaves actor Kani bitter

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WORLD-RENOWNED South African actor John Kani has spoken about how the death of his younger brother in the Port Elizabeth township unrest has left him bitter and disillusioned about South Africa's future.

"The women here in New Brighton are wearing black. We are in perpetual mourning and now we need some sunshine in our lives," he said.

Kani's brother, Xolile, 26, the youngest of five brothers, died after being shot in the stomach in Port Elizabeth's New Brighton township last Wednesday evening.

There is a controversy surrounding the death, with the Kani family saying Xolile was shot three streets away from where a group of youths were attacking the home of the mother of the mayor of the Kayamnandi Town Council, Mrs Ivy Linda.

The police say his body was recovered from the yard adjacent to Mrs Linda's home.

Two other youths were also shot dead in the incident when community council guards and police opened fire on the attackers.

Said Kani: "We here are all South Africans, none of us have anywhere else to go — we have to have an immediate solution.

"If our problem is communication — then we must talk.

"If our problem is power politics — then we must share power."

He is incensed about what he calls the "indecent haste" with which the post mortem was conducted.

"I went to the New Brighton mortuary the day after Xolile was shot to identify him.

"I immediately said that before any post-mortem was done the family wanted an independent pathologist present. But that very morning, while my brothers and I had been kept waiting for three hours, the police were already conducting a post-mortem."

Kani said he was "shocked and distressed" at such haste.

A police spokesman, confirming that the post-mortem had been conducted, said it was necessary because there were bodies at the New Brighton mortuary which had been lying unidentified for six months.

Apartheid film planned

NAIROBI — A new full length feature film about apartheid is to be shot in Kenya this year with financial backing from a Nigerian chief who lives in the United States.

The film, "A Cruel Time", will be made by the California-based Hemdale Film Company, and its objective according to Mr John Marshall, chairman of a British company contracted to promote it, will be to portray "the absolutely shocking way that whites behave towards blacks in South Africa."

The idea for the film, he says, came from Nigerian Chief Harry Akande who has a self-imposed mission to "sentisitize the world about what is going on in South Africa."

Mr Marshall said the "hard line" film would be dedicated to Nelson Mandela, and he hoped that when released it would create a very uncomfortable situation for South Africa.

Kenya was chosen for the filming, he said, because the terrain was similar to that of South Africa. He is now in Kenya talent scouting.

Marshall claims that he made another film about apartheid when he visited the Republic several years ago, to film the black US tennis star, Arthur Ashe.

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PFP reasserts itself in House debate on Lang

CHRIS FREIMOND reviews the week in Parliament



CAPE TOWN. — What an amazing change in political fortunes the past week has seen.

The international outcry following the killing by police of 19 black funeral mourners at Langa, near Uitenhage, on March 21 brought the Government crashing down from the crest of the wave it was riding.

In contrast, the Progressive Federal Party rose dramatically to the occasion and was able to shake off the apparent confusion that had reigned in its ranks following the aggressive reform initiative announced by the State President, Mr P W Botha, at the opening of Parliament in January.

Apparent panic in the National Party after the shootings seemed to manifest itself first in the television interview given by Mr Botha to the ABC television network's Nightline programme.

Mr Botha adopted a style of aggression that most observers believed he had long since abandoned.

Its effect was summed up by the Conservative Party's Mr Frank le Roux, who, in a comment to a journalist, said the performance was a glimpse of "the old PW before he started all these new initiatives".

Mr Botha's "kragdadige" attitude in the interview and in subsequent statements seemed to be the typical old path of retreat taken by Nationalist leaders when confronted by security crises.

Gone was the feeling of late that the Nationalists could at last be making efforts to move forward.

It was replaced by all the uncertainty and pessimism that followed the 1976 Soweto uprising.

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The day after the Uitenhage shootings, a group of six senior PFP MPs travelled to the scene and undertook their own intensive investigation.

Three days later they published a comprehensive dossier, including affidavits by eye-witnesses, detailing a significantly different version of the shooting to the one given to Parliament on March 21 by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange.

On their initiative, the Speaker of Parliament, Mr Johan Greeff, allowed the shootings and allegations in the dossiers to be raised in parliamentary debate last week.

In a significant blow for parliamentary independence, Mr Greeff rejected appeals by senior Nationalists Cabinet Ministers to curb debate on the shootings because the matter was sub judice.

He quoted a legal case in which the judges held that commissions of inquiry were not protected by the sub judice rule and could not be prejudiced by discussion of the matter it was investigating.

The PFP went even further. It sent a full-time team of MPs to Uitenhage to observe the commission's proceedings, and delegated one of them as its legal representative to participate in the inquiry.

It was encouraging to some people to see that in spite of much criticism, the PFP still has a very definite role to play in Parliament — particularly at a time of national crisis when the Government is so apt to panic and act irrationally.



Man dies as police open fire

PORT ELIZABETH — One man died yesterday when police fired bird-shot, rubber bullets and teargas to disperse crowds after the township funeral of four people killed in earlier unrest, police said today.

Witnesses said 10 people were injured in the clashes at townships near Port Elizabeth, but police said they had found no injured.

Last night, a furniture van was hijacked on a

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main road nearby and set alight, causing R100 000 damage.

Homes were burnt down and sporadic stoning of police patrols and private cars continued.

● In Uitenhage, police last night fired many rounds of tearsmoke at the shanty section of Langa.

Earlier, thousands gathered for funerals. Police said there were no incidents.

● A businessman, Mr Alec Roberts, was ambushed on the Uitenhage-Port Elizabeth road on Saturday by people carrying petrol bombs. They set his truck alight.

● Police fired rubber bullets when a crowd of about 300 attacked their vehicles after stoning the development board offices at a black township in the Dundee area last night. Three people were injured in the clash.

Police said some of the people had earlier attended a meeting at which rent increases were discussed. — Own Correspondent, Sapa-Reuter.

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Unrest: Concern over use of troops in townships

Political Staff

CONCERN about the deployment of troops to help police in Eastern and Northern Cape black townships has been expressed by a defence spokesman of the official Opposition in the Assembly.

Mr Philip Myburgh (PFP Constantia) said today that if the Minister of Law and Order and his senior officers could not cope with their function to protect lives and properties in black townships, then they should admit they could no longer do their job.

Only under such exceptional circumstances should the Defence Force be called in to help, Mr Myburgh said.

Earlier today the Deputy-Minister of Defence and of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, confirmed that Defence Force troops were being used to help police to restore order in certain black townships. He emphasised that the Defence Force was not carrying out police duties but was acting in a supportive role.

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Mr Vlok would not specify in which areas troops were being used.

But reports from Kimberley said soliders had been in the local black township since Saturday, but that the weekend was quiet following stone throwing and other incidents there last week.

Mr Myburgh said todayhe saw the role of Defence Force troops in the present situation as "policing activities".

This was a matter for concern as it was not the function of the SADF to be called up to become involved in "policing matters" in an internal unrest situation, particularly where the cause of unrest was directly attributable to political agitation.

Such agitation could be traced to the Government's inability or unwillingness to meet legitimate political aspirations of South Africans.

"The last thing I want to see now is that the SADF uses white conscripted youths to be drawn into a political dispute," Mr Myburgh said.

The fact that the SADF had once again been called in showed that the Minister of Law and Order was unable to fulfil his duty.

The leader of the Labour Party and chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Representatives, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, said his party's viewpoint was that in situations where Defence Force troops were needed to support the police in order to ensure peace and security "one can have no objection".

POLARISATION

Mr Hendrickse said he was concerned about increasing polarisation between black and coloured people in the Uitenhage area. Such polarisation should be avoided at all costs.

He appealed to people on both sides to be calm and to help towards preventing such polarisation.

Mr Hendrickse said that on the black side there was a younger element with no political motivation. It was unfortunate that this element was exploiting the situation for personal gain.

The Argus Port Elizabeth Bureau reports that the funeral of four victims of unrest attended by more than 50 000 mourners went off without incident yesterday — but afterwards youths stoned police and a man was killed.

The police used tearsmoke, rubber bullets and shotguns to disperse the groups.

A man was later taken to Livingstone Hospital, where he was declared dead on arrival.

Yesterday army personnel and police manned roadblocks on the outskirts of the Port Elizabeth townships.

Unrest spread to Grahamstown, where a furniture van was stoned and stopped by youths a kilometre outside the city.

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US minister sees funeral unrest

By KIN BENTLEY

TWO whites were among the 40 000 to 50 000 crowd attending the funeral for black unrest victims in Zwide yesterday — and were caught up in the confrontation with police.

Before that encounter everything had gone peacefully, they said, and blacks had behaved in a friendly fashion towards them.

The Reverend Victor H Carpenter, of the Unitarian Universitine Church, Boston, said he and his wife, Catherine, witnessed the confrontation.

They later saw two people having buck-shot picked out of their backs, buttocks and legs by friends using razor blades.

Mr Carpenter said they were the only two whites in the crowd.

He said they walked to the grave-side service and the black mourners felt no hostility towards them.

After the grave-side service they walked back with the crowd to their car. The crowd was singing and chanting.

"They even helped us with some of the songs and joked with us," he said.

They got to their car and gave three elderly women a lift.

As they drove along with the crowd, he said, people started saying that a police Caspir was up ahead.

He said screaming started and people shouted that shots were being fired. "There was utter chaos, as people began running back past our car," he said.

"I heard what sounded like shots," he said.

He said a teargas cannister hit his car's windshield, smashing it.

He then turned the car around and drove for about half a kilometre.

People were running in all directions.

Three Caspirs were patrolling up and down the road, he said.

Lt-Col Gerrie van Rooyen, police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, said today one person had been killed and four injured in the encounter.

British donate to U'hage fund

Post Correspondent

LONDON — Three British charities have donated R36 000 towards the Uitenhage Emergency Fund launched by the South African Council of Churches.

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The advertisment said the fund was launched to relieve the suffering and hardship amongst the families of those killed and injured in the recent disturbances.

It appealed to those shocked and distressed by "this latest suffering" to send donations to any of the three organisations.

Meanwhile Sapa-Reuter reports from Moscow that the Soviet Union yesterday blamed the United States and other Western governments for "the crimes of the racist regime" in South Africa through continuing co-operation with Pretoria.

The Soviet Union has demanded effective action from all to abolish apartheid.

The British Sunday Telegraph newspaper said in its editorial yesterday that it would be good to read a few denunciations in the media of the "black terrorists" who are now murdering other blacks in the South African townships.

The conservative newspaper mentioned the latest victim, "a four-year-old boy burned to death in his own home".

"Such killings certainly lend credence to the South African Police contention that not all black protesters are the gentle, peaceful types of the liberal mythology. The ugly truth is that there are wicked and violent men at work in the African townships, not all of them in the police."

Another man dies in township violence

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ships where groups of between 300 and 400 people gathered and stoned police.

In Zwide more than 25 000 mourners attended the mass funeral service for four unrest victims at the Roman Catholic Church in Zwide. It was conducted by members of the Inter-denomination African Ministers Association of South Africa.

They were Mr Sikhumbuzo Xatasi, 48, whose body was found burnt after he had been missing from home, Mr Amos Duruwe, 26, who was shot dead, Mr Ndumiso Mpendu, 53, an uncle of Mr Mkhuseli Jack, the president of the Port Elizabeth Youth Congress, whose body was traced to the New Brighton police mortuary after he had been missing for four days, and a nine-year-old boy, Zithobele Mabona.

The funeral procession arrived at the church with members of various organisations affiliated to the United Democratic Front (UDF) acting as pall-bearers. At the head of the procession were banners that read: "Don't Shoot Us We Are Not Fighting" and "We Want Freedom. Not Killing".

There were also incidents of stone-throwing in Langa and at Tinus, just outside Fort Beaufort.

A few incidents of private and police vehicles being stoned in Raglan Road, Grahamstown, were also reported. No one was unjured.

Worst hit was a furniture van which was stoned and set alight by a mob of about 100 people about one kilometre from Grahamstown on the road leading to East London.

Damage has been estimated at R100 000. The van was surrounded by the group, who first stoned it before setting it alight. The passenger and the driver were both stoned before they managed to escape.

awaiting a treason trial, who have appealed to the Supreme Court in Maritzburg against a refusal by a Durban Regional magistrate to grant them bail.

Soviet PM appears fit

THE Soviet Prime Minister, Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, 79, has reappeared in public after an absence of several weeks prompted speculation that he was too ill to carry out official duties.

Zimbabweans in clash

ZIMBABWE'S security forces pursuing an armed group in Matabeleland, claim to have killed one dissident earlier this week in a clash. Three others returned the fire and escaped, an army spokesman said.

Tracker killed in SWA

A BUSHMAN tracker who was a member of the security forces in the SWA war zone has been killed in a skirmish with Swapo guerrillas. Another 14 guerrillas have also been killed since April 5, the security forces claimed.

Pay increase approved

AGREEMENT between management and the National Automobile and Allied Workers' Union over a 21% increase in the minimum rate of pay for unskilled workers, has been reached at the GM plant in East London.

Unwanted committee resigns

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — All 22 members of the Kayamnandi Town Council's Ward 13 committee announced their resignations yesterday.

Mr Vivien Nohase, a spokesman for the committee, said yesterday they had not been harassed or intimidated into resigning.

"We were elected by the people of our ward but because they do not want the committee anymore we have decided to resign," he said.

Mr Nohashe said he believed he was under no obligation to inform Mr S M Qogi, the Ward 13 councillor, of the committee's decision. "We decided to announce our resignations through the press," he said.

The 22 members had served on the ward committee since 1982, dealing with neighbourhood disputes.

Motorist ambushed near PE

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — A retired Port Elizabeth businessman sustained serious burns when his vehicle was petrol-bombed and stoned in an ambush by a group of about 20 youths near Port Elizabeth on Saturday night.

Mr Alec Roberts was on his way home to Redhouse about 9pm on the new road joining the Uitenhage/Port Elizabeth and the Despatch/Redhouse roads.

His windscreen was smashed by a stone and a petrol bomb was thrown into the vehicle. It landed on his lap and he was engulfed in flames.

Gagging from the petrol fumes, Mr Roberts jumped out of the vehicle and tried to escape. But the mob gave chase, hurling stones at him.

A passing motorist, who ignored Mr Roberts's cries for help, diverted their attention and they set upon the deep sea fishing boat he was towing, setting it alight. His landcruiser and the boat and trailer were all gutted, a financial loss estimated at R60 000.

Mr Roberts was rescued by a passing policeman who arrived at the scene soon after the attack.

At his request, the policeman took him home and his wife Joy rushed him to hospital. He was admitted to the Provincial Hospital in Port Elizabeth where he is being treated for severe shock and serious burn wounds on both legs.

Speaking from his hospital bed yesterday, Mr Roberts said he was lucky to be alive.

"When I saw them running down the embankments which flank the road, I knew for sure this was it. All I can remember is a series of bangs as stones hit the windscreen. The first smashed the glass and hit me on the stomach.

"After the second stone hit the windscreen I saw a burning object coming at me. My legs caught fire immediately as the whole cab of the vehicle was engulfed in flames.

Decision

"I must have jumped out of the car while it was still moving because I hurt my back.

"The fumes were making me gasp for breath and I panicked when I couldn't breathe.

"I had to decide in a split second whether I would prefer to burn to death or whether I would allow the mob to kill me. I obviously made the right decision."

Mr Roberts said he ran towards some nearby houses and was picked up by the policeman about 200 metres from the burning vehicle.

'Police opened fire after first stone was thrown'

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Mr Gastrow said there were witnesses who would say that a child riding in front of the crowd on a bicycle had been "shot in the beginning".

Lt Fouche said he had seen knobkieries, a piece of plank and a length of steel among the crowd.

He said he saw the crowd throw kieries in the air and wave them around. After the shooting he saw kieries, pieces of plank, shoes and a piece of iron in the road.

Later during further cross-examination by Mr Gastrow he said he had made a mistake when he said there were kieries in the road.

"I am getting confused with what I saw in the crowd," he said.

He did not see petrol bombs being thrown and he also did not see police throw stones in the road afterwards.

Lt Fouche said a police vehicle reversed down the road and police picked up all the stones and goods strewn around. These were loaded into the vehicle.

Lt Fouche denied that he had been sitting outside the court on Friday afternoon eavesdropping while WO J W Pentz was being cross-examined.

"There was no other place for me to sit," he said.

Mr Trengove: I put it to you that you were listening and adjusted your evidence to fit.

Lt Fouche: I read it in the Herald.

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Another reference is made to the arrival of the white man in Africa and struggle for power, and also refers to the whites as "exploiters".

Mr Jansen made available copies of two telex messages sent to police headquarters in Pretoria after the shooting, and said he was claiming privilege that the standing orders given to police in riot situations should not be made available for security reasons.

He said an aide to General Jan Wandrag, who was in charge of riot police throughout South Africa, would be coming to give evidence.

The aide is a Colonel van Rooyen from Pretoria.

A short video made by police after the shooting was to be shown to the commission later today.

The inquiry continues.

Unrest: SADF deploys troops

BLOEMFONTEIN — The Defence Force has deployed soldiers in black residential areas in Kimberley in the Northern Cape and various Eastern Cape areas since the weekend, a Defence spokesman said today.

Reports from Kimberley said soldiers have been in the local black township since Saturday.

Reports from Kroonstad in the Northern Free State said a group of about 60 youths stoned and threw petrol bombs at the offices of the local development board. The petrol bombs did not explode.

The group then approached a hostel which they stoned and petrol bombed. About R5 000 damage was caused.

No on was injured in the incidents and there were no arrests. — Sapa

Mass funeral plan for the victims of Langa shooting

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By JIMMY MATYU

A MASS funeral for people who died in recent township unrest has been arranged for Saturday.

The funeral in Kwanobuhle will be for those who who died in the Langa shootings in Uitenhage two weeks ago.

A funeral service will be held in Zwide for Mr Xolile "Batata" Kani, youngest brother of actor John Kani, shot in New Brighton last week.

Mr Fikile Kobese, a member of a special committee established to make arrangements for the Langa victims, said the funeral would be held in Kwanobuhle.

"We have so far managed to get hold of 16 bodies and we are still battling to get the others.

"Some bodies have still not been released."

Mr John Kani said his brother's funeral service would be held at St Peter's Anglican Church in Spondo Road, Zwide, at 1pm, after a brief service at his parent's home in 52 Radasi Road, Zwide, at 11.30am.

"My family had received sympathy telegraphs and phone calls from people like Mrs Helen Suzman, PFP MP for Houghton, Mr John Malcomess, PFP MP for PE Central, and Equity," he said.

Public urged to give evidence

Post Reporter

THE executive council of the Midland Chamber of Industries has appealed to all those who have any facts or evidence on the recent unrest in Uitenhage to submit it to the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry.

In a Press release, the committee said it was important for the maintenance of economic confidence and social stability in this region that evidence be submitted to the commission.

It was essential that the commission's findings should be compiled on the broadest possible information base.

"The MCI believes that industry can act as a catalyst in resolving many of the situations that occur in the black community."

The council further agreed that the Government should give serious consideration to putting a timetable to addressing the issues raised recently by the six major employer organisations.

These organisations were the Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut, Association of Chambers of Commerce of South Africa, Chamber of Mines of South Africa, National African Federation of Chambers of Commerce, SA Federated Chamber of Industries and Steel and Engineering Industries Federation of South Africa.

These issues were:

- **Full participation by all South Africans in a private enterprise economy and in the political dispensation of the country.**
- **A common loyalty to the country as expressed through citizenship for all South Africans.**
- **Ending the forced removal of people.**
- **The administration of justice to be safeguarded by the courts.**
- **The further development of a free and independent trade union movement.**

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Uitenhage officer tells about stones and shots

UITENHAGE — The officer in charge at the Uitenhage shooting saw only one stone being thrown before he gave the order to fire, he said today.

Many more stones were thrown at the police after the shooting began, Lieutenant John William Fouche told the Kannemeyer Commission of inquiry into the incident.

"The first stone was thrown before the shooting and then I shot a man who was about to throw a stone and then many stones were thrown at us," he said.

No one in the two police Casspirs blocking the roads to Uitenhage to a crowd of about 4 000 was hurt, the commission heard.

Lieutenant Fouche said he had seen knobkieries, a piece of plank, a length of steel and a beach umbrella among the crowd.

GREAT SHOCK

Asked by Mr Chris Jansen SC, for the Minister of Law and Order, what effect the shooting had had on him, he said: "I was in great shock afterwards."

Mr Jansen asked what his thoughts were before giving the order to open fire.

"I believed my men and I would definitely be overrun and killed if I didn't give the order to fire," he said.

"I gained the impression the crowd was on its way to the white residential area of Uitenhage."

Asked what he believed the crowd's intention was, he said: "They were on their way to kill white people."

Mr Jansen asked how Lieutenant Fouche knew this and he replied that this was the meaning of a Xhosa song being sung continuously by the marching crowd.

A Sergeant Nunen had translated this song.

Lieutenant Fouche was also asked about allegations by witnesses that a boy on a bicycle was the first victim of the shootings.

He said he had seen a boy on a bicycle arrive at the scene after the incident.

"A small black boy of about 13 years rode past my Casspir from the direction of Uitenhage about 10 minutes after the shooting.

"When he got past my Casspir and saw the scene ahead he threw the bicycle down and ran away into the veld."

Lieutenant Fouche said it was not true that the boy had been riding among the mob before the shootings.

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The book also speaks of white people coming from over the sea and oppressing the local people. — Sapa.

'Minister's statements were untrue'

Staff Reporters

UITENHAGE — A number of elements in a statement to Parliament by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, about the March 21 shootings in Langa were untrue, the Kannemeyer Commission heard today.

In cross examination by Mr W Trengove for the families of some of those shot dead, Lieutenant W J Fouche said the leader of the procession did not have a brick in his hand.

The Minister's statement said he was carrying a brick.

"The Minister's statement says you were 'suddenly surrounded'. That is not true?" asked Mr Trengove.

"Correct, that is untrue," said Lieutenant Fouche.

"The statement referring to the moments before the firing order says you were 'pelted with stones, sticks, other missiles and petrol bombs'. That is also untrue?" asked Mr Trengove.

"There were stones thrown," said Lieutenant Fouche.

"It is untrue that there were petrol bombs?" asked Mr Trengove.

"I saw no petrol bombs and did not see any explosions."

Lieutenant Fouche said he had made a verbal report to a Brigadier Swart. It was possible he did not tell the brigadier everything because of his shocked condition.

Lieutenant Fouche denied that while Warrant Officer J W Pentz was being cross examined last Friday the door of the Uitenhage Magistrate's Court had been held open for him to listen.

Lieutenant Fouche said the cardinal reason he had given the firing order was in defence of his own life and safety and that of his men. His concern for the white residential area of Uitenhage was another reason.

Lieutenant Fouche told the commission earlier today that when he gave the order to fire on the crowd only one stone had been thrown at the two police Casspirs.

Many stones were thrown at the Casspirs after the order to fire.

Referring to a telex sent by the Divisional Commissioner of Police to police headquarters and other units, Mr Trengove asked where the information about petrol bombs contained in the telex was obtained.

Lieutenant Fouche said he was not the only person to report on the incident.

Telegraph backs Botha

Own Correspondent

LONDON. — The conservative Sunday Telegraph newspaper yesterday took issue with "revolutionary blacks" and "reactionary whites" in South Africa, accusing them of frustrating the programmes of reform initiated by President P W Botha.

Referring to the killings of black councillors and members of their families in townships, an editorial in the newspaper said: "The ugly truth is that there are wicked and violent men at work in the African townships, not all of them in the South African Police."

A likely reason for the violence of the "black revolutionaries" was that they realized that Mr Botha had in mind "an accommodation which really might be acceptable to many blacks", the newspaper said.

Referring to right-wing opposition to government reforms, the editorial said there were reactionaries in the bureaucracy and the police force, "the latter being no keener on reform than the former".

It asked: "Why are reforms so often dismissed as trivial and meaningless, provoking, as much from white reactionaries as black revolutionaries, such extreme revulsion?"

It concluded that: "Gales of liberal hot air are not the best way of helping President Botha steer his course between the Scylla of revolution and the Charybdis of reaction."

Troops in E Cape townships

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Political Staff

THE Defence Force announced yesterday that troops had been deployed in Eastern Cape townships and that "army elements" were assisting the police in the Eastern Cape in the wake of recent unrest in the area.

The deployment of SADF troops in Eastern Cape townships is seen as the second wave of action after the warning of the State President, Mr PW Botha, of a crackdown on unrest.

It is understood the troops will remain in the area for as long as they are needed.

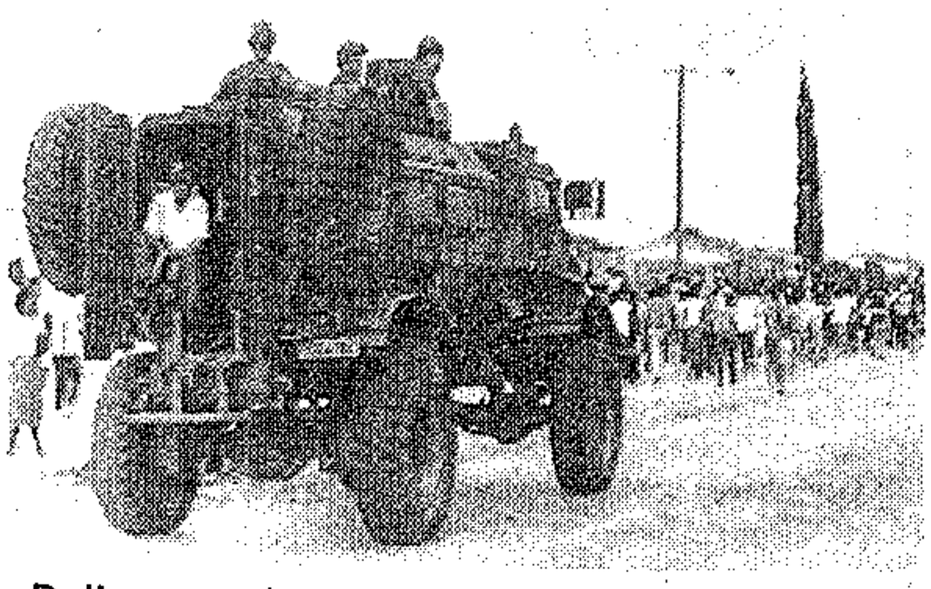
Addressing a joint sitting of Parliament last Wednesday, Mr Botha said he had already given instructions "for appropriate steps to be taken to restore and maintain law and order".

Crackdown

Interpreted as a warning of an imminent crackdown, it was followed two days later by a ban on 29 organizations from holding meetings in 18 magisterial districts, 16 in the Eastern Cape.

Troops were used in a "support" capacity at Sebokeng in September last year.

Asked yesterday about the extent of SADF involvement in Eastern Cape townships, Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, police liaison officer in the Eastern Cape, said government policy about using the SADF had been spelt out on several occasions by Ministers and the police had "nothing to add".



Police watch as mourners make their way home after the funerals of four unrest victims in Zwide yesterday.

● The Cape Times correspondent reports from Port Elizabeth that tearsmoke, rubber bullets and shotguns were used yesterday to disperse thousands of people returning from the funerals in Zwide of four unrest victims.

Colonel Van Rooyen said several groups of between 300 and 400 people had formed after the funerals.

"On several occasions they stoned police vehicles. They were dispersed when police used tearsmoke, rubber bullets and shotguns. No injuries have been reported."

Witnesses told Sapa that one man was killed and 10 people were injured when police opened fire after the funerals.

The confrontation took place as mourners left Zwide cemetery, local sources said.

Witnesses said one man was wounded and later died in a township house.

A spokesman for the police directorate in Pretoria had no knowledge of the fatality.

Thousands of mourners attended the funerals of Mr Sikhumbuzo Xatasi, 48, who was burnt to death, Mr Ndumiso Mpendu, 53, who was shot dead, Mr Amos Duruwo, 26, and nine year-old Zithobele Mabona, who died in unrest.

Several political organizations were represented at the emotionally-charged service in the Zwide Roman Catholic Church hall, which was marked by speeches and the singing of freedom songs.

Thousands of mourners who could not be accommodated in the hall massed in the adjacent Njoli Road, dancing and singing freedom songs.

The United Democratic Front regional president, Mr Edgar Ngoyi, condemned the SADF involvement in the townships, which he said was aimed at protecting apartheid.

Mr Thobile Mhlahlo, vice-president of the Motor Assemblers' and Component Workers' Union of South Africa (Macwusa), said people had had enough of shootings.

The procession from the church to Zwide

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cemetery, about four kilometres away, was led by leaders of UDF affiliates who marched behind the hearses followed by thousands of marchers waving banners proclaiming "Release Mandela", "Away with Kayamnandi Town Council" and "We want freedom and not to be killed".

The four bodies were buried side by side as the anthem "Nkosi sikelel'i Africa" was sung.

Chaos broke out when chanting crowds of mourners returning from the cemetery were confronted near Dan Qeqe stadium by contingents of police who fired teargas to disperse them.

The crowds regrouped afterwards and marched to Njoli bus terminus where police fired rubber bullets and teargas.

● Two riot victims were also buried in Kwanobuhle in Uitenhage yesterday, without incident.

● Rioting continued in the townships of Port Elizabeth, Uitenhage, Kirkwood and Despatch over the weekend. Several incidents of stone-throwing and arson were reported.

However, when asked for details about unrest in the Eastern Cape yesterday, Colonel Van Rooyen said police were not going "to give a breakdown" of unrest incidents in future.

He said a four-year-old-child had burnt to death when his home in one of Port Elizabeth's townships was petrol-bombed on Friday night.

He identified the child as Tolani Madikana and said his mother was the secretary of a local town councillor. The woman fled the scene, he said.

According to Colonel Van Rooyen, several

He said several arrests were made in connection with weekend violence.

Car parked in garden set on fire

By CHARLENE CLAYTON

A CAR parked in the backyard of a house in Despatch was set on fire and partially destroyed in the early hours of today presumably after it was petrol bombed.

This is the third incident in which whites have been affected in the unrest in the Port Elizabeth area.

Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen said the house was in Kloof Street, Despatch, which is on the outskirts of the town closest to the Despatch township.

He said the owner saw two black men running away shortly after he fired one shot with a .303, but apparently missed them.

On Saturday night, a retired Port Elizabeth businessman, Mr Alec Roberts, was on his way home to Redhouse at about 9pm when he was attacked on the new road which joins the Uitenhage-Port Elizabeth and the Despatch-Redhouse roads.

A petrol bomb was thrown through the windscreen of his vehicls after it was smashed by a stone.

Also at the weekend Mr Frans Stassen, 25, from Uitenhage, and his brother, Jan, 24, were injured when they were stabbed, robbed and thrown from a bus travelling between Uitenhage and Rocklands.

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Rini Council man shot

Post Reporter

A GRAHAMSTOWN constable in the employ of the Rini Town Council was shot in both legs after an incident in the Tantjie township last night.

The police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, said police were investigating an incident in which a vehicle was set on fire.

A description of a panel van seen driving away from the scene was circulated and about 20 minutes later a vehicle was stopped and police found several men sitting in the back. One was holding a revolver.

The man tried to get out of the van but was prevented from doing so.

After the van drove off, a shot was fired and the man with the revolver was injured.

Boxer narrowly misses death in hail of bullets

By JIMMY MATYU

JUNIOR welterweight professional boxer, Sidwell Maxazana, of Zwide Extension IV, missed death by centimetres when a hail of bullets allegedly fired by police in the street went through his wooden backyard shack.

Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, had no knowledge of the incident.

Mr Maxazana said if he had not rolled off his bed on to the floor he might have been hit.

Two bullets shattered his dressing table mirror.

As the firing went on, Mr Maxazana alleged that he heard people talking in Afrikaans but was scared to go out and investigate.

Mr Maxazana's shack is situated at the back of his parents' home.

He showed an Evening Post team five holes made by the bullets.

Mr Maxazana said the incident took place at about 6am on Saturday morning.

Just before the shooting started he heard someone running in the yard and past his shack. Then he heard the people talking in Afrikaans.

"Why should these people shoot indiscriminately? I could have been killed," he said.

Mr Maxazana said that when the shooting stopped, he heard the sound of a vehicle pulling away in the street and was later told it was a police patrol van that had driven off.

Neighbours Evening Post talked to also claimed they had heard the shots but had been too scared to investigate.

Col Van Rooyen has appealed to Mr Maxazana, and other people with complaints, to report them to the nearest police station so they can be properly investigated.

● Meanwhile Mr Ntsikelelo Kolele, of Ntshinga Street, told the Evening Post yesterday that a bullet went through the front window of his Ntshinga Street home in New Brighton on Saturday at about 11pm. The family was sleeping at the time. No one was injured.

Uitenhage officer changes his story

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It was as a result of this telex that three of his men were issued with R1 rifles.

Questioned by the chairman of the commission, Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer, Lieutenant Fouche said from March 15, police were not issued with tearsmoke cannisters, rubber bullets or birdshot.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer: Can you explain why, if it is your duty to control the riots, you never asked for these weapons?

Lieutenant Fouche: I can't explain. I never asked my seniors — they must have given the instruction and I can't question my seniors' decision.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer: So you accepted that from the 15th on, if you became engaged in a confrontation and were forced to fire, it would have resulted in fatalities?

Lieutenant Fouche: Yes.

Lieutenant Fouche said, in answer to questions by the judge, that on the day after the incident, tearsmoke and rubber bullets were issued in addition to R1 rifles and buckshot.

The lieutenant said that at the time of the incident, the police were busy establishing a temporary base at Uitenhage and the only person who knew of the Casspirs' movements was the radio controller.

At that time, no maps were kept with pins indicating the position of police vehicles.

DOCTOR CALLED

The oldest person shot during the Uitenhage violence was between 60 and 70 years of age, the doctor called to the scene told the Commission.

Dr Gerhard Etienne Nel said he could not remember details of the ages of the other victims as he had been working quickly and was mainly concerned with their condition.

He said he certified 13 people dead at the scene and estimated there were about 30 wounded.

Cross-examined by Mr Trengove, he said he had spent about 25 minutes attending to the wounded.

He had gone from person to person, checking on those who were dead and giving instructions to the ambulance crews on what treatment to give the wounded.

He had not physically treated anyone, but had left it to the ambulancemen who were competent.

The doctor said he had inspected the corpses and wounded together with a police officer, who was notified when a dead person was found.

The police officer took a note of the dead peoples' particulars, and Dr Nel signed death certificates at the police station later.

Asked by Mr Trengove why no other doctors were called to the scene, Dr Nel said he thought he was capable of handling the situation.

Questioned further, he said he would have welcomed help and there was apparently no reason why the police did not call other doctors.

The wounded had been taken to the local hospital, where Dr Nel's two partners and the doctors on duty had treated them before they were transferred to hospital in Port Elizabeth.

Dr Nel said he was a police reservist and a member of the town's civil defence unit and was often called by the police or fire brigade to scenes of accidents.

He had known the lieutenant as a patient, before becoming a reservist.

In evidence yesterday, Lieutenant Fouche said he had given the order to fire after seeing only one stone being thrown at the police.

Many more stones had been thrown at the police Casspirs during the shooting.

Subjected to intensive cross-examination by various counsel, Lieutenant Fouche also admitted that:

● Mention in the Minister of Law and Order's statement to Parliament on petrol bombs being thown at the police was not true. Neither was it true, as the Minister claimed, that the police had been surrounded.

● There were no stones within 40 m of the Casspirs in police photographs taken after the incident. Lieutenant Fouche said the stones must have bounced off the Casspirs.

● He could have given the order to withdraw the Casspirs before the shooting, but believed the crowd had to be stopped at that point.

● There was a distance of about 1,3 km between the scene and the white suburb on which the crowd was allegedly advancing.

● He had not known who his commanding officer had been on the day or who had given the orders for weapons to be issued to men going on patrol.

Questioned by Mr Justace Kannemeyer, Lieutenant Fouche said all but one of the stones directed at the police had been thrown after he had given the order to shoot.

"The first stone was thrown before the shooting and then after giving the order to fire, I shot a man about to throw a stone and then many stones were thown at us," he said.

He had expected more stones to be thrown after the first and believed he and his men would be overrun and killed.

No one in the Casspirs was hurt and no stones landed in the vehicles.

Lieutenant Fouche said stones had "rained down" on the police.

GREAT SHOCK

He said he did not know why the Minister's statement to Parliament mentioned petrol bombs as none had been thrown at the police.

It was also not true that the leader of the crowd had carried a brick.

Lieutenant Fouche said he had been in shock after the incident.

"I couldn't think rationally and even went to the doctor for tranquillisers.

"In 1971, I saved 104 black people from drowning in floods in the Eastern Cape. It was very difficult for me to give the order to fire."

Sergeant says m carrying a petro

A policeman giving evidence to the Kannmeyer inquiry said he had positively identified a bottle carried by the leader of the 4 000-strong crowd as a petrol bomb.

Sergeant Gerhard Stunker also said the two police Casspirs were stormed by the crowd before the order was given to open fire.

He said the police were in the Casspirs looking out of the tops of the vehicles with their weapons at the ready before the order was given to fire.

"Many stones were thrown at us. People were also throwing stones at us from behind the front ranks (of the crowd)," Sergeant Stunker said.

"Before the order was given to fire, the leader had nothing in his hand. When he came nearer to us he took out something that I definitely identified as a petrol bomb.

"It was a milk bottle containing red liquid with newspaper sticking out like a wick."

Sergeant Stunker said events had taken place so fast that the man had not had the chance to throw the petrol bomb.

"I shot at him and at a man about one or two paces behind him who had a quarter brick in his right hand.

"When the order came to fire, he threw the brick. I hit both men."

Sergeant Stunker said he fired another two shots and "after that it was pretty chaotic.

"The people still behind wanted to go forward while those in front were trying to go back."

Mr Chris Jansen SC, for the Minister of Law and Order, asked what

Incidents 'took place after first shot was fired'

Uitenhage officer changes his story

Uitenhage

The officer who gave the command to shoot at Uitenhage admitted today that the evidence he gave before the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry differed from a sworn statement he had made after the incident.

Lieutenant John William Fouche (43) said during cross-examination by Mr Wim Trengove, counsel for the families of the dead, that in his sworn statement he had said a number of incidents had taken place before he fired a warning shot at the crowd marching on police vehicles.

In his evidence-in-chief and during earlier cross-examination, he told the inquiry that these incidents had occurred after the warning shot. The incidents included the production of a bottle by the leader of the crowd, the stoning of a police Casspir armoured vehicle by a coloured woman and later by the crowd.

Mr Trengove asked why the two versions differed and why the details in the sworn statement agreed with evidence given by Lieutenant Fouche's second in command, Warrant Officer Jacobus Wouter Pentz.

"It is difficult to say when everything happened because it all took place so quickly," Lieutenant Fouche said.

"I think I must have shot the warning shot first. When the stones were thrown and the bottle was produced, I wouldn't have fired a warning shot because by then it would have been too late."

Mr Trengove: So you don't know what events led to the warning shot?

Lieutenant Fouche: The four incidents followed the warning shot.

He said his original statement was incorrect, and that he had given the right version in his evidence-in-chief.

Mr Trengove said this gave rise to the "serioius suspicion" that Lieutenant Fouche and W/O Pentz had agreed on a version of the events.

Lieutenant Fouche: No. We never came together and agreed on anything.

Mr Trengove: Yet all four aspects coincide with the evidence of Mr Pentz.

Lieutenant Fouche: We came to no agreement.

Lieutenant Fouche said he could give no explanation for the concidence except that the person who took down the statement might have got some of the details wrong.

'Not important'

Mr Trengove also asked why Lieutenant Fouche had not told the commission that his men had asked him occaisionally during the incident when he would give the order to fire.

Lieutenant Fouche said he had not thought it important enough to mention to the commission.

Mr Trengove: But the fact is that your men were aiming their weapons at the crowd and asking you continuously when they could shoot and then somebody shot without a command?.

Lieutenant Fouche: No. The first shot that was fired was by me.

The officer today also told of a telex from Police Headquarters that arrived two days before the incident, giving permission for anti-riot squads to use sharp-point ammunition if absolutely necessary.

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Baby burns to death in Eastern Cape unrest

PORT ELIZABETH — A year-old black child was burnt to death last night as renewed rioting spread through at least seven black townships in the Eastern Cape.

Sapa reported that a police spokesman said today that two policemen and two South African Defence Force members were injured slightly when their patrols were stoned.

In Veeplaas, near Uitenhage, nine homes caught alight after one shack was petrol-bombed. The child who died was in one of them.

Police said they had to use tearsmoke, rubber bullets and shotgun fire on various occasions to disperse a crowd which had set up burning road blockades, and other groups hurling stones at police vehicles.

The spokesman added that five people were arrested after two schools near Port Elizabeth were set on fire.

WHITE AREA

The Star's correspondent in Port Elizabeth reports that the police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, said that the unrest touched on a white area for the first time when a car parked in the driveway of a Despatch house was burnt in a suspected firebomb attack.

The owner, Mr J Colesky, told police he saw two men running away and fired two shots.

In Grahamstown the home of the mayor of the black Rini Town Council, Mr Colley Draai, was attacked by a mob of 500 stone-throwing youths on Sunday night.

He said he fired several warning shots before they dispersed, but did not think he had hit anyone.

But Colonel van Rooyen said a wounded 16-year-oldwas found by police in the township yesterday. He had a bullet wound in the stomach.

Police said that in Thabong, near Welkom, a man and a woman were injured when the driver of a Development Board vehicle fired shots at a mob which assaulted him.

Rioting also flared yesterday at Sasolburg.

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500 youths stone mayor's house

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — The mayor of Grahamstown's Rini Town Council, Mr Colley Draai, fired warning shots on Sunday night to disperse a crowd of about 500 youths who stoned his Joza home during renewed violence in Grahamstown's black townships.

The attack on Mr Draai's home occurred about 8pm. Mr Draai said yesterday he fired several shots into the air and the youths ran away. As far as he was aware, he had not hit anyone, he added.

The homes of three other councillors — the deputy mayor, the Rev E N Botha, Mr T Myuka and Mr Reuben Tinta — were also attacked on Sunday night.

Threats

Mr Tinta said he would be resigning from the council today because of threats made against himself and his family.

Mr Tinta, who has served on the council for 15 months, said he had received several telephone calls saying his home would be burnt if he did not resign and that he would "suffer the same fate as Mr T B Kinikini of Uitenhage".

Mr Kinikini, a member of the Kwahobuhle Town Council, and his 18-year-old son, Selumko, were burnt to death 10 days ago. Mr Kinikini's home was repeatedly stoned prior to his death and was also the target of petrol bomb attacks.

Mr Tinta said the latest threat against him had come in the form of a message to the effect that his home would be burnt down in the near future. While he continued to believe the Rini Council had a role to play in Grahamstown, he said he was not prepared to put his life and the lives of his and two children at risk.

Unrest in the Eastern Cape claimed another life at the weekend when a person died of bullet wounds he is thought to have sustained in a confrontation with the police in one of Port Elizabeth's townships on Sunday.

And a 16-year-old youth who was shot in Joza on Sunday night is in a satisfactory condition in Livingstone Hospital, where he was transferred from Settlers Hospital in Grahamstown.

The SA police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, confirmed that the youth had been shot in the chest and said he had been found in the township in the early hours of Monday morning. Police were investigating the shooting, Colonel Van Rooyen added.

The latest outbreak of violence in Grahamstown began at the weekend when vehicles were stoned in Raglan Road and a furniture removal truck was set alight.

Col Van Rooyen said Eastern Cape townships were relatively quiet yesterday.

In Cookhouse, a township library was set alight yesterday morning, according to a spokesman for the SA police public relations division in Pretoria. He said damage was not extensive.

Colonel Van Rooyen confirmed yesterday that he had written a letter to Port Elizabeth's fire department asking them not to release details about unrest to the press.

"I have done it to prevent errors. The unrest situation involves the SAP and it often happens that information obtained from the fire department is not verified with me," he said.

Terrible to have to fire — officer

CAPE Times 2/4/85

Own Correspondent

UITENHAGE. — The police officer who ordered 14 policemen to open fire on a crowd of 4 000 to 5 000 people in Langa, Uitenhage, on March 21 told the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry yesterday that he had not questioned the decision to dispense with teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot in dealing with riot situations earlier this year.

Lieutenant John Fouche, the officer in charge of a police contingent manning two Casspir vehicles who shot dead 19 people, said that after the shooting, on the 25th anniversary of Sharpeville, police in Uitenhage received instructions to resume the use of rubber bullets, teargas and birdshot.

Asked by Mr Chris Jansen SC, representing the Minister of Law and Order, how the shooting had affected him, Lieutenant Fouche said: "It was a tremendous shock to me. In 1971 I rescued 107 black people during floods in the Gamtoos valley. It was terrible to have to give the order to open fire on these people."

During the day's proceedings he was also asked about the accuracy of the statement made in Parliament after the shooting by Mr Louis le Grange. Asked about some of the assertions made by Mr Le Grange, he said they were untrue.

No petrol bombs

Police had not, as stated by Mr Le Grange, been pelted with sticks, stones, petrol bombs and other missiles before opening fire, they had not been surrounded after a warning shot was fired and he had not at any stage seen a brick in the hands of the leader of the procession, said Lieutenant Fouche.

No signs of petrol bomb burns were found at the scene afterwards, he had not seen or heard any petrol bombs exploding and the only piece of bottle found by police, which he knew about at the time, was the broken neck of a milk bottle, he said.

However, he had heard that there might be a second bottle neck in police possession.

One sack of stones, three sacks of hats and shoes, one piece of wood, one iron rod, one pick axe handle, one beach umbrella and one blue bicycle were found at the scene by police who gathered all the evidence after the shooting.

Looking drawn and answering questions tersely after a full day under cross examination, Lieutenant Fouche said that when he went on duty on the morning of March 21, he did not know who his commander in the field was.

He was aware it was the anniversary of Sharpeville, but did not discuss it with his men because he did not want to worry them.

Mr Wim Trengrove, representing the families of some of those who were shot, and Mr Peter Gastrow, representing a Progressive Federal Party fact-finding team which visited Langa after the shooting, questioned Lieutenant Fouche closely on why he decided to open fire after only one stone was thrown and why no stones were to be seen close to the Casspirs in police pictures taken shortly afterwards.

Lieutenant Fouche said he ordered police to open fire after seeing a woman pick up a stone and throw it at a Casspir.

He then shot a man getting ready to throw a stone.

He rejected a suggestion by Mr Trengrove that as police watched the crowd, weapons pointing at the mass of people, one policeman panicked and pulled the trigger of his gun when a boy on a bicycle rode out in front of the crowd, sparking off the shooting.

Order to fire

Lieutenant Fouche said he ordered police to open fire partly in self defence against stoning and partly because he was told by a sergeant that the crowd was singing about going to town to kill the whites.

Asked by Mr Trengrove how he could order 15 men to open fire on a mass of people after one woman threw a stone at a Casspir, Lieutenant Fouche said: "There was also the bottle I saw in the hand of the leader. I thought it was a petrol bomb. And I feared more stones."

At another stage during cross-questioning he said: "On March 15 I picked up the mutilated body of a policeman in Kwanobuhle. I wasn't going to let that happen to me or my men."

He said that after police began firing into the crowd, stones rained down on the two police vehicles.

Questioned by Mr Justice D D V Kannemeyer, he said no stones were found in the Casspirs afterwards and none of the men under his command were injured by stones.

Asked why no stones were found close to the Casspirs, he said they must have rebounded. he said the stones were mostly round.

Mr Trengrove: At this stage, when the stones began raining down on you, you were already firing into the crowd.

A: Yes.

Q: And the people were between four and seven metres away from you?

A: Yes.

Q: So these suicidal people were being hit by your bullets and by their own stones which were bouncing back on themselves?

A: Yes, I suppose so.

Q: Don't you find this somewhat bizarre?

A: No.

He also gave the first police account of how a bicycle came to be found among the evidence gathered by police after the shooting.

Last week the commander of the second Casspir, Warrant Officer Wouter Pentz, said he at no stage saw a boy riding a bicycle in front of the crowd, denied the boy had been the first person shot and said that when he left the scene the bicycle was not there.

Lieutenant Fouche said the boy arrived on his bicycle from the direction of Uitenhage about 10 minutes after the shooting and after W/O Pentz had already left on another call-out.

Everybody involved in the procession had fled and people were standing far back in the veld in a semi-circle looking on.

As the boy, approaching from the rear of the policemen, passed the vehicles Lieutenant Fouche said he swore at the boy and shouted at him to get away.

"He dropped his bike and ran," he said.

There was no truth in suggestions the boy had been shot, he said.

Cross-examination of Lieutenant Fouche continues today.

ARGUS 2/4/85

Counsel objects to change of trial venue

Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — The trial of nine leaders of the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) on charges of public violence, scheduled to take place in Port Elizabeth and transferred to Humansdorp has again been switched — to the tiny village of Kinkelbos.

Defence counsel Mr T Majodina, said today he would make an urgent application for the venue to be changed again.

Mr Majodina has protested that the trial was switched to Kinkelbos without prior notification to the defence and said the effect of hearing the trial in the tiny police station at Kinkelbos about 60km north of Port Elizabeth would be the same as having the case heard in camera.

"A trial of this nature is of tremendous interest and should be freely accessible to the public," he said.

TOMATO BOX

The parents of the accused were bitterly unhappy about the change in venue as there was no public transport to Kinkelbos and no facilities of any other kind.

At the hearing yesterday the prosecutor's microphone was balanced on a cardboard box and the defence counsel's microphone on a tomato box. The "courtroom" can accommodate very few people.

The local population are bewildered by the trial and a woman who was asked if she had ever heard of Cosas replied: "But we are all Xhosas."

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Police limit Press to bare facts

Post Reporter

THE South African Police will no longer be supplying the Press with detailed accounts of the unrest, partly to protect possible targets for intimidation.

Lieutenant H J Beck, public relations officer at the Directorate of Public Affairs for the SA Police in Pretoria, said it was not a matter of not suppling the Press with detailed information, but rather to "summarise events".

He said if the Press required more information about a certain event, they would try to supply the information.

In certain cases, people like town councillors were victims of intimidation, and in such cases details would not be supplied, he said.

The SA Police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, confirmed that ambulance services were asked not to release any information "where the police were involved".

He, however, denied making similar requests to fire departments, despite reports to this effect.

Port Elizabeth's Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha, said after checking up on the records that no letters or discussions were held with police concerning the matter.

Regarding the dissemination of information about the unrest to the Press, Col Van Rooyen said he was given the orders to this effect by telephone from Pretoria.

Baby dies in petrol bombing

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By CHARLENE CLAYTON

A ONE-YEAR-OLD child was burnt to death after a house in Veeplaas was petrol-bombed last night.

The police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, said the sex or name of the child was not available.

On Friday evening a four-year-old child was also burnt to death when a house the Kwazakele township was petrol-bombed.

The mother who was with the child at the time of the attack fled the scene.

Sporadic incidents of stone-throwing and acts of arson were reported in black townships at Port Elizabeth, Despatch, Uitenhage and Grahamstown last night.

Two schools in PE townships were destroyed by fire and damage was estimated at R50 000.

Lt-Col Van Rooyen said it was fairly quiet during the day, with single incidents of police vehicles being stoned.

Yesterday evening a number of police and South African Defence Force vehicles were stoned.

The incidents took place mainly in New Brighton, Kwazakele, Veeplaas, Zwide, Despatch Township, Langa, Motherwell and two Grahamstown townships, Tinus and Tantjie.

Barricades set up in roads by groups of people were set on fire and when police tried to remove them, they were usually stoned, Lt-Col Van Rooyen said.

Rubber bullets and teargas were used and in a few instances shotguns were fired to disperse groups in the townships.

Several private vehicles were damaged by stones and two homes belonging to policemen were attacked and partially destroyed by fire.

Two policemen and four members of the SADF were slightly injured by stones in the incidents.

● Sapa reports that in Veeplaas nine homes caught fire and were destroyed after a single shack was petrol-bombed at dawn.

Incidents of unrest were reported in at least seven Eastern Cape townships.

Police used tear smoke, rubber bullets and shotgun fire on various occasions to disperse crowds which had set up burning road blockades.

The spokesman said no injuries had been reported.

A petrol bomb tossed at a police van failed to ignite, the spokesman said.

Five people were arrested after the two schools in the Port Elizabeth townships were set on fire.

SADF members continued to assist police in patrolling townships in the area and "will be used as and when necessary," according to a police spokesman in Pretoria.

Mayor fires at mob of youths

PORT ELIZABETH — The mayor of the Rini Town Council, Mr Colley Draai, fired warning shots to disperse a crowd of about 500 youths who stoned his home during renewed violence in Grahamstown's black townships at the weekend.

The homes of three other councillors — the deputy mayor, the Rev E. N. Botha, Mr T. Mvuka and Mr Reuben Tinta — were also attacked on Sunday night.

The attack on Mr Draai's home occurred at about 8 pm. Mr Draai said yesterday he fired several shots into the air and the youths ran away. As far as he was aware, he had not hit anyone.

The latest outbreak of violence in Grahamstown started at the weekend when vehicles were stoned in Raglan Road and a furniture removal truck was set alight.

Mr Tinta said yesterday he would resign from the Rini council today because of threats made against him and his family.

Mr Tinta, who has served on the council for 15 months, said he had received several telephone calls saying his home would be burnt if he did not resign and that he would "suffer the same fate as Mr T. B. Kinikini of Uitenhage".

Mr Kinikini, a member of the Kwanobuhle Town Council, and his 18-year-old son, Selumko, were burnt to death 10 days ago.

On Sunday night a searchlight positioned on Gunfire Hill in Grahamstown was trained on the city's townships.

Meanwhile, a 16-year-old youth who was shot in Joza near Grahamstown on Sunday night is in a satisfactory condition in hospital.

The SA Police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, confirmed that the youth had been shot in the chest and said he had been found in the township in the early hours of yesterday morning.

According to Col Van Rooyen, Eastern Cape townships were relatively quiet yesterday.

He said the police suspected that a person admitted dead on arrival at Livingstone Hospital could have died of bullet wounds he sustained in police action in a Port Elizabeth township on Sunday. His death was being investigated, he added.

After three weeks of quiet in Fort Beaufort, there were incidents of stone-throwing in the area yesterday.

No serious damage or injuries were reported and no arrests have been made. — DDC-DDR

'HQ gave ammo OK'

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By SHIRLEY PRESSLY

UITENHAGE — Two days before a confrontation between police and a crowd in Maduna Road, Langa, Uitenhage, in which 19 people died on March 21, permission was given by police headquarters in Pretoria for the use of sharp ammunition in the Eastern Cape.

Lieutenant John Fouche, who was in charge of two police Caspirs on that day and gave the order to fire, told the one-man Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry into the shooting that he had not queried why he was not issued with riot control aids other than shotguns with SSG ammunition and three R1s on March 21.

Lt Fouche admitted under cross examination by Mr W Trengove (appearing for bereaved Langa families), that his statement to police differed from his evidence-in-chief before the commission.

Mr Trengove said Lt Fouche's statement to the police concurred with evidence given by Warrant Officer J W Pentz.

"Possibly the person who took the statement did not record the events as I gave them," said Lt Fouche.

"It happened so quickly I can't remember if I fired first or stones were thrown first."

He denied that somebody else in his Caspir had fired before the order had come from him (Lt Fouche) to fire.

Lt Fouche also said he knew of no instruction to keep ambulances waiting outside Langa for 20 minutes before they were allowed in.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer asked Lt Fouche about certain points concerning the issuing of ammunition and personnelcontrol on that day.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer: On March 21 you were issued with shotguns and SSG cartridges, no tearsmoke, birdshot, no rubber bullets. Surely these three are the foremost aids for unrest control? Can you explain how you were expected to control unrest without those aids? Did you query it with your seniors?

Lt Fouche: No. I have no power to question the decisions of my seniors.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer: Since March 15 you were involved in confrontation with groups in the townships of Uitenhage. The next day you were issued with teargas and rubber bullets?

Lt Fouche: Yes. But we still had R1s.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer: The whole approach had changed?

Lt Fouche: Yes.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer: From March 15 when you went to Uitenhage from Kirkwood you knew there was a crisis in Uitenhage. You went up every day to patrol the townships.

Nobody specifically issued any instructions to you and you did not even know who your officer commanding was at the temporary riot base.

You were in charge of three vehicles and between 15 to 21 men without knowing who was specifically in charge?

Weren't there order groups held every day? Was there no ops room or tent with a big board depicting the movement of all the vehicles in the area? Was there nobody to consult other than notifying radio control. there nothing you could do?

You did not know where the other caspirs were? Was there anybody who knew where the other Caspirs were?

Lt Fouche replied that since a Major Blignaut had taken over at the base, all these things were being done.

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Business

Move on 'civil war' poster

CAPE TOWN. — The End Conscription Committee (ECC) has removed the words "civil war" from posters advertising a protest meeting about police action in Langa, near Uitenhage.

Cape Town municipal officials refused permission for the ECC to put up the posters on the grounds that the civil war reference might cause offence to sections of the public and lead to friction, said a spokesman for the organisation.

Mrs Mary Burnett, chairperson of the Western Cape region of the Black Sash, which is represented on the ECC, said the organisation was "dismayed at the development".

"Reference to 'civil war' is becoming increasingly current and the distress caused to some people by the words ... is not comparable to the distress of people involved in the violent conflict," she said.

The meeting will be held at the Claremont Civic Centre at 8pm today. — Sapa.

Evidence on shootings contradicts Le Grange

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Lt Fouche then insisted that "stones rained down on us".

The chairman of the one-man commission, Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer, asked how this was possible, given the distance at which the stones were found.

"I can only say as I testified earlier that the stones ricocheted," Lt Fouche said.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer: Can you really say all the stones bounced away? The photograph shows a clean road.

Lt Fouche: I can only explain it by saying the stones must have ricocheted.

He said none of the policemen was hurt and no stones had landed inside the Casspirs.

Mr Trengove asked why Lt Fouche could not have confronted the crowd at a turnoff about 300m further down the road, which would still have left about a kilometre to the white suburbs.

Lt Fouche: It was my prerogative to decide where to stop.

The officer also told the commission of inquiry he did not know who his immediate commanding officer was on the day in question.

He said he also did not know who had taken the decision on what equipment should be issued to his men.

The police were busy erecting a temporary base in Uitenhage at the time because of the escalating violence in the area.

Lt Fouche: I don't know who was in command at that point. If I needed command, I would contact radio control.

He told the commmission the police at that stage "operated on our own".

Mr Trengove: So you didn't know under whose immediate command you fell?

Lt Fouche: No.

Mr Trengove: When did you first find out?

Lt Fouche: When Major Blignaut was appointed officer commanding at the temporary base on Friday (the day after the shooting).

Mr Trengove: Who decided on what equipment you were issued with?

Lt Fouche: I don't know. We drew our weapons from the quartermaster, but I don't know who gave the command.

Asked by Mr Chris Jansen, SC, for the Minister of Law and Order, what his thoughts were before giving the order to open fire, Lt Fouche said: "I believed my men and I would definitely be overrun and killed if I didn't give the order to fire."

Mr Jansen handed to the commission copies of the notebook which, according to evidence, was carried by the leader of the crowd.

Among the quotes in the book were: "Africa for the Africans", "Africa our fatherland, we shall fight for you" and "The lion of Juda will one day break the chains of oppression".

The hearing continues today. — Sapa.

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From DALE LAUTENBACH, Staff Reporter

UITENHAGE. — Casspir commander Warrant-Officer Wouter Pentz ordered his police troop not to open fire on a crowd which had begun stoning the vehicle in Langa township on March 21, the Kannemeyer Commission was told today.

Sergeant Gerhard Stumke, assigned to one of two Casspirs in Langa that day, said Warrant Officer Pentz had "screamed at us, 'don't shoot'."

Also in evidence today, Uitenhage medical practitioner Dr Gerrit Nel, who arrived at the scene of the shooting about 20 minutes later, said about 20 people among the dead and injured were younger than 20.

Sergeant Stumke told the commission his group had come across a "riotous" gathering of people on Maduna Plain.

Asked why he described the group as riotous, he said they were giving black power salutes, dancing, singing and leaping.

He told the commission he saw two people in black who were clearly in charge of the group.

Screaming

When his Casspir, under the command of Warrant Officer J W Pentz, approached the group one of the leaders stirred them up all the more and there was screaming and shrieking, Sergeant Stumke said.

He heard them singing and recognised the word "bulala".

He asked a coloured constable, Constable Andrews, what the crowd was singing about. According to Andrews "they were going to kill the boere today", said Sergeant Stumke.

"It frightened me and I told Warrant Officer Pentz immediately," said Sergeant Stumke.

He said someone came out of the crowd, pointed a knife at the Casspir and then made a slashing movement across his throat. He disappeared into the crowd again.

Planks, stones

The majority of the crowd had kieries, planks and stones, according to Sergeant Stumke. He also saw someone with a length of iron.

Warrant Officer Pentz climbed out of the hatch of the Casspir and spoke to the leader. He asked him what was going on and was told the crowd were going to a funeral.

Warrant Officer Pentz said funerals were banned on March 21 and "he swore at him, saying '... julle boere, today you are not going to stop us.'"

Warrant Officer Pentz called for reinforcements and retreated along Maduna Road. On the way the crowd grew and the Casspir was stoned.

"Warrant Officer Pentz, who was driving, screamed at us 'don't shoot'" said Sergeant Stumke.

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E Cape shootings probe

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Dr Gerrit Nel, asked in cross-examination whether he had seen any children on the scene, said: "I saw no children. I saw men and women of different ages. The youngest was a woman of about 12 or 13 years."

"How many people were under 20, would you say?" asked Mr Peter Gastrow, appearing for six PFP MPs.

"About 20. I certified two black men of 15 and 16 on the scene," said Dr Nel.

"Boys — if they were 15 and 16 they were not men," said Mr Gastrow.

"Yes, boys," said Dr Nel.

HEAD WOUND

Dr Nel said he had seen a number of people on the scene who had been shot in the head. He saw a boy of about 17 with a head wound who was alive when he was taken to hospital.

Dr Nel said he did not see brains on the tar, only blood.

The body nearest to the parked police Casspirs was about five metres away, he told the commission.

The officer who ordered his men to fire on a crowd in Langa on March 21 admitted to the commission today that his statement to his superior about the incident was incorrect in several respects.

Lieutenant W J Fouche, in charge of 14 men on the day, told the commission he fired a warning shot before a woman broke away from the crowd and threw a stone at a police vehicle and before he saw the crowd's leader with a bottle, perhaps a petrol bomb, in his hand.

In a statement to his commanding officer on March 25 Lieutenant Fouche said the warning shot was fired after the woman threw the stone and after he spotted the bottle.

In cross-examination today Mr W Trengove, appearing for families of victims of the shootings, said: "If you are not sure when the warning shot went off, you still do not know why you fired it."

Lieutenant Fouche said the version he gave in his evidence-in-chief was correct and that his statement was wrong.

Mr Trengove put to him that he and Warrant Officer W J Pentz had discussed the version which appeared in the statement.

"You departed from it when you realised the warning shot and the order to fire were too close and that the warning shot would not have been a real warning," said Mr Trengove.

Lieutenant Fouche said this was not true.

He said, also in a statement, that he had held off firing as long as possible and was asked repeatedly by his men when they could open fire because they were afraid.

He told the commission he did not refer to this in his evidence-in-chief because he did not think it important.

Questioned by Mr Justice D Kannemeyer, chairman and sole member of the commission, Lieutenant Fouche confirmed that he and his men had not been issued with teargas, birdshot or rubber bullets from March 15.

Asked by the judge whether this equipment was what was usually used to control unrest, the Lieutenant said "yes" and could not explain why he and his men were not issued with it.

He agreed that from March 15, because he and his men were issued only with buckshot and sharp-point ammunition, fatalities were inevitable in a confrontation.

(Proceeding)

The stones must have 'bounced off': Fouche

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Argus Staff Reporter DALE LAUTENBACH reports from Uitenhage on yesterday's evidence to the commission of inquiry into the shootings at Langa township.

THE policeman who ordered his men to open fire on a procession in Langa township on March 21 told the Kannemeyer Commission that stones thrown by the crowd must have "bounced off" the police Casspirs and "rolled away".

Lieutenant John Fouche was replying yesterday to the chairman and sole member of the commission, Mr Justice D Kannemeyer, who insisted that he explain why the road in front of the point where the police opened fire from two Casspirs was clear of stones in a police photograph.

Lieutenant Fouche: "They must have bounced off and rolled away. Some also went over the top."

The judge: Do you expect me to believe that all the stones bounced off and rolled away and you say they fell on you like rain?

Lieutenant Fouche: It's the only explanation I've got.

The judge: And were none of your men hit with a stone?

Lieutenant Fouche: No.

The judge: Were there any stones in the Casspirs?

Lieutenant Fouche: No.

With reference to the photographs and having paced out the distances in loco, Mr W Trengove, for families of those shot dead, put it to Lieutenant Fouche that the nearest stone was about 18 paces from where the Casspirs had been parked.

Scattering

A larger scattering of stones on the surface of Maduna Road was visible between 36 and 44 paces from the Casspirs, Mr Trengove said.

"That means your version of being rained with stones by the crowd is nonsense?" asked Mr Trengove.



"We were stoned," said Lieutenant Fouche.

Lieutenant Fouche told the commission the crowd continued throwing stones and surging forward after the police opened fire, those behind stumbling over fallen bodies.

'Own stones'

"So your version is that not only were your attackers under fire but under attack from their own stones bouncing off the Casspirs," said Mr Trengove. "And they still advanced. That is a bizarre picture."

Lieutenant Fouche said he did not find it bizarre.

He told the commission the only method at his disposal of stopping the crowd was "sharp-point ammunition". He was not equipped with a loudspeaker and conceded it was possible that only those in the front of the crowd of about 4 000 people heard him warning them to disperse.

The commission saw a video yesterday taken of the Maduna Road scene from a police helicopter soon after the shooting.

Clothing

There was a view of the surface of the road littered mostly, it seemed, with items of clothing and shoes. The video was taken at 10.25am and the shooting occured, according to evidence, at about 9.40am.

The video showed mainly shots of the surrounding houses where a number of small groups of people were visible. There were few people on the road and the police Casspirs did not appear on film.

Mr Peter Gastrow, for six PFP MPs, drew the commission's attention to red areas in the road on the tape which, he said, could be pools of blood.

Lieutenant Fouche also gave evidence that a troop carrier with a complement of Sotho policemen had arrived on the scene after the incident and were used to cordon off the area.

Vehicles

He could not tell the commission how many vehicles were on patrol on March 21. He thought there were about 11 police vehicles in use but he did not know their whereabouts.

He could also not tell the commission who his superior, the commanding officer in charge of the temporary police headquarters camp in Uitenhage, was on the day.

Lieutenant Fouche was in charge of two Casspirs and a land rover, he said, and it was up to him to decide what they did.

"We operated on our own," he said.

In cross-examination yesterday Lieutenant Fouche said the body nearest to the Casspirs had been "four, five, six, seven metres" away.

Nearest body

Mr Trengove put it to him he had said 10m away in his evidence in chief last week and that Warrant Officer W J Pentz, the officer in charge of the second Casspir, said the nearest body was about 20 to 25 metres away.

Lieutenant Fouche said yesterday's estimation was correct.

Two telexes sent to police headquarters in Pretoria and Cape Town from a Brigadier Swart were handed to the commission. Lieutenant Fouche told the commission he had made a verbal report to Brigadier Swart about the shooting incident.

One telex reported nothing about stones being thrown, only that they had been found on the scene. The other telex referred to "hundreds of stones" thrown at the police.

EVENIN

Dead lay in road doctor

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By SHIRLEY PRESSLY

A UITENHAGE doctor testified today how he walked through the dead and injured who lay in Maduna Road, Langa, on March 21, after police had opened fire on a crowd.

Dr G E Nel, whose medical practice is involved in civil defence in Uitenhage, said he certified the dead and gave instructions to ambulancemen on which injured people should have priority and how to treat them.

Dr Nel told the Kannemeyer Commission that he arrived at the disaster at 10am.

"People lay everywhere and there were ambulances and policemen," he said.

Lieutenant John Fouche was on the scene and was very tense.

Dr Nel said he would ascribe Lt Fouche's condition to possible shock.

Thirteen of the people were dead when he arrived. Most had been killed by shotgun wounds.

Stones were lying in the road. He did not see police throw stones in the road.

As far as he could remember, two youths were shot through the head.

He said he contacted his partners who went to the Provincial Hospital in Uitenhage to tend to the injured.

He said the injured were ferried by ambulance to the hospital in order of priority.

A police video film which was shown to the Commission yesterday was taken at 10.25am and showed that the road had been cleared of people.

Dr Nel said it was possible he had certified the dead and given instructions for those injured in 25 minutes.

"I concentrated on those who were alive and needed help. I only tried to establish who was alive."

He also supervised when the dead were removed by police.

Later he went to the police station and examined the 13 bodies and completed the necessary documentation for the death certificates.

Dr Nel said there must have been about 30 injured people at the scene.

The oldest victim was between 60 and 70. He remembered the old man because he had known him previously.

He also remembered a man dressed in black with braided hair.

Dr Nel said that when examining those lying in the road he had looked for heart beat, pulse, pupil reaction and respiratory reaction.

Uitenhage policeman: leader had bomb

UITENHAGE — One of the policemen who was at the Uitenhage shooting said he had positively identified a bottle carried by the leader of the 4 000-strong crowd during the incident as a petrol bomb.

Sergeant Gerhard Stunker also told the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry that the two police Caspirs were stormed by the crowd before the order was given for the police to open fire.

"Many stones were thrown at us," Sgt Stunker said.

"People were also throwing stones at us from behind the front ranks (of the crowd).

"Before the order was given to fire, the leader had nothing in his hand. When he came nearer to us, he took out something that I definitely identified as a petrol bomb," the sergeant added.

"It was a milk bottle containing red liquid with newspaper sticking out like a wick."

Sgt Stunker said events had taken place so fast that the man had not had the chance to throw the petrol bomb.

"I shot at him and at a man about one or two paces behind him who had a quarter brick in his right hand. When the order came to fire, he threw the brick. I hit both men."

Sgt Stunker said he fired another two shots and "after that it was pretty chaotic".

"The people still behind wanted to go forward while those in front were trying to go back."

Mr Chris Jansen, SC, for the Minister of Law and Order, asked what Sgt Stunker's thoughts had been while confronting the crowd.

"As I said to my friend next to me: 'I think it's all over for us.'

"The crowd was carrying on moving. They had ignored four commands to stop, they were aggressive and shouting.

"They could have overrun us."

After the order to stop firing, Lt John Fouche, who was in charge, immediately called for ambulances and told them to hurry, Sgt Stunker said.

The policemen had climbed out of their vehicles and had walked among the dead and wounded but had not moved anyone or given any assistance. — Sapa

Black factions also responsible for violence in SA, says Reagan

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By Neil Lurssen,
The Star Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Ronald Reagan has repeated his view that black factions share responsibility for the current violence in South Africa.

He told the *Washington Post* that the situation had gone beyond "being simply people opposed to apartheid against a government that supports apartheid".

There was an element in South Africa that wanted to overthrow the Government by violence. It was not just acting against the Government but was fighting its own fellow citizens, the President said.

He added that apartheid was the main problem and that it had to be resolved.

The US would continue to do all it could to encourage the SA Government (to introduce reforms), he said.

REACTION

When the President made similar remarks at a recent White House Press conference there was an immediate angry reaction from black leaders and others who accused him of condoning the South African Government's repressive action.

Mr Reagan told the *Post* that he was not condoning it. Maybe it would have been better to spend more time explaining his point, he said.

Violence was not the answer and could solve nothing.

"But remember the violence is not just stemming alone from a government put-down of demonstrators. You have, in the black community there, rival factions. The violence is sometimes between them fighting each other."

The President repeated Secretary of State Mr George Shultz's statement on Monday that just walking away would leave the US with no influence in South Africa.

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Policeman tells of ban on vehicles

Own Correspondent

UITENHAGE. — One of the policemen who fired on a crowd of people at Langa, Uitenhage, two weeks ago, told the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry yesterday that vehicles had been banned from the streets of Langa and Kwanobuhle on the day of the shooting.

Sergeant Gerhard Stumke, who was among policemen manning a vehicle commanded by Warrant Officer Wouter Pentz, said during cross-examination by Mr Peter Gastrow, appearing for a PFP delegation of MPs, that vehicles had been forbidden to operate in the townships on March 21.

Mr Gastrow said witnesses had gathered statements from residents who said people wanting to attend funerals in Kwanobuhle, about 10km away, had been prevented from using their vehicles.

Sergeant Stumke replied: That's untrue. People had been forbidden to use their vehicles.

Later, during cross-examination by Mr Wim Trengove, for the families of some of those shot at Langa, Sergeant Stumke was asked to explain the remark.

Sergeant Stumke said he presumed that because it was the anniversary of Sharpeville the people themselves had imposed the ban.

He rejected suggestions that the police had forbidden people to use vehicles to get to the funerals.

Sergeant Stumke was on two occasions asked by the chairman of the commission, Mr Justice D D V Kannemeyer, to calm down after replying to questions.

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Officer agrees evidence differs

UITENHAGE. — The officer in charge during the Uitenhage shootings agreed yesterday that his evidence before the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry differed from a statement he made after the incident.

Lieutenant John William Fouche, 43, said during cross-examination by Mr Wim Trengove that in his sworn statement he had said a number of incidents had taken place before he fired a warning shot at the crowd marching on police vehicles.

In his evidence-in-chief and during earlier cross-examination, he had said these incidents had occurred after the warning shot.

The incidents included the stoning of a Casspir armoured vehicle by a coloured woman and later by the crowd, and the leader of the crowd producing a bottle.

Mr Trengove asked why the two versions differed and why the details in the sworn statement agreed with evidence given by Lieutenant Fouche's second in command, Warrant Officer Jacobus Wouter Pentz.

"It is difficult to say when everything happened because it all took place so quickly," Lieutenant Fouche said.

"I think I must have shot the warning shot first. When the stones were thrown and the bottle was produced, I wouldn't have fired a warning shot because by then it would have been too late."

Mr Trengove: So you don't know what events led to the warning shot?

Lieutenant Fouche: The four incidents followed the warning shot.

Mr Trengove said this gave rise to the "serious suspicion" that Lieutenant Fouche and W/O Pentz had agreed on a version of the events.

Lieutenant Fouche: No. We never came together and agreed on anything.

Mr Trengove: Yet all four aspects coincide with the evidence of Mr Pentz.

Lieutenant Fouche: We came to no agreement.

Lieutenant Fouche said he could give no explanation for the coincidence except that the person who took the statement down might have got some of the details wrong.

Mr Trengove also asked why Lieutenant Fouche had not told the commission that his men had asked him from time to time during the incident when he would give the order to fire.

Lieutenant Fouche said he had not thought it important enough to mention to the commission.

First shot

Mr Trengove: But the fact is that your men were aiming their weapons at the crowd and asking you continuously when they could shoot and then somebody shot without a command?

Lieutenant Fouche: No. The first shot that was fired was by me.

The officer yesterday also told of a telex from police headquarters that arrived two days before the incident giving permission for anti-riot squads to use ball (*skerppunt*) ammunition if absolutely necessary.

It was as a result of this telex that three of his men were issued with R1 rifles.

Questioned by the chairman of the commission, Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer, Lieutenant Fouche said that from March 15, police were not issued with tearsmoke, rubber bulets or birdshot.

Question

Mr Justice Kannemeyer: Can you explain why if it is your duty to control the riots you never asked for these weapons?

Lieutenant Fouche: I can't explain. I never asked my seniors — they must have given the instruction and I can't question my seniors' decision.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer: So you accepted that from the 15th on, if you became engaged in a confrontation and were forced to fire, it would have resulted in fatalities?

Lieutenant Fouche: Yes.

Temporary base

Lieutenant Fouche also said in answer to questions by the judge that the day after the incident, tearsmoke and rubber bullets were issued in addition to R1 rifles and buckshot.

The lieutenant said that at the time of the incident, the police were busy establishing a temporary base at Uitenhage and the only person who knew of the Casspirs' movements was the radio controller.

At that time no maps indicating the position of police vehicles were kept. — Sapa

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Residence rights for 5 groups

Staff Reporter

FIVE Crossroads squatter groups have been granted legal residential rights for 18 months provided they move to Khayelitsha "as soon as possible", the top local black affairs official, Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, confirmed yesterday.

The groups — Cathedral, Dodwana, Sipeke, Tutu and Nyandeni — have been negotiating with Mr Bezuidenhoud since large-scale unrest broke out at Crossroads in February, leaving 18 people dead.

Mr Bezuidenhoud, who was initially reluctant to release details of a "deal" made with the government on behalf of the squatter groups, said that during the 18 months the groups "must look for work — the government will assist in this. There will be no deportation".

After the 18 months the government would review the situation, he said.

'Not forcing'

Mr Bezuidenhoud said an area known as "site C" within the perimeters of Khayelitsha had been made available.

"We're not forcing anybody, but we hope to be able to move them before the rainy season," he said.

Mr Bezuidenhoud said he had met with leaders of one of the five groups and planned to meet with the other four by the end of the week to inform them of the government's offer.

He confirmed that Dr Gerrit Viljoen, the Minister of Co-operation and Development, had not yet met with any of the squatter leaders but added that Dr Viljoen would "definitely meet with them within the next few weeks after I've relayed the offer".

Although squatter leaders were unavailable for comment yesterday they have been widely reported as rejecting the offer and demanding full Section 10 (1) (a) rights "and not temporary permits".

Asked if the 600 government workers from Kwa Ndebele whose presence in Khayelitsha in February is widely believed to have sparked the Crossroads unrest, Mr Bezuidenhoud said all but 72 had been returned to Kwa Ndebele.

"There are now 10 lorries and 72 workers engaged in ongoing work transporting people from the black townships to Khayelitsha," he said.

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Coetzee expected to testify in Uitenhage

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN. — General Johann Coetzee, the Commissioner of Police, is expected in Uitenhage today to offer evidence before the Kannemeyer Commission into the recent shootings in the Langa township.

His visit, possibly with other senior officers from Pretoria, follows growing discrepancies between the official statement to Parliament by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, and evidence already led at the inquiry.

Contradictions between the official statement and the evidence as to how and why the shooting started have caused consternation at home and abroad, and have led to questions about what information Mr Le Grange was given from the scene of the shooting before he addressed Parliament.

Evidence contradicts his statement that the police were surrounded, that they were being pelted with sticks, stones and petrol bombs, and that a warning shot was fired first.

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"They were about 20m away. Lt Fouche had his rifle ready. We were all ready.

"When I saw that they were ignoring Lt Fouche's command I took aim at the crowd.

"A woman jumped out of the crowd. Lt Fouche fired a warning shot. She grabbed a stone and threw it at our Casspir. Then the rest starting stoning us."

Sgt Stumke said that when the order was given to open fire he shot the leader and a man next to him. This man was getting ready to throw a quarter brick at the Casspirs.

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into the crowd.

Sgt Stumke said he knew Lt Fouche's first shot was a warning shot because he saw Lt Fouche aim at the road and he saw nobody fall.

Asked why no stones were to be seen close to the Casspirs in police pictures, Sgt Stumke said the stones must have bounced away. None were found afterwards in the Casspir, which has an open roof.

Explaining how no policemen were hit by stones, he said: "The Lord was watching over us and protecting us."

Earlier yesterday, Lt Fouche, in charge of the Casspirs at the shooting, admitted that his evidence before the commission differed from a statement he had made after the incident, reports Sapa.

He had said in a statement that the leader of the crowd had taken what appeared to be a petrol bomb from his clothing, that a coloured woman had jumped from the side of the road and thrown a stone at the police, and that the crowd had then stoned the police before a warning shot was fired.

Lt Fouche admitted under cross-examination by Mr Trengove that these incidents had happened after he fired a warning shot and that the crowd had pelted the police with stones only after he had given the order to open fire.

A Uitenhage doctor who was called by police to the scene after the Langa shooting on March 21 said he did not know of any other doctors who were called to help attend to about 30 people lying wounded on the main road of the township.

Dr Gerhard Nel, a private practitioner, police reservist and civil defence doctor, said he got to the scene of the shooting just before 10am.

Earlier testimony indicated the shooting happened at about 9.40am.

He found 13 dead and about 30 wounded lying in various places.

"Some of the first people lay on top of each other, just as you would find at a disaster."

Dr Nel said about 20 of the dead and injured were in their teens. One man was between 60 and 70 years old.

He saw Lt John Fouche, the officer who gave the order to police to open fire on the crowd, looking tense and apparently in shock.

When he arrived one ambulance was already there and another was on its way.

Asked if the presence of more doctors would not have been helpful, he said: "I would have welcomed help."

He said the ambulancemen at the scene were highly trained and he instructed them in emergency treatment for the most seriously wounded.

He said he certified 13 dead at the place of the shooting and three others were certified dead on arrival at the Uitenhage Provincial Hospital.

He said there was very little blood on the road. Most of the victims had been hit by shotgun fire and some by R1 rifle bullets.

"When people are hit by shotgun fire there is often very little bleeding."

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sorry to hear about that," he said.

Col Van Rooyen said during cross-examination by Mr Peter Gastrow (appearing for six PFP MPs) that unfortunately he had to agree that it was contrary to instructions not to issue all the apparatus available for riot control.

Mr Gastrow asked if he was surprised that a member of the reaction unit in Port Elizabeth had testified earlier that he did not have riot training because there had been no time.

Col Van Rooyen replied that he was not surprised, but added that the policeman concerned would always have been under supervision of a trained person.

Mr Gastrow: Is there no control at all at headquarters as to the type of person admitted to unrest units? Is there no qualification?

Col Van Rooyen: As far as I know, no.

Col Van Rooyen added that policemen were given basic training in riot control at the Police College.

Earlier, Mr Justice Kannemeyer asked Sergeant Gerhard Stumke, one of the 15 policemen involved in the confrontation, what the outcome would have been if teargas had been fired on the crowd when it was only about 250 strong.

Sgt Stumke said firing teargas had no effect.

"They don't worry about teargas," he said.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer: Is it worthless? According to the newspapers it is used every day.

Sgt Stumke: They run around the corner and they come back more aggressive.

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He said methods depended largely on circumstances but the police operated on the principle of the use of minimum force.

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He said policemen in a Caspir would be put out of action if a tearsmoke cannister was thrown inside the confined space of the vehicle.

He agreed with earlier evidence that people had been arrested and found to be wearing inner tubes under their clothing.

Col Van Rooyen said it was contrary to the rules and training for men not be equipped to deal with every contingency.

"We like our members to be equipped with everything to handle any situation."

He was referring to the fact that Caspirs which went to Maduna Road, Langa, on March 21, were equipped only with buckshot and sharp ammunition.

They were not issued with tear smoke, rubber bullets, or any other riot control devices. "I was

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Unrest areas kept healthy

Post Reporter

ESSENTIAL services are being maintained in areas plagued by unrest.

The daily removal of sewage and refuse continues in Uitenhage and Port Elizabeth.

The Town Clerk of Kwanobuhle, Mr J Coetzee, said: "Our concern is to see that the area is kept clean and free from health hazards. We send our teams in daily and are pleased to report that the sanitation situation is as good as at any other time."

A spokesman for the Kayamnandi Town Council, who did not wish to be named, also reported that there were no health hazards and that collections of refuse were being undertaken daily.

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Families fund

A FUND for the families of people shot on March 21 in Langa, Uitenhage, has been established by the Eastern Cape Traders' Association. 24/4/85

The president of the association, Mr Ebrahim Soomar, has called on members and interested parties to donate in cash or kind to the fund "to bring some relief to the families involved".

He appealed to families affected to contact him personally for assistance at work at ☎ 0422/8372 or at home at ☎ 422809.

People wishing to donate to the fund should contact him

Local SAP cannot give news

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THE local police are no longer supplying the Press with any information regarding unrest.

The Evening Post was informed today that any information regarding the unrest had to be obtained from the Police Public Relations Division, in Pretoria, at specified times.

Last week the Press was informed that only summaries and no detailed information regarding unrest would be supplied.

The reasons for this have been given as protecting possible victims of intimidation and to ease the workload for the police.

A spokesman for the local police informed the Evening Post today that yesterday they received a telex that all information would be supplied by headquarters in Pretoria.

Lieutenant H J Beck, public relations officer in Pretoria, said that during previous unrest situations the police did all the reporting from headquarters.

"There is nothing sinister about it," he said.

The move was an administrative one, because the volume of work was too much for one person to handle, he said.

There were various officers at the headquarters that could take the workload off local liaison officers.

The decision was taken by the general staff at the headquarters, said Lt Beck.

Police ordered to 'eliminate' bombers

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Great issue

Earlier today, Sergeant Gerhard Stunker, one of the policeman at the scene of the shootings, was cross-examined by Mr Wim Trengove, for the victims' families, about a statement the sergeant had made after the shooting.

Sergeant Stunker said he had not mentioned shooting at the leader of the crowd in his statement although in his evidence before the commission he had said the leader was one of the first people he had shot at.

Mr Trengove: Yet you make a great issue in your statement about shooting another man?

Sergeant Stunker said he fired twice in quick succession.

One of these was at the leader and the other man and the second shot at the leader.

Mr Trengove suggested that the sergeant's evidence about the shooting of the leader was "manufactured" because if it were true he would have said so in his statement.

Sergeant Stunker: No, he was part of the group.

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Questioned by the chairman of the commission, Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer, Sergeant Stunker said he did not agree that his statement gave a clear indication of the sequence of events leading up to the shooting.

"I would not say it was all mixed up but it happened very quickly. All the events happened almost simultaneously."

He was referring to evidence concerning the producing of a bottle by the leader of the crowd and the stoning of the police by a coloured woman and the crowd and these events' relationship to the warning shot and the order to the police to fire.

Mr Trengove: So the order to fire came almost immediately after the warning shot?

Sergeant Stunker: Almost immediately but not quite.

So the leader was 10 m from the vehicles and the crowd was still moving forward when the warning shot was fired, then the four events you spoke of occurred while the crowd was still moving forward and the warning shot and the order to fire was given. Is that correct? — Yes.

At that stage the leader was between five and ten metres from the Casspirs? — Yes.

So it all happened in the space of a few metres? — There were a few seconds in between.

So the order to fire must have followed immediately after the warning shot? — Not immediately.

Sergeant Stunker denied a suggestion by Mr Trengove that the police had agreed on a version of the events and that his evidence was an "in between version" designed to fit in with those of the previous two police witnesses.

This morning Mr E Moorcroft, the Progressive Federal Party MP for Albany, told the commission that pitted marks in a culvert about 50 m from the site of the Uitenhage shootings could have been caused by shots fired from the police armoured Casspirs involved in the incident.

He also told the commission of bloodstains he had found on the tarred road about 30 m from where the police Casspirs had been parked.

"As I walked down the road, I then realised with some horror that I was looking at what could only be blood marks on the tar."

Police evidence has been that the crowd was about seven metres from the Casspirs when police opened fire.

He said he and other PFP MPs had inspected the site on the day of the incident.

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Mr Moorcroft had specifically looked for burn marks that might have been caused by petrol bombs but had found none.

Mr Moorcroft said he had revisited the site last week with legal represetnatives and General J Neethling, Head of the Police Forensic Unit.

They had examined the marks on the culvert and General Neethling had then climbed into a Casspir parked at the site of the incident.

Mr Moorcroft said the general had taken a line of sight on the culvert, and had told those present he was prepared to say any shots that might have caused the marks could have been fired from the Casspirs.

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Mr Moorcroft said he and five other PFP MPs had tried to visit the scene the day after the incident, but were turned back by police at a roadblock.

They met senior police officials in Uitenhage and had asked them for their version of the events.

However, the police had said they were under orders not to elaborate on the official report of the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange.

The next day, Mr Moocroft and Mr John Malcomess, MP for Port Elizabeth Central, visited the scene.

Mr Moorcroft said that, afer finding no burn marks, he had walked further down the road.

He also gave evidence on a notebook carried by the leader of the crowd marching on the police.

The PFP MP said the book contained statements in keeping with the Rastafarian cult. He said this was a "escapist cult" whose idea of freedom was for all black people to return to Africa.

Rastafarians did not believe in violence or revolution, he said.

Evidence has been that the leader, just before the firing started, pulled out a bottle and the notebook from his clothing and waved them in the air.

The commission heard yesterday that Lieutenant John William Fouche, the officer in charge at the time, admitted that a statement he made after the incident differed from his evidence-in-chief.

Cross-examined by Mr Trengove, Lieutenant Fouche said a telex from police headquarters in Pretoria had ordered that members of the force could use sharp-point ammunition against rioters if absolutely necessary. — Sapa.

Woman killed, girl (9) shot in Cape kitchen, claims son

PORT ELIZABETH — A 53-year-old woman, Mrs Nogameni Fulani, was allegedly killed in her kitchen after her granddaughter, Ntombexolo Monti (9), was shot in the eye during a shooting incident involving police in the transit camp in Motherwell, Eastern Cape, yesterday.

Ntombexolo was admitted to the Livingstone Hospital.

According to Mr Buyane Fulani today, his mother was shot in the head as she was getting up from a chair in the kitchen to investigate what had happened to the girl who had collapsed.

Lieutenant H Beck, of the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria, confirmed the shooting but said the information being put to him differed from the report he had received from police in Port Elizabeth.

BARRICADES

Lieutenant Beck said that, according to his information, after police had fired shotguns at a large group of people who were stoning them as they removed street barricades, they came across a wounded woman who died before an ambulance arrived, and a male youth who was injured.

"Possibly these people were hit during an earlier incident.

"Please ask the family to see the investigating officer in the case and to make statements to him so that proper police investigations can be carried out."

Mr Fulani said the incident happened at 4.30 pm.

He and others were sitting in the dining room and waiting for tea, which his mother was preparing in the kitchen.

"Suddenly we heard shots ... and cups breaking. As we got up, more shots were fired. My sister Nondumiso cried out, calling my mother," he said.

BLOOD

They rushed to the kitchen where they found Mrs Fulani lying on the floor and Ntombexolo in the doorway.

There was blood everywhere.

"We rushed outside and found two white policemen. One was sitting behind the steering wheel of a black Chev Constantia with a shotgun and the other was standing, holding a shotgun.

"We asked then what they were doing and to come and see what had happened. One blamed the other," he said.

Mr Phindile Monti, who was also in the house at the time, confirmed Mr Fulani's account.

Mr Boy Xhali, a neighbour, said he watched the police car stop before Mrs Fulani's home.

● The mass funeral for people who died in the shooting incident at Langa, Uitenhage, has been postponed. It was to be held on Saturday. — Sapa.

Reagan speaks out on violence in SA

Argus Foreign Service

WASHINGTON. — President Ronald Reagan says black factions share responsibility for the violence in South Africa.

He told the Washington Post in an interview that the situation had gone beyond "being simply people opposed to apartheid against a government that supports apartheid".

There was an element in SA that wanted to overthrow the Government by violence. It was not just acting against the Government but was fighting its fellow citizens, the President said.

But President Reagan added that apartheid was the main problem and it had to be resolved.

REACTION

The US would continue to do all it could to encourage the SA Government to introduce reforms, he said.

When the President made similar remarks at a recent White House Press conference there was an immediate and angry reaction from black leaders and others who accused him of condoning the SA Government's "repressive" actions.

Mr Reagan told the Post that he was not condoning it. Maybe it would have been better to spend more time explaining his point, he said.

Violence was not the answer and could solve nothing. "But remember, the violence is not just alone stemming from a Government put-down of demonstrators. In the black community there you've got rival factions and the violence is sometimes between them, fighting each other.

INFLUENCE

"We have seen evidence of that and we've seen murders. And some of the 40 deaths have been created in and among the people without the Government participating."

The President repeated Secretary of State George Shultz's statement that just walking away would leave the US with no influence in South Africa.

"We think some progress has been made," he said.

● The Argus Bureau reports from Port Elizabeth that a woman was killed and at least one youth was wounded by police in unrest in Eastern Cape townships last night.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said the woman — whose name would not be released — was shot when a police patrol was "surrounded by a large group" in Motherwell township.

Police used shotguns to disperse the group and later found the woman and the youth wounded. The woman died before an ambulance arrived.

The spokesman said that other incidents of "stone-throwing and arson" occurred in townships outside Grahamstown, Despatch, Cookhouse and Fort Beaufort, as well as in the Port Elizabeth townships.

He said police used tearsmoke, birdshot and rubber bullets to disperse mobs and said that in two incidents schools in Grahamstown and Port Elizabeth were extensively damaged. He would not identify the schools.

Colonel had no ammunition, police say

From DALE LAUTENBACH, Staff Reporter

UITENHAGE. — The officer in charge of police reaction units throughout the country told the Kannemeyer Commission today that equipping police for riot control with only heavy ammunition was contrary to "rules of instruction and training".

Colonel Adolph C van Rooyen said he was "sorry to hear" that reaction units in Uitenhage had been equipped only with buckshot and sharp-point ammunition.

Colonel van Rooyen, who reports to the head of counter-insurgency, Brigadier Jan Wandrag, told the commission he did not know that from March 15 reaction units in the Uitenhage area had not been equipped with teargas, rubber bullets or birdshot.

"I'm sorry to hear that because we would like our units to be fully equipped to handle any situation at all times — from the mildest equipment to sharp-point ammunition.

"It is, I'm sorry to say, inconsistent with our rules of instruction and training that the men were not fully equipped," Colonel van Rooyen said.

The commission had heard that on March 22, the day following the incident in the Langa township when 19 people were shot dead by police, orders were received that police should once again be issued with birdshot, teargas and rubber bullets.

"Not aware"

Colonel van Rooyen said he was not aware of this order but it was possible it might have come from headquarters.

Colonel van Rooyen told the commission he was in charge of inspecting reaction units around the country and seeing to their training and equipment. He cculd not make a decision on what equipment should be used without Brigadier Wandrag's authority, he said.

In cross-examination by Mr Peter Gastrow, for six Progressive Federal Party MPs, Colonel van Rooyen said it was possible that full-time reaction unit members would be better trained to handle unrest than policemen posted temporarily to reaction unit work, as has been done in Uitenhage.

Mr Gastrow asked Colonel van Rooyen if he was surprised that the commission heard last week from a 21-year-old member of the Port Elizabeth reaction unit that he had had no unrest training because there "had not been time".

Colonel van Rooyen was not surprised and said the possibility existed. He did not know if it happened often.

He told the commission that as far as he knew there were no qualification prerequisites for members of reaction units.

Earlier today Mr Errol

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Moorcroft, Progressive Federal Party MP for Albany, who inspected the scene the day following the March 21 shooting in Langa, told the commission he had found no burn marks from petrol-bombs at or near the scene.

He told the commission there was one burn mark on the grass about 30 metres from where the police Casspir had been parked.

A police forensic expert, General L Neethling, had said the mark was several weeks old and had been made by a fire.

About 20 metres from where the Casspirs had been Mr Moorcroft saw marks on the surface of the tar.

"I realised with horror that I was looking down at what could only have been blood marks on the tar," he said.

Rastafarians

There were more of these "blood marks" another 10 metres farther down the road, he said.

On Thursday last week Mr Moorcroft accompanied General Neethling and a team of forensic experts to the scene, where samples were taken and a culvert bearing pitted marks was inspected.

General Neethling said that gunfire from the Casspirs could have made the pitted marks in the culvert.

Referring to a black notebook seen in the possession of the leader of the procession on March 21 Mr Moorcroft said that references in the book to Ras Ta Fari were in the context of the Rastafarian religion.

Rastafarians accepted the Bible but not the white man's Christian teaching. They believe that heaven is the white man's fraud, he said.

Political violence was not characteristic of the cult and the Rastafarian dream was of the golden age of Africa where there are no sacrifices, no killings and no revolutions.

The hearing continues.

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Own Correspondent

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Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — A one-year-old child was burnt to death when a shack in Veeplaas here was petrol-bombed in renewed unrest in the Eastern Cape on Monday night.

Eight more shacks were destroyed after the fire spread, according to Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, liaison officer for the South African Police in the Eastern Cape.

Meanwhile, a car wreck was petrol-bombed in front of a home in the white area of Despatch on Monday night after the owner received a call earlier that day warning him that his house would be burnt down in the evening.

The car, which was used for spare parts, belonged to Mr J H W Kolesky of 3 Kloof Street, who had sold the wreck to someone who failed to collect it.

Mr Kolesky fired one shot with a .303 rifle in the direction of two people fleeing the scene after the attack, according to Colonel Van Rooyen.

Mr Kolesky's wife Doris answered the telephone and an anonymous woman speaking Afrikaans said: "I just want to tell you that your house will be burnt down tonight."

Mrs Kolesky said last night that at first she had not taken the threat seriously and thought it was made by an April-fool joker.

"My husband stood guard on the veranda all night.

"The car, which was standing on blocks in front of the house, was fire-bombed when he went inside briefly to fetch something," Mrs Kolesky said.

Mr Kolesky was convinced that he saw two black people fleeing from the wreck as he returned to the veranda and fired a shot in their direction.

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Houses of two policemen living in Kwazakele, Port Elizabeth, were petrol-bombed on Monday night, causing minor damage.

A car was stoned in Raglan Road, Grahamstown, on Monday night.

Meanwhile a temporary suspension of petrol deliveries to filling stations in troubled areas of Port Elizabeth's townships has left motorists high and dry.

Irate motorists calling at township filling stations have been told that tanks are empty.

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Bodies 'on top of each other'

Own Correspondent

UITENHAGE. — A Uitenhage doctor who was called by police to the scene after the Langa shooting on March 21 said he did not know of any other doctors being called to attend to about 30 people lying wounded on the township's main road.

Dr Gerhard Nel, a private practitioner, police reservist and civil defence doctor, said he got to the scene of the shooting just before 10am.

He found 13 dead and about 30 wounded lying in various places.

"Some of the first people lay on top of each other, just as you would find at a disaster."

Dr Nel said about 20 of the dead and injured were in their teens. One man was between 60 and 70 years old.

He saw Lieutenant John Fouche, the officer who gave the order to fire on the crowd, looking tense and apparently in shock.

When he arrived one ambulance was already there and another was on its way. Asked if the presence of more doctors would not have been helpful, he said: "I would have welcomed help."

He said the ambulancemen at the scene were highly trained and he instructed them in emergency treatment for the most seriously wounded.

He said he certified 13 dead at the place of the shooting and three others were certified dead on arrival at the Uitenhage Provincial Hospital.

He said there was very little blood on the road.

Civil unrest boosts PE gun sales

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By KIN BENTLEY

THERE has been a notable increase in the sale of firearms for defensive purposes in Port Elizabeth following the increase in civil unrest.

A spokeman for the arms and ammunition department of a North End firm, who asked not to be identified, said his department was sold out of handguns.

He said that over the past three weeks, "and over the past two weeks in particular", the sale of pistols and revolvers had increased considerably.

"I was very surprised at the sales," he said.

He said people buying the guns said "quite frankly" they were buying them because of the unrest situation.

Despite the boom in gun sales, the company, which is multi-faceted, had decided to close its gun department, he said.

Although they were sold out of handguns they still received calls "daily" from people wishing to price guns.

A salesman at a Central gunsmiths warned of black sensitivity to the trend.

The man, who also asked not to be named, confirmed that sales of handguns at the shop were up.

He said he did not think the increase in gun sales should be publicised because it "stirs up trouble among the blacks".

The owner of the shop said that, as with anything, the extensive exposure of unrest in the media had resulted in an increase in the sales of defensive weapons. The same occured with the sale of golf clubs when there was extensive exposure of a big golf tournament, he said.

A Uitenhage gunsmith refused to comment on his defensive weapon sales.

He said most of his sales were sporting guns.

He added that blacks also bought guns as they too were allowed firearm licences.

A spokesman for the South African Police said they did not have statistics of gun sales available.

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UDF warns on civil war

Staff Reporter

SOUTH AFRICA would be engulfed in a civil war by the end of 1986, the United Democratic Front's Western Cape secretary, Mr Trevor Manuel, said last night.

Speaking to about 300 people at the End Conscription Committee's civil-war protest meeting at Claremont Civic Hall, Mr Manuel expressed the opinion that the violence in the Eastern Cape, of which the events at Langa on March 21 had been only the "tip of the iceberg", would soon spread to other parts of the country.

Welkom and Kroonstad would be the next areas of unrest, Mr Manuel predicted.

He blamed the establishment of black community councils — "essentially shifting the terrain of conflict from a black/white confrontation to a black/black confrontation" — as a cause of much of the unrest.

"And so the situation of unrest in the Eastern Cape will shift to other parts of the country. By the end of next year all of our country will be engulfed in civil war."

Reacting to President P W Botha's "state of the nation" security address in Parliament, Mr Manuel said the "unrest situations — often with heavy political-overtones" had been created by State "over-reaction" to the voicing of grievances — "usually small economic grievances".

"Conflict and confrontation is inherent in apartheid and, given the economic situation, the conflict will escalate."

Commenting on the presence of troops in Uitenhage and, in particular, addressing white youths faced with national service, he said: "There is no middle road. You either stand for justice or stand against it."

● Earlier, both The Argus and Cape Times newspapers were attacked by the chairman of the End Conscription Committee, Mr Michael Evans.

He said that, like Cape Town City Council, which had refused permission for posters with the "Civil War Protest" legend to be put up, The Argus had entirely rejected advertising for the meeting, while the Cape Times insisted that the advertisement be watered down.

Officer shot, 21 councillors quit in unrest

GRAHAMSTOWN. — A council policeman in Grahamstown's Rini township was shot through both legs early yesterday morning in the wake of unrest in the Eastern Cape, while in New Brighton 21 council members resigned.

The SAP liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, said the policeman, Constable Amos Macazu, 31, was taken to hospital, SAPA reports.

Meanwhile, the Mail Correspondent in Port Elizabeth reports that in unrest on Monday night a one-year-old child was burnt to death when a shack in Veeplaas, Port Elizabeth, was petrol-bombed.

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The 21 councillors who resigned yesterday were members of the Kayamnandi Town Council, which is responsible for New Brighton and Kwazekele.

Their resignations bring to 46 the number of ward committee members who have resigned in the past week.

Mr David Tshuku, chairman of the Ward 12 committee, said yesterday the resigning members wanted to make it clear they were no longer collaborating with "the peoples' enemy".

"People who elected us should know that we are on their side," he said, "and that we have severed ties with community councils which have become so unpopular with the communities they purport to serve."

A spokesman for the Ward 9 committee said resigning members now intended serving the interests of the people through the Port Elizabeth Black Civic Organisation.

He said they were not intimidated into resigning from the council committees, but felt it was time to choose what was right for the people.

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SAPA reports from Bloemfontein, in the Free State, that a man was shot in the head and a woman in the chest in the Thabong township near Welkom on Monday after a group of agitators attacked a vehicle.

A Thabong councillor was hit on the head with a sharp instrument during the incident.

Captain Johan Fouche, SA Police public relations officer for the Northern Free State, said the unrest in the township broke out when agitators stoned a Development Board vehicle.

The vehicle was badly damaged. The councillor was attacked when he got out of the vehicle to inspect the damage. He was hit on the head with a sharp object. He was pursued by the agitators when he fled.

Two shots were fired at the attackers. Mr Nelson Nyambane, 27, of Western Holdings Gold Mine, was hit in the head and Mrs Susan Nbanyo, 25, in the chest. Their conditions were described as serious.

Capt Fouche said there were no further incidents and yesterday morning everything was back to normal.

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Naude: Civil war looms

JOHANNESBURG. — South Africa was entering a state of civil war, the general secretary of the SA Council of Churches, Dr Beyers Naude, told a meeting last night here protesting against the March 21 Uitenhage shootings.

Dr Naude told the meeting, attended by about 500 people, that South Africa was showing clear signs of entering a state of civil war that could "only end in chaos and anarchy".

"It is only when the police arrive that the violence begins."

The meeting was called by the SACC, the Black Sash, the End Conscription Campaign and the Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee.

The constant presence of the SADF in the townships and the government's clampdown on the dissemination of information was an indication of a country in a state of civil war, he said.

The president of the Black Sash, Mrs Sheena Duncan, spoke of "the total disorderliness in black communities".

She said: "Most whites don't know what is going on in the townships, of the abuse of power and the corruption of the local authorities."

Mrs Duncan referred to affidavits from Black Sash workers and Eastern Cape township residents signed before the March 21 shootings.

"A picture of random action by the police began to emerge," she said. She accused the press of following police accounts of the unrest, rather than doing investigative reporting. — Sapa

British Government badly shaken

Thatcher's horror at Uitenhage killings

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By John D'Oliveira,
The Star Bureau

LONDON — The Conservative Government of Prime Minister Mrs Margaret Thatcher has been badly shaken by the Uitenhage killings.

And it believes the incident has made it much more difficult for statesmen who believe in dialogue with South Africa.

It is understood Mrs Thatcher was horrified when she learned that the South African Police lieutenant in charge of the unit at Langa township gave the order to fire after only one stone had been thrown.

Whitehall sources made it clear yesterday that the Government was watching carefully to see how President Botha's administration responded to the situation.

It is accepted in London that the decision to appoint a judicial commission of inquiry to hear evidence in public, allow aggrieved persons legal representation and allow cross-examination of people involved in the shooting was a positive first step.

Nevertheless it is clear that the reaction of Downing Street to the shooting is one of depression, distress and great regret.

Mrs Thatcher is deeply concerned about the situation in Southern Africa as a whole.

Like most of her Western counterparts she would like to see:

- Namibian independence.
- The peaceful resolution of the situations in Mozambique and Angola.
- Faster progress in South Africa towards a system offering fair political representation and equal economic opportunity to all.

It is understood that she discussed the situation in the area with Mozambique's President Samora Machel while they were in Moscow for President Konstantin Chernenko's funeral.

The picture President Machel painted was not pleasing.

Downing Street believes the Langa shooting was a formidable setback.

Sources stressed that Mrs Thatcher's was not a knee-jerk reaction to a tragic event.

They said it was the reaction of somebody who wanted to advance peaceful change in South Africa, who wanted to do more than stand on the sidelines being destructively critical, who had met a number of the key personalities in the region, including President Botha.

She accepted that he was trying to change the situation in South Africa for the better, that he had chosen the difficult path of the reformer and that he should get credit for this, even though the pace of change might be slower than many people desired.

Having said this, it is clear that Downing Street shares a deep concern that incidents like the Langa shooting will further isolate South Africa.

It is accepted in London that South Africa will not solve its problems easily.

But sources stress that South Africa will find itself in an even more difficult situation if the entire world is ranged against it.

Mrs Thatcher already has problems, both domestical and international, because she is suspected of being soft on South Africa.

This suspicion, say her close associates, does not coincide with either the realities or the facts.

However, when there is violance in South Africa and this is reflected almost nightly on TV screens throughout the world, her problems are greatly aggravated.

The reality of the violence in South Africa was bad enough.

However, the impressions created by the TV reports were infinitely worse.

The TV reports affected people's views on South Africa and this, in turn, generated pressures on the governments which represented those people.

Sources underlined that South Africa should be deeply concerned about the impact of the Langa shooting on international opinion and that, more than anything else today, South Africa needed to achieve greater understanding in the world.

Clearly Whitehall believes President Botha is facing a crisis of confidence on at least three levels:

- He needs the confidence of a majority of whites to press ahead with his programme of reform.
- He needs to win the confidence of a majority of South Africa's black, coloured and Indian people.
- He needs to generate much more international confidence, even if only among those Western states which still believe in dialogue with South Africa.

Whitehall knows all this will not be easy.

But it also knows that any repeat of the Langa incident will bring the day closer when even a Conservative Government will find it difficult to maintain a policy of dialogue with South Africa.

SA is in a state of civil war, says Beyers Naude

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By Gavin Engelbrecht

Dr Beyers Naude, general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, last night described South Africa as in being in a state of civil war.

He told a meeting held at Johannesburg's Central Methodist Church to protest against the Uitenhage shootings but saidhe was not advocating violence.

And, he said, it was with restraint that he defined the situation as civil war.

"Unless we do something to change the direction in which things are going, there will be a repetition and yet another of Uitenhage," he added.

Dr Naude said he used the term civil war because of:

- Ongoing clashes between police and civilians.
- Continued use of the South African Defence Force to help police in unrest.
- Breakdown of government authorities in townships.
- Acts of terrorism between black and white and black and black.
- Lack of response to the unrest from sections of medicine, the law and the media.

"The people in power must realise that if we allow the situation to continue, it will only escalate violence and increase chaos leading eventually to anarchy," said Dr Naude.

Community leader Mr Stone Sizane, who saw the police action in Langa, told the meeting that the world had been misled as to how many people had died in the shooting.

Mr Sizane, Eastern Cape United Democratic Front publicity secretary, claimed that more than 40 had been killed, contrary to a figure of 19 released by the police.

He told the meeting that of the 25 people reported missing after the shooting, only seven had since been accounted for ... all identified as dead.

Of the unrest in the Eastern Cape, Mr Sizane said a youth riding a bicycle in front of the crowd marching from Langa was shot by police.

The crowd, he said, were told: "Do not march any further; that is an example of what will happen to you if you do."

Mr Sizane added: "Before they could do anything a volley of gunfire followed."

He said a man who fell after suffering a head graze had feigned death after hearing a policeman say: "Let's finish off those who are still alive or groaning."

The man heard a shot after which he was loaded along with corpses into the back of a police Land-Rover, said Mr Sizane.

He added that police had released only selective information on unrest in the country.

He described how a woman had been shot dead by riot police while making tea in her house, although police claimed she had been struck by a stray bullet.

Black Sash president Mrs Sheena Duncan told the meeting there had been a failure in the medical profession to support doctors too frightened to disobey police.

Police photographed people entering the auditorium.

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'Horrific' levels of violence

By BARRY STREEK

THE grim scale of violence, and counter-violence, in South Africa has assumed horrific levels — and there doesn't seem to be any end in sight.

The death toll in political violence this year had now exceeded 100, the South African Institute of Race Relations reported last week.

In the troubled Port Elizabeth-Uitenhage area, the death toll since the police opened fire two weeks ago on a procession at Langa, near Uitenhage, rose to 40 yesterday after the police reported the death of a woman in Motherwell in Port Elizabeth. She was apparently shot by a police bullet in her kitchen.

Early yesterday morning, a car was set alight in Cape Town outside the home of the banned community leader Mr Johnny Issel, soon after he appeared in court for allegedly breaking his banning order.

Police and protesters have clashed every day of this week in various townships of the Eastern Cape.

'Precarious'

"A person cannot get away from the fact that protest and conflict have at present become an integral part of the South African co-existence," Ms Anne-Marie Mischke wrote in the government-supporting Rapport recently.

Dr Alex Boraine, the Progressive Federal Party MP for Pinelands, said last week during a debate on the Langa killings: "The government has brought South Africa to a precipice and the question is, has it the will, the humility, the courage and ability to bring us back from that precarious position."

He estimated that close to 300 people had died during disturbances in South Africa since September 1984. The Institute of Race Relations said 175 died last year and, by the end of last week, a further 104 this year.

Now the police — the only official source of information on the situation — have announced they would only summarize certain unrest incidents. Full details only of incidents of "major importance" would be given. Other incidents would be summarized.

Intimidation

The violence has involved different forms: Police taking action to maintain "law and order" — a cliché'd euphemism, in the circumstances; people in the townships taking violent action against so-called "collaborators", particularly members of town councils and the police and acts of terrorism against opponents.

Rapport estimated that altogether 243 incidents of assault, intimidation, arson and looting had taken place against black town councillors, their families and possessions since September last year. At least four councillors had been killed and 27 injured.

Councillors had been assaulted 109 times, 66 petrol bombs had been thrown at their houses and 32 homes had been burnt.

Altogether, 64 councillor had resigned in 16 black residential areas.

Rapport said 148 policemen had been injured, 96 homes of black policemen had been damaged and 300 police vehicles damaged.

Suffered

In the last three months of last year and in January this year, damage had been done to more than 1 000 buses, 225 houses, almost 150 schools, six churches, nine clinics, three libraries, a technical college, about 120 shops (including seven which belonged to black councillors), 66 beer halls and more than 30 other liquor stores, ten post offices, six banks, six hostels and two trains, the newspaper said.

Opponents of apartheid have also suffered: Homes of United Democratic Front (UDF) leaders have been petrol-bombed as well as those in the black conciousness-orientated Azanian People's Organization (Azapo). The house of an executive member of the Soweto Youth Congress (Soyco) was also bombed.

In January, Azapo supporters prevented Senator Edward Kennedy from speaking at a meeting in Soweto. Soon afterwards, UDF and Azapo supporters clashed physically at a meeting in the Johannesburg area.

In the Northern Transvaal, the government's redrawing of boundaries between the Lebowa and Gazankulu homelands led to clashes when a border fence was allegedly cut down. Police intervened with teargas and rubber bullets but by then two people had been killed and more than 40 injured.

Innocents

There have also been allegations made by the Progressive Federal Party in Parliament about police behaviour in the Eastern Cape. One of the MPs, Mr John Malcomess, read out three of the affidavits collected by the party. They made chilling reading.

They told of children being shot, of innocents being killed in cold blood, of police stoning bystanders and then shooting them down as they ran away.

Another PFP MP, Mr Errol Moorcroft, said: "Certain elements of the police conduct themselves in a manner which is both brutal and sadistic. These elements should never have been accepted as recruits in the first place because their actions bring discredit to their colleagues and their country."

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, has emphasized that "neither I nor the Commissioner of Police will tolerate or condone any wrongful action by any mer.ber of police and that standing orders are strictly adhered to".

Baby died

Almost of all this violence has been confined to the black residential areas with minimal spillover into city centres and white residential areas.

Only one white person has been killed: A baby who died after a rock was thrown at her mother's car near Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle last year.

But despite the appearances in the city centres, South Africa has become a very violent society. The death toll has provided gruesome evidence of just how violent the South Africa of 1985 has become.

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Stonings, arson as East Cape unrest continues

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PRETORIA. — Unrest is continuing in parts of the Eastern Cape. In the Fingo township of Grahamstown, "radical elements" stoned the home of a councillor last night, and set fire to the home of another councillor in Grahamstown's Tantje township, the Directorate of Public Relations of the SAP said in Pretoria today.

At Fingo police used tear smoke to disperse the stone-throwers.

"In Bontrug township near Kirkwood arsonists again attacked those representing law and order. Arsonists set fire to and destroyed five houses belonging to members of the police.

"In the same township they also caused extensive damage to a store house. Damage in these fires is estimated at this stage at thousands of rands.

"In other incidents in the townships of Fingo, Tantje, Langa, New Brighton and Tinus near Fort Beaufort radical elements tried to prevent the police from carrying out their function of maintaining law and order.

"On numerous occasions police patrols were stoned and, in self-defence, they were at times forced to use tear smoke, rubber bullets and fire shotguns to disperse stone-throwing groups. No injuries were reported in these incidents," police said.

Arsonists set fire to a school at New Brighton, causing extensive damage.

"A member of the SA Defence Force was slightly injured while assisting in extinguishing the fire," the police statement said.

Hampers education

"This sort of activity further disrupts the infrastructure in black areas and hampers the education of children . . ."

A group of about 100 stoned a bread delivery van, stole the bread and robbed the driver of cash in the Hillside township of Fort Beaufort yesterday afternoon.

"It is this sort of activity which causes hardship to peace-loving members of the community," the statement said. — Sapa.

Unrest: Mother shot in kitchen, family claims

From KEN VERNON, Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — A woman whom police say was shot while part of a mob stoning a patrol, was killed in her shanty kitchen, her family claims.

Mrs Nogameni Fulani, 53, died and her nine-year-old granddaughter, Ntombexolo Monti, was shot in the right eye and is in a serious condition.

Yesterday a police spokesman in Pretoria said a police patrol in the Motherwell transit camp fired shotguns on Tuesday to disperse a mob which had surrounded it and pelted it with stones.

He said the patrol "later found a wounded woman and a wounded youth and the woman died before an ambulance arrived".

When The Argus team visited the scene yesterday Mrs Fulani's son, Mr Gladwell Fulani, denied that his mother or her grandchild had been involved in unrest.

He said that about 4.30pm on Tuesday his mother was in the kitchen making tea when a shot rang out from the front of the house.

"I was in the diningroom with some other people when we heard Ntombexolo scream. We ran to the kitchen and saw both my mother and Ntombexolo on the floor covered with blood."

He and the others rushed outside and saw two uniformed policemen in a black car.

Mr Boy Xhali, a neighbour, said he saw policemen drive up. One jumped from the car and fired two shots at the shack.

We were shown bullet-holes in the front door and wall of the wood-and-iron shanty — and corresponding holes in inside walls where it appeared that bullets smashed through in a straight trajectory.

Lieutenant J Beck of the police directorate of public relations in Pretoria said he noted the allegations. He called on those with information to inform police.

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Unrest: Woman killed, child hurt

PORT ELIZABETH. — A woman died and a child was injured yesterday in further unrest in the Eastern Cape, where arson attacks on schools caused major damage.

Mrs Nogameni Fulani, 53, was allegedly killed in her kitchen, and her nine-year-old granddaughter, Ntombexolo Monti, was shot in the right eye during a shooting incident involving police in the transit camp in Motherwell, Port Elizabeth, on Tuesday.

Ntombexolo was admitted to Livingstone Hospital.

Mr Buyane Fulani said his mother was shot in the head as she was getting up from a chair in the kitchen to investigate what had happened to the child, who had collapsed at the kitchen door.

A spokesman for the South African Police public relations division in Pretoria confirmed the shooting, but said his information about the shooting differed from Mr Fulani's version. He said a child and a woman were wounded when police used buckshot to disperse a crowd stoning them while they were removing obstructions from a Motherwell road on Tuesday evening.

The woman died before an ambulance arrived, he said.

Crowds gathered at the scene where the two wounded females were found, he said, and tearsmoke had to be used to disperse them.

Also on Tuesday, a Motherwell school was set on fire.

The police spokesman said the fire spread to an adjoining business. When police arrived at the scene they were stoned and tearsmoke and rubber bullets were used to disperse the crowd, he said.

Last night the spokesman said sporadic incidents of stone-throwing and petrol-bomb attacks on police vehicles had occurred in Fingo Village, Grahamstown, and in Motherwell.

Police used tearsmoke and shotguns to disperse crowds.

Also in Grahamstown, arsonists struck at the Samuel Ntlebi Primary School yesterday, gutting four classrooms.

The local circuit inspector for the Department of Education and Training, Mr G Theron, said damage to the building alone was estimated at R80 000.

Mr Theron said there had also been an attempt to set fire to Ntsika Junior School yesterday morning, but only minimal damage had been caused.

Sporadic stonings occurred in townships in Grahamstown, New Brighton, Veeplaas, Despatch and Kirkwood on Tuesday evening, when minor incidents of arson were also reported from Kirkwood, Cookhouse and Fort Beaufort.

The spokesman said rubber bullets, tearsmoke and buckshot were used several times on Tuesday to disperse crowds in Grahamstown. Two policemen were slightly injured. No other injuries were reported. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

Uitenhage: Leader 'motioned crowd on'

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From DALE LAUTENBACH
Staff Reporter

UITENHAGE. — When the officer commanding police in Langa township on March 21 ordered an advancing procession to disperse, the crowd's leader hesitated for a moment, then motioned with his arms for his followers to advance, the Kannemeyer Commission heard today.

The man was leading the crowd in song in words to the effect that they were going into the town (Uitenhage) and would kill whites, a witness said.

Shortly after the policeman's verbal warning the frontrunners in the crowd shouted: "Let us go forward . . . let us kill the boere."

WARNING

The crowd advanced to about 7m from two stationary Casspirs and the commanding officer, Lieutenant W J Fouche, fired a warning shot.

This was the sequence leading to the fatal shooting by police of 19 people as described to the commission by Witness B, one of the policemen present whom the chairman of the commission, Mr Justice D Kannemeyer, has ruled may not be identified.

Sergeant Benjamin Rudman

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'Crowd was riotous'

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also gave his version of the incident to the commission today.

He was in the Casspir under the command of Warrant Officer J W Pentz. He was armed with a shotgun and 20 SSG buckshot cartridges.

At the bottom of Maduna Road about 250 people had gathered and became riotous when the Casspir approached. He identified the group's leader as a man with plaited hair wearng a black jacket and a red and green cap.

"RETREATED"

Warrant Officer Pentz retreated from the crowd to the top of Maduna Road where the police were joined by the Casspir under Lieutenant Fouche's command, the commission heard.

When the crowd was about 100m away Lieutenant Fouche warned them to disperse, but this had no effect, said Sergeant Rudman.

Later, when the crowd advanced, a woman in front picked up a stone and threw it at Warrant Officer Pentz's Casspir.

"THREW STONES"

"The rest of the crowd threw stones and at that moment Lieutenant Fouche fired a warning shot. The crowd was riotous and singing and shouting. They were waving weapons in the air. I thought they were going to attack us and I feared for my life," said Sergeant Rudman.

He told the commission that on the left of the crowd he saw a man with a bottle in his hand which he identified as a petrol bomb. He had not seen this man in the crowd before, he said.

Then Lieutenant Fouche ordered his men to fire and Sergeant Rudman shot the man with the bottle and fired a further three shots into the crowd.

The hearing continues.

Beyers Naude warns of state of civil war

US Senate votes for Langa probe

With simmering unrest in the Eastern Cape yesterday and a warning from Dr Beyers Naude that South Africa is in a state of civil war, the United States Senate last night voted overwhelmingly for an American inquiry into the Uitenhage shootings.

And **John D'Oliveira** reports from London that Mrs Margaret Thatcher's Conservative Government has been badly shaken by the Uitenhage killings.

Neil Lurssen reports from Washington that the US Senate, which has a small Republican majority, voted 94-4 (with one abstention) for a resolution asking the State Department to investigate the shootings and to report back by April 30.

Number of deaths

Among the points the Senate wants clarified is the exact number of people who died in the tragedy, now the subject of a judicial inquiry.

The resolution is non-binding, and Secretary of State Mr George Shultz need not act on it if he chooses not to — but it has serious political implications for South Africa and the Reagan Administration.

The significance of the Senate resolution is that even Republican senators, who would normally support President Reagan on foreign policy issues, appear to be unwilling to take a stand in public that could be interpreted as sympathetic to the South African Government.

Realising this, the Republican leadership in the Senate tried to prevent the resolution — introduced by Democratic Senator Edward Kennedy and Republican Senator Lowell Weicker — from going to the vote.

Stalemate broken

Senator Kennedy retaliated by blocking action on legislation, wanted by the Republicans, to authorise government control of US exports.

Eventually the stalemate was broken, and the Uitenhage issue went to the vote after a brief debate.

In Whitehall, it is understood, Mrs Thatcher was horrified when she learned that the South African Police lieutenant in charge [illegible]

Police deny body rumours

Rumours that Port Elizabeth police had refused to hand over the 19 bodies of those killed in the Langa incident to relatives were denied today by the directorate of public relations of the SA Police in Pretoria.

The directorate said no relatives had asked for the bodies. — Sapa.

Police blame 'radicals' for unrest

Radical elements intent on causing disruption and anarchy are continuing their attempts to break down the infrastructure of black townships, the police said today.

In an unprecedented deviation from policy, South African Police Headquarters in Pretoria today commented for the first time on the continuing unrest.

"Once again the representatives of law and order and other moderate leaders were the targets of radical elements," a spokesman said.

At Fort Beaufort in the Hillside black township, 100 "radicals" stoned a bread delivery van, stole the bread and robbed the driver.

"At Grahamstown in Fingo and Tantge townships, moderates were once again the targets of these radicals."

They stoned the home of a councillor and set alight the home of another.

In the first incident the police used teargas to disperse rioters.

In Bontrug township near Kirkwood arsonists destroyed five homes belonging to members of the police.

Police patrols were stoned on numerous occasions. No injuries were reported.



The Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, Bishop Desmond Tutu (left), speaks to the head of Security Police in Johannesburg, Colonel G M Erasmus, after handing him a petition demanding the release of a fellow priest.

● Picture by Kevin Carter

Clergymen show solidarity over detained priest

The Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, Bishop Desmond Tutu, yesterday led a procession of about 20 priests to John Vorster Square to demand the release of a detained churchman.

The clergymen, including the two Bishop Suffragans of Johannesburg, Bishop Simeon Nkoane and Bishop Sigisbert Ndwandwe, marched from St Mary's Cathedral.

At police headquarters they waited in the charge office to present a petition to the Security Police chief. The petition called for the release of Father Geoffrey Moselane who was detained

mus, Bishop Tutu said he had already explored all the channels available to secure the release of Father Moselane, including writing a letter to the Minister of Law and Order.

The bishop said he would read out the petition, but the colonel replied: "I'll take it. I don't want to hear it. Thank you."

The petition stated that it was intolerable that during six months of detention the authorities were still unable to formulate charges against Father Moselane.

● About 60 Federation of South African Trade Union (Fosatu) and UDF supporters marched

magistrate provisionally withdrew subversion charges against one of Fosatu's members.

The crowd was confronted by riot police on the corners of Kerk and Harrison streets and, after a heated exchange with a warrant officer, was allowed to continue to the Fosatu offices.

The march started at the Johannesburg Magistrates' Courts at lunchtime after Mr Moses Mayekiso (36) of Alexandra was provisionally released.

Mr Mayekiso, a Metal and Allied Workers Union (Mawu) official, [illegible]

Secret witness is quizzed on statements

UITENHAGE — A police witness giving evidence before the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry denied today that he and another policeman had discussed the shootings at Uitenhage before making statements.

Mr Halton Cheadle, an attorney appearing for the families of the victims, said there were 50 similarities in the statements of the witness — who may not be named — and that of previous witness Sergeant Gerhard Stumke.

Mr Cheadle said the similarities related to the sequence of events immediately before the shootings, which left 19 people dead, and he would submit that both witnesses had diverted from their statements in their evidence before the commission.

The witness said the statements had been made in different offices on the same day.

"I made my statement alone, and so did Sergeant Stumke. There was no time to discuss the statement."

Questioned further on the similarity of the wording and of the sequence of events in the statements, the witness said: "Everybody has his own observation. What I saw, Sergeant Stumke might have also have seen."

Mr Cheadle asked whether the witness stood by his statement in which he said the order to fire was preceded by a warning shot, stones being thrown by the crowd and earlier by a [illegible]

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Stalemate broken

Whitehall sources made it clear yesterday that the government was watching to see how President Botha responds to the situation.

Last night general-secretary of the South African Council of Churches Dr Beyers Naude told a meeting in Johannesburg that South Africa was showing clear signs of entering a state of civil war which could "only end in chaos and anarchy".

The meeting, a protest against the Langa shootings, was called by the SACC, Black Sash, End Conscription Campaign and Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee, reports Sapa.

Woman dies

As rioting continued in various Eastern Cape centres this week, police used birdshot, rubber bullets and tearsmoke in incidents of stone throwing and arson, said a police spokesman.

At Motherwell, Port Elizabeth, a woman died and a child was wounded on Tuesday when police fired shotguns to disperse a crowd which was stoning them, the spokesman said. But the woman's son claimed that she and her nine-year-old granddaughter, who was wounded in the right eye, had been shot in the kitchen of their home.

● The home of Mr Tom Boya, the mayor of Daveyton, Benoni, was stoned by a group of youths last night. He was not at home.

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'Eliminate all guilty parties', police told

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Staff Reporter DALE LAUTENBACH reports from Uitenhage on yesterday's evidence to the commission of inquiry into the shootings at Langa.

'ELIMINATE all guilty parties" was the instruction to police on March 19, two days before the shooting in Langa township in which 19 died.

This order came in a telex from General Hennie de Witt, deputy commissioner at police headquarters in Pretoria, to all divisional police commissioners.

A copy also went to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange.

The telex was handed yesterday to Mr Justice D Kannemeyer, chairman and sole member of the commission of inquiry into the shootings.

The telex contained an instruction that all police Casspirs and vehicles used in unrest control should be issued with "R1 rifles and enough ammunition".

It read further: "When acid and/or petrol bombs are thrown at police vehicles, private vehicles and buildings, effort must be made under all circumstances to eliminate the guilty parties.

"If members of the force are caught in an unrest situation and their lives are threatened, there must not be hesitation in using R1 rifles."

Colonel Adolph C van Rooyen, head of reaction units throughout the country, said in cross-examination by Mr Chris Nel, representing witnesses without counsel, that had teargas been used earlier in the morning of March 21 in Langa on the crowd which was only about 250 strong, it might have been successful in dispersing them.

He told the commission earlier yesterday he was "sorry" that the reaction unit had gone on patrol without full equipment.

The commission has heard that the men who opened fire on the crowd were issued with

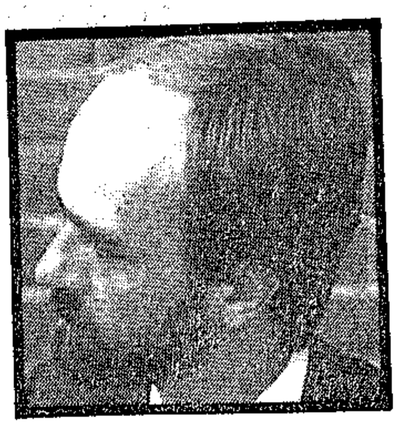




Mr Peter Gastrow ... appearing for six PFP Members of Parliament.



Lieutenant John Fouche ... fired a warning shot before order to fire given.



Mr Wim Trengove ... appearing for the families of some of those who died.

only buckshot and sharp-point ammunition.

Colonel van Rooyen said rubber bullets might also have been effective "if properly used" on the crowd in the early stages.

A further two telexes were handed to the commission in which Brigadier C A Swart, divisional commissioner of police in the Eastern Cape, requested permission for police to use 3A buckshot.

This was a milder type of buckshot than SSG and SG buckshot was the heaviest, the commission heard.

First telex

In response to Brigadier Swart's first telex, on February 8, permission for use of 3A buckshot was granted by Brigadier Jan Wandrag, head of counter-insurgency for the whole country.

Its use, according to the telex, was conditional upon its being "under strict orders of a responsible member of the force". Further, it was to be used "only on selected and properly identified targets" and only if a "clear" report on its use and efficiency was made to Brigadier Wandrag on a daily basis.

The final condition was that the permission was given as a temporary measure for 14 days only.

On March 5, Brigadier Swart sent the second telex requesting permission for the use of 3A for a further 14 days. This was given by Brigadier Wandrag on the same conditions as before.

Evidence before the commission earlier this week was that from March 15 only SSG buckshot was issued to members going on patrol.

Under cross-examination by Mr Peter Gastrow, for the six PFP MP's, Colonel van Rooyen could not explain this.

"I find it suprising that if permission to use one specific type of buckshot is requested (3A), as in the telexes, a heavier one is used. As far as I know, no permission was given for the use of SSG buckshot," he said.

He told the commission he was "sorry" to hear that reaction units had gone into the townships without loudhailers.

Mr Gastrow: It's almost asking the impossible to expect to be able to address a large crowd like the one on March 21 without a loudhailer?

Colonel van Rooyen: I agree.

Mr Gastrow: Is it a standing rule that loudspeakers must be issued?

Colonel van Rooyen: Yes.

Mr Gastrow: And this was clearly not followed?

Colonel van Rooyen conceded this but said he did not know how many loudhailers were issued and one might not have been available to the Casspirs which went out on patrol on March 21.

Incidents

Cross-examining Colonel van Rooyen, Mr Wim Trengove, appearing for some of the families of those shot, said permission to use 3A buckshot was sought on the basis of several incidents in the Port Elizabeth township of New Brighton and in Kwanobuhle, Uitenhage, according to Brigadier Swart's first telex.

These included 15 incidents in which police took action in only three, according to the telexes. In one of these, police intervention consisted of taking a man into custody after the event and could not be considered unrest control.

Colonel van Rooyen agreed.

In the remaining two incidents police used one teargas cartridge on one occasion and rubber bullets and birdshot on the other, according to the telexes. On both occasions the groups "fled".

Mr Trengove: So teargas and rubber bullets were still being very effective. But at the end of the telex Brigadier Swart says teargas and rubber bullets are not effective and requests permission to use buckshot and handguns. This does not follow from the examples he has given, does it?

Colonel van Rooyen: I must agree with you, yes.

Further evidence from Colonel van Rooyen about the training of the reaction units was given in camera.

It was ruled by the commission that a member of the police who gave evidence yesterday about being on a Casspir in Langa on March 21 might not be identified "by name, race, rank and, if possible, sex".

Witness A fired three shots at the crowd in Maduna Road and told that the crowd were repeating the black power call "Hai Hai Hai".

"I was scared and believed my life was in danger. If we had not shot I would not have been alive today."

Witness A described the sequence of events leading to the shooting.

"A woman threw a stone at one of the Casspirs and as she did so Lieutenant Fouche fired his warning shot. At the same time we were stoned by the crowd and when the stones came we got the order to fire. The crowd was about 5m away."

Senate votes for US inquiry into Uitenhage

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Argus Foreign Service

WASHINGTON. — In what is seen as proof of bipartisan dismay in the American Congress at Pretoria's strong-arm methods, the US Senate has voted overwhelmingly for an American inquiry into the Uitenhage shootings.

And in Britain, the Thatcher government has been badly shaken by the killings and believes the incident has made it much more difficult for statesmen who believe in dialogue with South Africa.

The US Senate, which has a small Republican majority, voted 94 to four (with one abstention) last night for a resolution asking the State Department to investigate the shootings and to report back by April 30.

Among the points the upper chamber of the Congress wants clarified is the number of people who died in the incident, which is now the subject of a judicial inquiry in South Africa.

SIGNIFICANCE

The resolution is non-binding and the US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, need not act on it if he chooses not to — but it has serious political implications both for South Africa and the Reagan Administration.

The significance is in the fact that even Republican senators, who would normally support President Ronald Reagan on foreign policy issues, appear to be unwilling to take a stand in public that can be interpreted as sympathetic to Pretoria.

The bad news for the Reagan administration is that it may not be able to count on a Republican majority when the separate Kennedy-Weicker sanctions legislation is voted on eventually.

These sanctions were introduced some weeks ago in both chambers under the title Anti-Apartheid Act of 1985.

Colonel : NO need for live bullets (275)

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By Own Correspondent

UITENHAGE. — The head of the South African Police's Riot Control Division, Colonel Adolf van Rooyen, yesterday told the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry that events in the Eastern Cape early this year did not justify a request by local police to use greater force in dealing with unrest situations.

Colonel Van Rooyen yesterday read to the commission telex messages between the divisional headquarters in Port Elizabeth and police headquarters in Pretoria.

He agreed during cross-examination that according to the record of incidents of unrest listed in the telex message, teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot had been used with complete success on both occasions rioters were confronted by police.

No support

He said he had to agree with counsel appearing on behalf of the families of people shot at Langa, Uitenhage, on March 21, that in this light there appeared to be no support for the request to use buckshot and handguns.

Mr Justice D D V Kannemeyer, chairman of the commission, also heard yesterday that on March 19, two days before the Langa shooting which left 19 people dead, instructions were given to divisional commissioners in all areas that police manning Casspir patrol vehicles be equipped with R1 rifles.

The instruction from police headquarters, a copy of which was sent to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, said: "When petrol bombs or acid bombs are thrown at police vehicles, private vehicles or private property, every attempt must be made to eliminate the guilty party.

"When members are trapped in unrest situations and their lives endangered they must not hesitate to use the R1."

Colonel Van Rooyen, who is responsible for ensuring that riot policemen are properly trained and equipped, said during cross-examination that:

● Teargas was not always effective in outdoor situations and could sometimes be thrown back at police.

● He was unaware until he heard it in court yesterday that police in Uitenhage had for a protracted period been issued with no conventional riot-control equipment such as birdshot, rubber bullets and teargas.

● It was contrary to regulations and conventional riot-control methods to send patrols into troubled areas without this kind of equipment.

● He found it amazing that since March 15, police in Uitenhage were issued with only S S G shotgun cartridges, the second-heaviest calibre of shot for their shotguns.

● It was expecting the impossible of the commander of a Casspir to communicate effectively with a big crowd without a loudhailer.

Yesterday Mr Chris Jansen, representing the minister, submitted to the commission telex messages between the Eastern Cape Divisional Commissioner of Police, Brigadier C Swart, and police headquarters in Pretoria.

Request

The first message was a request for authorization to use buckshot and handguns on rioters because birdshot and rubber bullets had been found ineffective.

The message, sent on February 8, listed 15 incidents of unrest in Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage to justify the request.

Mr Wim Trengove, appearing for the families, said during cross-examination of Colonel Van Rooyen that according to the telex, police were involved in only three of the 15 incidents mentioned in the message and one of those was a pursuit and arrest which did not fall within the general category of riot situations.

Gas cartridge

"In the first incident, when about 1 000 people attacked a delivery truck and set it alight, police dispersed the crowd with one 37mm gas cartridge," said Mr Trengove.

"In the other incident a crowd of about 800 people was dispersed with birdshot, teargas and rubber bullets. This does not seem in any way to support the statement made in the telex request to Pretoria that teargas, rubber bullets and teargas were not effective enough?"

Colonel Van Rooyen said: "I must agree with you."

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Commission looks at Rastafarian notes

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — Cryptic notes in a mysterious black book — which has figured prominently in police evidence about the Langa shooting on March 21 — were yesterday said to be consistent with the teachings of Rastafarianism, a black religious cult.

Mr Errol Moorcroft, Progressive Federal Party MP for Albany and a member of a PFP delegation represented at the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry into the shooting, was yesterday asked to explain notes contained in a book which police witnesses have said was brandished by the leader moments before police opened fire.

Evidence has been led that the man who brandished the book and a bottle, which police witnesses have said was a petrol bomb, was shot dead.

Mr Moorcroft, who did a thesis at Oxford University on millenarianism, a religious movement found worldwide, said Rastafarianism was a black religious cult started in Jamaica in the 1930s by Marcus Garvey.

It was not recognized as a revolutionary brand of religion. Its followers believed in the Bible but not white Christian teachings. They believed Heaven was a fraudulent perception created by whites.

Contained in the book was the name Bob Marley. Mr Moorcroft said this was the name of a singer and songwriter.

PAC slogan?

A phrase, "Africa for the African", also noted in the book, was a Rastafarian slogan.

Cross-examined by Mr Chris Jansen, appearing for the SA Police, about whether this was not the slogan of the Pan African Congress, Mr Moorcroft said the PAC might have adopted the slogan.

Rastafarians believed Heaven was in Ethiopia.

"Ethiopia was not under white colonial rule and in biblical teachings Ethiopia was perceived to be Africa. To blacks it symbolized freedom.

"They see a new age when blacks will be the masters and whites the servants, a reversal of roles as it were. As far as I know Rastafarianism does not intend to drive the white man out or into the sea."

● Mr Moorcroft — a member of the PFP delegation which inspected the scene of the Langa shooting a day afterwards — has told the commission he saw what he thought were bloodstains on the road about 20 metres from where police had opened fire.

He said he had been searching for signs of petrol-bomb burns because of claims that they had been used against police.

He found no evidence of petrol-bomb burns. One burn mark he spotted in the grass was later found by a police forensic expert, General D Neethling, to have been made by a burning tyre a few weeks earlier.

Ten metres from the first stain he found a number of stains which appeared to have been made by blood.

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Pretoria said: "I wish with respect to stress that the use of rubber bullets and birdshot to stop this kind of act of terrorism is not producing results.

"It is virtually impossible to arrest arsonists and stone-throwers and this can be done only in exceptional instances. I ask permission to use buckshot and handguns under strict control."

The commission heard that Pretoria replied by telex four days later acceding to the request, but laying down four conditions.

These were that AAA buckshot could be used to normalize the situation provided it was used under the strict control of a responsible member of the police, that buckshot be fired at only selected targets after they had been properly identified, that headquarters be kept informed daily about the effectiveness of the new measure and that approval be granted as a temporary measure for 14 days.

On March 5, Brigadier Swart requested that the special dispensation be extended for another 14 days.

Colonel Van Rooyen said teargas could not be used in all riot circumstances. If the wind was strong teargas could be rendered ineffective, or if it was calm, police themselves could be affected unless equipped with gasmasks.

"There have even been cases where teargas canisters have been thrown back at the police and if this happened to police in a Casspir they would be put out of action instantly," he said.

Questioned by Mr Justice Kannemeyer, Colonel Van Rooyen said large teargas canisters could be fired at a crowd with a special launcher. Its range was 150m. Smaller cylinders could be fired from a special rifle attachment to a maximum distance of about 80m and other teargas grenades could be thrown into a crowd.

He agreed that if the launcher was used there was little likelihood that the canister could be thrown back at the police.

Colonel Van Rooyen gave evidence in camera to the commission on tactics used by rioters to counter the softer methods of riot control, such as birdshot, rubber bullets and teargas.

The hearing continues at 9.30am today.

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Secret witness quizzed on Langa



Mr Justice Kannemeyer . . . hearing evidence in camera.

ing by the leader of the crowd of a bottle that appeared to be a petrol bomb.

"In such chaotic circumstances you can't say whether things happened in a set sequence.

"When the stones began to fall, the order to fire was given," the witness replied.

Asked if the warning shot and the order to fire had been close, he said there had been a pause. "There was the warning shot — and there was no reaction to that — and then the stones were thrown, and then we got the order to fire."

Cross-examined by Mr Peter Gastrow, for the Progressive Federal Party, the witness said he could not explain why his name was not on a list containing a tally of the number of shots fired by each policeman during the incident.

He said he had fired three shots from a 9 mm pistol and had reported this to the officer in charge, Lieutenant John William Fouche.

The commission chairman, Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer, has ordered that the witness should not be identified.

The court was cleared of everyone except commission officials and the media during his evidence.

Yesterday the commission heard evidence of top-level orders for the elimination of petrol and acid bombers.

The head of the police riot control section, Colonel Adolf Charlton van Rooyen, said the order to shoot petrol bombers had come in a telex message from the Senior Deputy Commissioner of Police, General Hennie de Wit, two days before the township shootings, which left 19 people dead.

The instructions, sent to divisional commissioners round the country, ordered that police try under all circumstances to eliminate those guilty of petrol and acid bomb attacks.

General de Wit had also ordered that R-1 rifles be issued to all SAP members patrolling areas in which petrol bomb attacks occurred, and that the policemen should not hesitate to use the weapons when danger to lives and property was involved.

Colonel van Rooyen told the commission under cross-examination that he was surprised to hear that police at Uitenhage had been issued with heavier SSG shotgun cartridges after a request for the use of buckshot had been granted.

Replying to questions by Mr Gastrow, the colonel said portable loud-hailers should have been issued to the men involved in the shootings.

"It would have been an almost impossible task for the officer in charge to communicate effectively with the crowd without a loud-hailer.

"It seems the instructions were not followed."

Colonel van Rooyen agreed with Mr Wim Trengove, for the victims' families, that a list of events submitted to SAP headquarters by the Divisional Commissioner of the Eastern Cape, Brigadier C A Swart, did not bear out his statement that conventional methods of unrest control were not succeeding.

Of the 15 incidents listed by Brigadier Swart in a request for permission for units to use buckshot, police had been involved in only two.

In both cases teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot had been sufficient to disperse crowds of up to 1 000 which had stoned and burnt a bus and a lorry.

Colonel van Rooyen said teargas and rubber bullets would probably have dispersed the crowd involved in the Langa shootings, had these measures been taken when only about 250 people were present at an earlier stage.

Examined by Mr Chris Jansen, SC (for the Minister of Law and Order), Colonel van Rooyen said there were not enough police to man permanent riot squads at each trouble spot.

Conventional forces and unsuitably trained men also had to be used, he said.

Mr Errol Moorcroft, the PFP MP for Albany, told the commission of his observations during an inspection at the site the day after the shootings.

He said he had seen what he believed was blood on the road on which the incident occurred — 20 m and 30 m from where the police Casspirs had been parked.

Evidence has been that the police opened fire on the crowd when the front rank was about 7 m from the vehicles.

Mr Moorcroft also told the commission that he had searched for traces of burn marks caused by petrol bombs but had found none. — Sapa.

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Greater force 'not justified'

UITENHAGE. — The Head of the SAP's Riot Control Division, Colonel Adolf Charlton van Rooyen, said yesterday recent events in the Eastern Cape did not justify a request by local police to use greater force in dealing with unrest.

He also told the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry that he was "surprised" that the police had used a heavier type of shotgun cartridge than they had requested permission for.

Col Van Rooyen was asked by Mr Wim Trengove to comment on a telex sent by Brigadier C A Swart, the divisional commissioner of the Eastern Cape, to police headquarters, requesting permission for police to use buckshot instead of birdshot and teargas and rubber bullets in dealing with unrest.

Col Van Rooyen, also second-in-command of the Police Counter-Insurgency Unit, agreed with Mr Trengove that only two out of 15 incidents listed in the telex to support the request had involved police action and that in both cases crowds of up to 1 000 had been dispersed by means of teargas, birdshot and rubber bullets.

Mr Trengove asked: "So Brigadier Swart's submission that birdshot, teargas and rubber bullets were not having great effect in stopping unrest, was not supported by the events."

Col Van Rooyen said: "I must agree with you".

Permission to use buckshot, following the February 8 telex, was granted for a 14-day period subject to strict control.

Col Van Rooyen was asked earlier by the chairman of the commission, Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer, whether he could explain evidence that police at Uitenhage had been issued with R1 rifles and SSG shotgun cartridges, which are more effective than buckshot, since March 15.

Col Van Rooyen said: "I can't explain that."

Cross-examined by Mr Peter Gastrow, for the Progressive Federal Party, Col Van Rooyen agreed it would have been almost impossible for the officers in charge at the Uitenhague shooting to order the crowd to disperse without using a loudspeaker.

"Portable loudspeakers are normally issued to men going on patrol. It is possible the men didn't have any," he said.

Mr Trengove asked the colonel whether police in vehicles were relatively safe if a member of a mob picked up a teargas canister and threw it back.

Col Van Rooyen said this was so.

Later, Mr Justice Kannemeyer asked what the range of the teargas canister was.

Col Van Rooyen said the maximum range was about 100m.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer asked: "There has been evidence that there were about 250 people at the start of events on the day of the shooting. What would the effect of the teargas have been at that stage."

Col Van Rooyen replied: "It is possible they would have dispersed."

Earlier yesterday, Col Van Rooyen told the commission that police headquarters had issued instructions two days before the shootings — on March 19 — that all Casspirs going on patrol should be issued with R1 rifles and sufficient ammunition.

The orders, contained in a telex from General Hennie de Wit, the Senior Deputy Commissioner of Police, had said that people who threw petrol bombs at police should be "eliminated under all circumstances".

The telex also said police should not hesitate to use R1 rifles when lives and property were in danger.

Also giving evidence yesterday was Mr Errol Moorcroft, the PFP MP for Albany.

He said he had noticed bloodstains 20m and also 30m from the spot where the police Casspirs were said to have been parked.

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More unrest incidents in East Cape

By JANE CONYNGHAM

SPORADIC incidents of unrest occurred in the Eastern Cape last night.

Lieutenant Hein Lourens, police liaison officer at the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria, said today:

"Radical elements intent on causing disruption and anarchy continued in their attempts to break down the infrastructure of the black townships. Once again those representing law and order and other moderate leaders were their targets."

According to a police decision this week, all information to the media about unrest must be issued from Pretoria.

Lt Lourens said that at Fort Beaufort, in the Hillside black township, a group of about 100 "radicals" stoned a bread delivery van, stole the bread and robbed the driver of the cash.

"This sort of activity causes hardship to the peace-loving members of the community," he said.

"At Grahamstown, in the Fingo and Tantje townships, moderate leaders were the targets of these radical elements. They stoned the home of the councillor and set the home of another councillor on fire," he said.

In the first incident the police used tearsmoke to disperse stone throwers, he said.

"In Bontrug, near Kirkwood, anarchists again attacked those representing law and order by setting fire and destroying five houses belonging to members of the SA Police. In the same township they also caused extensive damage to a store house."

Damage in the fires at this stage was estimated to be thousands of rands.

"In other incidents in the townships of Fingo, Tantje, Langa, New Brighton and Tinus, radical elements tried to prevent the police from carrying out their function of maintaining law and order," said Lt Lourens.

"On numerous occasions police patrols were stoned and in self-defence they were at times forced to use tearsmoke, rubber bullets and shotguns to disperse stone-throwing groups."

He said no injuries or casualties were reported.

"At New Brighton arsonists set fire to a school, causing extensive damage. A member of the SADF was slightly injured while assisting in extinguishing the fire."

He did not know how the man was injured.

"This sort of activity further disrupts the infrastructure in black areas and hampers the eductaion of black children in these areas," he added.

'I would have been dead . . .'

Secret police witness backs Langa action

By SHIRLEY PRESSLY

GIVING evidence in camera before the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry into the Langa shooting yesterday a member of the police force said: "If we did not shoot I would have been dead."

The witness, to be described only as Witness A, may not be identified other than as a member of the South African Police and not by name, rank or race.

The witness said Lt John Fouche addressed the crowd at Langa and asked it to disperse.

A woman with bare breasts threw a stone which hit one of the Caspirs and Lt Fouche fired a shot. "At the same time they threw stones".

"When the stones came we got the order to fire. The crowd was about five metres away.

"The front rows fell back like waves into one another and after the shots were fired they went in different directions," said Witness A.

The Reaction Unit chief, Colonel Adolph van Rooyen, told the commission earlier that it was possible that the crowd which confronted the police could have been dispersed with riot control equipment, had it been available.

He said he was in charge of seeing that the Reaction Unit members were trained and properly equipped for their task.

Col Van Rooyen was cross-questioned at length on the effectiveness of methods used by reaction police in riot control. He said it was possible that the crowd could have been dispersed by using tearsmoke when they numbered about 250 but if it was used in small quantities it could enrage a crowd further.

He said effective methods had been devised by rioters to neutralise tearsmoke, but declined to say what these were. He later gave evidence in camera to explain his statement.

In open court he explained that two types of tearsmoke canisters could be used for crowd control. One was a grenade which could be thrown or fired from an R1 for a distance of 150 metres. A smaller cannister measuring 37mm could be fired from a rubber bullet stopper for a distance of 70 to 80 metres.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer: The chances of throwing it back are minimal?

Col Van Rooyen: Yes.

The colonel said there were not enough men trained in reaction duties and use had to be made of untrained men.

He had visited the Reaction Unit in Port Elizabeth earlier this year and was satisfied they were properly equipped.

A telex was read out to the court dated February 8 in which the Divisional Commissioner of Police in the Eastern Cape, Brigadier C A Swart, asked headquarters' permission to use AAA ammunition to "normalise" the situation and also asked for permission for use of handguns under strict supervision.

The commission was told that AAA ammunition was a milder type of buckshot but was still able to kill.

On March 6 permission was given for 14 days use.

According to earlier evidence men on riot patrols in Uitenhage were only issued with SSG and R1 rifles from March 15.

The inquiry continues today.

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UITENHAGE — A police witness before the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry today denied that he and another policeman had discussed the Uitenhage shootings before making statements.

Mr Halton Cheadle, an instructing attorney appearing for the families of the victims, said there were 50 similarities in the statements of the witness, who may not be named except as Witness A, and that of Sergeant Gerhard Stumke, a previous police witness.

Mr Cheadle said the similarities related to the sequence of events immediately prior to the shootings that left 19 people dead, and he would submit that both witnesses had diverted from their statements in their evidence before the commission.

He said that even the wording was similar in some instances.

Sgt Stumke was one of 15 policemen involved in a confrontation with a crowd in Meduna Road, Langa, in which 19 people died on March 21.

When Witness A appeared to have difficulty in understanding a question put to him by Mr Cheadle, the chairman, Mr Justice Kannemeyer, explained to him that it was being suggested by Mr Cheadle that he had discussed his statement with Sgt Stumke.

The witness said the statements had been made in different offices on the same day.

"I made my statement alone and so did Sgt Stumke. There was no time to discuss the statements."

Questioned further on the similarity of the wording and of the sequence of events in the statements, Witness A said: "Everybody has his own observation."

Mr Cheadle asked whether the witness stood by his statement, in which he said the order to fire was preceded by a warning shot, stones being thrown by the crowd and by a coloured woman, and the producing by the leader of the crowd of a bottle which appeared to be a petrol bomb.

"In such chaotic circumstances you can't say whether things happened in a set sequence. When the stones began to fall, the order to fire was given," the witness replied.

Describing the sequence of events, Witness A said: "The stone came, the warning shot was fired, the order to fire came."

He added: "The first stone thrown by the bare-breasted woman was the sign for the crowd to attack."

He said the crowd were singing a refrain which ended with the word "bulala amabula" and then punctutated with "hai, hai". He had been told that this refrain meant "kill the *boere*".

Witness A said police opened fire when the crowd was five metres away.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer intervened at one stage while Mr Cheadle was cross-examining the witness about distances to say: "This is degenerating into almost a motor accident inquiry — five paces, nine paces — I don't know if it is really important."

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Woman dies in unrest

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PORT ELIZABETH — Another person has died and two people were reported injured yesterday in further unrest in the Eastern Cape, where arson attacks on schools caused major damage.

Mrs Nogameni Fulani, 53, was allegedly killed in her kitchen, and her nine-year-old granddaughters Ntombexolo Monti, was shot in the right eye during a shooting incident in the transit camp in Motherwell, Port Elizabeth on Tuesday.

Ntombexolo was admitted to Livingstone Hospital.

Also on Tuesday, a Motherwell school was set on fire. A spokesman for the SA Police public relations division in Pretoria said the fire spread to an adjoining business.

When police arrived at the scene they were stoned and tearsmoke and rubber bullets were used to disperse the crowd, he said.

Last night the spokesman said sporadic incidents of stone-throwing and petrol bomb attacks on police vehicles had occurred in Fingo Village, Grahamstown and in Motherwell.

He said police used tearsmoke and shotguns to disperse crowds.

It was possible that in one incident at Motherwell police using shotguns could have injured two women, but they were taken away by the crowd, the spokesman said.

In Grahamstown, arsonists struck at the Samuel Ntlebi Primary School yesterday, destroying four classrooms.

The local circuit inspector for the Department of Education and Training, Mr G. Theron, said that damage to the building alone was estimated at R80 000.

Mr Theron said there had also been an attempt to set fire to Ntsika Junior School yesterday morning, but only minimal damage had been caused.

Sporadic stonings occurred in townships in Grahamstown, New Brighton, Veeplaaas, Despatch and Kirkwood on Tuesday evening, when minor incidents of arson were also reported from Kirkwood, Cookhouse and Fort Beaufort.

The spokesman said rubber bullets, tearsmoke and buckshot were used several times on Tuesday to disperse crowds in Grahamstown. Two policemen were slightly injured. No other injuries were reported.

● All stores in the Grahamstown townships have been closed for the past week and township residents have had to do all their shopping in the white area. — DDC-SAPA.

Dummies 'not at all amusing'

CAPE TIMES 4/4/85

By STEPHEN WROTTESLEY
Crime Reporter

CAPE TOWN'S top policeman, Brigadier G J Odendaal, said yesterday he did not find the dumping of dummies in Greenmarket Square "at all amusing".

Brigadier Odendaal, the Divisional Commissioner of Police for the Western Cape, was commenting on a demonstration by students of the Michaelis School of Art on Tuesday. The students left dummies in Greenmarket Square in protest against the deaths at Langa township in Uitenhage nearly two weeks ago.

Brigadier Odendaal said: "I don't find the dumping of private property, such as dummies, on a public square by students of the Michaelis School of Art at all amusing."

Valuable police time, which could have been better utilized in preventing crime, had been lost.

The brigadier said he wondered if people realized to what extent police response to urgent calls and attendance at scenes of serious accidents was delayed by this type of behaviour.

He said he had made an appointment with the principal of the art school to discuss the matter with him. "In the meantime I hope those responsible will come forward of their own accord."

The dummies were taken away from Greenmarket Square by police who said the rightful owners could claim them from Caledon Square.

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Le Grange . . . how come he was misinformed?

last two weeks.

On March 16, 17 and 18 there was a stayaway in Port Elizabeth — attributed to the Port Elizabeth Black Civic Organisation (Pebco) and the Motor Assembly and Components Workers' Union of SA (Macwusa). Pebco, which had a high profile in the early Eighties when it was led by Thozamile Botha, appears to have been galvanised recently after operating at a low key for the last few years.

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Two pamphlets were distributed in PE townships at the time of the stayaway. One makes it clear that it was to have been linked to the 30th anniversary of the Congress of Trade Unions (Sactu), the union body linked to the African National Congress which has operated in exile since the early Sixties.

The other pamphlet said the three-day stayaway was to be regarded as a period of mourning, and enumerated grievances about petrol, transport and food costs as well as the hike in gst.

Despite Macwusa's involvement, however, Peter Cunningham, an industrial sociologist at the University of Port Elizabeth, says other unions in the area did not support the stayaway: "The relationship between these unions and employers remains good. The trade unions are aware of how bad the economic situation in the PE area is — more so than the other organisations — and have adopted a very pragmatic attitude."

The second stayaway on March 21 — the day of the Langa killings — was confined to Uitenhage and it is not clear what organisations, if any, were involved. Cunningham says that early on that day some employers reported that only half their workforce had reported for duty, while others said they had their full staff complement. Later in the day, however, it seems that almost all workers went home. ■

THE UNREST

Blood and lies

Police Commissioner General Johan Coetzee is going to have to act fast to trace the origin of what seems to have been a chain of lies about the Langa shootings that led Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange to give incorrect information to Parliament. Internationally it is accepted as a sign of demoralisation when the communications system of a military or para-military force becomes corrupted by false information.

No one is suggesting that Le Grange deliberately deceived Parliament. What is known, from evidence before the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry into the Langa shootings, is that the local divisional commissioner of police sent a telex to police head office saying the Langa crowd had been armed with petrol bombs; that unexploded petrol bombs had been found after the shootings; and that the police contingent on the spot had been surrounded. It was on that telex that Le Grange's statement seems to have been based.

Yet in evidence before Judge Kannemeyer the police commander at Langa, Lieutenant John Fouche, said his contingent was not surrounded, that no petrol bombs were thrown, and that none had been found after the shootings.

It is going to be up to the judge, working from evidence before him, to decide what to make of the contradictions between the telex and Fouche's statements. That does not necessarily prevent police head office from drawing its own conclusions about its reporting system.

While Kannemeyer deliberates, unrest both in the eastern Cape and elsewhere continues with few signs of a let-up.

Political violence

At least 80 people are believed to have been killed by police action so far this year and the death toll in black political violence since the Vaal Triangle erupted in September 1984 is now approaching 250. Police fear that the mass funeral of the Langa victims over the Easter weekend — expected to be the biggest funeral since that of Steve Biko — could lead to further bloody confrontations.

Minister le Grange now seems certain to be replaced by Deputy Minister Adriaan Vlok in the near future. His resignation could come when Judge Kannemeyer brings out his report — particularly if it judges police actions at Langa in a harsh light.

The unrest is fast becoming the ruling National Party's biggest crisis in its tenure, with the eastern Cape hovering on the brink of total anarchy. The seriousness of the situation was demonstrated when government took the controversial decision to deploy soldiers in the townships around Port Elizabeth. Grahamstown and Cradock have also been flashpoints for months.

But what government finds more disturbing is that the violence is not limited to urban areas and seems to be spreading to platteland towns like Bothaville and Kroonstad in the Free State. The standard claim that "agitators from Soweto" are responsible is unlikely to apply in these areas.

Although the centre of political violence has shifted from the Vaal Triangle, where some 70 people were killed last year, black anger and frustration in the Triangle as well as on the East and West Rand are believed to be dangerously high. In the eastern Cape itself some trade unions seem to be taking advantage of the disturbed situation — although there is disagreement in union ranks about the wisdom of such action. Two work stayaways have occurred in the area in the

WHAT JUDGE KANNEMEYER IS HEARING

With the victims of the Langa shootings still unburied, the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry started hearing evidence last week in an effort to piece together the details of the incident that caused the death of 19 people on March 21.

The shooting in Maduna Road, Langa, was over within a few violent seconds. Some of the 15 policemen in two Casspirs involved in the confrontation with the crowd of between 4 000 and 6 000 fired only one round. But the inquiry — conducted in a subdued, formal atmosphere — will take weeks. The commission, chaired by Justice Donald Kannemeyer, has attracted a clutch of legal representatives to the ill-ventilated Uitenhage courtroom. They include representatives for relatives of the victims, Progressive Federal Party MPs and the police, all subjecting witnesses to detailed examination.

Apart from the press, sitting in the box usually reserved for the accused, two PFP MPs and senior police officers sitting near the door, almost all the available seating is taken up by some 70 black people. They sit in classic sardine-can formation, listening impassively to evidence from policemen involved in the shooting. Their only reaction — a few soft clicks — came when 43-year-old Lt John William Fouche, a man who once saved 104 coloured people from drowning in the flooded Gamtoos river, told how he ordered his men to open fire after seeing one woman throw a rock at one of the Casspirs.

By the fourth day of the inquiry, major aspects of the statement about the shooting released in Parliament by Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange had been seriously questioned. Cross-examining Fouche, Wim Trengove, appearing for some of the families of the victims, repeatedly questioned aspects of Le Grange's statement.

Yes, responded a perspiring Fouche, it was untrue that the leader of the crowd had been carrying a brick. No, the Casspirs had not been surrounded. It was untrue that the police had been pelted with stones, sticks and petrol bombs. There were no petrol bomb explosions. There are no rocks around the Casspirs in the photographs because the rocks were round and had bounced back. No, it would not have been possible for the police to retreat.

Earlier in the inquiry, it was revealed that traditional riot control equipment — teargas, birdshot, rubber bullets and loudhailers — had been phased out in Uitenhage in February. Since Langa, they have been reinstated. The crucial question of the intention of the crowd is far from cleared up.

Recalled to the witness box on Friday, Sgt W B Bradley said that the people of Langa were told through a public address system that only the funeral scheduled for Langa that day had been postponed. No announcement was made in Langa about the postponement of funerals in Kwanobuhle, 10 km away.

According to Fouche, the threatening attitude of the crowd had convinced him that it intended killing people that day. People had sung: "Today we are going to kill white people." Last month, he said, he had seen the mutililated body of a policeman in Kwanobuhle and he did not want the same thing to happen to him or his men.

'Impression of bomb' so man was shot

UITENHAGE. — The Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry into the shooting at Langa, Uitenhage, which left 19 dead and others wounded, heard that a policeman shot a man under the impression that he was holding a petrol bomb.

Sergeant Benjamin Rudman, one of the policemen manning a Casspir armoured vehicle commanded by Warrant Officer Wouter Pentz, said yesterday that moments before the order to fire was given he saw a man brandishing a cold drink bottle filled with a pinkish liquid — and his impression was that it was a petrol bomb.

When the order came to open fire he aimed at and shot the man.

Earlier police evidence has been that another man, clearly identified as the leader of the crowd, pulled a bottle filled with a pinkish substance from under his coat moments before the order was given to fire.

Pieces of glass

Sergeant Rudman said during cross-examination by Mr Peter Gastrow, for the opposition Progressive Federal Party, that he had found only two small pieces of glass near the body. There was no sign of a paper wick.

Sergeant Rudman said he had not seen nor heard of any unexploded petrol bombs at the site after the shooting.

Questioned by the chairman of the commission, Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer, he said he had not seen any liquid on the road and conceded that one often found bits of glass on township streets.

Another witness, who may not be identified, said he did not see a bicycle being ridden by a teenager before the order to fire was given.

But moments after the crowd fled and the order to cease fire was given, he saw a bicycle lying among the debris. He rejected suggestions that police had fired on a teenager riding a bicycle during the shooting.

The witness also said that WO Pentz's Casspir did not leave the scene of the shooting until after all the dead and injured had been removed.

Similarities

Earlier, WO Pentz and other policemen testified that they were called to attend to another incident of violence within minutes of the Langa shooting.

The attention of the commission was drawn to similarities between the statements given to investigating detectives by two policemen involved in the shooting.

The commission was told by Mr Halton Cheadle, appearing for the families of some of those shot, that there were about 50 similarities in the statements given by two policemen to the investigating officer.

However, the unidentified witness said his statement and that of a Sergeant Stumke had been made in different offices on the same day and there had been "no time to discuss the statement". — Sapa and Own Correspondent

More violence in Cape townships

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — In sporadic incidents of unrest in townships in Fort Beaufort, Grahamstown and Kirkwood, houses belonging to councillors and policemen were set on fire or stoned on Wednesday night.

In New Brighton, Port Elizabeth, extensive damaged was caused when a school was set alight. A member of the Defence Force was injured while helping extinguish the fire.

The homes of five policemen living in Bontrug, Kirkwood, were destroyed by fire on Wednesday night and a township warehouse was extensively damaged in an arson attack.

The spokesman said a mob of up to 100 youths looted a bread delivery van and also robbed the driver of an unknown amount of cash in Fort Beaufort's Hillside township on Wednesday night.

The home of Rini town councillor Mr T Qangule was petrol-bombed at 11.30pm on Wednesday.

"I was in my bedroom at the time and didn't see the attackers," said Mr Qangule. "I just heard a bang and my wife saw a bright light in the dining room. We found the room on fire."

Police guard

A six-man police guard was placed around the house for the remainder of the night and was still there yesterday morning.

Mr Qangule said he would not be intimidated into resigning.

It was also reported that groups of black youths attempted to erect barricades across several township streets, including the main entrance to the city.

In Joza, near Grahamstown, a group tried to prevent the normal flow of traffic through the township by placing barricades in the streets. When police removed the obstructions they were stoned, and teargas was used to disperse the crowd.

In another incident at Jansenville, Grahamstown, a delivery vehicle was damaged when a crowd pelted it with stones. When the police arrived on the scene they, too, were stoned. Teargas and birdshot were used to disperse the crowd.

In Port Elizabeth, the entire Ward 9 committee of the Kayamnandi Town Council resigned yesterday because their homes have been the target of violence.

The chairman of the committee, Mr Daniel Ngoma, said yesterday that the decision by his committee was unanimous. It had been conveyed to the councillor for the ward, Mr Jimmy Nako.

Mr Ngoma said that what had worried the committee was that all the projects discussed at their meetings and aimed at improving the standard of living of township residents, had not got off the ground. He added that he hoped the committee members who had resigned would be accepted back into the community. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

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Two sides in debate over sanctions against South Africa



London Dateline
By STANLEY UYS

EVEN before the Uitenhage shootings on March 21, scarcely a week passed without a report appearing in the international press about the sanctions campaign against South Africa. Since March 21, scarcely a day passes.

The world-wide sanctions campaign is gathering a new momentum now, stimulated not only by the recent events in South Africa but also by the phenomenal upsurge of anti-apartheid feeling in the United States.

For anyone who is interested in the pros and cons of sanctions against apartheid, I can recommend two reports. One is a 60-page paper by Chris Child, a member of the British Anti-Apartheid Movement, issued by the UN Centre Against Apartheid (July 1984). The other is a lengthy article in the Economist of March 30 by Simon Jenkins, plus an editorial.

Between them, Childs and Jenkins give the reader all the facts and opinions he needs to make up his mind about sanctions. The contrast in views could not be more sharply drawn.

Flood gates

Jenkins's article is particularly valuable, because while the case for sanctions has been stated and restated over the years (although not usually as cogently as Childs has done), the case against sanctions is often poorly, even perfunctorily, argued.

The pro-sanctions strategy is for the world to withdraw from all contact with South Africa until the apartheid system collapses, while the anti-sanctions strategy is to overwhelm South Africa with contact — to pour in money, trade and people until the apartheid system can no longer contain it.

Child urges the former and the Economist urges the latter. Each believes the other's strategy will not work. In between are the selective sanctioners. So we can all take our choice. I know where my choice would lie — with opening the flood gates, although I admit that I would make this choice mainly because I dread the mutually assured destruction that would result from total sanctions.

There has been talk of sanctions now for three decades but there is an imponderable factor in the new sanctions campaign. Its course can no longer be calculated logically, because allowance has to be made for impulsive action by people who are so appalled by what has been happening in South Africa that they feel impelled to satisfy emotions that have overwhelmed them.

One fact which emerges clearly from both Child's and Jenkins's reports is that businessmen, and particularly transnationals, with interests in South Africa, are going to be in the forefront of this controversy over sanctions and will need to ponder more deeply than they have done until now on how they are going to defend their positions.

The days when they could ignore the sanctions movement, or treat the EEC and Sullivan codes with attitudes ranging from mild interest to open contempt, are coming to an end.

American businessmen seem to have sensed this sooner than their British counterparts and are moving into the new field of "conditional" investment — they will be prepared to continue their investment in South Africa, or risk new investment, only if President Botha is able to deliver more apartheid reforms.

British businessmen, no doubt because they feel they have a longer and deeper involvement in the South African economy, are shrinking back from this kind of confrontation, preferring to shelter behind South African business organizations.

In doing so, they may find they have miscalculated the determination with which the new sanctions campaign is being conducted and the new international mood this vigorous campaigning is creating. They may find it necessary to give more visible proof of their anti-apartheid bona fides.

Encouraged by the new climate of public opinion in the United States and by the outraged reaction generally to the way the South African police have handled the unrest in the black townships over the past seven months, the sanctions campaigners are finding ever more ingenious ways of putting the financial screws on South Africa.

Implacable

The new sanctions campaign is becoming less generalized and more specific. Everything is being reviewed again — from the old Cotter-Ferguson "hit list" of 41 selective sanctions to a ban on new investment, actual disinvestment, and full trade sanctions.

Child's paper is particularly interesting because he is so fundamentally implacable. He dismisses both the codes and selective sanctions as inadequate and declares there is no substitute for full-scale sanctions.

Action against only one form of collaboration with apartheid, he says, leaves others untouched. Selective sanctions can never be effective. It is not pressure for change that is needed, but the dismantling of the whole system.

"Sanctions," declares Child, "must not be seen as a means of applying pressure, nor as a punitive measure, but as a means of isolating the regime and so aiding the freedom struggle within South Africa itself.

"Sanctions would need to be properly supervised, policed and implemented. They would need to be made mandatory by the UN Security Council and, above all, they would need to be comprehensive and imposed immediately. What is required, is the most effective action against South Africa covering all collaboration, all countries.

"And to be fully effective, they will need to be located in the context of, and seen as a contribution to, the success of the liberation struggle in South Africa and Namibia, as part of a broader approach to the problem of apartheid — an approach of confrontation with the regime, with the total elimination of apartheid and the transfer of power to the majority as its objective."

Well, you can't go much further than that. This is the South African revolution in a nutshell.

There are numerous reasons why the people who matter — governments, businessmen and so forth — will not embark on sanctions of this kind.

For one thing the record of sanctions over the ages is not encouraging — it would need a naval blockade to enforce sanctions against South Africa and who is prepared to do that?

For another thing Pretoria would make sure that not only would blacks in and around South Africa suffer first, but they would be seen to suffer first.

Also, sanctions would go totally against the grain of Western governments and Western businessmen: it would jar on the whole philosophy of their approach to apartheid. The chances of them being persuaded or even coerced into sanctions are just about nil.

Child, as I see it, undermines his whole case by the sheer immensity of his vision. If sanctions as he envisages them were to be successful, South Africa would be reduced to a wasteland, and who would go this whole way with him? Certainly not the people — governments and traders — who maintain the actual links with South Africa. They are not going to be coerced into taking part in what in effect would be a total onslaught against South Africa.

Too horrific

Child has come up against a strategic problem here, much like the ANC's problem. The ANC is also committed to a total onslaught, because it cannot admit that apartheid is reformable. If it does, much of the militancy would drain out of its organization. On the other hand, if it pursues a total onslaught, and wins, it too will inherit a wasteland.

No doubt businessmen have reconciled themselves with this thought — that sanctions can never be implemented because the consequences are too horrific. But this is to overlook the potential that the sanctions campaign has to cause both embarrassment and damage to business firms which have links with South Africa.

My guess is that the sanctions campaign now being unleashed on the international community will produce one definite consequence at least: Businessmen with interests in South Africa will learn that they can no longer eat their cake and have it — they will either have to distance themselves more effectively from apartheid or become more identified with it.

This would mean the end of a cosy relationship with President Botha's government, but that relationship is coming to an end anyway.

Unrest: financial loss for furniture dealers

By MIKE LOEWE

THE current civil unrest in the Eastern Cape is costing furniture dealers a lot of money.

Several dealers said this week the ongoing unrest, together with the Government's austerity measures and unemployment, were making matters difficult for them.

The repossession of furniture from defaulters in black townships had virtually stopped, because of the fear of violence.

All the dealers interviewed said the courts were at present unable to repossess furniture from defaulters.

In any case, dealers said, they did not wish to carry out repossessions and were offering extended periods for repayments or offering reduced payment agreements.

Dealers said there were also problems with deliveries because of the need for police escorts. Vans had to wait outside township entrances for escorts — all day in some instances. Sometimes the police felt it unsafe for vans to enter areas like Red Location, New Brighton and Veeplaas.

At certain times the police had refused to escort anyone, or allow delivery vehicles in.

Store managers said they understood the feelings of their drivers when they sometimes refused to enter the townships.

Court messengers have also been reluc:ant to enter the townships, store manag:rs say.

Mr John Harwood, chairman of the East:rn Cape division of the Furniture Traders \ssociation of SA, said the unrest was add:ng to the difficulties caused by the Gov:rnment's austerity measures introduced ast year.

The measures included reducing periods f repayment by as much as six months nd increasing the monthly instalments, Mr Harwood said.

These factors, coupled with increasing nemployment and under-employment, ere creating a very serious situation.

He said furniture dealers had been losing money ever since the imposition of the credit regulations in August.

A short-term relief measure employed by store managers was to appeal to debtors to approach the stores to discuss the situation. Managers were prepared to set aside legal action for defaulters if they came in to discuss their problems.

"If we have to carry them, we will. We can't ignore their plight. We would like to sort out some kind of arrangement."

Mr N E Jacobs said he had been unable to repossess furniture at all.

"It is starting to put pressure on my relationship with my head office — they just don't understand when I say we cannot repossess furniture."

Last October he suffered a loss of R14 000 when one of his vans was burnt out.

"I was not covered for riot insurance. When that much is taken off your profit margin it really hits you badly. I think it's going to affect my bonus.

"My employers told me to go and see the debtors at their workplace. But most of them work for large companies and it is almost impossible to pull a man off the production line in order to discuss his debt with him."

Mr Jacobs said most furniture companies understood that many people were unemployed or working short time.

Mr Errol Behr, area manager for six furniture stores, said his company was extending periods of payment because it realised that unemployment and short time were the main causes of defaulting.

He said repossessions had almost come to a halt because the company felt they were not fair in the present economic circumstances.

Another store manager said he had reduced payments on hire purchase goods by four-fifths in some cases.

Mr Graeme Butler, whose company runs a chain of stores under different names, said: "All the stores dealing with black customers are facing the same problem. We all see each other and we discuss it among ourselves."

WEEKEND FOCUS



Argus Staff Reporter JON QWELANE has been covering the unrest in the Eastern Cape. He reports from UITENHAGE on his impressions of the mood of the people there.

The paradox of life

WITHERING apricot and peach trees in the yards of the two black townships here tell of a winter of despair ahead, coming soon after a spring not seasoned with much hope.

Many people walking the streets of Langa and Kwanobuhle look haggard and distant.

It is not difficult to sense that events of the past two weeks, from March 21, have remarkably changed their lives.

The Government has outlawed gatherings in the area for the next three months but wherever people congregate the conversation centres on the "evil" ways of the Government.

Police presence

The paradox of life returning to normal in the townships is the abnormal way it is happening. It has taken a continuous police presence to maintain a semblance of order — but the very police presence is detested.

An old man travelling to town in a taxi watched as a group of white policemen at a roadblock stopped and searched cars ahead. He observed that all the policemen were barely in their twenties and wondered aloud why they were not at school.

His conclusion was that the young officers "do not even know the constitution".

The rest of the passengers echoed agreement with the old man, even if by "constitution" he implied the country's statutes.



dents will have to live with, besides roadblocks and constant police surveillance, is the insistent drone of the army helicopter which has become part of the township's skies since March 21 when police gunfire accounted for 19 lives.

Helicopter hovers

The helicopter has hovered overhead each morning and afternoon. Every night since the shootings a powerful searchlight has beamed on the darkened townships. In its powerful beam — night turns to day at the points on which it focusses.

But a fact about life returning to normal is that there will be at least 36 people fewer. Most died in clashes with police in the past few days, and a number who worked "for the system" were stoned and set alight by mobs.

Supplies of essential commodities such as milk and bread are coming in again.

Services such as refuse removal and water supply have been surprisingly regular in spite of the turbulence. Schools are now in recess for Easter holidays but there is no doubt that the pupils have become highly politicised.

Industrial unrest may have become a permanent aspect of normal life in Uitenhage in particular, and the Eastern Cape in general.

In the past two weeks, two highly successful work boycotts occurred and in spite of the Government ban on meetings to discuss matters related to labour, it is likely that a boycott could be called at any time with a reasonable chance of success.

How normal is normality in Uitenhage?



The message is plain — life has to go on. Argus Staff Reporter KEN VERNON reports.

Behind the scenes

PORT ELIZABETH. — During more than 12 months of almost continuous violence in the Eastern Cape, townships have been described as "under siege", "in turmoil" or, more often, "quiet but tense".

Whites on the outside might be forgiven for imagining that the townships would resemble nothing less than some scenes from Dante's Inferno or from Apocalypse Now.

But usually, if one looks closely — past the shadow of the police armoured personnel carrier — one can find a little boy happily running along with his scrap wire "Chev", or the ubiquitous stick and wheel.

The message is plain: life has to go on, and does.

Even in the midst of what has been described as the civil war being fought between those who support "co-operation" with the Government and those who do not, or during bloody clashes between mobs of youths and police, people must eat and sleep — and children must play.

There are about 350 000 blacks living in the townships surrounding Port Elizabeth alone and the vast majority of them have to go to work, clean their house or go to school.

A "mob of rioting youths" may mean 50 or 500, but around that "riot", life goes on as normal.

The Uitenhage township of Kwanobuhle, scene of some of the fiercest fighting, is characterised by mounds of stinking rubbish on street corners. Shells of burnt-out cars still litter some streets.

Motorists drive around them, because to stop to try to drag them out of the way would be to invite attention — and in the townships remaining anonymous is the way to avoid trouble.

Because cars and buses have been the constant targets of stone throwers, the streets are full of pedestrians — walking to and from work, to the shop, or to nowhere.

Buses disgorge their loads on the outskirts of the townships, leaving walks of up to 6km for already weary people.

Deliveries of essential food have also been affected and open-air informal "shops" have sprung up on virtually every corner.

In many cases the stopping of deliveries by the bigger companies has created opportunities for individuals with bakkies to fill the gap and ride essentials from the outskirts to where they can be bought by residents.

But while these outward expressions of normality may present themselves to the casual observer, it is nevertheless true to speak of an underlying tension which is often almost palpable.

Small knots of young men are present on street corners, many of them school leavers to whom the chance of getting a job in the depressed Port Elizabeth-Uitenhage economy does not warrant the effort to go to town.

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'We want to avoid deaths'

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By SHIRLEY PRESSLY

"WE want to prevent loss of life. We don't want people, black or white, to die," the Deputy Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said in Port Elizabeth today.

Shakespeare remembered

Groups of mour

Weekend Post Reporter

GROUPS of mourners returning from funerals in Zwide township, Port Elizabeth, were dispersed today by police firing teargas canisters but there were no reports of shootings or injuries.

Thousands of people attended the funerals of four unrest victims — Mr Lawrence Bonginkofi Faltein, Mr Mnyamezeli Mlondobi, Mr Stokes Voyi and Mr Mzimasi Zandanta — who were buried in a combined funeral; and the funeral of Mr Xolile Kani, brother of actor Mr John Kani.

There was a strong police and South African Defence Force presence throughout the morning although the police and troops kept a relatively low profile.

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Ongoing unr East Cape cl another thre

Crime Reporter

THE ongoing unrest in the Eastern Cape has claimed another three lives since Thursday and police have had to use tearsmoke, rubber bullets and in some cases shotguns, to disperse groups of people.

A spokesman for the public relations division of the SA Police in Pretoria said groups gathered in several townships including New Brighton, Kwazakele; Motherwell, Tantje near Grahamstown, Fingo Village, Grahamstown, and Bontrug near Kirkwood.

Stones were thrown, blockades were erected in the roads and there were several cases of arson or attempted arson.

Port Elizabeth, last night after three private homes were burnt down.

Police in Langa, Uitenhage, came across a group of people who were throwing petrol bombs at the body of a man who had been repeatedly stabbed. The group fled when the police approached and put out the flames.

In Langa early yesterday a man was arrested after a house was gutted by fire.

A man was killed when police opened fire with shotguns on a stone-throwing crowd in Soweto, Port Elizabeth, on Thursday night.

The spokesman said police were accompanying the fire brigade to put out a

their immediate neighbourhoods.

These "mobile police stations" were established at different points.

He said the security forces would escort buses and also delivery vehicles such as bread delivery vehicles and vehicles for essential services.

The army acted in a supportive role to the police and did not carry out any policing duties.

The army were there to help with roadblocks, escorts for delivery vehicles and essential service vehicles and also to do patrols with the police.

Mr Vlok said army personnel were accompanied by members of the police and acted under their supervision on patrols.

He confirmed that army personnel, who represented all disciplines in the army such as permanent force and citizen force, as well as national servicemen, were armed with sharp ammunition, like the police.

But the orders were that set procedures be followed in dealing with crowds or any problem situations.

The patrols were equipped with loudhailers, loudspeakers, tearsmoke canisters, rubber bullets, birdshot and with shotguns and sharp ammunition.

He said the first priority of the security forces, who would not be pulling out soon, was to maintain law and order.

Once peace was restored it was hoped that community leaders would come forward and identify themselves and take part in round table talks with the Government.

The Government had indicated previously that it was prepared to negotiate with all black leaders who rejected violence and were prepared to gather around a table and talk.

"The Government will not appoint these leaders," said Mr Vlok.

He said it should not be deduced that the police could not cope because the army and the Railways Police had been called in to help.

Certain areas in the country had been identified as needing more steps to be taken than areas where it was quiet.

He said criticism was evoked both in South Africa and overseas because the unrest was dragging on.

The Government had chosen to restore law and order to prevent innocent and peace-loving people from being murdered, molested and having their homes damaged.

He said moderate black people were sick and tired of being subjected to violence by people who did not have their interests at heart but were pursuing their own goals.

Most people in the townships wanted to work, live and send their children to school. They had been hindered by an element of skollies, gangs and criminals who murdered,

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The Port Elizabeth Shakespearean Festival celebrate their 25th anniversary on Sunday, April 28, with a Shakespearean Evensong at St Mary's Church at 4pm. They will also commemorate William Shakespeare's birthday which will be on April 23 — also the date of his death. The service will be delivered by the Bishop of George, the Rt Rev Derek Damant. Photographed after a full dress rehearsal at St Mary's were (from the left) Miss HELEN FRANGOPOULOUS, Miss LINDA-LOUISE SWAIN and Miss LORRAINE YOUNG.

Picture by Evert Smith.

arrested in Kwazakele, managed to put out the fire.

Four people injured in Aldo Scribante pile-up

Motoring Editor

FOUR people were injured — a clerk of the course and three motorcycle racers — in an accident before the official start of the first heat of the East Cape and Border championships at the Aldo Scribante Circuit in Port Elizabeth today.

At least two of the injured are believed to have broken legs.

As the field was completing their warm-up circuit the experienced clerk of the course, Miss Gill Stone, moved on to the track to help the riders stop.

It is believed those in front slowed down but those coming up behind failed to see the signal and ploughed into the back of them.

Elwyn Höft, of East London, on a Honda CBX 750, Robbie Arnold (Suzuki Katana II 750) and Ant Amley, on his Honda FB 750, came off.

One of the bikes skidded on the track and smashed into Miss Stone, breaking one of her legs.

Arnold received a broken leg and collar bone.

The other injuries were not immediately known.

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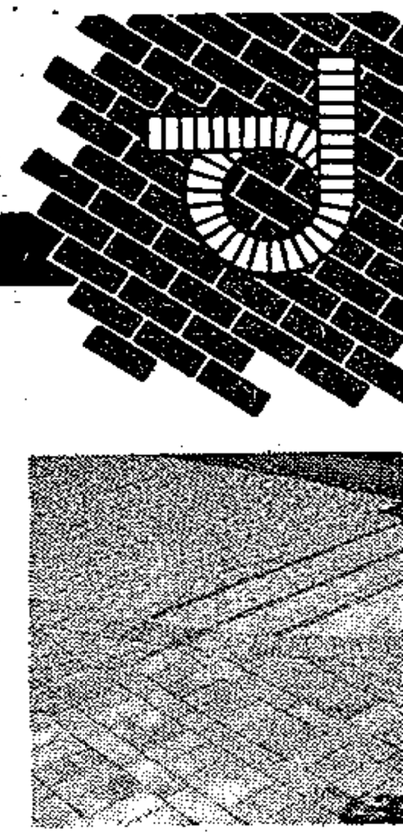

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Tourist boom on Garden Route

By MIKE LOEWE

ACCOMMODATION for an additional 5 000 tourists has been provided along the Garden Route during the past five years, while in

little sign it has taken note of their example.

The Garden Route, from Plettenberg Bay westwards, is mushrooming with caravan parks and

growth in the tourist industry, Mr Neethling said.

Of the 5 163 beds available, 2 064 are "new".

There has also been an

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All that has been provided was the beachfront supertube. But this was no longer a novelty and even resorts like Jeffrey's Bay now had supertubes.

Mrs Tessa Casewell, secretary of the Plettenberg Bay Publicity Association said hotels, caravan parks, rented private houses and chalets in her region were brimming over with visi-

Two die in E Cape unrest

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Weekend Argus Correspondent

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JOHANNESBURG. — Two men have died in unrest in the Eastern Cape.

The body of a man, who had apparently died of stab wounds, was set alight by a group of rioters in the Langa township near Uitenhage yesterday.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said policemen came across a mob who had set fire to the body of an unknown man, who had been stabbed.

The group fled and policemen put out the fire.

A second man was killed yesterday when police opened fire with shotguns on a stone-throwing crowd in the Little Soweto township near Port Elizabeth.

Teargas was used and when police opened fire a man, aged about 20, was fatally wounded.

In Cradock in the Eastern Cape, four people aged between 16 and 24, were arrested for public violence after incidents of stone-throwing.

In Bothaville township, a seven-year-old girl was injured when a firebomb was thrown into a home.

Police used tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse stone-throwing rioters in the Tangte near Grahamstown yesterday.

Unrest has changed our lives, say township residents

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By JANE CONYNGHAM

ON a weekday afternoon, blacks and whites still intermingle freely on troubled Uitenhage's sidewalks.

Yet, for many, their lives have been irrevocably changed by the deaths of 19 people in the Langa Township shooting two weeks ago.

This week residents of Langa and Kwanobuhle told of how their lives had been affected. Most were reluctant to give their names.

Like many of the whites in town, township residents are also afraid to go out at night.

"Everything has changed in our town since that terrible day. Our hearts are sore. We carry with us the burden of what happened," one woman said.

"We are tired of the trouble and we are scared to walk out from our houses at night."

"I am very scared," said a woman who works in town.

"I heard boys singing last night. The police did not stop them. They have calmed down now and sometimes they don't do anything.

"But when you are in a taxi and you see policemen with guns and they order you to get out, it is very frightening."

Another woman said: "So many things are not right in our township now. Sometimes when you come home from work there is shooting.

"Now I am even too scared to walk down the road and I cannot go to church at night.

"How do I know if I send my child to the shop that he will come back alive? How can I let my children play outside on the streets? It is too dangerous.

"I have had to send my four children away from Uitenhage. They are living with my sister-in-law in Peddie, until things come right for us."

Many black men refused to talk about their predicament in Kwanobuhle and Langa.

"Our leaders have told us not to speak to the Press. If you want to know what the situation is like, you must come and see for yourself," one man said.

The Indian manager of a wholesaler's shop said he intended to stay in Uitenhage and he hoped the unrest would soon stop.

Though there was a mob element with which he completely disagreed, he believed the riot police should get out of the townships because they did not help the situation.

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'Nowhere people'

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PORT ELIZABETH. — A derelict school in the white area of Uitenhage is being used to accommodate blacks fearful of continuing to live in the local black townships.

The Innes Primary School, just off Uitenhage's main street, now houses in its dormitories black policemen and community councillors and their families whose houses in the townships have been burnt.

The best known of these "nowhere people" is Mrs Joyce Kinikini, whose community councillor husband and her son were hacked to death and burnt by a mob in Uitenhage's Kwanobuhle township two weeks ago.

Sitting forlornly amid the scattered remains of the furniture she salvaged from her home before the mob destroyed it, Mrs Kinikini is bewildered by the sudden turn of events which has brought her once successful life crashing around her.

"My son Kwala is still missing. He is only 12, I don't even know if he is still alive," she said.

Mrs Kinikini, who was born and raised in Uitenhage, says she does not know where to go with her four daughters.

"I have nine brothers here in Uitenhage but they and their families are too scared to talk to me because the mob will kill them."

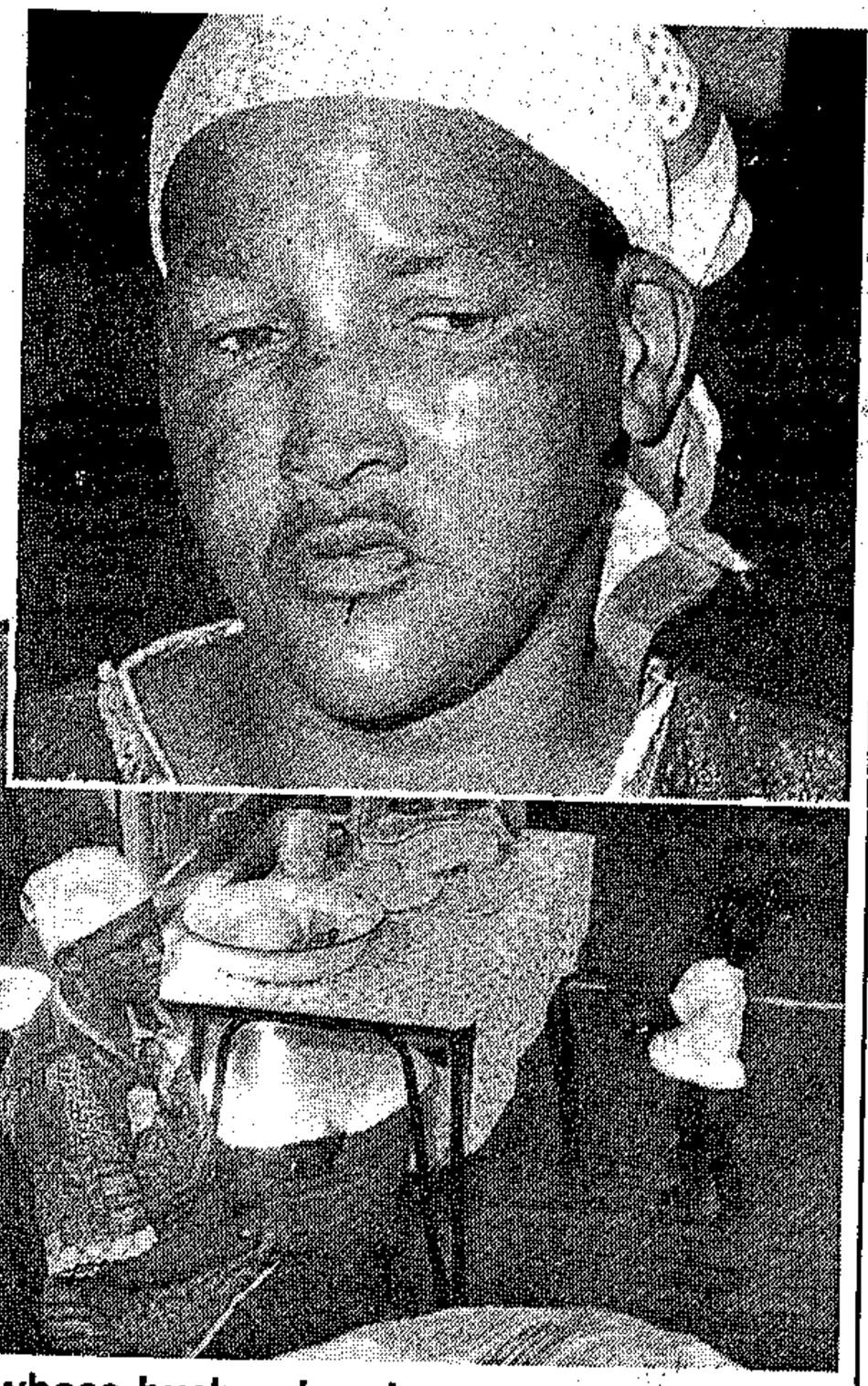
Other black families also wonder when their lives will return to normal and they can move back to what little remains of their homes.

They are the victims of circumstances that have radically changed since their husbands and fathers took jobs in the police force and community council, which once assured them of status and security.

In the Uitenhage black townships, not a single policeman's house remains standing and policemen's homes in other townships have also come increasingly under attack by youth gangs.

After similiar attacks and abuse the community councillors of two Eastern Cape townships resigned — and in others the list of defections grows daily under relentless pressure.

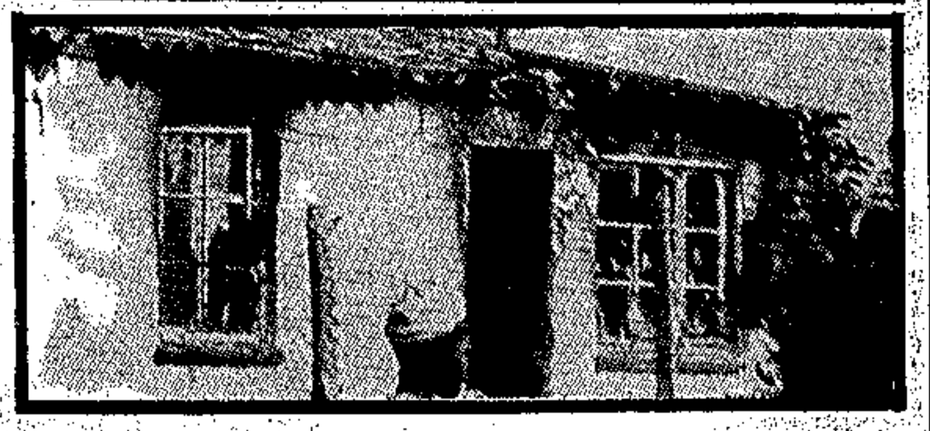
Many councillors have taken to living in hotels in the white and coloured areas.



Mrs Joyce Kinikini, whose husband and son were murdered by mobs in Uitenhage's black townships, now lives in a former white school.

DEATH DID NOT MOURN

AT LEAST one man died and 10 others were injured when police opened fire on a group of mourners outside Zwide cemetery near Port Elizabeth after four unrest victims had been buried.



One of the gutted houses

Pix and story: MONO BADELA

Mzwandile Tokes Vuyi, 28, of Ncwana Street, New Brighton, was gunned down near Dan Qeqe Stadium when police used teargas, rubber bullets and shotguns to disperse a crowd of 35 000 mourners.

Mr Vuyi was certified dead on his arrival at Livingstone Hospital.

In another incident on Monday night, a one-year-old baby died while sleeping when a petrol bomb was hurled into her Veeplaas home. The fire destroyed eight other homes.

Their deaths bring the death toll during unrest since the Langa shooting on March 21 to 38, according to Eastern Cape police spokesman Lt-Col Gerry van Rooyen.

At the Zwide funeral, the coffins of the four unrest victims — including nine-year-old Zithlele Mabona — were draped in black, green and gold and carriers fired teargas for four kilometres after the five-hour service at the Catholic Church.

Soon after the mourners had left Zwide cemetery, police intercepted them at the intersection of Bertram and Johnson Roads.

The police, in armoured personnel carriers, fired teargas and then used shotguns.

At least 10 people were injured, including women and children.

Col Van Rooyen said the shooting occurred after mourners stoned police vehicles.



Cops and soldiers joined forces in PE.

On the march in PE

PORT ELIZABETH got its first taste of the army this week — and the taste was unpleasant.

Cops and soldiers in armoured personnel carriers cordoned off key intersections in Kwazakhele and Zwide, when more than 35 000 people buried four unrest victims on Sunday.

Soldiers this week kept guard on East Cape Development Board properties, including liquor outlets and schools.

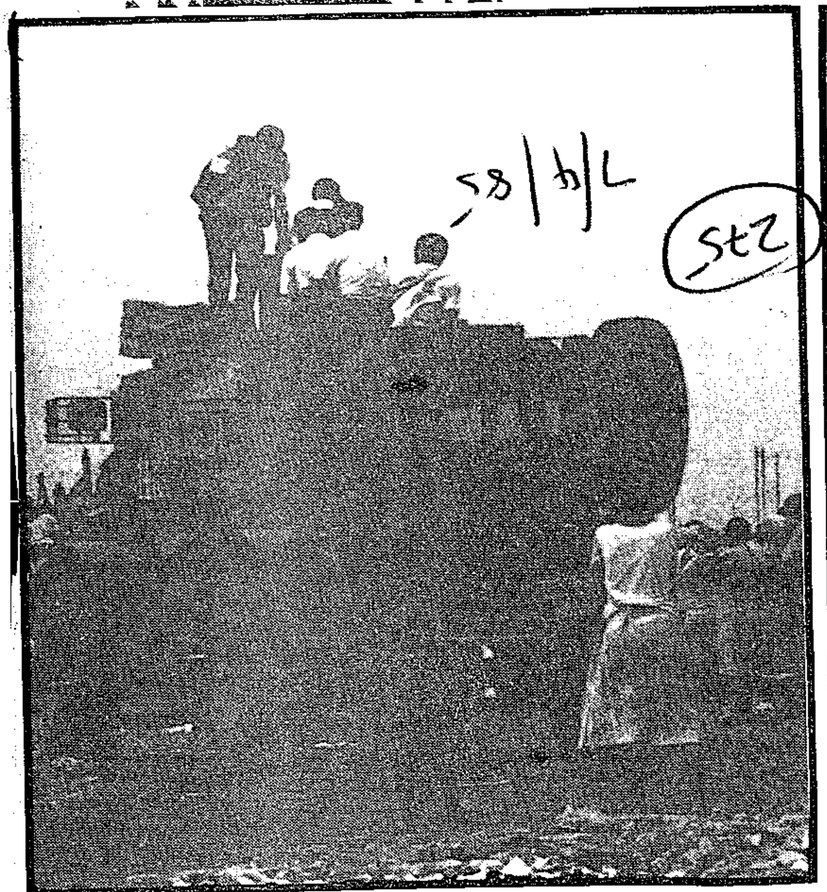
Residents said soldiers patrol the streets on foot at night.

The SADF announced at the weekend that the troops deployed in Eastern Cape townships were assisting cops in the wake of recent unrest in the area.

The deployment follows State President P W Botha's warning of a crackdown on unrest and a ban on meetings of UDF affiliates.

Cop spokesperson Gerrie van Rooyen said Government policy about using troops had been spelt out on several occasions and that the SAP "has nothing to add".

However, it is believed that the troops have powers to arrest and check crime in the areas and will remain there as long as they are needed.



Cops keep a close watch on the funeral . . .



. . . while the pallbearers make their way through the streets of Zwide.

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It's true! Qoboza tells it like it is



Prizewinners Des Blow (left) and Percy Qoboza celebrate their victory with a glass of champagne.

CITY PRESS this week made history when it became the first black newspaper to win two Stellenbosch Farmers Awards for Excellence in Journalism.

Associate editor Percy Qoboza won the Merid Award in the Best News Commentary category for his weekly column Percy's Itch.

Senior journalist Desmond Blow ran off with the Merit Award in the Best Investigative Reporting category.

Blow was the first reporter in the country to penetrate the walls of the Barberton prison.

In a series of articles, he uncovered the brutality of prison life and the deaths by assault.

His revelations led to the now famous "heat exhaustion trial".

Journalistic awards are not something new for Qoboza. He is South Africa's most decorated journalist in memory.

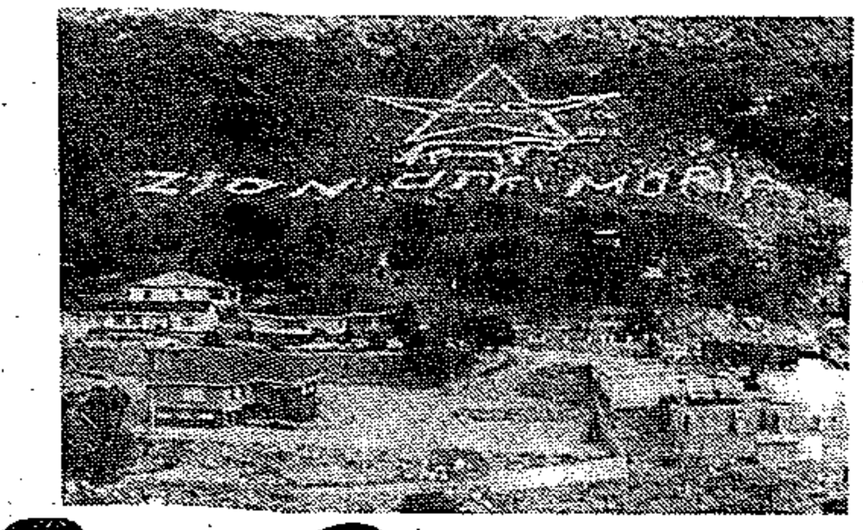
He received the Nieman Fellowship which enabled him to spend a year at America's Harvard university, where he studied political science and sociology.

He was also awarded the Golden Pen of Freedom — which he shared with fugitive editor Donald Woods — by the International Federation of Newspaper Proprieters.

Two top American universities — Tufts and Amherst — each conferred honorary doctorates on him.

For City Press staffers the awards are the crowning of a most successful year — coming at the time of our third birthday and when our circulation has risen to a record high.

All roads go to Moira



By TEBELLO RADEBE and MUDINI MAIVHA

ALL ROADS lead to the Holy City, Moria, this weekend for thousands of Zion Christian Church members from all parts of the country.

The biggest runout ever is expected, as this year's Easter pilgrimage coincides with the church's 75th anniversary.

Trains, buses, cars, trucks — and, in fact, any conceivable means of transport — will be used to pound the road to Moria on the outskirts of Pietersburg.

A Putco spokesman said 470 buses would carry 30 550 worshippers from Johannesburg and Pretoria.

The South African Transport Systems have laid on 424 buses and an extra 214 trains.

Traffic control will be strict, with all provincial traffic departments out in full force.

Swazi police have warned that they may open fire on any motorists trying to turn back from police roadblocks.

Security control will also be strict at the Holy City, where church members will have to produce membership cards to gain entry.

President P W Botha, homelands leaders and Soweto mayor Edward Kunene are some of the dignitaries invited.

Mayor Edward Kunene has declined the invitation.

Over two-million people, including former Co-operation and Development Minister Piet Koornhof and ex-Soweto mayor David Thebehali attended the church's 70th anniversary in 1980 — and more are expected this year.

TOP SB Langa: Cops told to

JOIN THE PEOPLE'

By MONO BADELA

A TOP East Cape security cop has quit his job because he wants to "join those fighting for change in South Africa".

After twelve years in the force, Warrant Officer Rothman Nqumaje has joined the Graaf-Reinett Community Organisation.

His decision to "join the people" comes amid a massive drive by East Cape civic organisations to dismantle apartheid bodies such as community councils — a campaign which this week resulted in two councillors and 46 ward committee members quitting their posts in Port Elizabeth.

They have all joined the PE Black Civic Organisation.

Three members of the Graaf-Reinett Community Council have also left their posts.

They are African Methodist minister Swelindawo Bonane — whose home was petrol-bombed recently — Vivi Siboni and a Mr Booysen.

There are only four councillors left in Graaf-Reinett.

Warrant Officer Nqumaje's decision to quit the police force follows a boycott of his business in the Graaf-Reinett township of Masizane.

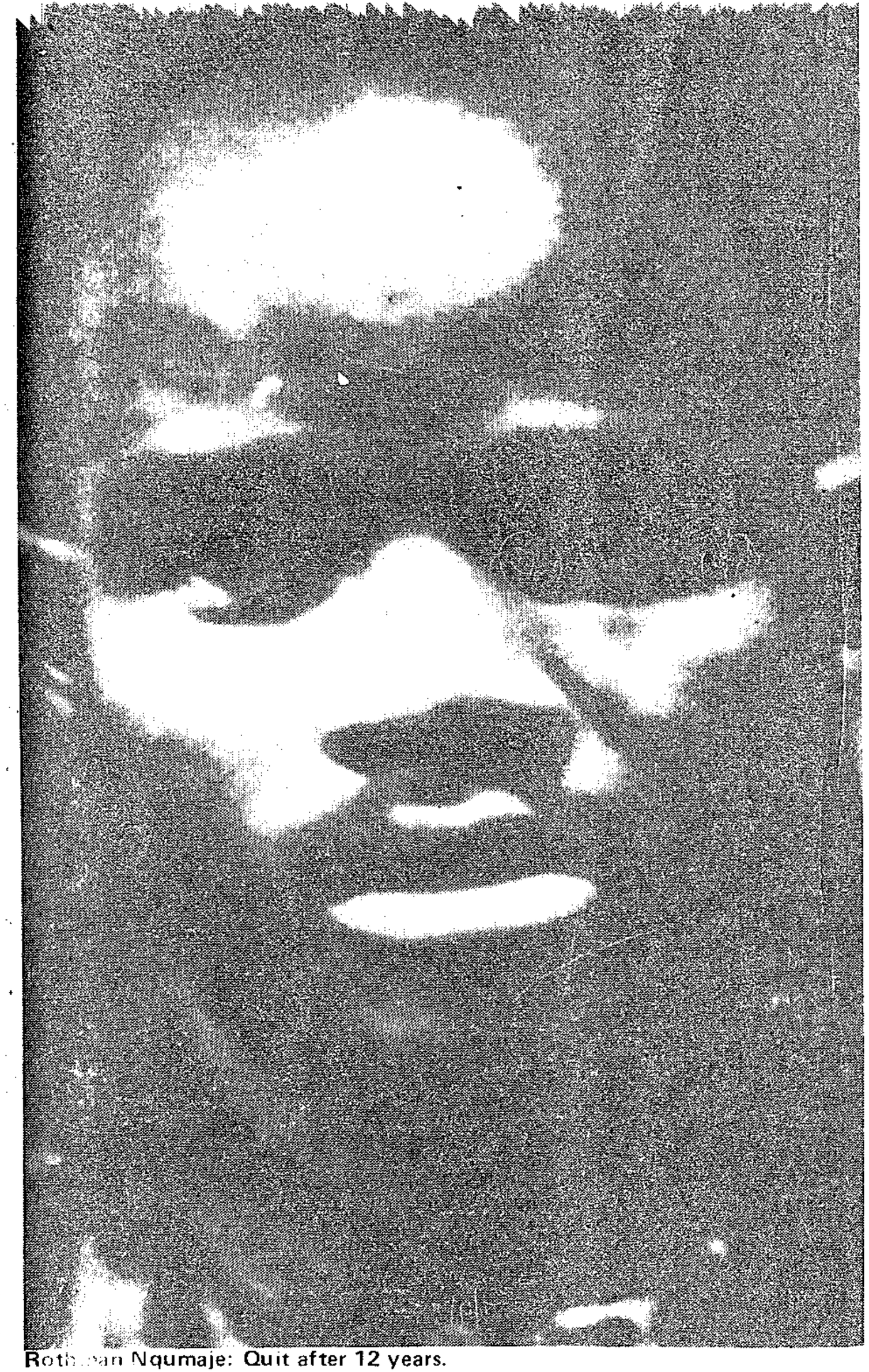
The cop admitted this week: "I loved being a policeman, but I have come to realise that working with my people is more important.

"Since I explained my feelings to Graco, I feel more at ease with my soul."

Warrant Officer Nqumaje isn't the only one in his family to have responded to community pressure — his wife, Margaret, resigned her teaching post in January after student protests.

In Port Elizabeth, Kayamnandi town councillor Clifford Dladla, 73, joined Sidwell Sipho Besman to become the second councillor in a week to step down.

The 46-ward committee members who joined them in Pebco come from wards 3, 5, 12, 13, 15 and 17.



Rothman Nqumaje: Quit after 12 years.

that people who threw petro[illegible] bombs [illegible]

Police were also told they shouldn't hesitate to use danger, or when there was a risk to property or the live

Colonel Adolf van Rooyen — Chief of the police's riot squad - day's sitting of the Kannemeyer inquiry into the March 21 shootings which left dozens dead.

Colonel Van Rooyen told the commission the instructions had been contained in a telex from a General De Wit, senior deputy police commissioner, sent to all divisional commissioners in March 19.

The telex said all Casspir crews should be issued with R1 rifles and sufficient ammunition in cases when petrol bombs were used against the SAP.

In such cases, he said, police should "under all circumstances" try to eliminate the people who threw the petrol bombs.

Colonel Van Rooyen also disclosed that the telex followed two requests by police headquarters in PE for permission to use buckshot or handguns in dealing with unrest.

The cops had said in their motivation that the conventional method of teargas and rubber bullets had proved ineffective amidst escalating violence.

Colonel Van Rooyen told the commission that permission had been given earlier this year for buckshot to be used under strict control and on "select targets" for a 14-day period.

At the end of this period, in February, permission was again granted for another 14 days.

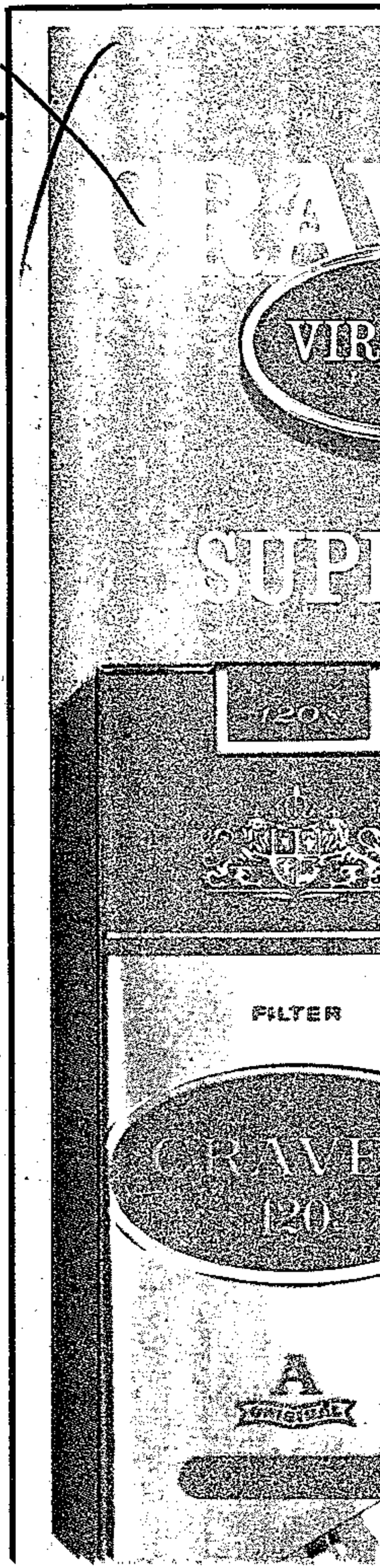
Colonel Van Rooyen told the commission yesterday of the methods used by police in dealing with crowds.

He said methods depended largely on circumstances but maintained that the police operated on the principle of minimum force. Greater force was used as it became necessary to control the situation.

Colonel Van Rooyen said police would first try to use quirts or rubber batons, followed by teargas, rubber bullets, shotguns with birdshot and later roughshot.

"Sharp point" ammunition — bullets from 9mm pistols or R1 rifles on a single shot setting — would be used in extreme circumstances.

The Colonel said teargas and birdshot had a limited effect, and rioters had developed techniques to avoid their effects.



Cops shoot woman in

Cops 'set burial date'

Funeral called off

THE MASS funeral for victims of the

the bodies by a private Johannesburg pathologist



Farewell to a friend of freedom

Press COMMENT

APRIL 7, 1985

ONE of Africa's greatest statesmen, Julius Nyerere, is, about to retire after 30 years of leadership.

He was a hero of the turbulent 50s, when the continent was swept by a nationalism that pitted its might against colonialism.

In his own country, Tanzania, he is revered and loved by his people. His leadership is beyond doubt and his international standing has grown — despite his turbulent relationships with both the east and the west.

Nyerere has been a pillar of unity in Africa and has spearheaded the continent's battle against apartheid. He created dialogue between the warring factions in Zimbabwe during the bush war. And he is still at the helm of forcing independence for Namibia on the basis of United Nations Resolution 435.

Most of us in South Africa will do well to emulate his dedication in building his nation.

He leaves at a time when the continent faces major challenges. The drought has played havoc with many of our brothers on the continent. New assesments are going to be needed to meet these challenges — and people like Nyerere are going to be critical.

He may be quitting as his country's president. But he is not quitting the fight for true uhuru.

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JUDGE KANNEMEYER: Trying to get at the truth

Kannemeyer Commission

I don't know where Minister got his facts — Langa cop

LIEUTENANT John William Fouche, the police officer in charge during the Uitenhage shooting, admitted before the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry this week that parts of Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange's statement to Parliament had not been true.

Lieutenant Fouche, 43, admitted that:

- The statement's mention of petrol bombs being thrown at the police was not true.
- The police had not been surrounded.
- There were no stones within 40m of the Casspirs in police photographs taken after the incident ("They must have bounced away," he said).
- He could have given the order to withdraw the Casspirs before the shooting, but believed the crowd had to be stopped at that point.
- There was a distance of about 1,3km between the scene and the white suburb on which the crowd was allegedly advancing.
- He had not known who his commanding officer had been on the day or who had given the orders for the issuing of weapons to men going on duty.

Lt Fouche said he had given the order to fire stone being thrown at the police.

He said he expected more stones to be thrown after the first and believed he and his men would be overrun and killed.

He admitted that the leader of the marchers had not been carrying a brick.

He said no traces of petrol bombs and no unexploded bombs were found at the scene afterwards, as said in the Minister's statement.

Asked whether the police had been surrounded, Lt Fouche said people were approaching from streets behind the police vehicles, but there was no attack from behind.

Referring to a telex sent by the Divisional Commissioner of Police to police headquarters and other units, Wim Trengrove, cross-examining on behalf of the victims' families, asked where the information about petrol bombs in the telex had been obtained.

Lt Fouche said he had not been the only person to report on the incident and "could not remember" what he had



W/O JACOBUS PENTZ: Second in command

He said he had been "under extreme shock" after the incident and had only heard that Mr Le Grange had mentioned petrol bombs two or three days after the statement was made.

"I was under great shock," he said. "I could not handle it. I couldn't think rationally and even went to the doctor for tranquillers."

Lt Fouche said one of his men had translated a song being sung by the marchers as implying that they were on their way to kill the white people.

He said he had not known there were reinforcements on the way, and that if there had been radio messages to this effect, he had not

He said he would not have waited for them in any case, because his aim had been to protect the white suburb.

Mr Trengrove asked why he had not confronted the crowd at a turn-off 300m further down the road, which would still have left about a kilometre to the white suburbs — and where he would have been able to make sure where they were heading.

Lt Fouche: "It was my prerogative to decide where to stop."

He said the police were busy erecting a temporary base in Uitenhage at the time, because of the escalating violence in the area.

"I don't know who was in command at that point. If I needed command, I would contact radio control."

At that stage, the police were operating "on their own", he said.

Lt Fouche denied that a boy on a bicycle had been the first victim of the shootings. He said the boy had ridden into the scene after the accident.

He had shouted at the boy: "F. . . off. What are you doing here?"

He said the boy then ran away.

Mr Trengrove asked why the lieutenant's evidence before the commission differed from a statement he had made after the shootings, in which he had said that the leader of the crowd had taken what looked like a petrol bomb from his clothing, that a coloured woman had thrown a stone at the police and that the crowd had stoned the police before a warning shot was fired.

Lt Fouche admitted that these incidents had happened after he had fired a warning shot and that the crowd had started stoning the police after they had opened fire.

Mr Trengrove said the differing statements suggested that Lt Fouche had got together with his second in command, Warrant Officer Jacobus Wouter Pentz, and devised a version of events that both could relate.

The lieutenant denied this.

(a) 58.

(b)

	(i)	(ii)
9	Offices occupied by State Department and Foreign Missions	Explosions
2	Petrol depots	Explosions
6	Power installations	Explosions
8	Railway lines, signal boxes and trucks	Explosions
3	Police stations	Armed attack
	Members of the South African Police and witnesses on 15 occasions	Armed attack
	Members of the public on 8 occasions	Armed attack
3	Private property	Explosives
1	Business premises	Explosions
1	Defence Force building	Explosions
2	Water pipe-line	Explosions

Kyalami/Midrand: telephone services

536. Mr P G Soal asked the Minister of Communications:

(1) How many (a) public and (b) private telephone services were there in respect of the (i) 702, (ii) 805 and (iii) 808 exchanges in the Kyalami and Midrand areas at at the latest specified date for which figures are available;

(2) whether any applications for telephone services are outstanding in respect of the above-mentioned exchanges; if so, (a) how many in each case and (b) when is it anticipated that this backlog will be eliminated?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS:

(1) (i) 10, 896,
(ii) 17, 2 136, and
(iii) 3, 516,
as at 28 February 1985;

(2) yes;

	(a)	(b)
(i)	32,	during April 1985 on completion of a cable work,
(ii)	226,	during the second half of 1986 on the commissioning of an extension to the exchange; and
(iii)	337,	towards the middel of 1985 on the commissioning of an extension to the exchange.

Railway stations; automatic ticket control gates

553. Mr W V RAW asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

(1) Whether any automatic ticket control gates have been installed at any railway stations; if so, (a) at which stations and (b) what revenue was received at each such point of departure (i) before and (ii) after the installation of the gates over the latest specified period for which figures are available;

(2) whether spot-checks are carried out on ticketholders travelling on third-class trains; if so, (a) what percentage of passengers were found not to have valid tickets, and (b) what total loss in revenue did this entail on (i) commuter and (ii) main-line services, during the latest specified date for which figures are available;

(3) whether there were any prosecutions of conductors during the later specified period of six months for which figures are available, for fraudulent appropriation of fare moneys; if so, (a) how many conductors were prosecuted and (b) what total amount was involved?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

(1) Yes, a pilot scheme.

(a), (b), (i) and (ii)

	Six months before installation 1 August 1983 to 31 January 1984	Six months after installation 1 August 1984 to 31 January 1985
	R	R
Elsburg	39 232	66 460
Simpan	143 284	180 916
Kutalo	86 753	115 118
Pilot	428 668	547 020
Kwesine	486 191	577 485
Lindela	356 105	391 020
Wadeville	196 738	233 489
Katlehong	153 016	195 739
	R1 889 987	R2 307 247

These figures are on the one hand affected by a fare increase of 12,9 per cent on 1 April 1984 and on the other, by a steady decline in passenger numbers.

(2) Yes, spot checks are carried out at stations and on all classes of trains.

(a) This is not computed.

(b) (i) and (ii) Fall away.

(3) For the period July to December 1984 no conductors were prosecuted for the fraudulent appropriation of fares.

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Hansard
Q-Col. 998 9/4/85

Crossroads

567. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Justice:

Whether any of the persons arrested by the South African Police at Crossroads during the period 18 to 23 February 1985 have appeared in court; if not, why not; if so, (a) in which courts, and (b) when, in each case?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

Yes.

(a) Langa, Magistrate's Court.

(b) 25 persons on 20 February 1985.

2 persons on 21 February 1985.

3 persons on 22 February 1985.

5 persons on 25 February 1985.

Juvenile rape

587. Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) What are the latest available statistics in respect of cases of juvenile rape by (a) White males of (i) White, (ii) Coloured, (iii) Asian and (iv) Black girls, (b)(i) Coloured, (ii) Asian and (iii) Black males of White girls and (c) non-White males of non-White girls reported in (aa) each province of the Republic and (bb) the Western Cape;

(2) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1)	(a) (i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(b) (i)	(ii)	(iii)	(c)
(aa) Cape Province	20	2	—	1	7	—	1	999
Natal	9	—	1	5	2	2	2	800
Orange Free State	11	—	—	1	—	—	1	297
Transvaal	58	2	2	6	5	—	5	818
(bb) Western Cape	5	2	—	—	3	—	1	356

(2) For the period 1 January 1984 to 31 December 1984.

Rape

588. Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Justice:

(1) How many cases of rape were tried in (a) each province of the Republic and (b) the Western Cape during the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available;

(2) in respect of how many such cases (a) were convictions obtained and (b) was (i) the death penalty and (ii) a suspended sentence imposed?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

(1) (a) and (b) The required information is unfortunately not readily available. Statistics of this nature have not been kept by the Department up till now. The keeping of statistics of offences in general is at present the subject of an investigation.

(2) The statistics for the period 1 July 1982 until 30 June 1983 are as follows:

	(a)	(b)(i)	(b)(ii)
Cape Province	1 809	6	statistics
Transvaal	1 940	5	are not
Natal	664	0	readily
Orange Free State	331	0	available

There were 349 convictions in the Cape Peninsula in this period.

Incest

590. Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Justice:

How many cases of incest were tried in each province of the Republic during the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

The required information is unfortunately not readily available.

The number of persons convicted of incest in the various provinces for the period 1 July 1982 until 30 June 1983 can however be furnished.

Cape Province	18
Transvaal	23
Natal	5
Orange Free State	2

Legally qualified personnel: resignations

608. Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Justice:

(1) Whether any resignations were received from legally qualified personnel in his Department in 1984; if so, how many in each category;

(2) whether any of these posts have since been filled; if so, how many in each category?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

(1) Yes.

Deputy Attorney-General	1
Senior State Advocate	3
State Advocate	12
Assistant State Attorney	8
Magistrate	15
State Prosecutor	74

(2) Yes.

Deputy Attorney-General	1
Senior State Advocate	3
State Advocate	12
Assistant State Attorney	8
Magistrate	11
State Prosecutor	69

Appellate Division: appeals

610. Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Justice:

(1) Whether any appeals in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court were pending as at 31 December 1984; if so, (a) how many and (b) how many of these were (i) civil and (ii) criminal appeals;

(2) How many such appeals in each category have been lodged since 1 January 1985?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

(1) Yes.

(a) 246.

(b) (i) 145.

(ii) 101.

(2) During the period 1 January to 28 February 1985, 12 civil and 19 criminal appeals were lodged.

Agricultural colleges

640. Mr R W HARDINGHAM asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education:

Whether his Department is considering the introduction of agricultural colleges for Blacks in the Republic; if not, why not; if so, (a) where will such colleges be situated and (b) how many students will they be able to accommodate?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION:

No. At this stage there is not an urgent need for agricultural colleges.

contract is terminated by efflux-ion of time on completion of the five year prescribed period of apprenticeship. The question of the position of person who fail a qualifying trade test is dealt with in the report and recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry into the Training of Artisans.

(3) It is anticipated that the Cabinet will authorize the issuing of a general press statement upon the release of the report.

Hansard
Motor mechanics
Q. Col. 935 9/4/85

*11. Dr A L BORAINE asked the Minister of Manpower:

(1) Whether any changes are contemplated in the qualification requirements of motor mechanics; if not, why not; if so, (a) what changes and (b) when will they be implemented;

(2) whether consideration will be given to including more practical training in the courses for apprentice motor mechanics at technical colleges; if not, why not; if so, when will this be implemented;

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF MANPOWER:

(1) The Department of Manpower is not aware of any changes being contemplated to the qualifying entry requirements for apprentice motor mechanics. The national Manpower Training Committee for the Motor Industry is representative of employers organizations and trade unions in this industry and that body is primarily responsible for suggesting changes to the conditions of apprenticeship, which include entry qualifications.

(a) Revised conditions of apprenticeship were published under Government Notices R.1461 on 16 July 1982, R.252 on 11 February 1983 and R.1696 of 10 August 1984. An amendment relating to wages was published recently and a change to certain practical training schedules is in the process of finalization.

(b) Falls away.

(2) The Department of Manpower is aware that at selected Technical Colleges an integrated motor/diesel theory course for the National Technical Certificate Parts I and II is conducted during which the theory of the trade is supplemented by practical demonstrations. Since the contents of theoretical courses fall outside the jurisdiction of the Department of Manpower, enquiries thereanent should be directed to the Department of National Education and the various Departments of Education and Culture as well as the Department of Education and Training.

(3) A comprehensive report—with recommendations—by the Human Sciences Research Council and the National Training Board into the Training of Apprentices and Artisans has been submitted to the Cabinet for approval of its tabling in Parliament for general information and with a view to certain follow-up action and it is anticipated that the Cabinet will authorize the issuing of a general press statement upon the release of the report.

Hansard
Waaihoek Natal
Q. Col. 936 9/4/85

*13. Mr M A TARR asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education:

(1) Whether Waaihoek near Ladysmith in Natal has been or is being developed as a resettlement area; if so, (a) how many sites have been completed in this area, (b) what specified communities are to be resettled there, (c) why are they being moved and (d)

what was the total cost involved in developing the area for resettlement;

(2) whether these communities were consulted on the proposed move; if not, why not; if so, when in each case, (a) were they consulted and (b) are they due to be moved;

(3) whether these communities expressed any objections to being moved; if so, what were their objections?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AND OF LAND AFFAIRS:

(1) Yes.

(a) A closer settlement of 3 447 sites in total has been planned of which 1 800 sites are at present being developed.

(b) Illegal squatters residing on White owned farms who are required to vacate the farms on which they reside.

(c) They have no right to reside on these farms. Therefore the Department of Co-operation and Development is making preparations to provide accommodation for them elsewhere.

(d) The development has not yet been completed. The estimated total cost is R8 600 000 of which R1 000 000 has already been spent.

(2) and (3) Squatter families, when they are required to vacate these farms, are informed of this place of settlement and, if they agree to move there and require help, it is rendered to them.

Hansards 9/4/85
Control boards
Hansards Q. 61.937

*14. Mr M A TARR asked the Minister of Agricultural Economics:

(1) Whether the national Marketing Council has investigated or is investigating the operation of the control boards; if so,

(2) whether the Council has submitted a report on its investigation; if so, when will this report be made public; if not, when is it anticipated that the report will be available?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS:

(1) Yes.

(2) Yes. Priority was given to the Dairy Scheme and the National Marketing Council's report on this scheme has already been finalized and made available to the interested parties.

The remaining schemes are being investigated simultaneously by the National Marketing Council and it is anticipated that the investigation will be completed within the next 18 months.

Conveyance of money between banks: security measures

*15. Mr M A TARR asked the Minister of Communications:

Whether any special security measures are taken regarding the conveyance of money between banks via the postal system; if not, why not; if so, what is the nature of these security measures?

†The MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS:

Yes. The further information required by the hon member cannot unfortunately be furnished as the whole object of the security measures that are being applied will be defeated if details thereof were to be publicised.

Hansard
(275) **Death of M Tyuka**
Q. Col. 938 9/4/85

*16. Mr E K MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 35 on 12 February

1985, the investigation of the inquest docket relating to the death of one Mododana Tyuka in Port Alfred Township has been concluded; if so,

(2) whether the inquest docket has been referred to the Attorney-General; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) with what result?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(a) On 4 February 1985.

(b) The Attorney-General has instructed that an inquest be held, which will now take place in the magistrates court at Port Alfred on 16 April 1985.

Hansard Q. 61.939

Black train drivers: Foot Plate Staff Association

*17. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

(1) Whether Black train drivers are employed by the South African Transport Services in (a) Transkei, (b) any other specified independent Black states and (c) the Republic; if not, why not; if so,

(2) whether these drivers are allowed to join the Foot Plate Staff Association; if not, why not;

(3) Whether there is any union and/or staff association of which they can become members; if so, which union and/or staff association; if not, why not?

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

(1) (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) No, the need has not arisen yet.

(2) Although the constitution of the S.A. Footplate Staff Association provides for multiracial membership, the Labour Relations Act, 1956 (Act 28 of 1956), as amended, in accordance with which this Trade Union has been registered, is applicable in the Republic only. Black employees working and residing in Transkei cannot, therefore, become members of this Trade Union. However, their interests are adequately being catered for by means of self chosen workers representatives who have direct channels of representation and/or access to the Regional Manager, East London, and the Management.

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The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION:

(1) Yes.

(a) It is not the policy of the University's Council to furnish reasons for non-admission of applicants.

(b) Falls away.

(2) Yes, all together 112 applicants were not admitted.

(a) and (b) See (1)(a).

Hansard Q.61.943 9/4/85

Mathopistad

*21. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education:

(1) Whether (a) his Department or (b) any body attached to his Department was concerned with organizing any transport for residents of Mathopistad to visit any township or resettlement area in Onderstepoort in March 1985; if so, (i) why, (ii) on what date, (iii) how many persons were involved, (iv) where were they taken and (v) what was the total cost involved;

(2) whether it is the intention to resettle the residents of Mathopistad in this area; if so, (a) why and (b) when;

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AND OF LAND AFFAIRS:

(1) (a) Yes.

(i) To show interested residents of Mathopistad compensatory land.

(ii) 11 March 1985.

(iii) 29 persons were transported.

(iv) To the farm Mimosa No. 81 J.Q. district of Rustenburg.

(v) R1 364,86.

(b) Falls away.

(2) Yes, in conjunction with the residents.

(a) Because it is in the interest of all parties concerned.

(b) The date will be determined in conjunction with the residents of Mathopistad.

(3) No.

Technikons: diplomas in tourism

*22. Mr W L VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Environment Affairs and Tourism:†

Whether his Department has any information about persons who obtain diplomas in tourism at technikons; if so, (a) how many persons who have obtained such diplomas have accepted positions in the tourist industry and (b) what estimated number of persons who are expected to obtain such diplomas in 1985 will it be possible to appoint in positions in this industry?

†The MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS AND TOURISM:

Yes, according to the best available information the reply is as follows:

(a) Nine.

(b) Ten.

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Uitenhage: children in police cells

Hansard Q.61.944 9/4/85

*23. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) What total number of children aged 18 years and younger were being held in police cells in Uitenhage (a) on 16 March 1985 and (b) as at the latest

specified date for which figures are available;

(2) whether any of these children have been charged; if so, what are the charges in each case;

(3) whether he or any member of the South African Police has received any representations concerning these children; if so, (a) when, (b) from whom and (c) what was (i) the nature of the representations and (ii) his response thereto;

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) (a) 31.

(b) 39 on 29 March 1985.

(2) Yes,

murder	2
attempted murder	3
robbery	4
attempted robbery	2
public violence	18
serious assault	4
rape	1
intimidation	1
housebreaking and theft	15
theft of motor vehicle	1
shoplifting	1
theft	4
attempted arson	1

(3) No.

(4) No.

Mrs H SUZMAN: Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, will he tell us whether the parents of these children under the age of 18 were informed of their arrest and where they were being held?

The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, I cannot say categorically that this was done in the case of all the children, but this is standard practice in the SA Police and I accept that they did just that. I cannot, however, give that assurance.

Assault of person in Uitenhage police station: complaints

Hansard

*24. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether he or any member of the South African Police received any complaints from members of the Black Sash concerning the alleged assault of a person in the Uitenhage police station on or about 17 March 1985; if so, (a) on what date, (b) who received the complaints and (c) what was the nature of the complaints;

(2) whether these allegations have been investigated; if not, why not; if so, (a) who was in charge, (b) what was the nature, and (c) what were the findings, of this investigation;

(3) whether any action has been taken against any members of the South African Police as a result; if not, why not; if so, (a) what action and (b) when;

(4) whether he will furnish the names of the policemen against whom action was taken; if not, why not; if so, what are their names;

(5) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes.

(a) On 17 March 1985.

(b) The District Commandant, Uitenhage.

(c) Alleged assault.

(2) Yes.

(a) A detective warrant officer of the murder and robbery branch of Port Elizabeth.

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contract is terminated by efflux-ion of time on completion of the five year prescribed period of apprenticeship. The question of the position of person who fail a qualifying trade test is dealt with in the report and recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry into the Training of Artisans.

(3) It is anticipated that the Cabinet will authorize the issuing of a general press statement upon the release of the report.

Hansard
Motor mechanics
Q. Col. 935 9/4/85

*11. Dr A L BORAINE asked the Minister of Manpower:

(1) Whether any changes are contemplated in the qualification requirements of motor mechanics; if not, why not; if so, (a) what changes and (b) when will they be implemented;

(2) whether consideration will be given to including more practical training in the courses for apprentice motor mechanics at technical colleges; if not, why not; if so, when will this be implemented;

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF MANPOWER:

(1) The Department of Manpower is not aware of any changes being contemplated to the qualifying entry requirements for apprentice motor mechanics. The national Manpower Training Committee for the Motor Industry is representative of employers organizations and trade unions in this industry and that body is primarily responsible for suggesting changes to the conditions of apprenticeship, which include entry qualifications.

(a) Revised conditions of apprenticeship were published under Government Notices R.1461 on 16 July 1982, R.252 on 11 February 1983 and R.1696 of 10 August 1984. An amendment relating to wages was published recently and a change to certain practical training schedules is in the process of finalization.

(b) Falls away.

(2) The Department of Manpower is aware that at selected Technical Colleges an integrated motor/diesel theory course for the National Technical Certificate Parts I and II is conducted during which the theory of the trade is supplemented by practical demonstrations. Since the contents of theoretical courses fall outside the jurisdiction of the Department of Manpower, enquiries thereanent should be directed to the Department of National Education and the various Departments of Education and Culture as well as the Department of Education and Training.

(3) A comprehensive report—with recommendations—by the Human Sciences Research Council and the National Training Board into the Training of Apprentices and Artisans has been submitted to the Cabinet for approval of its tabling in Parliament for general information and with a view to certain follow-up action and it is anticipated that the Cabinet will authorize the issuing of a general press statement upon the release of the report.

Hansard
Waaihoek Natal
Q. Col. 936 9/4/85

*13. Mr M A TARR asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education:

(1) Whether Waaihoek near Ladysmith in Natal has been or is being developed as a resettlement area; if so, (a) how many sites have been completed in this area, (b) what specified communities are to be resettled there, (c) why are they being moved and (d)

what was the total cost involved in developing the area for resettlement;

(2) whether these communities were consulted on the proposed move; if not, why not; if so, when in each case, (a) were they consulted and (b) are they due to be moved;

(3) whether these communities expressed any objections to being moved; if so, what were their objections?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AND OF LAND AFFAIRS:

(1) Yes.

(a) A closer settlement of 3 447 sites in total has been planned of which 1 800 sites are at present being developed.

(b) Illegal squatters residing on White owned farms who are required to vacate the farms on which they reside.

(c) They have no right to reside on these farms. Therefore the Department of Co-operation and Development is making preparations to provide accommodation for them elsewhere.

(d) The development has not yet been completed. The estimated total cost is R8 600 000 of which R1 000 000 has already been spent.

(2) and (3) Squatter families, when they are required to vacate these farms, are informed of this place of settlement and, if they agree to move there and require help, it is rendered to them.

Hansards 9/4/85
Control boards
Hansards Q. 61.937

*14. Mr M A TARR asked the Minister of Agricultural Economics:

(1) Whether the national Marketing Council has investigated or is investigating the operation of the control boards; if so,

(2) whether the Council has submitted a report on its investigation; if so, when will this report be made public; if not, when is it anticipated that the report will be available?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS:

(1) Yes.

(2) Yes. Priority was given to the Dairy Scheme and the National Marketing Council's report on this scheme has already been finalized and made available to the interested parties.

The remaining schemes are being investigated simultaneously by the National Marketing Council and it is anticipated that the investigation will be completed within the next 18 months.

Conveyance of money between banks: security measures

*15. Mr M A TARR asked the Minister of Communications:

Whether any special security measures are taken regarding the conveyance of money between banks via the postal system; if not, why not; if so, what is the nature of these security measures?

†The MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS:

Yes. The further information required by the hon member cannot unfortunately be furnished as the whole object of the security measures that are being applied will be defeated if details thereof were to be publicised.

Hansard
Death of M Tyuka
Q. Col-938 9/4/85

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(a) 58.

(b)	(i)	(ii)
9	Offices occupied by State Department and Foreign Missions	Explosions
2	Petrol depots	Explosions
6	Power installations	Explosions
8	Railway lines, signal boxes and trucks	Explosions
3	Police stations	Armed attack
	Members of the South African Police and witnesses on 15 occasions	Armed attack
	Members of the public on 8 occasions	Armed attack
3	Private property	Explosives
1	Business premises	Explosions
1	Defence Force building	Explosions
2	Water pipe-line	Explosions

Kyalami/Midrand: telephone services

536. Mr P G Soal asked the Minister of Communications:

(1) How many (a) public and (b) private telephone services were there in respect of the (i) 702, (ii) 805 and (iii) 808 exchanges in the Kyalami and Midrand areas at at the latest specified date for which figures are available;

(2) whether any applications for telephone services are outstanding in respect of the above-mentioned exchanges; if so, (a) how many in each case and (b) when is it anticipated that this backlog will be eliminated?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS:

(1) (i) 10, 896,
(ii) 17, 2 136, and
(iii) 3, 516,
as at 28 February 1985;

(2) yes;

(a)	(b)
(i) 32,	during April 1985 on completion of a cable work,
(ii) 226,	during the second half of 1986 on the commissioning of an extension to the exchange; and
(iii) 337,	towards the middel of 1985 on the commissioning of an extension to the exchange.

Railway stations; automatic ticket control gates

553. Mr W V RAW asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

(1) Whether any automatic ticket control gates have been installed at any railway stations; if so, (a) at which stations and (b) what revenue was received at each such point of departure (i) before and (ii) after the installation of the gates over the latest specified period for which figures are available;

(2) whether spot-checks are carried out on ticketholders travelling on third-class trains; if so, (a) what percentage of passengers were found not to have valid tickets, and (b) what total loss in revenue did this entail on (i) commuter and (ii) main-line services, during the latest specified date for which figures are available;

(3) whether there were any prosecutions of conductors during the later specified period of six months for which figures are available, for fraudulent appropriation of fare moneys; if so, (a) how many conductors were prosecuted and (b) what total amount was involved?

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The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

(1) Yes, a pilot scheme.

(a), (b), (i) and (ii)

	Six months before installation 1 August 1983 to 31 January 1984	Six months after installation 1 August 1984 to 31 January 1985
	R	R
Elsburg	39 232	66 460
Simpan	143 284	180 916
Kutalo	86 753	115 118
Pilot	428 668	547 020
Kwesine	486 191	577 485
Lindela	356 105	391 020
Wadeville	196 738	233 489
Katlehong	153 016	195 739
	R1 889 987	R2 307 247

These figures are on the one hand affected by a fare increase of 12,9 per cent on 1 April 1984 and on the other, by a steady decline in passenger numbers.

(2) Yes, spot checks are carried out at stations and on all classes of trains.

(a) This is not computed.

(b) (i) and (ii) Fall away.

(3) For the period July to December 1984 no conductors were prosecuted for the fraudulent appropriation of fares.

(275) Harvard Crossroads Q-Co 1998 9/4/85

567. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Justice:

Whether any of the persons arrested by the South African Police at Crossroads during the period 18 to 23 February 1985 have appeared in court; if not, why not; if so, (a) in which courts, and (b) when, in each case?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

Yes.

(a) Langa, Magistrate's Court.

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(b) 25 persons on 20 February 1985.

2 persons on 21 February 1985.

3 persons on 22 February 1985.

5 persons on 25 February 1985.

Juvenile rape

587. Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) What are the latest available statistics in respect of cases of juvenile rape by (a) White males of (i) White, (ii) Coloured, (iii) Asian and (iv) Black girls, (b)(i) Coloured, (ii) Asian and (iii) Black males of White girls and (c) non-White males of non-White girls reported in (aa) each province of the Republic and (bb) the Western Cape;

(2) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1)	(a) (i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(b) (i)	(ii)	(iii)	(c)
(aa) Cape Province	20	2	—	1	7	—	1	999
Natal	9	—	1	5	2	2	2	800
Orange Free State	11	—	—	1	—	—	1	297
Transvaal	58	2	2	6	5	—	5	818
(bb) Western Cape	5	2	—	—	3	—	1	356

(2) For the period 1 January 1984 to 31 December 1984.

Rape

588. Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Justice:

(1) How many cases of rape were tried in (a) each province of the Republic and (b) the Western Cape during the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available;

(2) in respect of how many such cases (a) were convictions obtained and (b) was (i) the death penalty and (ii) a suspended sentence imposed?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

(1) (a) and (b) The required information is unfortunately not readily available. Statistics of this nature have not been kept by the Department up till now. The keeping of statistics of offences in general is at present the subject of an investigation.

(2) The statistics for the period 1 July 1982 until 30 June 1983 are as follows:

	(a)	(b)(i)	(b)(ii)
Cape Province	1 809	6	statistics
Transvaal	1 940	5	are not
Natal	664	0	readily
Orange Free State	331	0	available

There were 349 convictions in the Cape Peninsula in this period.

Incest

590. Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Justice:

How many cases of incest were tried in each province of the Republic during the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

The required information is unfortunately not readily available.

The number of persons convicted of incest in the various provinces for the period 1 July 1982 until 30 June 1983 can however be furnished.

Cape Province	18
Transvaal	23
Natal	5
Orange Free State	2

Legally qualified personnel: resignations

608. Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Justice:

(1) Whether any resignations were received from legally qualified personnel in his Department in 1984; if so, how many in each category;

(2) whether any of these posts have since been filled; if so, how many in each category?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

(1) Yes.

Deputy Attorney-General	1
Senior State Advocate	3
State Advocate	12
Assistant State Attorney	8
Magistrate	15
State Prosecutor	74

(2) Yes.

Deputy Attorney-General	1
Senior State Advocate	3
State Advocate	12
Assistant State Attorney	8
Magistrate	11
State Prosecutor	60

Appellate Division: appeals

610. Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Justice:

(1) Whether any appeals in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court were pending as at 31 December 1984; if so, (a) how many and (b) how many of these were (i) civil and (ii) criminal appeals;

(2) How many such appeals in each category have been lodged since 1 January 1985?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

(1) Yes.

(a) 246.

(b) (i) 145.

(ii) 101.

(2) During the period 1 January to 28 February 1985, 12 civil and 19 criminal appeals were lodged.

Agricultural colleges

640. Mr R W HARDINGHAM asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education:

Whether his Department is considering the introduction of agricultural colleges for Blacks in the Republic; if not, why not; if so, (a) where will such colleges be situated and (b) how many students will they be able to accommodate?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION:

No. At this stage there is not an urgent need for agricultural colleges.

Criminal Procedure Act

646. Mr A B WIDMAN asked the Minister of Justice:

In how many cases in 1984 (a) were persons referred for inquiry in terms of section 77 or 78 of the Criminal Procedure Act, No 51 of 1977, and (b) did the court find that persons were not capable of understanding the court proceedings or were not criminally responsible for their acts as a result of mental illness or mental defects?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

(a) 1 342.

(b) 300.

Assault on infants

648. Mr A B WIDMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) How many cases of assault on infants by parents were reported in respect of each race group in each province during the period 1 July 1983 to 30 June 1984;

(2) in how many cases in respect of each race group did the infant (a) die and (b) suffer serious injury as a result of the assault?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(1)	(2) (a)	2 (b)
Cape Province:			
White	19	1	1
Coloured	81	5	11
Black	23	—	25
Natal:			
White	19	—	2
Asian	3	—	—
Coloured	5	—	4
Black	99	2	33
Orange Free State:			
Coloured	1	—	1
Black	37	1	16
Transvaal:			
White	56	1	10
Asian	2	—	1
Coloured	12	4	—
Black	24	1	11

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Q. Col. 1004 9/4/85

Reference books/influx control

650. Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many Black (a) males and (b) females were arrested by the South African Police for offences relating to reference books and influx control in the magisterial districts of (i) East London, (ii) King William's Town, (iii) Queenstown and (iv) Stutterheim in 1984?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

Statistics in respect of magisterial districts are not kept. Particulars in respect of the various police stations are supplied:

	(a)	(b)
(i) East London	2 054	184
(ii) King William's Town	323	93
(iii) Queenstown	1 738	342
(iv) Stutterheim	—	—

Short-term borrowings

651. Mr H H SCHWARZ asked the Minister of Finance:

(1) (a) What is the amount of the short-term borrowings of the Government, (i) internally and (ii) externally, since 1 April 1984 and (b) what portion of such internal borrowings consists of Treasury bills;

(2) what is the extent of short-term borrowings by the Reserve Bank, (a) internally and (b) externally, since the above-mentioned date;

(3) whether there have been Government borrowings since 1 April 1984 by way of the issue or re-issue of Government stock; if so, (a) to what amount and (b) for what period;

(4) what is the total amount of (a) internal and (b) external Government borrowing since 1 April 1984;

(5) in respect of what date or dates is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE:

(1) (a) (i) From 1 April 1984 to 31 December 1984 the Government made net repayments to the amount of R178 million on short-term domestic loans.

(ii) During the same period net short-term foreign loans obtained by the Government, amounted to R16 million.

(b) From 1 April 1984 to 31 December 1984 net issues of Treasury Bills by the Government amounted to R753 million, but net repayments of short-term government stock amounted to R931 million.

(2) (a) and (b) During the period 1 April 1984 to 31 December 1984 the Reserve Bank did not obtain any short-term domestic loans, but its net short-term foreign loans amounted to R90 million.

(3) Yes.

(3) (a) and (b) The following marketable long-term domestic stock was issued by the Government during the period 1 April 1984 to 31 December 1984 (issues of short-term Government stock are reflected in paragraph 1 above):

Issue	*Amount (R millions)*	*Original Date of Issue*
13% 2005	1 900	16.4.1984
15% 1988	600	13.9.1984
14,5% 2006	1 389	17.9.1984
Total	3 889	

(4) (a) and (b) The total amounts borrowed from 1 April 1984 to 31 December 1984 by the Government domestically and abroad (including non-marketable debt), amounted to R4 102 million and R506 million, respectively.

(5) The above-mentioned information refers to the period 1 April 1984 to 31 December 1984.

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Uitenhage: arrests

659. Mr A SAVAGE asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) How many persons were arrested in Uitenhage in (i) December 1984, (ii) January 1985 and (iii) February 1985 (aa) in terms of security legislation, (bb) for public violence, (cc) for intimidation and (dd) for arson and (b) what are their (i) names and (ii) ages;

(2) whether any such persons have been charged; if so, (a) how many, and (b) what were the charges against them, in each category?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) (a)		(i)	(ii)	(iii)
	(aa)	—	—	—
	(bb)	—	108	24
	(cc)	—	—	—
	(dd)	—	36	—

(b)(i) and (ii) Since they have

already appeared in court, their names and ages are public knowledge.

(2) Yes.

(a) and (b)
Public violence..... 132
Arson 36

Cradock: arrests

660. Mr A SAVAGE asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) (a) How many persons were arrested in Cradock in 1984 (i) in terms of security legislation, (ii) for public violence, (iii) for intimidation and (iv) for arson and (b) what are their (i) names and (ii) ages;

(2) whether any such persons have been charged; if so, (a) how many, and (b) what were the charges against them, in each category?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) (a) (i) None.

(ii) 84.

(iii) 7.

(iv) 12.

(b) (i) and (ii) Since they have already appeared in court, their names and ages are public knowledge.

(2) (a) and (b)
Public violence..... 84
Intimidation..... 7
Arson 12

KTC squatter camp

681. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education:

(1) What is the latest estimate of the (a) *de facto* and (b) *de jure* Black population of the (i) approved KTC shacks and (ii) squatter camp adjacent to KTC;

(2) what is the date of this estimate?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION:

(1) (a) (i) 2 110.

(ii) 20 000.

(b) (i) 1 310.

(ii) None.

(2) 12 February 1985.

***Crimen injuria*: cruelty to animal**

685. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 2 on 4 July 1984, the investigation of the alleged cases of *crimen injuria* and cruelty to an animal has been completed; if so, what were the findings; if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that the investigation will be completed;

(2) whether any progress has been made in the investigation; if not, why not; if so, what progress;

(3) whether any (a) witness and (b) suspects have been questioned; if so, (i) how many, and (ii) with what result; in each case;

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes. Due to a complete lack of clues or other reliable information the cases were closed as undetected.

(2) and (3) Fall away.

(4) No.

Thefts from cars

687. Mr H H SCHWARZ asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(a) How many thefts from cars were reported during the period 1 January to 31 December 1984 and (b) in how many cases were recoveries made?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(a) 86 398.

(b) 9 902.

Thefts from cars

688. Mr H H SCHWARZ asked the Minister of Justice:

Whether any (a) prosecutions were instituted and (b) convictions were obtained in respect of thefts from cars reported to the South African Police during the period 1 January to 31 December 1984; if so, how many in each category as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

The required information is unfortunately not readily available. Statistics of this nature have not been kept by the Department up till now. The keeping of statistics of offences in general is at present the subject of an investigation.

Motor vehicles reported stolen

690. Mr H H SCHWARZ asked the Minister of Justice:

Whether any (a) prosecutions were instituted and (b) convictions were obtained in respect of motor vehicles reported stolen to the South African Police during the period 1 January to 31 December 1984; if so, how many in each category as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

Statistics are unfortunately not readily available for the 1984 calendar year, but are as follow for the period 1 July 1983 until 30 June 1984: Yes.

(a) 6 926.

(b) 4 530.

Technikons

703. Mr H E J VAN RENSBURG asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education:

What was the ratio of students to staff in 1984 in each faculty at each specified technikon falling under the control of his Department?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION:

Only the Technikon Northern Transvaal falls under this Department.

(i) School for Management: 13:1.

(ii) School for Secretarial Training: 9:1.

(iii) School for Teachers Training: 37:1.

(iv) School for Health Science: 13:1.

(v) School for Electrical Engineering: 6:1.

(vi) School for Mechanical Engineering: 2:1.

(vii) School for Surveying, Mining and Civil Engineering: 9:1.

(viii) School for Physical and Chemical Sciences: 4:1.

(ix) School for Building Sciences: 6:1.

Technikons

704. Mr H E J VAN RENSBURG asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education:

been sentenced and (c) where are the detentions being served;

(2) whether any of these persons have been given a suspended sentence; if not, why not; if so, how many as at the above date?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

The required information is unfortunately not readily available. Statistics of this nature have not been kept by the Department up till now. The keeping of statistics in general is at present the subject of an investigation.

Community service

746. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Manpower:

(1) Whether any persons have been committed to render community service under section 72E(4) of the Defence Act, No 44 of 1957, under orders issued by his Department; if so, (a) how many persons have been so committed as at the latest specified date for which figures are available, (b) what periods of community service had they been ordered to render in each case and (c) in which Departments or institutions had these persons been ordered to render service;

(2) whether any of the persons committed to render community service have refused to do so; if so, (a) how many as at the latest specified date for which figures are available and (b) what action was taken in respect of these persons as a result?

The MINISTER OF MANPOWER:

(1) Yes.

(a) 11 as at 20 March 1985.

(b) 2 175 days each.

(c) 6 in the Department of Public Works and Land Affairs.
1 in the Department of Environment Affairs and Tourism.
1 in the Department of Posts and Telecommunications.
3 in the Natal Provincial Administration.

(2) Yes.

(a) 162 as at 20 March 1985.

(b) Steps to prosecute them in terms of Section 72I(2)(a) of Act 44 of 1957 have been taken.

Hansard Q. Col. 1016 9/4/85

Curfew regulations

749. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many persons in the Republic were arrested in 1984 for offences in terms of curfew regulations?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

11 688 Persons.

Hansard Q. Col. 1016 9/4/85

Nelspruit police district: illegal immigrants

751. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) (a) How many persons were being held at police stations in the Nelspruit police district on suspicion of being illegal immigrants on 31 December 1984 and (b) for what specified period was each detained;

(2) whether any of these persons were in possession of South African reference books when detained; if so, how many;

(3) whether any of these suspected illgal immigrants have since been deported or repatriated; if so, to which country was each (a) deported and/or (b) repatriated?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) (a) 228.

(b) 7 for 31 days.
15 for 43 days.
19 for 46 days.
22 for 56 days.
23 for 28 days.
26 for 20 days.
20 for 13 days.
24 for 10 days.
12 for 39 days.
17 for 45 days.
11 for 50 days.
32 for 59 days.

(2) Yes, 190.

(3) (a) No.

(b) Yes, 194 to Mozambique.

S Z Ngomane: detention

753. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) With reference to his reply to Question No 46 on 5 March 1985, why (a) was Mr S Z Ngomane released and re-detained and (b) was this case not investigated prior to his being repatriated;

(2) in what manner was it determined that the South African reference book in the possession of Mr Ngomane had been falsely obtained;

(3) whether this person received any visits while being detained from any (a) lawyers, (b) persons claiming to be related to him and (c) other specified persons; if so, on what dates in each case;

(4) whether these persons were allowed to see Mr Ngomane; if not, why not;

(5) whether any of these persons were questioned on Mr Ngomane's (a) nationality and/or (b) occupation; if not, why not; if so, with what result;

(6) whether, at any time, Mr Ngomane admitted to being an illegal immigrant; if so, (a) on what date and (b) what were the circumstances surrounding this admission?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) (a) He was released on his own cognizance pending the investigation of a case of fraud and aiding illegal immigrants against an official of the Department of Co-operation and Development whereafter he was used as a state witness.

(b) The case was in fact investigated before his repatriation.

(2) It was determined by means of the investigation referred to in para. (1)

(3) (a), (b) and (c) No.

(4) and (5) Fall away.

(6) Yes.

(a) On 4 October 1984.

(b) He made a sworn statement to that effect.

Hansard Q. Col. 1018 9/4/85

Eastern Cape: riots

764. Mr E K MOORCROFT aked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether any civilians have been killed or injured during riots in the Eastern Cape since August 1984; if so, how many had been (a) killed and (b) injured as at the latest specified date for which figures are available;

(2) how many such civilians were (a) killed and (b) injured as a result of gunshot wounds?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes.

(a) 68.

(b) 196 on 25 March 1985.

(2) (a) 42 as a result of police action and 10 by civilians.

(b) 138.

Amounts lent to Mozambique

770. Mr J J B VAN ZYL asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:†

(1) Whether the South African Transport Services lent amounts of money to Mozambique from 1 January 1984 to the latest specified date for which figures are available; if so, (a) what amounts, (b) on what dates and (c) at what rates of interest in each case;

(2) whether the South African Transport Services entered into an agreement with Mozambique concerning the repayment of these amounts; if not, (a) why not and (b) on what basis will the amounts be repaid; if so, (i) when and (ii) what is the purport of this agreement;

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

(1) No.

(2) and (3) Fall away.

Own Affairs:

Officials

58. Mr J H HOON asked the Minister of Agriculture and Water Supply:†

How many (a) White, (b) Coloured, (c) Indian and (d) Black persons are employed as officials in his Department on a (i) permanent and (ii) temporary basis?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND WATER SUPPLY:

		(i)	(ii)
(a)	White	3 884	636
(b)	Coloured	—	906
(c)	Indian	—	23
(d)	Black	—	4 240

Note: The figures in respect of Coloured, Indian and Black employees (temporary personnel) mainly represent personnel who are in service against labour provision, ie personnel who are not occupying posts on the approved establishment of the Administration. In respect of the labour figures the situation is particularly subject to changes resulting from service terminations, seasonal employments, etc.

Teacher/pupil ratio

61. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

What was the teacher/pupil ratio applicable in (a) primary and (b) secondary schools in (i) each of the provincial education departments and (ii) his Department as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

(a) and (b)(i) The provincial education departments are still administered in terms of the Provincial Government Act, 1961 (Act 62 of 1962) and the teacher/pupil ratio is therefore a domestic matter.

(ii) The Department of Education and Culture makes provision for pupils with a variety of handicaps. The following types of institutions are included:

Schools for special education which include schools for the cerebral palsied, specific learning disabled, sensory handicapped, epileptic, autistic and physically handicapped.

Training Centres for Mentally Retarded Children—Schools of Industries; Reform Schools.

It is important to note that the schools offer a variety of educational phases and that pre-primary, primary, secondary and special education may be offered in the same school.

The teacher to pupil ratio applied by this Department on 1985.04.04 is:

Hearing impaired Visually impaired	an average of 8 pupils per teacher
Cerebral palsied Specific learning disabled Epileptic Physically handicapped	an average of 10 pupils per teacher
Training centres for mentally retarded children	an average of 10 pupils per teacher
Schools of Industries and Reform schools	an average of 15 pupils per teacher

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†Indicates translated version.

For written reply:

General Affairs:

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Agricultural products: surpluses

362. Mr E K MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Agricultural Economics:

(1) Whether any surpluses of agricultural products exist or are expected in 1985; if so, of which products;

(2) what in each case are the (a) reasons for such surpluses and (b) price implications;

(3) what steps have been taken or are contemplated in each case to (a) counter the effect of such surpluses and (b) avoid them in future?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS:

(1) Yes, wheat, dairy products, eggs, rooibos tea, leaf tobacco and beef.

(2) *Wheat*

(a) Favourable climatic conditions in most of the production areas.

(b) Exports to neighbouring States and sales of lower grades as stock feed at reduced prices.

Dairy Products

(a) Due to the adverse effect of the drought on crop production and therefore also on their income, producers turned to dairying to a greater extent than normal.

(b) Sales at reduced prices from time to time.

Eggs

(a) Overproduction during spring and early summer.

(b) Sales of processed products at market related prices.

Rooibos Tea

(a) Exceptionally favourable production conditions over the past

1985, the investigation of the inquest docket relating to the death of one Mododana Tyuka in Port Alfred Township has been concluded; if so,

(2) whether the inquest docket has been referred to the Attorney-General; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) with what result?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(a) On 4 February 1985.

(b) The Attorney-General has instructed that an inquest be held, which will now take place in the magistrates court at Port Alfred on 16 April 1985.

Hansard Q.61.939

Black train drivers: Foot Plate Staff Association

*17. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

(1) Whether Black train drivers are employed by the South African Transport Services in (a) Transkei, (b) any other specified independent Black states and (c) the Republic; if not, why not; if so,

(2) whether these drivers are allowed to join the Foot Plate Staff Association; if not, why not;

(3) Whether there is any union and/or staff association of which they can become members; if so, which union and/or staff association; if not, why not?

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

(1) (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) No, the need has not arisen yet.

(2) Although the constitution of the S.A. Footplate Staff Association provides for multiracial membership, the Labour Relations Act, 1956 (Act 28 of 1956), as amended, in accordance with which this Trade Union has been registered, is applicable in the Republic only. Black employees working and residing in Transkei cannot, therefore, become members of this Trade Union. However, their interests are adequately being catered for by means of self chosen workers representatives who have direct channels of representation and/or access to the Regional Manager, East London, and the Management.

(3) No, not in the Republic of South Africa for the reason given in part (2) of the reply. Transport Services is not acquainted with the position in the Republic of Transkei.

National Policy Transport Study

*18. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

What was the total cost of (a) the National Policy Transport Study as at the latest specified date for which figures are available and (b) furnishing the committee room in the Forum Building used for the purposes of the National Policy Transport Study?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

(a) R5 389 983,83.

(b) No facilities were made available for the exclusive use of the National Transport Policy Study (NTPS) and the NTPS has not made use of the committee room of the NTC to date. As the previous committee room facilities of the National Transport Commission (NTC) had become, however, totally inadequate a new committee room had to be provided for the NTC at a total cost of R123 105,00.

Kwanobuhle Township: Visits to doctor

Hansard Q.61.941 9/4/85

*19. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) With reference to his reply to Question No 6 on 12 March 1985, (a) how many members of the South African Police visited the doctor in question in Kwanobuhle Township in Uitenhage on or about 29 January 1985, (b) what was the rank of each of these policemen and (c) why was only one doctor visited;

(2) whether this doctor was requested to (a) inform the police of treatment given to any persons with gunshot wounds, (b) refer such person to any hospital and (c) take any other specified action in regard to such persons; if so, why in each case;

(3) whether the police (a) questioned and (b) arrested any persons (i) in any hospitals and (ii) on any doctors' premises in Kwanobuhle Township or Uitenhage in connection with incidents of public violence in 1985; if so, (aa) when, (bb) how many persons were involved and (cc) what was the nature of their injuries in each case;

(4) whether any of the persons arrested were under 18 years of age; if so, where were they held;

(5) whether their parents were informed of their arrest; if not, why not; if so, when;

(6) whether any of the persons arrested have been charged; if so, what were the charges in each case?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) (a) Three.

(b) One lieutenant and two constables.

(c) Because only one doctor was available at that time.

(2) (a) and (b) No.

(c) Yes, to inform the police of such persons with a view to effecting their apprehension for public violence.

(3) (a) (i) Yes.

(ii) No.

(b) (i) and (ii) No.

(aa) On 29 January 1985.

(bb) Three.

(cc) Gunshot wounds caused by bird-shot.

(4) Yes, one. He was discharged from the hospital on 5 March 1985 and detained in the police cells at Uitenhage until 8 March 1985 when he was entrusted to the care of his parents.

(5) Yes, on 5 March 1985.

(6) Yes, all three of them for public violence.

Hansard Q.61.942

Fort Hare University: refusal to readmit certain person 9/4/85

*20. Mr E K MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education:

(1) Whether a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, has been refused re-admission to the Fort Hare University in this year; if so, (a) why and (b) what is the name of this person;

(2) whether any other students have been refused re-admission to this university in this year; if so, (a) how many have been refused on non-academic grounds and (b) what were the surrounding circumstances in each case?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION:

(1) Yes.

(a) It is not the policy of the University's Council to furnish reasons for non-admission of applicants.

(b) Falls away.

(2) Yes, all together 112 applicants were not admitted.

(a) and (b) See (1)(a).

Hansard Q.61.943
Mathopistad 9/4/85

*21. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education:

(1) Whether (a) his Department or (b) any body attached to his Department was concerned with organizing any transport for residents of Mathopistad to visit any township or resettlement area in Onderstepoort in March 1985; if so, (i) why, (ii) on what date, (iii) how many persons were involved, (iv) where were they taken and (v) what was the total cost involved;

(2) whether it is the intention to resettle the residents of Mathopistad in this area; if so, (a) why and (b) when;

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AND OF LAND AFFAIRS:

(1) (a) Yes.

(i) To show interested residents of Mathopistad compensatory land.

(ii) 11 March 1985.

(iii) 29 persons were transported.

(iv) To the farm Mimosa No. 81 J.Q. district of Rustenburg.

(v) R1 364,86.

(b) Falls away.

(2) Yes, in conjunction with the residents.

(a) Because it is in the interest of all parties concerned.

(b) The date will be determined in conjunction with the residents of Mathopistad.

(3) No.

Technikons: diplomas in tourism

*22. Mr W L VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Environment Affairs and Tourism:†

Whether his Department has any information about persons who obtain diplomas in tourism at technikons; if so, (a) how many persons who have obtained such diplomas have accepted positions in the tourist industry and (b) what estimated number of persons who are expected to obtain such diplomas in 1985 will it be possible to appoint in positions in this industry?

†The MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS AND TOURISM:

Yes, according to the best available information the reply is as follows:

(a) Nine.

(b) Ten.

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Uitenhage: children in police cells

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*23. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) What total number of children aged 18 years and younger were being held in police cells in Uitenhage (a) on 16 March 1985 and (b) as at the latest

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specified date for which figures are available;

(2) whether any of these children have been charged; if so, what are the charges in each case;

(3) whether he or any member of the South African Police has received any representations concerning these children; if so, (a) when, (b) from whom and (c) what was (i) the nature of the representations and (ii) his response thereto;

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) (a) 31.

(b) 39 on 29 March 1985.

(2) Yes,

murder	2
attempted murder	3
robbery	4
attempted robbery	2
public violence	18
serious assault	4
rape	1
intimidation	1
housebreaking and theft	15
theft of motor vehicle	1
shoplifting	1
theft	4
attempted arson	1

(3) No.

(4) No.

Mrs H SUZMAN: Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, will he tell us whether the parents of these children under the age of 18 were informed of their arrest and where they were being held?

The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, I cannot say categorically that this was done in the case of all the children, but this is standard practice in the SA Police and I accept that they did just that. I cannot, however, give that assurance.

Assault of person in Uitenhage police station: complaints Hansard

*24. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether he or any member of the South African Police received any complaints from members of the Black Sash concerning the alleged assault of a person in the Uitenhage police station on or about 17 March 1985; if so, (a) on what date, (b) who received the complaints and (c) what was the nature of the complaints;

(2) whether these allegations have been investigated; if not, why not; if so, (a) who was in charge, (b) what was the nature, and (c) what were the findings, of this investigation;

(3) whether any action has been taken against any members of the South African Police as a result; if not, why not; if so, (a) what action and (b) when;

(4) whether he will furnish the names of the policemen against whom action was taken; if not, why not; if so, what are their names;

(5) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes.

(a) On 17 March 1985.

(b) The District Commandant, Uitenhage.

(c) Alleged assault.

(2) Yes.

(a) A detective warrant officer of the murder and robbery branch of Port Elizabeth.

Birdshot wounds 'status symbols' commission told

UITENHAGE — The police officer in charge of reaction units in the Port Elizabeth area told the Kannemeyer Commission today that black people consider birdshot wounds as status symbols.

The more wounds they had the higher the status, said Major Daniel Blignaut.

He told the sole commissioner, Mr Justice D Kannemeyer, that he was in charge of the equipment to be used by reaction units in the area.

Petrol bomb attacks had become the order of the day in township unrest, the major said. Petrol bombs were used especially against vehicles, buildings, and police patrols.

"As the unrest situation escalated, aggressive groups no longer heeded teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot."

He told the commission that teargas was effective only in a limited area and that, after dispersing, crowds would regroup elsewhere.

Major Blignaut said he had discussed using more powerful ammunition and he asked the Commissioner of Police if he could do so.

He said that he was responsible for the equipment issued on March 21, the day on which 19 people were shot dead by police in the township of Langa.

As a result of using stronger ammunition, crowds had not been as aggressive towards the police, the major said.

DAMAGE

Major Blignaut then gave the commission details of damage caused to buildings and vehicles during unrest since last October.

Damage estimated at more than R2,5 million was caused during the unrest in Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage townships between October 1984 and the end of March this year, Major Blignaut testified.

Damage of about R1,7 million was caused to buildings and motor vehicles in Port Elizabeth during that period and about R800 000 in Uitenhage.

The vehicles damaged included SAP transport, private cars, delivery vans and buses.

Schools, bottle stores and administration board buildings were among premises damaged.

He said that, last month, seven SAP buildings were damaged to the extent of R24 000.

Also during March, damage of R430 625 was caused to schools

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in 24 incidents, and houses of town councillors sustained damage of R16 000.

The damage to SAP vehicles amounted to R8 000 and, to private vehicles, R14 000. There were 36 incidents of stoning or burning of buses, involving R279 000 in damage.

Major Blignout said that, since last October, two members of the SAP had been injured in unrest. One was seriously injured when he was attacked by men wielding knives and another was the victim of an acid bomb attack.

Earlier, Sergeant Benjamin Rudman, in reply to a question by Mr Justice Kannemeyer, said that, had the police who opened fire in Langa on March 21 had other unrest control equipment — such as birdshot, teargas and rubber bullets — they would first have tried to use these as a means of control.

Sergeant Rudman told the commission that birdshot was not effective on aggressive crowds.

Referring to a telex handed to the court which cited an example of a crowd of 800 people who attacked a police Land-Rover and were dispersed with rubber bullets and buckshot, Mr Justice Kannemeyer asked Sergeant Rudman if he would not consider such a crowd aggressive.

"Yes," the sergeant replied.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer also asked whether birdshot and lighter unrest control methods would have been effective on March 21 in the earlier stages when the gathering crowd consisted of about 250 people.

"I couldn't say," Sergeant Rudman answered.

The sergeant said that he had not heard any warning being given to the crowd of 4 000 in Uitenhage that they would be shot at if they did not disperse.

Sergeant Rudman, who was on one of the police Casspirs involved in the shooting, under cross-examination by Mr Chris Nicholson, for the victims' families, said that the officer in charge at the scene, Lieutenant John William Fouche, had not said he was about to fire a warning shot but Sergeant Rudman had accepted that the first shot fired was a warning.

Mr Nicholson: Was there a warning that people would be shot if they didn't disperse?

Sergeant Rudman: I didn't hear any warning.

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Commission of inquiry enters third week

Staff Reporter

THE Kannemeyer Commission of inquiry into the shooting dead of 19 people by police in Langa township, Uitenhage, on March 21 enters its third week tomorrow with further evidence expected from the police.

The chairman of the one-man commission, Mr Justice D Kannemeyer, has so far heard accounts of the incident from six of the policemen who were there, including patrol leader Lieutenant W J Fouche, who gave the order to fire.

Mr Chris Jansen SC, for the Minister of Law and Order, is leading evidence from the police and there is no indication yet how many more witnesses he intends calling.

FAMILIES

Mr Jansen is appearing with Mr Paul L Avenant and is instructed by Port Elizabeth State Attorney Mr Johann Coetsee.

Mr Peter Gastrow, Progressive Federal Party MP for Durban Central, who is appearing in his capacity as advocate for the six PFP MPs who inspected the Langa scene the day after the shooting, was allowed leave by the commission last week to lead evidence from Mr E K Moorcraft, PFP MP for Albany.

Mr Gastrow is instructed by Mr Ray Swart.

A number of the families of those shot dead on March 21 are represented by their own counsel and Johannesburg advocate Mr Wim Trengove headed the team until the adjournment on last Wednesday afternoon.

"IMPORTANCE"

The instructing attorneys representing the families, the firm of Cheadle, Thompson and Haysom, could not say at the end of last week who would replace Mr Trengove.

It was originally expected that the commission would sit for between two and three weeks, but as it goes into its eighth day of hearing tomorrow there is still no indication how long proceedings will continue.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer has emphasised the urgency of the commission as a matter of "great national importance and concern," but he is not prepared to prejudice the leading of all relevant evidence by rushing the hearing.

Azapo told reason for the unrest

By Michael Tissong

The economic and educational crises as well as rent increases were the main causes of the unrest in the Eastern Cape, a Uitenhage Black Civic Organisation member, Mr Mthembu Dano, said in Soweto yesterday.

He told the Azanian People's Organisation meeting that the refusal by councillors to heed the community's call to resign from the township council and the "provocative acts by councillors in banning local groups from using community halls for meetings and their use of firearms" were also seen by residents as intolerable.

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Le Grange visited townships before shootings

From DALE LAUTENBACH
Staff Reporter

UITENHAGE. — The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, visited the townships of Port Elizabeth with the Commissioner of Police on February 9, the Kannemeyer Commission heard today.

Head of the Port Elizabeth Reaction Unit, Major Daniel Blignaut, told the commission he had taken the Minister to the townships and explained to him "the escalating unrest situation".

He had told him the use of acid and petrol bombs was on the increase.

The need to use heavier shot was discussed at officer level, he said.

BUCK SHOT

The Divisional Commissioner in Uitenhage had received Kompol (police headquarters) authorisation to issue AAA buck shot and Major Blignaut had issued his men in Port Elizabeth with AAA.

On March 22, Major Blignaut was appointed head of the temporary Reaction Unit based in Uitenhage and only later, he told the commission, did he learn that AAA ammunition had not been available in Uitenhage.

Major Blignaut also quoted figures of damage during the period of unrest from October last year to March 31 this year: damage estimated at R1,7-m to buildings and vehicles in the Port Elizabeth area and R800 000 in Uitenhage was reported, he said.

In cross-examination by Mr Peter Gastrow, appearing for six PFP MPs, Major Blignaut said it was "desirable" that police be issued with a full range of unrest control methods to be used as the situation arose. He conceded to Mr Gastrow that it was not only desirable but that

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this was a standing rule in the police force.

Major Blignaut told the commission that because he arrived in Uitenhage the day after the shooting dead of 19 people by the police, he could not give reasons why they had been issued only with lethal ammunition and no other unrest control methods.

Earlier Major Blignaut told the commission that "black people consider birdshot wounds to be status symbols".

The more wounds they had the higher the status, said Major Daniel Blignaut.

"As the unrest situation escalated your aggressive groups no longer heeded teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot."

He said teargas was effective only in a limited area and that after dispersing crowds they would regroup elsewhere.

MORE POWERFUL

Major Blignaut said he had discussed using more powerful ammunition and had asked the Commissioner of Police if he could do so.

He said as a result of using stronger ammunition crowds had not been as aggressive towards the police.

Sergeant Benjamin Rudman, in response to a question by Mr Justice Kannemeyer, said that had the police who opened fire on March 21, killing 19 people, had other unrest control equipment — such as birdshot, teargas and rubber bullets — they would have used this first.

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Referring to a telex handed to the court which cited an example of a crowd of 800 people who attacked a police Land-Rover and were dispersed with rubber bullets and buckshot, Mr Justice Kannemeyer asked the sergeant if he would not consider such a crowd aggressive.

"Yes," he said.

The hearing continues.



Taking a break during their "funeral" patrol, a Defence Force unit crowds round an ice cream vendor near Port Elizabeth.

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Arsonists active in E Cape unrest

Sporadic incidents of unrest in the Eastern Cape were reported during the past 24 hours, a spokesman for the SAP Directorate of Public Relations said in Pretoria today.

"Arsonists made determined efforts to undermine and intimidate the inhabitants of black residential areas," the spokesman said.

"Four houses, one beerhall, one AFM (Apostolic Faith Mission) church and one school in these black areas were set alight. A number of these fires were extinguished by the SA Police.

"A South African Defence Force fire tender was stoned at a road obstruction.

"A few incidents of riotous gatherings were reported, and on occasions, the police were forced to use tearsmoke and maintain order. No injuries were reported," the spokesman said.

The mass funeral of victims of "bloody Thursday" in Langa township, Uitenhage, will be held on Saturday, according to sources close to the bereaved families.

The organisers of the funerals plan to obtain use of the Langa sports stadium for the service, but if that fails the proceedings will take place in a church hall.

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Unrest in Eastern Cape

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Mail Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — There were sporadic incidents of unrest in Eastern Cape townships yesterday.

In Kwazakele, Port Elizabeth, a mob of up to 1 000 people was dispersed with tearsmoke, rubber bullets and shotguns after they stoned police vehicles.

A spokesman for the Directorate of Public Affairs at Police headquarters in Pretoria said yesterday that no injuries had been reported to police.

He said a man was arrested in Fort Beaufort on Sunday after he was found with a petrol bomb.

A classroom and three storerooms at the Nathaniel Nyaluza Senior Secondary School in Fingo Village, Grahamstown, were destroyed in an arson attack.

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15-month-old school boycott is called off

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Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — A school boycott in Cradock which has lasted 15 months will end next week, students and parents of Llingelihle township have decided.

Today the head of the Cradock Residents' Association, Mr Gladwell Makaula, and the regional director of the Department of Education and Training, Mr Gunther Merbold, said they were "very happy" with the decision to end the boycott.

Mr Makaula said: "It is the correct decision at the right time. Weighing up the gains and the losses, we made definite political gains — but the kids did lose out on their education."

Failed in main aim

He said there was now no doubt in anyone's mind that the Residents' Association controlled the township.

He went on: "Now the whole township is united everyone is more politicised. A boycott of the new beerhall is a success but, unfortunately, we have failed for the moment in our main aim of forcing the reinstatement of the two teachers, Mr Mathew Goniwe and Mr Ford Calata, whose sacking led to the boycott in the first place.

"But now that we have made this unilateral decision to return to school maybe the Department of Education and Training will view their reinstatement in a more sympathetic light."

Mr Merbold said he hoped the Cradock decision would have a ripple effect on other centres such as Fort Beaufort, Somerset East and Pearston, where partial boycotts are in effect.

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Senior police officers may give evidence

UITENHAGE. — Several senior police officers are expected to give evidence before the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry when it resumes in the Uitenhage Magistrate's Court today.

It is believed General J Neetling, head of the police forensic unit, and the Divisional Commissioner for the Eastern Cape, Brigadier C A Swart, may be called.

It was thought last week that the Commissioner of Police, General Johann Coetzee, would be called by Mr Chris Jansen, SC, for the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange. However, no confirmation of this could be obtained.

The inquiry was ordered by the State President, Mr P W Botha, to report on the incident in which 19 people were killed when police opened fire on a crowd in the Langa township on March 21.

Chaired by an Eastern Cape Supreme Court judge, Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer, the hearing appears set to last at least two more weeks.

It is believed Mr Jansen will complete leading evidence by Wednesday, although more police witnesses may be called later.

Mr Halton Cheadle, an instructing attorney representing the families of the victims, has yet to lead evidence.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer has instructed that certain witnesses be called and may decide to summon others.

Also, the commission has yet to hear evidence from witnesses who volunteered to appear.

The inquiry, which has so far heard evidence mainly from police involved in the shooting, enters its eighth day of sittings today.

On Thursday, evidence about a second petrol bomb was given.

Sergeant Benjamin Rudman, one of the policemen manning a Casspir armoured vehicle commanded by Warrant-Officer Wouter Pentz, said that moments before the order to fire was given, he saw a man brandishing a cold-drink bottle filled with a pinkish liquid — and his impression was that it was a petrol bomb.

When the order came to open fire he aimed and shot at the man, he said.

"I hit him and saw him fall," said Sgt Rudman.

After firing ceased and police climbed down from their vehicles to examine the injured, he saw glass fragments near the body of the man he had shot, Sgt Rudman said.

Earlier, police evidence has been that another man, clearly identified as the leader of the crowd, pulled a bottle filled with a pinkish substance from under his coat moments before the order was given to fire.

Another witness, who may not be identified, said that he had not seen a a teenager riding a bicycle before the order to fire was given.

But moments after the order to cease fire was given, and the crowd had fled, he saw a bicycle lying among the debris.

He rejected suggestions that police had fired on a teenager riding a bicycle during the shooting.

The witness said W/O Pentz's Casspir did not leave the scene of the shooting until after all the dead and injured had been removed. Earlier, W/O Pentz and other policemen testified that they were called to attend to another incident of violence within minutes of the Langa shooting.

The attention of the commission had been drawn to similarities between the statements given to investigating detectives by two policemen involved in the shooting.

The commission was told by Mr Cheadle that there were about 50 similarities in the statements given by two policemen to the same investigating officer. — Sapa.

Police tell of plan for terror

By SHIRLEY PRESSLY

UITENHAGE — A blueprint for terror was outlined today to the Kannemeyer Commission by a senior police officer, who said phase one, removal of all community councillors in Uitenhage, had been effected.

Phase two was an attack on police to drive them from the townships, said Colonel Frederick Pretorius, District Commandant for Uitenhage.

He sketched the background to the unrest in Uitenhage, which he described as a "terror campaign".

Col Pretorius said he was arranging for the sneeze machines to be moved to Langa from the temporary police base,

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when he received the news that police had opened fire on March 21.

Earlier Major Daniel Blignaut handed in statistics of damage caused in the unrest. It totalled R2,5 million for the period September 1 to March 31.

Damage to 453 vehicles in PE amounted to almost R1,4 million.

Cross-examined by Mr Peter Gastrow (for six PFP MPs), he agreed that it did not appear from the March statistics that the use of sharp ammunition had led to a drop in violence but the picture had now changed.

"The intensity of the violence has scaled down since the end of March and is now minimal compared to before," Major Blignaut said.

He knew nothing of a police circular issued about two months ago that people wounded in unrest should be charged before medical attention was given.

Mr Gastrow submitted that the reason for this instruction was to prevent the Press from getting access to them, before they were charged.

Major Blignaut: Our first priority is to give them medical treatment.

He would not agree that firing with SSG ammunition necessarily had fatal results but agreed that prime targets in the townships were SAP vehicles, development board offices and policemen's homes.

Under cross-examination by Mr Chris Nicholson (instructed by Cheadle, Thomson and Haysom appearing for bereaved Langa families) he agreed there were not enough policemen to protect all targets in the townships.

"There would never be enough policemen in South Africa to protect all targets," he said.

Asked by Mr Chris Jansen, SC, for the Minister of Law and Order, about the effectiveness of riot control aids, he said: "Towards the end of last year when the unrest escalated aggressive groups no longer worried about tearsmoke, rubber bullets and birdshot."

Tearsmoke, grenades and cartridges were only effective in a limited area. If tearsmoke was used people ran off and regrouped a block away.

He claimed people who had been hit by birdshot jumped up and ran away as if nothing had happened to them.

"They bragged among their friends as to how many birdshot wounds they had. The more wounds he has, the higher he is regarded in the community," he said.

Once more powerful ammunition was used in shotguns he noticed a change in the behaviour of crowds. "They were not so aggressive and more careful. They were not so aggressive in their behaviour to the police."

Earlier one of 15 policemen involved in the March 21 Langa confrontation said the police would have used riot control aids had they been available.

Cross-examined by Mr Nicholson, Sergeant Benjamin Rudman said loudspeakers were not available that day.

He heard no warning being given to the crowd of 4 000 that the police would open fire if they did not disperse.

He said the officer in charge, Lieutenant J Fouche, had not said he was about to fire a warning shot.

Mr Nicholson: Was there a warning that people would be shot if they didn't disperse?

Sgt Rudman: I didn't hear any warning.

Homes, van burnt in E Cape

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Post Reporter

FIVE homes and a delivery van were seriously damaged by fire in the Eastern Cape during the past 24 hours, according to the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria.

A spokesman said "radical minority groups" caused extensive damage to homes over the past 24 hours and an unsuccessful attempt was also made to burn a primary school, but damage was minimal.

He said police used shotguns, rubber bullets, tear smoke and sneezing powder on several occasions to restore the daily routine in these areas.

Several illegal roadblocks in the Eastern Cape had to be dismantled by police, who had been stoned while carrying out this task, he said. No injuries had been reported.

"The pattern of intimidation continues in the black residential areas with the senseless destruction of property and attacks on the homes of black citizens."

He said most incidents occurred in the Eastern Cape, but isolated incidents had also been reported from Kimberley, Katlehong (near Germiston) and Bethlehem.

"In Kimberley, senseless damage amounting to thousands of rands was caused by arsonists. Two classrooms and four private vehicles were maliciously destroyed by fire."

He said two delivery vans in Kimberley were stoned and set on fire, disrupting the normal flow of commodities in the area.

The home of a policemen in Katlehong was petrol-bombed, resulting in extensive damage.

In Bethlehem a tractor was stopped at an illegal obstruction in the road in a black residential area and stoned, he said.

'Officer responsible for the equipment issued'

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Argus Staff Reporter DALE LAUTENBACH reports from Uitenhage on evidence to the commission of inquiry into the shootings at Langa.

THE officer who gave the order to open fire on a procession of about 4 000 people in Langa township on March 21 was responsible for the type of equipment issued to his men that day, the Kannemeyer Commission heard.

"Lieutenant W J Fouche's duty was to see that his men were properly equipped," said District Commandant of Police for Uitenhage, Lieutenant Colonel Fredrick Pretorius yesterday.

Lieutenant Fouche has told the commission that he and his men had been issued with only buckshot and R1 ammunition from March 15.

Chairman and sole member of the commission of inquiry Mr Justice D Kannemeyer put it to Colonel Pretorius that Lieutenant Fouche's attitude which emerged in his evidence was that he "took what he got" and did not question the type of equipment with which he was issued.

"His duty was to see that his men were properly equipped," said Colonel Pretorius.

He told the commission that the "normal" unrest control equipment included teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot.

A telex from police headquarters in Pretoria on February 27 had instructed that all vehicles be fully equipped at all times, Colonel Pretorius said.

He had endorsed this at an order group meeting of his officers on March 14 and Lieutenant Fouche had been present, he said.

In cross-examination by Mr Peter Gastrow, for six PFP MPs, Colonel Pretorius said he had no comment — and it had come to his notice for the first time in newspaper reports — on Lieutenant Fouche's evidence that he did not know who his commanding officer was.

"I saw Fouche daily and asked for reports," Colonel Pretorius told the commission.

Mr Gastrow: "How can a Casspir be on duty in the townships for a whole week and you, the district commandant, do not know how it is equipped?"

Colonel Pretorius: "The orders were given. It was quite clear what equipment should have been on those vehicles."

Mr Gastrow: "Is this not a case of trying to shift the blame onto Lieutenant Fouche, the man in the middle?"

Colonel Pretorius: "I gave orders for R1s to be issued and used by warrant officers and orders that SSG buckshot ammunition be issued before headquarters gave permission, so I am not trying to shift the blame."

Referring to a statement he made after the March 21 incident and describing the background to unrest in Uitenhage, Colonel Pretorius told the commission that there had been a campaign of terror planned for

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the townships, according to information he had received.

Phase one of the plan, to remove all town councillors, had been effected, he said. Phase two was an attack on police to drive them out of the townships. This was the background, he said, to the request made by Divisional Commissioner Brigadier C A Swart to police headquarters, that AAA buckshot and handguns be issued to reaction units.

The Uitenhage temporary reaction unit base did not have AAA buckshot available and Colonel Pretorius, of his own accord, authorised the issue of the heavier SSG buckshot to police.

"The stocks are ordered on a computer system. Uitenhage had no code for AAA so there was no order number for it. If it is not on the stock list I must assume it is not available," he said. "All we could get was SSG."

He had not told Brigadier Swart that AAA was unavailable, he said.

Colonel Pretorius told the commission that when he heard over the police radio that a large procession was gathering in Langa on March 21, he set about finding the sneeze machine and ordering it to the area. Soon after he located the vehicle, however, reports that the police had opened fire were received.

He went to the scene and passed about six ambulances waiting on the outskirts of Langa. When he arrived at the scene of the shooting there was one doctor attending the injured and he, Colonel Pretorius, ordered the ambulances in immediately.

"I don't know why the ambulances did not go straight in. I heard later that they had been waiting for a police escort," he said.

Earlier yesterday, Major Daniel Blignaut, head of the Port Elizabeth reaction unit and the temporary base in Uitenhage, denied knowledge of a circular issued about two months ago instructing that people wounded in unrest be charged before receiving medical attention.

Mr Gastrow submitted that this was ordered to prevent the Press gaining access to victims before they were charged.

"Our first priority is to give medical treatment," said Major Blignaut.

The hearing continues.

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Langa officer fingered by his superior

Mail Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — Senior police officers were unaware that on the day of the Langa shooting a detachment of three patrol vehicles left the temporary police base at Uitenhage without drawing supplies of teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot, the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry heard yesterday.

Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Arthur Pretorius, District Commandant for Uitenhage, said the officer, Lieutenant John William Fouche, was in direct control of the policemen under him and should have made sure he drew the right equipment.

"The equipment was available and if he said it was not available, then he is making a mistake," Lt-Col Pretorius said.

The chairman of the Commission, Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer, asked whether Lt Fouche would have been justified in insisting on the issue of tear smoke and other equipment if it was not issued.

Lt-Col Pretorius said it was Lt Fouche's right to insist on this.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer said Lt Fouche had testified that his attitude had been that he took what was given to him, and that he could not question the decision of his superiors.

During cross examination by Mr Peter Gastrow, representing a Progressive Federal Party delegation, Lt-Col Pretorius was told that Lt Fouche had in fact testified that he had received no teargas, rubber bullets or birdshot since arriving for riot duty on March 15.

Nineteen people were killed and 33 were wounded by police opened fire, using shotguns loaded with heavy S S G shot, 9 mm handguns and R1 rifles.

"On March 14, during a meeting with all my officers, I made it clear that they must see that they had all the necessary equipment before going on patrol," said Lt-Col Pretorius. Lt Fouche was present at the briefing, he said.

He told the Commission that this instruction followed a directive from police headquarters in Pretoria stressing that every patrol vehicle must be equipped with all items needed in riot control.

Lt-Col Pretorius disclosed that when the Eastern Cape divisional commissioner, Brigadier C Swart, on February 8 asked for Pretoria's approval to use A A A buckshot, none was available in Uitenhage.

He was unable to order A A A buckshot because there was no computer order number for this grade of shot, so he authorised police in Uitenhage to use heavier S S G shot.

He said he first heard about the procession in Langa from the radio control room at the Uitenhage police station at about 9.30am on March 21.

It was reported that at that stage there were about 4 000 people moving towards the white residential area of Uitenhage.

"I immediately gave orders to get the sneeze machine (tear smoke) to the scene. While I was trying to do this, it was reported to me that the shooting had taken place."

Asked by Mr Gastrow why he did not immediately order Lt Fouche to fall back and await the sneeze machine, Lt-Col Pretorius said that at that moment he did not know exactly where in Maduna Road the crowd was.

There had been many radio messages coming through, and the radio had also been giving problems, the colonel added.

Major Daniel Blignaut, officer commanding the reaction unit in Port Elizabeth and who was placed in charge of Uitenhage's temporary base the day after the Langa shooting, said that regulations prescribed the issue of conventional riot equipment to all police patrols involved in riot control.

He said he had supported the request for buckshot to be used in riot situations because often when birdshot, rubber bullets and teargas was used rioters would simply scatter, regroup and continue pursuing their original objective.

Under cross-examination by Mr Gastrow, Major Blignaut agreed that statistics before the commission indicated that violence in Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage escalated during March, when buckshot was already in use.

Asked if he would have used teargas on the Langa procession in an effort to disperse the crowd, he said it depended on a number of factors.

He said his first responsibility would be to protect the lives of his men and he would act with the necessary degree of force, taking into account the degree of aggression being displayed by the crowd.

The hearing resumes at 9.30am today.

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Police hit at Langa officer

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Police take blame for inaccuracies

plied: "It is the duty of the officer in charge of a contingent to ensure that his men are equipped with the best equipment to fulfil their task, depending on his objectives."

During cross-examination by Mr Gastrow, General Coetzee said lesser equipment should not be withdrawn when more effective weapons were issued to police patrols.

"There can be cases where lesser equipment cannot be used, but it is not the idea that lesser equipment should be withdrawn."

Police witnesses have told the commission that they were not issued with teargas, rubber bullets or birdshot after March 15, when R-1 rifles and SSG shotgun cartridges were given to police units.

'ELIMINATION'

General Coetzee was asked about a police order issued on March 19 that anyone guilty of throwing petrol and acid bombs at police should be "eliminated".

"That is not term I would have used," the general said. He would rather have said the bombers should be rendered "harmless".

Questioned on the social, economic and political background to the unrest, he said the solution to this was not in police hands.

"But unless the police can deal with the unrest effectively, all initiative on a social, political and economic level would be negated."

If there were no economic, political or social problems, police work would be much easier, but this could exist only in a state of utopia, he said.

Asked about evidence by the policeman in charge during the shooting, Lieutenant John William Fouche, and his deputy, Warrant-Officer Jacobus Wouter Pentz, General Coetzee said it would be "amazing" if no-one had told them who their commanding officer was.

"Every policeman knows who is in charge of him," he said.

In earlier evidence, General Coetzee said he had gained the impression from information he received on the day of the shooting that petrol bombs had been used in the incident.

He said he had based his assumption on information received from various staff officers who had been instructed to gather as much data on the incident as possible for Mr le Grange to prepare a statement.

"I was told that part of a petrol bomb was found at the scene and that fingerprints had been found on it. I was under the impression that petrol bombs were definitely used."

The general said Mr le Grange had been disturbed at the nature of allegations made about the incident, and had felt it was his duty to inform Parliament at an early stage.

General Coetzee and other staff officers had therefore tried to gather as much information as possible. This had been passed on to Lieutenant-Colonel Leon Mellet, the Ministers' liaison officer, who drew up the statement.

Reading from an affidavit handed in to court, General Coetzee said the Minister's statement had been based partly on information in a telex from Eastern Cape police headquarters.

Another telex with new information had been received in Cape Town while Mr le Grange was making his statement to Parliament.

Outlining events leading to the issuing of the statement, General Coetzee said about noon on March 21 he had received a phone call in Cape Town from his deputy, Lieutenant-General Hennie de Witt, in Pretoria.

CASUALTIES

General de Witt said an incident had taken place in Uitenhage in which police had to fire at people marching on them.

"He did not know the full details, but I took particulars of the time, place, size of the crowd, nature of the incident, weapons and casualties," said General Coetzee.

He had informed the Minister at 12.30 pm, and Mr le Grange had then ordered that more details be obtained as he wanted to make a statement to Parliament before the end of the day."

The general said that from 2.30 pm he and his staff began trying to get hold of high-ranking officers for further information on the shooting. — Sapa.

'SAP to blame' for Le Grange inaccuracies

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UITENHAGE — The police were to blame for any inaccuracies in the Minister of Law and Order's statement to Parliament on the Uitenhage shootings, the Commissioner of the SAP, General Johan Coetzee, said today.

He told the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry that police had tried to get as much information as possible in the short time available before the Minister, Mr Louis le Grange, made his statement.

A certain amount of bad publicity resulted. "But that was what we could do in the time limit. The blame lies with the police," said General Coetzee.

Examined by Mr Peter Gastrow, for the Progressive Federal Party, the general said he believed it should have been clear to any objective listener that there would have been shortcomings in Mr le Grange's statement.

Mr Gastrow had asked whether it would not have been better if Mr le Grange had said he had based his statement on provisional information.

He suggested that the statement appeared to comprise established fact and not preliminary particulars.

General Coetzee replied: "I think it would be clear to an objective reader. Would it not be understandable that the Minister was not in possession of established facts, but that the facts were made available to him to the best of the machinery's ability."

TEARSMOKE

He also said under cross-examination by Mr Chris Nel, of the Eastern Cape Attorney-General's Office, that it had been established that tearsmoke had been available in the Uitenhage police stores on March 21, the day of the shooting.

General Dirk Genis, the SAP officer investigating the incident, had told General Coetzee that the police involved in the incident had neglected to ask for tearsmoke to be issued to them.

Asked by the chairman of the commission, Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer, whose duty it would have been to ask for tearsmoke, General Coetzee re-

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Police act as unrest continues in townships

PRETORIA. — Disturbances were continuing in black townships, with police using tearsmoke, shotguns, rubber bullets and sneeze powder on several occasions during the past 24 hours, police said in Pretoria today.

A spokesman for the SAP Directorate of Public Relations said this morning:

"Over the past 24 hours radical minority groups have caused extensive damage to schools and homes in the Eastern Cape."

No injuries were reported.

Most of the incidents occurred in the Eastern Cape, but "isolated cases were reported from Kimberley, Kahtlehong (Germiston) and Bethlehem.

"In Kimberley damage amounting to thousands of rands was caused by arsonists. Two classrooms and four private vehicles were maliciously destroyed by fire," he said.

Two delivery vans were also stoned and set on fire.

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Police had also dismantled several roadblocks.

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General Johan Coetzee who gave evidence in Uitenhage today.

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From DALE LAUTENBACH, Staff Reporter

UITENHAGE. — The Commissioner of Police, General Johan Coetzee told the Kannemeyer Commission today that the statement in Parliament by the Minister of Law and Order about the Langa shootings was the responsibility of the police.

He said he and staff officers had obtained all the information they could "in the time available".

"The blame lies with the police," said General Coetzee under cross-examination by Mr Peter Gastrow, for six PFP MPs.

Mr Gastrow: "I don't expect you to take responsibility for the Minister."

"Eliminate"

General Coetzee conceded to the commission that he was uncertain about various aspects of the statement but that "it should have been clear to whoever was hearing it that there would be shortcomings because it had been done in the time available".

Asked by Mr Gastrow to explain a telex from General de Witt of police headquarters to the Eastern Cape division giving them the order to "eliminate all guilty parties", General Coetzee said he would not have chosen the term "eliminate".

In a statement which General Coetzee made after the incident on March 21 he refers to the social, political and economic factors behind the unrest.

He told the commission today that solutions to the problem were not in the hands of the police and that unless police could handle unrest effectively any initiative taken on the socio-politico-economic front would be negated.

Feared for lives

The unrest in Port Elizabeth's townships had been exceptional, intimidation was on the increase and the degenerating situation warranted the use of dangerous weapons, General Coetzee said.

He said that after inspecting the townships on February 19 with the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, he received information that community leaders in the area feared for their lives, that "black weekends" were planned and that the flow of information from the township to the police had dried up significantly.

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General Coetzee was reading to the commission from a statement he made after the March 21 police shootings.

He told the commission that about noon on March 21 he received the report of the incident in Langa. He alerted the Minister of Law and Order and was instructed to obtain details as the Minister intended to make a statement in Parliament that day.

He was unable to get in touch with the Divisional Commissioner, the head of the security branch or the head of the detective force here, he said. A Lieutenant-Colonel Poolsen told him that all the senior officers were at the scene of the incident.

PETROL BOMBS

Lieutenant Poolsen told General Coetzee that petrol bombs had been found at the scene after the shootings, the commission heard.

Information filtered through for the rest of the afternoon, he said, and while the Minister was making his statement in Parliament a second telex arrived from Uitenhage, cancelling the first and adding details.

General Coetzee told the commission that he appointed General Dirk Genis of police headquarters to investigate the incident.

The District Commandant in Uitenhage, Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick Pretorius, told the commission that he had arrived at the scene of the shootings on March 21 just after 10am. He counted 11 corpses removed from the scene and at the hospital another three were added to the list. There were 22 injured people at the hospital and two of these subsequently died, the commission heard.

There were also unofficial reports that an additional 16 people were wounded and had been admitted to Livingstone Hospital in Port Elizabeth.

Cross-examined by Mr Chris Nel, officer to the commission, Colonel Pretorius told the commission he was present when General Genis questioned Lieutenant W J Fouché, the Casspir patrol leader who ordered the police to fire on March 21.

"If I remember correctly Lieutenant Fouche said that teargas had not been available," Colonel Pretorius said.

Mr Justice D Kannemeyer: "And that's untrue?"

Colonel Pretorius: "Yes."

Mr Chris Nicholson, appearing for some of the families of those shot dead, asked Colonel Pretorius whether he had told General Genis that Lieutenant Fouche was "lying".

Colonel Pretorius agreed with this.

"It was an urgent call from Brigadier Wandrag and that all equipment should be issued and used properly. What did you do to make sure that this notification was acted upon," Mr Gastrow asked.

Colonel Pretorius said that his men had been fully informed about the contents of the telex and that he required reports to be made to him.

The hearing continues.

General Genis had been told that teargas was available.

Referring to a telex sent to reaction units on February 27 by Brigadier J Wandrag, head of counter-insurgency at police headquarters, Mr Gastrow said the contents of the telex gave him the impression that headquarters was dissatisfied with the way in which reaction units were using their equipment.

Kannemeyer inquiry

'I heard no warning' sergeant

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Colonel Pretorius said he had authorised police in Uitenhage to use heavier SSG shot.

He said he first heard about the procession in Langa from the radio control room at the Uitenhage police station about 9.30am on March 21.

It was reported that at that stage there were about 4 000 people moving towards the white residential area of Uitenhage.

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'Police to blame for errors'

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Gen JOHAN COETZEE

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"But that was what we could do in the time limit. The blame lies with the police," Gen Coetzee said.

Gen Coetzee was being cross-examined by Mr Peter Gastrow, appearing for six PFP MPs.

Mr Gastrow submitted that several points in the Minister's statement had been denied by police present at the shooting who gave evidence to the commission.

Gen Coetzee said the Minister read his statement to Parliament from information contained in a telex from Brigadier C A Swart, Divisional Commissioner of Police for the Eastern Cape.

This information was worked into a statement by Colonel Leon Mellett, who in turn handed it to the Minister.

Gen Coetzee said while the Minister was busy, a second telex came from Port Elizabeth which cancelled the first telex and gave supplementary details. These were too late to be included in the statement to Parliament.

Gen Coetzee said he accepted that there might not be sufficiently trained men to deal with certain situations, but the police did the best they could with the available manpower and every instruction was carried out to the best of their ability.

Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer asked Gen Coetzee that if tearsmoke was available at the Uitenhage store on March 21, was it the duty of the officer in charge of the section to ask for it or was the onus on the quartermaster to issue it to the officer and his men.

Gen Coetzee replied: "It would be up to the officer to see that equipment was available to fulfil his duty."

Earlier Gen Coetzee said the causes for the unrest were social, economic and political.

They had been orchestrated in a political action programme initiated by the ANC and backed by the United Democratic Front, which acted as an umbrella organisation for several affiliated organisations.

The action programme was characterised by regular

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meetings in which speakers aired grievances and finally planned projects such as the British Consulate sit-in in Durban.

Gen Coetzee said the campaign manifested itself in boycotts and stayaways and was aimed at two target groups — black education and all concerned with it, and third-tier government, such as management boards and community councils.

On February 19 he and the Minister of Law and Order paid a visit to Port Elizabeth to feel the pulse of the situation and spoke to the heads of all police departments. They also acquainted themsleves with the methods being used by the police to quell the unrest.

He said he saw worsening unrest, intimidation on an increased scale, black community leaders fearing for their lives and talk of black weekends.

Gen Coetzee said he was aware that Brigadier Swart had asked permissionm on February 8 to use buckshot and handguns to fight the unrest.

Gen Coetzee said that early in March he had felt that the degenerating state of affairs justified the use of stronger weapons than before.

On February 26/27 there were three cases of acid bombs being thrown at police vehicles and the incidence of petrol bombs continued and increased.

Colonel F A Pretorius, district commandant for Uitenhage, said that on January 9 he saw a delegation of black councillors who expressed their concern at the escalating unrest and said that the police would never get it under control by continuing to use only teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot.

They asked him if the police could discontinue using teargas in the townships because it upset old people, babies and cripples. They also asked him if the police could not go over to the use of sharp ammunition.

"I told them that I appreciated their point of view, but we had our orders and were there to save lives," said Col Pretorius.

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By SHIRLEY PRESSLY

THE officer who gave the order to fire on a procession of 4 000 people in Maduna Road, Langa, Uitenhage, on March 21, should have made sure he had been issued with the proper equipment, the Kannemeyer Commission heard yesterday.

The District Commandant for Uitenhage, Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Pretorius, said during cross examination by Mr Peter Gastrow (appearing for six PFP MPs): "He (Lt John Fouche) was in charge and he should have seen that he was given the necessary equipment."

Earlier the commission was told by Lt Fouche, who gave the order to shoot, that his men were issued only with shotguns, buckshot and two R1s before going on patrol on the morning of March 21.

Mr Gastrow said Lt Fouche's attitude was that he saw no reason to query equipment issued by the quartermaster.

Col Pretorius said Lt Fouche had been present at an order group meeting on March 14 when the specific duties of the officers were worked out. Lt Fouche had asked to take charge of the morning sections from 6am to 2pm.

"I told the order group on March 14 that they must carry all equipment," he said.

Col Pretorius said he was unaware that Lt Fouche had been issued only with SSG ammunition since March 15.

A telex from headquarters on February 27 gave instructions that all vehicles carry all equipment at all times.

Asked Mr Gastrow: "Is it possible that a Caspir could operate for a week without aids?"

Col Pretorius: Orders were given and it should have been quite clear what they should have been carrying with them.

Mr Gastrow: Is this not a case of trying to shift the blame to the man in the middle (Lt Fouche).

Col Pretorius: I gave the order for R1s to be issued to warrant officers and SSG ammunition to be issued before headquarters gave permission. So I am not trying to shift the blame.

He said only SSG was available in Uitenhage. There were no supplies of AAA ammunition available in Uitenhage.

Col Pretorius said that when he received a radio report of a crowd in Maduna Road, he arranged for the sneeze machine to be sent there.

He said the sneeze machine was more effective for crowd control than teargas because teargas canisters could be hurled back at the police.

The machine was not used for normal patrol work because the operator had to wear special protective clothing.

Col Pretorius said he had wanted to use the machine as the first step in dispersing the crowd.

But before the machine could reach the trouble spot, he was advised that the crowd had already been fired upon.

On his arrival he found ambulances assembled on the outskirts of Langa and a doctor tending the injured. He arranged for the ambulances be taken in.

He made a report to the Divisional Commissioner, Brigadier C A Swart, based on the radio report and went to the hospital.

Asked by Mr Gastrow whether he had considered radioing Lt Fouche to say the sneeze machine was on its way he replied: "He should have heard me on the radio asking the whereabouts of the machine. But the radio was busy and it sometimes cuts out," he said.

Col Pretorius confirmed that when the request was made to use buckshot on February 8, he did not have any AAA in stock in Uitenhage.

"The stocks are ordered on a computer system. There was no code for AAA so there was no order number for AAA," he said.

"If it is not on the stock list I must assume it is not available," said Col Pretorius.

He had not told his commanding officer, Brigadier C A Swart, that he did not have AAA ammunition.

"But I'm sure he must also have known," said Col Pretorius.

Boesak to speak at mass funeral

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — The Rev Allan Boesak, president of World Alliance of Reformed Churches, will be a guest speaker at the mass funeral service on Saturday for 19 victims of the March 21 Langa shooting.

Three other victims of the unrest will be buried with the 19 on the same day, according to UDF executive member Mr Fikile Kobese, the spokesman for the Uitenhage Funeral Catering Committee.

The names of the victims will be released today, he said.

Among other prominent figures who are expected to attend the burial service are Bishop Desmond Tutu, the Nobel Peace Prize winner and head of Johannesburg's Anglican Church diocese, Mr Patrick Lekota, publicity secretary for the UDF and other UDF national executive members.

Mr Kobese said 21 bodies had been identified and released to the families, but many other people had gone missing since the shooting and he would not be satisfied until all the bodies had been accounted for.

Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, said yesterday afternoon that the bodies of three of the 19 people have been released to relatives. The remaining 16 bodies were still in the mortuary at the New Brighton police station in Port Elizabeth, he said.

Colonel Van Rooyen said only one of the 19 — a girl aged about 17 — had not been identified. He said her body would be released only after identification.

Mr Kobese said residents in Kwanobuhle and Langa townships would not go to town on the day of the funerals. He added that businesses in the townships would close from noon to 3pm in mourning for the victims.

"There will also be a complete blackout in all forms of sport activities during the weekend," he added.

He also said buses, taxis and pirate taxis to take mourners between Langa, Maduna Road, other coloured areas and Port Elizabeth had been arranged.

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Inquiry told of plan to murder police

Own Correspondent

UITENHAGE. — Police combating unrest in Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage had become a prime target of rioters, Lieutenant-Colonel Frederik Pretorius, district commandant of police at Uitenhage, told the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry yesterday.

Mr Justice D D V Kannemeyer, chairman of the one-man commission hearing evidence in Uitenhage about the shooting in which 19 people died and 33 were wounded in Langa on March 21, was told that the unrest which gripped African townships from January was the most organized, most violent and most prolonged since 1976.

Another witness at the hearing, Major Daniel Blignaut, told the commission that he knew of one incident in which 15 petrol bombs were thrown at a police Casspir armoured vehicle in Uitenhage's African township. Two policemen received burns.

In a statement aimed at providing the commission with background to the unrest which led up to the shooting at Langa, Lieutenant-Colonel Pretorius said that on September 27, chaos had broken out when the mayor, Mr P J Tini, did not answer all questions put to him.

"The police were called to assist the trapped councillors," he said.

After this incident all co-operation between residents and council members ceased.

From October 1984, prolonged school boycotts were experienced and the police had to intervene every day. At night they had to increase patrols to prevent arson at schools in the township.

"According to reliable information the unrest was planned to continue until all council members had resigned their seats. Then phase two (aimed at police) would begin," he said.

Lieutenant Colonel Pretorius said that at 4pm on March 14 he briefed all officers involved in riot control. Lieutenant John Fouche, the officer who gave 15 policemen the order to open fire in Langa on March 21, was also present.

At the briefing he informed all officers of information about the plans of those involved in the unrest. At that stage all Kwanobuhle community councillors had resigned, with the exception of Mr T B Kinikini, who was subsequently murdered.

Lieutenant Colonel Pretorius told his men that the police were to be the next target of rioters. Policemen were to be driven from the townships and murdered.

He also described other strategies aimed at killing police.

"I told the officers that we had received an extension for the use of AAA shot but that only SSG was available and that they were to use this.

"I gave instructions that an R1 rifle, under control of a warrant officer, be issued to every patrol vehicle. They were instructed to use it at their discretion and only where necessary. Radio reports were to be made whenever the R1 was used," said Lieutenant Colonel Pretorius.

The R1 was issued for use when police encountered people using petrol- and acid bombs.

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SAP silent about 'targets'

By STEPHEN WROTTESLEY
Crime Reporter

BLACK policemen and their families have become one of the prime targets of unrest in Eastern Cape townships.

However police spokesmen are not prepared to say what is going to be done to protect them. In reply to a series of questions telexed by the Cape Times to the police directorate of public relations in Pretoria, a spokesman said:

"As far as we are concerned, the aims of certain individuals and organizations are to make South Africa ungovernable. To publicize the success these people may have enjoyed, however minimal, can only serve to encourage them to increase their lawless activities. For this reason the SA police does not consider it expedient to reply to your questions in depth."

Councillors

Attacks on black policemen, as well as on black councillors and development board employees, have resulted in millions of rands worth of damage. The houses of more than 96 policemen have been set alight or damaged since September last year and at least 60 policemen injured.

It is believed that policemen have moved their families out of "the front line" but this could not be confirmed.

There could be as many as 14 000 black policemen in the force of 45 561 people. These figures could not be confirmed.

Figures

The police spokesman said, when asked for the number of black policemen, that figures were available in the annual report of the Commissioner of Police, General P J Coetzee.

However the report only says how many whites and non-whites there are in the force and does not break down the non-white figure.

Among the questions asked were how many black policemen had been attacked recently and how many had died. It was also asked whether it was true that they had become prime targets of activists.

Asked whether policemen and their families would be moved out of townships and whether black policemen would no longer be used in reaction units, the spokesman said: "Under the prevailing conditions, we are, for obvious reasons, not prepared to discuss strategies."

World coverage on Uitenhage

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Chief Reporter

AT LEAST three international news magazines — Newsweek, the Economist and Time, with a combined circulation of many millions — have given "splash" cover-feature prominence to the Uitenhage shootings last month under such headlines as "Flames of Anger" and "Repression and Violence in South Africa".

The latest issue of Time magazine, which would normally have been obtainable in Cape Town last Thursday, reached bookshops only on Tuesday this week. The distributors were unable to explain the delay.

The main feature in this widely-read publication is devoted to the Uitenhage clash, on the 25th anniversary of the Sharpeville shootings, and is illustrated with a number of photographs in colour and monochrome.

One of the pictures in colour, alongside that of "plainclothes men with shotguns in Uitenhage", shows Dr Allan Boesak and the Rev Abel Hendricks talking to a police officer in a Cape Town street, over the caption "Verbal cross-fire as policemen prepare to arrest Boesak".

Much of the Time feature on Uitenhage is devoted to the debate in the United States on disinvestment in South Africa and it ends with the statement that: "The government's violent reaction to protest and the counter-violence that inevitably follows have convinced many South Africans, black and white, that the vicious cycle will continue for some time."

Police to blame for inaccuracy, says Coetzee

UITENHAGE. — The Commissioner of Police, General Johan Coetzee, told the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry yesterday that the police were to blame for any inaccuracies in the Minister of Law and Order's statement to Parliament on the Uitenhage shootings.

He said the Minister, Mr Louis le Grange, had asked that enough information be obtained on March 21 for a statement to Parliament that day, and various police officers, including Gen Coetzee himself, had gathered whatever information they could from the police in Port Elizabeth.

"I think it should have been clear to an objective listener (to Mr Le Grange's statement) that there would be shortcomings in such a report.

"That was what we could do in the time limit. The blame lies with the police."

Gen Coetzee said his deputy, Lieutenant-General Hennie de Witt, had obtained information that parts of petrol bombs, one of them bearing a fingerprint of one of the people shot dead, had been found at the scene.

As a result, he said, "I was under the impression that petrol bombs were used".

All the information gathered during the afternoon, including a telex from Eastern Province Police Headquarters, had been handed to the Minister's liaison officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Leon Mellet, who drew up the statement.

Another telex with new information had been received as Mr Le Grange was making his statement to Parliament at 5.05pm — but it came too late to be included.

Earlier, in an affidavit handed into court and read out by him, Gen Coetzee sketched the circumstances leading up to a top level order that petrol and acid bombers should be "eliminated".

He also said that he would have preferred the use of the term "rendered harmless" rather than "eliminated".

He said that, since August 1984, a "well-orchestrated political action programme initiated by the ANC and supported by the United Democratic Front was set in motion with the intention of making South Africa ungovernable".

"The main aim of the programme was the politicisation and radicalisation of the black masses with the intention of an eventual restructuring of South Africa socially, politically and economically on lines other than constitutional."

Gen Coetzee said that since Police HQ issued orders on February 8 for units to use buckshot in dealing with unrest, incidents of violence had occurred daily.

The hearing continues today, when three more police witnesses are expected to be called. — Sapa.

Troops play ball in PE townships

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Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — Members of the South African Defence Force have patrolled the troubled Port Elizabeth black townships on foot since Monday, and in many cases they were seen talking to residents — mainly youths. On two occasions they were seen playing soccer with township youths.

While some residents were apprehensive about the presence of the SADF in the townships, youths who usually scuttled at the sight of a police vehicle had no hesitation in approaching SADF vehicles.

Hundreds of people lined the streets, mainly in New Brighton, as armed SADF men patrolled the area on foot yesterday. The men joined youths in a soccer game behind the Great Centenary Hall and at Embizweni Square yesterday.

A group of youths we found talking to SADF men near the Embizweni Shopping Centre, Mendi Road, New Brighton, told us they were trying to prove the sincerity of messages on pink cards which were distributed by the men in the townships.

The cards depicted policemen and bore the message: "I am your friend, I do not want to shoot you."

One of the youths said the men had quizzed them about the causes of unrest in the African townships.

The youth said that when the SADF men reassured them that their role was different to that of the police in the townships and that they were not going to be arrested, they briefed the soldiers on what had led to civil unrest.

When asked what they had told the men, one of the youths replied: "We told them that we also wanted to have what they had from childhood up."

● A contingent of community leaders from Uitenhage's Kwanobuhle Township yesterday met senior SADF members — after the SADF had requested by loudhailer to meet them — to put foward demands regarding Saturday's funerals of those shot at Langa last month.

The contingent requested the SADF to:

● Refrain from using roadblocks at the township entrances during the funerals.

● Not to interfere with any transport arrangements during the funerals.

● To withdraw from the area during the funerals.

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Right thumbprint positively identified, commission told

Argus Staff reporter DALE LAUTENBACH reports from Uitenhage on evidence to the commission of inquiry into the shootings at Langa.

A RIGHT thumbprint on the neck of a milk bottle was positively identified as belonging to one of 16 corpses in the police mortuary after the March 21 shootings in Langa, the Kannemeyer Commission heard.

Sergeant Marcus James Kelly, a police fingerprint expert, told the commission a Captain Goosen gave him the broken necks of a milk bottle and a soft drink bottle to examine at about 1pm on March 21.

Both bottle necks were stopped with rolls of newspaper and the paper in the milk bottle smelt strongly of petrol, he said.

Sergeant Kelly was given a set of 16 fingerprints and the thumbprint on the milk bottle matched the set identified as belonging to Mr Buyile Patrik Batyi of Veeplaas, Port Elizabeth. There were 11 points of identity and seven points were sufficient to prove identity, he said.

Using a whole milk bottle and based on where the thumbprint had appeared, he demonstrated to the commission how the man would have held the bottle with his fingers curled around the neck.

Warrant Officer Leon Bam told the commission he was in charge of a Casspir in the township of Kwanobuhle on March 21. He responded to a call for aid from Lieutenant W J Fouche who reported trouble in Langa. By the time he arrived at the scene the police had opened fire and there was no crowd nearby.

There were two Casspirs on the scene when he arrived and people were lying in the street.

Soon after arriving he responded to a call from radio control that there was a gathering in 10th Avenue.

He and two other Casspirs under the command of Warrant Officer J W Pentz and Sergeant C Le Roux went to the scene and the crowd dispersed without incident.

Warrant Officer Bam told the commission there was an ambulance waiting on the outskirts of Langa when he arrived and he shouted at them to follow.

His men were armed with shotguns, SSG ammunition and tearsmoke but they did not all have gasmasks because there were not enough, he said.

They were also issued with rubber bullets and he had a handgun. There were no R1s, he said.

Sergeant Le Roux told the commission his men, Zulu police from Pretoria, were issued with shotguns and SSG ammunition, steel helmets, rubber bullets, tearsmoke and he had a handgun.

Neither Sergeant Le Roux nor Warrant Officer Bam used any of their equipment that day, the commission heard.

Background to elimination order

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PORT ELIZABETH — An affidavit sketching the circumstances leading to a top-level order that petrol and acid-bombers should be "eliminated" was read to the Kannemeyer commission of inquiry yesterday.

The commission is investigating the March 21 shooting in Langa, Uitenhage, in which 19 people were killed.

The affidavit handed into the court yesterday was made by the Commissioner of Police, General Johan Coetzee, who read it out in court.

He said that since August, 1984, a "well-orchestrated political action programme initiated by the ANC and supported by the United Democratic Front was set in motion with the intention of making South Africa ungovernable.

"The main aim of the programme was the politicisation and radicalisation of the black masses with the intention of an eventual restructuring of South Africa socially, politically and economically on lines other than constitutional."

Gen Coetzee said during a visit to Port Elizabeth on February 19 with Minister Louis le Grange, it had been made clear to him that the unrest situation in the Eastern Cape was worsening, that intimidation was on the increase and that black community leaders feared for their lives.

Gen Coetzee said that since police headquarters issued orders on February 8 for units to use buckshot in dealing with unrest, incidents of violence had occurred daily.

He had told Mr Le Grange that in the prevailing circumstances, the use of more effective weapons was essential.

On February 26 and 27, acid bombs were thrown at police on three occasions and, during March 11, petrol bombs were analysed by the police forensics laboratory.

Gen Coetzee said he was aware that Mr Le Grange had, during his Budget vote last year, equated arsonists and petrol bombers with potential murderers.

"From my own experience in the Soweto riots in 1976, I realised the real and potential danger of petrol bombs — especially when they are thrown at vehicles with internal combustion engines.

"It is in the light of these developments that the order from HQ on March 19 (to 'eliminate' petrol bombers and to use R1 rifles against rioters) must be seen," Gen Coetzee said.

He added he would not have used the word "eliminate", but would prefer the term "render harmless".

He also said under cross-examination by Mr Chris Nel of the Eastern Cape Attorney-General's office, that it had been established tearsmoke was available in the Uitenhage police stores on March 21, the day of the shooting.

Gen Dirk Genis, the police officer investigating the incident, had told him the police involved in the incident had neglected to ask for tearsmoke to be issued to them.

Asked by the chairman of the commission, Mr Justice Kannemeyer, whose duty it would have been to ask for tearsmoke, Gen Coetzee replied: "It is the duty of the officer in charge of a contingent to ensure that his men are equipped with the best equipment to fulfil their task, depending on his objectives."

Police witnesses have told the commission they were not issued with teargas, rubber bullets or birdshot on March 15 when R1 rifles and SSG shotgun cartridges were given to police units.

Gen Coetzee said under cross-examination by Mr Gastrow that he would have expected that the officer in charge of a contingent of police on patrol duty should ensure that his men were given all riot control equipment afailable.

The commission was also told that Brigadier Bert Wandrag, in a telex to all divisional commissioners and district commandants in February, expressed disquiet at the failure of policemen to use all riot control equipment available to them.

In the message Brig Wandrag said scores of policemen had already been injured in stoning incidents, mainly because they were not using helmets and shields provided to them.

He also said that uncoordinated action by individual policemen and sections should cease immediately. Officers commanding riot units should ensure at all times that action taken by police during incidents of unrest was disciplined.

Lieut Fouche, the officer in charge of the contingent of 15 policemen who opened fire on the crowd in Langa, told the commission earlier that on the day of the shooting teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot were not issued to his men.

Yesterday Col Pretorius told the commission that after the shooting, Gen Genis asked Lieut Fouche why he had not used teargas to disperse "the procession.

"He told Gen Genis he did not have gas on his vehicle. He said it was not available at the stores. That was not true."

The hearing continues today. — SAPA-DDC.

Earlier yesterday the District Commandant for Uitenhage, Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick Pretorius, said he had realised strict supervision must be employed with regard to the use of equipment and had made this clear to a group of senior officers on March 14.

"I was fully informed that the equipment was available and that the men drew the right equipment before going on patrol.

Asked by Mr Gastrow why he had not personally checked registers or ammunition and equipment issued, Col Pretorius said: "We are a disciplined force. If I ussue orders, I expect them to be carried out."

Front cover of Time depicts SA violence

300 watch as body is burnt

By CATHY SCHNELL

The magazine opposes the disinvestment campaign against South Africa, saying: "Nonetheless, economic sanctions might not only leave the South African economy fundamentally undamaged, but actually prompt the Government to clamp down with greater severity than ever."

(Report by Dirk van Zyl, Press Gallery, Parliament, Cape Town.)

Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Time, one of the biggest-circulating news magazines in the world, in this week's edition gives splash front cover treatment to the March 21 Uitenhage shootings and the ongoing troubles in Eastern Cape black townships and other parts of South Africa.

Two other international weekly magazines, Newsweek and the Economist, give the matter equal prominence.

Time's front page splash picture is of defiant Uitenhage blacks with their fists in the air behind a burning vehicle.

Headlines read: "Flames of Anger" and "Repression and Violence in South Africa".

In its five-page cover story, illustrated with a number of colour pictures, Time says: "As the South African Government has stubbornly clung to power, the country's blacks, politically shackled and economically cornered, have found themselves increasingly driven to vent their frustration.

"During the unrest that has racked the country over the past 13 months, more than 260 South Africans have lost their lives; all but one of them were blacks.

"The Government's violent reaction to protest and the counter-violence that invevitably follows have convinced many South Africans that the vicious cycle will continue for some time."

A CROWD of about 300 people watched as a body was burnt on a pyre of tyres in a Uitenhage township yesterday.

This was one of several bodies burnt since the unrest in Uitenhage and Port Elizabeth started.

In most cases petrol was thrown over the bodies before they were set alight.

A spokesman for the SA Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said today that the body was so badly charred that police were unable to determine its sex or age.

He said police used tearsmoke and a rubber bullet to disperse the crowd. The police then took the body away.

The home of a Kayamnandi Town councillor, Miss Virginia Nonqaba Petele, of Msimka Street, New Brighton, was set alight by a group of about 30 people.

The family had already fled after being intimidated by the group. No one was injured, but extensive damage was done to the house.

The spokesman said a group of youths set fire to the altar of a church in New Brighton.

Police managed to extinguish the blaze.

Several vehicles and homes were attacked with petrol bombs.

One Port Elizabeth Tramways bus was set alight and another was stoned.

Damage estimated at R95 000 was caused when three petrol bombs were hurled at a passenger bus. Police and the SA Defence Force put out the blaze.

At Veeplaas a bus and two police vehicles were stoned. The spokesman said shotguns and tearsmoke were used to disband the crowd. No injuries were reported.

He said police also used tearsmoke to disperse a group trying to erect an obstruction in Kwazakele. No one was injured and the crowd fled.

Police used a sneeze machine to disband another group trying to construct a road obstruction in Kwazakele.

The spokesman reported that pupils of the Kayakula School, Paterson, marched to the local beerhall and destroyed supplies after their demands that the headmaster be removed were not met.

A group of about 200 of the 800 pupils advanced to the hall and first ordered the workers to leave before destroying the supplies of liquor.

Isolated incidents of unrest were also reported from Thembisa, Alexandria, Kimberley, Bothaville, Bultfontein and Bethlehem.

Colonel told 'blatant lie'

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By SHIRLEY PRESSLY

UITENHAGE — The Uitenhage Station Commander, Major Gert Kuhn, today told the Kannemeyer Commission that the District Commandant for Uitenhage, Lieutenant Colonel F A Pretorius, had told a "blatant lie' in evidence yesterday.

Major Kuhn said during cross-examination by Mr Chris Nicholson, appearing for Langa families, that Col Pretorius had told a "blatant lie" when he testified yesterday that he told an order group on March 14 that Caspirs should carry tearsmoke, rubber bullets and birdshot at all times.

Major Kuhn told the commission earlier today that he instructed the quartermaster, Warrant Officer Malan Meyer, not to issue birdshot and rubber bullets or tearsmoke, on the order of Col Pretorius.

Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer, the chairman of the commission, has recalled Col Pretorius to explain his evidence later today.

Major Kuhn said Col Pretorius had specified that rubber bullets and bird shot should not be issued and he had assumed the order included tearsmoke.

He made this assumption because of a circular from headquarters which said smoke machines should rather be used because tearsmoke was expensive.

Major Kuhn said black leaders in the community had complained about tearsmoke because of innocent people being affected.

He said he had not confirmed with Col Pretorius that tearsmoke was to be included in the equipment which was not to be issued.

He had assumed that Col Pretorius had got his instructions from head office.

Earlier today WO Meyer told the commission that on March 14 he received instructions from Major Kuhn that he must issue only shotguns and one R1 to each patrol dealing with unrest.

On March 19, he received further instructions that he could issue R1s to all policeman on patrol at the discretion of their section officer.

WO Meyer said some patrol leaders had queried why they were not being issued with birdshot or tearsmoke and he had referred them to Major Kuhn.

On March 21, he issued 12 shotguns and four R1s to Lieutenant John Fouche. He issued 240 SSG cartridges and 80 R1 bullets.

At the end of their shift they handed back 199 SSG cartridges and 77 R1 bullets which had not been used. This meant the police had fired fired 41 SSG and three R1 cartridges.

WO Meyer said he issued the last firearms and supplies on March 21, after which he handed over his duties to the police officer in charge of the temporary base at Uitenhage.

WO Meyer said before March 15, the men who patrolled Uitenhage townships were issued with equipment and ammunition from Port Elizabeth.

Mr Chris Nicholson, instructed by Cheadle, Thompson and Haysom, asked WO Meyer if he had asked Major Kuhn why there had been a change in supplies issued for unrest patrols.

WO Meyer said he had not challenged these instructions. "I just carry out orders," he said.

Mr Nicholson submitted that Col Pretorius had given evidence that tearsmoke was used on March 18, at the request of WO J W Pentz.

WO Meyer said the tearsmoke had been issued to WO Pentz with the permission of Major Kuhn for a specific purpose of flushing people out of a house.

Mr Nicholson submitted that according to evidence

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He found two bottle necks containing newspaper, which he took to be petrol bombs. He had been satisfied that there were only two petrol bombs on the scene.

He agreed that a wrapper around a cold drink bottle still smelt slightly of fuel. This was pointed out to him by Mr Chris Jansen, appearing for the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange.

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before the commission six R1 bullets had been fired by Lt Fouche and his men.

"But according to your evidence only three were used."

The inquiry was adjourned so that WO Meyer could fetch the register.

Today a number of grain bags containing stones, shoes, clothes and a child's bicycle were handed into the commission as exhibits.

These were all found after the shooting in Meduna Road.

WO Dawid Johannes Marais testified that he helped to look for exhibits after the shooting.

Colonel told lie in evidence, commission hears

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Youths burn body in continuing unrest

Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — The body of an unidentified black person was burnt beneath a pile of tyres, and a church altar was set ablaze in unrest in the Eastern Cape in the past 24 hours.

A police spokesman from the Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said police in a Uitenhage township came across a group of 300 youths burning the body and dispersed them with tearsmoke and rubber bullets.

He said the body was so badly burnt that not even its sex could be established.

The spokesman also reported that a group of "thugs" had broken into the Methodist church in New Brighton and tried to set the altar alight. However, the Rev T S Moyanasaid he thought those responsible belonged to a rival sect.

Incidents of stone-throwing and building of barricades were reported from most Port Elizabeth townships, while in Paterson, 200 schoolchildren marched to a local beer hall, forced the workers to leave, and destroyed the liquor supply.

Police reported using tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse groups of youths and said a 14-year-old was arrested.

DUNDEE BUTCHERY

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'We were ordered not to issue rubber bullets

From DALE LAUTENBACH

UITENHAGE. — Orders from the Police District Commandant here on March 14 were that rubber bullets and birdshot should no longer be issued to police patrolling the townships and that they should receive SSG buckshot and R-1 ammunition only.

The Kannemeyer Commission heard this today from Major Gert Kuhn, police station commander here.

He passed the orders from district commandant Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Pretorius to police quartermaster Warrant Office Malan Meyer, the commission heard.

Major Kuhn conceded under cross-examination by Mr Chris Nicholson, for some of the victims' families, that evidence from Colonel Pretorius that he had given orders on March 14 that all patrol leaders had to ensure their vehicles were equipped with standard unrest-control equipment (teargas, birdshot and rubber bullets) was a "blatant lie".

Just before the lunch adjournment when Mr Chris Jansen, for the Minister of Law and Order, said he would be calling no further witnesses, commission chairman Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer requested that Colonel Pretorius be recalled.

He said: "I want the District Commandant to be called back to explain his evidence yesterday."

Earlier, Major Kuhn said he had assumed that teargas should no longer be issued because a telex received from police headquarters in Pretoria on February 22 said that smoke machines were "cheaper".

The commission has heard that Uitenhage police had only a "sneeze machine". Major Kuhn said he did not know the difference between that and a "smoke machine".

The first order on March 14 was that commanding officers receive R1 rifles and that their men receive shotguns with SSG ammunition. On March 19, Major Kuhn said, orders from Colonel Pretorius were that more than one R1 might be issued for each vehicle.

In cross-examination by Mr Peter Gastrow for six PFP MPs, Major Kuhn said there was no confirmation in writing of the March 14 order. He said that when the order

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Major did not question orders

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was given, all unrest control equipment was available in Uitenhage.

Mr Gastrow put to him that Colonel Pretorius's evidence had been that all police vehicles should be properly equipped and that the onus was on the commanding officer of each vehicle to see that this was done.

"I don't understand how, if Colonel Pretorius had given orders that only SSG be issued, the officers could ask for other equipment," said Major Kuhn.

Cross-examined by Mr Chris Nicholson, Major Kuhn said he had accepted the new orders without questioning them.

Mr Nicholson: Were you not curious?

Major Kuhn: No, I accepted that the orders came from the top, probably from Pretoria.

Major Kuhn said "peaceful" township residents had complained about police using teargas in the townships. It affected babies and the elderly, the police were told.

The hearing continues.

Police vehicle destroyed as unrest spreads

By RAYMOND MASHAO

UNREST spread yesterday to Katlehong, near Germiston, and continued to flare in the strife-torn Eastern Cape townships, while pupils in the Free State set fire to classrooms and private vehicles.

A petrol bomb was hurled at a police vehicle in Katlehong, setting it alight and totally destroying it, according to a police spokesman.

The home of a policeman was also petrol-bombed, causing extensive damage, reports SAPA.

In Thabong, near Welkom, placard-waving pupils gathered in front of the Teto High School, demanding the resignation of the principal, Mr Jordaan, and vice-principal, Mr Hanekom.

Youths in Kimberley set fire to two classrooms, four private vehicles and two vans.

In the Eastern Cape, police dismantled several roadblocks and on a number of occasions fired shotguns, tearsmoke, sneeze powder, and rubber bullets to restore the daily routine in these areas, the spokesman added.

● Reverend Allan Boesak, the president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, will be a guest speaker on Saturday at the mass funeral service for 19 victims of the Langa shooting, according to Mr Fikile Kobese, the spokesman of the Uitenhage Funeral Catering Committee and UDF executive member.

Also expected to attend the service are Bishop Desmond Tutu, the Nobel Peace Prize winner and Bishop of Johannesburg, and Mr Patrick "Terror" Lekota, publicity secretary of UDF, Mr Kobese said.

He said 21 bodies had been identified and released to the families, but insisted that there were many other missing people since the shootings.

However, Lieutenant Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, said yesterday that the bodies of only three of the 19 had been released to relatives.

The remaining 16 bodies were still in the mortuary, he said.

He said businesses in the townships would close from noon to 3pm to observe the mourning for the victims.

"There would be a complete blackout in all forms of sport activities during the weekend," he added.

He also said buses, taxis and pirate taxis to transport mourners between Langa, at Maduna Road, coloured areas and Port Elizabeth had been arranged.

● The Port Elizabeth Kayamnandi Town Council has appointed 170 law enforcement officers who will see to maintaining law and order, the prevention of crime and the enforcement of by-laws accepted by the council, Town Clerk, Mr R J Scholtz, announced yesterday.

Commandant told Commission a 'blatant lie'

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UITENHAGE — The police station commander at Uitenhage, Major Gert Kuhn, conceded today that his district commandant, Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick Pretorius, had lied when he told the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry he had given instructions that officers should ensure all policemen going on patrol should have the correct equipment.

Major Kuhn conceded under cross-examination by Mr Chris Nicholson, for the victims' families, that Colonel Pretorius' evidence that he had given this instruction at an order group attended by Major Kuhn on March 14 was a "blatant lie".

Earlier, Major Kuhn testified that he had issued orders on March 14 that units no longer be equipped with teargas, rubber bullets or birdshot, but instead should receive only SSG shotgun cartridges and R1 rifles.

This had been done on the instructions of Colonel Pretorius, Major Kuhn said.

He conceded in answer to a question by the chairman of the commission, Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer, that Colonel Pretorius had not placed a direct ban on the issue of teargas, but that he (Major Kuhn) had assumed that such a ban existed because of an earlier memo from police headquarters in Pretoria that smoke machines should be used instead of costlier teargas where possible.

Mr Nicholson read a transcript of Colonel Pretorius' evidence before the commission yesterday to Major Kuhn and asked whether Colonel Pretorius' testimony that he had issued instructions that all the necessary equipment be carried with on patrol was correct.

Major Kuhn said this was not correct.

Mr Nicholson put it to Major Kuhn that Colonel Pretorius' evidence had been a "balatant lie". The major agreed.

Mr Justice Kannameyer ordered that Colonel Pretorius be recalled before the commission after the lunch break.

Later, Warrant Officer David Johannes Marais, a Uitenhage policeman, told the commission about articles he had found at the site of the Uitenhage shooting in Langa township on March 21.

He said he had arrived at the scene at 11.50 am to see whether

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Le Grange is not 'off the hook' — Suzman

By David Braun, Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Law and Order Minister, Mr Louis le Grange, is not off the hook over the statement he made to Parliament about the Uitenhage police shootings last month.

Yesterday the Commissioner of Police, General Johann Coetzee, told the Kannemeyer Commission that Mr le Grange's statement in Parliament was the responsibility of the police because he was incorrectly briefed.

Since the Kannemeyer Commission started hearing evidence, it has become apparent that the statement made by Mr le Grange hours after the shooting in which 19 people were killed, differs in various aspects from the actual events.

MISGUIDED LOYALTY

General Coetzee yesterday told the Commission that Mr le Grange's statement in Parliament was the responsibility of the police.

"The blame lies with the police," he said.

But Mrs Suzman, law and order spokesman for the Progressive Federal Party, said today: "The Minister, out of misguided loyalty,

accepted the police version without question and then reiterated his satisfaction with the original statement some days after he visited the area.

"If Mr le Grange acted foolishly in accepting unquestioningly the unverified police report, then the State President, Mr P W Botha, is equally culpable in that he in turn backed Mr le Grange and the statement apparently also without question," Mrs Suzman added.

'Commandant lied to Commission'

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he could help. He had found a number of people lying in the road, some dead and others still alive.

He said he had found the neck of a Fanta cool drink bottle with a piece of newspaper twisted through it about 48 metres from where the two Casspirs involved in the shootings had been standing. He also found a

According to the record, marks on a concrete wall 75 m from where the Casspirs had been parked were caused by shotgun pellets.

Two broken bottles were also analysed and it was found that pieces of newspaper inside them were from the same edition. There were no signs of petrol in the ground beside the bottles. — Sapa.

Fanta label near the neck of the bottle.

He found a milk bottle top with a similar piece of newspaper 49 metres from the Casspirs, and other broken pieces of the same bottle.

Cross-examined by Mr Peter Gastrow, for the PFP, he said he had found no signs of burnt petrol bombs or unused bombs.

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Cape unrest continues

Burnt body found as

Unrest continued in the Eastern Cape yesterday with rioters burning the body of an unidentified black person and petrol-bombing a township church, police said today.

Tearsmoke, rubber bullets and sneeze machines were used to disperse people caught blocking roads and setting fire to property in various townships, a police spokesman in Pretoria said.

At least four people had been arrested and would be charged with public violence, he added.

Police patrolling Uitenhage townships had found the charred body of an unidentified black per-

given all riot-control equipment available.

Lieutenant John Fouche, the officer in charge of the contingent of 15 policemen who opened fire on the crowd in Maduna Road, Langa, told the commission earlier that on the day of the shooting teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot were not issued to his men.

Yesterday the district commandant of police in Uitenhage, Lieutenant-Colonel Frederik Pretorius, told the commission that after the shooting General J Genis, sent from Pretoria to investigate the incident, asked Lieutenant Fouche why he had not used teargas to disperse the procession.

"He told General Genis he did not have gas on his vehicle. He said it was not available at the stores. That was not true."

Colonel Pretorius said he knew nothing of any official police circular instructing commanding officers to inform private doctors that they must contact the police whenever patients with gunshot wounds reported for treatment.

Referred to a news report in which Mr Le Grange made mention of doctors having to inform police of patients with gunshot wounds, Colonel Pretorius said he had no knowledge of this instruction.

The commission was also told that when

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Police 'planned statement for Minister'

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — The Commissioner of Police, General J Coetzee, said yesterday the blame for any shortcomings in the statement about the Langa shooting made in Parliament by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, lay with the police.

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Testifying in Uitenhage before the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry into the March 21 Langa shooting which left 19 people dead, General Coetzee said the statement read to Parliament by Mr Le Grange on the day of the shooting was based on unverified information given to him by police officers in the Eastern Cape and on a telex message received from the Divisional Commissioner of Police in the Eastern Cape, Brigadier C Swart.

A second telex message was received during the afternoon but it was too late to amend the statement prepared for Mr Le Grange by his press officer, Colonel Leon Mellet, said General Coetzee.

'Collapse'

General Coetzee told the commission during cross-examination by Mr Peter Gastrow, representing a Progressive Federal Party delegation, that police action alone could not provide solutions for the political, social and economic problems underlying widespread unrest in South Africa.

He said, however, that without effective police action to combat unrest, any solutions sought by political, social and economic action would collapse.

He said that after being informed of the shooting at Langa, the Minister of Law and Order requested all information to be channelled to him to enable him to make a statement on the matter.

General Coetzee said information was relayed by various police officers and notes he took of early reports were given to Mr Le Grange's press officer together with information provided in the telex report on the shooting.

Explaining Mr Le Grange's statement that the leader of the procession was carrying a brick, which has been rejected in the testimony of policemen involved in the shooting, General Coetzee said he remembered that the officer who relayed the information to him used the words "he carried something that looked like a half brick".

Pinkish

Policemen on the scene have testified that the leader of the procession brandished a bottle filled with a pinkish substance moments before the shooting.

General Coetzee said he had gained the impression from information relayed to him that petrol bombs had been used to attack the police because mention was made of bottle fragments being found at the scene afterwards.

He said a discerning and objective reader or listener would have realized that Mr Le Grange's statement was based on unverified information, coming so soon after the incident occurred.

Asked whether he was aware at the time of passing on information to Mr Le Grange that the details had not yet been established and many aspects were still vague, General Coetzee replied: "I would not have been able to testify in a court of law to the accuracy of every detail."

Fingerprints

The commission also heard evidence from a fingerprint expert, Detective Sergeant Marcus Kelly, that prints found on the neck of a broken milk bottle — stuffed with a wad of newspaper reeking of petrol — matched those of one of the men killed in the police action. Detective Sergeant Kelly said he was told the bottle neck was found at the scene of the shooting.

The commission was also told of a telex from the officer in charge of riot police throughout the country, Brigadier Jan Wandrag, expressing disquiet that policemen doing riot-patrol duty were not using all the riot equipment available to them.

General Coetzee said under cross-examination by Mr Gastrow that he would have expected that the officer in charge of a contingent of police on patrol duty should ensure that his men were

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police headquarters in Pretoria authorized the use of AAA buckshot in the Eastern Cape in February, none was available at the police stores.

General Coetzee said no AAA buckshot had been available since 1980, but said during cross-examination that he would in any event have authorized the use of SSG shot instead had he known of the lack of AAA shot at the time.

The commission was told that Brigadier Wandrag, in a telex to all divisional commisioners and district commandants in February, expressed disquiet at the failure to use all riot-control equipment available to them.

In the message Brigadier Wandrag said scores of policemen had already been injured in stoning incidents.

He also said that uncoordinated action by individual policemen and sections should cease immediately. Officers commanding riot units should ensure at all times that action taken by police during incidents of unrest was disciplined.

Two policemen who commanded Casspir patrol vehicles and who were sent from Port Elizabeth to assist with riot control in Uitenhage on the day of the shooting, Warrant Officer Leon Bam and Sergeant S Le Roux, told the commission they arrived at the scene of the shooting after receiving a message from Lieutenant Fouche requesting assistance.

Five killed as E Cape violence spreads inland

As Eastern Cape unrest spread inland to De Aar and Adelaide late yesterday, police clashed with crowds attacking vehicles and private residences.

Five people were reported to have died in the latest unrest.

A 26-year-old man died in the Port Elizabeth township of Kwazakele when a policeman fired shots at a group stoning his house, a police spokesman said.

In the same township, a police patrol used tear-smoke, rubber bullets and birdshot to disperse a crowd of about 800 people who had petrol-bombed construction equipment belonging to a private company.

Police in Adelaide reported that about 500 people marched on the house of a black policeman, who fired into the crowd, injuring and arresting two people.

Twenty-five were arrested and are to be charged with public violence.

During one of at least seven stoning incidents in Veeplaas, the spokesman said, an unidentified black man, aged 20, died after police fired tear-smoke and shotguns at a group attacking a police vehicle.

Four private homes in the same township were set on fire and seriously damaged during the night, he added.

Police said two people were arrested in the black township of De Aar after a mob of more than 200 marched on the home of a member of the police force. Those arrested were aged 13 and 18.

Near Grahamstown a white woman was injured when struck by a stone thrown by a mob attacking passing vehicles.

Police fired tearsmoke to disperse the rioters.

In the township of Kirkwood, located between Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage a driver of a delivery truck died after the vehicle was set on fire.

More than 30 people were arrested in connection with this incident and will be charged with murder.

Earlier yesterday, police in Uitenhage said they found the charred body of an unidentified black person under a heap of burnt-out tyres.

Tearsmoke was used to disperse a crowd of about 300 people gathered near the scene.

In Kimberley's Galeshewe township, a 15-year-old youth died and another youth was injured during an incident in which police used birdshot to disperse an unruly crowd. — Staff Reporters and Sapa.

Army presence still strong in townships

By Jon Qwelane

UITENHAGE — The army presence in the riot-torn townships of the Eastern Cape is greater than most people realise.

A drive round Port Elizabeth's townships of New Brighton, Zwide and kwaZakhele yesterday showed soldiers were doing a lot more than just playing a supporting role.

It is the same in kwaNobuhle township near Uitenhage, where at least 27 victims of police bullets will be buried tomorrow.

The soldiers have pitched tents at entrances to the townships. They and police are manning roadblocks.

In New Brighton soldiers guard an Eastern Cape Administration Board bottle-store.

ESCORTED

Yesterday when delivery trucks entered Port Elizabeth's townships for the first time in several weeks, they were escorted by armed police.

● Members of the kwaNomzamo Community Council in Humansdorp have resigned en bloc. This is the third council to resign recently, after kwaNobhule council, Uitenhage, and Ilingehlile council, Cradock.

Several members have resigned from the Kayamnadi Town Council for Port Elizabeth townships.

Mob excecutions by burning continue to be the standard punishment for those out of favour. A man died in this manner on Wednesday.

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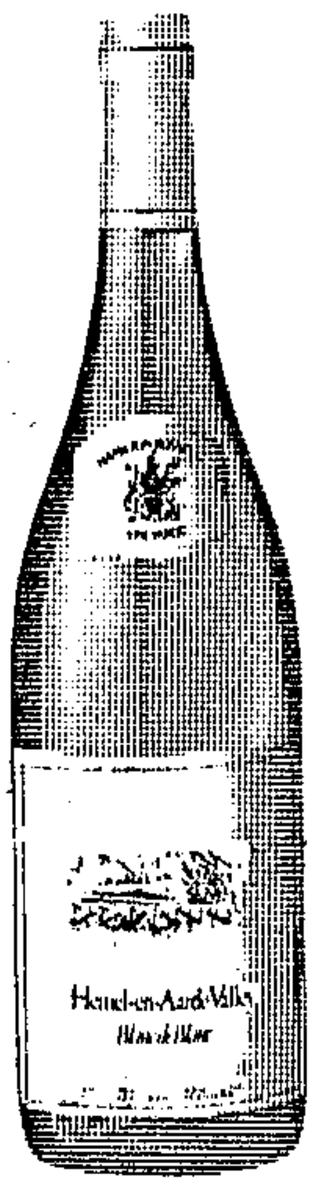

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PORT ELIZABETH. — Thirty-nine people were arrested on charges of murder, arson and public violence in a police swoop on Kirkwood, and two people were killed as unrest continued in Eastern Cape townships yesterday.

The driver of a delivery vehicle died after a mob sprayed paraffin over his vehicle and set it alight in Kirkwood, a spokesman for the SA Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said. However, not all the Kirkwood arrests were in connection with this incident, he said.

In the Port Elizabeth township of Soweto, a 20-year-old man was killed after a police patrol was stoned by a group of about 40 people. According to the spokesman, a policeman was stoned as he tried to make an arrest at the scene and fired a shot in self-defence, killing a man.

In Kwazakele, police were stoned while trying to remove a road barricade erected by a group of about 40 people. Police used tearsmoke to disperse the group.

The spokesman said police were forced to use a sneeze machine to disperse another group of about 30 people caught erecting a road barricade in the township.

In another incident in the township, a man received minor injuries when 20 black youths were dispersed by police after they tried to set fire to a bus. The injured man was taken to a Port Elizabeth hospital were he is being kept under police guard.

Twelve buses were stoned during the day at the township.

On Wednesday, police used tearsmoke to disperse a crowd of about 300 people in a Uitenhage township after the charred body of an unidentified black was found under a pile of burnt-out car tyres.

In New Brighton on Wednesday, a number of people sprinkled petrol on the alter of a Methodist church and set it alight. The church's minister extinguished the blaze and damage was minimal.

Also at New Brighton, about 30 people set fire to the house of a councillor after the family had fled. The house was extensively damaged, the spokesman said.

The spokesman said that at Paterson on Wednesday, a group of about 200 pupils forced workers to leave a local beerhall before destroying all the liquor. He said the pupils were believed to have come from the Kayakula High School in the town. Three were arrested on charges of public violence.

Appeal to police over mass funeral

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By JIMMY MATYU

THE South African Rugby Union (Saru) has directed its affiliates to cancel all matches scheduled to be held tomorrow and the Crisis in Education Committee has called on police not to interfere with people — black or white — at a mass funeral of unrest victims.

The funeral, which is expected to attract more than 50 000 people, will be held at the Kwanobuhle Stadium, Jabavu Road, tomorrow at 10am.

Mr Fikile Kobese, a member of the catering committee, said Dr Allan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, will be guest speaker.

Bishop Desmond Tutu, the Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, and Mr Patrick Lekota, the national publicity secretary of the United Democratic Front, have also been invited.

Mr Kobese said the bodies of 19 of the people who died in Langa would be buried, together with eight other victims of recent unrest.

Mr Brian Sampson, secretary of the Eastern Province Rugby Union, has requested all clubs under Eastern Province to phone him at ☎ 424091.

The Zwide Rugby Union has also cancelled its fixtures and has organised a meeting, to launch opposition to the New Zealand rugby tour of South Africa, on Sunday in the Rio Cinema.

A police spokesman said whites would have to apply for permits from the East Cape Administration Board to attend the funeral and that white members of the Press who went in would do so at their own risk.

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Politics on a knife's edge

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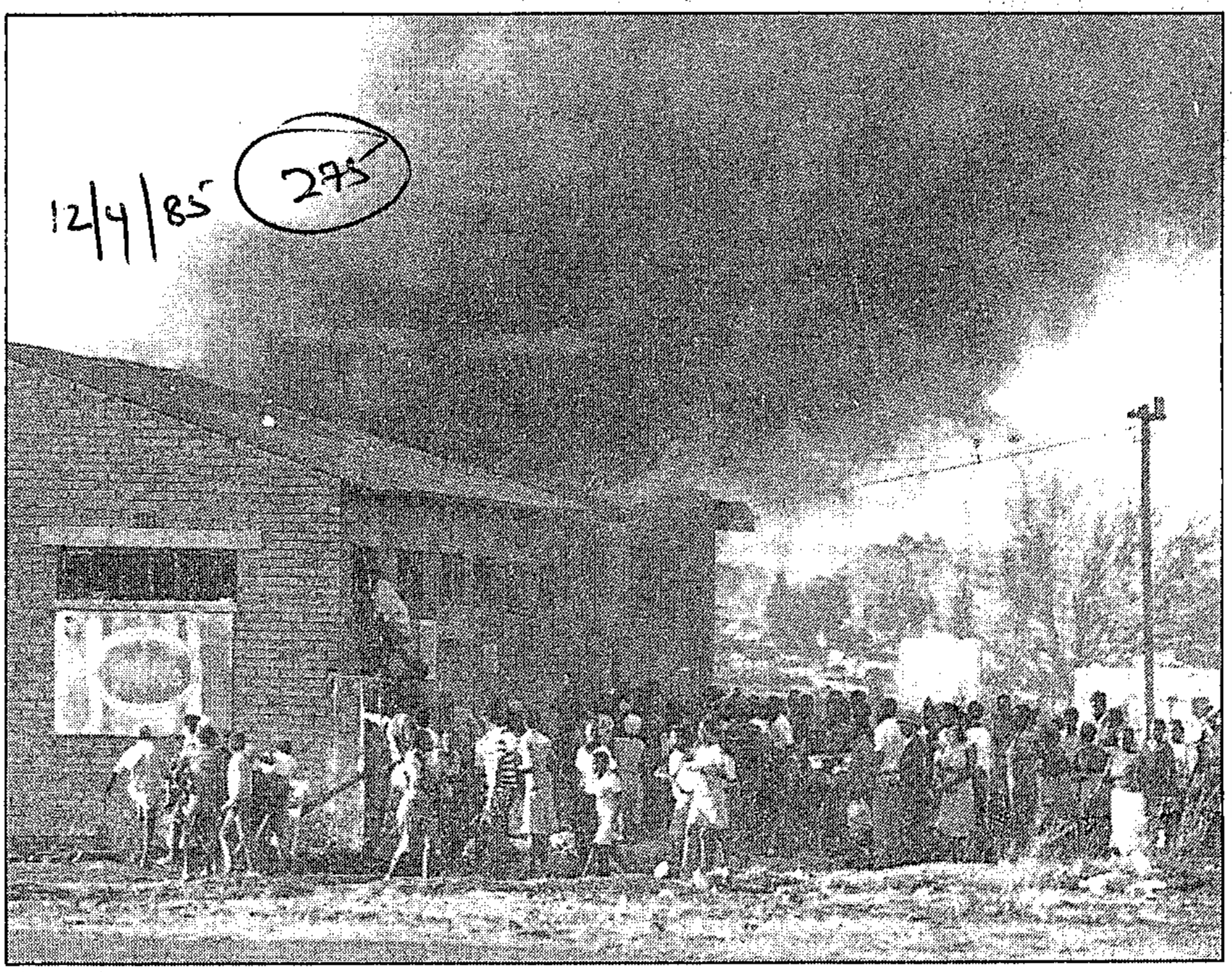

Black unrest last year in the Transvaal . . . and it's still taking place this year.

HAS the status quo of black town councils started by the Government — formerly known as Community Councils — changed? And what is the attitude of people towards them?

From the outset the councils, originally known as Urban Bantu Councils and created to represent more than 20-million blacks in their residential areas, seemed to have been discredited and devoid of popular legitimacy.

And when Urban Bantu Councils were dissolved, community councils came into being in 1977 after the status quo had been disrupted by unrest in Soweto when students boycotted Afrikaans as a medium of instruction in their schools.

Since unrest started in black areas in 1976, the killing of councillors, the burning and destruction of their homes and Government buildings have been the order of the day.

Press officer for the Department of Foreign Affairs, Mr C S C Venter, told the Rand Daily Mail that in countrywide occurences since September 1984:

- Five black councillors and four black policemen were killed.
- 109 black councillors were attacked.
- 56 black police officers were injured.
- 143 black school buildings, six churches and nine clinics were destroyed.
- 66 black councillors had their houses burnt down or badly damaged.
- 516 private vehicles and 1 080 buses carrying black passengers were burnt out or badly damaged.
- 225 private homes were burnt down or badly damaged.
- 147 black councillors were forced to resign and in areas like Heidelberg, Beaufort West and Cradock all councillors resigned for fear of their lives and damage to their property.
- In Uitenhage 15 out of 16 councillors had resigned.

Mr Venter said the above figures did not include the March riots which erupted in the Eastern Cape but he mentioned the death of Mr T B Kinikini, who was the last remaining member of the Kwanobuhle Town Council who had refused to resign.

This was despite five long months during which his funeral parlour business had been boycotted, his home stoned and his family threatened.

Mr Kinikini, along with one of his sons and two cousins, was bludgeoned to death by a frenzied street crowd.

From the above figures a deduction can be made as to

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what black attitudes are towards Government created bodies. Their first targets were those who serve on these bodies and Government buildings.

What happened recently in the Eastern Cape, Transvaal and other areas is enough to prove the total rejection of these Government-created organisations by blacks.

Meanwhile the Rand Daily Mail has gathered that in the recent Eastern Cape unrest four other councillors have had their homes petrol bombed and set alight by agitated crowds.

- The home of Graaf-Reinet councillor Mr George Malothe was set alight.
- Jansenville community council chairman Mr John Suki and another councillor Mrs Agnes Jeyi, had their homes set alight.
- The home of a Dorrington community councillor was petrol bombed and the Rhini Town Council hall was severely damaged by a rioting mob.

Towards the end of 1981 the Government announced that community councils would be replaced with a new concept of "local government" — an attempt to make a clean break from the unpopular community council system.

But this still did not impress the people they were supposed to represent, particularly youth, although the Minister of Co-operation and Development at the time, Dr Piet Koornhof, had said the provision of the Black Local Authorities Act differed substantially from the Community Councils Act of 1977.

The announcement said that the power of the Minister of Co-operation and Development to prescribe to the proposed new black local authorities would be considerably curbed and that these bodies would be "fully fledged local authorities".

When elections for the new local authorities were held in 1983 a drop of 8% in the number of people who had cast their votes was recorded compared to the number of people who went to the polls in 1978.

Mr Alec Weiss, then chief liaison officer for the department on the Witwatersrand, confirmed that the overall poll had been lower than in 1978.

Blacks who had not gone to the polls said they were not prepared to support "toothless and useless" bodies such as the local authorities designed for them by the government.

But things were never rosy for the town councils and this became very evident when unrest broke out in the Vaal area known as Lekoa on September 3 last year.

According to records the Lekoa Town Council has 39 wards and Mr Esau Mahlatsi is the mayor.

Mr Mahlatsi and his family lost all their possessions during the unrest that swept through the township last year. Officials estimated that damage of about R30-million had been caused when Administration Board and private buildings were destroyed in the area.

Three councillors were brutally killed and the homes of 36 others were damaged or destroyed by fires and stonings.

Seven councillors, including two brothers of the mayor, resigned from the council leaving the Lekoa Town Council with 29 councillors.

The two brothers are Mr Paul Mahlatsi and the Reverend Meshack Mahlatsi, who said they resigned because they were "disgusted with the whole set-up" as they were not helping the people they purported to be representatives of.

Business premises that belonged to eight of the councillors in the Lekoa area were plundered and completely razed to the ground when they were destroyed by fire or petrol bombing during the unrest.

Mr J Kruger, acting Town Clerk for Tembisa said: "Since unrest started in the township last year four councillors have resigned, but I cannot confirm whether it was an own decision or whether they had been pressurised by people in their townships".

"Two of the councillors resigned after their homes had been damaged by fire," said Mr Kruger.

"Three others who are still serving on the council also had their homes damaged. The home of one was completely razed by fire, while a second had his house stoned.

"The home of the third councillor Mr P Majokoana, was destroyed when a hand-grenade was thrown into it about three weeks ago."

In Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville the homes of several councillors, including the mayors, had been attacked with petrol bombs.

Only one death — the mysterious assassination of Mr Edward Manyosi — was recorded.

Figures could not be obtained from Katlehong, Welkom and Parys.

In Kroonstad's Seeisoville, four councillors gave up their seats after claiming that "there was little they could achieve from local authorities".

They are councillors Mr P Molema, Mr A P Lefafa, Mr L C Mfazi and Mr M NKomonde.

Daveyton, regarded as the East Rand Development Board's pride, only had one councillor who had resigned.

Until last week, when youths stoned the car of the mayor Mr Tom Boya, no serious incidents or attacks had been directed towards councillors in this area.

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Council resigns

Own Correspondent

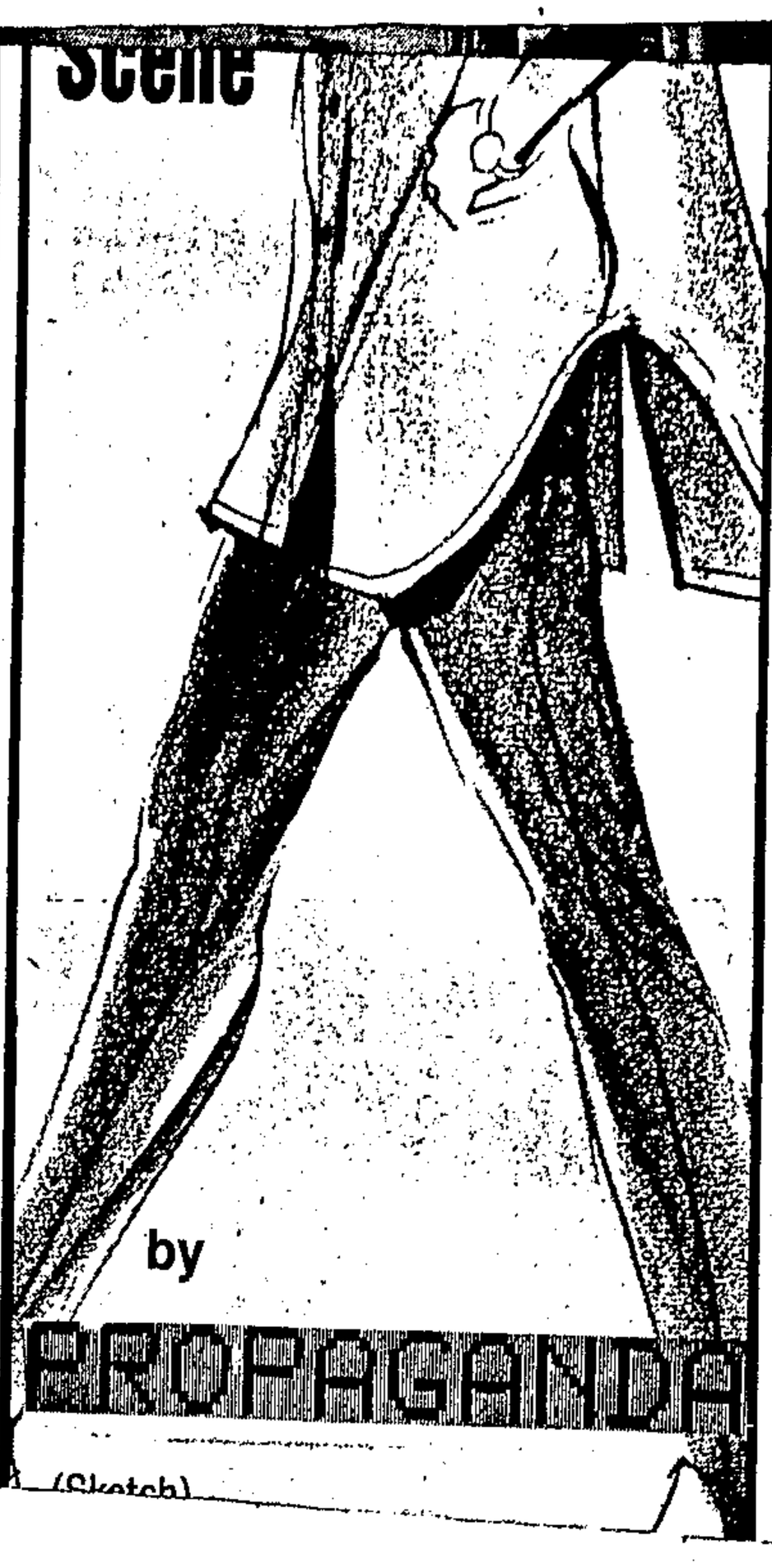
PORT ELIZABETH. — The entire Humansdorp Community Council and six members of the Adelaide-Bedford Community Council resigned yesterday.

The chairman of the Humansdorp (Kwanomzamo) Community Council, Mr Wellington G Mjekula, said that while there had been no harassment of council members, they felt it was the right thing to resign.

Only three members of the Adelaide-Bedford (Kayamnandi) council did not resign.

Former Kayamnandi councillor Mr Edmund Vukile Yose, 81, said his heart condition had deteriorated after his son's house had been gutted and stones had been thrown at his own house.

He said he did not know why he had been a target of violence in the township.



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'Black Power' youth shot

UITENHAGE — A 15-year-old youth told the Kannemeyer Commisison of Inquiry in Uitenhage today that he was shot by police after giving two Black Power salutes while trying to manoeuvre his bicycle between two Casspirs.

Kwanela Moses Bukwa said he had cycled ahead of a large crowd walking on the main road from Langa township to Uitenhage when he saw the two Casspirs parked ahead of him.

He had tried to pass the vehicles on the right, but a policeman standing on one indicated that he should go through the middle.

"I turned towards the middle and gave two Black Power salutes as I was trying to get through the Casspirs.

"As I was turning I was shot at. The shot hit me on the head."

Kwanela indicated a spot towards the back of his head.

"I fell over the bicycle and landed on my right side on the tar."

He showed the commission a graze about 8 cm by 5 cm on his right shoulder, and another mark over his right eye.

Kwanela said the commission the marks had been caused when he fell on to the tar.

He said he had heard no warning shot or announcements from any of the vehicles before he was shot at.

LAY ON ROAD

After being shot, he lay on the road.

"A policeman came up to me and kicked me to check if I was still alive. I was also kicked on the right hip.

"I lost consciousness when I was kicked for the second time, and woke up in the Uitenhage Provincial Hospital."

Kwanela identified an exhibit before the court as his bicycle. He said he recognised it by its elevated saddle.

He told the commission that on the day he was shot he was on his way to work.

He rode on to Maduna Road, the main road to Uitenhage, ahead of a big crowd singing "God Bless Africa".

He said that, apart from the two Casspirs, he noticed a truck used to convey prisoners coming from the direction of Uitenhage.

RASTAFARIAN

Kwanela was called to give evidence by Mr Chris Nicholson, who is representing the families of some of the 19 people who died in the Uitenhage shooting.

Asked by Mr Nicholson whether he had seen anyone who could be described as a Rastafarian among the crowd, he replied in the affirmative.

Kwanela said the man was carrying a black book in one hand and nothing in the other.

He had not seen the police being pelted with stones and no stones were thrown at him.

Kwanela said he had also not seen any sticks or petrol bombs among the crowd.

Yesterday, the first alleged victim of the shoot-

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'Finish them off' allegation

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ings to testify before the commission said he heard policemen discussing whether to "finish off" the wounded at the site.

Mr Eric Tembani (48) said he was shot in the head when police opened fire on a crowd of about 4 000 in Langa township.

He fell face down on the tar and pretended to be dead as bullets continued to fly.

"Then I heard the police saying: 'Those who are lying here should be finished off because they might make it plain later'," said Mr Tembani. "They mentioned something about a leader and I heard a shot, then I was hit under my right foot."

Later he was turned on his back. Someone shone a torch in his eyes and said: "This one's been dead for some time."

Mr Tembani, who was called by Mr Peter Gastrow for the Progressive Federal Party, said he was taken by ambulance to hospital in Uitenhage, but slipped away before receiving treatment. — Sapa.

5 buses burnt in 48 hours

By CATHY SCHNELL

FIVE more buses have gone up in flames in the past 48 hours as arsonists and petrol-bombers in the East Cape's black townships continue their activities.

Three buses were completely destroyed.

Yesterday a bus was hijacked in a Uitenhage township by youths who refused to pay fares. They ordered all passengers off the bus and set it on fire.

In another incident in Uitenhage yesterday a petrol bomber boarded a bus, poured out the contents of his bottle, and set the bus on fire.

In Kwazakele yesterday afternoon a PE Tramways bus was encircled by a mob who attempted to burn it.

On Wednesday three petrol bombs were hurled at a bus in Port Elizabeth's black township, where another bus was also set on fire.

A police spokesman said little damage was caused as the police intervened quickly after the passenger had poured petrol on the bus and set it alight.

● It was reported to Evening Post today by a resident of one township in Port Elizabeth that groups had called at homes in the Red Location, instructing youngsters how to make petrol bombs, and in some cases leaving petrol for this purpose.

● It was also reported over the past two days that motorists had been stopped, some at gunpoint, and ordered to open the caps of their petrol tanks so that the contents could be syphoned.

Other people said they had been asked for money to buy petrol.

The police could not comment on these reports today.

Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, said intimidation played a large part in people not reporting incidents of petrol thefts.

Private homes, delivery vehicles, stores and earthgrading and construction equipment have been targets of petrol-bombers and have suffered extensive damage.

The managing director of PE Tramways, Mr Carl Coetzer, said today the company had lost R1,5 million through unrest over the past nine months.

During this period 51 bus drivers had been injured, mainly through stones being hurled through the windows. More than 2 000 windows had been shattered by stones.

He said that in addition to the five buses damaged in the last two days, 63 had been less extensively damaged by fire in the last nine months.

Mr Coetzer said the replacement value of a bus was about R110 000. Damage to the windows could be estimated at about R500 000. In total, a rough estimate of the damage caused could be about R1,5 million, he said.

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First shot aimed at boy, commission told

Argus Staff Reporter DALE LAUTENBACH reports from Uitenhage on yesterday's evidence to the commission of inquiry into the shootings at Langa.

THE first shot fired by police in Langa township on March 21 was aimed at a boy riding a bicycle in front of a funeral procession in Maduna Road, the Kannemeyer Commission heard.

"He was almost thrown in the air and I saw he had been shot in the head," Mr Eric Tembani, 48, told the commission yesterday.

Mr Tembani's evidence was led by Mr Peter Gastrow for the PFP MP delegation after Mr Chris Jansen, SC, for the Minister of Law and Order, said he had no more evidence to lead at that point.

Mr Tembani said there were three police vehicles on the scene — two Casspirs and one "big white truck like the one they carry prisoners in".

He joined a crowd of township residents on Maduna Road, the main road through Langa. They were going to a funeral in Kwanobuhle, another Uitenhage township, he said.

A policeman standing on top of the white truck shot the cyclist, Mr Tembani said.

"The policeman on top of the Hippo (Casspir) was moving his gun backwards and forwards and shooting all the time. I saw people falling," Mr Tembani said.

Mr Tembani retreated with the crowd carrying the body of an injured person as a shield, he said. Then a shot hit him on the head and he dropped the body and fell to the ground.

He showed the commission a 2cm scar on the top of his head.

"I fell on my stomach and held my arm over my forehead. I made as if I lay dead and shots were still being fired as I lay there.

"Then I heard policemen speaking in Zulu and Xhosa saying 'these lying here should be finished off because they might make a claim later'," Mr Tembani said.

"They then said something about a leader and I heard a shot. I was hit under my right foot. I was wearing a canvas shoe. I was still lying there when I felt a policeman pricking my ribs. He put his fingers on my right wrist and I was turned over. He shone something like a torch in my eyes and I heard someone say 'this one's long dead'."

There was shouting but no more shots at this stage. He peeped over his arm and saw policemen throwing stones among the people lying in the road. When the ambulances arrived he was taken to hospital.

"I got an old jacket from somebody. I took off my shirt and wiped the blood off my head and I got a cap from someone. I hid in a toilet and eventually got away from the hospital," Mr Tembani said.

In cross-examination by Mr Jansen, Mr Tembani said he had joined the procession to go to a funeral in Kwanobuhle but he did not know whose funeral it was. He would find out at the funeral, he said.

"The people were doing nothing wrong and there was no singing," he said.

"The way in which they were walking showed me they were going to a funeral."

The crowd stopped when one of the Casspirs drew up and blocked the road ahead of them, he said.

Earlier yesterday Uitenhage District Commandant Colonel Frederick Pretorius was recalled by the chairman of the commission, Mr Justice D Kannemeyer, to explain his evidence.

The commission had heard from Uitenhage police station commander Major Gert Kuhn that what Colonel Pretorius had said in evidence was a blatant lie.

Major Kuhn told the commission he had received orders from Colonel Pretorius that only SSG buckshot and R1 ammunition should be issued to police patrolling the townships from March 14. There should be no birdshot or rubber bullets issued, he had been ordered.

Colonel Pretorius told the commission this must have been a "misunderstanding". He had held an order group meeting on March 14 and told his officers to ensure that all vehicles patrolling the townships were fully equipped with all standard unrest control equipment (teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot).

He said they must, however, use SSG and R1 ammunition when their lives were endangered as in the case of being attacked by petrol and acid bombs.

Colonel Pretorius said this is where the "misunderstanding" must have arisen.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer: Mr Kuhn is a major, is he not? I cannot understand how he could have taken your remarks as an order.

Colonel Pretorius: I am equally in the dark.

Police shot and kicked me, boy tells commission

From DALE LAUTENBACH
Staff Reporter

UITENHAGE. — A 15-year-old Langa boy told the Kannemeyer Commission today that he was riding to work on his bicycle on March 21 when he came across two police Casspirs. As he tried to pass them he was shot.

The boy told the commission he worked on a poultry farm and usually left for work at 6am.

On March 21 he left at 9.15 because there was a work stayaway. He saw a big crowd gathered in Maduna Road, rode his bicycle in front of the crowd and saw two police Casspirs blocking the road ahead.

Approaching from Uitenhage was another police vehicle which he described as a "white prisoner truck".

He wheeled his bike to the right of the two Casspirs to pass them. A policeman standing on top of the Casspir on the left motioned for him to ride through between the two vehicles.

He turned to do so and gave two black power salutes to the policeman. He was then shot, he told the commission.

He showed the commission a 4cm scar on the top of his head where, he said, the bullet had struck.

LARGE SCAR

He also showed a large scar on his right shoulder where he had struck the tar when he fell off his bicycle.

"A policeman then came up to me and kicked me," said the boy.

"I think he did this to see if I was still alive. I was then kicked on my right hip and turned over. I lost consciousness when I was kicked the second time. I woke up in hospital."

The boy told the commission that when he approached the crowd in Maduna Road they were singing God Bless Africa.

He said he did not hear a warning shot and he heard no announcement.

Mr Chris Nicholson, appearing for families of some of the 19 people shot dead by police and leading evidence from the boy, said there had been evidence before the commission that a Rastafarian had been seen at the front of the crowd.

The commission had heard that the Rastafarian was wearing black, appeared to be the leader of the procession and was carrying a black book in one hand and a bottle filled with pinkish fluid in the other.

The boy told the commission he had seen the Rasta and he had been carrying a black book.

He had nothing in his other hand, the boy said.

He told the commission that he had not seen anyone throwing stones at the police, he had not seen sticks and he had not seen petrol bombs.

A bicycle handed in as an exhibit by counsel for the police as one of the items found at the scene was identified by the boy as his.

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BLACK UNREST

Councils in crisis

Nationwide unrest of the past few months has gravely undermined the notion of "autonomous black local authorities" — the cornerstone of government's efforts to "democratise" black urban life in SA.

According to the Department of Co-operation and Development, since violence erupted in the Vaal Triangle in September last year, 12 black councillors have been murdered and 45 resigned before the Uitenhage upheavals of March 21. Subsequently, at least three more councillors in the eastern Cape have been killed and more than 20 have resigned.

As a result, few councils in the PWV and the eastern Cape function properly, while some, like Ratanda and Duduza, have been crippled altogether. More than 30 council chairmen have resigned. Altogether 34 of the councils were established countrywide under the Black Local Authorities Act 1983.

The *FM* understands that the Cabinet is seriously concerned about developments which could mean the end of their plans for "local democracy." The breakdown of local order was high on the agenda at the Cabinet's first meeting this week after Parliament's Easter adjournment.

If it was not like that before, the finances of many local authorities are in a state of collapse. Either out of conviction or out of fear of paying tribute to a hated system, tens of thousands of households are withholding payment of rent and services levies. The loss of revenue in affected townships is incalculable. In addition, the cost of damage to council property, businesses and homes runs to many millions.

The most disconcerting thing about the current "cycle of violence" is that no one seems to know where it had its genesis, but part of the answer at least seems to lie with perceptions that the new councils are extensions of the arm of apartheid and, being black, are therefore fair, and easily accessible targets of reprisal. There real answer is doubtless less simplistic. In the eastern Cape, for instance, there have been suggestions by self-confessed "avengers" that their "reprisals" are directed at corrupt black elites suspected of "murderous exploitation" of their parents. While the ANC, underground and illegal, and therefore beyond prosecution, is pleased to claim much of the responsibility of what is going on, there is much evidence to suggest that the war of townships is being fought on grounds of poverty, deprivation and frustration. Children of 12-14, hell-bent on immolation of local figures of exploitation, have barely had time to master the ABC, let alone the dialectics of liberation politics.

Although unrest in the eastern Cape and the east Rand has calmed somewhat in the last few days, black townships nationwide are simmering. The biggest funeral in the eastern Cape since that of Steve Biko takes place this weekend when the victims of the Langa shootings are buried. However, a large military force has been deployed.

Meanwhile, the United Democratic Front (UDF) decided at its first annual conference last weekend to open a new phase in mass protest action involving a disobedience campaign.

UDF Publicity Secretary Patrick Lekota told a press conference that the time had come for a "new level of assault on the current dispensation. We will take up issues and challenge them time and time again. We will not be satisfied with making press statements.

"Each time we take up an issue, we will not hesitate to take our activists and march in the streets." Lekota did add, however, that the UDF is still committed to non-violence. ■

RELIGION

Wooing the masses

State President P W Botha's Easter reception at Moria, headquarters of the Zionist Christian Church (ZCC), was a major coup for government in dark times. Not only did he have the chance to deliver a conciliatory message to more than 2m black Zionists — and more on TV1, 2 and 3 — he also received praise from the United States and Europe. It was a welcome change for him after weeks of a very bad overseas press.

Bishop Barnabus Lekganyane, third hereditary "prophet" and head of the ZCC, is arguably the most revered, if not influential, black figure in SA. This is to judge purely by the millions of his deeply committed followers who every Easter make a pilgrimage to Zion City, Moria, outside Pietersburg.

More significant, however, is that the ZCC, easily the largest of some 3 000 "African independent churches" in SA, preaches a distinctly conservative philosophy. At its 70th anniversary over Easter 1980, for example, when then Co-operation and Development Minister Piet Koornhof attended the function, Lekganyane urged his massive flock to be law-abiding and to support their homeland chiefs and the "mother state" of SA.

Political opportunity

It is therefore not surprising that President P W Botha attended this year's 75th ZCC anniversary, where he received the Freedom of Moria, and expressed his "appreciation . . . for the positive spirit shown by you and your followers." Addressing this particular religious sect was a political opportunity not to be missed. Botha in turn was praised by Lekganyane, a man in his thirties, for "his untiring efforts to fight for the maintenance of peace in SA."

From government's point of view, the ZCC presents a wonderful antidote to radi-



Botha and Lekganyane . . . politics and religion *do* mix

Langa probe told of police mixup

Use of R1s, SSG shot 'a mistake'

Mail Correspondent

UITENHAGE.

A POLICE misunderstanding led to the use of R1 rifles and heavy shotgun cartridges in the Langa shooting in which 19 people died and many others were injured, the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry was told yesterday.

'I acted dead as shots went off'

UITENHAGE. — One of the people injured in the Uitenhague shooting told the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry yesterday he had heard police saying they should "finish off" the wounded to prevent them telling what had happened.

Mr Eric Tembani, 48, said he was hit in the head after police opened fire on a crowd of about 4 000 in Langa township on March 21.

He fell on his stomach with his arm on his forehead.

"I made as if I was dead while the shots were still going off.

"Then I heard the police speaking a mixture of Zulu and Xhosa, saying that these who were lying here should be finished off because they might make it plain later," Mr Tembani said.

"They mentioned something about a leader then I heard a shot and I was hit under my right foot.

"I was still lying there when I felt a policeman digging in my ribs with his finger.

"He held his fingers around my right wrist and I was turned face up.

"I opened my eyes. A torch was shone in both my eyes by someone. I heard someone saying: 'He's been dead for some time.'"

Mr Tembani told the commission that after the torch was shone in his eyes, he peeped through his arm and saw policemen throwing stones among the bodies lying in the road.

Mr Tembani also told of the shooting of a boy riding in the crowd on a bicycle.

He said the boy rode past one of two police vehicles parked on Maduna Road, the main road leading from Langa to Uitenhage.

A policeman on top of the vehicle, of the type used to convey prisoners, signalled to the cyclist to move away.

"The bicycle was still in front of the crowd.

"I saw the policeman on top of the white truck shoot at the boy on the bicycle.

"As he was hit, he was thrown into the air.

"I saw the policeman on top of the hippo (police vehicle) move his rifle from side to side. He was shooting all the time and people were falling all around," Mr Tembani said.

Mr Tembani said on the morning of March 21 he had come from his home in 15th Avenue, adjoining Maduna Road, and joined a crowd of

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The district commandant of police in Uitenhage, Lieutenant Colonel Frederik Pretorius, yesterday said the town's station commander had misunderstood an order he issued and as a result erroneously withheld supplies of birdshot and rubber bullets from patrols monitoring unrest in the African townships.

In a day of startling developments at the hearing, the first evidence from a member of the funeral procession presented a version of the shooting totally different to that so far given by police witnesses.

The commission was also told that:

- The official police stores register of ammunition used during the shooting showed that three shots were fired from R1 rifles, but a radio log showed that policemen had fired six R1 bullets into the crowd.
- Two wads of newspaper in the necks of two broken bottles found by police at the scene, and described as petrol bombs, were torn from the same page of the same newspaper;
- Forensic tests conducted in Pretoria found that the newspaper strips contained chemical traces of petrol, but an analysis of earth samples taken from the spot where the glass fragments were found revealed no sign of petrol.

The commission has heard evidence that on March 21 police using R1 rifles, shotguns loaded with SSG, and 9 mm handguns, fired into a crowd of about 4 000 people, killing 19 and wounding many others.

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people moving along Maduna Road.

He said he had been on his way to a funeral in nearby Kwanobuhle.

The people walked until they reached a hippo police vehicle parked near a church in Maduna Road and then came to a standstill.

The hippo formed a barrier across the road and the truck turned with its front towards Uitenhage and stopped.

"A policeman climbed onto the top of the truck and showed his rifle to us. There was another one on top of the hippo who pointed his rifle at us as well."

Cross-examined by Mr Chris Jansen, SC, for the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Tembani said no one had told him specifically that there would be a funeral that day, but that everyone had known about it.

He had not heard about any funerals being banned nor did he know how many people were being buried.

Asked if there was any special significance in the funeral, Mr Tembani said no-one had told him to attend but he would expect support from other people if it was his funeral.

He said the people moving along Maduna Road had done so in an orderly manner without singing.

He could not see the leaders, but had seen some people who were making sure that the crowd walked in an orderly manner. Sapa.

Council resigns

Own Correspondent

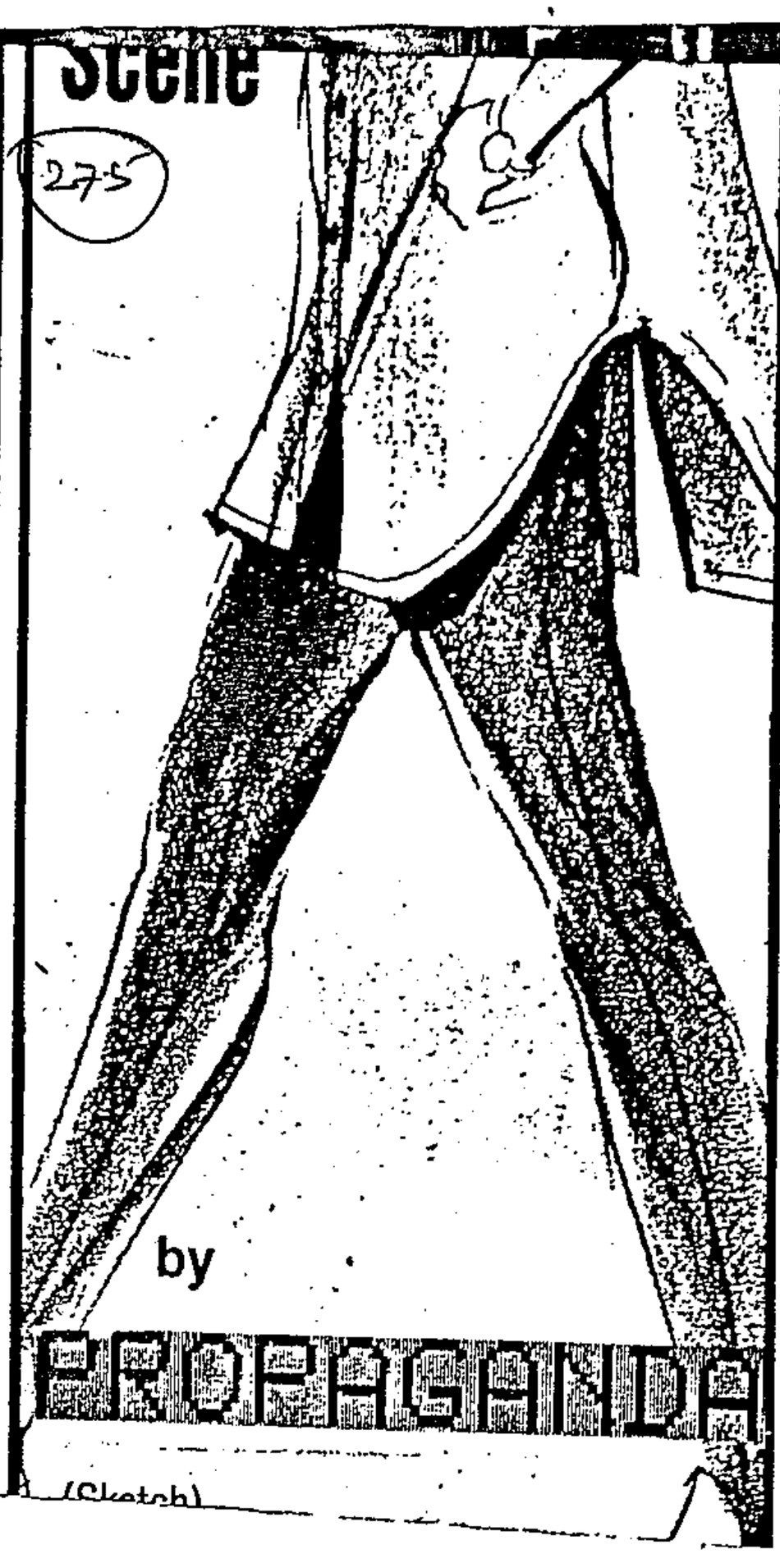
PORT ELIZABETH. — The entire Humansdorp Community Council and six members of the Adelaide-Bedford Community Council resigned yesterday.

The chairman of the Humansdorp (Kwanomzamo) Community Council, Mr Wellington G Mjekula, said that while there had been no harassment of council members, they felt it was the right thing to resign.

Only three members of the Adelaide-Bedford (Kayamnandi) council did not resign.

Former Kayamnandi councillor Mr Edmund Vukile Yose, 81, said his heart condition had deteriorated after his son's house had been gutted and stones had been thrown at his own house.

He said he did not know why he had been a target of violence in the township.



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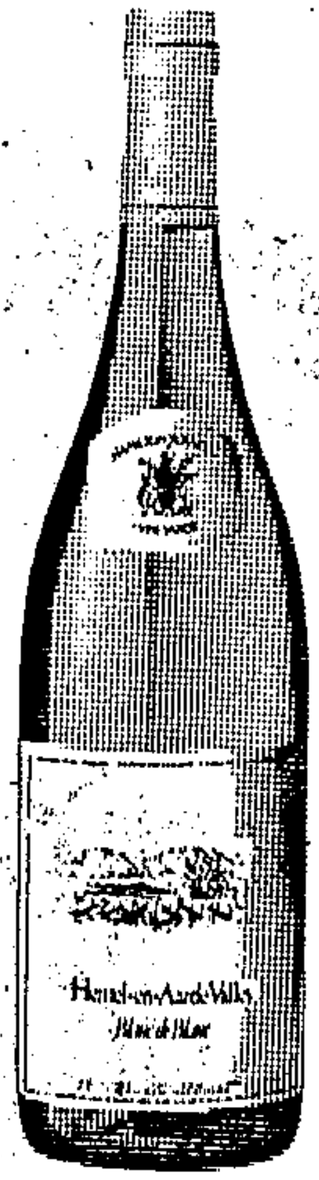

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39 held in township violence

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Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — Thirty-nine people were arrested on charges of murder, arson and public violence in a police swoop on Kirkwood, and two people were killed as unrest continued in Eastern Cape townships yesterday.

The driver of a delivery vehicle died after a mob sprayed paraffin over his vehicle and set it alight in Kirkwood, a spokesman for the SA Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said. However, not all the Kirkwood arrests were in connection with this incident, he said.

In the Port Elizabeth township of Soweto, a 20-year-old man was killed after a police patrol was stoned by a group of about 40 people. According to the spokesman, a policeman was stoned as he tried to make an arrest at the scene and fired a shot in self-defence, killing a man.

In Kwazakele, police were stoned while trying to remove a road barricade erected by a group of about 40 people. Police used tearsmoke to disperse the group.

The spokesman said police were forced to use a sneeze machine to disperse another group of about 30 people caught erecting a road barricade in the township.

In another incident in the township, a man received minor injuries when 20 black youths were dispersed by police after they tried to set fire to a bus. The injured man was taken to a Port Elizabeth hospital were he is being kept under police guard.

Twelve buses were stoned during the day at the township.

On Wednesday, police used tearsmoke to disperse a crowd of about 300 people in a Uitenhage township after the charred body of an unidentified black was found under a pile of burnt-out car tyres.

In New Brighton on Wednesday, a number of people sprinkled petrol on the alter of a Methodist church and set it alight. The church's minister extinguished the blaze and damage was minimal.

Also at New Brighton, about 30 people set fire to the house of a councillor after the family had fled. The house was extensively damaged, the spokesman said.

The spokesman said that at Paterson on Wednesday, a group of about 200 pupils forced workers to leave a local beerhall before destroying all the liquor. He said the pupils were believed to have come from the Kayakula High School in the town. Three were arrested on charges of public violence.

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Three killed after lull in Eastern Cape unrest

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PORT ELIZABETH. — After a brief lull in Eastern Cape violence, three people were killed, several others wounded by shotguns and stones, and 66 arrested on charges of murder, arson and public violence.

A police spokesman from the Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said a 20-year-old youth was fatally wounded in the Port Elizabeth shanty township of Veeplaas yesterday when police used tearsmoke and shotguns to disperse a group of youths stoning a police vehicle.

In nearby Kwazakele a 26-year-old man was killed while he was part of a mob of 100 youths allegedly attacking an off-duty policeman who opened fire with his service revolver, the spokesman said.

POLICE SWOOP

The third victim died in Livingstone Hospital last night two days after being attacked and set alight in the cab of his vehicle outside Kirkwood.

Yesterday police swooped on the tiny rural centre of Kirkwood and arrested 39 people on charges ranging from murder to public violence.

In the Port Elizabeth townships homes were damaged in arson attacks and earthmoving equipment worth hundreds of thousands of rands was destroyed by about 800 youths who set fire to it, said police.

In Adelaide about 500 youths marched on the home of a policeman and stoned his house. According to the police the constable opened fire with his service revolver, wounding two youths. They were arrested.

budget.

The shuttle Discovery, making its fourth flight and the 16th of a shuttle, was scheduled to blast off from the Kennedy Space Centre at 3,04pm (SA time) on a five-day mission during which its crew will deliver two satellites and conduct scientific experiments.

Officials said that only the fickle Florida weather would keep Discovery on the ground today. The mission has been postponed five times.

Senator Jake Garn of Utah, an experienced pilot who chairs a Senate committee which controls the space agency budget, will be the subject of several medical experiments.

Much of the time he will be covered with microphones and sensors to detect his reactions to weightlessness, which has sickened almost half the people who have flown in space.

An engineer, Mr Charlie Walker, is going along exclusively to operate the biological processing machine.

Taking toys

The other five astronauts have been given a variety of simple toys — tops, jacks, marbles, wind-up cars and a mechanical mouse — to help to demonstrate the laws of physics.

They will film their activities with the toys in weightlessness and the videotape will be used to help to teach children about science.

● South African sci-fi eavesdroppers can monitor conversations between the astronauts and the Nasa ground control. The number to dial is 091-900-410-6272.

Calls can either be dialled direct or booked through the international manual telephone exchange at 0900.

Usual international call charges to the US will apply: calls dialled direct — 10c for 1,5 seconds; booked calls — R12 for the first three minutes and R4 for each additional minute. — Staff Reporter and Sapa-Reuter.

39 face charge for death of unrest victim

THIRTY-NINE people are to be charged with the murder of a black man whose delivery vehicle was set on fire in an Eastern Cape township yesterday, police said.

A spokesman for the police in Pretoria said the driver died from burn wounds sustained when rioters in Kirkwood attacked his van, poured paraffin over the vehicle and set it alight. He added that the people arrested would also be charged with public violence and arson.

Earlier yesterday, police in nearby Uitenhage said they found the charred body of another black person under a heap of burnt-out tyres. They said they used tearsmoke to disperse a crowd of about 300 people gathered near the scene.

At least four people, including a 14-year-old youth, were arrested yesterday after incidents of arson and stone-throwing, the spokesman said.

Police said tearsmoke, rubber bullets and sneeze machines were used to disperse people caught blocking roads in Kwazakele and setting fire to property in other Eastern Cape townships.

In New Brighton, near Port Elizabeth, the altar of a Methodist church was slightly damaged when a petrol bomb was tossed into the building, while the home of a local councillor was attacked and badly damaged by fire, police said.

In Patterson, it was reported that a group of about 200 schoolchildren forced workers to leave a local beerhall and then destroyed all the liquor in the building.

A police spokesman saids the rioters came from the Kayakula High School, where about 800 pupils had left their classes earlier after demanding the resignation of the headmaster.

No details were forthcoming from police of further incidents of unrest in the Transvall townships of Tembisa and Alexandra, and in the Free State townships of Bultfontein and Bethlehem. Sapa.

Langa man tells of lying 'dead'

By SHIRLEY PRESSLY

UITENHAGE — A Langa man told the Kannemeyer Commission today that a man carrying his stretcher to the ambulance after he had been pronounced dead had "dropped him and fled" after he opened one eye.

Mr Eric Tembani, 48, of Kabah, was part of a funeral procession in Langa on March 21.

He said he had been to scared to move after he was shot first on the top of the head and then in the back of the foot. He had heard people say in a mixture of Zulu and Xhosa that they should "finish them off because they would make claims".

He told the commission during cross-examination by Mr Chris Jansen, SC, for the Minister of Law and Order, that he had used a person who had been wounded as a shield by holding this person in front of him.

"I dropped him when I was hit on the top of the head by a bullet."

He showed the court a scar on top of his head.

Mr Tembani told the commission that while he was lying on the ground "playing dead", he heard a policemen say: "This one in black is the leader. Let's finish him off."

Mr Tembani said he heard a shot and he was hit under the right foot. He could not say if the leader had been wounded or killed.

He said other shots were fired, but he was cradling his head in his forearm.

He said a policeman came and took his wrist, kicked him in the ribs, turned him round, shone a torch in his eyes and said: "He is dead already."

Mr Tembani said: "I did not look at him because I was pretending to be dead."

Asked by Mr Jansen how he could say with certainty that it was a policeman when he did not open his eyes to look, Mr Tembani replied: "I did not see a doctor and had assumed it was a policeman."

Mr Jansen: This person felt your pulse and your pulse in your neck?

Mr Tembani: Yes.

Mr Jansen: Yet he pronounced you dead?

Mr Tembani: It shows that I kept myself stiff.

Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer: It shows your heart must have stopped beating.

Mr Tembani said that when he eventually opened an eye, he saw stones being thrown among the people as they were lying in the road.

He said he had been afraid because he had heard the policemen say: "They must be finished off in Church Street." (The police station is in Church Street).

Mr Tembani told the court how he saw a youth on a bicycle fly through the air after being shot in the back of the head as he was pedalling his bicycle between a Caspir and a white truck that were blocking the road.

Mr Tembani said during cross-examination that the cyclist had been motioned by a policeman standing on top of a truck to move between the two police vehicles instead of around the side of them. He said that as the cyclist turned his bicycle to get on to the tar, with his back to the police and facing the crowd, he was shot in the back of the head.

He said he did not hear the police telling them to move back.

Yesterday he said during cross-examination that he did not know who was being buried or where the funeral was being held other than that it was in Kwanobuhle.

He said it was a peaceful procession.

During cross-examination by Mr Chris Jansen, SC, appearing for the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Tembani said he was unemployed.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer asked if the funeral had any special significance.

Mr Tembani replied that he had children and would expect people to attend funerals of anyone in his family.

Mr Jansen: Do you attend all funerals?

Mr Tembani: I go if I can.

Yesterday afternoon the District Commandant for Uitenhage, Lieutenant Colonel F A Pretorius, was recalled to explain his earlier evidence.

The commission had heard from the station commander, Major Gert Kuhn, during cross-examination by Mr Chris Nicholson (appearing for Langa families), that what Col Pretorius had said in evidence was a "blatant lie".

Col Pretorius told the commission yesterday that it was possible Major Kuhn had been "confused".

He had told an order group for his officers on March 14 that standard unrest equipment should be carried at all times.

He had told them not to use birdhsot or teargas when petrol bombs and acid bombs threatened their lives.

He had not specifically told Major Kuhn that he should not issue birdshot and teargas.

This was where the misunderstanding must have arisen.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer: Mr Kuhn is a major, is he not? I cannot understand how he could have taken your remarks as an order.

Col Pretorius: I am equally in the dark.

Major says OC lied in evidence

Own Correspondent

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Assumed

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Major Kuhn said he presumed that the instruction to stop supplies of birdshot and rubber bullets to patrols included teargas because he knew of a circular from police headquarters in Pretoria which had earlier drawn attention to the high cost of using teargas.

Opposite

Told during cross-examination by Mr C R Nicholson, appearing for families of some of the people shot, that Lieutenant-Colonel Pretorius had already testified before the commission that on March 14 he instructed officers to ensure that

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Man says he heard 'finish off wounded'

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — A man who said he was hit by police fire during the Langa shooting at Uitenhage on March 21 told the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry that as he lay in Maduna Road he heard somebody say that the wounded should be "finished off or else they would tell everything".

Mr Eric Tembani, 48, who said he had been unemployed since 1983, gave the commission the first version of the shooting to come from a resident of the township.

Mr Tembani said that on the morning of the shooting, on March 21, he joined the procession near the intersection of 16th Avenue and Maduna Road to go to a funeral in Kwanobuhle. He did not know whose funeral it was, he said.

The front section of the procession had already moved past a Casspir patrol vehicle (hippo) parked alongside the road on the hillside opposite the spot where the shooting took place.

"As I joined the people the procession came to a standstill and I saw another hippo on the road ahead, in the direction of the town."

Mr Tembani said this vehicle then shifted position to block the road and he saw a white "prisoners' van"

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Boy 'was first shot at Langa'

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By SHIRLEY PRESSLY

UITENHAGE — A 15-year-old boy on a bicycle was the first person to be hit when police opened fire in Meduna Road, Langa, on March 21, the Kannemeyer Commission heard today.

A 15-year-old boy testified to the commission today that he was shot in the head by police while pedalling his bicycle between two Caspirs which were parked across Meduna Road on the day of the shooting.

The youth identified a children's bicycle before the commission as his by its elevated seat.

The boy told the commission that a policeman standing on top of one of the Caspirs indicated to him to pass between the Caspirs instead of going around them.

"I made a turn and was about to pedal towards the Caspirs when I was hit on the top of the head by a bullet," he said.

He indicated a spot toward the back of his head.

The youth said in his evidence in chief that he raised his clenched fist twice in a black power salute as he approached the police Caspirs.

Mr Chris Nicholson, appearing for Langa families, asked: "Did you hear a warning shot?".

The youth replied that he did not.

"As I was making my turn I was shot on my head and I fell off and landed on my right side. The crowd was singing *God Bless Africa*."

The youth said a policeman came up to him after the shooting had stopped and kicked him twice to see if he was alive.

He lost consciousness after he was kicked for the seond time.

During cross-examination by Mr Chris Jansen, SC, appearing for the Minister of Law and Order, the youth said he had gone to work late that day because it was the stayaway occasion.

He had been afraid to go to work at the usual time of 6am because he would have been sent home by intimidators. He said people in Langa had been talking about it since the Monday before the shooting.

He had planned to give the crowd the impression he was going to the funeral and then go to work instead.

"I gave black power salutes so they would not know I was on my way to work and not to the funeral," said the youth.

"I gave black power salutes so that the people could see I was part of them."

Mr Jansen: You did not lose your brains.

The youth: My blood fell on the road.

Mr Jansen: Here is a statement which was handed in to the commission. It says: "The boy who was shot was just in front. His brains were on the road."

The youth: My brains were not on the road. They are still in my head.

Mr Jansen: Where did you regain consciousness?.

The youth: In hospital.

Mr Jansen: Did any of you try to recover the bicycle.

The youth: Yes, my mother tried. I was in jail, but now I am out.

Mr Jansen: Why were you in jail?.

The youth: They said I threw stones on March 21.

Mr Jansen: Is your case still pending about the stone-throwing?.

The youth: Yes.

The youth said he had not seen any sticks or petrol bombs being carried by the crowd.

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Two killed in fresh unrest

By CATHY SCHNELL

TWO men were shot dead by police and others were injured as unrest continued in Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage townships yesterday.

A spokesman for the SA Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said homes and buses were set alight, a store plundered and then set on fire and policemen and police vehicles stoned.

A woman motorist in Grahamstown was hurt by a stone thrown at her by a mob.

The mob also stoned several police vehicles in three separate incidents.

Damage estimated at hundreds of thousands of rands was caused when a crowd numbering 800 petrol-bombed expensive earth-moving equipment belonging to a private concern in Kwazakele yesterday.

Police dispersed the crowd with shotguns, rubber bullets and tearsmoke.

A mob of about 100 people attacked a policeman in Kwazakele yesterday afternoon. The policeman fired on the crowd with a service pistol, killing a 26-year-old man.

In Veeplaas, where four private homes were also set on fire last night, a 20-year-old man died when police used tear smoke and shotguns to disperse a group.

Reports of further unrest were also received from Kwazakele.

According to the spokesman, about 20 people tried to burn a Port Elizabeth Tramways bus yesterday afternoon.

When the police arrived at the trouble spot, the mob dispersed, except for a 23-year-old man who, according to the police spokesman, continued trying to set fire to the vehicle.

In the ensuing struggle, the man was slightly injured and was subsequently admitted to Livingstone Hospital under police guard.

The storeroom of a hostel belonging to the East Cape Development Board in a Uitenhage township was set ablaze after people broke in and plundered it.

Members of the crowd allegedly stole television sets, stoves and other electrical appliances before setting the building on fire, the spokesman said. Damage was extensive.

In Veeplaas police were stoned on seven occasions. A group of about 60 people also stoned a police vehicle.

The home of a resident of Fort Beaufort's township was petrol-bombed, but there were no casualties as the family was away at the time.

In Adelaide about 500 people advanced on the home of a policeman and stoned the house and his car. He fired at the crowd. Two people were slightly injured and both were arrested.

Twenty-five more people were arrested later and face charges of public violence.

In Sasolburg a mob tried to hijack a bus and were dispersed by police with tearsmoke and rubber bullets. An 18-year-old man was arrested.

In De Aar a group of about 250 people advanced on a policeman's home and stoned it. A 13-year-old youth and an 18-year-old woman were arrested.

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Three more dead in East Cape unrest

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PORT ELIZABETH — Three more people were shot dead by police during incidents of unrest in the Eastern Cape on Thursday night and yesterday.

According to a spokesman for the South African Police directorate of public relations in Pretoria, a 20-year-old man was fatally wounded when police used shotguns and tearsmoke to disperse a mob of about 60 people who stoned police patrols in Veeplaas. Police also reported six other incidents in which patrol vehicles were stoned in the township.

The spokesman said several incidents of unrest occurred in Kwazakele, where two deaths were reported.

He said a 26-year-old man was shot dead with a service revolver when a group of about 100 people attacked a policeman.

A second person was fatally injured with a shotgun when police dispersed a large group that attacked and petrol-bombed a police vehicle.

In another incident, damage estimated at hundreds of thousands of rands was caused when a group of about 800 people petrol-bombed earthmoving machinery and equipment belonging to a private concern. Police used tearsmoke, rubber bullets and shotguns to disperse the mob. No arrests were made.

In a further incident at Kwazakele yesterday, two men sustained minor injuries and were admitted to hospital under police guard after police dispersed a group of about 20 people who threw a petrol bomb at a delivery vehicle.

Extensive damage was caused when groups of youths set fire to four private homes in Veeplaas. No injuries were reported and no arrests made.

At New Brighton, members of a group of about 80 people stole a Post Office vehicle and drove it through a shop window before setting it alight. Police, who extinguished the blaze, used tearsmoke to disperse the crowd. No arrests were made.

The spokesman said a woman was injured when she was struck on the head with a stone after a mob started stoning private vehicles in Grahamstown.

The spokesman said the crowd first stoned police patrol vehicles, but then turned their attention to other road-users. Speedy police intervention prevented other private vehicles from being stoned, he said.

In Uitenhage, people broke into a storeroom at a hostel of the East Cape Development Board. Television sets, a stove and other electrical appliances were stolen. The building was set alight, resulting in extensive damage.

A bus was destroyed in Kwanobuhle when two people, who refused to pay their fare, ordered the other passengers out and set the vehicle alight with petrol, the spokesman said.

At Adelaide, a policeman opened fire with his service revolver on a mob of about 500 people marching on his home. Two people were wounded and arrested at the scene. A further 25 people were arrested a short while after the incident.

● The meetings of four organisations in Port Elizabeth have been banned by the city's acting chief magistrate, Mr D. Smith.

The ban will be in force from 2 pm today until 2 pm on Monday.

The organisations affected are the South African Non-Racial Rugby Board, the Zwide Rugby Union, the Bethelsdorp Rugby Board of Control and the South African Rugby Association. — DDC-SAPA.

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Sebe: bullets won't solve social problems

KING WILLIAM'S TOWN — President Lennox Sebe said the time had come for men of vision, irrespective of colour, to form a strategy so that disasters such as that at Uitenhage did not recur.

He was speaking at the official opening of the Tamara police station near here.

Social problems would not be solved by bullets. He said goodwill was at its lowest at present.

The greatest problem facing politicians and policemen was to see that the people's stomachs were full, otherwise the UDF and its satellites would overtake them.

Welcoming senior police officials from the Republic of South Africa, he said what was faced by South Africa would also affect Ciskei.

People could not eat goodwill and promises alone. "Today, we utter no prayer more fervently than the prayer for peace on earth," he said.

"History has shown that peace does not come, nor will our freedom be preserved, by goodwill alone. There are those in the world who scorn our vision of human dignity and freedom.

President Sebe said some countries who were most vociferous at the United Nations had children in their countries scouring dustbins for food, yet in Ciskei no child ate from dustbins.

He said a police station was a symbol of democracy. The primary responsibility of any government was the security and safety of its people.

He said policemen should be jacks of all trades and masters of them all. Policemen who did not think and use their brains had no place in the present age.

President Sebe, the Commissioner of Police, Lieutenant-General Lulama Madola and more than 50 police officers were decorated for distinguished leadership and long service. — DDR.

A YOUNG marshall died this afternoon when he was hit by a racing car at the motor race meeting at Killarney.

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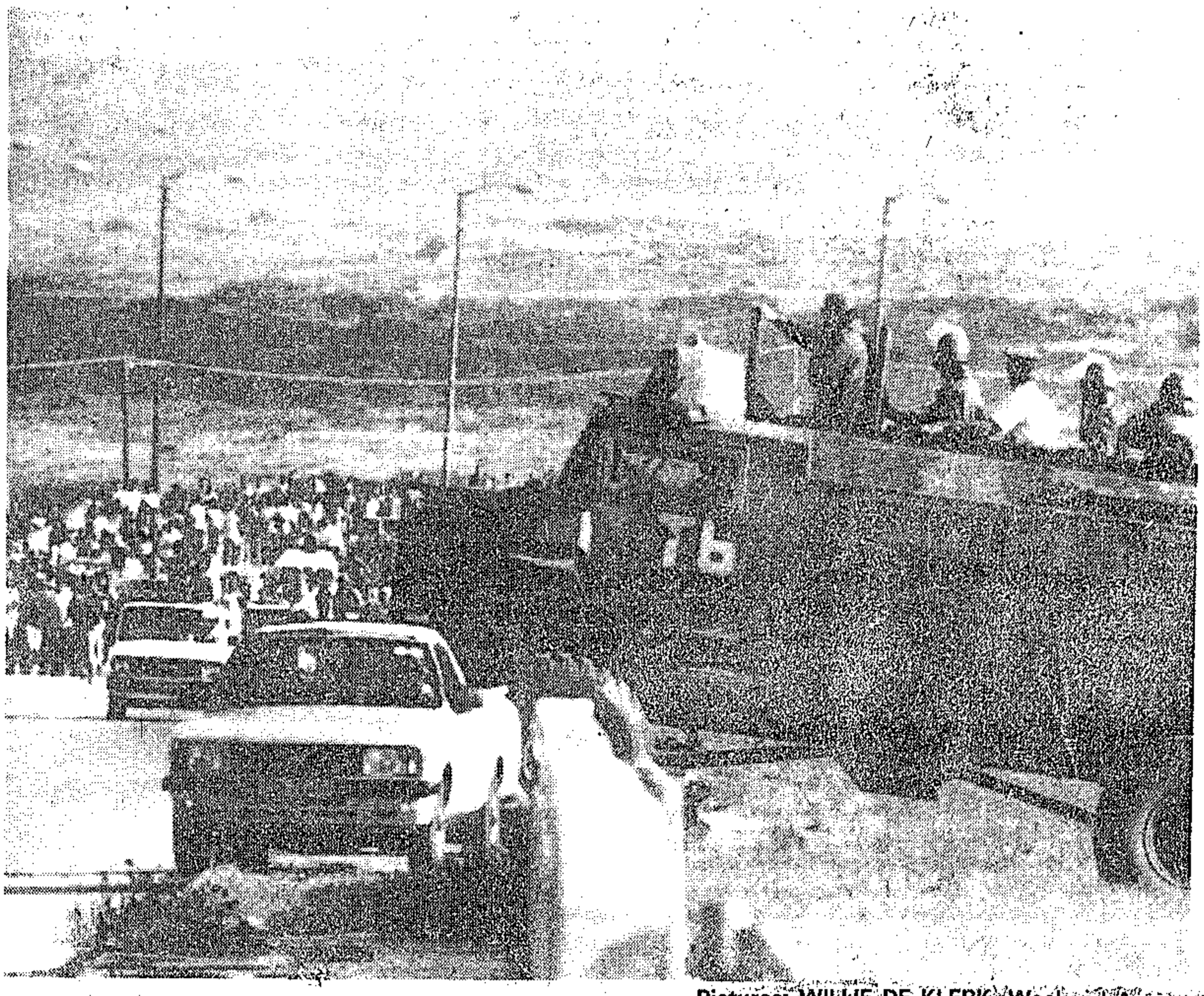
Confrontation at roadblock



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The funeral march in Uitenhage today heads for confrontation with police.



Above: Thousands gather for the burials in Kwanobuhle near Uitenhage today.

Right: Bishop Desmond Tutu, Dr Allan Boesak and other clergyman at the funeral.

30 000 attend funeral

By KEN VERNON
Weekend Argus Reporter

UITENHAGE. — A senior police officer intervened late today when there was a confrontation between marchers and the police at a roadblock after the burial of 19 people who were shot dead by police near here three weeks ago.

Several thousand mourners returning home after the funeral suddenly decided to turn from the pre-planned route and to march to Despatch Township, 15km away, instead of heading for nearby Langa township as police expected.

As the marchers milled about a roadblock of police and army vehicles, voices were raised and black youths began to taunt the shotgun- and R1-armed police and soldiers with black power salutes.

A senior police officer arrived and ordered his men to allow the crowd through.

Casspirs

Police Casspirs and army vehicles drove from reserve areas to direct the procession away from white residential areas.

Earlier, more than 30 000 people thronged the Kwanobuhle stadium outside Uitenhage for the funeral of 29 people. Apart from the 19, other victims of recent violence in the townships were buried.

The orderly crowd gave a thundering ovation to Bishop Desmond Tutu, Bishop of Johannesburg, and to Dr Allan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reform Churches, when they arrived to address the crowd.

From before 8am a constant stream of mourners arrived at the stadium in buses, vans, lorries, cars and on foot.

Helicopter

A heavy police and army contingent guarded the route the mourners took past Uitenhage's white areas, but did not enter Kwanobuhle township.

A helicopter made several circuits of the stadium this morning.

The coffins were lined up in front of the stadium grandstand and the first of many speakers, all representatives of township organisations, trade unions and church groups, began their addresses.

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In his address, Bishop Tutu

Teenager killed in race smash

Weekend Argus Reporter

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100 000 expected at unrest funerals

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — About 100 000 people are expected to attend the mass funerals for unrest victims in KwaNobuhle today where they will be addressed by Bishop Desmond Tutu who will be speaking out against "black on black" violence in the townships.

Nobel Peace Prize winner and Bishop of Johannesburg Bishop Tutu yesterday confirmed that he would be attending the funerals and addressing the crowd.

Dr Allan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, will also address be speaking.

A massive contingent of foreign journalists and television crews have arrived here to cover the event with at least 13 television crews expected to be in the media group that will cover the funerals at KwaNobuhle Stadium, scheduled to start at 10am.

Meanwhile police were last night seen to be removing roadblocks at the entrance to KwaNobuhle and moving them further away. They were using a searchlight to monitor what was happening at the township.

Last night, hundreds of mourners in a convoy of cars and a few buses from Johannesburg and Cradock had converged at KwaNobuhle township to attend the customary all-night vigil at the Old Apostolic Church, said Mr Mncedisi Sitoto, a spokesman for the Uitenhage Funeral Catering Committee.

There were also reports among mourners of groups travelling to Uitenhage from as far afield as Windhoek.

According to Mr Sitoto thousands of mourners from as far as Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban would throng to the KwaNobuhle stadium which has a capacity of 30 000, to pay tribute to 31 victims who will be buried side by side at KwaNobuhle cemetery.

Three unrest victims from Despatch will be buried with the 28 victims of KwaNobuhle and Langa townships.

Bishop Tutu said yesterday afternoon he was very concerned about the "black on black violence" that had been happening in the townships and would be speaking out against it—as he had done in the past.

He expected people at the funerals to be "highly charged emotionally" but said the services should go off "without too much incident".

"I just hope the police will keep away."

Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, yesterday said police would in no way interfere with the funeral arrangements or mourners. The police would, however, "keep an eye" on the situation.



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Israelis to attend opening of Ciskei Assembly

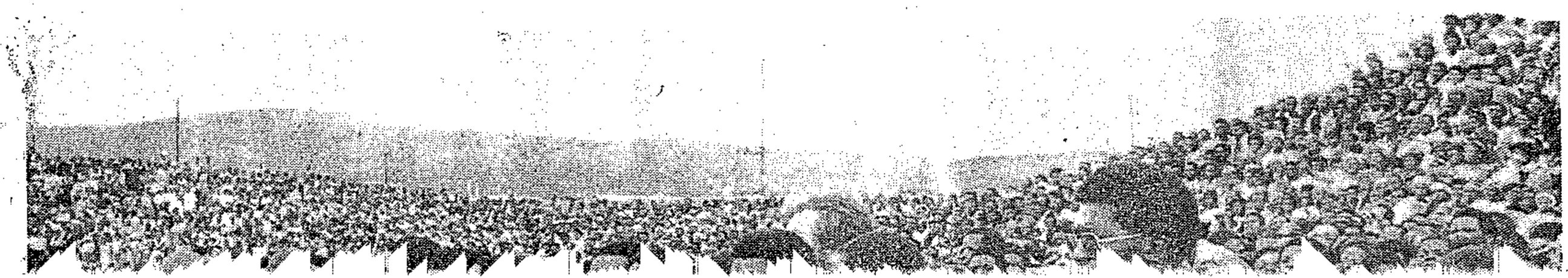
By KEITH ROSS

EAST LONDON — Six members of the Israeli Parliament will attend the opening of Ciskei's National Assembly on Thursday — in defiance of great political pressure in their home country.

Their planned visit has

Huge crowd at funeral

Singing, chanting bring



By CATHY SCHNELL

THREE men were shot dead in Port Elizabeth townships by police last night — the eve of the mass funeral for Eastern Cape unrest victims at Kwanobuhle Township, Uitenhage.

Last night's shootings bring the unrest death toll in the Eastern Cape over the past 48 hours to five.

The violent prelude to the weekend also saw houses and vehicles being burnt and stoned and another New Brighton school petrol-bombed.

A spokesman for the SA Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said today that three men were shot dead in Zwide and Kwazakele.

He said in Zwide late last night a group of about 600 people carrying rocks, iron bars and sticks gathered in Mbanga Street and marched on to the home of a policeman.

The group then split up into three groups, each of about 200 people, and marched on to the houses of two policemen and a court

sides openly.

"The issue has been aired in the Press and for the first time the recognition of Ciskei has been openly discussed.

"A prominent personality asked in a television debate why Ciskei should not be recognised.

"He pointed out that Israelis were living in Ciskei and the country had business interests here."

Mr Van Wyk said the visit by the Israelis had come into the open after a report appeared in a New York newspaper. They had since been under tremendous pressure to cancel their visit.

Mr Van Wyk said five of the six remaining members of the Israeli party were members of the country's governing coalition.

He said all six would remain in Ciskei for a few days after the official opening of Parliament.

They would be in the company of many dignatories from other overseas countries, including Italy, Switzerland and the United States.

"Among the dignatories will be Dr G Stucki, President of the Government of the Swiss canton, Zug," he said.

"Dr Stucki may address the Ciskeian Cabinet at the official luncheon after the opening of Parliament."

He said many potential investors, businessmen and agricultural specialists would also visit Ciskei for the opening.

"The interest in Ciskei has grown tremendously," he said. "This is a direct result of the new direction Ciskei has taken.

"Ciskei has initiated a free enterprise drive and this, coming from Africa, has caused a considerable stir overseas."

Eastern Cape unrest.

Among those being buried were the 19 victims of the Langa Township shooting on March 21.

People from many parts of the country attended the combined service, among them the Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, Bishop Desmond Tutu, and Dr Allan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches.

There was also a large contingent of newsmen, with numerous overseas publications and television stations represented.

Mourners started converging on the Kwanobuhle sports stadium as early as 7am and by 8.30am 15 000 people had arrived.

By 11am the stadium was filled with mourners with more still making their way into the township in packed trucks and taxis.

Groups of youths in T-shirts representing various civic organisations and schoolchildren in uniform carried placards and banners, sang freedom songs, chanted slogans and jogged around the stadium.

People stood shoulder to shoulder dancing and singing and there was a carnival atmosphere despite the tension that was evident.

Some of the placards called for the release of Nelson Mandela. Others criticised the South African, British and United States governments.

The Easter weekend meeting of the State President, Mr P W Botha, with the Zionist Christian Church near Pietersburg was also criticised.

A hush fell over the stadium when at 9.50am a motorcade carrying the coffins arrived, led by clergymen from more than 50 denominations.

Ten minutes before the arrival of the coffins an air force helicopter flew briefly over the stadium.

The SA Police and SA Defence Force troops kept a low profile and kept to the outskirts of the township.

Defence Force members directed mourners towards the stadium.

Youths belonging to various organisations carried the coffins shoulder-high to the tables where they were laid out in a row with green, gold and black cloths draped over them.

The first of the 29 coffins was carried into the stadium at about 10am.

Dr Boesak led the procession through the surging crowds into the stadium.

The coffins were carried through a guard of honour formed by youths giving clenched-fist salutes.

A praise-singer sang praises to the dead and encouraged the living to continue the struggle.

There was ululating and a scramble for the east entrance to the stadium when Bishop Tutu arrived at 10.20am, accompanied by the Rev Mcebisi Xundu of Durban.

They walked through a guard of honour to the grandstand.

Members of black civic organisations, which had organised the event under the banner of the United Democratic Front, struggled to hold the crowd back as the bishop was swept into the stadium by the tide of people.

During prayers there were calls for unity among the black masses.

Some of the mourners fainted in the hot sun and had to be revived by fellow mourners.

All roads leading into the black residential area were closely guarded.

In Uitenhage's main business area there was a notable absence of black shoppers.

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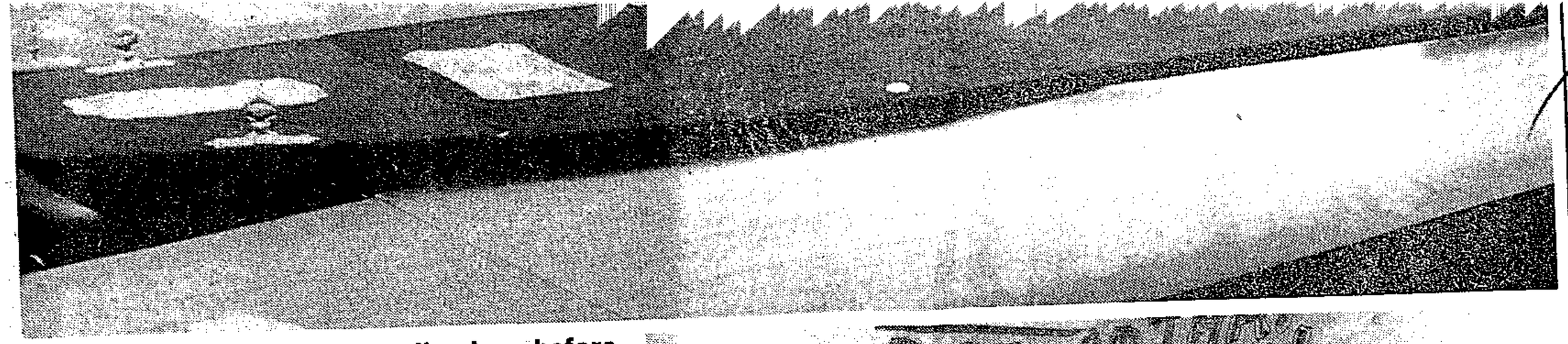

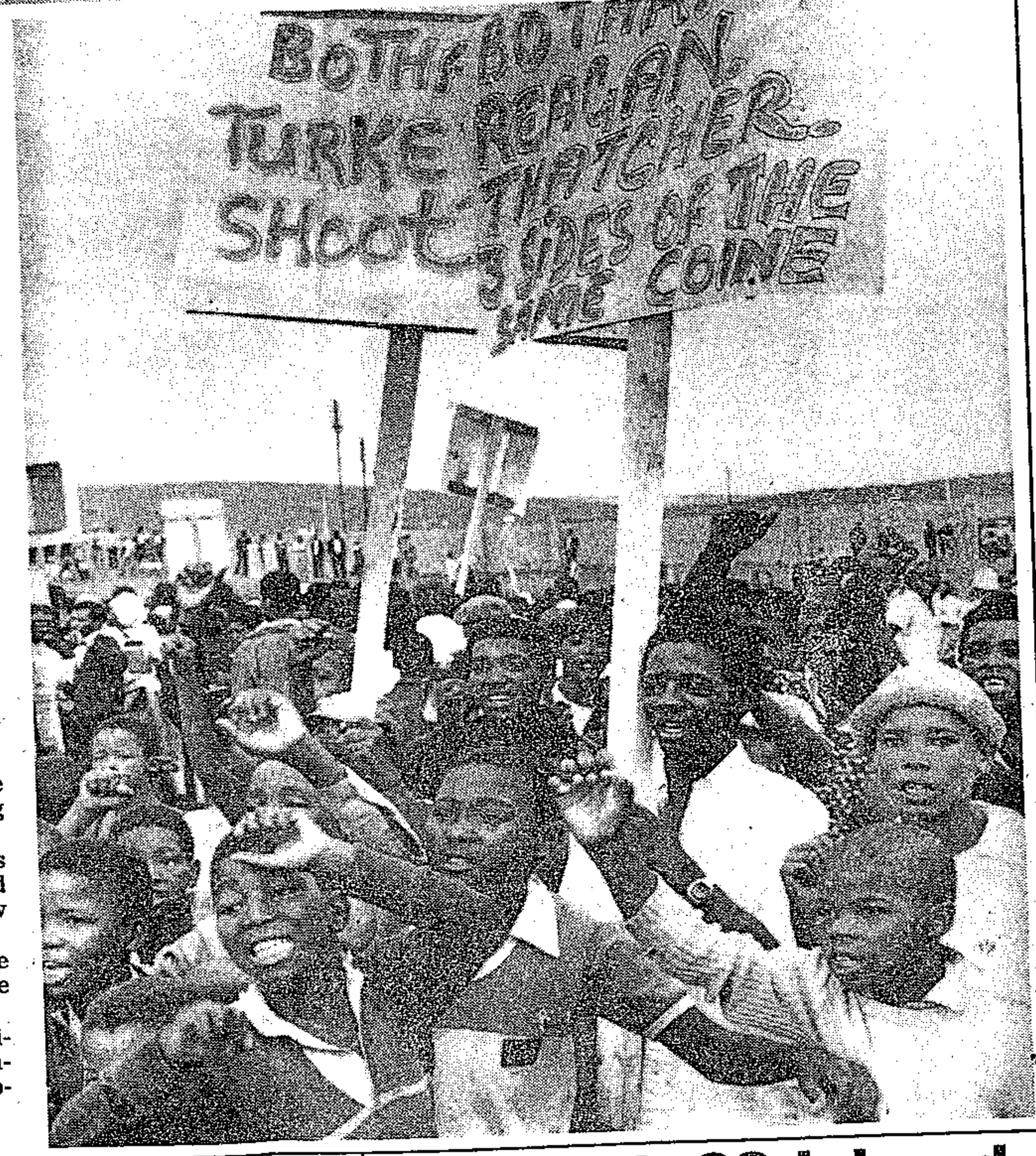

Coffins of unrest victims are lined up before the start of a mass funeral service at Kwanobuhle sports stadium today. Part of the huge crowd can be seen in the background. Right: Placard-bearing mourners in the stadium. Between 40 000 and 50 000 people jammed into the stadium. More pictures — Page 2. Pictures by Evert Smith

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24 killed, 82 injured in restaurant blast

MADRID — At least 24 people were killed and 82 injured when a suspected bomb blast razed a crowded restaurant,

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'We're here to help' is SADF's approach to township residents

By JANE CONYNGHAM

SINCE South African Defence Force troops had been in operation in Eastern Cape townships, they had aimed to reassure residents that they wished to protect and help them.

Asked to comment following reports of SADF troops chatting and playing soccer with township residents, Captain Flip Klopper, liaison officer for Eastern Province Command, told Weekend Post that while SADF members mixed and played soccer with the township residents on their own initiative, it had always been the SADF's policy to establish friendly relations between themselves and the people.

He said he thought the campaign had brought about positive results.

Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, said the police had always tried to establish friendly relations and win the confidence of township residents.

"There are no hard feelings between the police and township residents and we are there to help them where we can."

He said it was only the troublemakers who disliked the police.

"Most of the township people are law-abiding and want us to be present in the townships to protect them against rioters and troublemakers," he said.

He said the police and SADF had started a pamphlet campaign to try to calm the unrest situation and although youngsters often came forward to ask for the pamphlets, it was difficult to say whether the campaign was proving effective, he said.

Mr Dennis Neer, secretary-general of the Motor Assembly and Component Workers' Union of South Africa (Macwusa), said he did not think township residents saw any difference between the SADF and police force — they were both seen as armed Government troops.

"Uneducated people, especially, don't know the difference between the two forces, and simply regard the SADF as armed policemen with different uniforms," he said.

Mr Edgar Ngoyi, Eastern Cape branch president of the United Democratic Front, said township residents were encouraged by the fact that there had been no shooting by the SADF so far, however they were still frightened and suspicious of the troops and were "watching and waiting" to see what happened.

Some township residents regarded pamphlets handed out by troops as "yet another propaganda tactic", the UDF spokesman said.

Use of teargas in townships criticised

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INDISCRIMINATE firing of teargas and the heavy police and SADF presence in the townships were criticised at a prayer service held in the Holy Spirit Church Hall in Kwazakhele.

The service was organised by the Crisis in Education Committee to mark the unrest in the Eastern Cape and mourn all the victims of unrest.

Similar services to mark a national day of prayer were held throughout the country in response to a resolution by the National Parents Ad-Hoc Committee announced in Johannesburg at the weekend.

In a statement, Mr Thobile Mhlahlo, vice-chairman of the Crisis in Education Committee, also criticised the presence of eight caspirs behind the hall during the service, claiming his committee viewed it as an "intimidatory tactic" to stop people coming to the service.

Mr Mhlahlo said: "Our committee condemns the indiscriminate use of teargas in the townships and many people have complained to us that their young children at home choked from the fumes and became ill".

PW bid to bar debate 'a disgrace'

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By CHRIS FREIMOND
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN. — The recent attempt by the State President, Mr P W Botha, to "intimidate" Parliament into stopping debate on the Uitenhage shootings was "disgraceful", the Progressive Federal Party MP for Johannesburg North, Mr Peter Soal, said last night.

Speaking at a PFP meeting in East London, Mr Soal said Mr Botha's appeal to Parliament last month to ignore a ruling by the Speaker, Mr Johan Greeff, that the killing by police of 19 blacks at Langa could be debated, was a "carefully orchestrated" move.

It was made to a special joint sitting of Parliament and televised live to the nation.

The move was an attempt by the State President to stamp his imprint on parlaimentary debate, and had probably not been equalled since the 17th century, when King Charles I of England tried to bully the English Parliament — and started a civil war which ended in him losing his head, Mr Soal said.

"What P W Botha should understand is that Parliament is not the National Party caucus," he said.

He said it seemed clear that when it was discovered that the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, had misinformed Parliament about the events surrounding the Uitenhage shooting, the NP tried its best to suppress the debate.

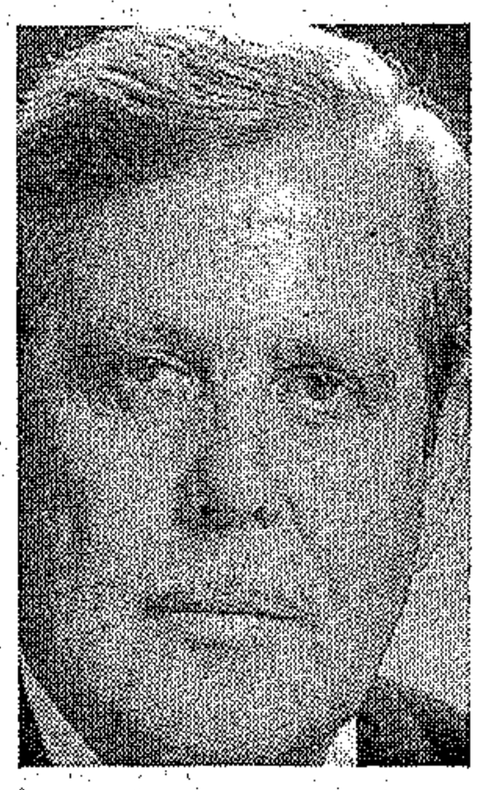
Mr Soal also slammed Mr Botha for his Easter address to the Zion church gathering at Moria in the Northern Transvaal, in which he had "politicised" the church.

Mr Botha and his colleagues often criticised church leaders for infringing on political issues, but Mr Botha had found it quite in order to involve the Zion church in politics whether its members liked it or not, Mr Soal said.

● A copy of Mr Soal's speech was released in Cape Town.



MR PETER SOAL



MR CHRIS HEUNIS

All were invited to forum — Heunis

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN. — The Government had extended invitations to all leaders to participate in the newly created black forum, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, said in the Budget debate in the House of Assembly yesterday.

While it was true that not all the black leaders had been identified, all those who renounced violence as a method of bringing about change had been invited to "discuss the future of the country in the forum".

It would be "dangerous" if people who chose means other than negotiation were given preference over "elected leaders" in the various institutions that had been created, he said.

These were references to PFP leader Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert's speech on Wednesday, in which he asked why black leaders had not come forward to take part in the forum.

Mr Heunis said it was no longer necessary to debate the necessity for reform. What had to be debated was how reform could best be brought about.

There were two distinct routes to reform. They ran parallel and were often in conflict with each other in South Africa. These were:

● The parliamentary road — which had as its goal the broadening of the democratic base.

This "socio-political edifice" could only be built "by participants in the parliamentary process".

● The revolutionary road — which often abused the democratic system in its attempt to break it down.

The parliamentary process "must show that negotiation can succeed", Mr Heunis said.

'Blacks must choose own leaders'

Political Staff

THE Government's stood condemned of "criminal neglect" for its failure to allow black people to determine their own leaders by democratic means, the chairman of the PFP's caucus, Dr Alex Boraine, charged yesterday.

"For decades the aspirations and political demands of blacks were not ragarded (by the Government) as important, and therefore the machinery for the election of leaders was unnecessary.

"It is this dereliction of political duty which has brought us to the present confusion and disarray."

Speaking during the Budget debate, Dr Boraine said that because of the political vacuum created by the Government's neglect, black leaders were to be found not in the political arena so much as in the church, the trade unions and community organisations.

The Government urgently needed to move beyond pressing issue confronting the practices of appointing selecting and acknowledging black leadership, and should create the necessary machinery to give a clear indication of who the genuine black leaders really were.

Dr Boraine emphasised that genuine political rights for blacks was the most

PFP urges blacks to call truce

PARLIAMENT. — An appeal to blacks to stop burning bodies and vehicles, lay down their stones, declare a truce, elect leaders and talk to the Government was made by Mr Alf Widman (PFP, Hillbrow) in the House of Assembly yesterday.

Speaking in the Second Reading Debate on the Budget, he asked whether they were prepared to elect leaders to talk around a table and tell Parliament what they wanted.

When the people saw that the leaders they appointed were given recognition, then the country would return to peace, tranquility and prosperity.

He was pleased to hear that the report of the joint Standing Committee on the Immorality and Mixed Marriages Acts was to be tabled on Monday, he said. — Sapa.

SADF in E Cape villages

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By JON QWELANE
Weekend Argus
Correspondent

UITENHAGE. — The army presence in the riot-torn townships of the Eastern Cape is very much in evidence.

A drive around Port Elizabeth's townships of New Brighton, Zwide and Kwazakhele this week showed that soldiers are doing a great deal.

It is the same in KwaNobuhle township, Uitenhage, where at least 27 victims of the rioting are being buried today. The soldiers have pitched tents at entrances to the townships, where they and members of the SAP are also manning road-blocks.

In KwaNobuhle barbed wire has been rolled along a stretch of the main road linking the township with Uitenhage, and armed soldiers and riot police search people entering and leaving the township.

In New Brighton, a number of heavily-armed soldiers stood guard at a bottle store owned by the Eastern Cape Administration Board. Many more drove around in vehicles bearing army registration plates.

On Thursday delivery trucks entered Port Elizabeth's townships for the first time in several weeks. They were escorted to shops and other businesses by armed police in uniform. In Uitenhage buses still go only as far as the entrances to the townships.

Council resigns

Meanwhile yet another community council in the area has collapsed. Members of the KwaNomzamo Community Council in Humansdorp have resigned en bloc. It is the third council to fall in recent weeks, coming after the collapse of the KwaNobhule Town Council in Uitenhage and the Ilingehlile Village Council in Cradock.

Several members of the Kayamnandi Town Council in the Port Elizabeth townships have resigned also and indications are that more could follow.

Several security men employed by the council to guard the homes of councillors have resigned their jobs and at least one driver employed by the council has also quit.

Mob executions by burning continue. A man was killed in this manner on Wednesday after he allegedly set fire to the home of an acquaintance.

No black police

For two weeks now not a single black policeman is reported to have been seen on duty in the Uitenhage townships. All local black police were evacuated with their families the night following the shootings of "bloody Thursday" when police opened fire on a crowd of people in Langa, killing 19.

Organisers of the mass funeral of riot victims have called upon black communities to stay away from Uitenhage all day.

Man dies of Congo fever

MARITZBURG. — A man has died of Congo fever at Edendale Hospital near Maritzburg — the first confirmed fatality from the disease in Natal or Kwazulu.

This was announced today by the Kwazulu Minister of Health, Dr Frank Mdlalose.

However, doctors have been quick to reassure the public that no other cases have been discovered.

They said 46 people were being monitored.

Mr Vincent Nthalane, 30, died of the disease 11 days ago. He was its fifth victim in South Africa. Sapa.

Police open fire on crowd attacking vehicles: boy killed

Crime Staff

A 12-year-old boy was fatally wounded yesterday in the Port Elizabeth township of kwaZakhele when police opened fire with shotguns at a crowd which had stoned and petrol-bombed police vehicles, a police spokesman said.

This follows the death of a 26-year-old man in kwaZakhele on Thursday when a policeman fired shots at a group of people stoning his house.

Two men were slightly injured when police fired shotguns at a group of about 20 people who had set alight a delivery vehicle in the same township. The men were taken to hospital and are expected to face charges of arson and public violence.

An unidentified 20-year-old man died in Veeplaas in the Eastern Cape on Thursday after police fired tearsmoke and shotguns at a group attacking a police vehicle.

A Grahamstown woman suffered facial injuries after a group of youths threw bricks through the windscreen of her car on a road in Grahamstown on Thursday night.

A Port Elizabeth township resident yesterday reported that youths were being instructed on how to make petrol bombs. Motorists were accosted and forced at gunpoint to syphon petrol from their tanks.

Five buses were set alight in Eastern Cape townships in the past three days. Three were destroyed.

A spokesman for Port Elizabeth Tramways said his company had lost R1,5 million over the past nine months. Fifty-one bus drivers had been injured during this period.

● The 12 treason trialists being held in Durban's Central Prison held a seven-hour vigil ending at 1am this morning to express solidarity with people "suffering in other parts of the country", the publicity secretary for the United Democratic Front in Natal, Mr Tsenoli said.

● The mother of the 14-year-old Meadowlands boy who was stabbed and set alight by schoolchildren on Wednesday morning says her son was killed by mistake.

Mrs Florence Khumalo said that when a group of about 200 pupils attacked her son Reginald he was wearing a jersey similar to one owned by the person the pupils were seeking.

The schoolchildren are believed to have been seeking revenge for the murder of a fellow pupil, allegedly by a gang called The Aces.

Mrs Selinah Maseko, the owner of the house where the boy was killed, said she was asleep when the mob of pupils arrived.

"I was awakened by a hail of stones thrown through the bedroom windows," she said.

"Outside I found them stabbing Reginald. I watched as they trampled and continuously hacked at him. They took a blanket from a shack poured fuel on it and set it alight."

She said a neighbour had tried to douse the flames on Reginald's body.

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3 die as arson, stoning continue

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — Three people were shot dead by police during incidents of unrest in the Eastern Cape on Thursday night and yesterday.

A spokesman for the SA Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said a 20-year old man had been fatally wounded when police used shotguns and tearsmoke to disperse a mob of about 60 who stoned police patrols in Veeplaas.

Police also reported six other incidents in which patrol vehicles were stoned in the township.

The spokesman said several incidents of unrest occurred in Kwazakele, where two deaths were reported.

He said a 26-year-old man had been shot dead with a service revolver when about 100 people attacked a black policeman. A second person had been fatally injured when police fired a shotgun to disperse a large group which attacked and petrol bombed a police vehicle.

In another incident, damage estimated at hundreds of thousands of rands was caused when about 800 people petrol bombed earth-moving machinery. Police used tearsmoke, rubber bullets and shotguns to disperse the mob. No arrests were made.

Also at Kwazakele, police used rubber bullets and tearsmoke to disperse 50 people who stoned police and private vehicles.

In a separate incident, police used tearsmoke and a shotgun to disperse a mob who set fire to a stolen vehicle which was gutted. No arrests were made and no injuries were reported.

In a further incident at Kwazakele yesterday afternoon, two men were slightly injured and admitted to hospital under police guard, after police dispersed a group of about 20 people who threw a petrol bomb at a delivery vehicle.

At New Brighton, members of a group of about 80 people stole a post office vehicle and drove it through a shop window, before setting it alight. Police, who extinguished the blaze, used tearsmoke to disperse the crowd. No arrests were made.

Also at New Brighton, tearsmoke was used to disperse a group of about 50 people who stoned a police vehicle. No arrests were made and no injuries were reported.

The spokesman said a white woman had been injured when she was struck on the head with a stone after a mob stoned private vehicles in Grahamstown.

The spokesman said the mob first stoned police vehicles, but then turned their attention to other road-users.

Yesterday afternoon, a private residence was set alight by a mob at Tinus township in Grahamstown. The group fled when police arrived to extinguish the blaze. According to the spokesman, damage to the building was minimal.

In Uitenhage a storeroom at a hostel of the Administration Board was broken into and television sets, a stove and other electrical appliances were stolen.

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I was shot and kicked, cyclist tells inquiry

UITENHAGE. — A 15-year-old boy told the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry yesterday he was shot, and then kicked by policemen while lying on the ground, during the funeral march at Langa in which at least 19 people died.

Kwanela Moses Bucwa said he had been on his way to work on March 21 when he rode past a large crowd of people singing "Nkosi Sikilel' I Afrika". The crowd was moving towards two police Casspirs and a white truck used to convey prisoners, which was approaching from the direction of Uitenhage.

He had tried to pass on one side of the Casspirs but policemen had told him to move between them.

"As I was turning, I was shot at. The shot hit me on the head. I fell over the bicycle and landed on my right side."

He had heard no warning shot or announcements from any of the police vehicles before he was shot at. After being shot, he lay on the road facing a church.

"A policeman came up to me and kicked me to check if I was still alive. I was also kicked on the right hip.

"I lost consciousness when I was kicked for the second time, and woke up in the Uitenhage Provincial Hospital."

Kwanela was called to give evidence by Mr Chris Nicholson, representing the families of some of the dead.

Asked whether he had seen anyone who could be described as a Rastafarian among the crowd, he said yes. The man was carrying a black book in one hand and nothing in the other.

He had not seen the police being pelted with stones, and he had also not seen any sticks or petrol bombs among the crowd.

Cross-examined by Mr Chris Jansen, SC, for the Minister of Law and Order, the youth said he had given the black power salute to make the crowd believe he, too, was on his way to the funeral.

A work stayaway had been organised for that day, he said.

"I gave the black power salute so they would not know I was on my way to work and not to the funeral.

"I gave the salute so that people could see I was part of them."

Kwanela said in answer to a question by Mr Jansen that he had been held in jail after the incident because it had been alleged that he threw stones at the police.

Kwanela identified an exhibit before the court as his bicycle. He said he recognised it by its elevated saddle.

He had bought the bicycle a week before the incident for R10.

He had paid R3 and still owed R7.

He then asked if he could have his bicycle back.

The chairman of the commission, Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer, smiled and said he would have to apply to the police for the return of his cycle.

Turning to Mr Jansen, Mr Justice Kannemeyer said: "It seems a reasonable request, Mr Jansen."

Earlier, Kwanela said in answer to a question by Mr Jansen that the people in front of the crowd had their arms linked. Those behind waved their fists in the air.

Mr Jansen put it to the youth that he had not been on the scene and had not been shot.

"I am telling the truth," he said.

Mr Jansen quoted from a Black Sash memorandum in which it was alleged that the person riding his bicycle on the day of the shooting had died.

"He did not die. Here I am," Kwanela said.

Mr Eric Tembani, 48, who opened his testimony on Thursday, said yesterday under cross-examination that a cyclist was the first person to be shot as the crowd of mourners moved towards the police vehicles.

He said the cyclist had been told to move away from the police vehicles.

As the cyclist was turning, a policeman on a white truck opened fire and the cyclist flew up into the air.

He had not seen the man fall to the ground because at that point another policeman on a Hippo opened fire and people started falling.

The crowd moving up the main road had come to a standstill when they saw a Hippo in the road.

"They couldn't get past.

"The people in front of me held each other as they stood and it looked as if they were scared," he said. — Sapa.

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Uitenhage braced for funeral

UITENHAGE. — Police and soldiers were yesterday preparing for the funeral today of 19 blacks killed this month when police opened fire on a crowd of over 4 000 mourners.

A spokesman said police had discussed arrangements with the organisers, who expect many thousands to attend.

"The crowd will have to pass through a white area of Uitenhage," he said. "Police and soldiers will line that part of the route, but they will not intervene if it remains calm."

In continuing unrest yesterday in the Eastern Cape two people were killed after police clashed with crowds attacking vehicles and private residences.

A 26-year-old man died in the Port Elizabeth township of Kwazakele when a policeman fired shots at a group stoning his house, a police spokesman in Pretoria said.

In the same township, a police patrol used tearsmoke, rubber bullets and birdshot to disperse a crowd of about 800 people who had petrol-bombed construction equipment belonging to a private company. The police spokesman said the damage was valued at over R100 000.

Police in Adelaide reported that some 500 people marched on the house of a black policeman, who fired into the crowd, injuring and arresting two people.

During one of at least seven stoning incidents in Veeplaas, the spokesman said, an unidentified black man died after police fired tearsmoke and shotguns at a group attacking a vehicle. — Sapa, UPI.

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Boy says police shot, kicked him

UITENHAGE. — A 15-year-old boy allegedly shot by police in the Uitenhage township of Langa was too confused to give his correct name when he was taken to hospital, the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry heard yesterday.

"My legs were shaking and there was a pounding in my head," said Kwanella Moses Bucwa.

He had given the name of Johnson Kozi, a boarder at his parents' home.

Later he had told hospital officials his correct name and address.

Mr Bucwa told the commission he had been taken to hospital on March 21 and released the following Saturday.

He had not had an operation or stitches but he said he had been shot in the back of the head and had noticed a bump there afterwards.

He had also injured his right leg and arm.

Rode past

Earlier, Mr Bucwa testified that he had been on his way to work on March 21 when he rode past a large crowd of people moving towards two police Casspirs.

He had tried to pass on one side of the Casspirs but policemen had told him to move between them.

"As I was turning I was shot at. The shot hit me on the head. I fell over the bicycle and landed on my right side."

He said a policeman later came up to him and kicked him — "to check if I was still alive".

He lost consciousness and came to his senses in hospital.

Cross-examined by Mr Chris Jansen SC, appearing for the Minister of Law and Order, the boy said he had bought the bicycle a week before the incident for R10.

He had paid R3 and still owed R7.

Reasonable

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"He did not die. Here I am," Mr Bucwa said.

Mr Bucwa was called to give evidence by Mr Chris Nicholson, who is representing the families of some of the 19 people who died in the Uitenhage shooting.

Asked by Mr Nicholson whether he had seen anyone who could be described as a Rastafarian in the crowd, he replied in the affirmative.

Mr Bucwa said the man was carrying a black book in one hand and nothing in the other.

He had not seen the police being pelted with stones and no stones were thrown at him.

Mr Bucwa said he had also not seen any sticks or petrol bombs among the crowd.

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100 000 expected at unrest funerals

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — About 100 000 people are expected to attend the mass funerals for unrest victims in KwaNobuhle today where they will be addressed by Bishop Desmond Tutu who will be speaking out against "black on black" violence in the townships.

Nobel Peace Prize winner and Bishop of Johannesburg Bishop Tutu yesterday confirmed that he would be attending the funerals and addressing the crowd.

Dr Allan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, will also address be speaking.

A massive contingent of foreign journalists and television crews have arrived here to cover the event with at least 13 television crews expected to be in the media group that will cover the funerals at KwaNobuhle Stadium, scheduled to start at 10am.

Meanwhile police were last night seen to be removing roadblocks at the entrance to KwaNobuhle and moving them further away. They were using a searchlight to monitor what was happening at the township.

Last night, hundreds of mourners in a convoy of cars and a few buses from Johannesburg and Cradock had converged at KwaNobuhle township to attend the customary all-night vigil at the Old Apostolic Church, said Mr Mncedisi Sitoto, a spokesman for the Uitenhage Funeral Catering Committee.

There were also reports among mourners of groups travelling to Uitenhage from as far afield as Windhoek.

According to Mr Sitoto thousands of mourners from as far as Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban would throng to the KwaNobuhle stadium which has a capacity of 30 000, to pay tribute to 31 victims who will be buried side by side at KwaNobuhle cemetery.

Three unrest victims from Despatch will be buried with the 28 victims of KwaNobuhle and Langa townships.

Bishop Tutu said yesterday afternoon he was very concerned about the "black on black violence" that had been happening in the townships and would be speaking out against it — as he had done in the past.

He expected people at the funerals to be "highly charged emotionally" but said the services should go off "without too much incident".

"I just hope the police will keep away."

Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, yesterday said police would in no way interfere with the funeral arrangements or mourners. The police would, however, "keep an eye" on the situation.

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Minister's promise on Kannemeyer inquiry

Le Grange speaks out

By BRUCE CAMERON
Political Staff

THE Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, has given an undertaking to respect and "seriously consider" any recommendations made by the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry into the Uitenhage shootings.

He gave the undertaking in the first interview he has granted since his controversial statements on the shootings which caused the death of 19 people in Uitenhage last month.

In the exclusive interview Mr le Grange did not deal with the details of the shootings or his subsequent actions because the commission is still sitting.

However he dealt extensively with the widespread criticism of both himself and the South African Police.

"Satisfied"

He made it clear that he had no intention of acceding to demands that he resign as Minister of Law and Order as he felt that his ministerial responsibility did not extend to individual actions taken by the police.

Mr le Grange is satisfied with the image of the SAP.

He rejected claims that he did not exercise proper control and had in fact lost control of the police force and that the police were acting on their own as a political body.

He said the police had two loyalties — to the State and to the force itself.

He was satisfied that they were meeting their obligations.

He felt the unrest in the country was being brought under control and was confident there would not be a recurrence of the Uitenhage shootings.

He said the object of the police was to quell disturbances with a minimum loss of life.

Although Mr le Grange felt that the image of the police was good, he did say in reply to another question that he would prefer it if the police did not have to administer political laws such as the pass laws.

Dealing with ministerial responsibility, he said it was his job to set policy but he could not be held responsible for individual actions.



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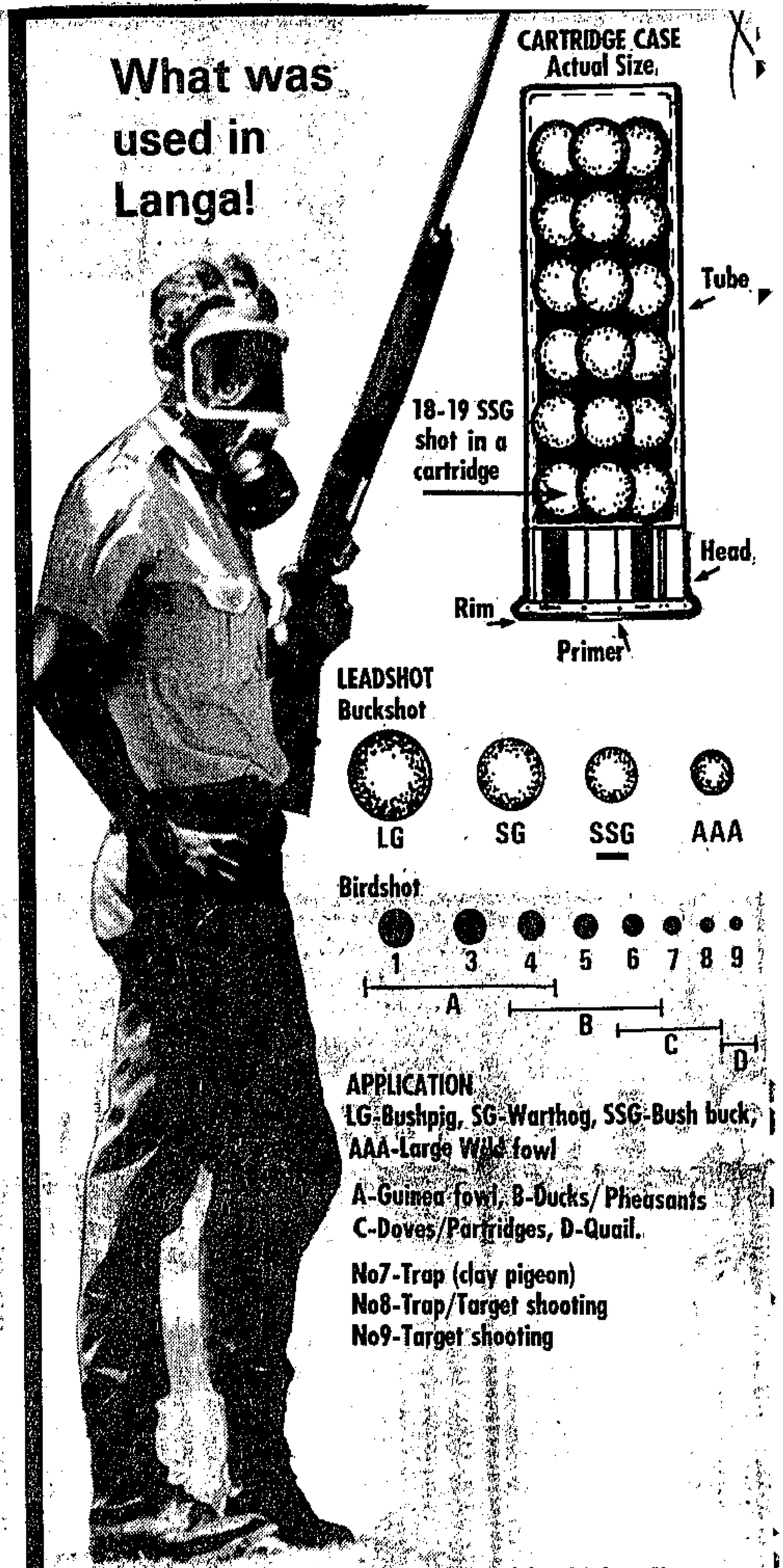

SSG shotgun ammunition — the type with which police were issued during the Langa disturbances last month — has 18 to 19 balls in each cartridge.

According to reports on the the Kannemeyer Commission, it is sharper and more effective than buckshot.

When fired from a short-barrelled shotgun, the concentration of lead spray spreads at just over half a metre from the barrel, equivalent in a size to the area of a man's chest, a local gun dealer said yesterday.

The spray remains concentrated, and therefore lethal, at 10 m where it could blast an 20-centimetre-diameter hole. It is ineffective 20 m away.

Langa funeral attracts hundreds

— by —
Jon Qwelane

UITENHAGE — Hundreds of people have steadily poured into this town for today's mass funeral of at least 27 victims of recent unrest.

Among those to be buried are the 19 people who were gunned down by riot police in Langa township on March 21.

Foreign and local journalists have also arrived by the dozen and are staying in Uitenhage and Port Elizabeth hotels.

A senior newsman attached to a leading American newspaper said last night that he was one of about 30 foreign correspondents permitted by the Government to cover the funeral "and we were told that Mr Louis le Grange, Minister of Law and Order, had no objection to our presence in the townships".

Police and military activity has not eased here, and vehicles are still being searched by soldiers and riot police at roadblocks at entrances to the townships.

Co-ordinators of the mammoth service, which will be held at kwaNobuhle Stadium and will last five hours, predict that at least 80 000 mourners will turn up for the funerals.

The main speaker will be Dr Alan Boesak,

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A RED Location resident lets his feelings show — and there's no way the SA Defence Force occupying the PE township can ignore it. C. Press

27 dead will get huge funeral

SEVENTY-THOUSAND mourners are expected to attend South Africa's largest funeral tomorrow — the burial of 27 Eastern Cape unrest victims.

The bodies of all 27 — 19 of them shot dead by police at Langa on March 21 — will lie in state at the new Kwanobuhle Stadium near Uitenhage to allow the mourners to pay their last respects.

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World Alliance of Reformed Churches president Allan Boesak — patron of the United Democratic Front — will be guest speaker at the funeral service, and forms part of an array of political leaders showing their solidarity with the people of the Eastern Cape.

These include Bishop Desmond Tutu, UDF chairman Curnick Ndlovu and UDF publicity secretary Terror Lekota.

As usual, the police are likely to keep a close watch on the funeral, and soldiers have already been sent to Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage townships to help them.

The cops and soldiers have become part of life in the townships, which have been the scene of some of the most vociferous protests in South Africa's history.

They are expected to man roadblocks in and around the townships tomorrow, checking on mourners on their way to pay their last respects to the dead.

Thousands of mourners have already arrived in the area from Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban and East London — with thousands more expected tomorrow.

The 19 victims of the Langa shooting to be buried are: Phakamile Solomon, 50, Alfred Razula, 33, Elijag Lala, 28, Mbuyiseli Diko, 27, Buyile Blou, 27, Welile Zendfali, 27, Thobekile Mahuwa, 22, Mcedisi Zokova, 20, Mgcineni Vusani, 20, May Vena, 19, Mbulelo Plaatjies, 18, Sidwell Majazana, 17, Sonwabo Kona, 16, Aaron Mathambo, 15, Vuyo Mbathana, 15, Lindela Mtshininda, 15, Gugulethu Gavu, 14, Vuyo Fumbatha, 14, and Fundiswa Wambi, 12.

The other eight — also unrest victims — are Thamsanga Nomkhonwana, 39, Aaron Somtsewu, 27, Xolile Koni, 26, Mzimbhulu Mthenjana, Gladwell Plaatjies, Patrick Pitjana, 25, Mlamli Matinana, 18, Nombuyiselo Solani, 22, and an unidentified girl.

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Less force, less injury

WHAT a contrast the maintenance of law and order exhibits in South Africa when compared to the United States.

This week, a mob of frenzied American kids went berserk after watching a Kung Fu film. They smashed anything they could lay their hands on – cars, shop windows and an array of targets.

The cops were called in. When they arrived they were blasted with stones and other missiles. The cops eventually got the situation under control.

It is significant to note that few were injured – police or rioters – and one can imagine what could have happened if the same thing happened in Johannesburg streets and the kids were black.

Given our record, Soweto could have been preparing for a mass funeral.

Why is it that overseas cops can deal with riotous situation with minimum injury to the people involved, while death inevitably comes when a similar situation arises in this country?

Is there something wrong with the training of our police force?

Maybe the Uitenhage Commission of Inquiry will partly answer some of those questions.

Whatever the outcome, there can be no real comfort for anybody as long as Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange does not intend investigating South Africa's police methods.

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The Kannemeyer Commission

'Commandant told a blatant lie on Langa ammo'

CP Correspondent

THE Uitenhage District Commandant had told the Kannemeyer Commission a "blatant lie" when he said he had ordered officers to ensure that all policemen going on patrol should be issued with the correct equipment – teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot.

This startling claim was made before the commission yesterday by Uitenhage police station commander Major Gert Kuhn.

Major Kuhn said that, on the instructions of the District Commandant, Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Pretorius, he had issued orders on March 14 that police patrols should no longer be equipped with teargas, rubber bullets or birdshot – but instead should only receive SSG shotgun cartridges and R1 rifles.

Earlier, Col Pretorius had told the commission the officer in charge during the shootings, Lieutenant John Fouche, should have insisted on being issued with teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot on the day of the incident.

"The equipment was available and if he said it was unavailable, then he is making a mistate," Col Pretorius said.

But Col Pretorius admitted that on March 14 he had ordered Uitenhage police patrols to be issued with SSG heavy shotgun ammunition and R1 rifles – before permission to do so had been given by police headquarters on March 19.

He said this had been done because police had learned of a "planned campaign of terror" in which police were to be driven from Uitenhage townships.

But Col Pretorius insisted that it had been Lt Fouche's duty to have all the correct equipment.

Col Pretorius said he was "not trying to shift the blame", but "I can't be expected to check every day that they are getting the right equipment".

Police Commissioner General Johann Coetzee told the commission that police had been ordered on March 19 to use live ammunition against rioters and that petrol-bombers be "eliminated".

Gen Coetzee confirmed Col Pretorius' statement that police had learned of a "planned campaign of terror" against them in the Eastern Cape and said Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange regarded the throwing of petrol bombs as "potential murder".

Gen Coetzee said the police were to blame for the discrepancies between Mr Le Grange's statement to Parliament – which among other claims said the police had been petrol-bombed at Langa – and evidence led before the Kannemeyer Commission.

The information had been hastily gathered as Mr Le Grange regarded the matter as so serious that it required an immediate statement to Parliament, he said.

Initial reports had mentioned petrol bombs, sticks and stones and other missiles, Gen Coetzee said.

Later in the day, new information was received, but at that time – 5.05pm – the Minister was already making his statement to Parliament, and it was "too late" to correct it.



Gen Johann Coetzee

Azapo flays UDF action

By ALI PHAKI

THE barring of black consciousness supporters from attending the mass funeral of the Uitenhage unrest victims on Saturday was yesterday met with strong condemnation by the Azanian People's Organisation.

According to reports in Sunday papers members of Azapo and the National Forum who had their T-shirts on were refused entry into the stadium unless they covered or removed them.

A message of condolence from the Azapo president, Mr Ishmael Mkhabela, was also not read at the funeral, which saw members of the United Democratic Front playing a leading role.

Representatives of Azapo in Uitenhage yesterday confirmed the reports, adding that culprits were members of the Port Elizabeth Youth Congress (Peyco), which is an affiliate of the UDF.

The Uitenhage Azapo members also claimed they had been given a week to disband their organisation and join the UDF — an ultimatum they ignored. A spokesman said this was three weeks ago.

Members of Azapo said when they visited the bereaved families, they were told that "strict orders" had been given to the families not to hold discussions with any other organisation except the UDF.

Surprise

"This type of action will never liberate the black man in this country. Instead, it will only lead to black against black violence, vice-president of the Transvaal region of Azapo, Mr Dan Habeli said.

"Time and time again organisation fall prey to the mistake of placing organisations in the fore with the question of liberation taking the back seat.

"All the people who were buried there did not die for Azapo, UDF or the ANC, but died for the liberation of the black man. It comes therefore as a surprise to us that our members should be barred from the funeral and even have orders that they should not have their T-shirts on," Mr Habeli added.

The SOWETAN could not obtain a comment from the UDF late yesterday.

70 000 bury unrest dead at Kwanobuhle

Mail Correspondent

UITENHAGE. — They came to bury their dead at Kwanobuhle on Saturday and, watched by the world, they laid to rest 27 victims of black township unrest in a ceremony which lasted six hours and was attended by about 70 000 people.

Within hours of the funeral of the 19 people killed by police at Langa on March 21 and eight others who died in township violence, television footage of what was believed to have been the biggest funeral ever seen in the Eastern Cape was being bounced off satellites for screening in Britain and the United States.

Residents said the funeral was bigger than that of black consciousness leader Steve Biko, who died in detention in 1977.

For the first time since the Langa shooting, Kwanobuhle was open on Saturday to anyone who wished to attend the funeral.

Police roadblocks which were set up at entrances to the township on March 22 disappeared on Saturday, but dozens of others were set up and manned by heavily armed police and SADF troops on the outskirts of the white residential and industrial area of Uitenhage, creating an air of tension in the white area.

Isolated armoured vehicles manning outposts on the hills surrounding Kwanobuhle could also be seen from the stadium and by newsmen in the air.

Apart from the 70 000 blacks who came from all corners of the country, a scattering of coloured and a handful of white sympathisers entered the township.

They were welcomed by the residents of the township where, today, no black policeman can live in safety. Since the March 21 shooting at Langa all black policemen have been driven out of the township and more than a dozen of their homes burnt to the ground.

At 8am the grandstand at the Kwanobuhle sports stadium was packed. By 10am, when the procession of clergymen and hearses entered, the entire stadium was a mass of humanity.

Thousands more people lined the streets and sat on hillsides overlooking the cemetery.

At the stadium, groups paraded on the outskirts of the crowd with placards which read: "We say 43. They say 19", "Shooting us will never stop our struggle", "Freedom in our lifetime", "We are not fighting, we bury our brothers" and the most poignant sign of all which read simply: "Why?".

A banner depicting a uniformed and helmeted man firing an automatic rifle and carrying the words "The Uitenhage massacre", was among the most prominent of the placards.

Speeches by key figures in several civic, labour and political organisations preceded the keynote addresses by Dr Allan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, and Bishop Desmond Tutu, 1984 winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Shortly after 3pm the 27 coffins were carried out of the stadium and borne to the Kwanobuhle cemetery.

And it was there, where people were greeted by the stark sight of 27 open graves, that the tragedy struck home.

The huge crowd sang freedom songs, interspersed with black power slogans, until the procession of clergymen and hearses entered the stadium.

A child walked ahead of the first coffin carrying a white cross with the legend: "Zola Jantjies, died 18-03-85. Age, 16 years".



Seventy thousand mourners, many giving black power salutes, march towards the Kwanobuhle cemetery on Saturday to bury 27 victims

Police open fire as 10 000 mourn

7 shot dead as SAP homes hit

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PORT ELIZABETH.

POLICE fired on a crowd of 10 000 black mourners during a confrontation in the Port Elizabeth township of Zwide yesterday as at least seven people were shot dead, several injured and scores arrested in unrest in the Eastern Cape at the weekend.

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The man was not at home at the time. A civilian who was in the house at the time arrested two men, both aged about 25, as the mob dispersed.

However, they broke away from him. According to the police spokesman, a struggle ensued during which the man fired two shots from a privately-owned pistol.

Police later found the bodies of two 25-year-old men a short distance from the scene.

In the Addo township of Zeletezia a riotous mob of about 500 stoned the home of a black member of the SAP. According to the spokesman, a threat was then made on the policeman's life by the crowd.

In self defence he fired at the mob with his service weapon, the spokesman said. Police arrived to find that four men had been wounded. Two of them, both aged about 20, died on the way to hospital.

In another attack on the home of an SAP member in Kwazakele, the policeman fired on the crowd in self-defence with a service pistol, and a 22-year-old man was fatally wounded, the spokesman said.

In another incident in Kwazakele, about 10 people stoned and attempted to petrol bomb the home of yet another SAP member.

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Surrounded by a huge crowd of 70 000 mourners, pallbearers in the yellow T-shirts of the United Democr ry the coffins of victims of Eastern Cape unrest towards Kwanobuhle cemetery on Saturday. The placa massacre" refers to the 19 people shot dead by police on March 21. ● Report — Page 2

Cooler on the Highveld

WINTER is on its way to the Highveld today as autumn prevails over the rest of the country.

It will be cool over the Highveld, though the rest of the Transvaal will be fine to partly cloudy and warm.

Fine and warm weather is expected over the Free State, with isolated thundershowers.

Fog is expected over the Cape coast, while the province's interior will be partly cloudy and mild to warm. Showers will occur.

Natal will be partly cloudy and warm to hot with isolated thundershowers over the Drakensberg.

3-year ban on cricket rebels ends

THE long wait is over for the English rebel cricketers — their three-year ban for playing in South Africa in 1982 ended at midnight last night.

And five of them, including Essex's prolific rungetter, Graham Gooch, have immediately set their sights on playing against Australia in the forthcoming Test series in England.

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2 die, huts bu Zulu factions

Mail Correspondent

DURBAN — Two people were killed, an unknown number injured and about 40 huts burnt to the ground in renewed fighting in the Mdlala reserve, near Southport, on the Natal South Coast yesterday.

A police spokesman said about 180 members of the Mandlakayise and Mdlangaswa factions were involved in the battle.

Police arrested 61 people who will appear in court

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He fired at the mob in self-defence, slightly wounding a 21-year-old man who was admitted to hospital under police guard.

In two further incidents in Kwazakele, two black members of the SAP had their homes petrol bombed. In both cases the policemen used pistol fire to disperse mobs. No injuries were reported and no arrests were made, the spokesman said. Damage to both homes was minimal.

At Zwide, a group of about 600 formed in Mbanga Street and marched on the home of a black member of the SAP. On reaching the area, the mob split up into three groups of about 200 each. An attack using rocks and iron bars was then launched on the homes of two policemen and a court interpreter.

The three men were forced to open fire, he said. Two men, both about 20 years old, were shot dead.

Thirty-one men and nine women were arrested for public violence, the spokesman said.

At Adelaide, a mob of about 500 marched on the home of a policeman and stoned his house and vehicle. In self defence the policeman fired shots from his service revolver, slightly wounding and arresting two of the mob, the spokesman said. A further 25 people were later arrested by the police on charges of public violence.

More than 30 incidents of stone throwing at police vehicles, involving crowds of up to 1 000 strong, were reported in Kwazakele yesterday and on Saturday.

In Soweto, violence broke out on Saturday after the funeral of an 18-year-old scholar, Mr Elias Dingi Mpangeni.

Two homes in Zola and Orlando East, believed to belong to relatives of the man who allegedly killed Mr Mpangeni, were gutted by pupils who highjacked a bus and forced the driver to drive to the houses.

In Daveyton, on the East Rand, a soldier was stoned and a crowd dispersed with tearsmoke.

'I ignored police warning'

Eastern Post 15/4/85

By SHIRLEY PRESSLY

UITENHAGE — A witness today told the Kannemeyer Commission that he had taken part in a funeral procession in Langa on March 21 despite police warnings because he thought the police "did not want many people at the funeral".

Mr David Tini said that on Wednesday night, March 20, he heard police warning on loudhailers that the funeral, which was to have been held the next day (Thursday, March 21), had been postponed until the Sunday.

Although he had heard the police say there would not be a funeral, he joined the crowd going to the funeral on the Thursday morning.

The crowd was walking on the right-hand side of the road and singing a guerilla song. He was walking in the middle. Most of them, including himself, were giving black power salutes.

Asked by Mr Chris Jansen, SC, who is appearing for the Minister of Law and Order, why he had gone to the funeral despite hearing the police warning, Mr Tini replied: "I thought the police told us there was no funeral because they did not want many people at the funeral.

Mr Tini told the commission that on March 21, the day of the shooting, people were gathering in Langa's Maduna Square for a funeral procession when a police Caspir arrived.

The people scattered and the Caspir drove around in the square.

Mr Tini said he had heard a policeman crying out: "Throw!"

"I heard a second policeman say in Afrikaans: 'Today we are going to show you.' "

The crowd gathered again at the same spot after its leaders urged people not to run away and the group then moved down the right hand side of Maduna Road in the direction of Uitenhage.

Mr Tini said the crowd stopped after a policeman had lifted his left hand in an apparent gesture to stop, but the crowd then moved forward again.

Mr Tini, who was called by Mr Chris Nicholson, for the victims' families, said he had not heard a warning shot before the police opened fire.

Mr Tini said almost all the members of the procession had raised their fists in black power salutes before the shooting began.

They were singing a "guerilla song," the words of which were: "The guerillas have arrived. They have come to free us in South Africa."

Earlier, in reply to questions by Mr Justice Kannemeyer, another witness, Mr Maziwe Mafana said the men in the front two Casspirs had been holding their rifles in the direction of the crowd and it appeared that they wanted to stop the procession.

Mr Jansen: So in spite of the police wanting to stop them, the people carried on moving?

Mr Mafana: Yes.

Mr Jansen: Is this the action of a peaceful group on its way to a funeral?

Mr Mafana: Yes.

Mr Jansen: To carry on against the instructions of the SAP?

Mr Mafana: If they are going to a funeral, I can't see any reason why the police should stop them.

Mr Jansen: So in other words, these people were rebelling aginst the police?

Mr Madfana: Yes.

Wit and politics at funeral

Tutu: I'm armed with only a Bible

By Jon Qwelane

UITENHAGE — The tiny Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, the Rt Rev Desmond Tutu, stole hearts and minds again at the weekend.

They belonged to Uitenhage's grief-stricken black community attending the funeral of 29 victims of unrest.

Bishop Tutu did it with a blend of puckish humour and political oratory which, he insisted, was nothing else but the Gospel truth.

Facing about 80 000 pairs of eyes, some red from weeping, he said: "I come to you armed with only my Bible because I am a Christian leader and not a politician, though there are some who insist that I am really a politician who is trying very hard to be a bishop."

After the crowd stopped laughing, he asked if anyone present doubted that blacks would one day be free and he got a resounding "No!" in response.

He asked the question again because, he said, he wanted the answer to be heard loud and clear in Pretoria; and he got another loud response.

Bishop Tutu said all too often the Government blamed the unrest in the black community on agitation and he added that he wondered if anyone with toothache needed to be told he was in pain.

"We do not need agitators to tell us that ours is an inferior system of education," he went on.

"We also do not need agitators to remind us that we live in ghettoes while others live in affluent quarters.

"The greatest agitator in the country is apartheid.

"Black people are not against whites but against injustice, oppression and exploitation."

Bishop Tutu said the recent disclosure that police had been told to eliminate all petrol bombers showed just how cheap black life was.

Every day black people were killed and it seemed no one cared.

But because he opposed all forms of violence, he said, he was against the violence practised by the State as well as that practised by those aiming to change the Government.

"It is for this reason that I appeal to you to stop burning other people," he added.

"Let us not use the methods of the enemy because only the enemy rejoices when we set our opponents on fire.

"I cannot approve of these emethods, even though I know you do it out of anger.

"But let us not undermine our cause.

"Let us use methods which we will be proud of when we look back after attaining our liberation."

Bishop Tutu noted that in the 25 years since the police shootings which claimed 69 lives in Sharpeville, the authorities still had not developed effective riot control measures which did not kill people.

He wondered who were the slow thinkers.

The president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, Dr Allan Boesak, had his fair share of mob hysteria before he ascended to the podium.

He said that for as long as the Government was in power through coercion, as long as it did not enjoy the support of the majority, tragedies such as the police shootings of March 21 in Langa would continue.

Very often when people died it was said to be the will of God.

But the Langa shootings could never be God's will.

"When people are shot down like dogs because their protest threatens an unjust system," he said, "it cannot be God's will.

"I don't think God wants this Government to continue ruling this country because it does not know what it is doing."

He warned the State President, Mr P W Botha and Law and Order Minister Mr Louis le Grange and their supporters: "Your day of judgment is near. We shall not forget."

After the five-hour service the coffins were borne shoulder high by mourners on the short stretch of road to the cemetery.

A strong army and police presence was at every corner of white Uitenhage before and after the funeral.

Once a group of mourners refused to follow a route the police indicated, but the matter was not followed up.

Azapo slams UDF action

By Jon Qwelane

UITENHAGE — The cold war between the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) and the United Democratic Front (UDF) reached a nasty level at the weekend during the joint funerals of 29 victims of recent unrest.

The mass funeral was dominated by the UDF and its affiliates.

At the entrances to the kwaNobuhle Sports Stadium where the service was held, youths wearing T-shirts with motifs backing the National Forum and Azapo were ordered to take off the shirts — or leave the service — by alleged members of Peyco (Port Elizabeth Youth Congress) and Uyco (Uitenhage Youth Congress), UDF affiliates.

Last night the Uitenhage branch executive committee of Azapo said it condemned the actions of the UDF.

"Azapo views this in a very serious light and we shall never allow a section of the community to ban us .... After this incident we are left wondering who our enemy is — the white racist regime or a section of our community," the committee statement said.

It said its members had given support to the bereaved families since the shootings on March 21. At the service a message from Azapo's national president, Mr Ishmael Mkhabela, was not read.

The Uitenhage leadership of the UDF could not be reached for comment today.

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7 more die in E Cape unrest

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — Another seven unrest deaths were reported in the Eastern Cape at the weekend by a spokesman for the SA Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria.

He said there were 15 incidents of stone-throwing in KwaZakele on Saturday. In two of these incidents police vehicles were petrol-bombed. Police dispersed the mobs in all incidents with tearsmoke and rubber bullets. No injuries were reported.

In two further incidents, the homes of two black policemen were petrol-bombed. In both cases the policemen used pistol fire to disperse mobs. No injuries were reported and no arrests were made.

At a later stage a third policeman's house was attacked and petrol-bombed. The policeman fired on the crowd in self-defence with a service pistol and a 22-year-old man was fatally wounded.

In all incidents police used tear-smoke and in two cases rubber bullets and shotgun fire were also used.

Yesterday 16 incidents of stone-throwing at police vehicles were reported in KwaZakele.

In one incident a policeman was lightly injured when a group of about 10 people stoned police who were giving aid to an injured black youth who had been found lying injured in the road.

In another incident in KwaZakele yesterday, a group of about 20 attacked and stoned the home of a black policeman. A civilian who was in the house at the time arrested two men both aged about 25 as the mob dispersed.

However, they broke away from him and in the ensuing struggle he fired two shots from a pistol. Police reinforcements found the bodies of two 25-year-old men near the house.

At New Brighton, a classroom at the Jarvis Gqalana School was badly damaged when arsonists threw a petrol bomb into it.

At Zwide, a mob of about 600 people marched on the homes of two black policemen and a court interpreter. According to the spokesman, rocks and iron bars were used in the attack.

The policemen and the court interpreter opened fire on the crowd in self-defence, fatally injuring two men.

Thirty-one men and nine women were arrested for public violence.

Several other incidents took place in Zwide. Three men were arrested for public violence in one of these incidents after a group of about 100 youths stoned a police vehicle.

At Grahamstown police used tear-smoke to disperse crowds after an incident of stone-throwing. No injuries were reported and no arrests made.

In the Addo township of Zeletezia, a mob of about 500 hurled stones at the home of a policeman and threatened to kill him. He fired his service revolver at the mob, wounding four people. Two of them died on the way to hospital.

At Nonzwakazi township, Bedford, three men were arrested for public violence after stoning a house.

At Walmer, Port Elizabeth, a bus was gutted after being petrol-bombed.

Unrest claims another 7 lives

PORT ELIZABETH — Seven people were killed and eight injured in several incidents of unrest in the Eastern Cape at the weekend.

Police also arrested 55 people in connection with unrest in the area, a spokesman for the South African Police directorate of public relations in Pretoria said last night.

He said there were 15 incidents of stone-throwing in Kwazakele on Saturday. In two of these incidents police vehicles were petrol-bombed. Police dispersed the mobs in all the incidents with tear-smoke and rubber bullets. No injuries were reported and no arrests were made.

In two further incidents, two policemen's homes were petrol-bombed. In both cases the policemen used pistol-fire to disperse mobs. No injuries were reported and no arrests were made. Damage to both homes was minimal.

Later, a third policeman's house was attacked and petrol-bombed. The policeman fired on the crowd and a 22-year-old man was fatally wounded.

In another incident in the township, about 10 people stoned and attempted to petrol-bomb the home of a policeman. He fired at the mob, slightly wounding a 21-year-old man.

A group of about 20 attacked and stoned the home of a policeman in Kwazakele. A civilian who was in the house at the time arrested two men.

They broke away from him, however, and in the ensuing struggle he fired two shots. The bodies of two 25-year-old men were later discovered a short distance from the scene.

Also at Kwazakele, about 1 000 people who attacked a police vehicle were dispersed by police.

At New Brighton, a class room at the Jarvis Gqalana School was badly damaged when arsonists threw a petrol bomb into it. Police extinguished the fire.

At Zwide, a group of about 600 marched on the home of a policeman. On reaching the area the mob split up into three groups of about 200 each. They then attacked the homes of two policemen and a court interpreter.

The two policemen and the interpreter opened fire on the crowd. Two men, both about 20, were fatally wounded.

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He fired at the mob. When police reinforcements arrived it was found that four men had been wounded. Two of them, both aged about 20, died on the way to hospital.

At Nonzwakazi township, near Bedford, three men were arrested for public violence after a private home was stoned.

In the Port Elizabeth township of Walmer, a bus was gutted after being petrol-bombed.

● In Soweto, violence began on Saturday after the funeral of an 18-year-old scholar.

Two homes were gutted by pupils who hijacked a bus.

In Daveyton, on the East Rand, a soldier was slightly injured in a stoning incident.

In Galishwe, near Kimberley, two attempts were made to petrol-bomb a private residence and the homes of two policemen. Twenty people were arrested.

In De Aar, a group petrol-bombed a private home. — DDC

'Stones put among dead'

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By SHIRLEY PRESSLY

UITENHAGE — An eyewitness told the Kannemeyer Commission today he saw police throwing stones among the people as they lay dead and injured in the road after the shooting was over in Maduna Road, Langa, on March 21.

Mr Maziwe Mafana, a caretaker of the Seventh Day Adventist Church on the corner of 17th Avenue and Madauna Road, Langa, and a machine operator at Volkswagen, gave evidence today.

Mr Mafana said he was sitting outside his house at 9am on Thursday, March 21, when he saw the cortege move up Maduna Road in the direction of the town en route to Kwanobuhle, where the funeral was to be held.

Mr Mafana said the people in the front row held hands. He saw many black power salutes.

They were led by a dark-skinned, long-haired man in a black cloak (dashida).

Mr Mafana said the crowd swelled as more people joined.

"The man in the dashida beckoned to them".

Mr Mafana said he saw two Caspirs in "V" formation in Maduna road, ahead of the crowd.

A third Caspir manned by black personnel was already parked next to his church in 17th Avenue.

The crowd was singing guerilla songs.

Mr Mafana said he saw a policeman raise himself above the Caspir and beckon to the crowd to stop. The crowd stopped briefly, but then continued.

He saw a boy on a bicycle enter the road ahead of the crowd and he heard shots being fired.

After the shooting he saw a truck and a Landrover come from the direction of the town.

The third Caspir parked near his church fired a couple of times in the direction of the fleeing crowd.

Police then threw stones among the people lying in Maduna Road. Ambulances and a helicopter arrived and the fire brigade washed blood off the road.

Mr Mafana said during cross-examination by Mr Chris Jansen, SC, for the Minister of Law and Order, that he had not gone to work that day because it was the stayaway. He had planned to go to the funeral in his car.

He said he did not know who was being buried that day, other than that they had been shot by the police. He was interested in going to the funeral because he had sympathy with the deceased.

"I don't know them, but they are fighting for the same rights I want."

Mr Jansen: What is that?

Mr Mafana said these were better living standards and better homes — "the location stinks and there are no swimming baths."

Mr Jansen: You opposed the police because they shot them.

Mr Mafana: I don't hate the police. They were very wrong and I am heartsore about what the police did.

Mr Jansen: You want the police to be punished?.

Mr Mafana: Yes.

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Police report East Cape unrest

Post Reporter

INCIDENTS of unrest occurred overnight in black areas in Port Elizabeth and elsewhere.

A spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public relations in Pretoria said that in Soweto, Port Elizabeth, four private homes were set alight after being pertrol-bombed.

The spokesman said there was no police intervention, reported arrests or injuries.

In the same township the home of a member of the SA Police was attacked by a mob with petrol bombs. A police guard fired on the mob, slightly wounding a 28-year-old man. He is under guard in hospital.

One SAP member and two SADF members were lightly injured in the incidents. Incidents of arson also occurred in New Brighton, where a primary school was set alight, causing extensive damage. An SA Defence Force fire tender extinguished the blaze.

Arsonists set fire to the Lingelingwa Bottle Store, Cradock, which was also looted. Four men and two women were arrested in connection with the incident.

Incidents of stone-throwing occurred in Kwazekele, New Brighton and Galeshewa, Kimberley.

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3 men die in PE shootings

By JIMMY MATYU

THREE people were shot dead in Port Elizabeth black townships at the weekend.

Among the dead was Mr Mlamli Mateza, chairman of the Cape Education Committee of Council.

Mr Mateza, assistant manager of a supermarket at Zwide, was gunned down in his Veeplaas yard on Saturday and died soon afterwards in the Livingstone Hospital.

His 16-year-old son, Mthunzi Mateza, told the Evening Post that he and his father were standing at the gate watching people returning from the mass funeral of unrest victims at Uitenhage on Saturday.

"A bus carrying some people stopped after tearsmoke was fired by police and people rushed out and fled in all directions. One of the young girls who was scared ran into our yard," he said.

Mthunzi said a woman living in the area came up to them, pushed his father and demanded that the girl be handed over to the police. He said just then the woman's son, who was armed, arrived at the scene.

"This man shot my father, hitting him in the throat," he said.

The two others who were shot dead are Mr Sandile Stemele and Mr Teddy Qokose, both in their 30s, of Soweto, Port Elizabeth.

According to Mrs Nophatile Ndzimande, of 35 Maya Street, a youth in his early teens shot Mr Stemele and Mr Qokose while they were fixing a door latch at her home.

"The two men were testing the latch with Mr Stemele outside trying the key," she said. "I heard a shot outside and then ran to my bedroom window to watch what was happening. Just then I heard a female voice shouting that there was someone at the window.

"Then I heard another shot and a cry of 'Yho! Yho!' coming from outside.

I rushed out of the room to investigate now outside. Just then Mr Stemele pushed his way in, clutching his bleeding chest. He collapsed in the sitting room."

Mrs Ndzimande said Mr Qokose ran into a spare room, where there was a window which was slightly open, and her brother, Mr Mhlayimfane, and a friend, Lydia, hid under her bed.

"I heard another shot and Mr Qokose staggered out of the spare room and entered my bedroom, where he collapsed," she said.

Mrs Ndzimande said an ambulance and the police arrived.

She said the police took away a stone which she had kept in her bedroom after it was hurled through her window last Thursday.

Lt Col Gerrie van Rooyen, police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, confirmed that the shootings had taken place.



Seven die in attacks on homes of police

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Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — Seven people were killed in attacks on the homes of policemen in the Eastern Cape at the weekend.

A spokesman for the police in Pretoria said five of the dead were shot by policemen defending their homes while two were killed by a private guard.

Another 12 people were wounded, including a policeman and two SADF members, while 62 people were arrested on charges of arson and public violence.

The spokesman said two 25-year-old men were killed when a private guard at a policeman's house in Kwazakele, outside Port Elizabeth, tried to arrest them. They were apparently part of a mob attacking the house.

According to police the men broke away from the guard and in a struggle two shots were fired. Police later found two bodies.

Two men were killed at Zeletezia, outside Addo, when a policeman fired on 500 people attacking his home. Two others were wounded.

In a similar incident at Zwide, outside Port Elizabeth, two men, both about 20, died when two policemen and a court interpreter fired on groups attacking their homes.

Police said 40 people were arrested after the incident.

In Kwazakele a man was killed on Friday night when a policeman opened fire on a mob which stoned and firebombed his home.

In at least four other incidents, off-duty policemen fired on groups attacking their houses in Port Elizabeth townships. No further deaths were reported but two men were wounded and later arrested.

Last night in Kwazakele the primary school was extensively damaged in an arson attack, while in Ilingelihle outside Cradock a bottle store was burnt and looted and police later arrested six people in connection with the incident.

● The Argus Correspondent in Pretoria reports that five petrol bombs were hurled at the house of former Atteridgeville and Saulsville deputy mayor, Mr Matthews Mahlangu.



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UDF youths bar BC supporters from mass funeral

SNUBBED

IT WAS A day of tension when the largest crowd ever seen in the Eastern Cape gathered inside and outside the KwaNobuhle sports stadium in Uitenhage for the weekend joint funeral service of 29 victims of the recent unrest. About 80 000 mourners attended.

It was also the day when youths wearing T-shirts of the United Democratic Front (UDF) and the Port Elizabeth Youth Congress (Peyco) pointedly intimidated members of organisations espousing the black consciousness philosophy. Peyco is an affiliate of the UDF.

The "bullies" stood at the gates of the stadium and forced black consciousness supporters to take off T-shirts with the motifs of their organisations, or leave.

OWN CORRESPONDENT

And, a message of support from the national president of the Azanian Peoples Organisation (Azapo), Mr Ishmael Mkhabela, to the bereaved families and community of Uitenhage was not read during the funeral service which was dominated from the beginning to the end by UDF organisations.

Coffins

Not a single representative of the bereaved families was included on the agenda.

The 29 coffins of victims of the police shootings of Blood Thursday — containing the bodies of people ranging in years from 12 to 50 — were placed on tables near the centre of the field for the duration of the service and later carried by mourners to the cemetery about a kilometre away.

The president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, Dr Allan Boesak, told the mourners that he did not think God wanted the SA government to continue ruling the country because it did not know what it was doing.

He warned President PW Botha and Mr Louis le Grange, Minister of Law and Order, that their day of judgment was very near.

Agitator

It was often said when people died that their passing was the will of God, but the police killings of March 21 were not God's will, Dr Boesak said.

The Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, the Right Rev Desmond Tutu, said all too often the Government blamed agitators for unrest in black townships. But the greatest agitator in South Africa was apartheid.

The bishop said black people were not against whites, but rejected injustice, oppression and exploitation.

Recent revelations that police had been ordered to "eliminate all petrol bombers" showed that black lives were very cheap. Several black people were killed every day and it appeared nobody cared, he said.

He made a strong plea to the people of Uitenhage to stop burning those they had differences with. He understood actions like setting people on fire were motivated by anger, but burning people would only please the enemy.

Bishop Tutu said in their struggle blacks had used methods they could be proud of so that on the day of liberation they could look back with no regret.

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Mr. J.P. Brummer, Principal, Damelin Correspondence College.


Unrest claims another 7 lives

PORT ELIZABETH — Seven people were killed and eight injured in several incidents of unrest in the Eastern Cape at the weekend.

Police also arrested 55 people in connection with unrest in the area, a spokesman for the South African Police directorate of public relations in Pretoria said last night.

He said there were 15 incidents of stone-throwing in Kwazakele on Saturday. In two of these incidents police vehicles were petrol-bombed. Police dispersed the mobs in all the incidents with tear-smoke and rubber bullets. No injuries were reported and no arrests were made.

In two further incidents, two policemen's homes were petrol-bombed. In both cases the policemen used pistol-fire to disperse mobs. No injuries were reported and no arrests were made. Damage to both homes was minimal.

Later, a third policeman's house was attacked and petrol-bombed. The policeman fired on the crowd and a 22-year-old man was fatally wounded.

In another incident in the township, about 10 people stoned and attempted to petrol-bomb the home of a policeman. He fired at the mob, slightly wounding a 21-year-old man.

A group of about 20 attacked and stoned the home of a policeman in Kwazakele. A civilian who was in the house at the time arrested two men.

They broke away from him, however, and in the ensuing struggle he fired two shots. The bodies of two 25-year-old men were later discovered a short distance from the scene.

Also at Kwazakele, about 1 000 people who attacked a police vehicle were dispersed by police.

At New Brighton, a class room at the Jarvis Gqalana School was badly damaged when arsonists threw a petrol bomb into it. Police extinguished the fire.

At Zwide, a group of about 600 marched on the home of a policeman. On reaching the area the mob split up into three groups of about 200 each. They then attacked the homes of two policemen and a court interpreter.

The two policemen and the interpreter opened fire on the crowd. Two men, both about 20, were fatally wounded.

Thirty-one men and nine women were arrested for public violence.

In another incident a policeman was slightly injured when a group of about 10 people stoned police who were giving aid to an injured youth.

At Grahamstown, police used tearsmoke to disperse crowds after an incident of stone-throwing. No injuries were reported and no arrests were made.

In the Addo township of Zeletezia, a mob of about 500 gathered at the home of a policeman and started hurling stones at the premises. According to a spokesman a threat was then made on the policeman's life by the crowd.

He fired at the mob. When police reinforcements arrived it was found that four men had been wounded. Two of them, both aged about 20, died on the way to hospital.

At Nonzwakazi township, near Bedford, three men were arrested for public violence after a private home was stoned.

In the Port Elizabeth township of Walmer, a bus was gutted after being petrol-bombed.

● In Soweto, violence began on Saturday after the funeral of an 18-year-old scholar.

Two homes were gutted by pupils who hijacked a bus.

In Daveyton, on the East Rand, a soldier was slightly injured in a stoning incident.

In Galishwe, near Kimberley, two attempts were made to petrol-bomb a private residence and the homes of two policemen. Twenty people were arrested.

In De Aar, a group petrol-bombed a private home. — DDC

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"Let us not use the e methods used by our

'Today we are going to show you'

UITENHAGE — A policeman shouted "today we are going to show you" to a group of people gathering in Langa for the funeral procession before the Uitenhage shooting, the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry heard today.

Mr David Tini (23) also told of a young cyclist who was shot after giving a Black Power salute, and of black policemen who fired at those fleeing the scene of the shooting.

Mr Tini told the commission that on March 21, the day of the shooting, people were gathering in Langa's Maduna Square when a police Casspir arrived.

The people scattered and the Casspir drove around in the square.

Mr Tini said he had heard a policeman say in Afrikaans: "'Today we are going to show you.'"

The crowd gathered again at the same spot after its leaders urged people not to run away, and the group then moved down the right-hand side of Maduna Road.

"At 19th Avenue the crowd stopped to wait for people joining to be arranged in an orderly fashion," Mr Tini said.

"The police Casspir stopped further up the road, and was joined by another Casspir.

He said a truck and a Land-Rover also arrived before the shooting.

He saw a cyclist riding in front of the crowd.

SALUTE

"Just before it came to the Casspirs, the crowd came a standstill and the rider half-turned towards the crowd and lifted his fist in a Black Power salute," Mr Tini said.

He told the commission he had seen a policeman on one of the Casspirs lift up his left hand, and had thought he was telling the crowd to stop.

The crowd stopped, but then moved forward again.

Mr Tini, who was called by Mr Chris Nicholson, for the victims' families, said he had not heard a warning shot before the police opened fire.

Asked about any other vehicles, Mr Tini said: "As I was running away I saw another Casspir parked outside the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

"The crew were blacks. They were shooting people who were running away."

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'Today we are going to show you'

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Earlier Mr Maziwe Mafana told the commission the black SAP members opened fire just after the other policemen had stopped shooting.

Cross-examined by Mr Chris Jansen SC, for the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Mafana said he did not know if anyone had been hit by these shots.

Mr Mafana said the tail end of the crowd was ahead of the third Casspir when the front two Casspirs opened fire.

RIFLES

In reply to questions by Mr Justice Kannemeyer, Mr Mafana said the men in the front two Casspirs had been holding their rifles in the direction of the crowd, and it had appeared they wanted to stop the procession.

Mr Jansen: So in spite of the police wanting to stop them, the people carried on moving?

Mr Mafana: Yes.

Mr Jansen: Is this the action of a peaceful group on its way to a funeral?

Mr Mafana: Yes.

Mr Jansen: To carry on against the instructions of the SAP?

Mr Mafana : If they are going to a funeral, I can't see any reason why the police should stop them.

Mr Jansen: So in other words, these people were rebelling aginst the police?

Mr Mafana: Yes. — Sapa.

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Cape Times 16/4/85

Slow return to Cradock schools

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — Less than 50 percent of Cradock's 4 500 pupils returned to classes yesterday at the end of a 15-month school boycott, according to Mr Gladwell Makhawula, president of the Cradock Residents' Association (Cradora).

Mr Edgar Posselt, a Department of Education and Training spokesman, said from Pretoria yesterday that by 11am about 50 percent of pupils registered at Cradock's seven schools had arrived to re-register, "and more were on their way".

He was confident that attendance would improve today.

Mr Makhawula attributed the poor turn-out to fear stemming from a police presence in Cradock's township, Ilingelihle, and the fact that a township liquor outlet had been looted on Sunday night.

Mr Makhawula said 1 709 pupils — including only 200 high school pupils — had returned to school yesterday. However, he was confident that classrooms would be full before the weekend.

He urged police to withdraw from Ilingelihle.

In Somerset East, demands which could lead to an end to the two-month-old boycott at four schools have been presented to the DET, the president of the Somerset East Youth Congress (Seyco), Mr Mzukisi Banzana, said yesterday.

He said the demands, discussed at a weekend meeting convened by the Congress of South African Students (Cosas), had been presented to the town's circuit inspector, and that students would meet today to hear the DET response.

According to Mr Banzana, pupils and parents are calling for the release of an unspecified number of pupils allegedly detained three weeks ago, replacement of broken school windows and fencing of school grounds, library facilities at the high school and electrification of the other schools.

They also want the South African Police and Defence Force to withdraw from the townships.

A spokesman for the department in Pretoria, Mr Job Schoeman, said the demands would be considered by the circuit inspector and the department's regional director.

Pupils in Fort Beaufort had decided at a meeting to end their boycott and to return to class next week, on condition that their demands were met "in the near future", said Mr Mthetheleli Baartman, the publicity secretary of the local branch of Cosas said yesterday.

Judge told of police remarks

Own Correspondent

UITENHAGE. — A policeman had compared the writhing of one of the victims of the Uitenhage shooting to the actions of a break dancer, the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry heard in Uitenhage yesterday.

Mr Gabriel Matebele, 24, said he had been shot in the head during the incident and had fallen to the ground.

"Near me I saw a man lying on his side and almost choking. He was kicking out," Mr Matebele said. "Two policemen showed each other the man. When the one policeman showed the other the person kicking out he said: 'He should die. He has got what he wanted, he is doing the breakdance'."

Mr Matebele said the man was a Constable Billy Ruiters from the Uitenhage police.

Under cross-examination, the witness insisted that he had recognized Constable Ruiters, although his name was not on any police list of those involved in the shooting.

Earlier two other witnesses called by Mr Chris Nicholson, representing the families of some of the 19 killed, told the commission of a third Casspir manned by black policemen who fired on people fleeing the shooting.

Witnesses also testified that a truck and a Land-Rover had arrived at the scene before the shootings.

Yesterday's proceedings before Mr Justice D D V Kannemeyer, chairman of the one-man commission of inquiry into the shooting, were observed by a London barrister acting on behalf of Amnesty International.

The barrister, Mr Geoffrey Robertson, who on Saturday attended the Kwanobuhle funeral of 27 unrest victims, including those killed at Langa, is to report to Amnesty International headquarters in London on his observations.

Mr Matebele told the commission he joined the procession near the 19th Avenue intersection with Maduna Road.

The procession was walking six abreast and the front row of people were walking hand-in-hand. He and two other witnesses said the procession was singing a "guerilla" song and another song asking: "What did the black man do? What is his sin? Why is he oppressed?"

A police armoured vehicle passed the procession, which filled the right-hand side of the road, and blocked the road near 15th Avenue.

Another armoured vehicle and a white riot truck were approaching from the direction of Uitenhage and stopped behind the vehicles blocking the road.

Mr Matebele said he saw a cyclist riding slightly ahead of the procession when he heard a single shot followed by a lot of shooting. He turned and ran.

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head, put my hands to me head and felt blood. Then my legs began to shake and I fell."

Ceasefire

He said shooting stopped when he heard somebody order a ceasefire in Afrikaans and then ask: "Who's in charge over there".

He said he saw black policemen kicking some of the wounded and telling them to go home. "Then they said we must wait for an ambulance."

He said a wounded man alongside him appeared to be choking. His legs were kicking and he heard a policeman comment to another that the man was doing the breakdance.

He said that when he was put into an ambulance later an acquaintance who lived near to him was in the same vehicle. He said he had not recognized him as the person riding the bicycle because he had been some distance behind the cyclist.

He said the youth, who had a head wound and appeared to be in great pain, told him that he had been shot while riding his bicycle.

Released on bail

Mr Matebele said that after his discharge from hospital he was taken into police custody and later released on bail.

Mr Mazwi Mafana, a caretaker at the Seventh Day Adventist Church which overlooks the scene of the shooting, and Mr David Tini, a member of the procession, said the procession had already passed a third Casspir when the shooting began.

The vehicle was manned by black policemen and some of them were firing in the direction of people fleeing from the scene.

Mr Mafana said he had intended going by car to the funeral for victims of unrest in Kwanobuhle that day. He was unaware that police had announced its postponement.

When shooting began he was sitting on a chair in his yard.

Sympathized

In reply to a question by Mr Chris Jansen SC, for the police, he said he sympathized with the victims of unrest because they were fighting for the same things he wanted.

Mr Jansen: And what is that?

Mr Mafana: They are fighting for a better place for us to live. Here we cannot even swim because we have no swimming baths.

He said he did not hate the police. "But they sometimes behave badly. They acted badly that day."

Numbers down

Mr Tini said he joined the crowd of people going to the funeral although he had the previous evening heard policemen announce that the funeral was postponed.

He said he believed the police had made the announcement merely to try to keep the number who would attend the funeral as low as possible.

When the crowd approached the police roadblock he saw a policeman gesture that the crowd should halt, but they continued forward, he said. Policemen were pointing their guns at the crowd, he said.

When the shooting began he turned and fled. After jumping over a fence near 17th Avenue he saw police in a Casspir parked behind the crowd shooting at the fleeing people.

He hid at a nearby house, he said.

The inquiry continues today.



Argus 16/4/86

Squatter 'would like PW's post'

Staff Reporter

SQUATTER leader Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana said he would "consider a position in government similar to that of President P W Botha's", it was alleged in Simon's Town Regional Court.

Miss Muriel Mbobosi was giving evidence at the trial of Mr Ngxobongwana, 42, Miss Elsie Mlchumbuze, 41, Mr Themba Mpetha, 27, Mr David Bango, 42, Miss Nozibele Lufele, 28, Mr Roseberry Sonto, 31, and Miss Thozama Nomsa Bevu, 20, who have pleaded not guilty to public violence, alternatively incitement to public violence.

Miss Mbobosi told the court that she had attended a meeting of squatters in the grounds of the Nomlinganiselo School in New Crossroads on January 20, where Mr Ngxobongwana addressed about 500 people.

Mr Ngxobongwana made the remark about President Botha at the meeting, she said.

Mr Ngxobongwana had also told the people they should not pay rent until the amount was reduced.

He said he had not paid rent since November and added that if they were evicted, they should squat.

Mr Ngxobongwana had said his dogs would "bite the followers of Mr Oliver Memani" — leader of a rival squatter group — and "suck their blood". His dogs would bite anyone who did not follow him.

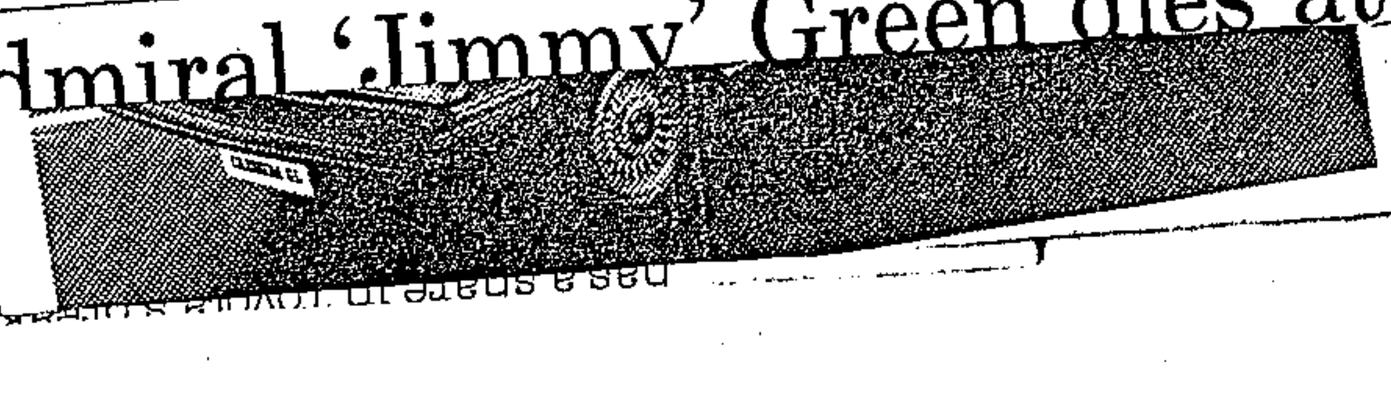
The State alleges that Mr Ngxobongwana is the leader of a group of squatters in Crossroads, but that other people do not regard him as their leader. Members of the latter group paid rent. In moving to New Crossroads and Khayelitsha this group moved out of his jurisdiction.

It is alleged that he was dissatisfied with this and he and the others charged with him conspired to commit the following offences:

On charge one, that they, intending to intimidate the members of the New Crossroads Community Council, threatened these members or residents of New Crossroads with death, injury or damage to property. On charge two, that they marched on homes of residents armed with sticks or stones, assaulted the inhabitants by throwing stones, burnt down the houses of Mr Camerson Kani and Miss Muriel Mbobosi, damaged property and stole clothing and money.

The hearing continues today.

Rear-Admiral 'Jimmy' Green dies at 63



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'Breakdance' police jibe

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"There was shooting. As I turned to run I heard another shot and I felt a blow on my head. I touched my head, there was blood, my legs started shaking and I fell down."

He went on to say that when the shooting stopped some black policemen had walked up to him and other wounded people lying in the road and kicked them.

Cross-examined by Mr Chris Jansen, SC, for the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Matabiele said there had been not more than half-a-minute between the first shot fired on March 21 and the others.

"The first shot was fired at a person. There was no warning shot. I know because

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'Policemen kicked the wounded'

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I saw someone fall. He was among the front people."

Questioned by Mr Jansen, Mr Matabiele said he could not say who had been the first victim as he had been concerned for his own safety and there had been many people in front of him.

Mr Matabiele conceded under cross-examination that the fact that the policemen in the Casspirs were pointing their weapons at the crowd before the shooting, indicated that they would shoot at the crowd if it did not stop.

Mr Matabiele also said he had seen a 15-year-old cyclist, Kwanella Bucwa, being shot. He knew the boy as he lived nearby, but had only recognised him in the ambulance later when he had spoken to him.

Mr Jansen said Kwanella had testified that he had lost consciousness after being shot and had only come around in hospital.

Mr Matabiele said: "He was crying with pain and said he was shot on his bicycle." — Sapa.

● Two other eye-witnesses to the shootings testified that when policemen in two Casspirs blocking the road ahead of the procession opened fire on the crowd, police in a third Casspir patrol vehicle parked behind the crowd, fired on fleeing people, a **Mail Correspondent** reports.

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Judge promises to protect unrest witnesses

From DALE LAUTENBACH
Staff Reporter

UITENHAGE.— The chairman of the commission of inquiry into the March 21 shootings in Langa, Mr Justice D Kannemeyer, gave an "unequivocal undertaking" today that no one who gave evidence before him would be arrested or charged unless they committed perjury.

This arose after Mr Chris Nicholson, appearing for relatives of some of those shot dead, brought to the commission's attention that the 15-year-old boy who gave evidence last week had been visited by police this morning.

Mr Nicholson said he feared this would cause consternation in the township and the people would be concerned that giving evidence before the commission might lead to police action.

Mr Chris Jansen SC, appearing for the Minister of Law and Order, told the commission there had been "no attempt to arrest the boy".

The police had gone to his address on Mr Jansen's instructions to find the brother to whom the boy had referred in his evidence.

Mr Jansen told the commission the youth had not been at home and "his mother could not produce a brother".

Mr Justice Kannemeyer explained the matter to the people in court this morning and said the boy had not been arrested, nor was there the intention of arresting him.

"If there is any suggestion of wit-

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Police fired without a warning, court told

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nesses being harassed for what they have done and if this is brought to my notice I will take the matter to the highest level possible."

Mr Justice Kannemeyer emphasised that he was doing everything possible to encourage all relevant evidence to be brought before the commission.

Mr Buyile Moses Mgwanza, 25, a Langa resident and a church deacon, told the commission today he had attended a meeting on March 20 where it was decided there would be a work stayaway and that people would attend the funeral in Kwanobuhle.

GATHERING

The next morning he went to find transport, saw a gathering of people proceeding up Maduna Road and joined the procession.

He saw one police Casspir at the head of the procession. It moved to the rise on Maduna Road and parked across the road. It was joined by another Casspir and together they formed a barrier across the road. Mr Mgwanza saw another police vehicle, a white truck, approach from behind the two Casspirs.

People in the procession were singing and saluting, he said. Two of the songs were What Have They Done? and a guerrilla song, the same as those sung at last weekend's funeral in Kwanobuhle, he said.

"NO STONES"

He saw a white man on top of one of the Casspirs raise his hand to the crowd. He saw a bicycle near the Casspirs.

Asked if any stones had been thrown at the police, he replied: "Not even one."

There was shooting, he said.

"Police were shooting people going to Kwanobuhle. I ran to the right. I was so shocked I did not look back. I was not hit."

The hearing continues.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

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Director-General: refurnishing of offices

747. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

(a) When was the (i) Cape Town and (ii) Pretoria office of the Director-General last refurnished, (b) what was the cost of refurnishing these offices in each case and (c) from what account were the funds for these projects drawn in each case?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

(a) and (b) Not all but only the following items of office furniture were replace in the offices of the Director-General in respectively Cape Town and Pretoria at the dates; at the costs and for the account of:

Date/s	Office	Item	Cost	Account
1979 and 1981	Cape Town	One desk chair; a 3-piece lounge suite and three office chairs	R5 095,92	National Road Fund*
1978	Pretoria	A desk chair, carpet and curtains were replaced. Other items of furniture were re-upholstered. Apart from the items above no refurnishing as such has been undertaken in this office over the past 15 years.	R3 950,30	National Road Fund*

* Costs defrayed from the National Road Fund in accordance with the provisions of section 2(4)(c) of the National Road Act, 1971 (Act 54 of 1971) in view of the fact that the Director-General is also *ex officio* chairman of the National Transport Commission and makes extensive use of the respective offices for work exclusively related to the activities of the National Transport Commission.

TUESDAY, 16 APRIL 1985

†Indicates translated version.

For oral reply:

General Affairs:

Question standing over from Tuesday, 9 April 1985:

*29. Mr C W EGLIN—Defence [Reply standing over.]

New Questions:

Apprehension of Y M Buyana

*1. Mr E K MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 13 on 19 March 1985, Mr Y M Buyana was again apprehended by members of the South African Police at or near the Trinity Methodist Church in East London on 19 March 1985; if so, for what purpose; if not,

(2) whether any other action was taken in respect of this person by the police on this occasion; if so, what action?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) No.

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Eastern Cape: riot control

*2. Mr E K MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether any members of the South African Police employed in riot control in the Eastern Cape sine August 1984 were injured in the course of their duties; if so, (a) how many and (b) what was the nature of their injuries;

(2) whether these persons were wearing or using protective equipment when injured; if not, why not; if so, what was the nature of the equipment they were wearing or using at the time?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes.

(a) 48.

(b) Bruises and abrasions to the body, arms and legs, head and facial injuries caused by stones, bottles and other objects, while one member sustained burns to his arm caused by acid.

(2) In most of the incidents helmets and gasmasks were used. Although standing directives regarding the use of protective equipment are continously being brought to the notice of members, circumstances pertaining to each riot situation will determine whether or not such equipment can be used. In view of the lapse of time it is at this stage not possible to indicate during which specific incidents and why protective equipment could not be used.

De Hoop missile testing range

*3. Mr P A MYBURGH asked the Minister of Defence:

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 5 on 7 March 1984, the surveys, planning and design of the proposed missile testing range at De Hoop have begun; if not, (a) why not and (b) when are they due to begin; if so, (i) what progress has been made and (ii) when are they due to be completed;

(2) whether any construction work has begun on this site; if not, (a) why not and (b) when will it begin; if so, on what specified stuctures (i) has work begun and (ii) is construction still to begin?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

(1) Yes, all planning, surveying and designing of the Overberg Testing Range has been completed.

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(2) Yes.

(a) and (b) fall away.

(i) Stores
Administration building
Staff quarters
Sick bay
Water and power installations.

(ii) Instrumentation installations
Workshops
Other requirements within the recommendations of the Hey-Committee.

De Hoop missile testing range

*4. Mr P A MYBURGH asked the Minister of Public Works:

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 34 on 19 March 1985, (a) he and/or (b) any member of the South African Police has, with the concurrence of the Minister of Communications in terms of section 118A (1) (a) of the Post Office Act, No 44 of 1958, authorized the tapping of any telephones in terms of section 118A of the said Act since the insertion of this provision in the principal Act by the Post Office Amendment Act, No 101 of 1972; if so, (i) on how many occasions, (ii) what was the rank of the person who authorized the tapping in each case and (iii) in respect of what dates is this information furnished;

(2) whether any criminal charges have been laid against any persons as a result of evidence gained from telephone tapping; if so, (a) in respect of how many cases and (b) what were the charges in each case?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) No.

(2) (a) and (b) Yes, but I do not consider it to be in the public interest to divulge the particulars as requested.

St Francis Bay: lighthouse

*8. Mr A SAVAGE asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

(1) Whether the lighthouse at St Francis Bay is to be automated; if so,

(2) whether the staff houses will still be required for staff; if not,

(3) whether it is the intention to sell these staff houses; if so, in what manner are these houses to be sold;

(4) whether it is the intention to dispose of the land adjoining the lighthouse; if so, on what basis will this be effected?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING (for the Minister of Transport Affairs):

(1) Yes.

(2) Yes, for maintenance and security staff.

(3) Falls away.

(4) No.

Pretoria: renovation of board room

*9. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

(1) Whether the board room at the South African Transport Services headquarters in Pretoria is being renovated; if so, *(a)* at what cost, *(b)* what is the nature of the renovations and *(c)* by whom is the work being undertaken;

(2) whether tenders were called for; if not, why not; if so,

(3) whether the lowest tenders were accepted in each case; if not, why not?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING (for the Minister of Transport Affairs):

(1) No. Obsolete air-conditioning units are being replaced departmentally.

(2) and (3) Fall away.

Jan Smuts Airport: banks

*10. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

(1) Whether he will furnish the names of the banks which have facilities at Jan Smuts Airport; if not, why not; if so, what are their names;

(2) on what basis are these facilities let to the banks concerned;

(3) whether tenders and/or applications were invited for the allocation of these facilities; if not, why not; if so, *(a)* how many (i) tenders and/or (ii) applications were received and *(b)* on what basis was the occupant chosen in each case?

†The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING (for the Minister of Transport Affairs):

(1) Yes. Volkskas Beperk.

(2) At a fixed rental of R16 700 per month for a period of five years whereafter the lessee may negotiate for an extension of the lease for a further period of 4 years and 11 months.

(3) Yes.

(a) (i) 2. All banking facilities at the airport were included in a package deal in respect of which a single tender was called for by the State Tender Board.

(ii) Falls away.

(b) The highest rental offered.

State Departments: employment of Coloureds/Indians/Blacks

*11. Mr J B VAN ZYL asked the Minister of Home Affairs:†

(1) Whether the Cabinet recently took a decision on the employment of *(a)* Coloureds, *(b)* Indians and *(c)* Blacks in State Departments falling under the Administration: House of Assembly; if so, (i) when and (ii) what decision;

(2) whether the Commission for Administration recently sent a circular on the employment and utilization of the various population groups in the Public service under the new constitutional dispensation to the three Administrations for Own Affairs; if so, what are the contents of the circular?

†The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:

(1) No. The Cabinet did not take a decision specifically concerning the employment of Coloureds, Indians and Blacks in the departments referred to. However, a general policy decision concerning the employment and utilisation of the various population groups in the Public Service was taken recently.

(2) No. A letter was addressed to Heads of Departments personally. I wish to refer the hon member to page 26 of the Annual Report of the Commission for Administration which contains the policy guidelines.

Action taken in Black townships on 21 March 1985

*12. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether the South African Police took any action in any Black townships in the Republic other than in Uitenhage on 21 March 1985; if so, (a) in which townships, (b) what action and (c) what were the circumstances surrounding the incidents;

(2) whether the police used any (a) live ammunition, (b) rubber bullets and (c) teargas on these occasions; if so, why;

(3) whether any persons were shot and (a) killed and (b) wounded on these occasions; if so, how many in each case;

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes

(a) At Sebokeng on 5 occasions, Sharpeville, Evaton, Asherville, Galeshewe on 8 occasions, Zamdela, Tumahole, KwaNobuhle

on 4 occasions, Dorington and Fingo.

(b) and (c) On all these occasions the police dispersed riotous youths who were involved in incidents of riot or public violence, arson and damaging state and private vehicles and property.

(2) (a), (b) and (c) Yes, to protect life and property and to maintain law and order.

(3) (a) No.

(b) Yes, three.

(4) No.

Erasmia: liquor licences

*13. Mr J J B VAN ZYL asked the Minister of Trade and Industry:†

(1) Whether his Department received any applications for the granting of liquor licences in Erasmia in 1984; if so, (a) when and (b) who were the applicants;

(2) whether any of these applications have been granted; if so, (a) how many and (b) to whom in each case?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY:

(1) Yes.

(a) An application was submitted to the Magistrate, Pretoria on 30 May 1984 and considered at the Liquor Board's Annual Meeting for the Province of Transvaal during August 1984.

(b) Mr Hendrik Graphorn.

(2) No.

(a) and (b) Fall away.

Natalia Development Board

*14. Mr F J LE ROUX asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education:†

With reference to his reply to Question No 29 on 5 March 1985, how many persons are to be transferred to Pietermaritzburg from Durban as a result of the proposed establishment of the head office of the Natalia Development Board in Pietermaritzburg?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION:

When the transfer, which will take place in phases, is completed, the number will be 214 persons.

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Diamonds

*15. Mr F J LE ROUX asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs:†

(a) What was the total value of the (i) uncut and (ii) cut diamonds exported from the Republic during the latest specified period of three years and (b) to which countries were these diamonds in each of the above-mentioned categories exported?

The MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS: (Reply laid upon the Table with leave of House):

(a) (i) and (b)

EXPORTS OF UNCUT DIAMONDS

Areas of Destination	Value in Rands		
	1982	1983	1984
Europe	544 657 495	692 505 538	589 117 788
North America	8 357 707	6 584 541	6 663 117
Far East	474 522	1 707 002	357 921
Middel East	2 574 266	1 266 536	2 309 621
Australasia	13 739	36 973	49 556
Other	1 932 349	601 977	1 289 560
TOTAL	558 010 078	702 702 567	599 787 563

(a) (ii) and (b)

EXPORTS OF POLISHED DIAMONDS

Areas of Destination	Value in Rands		
	1982	1983	1984
Europe	52 276 438	61 433 369	71 953 904
North America	46 555 294	60 069 892	126 472 956
Far East	25 319 267	34 176 607	42 630 539
Middel East	2 286 197	5 409 340	11 380 800
Australasia	514 361	245 553	209 219
Other	25 369	72 944	186 217
TOTAL	126 976 926	161 407 705	153 033 635

Statement made by South African ambassador

*16. Mr F J LE ROUX asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs:†

(1) Whether he has been informed of a certain statement, particulars of which have been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply and which was allegedly made by a South African ambassador abroad; if so, (a) who made this statement and (b) what are the contents of the statement;

(2) whether the contents of the statement reflect (a) his official attitude and (b) the attitude of his Department; if not.

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CO-OPERATION (for the Minister of Foreign Affairs):

(1) Yes.

(a) Ambassador Denis Worrall in London.

(b) After a meeting with Minister Luce at the Foreign and Com-

Food samples: tests

723. Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Health and Welfare:

(a) What was the total cost to his Department of carrying out tests on additional food samples in the 1984-85 financial year and (b)(i) what was the cost of (aa) additional food samples and (bb) the testing of these samples, (ii) in respect of how many tests are these costs made up and (iii) in how many cases were traces of (aa) aflatoxin and (bb) any other specified form of contamination discovered in these samples?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE:

(a) Expenditure to date R100 315. Total additional cost will only be available at the end of June when books 1984-85 are balanced.

(b) (i) (aa) This is part and parcel of normal services and expenses of the Inspectorate. It is impossible to quantify.

(bb) R100 315.

(ii) 2 075.

(iii) Traces are not recorded, only positive levels ie amounts in excess of legally permitted levels.

(aa) 106 positive out of 532 control samples.

(bb) Of 1 543 milk samples, 167 were positive for Dieldrin. Occasionally Alpha BHC, HBC, Gamma BHC, DDE, Aldrin DDT and Campheplor were found.

Hansard Q.61.1135

Natal: staff employed by Administration Boards/Development Board

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726. Mr R W HARDINGHAM asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education:

(1) What was the total number of staff employed in respect of the administration of Black townships in the (a) Port Natal and (b) Drakensberg Administration Board areas in the 1978-79, 1979-80, 1980-81, 1981-82 and 1982-83 financial years, respectively;

(2) what was the total number of staff employed in respect of the administration of Black townships in the Natalia Development Board area in the 1983-84 financial year or as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION:

(1)(a) and (b) *Port Natal Administration Board*

1978-79	473
1979-80	447
1980-81	458
1981-82	437
1982-83	482

Drakensberg Administration Board

1978-79	730
1979-80	740
1980-81	722
1981-82	735
1982-83	742

(2) *Natalia Development Board*

1983-84 ..... 1 172.

The above figures represent the total numbers of officials and employees of the respective Boards for the periods mentioned. An analysis of the numbers into different categories is not readily available.

Natalia Development Board

727. Mr R W HARDINGHAM asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education:

Whether the Natalia Development Board paid any subsidies to community councils of Black townships in the 1983–84 financial year; if so, (a) what are the

names of the townships concerned, (b) what was the total amount paid in respect of each such township and (c) for what specified purposes were these subsidies paid in respect of each such township?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION:

Yes.

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(a) and (b)

Colenso	R	75 577
Dannhauser	R	49 350
Dundee	R	146 028
Glencoe	R	149 155
Greytown	R	277 720
Kokstad	R	177 093
Ladysmith	R	287 546
Matatiele	R	18 427
Mooi River	R	125 242
Paulpietersburg	R	43 992
Sobantu	R	635 275
Vryheid	R	224 466
Shakaville	R	299 340
Hambanati	R	701 581
Ningizimu	R4	416 549
Shayamoya	R	76 887
Klaarwater	R	544 742

(c) The purpose of the subsidies mentioned above is to cover the losses on current expenditure reflected in the books of account of the Black townships.

Hansard Q.61.1137

Social workers

16/4/85

757. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Health and Welfare:

(1) What total number of (a) White, (b) Black, (c) Coloured and (d) Indian social workers are registered with the Council for Social and Associated Workers;

(2) whether his Department employs any social workers; if so, (a) how many and (b) how many social workers are employed in posts subsidized by his Department, if not, why not?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE:

(1) (a) 4 272.

(b) 804.

(c) 576.

(d) 263.

(2) (a) 49.

(b) None; subsidization of social work posts has been transferred to the Administrations of the House of Assembly, House of Representatives, House of Delegates and to the Department of Co-operation and Development.

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Cradock: members killed/injured

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763. Mr E K MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) (a) How many members of the South African Police have been (i) killed and (ii) injured in Cradock in attempts to contain rioting since November 1983 and (b) how many civilians have been (i) killed and (ii) injured in rioting in the Black townships of Cradock since that month;

(2) (a) how many buildings belonging to (i) the State and (ii) private individuals have been destroyed or damaged since November 1983 and (b) what is the estimated value of buildings so destroyed or damaged;

(3) (a) how many arrests of civilians have been made during this period, (b) on what charges were they arrested and (c) how many such civilians are currently still being held?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) (a) (i) One.

(ii) Seven.

(b) (i) 3.

(ii) 6.

(2) (a) (i) 9.

(ii) 45.

(b) R121 635,00.

(3) (a) 173.

(b) 137—public violence.
4—intimidation.
4—arson.
26—malicious damage to property.
1—murder.
1—possession of explosives.

(c) 68. These persons were arrested between 12 March 1985 and 25 March 1985.

Petrol consumption/production

775. Mr J J B VAN ZYL asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs:†

(1) What was the total consumption of petrol in the Republic of South Africa for the year 1984;

(2) whether he will furnish information on the amount of petrol produced by Sasol in 1984; if not, why not; if so, what amount of the total consumption of petrol in the Republic was produced by Sasol in that year;

(3) whether any petrol was exported in 1984; if so, (a) why, (b) what total amount and (c)(i) to which countries and (ii) what amount to each of these countries?

The MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS:

(1) and (2). South Africa's synthetic fuel production and strategic crude oil stockpiles determine, amongst other, the Republic's ability to prevent an efficient oil boycott. As there is an official boycott regarding the supply of crude oil to South Africa, information regarding South Africa's consumption of petroleum products and especially locally produced quantities are considered as very secret and making it known is considered not to be in the country's interest.

(3) Yes.

(a) In order to improve the utilization of local refining capacity and thus decreasing unit cost of production and to earn foreign exchange for South Africa, any local oil company may offer petrol for export on condition that such petrol is produced from crude oil obtained by the oil companies themselves and in respect of which no financial assistance out of the Equalization Fund was made or in the case of crude oil where assistance was rendered on condition that the contribution be repaid to the Equalization Fund.

(a) and (c). It is likewise considered not to be in the country's interest to make public the destinations and quantities of petroleum products being exported by the oil companies. Exporters must, however, also certify that exports will not be to the detriment of local consumption and that it would be a foreign exchange gain for the RSA.

Hansard Q.61.1140
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Technikons

782. Mr H E J VAN RENSBURG asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education:

How many students were enrolled in 1985 for courses in each specified department at each technikon falling under the control of his Department?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION:

Only the Technikon Northern Transvaal falls under this Department.

(i) School for Management 228

(ii) School for Secretarial Training.... 98

(iii) School for Teachers Training 211

(iv) School for Health Sciences 249

(v) School for Electrical Engineering 119

(vi) School for Mechanical Engineering 22

(vii) School for Surveying, Mining and Civil Engineering..... 92

(viii) School for Physical and Chemical Sciences..... 71

(ix) School for Building Sciences..... 33

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Telephone tapping

783. The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Defence:

(1) Whether (a) he and/or (b) any member of (i) his staff and/or (ii) the South African Defence Force has authorized the tapping of any telephones in terms of section 118A of the Post Office Act, No 44 of 1958, since the insertion of this provision in the principal Act by the Post Office Amendment Act, No 101 of 1972; if so, (aa) on how many occasions, (bb) what was the rank of the person who authorized the tapping in each case and (cc) in respect of what dates is this information furnished;

(2) whether all of these cases were considered to be in the interest of the maintenance of State security; if not, (a) what were the circumstances surrounding each of these cases and (b) on what grounds was telephone tapping authorized in each case;

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

(1) (a) and (b) No. In terms of section 118A of the Post Office Act, No 44 of 1958, as amended, the approving authority for the tapping of telephones is the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications or an official authorized by him to grant such authority.

(2) Falls away.

(3) No.

Mortimer police station

786. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether any construction work was carried out recently at the Mortimer police station in the Eastern Cape on the (a) cells, (b) fencing, (c) police station building and (d) any other specified section of the police station complex; if so, (i) when, (ii) what specified construction work, (iii) why and (iv) what was the total cost involved;

(2) (a) what is the nature of the fencing around this police station and (b) how many (i) cells are there and (ii) prisoners can it accommodate;

(3) whether he will furnish information on the (a) staff establishment of, and (b) rank of each member of the Force at, the Mortimer police station; if not, why not; if so, what were the relevant particulars as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) The protection of police stations throughout the country is enjoying high priority. Mortimer police station has on 21 October 1984 been provided with structural protection against possible attacks. For obvious security reasons further details cannot be divulged.

(2) (a) A 2,07 m high standard security fence.

'Do not be afraid of giving evidence'

By SHIRLEY PRESSLY

UITENHAGE — Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer today asked spectators in the public gallery at the Kannemeyer Commission hearing to take back a message to the Uitenhage township from him that people need not be afraid to give evidence.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer, chairman of the one-man commission into the Langa shooting on March 21, said "giving evidence before this commission cannot constitute an offence unless the evidence is perjured. I will give all of you an unequivocal guarantee that no one will be charged or arrested because he gave evidence before me.

"I want it to be clear that should there be any suggestion that a witness is in any way being harrassed because of what he has done and if this is brought to my notice I will take this matter to the highest level possible.

"Any suggestion that there has been any attempt to stifle evidence is incorrect," he said.

At the start of today's proceedings Mr Chris Nicholson (appearing for several bereaved Langa families and instructed by Cheadle, Thompson and Haysom) asked leave to address the judge on the "boy on the bicycle" who gave evidence earlier to the commission.

"Early today police went to the 15-year-old boy's home to arrest him, causing some consternation," said Mr Nicholson.

Mr Nicholson said he was concerned that people would think that by giving evidence to the commission they were subjecting themselves to police action.

Mr Chris Jansen, SC, representing the Minister of Law and Order, said it was a lie that the police had arrested or gone to arrest the 15-year-old "boy on the bicycle" last night.

He said police had gone to speak to his brother on his instructions. The boy had told the commission he had bought his bicycle from his brother who could not now be found. Mr Jansen said he wanted a statement from the brother about the sale of the bicycle.

Mr Nicholson said some witnesses he tried to call were reluctant to give evidence to the commission.

He said Mr Justice Kannemeyer, in terms of the Commissions Act, was the only one with power to subpoena witnesses. He asked if he and his instructing attorneys could present a list of names of people they would like to be subpoenaed and documents they would like these witnesses to present to the commission.

Mr Kannemeyer replied he thought the procedure outlined by Mr Nicholson was a sound one. He asked him to give the names to the commission secretary, who would see that the subpoenas were issued.

A student at Vista University, Mr Andrew Williams, 26, described how a Caspir, which was chasing a crowd of about 300 in Maduna Square on March 21, nearly knocked over an old woman.

Mr Williams, who was on his way to a study group with a friend on the morning of March 21, said a white policeman raised his fist and said in Xhosa: "Throw! throw!". A coloured policeman on the Caspir said "Now we've got them *lekker*".

A man in a black smock with a Rastafarian hairstyle reformed the group after they had scattered and they walked along Maduna Road singing quietly.

Mr Alven Manengele, 45, who was called as a witness by Mr Peter Gastrow (appearing for six PFP members of Parliament), testified that he was the driver of a bakkie with 12 passengers he was taking to a funeral in Kwanobuhle on March 21.

In Maduna Road he felt a bullet penetrate the driver's side door of his bakkie, whizz past his shoulder and go through the back of the bakkie.

He ducked below the dashboard. He could not see what happened to the people at the back of his bakkie. He lifted his head and saw that people were lying dead in the road.

(Proceeding)

Uitenhage witnesses assured: no arrests

UITENHAGE — The chairman of the judicial commission of inquiry into the Uitenhage shootings, Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer, today gave an unequivocal undertaking that no one would be arrested for giving evidence before him unless they committed perjury.

"I want it to be clear that should there be any suggestion that a witness before this commission is being harassed because of what he has done, and this is brought to my notice, I will take the matter to the highest authority possible," Mr Justice Kannemeyer said.

He addressed members of the public through the commission's interpreter after counsel for the families of the deceased, Mr Chris Nicholson, said he had been informed that police had arrived at the home of a previous witness to arrest him.

Mr Nicholson said he was concerned that people would be reluctant to give evidence before the commission if they feared they would be subject to SAP action.

Mr Chris Jansen, SC, for the Minister of Law and Order, said police had gone to the home of the witness, 15-year-old Kwanella Bucwa, but not to arrest him.

Mr Jansen said he had instructed police to visit the boy's home to obtain a statement from his brother in connection with their bicycle, an exhibit before the commission.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer said Mr Jansen was entitled to obtain a statement from the brother as he was not a witness consulted by Mr Nicholson.

NOT ARRESTED

"He (Kwanella) has not been arrested and there is no intention that he will be," the judge said.

"I want to make it perfectly clear that giving evidence before this commission cannot constitute an offence unless the evidence is perjury.

"I give you an unequivocal undertaking now that unless evidence is perjury no one will be arrested for giving evidence before the commission," the judge said.

"I want you to tell your friends that any suggestions that there has been any attempt to stifle evidence is incorrect.

"In fact I am doing my best to encourage anyone with evidence to come forward."

Mr Nicholson said earlier that Kwanella Bucwa was facing a charge of public violence in connection with the shootings and was being represented by Mr Halton Cheadle, Mr Nicholson's instructing attorney.

The youth had been released on bail.

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Judge assures Uitenhage witnesses

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Mr Justice Kannemeyer also ruled today that counsel could submit names of witnesses they wished to subpoena to the secretary of the commission, Mr J du Randt.

Mr Nicholson had submitted that some witnesses had been reluctant to give evidence.

Later, Mr Nicholson called an eye-witness, Mr Vuyile Moses Mgwanza (25) to give evidence.

He told the commission a meeting was held in Langa the night before the incident at which it had been decided that the inhabitants would not go to work the following day, but would attend the funerals of unrest victims in Kwanobuhle.

Mr Mgwanza said that the next day he had joined the procession.

The crowd was singing but he had not seen anyone with sticks, or stones being thrown at police.

CASSPIR

A police Casspir that had been driving ahead of the crowd drew up on a hill overlooking the procession and was joined by another vehicle.

He had also seen a police truck arrive.

One of the policemen had indicated with his hand that the crowd should stop.

The procession had slowed its pace but had continued walking, Mr Mgwanza said.

He said shooting broke out and he had run away.

He had noticed another Casspir further down the road earlier, but said he was too shocked to notice anything when the shooting began.

He could not remember if he had heard a warning shot or an immediate volley when the shooting began. — Sapa.

Two men die in East Cape, but unrest 'easing'

Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — Two more deaths have been reported from Eastern Cape townships, but a police spokesman said the unrest "appeared to be easing".

In the Cradock township of Ilingelihle yesterday a 38-year-old man died in hospital after he was attacked by a mob he tried to dissuade from stoning a police patrol vehicle.

In Langa at Uitenhage a 20-year-old man was shot dead by a security policeman after the policeman had been stoned.

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According to the spokesman, the policeman was on patrol in the township when he saw about 400 people marching towards the nearby coloured township.

He warned them to disperse, but they threw stones and he fired one shot.

Other minor incidents of stone-throwing and arson were reported from Port Elizabeth and Grahamstown townships.

Fund to aid victims of Uitenhage unrest

Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH — The municipality of Uitenhage has established the Mayoral Emergency Fund to help victims of Uitenhage unrest, especially black policemen who have had their homes and possessions destroyed.

Approval was given at last night's council meeting for a contribution of R5 000 to start the fund.

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48 policemen hurt in East Cape riots

Parliamentary Staff

THE Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, has told Parliament that 48 policemen have been injured in riot control duties in the Eastern Cape since August last year.

Answering questions by Mr Errol Moorcroft of the PFP, Mr le Grange listed their injuries as "bruises and abrasions to the body, arms and legs, head and facial injuries caused by stones, bottles and other objects, while one member sustained burns to his arm caused by acid".

The Minister said helmets and gas-masks were used in most of the incidents.

DISINFORMATION

He added: "Although standing directives regarding the use of protective equipment are continuously being brought to the notice of members (of the police), the circumstances pertaining to each riot situation will determine whether or not such equipment can be used."

● Mr le Grange has denied that it is the policy of the Security Branch or any other section of the police to use disinformation to discredit any person or organisation.



Mrs Helen Suzman

Answering a question by Mrs Helen Suzman (PFP, Houghton) in the Assembly yesterday, Mr le Grange said that because it was police policy not to use disinformation further questions with regard to authorisation and procedure fell away.

In reaction to Mrs Suzman's subsequent query from across the floor on whether his answer had not contradicted the evidence of the police at a recent hearing of the Media Council, Mr le Grange said that no matter what was said on that occasion it was not Government policy to use disinformation.

Mrs Suzman's question referred to evidence which was led at last month's Media Council hearing in Johannesburg at which the police alleged that the Star (sister newspaper to The Argus) had incorrectly published that Security Branch officers had claimed responsibility for an attempt to smear Dr Allan Boesak of the United Democratic Front.

During the hearing a senior police officer told the council that when it came to national security it might be necessary in certain circumstances to use disinformation.

The officer said that although this was possible in principle he had not said that the Security Branch had in fact used disinformation.

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Inquiry told police goaded Langa crowd

UITENHAGE. — A white policeman protruding from the hatch of a Casspir vehicle in Langa township shortly before the shootings goaded the crowd by challenging them to throw stones, the Kannemeyer commission of inquiry heard yesterday.

Mr Andrew Williams, 26, a Vista University student, said he and a friend were on their way to a study group when they saw a group of about 300 people assembling in Langa township's Maduna Square.

They had watched as the Casspir approached and the crowd scattered. The vehicle drove away and within about five minutes returned from another direction.

Mr Williams said a white policeman then shouted from the Casspir: "Where are the stones? Throw, man."

A coloured policeman had said, also in Afrikaans: "Now we've got them, lekker", Mr Williams claimed.

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He told the commission that after the shooting he had seen policemen picking up stones and putting them among the bodies lying on the road.

"The policemen from the third Casspir had dismounted and pointed their rifles towards the crowd, standing at a distance after running away from the shots, and screaming at the bodies still lying there,' he said.

Other policemen from the Casspir had gone off to the left and right of the road, but had not opened fire, Mr Williams said.

At the start of yesterday's proceedings, Mr Justice Kannemeyer gave an undertaking that no one would be arrested for giving evidence before the commission unless this evidence was perjury.

He addressed members of the public through an interpreter after counsel for the families of some of the victims of the shootings said he had received information that police had arrived at the home of one of his witnesses to arrest him.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer said he wanted to make it clear that giving evidence before the commission could not constitute an offence unless the evidence was perjury.

Both Mr Chris Nicholson, and Mr Peter Gastrow, for the PFP, indicated at the end of yesterday's proceedings that they had called all the witnesses they wished to at this stage, but reserved the right to call others should this become necessary.

The hearing continues today. — Sapa.

Casspir into a crowd - probe

Casspir driver told to avoid crowd

A POLICE Casspir drove into a group of people and bumped into an old lady shortly before the Uitenhage shooting, the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry heard in Uitenhage yesterday.

Mr Andrew Williams (26), a Vista University student, said he and a friend were on their way to a study group when they saw a group of about 300 people assembling in Langa township's Maduna Square.

They had watched as the Casspir approached and the crowd scattered. The vehicle drove away and within about five minutes returned from another direction.

Speed

"It approached from 23rd Avenue and went straight into the crowd with quite a speed, but not very fast," Mr Williams said. The vehicle had not sounded its hooter.

The Casspir had bumped into an old lady, "but the driver stopped before he knocked her down."

Mr Williams said a white policeman protruding from the Casspir's hatch shouted at the crowd: "Where are the stones? Throw, man."

A coloured policeman had said, also in Afrikaans: "Now we've got them."

The crowd had dispersed and had assembled again with the help of several people who organised a procession on the right hand side of the road.

Mr Williams said he had not gained the impression that the people were scared of the police.

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Earlier, Mr Alvin Manengele (45), told the commission of a bullet that had penetrated the driver's side of a bakkie he was driving on the day of the incident, and then also penetrated the bodywork.

Funeral

Mr Manengele said he was taking 12 people to a funeral and was driving behind the procession on Maduna Road when shots were fired.

"A bullet went past me and I fell down on my seat in the bakkie. The bakkie was shot. There was a hole through the bodywork.

As he crouched behind the wheel he heard shouts from the black policemen on the Casspir at the church, saying that he should "get back".

Mr Manengele said he had reversed, turned the car, and driven away towards his home.

The chairman of the commission, Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer, later inspected the bakkie and recorded his observations.

He said it had to be made clear that there had been no agreement among the counsel on the age of those shot, and that counsel for the police had not made any admission that the shot had been fired from the Casspirs, if a shot had indeed caused the hole.

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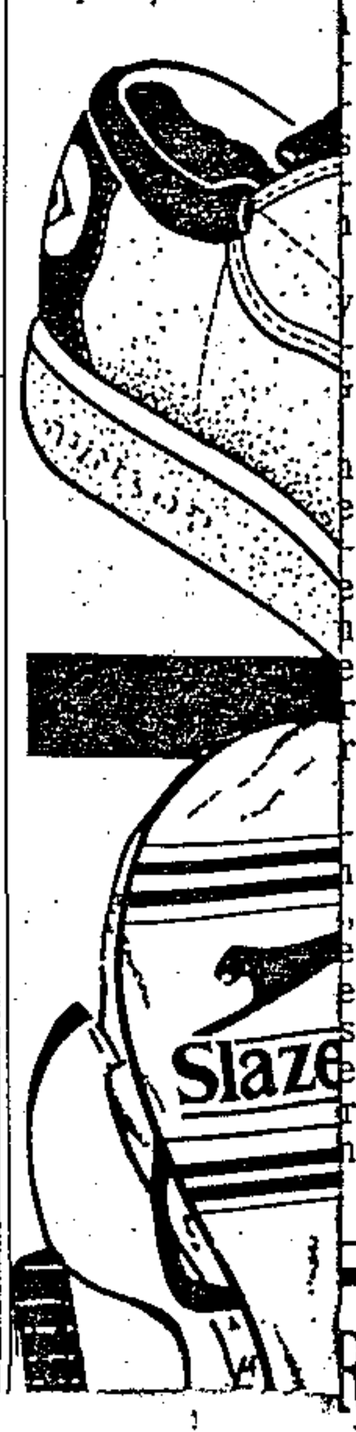

Cape Times 17/4/85

Nxobongwana the president?

Court Reporter

CROSSROADS community leader Mr Johnson Nxobongwana once said he was "the president of the Western Cape from Cape Town till George — even of the place where PW Botha sits", it was alleged in the Bishop Lavis regional magistrate's court yesterday.

Mr Hubert Venfolo, a community councillor, said this in evidence in the trial of Mr Nxobongwana, 42, Miss Elsie Mkhumbuzi, 41, Mr Themba Mpetha, 27, Mr David Bengo, 42, Miss Nozibele Lufelo, 28, Mr Roseberry Sonto, 31, and Miss Thozama Nomsa Bevu, 20, on charges of public violence, alternatively incitement to public violence. They all pleaded not guilty.

The State alleges that between January 16 and 22 they tried to force New Crossroads community councillors to resign or leave their houses and threatened their lives.

The State also alleges that they stoned residents, burned down the houses of Mr Camerson Kani and Miss Muriel Mbobosi, damaged property and stole clothing and money.

Mr Venfolo said he heard Mr Nxobongwana say councillors signing in favour of increased rents were sucking the blood of the people and would die young.

Mr Themba Mpetha, Miss Nozibele Lufele, Mr Roseberry Sonto and Miss Thozama N Bevu were granted an extension of bail.

The others are being held in terms of Section 61 of the Criminal Procedure Act which empowers the Attorney-General to place a 90-day ban on the granting of bail.

The trial continues today.

Mr A J Burger was the magistrate. Mr J van Vuuren was the prosecutor. Mr Brian Lutzno defended Mr Mpetha. Mr M K Parker defended the others.

RENCH AT TODAY

Man's body found burnt

CAPE TIMES 17/4/85

PRETORIA. — Police yesterday discovered the charred body of a black man in the Eastern Cape — the second unrest fatality in the Port Elizabeth area since a violent weekend when seven people died.

The unidentified man was burnt under a pile of tyres at Addo near Port Elizabeth, a police spokesman said.

Man shot

Police said earlier a man had been shot and a black policeman seriously injured on Monday night after rioting in most townships.

The man died in Langa when police used tearsmoke, rubber bullets and birdshot on a group looting a supermarket. Police later found the body of a 20-year-old man. In Motherwell, an unconscious policeman who had been attacked by about 20 people was found late yesterday by a police patrol. The policeman is in a serious condition in a Port Elizabeth hospital.

Mr Job Schoeman, a spokesman for the Department of Education and Training, said attendance at Eastern Cape schools varied yesterday.

In Port Elizabeth, attendance was normal at all secondary schools barring Masimbane, which recorded a two percent turnout.

Classrooms were empty at Paterson, where pupils are demanding the release of pupils arrested last week. No pupils at all attended Fort Beaufort's three primary schools, Lawson Secondary School or Kirkwood School. Total absenteeism was also reported from Pearson, Jansenville, Cookhouse and Bedford.

Classes at a senior primary and junior secondary school in Adelaide were suspended after pupils refused to attend classes.

Meanwhile in other reports of unrest:

In Sasolburg, police used tearsmoke to disperse a group of about 50 people stoning Development Board offices.

The home of the mayor of KwaThema, near Springs, the Rev Joe Mzamane, was set alight by a group of youths yesterday. A truck belonging to the East Rand Development Board was also set alight.

A group of pupils marched from Laban Motlhabi High School, on the East Rand, where they were allegedly demanding the replacement of a white principal by a black one. Police dispersed the youths.

200 youths

And in Alexandra more than 200 youths were dispersed as they marched to the Alexandra Magistrate's Court to demand the release of a colleague. Teargas, birdshot and rubber bullets were used to disperse them as they marched to the court building yesterday morning. They were demanding the release of Henry Vusi Nkosi, who was allegedly detained on the eve of the Easter holidays.

Late yesterday, police with the help of the SADF were still patrolling the township with roadblocks manned at all main entrances. — Sapa and Own Correspondent

Goniwe was not injured in unrest, say police

JOHANNESBURG — Police said last night that a Cradock township community leader, Mr Matthew Goniwe, had "sustained no physical injuries", as had been reported earlier, and was not in hospital.

A spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said it had been established that Mr Goniwe had driven his car into a road barricade set up by a mob of blacks and had been attacked by the mob.

Police intervened and "removed" him to safety, the spokesman said.

The spokesman said Mr Goniwe had been confused with a 28-year-old man from Uitenhage, who had been involved in an attack on a policeman's house.

This unidentified man had been in hospital in a critical condition and had since died, the spokesman said.

According to Mr Gladwell Makaula, president of the Cradock Residents' Association (Cradora), who was with Mr Goniwe at the time of the incident, the mob had attacked neither Mr Goniwe nor himself and that neither of them were injured.

He said that on Monday morning he and Mr Goniwe were on their way by car to the Sam Xhalli Junior Secondary School in Lingelihle when they spotted a noisy, drunken mob near the shack area of the township.

He said a beerhall in the township had been looted the night before and many of the residents were drunk.

"We had been informed that the mob were intending to disturb a nearby school so we attempted to dissuade them.

"As we were speaking to them a Caspir arrived and the crowd started stoning it."

EVENING POST, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 1985

Two die in more Eastern Cape unrest

Post Reporter

TWO people died and there were further incidents of sporadic stone-throwing and arson throughout the Eastern Cape yesterday.

A spokesman for the South African Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said an unidentified man from Addo was set alight by a mob. Police later discovered his charred body under a pile of tyres.

In Soweto in Port Elizabeth a 20-year-old man died of wounds received in an earlier attack on the home of a policeman. A delivery vehicle was set alight by a mob and a Tramways bus was gutted in Rosedale Township in Uitenhage yesterday.

The driver of the delivery vehicle was robbed and a civilian was stoned by a crowd. He allegedly retaliated by firing on them with a pistol, but no injuries were reported.

In Tinus Township in Fort Beaufort two private homes were set alight and one was gutted.

Mobs were dispersed by tearsmoke and rubber bullets in Kwazakele, Zwide, Kwanobuble, Addo, Kirkwood and Cookhouse. Members of the SA Police and SA Defence Force were slightly injured in Cookhouse.

A post office in Kwanobuhle near Uitenhage was set alight and petrol bombs were hurled at police patrol vehicles.

In Zwide a private home was petrol-bombed.

Two petrol bombs were also used to destroy a store in Addo.

Police report of attack on leader denied

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JOHANNESBURG—The president of the Cradock Residents' Association, Mr Gladwell Makhawula, yesterday denied police reports that a township community leader, Mr Matthew Goniwe, had been seriously injured when a mob stoning a police vehicle turned on him after he had intervened.

But a spokesman for the S A Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria last night confirmed that Mr Goniwe was in hospital and in a critical condition.

Earlier a police spokesman had said Mr Goniwe had been attacked by a mob wielding iron rods, knives, rocks and other weapons after urging them to stop stoning a police vehicle in Ilingelihle, Cradock, on Monday.

'He had to be rescued by the police, who used tear-gas to disperse the crowd,' the spokesman said. 'He was injured to the extent that it was thought at one stage that he had died. He is in hospital and his condition is critical.'

Rejected

Mrs Nyameka Goniwe laughed last night when asked about her husband's condition. 'He's at home in perfect health and there's nothing wrong with him. He hasn't been near a hospital.'

Mrs Goniwe rejected the police version of Monday's incident, as did Mr Makhawula.

Mr Goniwe may not be quoted because he is a listed person.

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(b) (i) 2.

(ii) 24.

(3) No, for strategic reasons I do not consider it in the public interest to disclose the establishment of police stations.

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For written reply:

General Affairs: 275

Uitenhage: arrests

663. Mr A SAVAGE asked the Minister of Justice:

(1) Whether any of the persons arrested by the South African Police in Uitenhage (a) in terms of security legislation, (b) for public violence, (c) for intimidation and (d) for arson in (i) December 1984, (ii) January 1985 and (iii) February 1985 have appeared in court; if not, (aa) why not and (bb) when is it anticipated that they will appear in court; if so, on what date or dates in each case;

(2) whether any such persons have been (a) convicted and (b) acquitted; if so, (i) how many in each of the above categories were (aa) convicted and (bb) acquitted and (ii) what were the sentences imposed in each case?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

(1) (a) (i), (ii), (iii);

(b) (i);

(c) (i), (ii), (iii);

(d) (i), (iii) No persons were arrested.

(b) (ii), (iii);

(d) (ii) Yes.

(aa) Falls away.

(bb) First appearance in court:

(1)(b)(ii)

14/1/85: 11
21/1/85: 66
22/1/85: 1
24/1/85: 3
25/1/85: 1
29/1/85: 5
31/1/85: 5

(1)(b)(iii)

1/2/85: 1
11/2/85: 1
15/2/85: 4
18/2/85: 5
20/2/85: 1
22/2/85: 3
25/2/85: 1
26/2/85: 2
27/2/85: 2

(1)(d)(ii)

7/1/85: 1 (attempted arson)
21/1/85: 25
1/2/85: 7 (attempted arson)
2/2/85: 2

(2) (a) and (b) No. The court cases are not disposed of.

Cradock: arrests

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The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

(1) (a) No persons were arrested.

(b) Yes:
23 July 1984: 6 persons.
1 August 1984: 22 persons.
15 August 1984: 29 persons.
1 October 1984: 20 persons.

(c) Yes:
23 July 1984: 5 persons.
15 August 1984: 29 persons.
27 August 1984: 1 person.

(d) Yes:
27 August 1984: 1 person (attempted arson in the alternative.)

(i) and (ii): Fall away.

(2) (a) and (b) Yes.

(i) (aa) (a) Falls away.

(b) 8 persons.

(c) and (d) none.

(bb) (a) Falls away.

(b) 41 persons.

(c) 31 persons.

(d) 1 person.

The court cases against the rest of the persons were withdrawn.

(ii) (a) Falls away.

(b) 3 years' imprisonment of which 18 months imprisonment is suspended for 5 years;
4 years' imprisonment of which 18 months imprisonment is suspended for 5 years;
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3 years' imprisonment of which 1 year imprisonment is suspended for 5 years;
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(c) and (d) Fall away.

Nelspruit police district: illegal immigrants

752. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Justice:

Whether any of the persons held at police stations in the Nelspruit police district on suspicion of being illegal immigrants on 31 December 1984, have appeared in court; if not, why not; if so, (a) on what date or dates, (b) in which court or courts, and (c) what were the findings, in each case?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

Yes—1 person.

(a) 16 January 1985.

(b) Nelspruit Magistrate's Court.

(c) The person was convicted on a charge of contravening section 40(4) read with section 40(5) and on a charge of contravening section 32(1) read with section 35(1) of the Admission of Persons to the Republic

Natal Mercury, Wednesday, April 17, 1985

Front row in Langa shooting 'fell like a pack of cards'

Mercury Correspondent

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Police visit

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The youth had testified that the bicycle he rode on the day of the shooting was one he had bought for his younger brother about a week before the shooting.

Mr Nicholson asked Mr Justice Kannemeyer whether he and his instructing attorneys could submit a list of names of people they would like to have subpoenaed to appear before the commission, and documents they wished to have made available.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer told counsel at the adjournment yesterday afternoon that he intended to subpoena certain witnesses.

Mr Williams, who said he encountered a crowd of about 300 people at Maduna Square early on March 21, said he saw a police Casspir approach from the direction of town and pass between the people, who parted to allow passage for the vehicle.

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'Throw, throw'

A white policeman with a moustache and a coloured policeman were visible at the top of the Casspir and he heard one of the policemen say: 'Where are the stones? Throw, throw.'

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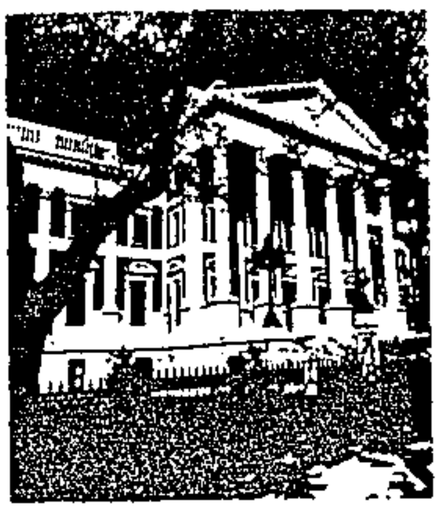
When shooting began, the front row of people seemed to fall like a pack of cards, said Mr Williams.

Later he saw bodies being loaded into a white riot truck. He said this happened before ambulances arrived at the scene. He also saw police throwing what appeared to be stones in among the bodies.

Mr Jansen, cross-examining, showed Mr Williams a folder of the photographs made available to the commission by police. Only a few of the people hit by police fire could be seen, because according to police evidence the photographer had arrived after most of the dead and injured had been removed.

The hearing continues today.



IN BRIEF...

'If Wiley's a Hitler, Hulley's a Marxist'

Parliamentary Staff

THE Minister of Environmental Affairs, Mr John Wiley, was compared unfavourably to Hitler in the House of Assembly.

Speaking during the snap debate on the Sandy Bay development issue, Mr Wiley referred to a remark made by Mr Roger Hulley (PFP Constantia), who, he said, had accused him of behaving like a "little Hitler."

This was typical of the usual insulting language used by the PFP, he said.

"Yes. It's insulting to Hitler," PFP member shouted across the floor.

RIOTS

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48 policemen hurt in East Cape riots

Parliamentary Staff

THE Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, has told Parliament that 48 policemen have been injured in riot control duties in the Eastern Cape since August last year.

Answering questions by Mr Errol Moorcroft of the PFP, Mr le Grange listed their injuries as "bruises and abrasions to the body, arms and legs, head and facial injuries caused by stones, bottles and other objects, while one member sustained burns to his arm caused by acid".

The Minister said helmets and gas-masks were used in most of the incidents.

DISINFORMATION

He added: "Although standing directives regarding the use of protective equipment are continuously being brought to the notice of members (of the police), the circumstances pertaining to each riot situation will determine whether or not such equipment can be used."

● Mr le Grange has denied that it is the policy of the Security Branch or any other section of the police to use disinformation to discredit any person or organisation.



Mrs Helen Suzman

Answering a question by Mrs Helen Suzman (PFP, Houghton) in the Assembly yesterday, Mr le Grange said that because it was police policy not to use disinformation further questions with regard to authorisation and procedure fell away.

In reaction to Mrs Suzman's subsequent query from across the floor on whether his answer had not contradicted the evidence of the police at a recent hearing of the Media Council, Mr le Grange said that no matter what was said on that occasion it was not Government policy to use disinformation.

Mrs Suzman's question referred to evidence which was led at last month's Media Council hearing in Johannesburg at which the police alleged that the Star (sister newspaper to The Argus) had incorrectly published that Security Branch officers had claimed responsibility for an attempt to smear Dr Allan Boesak of the United Democratic Front.

During the hearing a senior police officer told the council that when it came to national security it might be necessary in certain circumstances to use disinformation.

The officer said that although this was possible in principle he had not said that the Security Branch had in fact used disinformation.

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Own Correspondent

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Argus 17/4/85

'Human torch' dies after Cape mob sets him alight

Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — A man from Addo near Uitenhage died after being turned into a human torch by a mob of youths who sprayed him with petrol and set him alight.

Another man died in hospital of injuries received two days ago when an off-duty policeman fired on a group attacking his home.

These were the most serious of recent incidents of unrest in the Eastern Cape, according to a spokesman for the police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria.

In the industrial area of Struandale, near New Brighton township, a woman was slightly hurt when a petrol bomb thrown at her car exploded.

The spokesman reported stone-throwing and arson in townships outside Port Elizabeth, Uitenhage, Addo, Cookhouse and Kirkwood.

At Kwanobuhle outside Uitenhage a post office and community hall were badly damaged by fire while in Zwide, near Port Elizabeth, a house was destroyed by petrol bombs.

A policeman and a member of the Defence Force were injured in stoning incidents.

In Blekkiesdorp township, just outside Uitenhage, a van was looted and set alight. Soldiers and riot police arrived and gunfire was heard as far off as Langa.

The coloured townships of Gamble and Rosedale also experienced unrest yesterday when youths attacked vehicles.

It has also been confirmed that Mr Nantayi Kwaza, 28, was struck by a police bullet when shots were fired at people attacking vehicles and a supermarket.

He died a short time later but friends said Mr Kwaza was hit while on an errand and was not part of the mob.

A Kwazakele near Port Elizabeth, a man is in a serious condition after being soaked in petrol and set on fire yesterday. The man was saved by police.

In Motherwell, another Port Elizabeth township, a black policeman was left for dead by a mob. Police took him to hospital.

In Kwathema in the Transvaal, the house of the Mayor, the Rev J Mzamane, and that of a policeman were set alight yesterday.

Youths also stoned the Labana Mothlabi High School, where classes were yesterday suspended until Friday.

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PFP slams 'pirate' taxi-driver arrests

Parliamentary Staff

THE arrest of scores of black taxi-drivers at police roadblocks outside tense Eastern Cape townships was a blatant example of ham-handed and crass stupidity, the PFP's chief transport spokesman, Mr John Malcomess, told the House of Assembly.

Mr Malcomess, speaking in the Budget debate on the transport vote, was fiercely critical of the Government for intervening in an inflammatory situation and disrupting people who were trying to get from the townships to work.

The House of Assembly was told that police had yesterday set up roadblocks at the entrance to townships near Port Elizabeth and arrested 39 "pirate" taxi-drivers.

Mr Malcomess said after he had received the information from Mr Andrew Savage (PFP, Walmer), presently in Port Elizabeth, he had telephoned the secretaries of both the Ministers of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, and of Transport Affairs, Mr Hendrik Schoeman.



Mr Hendrik Schoeman

"We are all aware that the Eastern Cape townships are in an inflammatory state and that buses are not being allowed in.

"There are people who still have jobs in the city and because there are no buses there is a tremendous demand for transport in and out of the townships. Black licensed taxis obviously cannot cope with this demand," Mr Malcomess said.

Mr Malcomess said Mr Le Grange's secretary had told him that the roadblocks had been instituted at the request of Road Transportation Board officials and traffic police.

He added it was "patently in the interests of blacks and whites in Port Elizabeth that an already tense situation not be made worse".

"Two sides"

Mr Malcomess appealed to Minister Schoeman to "turn a blind eye" to pirate taxis in the interests of South Africa as a whole".

He also called on the Government to release the taxi-drivers immediately and allow them to return to work today.

Replying in the debate, Mr Schoeman said there were "two sides" to the incident. He added it was the duty of the Government to protect legal taxi-drivers and bus-owners.

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EDUCATION

Fosatu resolves to visit Langa's bereaved

18/4/85 Star 275

By Jon Qwelane

UITENHAGE — In the wake of the Langa shootings three weeks ago in which at least 19 died, South Africa's largest group of unionised workers last night resolved to go to the grief-stricken community and put in perspective the sequence of events leading to the tragedy.

The Federation of South African Trade Unions (Fosatu) also levelled serious charges against the United Democratic Front and its affiliate student group, the Congress of South African Students.

At a meeting attended by several hundred workers crammed inside the Jubilee Park hall, Fosatu charged that:

- A senior official of the United Democratic Front had hoodwinked many workers about the true position of funerals.
- The United Democratic Front and other organisations in the black community had a dictatorial attitude towards workers.
- Certain leaders of particular organisations were students against workers.
- Those organisations deliberately ignored the reality that the liberation struggle would be won by the working class.
- It was usually a few people in certain political organisations who imposed their will on the majority after taking decisions alone.

The meeting decided to drop from the agenda an item on wage negotiations with Eastern Cape managements because the pay increases which they failed to get today could always be negotiated and secured tomorrrow, but the lives of their brothers and sisters could not.

For three hours the meeting discussed the role of political organisations.

Two resolutions were unanimously adopted and will be carried out immediately.

The first was that the Federation of South African Trade Unions should hold rallies in the Uitenhage townships of Lange, kwaNobuhle and Rosedale and invite organisations such as the United Democratic Front and the Congress of South African Students to publicly sort out differences and spell out their standpoints to the community.

The first rally will be held in kwaNobuhle on Sunday.

The second resolution was that pamphlets should be printed in Xhosa, English and Afrikaans clearly explaining the role the workers had played during and after the tragedy at Langa.

The pamphlets will be distributed all over Uitenhage.

The meeting heard that the Federation of South African Trade Unions had collected money for the bereaved families but it had been refused by organisations handling the funeral arrangements.

"When we decided to take it ourselves to the families we found that many needed it desperately," said Mr John Gomomo, vice-president of the National Automobile and Allied Workers Union.

"It is such things which we will tell the public at our rallies."

Sad plight of police families

Post 275 18/4/85

By SHIRLEY PRESSLY

BLACK policemen and their families in the troubled Eastern Cape townships are paying a bitter price for the conflict in which they find themselves.

They are now outcasts from their communities — rejected by the people they once served — while their husbands continue to serve their communities as part of their daily task of maintaining law and order.

Wives of black policemen and their children are making big sacrifices so that their husbands and fathers can continue their careers.

But when asked whether they had considered asking their menfolk to resign from the police force, one women replied on behalf of the others who nodded their heads in agreement

"It is not a job. You can't just resign. It is a committal. Who will maintain law and order if our menfolk resign en masse?"

Said another wryly: "It would not help, anyway. We've been branded already. We believe in God and we believe we're doing the right thing, although times are hard right now."

In Uitenhage this week I spoke to the wives of black policemen who are living in a commune in a building in the town. More than 100 people are living there in conditions vastly different from the homes in which they lived previously.

For security reasons the location and nature of the building is not identified, although the police wives say that the troublemakers in the townships know where they are taking refuge.

These women live like virtual recluses — cut off from the vibrant community in which they once lived and its social activities.

They dare not even go to church, and hold inter-denominational church services in their temporary quarters.

"Even our ministers do not come and visit us here," said one woman.

Many previously took an active part in community life.

30 SAP have lost homes in U'hage

Post Reporter

THIRTY policemen and police reservists have had their homes gutted in Uitenhage, according to the police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen.

In Kirkwood six homes occupied by policemen and their families have been destroyed by fire.

Two black policemen are still in hospital after being attacked in the townships.

A policeman was attacked in Kwanobuhle in March and is still in hospital.

In Port Elizabeth there are two families living in tents. Others are living with families outside town and commuting daily.

He said police reservists were also affected.

A policeman from Fort Beaufort, who is boarding with a family in a Port Elizabeth township, was badly assaulted when he tried to protect the house where he was staying.

In Kirkwood a family is living in a garage at the back of the police station.

Colonel Van Rooyen confirmed that an offduty policeman was badly beaten up in Motherwell on Monday. He is still in a critical condition

The police chaplain of the Eastern Cape, Colonel F J Mostert, is the chairman of a committee which has been established to re-house and assist the police families

He can be contacted at ☎ 547676.



They were left with the clothes they were wearing but realise they are lucky to be alive.

The women said the terror campaign against the throughout the house and then set it alight.

"Everything went up," she said. "Fortunately I was not at home."

Members of the families of policemen are living a

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Inquiry told of ambulance wait

UITENHAGE. — Ambulances called to the scene of the Uitenhage shooting waited between five and 10 minutes on the outskirts of Langa township for a police escort, the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry heard here yesterday.

Mr P D Lombard, who was in charge of the seven ambulances sent to the scene, said they had asked for a police escort to meet them at the corner of Maduna and Cannon Road.

"We don't go into dangerous areas without an escort," he told Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer.

Asked about allegations that police had hindered the ambulancemen's work, Mr Lombard said there had been no SAP interference.

The police had removed the corpses while ambulance teams applied first-aid to the injured and took them to hospital.

Mr Lombard said the ambulance service had received a request from the police at 9.40am on March 21 to send as many ambulances as possible to Maduna Road.

They had arrived at the township six minutes later and waited for five to 10 minutes before being escorted in by two or three police vehicles, which he assumed were Land-Rovers.

Two Casspirs

Cross-examined by Mr Peter Gastrow, for the Progressive Federal Party, Mr Lombard said he had seen two Casspirs, two police Land-Rovers and a sneeze machine when he arrived at the scene.

He had not noticed a troop carrier but his attention had been focused on the injured, he said.

Mr Lombard said he had seen another Casspir on the Langa side of Maduna Road after treating the wounded.

Mr Chris Nicholson, for the families of some of the deceased, will cross-examine Mr Lombard later after going through ambulance registers.

Yesterday Mr Chris Jansen, SC, for the Minister of Law and Order, called a police witness to give evidence in connection with a statement taken from a previous witness who testified that he had been shot while riding a bicycle on Maduna Road on the day of the incident.

Youth

Captain Izak du Plessis said the statement had been taken in connection with a charge of public violence against the 15-year-old youth, who was arrested in hospital where he was being treated for wounds received during the shooting.

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Medical evidence will be led today on the disputed post-mortem findings. — Sapa

17 out of 20 shot in back

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By SHIRLEY PRESSLY

UITENHAGE — Seventeen of the 20 people shot dead by police on March 21 in Langa had gunshot wounds in the back parts of their bodies.

This was disclosed in official police post-mortem reports handed to the Kannemeyer Commission today.

The official number of those shot dead is 20, according to the reports, and not 19 as previously reported.

Of the 20 people, 17 had shotgun wounds and three suffered bullet wounds. Four of the people hit by shotgun rounds had multiple pellet injuries.

Twenty-five people were also injured when police opened fire on a crowd in Maduna Road, according to a list handed to the commission.

The gunshot wounds in the back parts of the 17 bodies — the back of their heads, in their backs, loins or the back of their legs — were not necessarily the only wounds and were also not necessarily the fatal wounds.

Nine of those killed had gunshot wounds in the head listed on the reports as the sole cause of death. Two more had head wounds as one of several injuries which caused death.

Fifteen of the dead were 20 years old and younger, the youngest a girl of 11 years. Fifteen men and boys were killed and five young women and girls.

The names, ages, cause of death and date of death (in brackets) of the 20 people are:

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Master Mlamli Makinana, 13, shotgun wound of the brain (March 21); Mr Kenneth Thobekine Mahuwa, 22, shotgun pellet wound of the brain (March 21); Master Zonele Sidwell Majikana, 17, gunshot wound of the brain (March 23).

Unidentified black man, 20, shotgun pellet wound of the brain (March 24); Master Gladwell Plaatjies, 16, multiple buckshot firearm injuries involving rupture of mesentry blood vessels and bladder (March 26).

The post-mortems were performed by Dr Ivor Ralph Lang, Dr Benjamin Tucker, Dr Willem Eduard Verschuur and Dr Wendy Pauline Orr.

The reports were handed in by Mr Chris Nel, commission officer appearing for those not represented by legal counsel.

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RAND DAILY MAIL, Thursday, April 18, 1985

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Medical evidence will be led today on any disputed post mortem findings.

Counsel spent the morning going through the reports after a short session in which the chairman of the one-man commission, Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer, explained the delay to the public.

He said considerable time could be saved by not calling medical witnesses in respect of all the post mortem findings.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer said counsel had asked for time to discuss the reports to see if agreement could be reached.

"It will be appreciated that if medical evidence has to be led in respect of each report, several days may be consumed to no real bearing on the matter."

The judge said counsel would be ready by lunchtime today to hand in the post mortems and to lead further evidence.

He apologised to the public for not informing them of the delay on Tuesday, but said yesterday morning's consultations would save considerable time in the future.

Yesterday afternoon Mr Chris Jansen, SC, for the Minister of Law and Order, called a police witness to give evidence in connection with a statement taken from a previous witness who testified that he had been shot while riding a bicycle on Maduna Road on the day of the incident.

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The hearing continues today. — Sapa.

CAPE TIMES 18/4/85

Taxi owners blamed for riots

THE police are investigating information received that pirate taxi owners have had a hand in the "terror campaign against Port Elizabeth Tramways in that they are inciting attacks on buses".

This was disclosed yesterday by a spokesman for the Commissioner of Police, General Johan Coetzee, in an exclusive interview with the Eastern Province Herald.

The statement comes after 39 alleged operators of private taxis were arrested at a road-block in Port Elizabeth.

The 39 will appear in court this morning after having been refused bail by the public prosecutor at New Brighton.

The road-block came under heavy fire from the MP for Port Elizabeth Central, Mr John Malcomess, in the House of Assembly yesterday. He said he had never seen "a more blatant example of ham-handed and crass stupidity".

He said it was in the interests of everyone that the tense situation in the E Cape townships not be made worse.

In response to a plea by Mr Malcomess that a blind eye be turned to the running of illegal taxis in times of unrest when bus services were not operating in the townships, the Minister of Transport, Mr Hendrik Schoeman, said he had a responsibility to protect the owners of legal taxis and the bus services.

Reacting to Mr Malcomess's speech, the police spokesman said the never-ending attacks on the buses which made it impossible for them to enter the townships meant business for the pirate taxis. — Political Staff and Sapa

Widow collapses in 'police attack'

CAPE TIMES 18/4/85

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — A 73-year-old New Brighton widow suffering from arthritis was assaulted by 12 policemen and a member of the Defence Force who broke into the house and baton-charged her while she was lying sick in her bedroom, the woman's son alleges.

Her two granddaughters also received minor injuries during the incident, which allegedly took place on Monday about 6.30pm.

Mrs Florence Duru, mother of film actor and chairman of the Eastern Cape Tavern Association Mr Welcome Duru, was admitted to Livingstone Hospital in Port ELizabeth after she had collapsed during the alleged assault.

Mr Duru reported the matter to the Eastern Cape police liaison officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen.

A police spokesman said a complaint had been made that Mrs Duru was assaulted by a policeman, but not by several policemen and a member of the Defence Force.

He said the matter was being investigated.

27 in court after unrest near Dundee

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African Affairs Reporter

DUNDEE—Twenty-seven people appeared in the Glencoe Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with unrest at Thembalihle township this week.

No charges were put to them and they were remanded in custody until April 26.

Meanwhile, police and the SADF were keeping a close watch on the township yesterday.

Tear-gas was used at the weekend when youths ran amok and destroyed property in the township.

A member of the SADF was slightly injured when he was hit by a stone on Saturday.

Councillor W K Langa said the mob attacked the Natalia Development Board offices and then marched to the local beer hall which they stoned and looted.

Police were also keeping a close watch on the Sibongile township near Dundee.

Residents said they were against the R1 increase imposed by the Natalia board.

Earlier this month residents had been intimidated by strangers into not paying rent.

Mr Langa said he had received anonymous telephone queries about the rent increases. He said the callers were at liberty to speak to him personally to get a full explanation, but they had not done so.

News Flash

SOWETO took a violent turn last night when about 500 people, mostly youths, went on the rampage, damaging property belonging to former mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala. Sowetan 18/4/85

According to Lieutenant T J Jefferson of the Police Public Relations unit, police estimated damage at R100 000 but the figure could not be taken as exact. (246)

The property attacked included Eyethu Cinema, Tshabalala's restaurant in Soweto, the dry cleaning shop and the grocery shop in Mofolo. Late last night his garage and house were guarded by members of the SAP and a Casspir vehicle was at the garage.

Attempts to burn the dry cleaning factory and restaurant failed. Two buses were also attacked, with one burnt out completely. A company vehicle was also attacked. This is the first violent action in Soweto for a long time.

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EVERYBODY'S DANCIN'

Petrol bomb destroys store

By Jon Qwelane'

UITENHAGE — A firm on the edge of the town was petrol-bombed early today. This is the first time that the white community has been directly affected by the unrest in the area.

Early morning commuters were startled to see Savemore Wholesale at the corner of Gibbon and Caledon Streets had been gutted.

The outlet is only a few hundred metres away from the coloured township of Blekkiesdorp, where looting and arson have been going on for the last three days. At lunchtime today policemen in unmarked vehicles were still patrolling the troubled area.

A beer depot not far away was also gutted before lunch today.

EYEVIEW

The scene of today's unrest is within eyeview of the home of the Rev Alan Hendrikse, Cabinet Minister without portfolio, and Blekkiesdorp is part of his constituency.

The owners of the burnt wholesale firm could not be found for comment but a number of men in civilian clothes were seen sifting throughthe ashes, apparantly for clues.

Sporadic incidents of arson are still taking place in Uitenhage townships with mobs attacking mainly delivery vehicles.

Police today confirmed that wholesale shop was burnt down after petrol bombs were thrown at it. They denied any knowledge of the Blekkiesdorp beer depot incident.

Crossroads man tells court of death threat

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Staff Reporter

A MEMBER of the New Crossroads Community Council told Wynberg Regional Court that he had been chosen by "about 10" to be a member of the council.

Mr Laudus Nkonya was giving evidence yesterday in the trial of Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, 42, Miss Elsie Mlchumbuze, 41, Mr Themba Mpetha, 27, Mr David Bengo, 42, Miss Nozibele Lufele, 28, Mr Roseberry Sonto, 31, and Miss Thozama Nomsa Bevu, 20,, who have pleaded not guilty to public violence, alternatively incitement to public violence.

ASSAULTED AND KILLED

Mr Nkonya said he had been asked at a meeting on January 16 if he was a member of the council. When he said he was, people had said that he had to be assaulted and killed, but Miss Mlchumbuze and Mr Bengo stopped them.

They said that that he had signed assent for rent increases.

A 16-year-old girl told the court she had seen a about 300 people carrying stones moving towards Mr Nkonya's house on January 21. Mr Mpetha and Miss Lufele were in the crowd.

They stoned the house and broke the windows.

Mr I Swartzberg, for Mr Ngxobongwana, Miss Mkhumbuzi and Mr Bengo, argued that a 90-day restriction on bail for his clients, in terms of section 61 of the Criminal Procedure Act, was invalid because there had been no application for bail before the section had been applied.

The magistrate, Mr A J Burger, will give judgement on this point today.

Mr J van Vuuren appears for the State. Mr B Lutzno appears for Mr Mpetha. Mr M Parker appears for Miss Lufele, Mr Sonto and Miss Bevu.

CAPE TIMES 18/4/85

Man shot dead as patrol is stoned

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — Two deaths were reported as unrest continued in townships in the Eastern Cape yesterday.

According to a police spokesman in Pretoria, a 22-year-old man was fatally wounded when members of the Defence Force opened fire on a group of more than 800 people who stoned an army patrol in Langa.

He said tearsmoke was used at first in an attempt to disperse the group after the four-vehicle patrol was attacked. When the crowd failed to disperse, several rifle shots were fired and a 22-year-old man was fatally wounded, he said.

The body of a 26-year-old man was discovered by his father next to a heap of smouldering tyres at Kirkwood yesterday. The cause of death was not known and police were investigating, said the spokesman.

Also at Langa yesterday, tearsmoke was used to disperse crowds of people who stoned police vehicles and a delivery vehicle was set alight and its driver robbed of about R800.

In Rosedale, near Uitenhage, a bus, a construction vehicle and a traffic officer's car were petrol bombed and set alight yesterday.

According to the police spokesman a Rosedale school, the Jabilia Park Primary School, was also petrol-bombed and police who intervened used pistol fire to disperse crowds. No injuries were reported and no arrests were made.

At Tinus township, Fort Beaufort, a policeman was slightly injured when a group of youths stoned a police patrol.

In Soweto, Johannesburg, hundreds of youths attacked businesses belonging to the former mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephriam "E.T" Tshabalala, causing extensive damage. A truck in Dube was stoned and looted.

Police said there were no reported injuries or arrests yet.

Incidents of unrest were also reported from Alexandra, where four youths were arrested after attacking a high school, and Sebokeng, where police used tearsmoke to disperse a group stoning vehicles.

Police use tearsmoke as unrest and rioting goes on

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PRETORIA. — Police used tearsmoke and rubber bullets in unrest in two black townships last night as rioting continued in the Eastern Cape and flared in Soweto, where five businesses belonging to a former mayor were extensively damaged, police said today.

A white motorcyclist near the Port Elizabeth township of Addo escaped five attackers who set fire to his motorcycle.

In Soweto about 150 youths marched from Orlando Stadium to a local business centre where they looted three stores, a restaurant and a cinema belonging to Mr Ephraim Tshabalala.

The same mob set fire to a bus and later, in White City, stoned another bus which careened into a private home.

Stones thrown

Police in the Eastern Cape reported incidents of unrest from at least eight black and coloured townships. In New Brighton two schoolrooms were set on fire, and a hall in Kirkwood was burnt out.

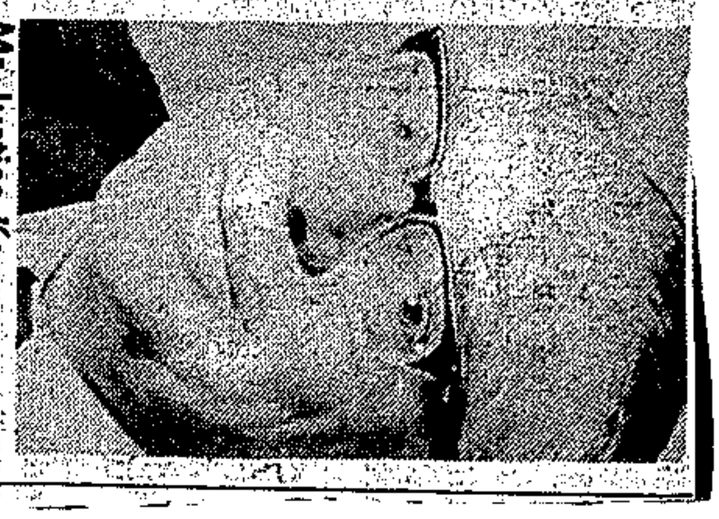
In Veeplaas a policeman fired at a group attacking his house and police in Kwanobuhle fired tearsmoke to disperse an illegal gathering.

Four incidents of stone-throwing at vehicles and stores were reported from the Springs township of Kwathema. No police action was taken. — Sapa.

Commission hears that nine of victims were 16 or under

Uitenhage: 17 were shot in the back

Mr Justice Kannemeyer ... to hear medical evidence



Seventeen of the 20 people who died in the Uitenhage shooting suffered wounds in the back of their bodies and nine of them were 16 or under, according to post mortem findings handed in as evidence before the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry today.

Of the 20 people 17 had shotgun wounds and three had bullet wounds. Four of those hit by shotgun rounds suffered multiple pellet injuries.

Ten of the 20 had brain wounds. The post mortems were conducted by Dr Ivor Prinsloo, Dr Ralph Lang, Dr Benjamin Tucker, Dr Willem Eduard Verschuur and Dr Wendy Pauline Orr.

Uitenhage

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According to the post mortems, nine of the dead were 16 or younger, including an 11-year-old girl, two 15 year olds, a 14 year old and a 13 year old.

There were five dead aged 17, 18 or 19, four in their 20s and one 50 year old.

Miss Fundiswa Wambi (11) had a single shotgun wound that penetrated the lung, liver, stomach and spleen.

A 16 year old, Sonwabo Kama, was hit by a single bullet that penetrated the aorta.

Multiple pellet wounds to the brain, lung and pulmonary artery were suffered by Miss Nombulelo Plaatjie (17).

Handing in the post mortem reports Mr Chris Nel, from the Eastern Cape Attorney-General's office, said medical evidence would be led in respect of some of the findings.

An ambulance official admitted today that there was a 20-minute difference between the time he said ambulances had arrived at the scene of the Uitenhage shootings, and the time recorded in an official log book.

Mr P D Lombard, of the Uitenhage Divisional Ambulance Service, conceded under cross-examination by Mr Chris Nicholson, appearing for the deceased, that a delay could have been fatal for the wounded.

Dr Lang said bleeding in the lung would probably have resulted from the wound to the back of the chest or the side.

Cross-examined by Mr Paul Avenant, for the Minister of Law and Order, Dr Lang agreed that bleeding in the pleural cavity indicated that the man had not died immediately.

Gunshot wounds in the back parts of the 17 bodies were not necessarily the fatal or only wounds.

Cross-examined by Mr Nicholson, Dr Lang said the direction of fire of the pellets that caused the wounds could have been from the front or from behind — or from both. — Sapa.

Dead named

The dead and their injuries were:

Mr Buvile Patrick Pietana (23), multiple pellet injuries to the heart and lung; Vuyo Fumbata (14), shotgun pellet wounds to the back of the brain and lung; Mr Buyile Gladstone Blouw (26), shotgun wound from the back through the lung; Sonwabo Kama (16), bullet wound through the aorta; Mr Pakamile Solomon (50), shotgun wound from the back in the spine; Eric Windvoel (16), multiple buckshot wounds through the lungs and heart; Mgcineni Vusani (19), shotgun wound through inferior vena cava; Gugulethu Govu (18), shotgun wound to back of brain; Aubrey Nobathna (15), shotgun wound to back of brain; Aaron Matambo (15), shotgun wound to back of brain; Lindelwa Ntshininda (16), shotgun wound to back of brain; Nombulelo Plaatjie (17), multiple pellet wounds to back of brain, one lung, and pulmonary artery; Fundiswa Wambi (11), single shotgun wound through lung, liver, stomach and spleen; an unidentified black woman, bullet wound in spinal cord; Maye Vena, pellet wound to brain; Mlamli Makinana (13), pellet wound to brain; Mr Kenneth Thobekile Mahuwa (22), pellet wound to brain; Zonele Sidwell Majikana (17), gunshot wound in back of brain; unidentified black man (20), pellet wound to brain; Gladwell Plaatjies (16), multiple buckshot wounds. — Sapa.

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17 Langa dead had wounds in back of body

From DALE LAUTENBACH, Staff Reporter

UITENHAGE. — Seventeen of the 20 people shot dead by police in Langa on March 21 had gunshot wounds in the back, the back of the head, or the back of the legs.

This is disclosed in police post-mortem reports handed to the Kannemeyer Commission today by the commission officer, Mr Chris Nel, who appears for victims' families not represented by counsel.

The official number of those shot dead — 19 until now — is 20 according to the reports.

YOUNGEST VICTIM WAS GIRL AGED 11

Twenty-five were injured when police opened fire on the crowd in Maduna Road, according to another list handed to the commission.

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List of 20 dead and their injuries

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The post-mortem examinations were performed by Dr Ivor Ralph Lang, Dr Benjamin Tucker, Dr Willem Eduard Verschuur and Dr Wendy Pauline Orr. Doctors Lang and Tucker treated black consciousness leader Mr Steve Biko shortly before his death in detention in 1977.

Dr Lang told the commission today that gunfire which killed Mr Pitana (first on the list) could have come from the back, front or side.

The doctor was being cross-examined by Mr Chris Nicholson, appearing for relatives of some of the 20 people shot dead by police.

Dr Lang said he was "adding to the possibilities" of the conclusion reached by a private pathologist, a Dr Botha, whose report referred to by Mr Nicholson said the fatal gunfire came from the back.

DEATH "PROBABLY NOT IMMEDIATE"

Mr Pitana died, according to the post-mortem report, of multiple firearm pellet injuries to the heart and left lung.

Dr Lang said it was difficult to estimate how soon after the gunfire Mr Pitana had died, but he conceded that the volume of blood in the lung cavity indicated that death had not been instantaneous.

Mr Pitana might have died between 10 and 15 minutes after receiving the injury, said Dr Lang.

Asked by Mr Nicholson whether a man in Mr Pitana's condition could have run 20-metres, Dr Lang said he could have run but refused to estimate how far.

A pellet found in Mr Pitana's brain might also have caused death, but the immediate cause of death was the heart and lung injuries.

Am ambulance officer told the commission that evidence of a 20 minute delay in ambulances reaching the scene could have been fatal for some of those injured.

Exhibits before the court, a "major incident occurence" book and a control room register, both of which recorded ambulance movements on March 21, disclosed a discrepancy of about 20 minutes in recorded times the ambulances arrived.

The "incident occurence" book recorded the ambulances reaching the injured at 9.58am after an intitial call was received at 9.40am from the police.

The control room register logged four ambulances arriving between 10.10am and 10.20am.

Ambulance officer Mr Daniel Lombard could not explain the discrepancy to the commission.

Cross-examined by Mr Peter Gastrow for the PFP delegation, Mr Lombard could not explain why his records of that day give a total of 53 people dead or injured while the official post-mortem reports handed to the commission today list 20 dead and 25 injured.

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seen the child at the hospital, one had seen it at the scene of the shooting and that another had seen the body being taken away from the hospital.

On April 17 the ambulancemen were again called to the SAP charge office at Uitenhage.

They were asked by a Captain Goosen to make statements if they had seen any irregularities at the shooting site, as it had been alleged that police had thrown stones among the dead and injured at the site and had kicked people.

Mr Berry said he had told the captain he had seen irregularities.

"Before I gave the statement Mr Barnard said that any ambulanceman who saw anything other than his patient is not worthy of being called an ambulanceman.

"Maybe it wasn't meant in that way, but I regarded it as a threat.

"As a result I said to Captain Goosen, 'Write the statement the way you want to'."

Mr Berry said the captain had written down the statement based on questions to which the ambulanceman replied "yes" or "no".

Afterwards Mr Berry had asked Captain Goosen what would happen if he had to appear before the Commission. He was worried that his statement would be discredited in the same way he believed police statements had been.

Captain Goosen had said: "I should just stick to my story".

"I signed the statement against my better wishes because then if I was fired I would know why," Mr Berry said.

Earlier he told the Commission that when he had arrived at the scene of the shooting the first body he had noticed was that of a black man lying on the tar with a stone in his hand.

"Later it struck me that this was unusual because if he had fallen on his back the stone would also have fallen."

Mr Berry said he had later been distracted from attending to one of the injured when he heard a Constable Billy Ruiters say in Afrikaans: "Yes, you kaffirs. You want to be hard-headed (hardkoppig), look how the boers have shot you (Kyk hoe skiet die boere julle)."

Mr Berry will be cross-examined by counsel for the police on Monday. The counsel, Mr Chris Jansen SC, said Mr Berry had made a number of new allegations and he would need time to take instruction from his clients. — Sapa.

An ambulanceman told the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry today he had found the bodies of a two-year-old child and three other people, one of whom was still alive, in a hospital sluice room after the Uitenhage shooting.

Uitenhage: 23 are said to be missing

UITENHAGE — The Progressive Federal Party MPC for Walmer, Mrs Molly Blackburn, today undertook to supply the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry on Monday with information on 23 people allegedly unaccounted for after the Uitenhage shootings.

She said community leaders maintained that up to 43 people had died in the incident and not 20 as recorded in official statistics.

The Uitenhage Parents' Committee chairman, a Mr Bandla, was visiting families involved and had said he would have a list of people unaccounted for by Monday.

Mrs Blackburn undertook to arrange for Mr Bandla's list to be submitted to the commission on Monday. She did not know if all of the cases were related to the shootings.

Mrs Blackburn was also questioned by Mr Jansen on a statement she had made and which was published in a University of Cape Town Students' Representative Council pamphlet.

She agreed she had said in the statement that the official version of the shootings was a "gross misrepresentation of the truth".

Mrs Blackburn said she had given the interview "presumably very shortly after the incident".

She said this information had been obtained from affidavits and she would have no difficulty handing in the names of the people who had submitted the affidavits, if council representing the families of the deceased had no objection. — Sapa.

Later he had discovered that colleagues had seen the child at the scene of the shooting and had also witnessed it being brought to the Uitenhage Provincial Hospital by police and afterwards being removed.

Mr Joseph Berry (36) said he had not included this information in a statement he made to police because of what he perceived as threats to his job from his superior, a Mr Barnard.

Mr Berry said he had gone to wash his hands after helping with the wounded at the Uitenhage Provincial Hospital.

Bloodstains

"When I came into the sluice room I saw five bodies lying there, including a child of about two years old.

"Judging from the bloodstains I concluded that they were shooting cases.

"I noticed one person was still alive."

Berry said he had turned round and seen Dr Isaac Viljoen standing in the door.

He had asked Dr Viljoen about the person who was still alive, and the doctor had replied that the person had sustained brain damage and would also die.

Mr Berry told the Commission that about a week ago he and several other ambulancemen had been told to go to the Uitenhage Police Station.

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They were asked by a captain whether they knew anything about a child at the shootings.

"I said yes, that I had seen a child in the sluice room. Eric Shultz said he also knew about a child and that he had seen the police loading it off at the hospital."

The ambulancemen had not made a statement at that stage and had discussed the matter among themselves.

They had discovered that two of them had

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Ambulanceman tells of bodies in hospital sluiceroom

Toddler killed at Uitenhage — eyewitness

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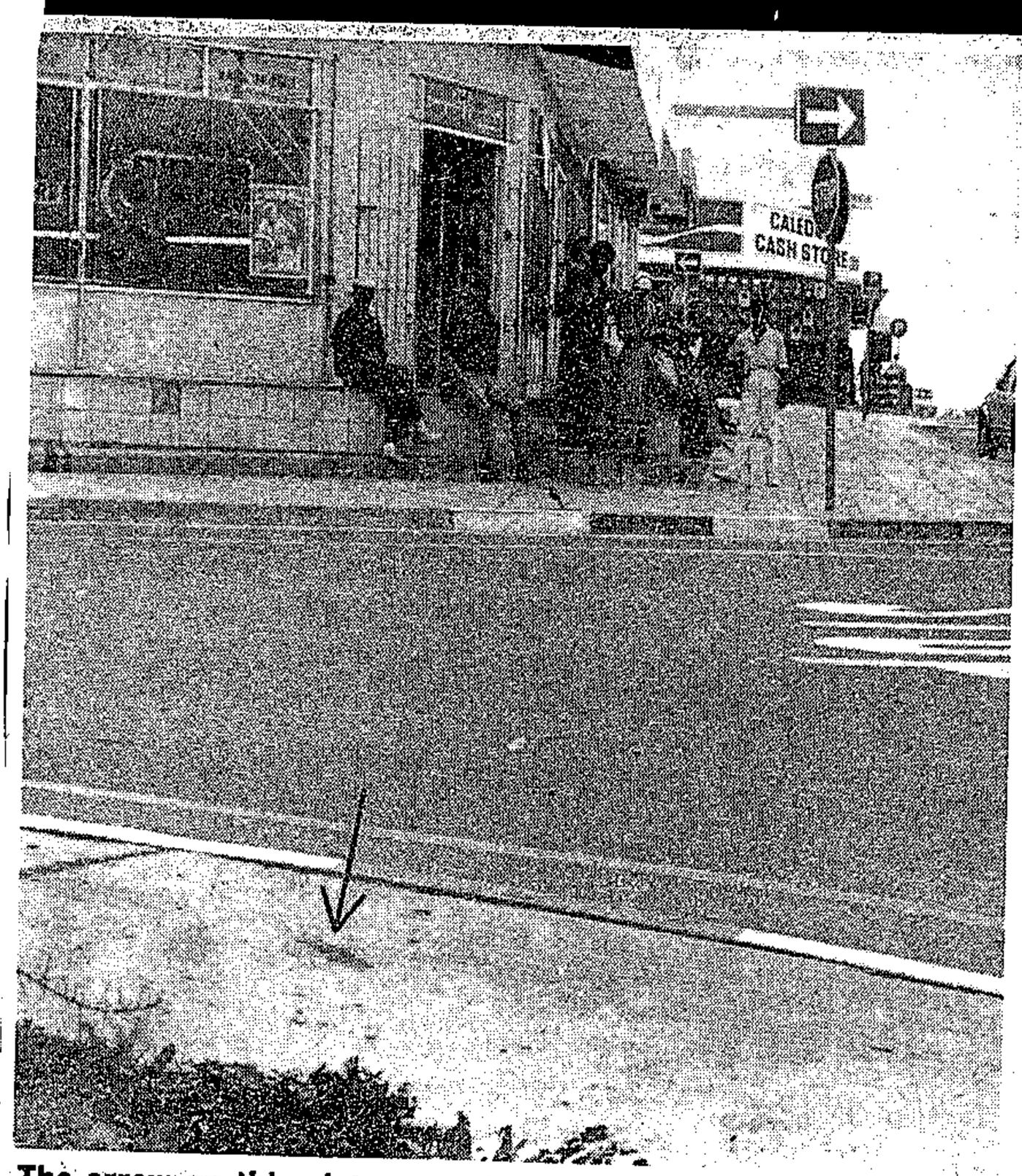

The arrow on this picture marks where Mr Erasmus Jacobs was found after the human torch incident which took place on the corner of Caledon and Middle streets, Uitenhage. Across the road is the cafe where he went to buy bread. Pictures by Evert Smith



Mr KAREL VAN DER MESCHT stands next to the car from which his companion, Mr Erasmus Jacobs, 18, was dragged and set alight by a mob in Uitenhage yesterday.

Horror assault in U'hage

By CHARLENE CLAYTON and JANE CONYNGHAM

A STOP at a roadside cafe to buy bread had horrific consequences for an 18-year-old apprentice motor mechanic who was assaulted, covered with petrol and set alight while his friend was in the cafe.

The incident took place at the corner of Caledon and Middle streets in Uitenhage at 5.40pm yesterday.

Mr Erasmus Jacobs, of Vanderbijlpark, and Mr Karel van der Mescht, of 34 John Street, Uitenhage, gave Mr Van der Mescht's gardener a lift home and then stopped at a roadside cafe to buy bread.

Mr Van der Mescht told the Evening Post today that when he came out from the cafe four minutes later he saw Mr Jacobs lying on the sidewalk burning.

He was surrounded by a mob of more than 30 screaming people a short distance away from the car.

When Mr Van der Mescht wanted to help his friend, Mr Jacobs shouted: "Go away, you can't help — there are too many of them!"

The mob then turned on Mr Van der Mescht, who was forced to flee in his car, which was damaged by bricks as he was driving off.



Mr ERASMUS JACOBS

Mr Van der Mescht said he went to fetch his friends and to contact the army.

When he returned 10 minutes later, Mr Jacobs was surrounded by an SA Defence Force patrol, who took him to hospital in a critical condition.

A shopkeeper in the area, who does not want to be named, said he ran out of his shop when he heard screaming.

"The chap was sitting with his eyes closed. He was screaming a lot and blood was running down his head. I saw his skin blistering."

He said he then saw policemen from a Caspir parked nearby smother the flames.

Mr Jacobs had been in Uitenhage for a month and had been staying with Mr Van der Mescht while looking for a job. He was to have started a temporary job at a garage today.

Mr Jacobs was taken to the Uitenhage Provincial Hospital and later transferred to the PE Provincial Hospital, where he is in a critical condition.

He has second degree burns over at least 80% of his body, including his face, neck, chest, back and buttocks.

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Uitenhage victims: 17 shot in the back

UITENHAGE. — Seventeen of the 20 people who died in the Uitenhage shootings sustained wounds in the back of their bodies, according to post mortem findings handed in as evidence before the Kannemeyer commission of inquiry yesterday.

And an ambulance official admitted to the commission that there was a 20-minute difference between the time he said ambulances had arrived at the scene of the Uitenhage shootings, and the time recorded in an official log book.

Mr P D Lombard, of the Uitenhage Divisional Ambulance Service, conceded under cross-examination that such a delay could have been fatal for some of those wounded in the shootings.

Cross-examined by Mr Chris Nicholson, appearing for the families of some of the deceased, Mr Lombard agreed that he had said in an affidavit that ambulances called to the scene had been met by a police escort at 9.55am on March 21.

He had testified that it would have taken about four to five minutes to get from the rendezvous to the scene of the incident in Langa township.

Mr Nicholson put it to him that an offical control book kept at the ambulance headquarters showed that ambulances had arrived at the scene between 10.10 am and 10.20 am.

Asked to explain the 10 to 20-minute discrepancy, Mr Lombard said: "That I can't answer."

He agreed with the chairman of the commission, Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer, that five or 10 minutes could be vital in saving a life.

He said he had not seen the dead been taken away but assumed the police had done so. He did not know whether the doctor called to the scene, Dr Gerrit Ettiene Nel, had filled out death certificates at the

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scene.

Cross-examined by Mr Peter Gastrow, for the Progressive Federal Party, Mr Lombard said he could not explain why statistics showed 53 dead and injured were transported by police and ambulances when only 45 people were listed in post mortem and injury reports.

After tea, a Port Elizabeth district surgeon, Dr Ivor Ralph Lang, was called by Mr Chris Nel, of the Eastern Cape Attorney General's Office, to give evidence in connection with a post mortem he conducted on one of the deceased, Mr Buvile Patrick Pitana, 23.

Dr Lang said he had established the main cause of death as being multiple shotgun pellet injuries involving the left lung and heart.

There were pellet wounds in the left shoulder, chest, the side of the head, the back left shoulder, back of the chest, and back and front of the left upper arm.

Cross-examined by Mr Paul Avenant, for the Minister of Law and Order, Dr Lang agreed that bleeding in the pleural cavity indicated that the man had not died immediately.

The wounds to the back and front of the body could be indicative of more than one shot or could have been caused by the rotation of the body, Dr Lang said.

Cross-examined by Mr Nicholson, Dr Lang said the direction of fire of the pellets that caused the wounds could have been from the front or from behind or from both.

Handing in the post mortem reports, Mr Chris Nel, from the Eastern Cape Attorney-General's Office, said medical evidence would be led in respect of some of the findings.

The deceased and their injuries were:

Buvile Patrick Pietana, 23 (multiple pellet injuries to the heart and lung); Vuyo Fumbatai, 14 (shotgun pellet wounds to the back of the brain and lung); Buvile Gladstone Blouw, 26 (shotgun wound from the back through the lung); Sonwabo Kama, 16 (bullet wound through the aorta).

Pakamile Solomon, 50 (shotgun wound from the back in the spine); Eric Windvoel, 16 (multiple buckshot wounds through the lungs and heart); Mgcineni Vusani, 19 (shotgun wound through inferior vena cava); Gugulethu Govu, 18 (shotgun wound to back of brain).

Aubrey Nobathna, 15 (shotgun wound to back of brain); Aaron Matambo, 15 (shotgun wound to back of brain); Lindelwa Ntshinda, 16 (shotgun wound to back of brain); Nombulelo Plaatjie, 17 (multiple pellet wounds to back of brain, one lung, and pulmonary artery).

Fundiswa Vambi, 11 (single shotgun wound through lung, liver, stomach and spleen); an unidentified black woman (bullet wound in spinal cord); Maye Vena, (pellet wound to brain); Mlamli Makinana, 13 (pellet wound to brain); Kenneth Thobekile Mahuwa, 22 (pellet wound to brain).

Zonele Sidwell Majikana, 17 (gunshot wound in back of brain); unidentified black man, 20 (pellet wound to brain); Gladwell Plaatjies, (16) (multiple buckshot wounds).

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Two killed as unrest continues

Mail Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — Two people were killed as incidents of unrest in black townships in the Eastern Cape, the Witwatersrand and in other parts of the country continued yesterday.

A spokesman for the Police Directorate in Pretoria said yesterday that two people died in Langa, near Uitenhage.

He said a 22-year-old man was killed when police opened fire on more than 300 people who attacked a police vehicle.

He said teargas had failed to disperse the mob.

The body of a 26-year-old man was found near a heap of burning tyres, but the cause of death was not known, the spokesman said.

Sapa reports that a white man was pulled from his car, doused in petrol and set alight last night in a white area in Uitenhage.

He was admitted to a Port Elizabeth hospital in a serious condition.

The spokesman said a group of arsonists hurled petrol bombs at a shop at Uithenhage on Tuesday

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2 die in East Cape unrest

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night, causing extensive damage.

A white motorcyclist near Addo, 35km north of Port Elizabeth, escaped five attackers who set fire to his motorbike, the spokesman said.

On the Witwatersrand, sporadic incidents of violence occurred in townships.

In Orlando, about 150 youths marched to a local business centre on Wednesday, where they attacked and looted three stores, a restaurant and a cinema.

In another incident, a youth was shot and wounded when he tried to rob an Indian man.

At Bophelong on the West Rand, a mob of 200 rioters plundered a beerhall on Thursday night.

Administration board guards fired shots at the crowd, wounding a woman and a man.

Funerals: UDF, Azapo rift widens

UITENHAGE. — The cold war between the the Azanian People's Organisation and the United Democratic Front reached a nasty level at the weekend during the joint funerals here of victims of recent unrest.

The mass funeral was dominated by the UDF and its affiliates and at the entrances of the kwaNobuhle Sports Stadium where the service was held, youths wearing T-shirts with motifs backing the UDF, ordered Azapo and National Forum supporters to remove their shirts — or leave the service.

Azapo and the National Forum espouse the Black Consciousness philosophy, which advocates black exclusivism and is at crossroads with the UDF policy of political co-operation between blacks and whites.

This week the Uitenhage branch executive committee of Azapo said it strongly condemned the actions of the UDF against its members at the funerals, and said the matter did not develop into fighting between the two groups because "our comrades were there to pay our last respects to those who were killed by the white racist police".

"Azapo views this in a very serious light, and we shall never allow a section of the community to ban us. Azapo has got a right to exist in Uitenhage. After this incident we are left wondering who our enemy is — the white racist regime or a section of our community," the committee said.

It said its members had always been in contact with the bereaved families since the shootings of March 21, and had given them material support.

MESSAGE

At the service a message sent by Azapo's national president, Mr. Ishmael Mkhabela, was not read.

Tensions between the two organisations became critical during the recent visit to South Africa by United States Senator Edward Kennedy. The UDF, while not officially declining to endorse the visit, allowed its affiliate to participate while Azapo demonstrated against the senator.

A few days later affiliates of the two organisations were involved in a bloody fight in Tembisa in which several people were seriously injured.

The Uitenhage leadership of the UDF could not be reached for comment today.

SADF shooting: State wants details

Rand Daily Mail 19/4/85 (275)

By DAVID BRAUN
Political Staff

THE deputy Minister of Defence, Mr Adriaan Vlok, today called for details of the incident in the Eastern Cape in which a Defence Force patrol opened fire on a crowd of rioting blacks.

In Wednesday's incident at Langa, a 22-year-old man was fatally wounded.

Mr Vlok said he had no details of the incident, but that Government policy regarding the use of troops in black townships had not changed.

That policy, outlined by Mr Vlok earlier this year, is that the SADF is used only in a supporting role, such as manning roadblocks, and is not to be used in controlling unrest.



Mr Adriaan Vlok

Mr Vlok today added that it was not policy to allow troops to be put into a situation where they might have to open fire.

"The police are equipped with riot-control equipment, such as teargas and rubber bullets, and they are the people who take direct action."

According to police today, the incident occurred when a patrol was stoned by a large crowd of blacks.

"Tearsmoke was fired but this failed to disperse the attacking mob," a police spokesman said.

"In self-defence the patrol then retaliated and several rifle shots were fired."

"A 22-year-old male was fatally wounded, apparently by ricochet."

The Leader of the Opposition in the House of Assembly, Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, today deplored the shooting, saying it could only add to the spiral of violence.

Other opposition politicians have warned against the use of troops in controlling unrest.

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Man badly burnt by mob

From KEN VERNON
Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — A 19-year-old man who was pulled from his car, beaten and set alight by a mob in Uitenhage is in a serious condition in hospital with second-degree burns to 80 percent of his body.

This morning the medical superintendent of the Port Elizabeth Provincial Hospital, Dr Johan Cilliers, said Mr Erasmus Jacobs "had a chance of surviving — but I would not like to say how much of a chance".

He explained that second-degree burns meant the skin was blistered and the top layers were damaged and lifting off.

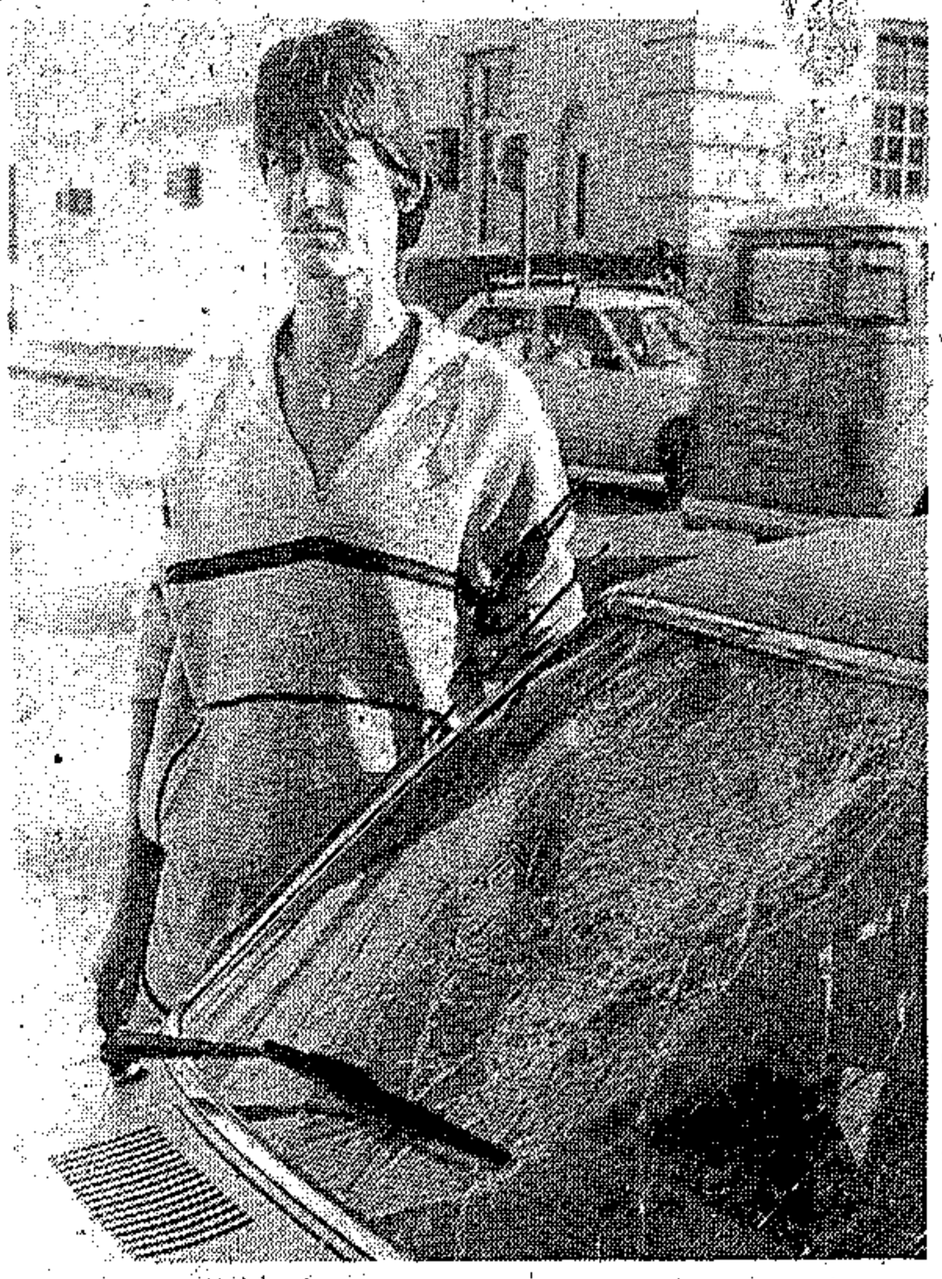
WENT TO SHOP

According to police, Mr Karel van der Mescht, 23, of John Street, Uitenhage, went into a shop in the white area, leaving Mr Jacobs, of Vanderbijlpark, in the vehicle.

When he left the shop minutes later he said he saw Mr Jacobs lying on the road, covered by flames.

He said he tried to help his companion but a mob of about 30 threatened him and he jumped into the car and drove off amid a hail of stones.

Mr Jacobs was rescued soon afterwards by an army patrol and taken to hospital.



A shocked Mr Karel van der Mescht stands next to the car from which his companion, Mr Erasmus Jacobs, was dragged and set alight by a mob in Uitenhage yesterday. The incident took place on the corner of Caledon Street, Uitenhage's main street, and Middle Street. Across the road is the cafe where Mr van der Mescht went to buy bread.

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Startling disclosure by ambulancema

Post Reporter

UITENHAGE — An ambulance driver told the Kannemeyer Commission today he found five bodies with shot wounds in the sluice room at the Uitenhage Provincial Hospital after the Langa shooting and discovered to his horror that one of the "bodies" was alive.

Mr Joseph Berry, an ambulance driver and medical assistant with the Dias Ambulance Service, based in Uitenhage, told the commission of pressure by his superiors put on him and other ambulance drivers who had seen irregularities on March 21 to confine themselves to the bare facts when making statements.

Mr Berry made several startling disclosures to the commission today.

Firstly he testified that he arrived at the rendevouz given to the ambulances at 9.44am on March 21, within four minutes of receiving the call.

The police escort arrived at 10.10am or 10.12am.

While busy attending to a patient, he heard a policeman, Billy Ruiters, say: "Yes, you little kaffertjies, you want to be hard-headed, look how the Boere are shooting you."

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Blackburn to name missing

By SHIRLEY PRESSLY

UITENHAGE — The Progressive Federal Party MPC for Walmer, Mrs Molly Blackburn, today undertook to see that a list of 23 people unaccounted for after the Langa shooting is lodged with the Kannemeyer Commission by Monday.

Mrs Blackburn was called to the witness box to give evidence on a Black Sash memorandum on the Langa shooting which was handed to the commission as evidence at the beginning of the proceedings.

The memoranmdum also dealt with unrest before March 21, which is outside the terms of reference of the Kannemeyer Commission, which is empowered only to deal with unrest on March 21.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer referred to a statement in the Black Sash memorandum signed by someone whose name was given only as SN and asked Mrs Blackburn if she could persuade SN to give evidence to the commission.

He asked Mrs Blackburn if she had any information as to how many people were injured and how many were killed on March 21.

Mrs Blackburn said she had the names of five people who appeared to be missing, but she wanted to make certain they were still missing and that they definitely disappeared on March 21.

She undertook to give the commission these names in writing by Monday.

"We were giving the figure of 43 dead," said Mrs Blackburn.

She said Mr Banda, chairman of the Parents Committee, had a list of 23 people unaccounted for after the Langa shooting.

He would check if any of the missing people had reappeared.

Mrs Blackburn was cross-examined by Mr Chris Jansen, SC, appearing for the Minister of Law and Order, on a pamphlet distributed on the University of Cape Town campus in which she was interviewed.

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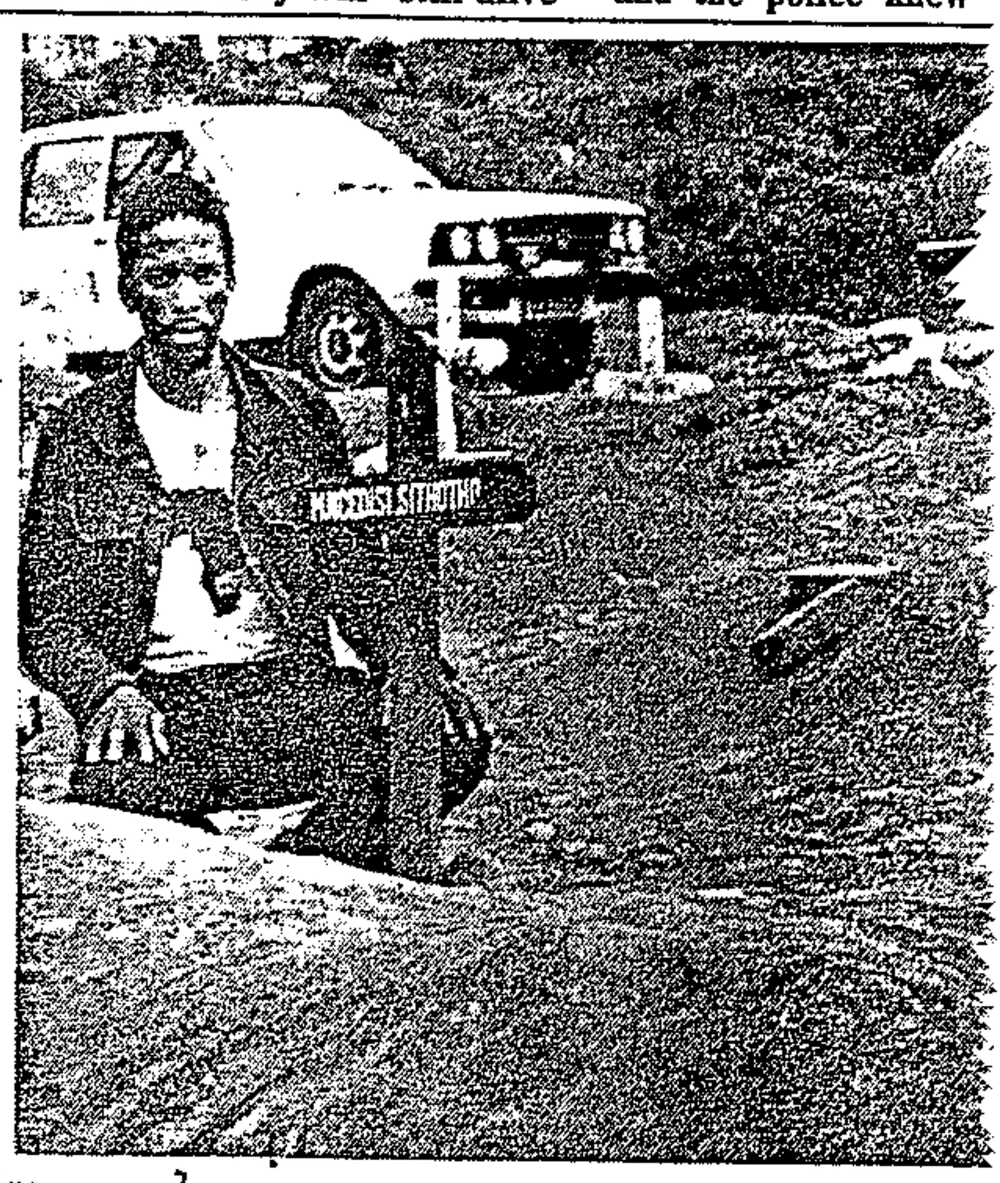

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By JIMMY MATYU

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The black crosses were first noticed by mourners on Saturday during the mass funeral of unrest victims at Kwanobuhle.

Yesterday the crosses were still there — in a row next to the graves of the unrest victims.

Mr Kobese said he did not know whether these were actual graves or just mounds of soil.

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Mr Berry testified that he and several other ambulance men were called to the police station at a later date to give statements.

They were asked if they knew anything about a child. A policeman in civilian clothing told them that the commission had spoken about a child and the police knew nothing of a child.

Mr Berry said he told the policeman that he saw the child in the sluice room.

Mr Berry said that he and other ambulancemen held a "team talk" and discussed the matter of the child. One ambulanceman, Ncqoqo, said he had seen the child at the scene in Maduna Road and ambulance man Schultz saw it being off-loaded at the hospital. Another ambulance man, Lombard, said he had seen the police tranport the child from the hoaspital.

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Mr FIKILE THOMAS KOBESE (right) and Mr MCEDISI SITHOTHO next to crosses bearing their names and erected at the Kwanobuhle cemetery. Behind them are crosses on the graves of victims of the unrest.

Men find their names on grave crosses

By JIMMY MATYU

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Grave diggers at the cemetery did not know who was responsible for the erection of the crosses, he said.

"It is outrageous. But we have strong suspicions about who is behind it. Our lawyers are investigating," he said.

Mr Kobese and Mr Sithotho said they regarded the whole matter as a "definite death threat" to them from people opposed to their fight for human and political rights for all people in South Africa.

Mr Kobese said they had heard from several residents that strange people had been knocking on doors during the early hours of the morning and demanding to know if they were harbouring him and Mr Sithotho.

"Fortunately, one of the residents who peeped through a window recognised one of these people," Mr Kobese said.

Mr J H Coetzee, Town Clerk of Kwanobuhle, was not available for comment but a spokesman for the council said applications for burials were made to their offices.

The spokesman said he knew nothing about the crosses.

Unrest follows release of 14 from custody

FORT BEAUFORT — Township unrest followed the release from custody of 14 executive members of the Organ of Peace here.

The 14, who were released on bail on Wednesday were: Mr L. M. Fani, Mr M. Matoto, Mr N. Mtana, Miss L. Tafu, Mrs T. Rode, Mr V. Mbovane, Mr D. Williams, Miss N. Williams, Miss R. Nonduko, Mr M. Poti, Mr M. Zetu, Mr S. Bovane, Miss M. Danster and Mr G. Siyona.

They had been charged with intimidation and were released on R200 bail each. Their case was postponed to May 28.

Describing some of the incidents of unrest, Lieutenant H. J. Beck, police liaison officer in Pretoria, said the principal's office at the Tinis Primary school was set alight.

Furniture and carpeting were destroyed in the fire. There was no police action and no injuries were reported, Lieut Beck said.

He said a fire at a private house in Dorrington township was extinguished by the police.

There was nobody in the house, but some household goods were damaged, Lieut Beck said.

He said there had been no arrests in either of the arson cases and could not estimate the cost of the damage caused by the two fires.

A mob of about 300 people gathered in front of Nondumo shop in Tinis. The police requested the mob to disperse, but it refused, Lieut Beck said. He said the police used tearsmoke and the mob split into smaller groups and started pelting the police with stones, he said.

He said a police constable was injured when a stone hit him on the head.

Lt Beck said police fired birdshot. No arrests were made and no injuries were reported, he said.

Meanwhile, the president of the Fort Beaufort Youth Congress, Mr Mlanjeni Matikinca, condemned the police action.

He said the actions of the police were "uncalled for and provocative".

The people were rejoicing at the release of the 14 when the police suddenly fired tearsmoke and birdshot at them, he said.

He said a two-month-old baby was choked by tearsmoke and had to be taken to hospital.

"These ham-handed actions by the police will lead to further violence," Mr Matikinca said.

He said violence bred violence and only negotiations were relevant in the present political climate in the country. — DDR

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Amnesty to issue report

By a SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT in Uitenhage

A LONDON barrister has further focused the international lens on the Kannemeyer Judicial Commission of Inquiry by his presence here as a representative of Amnesty International, the human rights organisation.

Taking as its standard the United Nations Charter on Human Rights, Amnesty International investigates, throughout the world, the quality of the rights granted or withheld by authorities.

Among these rights are freedom of thought, conscience and religion, legal recourse, and the right of prisoners to be treated with dignity and not to be tortured.

Mr Geoffrey Robertson, born in Australia and settled in London after studying at Oxford as a Rhodes scholar, is an experienced member of his adopted city's bar.

His professional scope includes a private practice specialising in media law and civil liberties.

He is legal editor of The Guardian, he acts in his capacity as barrister for The Observer, he chaired a commission of inquiry into the Press Council in Britain and just last year he acted for Amnesty gathering information about a treason trial and about civil action brought against state authorities in Venda over the death in custody of a prisoner and the arrest and torture of Lutheran ministers there.

More colourfully, he represented Britain's National Theatre against Mary Whitehouse over the controversial play *The Romans* in Britain and has chaired a BBC programme called *I The Jury*.

Mr Robertson's role in South Africa now is that of fact finder. He is here to appraise both the Kannemeyer Commission and the background of the March 21 police shootings.

Amnesty reports printed annually show his international colleagues setting out on similar missions to gather information on the standard of human rights the world over. Reports in the 1984 publication range from Northern Ireland to Zaire, from the US to the Argentine.

The State President Mr P W Botha's comment that South Africa is treated "differently" is not a charge that may be levelled at Amnesty, says Mr Robertson.

As a "totally and uniquely independent human rights organisation", funded only by its some 500 000 members around the world, Amnesty is a non-political body which turns any stone under which it might find less than the minimum standard of human rights, that right to life."

On March 26, five days after the police opened fire on a procession in the Uitenhage township of Langa killing 20 people, Amnesty published a statement expressing its concern, according to Mr Robertson.

The statement recommended that "police involved in the shooting be suspended pending the investigation by the commission of their conduct".

It recommended a clarification of the circumstances which authorise members of the South African Police to open fire on civilians and what procedures, if any, were required to be followed by police officers before they resorted to the use of live ammunition.

The statement advised that "the public be assured that police found to have resorted to unnecessary and excessive use of force" be criminally prosecuted.

And, having learnt then that a judicial commission of inquiry was being set up, Amnesty submitted that the commission's mandate "should not be so restricted that essential aspects of the commission's concerns are left beyond its purview".

In other words, one of the aspects on which Mr Robertson will be reporting back to Amnesty is the question of whether the terms of reference as defined by the Commissions Act in South Africa are broad enough.

Sole member and chairman of the commission, Mr Justice D Kannemeyer, said at the outset that he would be investigating only the facts of the March 21 incident and that social, political and economic background to the fatal shootings were not within the commission's power to examine.

Mr Robertson in turn will report to Amnesty just how satisfactory he believes the authority given the judge to be.

"An absolute Amnesty rule is that every country is judged by an outsider not of that country. Amnesty has a network of informers around the world and we produce, we hope, an independent and objective analysis of how countries conform to international human rights standards," says Mr Robertson.

"I will present my report, which remains confidential, to Amnesty headquarters next week and that, with the organisation's other sources of information, will assist in creating a balanced and objective picture.

"We do whatever we can to spotlight the inadequacies and the satisfactory features we find."

One of the features about which Mr Robertson is concerned is the procedures governing the use of live ammunition.

He notes, with reference to Northern Ireland, that much work has been done and procedures applied, in respect of crowd control and the "last resort" measure of using lethal ammunition.

"Any troops patrolling with live ammunition should be governed by strict procedures as to its use," he says.

"I will be considering whether the present situation in the Eastern Cape is satisfactory in terms of safeguards for the people, the potential targets, and what the Kannemeyer Commission recommendations on that will be.

"It is also important that when a group, in this case a majority, seems to be on the defensive and very much resentful of the police as almost an occupying force, there is some system of accountability, that the people feel confident about legal recourse. It is part of the minimum standard of human rights that there be accountability."

Mr Robertson says Amnesty has been particularly concerned in recent years about the operation of "death squads" whose actions are defined by his organisation as "killings by those in authority, or by their agents, of people because of their suspect beliefs or because of their origins".

This concern is now relevant here," he says.

Mob pulls man from car, sets him alight

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Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — A 30-year-old man was in a critical condition last night after he was pulled from a vehicle in a white area of Uitenhage and set alight.

Mr Erasmus Jakobs, of Vanderbijl Park, was pulled from a vehicle at the corner of Caledon and Middle streets about 6pm yesterday by a group of blacks who assaulted him, poured petrol over him and set him alight.

The mob smashed the windows of the vehicle, but Mr Karel van der Mescht, of John Street, Uitenhage, who is believed to have been driving the vehicle, escaped unharmed.

A source said the two men had stopped at an intersection when the attack occurred.

Mr Jakobs was taken to the Uitenhage Provincial Hospital with severe burns and other wounds, but was later transferred to the Provincial Hospital in Port Elizabeth.

A spokesman for the SA Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria was last night unable to give more information, but confirmed the incident and that the man was in hospital in a critical condition.

The spokesman also confirmed reports that three black men had been shot dead by police in a Despatch township, but said he did not have details of the incident.

Eyewitnesses said that three people died and four people — one a 63-year-old man — were injured in the township near Despatch after police hiding underneath leaves on the back of a municipal refuse truck fired buckshot at a crowd of about 50 youths last night about 5.45pm.

According to eyewitnesses, the three people who died after police opened fire near Nomathamsanqa Higher Primary School in Fifth Avenue were Mr Mzwandile Anton, 22, Mr Bassie Tsete, no age given and Gufie Ngqandu.

A police spokesman said that at Kwazakele last night a police patrol came across the charred bodies of a 17-year-old youth and a 22-year-old man beneath a burning street barricade. It appeared that the men had been burnt to death.

According to the spokesman, several petrol-bombing were thrown in the Eastern Cape yesterday and police used tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse crowds involved in these incidents at Addo, Kirkwood, Despatch, Grahamstown, Veeplaas and Kwanobuhle.

According to the spokesman, on Wednesday night a white motorcyclist escaped five attackers who set fire to his motorcycle at Addo, near Port Elizabeth.

A number of incidents occurred in Soweto on Wednesday night, where five businesses belonging to a former mayor were extensively damaged.

According to the spokesman the same mob of about 150 youths set fire to a bus and later stoned another bus in White City, Soweto. The vehicle careered into a private home, he said.

Ambulanceman says he saw body of child in hospital washroom

UITENHAGE. — An ambulanceman told the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry today that he found the bodies of a two-year-old child and three other people in a hospital washroom after the Uitenhage shooting.

Later, he said, he discovered that colleagues had seen the child at the scene of the shooting and had also witnessed it being brought to the Uitenhage Provincial Hospital by police and afterwards being removed.

Mr Joseph Berry, 36, said he had not included this information in a statement he made to police because of what he perceived as threats to his job from his superior, a Mr Barnard.

Mr Berry said he had gone to wash his hands after helping with the wounded at the Uitenhage Provincial Hospital.

"When I came into the sluice-room I saw five bodies lying there, including a child of about two years old.

"Judging from the blood stains I concluded that they were shooting cases.

"I noticed one person was still alive."

Mr Berry said he turned around and saw a Dr Isaac Viljoen standing in the doorway.

He asked Dr Viljoen about the person who was still alive and the doctor replied that the person had sustained brain damage and would also die.

Mr Berry told the commission that about a week before he and several other ambulan-

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Body of child, 2, 'in hospital washroom'

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cemen had been told to go to the Uitenhage police station.

They were asked by a captain whether they knew anything about a child at the shootings.

"I said yes, that I had seen a child in the sluice-room. Eric Shultz said he also knew about a child and that he had seen the police loading it off at the hospital."

The ambulancemen had not made a statement at that stage and had discussed the matter among themselves.

They discovered that two of them had seen the child at the hospital, one had seen it at the scene of the shooting and that another had seen the body being taken away from the hospital.

On April 17 the ambulancemen were again called to the SAP charge office at Uitenhage.

They were asked by a Captain Goosen to make statements if they had seen any irregularities at the shooting site as it had been alleged that policemen had thrown stones among the dead and injured at the site and had kicked people.

Mr Berry said he told the captain he had seen irregularities.

"Before I gave the statement, Mr Barnard said that any ambulanceman who saw anything other than his patient is not worthy of being called an ambulanceman.

"Maybe it wasn't meant in that way, but I regarded it as a threat.

"As a result, I said to Captain Goosen: 'Write the statement the way you want to'.

Mr Berry said the captain had written down the statement based on questions to which the ambulanceman replied yes or no.

Mr Berry will be cross-examined by counsel for the police on Monday. — Sapa.

Uitenhage: Most shot in the back

UITENHAGE. — Seventeen of the 20 people who died in the Uitenhage shooting were shot in the back, according to post mortem findings handed in as evidence before the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry yesterday.

According to the post mortems, ten of the dead were 16 or younger. They include an 11-year-old girl, two 15-year-olds, a 14-year-old and a 13-year-old.

Of the 20 people, 17 sustained shotgun wounds and three suffered bullet wounds.

Ten of the 20 sustained brain wounds, according to the post mortems conducted by Dr Ivor Ralph Lang, Dr Benjamin Tucker, Dr Willem Eduard Verschuur, and Dr Wendy Pauline Orr.

There were five dead between the ages of 17 and 19, four in their 20s, and one 50-year-old.

The 11-year-old girl, Fundiswa Wambi, sustained a single shotgun wound that penetrated a lung, liver, stomach and spleen.

A 16-year-old, Sonwabo Kama, was hit by a single bullet that penetrated the aorta.

Multiple pellet wounds to the brain, lung and pulmonary artery were suffered by Mr Nombulelo Plaatjie, 17.

Handing in the post mortem reports, Mr Chris Nel, of the Eastern Cape Attorney-General's office, said medical evidence would be led in respect of some of the findings.

Dr Isaac Viljoen, of the Uitenhage Provincial Hospital, told the commission that a 15-year-old boy wounded in the back of the head during the shootings now had difficulty keeping his balance when walking.

He said the boy, Moses Bucwa, had been sent to Port Elizabeth for a brain scan because of the danger of "brain bleeding".

Moses sustained a shotgun pellet wound to the back of the skull but X-rays showed no fractures.

Dr Viljoen gave evidence concerning six of the 25 injured and said four had sustained injuries to the back of the head, thorax or right shoulder.

Dr Viljoen said Moses's problems with walking developed four days after he was admitted to hospital.

"He had continuous trouble walking and had problems maintaining his balance."

Cross-examined by Mr Paul Avenant, for the police, Dr Viljoen said the brain injury could very possibly have led to symptoms of lameness in the right shoulder.

Dr Viljoen said a Mr K Mxinxi had an almost identical injury to the back of the skull.

Another of the injured, Mr William Jackson, suffered a very bad fracture to his lower left leg.

The fracture had involved both bones in that part of the leg and could possibly have been caused by an R1 bullet.

Dr Viljoen also gave evidence on Mr Isaac Josiah, who had three entrance wounds on the right side of the thorax, probably caused by shotgun wounds. He also gave evidence on a woman who sustained four shotgun wounds — largely in the back.

Earlier, two Port Elizabeth district surgeons, Dr Ivor Ralph Lang and Dr Benjamin Tucker, gave evidence in connection with post mortem examinations on some of the dead.

Dr Tucker said one of the dead, Mr Gugulethu Govu, 18, had died as a result of a shotgun pellet which entered the back of the brain.

Other shotgun pellets had entered primarily from the back. — Sapa

Yacht back after

The ugly mood i

—by—
Jon Qwelane

Almost everybody took it for granted that the mass burials last weekend of victims of the police shootings on "Bloody Thursday" would be the beginning of the end of tensions in the townships of Langa and kwaNobuhle in Uitenhage.

The funerals ushered in a new phase instead. The wave of rioting, burning and looting has now spread to the coloured townships of Rosedale and Blikkiesdorp where vehicles have been attacked throughout the week.

To say the mood of the people is frightening is no exaggeration. Where it would have been expected that weeks of strife would by now have sapped the community's resolve, the opposite seems to be happening.

An immediate underlying cause is the high rate of unemployment.

The continuing army and police presence in the townships is another reason for the ugly mood. Even though the people may not all be literate enough to secure jobs that pay well, black communities in the Eastern Cape are highly politicised and readily associate any state institutions with their hapless lot.

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CAPE TOWN — The spiral of violence in the Eastern Cape took an ugly and ominous twist this week when a mob of blacks attacked a young white civilian, doused him with petrol and set him alight.

The incident followed previous attacks on white motorists and came in the same week that a patrol of the SA Defence Force, repulsing an attack by a stone-throwing crowd, fired and fatally wounded a 22-year-old black.

Events such as these raise fears that the near-anarchy in the region's riot-torn black townships may ignite a local race war.

If black unrest manifests a pattern of indiscriminate attacks on white life and property, the inevitable result will be a sharp backlash from whites.

A consequence must be sharp polarisation between black and white with the moderates in both camps being made irrelevant.

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WEDZA, Zimbabwe — Five years ago, Mrs Siphiwe Chikaka struggled to grow enough food to feed her family. Today she sells enough maize, cotton, groundnuts, beans and other vegetables to put some money in the bank.

She is a more opulent example of the general success of nearly a million peasant farmers who, with the government's help, have moved into the cash crop economy since this former British colony of Rhodesia became independent Zimbabwe in April 1980.

"I have always farmed, but before independence I could only learn by finding someone else growing cotton," said Mrs Chikaka. "That is how I learned and it took a long time."

But a farm programme of low-interest loans and extension services unique to black Africa has made farming a bit easier for Mrs Chikaka and 950 000 peasant farmers in Zimbabwe.

Before the government-run programme, Mrs Chikaka scratched a subsistence living from the sandy soils of her 2,3 ha patch of earth in Wedza, 150 km south-east of Harare.

This year, despite a three-year drought, she will amply feed and clothe her five children, repay her loan of about R377 and still have enough left over to put about R1 433 into a bank account.

She had to pay 10 percent of the loan in cash in advance and the balance, interest-free, when she was paid for her crops.

The government restricts the loans to farmers who have proved they can deliver the goods. Because of her success, Mrs Chikaka should be eligible for another loan next year.

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Pupils boycott

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HIGH school pupils at schools under the Department of Education and Culture of the House of Representatives staged a one-day class boycott in the Cape Peninsula yesterday in sympathy with pupils in the Eastern Cape and in a gesture of protest at Uitenhage shootings.

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Bitter price of the unrest

Weekend Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — Black policemen and their families in the troubled Eastern Cape townships are paying a bitter price for the conflict in which they find themselves — victims of the big divide between the "boere" (whites) and the black community.

Wives of black policemen and their children are making sacrifices so their husbands and fathers can continue their careers.

One women in a Uitenhage commune of black policemen's families speaks on behalf of several others: "It is not a job. You can't just resign. It is a committal. Who will maintain law and order if our menfolk resign?"

"Branded"

"It would not help anyway," said another. "We've already been branded. We believe in God and we believe we're doing the right thing although times are hard."

For their safety, the location and nature of the building is not being identified — although the women say the "troublemakers" in the townships know where they are.

The women live almost as recluses. They dare not go to church, so they hold inter-denominational services in their temporary quarters.

The women, who asked not to be identified, said they would like to speak their minds about the unrest but dared not because they feared reprisals.

Teachers

They say that when they lived in the community they took an active part in community life.

Several of the women are teachers but can no longer teach at the black schools in their area — pupils refuse to be taught by them because they are married to policemen.

Ten of the families living in the temporary quarters had their homes burnt down in the unrest and lost all their possessions.

They were left with the clothes they were wearing and consider themselves lucky to have escaped with their lives.

Evacuate

Others managed to evacuate their homes with the help of the police before their houses were burnt down.

The women also live with the fear that their menfolk might be injured or killed in the course of their duties.

All said the police have done their best to make their lives easier and helped them a great deal.

The police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, said the homes of 30 policemen and police reservists had been gutted in the Uitenhage townships alone.

Escalated

In Kirkwood six homes occupied by policemen and their families were destroyed by fire.

The women said the terror campaign against the police and their families started in October last year and escalated in March.

"They will fry us if they get us," said one.

The women do not go to town alone to do their shopping. Even in groups they are threatened.

butler and a Gurkha helper called Eck.

Dead baby in hospital washroom - evidence

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UITENHAGE. — The Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry yesterday heard evidence from two ambulance orderlies of a dead baby and four other bodies found in the washroom of the hospital where those injured in the Uitenhage shootings were being treated.

Other orderlies had seen the baby at the scene of the shootings and being taken to and from the hospital, the commission heard.

One of the ambulancemen, Mr Joseph Berry, 36, said he had seen a live person among the bodies in the sluice room of the Uitenhage Provincial Hospital. He had pointed this out to a doctor, who said the man had sustained brain injuries and was also going to die.

Mr Berry also told the commission he had told a policeman taking a statement from him to "write it the way you want it" because of what he had taken to be a threat to his job from his superior.

This man, a Mr Barnard, had been present when Mr Berry made his statement.

The second orderly, Mr Dennis Barlow, said he had been halfway to the scene of the shooting from a point just outside the township when he was ordered to go back and wait for a police escort along with other ambulances.

Both men also testified about statements made by police at the scene.

Mr Berry said that, as he was treating the injured, he had heard a Constable Billy Ruiters say: "Yes, you kaffirs. You want to be stubborn. See how the boere shoot you."

Mr Barlow said he had heard a Constable Groep say: "Yes, you kaffirs. You won't listen."

Mr Berry also told the commission the first body he had seen at the scene was that of a man with a stone held loosely in his hand.

"It struck me as strange afterwards that he wasn't holding the stone tightly because if he had fallen on his back the stone would also have fallen," he said.

Mr Berry told the commission he had gone to wash his hands in the hospital sluice room after helping with the wounded.

"There were five bodies lying there, including a child of about two years old. Judging from the blood, I would say they were shooting cases."

Mr Barlow said four of the bodies had been lying on the floor of the washroom on top of each other.

"On a table I saw a baby's blanket. I lifted it up and saw a dead child with a hole above the right eye."

He conceded under cross-examination that the hole could have been caused either by a bullet or a sharp stone.

Mr Berry said he and several other ambulance orderlies had discussed the incident after a police captain had asked

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them whether they knew of a child found at the scene of the shootings.

They had come to the conclusion that two of them had seen the baby in the sluice room, one had seen it at the site, another had watched police offloading it at the hospital and Mr Berry's superior, Mr Barnard, had seen the body being removed from the hospital.

Later, Mr Berry had gone to make a statement before a Captain Goosen.

As he was about to do so, Mr Barnard had said to him: "Any ambulanceman who saw anything other than his patient is not worthy of being called an ambulanceman."

Mr Berry said he had regarded this as a threat and had told Captain Goosen "to write the statement the way you want it."

The captain had written the statement on the basis of questions he asked Mr Berry.

"I signed the statement against my better wishes because if I was fired then I would know why."

Mr Barlow told the commission he had been at the Middle St clinic in Langa township, "a few paces" from Maduna Road, where the shooting occurred, at 9am on March 21.

He had seen two Casspirs, Landrovers, a white prisoner truck and a Chevrolet police van driving into the township.

Later, he had heard shooting. "There was a long volley followed by a number of single shots."

He had then received a radio call instructing him to go to the scene.

When he was halfway there he received a further instruction that he was to go back and wait for a police escort along with other ambulances outside Langa.

When the ambulances eventually arrived at the scene, he said, he had seen policemen dragging dead bodies to the prisoner truck "and throwing them in like sacks of mealies."

Earlier, Mrs Molly Blackburn, the PFP MPC for Walmer, undertook to supply the commission with information on 23 people allegedly unaccounted for since the shootings. She said community leaders maintained the death toll was 43 and not 20.

The commission, which continues its hearing on Monday, also considered medical reports yesterday, among which were reports on two people who have been paralysed since the shootings.

Counsel for the police, Mr Chris Jansen, SC, said he would have to take instruction from his clients before cross examining Mr Berry and Mr Barlow on Monday. — Sapa

Ambulanceman tells of seeing dead child in sluice room

Mercury Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH—The Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry into the Langa shooting yesterday heard evidence of a dead child lying in a sluice room at the Uitenhage Provincial Hospital and of policemen loading bodies into a truck at the scene of the shooting 'like sacks of mielies'.

Two coloured ambulancemen who attended to victims of the shooting said ambulances which were instructed to await a police escort were delayed about 30 minutes outside the township while police vehicles passed them.

They also named other ambulancemen who at different times had seen the body of a child, aged about two years, being offloaded at the hospital, lying in a hospital sluiceroom and later being removed from the hospital.

Earlier during the hearing, police witnesses rejected suggestions by counsel appearing for the families of victims and for a PFP delegation that a mother and her infant were shot and killed by police on March 21.

Subpoenaed by the commission at the request of Mr Chris Nicholson, representing the families of victims, Mr Joseph Berry, a Diaz Ambulance Service medical assistant based in Uitenhage, said he regarded as irregular several aspects of what he experienced and saw at the scene of the shooting in Maduna Road, Langa, and later at the Uitenhage Provincial Hospital.

He said he made a false statement to police last week after being told that 'any ambulanceman who saw anything at the scene of the shooting other than his patient is no ambulanceman at all'.

He said he feared for his job but decided that if he was called to give evidence before the commission he would tell everything he knew.

'Then if I lost my job the commission would know why,' said Mr Berry.

Hole

A second ambulanceman subpoenaed to testify to the commission, Mr Dennis Barlow, said he saw the body of a child in the sluice room, together with four other bodies. The child had a hole above its right eye.

He testified that he was already inside the black township, at a clinic, when he received a radio call to attend to victims at the scene of the shooting.

Mr Barlow said he got halfway there, and was within sight of the place where the shooting happened, when he was ordered to return to the outskirts of Langa to await further instructions.

He received a call to go to the scene of the shooting because he was the closest ambulance to the area and could have reached the injured within four to five minutes, he said.

'Halfway there I got another radio message saying I must turn back and wait at the corner of Maduna and Hillwagt streets.

'There was a Casspir behind me and as I pulled off the road to turn around I told the driver of the Casspir, a white policeman with a red moustache, that I had to go back to await further instructions.'

The commission also heard that on Thursday this week a privately organised search party scoured areas of the bush between Uitenhage and Steytlerville in an attempt to find bodies which might have been illegally buried. None were found.

Confusion over 'human torch' incident as victim taken to Cape Town

PORT ELIZABETH—Mr Erasmus Jakobs was flown to Cape Town's Tygerberg Hospital from here in critical condition yesterday amid confusion about the circumstances that led to his suffering extensive burns on Thursday.

Police could not substantiate allegations by a Uitenhage man that Mr Jakobs, 19, was attacked and set on fire by about 30 blacks outside a cafe on the corner of Middle Street and Caledon Street, Lt-Col Gerrie van Rooyen, police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, said.

Col van Rooyen added that the police investigation was continuing.

Last night a spokesman for the SAP Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria reported that the incident had taken place in a white area. Our Port Elizabeth correspondent reported that there were conflicting reports on the incident.

It was reliably learnt, however, that Mr Jakobs, an apprentice motor mechanic who sustained serious second degree burns over 70 percent of his body, and Mr Karel van der Mescht, 23, were seen at a shebeen in Langa shortly before the incident about 5 30 p m.

A witness said he saw two young white men enter the township in a silvery vehicle.

Pieces of skin

'I saw the car parked a short distance away from a house in Paffet Avenue. One of the men entered the house while the other waited in the car,' he said.

A short while later he saw the car speeding past. He then looked up the road and saw a man, dressed only in a pair of shorts, his whole body very badly burnt, run to the corner of Middle Street and Caledon Street. Pieces of skin were hanging from his body and blood was streaming from his face.

Men in an SADF patrol vehicle found Mr Jakobs in Caledon Street and called an ambulance.

Mr van der Mescht said today he was buying bread at a corner cafe when Mr Jakobs, who was waiting outside the cafe in the car, was dragged from the car by about 30 blacks, beaten and set on fire after his assailants sprayed him with a flammable liquid.

He said he had found Mr Jakobs, burning like a human torch and surrounded by the mob, on the pavement outside the cafe. He tried to get away in the car after Mr Jakobs told him to do so 'because there are too many of them', but the rear of the vehicle was lifted off the ground by the angry mob, and the driving wheels spun in the air.

Tear-gas

He managed to escape when the wheels touched the ground, but the mob stoned the vehicle.

Meanwhile, in Johannesburg police used tear-gas, birdshot and rubber bullets in the Transvaal townships of Sebokeng, Evaton (Vaal), Duduza near Nigel and Soweto to disperse hundreds of youths as unrest flared again yesterday.

The three blacks who were killed when police opened fire on a mob in Despatch, Port Elizabeth, on Thursday night were in a crowd spraying a flammable liquid on the 'police vehicle'.

A spokesman from the S A Police Directorate of Public Affairs in Pretoria said three others were injured in the incident.

Eyewitnesses said the vehicle was a municipal refuse truck, driven by a coloured man, with nine policemen hiding in the back.

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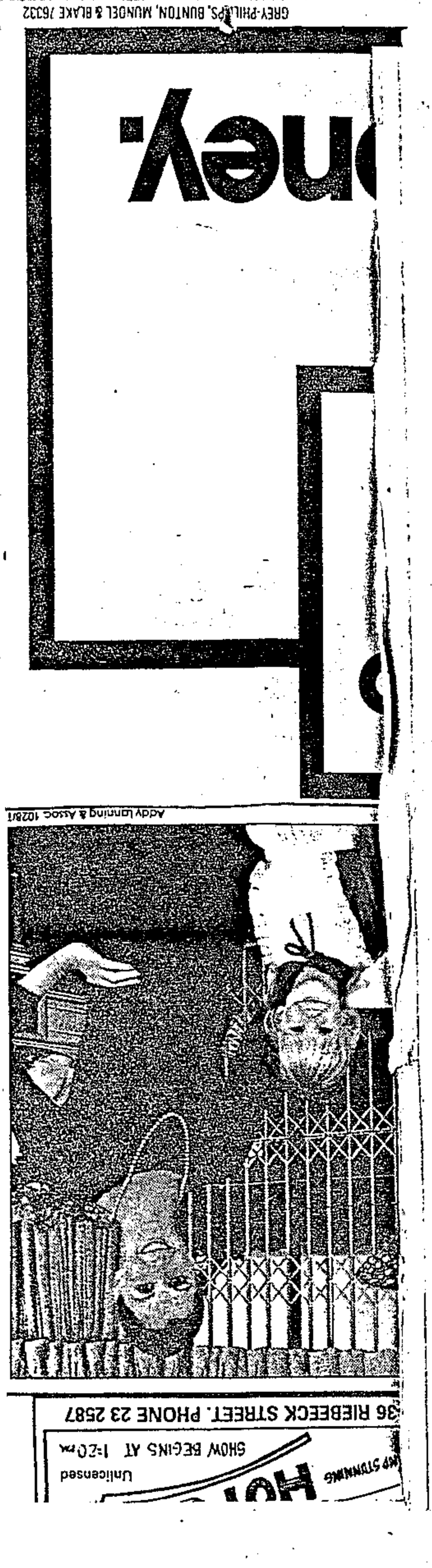

Jacobs set alight after trip to shebeen

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — It was a trip to an African shebeen for an illicit bottle of brandy and not to the cafe for a loaf of bread that led to Mr Erasmus Jacobs being set alight in Uitenhage on Thursday.

This was revealed last night by police investigations and Mr Karel van der Mescht — who was with Mr Jacobs.

It is understood that the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, personally requested a full inquiry into the incident.

In his first statement Mr Van der Mescht said Mr Jacobs had been assaulted and set alight by about 30 blacks outside a cafe on the corner of Middle and Caledon streets.

But last night he admitted that Mr Jacobs had directed him to the shebeen to get a bottle of brandy. While Mr Jacobs went into the building, he had waited in the car.

He said Mr Jacobs and a black man went behind the building.

A group of youths meanwhile approached and threw stones at the car, breaking windows.

In an interview on SABC TV at 8pm last night, Mr Van der Mescht said that he drove away — apparently to report the damage to the car — and saw Mr Jacobs running from the building pursued by a mob.

An eyewitness yesterday said he saw two young white men in a silver car enter the township's Paffet Avenue.

"I saw the car park. One of the men entered a house the other waited in the car," he said.

Soon afterwards he saw the car speeding past. He saw a man, dressed only in shorts, his whole body very badly burnt, running to the corner of Middle and Caledon Streets. Pieces of skin hung from his body, and blood was streaming from his face.

The eyewitness said the man was screaming in agony. His eyes were closed as he ran two kilometres to the corner.

Another eyewitness said he saw a man, his clothes on fire, run towards Middle Street from Cummings Avenue.

'Screaming'

"He was screaming, begging in vain for pedestrians to help him."

The police statement last night said that by the time Mr Van der Mescht returned to the scene, Mr Jacobs had been rescued by an SADF patrol. He was naked and still burning.

● Mr Jacobs, an apprentice motor mechanic, had second degree burns over 80 percent of his body, the medical superintendent of the PE Provincial Hospital said. Last night Mr Jacobs was flown to Cape Town on an SAA flight and taken to Tygerberg Hospital burns unit where his condition was "serious".

Mother, son set on fire

By WENDY FRAENKEL

A MOTHER and child were set on fire and burnt to death and another woman died in continued unrest in the Eastern Cape yesterday and last night.

A spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said Mrs Elizabeth Klaas, 48, was burnt to death with her two-year-old son, Goodman, when their home in Kirkwood was attacked during the early hours today.

Mrs Klaas was confronted at her home by a group looking for a man. When she told them she did not know him, she was doused with petrol and set on fire.

Mrs Klaas and Goodman died in the blaze, which also gutted the house, the spokesman said.

He added that two other children, Athelle, six, and Livingstone, seven, were critically burnt in the incident.

A 24-year-old woman, Miss Christina Plaatjies, died in the Livingstone Hospital last night after being wounded in Langa Township, Uitenhage, yesterday afternoon.

The police spokesman said Miss Plaatjies was injured during an incident when a crowd of about 250 people stoned a police vehicle and the police had to resort to using tear-smoke and rubber bullets.

Two policemen were slightly injured in a stone-throwing incident.

The spokesman also said the home of "a Labour Party member" in Kirkwood was petrol-bombed, but did not ignite.

Mrs Molly Blackburn, MPC for Walmer, said today that she was in the Langa area at the time of the incident in which Miss Plaatjies was injured.

She saw a group of 60 to 80 youngsters outside a house, facing a supermarket. They seemed to be part of a vigil.

"I was accompanied by two other people, one of whom was Mr Timothy Jantjies, a member of the ad hoc executive committee assisting Langa victims.

"We noticed a Caspir vehicle drive past the youngsters. A canister of teargas was thrown and the group scattered.

"Mr Jantjies climbed out of the car because he felt there would be a tragic occurrence if he did not speak to the leader of the men in the Caspir.

"My companion, Miss Vanessa Brereton, and my-

while, drove 50 metres and turned around.

"We saw an ambulance at the back of the supermarket and noticed that a crowd had gathered. The Caspir then came down the hill and the men in the Caspir were asked to move away from the group.

"Mr Jantjies got into the car and we drove back to the supermarket where the vigil had been. There was no one there except 12 people dressed in mourning clothes.

"At that moment a Caspir came along the gravel path and another teargas canister was thrown and landed about five metres from our car. Fortunately the wind was blowing in the direction of the Caspir so the people were not affected by the smoke."

Mrs Blackburn said that last night she was contacted by the employer of Miss Plaatjies, a Mr Mohammed employed as a 'domestic' and was very much part of the family."

Mrs Mymoena Mohammed said she had sent Miss Plaatjies and her sister, Siena, out shopping.

"I later heard from Siena that they were about to cross Mossie Road, which is situated in front of Checkers, when a Caspir drove past. As it passed them she heard a shot and turned round to see that Christina had been shot and had fallen to the ground."

She said that when she heard of the shooting she hurried to the Uitenhage Provincial Hospital, but Miss Plaatjies had been moved to Livingstone Hospital.

When Mrs Mohammed was allowed to see Miss Plaatjies at the Livingstone Hospital she was in a coma. Mrs Mohammed was telephoned today and informed that the young woman had died last night.

Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, said today a post-mortem would be performed on Miss Plaatjies, and only then would it be known how she had died.

Various other incidents of stonings and attacks on vehicles were reported.

● At Port Alfred a primary school was burnt

Appeal by business

THE Chambers of Commerce of Port Elizabeth, Uitenhage and Grahamstown have sent a memorandum to the Government in which they set out the unrest situation in the Eastern Cape and make recommendations on how it may be defused.

They have also asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, and the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, to meet a business delegation from the region. — Sapa

Startling evidence at Kannemeyer hearing

By SHIRLEY PRESSLY

THIS week was one of high drama in the courtroom at the Uitenhage Magistrate's Court where the Kannemeyer Commission went into its fourth week.

The most dramatic and startling evidence yet heard during the sitting of the commission was undoubtedly the evidence given by two ambulancemen yesterday.

Medical reports handed in to Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer on Thursday disclosed that 17 of the 20 people shot dead by police on March 21 in Langa had gunshot wounds in the back parts of their bodies.

Of the 20 people, 17 had shotgun wounds and three suffered bullet wounds. Four of the people hit by shotgun rounds had multiple pellet injuries.

Twenty-five people were also injured when police opened fire on a crowd in Maduna Road, according to a list handed to the commission. Two of these are now paraplegics.

The gunshot wounds in the back parts of the 17 bodies — the back of their heads, in their backs, loins or the back of their legs — were not necessarily the only wounds and were also not necessarily the fatal wounds.

A summary of the facts to have emerged from evidence heard at the hearing this week is as follows:

● The body of a two-year-old with a gunshot wound in the head was seen in the sluice room of the local hospital after the shooting. There is not a two-year-old on the death list — the youngest is 11.

● The number of dead is apparently in dispute and the commission heard of parties which went out into the bush on the Steytlerville Road digging up the ground looking for bodies from the Langa shootings which had allegedly been buried illegally. Mrs Molly Blackburn, Progressive Federal Party MPC for Walmer, testified to the commission that she was present during the search for the bodies.

● The commission was told by Mrs Blackburn that the community put the death toll at 43.

● An ambulanceman claimed that pressures had been put on him by a senior ambulance officer not to reveal all in his statement to the police but to "keep it short and simple".

● Ambulances were delayed on the outskirts of Langa while they waited for a police escort. Ambulances arrived from PE, a distance of 35 kilometres away, before the police escort arrived to take them to the scene of the shooting. Some ambulances were delayed for up to 20 minutes waiting for the police escort.

Throughout the proceedings legal counsel appearing for bereaved Langa families have asked witnesses at the shooting (both police and members of the procession) whether they remember seeing a small child (suigeling) at the scene of the shooting.

Nobody could recall seeing a small child.

Yesterday a Uitenhage-based ambulance man and medical assistant, Mr Joseph Berry, was the first witness to testify that he had seen a small child on March 21 soon after the Langa shootings.

He testified that he saw the bodies of four adults and a two-year-old child in the sluice room at the Provincial Hospital in Uitenhage after the shooting in Maduna Road.

One of the "bodies" was still alive and he pointed this out to a doctor who arrived in the sluice room. The doctor told him that he suspected brain injuries and that the person would die anyway.

Mr Berry testified that during a "team talk" with other ambulance drivers after they were called to the police station to make statements, he was told by one ambulanceman that he had seen the child at the scene of the shooting. Another ambulanceman told him he saw the child being off-loaded at the hospital and a third ambulanceman said he saw police remove the child from the hospital.

Mr Berry also testified that "pressures" had been put on him by a superior officer not to give a full statement to the police giving details of the child.

He alleged that he was told by a senior officer, Mr Pillay: "Listen here, I don't want you people to get involved. Keep your statements short and simple as possible because if you do say something that is irregular they're going to rip you apart."

Mr Berry said he understood the "they" referred to the commission.

The second ambulanceman to give evidence yesterday, Mr Dennis Barlow, testified that he saw the body of a child aged about two wrapped in a blanket in the sluice room. He said the child had a wound above the right eye which could have been a bullet wound or caused by falling on a sharp stone.

He also saw the bodies of four adults in the sluice room.

But he could not recall seeing a doctor enter the sluice room at the same time ambulanceman Berry was in the sluice room.

Mr Barlow, whose ambulance was parked near Maduna Road on the morning of the shooting, testified that he heard the shots and received a radio report and was on his way to the shooting when he was told to turn back and wait for a police escort.

Mrs Molly Blackburn, PFP MPC for Walmer, told the commission yesterday that people from the community estimated the death toll from the Langa shootings at 43.

She said a list of 23 people unaccounted for after the shooting had been compiled by the chairman of the Parents Committee who would hand the list in to the commission on Monday after making final checks on those missing.

She was asked by Mr Chris Jansen, SC appearing for the Minister of Law and Order, if she knew of reports in the newspaper that certain people were looking for bodies on the Uitenhage/Steytlerville road and if she had been present.

She replied that she had been present.

"They understood there had been illegal burials in the bush and were investigating this," she said.

"Is there a suggestion these could have included people killed on March 21," asked Mr Justice Kannemeyer.

Mrs Blackburn replied that this was correct.

She said she did not know who was supposed to have been responsible for the illegal burials.

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Bullets won't stop us - Tutu



● DR Allan Boesak — given an ovation at the mass funeral in Uitenhage.

ADDRESSING more than 50 000 mourners at Saturday's funeral of 19 people killed by police at Langa three weeks ago, Bishop Desmond Tutu warned that the march of progress cannot be stopped with bullets.

The Bishop of Johannesburg also accused the Government of being slow thinkers.

Referring to a well publicised remark by a Government member some time ago, that blacks were slow thinkers, Bishop Tutu said 25 years ago at Sharpeville, the Government had tried to halt the fight for freedom with bullets.

"Now at Langa they have again tried — they are slow thinkers."

The well-behaved crowd at the mammoth funeral at Kwanobuhle Stadium, outside Uitenhage, gave a thundering ovation to Bishop Tutu and Dr Allan Boesak, President of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, when they arrived to address the crowd.

A heavy police and army contingent guarded the route the mourners took past Uitenhage's white areas — but did not enter Kwanobuhle township.

CAVALCADE

The throng hushed as a cavalcade of hearses, carrying the coffins, entered the stadium.

The coffins were then lined up in front of the stadium grandstand and the first of a long line of speakers, all representatives of township organisations, trade unions and church groups, began to address the mourners.

Dozens of foreign and local journalists,



● THE Rt Rev Bishop Desmond Tutu — "Government slow thinkers."

and photographers jostled to record the moving scenes at the stadium, as did 13 television crews.

Main organiser of the funeral, Fikile Kobese, president of the Motor, Allied and Component Workers' Union, was one of the first speakers.

He said the 19 people were victims of "an enemy which does not know what peace is".

"The blood of these innocent victims will irrigate the field of our struggle," he said.

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Langa witness tells of threat

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asked whether they knew anything about a child being shot. "I said yes, that I had seen a child in the sluice room. Eric Schultz said he also knew about a child and that he had seen the police loading it off at the hospital," Mr Berry told the commission.

He was not asked to make a statement, though statements were taken from three other ambulancemen;

● Three days ago the ambulancemen were again called to the SAP charge office at Uitenhage.

They were asked by Capt Goosen to make statements if they had seen any irregularities at the shooting site as it had been alleged that police had thrown stones among the dead and injured at the site, and had kicked people.

Mr Berry said he regarded as irregular several aspects of what he experienced and saw at the scene of the shooting, and later at the hospital.

Mr Berry's superior, a Mr Barnard, was present.

"Before I gave the statement, Mr Barnard said that any ambulanceman who saw anything other than his patient was not worthy of being called an ambulanceman.

"Maybe it wasn't meant in that way, but I regarded it as a threat.

"As a result, I said to Cap Goosen: 'Write the statement the way you want to'."

Mr Berry said the captain had written the statement. All he did was answer "yes" or "no" to propositions put to him.

Afterwards, Mr Berry had asked Capt Goosen what would happen if he had to appear before the commission. He was worried that his statement would be discredited in the same way he believed police statements had been.

Capt Goosen had said: "I should just stick to my story". He signed the statement against his better judgment.

He said he feared for his job but decided that if he was called to give evidence before the commission he would tell everything he knew.

"Then if I lost my job the commission would know why," said Mr Berry.

He said he and the other ambulancemen had later discussed the matter fully amongst themselves. They had come to the conclusion that two of them had seen the baby in the sluice room, one had seen it at the site, another had watched police offloading it at the hospital and Mr Berry's superior, Mr Barnard, had seen the body being removed from the hospital.

Earlier Mr Berry told the commission that when he had arrived at the scene of the shooting the first body he had noticed was that of a black man lying on the tar with a stone in his hand.

"Later it struck me that this was unusual because if he had fallen on his back, the stone would also have fallen."

Mr Berry said he had later been distracted from attending to one of the injured when he heard a Constable Billy Ruiters say in Afrikaans: "Yes, you k . . . , you want to be hard-headed (hardkoppig). Look how the boers have shot you (Kyk hoe skiet die boere julle)."

Another ambulanceman, Mr Dennis Barlow, 33, yesterday told the commission how he had found the body of the baby and four other people in the washroom when he went to wash blood from his hands.

"In the sluice room, just near casualty, I saw four people lying on the floor on top of each other. They were dead.

"On a table I saw a baby's blanket. I lifted it up and saw a dead child with a hole above the right eye."

Mr Barlow said he had pointed the bodies out to one of his officers but the man had looked, shaken his head and gone out of the room without saying anything.

Mr Barlow said he was 5 minutes' drive from the scene of the shooting, but was only allowed to approach after 30 minutes had elapsed.

When he eventually arrived at the scene, he saw police dragging bodies to a prison van and "throwing them in like sacks of mealies."

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Baby among dead, Langa probe

UITENHAGE. — A two-year-old baby was among the people shot dead in Maduna Road, Langa, on March 21, the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry was told yesterday — but the baby is not on the official police list of 20 dead.

On a dramatic day,

- Two ambulancemen told of finding five bodies, including that of the two-year-old baby, dumped in a washroom in the Uitenhage Provincial Hospital after the shootings. Earlier yesterday, police witnesses had rejected suggestions that a mother and her baby were among those shot dead;
- The commission was told that evidence supporting community claims that as many as 43 people were actually shot dead will be led next week;
- Ambulanceman Mr Joseph Berry, 36, said he entered the hospital washroom to clean up after helping with the wounded, and found the body of the baby and four other "bodies" covered in blood. One of the four was still alive;
- Dr Isaac Viljoen entered the washroom and, when asked by Mr Berry about the person who was still alive, had replied that the person had suffered brain damage and would also die. Dr Viljoen is one of three doctors who has given post mortem evidence to the commission;
- Mr Berry told a policeman taking a statement from him to "Write it the way you want it" because of what he took to be a threat to his job from his superior;
- An ambulance from a clinic within earshot of the shootings and further up Maduna Road was only two minutes from the scene when it was ordered to turn back and wait at a rendezvous point for a police escort.

A police Casspir was travelling with the ambulance at the time and ambulances waiting at the rendezvous point were passed by police vehicles on the way to the scene.

The ambulances were fi-

Big help for Eastern Cape, PW announces

Multi-million rand boost outlined by PW

Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN. MILLIONS of rands are to be pumped into the strife-torn Eastern Cape to alleviate rising unemployment in the area, the State President, Mr P W Botha, announced yesterday.

Speaking in the House of Representatives he said that two development schemes in the Orange River Project were to be updated and that as far as possible labour-intensive methods would be used to create the maximum number of jobs possible in the Eastern Cape.

Because unemployment had increased in the Eastern Cape, preference would be given to the parts of the scheme which fell in that area.

Mr Botha said that an extra R6 500 000 had been made available to the Department of Water Affairs, which meant that apart from the R94-million which had been provided for the Amatola regional scheme, work could start earlier than planned on the Lower Fish and Lower Sundays schemes.

The updating of these two schemes will mean that the average R31 400 000 which was to be spent on ORP developments annually for the next 10 years will have to be increased substantially," said Mr Botha.

He appreciated, however, that this would not solve the unemployment problem in the short term.

Much had already been done to create jobs in the area, he said.

As many as 50 000 people had found work as a result. A significant number of these had been employed in Transkei and Ciskei.

And, he pointed out, R100-million had been voted in the last Budget to alleviate unemployment in the short term.

The money would be used for the continuation of work creation programmes while in-service training and the promotion of self-building schemes would also be considered.

Apart from this, a special committee to investigate a speeded-up programme of regional development in the Eastern Cape had found that various authorities and agencies had set up new projects or were about to do so.

"The impact on unemployment, particularly during the construction phase, could be considerable, particularly if it is done on a co-ordinated basis," he

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Back in school, but still fighting for SRCs at Cradock
Pic: THEMBA NKOSI

Cradora won't talk to De Beer

By MONO BADELA

THE CRADOCK Residents' Association won't talk to Deputy Co-operation and Development Minister Sam de Beer when he visits the township next week.

But, they say, it's his own fault — for not talking to them last year, at the height of the school boycott in Lingelihle.

"He ignored us — so we'll ignore him," Cradora representative Vulindlela Phuwani told City Press.

"Mr De Beer cannot now pretend to know the demands of Lingelihle people. Meeting him now would serve no purpose.

"We fail to see why he wants to meet us after repeatedly labelling Cradora as a violent organisation," said Mr Vulindlela.

As the war of words continued, 4 500 Lingelihle students returned to the classes on Monday after boycotting classes for 15 months.

Attendance at Lingelihle's seven schools has climbed to 72 percent, said Education and Training Department spokesperson Job Schoeman.

Mr Schoeman said this percentage was probably not an accurate reflection because it was based on January 1984 enrolment figures, and a number of parents have subsequently sent their children to school outside Cradock.

The return to classes did not go off without a hitch.

Township residents looted and set alight bottle store and clashed with cops in two Casspirs and a truck on Monday.

Cops fired teargas and rubber bullets to disperse the crowd.

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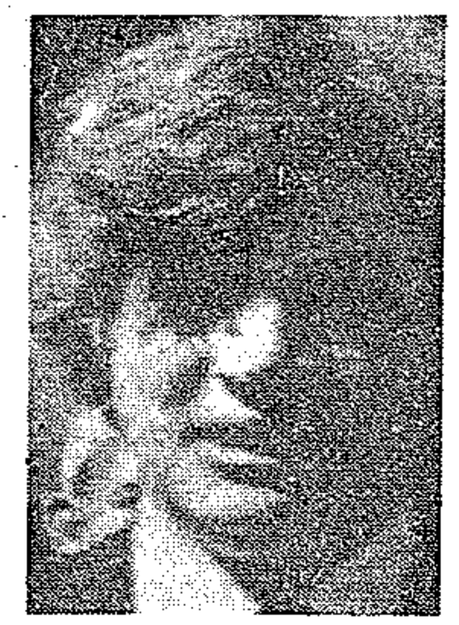
Sue Langa cops urges Amnesty lawyer



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By MONO BADELA

WHATEVER THE outcome of the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry into the Langa shootings, Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange and the policemen involved in the shooting, should be sued in court.

This is the opinion of top British barrister Godfrey Geoffrey Robertson, who represented Amnesty International as an observer at the Kannemeyer Commission in Port Elizabeth.

In an exclusive interview with City Press, Mr Robertson said funds would be raised internationally to help the friends and relatives of those who died in the shootings start legal proceedings against the Minister and police.

Mr Robertson, who will report on the background of the shootings to Amnesty International, said legal action should be brought against all policemen found to have used excessive force in Langa.

The British barrister has been involved in many headline-grabbing trials in Britian.

By MONO BADELA, SELLO SERIPE and SANDILE MEMELA

A YOUNG Langa man has been shot dead by the army — the 12th East Cape resident to die since the weekend.

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And, according to affidavits from a neighbour, Nduzile Wilson Thembani's death was unprovoked — he was sitting in his kitchen when the fatal shots were fired.

The police maintain that he had been shot while standing in a group of 800 people who stoned an army patrol in the township.

Mr Thembani was the second resident shot dead in the area in three days.

In the meantime, unrest has spread to the Reef, where community councillor ET Tshabalala's Soweto shops were set alight and stoned, and students stoned vehicles in Alexandra.

This week's East Cape killing took place while residents of Langa township tried to clean up their neighbourhood.

According to eyewitness Raymond Matibila, who lives near the dead man, soldiers arrived in two troop carriers, fired teargas near his house and ran inside.

"I ran in after them and heard four shots . . . then I saw Nduzile collapse. He was full of blood," Mr Matibila said in an affidavit.

Others to die in the East Cape this week include:

•• A youth, Mzwabantu Thomson Sinayinda, shot dead by a cop in plainclothes while singing songs with a group of people in Langa.

• Zwide schoolboy Boy Mothi, shot dead at Zwide cemetery when police opened fire on mourners burying four other unrest victims.

• Two unidentified men shot dead by police while sitting in their Zwide home, metres from the Apostolic Church where the funeral for the four was being held.

• Mourner Sipho Mji, 28, run over by a car when he tried to get out of a truck, which was hit by a teargas canister, on its way to the funeral.

Two youths were burnt to death and another two people hacked to pieces in Eastern Cape townships.

The youths were set alight yesterday by an angry mob, who accused them of killing two brothers after receiving bribes.

The youths were also accused of posing as members of the security police and extorting money from businessmen.

On the Reef, violence broke out for the first time in weeks when youths raided the business empire of former Soweto mayor ET Tshabalala.

His restaurant was set alight and his Eyethu Cinema in Mofolo and two shops were stoned.

On Thursday night, his Mofolo house and filling station were guarded by cops in Casspirs.

In Alexandra, a delivery van was set alight yesterday, police and private vehicles were stoned and pupils forced out of classes.

Several shops were forced to close when about 600 youths went on the rampage.

The violence broke out when a student — allegedly arrested by the West Rand Development Board during unrest after a Sharpeville memorial meeting — was due to appear in court.

About 500 placard-carrying students marched to the local regional court to demand his release.

A student said the students took to the streets because they felt the R1 000 bail their detained colleague had to pay was "unreasonable and not fit for the offence".

A police spokesman denied that more than 500 students marched to the local courts.



The cops move into Alex after yesterday's student protests — and at least one student is overcome by teargas. Pic: PETER SETUKE



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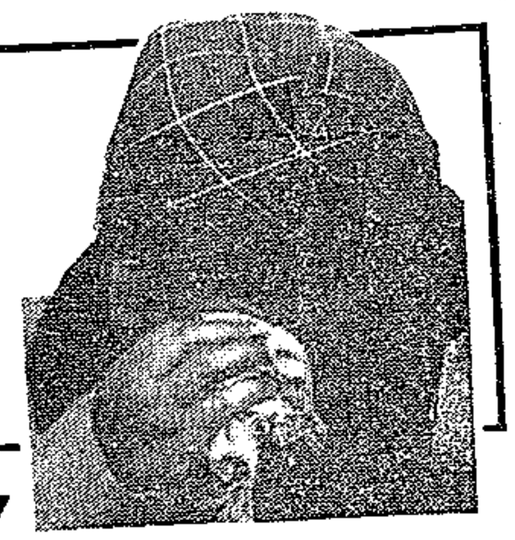
Langa buries its dead



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Mother, son, 3, die in flaming horror

By WIM VANVOLSEM

A MOTHER and her three-year-old child were killed in another shocking "human torch" attack in the strife-torn Eastern Cape yesterday.

She and her son were burnt alive when they were doused with petrol and set alight by a mob in Bontrug, a township at Kirkwood, near Port Elizabeth.

The 48-year-old coloured woman was confronted at her home early yesterday by black youths.

Police headquarters in Pretoria said the youths demanded to know the whereabouts of a certain person.

The woman, whose name has not been disclosed, said she could not assist them — so then they attacked.

Engulfed in flames, she fled screaming into her home, setting furniture alight as she ran.

Her son, who was asleep on a bed, was caught in the flames and burnt to death.

The woman continued running about in a frenzy and collapsed, dead, in the lounge.

Within minutes the whole house was ablaze.

Two other children, aged six and seven, escaped from the inferno with their bodies aflame.

Critical

They are in hospital. Their condition is described as critical.

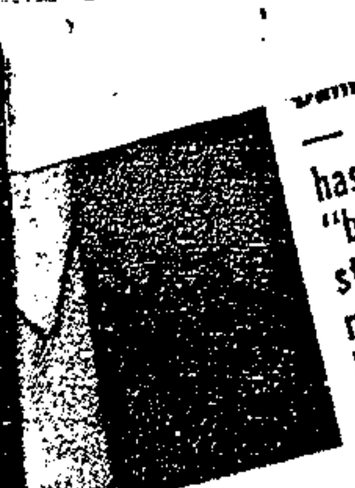
A police spokesman called the attack "horrifying and appalling".

No arrests had been made by late yesterday.

At Sasolburg, R20 000 damage was done to the offices of the Orange Vaal Administration Board after a petrol bomb attack.

Sporadic stone throwing took place in Wattville (Germiston), Sebokeng (Vereeniging), Kwazakhele (Port Elizabeth) and Kwa Thema (Springs).

There was also sporadic violence in Galvandale, near Port Elizabeth, Bloemfontein, and Langa and Kwa-Nobuhle, near Uitenhage.



— the NZRU has taken a "brave" stance — it may be even braver than he thinks

Chambers of Commerce urge meeting on unrest

PORT ELIZABETH — The Port Elizabeth, Grahamstown and Uitenhage Chambers of Commerce have requested an urgent meeting with the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, and the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, to discuss civic unrest in the region.

The three chambers have also sent a memorandum to the government, in which they outlined their views on the unrest and made recommendations on how the situation could be diffused, said Mr Frank Wightman, president of the Port Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce.

The prolonged unrest in Uitenhage's black townships has had a devastating effect on the town's economy, said Mr Graham Hamilton, president of the Uitenhage Chamber of Commerce.

Mr Wightman yesterday listed some of the reasons that the chambers saw as the core causes of unrest in the area — and that were also listed in the memorandum:

- Inferior education for blacks.
- The question of ownership of property for blacks.
- Increases in service charges and the effects of the petrol price increase.

Mr Wightman declined to detail the chambers' recommendations until the respective cabinet ministers had a chance to read them.

He added that he expected the ministers to reply shortly and the meeting to take place in Cape Town in the near future.

Meanwhile Mr Hamilton said yesterday he had been contacted by a number of businesses in Uitenhage about a drastic drop in trade.

"Shops that were once full of customers are nearly always deserted these days. It is imperative that to save the economy of the town, something is done to stop the unrest problem and return trading to normal."

- The Methodist Church in the Eastern Cape has called on the government to "declare its intention to renounce the use of institutionalised violence to enforce its political policy."

The church also says the government must lift bannings on prescribed political organisations to enable them to participate in legitimate negotiation.

These resolutions were adopted at a special synod of the Methodist Church in Uitenhage at the weekend.

According to the Reverend George Irvine, chairman of the Grahamstown District of the Methodist Church, the synod was attended by about 150 members of the church.

Messages of support were received from the British Methodist Church, the United Methodist Church in the United States of America and the Methodist Church in Ireland, Mr Irvine said.

Mr Irvine said the synod also resolved to make representations to the government, "to encourage the complete dismantling of apartheid in South Africa." — DDC.

Kirkwood boy dies in hospital from burns

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By CATHY SCHNELL

ANOTHER two people have died as a result of unrest in the Eastern Cape.

A Kirkwood boy, Livingstone Klaas, 7, who was seriously burnt when his mother and his baby brother were turned into human torches at their home over the weekend, died in hospital yesterday.

His death was confirmed by Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, police Press liaison officer for the Eastern Cape today.

This leaves his six-year old sister, Athelle — also badly burnt — as the sole survivor of the fire that gutted their home.

Mrs Elizabeth Klaas, 48, was doused with petrol and set on fire by people who knocked at her door early on Saturday. She then ran back into her home, causing the fire to spread.

In Kwanobuhle, Uitenhage, a youth was shot dead by police after a crowd stoned a police patrol, a spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said today.

He said police fired birdshot at the crowd to disperse them. The youth died last night in hospital.

In a second incident in Kwanobuhle last night, police tried to arrest a group of stone throwers, who then fled into a private home.

The spokesman said tearsmoke was used to drive them out of the house. When this failed, the police entered the house and arrested one man.

In Kirkwood a bus was stoned and petrol-bombed last night. There was no police intervention. No injuries were reported, the spokesman said.

Three houses were set alight in New Brighton and two Fort Beaufort townships, Dorrington and Lingelihle. In one case, the house was completely gutted. Police put out one fire and residents extinguished another.

The spokesman said police used shotguns to disperse a group of stone throwers at Tinus, also near Fort Beaufort.

E Cape call for meeting on unrest

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PORT ELIZABETH. — The Port Elizabeth, Grahamstown and Uitenhage Chambers of Commerce have requested an urgent meeting with the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, and the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, to discuss civil unrest in the region.

According to Mr Frank Wightman, president of the Port Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, the Eastern Cape chambers have also sent a memorandum to the government, in which they outline their views on the unrest and make recommendations on how the situation can be defused.

There were numerous reports of unrest in the Eastern Cape at the weekend.

More than 16 people have died in incidents of unrest in the Eastern Cape in just over a week.

There were also numerous reports of arson and stonings in the Transvaal.

The president of the Uitenhage Chamber of Commerce, Mr George Hamilton, said yesterday that the prolonged unrest in Uitenhage's townships had had a devastating effect on the town's economy.

He said he had been contacted by a number of businesses in Uitenhage about a drastic drop in trade.

"It is imperative that to save the economy of the town, something is done to stop the unrest problem," he said.

Mr Wightman listed inferior education, the question of property rights and increases in service charges as some of the reasons that the chambers saw as core causes of unrest in the area.

The Methodist Church in the Eastern Cape called on the government to "declare its intention to renounce the use of institutionalized violence to enforce its political policy".

And in resolutions adopted at a special synod in Uitenhage at the weekend, the church said the government must lift bannings on proscribed political organizations to enable them to participate in legitimate negotiation.

In the worst incident of unrest at the weekend, a two-year-old child and his mother were burnt to death and two other children were critically burnt when their Kirkwood, Port Elizabeth, home was attacked.

A police spokesman said Mrs Elizabeth Klaas was confronted by a group of people in the early hours of Saturday. They said they were looking for a man. When she told them she did not know the man the group poured petrol on her and set her alight, he said.

He said the group also poured petrol on her son Goodman and then set him alight.

Mrs Klaas's house was gutted by the fire and two other children, Athelle, 6, and Livingstone, 7, were critically burnt.

The spokesman said there was also an attempt to petrol-bomb the home of a Labour Party member in Kirkwood on Saturday. The bomb failed to explode.

In Langa township, Uitenhage, Ms Christina Plaatjies, 24, died after being shot on Saturday.

The spokesman said she was in a group of about 250 people who were stoning a police vehicle. The police used tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse the crowd.

In KwaNobuhle, near Uitenhage, on Saturday, a group of people stoned a police patrol twice, the spokesman said. A petrol bomb was thrown at the vehicle but failed to explode, he added. Police then used tearsmoke to disperse them.

There were reports of arson in Cradock, Adelaide and Port Alfred at the weekend, police said.

And in Duduza and Joza, near Grahamstown, several incidents occurred in which police vehicles were stoned.

Meanwhile the joint nine-member Somerset East and Cookhouse Community Council has resigned en masse, bringing to five the number of community councils which have stepped down in the Eastern Cape since January.

The Cape Times Johannesburg correspondent reports that a beer hall and two shops were stoned and looted, and streets barricaded with

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burning tyres and crates as police with dogs, assisted by soldiers, conducted a house-to-house search in Duduza, near Nigel, yesterday.

Police fired teargas canisters, and a sneeze-machine sprayed clouds of tearsmoke to disperse crowds in the township.

The wave of violence erupted as residents came out in protest against an Inkatha Youth Brigade meeting which was planned for Duduza yesterday.

Hundreds of Inkatha members wielding kieries, sjamboks and sticks marched to the local community hall with an escort of police Casspirs. Residents attacked the Inkatha marchers with bricks and stones.

The meeting was abandoned.

In Katlehong, near Germiston, three shots were fired by council policemen near the home of Mr A Lukhele, the Mayor of Katlehong, during a peaceful demonstration through the township by scores of squatters about 4pm on Saturday.

Also in Katlehong, a Putco bus was set alight by people who were attending the funeral of a pupil. The driver of the bus was robbed of R60.

Police reported other incidents of unrest at Dunnottar, Galeshewe near Kimberley, Tshankane, KwaThema near Springs and in Bloemfontein. — Own Correspondents and Sapa

Ambulancemen quizzed about dead baby

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UITENHAGE. — The Kannemeyer Commission continued today with cross-examination of an ambulanceman who testified on Friday that he had seen a dead baby in a hospital washroom on the day of the shootings.

Counsel for the police, Mr Chris Jansen, SC, put it to Mr Dennis Barlow that he was lying when he said the baby had a wound above the right eye.

Mr Jansen said he would lead evidence from one of the hospital doctors and from nurses that a coloured child had died of natural causes at the Uitenhage hospital on that day.

He would also call the child's mother and all these witnesses would testify that there had been no injury.

Mr Barlow said he had definitely seen a wound on the child, although it might have died of natural causes.

"I know of only one child. It appears that you are trying to drive me into a corner. I am just saying what I saw in the sluice room," Mr Barlow said.

He conceded that the mark could have been a graze and that dried blood he had seen might have been from the child's nose or from someone else.

Questioned by the chairman of the commission, Mr Justice Kannemeyer, Mr Barlow said the wound had appeared to him to be a hole.

The commission continued with cross-examination by Mr Chris Jansen, SC, representing the Minister of Law and Order, of an ambulance orderly, Mr Joseph Berry.

Mr Berry testified on Friday that he had also seen a child's body in the hospital washroom. — Sapa.

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By SHIRLEY PRESSLY

UITENHAGE — An ambulanceman, Mr Dennis Barlow, who told the Kannemeyer Commission on Friday that he had seen the body of a two-year-old child in a sluice room at the Uitenhage Provincial Hospital, today conceded during cross-examination that the dried blood he had seen on the child's face could have come from being in contact with other bodies.

Earlier Mr Barlow said that the wound he had seen could have been a bullet wound or might have been caused by falling on a sharp object.

Today he said, during cross-examination, he had seen a mark with dried blood.

Mr Chris Jansen, SC, for the Minister of Law and Order, put it to Mr Barlow that a coloured child had died of natural causes in hospital on March 21 and that he could call the doctor, nurses and the mother, who would all testify that the child had no injuries.

He put it to Mr Barlow that he was lying when he said the child had a wound above the right eye.

Mr Jansen said he would call ambulanceman Goliath, who would say he did not see a wound when he was called to see the body by Mr Barlow.

Mr Barlow said he was parked at a clinic in Middle Street when he received the first radio message to proceed to Maduna Road on March 21.

He said that about 20 minutes earlier he had seen police vehicles proceed in the direction of Maduna Road from Cannon Street. The convoy comprised one Caspir, a Dodge, several Land-Rovers, a yellow Chev van and a big truck which later transported the bodies.

He said about 20 minutes after the police vehicles had passed he heard shooting. He heard rapid fire, followed after about two seconds by single shots.

He said the radio call to proceed to the scene of the shooting had been received about 10 to 15 minutes after he heard the shots.

He said he was about 500 metres from the beer hall in Ninth Avenue, when a Caspir passed him and indicated to him to follow. It was then that he received a second radio call to return to the corner of Cannon Street and Baines Road for further instruction. He told the driver of the Caspir he had to turn back and wait for further instructions.

He said he stood by his statement on Friday that he heard a Constable Groep say "Yes, you Kaffirs, you won't listen."

During cross-examination by Mr Jansen, he conceded that he had seen only one body being dragged by police and thrown into the van. During his evidence-in-chief on Friday he had given the impression it was more than one body which was dragged in this manner and "thrown likes mealies" on to the truck.

Asked why he hd given this impression on Friday in his evidence-in-chief, Mr Barlow replied: "I made a mistake. I did not notice how they handled the others."

(Proceeding)

Ambulanceman questioned by SC on dead child

UITENHAGE — An ambulance orderly today denied he had tried to give the Kannemeyer Commission the impression that a child had been shot during the incident in Langa township.

"I'm not here to give any impression, but just to tell what I saw," he said.

Mr Chris Jansen, SC, representing the Minister of Law and Order, continued to cross-examine ambulance orderly Mr Joseph Berry before the commission today.

Mr Berry had testified on Friday that he had seen a child's body in the sluice room of the hospital to which those injured in the Uitenhage shooting were taken on March 21.

Today he denied alleging that a doctor at the hospital had been guilty of irregular conduct by saying one of five people Mr Berry had seen in the sluice room had sustained brain injuries and would "die anyway".

Mr Berry conceded that he had been given a final warning in January that he would be dismissed from his job if he continued with bad behaviour.

He denied he was a member of the UDF.

Questioned about a black piece of material he had worn on the day he made a statement to police in connection with the shootings, Mr Berry said: "In the area where I stay, it is the only thing that protects me from people who would burn down my house."

Earlier, Mr Jansen cross-examined the other ambulance man who also testified on Friday that he had seen a dead baby in the hospital sluice room.

Mr Jansen said he would lead evidence from one of the hospital doctors and nurses that a coloured child had died of natural causes at the Uitenhage hospital on that day.

● Police today dispersed a small group of demonstrators outside the Uitenhage court where the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry is sitting.

Eyewitnesses said the group had moved to the Uitenhage Magistrate's Court after being prevented from demonstrating in Despatch township against the police presence there.

Police stood by with shotguns.

Eyewitnesses said four or five policemen with quirts chased the demonstrators, who were holding placards, for about 100 m. Police later denied this.

"The police confiscated the placards and the group was dispersed. Only one SAP member used a quirt," said Lieutenant-Colonel Gerry van Rooyen, the police public relations officer for the Eastern Cape. — Sapa.

Uitenhage coloureds 'live in fear'

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Mercury Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — Coloureds in Uitenhage are living in nightly fear of marauding groups of Africans roaming their townships and forcing them to join in stoning and petrol-bomb sprees, many of them claim.

Several people interviewed in the coloured townships of Rosedale and Gamble said they were being forced to join groups of African rioters who entered their homes at night.

And, in a recent interview, the leader of the Labour Party, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, said coloured people were caught in a situation in which their schools were being stoned and petrol-bombed by Africans — 'something which the coloureds don't do themselves'.

Africans, he said, might logically be expected to converge on white schools and businesses, but a situation had now developed in which 'the man immediately above you is the target'.

'Threatened'

He added that the current situation was likely to drive a further wedge between the African and coloured communities.

A young man from Rosedale said groups of Africans moved down the streets, entering houses on the way. Residents were threatened that their houses would be burnt if they did not accompany the groups.

Another man said he woke up early one morning to find his house 'full of blacks'. A knife was held to his throat and he had no option but to accompany the group.

An elderly man said his son, who lived in Langa, used to sleep at his parents' home in Rosedale in an attempt to escape the gangs. 'But they found him and nearly killed him. He has now moved elsewhere.'

A man of about 30 said the noise coming from Langa at night made it impossible to sleep. Groups of Africans entered Gamble and Rosedale at night and 'pluck our young men and boys from their beds'.

The groups of Africans were usually accompanied by 'older men who seemed in command'.

A young man said a group of Africans recently entered a shopping centre in the coloured township and started overturning display shelves. One was apprehended and his hands tied behind his back. The others fled.

'Later a mob of about 50 arrived and tried to bash down the door. They smashed windows and were trying to free their accomplice inside the shop,' he said.

'The apprehended man made a dash for the window and dived through it. He and his friends fled back to Langa.'

A spokesman for the South African Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria urged people intimidated by others to participate in illegal activities to lay a complaint at their nearest police station.

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Rising death toll in E Cape unrest

POLICE reported two more deaths yesterday in Eastern Cape townships, where at least 20 people have died during unrest in the past 10 days.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said the body of a 23-year-old black man was brought to the Kwanobuhle police station by his father during the morning.

The man had apparently been wounded when police shot at a group of arsonists in the township, but was dragged away from the scene by his fellows, the spokesman said.

Another man injured during rioting in Kwanobuhle on Monday died in hospital yesterday.

The spokesman said the offices of the Development Board in Queenstown were totally gutted by fire early yesterday, but he had no details on the incident.

In Sebokeng, police reported using tearsmoke to disperse an illegal gathering of some 90 youths who began hurling stones at policemen.

Incidents of stone throwing were also reported in Kwanobuhle, Uitenhage, and in the Grahamstown townships of Duduza and Joza yesterday.

"At Joza, Grahamstown a group of people used catapults on a police patrol. One youth was arrested," the police spokesman said.

In Cradock's township, a house was set alight on Monday, causing extensive damage. But the spokesman added that there were no injuries in that and other isolated cases of fireraising.

Schools, houses, community halls and businesses were burnt in a weekend of unrest in Eastern Cape townships which claimed three lives.

They included a two-year-old child and his mother who were set alight and burnt to death, when their Kirkwood home was attacked. Two of the woman's other children received serious burns. — Sapa.

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Parents call for education crisis inquiry

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Education Reporter

PARENTS of students at the Cape College — the Fort Beaufort African teacher-training college — have called for an independent national inquiry into the education crisis presently sparking unrest in institutions around the country.

In Cape Town the committee of parents, which was set up last month to try to resolve the crisis at the Fort Beaufort college, has said the call results from the failure of the authorities to resolve issues or to fulfil promises.

Last week the Deputy Minister of Education and Training, Mr Sam de Beer, announced that over 300 of the college's 500 students would not be allowed back this year.

No guarantee

They will be able to apply for re-entry to the college for the 1986 academic year but have no guarantee they will get their places back.

The students began a boycott of classes early in March after 70 students were refused readmission after they boycotted classes to protest against the expulsion of two SRC members.

"By doing so they automatically cancelled their enrolment as students of the college, thereby jeopardizing their future careers as teachers," said Mr de Beer in a statement.

Mr De Beer said the relevant authorities had made repeated efforts to resolve the situation and he had now concluded it would be "impossible for boycotting students to catch up on the backlog of two months in the available time, even if they should desire to re-register".

The parents claim Mr De Beer asked them to obtain a guarantee from the students that if they returned they would not victimize students who had not participated in the boycott.

If such a guarantee could be obtained he would open the college to them again, they said.

This, they say, they did but no readmissions were allowed.

Denied

Last weekend Mr De Beer denied this, saying he had merely asked parents to speak to students as part of efforts to find a way of getting them back to class.

The parents consider the failure of their discussions with college officials, department officials and with Mr De Beer to be part and parcel of the education crisis in the country.

Mr De Beer, however, believes the boycott had "nothing to do with education" in South Africa.

● Mr De Beer also announced last week he had given instructions that "methods be investigated for ensuring closer involvement of parents in the control of residential colleges of education to facilitate better communication with all concerned".

tion with the rate at which prospecting is to be undertaken.

(b) No.

(c) Yes, several contractual obligations and conditions are stipulated in connection with aspects such as testing of first discoveries of oil or gas, lodging of reports safekeeping of samples, the keeping of relevant records and soforth.

†Mr Speaker, perhaps I might just add that these rights which are being held by Soekor, make provision for subletting. At present Soekor is subletting its prospecting rights in the Algoa Basin to Energy Resources and Mining Corporation Ltd. The subletting agreement includes, however, conditions regarding the rate at which the latter company has to prospect, and conditions regarding the amount of money to be spent in this regard.

Mr A SAVAGE: Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, can he tell us whether we can also see that subcontract and where we can see it?

The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, it will be available on the Soekor premises.

Port Elizabeth: off-shore drilling rights

*5. Mr A SAVAGE asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs:

(1) Whether any rights for off-shore drilling within a radius of 70 kilometres of Port Elizabeth have been awarded to any persons or companies; if so, (a) for what period, (b) on what terms and (c) what are the names of the persons or companies to which these rights have been awarded;

(2) whether any conditions were attached to the awarding of these rights in regard to (a) the rate at which prospecting is to be done, (b) the amount of money to be invested in this prospecting per annum and (c) any other specified matters; if not, why not; if so, what conditions in each case?

†The MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS:

(1) Yes, to Soekor to prospect for natural oil and gas and to Foskor to prospect for phosphate.

(a) The prospecting rights held by Soekor and Foskor are valid to 22 June 1987 and 15 June 1985, respectively.

(b) The conditions cover various aspects and are embodied in voluminous lease documents which can be inspected at the office of the Registrar of Mining Titles, Johannesburg.

(c) Soekor and Foskor.

(2) (a) No, apart therefrom that prospecting must be carried out in a manner and on a scale satisfactory to the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs, no specific conditions are specified in connection with the rate of which prospecting is to be undertaken.

(b) No.

(c) Yes, various contractual obligations and conditions are stipulated.

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Public Service State housing subsidies

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*6. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Public Works:

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 208 on 27 March 1985, his Department has at any stage kept statistics concerning the (a) number of persons in receipt of Public Service State housing subsidies and (b) cost to the State of such subsidies; if not, (i) why not and (ii) who is responsible for keeping such statistics; if so, in respect of what aspects of such subsidies are statistics kept;

(2) whether there have recently been changes in policy in regard to the (a) issuing, (b) administration and (c) collection of statistics regarding State housing subsidies; if not, who is responsible for these matters at present; if so, (i) what is the nature of the changes, (ii) why were these changes made and (iii) when did they come into effect?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS:

(1) (a) No.

(b) Yes.

(i) and (ii) Each Department paid the housing subsidies in respect of its officials and claimed the total amounts monthly from the Department of Public Works and Land Affairs, which provided the financing up to 31 March 1985. For the information of the hon member it is mentioned, in regard to (1)(b), that the allocated amount for the 1984-85 financial year amounts to R187 574 000.

(2) Insofar as the Department of Public Works and Land Affairs' involvement in the subsidy scheme is concerned a change has taken place in terms of which each Department accepted responsibility for the financing thereof with effect from 1 April 1985. This step is a refinement of the budgeting by objective system.

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Certain person shot in New Brighton

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*7. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, was shot and killed on or about 27 March 1985 in Avenue A, New Brighton in the Eastern Cape; if so, (a) what were the circumstances surrounding the incident, (b) when was he shot and (c) what was his name;

(2) whether his relatives were informed of his death; if not, why not; if so, on what date;

(3) whether a post-mortem has been carried out; if not, when will it be carried out; if so, (a) on what date and (b) what were the findings;

(4) whether the relatives of this person requested that the post-mortem be carried out in the presence of a pathologist of their choice; if so, on what date was the request made;

(5) whether this request was acceded to; if not, (a) why not, (b) on whose authority was this request refused and (c) who was present at the post-mortem;

(6) whether this person's relatives were informed of the date on which the post-mortem would be carried out; if not, why not; if so, on what date were they informed;

(7) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes, in B Avenue.

(a) On 27 March 1985 riotous Blacks attacked the residence of the mother of the Mayor of Kyamnandi with stones. In order to disperse the rioters and to protect life and property the police were compelled to use fire-arms.

(b) On 27 March 1985.

(c) X A Kani.

(2) No, because at that stage his identity

was not known, but his brother identified the body on 28 March 1985.

(3) Yes.

(a) On 28 March 1985.

(b) "Shotgun pellet wound of aorta 'vena-cava'. Left kidney and entestines."

(4) Yes, on the same day.

(5) Yes.

(6) No. The deceased's relatives made their own arrangements in this regard.

(7) No, except to state that on 29 March 1985 a private pathologist from Johannesburg performed post-mortems in the presence of the district surgeon on a number of deceased, including Kani.

Mrs H SUZMAN: Mr Speaker, arising out of the reply of the hon the Minister, will he tell the House whether inquiries are to be held into the circumstances surrounding the shooting of this man who was, I am informed, simply an onlooker as the crowd went past him?

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, according to the hon member everybody is always innocent onlookers of an incident. We are quite used to that in this House. The hon member knows very well that all unnatural deaths are dealt with by means of a judicial post-mortem by a magistrate. I presume that will also be the position in this case.

Three Arts Theatre

*8. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 66 on 11 February 1985, the application received on 4 December 1984 to open the Three Arts Theatre, Plumstead, to members of all race groups has been finalized; if so, what was the result of the application; if not,

(2) whether there has been a delay in this regard; if so, (a) what is the cause of the delay and (b) when is it anticipated that a decision will be taken?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (for the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning):

(1) Yes, the application was refused.

(2) Falls away.

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*9. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education:

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 423 on 14 March 1985, any progress has been made in regard to the incorporation of additional land into the municipal area of Alexandra; if so, what progress has been made (a) in general and (b) in the investigation into the representations concerned;

(2) whether any parties have been and/or will be consulted in this regard; if so, what parties (a) have been and/or (b) will be consulted on each of these representations;

(3) whether any response has been received from any of these parties; if so, from what parties in each case?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AND OF LAND AFFAIRS:

(1) No.

(a) and (b) fall away.

(2) No.

(a) and (b) The Department has not yet conducted further negotiations in connection with this matter. As is customary the Department will approach all parties concerned. Negotiations between the Town Council of Alexandra and the Johannesburg City Council are in progress.

(3) No.

Mostert's Mill, Mowbray

*10. Mr B R BAMFORD asked the Minister of Public Works:

(1) With reference to his reply to Question No 38 on 26 February 1985, what were the findings of the impact study undertaken by the architectural firm, mentioned in that reply, in regard to the construction work at Mostert's Mill in Mowbray;

(2) (a) what are the names of the local building contractors on his Department's approved list who were invited to submit tenders, (b) what was the lowest tender price submitted and (c) who was the successful tenderer;

(3) whether the final costs of the project have been calculated; if not, when is it anticipated that the final costs will be available; if so, (a) what was the total cost involved and (b) on what specified items was this money spent?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS:

(1) In consideration of the fact that Die Meule is utilised as an official residence and therefore had to be secured, the private architect, after careful consideration of the aesthetical consequences on the environment, and after consultation with the National Monuments Council, came to the conclusion that the relevant structures would be the best under the circumstances.

(2) (a) Gordon Verhoef and Krause
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Continental Painters
Brice Brothers
Status Construction
Julius Cohn
Ambrosia Brothers
Murray and Roberts
Dura Construction
Blue Circle
Ned Steel.

(b) R146 090.

(c) Gordon Verhoef and Krause.

(3) Yes.

(a) R172 300.

(b) Brick wall on boundary of Rhodes Avenue, erection of foundation walls, trellis fences, guard hut, room with fully installed generator, new electronic controlled entrance gate, security fence around the premises of Die Meule, intercom system and essential electrical work.

Squatters

*11. Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Law and Order:

Whether the South African Police have at any time requested any welfare agencies to accommodate squatters prior to their repatriation to national and independent Black states; if so, (a) why, (b) which welfare agencies, (c) where, (d) when and (e) what total number of persons had been so accommodated as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

No.

Medical Bureau for Occupational Diseases/National Centre for Occupational Health

*12. Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Health and Welfare:

(1) Whether any steps have been taken in respect of the medical diagnostic functions of the joint Medical Bureau

Unrest hits U'hage trade

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Post Reporter

BUSINESS has dropped sharply in some areas of Uitenhage because of the unrest in the black townships.

Some shopkeepers say turnover has been cut by half, and other are closing earlier because there are so few customers.

Mr Graham Hamilton, president of the Uitenhage Chamber of Commerce, expressed his concern at the "drastic drop" in trade reported to him by various businessmen.

"Things are not looking good," he said.

Mrs R Moodaley, owner of a trading store in Caledon Street, said business was so dead she closed her shop at 11am instead of 6pm and her sales had been halved. Her staff had not reported for work.

A spokesman for a chain store said trade on Friday night had virtually reached a standstill.

"You don't even see people walking in the streets of Uitenhage at night any more. No one seems to go shopping on Friday night," he said.

Mr Peter Cadle, managing director of a furniture store, said the unrest appeared to be an ongoing problem.

Sales had dropped and the furniture trade was in the doldrums. The only goods still selling well were radios, hi-fi and television sets.

Some people in the townships were taking advantage of the situation and not paying their accounts. It was difficult to repossess furniture because of the unrest.

Mr D C Frier, another businessman, said he took over his shop after moving to Uitenhage from SWA/Namibia.

His trade was down 50% since the trouble started.

"I thought it would be great to trade here, but I have been disappointed."

Fewer than 10 customers were trickling into his shop daily.

Mr Nazier Mahomed, the assistant manager of a furniture shop, said takings had dropped by about 70%. Black trade accounted for 96% of his business.

Mr Wingson Leong, manager of a butchery in Caledon Street, said he was very concerned about business, which has been bad since the beginning of April.

The manager of a furniture store in Caledon Street, who did not want to be named, also reported a sharp drop in turnover.

"It's difficult to say how much of this is due to the recession, short-time and strikes and how much is the direct result of the unrest.

"We don't know how long this will go on for," he said.

The manager of a Durban Road supermarket, Mr Y Chohan, said all shop-owners were complaining.

"I have three supermarkets, the other two in Caledon Street and Gibbon Street, and altogether there has been a 25% drop in turnover during the past month."

He still managed to keep head above water, but said it would not be possible to survive for too long if conditions did not improve.

Bank staff

ECDB office burnt down

QUEENSTOWN — An office of the East Cape Development Board in Komani Street here was destroyed by fire at 3 am yesterday.

A spokesman of the board declined to comment.

Lieutenant J. L. Barnard, police liaison officer at the police directorate of public relations in Pretoria, confirmed the incident.

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2 ambulancemen suspended

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — Two Dias Divisional Council ambulancemen, who yesterday gave evidence before the Kannemeyer commission of inquiry into the Langa shooting, have been suspended, according to the council's secretary, Mr N W Anderson.

However, one of the ambulancemen, Mr Dennis Barlow, who is stationed in Uitenhage, said last night he and Mr Joseph Berry had been told yesterday that their services had been terminated.

Mr Anderson said last night it was "not entirely correct" to say the two men had been fired. Asked whether their evidence before the inquiry had played a role in the decision to suspend the two men, Mr Anderson said: "The inquiry could have a bearing on the decision, but it goes far deeper than that."

Doctor affirms man as 'clinically dead'

By SHIRLEY PRESSLY

THE Kannemeyer Commission heard yesterday how a man injured in the March 21 shooting in Maduna Road, Langa — had been certified as "clinically dead" and transferred to a sluice room where other bodies lay to make room in a recovery room for injured who could be helped.

Dr Izak Viljoen, who testified earlier in the proceedings how he had tended to the injured at the Provincial Hospital in Uitenhage in the aftermath of the shooting, was recalled to give evidence yesterday afternoon.

He was asked to clarify evidence by an ambulanceman, Mr Joseph Berry, who had testified he had alerted Dr Viljoen to the fact that one of four adult bodies lying on the floor of a sluice room in the hospital appeared to be alive.

Dr Viljoen said he had spoken to an ambulanceman who had pointed out that one of the corpses appeared to be alive.

He said three injured people arrived from Maduna Road and were certified dead on arrival by him. These bodies were pushed to the sluice room and left there.

He said a fourth patient had received serious head injuries. There was no reaction to light by the pupils and he did not breath spontaneously.

Dr Viljoen said he could not feel a pulse and he classified the patient as "clinically dead".

He said there was no room and the body was taken on a trolley to the sluice room where it was left.

"I remember saying to an ambulanceman that he was 'brain dead' and there was nothing we could do for him, but there were others who could be helped."

Dr Viljoen testified that there was a body of a baby girl in the sluice room on March 21. But this death was unconnected to the Langa shooting.

The baby had been brought in and certified as dead before the injured from the Langa shooting were brought in. He said he had suspected the baby had gastro-enteritis.

An ambulanceman, Mr Michael Goqo, testified to the Kannemeyer Commission he had seen the body of a baby lying off the road on the gravel at Maduna Road while bodies and injured lay strewn around.

He said the child, who was wrapped in a faded blanket which had been washed so many times that he could not tell its colour, lay on its back with the left arm along the body and the other arm over the face.

"There was a hole smaller than a 5c piece in the forehead," said Mr Goqo.

He could not detect a pulse on the child's wrist or on the neck.

"Each time I walked past my eyes fell on the child who was at an age that it could not sit up unaided. I was shocked," he said.

He did not tell any other ambulanceman on the scene of the dead child he had seen.

Mr Goqo said the next day he was told by a superior officer he should not mention to anyone what had happened that day.

On April 11 he went to the local police station with other ambulancemen. Mr Goqo said a police officer told them that the police did not know anything about a child and the hospital knew nothing about a child.

Mr Goqo said he did not discuss the child with anyone else at the scene but later at the hospital on March 21 he mentioned having seen a child.

"They (the police) did not ask me about the child. They said it was enough and there were many more who had to make statements. Otherwise I would have told them," he said.

Asked by Mr Justice Kannemeyer whether he had tried to trace the mother of the child at the scene, Mr Goqo replied: "The people who were alive near the child were shaking and could not talk. I tried to talk to them."

Commission of inquiry hears of threat to dismiss drivers

Argus 23/4/85 (2)

UITENHAGE. — The Secretary of the Dias Divisional Council, Mr Nigel Anderson, told the Local Government Commission of Inquiry today he was unable to give an assurance that the jobs of ambulance drivers in his service who gave evidence before the hearing would not be prejudiced as a result of their evidence before the hearing.

"If it's a disservice to my council I can't," he said in answer to a question by the commission's chairman, Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer.

Mr Anderson appeared before Mr Justice Kannemeyer to answer claims that three ambulancemen who testified yesterday and on Friday had been dismissed.

The secretary said the men, Mr Joseph Berry, Mr Dennis Barlow and Mr Michael Goqo, had been dismissed from the ambulance service, but not from the council's employ.

The men had "twisted" their evidence before the commission, Mr Anderson said.

They had been told, when it became clear that they would have to give evidence, that they should tell only the truth.

"Twisting truth"

"When it was disclosed that three of my most senior men were alleged to have told ambulancemen to hide facts from the commission this was a twisting of the truth — and in no way could I allow this disrespect to continue."

Mr Anderson denied that he was anticipating Mr Justice Kannemeyer's decision.

Asked what would happen if the allegations against the senior officers proved to be true, Mr Anderson said he would hold an internal inquiry to decide on the matter.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer: "It is quite clear you have decided provisionally that the men made false statements to the commission."

Mr Anderson: "My trusted senior men spoke to these men before they gave evidence and what they told them was twisted in this court."

Damage done

Mr Justice Kannemeyer: "You have decided that what they said was twisted. The damage has been done. I can't expect other ambulancemen to testify freely if they are going to be judged by their seniors before giving evidence."

The judge said the damage was of a very serious nature and asked if Mr Anderson could give an assurance that no other ambulancemen would be prejudiced because of their evidence.

Mr Anderson said he had to protect his men because the commission was being held in public and any allegations made could be read about in newspapers.

He could not give the required assurance but the suspended men would have an opportunity to state their case and he could find "equally rewarding employment" for them within the council.

"Read rules"

Mr Justice Kannemeyer said Mr Anderson should draw the attention of his council's legal advisers to the proclamation in terms of which the commission was appointed.

"They should in particular read the rules relating to the pre-judging and anticipation of the commission's findings.

"This might assist you in further decisions you might have to take," Mr Justice Kannemeyer said.

He said he had intended calling other ambulance drivers,

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but the developments had put them "in an extraordinary position".

Mr Anderson said his decision to dismiss the drivers had been based on "managerial principles".

One of the dismissed men had been inclined to exaggerate and had been given a final warning because of problems he created with discipline in the service's uniformed section.

"Because of the background to all these gentlemen and the way they have misconstrued certain facts, I have lost all faith in them. I can't allow people who act in this manner to have anything to do at a scene where people's lives are in danger.

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"I can't allow them to have access to equipment at hospitals and clinics."

Mr Justice Kannemeyer asked whether the dismissals would encourage other ambulancemen to give evidence against the service.

Mr Anderson: "Anyone can say anything against the service but it must be the truth. They must substantiate the allegations."

He said the man who had been given a final warning were given this reprieve because his work was above average.

But he had been guilty of insubordination and disgraceful conduct.

Mr Anderson said he had intended to regard the matter as a domestic affair but it had been published in a local newspaper after a reporter was informed of the dismissals by Mr John Malcomess, the Progressive Federal Party MP for Port Elizabeth Central.

After Mr Anderson stood down, counsel for the police began leading evidence by an ambulance official, Mr Gregory James Pillay. — Sapa.

Mr Joseph Berry



Mr Dennis Barlow



Judge calls Dias chief

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By SHIRLEY PRESSLY

UITENHAGE — The chairman of the one-man commission into the Langa shooting, Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer, reacted today when he was told by Mr Chris Nicholson, appearing for Langa families, that three ambulancemen who testified before the commission had been dismissed.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer said he intended to defend the integrity of the commission, and if there had been an attempt to anticipate the findings of the commission action would be taken.

He said that he had called for Mr N W Anderson, secretary of the Dias Divisional Council, to appear before him this morning.

Mr Nicholson said that Mr Joseph Berry had told him that before lunch yesterday he was told to hand in his uniform and that he had been dismissed.

Mr Dennis Barlow was taken to Port Elizabeth and told after 4pm that he had been dismissed.

Mr Michael Goqo reported for work today and was told that he was dismissed.

All the dismissals were done by Mr Des Heuer, deputy head of the ambulance service.

Mr Goqo told Mr Nicholson that he was being dismissed "for that sh . . you spoke in court yesterday".

Mr Nicholson said that from the beginning he had had difficulty in getting the ambulancemen to give testimony and they were subpoeaned. They had feared from the beginning that they would lose their job.

Mr Nicholson said these dismissals made their task difficult should they wish to call further witnesses and he asked for guidance from Mr Justice Kannemeyer.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer said if Mr Anderson was quoted correctly in the Eastern Province Herald today he had indicated that evidence given by two ambulancemen had "something to do" with the dismissals.

The judge said: "I am disturbed by the possible result of the action."

He said if the action of suspension was directly linked to the men giving evidence then it would appear that persons had seen fit to anticipate his findings. He had made no findings on the credibility of witnesses.

It appeared a decision had been reached that their evidence was unsatisfactory and there was a clear attempt to anticipate the findings of the commission. "I have summonsed Mr Anderson to appear before me this morning," he said.

● Members of the Press were today barred from the monthly meeting of the Dias Divisional Council when the dismissals of the ambulancemen was discussed.

The chairman, Mr John Berrington, said the matter would be discussed in committee and asked Press reporters to leave the council chamber.

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Driver claims: 'Baby was shot'

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UITENHAGE. — An ambulance driver told the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry yesterday he had seen a dead baby with a gunshot wound in the forehead at the scene of the Uitenhage shootings on March 21.

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The baby had been brought in already dead before the shooting and had probably died of gastro-enteritis, said Dr Isaac Viljoen.

He had certified the child as dead and later ordered it to be placed in the sluice room along with four bodies of shooting victims so they would not be in the way of doctors treating the wounded.

Dr Viljoen said three of the bodies placed in the washroom had been dead on arrival at the hospital after being brought there from the scene of the shooting.

He had considered another clinically dead as a result of brain injuries and had ordered that he also be put in the washroom after attempts to resuscitate him had failed.

"No doctor could have done anything further for that patient," said Dr Viljoen.

An ambulance driver called to the scene of the shootings, Mr Michael Goqo, told the commission he had seen a baby that could not have been older than a year lying on the gravel next to the road where the incident took place. He had checked for a pulse but found none, Mr Goqo said.

"The baby's left arm was around its body and the other was over its face. I moved the arm away from the face.

"There was a hole in the forehead — I can't remember which side. It was smaller than a 5c piece."

Mr Goqo said under cross-examination the hole was a gunshot wound.

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It was partly wrapped in a blanket and had blood on its left cheek and part of its nose.

Mr Goqo said he had intended mentioning the baby in his statement but, before he could say anything, the policeman taking down the statement had said he had enough information.

Yesterday's hearing was marked by a demonstration outside the court building by about 50 placard-bearing people.

According to witnesses, the group had come to Uitenhage to see the town's magistrate, Mr M V Groenewald, over grievances concerning the police presence in the townships.

The police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, told reporters the group had first been encountered near Despatch.

Police had told them to choose five or six people to form a delegation, he said.

About 50 people had later arrived at the Uitenhage Magistrate's Court and had stood on the steps bearing placards protesting at the police presence in the townships.

Police had warned the group, swelled to about 100 by bystanders, to disperse but they then began walking to the other side of the building, where the commission is sitting, he said.

Members of the SAP then dispersed the group with quirts, Colonel Van Rooyen said.

Witnesses said about four or five policemen had chased the demonstrators for about 100 metres.

They then went to a nearby church, accompanied by the Progressive Federal Party MPC for Walmer, Mrs Molly Blackburn.

A delegation was elected which went to see the magistrate, the police spokesman said.

The hearing continues today. — Sapa

I found shot baby at scene, says witness

UITENHAGE. — A dead baby with a gunshot wound in the forehead was found at the scene of the Uitenhage shootings on March 21, the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry was told yesterday.

An ambulance driver, Mr Michael Goqo, said he saw the body lying on the gravel verge of Maduna Road in Langa, at the scene of the shootings.

The baby was no more than a year old. He checked for a pulse and found none.

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The baby had been dressed in faded clothes and pink knitted socks.

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The sight of the dead child at the scene of the shooting had so shocked him that afterwards he telephoned his wife in Zwide to check on the safety of his children.

Mr Goqo also told the commission how a policeman kicked a woman he was attending to.

When he asked the man what he was doing, he said: "You can see what I'm doing and if you've got a lot of things to say you'll also lie here like the others."

Cross-examined by Mr Chris Jansen, SC, for the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Goqo said the policeman told him the woman was being "rude".

He said the woman had urinated on herself. She was trembling and could not speak.

"The policeman said the reason she was in such a condition was because of what her people do," Mr Goqo said.

He also saw the police loading bodies on to a truck.

"Those dead bodies were being pulled along to the truck," he said.

Under cross-examination by Mr Jansen, he said he had not told police about the child because he had not been asked.

He wished to mention the baby, but, before he could say anything, the policeman taking down his statement said he had enough information.

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Dr Viljoen said three of the bodies placed in the washroom had been dead on arrival at the hospital.

He had considered another clinically dead as a result of brain injuries, he said.

Resuscitation procedures produced responses which led him to determine the patient was clinically dead and he was also put into the sluice room.

Dr Viljoen said he remembered telling an ambulance orderly who asked about the man on seeing him gasping in the washroom that he was "brain dead" and that nothing further could be done.

It was still possible for him to emit gasps or for his muscles to twitch for about another 20 minutes, said Dr Viljoen.

The hearing continues today. — Sapa.

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Birdshot kills man in Cape unrest

A BLACK man has died in hospital after police fired birdshot at a crowd stoning one of its patrols in the Eastern Cape on Sunday, a Police spokesman said in Pretoria yesterday.

The spokesman said acts of arson and stone-throwing occurred in at least six townships in the area during the afternoon and night.

In Kwanobuhle, a black man who was injured when police fired birdshot at a mob hurling stones later died in hospital, the spokesman said.

At least 20 people have died during unrest in the Eastern Cape over the past 10 days, according to Police reports.

The spokesman said a police patrol in Tinus, near Fort Beaufort, was stoned, and its members used shotgun fire to disperse their attackers.

Three private homes were set on fire in Lingelihle township, the spokesman said. — Sapa.

Ambulanceman says he saw child's body

Mercury Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH—An ambulanceman, Mr Michael Goqo, yesterday told the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry into the Langa shooting that he saw the body of a small child lying alongside Maduna Road while treating patients.

The child had a wound on the forehead.

Two other ambulancemen, Mr Joseph Berry and Mr Andrew Barlow, told the commission they saw the body of a small child in a sluice room at the Uitenhage Provincial Hospital shortly after taking victims of the shooting to the hospital.

Mr Chris Jansen, SC, told the commission he would call a doctor, nurses and the mother of the dead child to testify that she died of natural causes.

His first witness yesterday, Dr Isaac Viljoen, who treated patients at the hospital after the shooting, said the body of a coloured child who died of gastro enteritis had been placed in the sluice room at the hospital earlier that day and that the bodies of four victims of the shooting were put into the same room.

Mr Berry testified earlier that one of the people lying in the sluice room was gasping when he entered the room and that when he went to fetch a doctor he turned to find Dr Viljoen in the doorway.

Mr Berry said Dr Viljoen had said the man had brain damage and would die anyway.

Yesterday Dr Viljoen said that on the day of the shooting there was severe congestion in an emergency theatre at the hospital and that the bodies of three people who were dead on arrival were placed in the sluice room, together with the body of the child.

A fourth patient, with severe injuries resulting from a head wound, was being attended to in the emergency theatre.

'His condition was incompatible with life.

'I recall I said to an ambulanceman that the person had brain damage, that we could do nothing more for him and that there were other patients who needed help,' he said.

During cross-examination yesterday, Mr Berry acknowledged that early in March he received a final warning from the ambulance service that if he again misconducted himself he would be dismissed.

Six minutes

Mr Goqo said he was manning an ambulance at Kwanobuhle on the day of the shooting on March 21 when at 9.40 a.m. he received a call to go to a rendezvous point.

It took him six to seven minutes to reach the spot and he joined other ambulances awaiting a police escort.

A yellow police car escorted the convoy of ambulances into the township after 10 a.m.

Two Casspir vehicles, a white riot truck and Land-rovers were at the scene when he got there.

Alongside the road, lying off the tarred surface, he saw a child partly wrapped in a blanket. It was already dead. There was a wound smaller than the size of a 5c piece on its forehead.

While attending to a woman patient, a Zulu-speaking policeman approached the woman and kicked her, said Mr Goqo.

He said the woman had urinated and the policeman said she was ill-mannered.

Mr Barlow, who told the commission on Friday that he saw a hole in the forehead of a child at the Uitenhage Provincial Hospital sluice room, said yesterday he may have been mistaken.

Coloureds: we are terrorised

PORT ELIZABETH — Marauding groups of blacks are said to roam the Uitenhage coloured townships of Gamble and Rosedale from neighbouring Langa at night, forcing members of the coloured community to accompany them on stoning and petrol-bombing sprees in the townships.

Several people interviewed at random by newspaper reports in Rosedale and Gamble late last week said they were being forced to join groups of rioters who entered their homes at night.

And in a recent interview, the leader of the Labour Party, the Reverend Allan Hendrickse, said coloured people were caught "mid-fire" in a situation in which their schools were being stoned and petrol-bombed by blacks — "something which the coloureds don't do themselves."

He said one could logically expect blacks to converge on white schools and businesses, but a situation had now developed in which "the man immediately above you is the target."

He added that the current situation was likely to drive a further wedge between the black and coloured communities of the Eastern Cape.

A young man who was questioned said groups of blacks moved down the streets, entering houses on the way. Residents were threatened that their houses would be burnt if they did not accompany the groups, he said.

Another man told reporters he woke up in the early hours of the morning one day last week to find his house "full of blacks." A knife was held to his throat and he had no option but to accompany the group, he said.

Langa is separated from Gamble and Rosedale by a single-lane tarred road.

A spokesman for the South African Police directorate of public relations in Pretoria urged people intimidated or threatened by others to participate in illegal activities to lay a complaint at their nearest police station. — DDC.

E Cape unrest toll up to 20 in 10 days

PRETORIA. — Police yesterday reported two more deaths in Eastern Cape townships, where at least 20 people have died during unrest in the past 10 days.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said the body of a 23-year-old man was brought to the Kwanobuhle police station by the man's father yesterday morning.

The man had apparently been wounded on Sunday when police shot at a group of arsonists in the township. He was dragged from the scene by his fellows, the spokesman said.

Another man injured during rioting in Kwanobuhle on Sunday died in hospital, police said earlier.

At least 20 people have died during unrest in the Eastern Cape over the past 10 days, according to police reports.

The spokesman said the offices of the Development Board in Queenstown were totally gutted by fire early yesterday, but he had no details on the incident.

In Sebokeng, police reported using tearsmoke to disperse an illegal gathering of some 90 youths, who began hurling stones at policemen. — Sapa

Two ministers attend Cradock action meeting

CRADOCK — The MP for Cradock and Deputy Minister for Health and Welfare, Dr George Morrison, and the Deputy Minister of Co-operation, Development and Training, Mr Sam de Beer, attended a meeting convened here by the Cradock Action Committee to discuss the situation in Lingelihle.

In an interview after the meeting, the chairman of the action committee Mr Philip Gerber, said the committee, represented the whole community and its purpose was to help establish an orderly and peaceful community which lived harmoniously with its neighbours.

He expressed regret that the Cradora (Cradock Residents Association) committee had decided not to attend the meeting, especially since they had requested it and because they claimed to be the representatives of the residents of Lingelihle.

He said the committee suspected it had not been a unanimous decision by Cradora not to attend the meeting.

"We have fulfilled our undertaking to meet and to make available the hand of good neighbourliness and should Cradora change its mind the hand of friendship will still be available," Mr Gerber said.

A similar committee was formed last year and interested people were invited to serve on it, which they did, but pressure was exerted on them to withdraw, he said.

The purpose of that committee was to determine the grievances and problems facing Lingelihle residents and to attempt to solve these in co-operation with them.

Mr Gerber said that for a peaceful community there must be peace, law and order and good education.

It was appreciated that the parents of the children had unanimously decided to send their children back to school.

Mr Gerber said there had to be structures to identify and satisfy the needs of the community. In order to meet these demands the committee considered it essential to have an autonomous municipality chosen by all the residents in Lingelihle to represent them.

Such an opportunity had been available, but the municipality had ceased to operate in November last year and the town council resigned in January.

Without such a council, it was impossible to create order out of disorder.

"Our aim is to assist in recreating such a structure," he said.

Several recommendations were made to the minister to improve the quality of life in Lingelihle and Mr Gerber said the committee was confident that positive action would result from these recommendations." — DDC.

Stoning, arson in township unrest

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A man died in hospital after being injured in a confrontation with police at Duduza near Nigel yesterday morning as unrest flared on the Reef, the Eastern Cape and the Vaal Triangle.

And in Sebokeng (Vaal), about 480 people were arrested on Monday night on charges of holding an illegal gathering at a school to discuss the rent issue in the township.

According to a spokesman for the Police Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria, their ages range between 12 and 18. They are being held under Section 57 of the Internal Security Act of 1982.

The spokesman said many of them paid admission-of-guilt fines and the remainder would appear in court soon.

In Duduza, a man died in hospital yesterday after he and three others were injured during a confrontation with police. Buses, delivery vans and a councillor's house were stoned in the incident, causing extensive damage.

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About 50 youths stoned and robbed a bread delivery van in Soweto yesterday and in another incident, a group of boycotters and anti-boycotters stoned each other.

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In Sebokeng, the driver of a private vehicle was struck in the face by a rock when his vehicle was stoned.

At Graaff-Reinet a white man and woman were slightly injured when their vehicle was stoned while they were delivering goods in the adjoining black township.

In New Brighton and in KwaZakhele near Port Elizabeth, two buses were set alight and gutted, while at Ebongweni near Cookhouse, a private dwelling was extensively damaged after being set alight.

In another incident in KwaZakhele, petrol was poured over the seats of a bus, which was then set alight causing extensive damage.

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3 badly burnt in E Cape unrest

Post Reporter

A WOMAN, a seven-year-old child and a teenage girl were admitted to hospital with serious burns following two separate incidents of arson in the Eastern Cape yesterday.

According to the SA Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria, a 54-year-old woman and a child of seven were severely burnt in one incident when petrol bombs were hurled at the house of a railway worker in Bongweni Township in Cookhouse.

She and the child were admitted to the Andries Vosloo Hospital in Somerset East after the fire bomb ignited, setting fire to a bed and clothing.

In a another incident in Tinus Township, Fort Beaufort, a 14-year-old girl was taken to hospital after suffering serious burns when her home was petrol-bombed.

The house was damaged by fire.

The spokesman said that in Cradock a vehicle was set alight by a mob of stone-throwing youths but there were no reports of injuries.

There were further incidents of arson in Kwazakele and New Brighton where a private motor vehicle was set alight. Classroom furniture was also set alight.

The police spokesman said that there were also several incidents of stone-throwing.

In Grahamstown, Port Alfred and Alicedale mobs of stone-throwers were dispersed by the police.

Although tearsmoke was used to disperse crowds, shotguns were also fired in one incident.

● Sapa reports that stone-throwing and arson continued on the Reef and Bloemfontein last night and early today.

Police said that in Rocklands, Bloemfontein, a passenger bus was set alight by youths who "sprayed flammable liquid over it".

The Rocklands blaze was extinguished by the driver before serious damage was caused.

About 480 people were arrested in Sebokeng, Transvaal, on charges of holding an illegal gathering at a school to discuss the rent issue in the township.

In Duduza near Nigel, a man died in hospital and three were injured during a confrontation with the police. During the confrontation, buses, delivery vans and a councillor's house were stoned and extensive damage was caused.

At Emadalweni High School, Soweto, police used tearsmoke to disperse pupils who were boycotting classes, while at KwaThema near Springs, two municipal vehicles were damaged by fire.

Also in Soweto, a school headmaster was slightly injured when a group of youths began intimidating pupils and throwing stones, police said.

EVENING.

Prosecution not my decision — judge

UITENHAGE — The chairman of the Uitenhage shootings inquiry, Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer, said last night it was not up to him to decide whether to prosecute the Dias Divisional Council over any anticipation of the commission's findings.

He said the Attorney-General had to make any decision in this regard.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer told Sapa he had not yet had time to refer the matter to the Attorney-General.

Earlier yesterday, the chairman of the Dias Divisional Council, Mr Nigel Anderson, was summoned before the judge to explain the dismissal of three ambulance men who testified before the commission.

Mr Anderson said they had "twisted" their evidence.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer said Mr Anderson had provisionally decided they had made false statements.

The three men, Mr Joseph Berry, Mr Dennis Barlow and Mr Michael Goqo, told the commission of a dead child seen at the site of the shooting and in the washroom of the hospital to which the injured were taken.

Mr Berry also said he had withheld information on the child from a statement to police because he feared for his job after what he took to be threats from a superior. — Sapa

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'Innocent onlookers' always shot

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. — According to Mrs Helen Suzman (PFP Houghton), people who were shot in unrest were always "innocent onlookers", the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, said yesterday.

He was replying to a question by Mrs Suzman on the death last month of Port Elizabeth man, Mr X A Kani.

Mr Le Grange said Mr Kani was shot when "riotous blacks" attacked the home of the mother of the mayor of Kayamnandi, Port Elizabeth, with stones.

Relatives were not informed of his death, but his brother had identified the body the next day.

In a supplementary question, Mrs Suzman asked if an inquiry would be held into the circumstances of Mr Kani's death, as her information was that he had been "simply an onlooker as the crowd went past".

Mr Le Grange said an inquest, presided over by a magistrate, would be held, as was normally the case.

Police put stones in hands of dead — Langa witness

UITENHAGE — Police dragged three bodies from a culvert after the Langa shootings and put stones among them and in their hands, the Kannemeyer Commission was told in Uitenhage today.

Mr Kelman Befile, a member of the procession fired on by police in Langa on March 21, said that after the shooting police had walked among the dead and injured "kicking and hitting them".

Some people were thrown into Casspirs and others into ambulances.

Eventually only three bodies were left in a culvert some distance from the police Casspirs, he said.

These bodies were dragged on to the tarred road. "Police put stones near where they lay and in their hands."

Mr Befile said he had approached the police and they had pointed their weapons at him.

"One policeman asked me what I wanted. I told him I wanted to see the people lying there and asked why they had shot at us."

A policeman had asked whether Mr Befile had not seen that the people were on their way to Uitenhage to kill the whites.

He had eventually retreated and joined the rest of the onlookers.

Earlier today Miss Gerda Louw, an expert on tachographs, told the commission that two of the ambulances called to the scene of the Uitenhage shootings registered no readings for the time they would have been in the area.

Miss Louw said she could only conclude that the vehicles were not used on the day of the shooting.

According to records and evidence before the commission one of the ambulances, A660, was driven by Mr Joseph Berry, one of the ambulancemen dismissed because of his evidence.

The other, A597, was crewed by a Mr Chabula and a Mr Jan Fortein.

Miss Louw told the commission the tachographs were in working order as one showed that A597 had been used at 10 pm on the night of the shootings and the other showed readings from the previous night.

It was not possible to switch off a tachograph and there were no signs that the instruments had been faulty.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer had earlier referred evidence relating to the dismissal of three ambulancemen from their jobs to the Attorney-General for his consideration.

He made the announcement at the start of today's proceedings after what he said was an incorrect newspaper report that the Dias Divisional Council was to be charged over the dismissals.

The judge said he trusted the announcement would end speculation.

The secretary of the council, Mr Nigel Anderson, was summoned before the commission yesterday to explain the dismissal of the men after they had given evidence.

Mr Anderson said the dismissal of Mr Joseph Berry, Mr Dennis Barlow and Mr Michael Goqo was indirectly associated with their evidence before the commission.

Mr Anderson said the men had "twisted" their evidence before the commission and had a background of insubordination and exaggeration of facts.

Mr Berry and Mr Barlow testified they had seen a dead baby in a sluice room at the Uitenhage provincial hospital. Mr Goqo said he had seen a one-

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year-old baby lying dead at the scene of the shootings.

Mr Berry also testified he had made a false statement to police because of what he took to be threats to his job.

A later witness to the actual shootings said he had been working near the scene of the shootings and had heard no warning shot.

The witness, who may not be identified, said as far as he could remember he had heard a volley and then no further shots.

He had been about 800 m from the scene and had seen people spread out across the road over a distance of about 500 m.

They were walking quickly and appeared to be unruly.

He had looked away for a moment and had then heard the volley.

He had seen no bicycle on the scene but, cross-examined by Mr Peter Gastrow for the Progresssive Federal Party, conceded his attention had not been on the front of the crowd when the shooting began.

He also conceded that he was incorrect in stating to the police that the crowd had stormed the Casspirs.

The commission also heard further evidence from Mr Befile, who first approached the commission's chairman, Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer, during an inspection in loco at the start of the hearing a month ago.

Mr Befile said a boy on a bicycle had been riding ahead of the crowd just before the shooting broke out.

He said that when he had arrived at Langa's Maduna Square in his van that morning, he and others who were gathering there had been turned back by police in two Casspirs and two LandRovers.

Later this morning one of the policemen in a Casspir armoured vehicle involved in the shootings gave evidence.

The witness, who may not be identified by order of the judge, said the crowd shot at by police had been carrying knobkerries, sticks, bits of iron, stones and other weapons.

They had been warned to disperse but had been urged on by their leader.

A woman had thrown a stone at the Casspirs and then, he said, "a rain of stones fell on us.

"I was scared I would be killed. I saw a petrol bomb. If it fell inside the Casspir and the crowd overcame us, we would be dead."

The witness said the order to fire was given and he had fired one shot at the front of the crowd.

He could not remember if there had been a long or short volley but the ceasefire order came after his first shot.

Questioned about the crowd's leader, the witness said he had fallen far from where he had originally been and someone had tried to drag him away. A broken petrol bomb lay next to him.

He said that a boy on a bicycle had arrived only after the incident. — Sapa.

Unrest death toll rises

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THE weekend unrest death toll in the Eastern Cape has risen to six with the deaths of a seven-year-old boy injured in a fire at Kirkwood on Saturday, and of a youth injured when police used birdshot to disperse a group in KwaNobuhle, Uitenhage.

This week the body of a 23-year-old African — believed to have been wounded when police opened fire with birdshot on a group of arsonists in KwaNobuhle on Sunday — was taken by his father to a police charge office in the township.

The dead seven-year-old, Livingstone Klaas, and his sister, Athelle (6) were badly burnt in a fire early on Saturday morning. The fire killed their mother, Mrs Elizabeth Klaas and two-year-old brother, Goodman.

The fire was started by a mob who sprayed flammable liquid over Mrs Klaas and Goodman and set them alight. Mrs Klaas's house was gutted in the incident.

According to Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, SA Police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Livingstone later died of his injuries.

A spokesman for the South African Police directorate of public relations in Pretoria said a youth, injured when police used birdshot to disperse a group of Africans stoning a police patrol vehicle in KwaNobuhle at the weekend, had died in hospital.

The other weekend unrest fatality occurred when Mrs Christina Plaatjies (24), died after being hit by a rubber bullet on Friday.

The police spokesman said Mrs Plaatjies was part of a group of people who stoned a police vehicle in Langa, Uitenhage. He said police used tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse the crowd.

However, according to her employer, Mrs Mymoena Mohammed of Rosedale, Mrs Plaatjies had been waiting to cross a road in Rosedale on the outskirts of Langa when she was hit in the head.

Mrs Mohammed said Mrs Plaatjies, accompanied by her sister, had been on an errand to a post office at the time. She said Mrs Plaatjies died on Friday night at the Livingstone Hospital in Port Elizabeth. — Sapa.



CHIEF GATSHA BUTHELEZI

PFP slams Chief Buthelezi

THE Progressive Federal Party Member of Parliament for Albany, Mr Errol Moorcroft, has attacked Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, for accusing the party of "naked racism" and thereby giving the Government ammunition to use against the PFP in the upcoming debate on the Uitenhage shootings.

Mr Moorcroft was responding to the KwaZulu chief minister's condemnation of the PFP's report on the Uitenhage incident, compiled by Mr Moorcroft and signed by six PFP MPs.

Last week Chief Buthelezi dismissed as "naked racism", the report's suggestion that the Government had exploited ethnic rivalries by sending Zulu police to Langa to curb Xhosa unrest.

He had maintained that the report's contention that ethnic differences divided blacks any more than they did whites was "filthy Nationalist propaganda".

In a letter to Chief Buthelezi, which the chief minister read out in the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly on Monday night, Mr Moorcroft said the attack on the PFP was "intemperate, unjustified and offensive".

Rejection

"My opposition to and rejection of racism and apartheid in all its guises has never before been in question", said Mr Moorcroft.

He denied that his report suggested Zulu detachments had gone to Uitenhage to "shoot, kill and maim" non-Zulus and challenged Chief Buthelezi to substantiate his claim.

"What I do claim is that there is deep resentment in the townships at the use of detachments of Zulu police. This can easily be verified by any member of your cabinet who might care to visit these townships", Mr Moorcroft said.

Joy

He went on to say that Chief Buthelezi's remarks would be "seized upon with joy by the Government during the debate on the Uitenhage killings".

After reading the letter, Chief Buthelezi said it was "balderdash" for the PFP to claim it was he who was giving the Government ammunition to use against the PFP.

Chief Buthelezi said he objected to the "arrogant" way in which Mr Moorcroft had written and said the letter should be treated with the "contempt it deserved".

There was nothing worse than "a racist masquerading as a liberal", he concluded.

Ambulance chief 'tried to advise men'

By SHIRLEY PRESSLY

THE Divisional Officer for the Dias Divisional Council ambulance service in Port Elizabeth, Mr Gregory James Pillay, told the Kannemeyer Commission yesterday that he had not tried to influence ambulancemen.

He said he had merely given them advice because they all looked worried at the prospect of making statements to the police about events in the aftermath of the Langa shooting on March 21.

He told some of the ambulancemen he saw in the passage at the Uitenhage Police Station that they should not worry.

"Just give your evidence unbiased and impartial. It must not be hearsay," he said he told them.

"You can freely divulge irregularities, but it must be based on fact."

He said he had also advised them not to take sides, either the side of the police or the families.

Mr Pillay was quizzed at length by Mr W Trengove, appearing for Langa families, as to the contents of his report in the major incidents book and the times logged in a daily occurrences book at the ambulance control room in Uitenhage.

Mr Pillay estimated that he arrived in Maduna Road at 9.58am after waiting about five to 10 minutes at the rendezvous point for a police escort.

He said the two ambulances which arrived from Port Elizabeth went straight to the scene and joined other ambulances which were already there. They did not meet at the rendezvous point.

There were nine ambulances and two ambulance department vehicles altogether.

He said 22 ambulance personnel were working in an area of about 400 square metres in Maduna Road.

He did not see any irregularities at the scene. The youngest child he saw was about 10 years old.

Mr Pillay said he could substantiate the times given in the major incidents book by presenting tachographs of some ambulance vehicles.

He presented tachographs from six ambulances — the others malfunctioned, he said.

Mr Pillay said the times on the tachometers contradicted times in the daily occurences book, but tied in with his times in the major incidents book.

He said at the time of drawing up his report, the tachometer readings



Mr JOSEPH BERRY

were not available because they ran in eight-day cycles.

According to a tachometer reading of an ambulance crewed by Mr M Goqo, the ambulances was dispatched at 9.40am and took up a position at 9.50am (the rendezvous at Cannon Street), proceeded to the scene from between 9.55am and 9.58am and arrived at the hospital at 10.25am.

Mr Pillay said in reply to a question by Mr Peter Gastrow, appearing for six PFP MPs, that he had not paid much attention to anything other than his patients in Maduna Road.

He concentrated on treating patients and made no observations.

An ambulanceman, Mr M Goliath, denied that he had been called to the sluice room by ambulanceman Joseph Berry, who told the commission earlier, that he had pointed out the body of a child to Mr Goliath.

Mr Goliath said he had gone to the sluice room to show Mr Pillay where he could wash his hands and saw three bodies on the floor.

He did not see a baby's body.

Another ambulanceman, Mr Eric Schultz, said he did not see the police handle the body of a child at the hospital and did not see the body of a young child at the hospital.

Warrant Officer Gerhardus Stefanus Oelofse testified that he supervised the loading of the bodies into police vehicles at Maduna Road.

"Were they dragged and thrown in like bags of mealies," asked Mr Chris Jansen, SC appearing for the Minister of Law and Order.

"No," replied WO Oelofse.

He testified that he had been asked by a sister at the hospital to transport the body of a child which had died of natural causes from the hospital to the police mortuary.

He had arranged that the body be taken in a separate vehicle because he did not want it to be transported along with the bodies of shooting victims.

A member of the police force who was present during the shooting in Maduna Road testified *in camera* that he had taken fright when the saw the large, noisy crowd approach and had dropped to his haunches in the Caspir with his hands on his head.

He said he did not fire any shots and only got up after the shooting was over.

"I was scared of the big crowd and the way they behaved."

He testified that his house had been burnt down four times. It was gutted after the shooting.

The inquiry continues today.

Tenants get new

Woman

Man dies in police clash

A MAN died after sustaining injuries during a confrontation with the police at Duduza near Nigel yesterday morning as unrest flared on the Reef, the Eastern Cape and the Vaal Triangle.

About 480 people were arrested in Sebokengon Monday night for holding an illegal gathering at a school to discuss the rent issue in the township.

According to a spokesman of the Police Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria, the ages of those arrested range from 12 to 18 years.They are being held under Section 57 of the Internal Security Act of 1982, he said.

The spokesman said many of them had paid admission of guilt fines and the others would soon appear in court.

In Duduza, a man died in hospital and three were injured during a confrontation with the police. Police clashed with youths who stoned buses, delivery vans and a councillor's home.

At Emadalweni High School, Soweto, police used tearsmoke to disperse pupils who were boycotting classes while at Kwa Thema near Spings, two municipal vehicles were damaged by fire.

A Soweto headmaster was slightly injured when a group of youths intimidated and stoned pupils, the spokesman said. He added that a group of scholars chased away the attackers.

About 50 youths stoned and robbed a bread delivery van in the township.

In Sebokeng, the driver of a private vehicle was struck in the face by a rock when his vehicle was stoned.

Incidents of stone throwing were also reported from the East and West Rand, where police said they used tearsmoke several times to disperse people stoning police and private vehicles.

At Graaff-Reinet in the Eastern Cape, a man and a woman were both slightly injured when their vehicle was stoned while they were delivering goods in the township.

They were later beaten by a crowd with quirts and sticks.

In the Port Elizabeth townships of New Brighton and Kwazakhele, two buses were set alight and totally

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Boycotts hit Soweto

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destroyed, while at Ebongweni near Cookhouse, a woman and a young girl were seriously burned when a private dwelling was set on fire.

The 54-year-old woman and the child, aged 7, were at the home of an employee of the SA Railways in Ebongweni, when it was attacked.

Police in Port Alfred reported dispersing some 600 youths who were caught stoning shops, private and police vehicles, as well as the home of a black policeman, reports SAPA.

● The Deputy Mayor of Port Elizabeth's Kayamnandi Town Council, Mr Style M Bacela, yesterday became the sixth member of the council to resign, reports a Mail correspondent.

Meanwhile, all nine members of the council's ward 15 committee under councillor Z H Putu have also resigned.

Mrs C Gcezengana, chairman of the ward committee, said she could no longer work under a constitution which had no solution to the problems of the community it purported to serve.

Mr Bacela, whose home was completely gutted early this year, told the Eastern Province Herald that he had stepped down because of ill-health and persistent calls for his resignation from relatives and friends

Inquiry: Judge warns official

Cape Times 24/4/85

UITENHAGE. — Three ambulancemen had been dismissed partly because they had "twisted" evidence before the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry, the secretary of the Dias Divisional Council, Mr Nigel Anderson, said yesterday.

He told the commission he was unable to give an assurance that further ambulancemen called would not be prejudiced by their evidence.

"If it's a disservice to my council, I can't (give the assurance)," he said.

Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer, chairman of the one-man commission of inquiry into the Uitenhage shootings, said it was "quite clear" Mr Anderson had decided the men had made false statements to the commission.

Credibility

Mr Justice Kannemeyer said he had made no findings on the credibility of the witnesses, Mr Joseph Berry, Mr Dennis Barlow and Mr Michael Goqo.

Damage "of a very serious nature" had been done by the dismissals and the judge advised Mr Anderson to point out to his council's legal advisers the proclamation in terms of which the commission had been established.

They should especially take note of the rules regarding pre-judging or anticipation of the commission's findings.

"This might assist you in further decisions you might have to make," Mr Justice Kannemeyer said.

Mr Anderson was called before the commission after counsel for the families of some of the deceased, Mr Chris Nicholson, pointed out the dismissals to the judge.

The Divisional Council secretary said the decision to dismiss the men had been based on "managerial principles".

One of the men had been guilty of previous insubordination and breaches of discipline and was inclined to "exaggeration".

Mr Anderson said all the men had been told when it became clear they would have to testify before the commission that they should tell only the truth.

However, Mr Anderson said, allegations had been made before the commission that his three most senior ambulance service officials had told their men to hide facts.

'Truth twisted'

"This was a twisting of the truth and in no way could I allow this disrespect to continue," he said.

He denied that he was anticipating the commission's findings.

If the allegations against the senior officers proved to be true, Mr Anderson said, he would establish an internal commission of inquiry within the council to look into the matter.

'Misconstrued'

He said he had lost all faith in the men because of their background "and the way they have misconstrued certain facts" and could no longer allow them to have anything to do with situations where peoples' lives were in danger.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer asked if Mr Anderson believed his action would encourage other ambulancemen to testify.

"Anyone can say anything against the service but it must be true," he replied.

"They must substantiate their allegations."

On Mr Justice Kannemeyer putting it to him that it was clear he had decided provisionally the men had made false statements, Mr Anderson replied: "My trusted senior men spoke to these men before they gave evidence and what they were told was twisted in this court.

"They must substantiate their allegations."

He said the manner in which he had handled the affair would not inhibit other people from giving evidence.

The commission yesterday also heard evidence from two other ambulance drivers, one of the crew of the Casspirs involved in the shooting, the driver of the truck in which the dead were removed from the scene of the incident and from medical personnel involved in treating the injured and in post-mortem examinations.

A witness, who may not be named by order of the judge, said he had been so scared by the crowd approaching the police Casspirs on the day of the incident that he had crouched inside the Casspir from some time before the shooting began

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meyer said he had not yet had time to refer the matter to the Attorney-General. — Sapa

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until after it had ended.

He had not fired any shots from his R1 rifle, which he had kept clasped to him.

Cross-examined by Mr Peter Gastrow, for the Progressive Federal Party, the witness agreed that records of radio reports made after the incident indicated he had fired three shots at the scene.

He said he had still been scared afterwards and had told the officer relaying the message that he had fired three shots, although he had handed in all his ammunition at the end of the day.

Dr Isaac Viljoen, one of the doctors who treated the injured at Uitenhage Provincial Hospital, was earlier cross-examined by Mr Wim Trengove, for the families of some of the deceased.

The doctor conceded that a condition he had referred to in connection with one of the dead men at the scene was not a common occurrence, and that he had not come across it in his career.

Dr Viljoen testified earlier that a dead man seen with a stone loosely held in his hand could have undergone instantaneous rigor mortis, a condition that sometimes occurred when people died under great shock.

In such cases, the muscles immediately went into spasm and anything held in the hands would be clenched fast. Later the muscles would relax.

Dr Viljoen said yesterday, in answer to questions by Mr Justice Kannemeyer, that if the man in question had experienced instantaneous rigor mortis, he would have held the stone tightly for up to 30 hours, before the muscles relaxed.

It would appear the man had not experienced great shock on dying and had undergone normal muscle relaxation after death, the doctor said.

Rigor mortis would have set in only after three hours.

Doctor Viljoen was then cross-examined on his earlier evidence that one of the shooting victims was brain dead.

He said brain death was difficult to diagnose, and was a controversial concept.

He said, however, that he had used the same criteria as always to determine on March 21 that one of the man was brain dead.

The man had been declared dead only after repeated attempts to resuscitate him had failed, and after the other normal tests for brain death had been conducted.

The hearing continues today.

● Mr Justice Kannemeyer said last night it was not up to him to decide whether to prosecute the Dias Divisional Council over any anticipation of the commission's findings.

He said the Attorney-General had to make any decision in this regard. Mr Justice Kanne

Town's businessmen reach out to blacks

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PORT ELIZABETH. — White businessmen in Fort Beaufort have invited blacks to join the Chamber of Commerce and will urge the authorities to upgrade the black township.

This follows a month-long boycott of white traders by black residents and a visit to the township by white businessmen, who say they are shocked by conditions there.

Mr Richard Roy, chairman of the Fort Beaufort Chamber of Commerce, said yesterday that his members would take up the problems of the townships "to get movement from the authorities".

He said that while the boycott had cost white businesses thousands of rands, businessmen had developed "a new understanding of the conditions under which their black customers live" and were pressing for improvements.

Problems in the township included overcrowding, "shocking" roads and a shortage of basic facilities such as water.

Mr Roy said that at a meeting with six leading black businessmen the invitation to join the chamber was received enthusiastically and was being considered.

Black leaders in Fort Beaufort have apparently told residents to buy only from traders in the township and there have been incidents of youths confiscating or destroying goods bought from shops in the white area.

One businessman is said to be down R30 000 in monthly takings, while others have lost up to 30 percent of their trade.



Scores of surprised workers in Wynberg spent most of their lunch time watching a contingent of police and army prepare to enter Alexandra township to quell violence which flared yesterday. ● Picture by Alf Kumalo.

'Senseless rioting' claims 2 lives, causes damage

Violence continued in various parts of the country yesterday — and police reports indicate that at least 20 people have died in the Eastern Cape in under two weeks.

Unrest was reported in Soweto, Alexandra, the East Rand, Bloemfontein, Kimberley, Sosanguve near Pretoria, Rotunda near Heidelberg, Sebokeng near Vereeniging, Port Alfred and at Fort Beaufort.

A spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said police used tearsmoke in Alexandra to disperse 700 placard-waving students, some of whom set fire to three private vehicles.

Traffic officers manning roadblocks at two entrances to Alexandra in Johannesburg this morning were turning back white drivers attempting to enter the township.

A police spokesman said the township was quiet today and no incidents of violence had been reported, but white drivers of commercial and private vehicles were being turned back "as a safety precaution".

In Soweto, police fired tearsmoke and rubber bullets at a group of 500 people stoning a bus. No injuries were reported.

The house of Tembisa youth leader Greg Thulare was petrol-bombed early this morning — and a note was left behind threatening his life.

A note written in Zulu was pushed under the front door. It read: "We'll kill you. You are a dog."

At Rotunda, police dispersed about 500 people after a what the spokesman called a "senseless deed of stoning in which blacks stoned each other".

The bodies of two black men, aged about 24 and 35, were found in the Eastern Cape. The deaths had been linked to unrest in the area, the spokesman said.

A police "situation report" issued to Sapa said that in Rocklands, Bloemfontein, a passenger bus was set alight by youths who "sprayed flammable liquid over it".

●PORT ELIZABETH — More than 50 000 people from all over the country are expected at the Saturday funeral of 14 unrest victims at the Dan Qeqe Stadium in Zwide.

Organisers appealed to the police and the defence force to keep away as police had stayed away from the funeral in kwaNobuhle of people shot at Langa.

An appeal was made to all mourners to remain calm and to avoid provocation.

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Police 'arrest 25 in E Cape'

PORT ELIZABETH. — Police allegedly arrested more than 25 people yesterday in the vicinity of Motherwell, some of them in a pre-dawn raid on several homes in the transit camp outside Port Elizabeth.

Nine parents also said that a large contingent of police boarded buses at a roadblock on the outskirts of Motherwell and, with the help of security police, made a number of arrests.

A spokesman for the South African Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said last night that he had no knowledge of the alleged arrests.

Meanwhile, the bodies of two Uitenhage men were taken to the government mortuary in the town yesterday, according to the spokesman.

He said the men's ages were 24 and 25. Although the causes of death were unknown, the spokesman said the fatalities had been linked to unrest in the area.

In Grahamstown, a 17-year-old youth, Gavin Yekani, was being treated at Settlers Hospital yesterday for birdshot injuries to the face and shoulders after a clash between boycotting school pupils and police in Port Alfred on Tuesday.

The hospital superintendent, Dr Graham White, said the youth had been admitted late on Tuesday. He had also received a birdshot injury to one eye, but it was too soon to say how serious this was.

In the renewed outbreak of unrest in Port Alfred on Tuesday, police used tearsmoke, rubber bullets and birdshot to disperse a crowd of 350 people stoning a house in the town's township.

A crowd of about 50 youths was dispersed after surrounding a policeman's house and threatening to set it alight.

At Tinus Township in Fort Beaufort yesterday, police took a 14-year-old girl to hospital after she was seriously burnt when her home was petrol-bombed and set alight by a mob of arsonists. The house was badly damaged. — Sapa

Bus burnt amid more unrest

Post Reporter

UNREST continued in several parts of the Eastern Cape yesterday, with the Uitenhage townships as a notable exception. Police reported no incidents of violence there.

A Port Elizabeth Tramway's bus driver was injured when his bus was set on fire in New Brighton this afternoon.

A spokesman for the bus company confirmed an attempt had been made to set the bus on fire and the driver was injured.

The incident occurred shortly after noon.

Most of the unrest reported yesterday was concentrated in Kwazakele and New Brighton.

A spokesman for the SA Police Directorate for Public Relations in Pretoria said three construction company vehicles and one house was set on fire and police vehicles were stoned in the two Port Elizabeth townships.

In Kwazakele one of the vehicles was completely destroyed by fire after five youths threw two petrol bombs at it.

The spokesman said later yesterday afternoon a group of about 500 youths set two other construction company vehicles on fire. Teargas was used to disperse the crowd. There were no injuries.

The spokesman said police dispersed four other groups of up to 800 youths.

Incidents of unrest were also reported from Grahamstown, Alicedale, Cradock and Port Alfred.

My men did not shoot — SAP man

By SHIRLEY PRESSLY

UITENHAGE — A police sergeant who was in charge of a Caspir on patrol in Langa on March 21, today testified to the Kannemeyer Commission how he parked near a church in Maduna Road and watched people flee from two Caspirs parked on a hill in the road.

The Sotho-speaking policeman, who may not be identified, said he saw a crowd at a circle in Langa at 9am, on March 21. Being from the Transvaal, he was not familiar with Langa.

They were singing and giving black power salutes. They were led by a Rastafarian, dressed in black, he said.

He tried to make contact on the radio but the radio was not functioning. He had wanted to make contact so that police could keep observation on the crowd.

Later during cross-examination by Mr Peter Gastrow, appearing for six PFP MPs, he said the crowd was peaceful, although they were singing.

He drove away and parked his Caspir elsewhere in Langa for 20 to 30 minutes. On his return to the circle, the crowd had left.

He travelled down Maduna Road in the direction of town and saw people running away. He saw people lying in the road and next to the road, and two Caspirs parked on top of a rise.

He parked between a church and a cafe and watched people running away from the parked Caspirs.

His crew comprised black policemen who were Sotho-, Venda- or Xhosa-speaking. His men did not fire and he heard no shots being fired.

A tape recording of a choir singing the "guerilla song" was handed in to the commission as evidence today by a legal representative of Langa families who got together and organised a choir to sing the song.

Mr Chris Jansen, SC, appearing for the Minister of Law and Order, handed in a photostat of an article in the February/March edition of Deurbraak (a PFP publication) "What to do in a teargas attack".

Mr Jansen said he would be referring to the article in his submission.

He also handed in a statement from Mr Jacques Keet which deals with the broadcast of the banning of the funeral on March 21.

Earlier, a young man who was part of the crowd in Maduna Road, on March 21, told the commission today the crowd was standing still when police in three Caspirs opened fire on them.

Mr Sidney Ntlanjeni, 22, who was called by Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer to give evidence, made a statement to the Black Sash in a memorandum handed in to the commission at the start of the proceedings.

Mr Ntlanjeni said two Caspirs were parked across the road, a third Caspir was behind the crowd. He saw one of the men standing out of the "Hippo" (Caspir) using a telephone (radio).

A white prison truck and a Landrover was parked behind the two Caspirs.

A policeman who had stopped the crowd earlier shot at the boy on the bicycle, said Mr Ntlanjeni.

He said the crowd had done nothing to trigger off the shooting. The policemen in the Caspir parked behind the crowd were also shooting at the crowd.

He said he saw Zulus from the third Caspir walk up to the people lying in the road and put stones among them.

He said some of the men from the two parked Caspirs jumped out and were shooting at the people on the ground as they were trying to get up.

(Proceeding)

COURTS

Crowd did nothing to spark firing — Langa marcher

Argus Bureau

UITENHAGE.— A marcher who said he was shot in the back in Langa on March 21 told the Kannemeyer Commission today that people had done nothing to spark the shootings.

Mr Sidney Ntlanjeni, 22, was called by Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer to give evidence after making a statement to the Black Sash in a memorandum handed to the commission today.

The statement was initialled S N and Mr Justice Kannemeyer made a special request for S N to come forward and give evidence.

Mr Ntlanjeni said two Casspirs were parked across the road and a third Casspir was behind the crowd.

"We stopped"

When the marchers were about four metres from the Casspirs a white man stood up and lifted up his right hand with the palm facing the crowd.

"We stopped."

He said a policeman he saw regularly at Maduna Square had a small gun in his hand and laughed as he moved backward and forward.



Mr Ntlanjeni moved in a manner which Mr Kannemeyer interpreted as someone loading a handgun.

He said the crowd had done nothing to trigger off the shooting.

"I was holding a girl and she fell. I was shot in the back and started running. I was grazed by a second bullet on the waist and ran up to the house and watched."

He said he saw people trying to stand up and being shot at again.

Saw Zulus

He said he saw Zulus from the third Casspir walk up to people lying in the road and put stones among them.

He said some of the men from the two parked Casspirs jumped out and were shooting at people on the ground as they tried to get up.

He said after a long while they kicked prone people.

"Some dragged people to the white truck and threw them in. I heard some of them screaming as they were thrown in the white truck.

He said the ambulances arrived after a long time, then the fire brigade came and washed the blood off the road.

He went to a private doctor who removed the bullet from his back. He showed the commission a scar on the right side of his waist which, he said, was caused by a bullet grazing him.

Man fined R150 for indecency

Court Reporter

A FATHER of four has been fined R150 (or 75 days), suspended for four years, for public indecency.

Leslie Edward Halsall, 40, of Devon Street, Woodstock pleaded not guilty in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The court heard that a policeman had seen two men in the cab of a lorry committing an indecent act.

Halsall told the court he had thought the other person was a woman, but later realised he was a man.

Evidence to be sent to A-G

Cape Times 25/4/85 275 267

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — The chairman of the commission inquiring into the Langa shooting, Mr Justice D D V Kannemeyer, announced yesterday that he had instructed that evidence about the dismissal of three Dias Divisional Council ambulancemen be sent to the Attorney-General.

In terms of the Commissions Act it is an offence to prejudge or anticipate the findings of a commission.

The three ambulancemen, Mr Jospeh Berry, Mr Dennis Barlow and Mr Michael Goqo, were dismissed from their posts as ambulancemen on Monday and their employment with the council was suspended.

Mr N W Anderson, secretary of the council, told the commission action had been taken against the men partly as a result of their evidence and because of allegations that senior ambulance officers had attempted to influence statements they made to the police about the events surrounding the shooting.

Fired one shot into crowd

Yesterday a policeman, giving evidence in camera, said he was a member of the crew of the Casspir commanded by Lieutenant John Fouche, the man who ordered police to fire on a crowd of about 4 000 people at Langa on March 21.

He said that after he fired one shot into the front ranks of the crowd which was pelting police with stones, the order was given to cease firing.

Moments before shooting began he had seen the leader of the procession, moving ahead of the crowd, take a petrol bomb and a black book from his clothes.

When next he saw the man his body was being dragged away by another person. The policeman said that when he later walked among the bodies he saw fragments of a broken bottle lying next to the leader's body.

He could smell petrol and saw wet marks on the road. He was unable to tell the commission how the petrol bomb had come to be broken at the place where the leader's body was found when he was, according to earlier evidence, shot some distance away.

Boy lifted off bicycle

Another witness, Mr Kelman Befile, who volunteered to give evidence to the commission, said yesterday that he saw a boy on a bicycle riding around some time before the shooting.

Later, as people neared two Casspir vehicles blocking Maduna Road, he heard a shot and saw the boy lifted off the bicycle.

Mr Befile said he turned and ran but later approached policemen moving about. He had seen policemen kicking and hitting injured people lying on the ground.

He said he saw policemen throwing stones among the shooting victims.

Asked by Mr Chris Jansen, SC, representing the SA Police, why no mention was made in his written statement about the boy on the bicycle or about stones being thrown among the victims, Mr Befile said he had spoken of them when making his statement.

There was no interpreter available when he made the statement and his English was not very good, he said. He agreed that the statement was read back to him before he signed it.

A municipal official, whose identity may not be disclosed in terms of a ruling by the commission, said he was at a vantage point about 700 metres away from the scene of the shooting when he saw a crowd of people moving towards two Casspir vehicles blocking Maduna Road.

"Then I heard shots. It sounded like one volley of shots, then shooting stopped. People were running away."

He said he could not recall hearing a single shot precede the general gunfire.

The hearing continues today.

Bodies found at Uitenhage

PRETORIA — The bodies of two men were found in the riot-torn Eastern Cape yesterday.

A spokesman said the bodies of two men, aged about 24 and 35, were brought to the Uitenhage mortuary during the morning.

Although the causes of death were unknown, the spokesman said, the fatalities had been linked to unrest in the area.

Police reports indicate that at least 20 people have died during rioting in the Eastern Cape in less than two weeks.

Police in Alexandra near Johannesburg reported using tear smoke to disperse 700 placard-waving students, some of whom set fire to three private vehicles, the spokesman said.

He added that in Soweto, police fired tear smoke and rubber bullets at a group of 500 people stoning a bus. No injuries were reported, he said.

From Grahamstown it was reported that a 17-year-old Port Alfred youth, Gavin Yakani, was admitted to hospital under police guard after suffering birdshot wounds to his face and shoulder.

A hospital spokesman said it was too early to say whether his eye could be saved.

Police used tear-smoke, rubber bullets and birdshot to disperse a crowd of 350 stoning a house in the Port Alfred township, a police spokesman said.

A crowd of about 50 youths also surrounded a policeman's house and threatened to set it alight and steal his firearm. They were dispersed.

In Cradock, the driver of a vehicle fired on a mob of stone-throwing youths with a pistol after his vehicle was stoned and damaged. There was no police intervention, reported injuries or arrests.

At Tinis, Fort Beaufort, police took a 14-year-old girl to hospital after she was seriously burned when her home was "petrol-bombed and set alight by a mob of arsonists," the report said. The house was badly damaged by the fire.

Arson also occurred in Kwazekele, where a private car was set alight, and in New Brighton where classroom furniture was set alight. — SAPA

'We obeyed command to stop'

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UITENHAGE — The crowd involved in the Uitenhage shootings was fired on after obeying a police command to stop, the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry was told today.

Mr Sidney Ntlanjeni (22) also said police in two Casspirs in front of the crowd had dismounted and "shot down" injured people trying to get up from the ground.

The crew of a third Casspir, parked near a church behind the crowd, also fired at those fleeing the scene, Mr Ntlanjeni said.

The third Casspir's crew, who were Zulus, later scattered stones among the dead and injured, the commission heard.

Later, men in civilian clothes arrived at the scene and "kicked the people lying there".

Mr Ntlanjeni said he was in the third row of a funeral procession on its way from Langa township to kwaNobuhle on March 21, the day of the incident.

Two Casspirs had pulled up across the road in front of the procession and were joined by a white truck and a Land-Rover, while a third Casspir followed the crowd from behind.

FREEDOM SONGS

The members of the procession were singing a "guerilla song" and were walking in rows of five on one side of the tarred road.

"When we were almost eight metres from the Casspirs, a white man on top of one of the Casspirs lifted up his hand and we stopped.

"Then I saw a policeman with a handgun. He loaded it and laughed."

Mr Ntlanjeni said at that point the policeman who had ordered the crowd to stop shot at a boy on a bicycle.

"He must have been hit in the head. He fell down and did not get up."

Mr Ntlanjeni was asked whether the crowd had moved after being told to stop.

"We were still standing when the shooting began. We did not move forward."

Mr Ntlanjeni said after the boy on the bicycle had been shot at, the other policemen had started shooting and he had run away.

He was grazed by a bullet and ran to a nearby house to watch the scene.

He said that after the shootings police had dragged the bodies to the white truck and threw them in. — Sapa.

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Police hold talks with blacks

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Post Reporter

The Divisional Commissioner of Police in the Eastern Cape, Brigadier C A Swart, held talks today with representatives of black communities in Port Elizabeth. Yesterday he held talks in Uitenhage.

Brig Swart said in a statement he was going out of his way to hold discussions with people from black communities with a view to defusing unrest.

Mrs Molly Blackburn, PFP MPC for Walmer, and Mr T Majodina, an attorney from Port Elizabeth, were refused entry yesterday to the talks in Uitenhage.

Brig Swart met representatives from various township organisations today.

Representatives came from the Interdenominational Ministers' Association of Southern Africa (Idamsa), the United Democratic Front, the Port Elizabeth Black Civic Organisation, the Port Elizbeth Youth Congress, the Congress of South African Students, the Port Elizabeth Women's Organisation and the Zwide Rugby Union.

Brigadier Swart said he would not allow talks he was holding with people from black communities in Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage to become politicised.

After the meeting, Rev D Soga, president of Idamsa, said the police had refused to withdraw special police units and members of the SA Defence Force from Port Elizabeth's townships, as requested during the talks.

But Mr Soga said Brig Swart had given an undertaking that police would keep a very low profile at tomorrow's mass funeral of unrest victims to be held at the Dan Qeqe Stadium.

Mr Soga said it was clear Brig Swart was most concerned with the unrest situation in the townships.

"But our main aim of meeting him was to ask him to withdraw the special police units and the soldiers from our townships.

"We told him that we felt their presence was not helpful in minimising the unrest situation as it built up the anger of the people."

Mr Soga said Brig Swart told the delegation he could not meet their request because, if police were withdrawn, violence would escalate.

"Though we did not achieve what we had gone for, we believe some ground has been prepared for further talks with the police chiefs," he said.

PORT ELIZABETH/UITENHAGE

The Phoenix also rises

When the gap between rising expectations and gratification grows too wide, people revolt. Business and industry in PE are determined to grow out of their problems. At last government has given them the incentive to do so.

The unprecedented publicity surrounding the Langa killings and the Kannemeyer commission of inquiry into the tragic events of March 21 have focused the world's attention on the eastern Cape — and the Port Elizabeth/Uitenhage metropole in particular.

The east Cape has long been regarded as a major SA trouble spot — with justification. Opposition movements have always found fertile ground there. The reasons for this are historic and are closely tied into the economics of the region. The current unrest is but a continuation of the events of last year which was marked by school boycotts, protests against the tricameral elections and strenuous opposition to the new deal for local government in the black townships.

Wide-scale retrenchments have added to already alarmingly high structural unemployment in the region and have fuelled discontent. There have been two work stayaways in the area.

One, a protest against price increases, was confined mainly to PE, called by the Port Elizabeth Black Civic Organisation and linked to 30th anniversary celebrations of the SA Congress of Trade Unions. Significantly, unions like the Fosatu and Council of Unions of SA affiliates and several other independents did not back the stayaway, although the UDF-affiliated Motor Assembly and Component Workers' Union (Macwusa) did. But Fosatu unions became involved in the stayaway that occurred in Uitenhage soon afterwards on the day of the Langa shootings and the day after that. Nevertheless, there appear to be unresolved tensions between these unions and the more overtly political unions and community organisations linked to the UDF.

Brian Matthew of the Midlands Chamber of Industries says that one in four out-of-work is a conservative estimate of the unemployment problem in the area. Matthew says the unrest is closely linked to unemployment, although not in its entirety. Roux van der Merwe, professor of industrial relations at the University of Port Elizabeth, gave his view in a recent article: "The warnings, sounded over a considerable period, that continued unemployment in the east Cape will have disastrous consequences for the stability of the area, are proving true. The continuing and growing presence of thousands of retrenched and fired jobless, together with disaffected youths who have never worked and have little hope of doing so, is no less than explosive."

In PE and nearby Uitenhage the fortunes of the population are inextricably bound up with the motor and related industries which account for about 60% of the region's industrial product.

Two major motor assemblers — Ford and General Motors — are situated in PE. A third — Volkswagen — has its plant at Uitenhage. In December 1982 the three companies had a combined workforce of 17 048. In March this year the figure had dropped to 11 334. Most of these jobs — but certainly not all — were lost through retrenchment. Since July last year all three have also worked intermittent periods of short-time. There have also been periods of temporary lay-off at the plants.

More retrenchments — at least at Ford — are in the pipeline. The big crunch for Ford workers will probably come at the end of the year when, in terms of the US multinational's plan to merge with Amcar to form Samcor, the Neave plant will cease production. Originally it was thought that this would claim 2 000 jobs. But, according to Samcor human resources executive director Fred Ferreira, the non-replacement of people who have left Ford's service and the absorption of the maximum number of others into other company activities means



Uitenhage's Catholic church . . . a community centre for Langa residents

that the figure will be significantly lower. This strategy forms part of a remarkable agreement Ford has reached with two of the unions operating its plants — Fosatu's National Automobile and Allied Workers' Union (Naawu) and the conservative Ysteren-Staal Unie. Other aspects of the agreement include an undertaking by Ford to help people find alternative employment and a benefit programme which provides that retrenched workers are paid a certain assured income for up to 18 months after they become unemployed. Ferreira says Samcor is hoping that the Neave closure will coincide with the expected economic upturn so that its impact will be diminished.

Why has the recession hit the Port Elizabeth nexus harder than other areas in SA? The answer is to be found in the economic history of the region. Ford and GM established themselves in PE about 60 years ago for the simple reason that the harbour was a perfect conduit for car parts which arrived from abroad. In those days the car business consisted primarily of taking parts out of boxes and assembling them. VW set up shop after World War 2. The Japanese began to enter the car market, but consumer resistance to their products ensured that eastern Cape companies kept ahead. Many component factories were attracted to the area. Times were good.

But the local content programme, introduced in 1960, spelt trouble — mainly because it coincided with several other factors. The most significant was the tremendous population growth in the PWV area and the development of Durban as an industrial centre. This meant that when several other car assemblers came to SA the newcomers had the advantage of knowing that the major car market had shifted to the Johannesburg-Durban axis. Then there were high costs involved in transporting steel from Pretoria and getting cars up to the Highveld. The coloured labour preference policy interfered with normal labour patterns until it was lifted in the late Sixties.

Another problem, as PE and Uitenhage industrialists see it, is that their area has always been accorded "poor cousin" status in government's economic planning. There are bitter complaints that until November last year, when government markedly upgraded the terms of the decentralisation incentives in the area, its package had always been less attractive than those in other regions.

Says Roux van der Merwe: "The coloured labour preference policy, combined with the decentralisation package, represented double interference with normal ecenomic growth in PE."

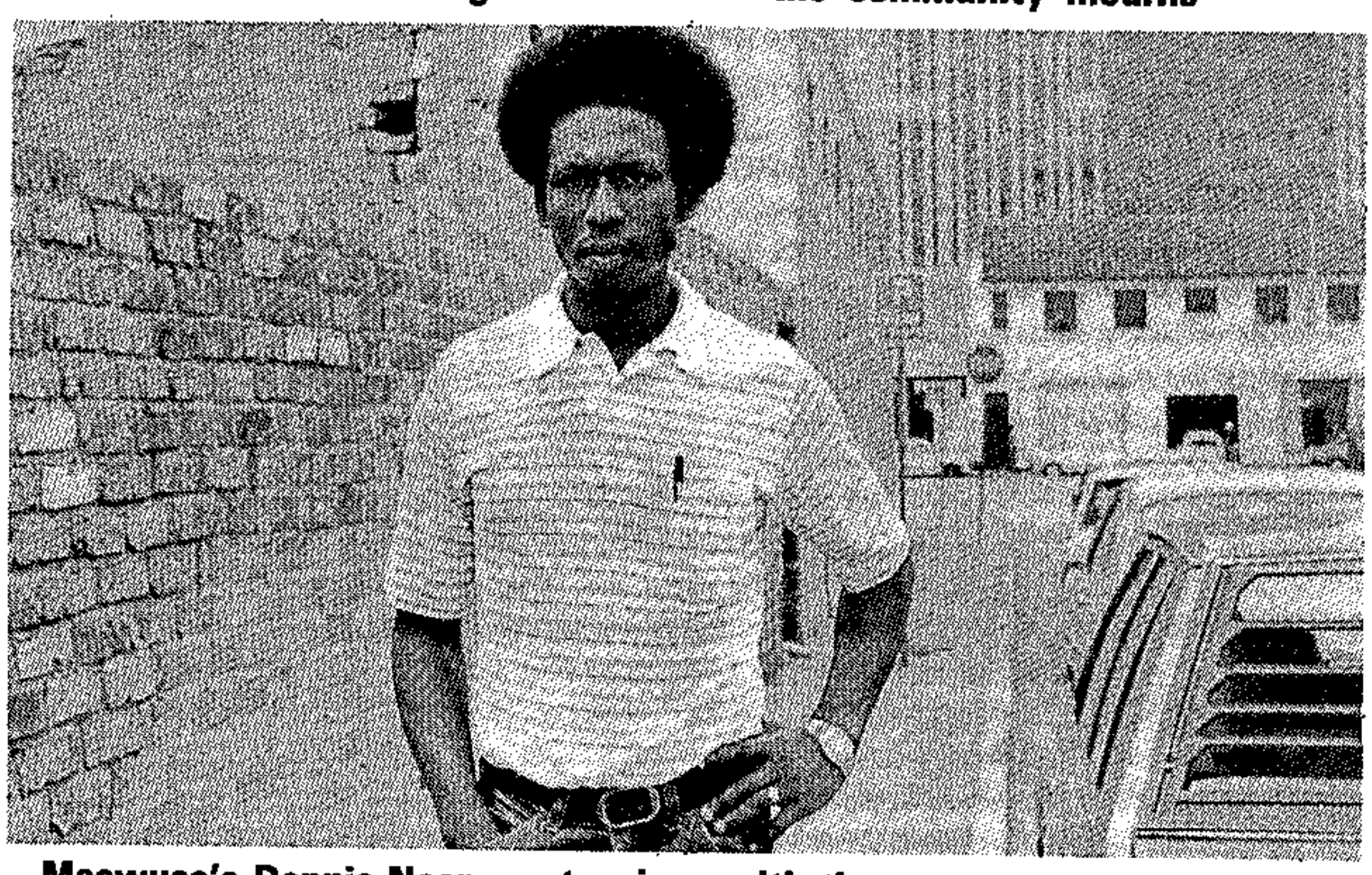
Reviewing the past, Matthew says: "We should have been talking to government about the area in the mid-Sixties. But our technical leadership still kept us ahead. However, as the other car companies developed the PE/Uitenhage share of the market grew smaller and smaller. All the chickens came home to roost about three years ago. There was a dramatic drop in car sales from about 32 000 units sold in June last year to 17 000 in July after the gst hike. The motor industry cannot adjust to such sudden swings in the market. The brakes should have been on sooner."

Government's decision to upgrade the region's decentralisation incentives has been greeted with widespread relief — and it seems to be having the desired effect. Louis Koch, chairman of the Regional Development Advisory Committee for region "D" which covers PE/Uitenhage, says 1 800 new jobs have been created since the new incentives were approved. This includes expansions to existing industry and new industry. Says Koch: "We believe the new incentive package will go a considerable way towards improving the competitiveness of this region. What is necessary now is to make quite sure that all industrialists here are totally informed about what they are entitled to. Many businessmen were unaware that they qualify for benefits." Koch says there is a new, aggressive mood among businessmen.

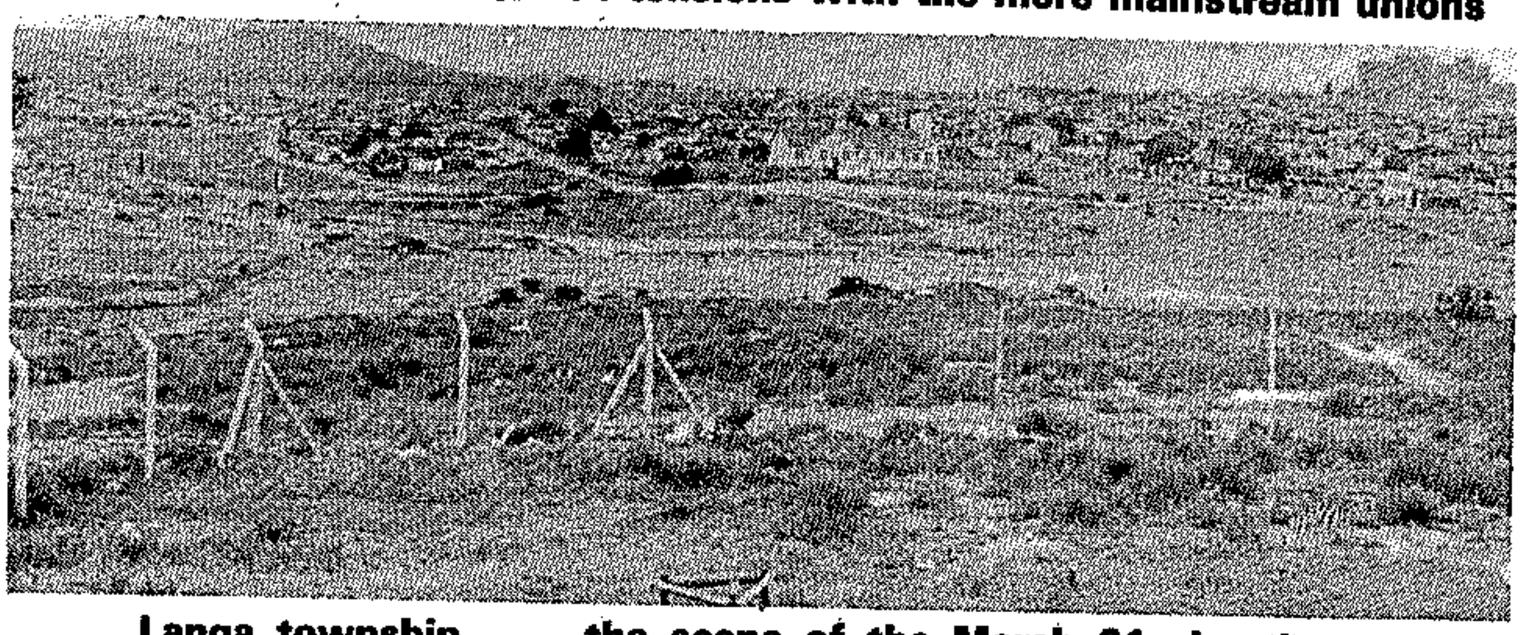
And it seems he is right. A local newspaper, the *Eastern Province Herald*, in conjunction with commerce and industry, is sponsoring a one-day symposium "Focus on Opportunity" which will take place in June to formulate a plan to stimulate economic devel-



Funeral for Langa victims . . . the community mourns



Macwusa's Dennis Neer . . . tensions with the more mainstream unions



Langa township . . . the scene of the March 21 shootings

opment in the area.

Several industrialists indicated to the *FM* that they are optimistic, despite the gloom created by the unrest. They point to several factors:

☐ Contrary to popular perception, the east Cape is not really strike-prone. Employers say wildcat strikes are fading very quickly and unions are using dispute settling machinery more frequently;

☐ The region has an excellent transport infrastructure;

☐ The labour force is relatively well trained and contains a high percentage of skilled workers;

☐ Multinational companies like Goodyear, Ford, Firestone, GM and VW pursue enlightened industrial relations practices and are committed to working with SA trade unions;

☐ Mainstream unions like Naawu and Yster-en-Staal are not shirking their responsibility in trying to resolve difficulties; and

☐ The region now has a low labour turnover. According to UPE research, turnover for all blue-collar workers was 70% a year during the Seventies. Now it is 14% with black males recording a rate of 10%.

Industrialists say there are several things government should be doing to alleviate the stresses the region is facing:

☐ Modifications should be made to fiscal policies relating to HP and gst;

☐ The petrol price should be lowered;

☐ The local content programme must be abolished; and

☐ Government should cushion the blow that the introduction of perks tax will bring.

Roux Van der Merwe believes there can be improvement if changes are made even if in the short term — and the long term — the chances of creating full employment in the region are slim. "We have got to try to create more employment opportunities. That has a spin-off effect in the rest of the community. Government totally ignored PE all these years. Perhaps it is unfortunate justice that it took one of the most serious blows to the eastern Cape for government to initiate change at a crucial point."

Nevertheless, Art Tragensa, GM director of personnel, goes to the heart of the problem when he says: "Until there is franchise to provide for representation of blacks we will continue to have difficulties." ■

SAMANCOR

Swings and roundabouts

Samancor has reported the best results in its 60-year history. But it is locked into cyclical markets and the next downturn could again cause profits to collapse.

There is a touch of frustration in Samancor MD Colin Officer's voice. "This is one of the most difficult businesses to manage that I know," he says. That may seem a somewhat peevish comment right now. The world's largest integrated producer of ferro-alloys this week announced hugely increased profits for the year to end-February. It is a sterling performance — the best in the group's history, which stretches back to the establishment of SA Manganese in 1925.

Pre-tax profits were R118m after last year's loss of R485 000. Earnings a share, including the share of associates' earnings, made a quantum leap from 9,4c to 66,38c and the dividend is up 640% from 5c to 37c. Shareholders can justifiably be delighted with this performance. None more so than majority shareholder Gencor, whose management can now comfortably say that this is one recent acquisition that has not gone sour.

The problem is that this recovery exemplifies the violent fluctuations in the earnings pattern. The last time that profits were anywhere near as good was 1979, when earnings a share were 46c. Investors must now ask: how much more growth lies ahead before the next sharp downturn in profits?

In fact, the immediate outlook is encouraging. Last year's turnaround was caused by a combination of factors which took a favourable turn at the same time. Some of these should be around for a year or two yet:

☐ About 70% of Samancor's turnover is normally earned in export markets, where prices are quoted in dollars. Therefore, its earnings are highly geared to the exchange rate. The devaluation of the rand had a potent effect on last year's profits;

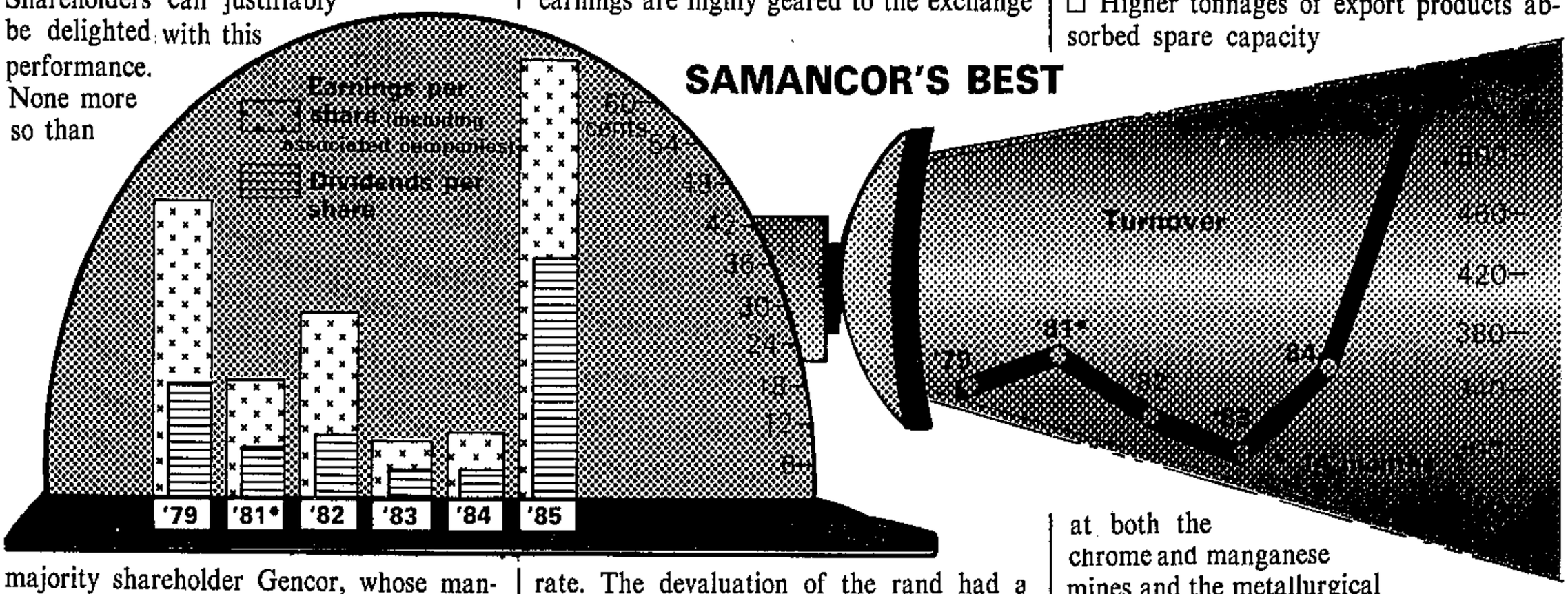
☐ The economic revival overseas worked through to the long-depressed steel producers, whose activity rose for the second consecutive year. This industry is ultimately the main user of Samancor's basic products — chrome ore (used by ferro-chrome producers) and manganese ore, ferro-chrome and ferro-manganese.

Samancor splits steel-making activity into two sectors. First, the Western world production of crude steel — which consumes manganese ore and ferro-manganese — rose from 407 Mt in 1983 to an estimated 447 Mt in 1984. This sharply increased sales of manganese ore. Ferro-manganese sales remained static owing to the large over-capacity in this market.

Second, output of stainless steel — the main market for ferro-chrome — rose by 14% to a record 8 Mt of ingot production and this led to increased ferro-chrome sales. Prices also firmed, although they turned softer late last year. Because of the strong consumption of ferro-chrome, demand for metallurgical grade chrome ore also rose;

☐ Higher tonnages of export products absorbed spare capacity at both the chrome and manganese mines and the metallurgical plants. "We have very little spare capacity at any of our facilities now," says Officer. A rationalisation programme at the mines further improved cost efficiencies.

The rationalisation of the chrome mines was announced when Gencor increased its holding in Samancor to 50% last June. Three chrome mines that were in Gencor's base metals division have been moved into Samancor, which has mothballed Ruighoek,



Medic 'made no mention' of irregularities

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Mercury Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH—An ambulanceman who told a police detective investigating the Langa shooting that he knew of police irregularities perpetrated at the time of the shooting, made no mention of any irregularities when he made a statement shortly afterwards, the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry was told yesterday.

Capt Gert Goosen, of the East Cape Murder and Robbery Squad, said he asked ambulancemen whether they knew of any irregularities. Mr Joseph Berry, one of the men who attended the scene of the shooting, said he knew of irregularities, said Capt Goosen.

When Mr Berry made his statement shortly afterwards he made no mention of any irregularities. Capt Goosen said when he asked Mr Berry why, he answered that he did not wish to say anything.

A policeman who commanded a Casspir based in Port Elizabeth on the day of the shooting, and whose identity the commission ordered should not be revealed, said he arrived at Langa about 9 a m and encountered a crowd of people at Maduna square.

Parked

The people were unarmed and peaceful. The leader, a man with plaited hair, signalled to the crowd to make a path for the Casspir and he drove between the people.

He then parked in a sidestreet, intending to ask police radio control to send reinforcements in case there was trouble but found his radio inoperative.

About 20 to 30 minutes later he drove back to Maduna Road and found the crowd had gone. He drove towards Uitenhage and saw people running towards him.

As he crested the hill overlooking the place of the shooting he saw people lying on the road. He said he parked near a church and was later joined by two other Casspir vehicles.

A policeman in one of the vehicles walked down to the scene of the shooting and returned, telling him to resume patrols, said the Casspir commander.

The driver of a white police riot truck said he was patrolling in Kwanobuhle when men on a Casspir beckoned to him to follow.

The hearing continues.

Kannemeyer hears last of 71 witnesses

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UITENHAGE — The Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry into the Uitenhage shootings finished hearing evidence this morning.

The Commission was adjourned by the chairman, Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer, until next Wednesday morning to allow legal counsel time to prepare closing arguments.

Evidence has been heard from 71 witnesses, including policemen, eyewitnesses and medical personnel.

UNACCOUNTED FOR

The last person to give evidence today was Mr E G Banda, the chairman of the Uitenhage Parents Committee, who said he did not have names of 23 people allegedly unaccounted for after the shootings on March 21.

Mr Banda said a hospital worker had said 43 people were missing.

The Commission has heard evidence that the official death toll was 20.

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'Rioters will go further now'

Fear of new trend after fire attacks

UITENHAGE. — The tactics of people responsible for unrest in the Eastern Cape indicated they were prepared to go much further than those involved in the 1976 riots, the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry heard here today.

Captain Roy Vernon Annandale, an SAP officer involved in unrest control in Uitenhage's townships, said evidence of the new trend was the burning of the homes of policemen.

He said: "Policemen have also been attacked and beaten until they were nearly half dead."

The commission has heard evidence of SAP members whose homes were set alight as many as four times by rioters.

Cross-examined by Mr Peter Gastrow, for the Progressive Federal Party, Captain Annandale said he would not say there was a feeling of frustration among police as a result of the increased violence.

Questioned by the chairman of the commission, Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer, he said police had not discussed "going a bit further" to counter the new trend.

Stronger

He said earlier that he had recently returned from border duty and was working in Uitenhage a few days before the Langa shootings.

He could therefore not comment on a suggestion by Mr Gastrow that by March 14 police had begun to feel that stronger measures were needed to counter unrest.

He said: "I did gain the impression from the tactics of those involved in the present unrest that they were prepared to go much further than the 1976 rioters."

Captain Annandale said he could not remember hearing an



order being given by the district commandant of the Uitenhage police, Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick Pretorius, at an order group on March 14 that police should no longer be issued with birdshot, rubber bullets or teargas but only with R1 rifles and SSG shotgun ammunition.

He said he remembered Colonel Pretorius instructing that birdshot should be replaced by SSG ammunition and that R1s or handguns should be used to "eliminate" people who threw petrol or acid bombs at police.

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The commission has heard evidence that police on patrol were not issued with teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot from March 14 to March 21, the day of the incident, but that issue of these weapons was resumed on March 22.

Yesterday a police witness, Captain Gert Goosen, told the commission of statements he had taken from two of three ambulancemen dismissed from their jobs after giving evidence.

Declined

Captain Goosen said one of the men, Mr Joseph Berry, had indicated at a meeting of several ambulance orderlies that he knew of police irregularities at the scene of the Uitenhage shootings.

However, when he took down his affidavit, Mr Berry declined to give any information in this regard.

"I asked him specifically if any irregularities had been committed and he said he had seen nothing," Captain Goosen said during cross-examination by Mr Wim Trengove, for the families of some of the deceased.

The head and deputy head of the Dias ambulance service, a Mr Barnard and a Mr Des Heuer respectively, were present when the statement was being taken, the captain testified.

Mr Berry told the commission earlier that he had made a false statement because of what he took to be threats to his job from a superior.

Irregularities

Captain Goosen agreed that none of the people from whom he had taken statements had disclosed information on irregularities.

Mr Trengove: Why did you take sworn statements from people who didn't know of any irregularities?

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Unrest hits Walmer

Post Reporter

UNREST reached Walmer township in Port Elizabeth today.

Cars were stoned and whites were ordered not to enter.

According to early reports, no one was hurt when schoolchildren pelted cars at lunchtime.

No arson was reported.

Cars were prevented by officials from entering the township after lunch. School children were still standing in groups along the access road.

Evening Post was told by residents tomorrow's two mass funerals — in Zwide and Kwanobuhle — had probably given rise to the attacks.

Charred remains found

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By CHARLENE CLAYTON

A MAN has been murdered at Redhouse during continuing incidents of unrest in the Eastern Cape which have led to the arrest of 66 people on charges of public violence in the past few days.

At Redhouse, police today discovered the charred body of an unknown person in what was described as a "barbaric murder".

In unrelated incidents, five men have been arrested in Kwazakele, 34 at Motherwell on Sunday, a further 26 at Hofmeyer and 12 at Alicedale.

A man was arrested at Alicedale after a mob of 400 people stoned a policeman's home.

At Noupoort, 11 people were slightly injured when police dispersed a group of about 800. Those injured were all arrested.

In Kwazekele, a petrol bomb was hurled at a vehicle. Police chased a group of about 40 people and made five arrests.

Also in Kwazakele, four people poured petrol in a bus and then set it alight. Minor damage was caused.

In the same township, petrol bombs were hurled at a private home by a group of about 40 people, starting a fire.

Police used tearsmoke to disperse an illegal gathering of about 250 students at Vista University in Kwazakele, the spokesman said.

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Police also used tearsmoke and birdshot to disperse a mob which set fire to a school principal's home. The house was destroyed.

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And police reported that a store was looted by criminal elements.

Two Putco buses were stoned and police used tearsmoke to disperse what they called groups of young thugs.

Buses were stoned in Tembisa and kwaThema on the East Rand.

In Katlehong police used tearsmoke to scatter a crowd of 600 who stoned a private vehicle.

South African Defence Force men put out a fire started in a bus by a man said to have first ordered passengers off at gunpoint in New Brighton, near Port Elizabeth.

58 000 attend funerals for victims of unrest

S/T ARGUS 27/4/85 (2A)

PORT ELIZABETH. — Large crowds of mourners attended two mass funerals in Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage today.

Twenty-five victims of the unrest were buried after funeral services in sports stadiums in Zwide, Port Elizabeth and Kwanobuhle, Uitenhage.

The bigger of the two funerals was at the Dan Qeqe Stadium in Zwide where 15 unrest victims were to have been buried and where a crowd estimated at about 50 000 was present.

A hush fell over the stadium at 10.55am when more than 30 clergymen from the Interdenominational Ministers' Association of Southern Africa led a procession of youths in T-shirts representing various organisations and carrying the first nine coffins to arrive.

Uniformed schoolchildren from schools in Zwide were also present.

In his opening prayer the Rev S Dano said those who were being buried had died in a fight for their land. He said that if people were to be free in South Africa, some would have to die.

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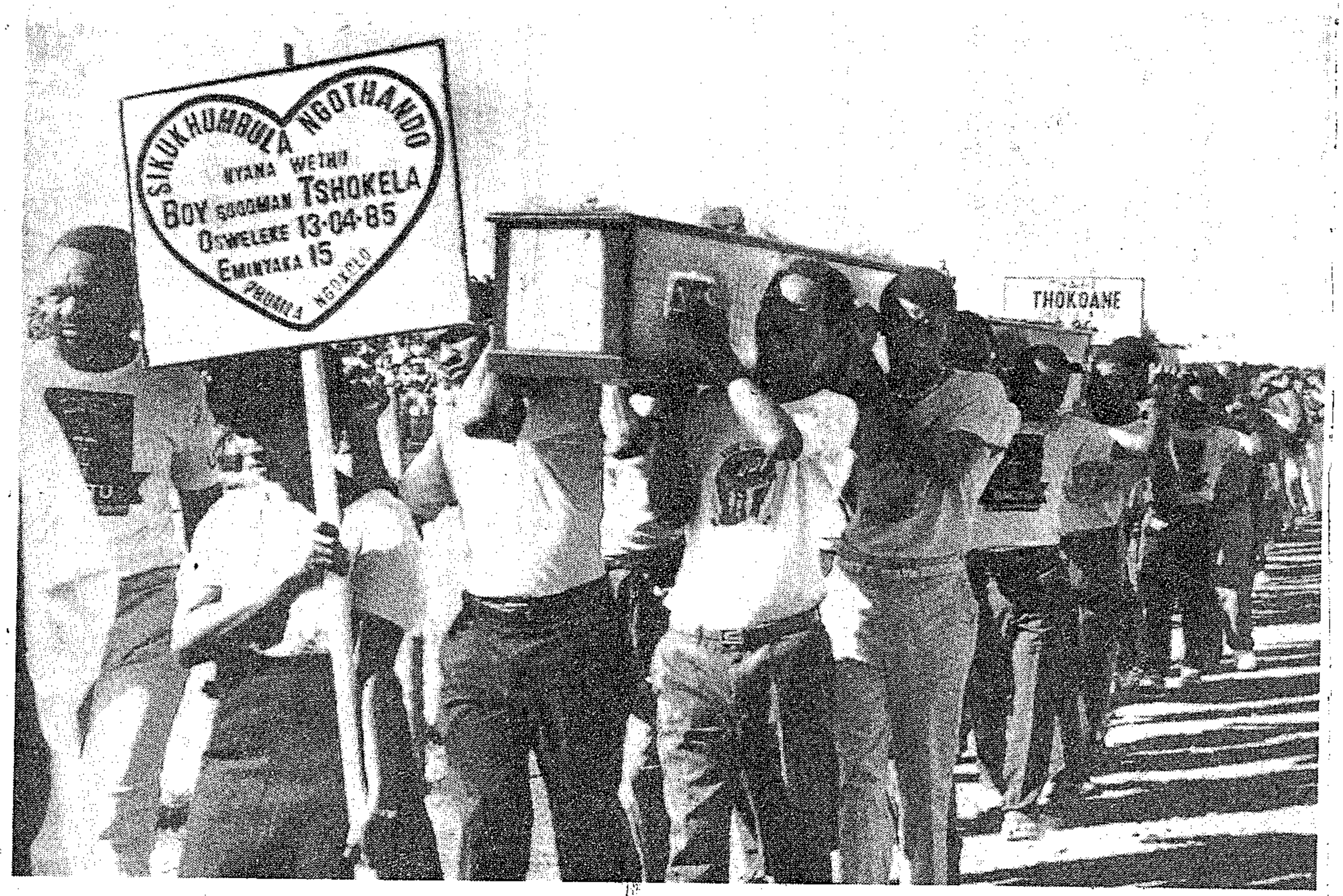

Mourners carry the last of 15 coffins of unrest victims into the Dan Qeqe stadium at Zwide, Port Elizabeth, today where an estimated 50 000 people flocked to attend the service.

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The Rev D Soga gave a report on the meeting that his association and other bodies held with the Divisional Commissioner of Police in the Eastern Cape, Brigadier C A Swart, in Port Elizabeth yesterday. He appealed to young people to remain calm and to give dignity to the funeral of their 15 "comrades".

He said that on returning to their homes after the burial they should not gather in groups and should avoid giving the police and the Defence Force the chance to take action against them or to give rise to claims that they had been provoked by crowds.

Mr Soga said he wished to remind all those who "lived by the gun" that, as the Bible said, "they will die by the same weapon".

He appealed to all authentic black organisations representing the people with a common goal to freedom not to allow their different ideologies to interfere with the common cause and thus divide them.

"A house divided against itself cannot stand. We may differ ideologically, but we cannot allow this to make us fight among ourselves, as this makes our enemy laugh and further claim that its work to make us kill each other was now succeeding," he said.

Members of these organisations were all children of God and it was their duty to help one another to stand up, whether they belonged to the Azanian Peoples' Organisation or the United Democratic Front, and to move forward.

At Kwanobuhle, where 10 victims were to have been buried, an estimated 8 000 people flocked to the Kwanobuhle sports stadium, where two weeks ago the funeral of 26 unrest victims was held. Among the 26 buried then were 20 victims of the Langa shootings.

The funeral service at Kwanobuhle was peaceful and no incidents were reported.

Meanwhile, a 12-year-old girl was seriously burnt in a petrol-bomb attack on an Eastern Cape councillor's house and 43 people were arrested today as more than 50 000 people flocked to Zwide's Dan Qeqe stadium to bury 15 victims of recent unrest.

At Adelaide, 300 mourners gathered outside a garage and refused to disperse. Police arrested 17 women and 18 men. The group later dispersed but regrouped and stoned a police patrol vehicle, causing extensive damage. Police arrested another six men and two women. — Sapa.

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4 people die as E Cape simmers

JOHANNESBURG. — A 24-year-old man was fatally wounded yesterday when police used birdshot to disperse about 40 people in Alicedale, in the Eastern Cape, according to a report issued by the Police Public Relations Division in Pretoria last night.

The man, part of a group of stonethrowers pelting police vehicles in the township, was killed by police firing in "self-defence", according to the police report. A firearm was found in the possession of the victim.

This was the fourth death in the Eastern Cape reported yesterday.

Earlier, police said a body "charred beyond recognition" was found at Redhouse, near Port Elizabeth. Police found it beneath a pile of smouldering tyres. The body, believed to be male, had apparently been hacked to pieces before being set alight.

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All schools in the Port Elizabeth area were totally boycotted by pupils yesterday — with the exception of six primary schools where there was some attendance, according to the regional director of Education and Training, Mr Gunther Merbold.

It was learned yesterday that the total stayaway was in sympathy with the families of unrest victims to be buried in mass funerals today.

And Lieutenant-Colonel Vic Haynes, acting SA Police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, said yesterday police would keep away from two mass funeral services today for 26 unrest victims in Zwide, Port Elizabeth, and KwaNobuhle, Uitenhage.

In two Eastern Cape centres, Somerset East and Cookhouse, pupils were back in class yesterday after boycotts lasting several weeks.

Transvaal

In incidents of unrest in the Transvaal yesterday, police reported:

● On the West Rand, at Sebokeng, police doused a meat delivery vehicle which had been set alight.

There were also numerous incidents of stonethrowing and in one incident a woman was slightly injured.

At Evaton, police used a sneeze machine to disperse about 700 people yesterday afternoon. There were no injuries.

● On the East Rand, at Tembisa, about 12 people threw stones and a petrol bomb at a delivery vehicle. Arsonists also set fire to and destroyed a Post Office vehicle, the report said. No police action was taken in these incidents, it said.

● In Soweto, Johannesburg, delivery vehicles were stoned in Moroka and Meadowlands, while a store was looted. — Sapa and Own Correspondents

E Cape unrest claims four more lives

PORT ELIZABETH — Police have confirmed another four deaths in incidents of unrest in the Eastern Cape yesterday and on Thursday night.

A reported fifth death was not confirmed.

A spokesman for the public relations division of the SA Police in Pretoria said a 24-year-old man was fatally wounded when police used birdshot to disperse a group of about 40 people at Alicedale yesterday morning.

According to the spokesman, the crowd failed to act on orders to disperse and police opened fire, fatally wounding a man.

At Port Elizabeth, the charred body of an unknown person whose age and sex could not be established, was found alongside a public road about a kilometre from Redhouse by a police patrol on Thursday night.

In Kwazakele yesterday afternoon police found another charred body while removing smouldering car tyres from a road. The body had apparently been hacked to pieces before it was set alight.

The spokesman said a second death occurred in the township when a man was fatally wounded after police opened fire with shotguns to disperse a group of stone throwers.

A man was fatally wounded and a firearm was found in his possession, he said.

A spokesman for the Cradock Residents Association, Mr Monde Stemele, said last night a man was killed and six people were injured when police opened fire on a crowd carrying a body from a mortuary in Cradock.

He said the crowd, about 400, was singing freedom songs and as they passed the houses of four policemen members of the crowd started pointing at them.

The policemen opened fire and Mr Xola Nomavuka was killed and six people, two of them women, were injured.

The police spokesman could not confirm the incident last night. — DDC.

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Burning of man: 2 appear in court

Court Reporter

UITENHAGE — Two men appeared briefly in the Uitenhage Magistrate's Court yesterday on a charge of attempted murder arising from an incident a week ago in which a man was set alight here.

Mr Reginald Madoda Mali, 18, of Bowali Street, Uitenhage, and Mr Mandla Derrick Neti, 20, of 16th Avenue, No 460, Kabah, were not asked to plead.

Their appearance arises from an incident a week ago in which Mr Erasmus Jakobs, of Vanderbijl Park, was set alight.

They were remanded until May 29.

Mr W J Smit was on the Bench and Mr J J van Reenen appeared for the State.

Week of drama at U'hage hearings

275 By SHIRLEY PRESSLY E-Post

THE Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry into the Langa shootings, which has heard evidence from 71 witnesses, saw yet another week of high drama in which three ambulancemen who had testified before Mr Justice Kannemeyer were dismissed from their jobs. 27/4/85

The secretary of the Dias Divisional Council, Mr N W Anderson, was called by Mr Justice Kannemeyer to explain the dismissal of the men.

Mr Anderson said the dismissal of Mr Joseph Berry, Mr Dennis Barlow and Mr Michael Goqo was indirectly associated with their evidence.

The men were dismissed from the ambulance service and suspended from the Dias Divisional Council.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer failed to obtain an assurance from Mr Anderson that other ambulancemen who testified before the commission would be protected against disciplinary action.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer referred evidence relating to the dismissal of the three ambulancemen from their jobs to the Attorney-General.

The "baby in the sluice room" was claimed by a mother who told the commission her one-year-old child had died of natural causes in her arms at the Provincial Hospital, Uitenhage, on March 21 and been taken from her by a nursing sister.

A nursing sister said the child's body was wrapped in a blanket and placed in a sluice room.

Last week sensational evidence about the "baby in the sluice room" and three other adult bodies in the sluice room provided the drama of the week.

Medical reports handed to the commission last week disclosed that 17 of the 20 people shot dead by police on March 21 in Langa had gunshot wounds in the back parts of their bodies.

Twenty-five people were also injured when police opened fire on a crowd in Maduna Road, according to a list handed to the commission. Two of these are now paraplegics.

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Crowds flock to funerals

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By JIMMY MATYU and JERRY McCABE

LARGE crowds of mourners gathered at sport stadiums in Zwide, Port Elizabeth, and Kwanobuhle, Uitenhage, today to attend two mass funerals for 26 victims of the unrest.

Lieutenant H Beck, of the police public relations division in Pretoria, said there were no incidents at the funerals.

A crowd estimated at 50 000 attended the bigger of the two funerals at the Dan Qeqe stadium in Zwide where a service was held for 15 unrest victims.

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26 victims of unrest buried



A young mourner awaits the start of the mass funeral service for 11 victims of Eastern Cape unrest, held at the Kwanobuhle sp... um outside Uitenhage today. About 8 000 people ...

The coffins were placed on single school desks laid out inside the fenced-off area in front of the grandstand.

Uniformed pupils from a number of schools in Zwide were also present.

By 11.25am at least 40 000 people were settled with thousands more still pouring in. Two more coffins then arrived, with four more still on the way.

In his opening prayer the Rev S Dano said those buried died in a fight for their country. He said God had never intended people to be oppressed by others or to become puppets.

Various placards were displayed by the crowd — one carried by students of the University of Fort Hare.

Addressing the mourners, the master of ceremonies, the Rev Michael Mjekula, said people were surprised when the State President, Mr P W Botha, said he was only prepared to speak to church leaders on spiritual matters and not politics when the Bible itself was political.

Speeches were punctuated with freedom songs and hymns and the last of the 15 coffins arrived at 12.05pm.

In Kwanobuhle, where 11 victims were to have been buried, an estimated 8 000 people had flocked to the Kwanobuhle Sports Stadium by lunchtime.

One of the speakers read a personal message from the jailed African National Congress leader, Nelson Mandela.

The SA Police and SA Defence Force, who were out in force, kept a low profile and did not enter the township. There was also a large police presence along the highway between Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage with a number of Caspirs patrolling the outskirts of the black townships.

Those who were buried at Zwide today were: Miss Sandra Masabalala, 14, Master Gladman Tsokela, 14, Miss Nono Msokoli, 15, Master Simphiwe Matiwana, 16, Mr Mbuyiselo Maxekana, 18, of Soweto, Mr Sipho Gouws, 18, of Soweto, Mr Mongezi Ngaleka, 18, Mr Siphumzile Makapela, 19, Mr Mziwonyana Qokose, 22, Mr Sifungo Kayingwe, 25, Mr Thabo Ngcayisa, 23, Mr Mpumelelo Siswana, 28, Mr Thanduxolo Boss, Mr Sipho Griffiths Mjoli, 28, and the chairman of the Council for School Committees in the Eastern Cape, Mr Mlamla Mateza, 58.

Those due to have been buried in Kwanobuhle were: Master Tembinkosi Anton, 15, Mr Simphiwe Vengane, 18, Mr Njovi Hote, 22, Mr Zalusile Galela, 22, Mr Ndenzile Thembani, 22, Mr Kayalethu Ndlazulwana, 23, Mr Nantoyi Simandla, 23, Miss Christina Plaatjies, 24, Mr Mzawandile Anton, 24, and Mr Toto Magobiyane, 30, and Mr Aaron Somtsewu, 27, who went missing on March 23. His parents only learnt of his death on Wednesday.



The coffins of unrest victims are carried shoulder-high into the Dan Qeqe Stadium in Zwide by members of various black organisations today. An estimated 50 000 people attended the funeral service.

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Uncertainty over 20 'missing' people

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Mercury Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH—A black community leader yesterday testified before the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry into the Langa shooting that he could not say with certainty that 20 people, still considered missing by family members, might not have returned to their homes or might not return in the future.

Mr Emson Banda, chairman of the Uitenhage Parents Committee, said he had been told by an employee of Uitenhage Provincial Hospital that 43 people had died as a result of the shooting in Maduna Road, Langa, on March 21.

This information, he believed, had come from an ambulanceman.

While Mr Banda said he could not publicly reveal the name of the hospital employee or the ambulanceman, but gave the name of the ambulanceman to Mr Justice D D V Kannemeyer, chairman of the commission.

Mr Banda said that while official figures recorded that 20 people died as a result of the shooting, he had believed the figure to be 43.

His own investigations had revealed that three of the extra 23 missing people were still alive and had returned to their homes.

He had experienced difficulty in liaising with the families and relatives of other people said still to be missing and could not say with certainty whether they might not already have returned home or might return later.

Evidence to the Kannemeyer Commission ended yesterday afternoon after 21 days of testimony during which more than 1 500 pages of transcribed evidence by 71 witnesses had been heard.

Lt-Col Eric Strydom, head of the East Cape Murder and Robbery Squad, and one of the last witnesses called by the commission, said that several days after the shooting he had been shown stones lying in the grass near the spot where two police Casspir vehicles had been parked.

Some looked as though they could have struck an obstacle such as a Casspir.

The commission will reconvene next Wednesday when counsel representing various parties will make submissions to Mr Justice Kannemeyer on evidence given to the commission.

'SADF, cops on rampage'

ANGRY about the death of Zwide schoolgirl Sandra Masabalala 14, from the effects of teargas last weekend, Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage community leaders this week called for the immediate withdrawal of the SADF and police in the area.

By MONO BADELA

The leaders claim police in hippos and SADF members in armoured carrier vehicles were shooting people without reasons or indiscriminately, and that innocent people were being killed.

A strong delegation representing various organisations in Uitenhage and Dispatch presented a memorandum to Easter Cape Divisional Police Commissioner CA Swart, who indicated he was willing to discuss the problems with the delegation later this week.

The delegation was accompanied by Johannesburg attorney Nicholas Hayson — one of the attorneys representing the Langa families at the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry — and Port Elizabeth politician Molly Blackburn.

The meeting with Brig Swart and the Uitenhage Magistrate at the Uitenhage Magistrate's Court was closed to the Press, but City Press read the memorandum.

Among the leaders' complaints were:

- Wild and senseless use of teargas and shooting teargas into homes and churches, regardless of whether there was a gathering, or regardless of the nature of the gathering.
- Insulting remarks by police patrols and policemen drinking on duty.
- White schoolkids being used on hippos.
- Harassment at funerals and night vigils.

The leaders claim the police presence in the townships "on its own, is the cause of many problems".

They also claim that untrained SADF members are used in the townships and that teargas was being used on children at school without any reason.

The death of Sandra Masabalala had been the last straw.

Her death resulted directly from the effects of teargas.

* THE ARMY will continue to be used in civil unrest because it was one of the normal roles of the defence force, says SA army chief Lieutenant-General Jannie Geldenhuys.

He said in an SABC television interview that legislation made special provision for military intervention as part of the "normal role" of the SADF.

He described criticism that military intervention gave the impression of a civil war, as the interpretation that would be given by the organisers of the unrest in an attempt to discredit the defence force.

General Geldenhuys said the defence force was there to protect people who wanted to go about their legitimate business, while the police dealt with trouble-makers.

50 000 to bury 26 PE unrest victims

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AT LEAST 50 000 mourners are expected to attend the Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage funerals of 26 victims of the East Cape unrest tomorrow.

The victims — 15 will be buried in Port Elizabeth and 11 in Uitenhage — will lie in state at Zwide's Dan Qeqe Stadium and Uitenhage's Kwanobuhle Stadium.



XUNDU

UDF leader Mcebisi Xundu of Durban will be the guest speaker at the funerals at Dan Qeqe Stadium. Other speakers will come from the Congress of South African Students, the UDF, Pewo, Pebco and trade unions.

Cops and soldiers have been keeping a close watch on all funerals in the area.

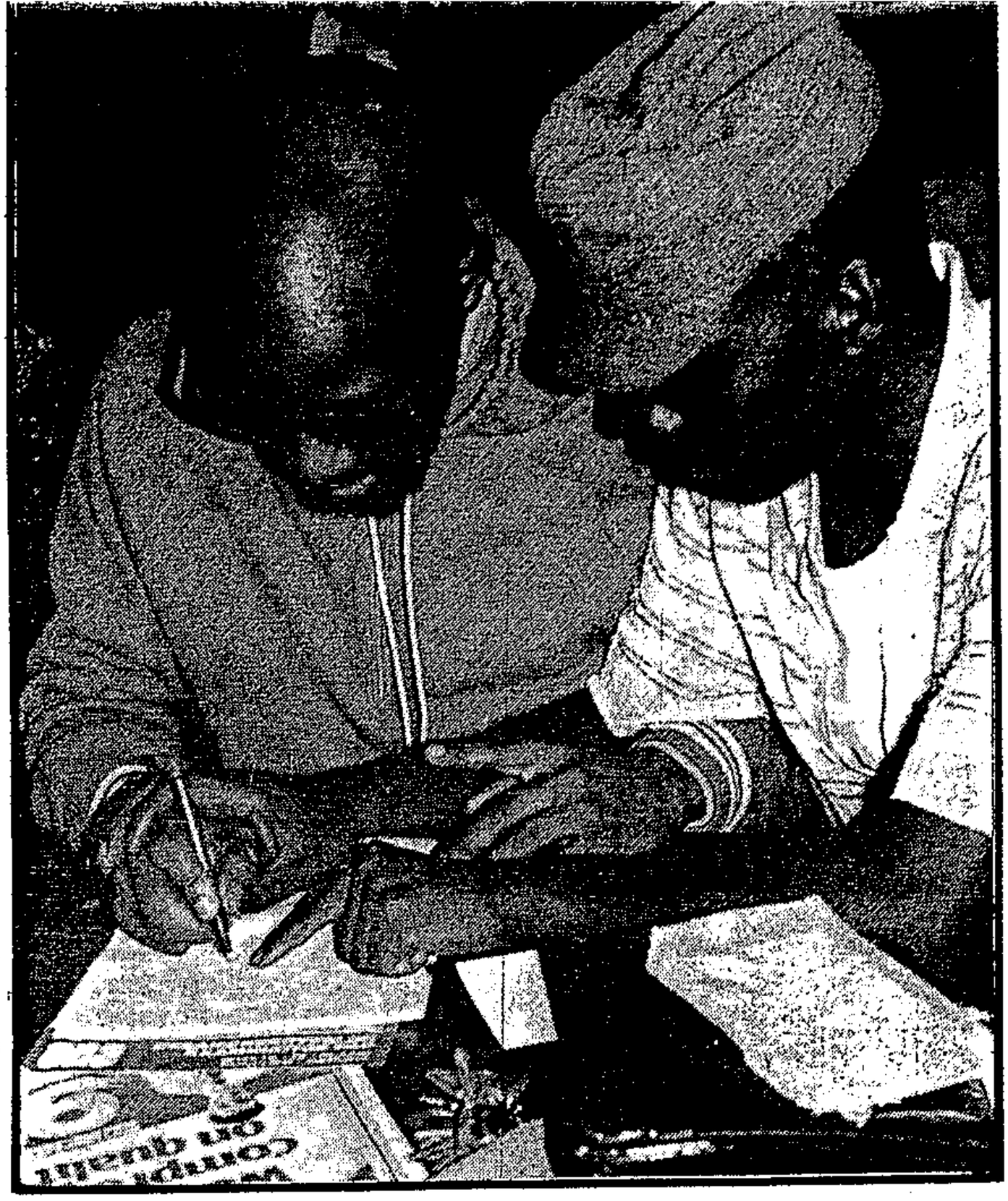
Teargas, rubber bullets and in some cases, live bullets have been used by cops to disperse crowds of mourners.

One of the 15 victims to be buried in Port Elizabeth tomorrow will be the 16-year-old schoolboy and Cosas member, Simphiwe Matiwane, who was gunned down when cops opened fire on mourners at Zwide cemetery on April 14.

A heavy police and army presence is again expected at the funeral.

The 15 unrest victims to be buried in Port Elizabeth are Sipho Mjoli, 28, Siphumzile Makhapela, 19, Mbuyisile Maxengane, 18, John Khayingo, 25, Sipho Gouws, 18, Non Msokoli, 15, Thanduxolo Boss, 19, Gladman Thokela, 14, Simphiwe matiwane, 16, Malimi Matheza, 59, Mziwonyana Xokose, 22, Mongezi Mgaleka, 18, Sandra Masabalala, 16, Mpumelelo Suswana, 23, and an unidentified young man.

Those who will be buried in Uitenhage are Zalusile Galela, 22, Nontayi Senayida, 23, Ngenzile Thembani, 22, Tot Magobiyane, 30, Khayalethu Mndlazulwane, 23, Njoyi Hote, 22, Christine Plaatjies, 24, Yena Cheezer (age unknown), Mzwandile Antoni, 24, Thembinkosi Antoni, 15, and Simphiwe Zengani, 17.



KHULULEKILE HANS: Blinded by a bullet still lodged in his head.

He won't see Langa again . . .

By MONO BADELA

AFTER being shot by police and spending about 27 days in a hospital and police cells, a young man from strife-torn Kwanobuhle near Uitenhage returned home last weekend – blind.

Khululekile Mathews Hans, 23, of 17 Hintsa Street, told City Press this week: "I also have difficulty with my hearing, but I have not yet had my ears tested."

to and signed before the PFP's Molly Blackburn, Mr Hans said he had been shot by the police on the right side of his head.

Three X-ray films indicate that at least one bullet or birdshot bullet is still lodged in his head.

"On March 23, at about 8pm after supper, I left my home on foot to go and buy a cold drink.

"After I left my home, I really do not know what happened, but I found myself lying in hospital with a wound on the right side of my head," he said.

He said he was discharged from hospital on April 12 and was taken to the Church Street police station in Uitenhage, where police asked him why he looted buses and cops' houses in the township.

"I denied any knowledge of this," he said.

He said he was then taken to police cells.

When he appeared in court on April 19, the magistrate told him to go home.

'Roadblock' accused

Horn in hiding

Policeman set alight, four civilians killed in widespread unrest

The body of a policeman, allegedly strangled and then set alight, was found yesterday in a street in Motherwell, near Port Elizabeth, according to a report issued today by the Police Directorate of Public Relations.

An 18-year-old youth was found dead after a police guard fired on a mob in Fingo township, near Grahamstown, and the body of a woman was found after tearsmoke was fired to disperse stone-throwers in Dorrington, Fort Beaufort.

The charred remains of an adult black woman were discovered by police in the rubble of a burnt out house in New Brighton this morning.

The police report, covering incidents of unrest from 8 pm yesterday to 8 am today, named the policeman as Mr S S Malape.

"It appears as if the policeman was first strangled and thereafter set alight by his attackers," it said.

The body of the youth was found five blocks from the scene after a police guard opened fire with a shotgun to disperse about 40 people who stoned the home of a Fingo councillor.

"It was later discovered that a 10-year-old black girl had suffered pellet wounds in her legs," the report said. Her condition was "not serious".

In Dorrington police used tearsmoke to disperse stone-throwers and a woman said to be part of the group was later reported to have died at her home. The cause of her death is not yet known.

An unidentified black person died in clashes with police patrols earlier in the weekend in a township outside Port Elizabeth, it was also reported.

At Langa a black policeman was attacked by a mob. The report said he fired on them in self-defence, wounding a 26-year-old black man.

DISPERSED

The mob dispersed after a second shot was fired.

In Bonsane township, near Bedford in Port Elizabeth, a woman was wounded when a policeman fired at about 200 people.

An administration board office at Adelaide was extensively damaged by fire yesterday and two youths were arrested.

On the Witwatersrand a man was arrested yesterday afternoon when a group stoned a police vehicle in the Rand Park Ridge area. — Sapa-Reuter.

Botha urged to release leaders

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POPULAR and progressive civic organisations had taken control of Cradock and Uitenhage, and soon Port Elizabeth townships would follow suite, Mr Stone Sizani, publicity secretary of the Eastern Cape regional committee of the United Democratic Front, said in Zwide yesterday.

He was addressing more than 50 000 mourners at the combined funeral service of 15 unrest victims at Dan Qeqe Stadium.

Mr Sizani said the State President, Mr P W Botha, should not form other municipalities for "puppet" bodies like community councils.

"We want one municipality for all people in these areas. In fact we demand representation on provincial and central government for all the people of this country," he said.

Mr Sizani said the UDF embraced the aspirations of the people, and these had been identified and made known to the international community — "including the Pretoria regime".

He said the people called on New Zealand's All Blacks not to come to South Africa.

"If they do come they must know we will hold them responsible for any bloodshed that might result from their presence in South Africa.

Reply

"We have told them this and their reply was that they did not care — they would come."

He said he was not surprised that three UDF leaders — national general secretary Mr Popo Molefe, national publicity secretary Mr Patrick "Terror" Lekota, and Mr Moses Chikane, a top UDF activist — had been arrested.

Mr Sizani said 16 UDF leaders were facing treason charges.

"The State President, Mr P W Botha, keeps on telling the world that nobody is in jail for opposing apartheid. But we all know there are people in jail now for their opposition to this monster and some have spent more than 20 years in prison for similar reasons."

Mr Sizani said the UDF was a non-violent organisation.

He called on the Government to release all the people's leaders and bring back those in exile so an acceptable constitution could be mapped out.

"As the Government-created town councils crumble, our civic bodies are growing," he said.

A handful of whites, including Mrs Molly Blackburn, MPC for Walmer, received a standing ovation as they entered the stadium.

On three occasions members of the Defence Force and police in Caspirs and patrol trucks drove past.

Mobs of mourners singing freedom songs and chanting slogans invaded the townships after the graveside service — Sapa.

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Three complain of tearsmoke attack

By JIMMY MATYU

THREE people on their way to work today said they were sprayed with tearsmoke by a member of the South African Defence Force in Strand Street.

Miss Nellie Ndlovu, Miss Quennie Mahloko and Mr Johnson Mpolongwana have reported the incident to the Baakens Street Police Station.

They said they saw the soldier take the spray from a policeman.

"We were told at Baakens Street that it was all a mistake and a minor incident. They advised Nellie to stand in the sun as the rays would help to clear the effects," Mr Mpolongwana said.

The Evening Post approached Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, police liaison officer in the Eastern Cape, who referred them back to the station commander, Colonel L J Strydom.

Col Strydom confirmed that three people had been to the Baakens Street Police Station and were questioned.

A statement was to be taken, but one person had asked to consult a doctor before doing so.

Col Strydom said they later returned, statements were taken and the matter was being investigated. He said it appeared that two soldiers had asked the policeman what was in the container. One of them then took the can and sprayed it in the air.

The three people told the Evening Post that about 7.45am, while walking in Strand Street, they saw "a soldier take an aerosol container from a uniformed policeman".

"He sprayed directly at us. Two soldiers then ran up Rodney Street. They were followed by a policeman.

Mr Mpolongwana said that when called to return to see what they had done, the policeman explained that the soldiers had just returned from army training and did not know what was in the container. He added that when they complained, the policeman swore at them.

70 000 attend unrest funerals

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PORT ELIZABETH. — In a massive display of unity, about 50 000 people gathered at Zwide on Saturday for the mass funeral of 15 victims of unrest in Port Elizabeth and a further 20 000 were at the funeral of 11 victims at Kwanobuhle.

They sang freedom songs about President P W Botha, Mr Nelson Mandela, Mr Oliver Tambo, homeland leaders and police informers.

A heavy cloud of dust rose above the Zwide cemetery about 4pm as masses of people swarmed across the hills adjoining the freeway between Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage while the 15 coffins were carried shoulder high to their burial places.

Army and police personnel carriers patrolled the nearby freeway between 4pm and 5pm but no incidents were reported.

The funeral was highlighted by renewed calls to the government and the black community for a cessation of violence.

When the first nine coffins arrived at the Dan Qeqe Stadium just after 10am, the crowd of mourners rose and held clenched fists as a mark of respect.

Pallbearers from the United Democratic Front, Pebco, the Port Elizabeth Youth Organization and the Motor and Component Workers Union of South Africa carried the bodies to the arena where they were placed on school desks.

The crowd sang "Senzeni na" (What have we done) as more coffins were brought in.

As Mrs Molly Blackburn, MPC for Walmer, and a group of white mourners entered the stadium, the crowd rose with clenched fists and shouted "Amandla" and "Viva Molly", jostling for a clear view of Mrs Blackburn.

The emotion-charged crowd was asked to remain calm when a police buffel drove past, and when two police trucks drove past the stadium up the adjacent Johnson Road, youths who became nervous were again asked to ignore the police.

People formed a guard of honour from the stadium right up to the Zwide cemetery as the coffins were carried out.

Zinc baths and buckets filled with water had been placed along the route as a precautionary measure in case teargas was fired.

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Policeman 'strangled and burnt in street'

Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — The body of a policeman — apparently strangled then set alight — has been found in a street in Motherwell township.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said it appeared that Constable S S Malape was first strangled and then unknown attackers set his body alight.

A 28-year-old woman died after being injured near Cradock on Friday when a policeman "shot at a crowd stoning his house".

Firearm

A 16-year-old boy was fatally wounded when a house in Kwazakele was stoned by youths on Saturday.

Also at Kwazakele, police protecting firemen called to a fire noticed a man with what looked like a firearm in his hand.

The police spokesman said: "When the police approached the man, he ran away. Police gave chase, the man turned round and took aim at a policeman who, fearing for his life, fired a shotgun, fatally wounding the man."

It was later found that the man had a toy pistol, he said.

Disperse

An 18-year-old man was killed and a 10-year-old girl injured in Fingo Village near Grahamstown when 40 men stoned a councillor's home but fled after a police guard fired a shot. The girl's condition was not serious.

● Sapa reports that a house and a police vehicle were stoned by a small crowd in Dorrington near Fort Beaufort yesterday. The occupier of the house fired a pistol at the group.

In the same township 400 people marching on a councillor's home were intercepted by police who used tearsmoke and birdshot to disperse them.

At Kwazakele on Saturday about 500 people gathered outside the Mayor's home. A police guard fired a shotgun and the crowd ran off, but regrouped. When the police arrived they were stoned by the crowd. The police used tearsmoke and fired shotgun rounds to disperse them.

—Pictures: TONY NAIDOO

Man wielding toy gun shot during unrest

By JEANETTE MINNIE

A MAN wielding a toy firearm was shot dead by police in the black township near Graaff Reinet early yesterday morning, and a 16-year-old youth was fatally wounded by police in Kwazekele on Saturday night.

The report of the Police Public Relations Division on unrest over the weekend said that in the black township of Graaff Reinet police spotted a man with an "object" in his hand while they were giving protection to a fire brigade crew extinguishing a fire which had been caused by a petrol bomb.

The "object" looked like a firearm.

When the police approached the man he ran away. Police gave chase and the man turned around and aimed at them.

"A policeman fearing for his life fired at the man with a shotgun, fatally wounding him. It appeared later on that the firearm was a toy pistol".

The 16-year old youth in Kwazekele, in the Eastern Cape, was part of a group of four men who police said stoned a private home.

They ran away when the tenant gave chase and one of the stoners shot at the tenant, wounding him in the hand. Police arrived at the scene and also gave chase on foot.

They were stoned by the group and the police fired a shot with a shotgun, fatally wounding the youth.

Also in Kwazekele on Saturday night about 500 people gathered outside the mayor's home, and a police guard fired at them with a shotgun.

The crowd ran off, but when police arrived they began stoning them. Tearsmoke and shotguns were used to disperse the crowd.

No injuries were reported.

In another incident in Kwazekele a private car was destroyed by fire afrter a petrol bomb was hurled at it.

In yet another incident the police fired with their shotguns at "would-be arsonists" who threw petrol bombs at their vehicles.

Police used rubber bullets and tearsmoke to disperse a crowd of about 200 which stoned the home of a Lamontville town councillor on Saturday night.

The crowd marched on the home of Mrs Ella Mxasana after a commemorative meeting in honour of the murdered community leader, Mr Msizi Dube, and Joseph Mdluli, who died while in police custody several years ago.

They then stoned the house and a police patrol arrived on the scene to disperse the crowd.

Incidents of stone throwing and in some cases petrol bombs were also reported from townships near Grahamastown.

In one incident a policeman was slightly injured.

Tearsmoke, sjamboks and rubber bullets were used to disperse crowds in some cases.

In the coloured township of Blikkiesdorp, at Uitenhage, police reported that blacks set a school alight. The fire brigade extinguished the fire.

At Adelaide there was one incident of stone throwing at a policeman's house, and two other incidents in which arsonists hurled petrol bombs at the homes of two policemen.

On two occasions, police fired at their attackers. No injuries were reported, however, and no serious damage was caused to property.

At Bloemfontein, in Phahameng and Rocklands townships, incidents of stone throwing occured. In Phahameng a black woman passenger was injured when the bus she was travelling in was stoned. In both townships only four or five people were responsible for the stone throwing.

● SAPA reports that the funeral services of 25 unrest victims at Zwide, Port Elizabeth, and Uitenhage's Kwanobuhle township went off "quietly and with dignity" yesterday.

A spokesman for the Police Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria said last night that a crowd estimated at about 50 000 packed the Dan Qequ Stadium in Zwide, where 15 unrest victims were to be buried, while about 8 000 people turned out at Kwanobuhle Sports Stadium.

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Thousands of mourners pay tribute to 15 unrest victims at a mass funeral in Zwide, Port Elizabeth at the weekend.

50 000 mourners flock to unrest victims' funeral

PORT ELIZABETH — Large crowds of mourners were attracted to two mass funerals at Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage yesterday.

A total of 25 victims of the unrest were buried after funeral services in sports stadiums in Zwide, Port Elizabeth, and Kwanobuhle, Uitenhage.

The bigger of the two funerals was at the Dan Qeqe stadium in Zwide where 15 unrest victims were buried and where a crowd estimated at about 50 000 were present.

More than 30 ministers from the inter-denominational Ministers' Association of Southern Africa led a procession of youths in T-shirts representing various organisations and carrying the first nine of the 15 coffins.

The coffins were placed on single desks laid out inside a fenced-off area in front of the grandstand.

Uniformed school pupils from a number of schools in Zwide were also present.

Pallbearers, who consisted of members of the UDF, Pebco, the Port Elizabeth Youth Organisation and the Motor and Component Workers' Union of South Africa, carried the bodies to the arena.

The crowd sang "Senzeni na" (What have we done) as more coffins were brought in.

Students, civic organisations, associations of members of the clergy, trade unions, teachers and the white community were well represented at the funeral.

Addressing the mourners the Reverened Michael Mjekula, the master of ceremonies, said people were surprised when the State President, Mr P. W. Botha, said he was only prepared to speak to church leaders on spiritual matters and not politics when the Bible itself was political.

Reverened D. Soga, president of Idemisa, gave a report on the meeting his association and other bodies held with the divisional commissioner of police in the Eastern Cape, Brigadier C. A. Swart, in Port Elizabeth last week. He appealed to youths to remain calm and give dignity to the funeral of their 15 "comrades."

He said that on returning to their homes after the burial they should not gather in groups and give the police and South African Defence Force the chance to take action against them or give rise to claims that they had been provoked by crowds.

The atmosphere was tense but the crowd remained orderly. Those who were found to be under the influence of alcohol were turned away at the gates. Shops and shebeens were closed as a mark of respect for the dead.

Mrs Molly Blackburn, MPC for Walmer, who was with a handful of white mourners entered the stadium and the crowd rose again and with clenched fists they shouted "Amandla". "Viva Molly" and youths and adults on the arena jostled to get a clear view of Mrs Blackburn.

The emotion-charged crowd was asked to remain calm and orderly when a Buffel drove past, and when two police trucks which drove past the stadium up the adjacent Johnson Road, youths became nervous and again they were asked to ignore the police.

As the coffins were carried shoulder high to the nearby cemetery, people formed a guard of honour right up to the Zwide cemetery.

Along the route there were zinc baths and buckets, all filled with water, a precautionary measure in case teargas was fired.

Youths singing freedom songs also broke into groups. About 800 of them jogged from Zwide, past a Caspir which was parked on an open space in Qeqe Street, Zwide, they went through Kwazakele, and broke up in New Brighton.

At Kwanobuhle, where 10 victims were to have been buried, an estimated 8 000 people flocked to the Kwanobuhle sports stadium.

The funeral service was peaceful and no incidents were reported.

The police and South African Defence Force, who were present in force, kept a low profile and did not enter the township. There was also a large police presence along the highway between Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage. SAPA.



2 killed in unrest

TWO people died in the Eastern Cape at the weekend as the unrest in the area continued.

A spokesman for the police directorate of public relations said yesterday that at KwaZakhele near Port Elizabeth, about 500 blacks gathered outside the mayor's home. A police guard fired a shotgun and the crowd ran off, but re-grouped. Police arrived and were stoned by the mob. The police used tearsmoke and fired shotgun rounds to disperse them. No injuries were reported.

"In another incident, four blacks stoned a private home. The occupier chased them as they were running away. One of the stone-throwers shot at the man, hitting him in the hand.

"Police arrived and gave chase. They were stoned and fired one shot at the stone-throwers. A 16-year-old boy was fatally wounded," the spokesman said.

In two other incidents, a private car was destroyed by fire after a petrol bomb had been hurled at it. Police fired with shotguns at would-be arsonists after a petrol bomb was thrown at their vehicle. There were no injuries.

In the Tantyi township in Grahamstown, there were sporadic incidents of stone-throwing, and in some instances petrol bombs were thrown at police vehicles. A policeman was slightly injured.

In all these incidents, police used tearsmoke. On one occasion, police used sjamboks and on another, fired rubber bullets. There were no injuries.

In the coloured township of Blikkiesdorp near Uitenhage, blacks set a school on fire which was extinguished by the fire brigade.

At Adelaide, there was one incident where stones were thrown at a policeman's house, and in two other incidents arsonists hurled petrol bombs at the home of two policemen. On two occasions, police fired at the attackers. No injuries were reported.

The police spokesman said a 28-year-old woman who was injured near Cradock on Saturday when a policeman "shot at a crowd stoning his house" had died in hospital yesterday.

"Very little trouble" was experienced in the Eastern Cape yesterday, he said.

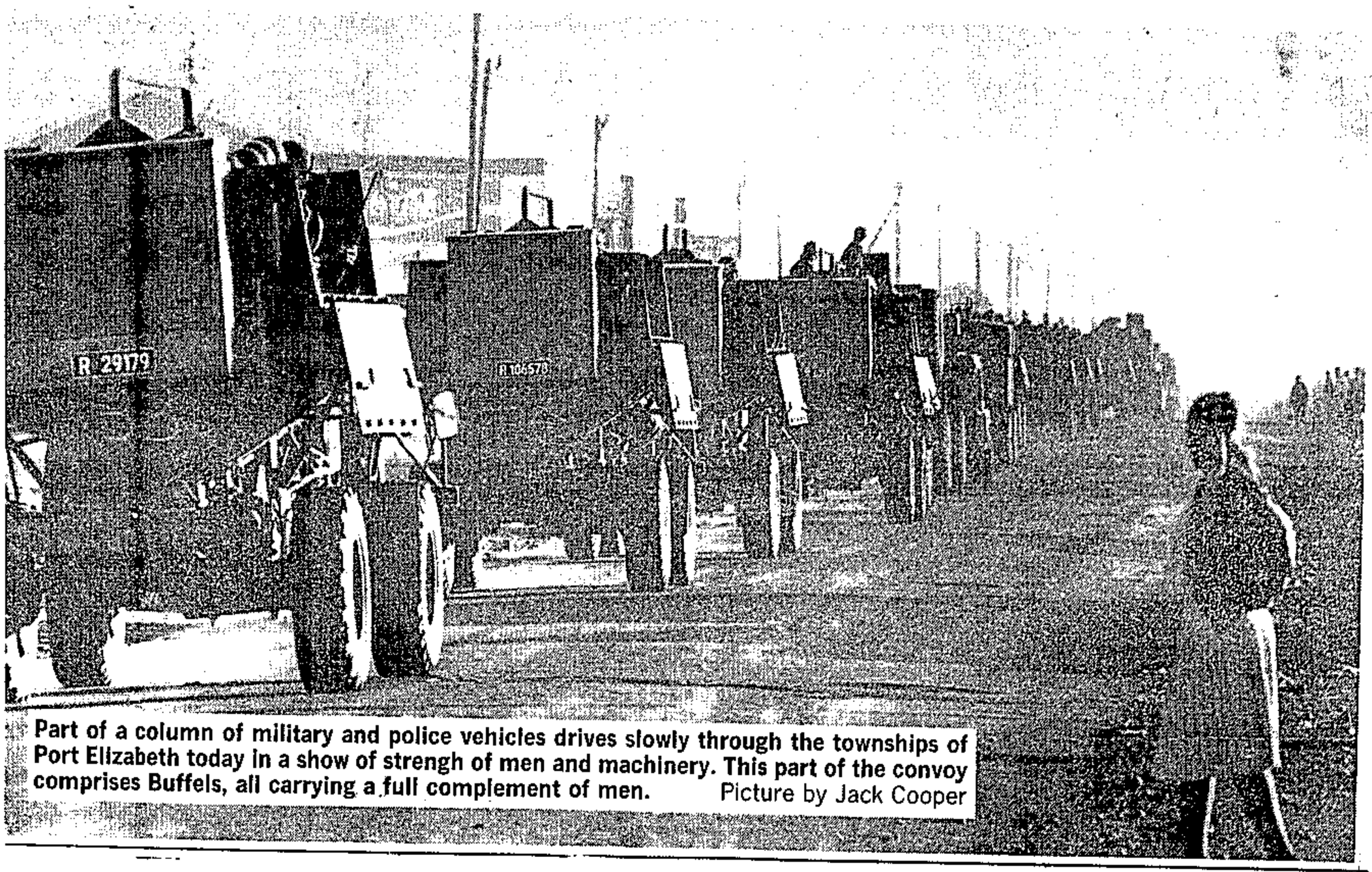
However, sporadic incidents of stone-throwing were reported in the East Rand townships of KwaThema and Tembisa, he said.

"These incidents appeared to be more crime rather than unrest orientated," he added.

At Tembisa, the home of a bus driver was set on fire this afternoon, and though only slight damage was caused to the house, a car in the yard was extremely damaged, he said.

In another incident in the township, a "number of blacks first stoned and damaged a bus before robbing the driver of his takings and his own money".

At KwaThema, private vehicles were stoned at random and an alleged stone thrower "sustained minor injuries" when a driver lost control of his car and collided with him, the spokesman said. — Sapa.



Part of a column of military and police vehicles drives slowly through the townships of Port Elizabeth today in a show of strengh of men and machinery. This part of the convoy comprises Buffels, all carrying a full complement of men. Picture by Jack Cooper

Security forces in big show of strength

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under siege.

Delivery vehicles lined up in New Brighton at the rendezvous point for the police escorts into the townships.

Pirate taxis and minibus taxis plied their early morning trade as usual in the townships ferrying people to the nearest bus stops.

Mothers walked their small children to school, holding them by the hands. The children stared wide-eyed as the vehicles drove past them.

Groups of people lined the sides of the roads and stood outside shops in the townships watching silently.

Their expressions ranged from amusement to open hostility. Most were deadpan.

Some waved.

It was business as usual for the hawkers in the open air markets at Njoli Square in Kwazakele and Johnson Square in Veeplaas.

Refuse lay strewn against fences and on every open space in the townships.

In some parts the refuse lay ankle deep and there was a noticeable stench in the shanty townships of Veeplaas.

Show of strength

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By SHIRLEY PRESSLY

SCORES of military and police vehicles drove slowly through Port Elizabeth's black townships today in a massive show of strength.

The vehicles formed a convoy about two kilometres long.

Soon after sunrise the convoy snaked its way down Uitenhage Road, New Brighton, to begin the biggest parade of military and police vehicles seen in Port Elizabeth in years, and turned into Mati Road.

It then went on to Red Location, Kwazakele, Veeplaas and Zwide.

The police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, said the convoy was an attempt to bring the unrest in the troubled townships of PE to an end.

It was the wish of Parliament and all law-abiding citizens that the unrest should come to an end, he said.

Law-abiding people in the townships were "sick and tired" of the unrest.

The exercise was conducted by the South African Defence Force and the South African Police, with the army in a supportive role to the police.

The Divisional Commissioner of Police in the Eastern Cape, Brigadier Chris Swart, and the Officer Commanding Eastern Province Command, Brigadier Joffel van der Westhuizen, drew up the blueprint for the convoy.

Col Van Rooyen declined to say how many vehicles took part in the convoy or give the total complement of men who manned them.

There were Caspirs (personnel carrying anti-landmine vehicles designed by the South African Police for use in the operational area and now also used in unrest areas), Buffels (personnel carrying vehicles widely used by the South African Defence Force), Elands (a small tank mounted with a 90mm gun commonly dubbed the "Noddy car" of the SADF), Landrovers, one sneeze machine and a couple of field ambulances (Rinkhals)

Most of the vehicles were Buffels carrying a full complement of 10 men plus a driver

The sides of the Buffels were lowered to show that there were men in the vehicles and that each vehicle carried a full complement of men.

Usually only the tops of the men's heads stick out

It is believed that rumours have been doing the rounds in the townships that the Buffels are manned only by a couple of men because the security forces don't have enough men to go round.

Helicopters from the local SAAF base buzzed overhead while the convoy snaked its way through the townships.

The townships looked almost normal as the autumn sunshine filtered through weakly, heralding another day in a community which is virtually

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Five die, 150 held in further unrest in E Cape

PRETORIA. — Five more deaths have been reported in unrest in the Eastern Cape since Sunday afternoon, and at least 150 people have been arrested.

The strangled, burnt body of a student policeman, Mr S S Malapé, was found on Sunday in Motherwell, Port Elizabeth.

Eighteen-year-old Mr Thamsanqa Steven was found dead after police fired on a crowd stoning a councillor's home in Fingo township, Grahamstown.

The body of a woman was found in Dorrington, Fort Beaufort; the charred remains of a woman were found in New Brighton at Port Elizabeth, and the body of a man was found in Soweto, according to police "situation reports" yesterday.

PUPILS ARRESTED

Pupils boycotting classes in Oudtshoorn and at Bothaville in the Free State were dispersed when they stoned police, while in Grahamstown, thousands of pupils yesterday began boycotting classes.

Police in Oudtshoorn yesterday arrested 155 boycotting schoolchildren on charges of public violence and holding an illegal gathering in Bonguletha township.

In Bothaville, police used squirts and rubber bullets to disperse about 400 pupils at Mophate school.

On the Witwatersrand, a man was arrested on Sunday when a group stoned a police vehicle in Rand Park Ridge.

At Langa, near Uitenhage, a black policeman was chased by a crowd, the report said. He fired on them "in self-defence, wounding a 26-year-old black male".

STONE-THROWING

In Wolmaransstad township, near Potchefstroom, about 300 stone-throwing people damaged the administration board office and the homes of school principals yesterday.

At Rocklands, near Bloemfontein, three buses were "extensively damaged" by stone-throwing crowds.

At Alexandra, near Johannesburg, people this morning stoned and extensively damaged two homes.

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Le Grange denies claims over Zulu police

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN. — The Minister of Law and Order has denied claims that the police are deliberately using Zulu members of the force to curb unrest — mostly among Xhosas in the Eastern Cape.

In a statement, Mr Louis le Grange said the allegations were "clearly aimed at tarnishing the good relations between the Government and the Kwazulu Government.

"The police force does not differentiate between its members on the grounds of ethnicity, and I have emphasised this fact more than once."

He said Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Chief Minister of Kwazulu, would be entitled to be upset by the rumours if they were true. However, they were nothing but "a blatant misuse of ethnicity".

"Minority"

"As a result of the circumstances in the Eastern Cape the police were forced to send additional members into the area and these were drawn from areas where there was no unrest.

"Naturally, some members from Natal were among those sent.

"The total complement of additional non-white members was 500, of whom those of Zulu origin were by far in the minority.

"An accusation has also been levelled at Chief Minister Buthelezi that Zulu members were used during the so-called Langa incident on March 21.

Shooting

"The Chief Commissioner of Police, General Johan Coetzee, has informed me that only two black members were present during the incident and both were of Xhosa origin."

The reports of the use of Zulu members of the force were made public in a report drawn up by the Progressive Federal Party on the fatal shooting of 19 people at Langa, Uitenhage.

In the report, affidavits were made in which criticisms were levelled at the police for using Zulus to maintain order.



Chief Mangosuthu Buthulezi

155 school pupils held

Staff Reporter

OUDTSHOORN police yesterday arrested 155 pupils from the Fezekile Junior Secondary School after unrest flared in the Bhongolethu township.

Development Board offices in the area were gutted and the home of a former police constable working on a temporary basis with the force was stoned.

The students were apparently arrested at the school about 11.45am by policemen in between six and eight vans.

A local youth organization spokesman said the students had been boycotting classes in protest at the arrest of two other pupils last Friday.

It is understood that the two were arrested in connection with the stoning of a policeman's house earlier in the week but this could not be confirmed.

Major Eddie Snyman, a police liaison officer for the South-Western Districts, said the students detained yesterday had been arrested for attend-

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ing an illegal gathering and on other charges.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said police used teargas and rubber bullets during the arrests.

He said 500 students had stoned the home of a policeman and the adjoining home of a headmaster in the morning.

The policeman had fired a number of shots and the crowd had dispersed.

According to the police spokesman, the students returned to the school and when police were summoned to the scene, stones were thrown. Police used teargas and rubber bullets and "a number of students were arrested".

The police spokesman said a bus had been extensively damaged by stone-throwing.

● Orlando West High School students went on the rampage yesterday afternoon, burning a house in Dube, Soweto, and stoning nearby shops following the murder on Saturday of an Orlando High student. No injuries or arrests were reported.

● Students at Turfloop and the University of Venda yesterday started returning to classes. At Turfloop, where classes were suspended on Wednesday, only classes in the faculties of law and education were still suspended yesterday.

Students at the University of Venda have been boycotting classes since Thursday. Their demands included the dismissal of an accounting lecturer and the scrapping of a "too congested" exam timetable.

Chambers talk to Minister

By DIRK VAN ZYL
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — A top-level delegation from Assocom and Chambers of Commerce in the Eastern Cape today met the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, and the Deputy Minister of Education and Co-operation, Mr Sam de Beer, to discuss the unrest in the Eastern Cape.

The Eastern Cape delegation consisted of Mr Rocky Ridgway, vice-president of Assocom; Mr Frank Wightman, president of the Port Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce; Mr Tony Gilson, director of the PE Chamber (who was also representing the Uitenhage Chamber); Mr Denis Creighton, regional vice-president of Assocom; and Mr Steve Birt, president of the Grahamstown Chamber.

Also present were the Director-General of Co-operation and Development, Mr G van de Wall, and the Director-General of Education and Training, Dr A B Fourie.

In a Press statement after the meeting of almost two hours, the chambers urged all leaders to come forward with "concrete suggestions" which could either be implemented by the chambers or conveyed to the Government.

Mr Gilson said in an interview the delegation had been "well received" by Dr Viljoen and his colleagues and had had in-depth discussions "and an exchange of ideas" on the Eastern Cape's "complex problems".

This included the political aspirations of blacks "and other sensitive political issues".

Specific matters included black education, housing and the creation of job opportunities.

Mr Gilson said the memorandum sent to the Government earlier had formed the basis of the discussions and he was pleased "that a channel has been opened to us".

The delegation had stressed the importance of proper communications between leaders of sections of the community.

Dr Viljoen had been "extremely sympathetic to our points of view" and had given the delegation an assurance of the Government's concern at the gravity of the situation.

Dr Viljoen had said the Government would continue to take the action deemed necessary.

In the statement, the delegation says it "recognises the Government has already taken specific action in connection with some of the issues which were raised and it stressed the importance of communications and bridge-building between leaders of sections of the community".

Mr Gilson said businessmen were "obviously extremely perturbed" at the effect of the continuing unrest on the economy — turn-over was, for instance, depressed and deliveries were upset.

"But more than that we are seriously concerned at what is being done to the fabric of society in the Eastern Cape."

He declined to elaborate on specific proposals made at today's meeting, but said it had to be borne in mind that unemployment was worse in the Eastern Cape than in any other part of South Africa, and "housing is also obviously an aspect about which something needs to be done".

(Report by Dirk van Zyl, Press Gallery, Parliament, Cape Town.)

Le Grange: 10 000 arrested for unrest

Cape Times 30/4/85 275

By BARRY STREEK

MORE than 10 000 people had been arrested between September last year and March 22 this year in connection with the unrest in the country, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, said yesterday.

He also said experienced and seasoned advisers were behind the disturbing internal security onslaught which was aimed at a creating a revolutionary climate.

This revolutionary climate was not previously as discernible and also not so "sophisticatedly organized", Mr Le Grange said at the start of the debate on his vote in the House of Assembly.

217 killed

He said that 217 people, including one white person, had died in the unrest between September 1, 1984, and March 22 this year, and that 751 people had been injured.

This included four policemen, who had been killed, and 181 policemen, who had been injured.

Since January 1 this year, 72 buildings belonging to policemen in the Eastern Cape had been damaged by radicals and had caused damage of almost R279 000.



Mr Louis le Grange

Damage of more than R28-million had been caused to buildings and damage to vehicles, including trains, totalled almost R12-million.

He also appealed to black people to fight the United Democratic Front (UDF) and other organizations which tried to make the country ungovernable through violence or illegal methods "because it is in no one's interest that their children do not go to school, that buildings which have been put there for their benefit are burnt down and that their residential areas are turned into ash-heaps".

Mr. Le Grange appealed to all responsible community leaders, white and black, to promote effective contact and to talk about the problems which were troubling the black community.

Since September last year the unrest had spread to the Eastern Cape, the Free State and the West Transvaal.

He said, "A worrying aspect is the fact that the unrest has not been restricted to the larger centres, but already spread to platteland towns, particularly in the Eastern Cape, the Karoo, the North Free State and to a lesser degree the Northern Cape.

"The Eastern Cape is particularly sensitive area as a result of contributory factors of widespread unemployment and socio-economic points of friction."

Local training

Mr Le Grange said the African National Congress (ANC) was now concentrating on local training of terrorists in the rural areas which put the ANC in a position with the help of local trained terrorists and UDF activists to promote the condition of "ungovernableness".

At the same time, the local population was being encouraged with classical revolutionary theory and to establish alternative government structures.

Grange calls for end to violence

D. Basson 27/2/86

CAPE TOWN — The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, appealed yesterday for an end to violence in the country, adding: "Our future cannot be decided through the barrel of a gun."

Mr Le Grange appealed to black and white community leaders to make "proper contact" with each other and to talk about the problems affecting black communities.

Mr Le Grange was speaking during his department's vote in the House of Assembly.

"The government will not tolerate a reign of anarchy and violence and the police and other divisions of the security forces will do their duty to restore law and order and maintain it.

"But a greater duty rests with all responsible opinion-makers and leaders in all fields to give attention, through proper communication, to the real causes of the present unrest situation."

Mr Le Grange told Parliament 217 people had died and more than 10 000 people had been arrested during unrest since September last year.

A further 751 people were injured, he said.

Mr Le Grange accused the United Democratic Front of using violence in an attempt to make the country ungovernable.

He said the unrest at schools and in various parts of the country was "causing concern".

Organisation in this regard had become far more sophisticated. A disturbing aspect of the unrest was that it was not restricted to larger cities, but had spread to platteland towns, particularly in the Eastern Cape, Karoo, Northern Free State and, to a lesser degree, the Northern Cape.

The ANC, he said, was concentrating at the moment on training terrorists on the platteland.

The population was being encouraged to establish alternative forms of government according to classical revolutionary theories. A course promoting this had already been offered by black power protagonists at the Wilgespruit Fellowship Centre.

Earlier this year the ANC had given specific instructions to South African blacks to embark on a civil war.

In broadcasts on the ANC station, Radio Freedom, on February 17 and in the first issue this year of the organisation's magazine, Sechaba, black people were instructed to:

- Make and use traditional weapons to "disarm the oppressors so that their weapons can then be made available to the masses";
- Manufacture petrol and home-made bombs from available materials;
- Eliminate such collaborators as black community council members, informants and members of the SAP and SADF, especially those living in black areas. — SAPA

See also P4.

Five more die in unrest

PORT ELIZABETH — Five more deaths, and more than 150 arrests have been reported in various outbreaks of unrest in the Eastern Cape.

The five deaths include a policeman, Constable S. Molefe, who was strangled by his attackers before being set alight in Motherwell, a police spokesman at the directorate of public relations in Pretoria reported last night.

Police have also discovered that the charred remains found under smouldering tyres in Kwazakele on Friday were the remains of another policeman, Constable M. Wani.

The other deaths reported since Sunday night were:

- The charred remains of an unidentified woman found in the ruins of a burnt out house in New Brighton yesterday.
- Another charred body — of an unknown male — was found in the street on the border of Kwazakele and Soweto by a police patrol yesterday.
- At Fingo township in Grahamstown, a police patrol found the body of an 18-year-old youth shortly after police used shotgun fire to disperse a group of about 40 people who had stoned a councillor's house.

Thamsanqa Steven, a Std 7 pupil at Nombulelo High School, was killed by either birdshot or bullets in an incident near Nyaluza High School on Sunday afternoon, according to teachers at his school.

It has also been established that two children, including a nine-year-old, were injured by birdshot in Grahamstown at the weekend.

- At Dorrington township in Fort Beaufort on Sunday, police used tearsmoke to disperse a stone-throwing mob. The mob fled and it was later reported that a woman, who had allegedly formed part of the group, had died.

At Bonsane township in Bedford, a woman was wounded when a policeman fired at about 200 people who stoned his house.

- Police are investigating allegations that a man wearing a South African Defence Force uniform sprayed tearsmoke in the direction of three people on their way to work in Port Elizabeth yesterday.

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Widespread arson and unrest continues



Arsonists and stone-throwers continued last night and this morning with their attempts to create chaos, the Police Directorate of Public Relations said in a situation report issued in Pretoria this morning.

"In the Bongelethu township in Oudtshoorn, arsonists caused extensive damage to a private house," the report said.

At New Brighton in Port Elizabeth, the Samuel Ngongo School was damaged in an arson attack. A SADF patrol put out the fire.

Arsonists set fire to a cafe in Attridgeville near Pretoria late last night, but the fire was extinguished by the fire brigade. A small group of blacks also threw a petrol bomb which slightly damaged a rubbish removal vehicle.

Arsonists hurled a petrol bomb into a private home in the black township of Wesselsbron in the northern Free State early this morning, slightly injuring the owner and a woman.

"Incidents of intimidation and stone-throwing also occurred at Lingelihle near Cradock, the Kwezi township in Hanover, Cape, and Attridgeville and Mamelodi near Pretoria.

ARRESTS FOR PUBLIC VIOLENCE

"At Lingelihle, about 300 blacks last night gathered round the homes of members of the SA Police and issued death threats. Police used tearsmoke to disperse them."

The report said four black men and a woman from Tinus, near Fort Beaufort and seven black men from Joza township, near Grahamstown, were arrested yesterday on charges of public violence.

In Port Elizabeth a large contingent of police and army units today made a show of force in townships.

More than 500 men in about 50 vehicles entered the townships at 7.30 am while a SAAF helicopter flew over the convoy.

And in another move to quell the unrest a delegation from the Chambers of Commerce of Port Elizabeth, Uitenhage and Grahamstown met the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen in Cape Town today.

The delegation said political issues, black education, housing and the creation of employment opportunities had been discussed. — Sapa—Own Correspondent.

1 for 17 days
1 for 20 days
4 for 21 days
1 for 22 days
1 for 23 days
2 for 24 days
4 for 27 days
25 for 28 days
43 for 30 days
31 for 31 days
4 for 32 days
1 for 41 days
1 for 49 days
6 for 2 months
5 for 3 months
1 for 4 months
3 for 5 months

(d) At 46 police stations in different centres.

(2) Yes.

(a) 8 815.

(b) Immediately after detention 186
1 to 2 days 2 322
3 to 30 days 6 307

(c) Mozambique
Lesotho
Swaziland
Transkei
Zambia
England
Zimbabwe
Angola
America
Botswana
Germany
Malawi
Zaire
Portugal
Israel
Ireland
Maputo
Ciskei.

(d) At 110 different police stations throughout the Republic.

Members of President's Council: houses

812. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Public Works:

What was the total cost in respect of building houses for the Chairmen of Committees of the President's Council up to 31 December 1984?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS:

R1 061 060 which relates to the former Presidents Council.

Drivers' licences

818. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 11 on 6 June 1984, the Provincial Administrations have as yet reported to the Cabinet on measures to give effect to the decision that drivers' licences be separate from identity documents and reference books; if not, when is it anticipated that the Provincial Administrations will report to the Cabinet; if so,

(2) whether the Provincial Administrations have made any recommendations in this regard; if so, (a) what is the nature of these recommendations and (b) when will they be implemented?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

(1) No. A workgroup consisting of officials of the respective Provincial Administrations and the Department of Transport has been appointed to investigate the practical implications of the separation of the driver's licence from the identity document. The report on their findings is, however, not yet available and must on receipt thereof still be referred to the Provincial Administrations for consideration whereafter the Cabinet will be requested to pronounce on the recommendations.

(2) (a) and (b) Fall away.

(275) **Eastern Cape: persons killed**

831. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(a) How many persons were killed as a result of the unrest in the Eastern Cape between 1 January 1985 and the latest specified date for which figures are available, (b) how many of these persons were killed by (i) the police, (ii) other specified authorities or law-enforcement agencies and (iii) other persons and (c) what, in each case, are the (i)(aa) names and (bb) ages of the persons killed, (ii) dates on which they were killed and (iii) names of the places in which the killings occurred?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(a) 123 from 1985-01-01 to 1985-04-20.

(b) (i) 94.

(ii) South African Defence Force 1
Councillors 2

(iii) 26.

(c) I consider it not to be in the public interest to furnish the required information.

Own Affairs:

Hansard Q.Col.1361 30/4/85

Students: *per capita* expenditure

71. Mr H E J VAN RENSBURG asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

What was the *per capita* expenditure in 1984 on students attending (a) the University of Cape Town, (b) the University of Natal, (c) the University of the Orange Free State, (d) the University of Port Elizabeth, (e) the Potchefstroomse Universiteit vir Christelike Hoër Onderwys, (f) the University of Pretoria, (g) the Rand Afrikaans University, (h) Rhodes University, (i) the University of Stellenbosch, (j) the University of South Africa and (k) the University of the Witwatersrand?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

The cost of the state per full-time equivalent student during 1984 was as follows:

		R
(a)	University of Cape Town	5 226
(b)	University of Natal	6 414
(c)	University of the Orange Free State	5 995
(d)	University of Port Elizabeth ...	6 958
(e)	Potchefstroom Universiteit vir CHO	4 550
(f)	University of Pretoria	4 908
(g)	Rand Afrikaans University	5 711
(h)	Rhodes University	6 133
(i)	University of Stellenbosch.....	5 197
(j)	University of South Africa.....	1 998
(k)	University of the Witwatersrand	5 024

In determining the above, the amount estimated for 1984/85 in respect of subsidies according to the formula, subsidies in respect of interest on and capital redemption of private and state loans and the additional subsidy as a result of the new service dispensation were taken into account. In calculating the above, full time equivalent student numbers have been used instead of the traditional head count number in order to get a more comparable figure.

Universities: capital expenditure

72. Mr H E J VAN RENSBURG asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

What was the total capital expenditure from the State Revenue Account on universities under the control of his Department in the 1983-84 and 1984-85 financial years, respectively.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

The total capital expenditure from the State Revenue Account was as follows:

1983/84: R1 428 622
1984/85: R1 103 572

These amounts were in respect of the

(3) Yes. A certain researcher, in a published work, misquoted the reference number of a document concerning the ancestors of President S J P Kruger and this caused a futile search on wrong files and lead to reports in newspapers that documents were missing. The matter has, however, since been corrected and the relevant documents relating to the ancestry of the Kruger family are available for perusal in the Cape Archives Depot, Queen Victoria Street, Cape town, under the reference number MOOC 13/1/1 file 138.

With this piece of information, Sir, I have also completed my last small task in Parliament. When I walk out of here for the last time just now I, likel my predecessors, will merely be a document in an archive with a number which is quoted incorrectly. All that is left, is to say thank you and my very best wishes.

HON MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

Hansard Ixopo 30/4/85 Q. 61. 1319

*7. Mr R W HARDINGHAM asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education:

Whether approval has been granted for the establishment of a Black residential area at Ixopo; if so, (a) when and (b) by whom; if not, why not?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND OF CO-OPERATION:

Yes.

(a) 25 January 1967.

(b) The then Deputy Minister of Bantu Administration and Education.

275 Hansard Q. 61. 1319 Zwide Township 30/4/85

*8. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether any members of the South African Police took any action in respect of a crowd of mourners in Zwide Township near Port Elizabeth on or about 14 April 1985; if so,

(2) whether such action included the use of firearms; if so, (a) at what time did the firing take place, (b) what type of ammunition was fired and (c) what were the circumstances surrounding the decision to fire;

(3) whether any further action was taken by the police on this occasion; if so, (a) what action and (b) why;

(4) whether any persons were (a) killed and (b) injured as a result; if so, how many in each case;

(5) whether any policemen were injured on this occasion; if so, what was the cause of the injuries in each case?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) No, not against mourners but against rioters.

(2) Yes.

(a) At 13h30 and again on 17h00.

(b) Teargas, rubber bullets and buckshot.

(c) At 13h30 a crowd of approximately 1 000 Black men, women and children forced a police patrol vehicle in Koyana Street, 2 kilometres from the church to stop, surrounded and rocked it. Teargas and rubber bullets were used to disperse the crowd. At 17h00 the same crowd attacked the residence of a black member of the Force in Bokani Street with stones and the three guards who guarded the property had to flee as their lives were in danger. The crowd was dispersed by the police who used teargas, rubber bullets and buckshot.

(3) No.

(4) Yes.

(a) One.

(b) Three.

(5) Yes, three members sustained injuries when they were hit by stones.

Hansard Schools: textbooks Q. Col. 1321 30/4/85

*9. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education:

Whether any Black schools in the Western Cape had not received all the textbooks they required by the beginning of the 1985 school year; if so, (a) which schools had not received all such books at the time, (b) when did each of these schools receive all the books they required, (c) in respect of which subjects had textbooks not been received and (d) how many (i) pupils were affected and (ii) textbooks were involved?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND OF CO-OPERATION:

Yes.

(a) Schools in the Western Cape were provided with enough supplementary textbooks for the normal growth in pupil numbers, but due to an unforeseen abnormal growth and the not handing back of textbooks shortages were experienced at all schools.

(b) All public schools in the Western Cape have received their books by the end of March 1985.

(c) In the region as a whole all subjects were involved, but this was not the case at all the schools.

(d) (i) Approximately 8 000 pupils.

(ii) Approximately 40 000 textbooks.

Khayelitsha Q. Col. 1322 30/4/85

*10. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education:

(1) Whether any of the (a) leaders of communities and (b) communities at Old Crossroads have been offered incentives to move to Khayelitsha; if so,

(2) whether these incentives were financial; if not, what was the nature of these incentives; if so, (a) when, (b) what amount of money were they offered, (c)(i) by whom and (ii) on what conditions was the money offered and (d) to whom was the offer made;

(3) whether the offer was accepted by any leader or community; if so, which person or persons accepted the offer?

†The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION:

(1) (a) and (b) and (2) No, but expenditure was incurred in connection with costs for removal and related costs on behalf of those persons who are moving. The extent of the expenditure in this regard cannot, at this stage, be specified.

(3) Falls away.

Q. 61. 1322 Hansard Classrooms 30/4/85

*11. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education:

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 30 on 12 February 1985, the additional classrooms being provided in Langa, Guguletu and Nyanga are ready for use; if so, when did they become available; if not,

(2) whether it is anticipated that these classrooms will be ready for use before the beginning of May 1985; if so,

(b) Recommendation (a) will be pursued in due course.

Recommendation (d) is presently being dealt with by the Judge-President by regulating court sittings and by arranging for judges of the Division to go on circuit on a rotation basis.

Eastern Cape: reports on incidents

*32. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether he received any reports concerning incidents in the Black townships in the Eastern Cape prior to 21 March 1985; if so, (a) on what dates and (b) what was the purport of these reports;

(2) whether he took any action as a result of these reports; if not, why not; if so, (a) what action, (b) on what dates and (c) with what results?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) and (2) The matter has already been raised by the hon member for Houghton during the discussion of the Police Vote on 29 April 1985, and I therefore do not consider it necessary to furnish further information in terms of this procedure.

Telex from Senior Chief Deputy Commissioner

*33. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether he received a copy of a telex from the Senior Chief Deputy Commissioner of Police to all divisional commissioners on or about 19 March 1985; if not, why not; if so,

(2) whether this telex dealt with the issue of R1 rifles to riot police; if so,

(3) whether any instructions were contained in the telex relating to the use of R1 rifles against any persons in riot situations; if so, what were the instructions contained therein;

(4) whether he took any action as a result of this telex; if not, why not; if so, (a) what action and (b) when?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

Normally it is neither the practice, nor the policy to divulge the contents of departmental correspondence between my office and that of the Commissioner of Police. Since this document has already been handed in as an exhibit at the Kannemeyer Commission at Uitenhage, and is therefore public knowledge, my reply is as follows:

(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) The instructions read as follows: "Wanneer suurbomme en/of petrolbomme na polisievoertuie, privaatvoertuie en geboue gegooi word moet daar onder alle omstandighede gepoog word om die skuldiges te elimineer.

Indien lede van die Mag in 'n onlussituasie vasgekeer en hulle lewens bedreig word moet daar nie gehuiwer word om van die R1-gewere gebruik te maak nie."

(4) No.

Mr A B WIDMAN: Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's answer, does he approve of the elimination portion of that instruction? Does he approve of that as policy?

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, I have stated my views on this on more than one occasion in public, and I will also comment on this specific matter when I reply to the debate later this afternoon. That will answer the hon member's question.

Mr D J DALLING: Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, I should like to ask the hon the Minister if he would

answer portion (4) of the question—"if not, why not?" He did not answer that section.

The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, the question I have, reads as follows:

Whether he took any action as a result of this telex; if not, why not; if so, (a) what action and (b) when?

Mr D J DALLING: The hon the Minister told us what action had been taken but he did not answer the last part of the question.

†The MINISTER: That will also be covered by the reply I will give in more detail in the debate later this afternoon.

Mr D J DALLING: Mr Chairman, arising further from the hon the Ministers' reply can I then take it that the hon the Minister is not prepared to answer the question?

The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, my reply to the hon member is that I shall reply to this in more detail in this same debate later this afternoon, and the reply I shall give will also answer in more detail the question the hon member has asked now.

Own Affairs:

Circulars/notices to schools: official languages

*1. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Culture:†

Whether his Department issues all (a) circulars and/or (b) notices to schools in both official languages; if not, why not?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

It is the policy of the Department of Education and Culture to issue (a) circulars and (b) notices to schools in both official languages. I am informed, however, that recently a limited number of circulars have been issued to schools in Afrikaans only. Steps have been taken to ensure that in future the policy be strictly adhered to.

For written reply:

General Affairs:

Housing

94. Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

(1) What was the estimated shortage of housing for Blacks in each (a) province and (b) national state at the end of 1984;

(2) how many houses were provided in 1984 for Blacks in each (a) province and (b) national state by (i) the State, (ii) local authorities and (iii) the private sector;

(3) when is it expected that the shortages will be eliminated in each (a) province and (b) national state?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

(1) (a) It is not possible to give an accurate figure as the shortage of housing also depends on the actual demand. Accordingly it is not possible to estimate the figure for each province. The total shortage in terms of units for members of the Black communities outside the national states is estimated to be in the region of 196 000 units.

(b)

Lebowa	18 180
Qwaqwa	24 240
KwaZulu	80 000–100 000
KaNgwane	6 000
KwaNdebele	3 850
Gazankulu	2 000
Other South African Development Trust land	14 948

Yesterday in Parliament

Le Grange denies Zulu 'selection'

Ormande Pollok
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN—Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange denied that Zulu police had been specially selected on an ethnic basis to help quell the unrest in the Eastern Cape.

Police reinforcements had been sent to the area from more peaceful areas and had included Zulu members. But they had been in the minority.

In an explanation of police policy to Parliament, following a row between the Progressive Federal Party, which originally reported ill-feeling in the unrest area about the presence of Zulu police, and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Mr le Grange said there was no differentiation on ethnic grounds.

Mr le Grange said 'unsubstantiated rumours' had been spread that the SAP was using Zulu members 'in a calculated bid to curb the unrest in the Eastern Cape'.

'Chief Buthelezi, who is entitled to criticise the Government when he so believes, is rightfully upset by these rumours and which — should they be true — is nothing but blatant misuse of ethnicity as such,' said Mr le Grange.

'The SAP does not differentiate between its members on grounds of ethnicity and I have emphasised this fact publicly more than once.

'As a result of the circumstances in the Eastern Cape during the past few months, the SAP was forced to send additional members into the area and these were drawn from other areas where no unrest took place.

'Naturally, some members from Natal were among those sent. The total complement of additional non-white members totalled about 500. Those of Zulu descent were by far the minority.'

Mr le Grange said that 'an accusation' had also been levelled at Chief Buthelezi that Zulu police were used during the Langa incident on March 21.

The Commissioner of Police had informed him that only two black members had been present during the incident and both had been Xhosas.

He agreed with Chief Buthelezi when he said in the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly: 'I am amazed that people who reject ethnicity in politics should use this sort of thing against me, in spite of the fact that they see all blacks simply as blacks.

'The mischievousness of these stories is deliberate. Those who spread them know that the king and the KwaZulu Government do not even have a vestige of control over any section of the SAP and can have not even the remotest influence over Zulu policemen in the SAP force.'

Parliament and Politics

Police telex was a 'licence to kill'

By BARRY STREEK

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THE POLICE

Blaming UDF for unrest 'unrealistic' — Suzman

Parliamentary Staff

THERE was a fierce clash between members of the official Opposition on the one hand, and Conservative Party and Government members on the other, over police conduct in townships during the unrest.

Speaking during the Law and Order vote in the House of Assembly, Mrs Helen Suzman, chief Opposition spokesman on law and order, said it was "totally unrealistic" to believe that organisations such as the UDF were the major cause of the unrest.

Replying to the lengthy attack on the UDF by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, Mrs Suzman said: "We warned the Government that a constitution excluding 70 percent of the people would polarise the situation and make blacks feel totally excluded.



Mrs Helen Suzman

"There is also apparently no understanding by the Government of the increasing economic hardships faced by black people."

Mr le Grange should investigate his police force to see whether members were not deliberately trying to undermine the Government's reform programme for political reasons.

Amid sharp interjections from Mr le Grange, who said the police force was not "politicised", Mrs Suzman asked whether he did not think that the Conservative Party was "working away like beavers among the Civil Service to undermine the political reform programme".

Referring to police conduct in the townships, Mrs Suzman said affidavits collected by members of the PFP from victims of township unrest, as well as the Catholic Bishops' report on police conduct in Transvaal townships, made "horrifying reading".

Funerals

Mrs Suzman said that when police kept away from the funerals of unrest victims there were no incidents.

She said she had also received reports that police were being "thoroughly obstructive" to attorneys acting for relatives of young people charged with public violence in Uitenhage.

Mrs Suzman moved an amendment to the vote that Mr le Grange's salary be reduced by R69 500 to equal the salary of a constable.

Several NP members attacked Mrs Suzman, saying she "lived in a different atmosphere" and was constantly "vilifying" the police.

Mr L Wessels (NP Krugersdorp) appealed to the Leader of the Opposition, Dr F van Zyl Slabbert, to relieve Mrs Suzman of the law and order portfolio.

"She's more radical than Bishop Tutu, the UDF and the international media," he said.

The Conservative Party came out in strong support for Mr le Grange in his "efforts to maintain law and order".

Mr Frank le Roux (CP Brakpan) said these efforts were under strong attack from the left wing.

Mr le Roux added that it was a pity that the Kannemeyer Commission, appointed to inquire into the events at Uitenhage, was held in public as it did harm to the image of the police who had a difficult enough task maintaining law and order.

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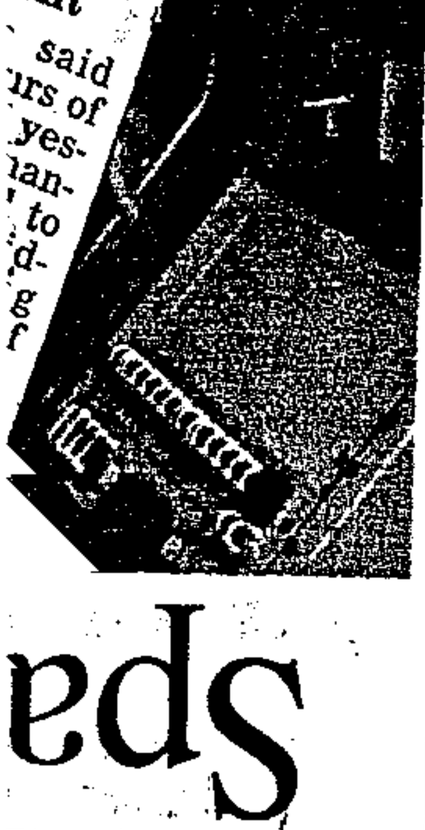

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Viljoen: Angolan claims nonsense

PRETORIA. — The Chief of the Defence Force, General Constand Viljoen, yesterday described as "nonsense" Angolan press allegations that the South African troop presence along the SWA/Namibian-Angolan border was causing tension.

Reacting to an Angolan news agency report at the weekend, criticizing the presence of SADF troops in the area after their withdrawal from Angola two weeks ago, General Viljoen said in a statement:

"The SADF has followed its agreement with the Angolan Joint Monitoring Commission element to the letter." He said: "It is absolute nonsense to allege now that the presence of the security forces on the border is causing tension.

"The RSA has always taken the view that it is its duty to protect the territorial integrity of South West Africa from Swapo terrorists."

General Viljoen said the arrangements of the JMC had continued smoothly since the South African withdrawal from Angola.

"There can, with justification, be asked why this good co-operation between the forces of the two countries should be questioned."

He said there were still daily meetings at the camp at Santa Clara between the commanding officer of the South African forces and the Angolan border guard. — Sapa

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ing an illegal gathering and on other charges.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said police used teargas and rubber bullets during the arrests.

He said 500 students had stoned the home of a policeman and the adjoining home of a headmaster in the morning.

The policeman had fired a number of shots and the crowd had dispersed.

According to the police spokesman, the students returned to the school and when police were summoned to the scene, stones were thrown. Police used teargas and rubber bullets and "a number of students were arrested".

The police spokesman said a bus had been extensively damaged by stone-throwing.

● Orlando West High School students went on the rampage yesterday afternoon, burning a house in Dube, Soweto, and stoning nearby shops following the murder on Saturday of an Orlando High student. No injuries or arrests were reported.

● Students at Turfloop and the University of Venda yesterday started returning to classes. At Turfloop, where classes were suspended on Wednesday, only classes in the faculties of law and education were still suspended yesterday.

Students at the University of Venda have been boycotting classes since Thursday. Their demands included the dismissal of an accounting lecturer and the scrapping of a "too congested" exam timetable.

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Police, SADF try huge show of force

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From KEN VERNON
Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — A "massive" contingent of police and army units today made a show of force in black townships here in an attempt to stop the continuing unrest in the area.

More than 500 men in about 50 vehicles, mainly from the SADF, entered the townships at 7.30 this morning while a SAAF helicopter flew over the convoy.

The police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, said the "massive show of force" was designed to end the unrest which has plagued the Eastern Cape for more than a year.

About 100 policemen in Land Rovers and Casspirs were backed up by about 400 army personnel in Buffel armoured carriers and Eland scout cars.

SHOWED NO RESPONSE

Township residents showed no response as the huge convoy trundled through the streets, and there were no incidents while a busload of reporters accompanied the force.

Colonel van Rooyen said the show of force had been planned by the Divisional Commissioner of Police for the Eastern Cape, Colonel Chris Swart, with the officer commanding Eastern Province Command, Brigadier C D van der Westhuizen.

He said it was in everyone's interest that the unrest be brought to an end by "almost any means".

Colonel van Rooyen said he did not know if the show of force would succeed. "We will just have to wait and see," he said.

A spokesman for the police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria says the Eastern Cape was "relatively quiet" over the past 24 hours.

In New Brighton outside Port Elizabeth, the Samuel Ngongo school was damaged by arsonists and, according to police, only the arrival of an SADF patrol which extinguished the flames, saved the school from destruction.

Three killed in E Cape unrest

Cape Times 30/4/85 (275)

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Three people had died in the Eastern Cape in unrest yesterday, the police directorate of public relations in Pretoria said.

More than 150 people had been arrested in the past 24 hours in unrest-related incidents.

The body of a policeman, allegedly strangled to death and then set alight, had been found in a street in Motherwell, near Port Elizabeth.

An 18-year-old youth had been found dead after a police guard fired at a mob in Fingo township, near Grahamstown, and the body of a woman had been found after tearsmoke was fired yesterday to disperse stone-throwers in Dorrington, Fort Beaufort.

Sapa reports that thousands of pupils launched a school boycott in Grahamstown yesterday to protest against the death of the youth, Thamsanqa Steven, 18, a standard seven pupil.

The pupil died after a crowd of 40 youths attacked the home of a Fingo town councillor, Mr T Mvuka. A police guard on duty outside the councillor's home opened fire on the crowd with his shotgun and a police patrol later found Mr Steven's body lying five blocks away.

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In Dorrington, police had used tearsmoke to disperse stone-throwers and a woman, "who was part of the group", was later reported to have died at her home.

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A man was in hospital under guard.

In Bonsane township, near Bedford in Port Elizabeth, a woman had been wounded when a policeman fired at about 200 people stoning his house.

An administration board office at Adelaide had been extensively damaged by fire yesterday. In the Hillside township near Fort Beaufort, two youths who were part of a mob stoning a private home had been arrested, the report said.

Stonings

In the Bontrug township of Kirkwood, a group of about 50 people had been dispersed with teargas and rubber bullets after a police vehicle was stoned.

On the Witwatersrand, a man had been arrested yesterday afternoon when a group stoned a police vehicle in the Rand Park Ridge area.

At Rocklands, near Bloemfontein, three buses had been "extensively damaged" by stone-throwing mobs.

In Wolmaransstad township, near Potchefstroom, a mob of about 300 stone-throwers had caused extensive damage to the administration board office and the homes of school headmasters, the report said.

Aussie cricket captan Alan Border is not exactly breaking virgin territory as he frolics on a popular island beach on the GreatBarrier Reef, but seven members of his team are, since they have signed up for the first Aussie rebel cicket team to tour South Africa this November.

Picture: REUTER.

3 die in Cape unrest

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By RAYMOND MASHAO

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The attackers fled after he fired a shot. No injuries were reported.

On the Witwatersrand, a man was arrested yesterday afternoon when a group stoned a police vehicle in the Randpark Ridge area, the report said.

Oudtshoorn police yesterday arrested 155 pupils of the Fezekile Junior Secondary School after unrest flared in the Bhongolethu township.

Development board offices in the area were gutted after an alleged arson attack on a policeman's home.

There was unrest, too, in the Wolmaransstad township, near Potchefstroom, and in Rocklands, near Bloemfontein, the report said.

Active on news front

THE following Rand Daily Mail editorial staff were on duty yesterday.

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● Main Reef Road and Church Street (remaining in second place) with 183 accidents, two serious and four slight injuries.
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● Main Reef Road and Marais Street (remaining in fifth position) with 104 accidents, one fatal, one serious and five slight injuries.
● Kimberley Road and Rifle Range Road (first on 1983's list) with 102 accidents, six serious and five slight injuries.

Since last week the [illegible]

The department was monitoring causes for accidents in each kilometre in this stretch and was not only stepping up law enforcement, but also improving traffic signs and the condition of the road.

The four dangerous traffic spots highlighted in the Mail yesterday were the intersection of Louis Botha Avenue Death Bend and Houghton Drive, the Main Reef Road-Commando Road intersection, the Club Street entrance to King David School and the Bezuidenhout Street-Mons Road intersection in Bellevue.

The spokesman said there were 71 accidents on Death Bend last year (three serious and five slight injuries) due mostly [illegible]



Man found burnt is named

Post Reporter

THE charred remains discovered under smouldering tyres in Kwazakhele on Friday have been identified as those of a policeman, Constable M R Wani.

Constable Wani was on a routine investigation when he was attacked by a group of people who stabbed him in the chest, hacked his body to pieces and set it alight in Johnson Road, Kwazakele, police said today.

Incidents of unrest continued throughout the country yesterday, a spokesman at the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said.

In Soweto township, near Port Elizabeth, a police patrol found the charred remains of an unidentified man. A beerhall was also set alight.

The Samuel Ngongo School in New Brighton was damaged in an arson attack and later extinguished by an SADF patrol.

In Bedford's township, the unoccupied home of a policeman was damaged by fire and in Tinus township, Fort Beaufort, the owner of a private home fired shots at people stoning his house.

At Cradock's Ilingilhle township, incidents of intimidation took place.

In Tinus township, Fort Beaufort, four men and a woman was arrested; while in Josa, Grahamstown, seven men were arrested on charges of public violence.

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As mobs run riot in the Eastern Cape

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The attackers fled. No injuries were reported and there were no arrests, the report said.



PRAYER: Bishop Desmond Tutu in prayer at the St Paul's Anglican Church in Soweto yesterday. Story page 2.

Pic: ROBERT MAGWAZA

Policeman hacked to death

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Meanwhile, the statement said one person had died during unrest at various places throughout the country yesterday morning.

A police patrol found the charred body of a man lying in a Kwazakele/Soweto township street. A township beerhall was also set alight.

A 22-year-old man was arrested in Fingo township, Grahamstown, when police fired tear-gas and birdshot to disperse groups of people stoning councillors' homes.

Police in Fingo also used tear-gas and rubber bullets to disperse a mob of about 1 000 stoning their vehicle.

A policeman's home in Bedford, also in the Eastern Cape, was damaged by fire. No one was home.

A SAP/SADF patrol in Tinus township near Fort Beaufort was 'forced' to disperse a mob of about 300 stone-throwers with tear-gas and shotgun fire.

Police used tear-gas and rubber bullets in Bonguletha, near Oudtshoorn, when boycotting pupils stoned police, slightly injuring two policemen. Several youths were arrested.

About 150 pupils in Bonguletha stoned the homes of a policeman and a school principal. The policeman fired shots and the youths dispersed.

Also in Bonguletha, stone-throwers damaged a bus and development board offices were burnt down.

There were several incidents of unrest in the Transvaal.

In Orlando, Soweto, a mob set fire to a house. A truck was damaged and a bus destroyed by fire.

At Alexandra, stone-throwers damaged two homes — (Sapa)

Judge dismisses appeal application

Court Reporter

A DURBAN Judge yesterday dismissed an application for leave to appeal against a decision by Mr Justice Leon Wessels in the Supreme Court in Durban that a Pietermaritzburg cricket match between Natal and a touring Australian team could be played at the Kingsmead cricket stadium.

In his judgment, the Judge had directed [illegible]

Authorisation to police 'a licence to kill'

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Parliamentary Correspondent

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' "When members are trapped in unrest situations and their lives endangered, they must not hesitate to use the R1",' Mrs Suzman said the telex message read.

If this was the case, the instructions so painstakingly explained to MPs when they had visited Maleoskop by Gen P J Coetzee, the Commissioner of Police, had been replaced 'by what is tantamount to a licence to the police to kill'.

Mrs Suzman said the PFP condemned this attitude in the strongest possible way.

'Police excesses must be curbed, not encouraged.

'The senior officer responsible for sending that telex must be severely reprimanded or discharged from the force,' she said.

Mrs Suzman also called on the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, to weed out Conservative Party supporters in the police force because they could do severe damage to South Africa.

Mr le Grange, who will reply to Mrs Suzman today, interjected to say that her call for action against CP members of the police force was 'a very bad comment'.