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SHACK FIRE: Smoke rises from several burning shacks at the sprawling shantytown at New Crossroads near Philippi yesterday afternoon. Members of the Cape Town fire brigade battled for 30 minutes to put out the blaze. No one was injured.

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35 die in fires, accidents, assaults

Staff Reporter

THIRTY-FIVE people died violently in the Peninsula at the weekend in shack fires, accidents, assaults and shooting incidents.

Two men died last night when their hut near Koeberg Road, Milnerton, was turned into an inferno by a brazier which fell over.

The blaze spread to four other shacks before it was put out by the Milnerton fire brigade about 9pm.

Another fire swept through several shacks at New Crossroads yesterday afternoon before staff of the Cape Town Fire Brigade brought the flames under control. No one was injured.

Twelve pedestrians died in road accidents and a young woman was struck and killed by a train.

Eighteen men died in alleged assaults and two died from

gunshot wounds in Cape Flats townships.

A man was shot dead near Boys' Town, Nyanga, and another man was found with 16 bullet wounds at Khayelitsha. Police are investigating.

● In the 24-hour unrest report, Sapa reports from Pretoria that police found the bodies of two black men and two black women with bullet wounds and a wounded child at Table Mountain, Maritzburg.

At Sebokeng township, Vereeniging, three policemen were slightly injured when a group of blacks threw stones at the dwelling of a policeman.

An explosive device detonated at Hillview High School, Pretoria, yesterday. No injuries were reported. Police are investigating.

At Seeisoville Stadium, in Maokeng township, near Kroonstad, six people were arrested during an illegal gathering.

Arsonists strike: Scores homeless

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SHARKEY ISAACS, Staff Reporter (275)

HUNDREDS of people were homeless today after arsonists hurled a petrol bomb in Crossroads last night, setting fire to 40 shacks.

The incident followed a clash between rival teenage factions, according to police.

In another area of the township, two people were burned to death when a group of shacks caught fire after a paraffin stove overturned.

After the petrol bomb attack, 20 firemen battled for more than three hours to control the blaze. By the time they had done so, the homes of many families had been reduced to smoking ruins.

Many people, including small children, were huddled out in the open with no shelter as a massive cold front approached the Peninsula.

Police said that about 4.40pm yesterday an unidentified man was shot and wounded in the township. He was taken to hospital.

Soon after this 150 teenagers from rival groups at Boys' Town clashed in Crossroads.

The youths were armed with sticks and sharp weapons. They were dispersed by a police unrest unit.

About 8.30pm a petrol bomb was thrown at a shack in the township and within minutes more shacks were ablaze.

Terrified residents hastily evacuated the area.



ANTI-FUNDING MARCH... ANC supporters demonstration in Loop Street yesterday air their views on the government's secret funding of IFP rallies.

Picture: BENNY GOOL

ANC in demo against IFP funding

Staff Reporters

ANC supporters yesterday demonstrated in the city centre against the government's funding of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

The demonstrators, who gathered at security police headquarters in Loop Street, called for the resignation of the "whole" National Party government.

Mr Richard Martin of the Western Cape ANC Youth League said the funding of organisations "hired to destabilise" the ANC and

its allies, jeopardised the whole negotiation process.

"We cannot help but ask the ANC leadership to call off the negotiations with the National Party until such time as an interim government is elected to prepare for the constituent assembly."

Mr Martin said that the demonstration was the beginning of a campaign, "No Right to Rule", which the ANC and other organisations would implement nationally tomorrow.

The ANC might call for a national stayaway to broaden its demands, he said.

The demonstrators also called for the immediate release of all political prisoners and shouted "Down with Gatscha (Buthelezi)".

● The Western Cape Black Pensioners Association yesterday demanded that the government give to black pensioners the R250 000 Inkatha has repaid the government.



FOR THE RECORD... A policeman snaps away with his camera during the ANC picket yesterday.

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'Panelbeating' case: Brutal killers freed

W/ Mon 19/7-25/7/91
By BEVERLEY GARSON: Grahamstown
TWO former riot policemen sentenced to death in the "panelbeating" case for the brutal murder of a Cradock youth have been released in terms of the government amnesty.

Department of Correctional Services
Major Peter van Rensburg, confirmed that Leon de Villiers and David Goosen, who were sentenced in the Grahamstown Supreme Court in 1988, had been released on July 4 this year.

The two, both from Port Elizabeth, had been convicted of "panel beating" and "taking out" an 18-year-old youth, Mlungisi Stuurman, while on duty in Cradock.

During the trial it was found they had taken Stuurman to a river outside Cradock and shot him through the back of the neck.

Passing judgment at the time, Mr Justice Neville Zietsman said the two had earlier assaulted Stuurman so badly they decided he would have to be "taken out".

The judge ruled there were no extenuating circumstances and he therefore had to pass the death sentence. He refused both men leave to appeal.

It emerged during the trial that Goosen and De Villiers were sent to Cradock to monitor the funeral of an African National Congress member.

Their unit arrived in Cradock the night before the funeral. They began drinking liquor they had confiscated in shebeens in the Port Elizabeth townships. By midnight all were drunk except Goosen.

Later the unit, under the command of De Villiers, heard a radio report of stone-throwing in the township and decided to "curb unrest".

The judge found De Villiers had ordered his unit to take "mooring tools" into the township. He said the state had proved beyond a reasonable doubt that Goosen had stabbed a person during the operation.

However, both men were acquitted on one of the murder charges and two assault charges.

Mr Justice Zietsman said the unit entered the township the following day and continued their "unlawful" acts. They had arrested a number of innocent people, including Stuurman. — Ana

Stones thrown, shots fired in Worcester

C18/7/91

Crime Reporter

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THREE incidents of stone-throwing occurred in Worcester over the past two days, leading police to disperse crowds with teargas and shotgun fire, an SAP spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman said that on Tuesday night, stones were thrown at police vehicles in two incidents at Roodewal Flats in the Riverview area of Worcester.

On both occasions, police dispersed the attackers with teargas and shotgun fire.

The spokesman added that a private vehicle was damaged when it was stoned by a group of people in the same area on Monday night.

No one was injured in any of the incidents, and no arrests have been made.

Boland unrest: 275 Cop faces CT 17/1/91 trial

Staff Reporter

THE officer commanding a police unrest squad has been charged with assault following an incident in a Robertson hall last year, in which some 140 people were injured.

Cape attorney-general Mr Niel Rossouw said Warrant Officer D J J Calitz, who was attached to the Paarl unrest unit at the time, would face an alternative charge of negligently causing injuries with a firearm.

During the incident in April last year, police allegedly fired teargas into a community hall where a meeting was being held.

The police claimed they had been attacked by youths outside the hall.

No date has yet been set for the trial, which will take place in Worcester Regional Magistrate's Court.

The attorney-general's decision to go ahead with the trial came as a result of a special inquiry led by a senior SAP officer from Pretoria, Brigadier Ronnie van der Westhuizen.

Mr Rossouw had previously declined to prosecute on the basis of a standard police investigation, which excluded affidavits from unco-operative witnesses.

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Worcester: Unrest flares

Staff Reporter **215**

UNREST flared up in Worcester yesterday and police used teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot to disperse crowds of stone-throwers, a police spokesman confirmed last night.

Police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaaier said the skirmishes took place

in the township of Roodewal throughout the day.

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Worcester's coloured townships were plunged into unrest earlier this week when residents chased off a deputy sheriff about to deliver repossession notices to rent defaulters involved in a year-long rent boycott.

His long career as a trade union activist

MICHAEL Mapongwana, was born 43 years ago in Salt River into a family of four.

While working as a security guard for Anglo American Properties he joined the Transport and General Workers' Union.

Previously he worked for the then Administration Board of-fices, known as Ikapa Town Council, an institution he sought to dismantle.

Mr Mapongwana, who later became known for his fiery

anti-government rhetoric, came to prominence after he led a campaign against the "anti-democratic and puppet" Lingeletu West Town Council in Khayelitsha last October.

His first brush with death had come seven months earlier, in March last year when he escaped unhurt when gunmen fired at him while he was addressing a meeting.

Earlier the short, stocky man was elected chairman of the Western Cape Civic Association and charged with the task

of reviving the association, whose activities were curtailed in 1988.

Unlike other townships at the time, Khayelitsha had a functioning Lingeletu West Town Council, elected when political organisations were gagged.

In October there were sharp exchanges between Mr Mapongwana and Mr Graham Lawrence, the council's town clerk, after residents protested against increased service charges.

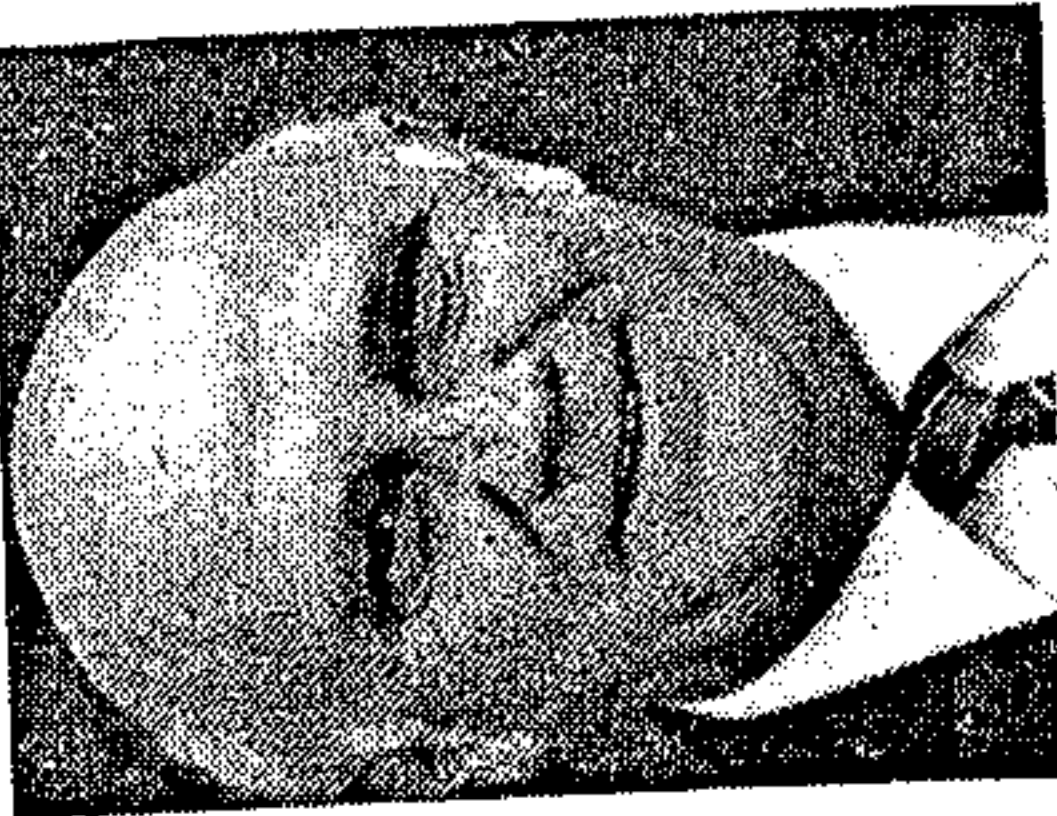
Four days later his wife, Nomsa, was killed in a petrol-bomb attack on their home. Mr Mapongwana was slightly injured.

This year Mr Mapongwana became a member of the Taxi Crisis Co-ordinating Committee which attempted to solve the taxi conflict in the Western Cape.

He had to go into hiding after certain taxi association members allegedly threatened to kill him.

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Are our courts in the dark?

IN the South African Government, the one hand doesn't know what the other is doing, or so it seems. *Sowetan* 1/8/91

Between trying to prosecute alleged terrorists and trying to indemnify them, there was bound to be a crossing of wires.

It is very simple, Pres-

Political Correspondent

ident FW de Klerk indemnifies and the courts prosecute.

A Press release received yesterday from the Appeal Court in Bloemfontein said four PAC men - Mr Mabatw, Enoch Zulu, Mr Siya-

bulela Ndoda Gcanga, Mr Vincent Alson Mathunjwa and Mr Sesiba Paul Moholo - had received leave to appeal against their 1988 convictions.

However, it appears the courts, or the prisons, had not done their paper work because the men were released weeks ago after being indemnified

by De Klerk.

Zulu, Gcanga and Moholo were released on July 4 and Mathunjwa was released in April.

The Ministry of Justice yesterday did not see the humour in this confusion.

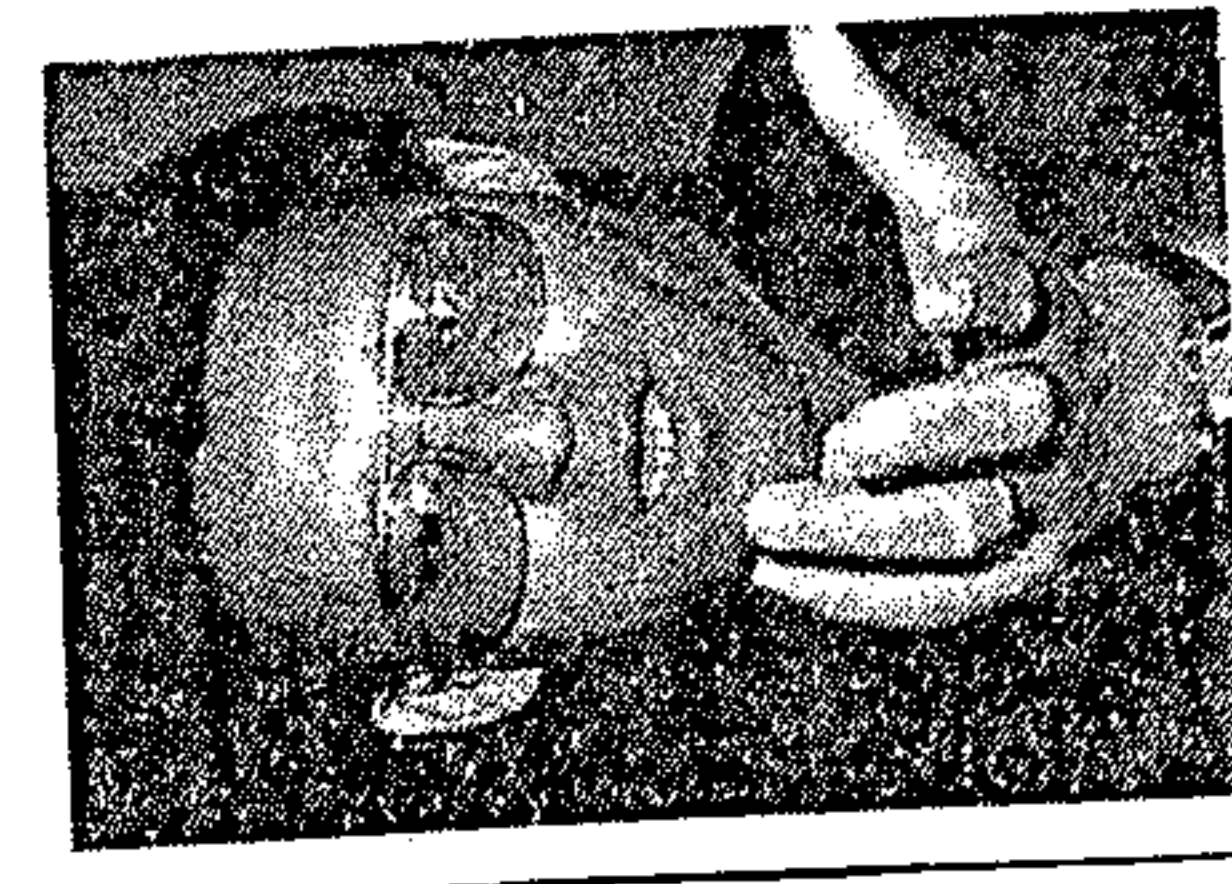
A spokesman for the Department of Justice

said it was the prisoners' right to pursue their cases for as far as they chose to.

The four had lodged their applications for leave to appeal against their sentences, after the Appeal Court set aside the conviction and sentence of Mr Ebrahim Ismail Ebrahim who had been abducted from Swaziland.

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Police arrest 60 protesters



ALLAN BOESAK

Sowetan 1/8/91

POLICE arrested about 60 people, including Foundation for Peace and Justice director Dr Allan Boesak, in two city centre demonstrations against Government funding of Inkatha.

Boesak, who recently joined the ANC, said he went to Loop Street on Tuesday to try to stop students from protesting after another demonstration, outside Tuynhuys, had been called off.

ANC lawyer Mr Willie Hofmeyr called off the Tuynhuys picket after nine protesters were arrested. He said although city council permission had been granted, the chief magistrate had not given permission.

Permission would be sought for a new demonstration tomorrow, he said.

Several Democratic Party members were also present.

At the second demonstration police took Boesak and about 50 other people into custody.

Police liaison officer Captain Attie Laubscher said protesters would be charged with taking part in an illegal demonstration.

Boesak was released more than five hours after his arrest on condition that he appears in court on August 29 and after initially refusing to be fingerprinted. He said he had been wrongfully arrested, and submitted to fingerprinting only "under protest". - *Sowetan Correspondent*.

Mineworkers score a major victory

Sowetan 1/8/91 By IKE MOTSAPI

THE National Union of Mineworkers and the Chamber of Mines signed a historic wage agreement in Johannesburg yesterday.

Included in the package are comprehensive and innovative agreements covering conditions of service, upgraded recreational facilities, fringe benefits, death and funeral benefit schemes and free movement and operations by NUM members on the chamber's mines.

The agreement was signed by NUM president Mr James Motlatsi, secretary general Mr Marel Golding, the chamber's president, Mr Naas Steenkamp and vice-chairman Mr Bobby Godsell.

The agreement was reached after two months of intensive discussions between NUM and the chamber.

PE quiet after night violence

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PORT ELIZABETH. — All was quiet in the city's northern areas today after intermittent violence during the night — the anniversary of the riots a year ago.

APC 7/8/91
A peaceful march was held yesterday but there were incidents of violence last night when groups stoned police and built barricades in streets.

Shopkeepers with shotguns guarded property, fearing a repeat of last year's violence, which resulted in losses of millions of rands.

Several shots were fired but there were no injuries were reported.

Shopkeepers claim criminal elements were responsible for the sporadic incidents, which included the stoning of cars.

Police liaison officer Captain Piet van Straaten said police fired four shots after two shots were fired at them.

● The official unrest report issued in Pretoria said two men were seriously injured at Mzimhlophe Station, Soweto, when they were pushed from a moving train. — Sapa.



SHOCKED . . . Mr Solomon Tshuku, 73, chairman of the Mxolisi Petane branch of the ANC in Site C, Khayelitsha, comforts his crying seven-year-old daughter, Nondumiso. She witnessed the murder of her mother, two brothers and two sisters during an early-morning attack on their house. Nondumiso was spared by the attackers, who said she was "too young to die". Mr Tshuku, a nightwatchman, was at work at the time.

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Picture: BENNY GOOL

ATTACKS on police are becoming regular in Peninsula townships with police reporting members being shot at every week while attending to complaints or conducting routine patrols.

In two of the latest attacks, police on Wednesday said an off-duty assistant constable was shot and wounded and a police patrol was shot at when they went to investigate a shooting incident in Old Crossroads.

Police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaier said the attacks brought to

Cops under fire in the Peninsula

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three the number of times police have been shot at this week in the townships.

On Monday night, police came under shotgun fire when they were forced to remove a barricade in Zola Budd Avenue in Khayelitsha. No one was injured in the incident.

During the past six weeks, SAP members have come under attack on at least 10 occasions. Most of the incidents occurred in Khayelitsha.

Boonzaier said at about 9.50pm on Tuesday night, Assistant Constable James Boo, 41, of Old Crossroads, was shot when he investigated a

commotion in his backyard.

Once outside, he found a running gun battle was in progress and that 10 people had taken refuge in his yard.

Booi said: "I told the people to get off my property which they did. Then another group of men came running down the

road and started chasing these men. One man in this group saw me and fired three shots at me."

In the second incident on Tuesday night, Boonzaier said four SAP members, including a policewoman, came under fire while investigating a shooting incident in Old Klipfontein Road at 6pm.

White man is a squatter

16/8/91

UNEMPLOYED and homeless, a 31-year-old white man has built his own wooden shack and moved in among about 2 000 black squatters.

Hendrik Wegewarth has been living for the past six months in his one-room shelter on the sandy soil of the Marconi Beam squatter camp near Milnerton, 15km outside Cape Town.

The shack stands among more than 300 others which have no electricity, sanitation and no rent charges.

The black and coloured community welcomed Wegewarth with open arms.

"We live like a family here. If you have nothing, other people help you. Why do people fight because of skin colour? With God there is no difference," Wegewarth said. - *Sapa-AP.*

CASH, TAX-FREE

500 watch 'people's court' murder

Sunday Times 18/8/91

By DAVE LOURENS

A CROWD of 500 stood and watched as a man was stabbed, stoned and set alight after being tried by a "people's court" in Kimberley.

The victim, who cannot be named as his next of kin have not been told, was sentenced to death by the kangaroo court.

It is not known why he was tried.

About 25 people stabbed and stoned him and as he lay bleeding on the ground

they doused him with petrol and set him alight.

They then turned his burning body into a bonfire by throwing logs on to the flames.

Police spokesman Colonel Charl van der Westhuizen said the killing took place at Chris Hani Park, bordering Kimberley's Galeshewe township, at about 5.30pm on Friday.

A routine police patrol

saw the crowd and stopped to investigate.

When they saw the police the attackers fled.

Colonel Van der Westhuizen said the crowd did nothing to help or hinder the police.

"It is absolutely tragic that somebody could be so viciously murdered and nobody lifted a finger to stop it."

"We will not tolerate such barbaric actions," said Colonel Van der Westhuizen.

He said this was the first "people's court" incident

he had heard of in Kimberley. There had been incidents of violence in the past few months in which homes were petrol-bombed and buses stoned, but in the last two weeks the township had been quiet, he said.

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APG 23/1/91

Caller warns Tinto about ANC funeral

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ANC Western Cape leader Mr Christmas Tinto has been warned to prepare himself for the next ANC funeral.

Mr Tinto said a man who spoke with an Afrikaans accent telephoned him at his Guguletu home on Sunday.

"He asked me if I was Mr Tinto, and when I said 'yes' he said: 'I'm telephoning you to tell you to prepare yourself for the next funeral'."

Two prominent ANC members, Khayelitsha leader Mr Michael Mapongwana and Umkhonto we Sizwe soldier Mr Mziwonke "Pro" Jack, have been gunned down in Cape Town in recent weeks.

Mr Tinto said the killings and the death threats were part of a pattern.

"This is the kind of life we will be leading for a long time," he said.

No leads on who shot Mapongwana

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By CHRIS BATEMAN

PENINSULA Murder and Robbery squad detectives yesterday remained at a loss as to who killed Western Cape Civic chairman Mr Michael Mapongwana earlier this week.

As police continued to run up against a wall of township silence and fear, it was reliably learnt that detectives had yet to obtain any leads from witnesses to the murder in broad daylight in Philippi on Monday.

Police are offering R5 000 reward for information leading to arrests and have repeatedly said all information would be treated in strictest confidence.

Colonel Louis Fourie, who is overseeing investigations into the murder of both Mr Mapongwana and of ANC activist Mr Mziwonke "Pro" Jack, said yesterday that his men had "nothing definite yet — just routine detective

work hoping for a break".

The assassins in both cases wore balaclavas and killed their victims in "ambushes" within 400 metres of one another.

ANC regional spokesman Mr Trevor Manuel said the ANC would need to "evaluate the situation more carefully" before deciding whether to lend full assistance to the police in the investigation.

"There can't be that many Chevrolet Constantia's riding around — perhaps they (the police) are making it harder than it really is," he added — a reference to the ambush and get-away vehicle used by Mr Mapongwana's killers.

Meanwhile Sapa reports that police rejected claims made by the National Interim Civics Committee that they had not provided adequate protection for Mr Jack and Mr Mapongwana.

E home of a senior NC man in Khayelitsha as petrol-bombed yesterday morning, as Cape Town's black townships experienced two days of rampant violence.

The home of Mr Richard Makeleni was gutted by fire, in what the ANC said was a sequel to several attacks on him.

In other incidents, two people died in violence linked to the taxi war yesterday while four men, two of them Webta taxi drivers, were shot and wounded in an attack on Monday.

The ANC described the attack on Mr Makeleni's home as being pre-

ANC man bombed

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ceded by events similar to those which culminated in the recent assassination of civic leader Mr Michael Mapongwana.

The attack allegedly followed a daylight raid on his house last month by police, the ANC said.

"This event is similar to the events that took (Mr) Mapongwana's life."

Mr Makeleni is vice-chairman of the Khayelitsha ANC Zone and an executive member of the Western Cape Civic Association.

Damage to the house at M42 in Site B, Khayelitsha, was estimated at R15 000, according to the ANC.

"The ANC Khayelitsha Zone deplores the at-

tack. We call on police to stop the attacks and killings of the innocent people," the statement said.

"We call on the SAP to honour their words and catch these evil actors and put them into the court of justice, or they must immediately resign."

A taxi driver and a woman passenger were shot dead and a second passenger was wounded yesterday when gunmen attacked a taxi rank in Nyanga.

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Shacks destroyed by fire

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Mapongwana burial: Huge crowd expected

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By CHRIS BATEMAN

TENS of thousands of Peninsula township residents are expected in Khayelitsha this morning for the funeral of Mr Michael Mapongwana, the assassinated chairman of the Western Cape Civic Association.

Mr Mapongwana died when three balaclava-clad gunmen shot him at close range in Philippi last week.

An outspoken activist known for his strongly held political views, Mr Mapongwana had survived numerous

murder attempts, including one which claimed the life of his wife Nomsa at their Khayelitsha home in October last year. He will be buried alongside her in the Khayelitsha cemetery.

His death — which orphaned their two children, aged six and three — has left the townships simmering.

Police have said their investigations so far point towards three suspects, whose names they have, being local taxi operators. Arrests have yet to be made.

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Township activists hunt for assassins

By CHRIS BATEMAN

WESTERN CAPE township activists yesterday conducted house-to-house searches for the killers of community leader Mr Michael Mapongwana — prompting fears of weekend conflict in Khayelitsha and New Crossroads.

The searches, by supporters of Mr Mapongwana's Western Cape Civic Association, have lent new urgency to the police investigation into the killing.

Detectives fear that they could find their suspects in Salt River Mortuary by Monday morning.

Yesterday, reliable township sources said the focus of civic anger appeared to be the Western Cape Black Taxi Drivers' Association (Webta), which was perceived as being responsible for the assassination in Phillippi on Monday.

The wife of a Webta driver, who declined to be named, said she was moving herself and her children out of their New Crossroads home into a "safe house" after a local civic meeting earlier in the week resolved to "purge" the suburb of Webta elements. Her husband had been in hiding with other

drivers since the assassination.

"It doesn't matter that they had nothing to do with it, they are Webta," she added.

Reliable Khayelitsha sources reported door-to-door searches for assassination suspects by civic supporters there yesterday.

Mr Mapongwana, chairman of the Western Cape Civic Association, claimed before his death that Webta drivers had made at least one unsuccessful attempt on his life.

He was shot at point-blank range by three laughing balaclava-clad gunmen in Phillippi. The killers, who forced his car off the road,

sped off in a grey Chevrolet Constantia, also murdered Mr Mapongwana's driver, a Mr Roro.

Police are offering a R5 000 reward for any information which leads to arrests. They emphasised that information would be treated in total confidence.

No arrests had been made by late yesterday.

● Mr Mapongwana was a leading member of the Taxi Crisis Co-ordinating Committee, which instituted a boycott of Webta which had pulled out of a peace agreement with the rival Lagunya Taxi Association.

How my brother died

Reports by VUYO BAVUMA, Staff Reporter

A BROTHER of the assassinated Khayelitsha community leader has told how gunmen shot Mr Michael Mapongwana in the chin before they threw him to the ground and shot him three more times.

Mr Maxwell Mapongwana, 29, was in a car with Michael and two other people when the gunmen fired at them.

The men were apparently trailing their car as it returned from Wynberg Magistrates' Court where Mr Mapongwana had appeared on a charge of unlawfully possessing a firearm.

Speaking shakily at his home yesterday, Maxwell recounted his brother's last moments.

He said a grey car started to overtake their vehicle in Lansdowne Road.

But all of a sudden the car slowed down. One of the men in it drew a gun and fired at our driver who died on the spot. My brother was shot in the chin.

Our car went over the island and stopped on the lanes opposite.

My brother got out of the car and tried to run away. Three of the gunmen got out of the car and chased him.

Mr Mapongwana struggled with one of the men. The rest overpowered him and threw him to the ground.

A man wearing a balaclava shot my brother as he was on the ground. The two others also shot him. I ran to ask for help at a Crossroads house.

My brother was still alive although he had a bullet wound and was bleeding profusely. He died when we reached Conradie Hospital," Mr Maxwell Mapongwana said.

Shock as friends offer condolences, demand action

SHOCKED people, including members of the Stellenbosch branch of the Western Cape Civic Association, flocked to Mr Michael Mapongwana's house to offer condolences.

They said the killing of Mr Mapongwana was "enough" and "action should be taken."

Two police vans intermittently passed near the house.

Mr Mapongwana's younger brother, Mtuntu, said: "I am sure this action was well planned. Three weeks ago the police took away my brother's gun and charged him. How many people in the townships have unlawful weapons?"

"This shows they wanted to kill him unarmed," Mr Mtuntu said he had little confidence that the police would find his brother's killers. They had failed to find the killers of his brother's wife, Nomusa, and those who had tried, on three occasions, to kill his brother.

Mr Clifford Ntsoboli, member of the Stellenbosch branch of the Western Cape Civic Association said that "swartgevaar" propaganda and "third force elements", who aimed to create conflict among blacks, were responsible.

The National Party had created a Frankenstein monster out of the propaganda and such attitudes cannot be "just switched off".

Mr Mapongwana had chaired a meeting of 15 civic branches in Stellenbosch on Sunday and had told the audience "that it might be his last gathering with us. Michael always strove for peace and truth and was prepared to die for his beliefs."



FLASHBACK: On Saturday Mr Michael Mapongwana survived a murder bid when gunmen opened fire on the house where he was staying. He holds up a live bullet and the door's lock mechanism which was damaged in the attack.

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Two held over killing of Cape ANC activist

Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Police have arrested two men — both members of the Western Cape Black Taxis Association — in connection with the assassination of ANC activist and Khayelitsha community leader Michael Mapongwana.

A man was arrested on Friday in Bellville, according to western Cape CID chief Brigadier George Potgieter. A second man was arrested yesterday in New Crossroads.

Mr Mapongwana (40), chairman of the Western Cape Civic Association, was shot dead on July 8 after gunmen opened fire on the taxi in which he was travelling.

His murder closely followed that of ANC activist Mziwonke "Pro" Jack on June 19.

Brigadier Potgieter said the first suspect was being questioned on Mr Mapongwana's killing but had not been charged.

He said police were investigating whether three attacks on policemen in Nyanga were linked to Mr Jack's slaying.

Cartridges found at the scene of Mr Jack's death matched those found at the scene of the attacks on the policemen.

Two held for Mapongwana shooting

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TWO men allegedly responsible for the murder of civic leader Mr Michael Mapongwana were arrested, police announced on Wednesday.

The Western Cape Civic Association chairperson and Taxi Crisis Coordinating Committee member was gunned down in broad daylight on July 8. Gunmen opened fire on the taxi he was travelling in along Lansdowne Road, Philippi.

Police announced that the two men arrested were members of the Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta).

Mapongwana was a leading figure in township attempts to mediate in the taxi war between Webta and the Lagunya taxi association.

Top level ANC probes of Crossroads

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By Rehana Rossouw

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7 SIMMERING conflict in Cape Town's Crossroads squatter camp which has left scores of residents homeless, could be perpetrated by a shadowy "killing force", a top-level ANC commission of inquiry into the violence believes.

"What puzzles people on both sides is that everytime they embark on a process of reconciliation the violence in the area escalated," said commission member Mr Sindiswa Mfenyana, after extensive meetings in Crossroads this week.

The commission was appointed by the national executive committee of the ANC to investigate and mediate the conflict in Crossroads.

It consists of Johannesburg ANC officials Mfenyana, Mr Simon Makana, Mr Vincent Diba and Cape Town attorney Mr Essa Moosa.

Opposing

They were sent at the request of the regional executive committee of the ANC in the Western Cape.

Their first task was to call a meeting between the two opposing sides — the Unathi community and Crossroads squatters — to hear what they believed was the cause of the conflict.

"We also helped them reach a preliminary agreement on Sunday to forge trust and confidence between the communities," Mfenyana said.

The communities agreed to suspend the violence and ensure that Crossroads students attend school regularly as schooling had been disrupted by the conflict.

The youth agreed to call off their campaign against the headmen in the area until the commission completed its work.

Both communities also agreed that youth who had fled the area after fearing for their safety would be allowed to return unharmed.

Shots fired

However, their first agreement was marred later the same day when shots were fired and a house was burnt at Crossroads.

"We came to Cape Town last week thinking that this was a simple problem which could be cleared up easily, but we have since realised that the problem goes much deeper," he said.

"What we have to determine is the source of the conflict. People are talking about a third force, but we believe it is the first force in this country that is responsible.

He said the commission intended meeting with the police this week to raise the community's concern that they were "turning a blind eye" to the violence.

Conflict

They will also be meeting the town secretary of Crossroads, Mr Ricky Schelhase, to hear his views on the conflict and put some of the residents' allegations to him.

Crossroads residents on both sides of the conflict had made serious allegations against the police and the SADF and their concerns needed to be seriously addressed.

He said the immediate concern of the commission was to find a way to bring peace to Crossroads.

The commission hopes to end its work by witnessing the adoption of a joint agreement between the opposing Crossroads communities.

"I don't think that this is a problem that can only be solved by the ANC, the violence is a national disaster affecting everyone," Mfenyana said.

Killing of ANC man: Taxi owner in court

LIBBY PEACOCK
Court Reporter

A WYNBERG court room was packed with ANC members, some sitting on the floor for lack of space, when minibus taxi owner Mr Eric Mahlutshana appeared in connection with the death of ANC activist Mr Michael Mapongwana.

Mr Mahlutshana, 30, yesterday denied any knowledge of the assassination of Mr Michael Mapongwana on July 8 — but said he was scared of people in court.

Wynberg Magistrate's Court magistrate Mr P Engelbrecht postponed the lengthy bail application hearing late yesterday afternoon. He will give his verdict today.

People attending the hearing laughed and had to be silenced when Mr Mahlutshana admitted that he had been found by police hiding in a cupboard in a house in New Crossroads at 3 am on July 30.

Mr Mahlutshana, who testified that he had been a member of the Western Cape Black Taxi Association (WCBTA) since 1982, said he knew nothing about Mr Mapongwana's murder.

He said he was currently awaiting trial on three other matters — illegal possession of petrol bombs, illegal possession of a firearm and attempted murder.

Answering a question put by his defence counsel, Mr G de Kock, he said he was aware of threats that he would be killed should he be let out on bail.

He told the court he would stand trial should he be granted bail.

According to State prosecutor Mr J van Niekerk, three murder charges are currently being investigated against Mr Mahlutshana.

Mr Van Niekerk told the court the charges concerned the killings of Mr Mapongwana and taxi driver Mr Mtini Gebenga, 32 — who was shot dead while driving Mr Mapongwana down Lansdowne Road, Philippi — and the death of Mr Zola Chris Blaai, whose burned body was found dug up by police near Tafelsig, Mitchell's Plain, on July 17.

The site where Mr Blaai's body was found is a gathering place for WCBTA taxi drivers. Prosecutor: "If you are released on bail today, don't you fear for your life?"

Mr Mahlutshana: "No, but I'm afraid of the people in court today."

Special probe to find killers

SOWETAN CORRESPONDENT

A R5 000 REWARD has been offered and a special investigation team under the command of one of Cape Town's top policemen has been assigned to find the killers of Western Cape Civic Association chairman Mr Michael Mapongwana.

The team, led by Athlone district CID chief Colonel LP Fourie, was established immediately after the ambush on June 19 of ANC activist Mziwonke "Pro" Jack.

Police believe there may be a link between the killing in Lansdowne Road of Mapongwana and his driver on Monday and Jack's assassination.

The two killings took place within 400m of one another in Nyanga East.

A R5 000 reward was also offered for

information leading to the arrest and conviction of Jack's killers.

Regional Commissioner Major-General Flip Fourie said he would "leave no stone unturned" in the effort to track down the killers of both men.

He expressed sympathy with the families of the victims.

Forensic tests

Material from yesterday's scene, which includes a 9mm calibre cartridge, will be sent for forensic tests.

Fourie said because of Cape Town's considerable distance from Pretoria there would be an "unavoidable" delay before findings are released.

He said relevant findings will be made public and he expected this would be "in a matter of days".

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MAPONGWANA

A anatomy of a killing

Sowetan 10/7/91

A BROTHER of assassinated Khayelitsha community leader Mr Michael Mapongwana has told how four gunmen shot Mr Mapongwana in the chin before they threw him to the ground and shot him three times.

Mr Maxwell Mapongwana (29) was in a car with Michael and two other people when the gunmen first fired at them.

The gunmen were apparently trailing their car as it returned from Wynberg Magistrate's Court, where Mapongwana had appeared on a charge of unlawfully possessing a firearm.

Speaking shakily at an ANC Press conference, Maxwell recounted the last moments of his brother Michael.

He said a grey car came from behind their vehicle in Lansdowne Road and tried to overtake them.

"But all of a sudden the car slowed down. One of the men drew a gun and fired at our driver, who died on the spot. My brother was also shot in the chin by one of the gunmen.

"The car went over the island and stopped on the lanes opposite.



Michael Mapongwana who had many attempts on his life shows bullets from the earlier bid to murder him.

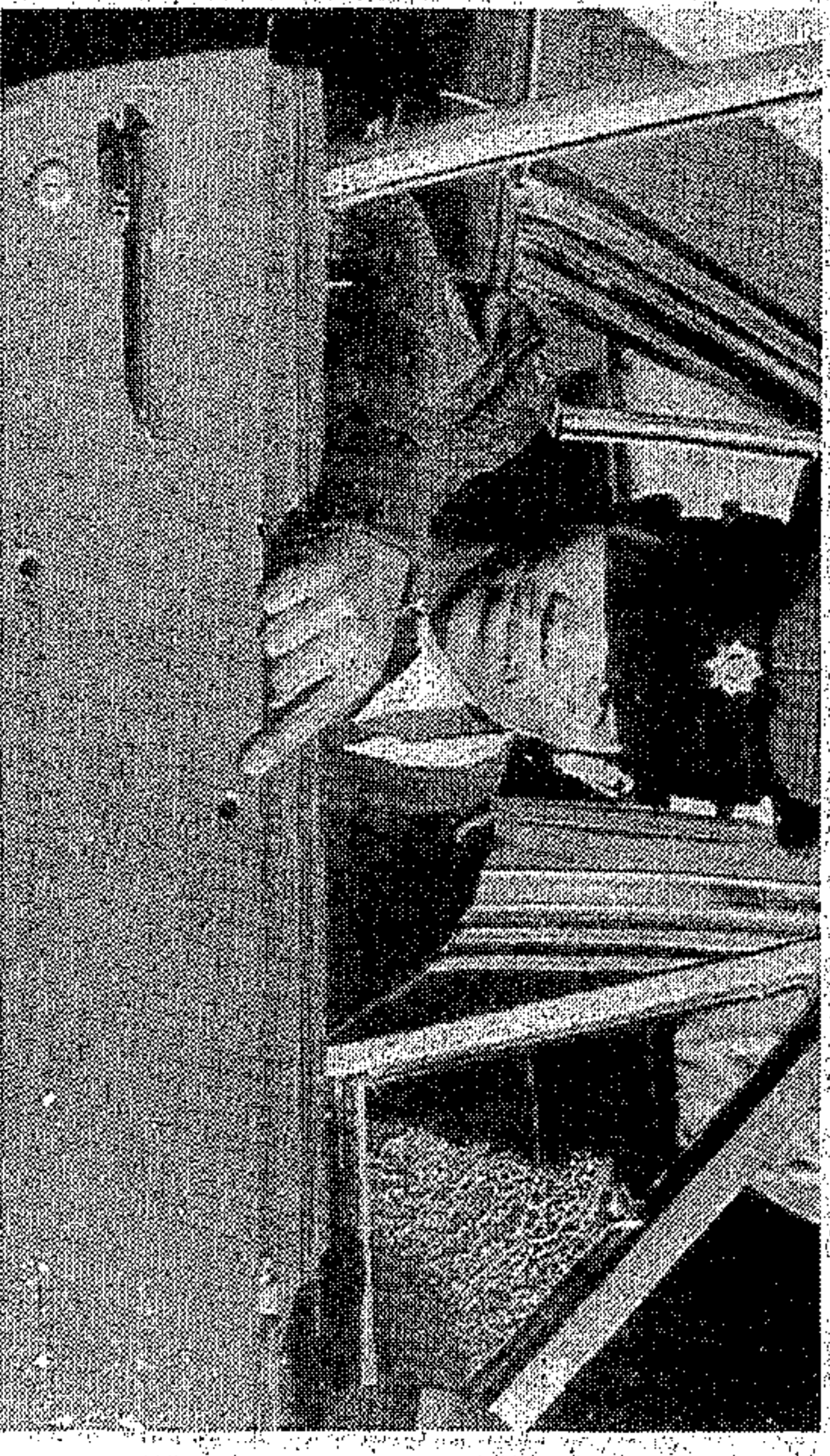
"My brother got out of the car and tried to run away. Three of the gunmen got out of the car and approached him.

"Mapongwana struggled with one of the gunmen. They overpowered him and threw him to the ground.

"One of them with balaclavas shot my brother as he was on the ground. The two others also shot him. I ran to ask for help at a Crossroads house.

"My brother was still alive, although he had bullet wounds and was bleeding profusely. He

died when we reached Conradie Hospital," he said.



Bullet holes in the car that Mapongwana was driving. After escaping death many times, his luck finally ran out.



Picture: OBED ZILWA, The Argus

TORCHED TRUCK: A Casspir stands guard over a lorry which was set alight and gutted during violence in Khayelitsha last night.

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Khayelitsha 5 shot and set alight

DON HOLLIDAY and SHARKEY ISAACS
Staff Reporters

FIVE people, including a four-year-old boy, are believed to have been shot dead in Khayelitsha today and their bodies put in a shack which was set alight.

A police spokesman said the bodies of two men, aged 29 and 19, a woman, 40, a girl 17, and a boy aged four, were found in a burnt-out shack at Site C, Khayelitsha early today.

A total of 21 shacks were destroyed last night and a truck was gutted in Zola Budd Drive.

Mr Edward Gebe, 27, also died when his Site C wood-and-iron shack off Lansdowne Extension was set alight by a petrol bomb about 1.30am.

A Cape Town fire brigade spokesman said flames had raced through 14 other shacks by the time the fire brigade arrived.

Firemen were sent 90 minutes earlier to another fire which destroyed six shacks off Green Point Highway at Site B, Khayelitsha. Brigade staff arrived as residents were bringing the fire under control with buckets of water and sand. No-one was hurt.

In Worcester, 12 people including a three-year-old girl, were reported to have been wounded when police broke up an allegedly illegal gathering yesterday.

A police spokesman said police were aware of only two wounded, but said it was possible others may not have reported their injuries.

The shooting came after a court messenger, backed up by police reinforcements which he had requested, arrived in Hex Park about 9am yesterday to deliver summonses to residents for rental arrears.

The police spokesman said that if it was true that the child had been injured, it was "sincerely regretted".

ANC family killed in arson attack

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Sowetan Correspondents

THE wife of a prominent African National Congress activist and three of their children died last night in an arson and shooting attack on their Site C Khayelitsha shack.

The dead are Mrs Florence Tshuku, her sons Lundi (18) Mncedisi (20) and daughter Abigail (17).

Mr Solomon Tshuku, chairman of the ANC Site C branch, said he was at work when unknown assailants stormed his house about 1.30am.

His nine-year-old daughter, Nondumiso, was the only survivor.

Gunshots

A neighbour who helped put out the fire said he heard gunshots and when he came out of his shack he heard Florence Tshuku and her children crying: "We are dying, please help."

A sobbing Tshuku said he was grieved by the incident, but that he was not going to "surrender" his fight for justice.

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New lead in (275) Tshuku murder

POLICE are following up a lead indicating that last week's massacre of an ANC community leader's family in Khayelitsha may be linked to the taxi war.

A police spokesman said yesterday that they had been given the information last Friday -- the day after the slaying of Mr Simon Tshuku's wife, two sons and two daughters. **CT 20/8/91**

The ANC and Khayelitsha residents had provided police with the "verbal information" which was being followed up, police said.

ANC backs Khayelitsha patrols

Staff Reporter

(275) CT 20/8/91

THE ANC yesterday said it supported the weekend initiative by Khayelitsha residents to start street patrols in the light of continuing violence which has claimed numerous lives and destroyed property over the past eight months.

Residents in Khayelitsha's site B and C began street patrols during the early hours of yesterday morning following a recent escalation of violence in the township, especially against ANC members.

In the last incident, two gunmen shot

and burnt five family members of local ANC community leader Mr Solomon Tshuku in Site C last Thursday.

No arrests have been made in connection with the incident, which deeply shocked residents.

It was learnt yesterday that men were woken up at midnight to conduct foot patrols until the early hours. It is understood patrols will go on indefinitely.

Police yesterday reported that more than 76 incidents of unrest occurred in Khayelitsha, Old Crossroads and Worcester over the weekend.

In Khayelitsha alone, police said there were 15 incidents of stone-throwing and three cases of arson.

The most serious violence occurred in Old Crossroads where two men and a woman were injured during three shooting incidents. Twelve petrol bombs were also thrown and 19 stone-throwing incidents reported.

ANC national executive committee member Mr Reg September said it had always been ANC policy that residents form defence units to protect their families and their homes.

Nine stone-throwing incidents in W Cape

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NINE incidents of stone-throwing were reported in the Western Cape in the past 24 hours, police said yesterday.

A police vehicle was damaged in one incident in Khayelitsha and a police vehicle and seven private vehicles were damaged in incidents in Worcester.

Near Standerton in the Transvaal a 14-year-old schoolboy was shot dead and five other pupils were injured when police fired on youths who threw stones at them while they were guarding the school.

Stones were also thrown at the home of the principal of Jan Drell School.

The incident happened about 10am on Monday, police said.

At Malagazi, Durban, five men were slightly wounded when gunmen fired at them.

In Soweto yesterday police used teargas to disperse a group of about 150 schoolchildren from the Orlando West High School.

Police said the children were illegally marching in support of a call by the Congress of SA Students to disrupt schools this week. They had ignored an order to disperse. — Sapa

SADF ²⁷⁵ accused in Crossroads

South 22/8-28/8/91.

A CALL has been made for the South African Defence Force to withdraw from Crossroads amid mounting allegations that it is partly responsible for the violence in the area.

Residents allege that soldiers fired teargas at them on Sunday night when they attempted to extinguish a fire at a shack which had been set alight, resulting in five homes being destroyed.

"If the SADF withdrew it would give us an opportunity to assess the situation and see if the violence subsides when they are not present," said Mr Vincent Diba, a member of a four-person ANC commission of inquiry into Cape Town's township violence.

Diba said the commission had met the police regularly in the past two weeks to discuss the violence, but had not been successful in arranging similar meetings with the SADF.

"I personally tried to contact the relevant person at the Western Province Command, but all my attempts last week were in vain," he said.

Diba said the commission had approached Colonel Jan Benadie, Athlone district commissioner of police, who had been cooperating with them, to assist in setting up meetings with the SADF.

Benadie had informed them that the police, the reaction unit and SADF members in the area held joint discussions on how to quell the violence.

"We are very concerned about the reports implicating the SADF in the violence and cannot help wondering if their reluctance to meet us stems from the fact that they are hiding something," Diba said.

'Unruly elements'

"What also worries us are reports that unruly elements in the Unathi area who have been identified as being responsible for some of the clashes have been trained and armed."

SADF officer commanding Western Province, Brigadier Dan Lamprecht, said they had not yet had an opportunity to discuss the ANC's allegations.

"The first opportunity to do so will be at a joint meeting next week where the facts will be weighed up against the allegations," Lamprecht said, going on to reject the allegations.

● Prospects for peace in Crossroads appeared a little bit brighter this week when leaders of the two warring sides — the Unathi housing area and the squatter camp — agreed to convene a joint rally in the area on Sunday.

The agreement was reached at a meeting called by the ANC commission, where both sides raised their concerns about a group of young people in Unathi who seemed intent on breaking the peace.

Cop hurt in Khayelitsha stoning

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PRETORIA. — A policeman was injured on Thursday when a group of people stoned police vehicles in Khayelitsha, according to yesterday's police unrest report.

A man was killed and a policeman injured by a hand-grenade thrown when police, acting on information given by three men arrested earlier, searched a house in Pimville, Soweto. The man who threw the hand-grenade was also injured.

A police van, car and municipal vehicle were damaged respectively in stonings at Zolani, Ashton, at Batho, Bloemfontein, and Mao-

keng, Kroonstad. One man was arrested in Zolani.

Six people were arrested during a march at Kenton-on-Sea in the Eastern Cape.

A home was set alight in Ntuzuma, Durban, and another was petrol-bombed in Diepkloof, Soweto.

● The South African Police will take drastic steps to combat the increasing number of attacks on its members, the SAP's public relations division said yesterday.

In a statement in Pretoria, it said the number of attacks on police since the beginning of the year had increased at a tempo that

"would surely fill every responsible person with revulsion".

Meanwhile, a reward of R5 000 has been offered for information leading to the arrest of the killer of 21-year-old Lance-Sergeant Dawie Groenewald of Warmbaths, who was stabbed to death by a suspected burglar.

● Fifty-five people have died in political fighting in Natal during the first half of this month, according to the Black Sash Repression Monitoring Group's fortnightly bulletin.

The bulletin said 30 people died on the South Coast, 10 on the North Coast and 15 in Natal's Midlands during this time. — Sapa

Khayelitsha council clashes with ANC women

VUYO BAVUMA (275) (275) (275)
Staff Reporter Feb 30/8/91

DEFIANT Khayelitsha councillors told an ANC Women's League delegation who called for their resignation that they were "housewives" who should "go home and cook".

In a four-hour meeting, marked by heated exchanges yesterday, the angry councillors said the ANC women "shouldn't try to take the butter from our mouths as we have fought very hard to attain it".

The meeting followed a march by thousands of ANC women in the

township last week.

The women called on the town clerk Mr Graham Lawrence and his councillors to resign and on Mr Lawrence not to return to the township.

They were protesting about an alleged terror campaign against ANC activists in Khayelitsha and claimed that Mr Lawrence and his councillors were responsible for killing political activists.

Yesterday the councillors said the women should "occupy the forests as we did and build their own

area so that they can set up their own ruling body in it".

The councillors also said they would not resign because the violence in the township was not caused by them.

They agreed that they were "not learned people" but said they had to be "faithful to our supporters who are also not learned".

Concerning the town clerk the councillors said if the "ANC is having any problems with him, they should report to us and we will decide to fire him".

After the meeting, Miss Nomalyala Hangana said the councillors were "sexist and undermined the women" during the meeting.

Vice-chairman of the Lingeletu West Town Council Mr George Magqaza said the situation in the country was that "people should talk about their differences."

"When the ANC held a march last week, we heard people insult us and now they are trying to force us to resign. This is puzzling us as we are supposed to be talking about our differences," Mr Magqaza said.

AIDS case doctor 'warned colleagues'

A BRAKAPAN doctor told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday he had told a dentist colleague during a round of golf that a mutual friend and patient had tested positive for AIDS so that the dentist could establish how exposed to risk he had been in the past.

Dr Matthys Kruger was giving evidence in a R50 000 damages claim brought by Brakpan businessman Barry McGeary. McGeary is suing his former medical practitioner for allegedly breaching doctor-patient confidentiality by telling two colleagues during a round of golf that he was HIV-positive.

yesterday that the chances of any improvement in McGeary's health within the next two or three weeks were very slight.

Kruger yesterday told the court he informed two colleagues, both of whom had treated McGeary before, about his condition after a general discussion about AIDS and the risk doctors were exposed to in treating HIV positive patients. (R)

In his mind, Kruger said, was the concern that the dentist, a Dr Vos, did not take all the necessary precautions. ~~(S)~~

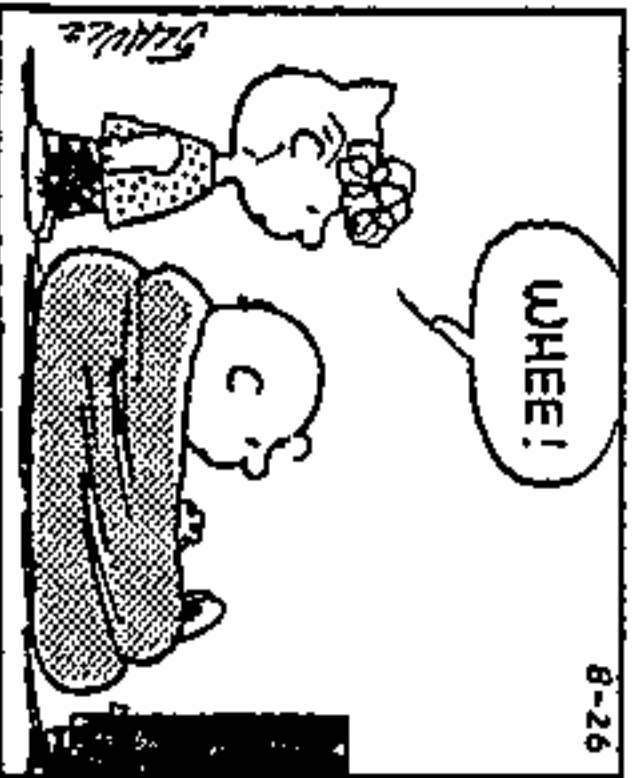
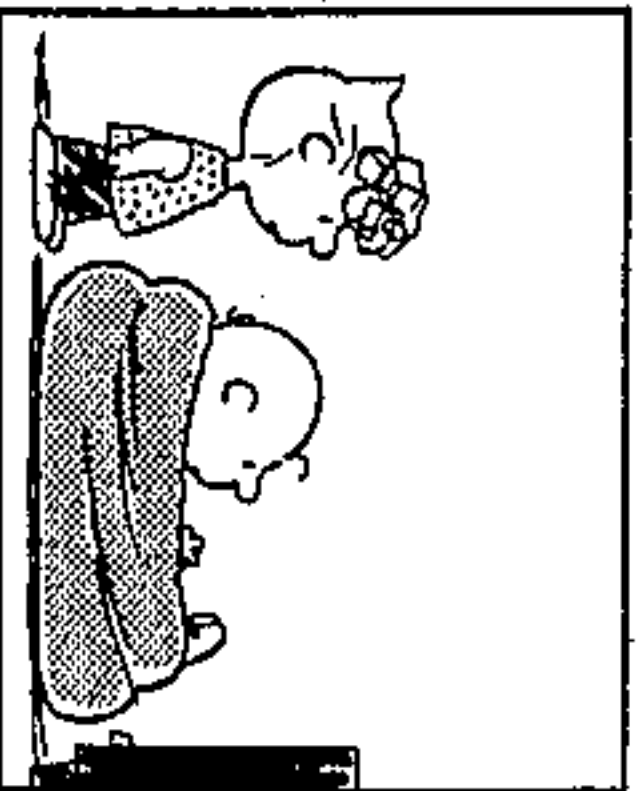
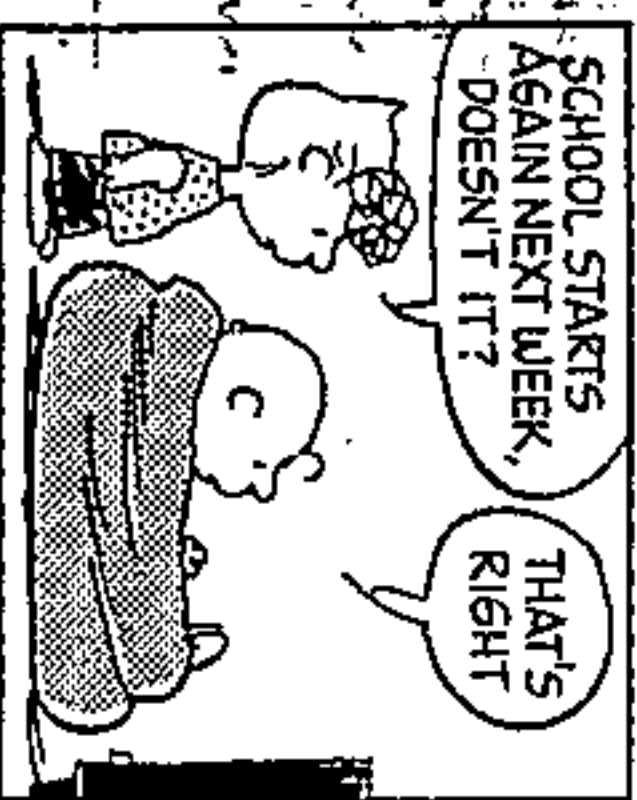
Kruger said he told his two colleagues he had a patient known to both of them who had tested HIV positive.

The medical practitioner, a Dr van Heerden, asked if it was McGeary. Kruger said he confirmed this.

The trial has been adjourned until September 11.

PEANUTS

By Charles Schulz



Big drive to woo northern suburbs

30/8/11 WILSON ZWANE
THE ANC is set to embark on a major recruitment drive in Johannesburg's northern suburbs.

ANC Johannesburg northeast official Giles Mulholland said yesterday the local leadership resolved last weekend to canvass "actively" in Johannesburg's northern suburbs, including Sandton.

The resolution was expected to be endorsed by the ANC's Johannesburg northeast branch at its meeting next Thursday, Mulholland said.

He said the ANC Alexandra branch would also be involved in the recruitment campaign.

Mulholland said bogus ANC officials had been demanding R1 monthly membership fees from domestic workers in Bryanston, and issuing fake membership cards.

He said the ANC intended taking appropriate steps to curb this.

Mulholland also dismissed reports that his organisation had advertised its Saturday meeting by distributing pamphlets in Bryanston. "There was no meeting but a workshop attended by 26 active ANC members in Bryanston. The members were notified of the workshop through our regular newsletter," he said.

Langeberg shuts factory
after violence, deaths

LANGEBERG Corporation and Canning announced yesterday that it had temporarily closed its Boksburg factory after interneine violence involving its workers over the past two

The fighting involved members of the Cosatu-affiliated Food and Allied Workers Union (Fawu) and Inkatha-supporting United Workers Union of SA (Uwusa).

Protection

Fawu official Ernest Buthelezi has said clashes between the members began shortly after the Langeberg management had dismissed casual workers belonging to Uwusa.

Langeberg Corporation and Canine spokesman Dev du Toit said the factory stopped operating on Wednesday after its workers had expressed fears for their lives.

Du Toit said Langeberg management agreed "as protection" to let workers stay away until it and Fawu had decided on "safety measures" to be taken. "The factory will remain unoperational until Fawu and Langeberg have found a solution to this problem," he said.

He would not speculate on losses the factory would incur during its closure.

Uwusa spokesman Duke Sennak-gomo said his union would meet Langeberg management soon to negotiate the reinstatement of its dismissed members.

Sennakgomo said 38 workers — “the entire Uwusa membership at the factory” — was dismissed unfairly. Management had allowed itself to be “bullied by the Fawu-Cosatu alliance into driving out not only casual workers but all Zulu-speaking workers belonging either to Uwusa or Inkatha.”

Du Toit said the dismissals had no "political connotations" as his company did not keep records of workers' political affiliations. "The dismissals were a normal practice," he said. No arrests have been made. Police spokesman Capt. Ida van Zweek has said police investigations had come to "a dead end".

"We appeal to the public to come forward with any information which may assist the police," Van Zweel said.



VICTIMS: Anita Bailey (left) and Serone Wagenstroon

Union tackles train terror ⁽²¹⁵⁾

South 5/9 - 11/9/91.

By Thoraya Pandey

TRAIN violence is to be tackled by the South African Clothing and Textile Workers Union (Sactwu), which has set a precedent for other unions and organisations to follow.

A meeting initiated by the union with the police and Spoornet last week established a joint monitoring group and agreed to measures to curtail train-gangsterism. These include the upgrading of stations and additional security during off-peak hours.

"Committees will be set up to deal with specific complaints and to monitor progress," Sactwu spokesperson Mr Shahied Teladia said.

"Police indicated they already have a 24-hour presence on five stations, and Spoornet upgraded five suburban stations and indicated that nine more would be improved," added Teladia.

He said that the decision of the union to meet with the police and Spoornet followed constant reports from members of violent crimes on trains.

"We hope other unions will join us in this endeavour as it affects everyone, not only Sactwu workers."

SOUTH spoke to four union mem-

bers in the clothing industry about train violence:

● Ms Serone Wagenstroon, 19, was with a friend Ms Elizabeth Roberts, 20, when a group of people stoned the train this week.

● Roberts shared another experience when she was nearly thrown from the train because of overcrowding.

"The train was so full, I could hardly breathe, but I was forced to take the train because it's dangerous to travel later when it gets dark," said Roberts.

● "I'm glad the union is taking up this issue because it will benefit everyone, not only Sactwu members," said Ms Fatiema Tamboer, 19, of Mitchell's Plain.

Tamboer's purse with her full wages was once snatched as she boarded a train on Woodstock station. "I had to borrow money and could not cover all my bills that week," she said.

Tamboer said she travelled by train because it was cheap and she could not afford to travel by bus.

"We should feel safe," she added.

● Ms Anita Bailey, 23, injured her legs and arms after boarding a packed train that moved off before all the commuters had got on, about three weeks ago.



VICTIMS: Fatiema Tamboer (left) and Elizabeth Roberts

Police fire at men as violence goes on

Crime Reporter

ALG 5/9/91 (275)

TWO more shacks were burnt in Khayelitsha today and police fired at a group of men they saw firing shots in the township last night.

A police spokesman said a foot patrol in D Block saw four men fire two shots about 10.25 pm.

The shots were not aimed at the patrol. The policemen opened fire but the men disappeared. No one was injured.

In Site C about 3.36 am today, two shacks were set alight and gutted, causing about R700 damage.

More than 100 shacks were gutted and at least two people died and 10 were injured on Tuesday night when a mob ran amok in DM Block, Khayelitsha, shooting and hacking at residents.

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Shack of township police aid burned ⁽²⁷⁵⁾

CT 7/9/91
Staff Reporter

THE shack of a police assistant in Khayelitsha was burnt down on Thursday night after it was shot at and petrol-bombed, said the local police unrest report yesterday.

Constable A. Mgwima, of L19, Site B, and his family were not injured.

Stone-throwers slightly damaged a police vehicle in the Lansdowne Road Extension about 10.35pm on Thursday.

A short while later police removed a barricade made up of wrecked cars in Zola Budd Drive, where shots had been fired at a police Casspir. No one was hit.

Police used birdshot and rubber bullets to disperse stone-throwers in incidents in Daniel and Springfield streets, Paarl, on Thursday.

A number of cars were damaged but no injuries were reported.

● At least three people were killed on Thursday in political violence around Port Shepstone, reports Sapa.



TALKING IT OUT . . . Lieutenant-General Ronnie van der Westhuizen (far left corner) sits down with Cape Town Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde (first left) and his deputy Mr Clive Keegan (second from left), Mr Amos Lengisi of the ANC (third from right) and several others to talk about allegations of police involvement in violence in Khayelitsha. Pictures: BENNY GOOL

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Probe focuses on city police

By PETER DENNEHY

POLICE troubleshooter Lieutenant-General Ronnie van der Westhuizen came to the city yesterday to investigate a list of allegations, several of which are against the police.

At a meeting in the office of a firm of attorneys in Athlone yesterday, the general was presented with a memorandum drawn up by the ANC detailing "incidents of violence and police action in Khayelitsha".

Among those present at the meeting, which lasted just over an hour, were city Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde, deputy Mayor Mr Clive Keegan, MP Mr Jan van Eck and ANC members Mr Amos Lengisi and Mr Willie Hofmeyr.

Among the items for investigation presented to the general were:

● A white man, dressed as a woman "in a blue German print dress with a black headscarf" and ankle-high boots, fired a handgun into a burning house on August 14 in Q section, site B.

● Police who had had an altercation with Macassar residents over their efforts to hold an alleged rapist in "custody" on August 8 returned at night to the home of one of the men who had tried to "intervene". A visitor at the home was shot and



FRANK TALKS . . . Mr Jan van Eck and Lieutenant-General Ronnie van der Westhuizen, head of the police's special investigation unit, exchange views.

the house of Mr Abraham Jantjies was set on fire.

● Mr David Ngeza of Site C had a petrol bomb thrown through his window on August 15, and he was called from outside. He saw three special constables, two white men and two other black men whose names he knew. Shots were fired at him but he ran away. He heard his wife being questioned and then silenced with a shot. When the

men left he found her stomach covered in blood. She died in hospital.

General Van der Westhuizen left the meeting before journalists could ask him to comment on these allegations.

Police spokesman Captain Attie Laubscher said the general had promised that he would have the allegations investigated.

Last night Mr Van Eck presented SAP regional commissioner Major-General Nic Acker with several more statements Khayelitsha residents had made about their more recent experiences of arson, shootings, and assaults.

Before the meeting, General Van der Westhuizen was asked whether there was any truth in newspaper reports that he had been asked by Natal attorney-general Mr Mike Imber to stop assisting with the investigation into the 1988 Trust Feed massacre (in connection with which seven policemen are to stand trial on 11 counts of murder in the Maritzburg Supreme Court next month).

The general replied that he was unable to comment, as a civil action was pending.

Mr Imber was not available yesterday, but Mr Les Roberts from his office said Mr Imber had issued a statement denying a separate libellous rumour and he was saying nothing more.

By Heather Robertson
and Rehana Rossouw

CONTROVERSY surrounds the appointment of a senior police officer to investigate the murder of ANC activist Mzwonke "Pro" Jack and last week's attacks on ANC supporters in Khayelitsha.

Lieutenant General Ronnie Van der Westhuizen attended a meeting with the ANC, Mr Jan Van Eck of the Unrest Monitoring Group and the ANC Women's League at the Athlone offices of attorney Essa Moosa on Tuesday. Van der Westhuizen was suspended by the Natal Attorney General from an investigation into a massacre at Trust Feeds township in Natal in 1988. The meeting at the ANC office was

held to find out if much progress had been made in the investigation on the basis of the affidavits submitted by the ANC Women's League last week. Van Der Westhuizen told the meeting that the police have so far not come up with any evidence because,

he said, witnesses have not co-operated with police.

While there has been scepticism about Van der Westhuizen's bona fides, Democratic Party MP for Claremont Mr Jan van Eck has countered rumours that Van der Westhuizen, who is in charge of special investigations, has covered up police action in the townships. "I've known him for a long time and I've always been critical of police, but if there is one policeman who is a good policeman, then it's him."

Van der Westhuizen has spent most of his working life in the Criminal Investigations Unit in the Western Cape.

He became the Western Cape Re-

gional Commissioner and was then transferred to Pretoria where he was appointed as a trouble-shooter in politically volatile areas.

Van der Westhuizen's one achievement was winning the confidence of the Robertson community in the Boland. His efforts in a police investigation resulted in the suspension of the head of the Paarl riot police.

Mr Willie Hofmeyr, a spokesman for the ANC, said that the organisation was pleased that the police had taken the investigation seriously and sent down a senior officer.

But the ANC was not sure whether Van der Westhuizen was the correct person to be investigating considering his suspension from the Trust Feeds

Police chief's bona fides are placed under the spotlight

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investigation. The ANC has demanded that riot police should be withdrawn from Khayelitsha and disciplinary action be taken against police involved in the attacks.

The police agreed to make available to the Unrest Monitoring Group and the ANC the names of senior officers who can be contacted at all times.

The ANC and the police agreed that eye witnesses would make statements to lawyer Angela Fortune and she would be present when they are interviewed by the police. Police agreed not to interview witnesses in their homes.

Meanwhile, last week a historic peace agreement was brokered between the ANC and PAC branches in Crossroads

where both organisations agreed to discipline members responsible for conflict. The accord was brought about by an ANC commission established last month to investigate the violence in the area.

"We reached a number of agreements at a meeting between the two organisations last Saturday," said Mr Vincent Diba, a member of the ANC commission. "Both organisations will now hold a joint meeting in the area so that their membership can see them working together."

Diba said the accord at Crossroads was like a "mini-patriotic front" which indicated that conflict could be sorted out at a local level and not only at national level.

He said the commission would not assist in bringing an end to the violence in Khayelitsha unless they could prove that there was a link between the two conflicts.

"The commission is, of course, very concerned about what has been happening in Khayelitsha, but our brief is limited to solving the problems at Crossroads for now," Diba said.

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Policeman 'saves' taxi driver

A POLICEMAN probably saved the life of a Lagunya taxi driver this week while he was a passenger in the man's minibus.

The taxi driver had stopped at the Athlone bus terminus to drop passengers when he was surrounded by 12 Webta taxi drivers on Thursday, police said yesterday. One of the Webta men pulled a gun, police said. The policeman, who was sitting at the back of the taxi, identified himself and the Webta drivers ran off. The policeman gave chase. A shot was fired and a woman was wounded in the hand, police said.

● In Natal an ANC activist and a

KwaZulu clerk have been killed.

An ANC activist from Tongaat, north of Durban, was shot dead at his house in the Mbayi squatter settlement yesterday morning, police said.

Mr Sukuze Joseph Thwala, 35, was killed by unknown gunmen who knocked at his door after midnight, said Durban police spokesman Captain Hamilton Ngidi.

A television set was stolen in the incident.

No one has been arrested and police are investigating.

Mr. Sikova Meyiwa, 35, a KwaZulu government clerk who fled political

fighting in Njobokazi two weeks ago, was killed in nearby Mpumalanga, on Wednesday night, bringing the total deaths in the area from ANC/IFP violence over the past three weeks to five, according to unrest monitors in the area.

Police could not immediately confirm the latest death.

Mr Meyiwa was one of hundreds of people who fled to Mpumalanga from Njobokazi since late August when renewed IFP/ANC clashes left at least five dead and more than 80 homes gutted by fire.

● Police have confirmed that four

separate attacks on black train commuters heading into Soweto township left one person dead and injured 11 others, including five police officers on Thursday evening.

● The KwaZulu government yesterday called on the ANC to restrain its supporters during today's Shaka Day rally at Gamalekhe in Natal.

"We urge the ANC structures to restrain their supporters from massing along the roads leading to the venue of the meeting and around the venue itself," a KwaZulu government spokesman said in a statement.

He also called for restraint among Zulu supporters. — Sapa

Arson probed in CPA blaze

Crime Reporter

ARSON is being investigated in connection with a fire that destroyed a Cape Provincial Administration building in the Mandela Squatter Camp, Hout Bay, early yesterday.

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A police spokesman said a squatter awakened about 1.40am and noticed the building was on fire. It was not known how the building was set alight.

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About R25 000 damage was caused.

No arrests have been made.

Khayelitsha quieter but shacks burn

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ONLY two incidents of unrest had been reported in strife-torn Khayelitsha since late on Wednesday, police said yesterday.

Spokesman Major Gys Boonzaaier said that about 10.30pm on Wednesday a police foot patrol in D Block saw a group of four men. Two shots were fired by the group who fled when police fired on them.

About 3.30am yesterday, two squatter shacks in Section C were set alight and destroyed. Police are investigating arson.

Four people were killed in an attack on two houses in Nsimbini, near Port Shepstone, on Wednesday, police said.

Attackers who threw handgrenades at a house abducted an elderly woman and two young children whose bodies were later found stabbed.

A man was killed when a neighbouring house was also attacked with firearms and a handgrenade.

● A total of 100 people were killed in political violence in Natal in August, bringing the number of politically motivated killings in the province this year to 859, the Black Sash said in its latest Repression Monitoring Group bulletin. — Staff Reporter, Sapa

Homeless fear move to Macassar

EDWARD MOLOINYANE
Staff Reporter

KHAYELITSHA residents whose shacks were razed during last week's night attack have been offered sites in Macassar — but many fear moving because they will be exposed to the "enemy."

About 50 men armed with firearms attacked the DM block squatter settlement in Site B on Tuesday night. Shanties housing more than 300 were razed.

Town clerk Mr Graham Lawrence said scores of women had approached his office afterwards asking to be moved to Macassar,

a serviced site settlement further afield. He said removals could go ahead. **APR 10/91 (275)**

Meanwhile the ruined area that had once housed hundreds is virtually deserted. The stranded former residents were traced to a school, where about 50 have taken refuge since Wednesday.

Today 11 women, six men and seven children — two of them toddlers — were found at Sosebenza Primary sleeping on floors, without blankets, in a classroom.

The group said they depended on sympathisers and a welfare organisation for food parcels. They said they heard for the first

time that they were supposed to be moving to Macassar.

They said the community, which was now scattered throughout Khayelitsha, had not even discussed moving away. "Macassar is too far away and our enemy can easily kill us because it's isolated," one said.

"These people are heartless. How can they even think of resettling us when we do not even have corrugated iron for building?" said Mr Dan Tati.

A Lingeletu Town Council spokesman said yesterday his council provided people with food parcels and blankets, but not building material.

City strife:

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Police to

meet ANC

Staff Reporter

THE country's top police special investigator, Major-General Ronnie van der Westhuizen, today meets local ANC officials and Cape Town's mayor and deputy mayor to discuss alleged police collusion in Khayelitsha violence.

According to the Red Cross, 21 families (about 120 people) — victims of last Tuesday night's attack — remained homeless for the sixth day yesterday, sheltering overnight in the Sosebenza Primary School near their former homes.

Several people claiming to be residents of the fire-ravaged squatter area — an ANC stronghold in Khayelitsha (the Trevor Vilakazi branch) — alleged that police had actively taken part in the 11pm attack on the camp.

They described "white men in camouflage uniforms" and "bloudoeke" (special constables) as having fired shots towards residents and said some 30 people emerged from a bakkie and a Datsun Laurel in Zola Budd Drive.

Two men died of panga and gunshot wounds in the attack.

The ANC's regional executive alleged at a press conference later that a police camouflage cap they displayed had been "captured" from one attacker who escaped residents.

They also produced a canister and some spent 7,62mm rounds of ammunition as "evidence" of police collusion.

Yesterday a police spokesman said General Van der Westhuizen had arrived from Pretoria that morning and would meet Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde and his deputy, Mr Clive Keegan, at the offices of the ANC's legal representative.

A spokesman for Essa Moosa Associates confirmed the meeting adding that the ANC Women's League would "play a large role".

An ANC regional spokesman said it would be for "the police to report back on progress in their investigation" since an earlier meeting they had with General Van der Westhuizen. The police had been supplied with the names of eyewitnesses and information while ANC lawyers took further affidavits.

A Red Cross spokesman said blankets and food parcels were distributed among the refugees on Friday.



SAFETY FOR A WHILE ... Mrs. Nonzamo Keva comforts eight-month-old Siya Kudumisa at Khayelitsha's Sosebenza Primary School, where about 120 people have taken refuge to escape the township's violence.

Picture: BENNY GOOL



Pictures: WITTE de KLERK, The Argus.

OUR DAILY BREAD: Homeless victims of the violence in Khayelitsha live in a classroom and get their meals through gifts. (215)

Homeless in bloodshed take over classroom

VUSI KAMA, Staff Reporter

NEWSPAPER and cardboard drape windows in classroom No 16 at Sosenza Primary School, now home to squatters whose lives have been turned upside down by the bloody feuds in DM section, Khayelitsha.

The 30 people living there say it is the only safe place available to them.

Elsewhere in the school classes proceed as usual.

But in this classroom women, children around them, prepare food for their men standing guard outside.

"You cannot stay inside the room while your enemy is moving around," said one. "We do not even sleep here."

The only people who use the classroom as a bedroom, which turns into a kitchen and lounge during the day, are women and children.

Men guard the classroom and the property of those who deserted their shacks in DM section during fighting last week, leaving some of their belongings behind.

Only one of the men in the group does not join the guards. His name is Mr Mandlenkosi Mahlanyana, 47, who was shot in the right arm in an attack on the squatter camp. He also has asthma.

His sister, Ms Nokwenzani Mahlanyana, 53, looks after him.



FLASHBACK: The aftermath of the violence in the DM section of Khayelitsha last week that left hundreds of squatters homeless and their belongings destroyed. At least five people were reported dead and others injured in the violence. Four minibus taxis were torched last Sunday. Residents claim about 50 men armed with guns, pangas and petrol bombs invaded the area on Tuesday morning.

Man dies, taxis burn in strife at Khayelitsha

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A MAN burnt to death and 20 shacks were destroyed when arsonists petrol-bombed a wood-and-iron house and four taxis were torched in clashes between rival operators in Green Point, Khayelitsha.

Units of the Cape Town fire brigade were sent to the shack blaze off Zola Budd Drive under police escort just before midnight last night.

By the time firemen put out the blaze it had destroyed 20 dwellings.

The unidentified burnt body of a man was found.

A Western Province Black Taxis Association spokesman said three WPBTA taxis and several homes of members were burnt. He expected more trouble.

It was reported from Johannesburg that five people were killed and four were injured in a day of violence in Soweto.

Some of the violence followed an afternoon Inkatha rally at Jabulani Stadium.

Captain Joseph Ngobeni, police liaison officer for Soweto, said the clashes, which started at 2pm, pitted hostel dwellers against residents in Central West Jabavu, close to Jabulani.

Captain Ngobeni said the bodies of two men and a woman were found at Mshenguville squatter camp about 8.30am.

One of the men and the woman had been stabbed and another man had been shot.

A 44-year-old Mofolo South man was attacked by a group of men, believed to be Zulus, while walking at the Mshenguville sports grounds.

He is in a serious condition.

A 30-year-old man was attacked, again apparently by Zulus, in central Western Jabavu.

Yesterday afternoon there was a shoot-out between Jabulani hostel residents and residents of Central Western Jabavu.

Augustine Matla, 20, was caught in cross-fire and killed.

In Mshenguville police found the body of an unidentified man aged about 28.

A group of men, apparently Zulus, attacked two men at Dube railway station.

A 38-year-old man was beaten with clubs and a panga. — Staff Reporters and Sapa.

Meiring: All affected by violence

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By BARRY STREEK

THE senseless violence and deaths in Crossroads, Khayelitsha and elsewhere affected everyone, the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring, said yesterday.

He also made a call to those who took the law into their own hands to come to their senses and recognise the right of others to live peaceful and happy lives.

Mr Meiring, who spoke in the Strand at the annual meeting of the Western Cape Regional Association for the Promotion of Tourism, said an unstable existence could never be a tourist paradise and it could at best be a short-sighted destination for adventurers.

"It is therefore of the utmost importance that the inhabitants of South Africa, of the Cape and this region seriously and wholeheartedly work together for peace in our lives.

"We dare not for a moment think

that the senseless violence and deaths in Crossroads, Khayelitsha and elsewhere have nothing to do with us; it has everything to do with us because Crossroads and Khayelitsha are just as much part of the Western Cape as the Strand or Somerset West.

"Whatever the reasons for the ongoing violence in our country, I still find it unbelievably tragic that people die violently just at the time that there is so much hope for a better future.

"It is not necessary for South Africans to die violently — particularly not now that discriminatory measures have been scrapped from the law book.

"It is not necessary that communities are torn apart — particularly not now that the fragile process of nation-building has commenced.

"It is not necessary for our future possibilities to be bedevilled — particularly not now that so many new doors have been opened to us," he said.

Khayelitsha burns as unrest explodes



HOME DESTROYED ... This Khayelitsha resident, a victim of yet another resurgence of violence in the squatter camp, stands amid the debris of her gutted shack yesterday.

Pictures: BENNY GOOL

'Must stop'

Call to end violence

POLICE reinforcements were last night being deployed to quell a spiralling wave of violence in Khayelitsha, where roving bands armed with axes, pangas and guns torched several taxis and homes yesterday, and hacked at least one man to death.

A week of simmering tension in Khayelitsha spilled over yesterday, when the airport highway was closed at rush hour as a taxi blazed on the road.

Newly appointed Western Cape police commissioner Major-General Dick Acker said police reinforcements were being called in.

"We are increasing the number of policemen to contain the violence. We have to scrounge around for the manpower, and are moving them in from the platteland," he said.

Meanwhile on the Reef, a fourth day of blood-letting saw a driver and three passengers killed at Vosloorus, when

a man armed with an AK-47 rifle riddled a Putco bus with bullets.

Four passengers were injured, police said.

Several other attacks on commuters took place on a Johannesburg-bound train from Germiston yesterday morning. Four people were seriously injured — two thrown from the moving train and two shot.

More than 100 people have been killed, and at least 150 injured, since violence broke out in the East Rand township of Thokoza on Sunday.

President FW de Klerk said the government would leave "no stone unturned" to curb the bloodshed.

"The violence must stop," he said yesterday, while receiving a courtesy call from former Nigerian head of state General Olusegun Obasanjo.

Mr De Klerk was speaking shortly before the signing of a historic peace accord between the major parties, including the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party.

Mr De Klerk said he believed the signing of the Peace Accord tomorrow could make an important contribution to peace, if all parties honoured the letter and spirit of the agreement.

In further developments yesterday:



GUTTED TAXI SHELLS ... The burnt-out shells of two taxis block a road in the Khayelitsha squatter township after a resurgence of violence in the area yesterday. At least one man was killed as attacks raged.

● ANC secretary-general Mr Cyril Ramaphosa said in an emotional message that if the terror attacks were not halted immediately, they would set in motion cycles of violence that would be uncontrollable.

"These events threaten to push the whole country over the edge of an abyss, plunging us into a war of immense proportions, a war in which there can be no victors," he said.

He said the ANC remained "firmly

committed" to signing a peace accord.

● Inkatha Freedom Party president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said he doubted that the Peace Accord would work.

In an interview with the BBC, he said he would be signing the Accord, but believed that it would not "filter down" to "grass-roots level" where the

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ROAD-BLOCK ...
Armed soldiers manned a roadblock in Vosloorus yesterday morning as violence, which has left scores dead, raged for a fourth day in townships around Johannesburg.

Picture: AP

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killings were taking place. (275) (13/9/91)

● Inkatha national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose said the violence was beyond immediate political control.

Dr Mdlalose and ANC deputy general secretary Mr Jacob Zuma were addressing the SA Institute of Race Relations on how the two organisations were dealing with burgeoning violence.

● As attacks on Johannesburg train commuters continued yesterday, Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said it was impossible to deploy policemen on all trains between Johannesburg and surrounding townships.

● In a week of tension in Khayelitsha, arsonists have torched shacks and vehicles over the past four days, sending residents in the strife-torn Green Point area fleeing for safety.

Last night the Green Point section of Khayelitsha was sealed off by police.

The atmosphere was tense, and Zola Budd Drive was littered with broken glass. The burnt-out and battered shells of two taxis stood opposite the smouldering remains of about 20 shacks.

Police watched over the glowing embers from two Casspirs and two vans. A lieutenant said the their presence was "quite strong" in the embattled township.

A Khayelitsha community leader said: "The people are angry, the people will take action. Serious action."

Medical staff at the Khayelitsha Day Hospital said a taxi driver had died soon after admission. Two other men

were also admitted to the hospital for gunshot wounds. (13/9/91)

Late last night, about 70 women and children had taken refuge at the hospital.

Yesterday afternoon at least eight minibus taxis were gutted when they were set alight during the "mobile" attacks and running counter-attacks by residents in the area.

During the attack, "Fola Store" in Green Point was gutted by fire. At least two people who were in the store received panga wounds to their heads, when a group of men entered the store and slashed at anyone in their path.

Petrol was then splashed around the structure and ignited, one resident said.

Fire-tenders which arrived at the centre doused the flames. Several police vehicles which arrived at the scene after the attack maintained a presence for most of the afternoon.

One taxi was burnt late yesterday afternoon on the N2 freeway when 15 others forced it off the road near the Athlone turnoff and set it alight, air traffic reporter for Good Hope Stereo radio station Mr Peter Williamson said.

Three others were set alight and gutted at the Zolani Centre in Nyanga.

ANC Western Cape regional treasurer Mr Bulelani Ngcuka said all organisations, including the government, Cape Town City Council, the churches and police would have to get together to resolve the violence.

Mr Ngcuka said the ANC was still assessing the situation, as the causes of the present wave of violence were unknown.

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Triple taxi slayings leave truce in tatters

THE fragile taxi peace accord in Cape Town's townships has been torpedoed by the murders of three taxi drivers in two days.

In renewed attacks yesterday morning, a Lagunya Taxi Association driver was shot dead in Nyanga NY3.

Four taxis were set alight and the windows of several others smashed.

Police also confiscated a 9mm pistol, a .22 pistol and one Makarov pistol from taxi drivers in Nyanga.

The violence came on the eve of today's community report-back meeting which is expected to be addressed by peace brokers Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Cape Town Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde.

The killing of the Lagunya driver follows the murders of two members of the rival Western Cape Black Taxi

By KURT SWART

Association on Friday. Both were allegedly shot dead by Lagunya Taxi Association drivers.

In the first incident, six bystanders were injured and four taxis set alight at the Nyanga East bus terminus.

Witnesses said five men in blue overalls had opened fire on a taxi. The driver was struck in the chest.

Three of the gunmen were identified by witnesses as Lagunya members.

Later, another taxi was forced off the road near D F Malan Airport and the driver shot dead, allegedly by a Lagunya operator.

Yesterday morning a Lagunya member was shot dead by a Webta taxi driver in Nyanga NY3, bringing the

death toll to three this week.

On Wednesday, a Lagunya driver was shot and wounded by gunmen travelling in two rival Webta taxis.

The day before, a policeman was seriously wounded when gunmen opened fire on a police vehicle in Nyanga.

"The peace process is teetering on the edge of failure," Mr Jan van Eck, a member of the Cape Town Peace Committee and Democratic Party MP, said yesterday.

Disturbed

Lagunya spokesman Mr Michael Kupiso was reported this week as saying his organisation would pull out of the peace process because it could not trust Webta.

Webta president Mr George Langalibelele said yesterday he did not know who had been responsible for the Nyanga shooting.

"I don't know if there will be peace now," he added.

The ANC said it was "extremely disturbed" by the renewed violence.

"We call on the parties to attend the peace committee report-back meeting today with the intention of solving the problems," the ANC said in a statement.

Police liaison officer Major Gys Boonzaaier said the police would continue patrolling Nyanga, Crossroads and Khayelitsha.

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Athlone pedestrian injured as taxi war spills into new areas

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Crime Staff

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CLASHES between Cape Town's rival taxi groups are spilling into other areas away from the townships.

Yesterday a pedestrian at an Athlone bus terminus was wounded in the hand by a stray bullet after an assistant constable who arrived at the terminus in a Lagunya taxi opened fire on an armed member of the Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta).

Police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaaier said two assistant constables had been commuting in the Lagunya taxi and had arrived at the terminus at 3.15pm when 12 members of Webta surrounded their minibus.

Major Boonzaaier said the group fled when one of the constables identified himself as a policeman after one of the Webta members had produced a gun.

The policeman fired two shots at the fleeing gunman but hit a woman passer-by in the hand.

Major Boonzaaier said the constables had not been posted in the taxi and had merely been commuting.

Until now the taxi war has been centred in Nyanga and Khayelitsha.

The woman who was shot in Athlone was not seriously injured and the incident is being investigated.

The Argus Correspondent and Sapa report that unidentified attackers terrorised commuters on several Soweto-bound trains last night, killing at least one person and injuring 13 others — including five policemen.

In the first incident — at Croesus Station near Industria, west of Johannesburg — five men were assaulted and thrown off a commuter train.

Police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, Major Dave Bruce, said the men were assaulted at 6.30pm and then flung from the moving carriages.

Passengers claimed an unknown group of men had walked through the train, harassing and assaulting passengers.

Four seriously injured men were later found by police on the railway lines and a fifth was later dropped off at Langlaagte police station.

In Soweto proper, a youth died after being stabbed and thrown off a train and at least six people were injured in three separate attacks.

Police spokesman Colonel Jac de Vries said at about 6.40pm five policemen were injured aboard a crowded moving train near Phomolong Station when seven police members went to investigate reports that there was trouble in the next carriage.

When they entered the carriage they were attacked with knobkerries and sticks.

Three of the police members pulled out firearms and fired warning shots but their attackers fled into a neighbouring carriage, mingled with commuters and disappeared.

The injured policemen were treated at Baragwaneth Hospital for minor injuries.

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Mapongwana case delayed

Staff Reporter (275) APR 18/10/91 Mr Booth or me instructions," said Mr Trisos.

THE Wynberg Regional Court has postponed the case against the alleged assassin of civic leader Mr Michael Mapongwana for a week to allow him to choose between two lawyers.

Mr H.L. Trisos, instructed by the Western Cape Black Taxi Association, has been representing Mr Eric Mahlutshana, 30, of F432, Khayelitsha, who is a Webta driver.

But Mr Trisos said yesterday that Mr Mahlutshana's family had instructed Mr William Booth to defend him.

"The accused needs to consult the family and Webta before giving either.

Magistrate Mrs H. Alman postponed the case to October 25.

Prosecutor Mr G. José said the Attorney-General's decision on whether the trial would be in the Regional or the Supreme Court might be ready by then.

Mr Mahlutshana is alleged to have assassinated Mr Mapongwana, chairman of the Western Cape Civic Association, and taxi driver Mr Ntini Mtshintshi in Lansdowne Road, Philippi, on July 8.

Mr Mahlutshana has pleaded not guilty to murder, alternatively culpable homicide. Bail has been refused.

TAXI WAR

Stalling the rivalry

Cape Town's "taxi war" truce appears to be holding. On Tuesday, a range of political and business organisations, the police and the city council were finalising the establishment of monitoring groups and new by-laws. The aim is to put an end to months of conflict that have rocked the industry and the city.

A peace conference last week was chaired by Cape Town mayor Frank van der Velde and Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu and attended by the rival taxi factions and community organisations.

At least 20 people have died and property worth an estimated R1m has been destroyed in the latest wave of conflict. In essence, it's caused by commercial rivalry between the Langa, Guguletu, Nyanga Taxi Association (Lagunya) and the Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta).

Competition for lucrative routes and the use of specific taxi ranks are at the core of the dispute. A number of previous efforts to forge peace pacts have failed.

Public reaction to the war has been strong. In July, about 10 000 people marched to the Khayelitsha police station and handed over a petition demanding the taxi organisations be disarmed and that the police find and arrest the murderers of prominent community leaders killed in the war.

Commuters have been hardest hit by the conflict. Apart from the inconvenience of having transport disrupted, most victims have been innocent members of the public. At one stage in the conflict, gunmen would open fire at random on people waiting at taxi ranks and bus stops.

The united front now established to put an end to the war is regarded as significant. It's the first time since the conflict started that so many politically diverse organisations have agreed on a joint effort.

This week, the city council was finalising new draft by-laws to regulate routes and other aspects of the industry. They are to be circulated to taxi organisations for comment. The possibility of introducing a permit system for taxi operators is also being investigated.

At the weekend, representatives of Lagunya and Webta met to discuss an interim agreement that would pave the way to peace.

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Police and ANC representatives were due to meet this week to establish a mutually acceptable monitoring mechanism.

It is expected that Van der Velde and Tutu will speak at a public meeting in Khayelitsha this weekend to report back on progress of the peace initiative.

Van der Velde says it's crucial that not only the leaders be involved, but ordinary citizens as well.

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ANC to show tour need for sanctions

DAVE LOURENS

THE ANC would try to convince a group of visiting American celebrities to press the US Congress into keeping sanctions, ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said yesterday.

The 33-strong delegation on the Democracy Now tour, scheduled to arrive in Johannesburg on Sunday, includes lobbyist Randall Robinson, musician Quincy Jones, former Wimbledon champion Arthur Ashe, congressman Maxine Waters and boxing promoter Butch Lewis.

Niehaus said the ANC hoped the tour would encourage the visitors to advise US leaders not to reduce pressure yet.

The visitors will meet the ANC national executive committee, president Nelson Mandela and labour leaders and businessmen during their two-day stay.

Niehaus said the group would be taken into townships to familiarise them with the SA situation, and would hold discussions centred on the role of the US.

Sapa reports that Home Affairs Minister Gene Louw said yesterday government would not oppose the tour.

In a statement from Pretoria he said the visit could not be viewed as being in the interests of political initiatives.

However, government was trying to obtain and accommodate divergent points of view on the road ahead for SA. "If necessary government will act appropriately to ensure ... negative effects from ... this visit are effectively countered."

Chanting mob kills man in train attack

JONATHON REES

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A MAN was killed and two women injured early yesterday morning when 10 men armed with crude weapons attacked commuters on a train travelling between George Goch and Jeppe stations, police said.

Witnesses told reporters that men carrying hatchets and knobkieries boarded the train at George Goch and chanted freedom songs before kicking and beating commuters.

The "Zulu-speaking" men got off the train at Ellis Park and boarded another back to George Goch, they said.

Police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said it was possible the attackers came from the George Goch Hostel. B/10/9

In another development, two men arrested by angry commuters for their alleged role in an East Rand train attack that left three dead last week are to appear in the Germiston Magistrate's Court today on murder charges.

Simon Komani and Albert Dlamini, both from Kathlehong, were beaten and arrested by commuters last Wednesday after they allegedly moved shooting, hacking and stabbing through the Germiston-bound train.

They were treated in the Benoni/Boksburg Hospital and transferred to Modderbee Prison's hospital section.

Pact could be used in taxi war

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THE National Peace Accord could be applied to the Western Cape although the signatories had not thought specifically about the taxi war in constructing the agreement. (275)

This is the view of Mr Jayendra Naidoo, ANC/Cosatu alliance member of the Peace Secretariat and a keynote speaker at the Peace Conference in Cape Town on Wednesday.

"It's not just the taxi war which could be settled but also the socio-economic environment in which violence is seen as a way of dealing with disputes and the role of police as participants in the violence and their inability to effectively deal with it."

Local players, like rival taxi groups, political and church groups, could sit on a dispute resolution committee. Police, trade unions, civics, regional political representatives and trade unions would sit on a regional dispute committee which would be linked to the national secretariat.

"If the dispute cannot be resolved on a local or regional level it can be referred to the national secretariat."

Police must 'clean up act'

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Staff Reporter

POLICE will have to "clean up their act" before they can play a meaningful role in resolving the slaughter in the Peninsula's townships, various organisations committed to the local peace-keeping initiative said yesterday.

A sub-committee of the Cape Town Peace Committee has been appointed to discuss ways with the police of curbing the violence despite objections from various trade unions, the mayor of Cape Town, Mr Frank van der Velde, said yesterday.

Taxis returned to their regular routes at Khayelitsha this week

after an absence of two months.

Mr Van der Velde said: "The police are very much involved in the peace process and as to what role they will play."

But the police were perceived by the community to be contributing to the violence and it was in everyone's interests that the police rectified their image, he said.

"The SAP must prove they are the friends of the people and not their enemies," he said.

Police have agreed to report to the community on progress in investigations.

Among those present at a week-end meeting on the violence were

senior policemen, the ANC, the DP, the Black Sash, the Urban Monitoring and Awareness Committee, representatives of taxi associations, churches, trade unions and business interests.

Mr Whitey Jacobs, ANC publicity secretary for the Western Cape, said the police should be excluded from the working group "at this stage" because of their role in the township violence.

Mr Jan van Eck, Democratic Party MP for Claremont, said police involvement was crucial to resolve the conflict but the police had to adopt a "neutral role" if they were to succeed in halting the violence.

Taxi talks begin

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THE Cape Town Peace Committee began consultations with Webta and Lagunya, the two taxi associations involved in the city's taxi war, at the weekend.

The committee was convened after last week's peace conference in Cape Town, which was called by the Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Frank van der Velde, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, of the Church of the Province of South Africa.

"The aim of the consultations with the taxi associations is to implement as quickly as possible an interim arrangement which would allow commuters and taxi drivers to travel in safety," Tutu's office said in a statement on Sunday night.

The purpose of reaching an interim arrangement would be to open the way for negotiations for a long-term settlement to the taxi war, which has claimed several lives.

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Policeman ambushed in Nyanga

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AN assistant police constable was wounded in Nyanga early yesterday morning when a police vehicle he was travelling in was ambushed by unknown gunmen, a police spokesman said yesterday.

Captain Attie Laubscher said Assistant Constable M M Ntekise was seriously wounded in the shoulder when the gunmen opened fire on the police vehicle in Terminus Road about 12.30am.

He said Constable Ntekise was taken to Groote Schuur Hospital where he is in a satisfactory condition. Police who investigated the incident found two spent 9mm cartridges at the scene.

In another incident, Captain Laubscher said, a City Tramways bus was slightly damaged when a group of about 20 men stoned it in Lansdowne

Road on Sunday night.

Two homes in Khayelitsha were also damaged when set on fire.

No arrests have been made in connection with any of the incidents, Captain Laubscher said.

A policeman was found stabbed to death at Umlazi near Durban on Sunday night.

A police spokesman said Constable MKhambule was off-duty and police found his gun next to his body. The motive for the killing is unknown and no arrests have yet been made.

A man was shot dead and his body set alight during an attack at Umbumbulu on the Natal south coast early yesterday morning.

In Thokoza on the East Rand, two people were shot dead and two others injured in an attack yesterday. — Sapa and Staff Reporter



BACK AT WORK Arthur's Seat Hotel head waiter Mr. Vincent Duffy, 56, returned to work yesterday after narrowly escaping death when gunmen fired on a minibus in which he and four hotel employees were travelling in KTC (Guguletu) early on Saturday morning. The six people, including the driver, were slightly hurt and discharged from Groote Schuur Hospital after treatment. No arrests have yet been made. Picture: ANNE LAING

Cops excluded from taxi peace committee

POLICE have been excluded from the Cape Town Peace Committee's interim working group in their attempt to resolve the Peninsula's taxi violence.

The working group, which was formed at a three-hour meeting at the weekend, comprises representatives of the taxi associations, political groups, churches, trade unions and business interests.

There was strong opposition from the National Congress of Trade Unions (Nactu), the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) and the Workers' Organisation for Socialist Action (Wosa) to the participation of the police in the working group and a source said that leaving the police in the cold was because of "unresolved issues".

However, channels of communication were in operation with the police, the source said.

Police spokesman Captain Attie Laubscher said the police had not been given any reason as to why they had been left out. He said the police were surprised at their exclusion.

Senior policemen, however, last Friday met representatives of a range of organisations committed to the peace

initiative to discuss police action in the strife-torn areas.

Key proposals for the withdrawal of the Riot Squad from Khayelitsha, for joint investigations by police and interested parties and for a centralised chain of command for police operating in unrest situations in Khayelitsha, were rejected by the police.

The Regional Commissioner of Police in the Western Cape, General Nic Acker, undertook however to report back to the community on progress in police investigations and any action taken against policemen.

He said it would be "irresponsible" to withdraw the riot police from Khayelitsha as this would lead to an escalation in violence.

General Acker also undertook to ensure that policemen engaged in uniformed police operations wore their name tags at all times.

The assistant regional secretary of the ANC, Mr Willie Hofmeyr, will today meet the police legal adviser, Lieutenant-Colonel Ed Booth, to discuss the concept of "monitoring" police action in the townships. — Staff Reporter and Sapa

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War declared on taxi strife

New by-laws will regulate operators

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

INTERIM measures to stop Western Cape taxi wars follows the formation of a broadly-based working committee.

City Council staff will start today the complex task of drafting new by-laws to regulate taxi operations.

The working committee, with membership ranging from clergy to the SA Black Taxi Association and Chamber of Commerce, was formed at a three-hour meeting at Bishop's Court on Saturday.

In terms of the interim measures, City Council legal staff will be told to draw up new by-laws to regulate taxi operations.

These will be circulated to taxi associations for comment. "While involving all relevant

parties in the planning process, we shall also cut through red tape to get these by-laws promulgated," said the Mayor, Mr Frank van der Velde.

A sub-committee is to liaise with police to resolve vexed issues about police involvement. Taxi routes are to be re-examined and the introduction of a permit system investigated.

A suggestion was made that Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta) and the Langa Nyanga and Gugulethu (Langa) operators should consider not operating in sensitive areas.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Mr Van der Velde will address a meeting in Khayelitsha to inform residents.

Provisionally, Sunday has been set for the meeting.

"It is crucial that not only the leadership, but the people, are aware of what is going on,"

Mr Van der Velde said.

Expressing satisfaction about the progress of negotiation, he said: "We are getting down to the nitty-gritty."

Organisations involved would go back to their constituents to discuss plans for the mass meeting, Mr Van der Velde said.

"We have reached a phase of detailed discussion about specific problems, and the causes of conflict," he said.

The clearing of a possible road to peace for taxi operators and their customers follows agreement on Friday between police and a joint forum to find ways to monitor the strife-torn areas.

Police legal adviser Lieutenant-Colonel Ed Booth and Mr Willie Hofmeyr of the African National Congress are to meet tomorrow to discuss the monitoring.

Flames of shame

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MORE accusing fingers were pointed at the police and Western Cape Taxi Association this week in the aftermath of the taxi wars that escalated in Cape Town's townships last week. More than 20 families, most of them with small children, were left homeless and hungry when their shacks were ravaged by fire last Saturday at the KTC squatter camp.

Several people said the fire was started by three men travelling in a Webta minibus, and later spread by policemen posing as rescuers.

Eyewitness Joseph Hewu said the fire was started at a shack owned by his brother, Enoch Hewu, a member of the Western Cape United Squatters' Association (Wecusa).

Hewu said three men with firearms set Enoch's shack on fire, then fled in a Webta minibus waiting for them near the road while its occupants threatened to shoot at onlookers.

Another KTC resident and eyewitness, Thamsanqa Tsholoba, said a policeman set fire to other shacks, causing more damage, while residents were busy fighting the fire at Enoch's shack.

Tsholoba pointed out the policemen to the crowd and he was quickly removed from the scene by his colleagues.

While the fire was destroying shacks at KTC, there was shooting at the nearby Nyanga East taxi rank.

It was not known who the shots were fired at since there were several Webta taxis at the scene with their rivals, Lagunya, not in sight.

No one was injured or arrested.

In another twist to the violence, yet another employee of City Trannways - the third in two weeks - narrowly escaped death when an unidentified man fired five shots at him at the Nyanga East bus terminus.

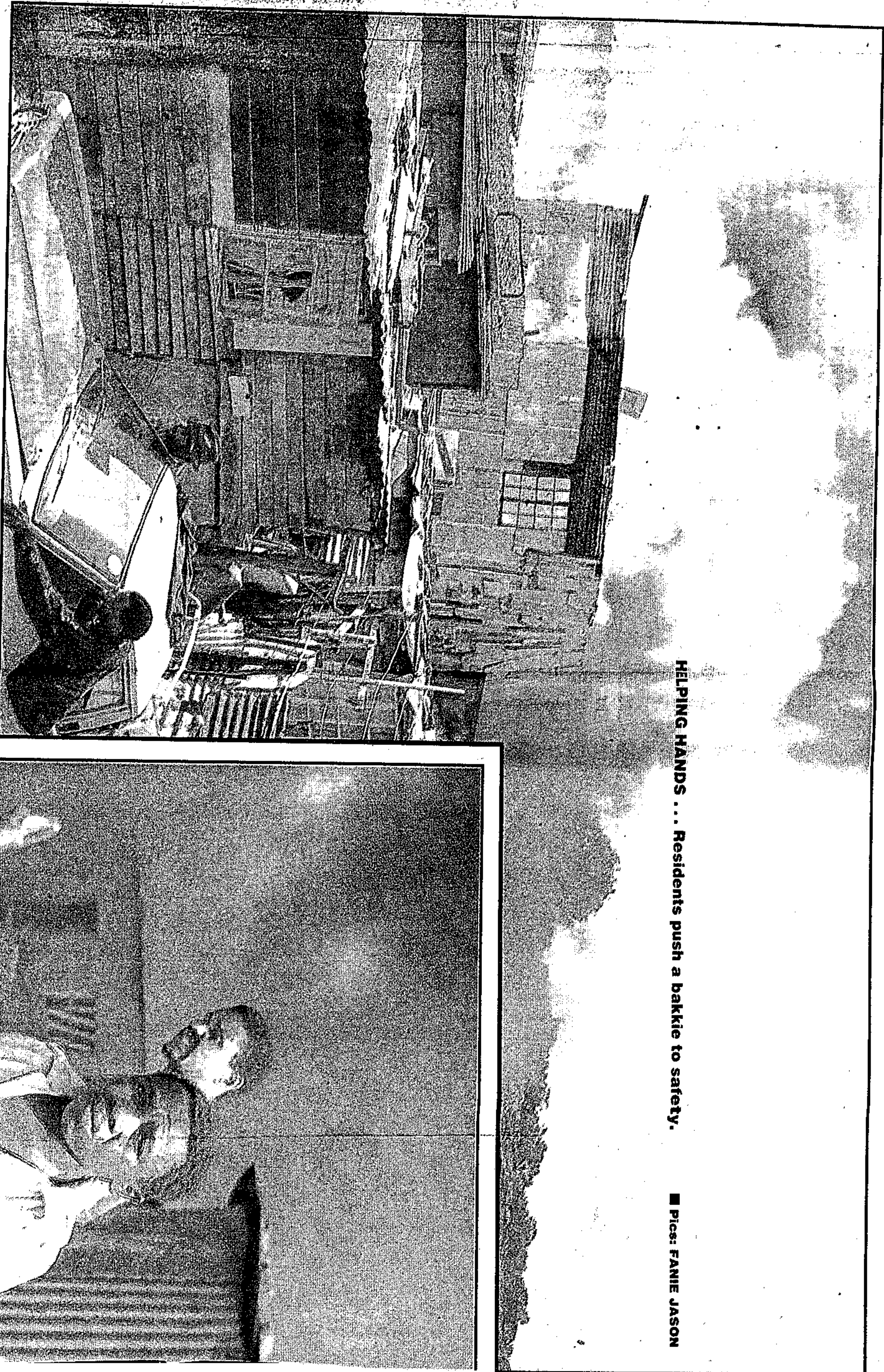
Bus inspector Bandile Matutu, 31, was hit in the shoulder and arm by the assailant who told him to get his bus "out of the township".

So far, one Trannways driver has been killed by unidentified men and another escaped unhurt in an attack.

Both were shot at while transporting their passengers in Khayelitsha.

The regional ANC executive committee has revealed pictures of the policemen implicated in the burning of shacks.

Assistant general secretary Willie Hofmeyer, who was at the scene when Tsholoba pointed out an implicated policeman, said the policeman had no name tag on at the time.



HELPING HANDS ... Residents push a bakkie to safety.

■ PICS: FANIE JASON

Witness saw cop set fire to shack

Meanwhile, the Archbishop of Cape Town, Desmond Tutu, and Cape Town mayor Frank van der Veld, have called on the warring taxi organisations to stop the violence.

At a peace conference at Cape Town's Civic Centre attended by various organisations, Tutu and the mayor said the violence was now being used by both sides.

The mayor also called for a thorough check on police activities.

Police reaction units are keeping a wary eye on Khayelitsha, Guguletu and Nyanga/Crossroads for any signs that the peace accord struck at Wednesday's high-profile Cape Town peace meeting is not holding, police say.

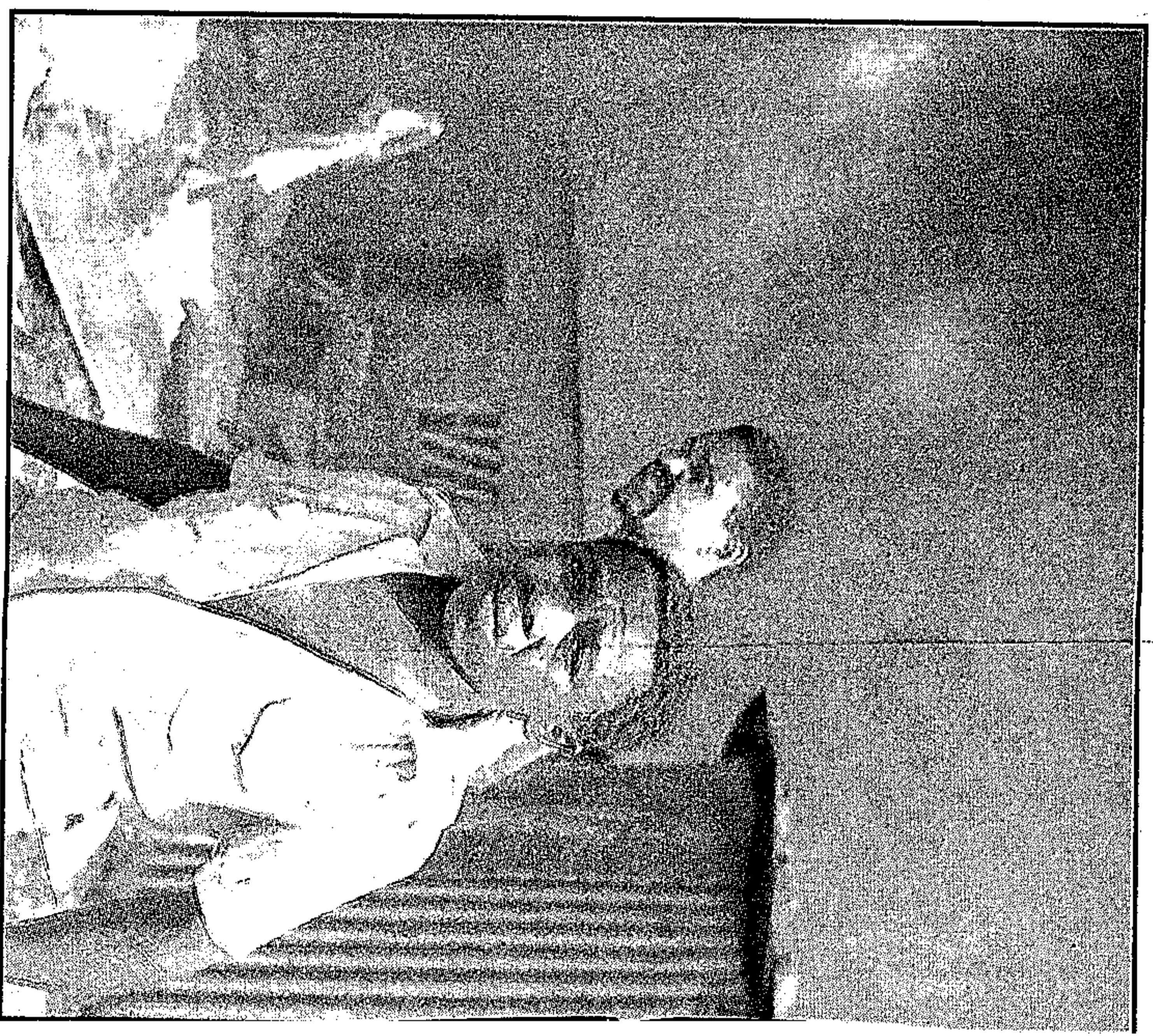
Opperman said on Thursday. No incidents directly attributable to the parties involved in the taxi war have occurred since the accord was signed on Wednesday.

However, police are investigating two incidents involving police stations. At Khayelitsha a hand-grenade was thrown during the

pet mine was found attached to window protection wire.

Police have not yet ruled out that the acts could have been carried out by members of the warring factions.

"Today is a public holiday. So far, it is holding out, but reaction units are patrolling the areas and keeping an eye on the situation."



FACES OF ANGUISH ... Squatters (below) fear for their lives.

Riot Squad to stay in Khayelitsha

— irresponsible to quit, says general

DON HOLLIDAY

Weekend Angus Crime Reporter

THE controversial police Riot Squad will not withdraw from Khayelitsha but police have agreed to report back to the community on progress in investigations and any resulting action against police.

This emerged from a five-hour meeting yesterday at Cape Town Civic Centre between senior policemen and representatives of a wide range of parties.

Among those present were the national co-ordinator of police special investigation units, Lieutenant-General Rommie van der Westhuizen; the Western Cape commissioner of police, Major-General Nic Acker; the Mayor, Mr Frank van der Velde; Mr Willie Hofmeyr of the African National Congress; Mr Jan van Eck of the Demo-

cratic Party, and representatives of the Black Sash, Urban Monitoring and Awareness Committee and other parties.

The meeting was chaired by Ms Helen Zille, the City Council's public affairs consultant, who described the proceedings as frank, "fairly fruitful" and "encouraging".

She said the joint forum presented five proposals to the police:

- The establishment of an independent monitoring team set up under the auspices of the city council.
- The right of any of the interested organisations to conduct joint investigations with the police.
- The provision of detailed report-backs on the progress of investigations and any action taken against police personnel in that regard.

● The establishment of a centralised chain of command whereby all police action relating to unrest in the Khayelitsha area would fall under the command of the officer commanding Khayelitsha police station, to whom concerned organisations would at all times have access.

● The removal of the Riot Squad from Khayelitsha, the re-allocation of certain police officers and a decision that all official police actions be carried out by policemen who are clearly identified as policemen.

Agreement could not be reached on a suitable definition of the term "monitoring" and it was agreed to establish a sub-committee comprising representatives of the police and interested parties to work out a definition.

Mr Hofmeyr and police legal adviser Lieutenant-Colonel Ed

Booth are to meet to this end on Tuesday.

General Acker rejected the notion of joint investigations but agreed to ensure prompt, regular report-backs on progress in investigations.

He also rejected the establishment of a central chain of command and the withdrawal of the riot unit from Khayelitsha and other townships.

He would consider relocating specific policemen if there was evidence to show misconduct by those policemen.

He agreed to ensure policemen in uniformed police operations wore name tags.

A problem existed in this regard when policemen were involved in covert operations, Ms Zille said.

Ms Zille said it was encouraging that all sides had perceived the seriousness of the



Picture: OBEID ZUWA, Weekend Angus.

CRISIS TALKS: Some of the delegates at the marathon meeting between police and representatives of a variety of organisations. From left: Democratic Party MP Mr Jan van Eck, police legal adviser Lieutenant-Colonel Ed Booth, Western Cape regional commissioner Major-General Nic Acker, chairwoman Ms Helen Zille, Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde and Mr Willie Hofmeyr of the African National Congress.

situation and that the proposals had not been rejected out of hand by police.

Mr Hofmeyr said he was encouraged that some progress had been made, but expressed disappointment that the "crucial" issues — especially concerning a centralised command and the withdrawal of the riot

unit — had been rejected.

General Acker said there was a still "a lack of understanding of the policeman's lot and lack of knowledge of police methods".

He said it was generally accepted that violence would escalate if the riot police were to

leave Khayelitsha.

It would be "irresponsible" for the riot police to withdraw and the situation would not allow it.

The public's negative perception of the police, based on historical circumstances, had led to many false accusations and

it was the firm intention of the police to rectify these perceptions.

General Acker noted that these negative perceptions "were not necessarily facts but are as strong as facts in the minds of the people who have them".

The week they talked, talked and talked about peace . . .

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DENNIS CRUYWAGEN
Political Staff

IT began with a prayer — a prayer for peace in Cape Town.

And it ended hours later with a truce reached in Cape Town's taxi war, a battle which has left a trail of death, destruction and mayhem in the city's black townships.

Sandwiched between the prayers was a day filled with drama, tension, humour and tough words.

At the end of the historic Peace Conference, organised by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde, Cape Town's first citizen, said the process to decide the city's future was on the road.

He said: "The process is on the go and we will not allow it to stop."

As he had expected the conference did not solve every problem that was discussed.

Referring to the war between the Western Cape Black Taxi Association and the Langa, Nyananga and Gugulethu Taxi Association, he said: "We have clearly isolated those sources of conflict. We have to get the two taxi associations together quickly."

This task will be tackled by the still-to-be-formed Cape Town Peace Committee. The steering committee is to meet in Bishopscourt at 3pm today to formulate the structure of the Peace Committee.

Peace was the theme of the conference and Mr Van der Velde spelt out the city's concern in his opening address:

"Can a single one of you put a price on a life? Is it R2 or is it perhaps the price of a combi? Has life become so cheap?"

His passionate words did not fall on hearts of stone: the Civic Centre conference resolved to set the wheels of peace in motion by forming a Cape Town Peace Committee.



□ **MAKING A POINT:** ANC representative Dr Allan Boesak during the conference.

The conference also marked Dr Allan Boesak's first public appearance, in Cape Town at least, as regional ANC chairman.

He stood up at 10.25am and said: "Mr chairman, my name is Allan Boesak. I represent the ANC in the Western Cape."

Political differences surfaced with delegates from the

National Council of Trade Union and the Workers' Organisation for a Socialist Azania taking a strong stand against the National Peace Accord.

On the other hand, the ANC delegation threw its weight behind the accord.

After the conference, Nactu delegate Mr Ben Petersen said:

they opposed the accord, signed between the government, the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party, because it turned people into informers.

In the morning session, Mr Petersen tried to bring the meeting "to order". But this attempt, did not go down well with Archbishop Tutu, who said:

"What do you mean you want to bring the meeting to order? I have not given you permission to speak. You will be the last speaker after that gentleman."

Mr Basil Nagel, regional head of the South African Black Taxi Association, was one of the most embarrassed delegates on Wednesday.

After he had introduced himself, he said Lagunya and Webba were members of Sabta. Lagunya leader Mr Michael Kopiso said:

"The only thing I want to disagree with is the gentlemen from Sabta. I am from Lagunya. I don't know him. They have done nothing about the violence."

Deputy-Mayor Mr Clive Keegan's analysis of the taxi-war did not impress Webba and there appeared to be a walkout by some of the association's members. But Webba chairman Mr James Mafuya subsequently denied that any of his delegates left.

Late in the afternoon when it seemed the conference would deadlock on a key resolution, Mr Jan van Eck, Democratic Party MP for Claremont, stepped in with a proposal which satisfied the majority of delegates.

Passing the resolutions, was a cumbersome procedure, prolonged by discussion, but at least it showed democracy in action.

A vital objection, at that stage, was the role of police and whether the Peace Committee should talk to the keepers of law and order.

Mr Van der Velde set the record straight. "To further negotiations for peace, you don't talk to people you agree with. You talk to the people you disagree with. That includes the police."

The organisers of the conference had done their best to ensure that it went off without hitches.

To cut across religious and ideological differences they even had three religious leaders, Sheikh Nazim Mohamed of the Muslim Judicial Council, Rabbi Cyril Harris, the Chief Rabbi of South Africa, and Bishop Lawrence Henry, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Cape Town.

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Don't delay... so little time — Tutu

JOHANNESBURG. — South Africans are getting impatient at the delay in getting real negotiations on the road and will look askance at anyone derailing the peace process, says Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Speaking at a Johannesburg function of the Foreign Correspondents' Association, he expressed confidence in the start of negotiations based on an "undoubted commitment of most of the major (political) players to a negotiated and reasonably peaceful resolution".

However, all political players should be encouraged to attend "the multiparty, all-party, pre-Constitution Assembly talks as a matter of extreme urgency to deal with the question of interim arrangements".

He also called on the international Press to help bring pressure on all parties to get the peace process moving quickly.

There was no other way but through negotiations, he said. "In a sense they have no real other option. For the ANC and the other liberation movements the armed struggle is really not viable."

The National Party government could not return to apartheid, while a rightwing government — preaching "full-scale Verwoerdian atavistic apartheid and baaskap" — would never survive the hostility and opprobrium such a relapse would provoke, he said.

However, the government and the ANC had little time and needed to reassure their constituencies. Whites needed to know that reform and negotiations were working and being rewarded, while ANC supporters were waiting for tangible change such as better jobs, homes, schools and environment.

The archbishop again stressed that the continuing violence — "which appears to be turned on and off at the whim of some very competent masterminds" — was one of two major obstacles to successful negotiations.

He questioned the impartiality and efficiency of the security forces and called for a professional, efficient, unbiased and a political police force.

"We still need the pressure of the international public opinion and other kinds of pressure to make the government want to act to end the violence in the black community with the same kind of alacrity and effectiveness they would undoubtedly show if it was happening in the white community."

He said Western governments should make it clear to President De Klerk that all his reform initiatives and consequent favourable overseas press would dissipate unless he ended the violence.

The second hurdle to peace was mistrust and lack of confidence created by the "Inkathagate" scandal.

"It will be urgently necessary to put in place representative structures... which will ensure that the transition from apartheid to democracy cannot be subverted," he said. — Sapa.

Police probe bombs link

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POLICE are investigating a possible link between two bomb attacks on township police stations on Wednesday night and early yesterday — attacks which were immediately condemned by the ANC.

In the first incident a Soviet-made M26 hand grenade was thrown at the Khayelitsha police station about 9:30pm on Wednesday.

Police spokesman Captain Hendrik Opperman said yesterday that it was believed the grenade, which blew a hole in the ground in the station yard but injured nobody, was lobbed from

shacks on the south side of the station.

In the second attack a police assistant on duty at the Nyanga police station discovered a mini-limpet mine stuck to a wire grille over a window about 12:15am yesterday. (275)

City-based bomb-disposal experts were called in and defused the device.

ANC spokeswoman Ms Rosie Campbell said yesterday that uMkhonto we-Sizwe, the military wing of the ANC, was not involved "in any way" as it was abiding by the suspension of the armed struggle. "The ANC condemns those kinds of actions," she said.

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Taxi war rages as police await copy of the accord

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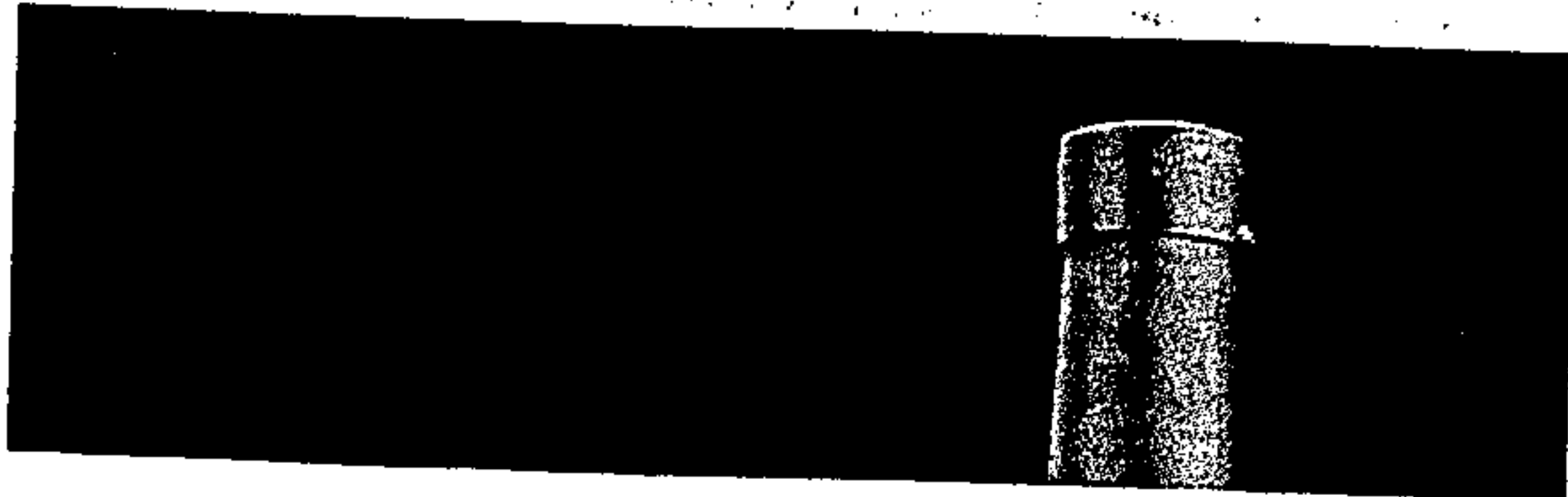
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Stop mindless violence, pleads Tutu (275)

CAPE TOWN — Calls for a judicial inquiry into allegations of police complicity in violence in Cape Town's black townships and for the disbanding of the "hated riot squad" were made yesterday by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and mayor Frank van der Velde.

They were addressing about 270 delegates to a peace conference. The delegates endorsed calls for an immediate ceasefire in the taxi war, and for the establishment of a peace committee with extensive mediation and monitoring functions.

The Cape Town Peace Committee, which will be constituted soon, will also discuss the possibility of suspending taxi operations in the townships until the dispute between rival organisations is resolved.

The committee will mediate between all parties and pro-

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mote non-violent strategies for conflict resolution, investigate all acts of violence, and monitor the policing and implementation of the ceasefire.

Yesterday Archbishop Tutu said Cape Town had to take a stand for peace and stability.

"We are sick and tired of this mindless violence. If we do this in Cape Town, it will serve as a model... We cannot afford to fail."

For this, an efficient, professional, unbiased police force was needed, and many people believed the SAP was none of these, he added.

"It is surely not enough for the police to issue standard denials about allegations of complicity in the violence.

"It is in their interests, and those of all of us, that impartial, trusted public figures with credibility and acceptance in

the black community be part of a judicial inquiry into such allegations.

"It would be worth all the internal police investigations in the world."

Mr van der Velde said: "Perhaps what is needed to re-establish credibility in the community is a grand gesture. Maybe that could be the abolition of the hated riot squad and the use only of uniformed name-tagged police."

Cosatu's representative on the National Peace Committee, Jayendra Naidoo, said recent statistics showed that for 5 000 politically related deaths, there had been only five successful prosecutions — an "absolutely disgraceful" ratio.

Hopefully this would begin to change once the structures of the National Peace Accord began to make themselves felt.

But tensions emerged soon after the close of proceedings when delegates from the National Council of Trade Unions (Nactu) and the Azanian People's Organisation said they would not serve on the peace committee if the police were represented.

Brian Williams, Nactu's acting regional secretary, said it would "not be part of any attempt to lend the status of peacemakers to those who have been the oppressors and aggressors in this whole conflict".

Dr Khotso Mokhele, Azapo's regional chairman, said the police had helped to create and foment the violence and should therefore not be represented on the peace committee. Azapo would not serve on a committee where the police were represented. — Sapa.

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Peace drive into gear

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CAPE TOWN'S peace drive will move into gear when the peace steering committee meets on Saturday to plan the structure of a broader Cape Town Peace Committee.

The decision to form a peace committee was taken at a peace conference, called by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the mayor, Mr Frank van der Velde, yesterday.

Cape Town's township taxis have been thrown into disarray by fighting between the Western Cape Black Taxi Association and the Langa, Nyanga and Gugulethu Taxi Association.

As a result of the peace summit, the taxis will return to the road immediately.

Archbishop Tutu warned the associations that peace was essential. He said: "If they are going to make money, there has to be a ceasefire for their own sakes."

He added: "If we are going to engage police in a way which makes them a peacekeeping



INTENSE: Archbishop Desmond Tutu makes a point during yesterday's peace conference.

force then we are home and dry."

Mr Van der Velde said it was imperative that the associations reach a compromise soon "otherwise the community could well call for a boycott".

He said the community lacked confidence in the police. "This must be addressed. The Minister of Law and Order

must take a quantum leap in this regard. He must not kick against it."

He said the minister and even President De Klerk had to handle the problem — even if the perception were misplaced — with statesmanship.

The two peace-brokers and the Anglican Dean of Cape Town, Dean Colin Jones, for-

mer UDF official Ms Zohra Ebrahim and Black Sash leader Mrs Mary Burton will form the peace steering committee.

A problem facing the committee is its relations with the police.

Already the National Council of Trade Unions (Nactu), one of the organisations present at yesterday's conference, said it would not be part of the peace committee if police were involved.

Spokesman Mr Brian Williams said: "We will not serve on any peace committee and give status to police."

He said the trade union federation would deal with police through the Cape Town Peace Committee.

Yesterday's conference adopted the following resolutions:

- To call on all involved in the conflict to immediately desist from engaging in any further violent activity, even in the face of provocation and for an immediate ceasefire to be instituted;

- To establish a Cape Town

peace committee to mediate in situations of conflict, to investigate acts of violence and monitor policing and the implementation of the ceasefire and any subsequent agreements;

- To mandate the committee to initiate a mediation process between all parties involved in the conflict, promote non-violent strategies by these parties and to resolve the issues underlying the taxi conflict;

- To recommend that the peace committee investigate the possibility of getting the taxi associations to agree that normal taxi operations will not be resumed until substantial progress has been made in the present dispute; and

- That the Peace Committee establish a monitoring process to ensure that all parties abide by the letter and spirit of the ceasefire and any subsequent agreements and to find ways of reporting progress and action being undertaken to the public.

The New Unity Movement said it had turned down an invitation to attend the peace conference because of the "presence of agents of State violence".

Bomb attacks on Police

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EDWARD MOLOYANE
Staff Reporters

A HANDGRENADE exploded at Khayelitsha police station last night and a mini-limpet mine was found and defused at Nyanga police station early today.

The attacks came only hours after the taxi war peace conference at which Archbishop Desmond Tutu called for a judicial inquiry into allegations that police were promoting violence in the townships.

Police liaison officer Captain Hendrik Opperman said the grenade, believed to be a Soviet-made M26, was hurled from shacks on the southern side of the police station about 9.15pm.

It exploded in the yard, causing a slight depression in the ground.

Shortly after midnight, a police assistant found a mini-limpet mine stuck to the security grille over a window at Nyanga police station.

Bomb disposal experts were called in to defuse it.

At yesterday's peace conference, Cape Town mayor Mr Frank van der Velde, one of the co-convenors with Archbishop Tutu, said the police needed to restore their credibility and restructure their chain of command.

He also called for the abolition of the riot squad.

Briefing planned

Neither the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Hernus Kriel, nor the regional commissioner of police in the Western Cape, Major General Nic Acker, were at the conference to hear the remarks.

But General Acker said today that head of operations in the Western Cape Brigadier Frik Kellerman had attended and he would be fully briefed tomorrow.

He said he had not attended the conference himself as notification came too late for him to rearrange his schedule.

Because of today's public holiday, the extent of the township taxi industry's return to normality after yesterday's peace conference was unclear.

Minibuses

Hundreds of minibuses belonging to the Western Cape Black Taxi Association were parked at the Nyanga terminus although there were no signs of people seeking transport.

Two police vans full of special constables and policemen were parked nearby.

Other terminuses in Khayelitsha and Guguletu were empty and only a few minibuses, all Webta-owned, were at the Langa terminus.

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Cape police appeal to ANC

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POLICE yesterday appealed to the African National Congress to report any alleged irregularities involving policemen to senior officers as quickly as possible.

SAP Cape Town liaison officer Captain Hendrik Opperman was reacting to allegations by two Western Cape ANC executive mem-

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bers that policemen had breached the national Peace Accord in the KTC squatter camp at the weekend.

"We appeal (to the ANC) to report these incidents, as we view them in a very serious light. Where necessary, they must be exposed so elements in the force responsible for such

deeds can be identified and dealt with," he said.

Opperman denied claims that police had been involved in torching shacks in KTC. Two police vehicles identified by the ANC members had been at the scene, he added.

According to the ANC officials, Mr Willie Hofmeyr and Mr Vincent Diba, policemen at the scene had not worn regula-

tion name tags, and had refused to identify themselves.

Opperman said an officer had inspected the unit in question on Saturday morning and all men had worn their name tags.

Opperman said policemen were obliged to identify themselves to members of the public, either by means of identification documents or verbally.

Bus drivers
'put their
lives on
the line'

Staff Reporter

CITY Tramways drivers said yesterday that they "put their lives on the line every day" in transporting passengers into the strife-torn Peninsula townships.

Buses are stoned regularly and drivers and passengers intimidated, Tramways employees said.

"Every time I have to go into the townships I wonder if the next bullet has my name on it," a driver said.

The spiralling taxi war took an ominous turn last week when Tramways buses were attacked, a driver of a packed bus was shot dead and an inspector injured by gunmen in Khayelitsha.

"We have become targets in the taxi war because the warring factions say we are taking their business away," said one who has been a driver for 21 years.

Drivers yesterday said more policemen were needed to patrol their routes in and out of the townships. They also wanted police to be on board buses, and demanded that drivers' compartments be bullet-proofed "as soon as possible".

The consensus was that black drivers should drive buses in black townships.

A City Tramways spokesman said yesterday that bus drivers may soon have bulletproof compartments.

Summit to spawn NPA group?

By CHRIS BATEMAN

NEARLY 300 delegates from all walks of life will attend today's "taxi violence peace summit" in Cape Town — the most ambitious attempt yet to resolve a protracted war which has claimed scores of lives, disrupted the local economy and caused endless hardship for township residents.

Jointly organised by the Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Frank van der Velde, and the Archbishop of Cape Town, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the "Call for Peace in Cape Town" could result in the setting up of a violence-monitoring commission in terms of the National Peace Accord, reliable sources predicted yesterday.

Police Divisional Commissioner General Nic Acker greeted this with caution, saying he was still "awaiting peace accord guidelines from Pretoria" but would not rule out the possibility.

He emphasised that a joint ANC-police forum was already operating in terms of the Groote Schuur Minute.

Among those attending the peace conference at the civic centre's Podium Hall will be Cape Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring, his director-general, Mr Herbert Beukes, and Brigadier Frik Kellerman, head of the Peninsula's Police Reaction Unit. Among others to attend are delegates

POLICE seized 33 petrol bombs — which they believe were to be used in the ongoing taxi war — in Khayelitsha on Monday afternoon, a police spokesman said yesterday.

Police spokesman Captain Hendrik Opperman said Lance Sergeant E Jaantjies was on patrol in Site C of the sprawling township about 12.40pm when he found the petrol bombs behind a shack near a bus terminus on Zola Budd Drive.

Captain Opperman said police were investigating whether the petrol bombs were made by members of Webta for use in the ongoing taxi conflict.

from petrol companies, vehicle finance houses, various religious organisations, Cape Town's chambers of commerce and industry, the Lingeletu West Town Council (Khayelitsha), the two warring taxi associations (the former Lagunya and Webta), supermarket chain chiefs, all local universities and technikons, tyre companies and the major political parties.

The Western Cape ANC delegation will be headed by chairman Dr Allan Boesak while the PAC and Azapo's regional executive members will also attend.

Mr Van der Velde will open the summit with Archbishop Tutu delivering the keynote address.

Deputy Mayor Mr Clive Keegan will give a background to the taxi war while Mr Jayendra Naidoo will give local perspectives on the NPA.

In closed sessions the summit will examine commissions for taxi industry regulation, taxi war policing and the application of National Peace Accord principles to the taxi war.

A date will then be set for progress reports.

Cops face Accord clampdown

By Heather Robertson

RIOT Police Unit members in KTC seen wearing balacavas and who refused to disclose their identities to ANC officials Mr Willie Hofmeyr and Mr Vincent Diba could be disciplined in terms of the Peace Accord, says National Peace Secretariat member Mr Jayendra Naidoo.

"We have a commitment from the government's negotiators that any police official who does not meet the standard of the accord would not be tolerated. If police are wearing balacavas they are saying bye-bye to their pay cheques."

Hofmeyr and Diba arrived at KTC at 4.30pm on Saturday October 5 to take affidavits from people whose houses were burnt in the taxi war.

While the police were on duty, several members of the public pointed out a policeman whom they alleged was part of a group of men who had set the shacks alight earlier.

The policeman concerned and a sergeant refused to disclose their names, despite several requests.

"It is important to establish a police special investigations unit which would refer all cases of politically motivated violence and intimidation to special criminal courts," says Naidoo.

These courts will be established over the next few months to immediately deal with the backlog of politically motivated murders.

"Out of 5 000 politically motivated murders only five people have been prosecuted. This is a powerful motivation for special criminal courts to deal with these crimes," says Naidoo.

The accord also specifies the establishment of a unit specifically to deal with allegations of police misconduct under a police reports officer suggested by the SA Law Society.

"The accord gives us leverage," says Naidoo.

"If a dispute cannot be settled on a regional level, we can draw in people from our national structures."

Would the ANC be able to use the peace accord to the satisfaction of the frustrated militant youth sector?

"In Natal my experience with militant members is that if an organisation's leaders pander to the militant section, people will continue to read



DEVASTATED: The terrified eyes of a homeless KTC child

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ambiguous signals. It's important how for local ANC leaders to be unambiguous in word and action."

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He explains that the accord also has a provision to draw in militant township youth through the creation of self-protection units.

"These units create a mechanism which eliminates anarchistic trends. A self-protection unit would be formed by any community which sees it as necessary. This would create a better model of community policing and community responsibility of youth. A local community should decide how it should be implemented.

"While the peace accord provides for a whole range of structures which could have an impact, nothing prevents the peace conference on Wednesday from taking additional steps which are not in the accord."

The accord imposes obligations on

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the government in terms of a whole range of departments specially dealing with law, order, justice and the conduct of security forces to put the accord into effect.

"Where the accord is different from others is that it has mechanisms to implement the decisions."

Mechanisms on a grassroots level, however, have not yet been put into effect as all the major parties concerned are still hosting national workshops to explain the accord to their members.

"We were all supposed to brief our members in each of the regions and the ANC will be hosting a national workshop within the next week," says Naidoo.

According to Law and Order spokesperson Captain Craig Kotze, the police in the various regions have not yet been briefed about the accord.



NAME TAGS: Police in KTC without name tags, says ANC

ANC, SAP differ on peace accord charge

Crime Staff and Sapa

The Cape taxi war triggered a major political controversy yesterday with allegations by the ANC that police actions in the KTC squatter camp on Saturday were in violation of the National Peace Accord.

In a hard-hitting statement yesterday, ANC western Cape spokesmen Willie Hofmeyr and Vincent Diba said residents in the troubled Cape Peninsula settlement had alleged that police were involved in the burning of shacks during fighting between rival taxi groupings which left about 20 families homeless.

The ANC officials said at yesterday's peace conference hosted by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Cape Town mayor Frank van der Velde, that they planned to raise claims that police on the scene had not worn name tags, refused to identify themselves when asked to and wore balaclavas. The matter would also be raised with the regional commissioner of police, Major-General Nic Acker, when the ANC meets him on Friday, they said.

The SAP last night rejected the allegation of complicity "with all the contempt it deserves" and called on residents and political organisations to assist the police in ending the taxi war.

Spokesman Captain Hendrik Opperman also denied that the police had not worn name tags, were clad in balaclavas or had knowingly refused to identify themselves to ANC officials.

In a statement General Acker drew attention to paragraph 2.6 of the peace accord which pro-

vided that political organisations and parties must assist the SAP through the existing channels to investigate the actions of individual force members.

According to Mr Hofmeyr and Mr Diba, they arrived in KTC about 4.30 pm on Saturday, and shortly afterwards several fire engines arrived under police escort.

Members of the public pointed out a policeman whom they claimed had been part of a group of men who had set fire to the shacks, said the ANC statement.

A woman said the policeman had assaulted her and thrown teargas into her home.

Name tag

The ANC officials approached the policeman in question, finding that he was not wearing a name tag.

"We then requested that he give us his name as there were members of the public who wanted to lay a charge against him. He refused to do so on about four occasions," the ANC officials said.

This was despite the fact that they had told him that the peace agreement made explicit provision for policemen to give their names to the public, said Mr Hofmeyr and Mr Diba.

When approached by the two ANC men, the sergeant apparently in charge of the operation also refused to identify himself or the policeman accused of burning the shacks.

"Eventually the sergeant and constable started running away from us towards their vehicle. We followed them. When we arrived at the vehicle, we saw a policeman sitting inside with a balaclava on," said the state-

ment.

The two ANC men said they were not sure if it was the person they had been following, but "it appeared to us to be highly irregular as (Lieutenant-General Ronnie) van der Westhuizen had previously assured us that no policemen were allowed to operate in balaclavas".

The ANC statement identified the number plates of the police vehicles involved as BDL 773B and BHL 054B.

The police version of events at the KTC settlement differs materially from that provided by the ANC.

According to spokesman Captain Hendrik Opperman, the police arrived at 3.30 pm, not 4.30 pm. The police, he said, used no teargas whatsoever.

The SAP members involved had all worn name tags on parade before they went on duty. The police member who talked to Mr Hofmeyr was busy monitoring "a crowd of 200 angry, shouting people" and Mr Hofmeyr had not identified himself as an ANC official.

After asking Mr Hofmeyr for his name and telling him he would speak to him later as he was busy, Mr Hofmeyr and another man "drove off in an Opel".

Only when he checked the car's registration on the police computer did the policeman realise he had been speaking to an ANC official.

"It is, therefore, also not right to say the police ran off before Mr Hofmeyr," Captain Opperman said.

He said the police vehicles involved belonged to the Western Cape Riot Squad.

At no stage had any policeman worn a balaclava, he added.

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Shacks burnt in taxi-war violence

By RAMOTENA MABOYE

At least 20 KTC families were left homeless at the weekend when fire destroyed their shacks and belongings in the latest outbreak of taxi-war violence.

An eyewitness, Mr Joseph Hewu, said he had just returned from work about 3pm when his son told him that his brother's shop was on fire.

Upon investigating he saw three men with firearms who started shooting at random as they fled to a Western Cape Black Taxi Association minibus "full of other men".

Another witness and a member of the Taxi Crisis Co-ordinating Council, Mr Gladstone Ntamo, said that shortly before the fire started police arrived at the home of Mr Enoch Hewu, but had found it unoccupied. Mr Enoch Hewu is a member of the Western Cape United Squatters' Association.

Resident Mr Henry Fihlo claimed that police who arrived on the scene soon after the blaze began ordered them to stop fighting the fire. Other residents accused the police of being directly involved in the burning of the shacks.

Mr Thamsanga Tsholoba pointed at a policeman whom he said he saw burning other shacks while residents were fighting the fire. The policeman's colleagues removed him from the scene.

Other residents claim that the police used teargas to stop them from fighting the fire.

Residents on the scene claimed policemen wearing balaclavas threw an inflammable substance on shacks that were already alight.

A police spokesman said they were investigating the cause of the fire and all allegations against their members.

Meanwhile residents at New Crossroads claimed that a house belonging to a Laguna taxi owner known only as "Beauty" was burnt by Webta members on Saturday.



SAVING THEIR BELONGINGS . . . Residents at the KTC squatter camp quickly remove their belongings from their shacks at the sight of the approaching fire. About 20 shacks were destroyed.

Pictures: FANIE JASON



WITNESS . . . A KTC resident tells a policeman wearing a bullet-proof vest what she saw at the scene of the fire. Witnesses allege the police prevented them from fighting the fire.



SALVAGE . . . Residents of the KTC squatter camp run to remove their belongings from the fire.

Four die as Cape taxi war flares up

FOUR people were killed and several others injured in the Cape Peninsula townships this week as the taxi war flared again.

The war, that has left dozens of people homeless and others devastated since it began nearly six months ago, took a new turn when the local bus company, City Tramways, became involved.

On Thursday alone, two Tramways bus drivers were attacked in Khayelitsha.

One driver, Raman Hansen, was killed when he was attacked at about 5.20 am in his fully loaded bus.

The bus ploughed into a house and car. No one else was hurt. Hansen had worked for Tramways for 14 years.

Another driver narrowly escaped death later that morning, when a hail of bullets fired at him missed. He was later treated in hospital for shock.

Later that day, in a clash between the two rival taxi bodies, Lagunya and the Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta), a man believed to be a bystander was killed by a stray bullet.

Meanwhile, a fierce fight between members of Lagunya and Webta took place on Thursday leaving several people injured.

The battle took place at the notorious Nyanga East bus terminus in front of armed police.

A Lagunya driver was attacked by Webta members with weapons ranging from knobkerries to pliers.

Police intervened to help Nkosinathi Nkohla, who was already hurt and bleeding profusely, and placed him under protective custody. Nkohla is said to have been a Kitsconstable before he joined Lagunya.

In trying to stop the violence, police arrested several people, including several with unlicensed firearms.

Earlier, on Monday morning, another hail of bullets was fired at a number of Lagunya taxis which were parked at a rank in Khayelitsha.

No one was injured and police found used shells from different rifles, including AK-47s.

THERE has never before been an agreement involving South Africa's major political actors quite like today's National Peace Accord. If, as is expected, its core provisions are endorsed by the government, the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party, this country will be starting to experiment with real power-sharing well before formal constitutional negotiations begin.

Irrespective of whether it has an immediate, demonstrable effect on violence in the townships, the accord marks a moment of historic political import in South Africa.

It is an unprecedented social contract, extracting solemn declarations of intent from political parties and the security forces.

It differs from the peace accords of this country's recent past in two other key respects: It is a multilateral agreement and it is backed up by practical procedural mechanisms.

These elements enhance the likelihood of efficacy because, essentially, the deal does not rely solely on goodwill and integrity in implementation from one or other side.

Whereas bilateral agreements between the ANC and Inkatha were nullified as soon as one side reneged on its undertakings, this accord relies on multilateral monitoring — crudely put, if one party cheats, all the others are obliged to gang up on it and force it to mend its ways.

SIMILARLY, whereas earlier bilateral agreements did not proceed from any statutory or structural base, the new one has as its foundation a complicated new set of early-warning, monitoring, investigative and judicial structures, all of which will, for the first time, be representative of all the major political forces in the country rather than just the government as before.

Of course, even this accord will fail if, say, the government tries to stall rather than encourage some of the proposals, but it or any other party can now do so only at the most acute risk to their internal and international credibility. Too many eyes are focused on the participants for them to play "spoiler" lightly.

Importantly, if the core elements contained in draft versions of the NPA are implemented — it is fully expected that there will remain serious areas of disagreement, but the foundation seems to have held up under extraordinary pressure — the government will have made its first concession to the principle of joint control over the security forces.

This is a harbinger of "interim arrangements" in the run-up to the negotiation of a new constitution.

It is rightly pointed out by the bloodied South African public that a deal struck in a five-star hotel in Johannesburg will not necessarily effect heavily-armed militants in hostels, squatter camps and on township railway platforms.

However, to dismiss the National Peace Accord is to give in to nihilism: It is only a beginning, but it is the only beginning which has any chance of cauterising the wounds.

The preamble to the accord signifies common purpose to bring an end to political violence and to set out codes of conduct, procedures and mechanisms to achieve this.

Signatories solemnly bind themselves to the accord and to ensuring as far as possible their supporters comply.

Its basic principles call for freedom of conscience and belief; freedom of speech and expression; freedom of association; freedom of movement; peaceful assembly and peaceful political activity.

IT sets out a code of conduct for political parties which calls for them to publicly and repeatedly condemn political violence and encourage among their followers political tolerance. It calls on the parties to actively discourage and seek to prevent their members and supporters from carrying any weapon of any description to any political meeting.

The parties should inform authorities of political events, establish effective lines of communication between one another and not use violence, intimidation or threats.

Neither must the political parties use language calculated or likely to incite violence or hatred.

Provisions for the security forces call on the police to try and protect the people of South Africa in a rigorously non-partisan fashion, to endeavour to prevent crimes and attempt to arrest and investigate all those reasonably suspected.

They will be accountable to society and must conduct themselves so as to secure and retain the respect and approval of the public.

A higher standard of conduct will be expected from the police than from others.

They will be expected to exercise restraint and use the minimum force appropriate.

It is proposed to establish a police board comprising members of the public and the police in equal numbers.

They must not undermine, promote or influence any political party at the expense of another.

THE police must see that no dangerous weapons or firearms are possessed, carried or displayed by the public attending any political gathering, procession or meeting.

They may allow the formation of self-protection units, but not private armies.

They will be called on to co-operate with an official police ombudsman.

A code of conduct for the police calls on them to accept that their authority and powers are dependent on, and subject to, public approval.

The code says that any alleged offence by any member of the police will be investigated and appropriate measures will be taken.

Measures for socio-economic reconstruction in the accord include provisions for damaged property and reintegration of displaced people.

The peace accord will call for a commission of inquiry on public violence and intimidation to function on a permanent basis.

The commission will investigate incidents and inquire into steps that should be taken, advise the State President on these and have the power to require any person to give evidence or produce relevant documents.

It will sit in public in other than exceptional cases.

A national peace secretariat (NPS) is to co-ordinate regional and local dispute resolution committees.

The NPS will comprise nominees by the signatories of the accord, a representative from the Department of Justice and up to four more members.

A national peace committee under a neutral chairman will monitor and make recommendations on the implementation of the peace accord, and ensure compliance with the code of conduct for political parties.

It will have the power to convene meetings of the signatories when necessary.

Special criminal courts will be established to deal exclusively with unrest-related cases. There will be a mechanism for witness protection.

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EVEN NOW THE WRANGLLES ARE GOING ON

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LAST-MINUTE efforts to settle differences between the African National Congress and Inkatha Freedom Party continued today as doubts grew about the effectiveness of a National Peace Accord due to be signed today.

Problems between two of the main parties to the agreement remained unresolved last night after further negotiations. "We are experiencing problems," said one of the key figures in the dispute.

Facilitators were preparing yesterday to withdraw contentious clauses from the accord, holding them over for further talks between the ANC and

IFP, if consensus is not reached by 3pm today when the historic signing takes place.

At issue, in a quid pro quo between the two opponents are traditional weapons and private armies. The ANC is pressing for the fullest ban on cultural weapons which the IFP is resisting.

The IFP, in turn, is understood to be pushing for a prohibition on "private armies" which would include the ANC's Umkhonto we Sizwe.

While the extraction of certain paragraphs of the National Peace Accord would be a setback, one facilitator noted that the accord had been meant only as a start, an important basis, for peace and conciliation in South Africa.

"For the first time in the history of this country, these parties will be together," he said. "The par-

ties concerned are deeply aware of the fact that we are not playing games here."

However, the main political groups remained determined yesterday to sign an accord, in spite of the differences and six days of township mayhem on the Reef which so far has claimed more than 120 lives on the Reef. Organisers said they were "very optimistic".

About 400 delegates and hoards of reporters and camera crews will gather at a plush city hotel early today. Security at the hotel has been increased, with security guards and electronic checks set up at all entrances since yesterday morning.

"It's normal when you have the kind of dignitaries that are going to be at the conference," said the NPL.



□ Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi

...but can it stop the killing?

Terror-stricken Khayelitsha residents move shacks and all

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TERROR-STRICKEN Khayelitsha residents are hurriedly dismantling their ramshackle shanties and moving out as the bloodletting in the area enters its second week.

Amid allegations of police involvement in the violence, the squatter settlement of Green Point and DM section on the notorious Zola Budd Drive were hives of activity yesterday as people made hasty departures.

At least 10 people have been killed, several injured and hundreds of shacks torched. Scores of people have been left homeless since the violence began last week.

The latest attack is alleged to have followed the same pattern as before —

armed white "policemen" burning shacks and firing randomly in the dead of night.

It began on Thursday afternoon when minibuses belonging to the Western Cape Black Taxi Association were torched on Zola Budd Drive.

As on previous occasions, shack dwellers say they experienced another night of terror involving uniformed whites with blackened faces.

By late yesterday, remaining shanties were being pulled down hastily and the material loaded onto baktries amid a heavy police presence.

The area looked like a war zone with burnt-out vehicles and shacks. People in the area said they would seek refuge with relatives.

Two brothers who were away at work during the night-time attack found sev-

eral bullet holes in their shack, which they were pulling down before moving to Nyanga.

One couple who did not wish to be named said they did not know where to go, but "just want to leave this place".

At a Press conference addressed by Democratic Party MP Mr Jan van Eck and African National Congress regional president Mr Christmas Tinto yesterday, allegations of police involvement were repeated.

Mr Tinto said the role of the police in the Transvaal was being "carried" to the Western Cape.

He and other ANC officials had been present in Green Point when heavily armed Webeta taxi owners confronted them and threatened them because their minibuses had been burnt.

"Police did nothing to stop the men,

but instead pointed guns at us from their vans. Our fear is that police, as in the Transvaal, have an agenda and are following it," he said.

Mr Tinto added that when the ANC wanted to meet regional police chiefs to address the violence, "they still ask us about the police cap found at the scene of the attack last week".

Mr Van Eck said there "was no doubt that the attackers were white people and some were in uniform, coats and boots". Evidence would be made available to the police, he said.

"In spite of last week's indiscriminate attack in which people, including small children, were hacked with pangas, no protection has been given to residents although this happens every night."

Affidavits describing police involvement have been handed to the authorities and are being investigated.

The Western Province Council of Churches deplored the violence. In a statement the council said this was wrongly projected around the taxi war.

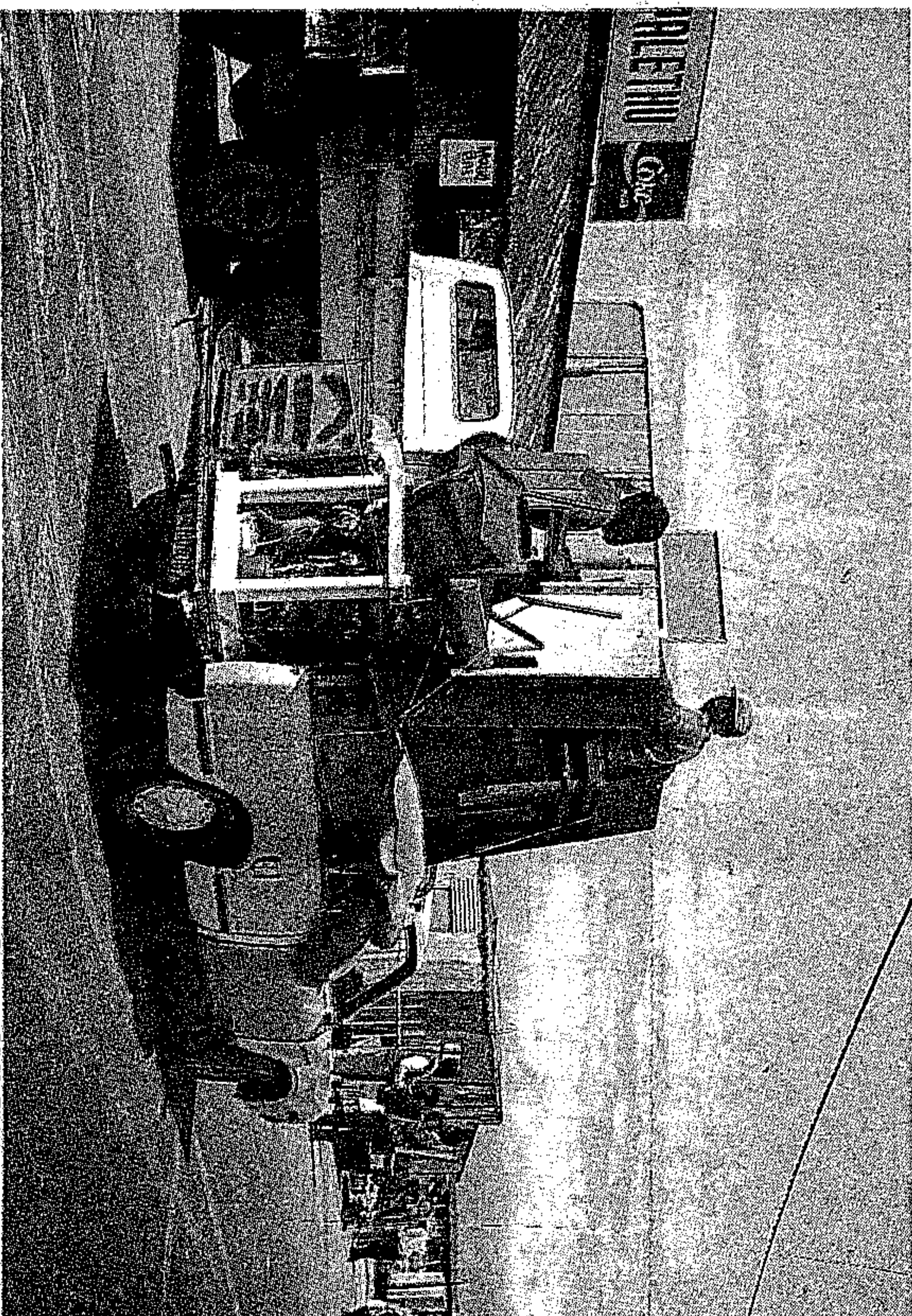
BUT, we perceive that a more sinister force is at work with a much broader hidden agenda to destabilise the society.

This violence seems to be used as a tool to derail the signing of the Peace Accord today, to underplay the significance of the event by a display of the ongoing violence.

The church grouping called on "peace-loving people" to challenge these acts of violence through prayer and through exposure of those who participate in it.

"We call on people to submit affidavits detailing the acts of violence and the people responsible for it," said the statement.

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Pictures: OBED ZILWA, Weekend Argus.

☐ **MOVING IN:** Khayelitsha was tense yesterday after another bloody night and security force Casspirs patrolled the area.

☐ **MOVING OUT:** Those whose shacks escaped the night of terror in Green Point, Khayelitsha, dismantled their shanties and made hasty departures.

SUN SHINES, BUT DARK FEAR STALKS REEF STREETS

121 dead, 550 wounded in five days

of random, senseless terror attacks

MALCOLM FOTHERGILL

Weekend Argus
Correspondent
in Johannesburg

PEOPLE still walked the streets. Shops were still open. The sun still shone.

However, beneath the tranquil surface of everyday life, the Reef this week was gripped by sadness and fear.

Again and again, terrorists struck, killing mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, the old, the middle-aged and the young.

By last night, at least 121 people had died and 550 had been wounded in the five days of bloodshed.

Among the many incidents:

● In Thokoza, three gunmen attacked people going to an Inkatha rally, killing 23 and wounding 22, and setting off more violence elsewhere;

● At Daveyton, gunmen opened fire on passersby, killing one and wounding two;

● In Sebokeng, three women in a car were attacked, and one died;

● In Vosloorus, four commuters died on a Putco bus in a

hail of AK-47 bullets, and a man and a woman were murdered in an attack on a restaurant;

● In Jabavu, Soweto, an explosion ripped through a shopping centre and a Defence Force corporal was shot;

● In Mofolo Central, Soweto, four members of the Motshweneng family were slain in an attack on their home; and

● In Tsakane, two municipal policemen were shot dead.

Some of those who died were murdered with guns. Others were hacked with pangas. Others were stabbed with knives or spears.

Those especially at risk of being sent to their graves were commuters — more than 30 people on their way to or from work died and scores were hurt as trains, bus and railway stations, taxis, buses and mini-taxis came under a hail of bullets.

Speculation continued that a mysterious "third force" was behind the bloodshed, but nobody has come forward with any hard evidence of who this might be, or what it seeks to gain by murdering other people's friends and relations.

The most recent allegation, by Inkatha member Mr Musa Myeni, was that one of three people arrested after the attack at Thokoza last Sunday said he had been paid R5 000 by a top man in an unnamed organisation to carry out the killings — but police have denied arresting anyone in connection with those killings.

As the week of bloody agony drew to a close, there was just one ray of hope: the signing today by the government, the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party of a national peace accord.

IF peace can indeed be won at a negotiating table, the accord might bring an end to the agony.

Until it does, people on the Reef, especially blacks and most of all commuters, are living with two emotions — grief for the slain, and fear for their own lives and those of their family and friends.

On the Reef today, you don't have to mix with bad company or live dangerously to find yourself on the receiving end of a bullet or a knife. All you need is to be alive — and unlucky.



Violence in the townships

HANDS UP: Armed policemen frisk residents outside the Phola Park squatter camp yesterday as armed forces sealed off the area when police conducted a house-to-house search. The police and army operation was launched to stem violence that has raged through townships around Johannesburg.

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Mapongwana: Man in court

Weekend Argus Reporter

MR Eric Mahluthshana has pleaded not guilty in a packed Wynberg Magistrate's Court to the assassination of civic leader Mr Michael Mapongwana.

The State alleges Mr Mahluthshana, 31, murdered Western Cape Civic Association chairman Mr Mapongwana and taxi driver Mr Ntini Mtshintshi in Lansdowne Road, Philippi, on July 8. There are two alternative charges of culpable homicide.

Mr Mapongwana and Mr Mtshintshi were killed when balaclava-clad gunmen opened fire on Mr Mtshintshi's taxi, in which Mr Mapongwana was travelling.

Yesterday, the prosecutor said, at first, the State was not ready to put formal charges to Mr Mahluthshana. A post-mortem report and two statements were still outstanding.

Mr Mahluthshana's counsel objected to a further postponement, saying it was in his client's interest that the matter be finalised as soon as possible.

After an adjournment, the prosecutor said the State was ready to proceed and the two murder charges were put to Mr Mahluthshana.

Responding to the murder charges, he said: "I have no knowledge." On both alternative counts he also pleaded not guilty. Mr Mahluthshana was previously refused bail.

The matter was postponed to October 17 and is to be referred to the Attorney-General.

Mrs S Langridge was on the Bench, and Mr Z K Mntuna interpreted.

Police carried out massacre for Inkatha

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Own Correspondent
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MARITZBURG. — The murdered former head of the Maritzburg Riot Unit, Major Deon Terblanche, allegedly approved the 1988 "Trust Feeds massacre" in which 11 people died, after an Inkatha leader, Mr Jerome Gabela, asked for police assistance to kill members of an opposition group in the area.

It is alleged that Mr Gabela first approached the New Hanover station commander, Captain Brian Mitchell, for police aid to launch an attack on opposition members at Trust Feeds and Captain Mitchell agreed to pursue the idea.

The allegations are contained in the state's indictment which was served yesterday on seven policemen and former special policemen facing 11 charges of murder and eight of attempted murder. The trial is set to begin on October 15 in the Supreme Court here.

The accused are: Captain Jacobus van den Heever, 36, Sergeant Neville Rose, 35, Captain Brian Mitchell, 34, ex-special constables Kehla Ngubane, 21, Thabo Sikhosana, 29, and David Khambule, 26, and ex-special Sergeant Dumnisani Ndwalane, 27. All have pleaded not guilty.

The indictment alleges that Captain Mitchell di-

rected and personally took part in the attack on a hut in which the 19 victims, including women and children, were holding a funeral vigil on December 3, 1988.

According to the indictment, Mr Gabela, Captain Mitchell and others travelled to Maritzburg where, during discussions with the then head of the Riot Unit, Major Deon Terblanche, it was agreed that members of the police would carry out the planned attack.

The state alleges that Major Terblanche or another policeman who was party to the plan gave instructions to Captain Van den Heever to arrange special members of the police force to carry out the

attack. Captain Van den Heever instructed Sergeant Rose to find six special policemen for the operation. Those chosen included the four who are now accused, as well as two other special constables.

In the early hours of December 3, it is alleged, Captain Mitchell directed the special constables and special Sergeant Ndwalane to house No 83 at Trust Feeds, where the alleged victims were holding a funeral vigil for Sipoto Sithole.

It is alleged that Captain Mitchell, special constables Ngubane, Sikhosana and Khambule, and special Sergeant Ndwalane (under the direction of Captain Mitchell) opened fire on the house and its occupants

with shotguns and also discharged a stun grenade inside.

Captain Van den Heever and Sergeant Rose allegedly arrived in a kombi later in the morning to take the special policemen back to Mpuumlanga. They were instructed to conceal their weapons when they walked towards the kombi, and on the way from Trust Feeds were told to lie on the floor so as not to be seen.

● Major Terblanche was shot dead in his car on March 14 last year on the N3 at Hammarisdale. A member of his staff, Constable Roy Ngcobo, was arrested in connection with his murder and shot dead while trying to escape from police custody.

man, says state

Plea of not guilty on Mapongwana death

Court Reporter

A MAN alleged to have assassinated high-profile civic leader Mr Michael Mapongwana and his taxi driver in Philippi in July, yesterday pleaded not guilty in Wynberg Magistrate's Court to two charges of murder, alternatively culpable homicide.

Mr Harry Trisos, defence for Mr Eric Mahlutshana, 30, of New Crossroads, told a packed court that his client had no knowledge of the allegations on the charge sheet and denied the murders of ANC activist Mr Mapongwana and Mr Ntini Mtshintshi in Lansdowne Road on July 8.

The magistrate, Miss S Language, adjourned the hearing to October 17 and ordered that Mr Mahlutshana remain in custody.

The prosecutor was Miss M Greyvenstein.

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SAP assure ANC on violence probe

Staff Reporter

THE police's special investigator into violence in Khayelitsha yesterday assured the ANC that an investigation would start next week after statements had been taken from policemen allegedly involved in the violence.

This was disclosed by ANC official Mr Willie Hofmeyr. He said the undertaking was given by Lieutenant-General Ronnie van der Westhuizen, who is heading an investigation into allegations of police collusion in strife in

Khayelitsha.

Mr Hofmeyr said General Van der Westhuizen gave the undertaking yesterday at a "report-back" meeting with the ANC, the Urban Monitoring Action Committee and a Legal Resources Centre representative.

General Van der Westhuizen declined to comment on the meeting, but said he was "satisfied".

Mr Hofmeyr said that, although delegates at the meeting did not get a "satisfactory response" from the general about certain

issues surrounding the violence, some progress had been made in the investigation.

"We have seen little done in the investigation so far. We were assured that an investigation would start next week and that the police concerned would be questioned. Progress has been made," he said.

Mr Hofmeyr said that concern was also voiced about continued raids on the homes of two ANC executive members living in Khayelitsha.



Picture: OBED ZILWA, The Argus.

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ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT: Since the already sporadic minibus taxi service was disrupted by fighting between the two taxi associations at the weekend, hundreds of workers have had to resort to buses and trains for transport. This was the scene at Nyanga terminus yesterday and today there was still no sign of minibuses.

People's power rules the township nights

VUYO BAVUMA
Staff Reporter

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PEOPLE'S power is being imposed in the teeming Site C shanty town area of Khayelitsha by "platoons" of "comrades" — volunteer residents patrolling the streets at night.

Their crusade is to keep their neighbourhood safe and peaceful following killings at night of political activists in the area, which included the killing of five members of the Tshuku family, including three children.

Their work is dangerous and they carry weapons, including shotguns and rifles. All wear thick coats and balaclavas against the freezing cold.

They are not worried about being at odds with the law. They say the State has not protected them against the killers — and some go as far as to accuse police of being involved in the killings.

Photographer Obed Zilwa and I met our "comrade" contact just after 10 pm on a bitterly cold night. A tall man, dressed like the rest in a thick coat and balaclava, he greeted us warmly.

Most of his group carried knobkerries and sharp metal objects.

After our escort explained our mission, his comrades expressed approval that we had come to report on how the "people are defending themselves".

Before long we saw a car coming along the border between Section D and Section C. Some "comrades" carrying stones and sticks moved onto the street and flagged the vehicle down.

One of the "comrades" asked: "Where are you going to at this time, sir?"

"I am transporting the staff of a restaurant home," replied the man in a shaky voice.

"Will you please get out of the car. We aren't fighting with you. We just want to look for dangerous weapons."

The driver and a woman got out of car. The "comrades" searched the car, but found nothing "sinister". They then allowed the car to proceed into the camp.

Later our escort took us deep into the camp to see how other members of the patrol were operating.

We first met a group of men all wearing thick coats standing near a corner. Our escort stopped and asked them whether they had any problems.

The people in the shacks were sleeping as we moved on.

The escort told me that "platoon members" included activists from the Pan Africanist Congress and African National Congress.

At 11.20 pm we reached the heart of Taiwan, a section of Site C. Our escort held an impromptu meeting to chastise "the comrades who are too lazy to take part in the patrols".

He also spoke at length about the dangers of being lax during the patrols.

"This is the most vulnerable area of our camp. The enemy can easily infiltrate our camp from the highway," he said pointing to the N2.

"I don't know whether you think you are liberated. We let you patrol in front of your houses but on



Pictures: OBED ZILWA, The Argus.

PEOPLE'S MILITIA: Armed Khayelitsha residents on night patrol at Site C defending their territory. Below: A patrol questions the driver of a vehicle forced to stop at a roadblock in Site C. The vehicle was searched for dangerous weapons before it was allowed to pass.



three occasions some of you just abandoned the patrols and went to bed."

Several men explained "there is no street committee in our area", but undertook to form one as soon as possible.

The escort also spoke about a great need to raise money to buy more "notes" — a colloquial reference to guns and ammunition — to defend themselves against the attackers.

My feet were turning numb from the cold as we pounded the sandy camp.

We approached a white brick office in the centre of the camp where we met several youths who hid in dark corners near the shacks.

Without coming out of the darkness, one of them asked: "Do we know you? Please identify yourselves immediately!"

"Take it easy, comrades. It's me but I have visitors with me who want to observe our operations," our escort replied.

My conversation with the youths was abruptly cut when a volley of shots was fired from the direction of the border between Section D and C.

Quickly the youths darted among the tiny shacks to investigate.

We followed our escorts through the shacks and reached the main road only to find out the shots were being fired by one of the comrades who had an R1 rifle.

Five minutes after midnight a bakkie was stopped and searched, but nothing was found.

Since the patrols started in July there have been no more attacks in the Site C area.

Tired and ragged at 1am, we left the comrades to catch up on some sleep leaving the comrades to carry on.

TOWNSHIPS



Picture: HANNES THIART, The Argus.

AT A HAPPY DAY! Veteran trouper Francisco The Clown, 73, still delights in entertaining children. He visited the Bavumeleni Educare Centre in Khayelitsha to highlight the

plight of undernourished children and to promote Christianity. Francisco, who is a farmer, has been clowning for various causes countrywide for more than 60 years.

DP: Find cause of violence now

Political Correspondent

THE government and the National Peace Committee should act immediately to establish the cause of the continuing violence in the Western Cape, the Democratic Party's regional chairman, Mr Jasper Walsh, said yesterday.

He said that despite the historic signing of the peace accord in Johannesburg at the weekend, the violence in the Western Cape

— particularly in Khayelitsha — continued unabated.

"Like so many others, the DP is concerned that we are caught in a spiral of violence which appears to have no end. The causes of violence must be isolated and removed."

Mr Walsh said it was particularly important that allegations of "at best police ineffectiveness and at worst complicity in the violence must be dealt with".

An effective, impartial police

force with the confidence of all to maintain law and order was necessary for peace.

Mr Walsh said Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel should investigate these allegations to establish the truth and, where necessary, to root out the culprits. (275) CT 18/9/91

He also said the National Peace Committee should immediately appoint its regional and local dispute-resolving committees to start their work in Khayelitsha.

Vital

Clues

Same rifle

killed cop,

'Pro' Jack

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By CHRIS BATEMAN

POLICE yesterday linked the assassination of ANC activist Mr Mziwonke "Pro" Jack with that of police dog-handler Constable Frans van der Merwe.

The country's top specialist investigator, Major-General Ronnie van der Westhuizen, said ballistics tests showed that the same rifle had been used to kill the activist and the policeman.

General Van der Westhuizen said police also had the names of two suspects linked to the R4 rifle.

Both he and local sources said the killers in both cases were believed to be either in Transkei or Ciskei.

High-profile activist Mr Jack was gunned down by several assassins near his Nyanga home on June 19 this year.

Constable Van der Merwe, 23, was on patrol in Zola Budd Drive, Khayelitsha, on November 21 last year when the vehicle was raked by gunfire.

He died instantly and his colleague, Sergeant N van Niekerk Lategan, and their assistant, Duke, were seriously wounded in the 4.20am attack. Both of the men were attached to the Pinelands dog unit.

Tests have also linked the rifle to two other ambushes of police vehicles and that of a municipal truck. All three incidents occurred in Nyanga.

General Van der Westhuizen said although a 9mm pistol was used to kill local civic leader Mr Micheal Mapongwana in July in an ambush near Brown's Farm, police had not yet ruled out any links with the killings of Mr Jack and Constable Van der Merwe. No evidence of a link had yet been found, however.

Mr Mapongwana headed the powerful Western Cape Civic Association.



AMBUSHED ...
"Pro" Jack

AMBUSHED ...
Frans van der Merwe

General Van der Westhuizen said: "There was little doubt that Mr Mapongwana's murder was linked to the township taxi war." Sources close to the Mapongwana murder probe said that while a man was on trial, two other suspects, whose names are known, are still being sought.

Colonel Piet Gouws, head of ballistics at the police forensics laboratory in Pretoria, said yesterday there was "no doubt" all cartridges in the killings of Mr Jack and Constable Van der Merwe came from the same R4 rifle.

He explained that when each bullet was fired the pressure of the explosion created imprints from the rifle mechanisms on the cartridge. When the cartridge was extracted and ejected, this created further unique markings.

The machining process in the manufacture of a weapon and its subsequent wear and tear left it with unique individual markings which were "as good as fingerprints in court", he said.



EMOTIONAL WELCOME ... Mr Pieter Cillie hugs his Springbok gymnast daughter Helena on her return to Cape Town yesterday after competing in the World Gymnastics Championships held in Indianapolis over the past fortnight. Report — Page 16.

Picture: BENNY GOOL

SAP seek Khayelitsha defence units

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Staff Reporter

HEAVILY ARMED resident self-defence units in Khayelitsha's Site C are being sought by the SAP's firearm-recovery unit, as police believe their weapons are unlicensed.

The search comes after reports that "platoons" of "comrades" were patrolling the area and setting up road blocks to prevent further political violence.

However, Western Cape Regional Police Commissioner Major-General Nic Acker said the recovery unit was "trying to retrieve unlicensed firearms, especially in black

areas where the problems are".

ANC leader Mr Dulla Omar said the defence units were not party-political, and were initiated by residents after attacks on the community by "unknown elements". He believed they had emerged only in Site C.

Mr Omar believed the formation of self-protection units was not at odds with the Peace Accord.

He understood why the units had been formed, but said the ANC was concerned to end the situation that necessitated the units in the first place.

He said the ANC was trying to take steps to avoid a confrontation with the SAP, and was working towards a peaceful solution.

Mr Vincent Diba, a member of the ANC commission investigating local violence, said both ANC and PAC members were involved in the defence units, as members of the community.

Western Cape Civic Association general secretary Mr Roseberry Sonto said the government was "doing nothing about the violence" to which the units were a response.

The community was "sick and tired" of the violence which raged "out of control", and had decided to protect itself.

He said the community had a right to protect itself, and the units could not be condemned. Instead he condemned the violence which resulted in their formation.

Colonel Chris Loedolff of the Maitland Riot Unit said of the patrols: "They say they are trying to make the area safe. We are treating them as a group of people with unlicensed guns."

He said police in the area had been fired on 36 times since the beginning of the month.

Call to axe ANC leader

VUYO BAVUMA

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Weekend Argus Reporter

NGRY Crossroads residents have demanded the dismissal of local African National Congress chairman Mr Jeffrey Nongwe and asked the movement to dissolve his executive committee.

The residents, who included ANC and Pan Africanist Congress activists, were reacting to news of the death of PAC youth leader Andile Mahlananya, 15, and the wounding of Patrick Boo, 15, and Kingsley Yangweni, 17.

The three, all pupils, were shot by a gang of 20 who raided Basa Primary School in Old Crossroads. Andile was shot four times and was killed instantly.

The violence, which has been ripping the sprawling township since last December, flared up again after Unathi ANC youths clashed with Mr Nongwe's supporters.

The youths accused Mr Nongwe of "ruling with an iron hand and coercing the residents into paying fees for lawyers and funerals". In the past Mr Nongwe has rejected the accusations.

Yesterday's meeting was organised by an ANC commission for the restoration of peace in the camp.

Residents at the meeting said they wanted the regional executive to remove Mr Nongwe as he was "tarnishing the ANC's name".

They also said the ANC could not stand by while Mr Nongwe "tormented" the people.

One resident said: "We are merely respecting the leadership by not taking action against Mr Nongwe. But we want the leadership to take immediate steps to resolve the situation."

"We urge the commission to solve Mr Nongwe's executive committee and to administer the Old Crossroads township until things start running smoothly again."

Others said the conflict in the area was not between the ANC and the PAC, but between two ANC-aligned groups.

The residents decided to meet tomorrow in a bid to end the conflict.



VICTIM OF CONFLICT: Andile Mahlananya, 15, who was killed; his grieving mother; Cape Town Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde takes a look at conditions in Valhalla Park.

PAC youth leader ²⁷⁵ shot dead

A PAC youth leader was killed and two pupils were wounded when a gang of gunmen ambushed them at a primary school in Old Grossroads in Cape Town on Friday ^{22/9/91} ~~Cape Press~~.

All three youths are pupils from the Imbasa Primary School. They live at the Unathi housing development, the residents of which have long been in conflict with nearby shackdwellers over the occupation of the houses.

Unathi PAC youth leader Andile Mahlanjana, 15, was shot four times and killed.

His cousin, Kingsley Myangweni, 17, was wounded in the leg and a neighbour, Patrick Booi, 15, in the chest and side. Both are in a satisfactory condition in Groote Schuur Hospital.

Police spokesman Maj Gys Boonzaaier said all three youths were witnesses in a number of criminal cases, including murder and attempted murder. — Sapa ~~News~~

Violence as PAC 'hijacks' march

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DAVE LOURENS

11/10/91

TENS of thousands of protesters took part in anti-VAT marches and pickets in 15 towns and cities yesterday.

A Cosatu and ANC march in Cape Town degenerated into chaos after it was allegedly "hijacked" by PAC supporters.

Sapa reports that a section of the 10,000-strong crowd broke away, chanting the PAC slogan "one settler, one bullet", and pelted police with bottles. Police said a group of schoolchildren had been attacked and robbed.

Marshals said it appeared PAC members tried to hijack the march after a PAC protest failed to get off the ground. Police arrested 75 PAC supporters at the Grand Parade before the protest.

Cosatu information officer Neil Coleman strongly condemned violence at the Cape Town march, saying criminal elements had used it to attack people.

About 6 000 people marched in Johannesburg and 5 000 in Pretoria. Both marches were peaceful.

Yesterday's marches and pickets were the kick-off to a sustained nationwide campaign of mass action, which Cosatu has threatened could culminate in a national strike in November.

Marchers in most centres delivered to Receiver of Revenue offices a memorandum addressed to President F W de Klerk.

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It said the unilateral introduction of VAT could seriously jeopardise the process of negotiation and would bring hardship and suffering to millions.

It called for the zero-rating of all basic foods, water and electricity, as well as medical services and medical supplies.

The SA Black Taxi Association dis-

tanced itself from anti-VAT protests.

GERALD REILLY reports that the Federation of Transnet Trade Unions and the Federation of Salaried Staff Associations, representing 400 000 workers said they were totally opposed to anti-VAT strikes.

● Picture: Page 3

Shots fired at squatter delegation

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Staff Reporter

SHOTS were fired from a white minibus taxi on Wednesday, hitting a car carrying a squatter delegation which was returning from Athlone Magistrate's Court.

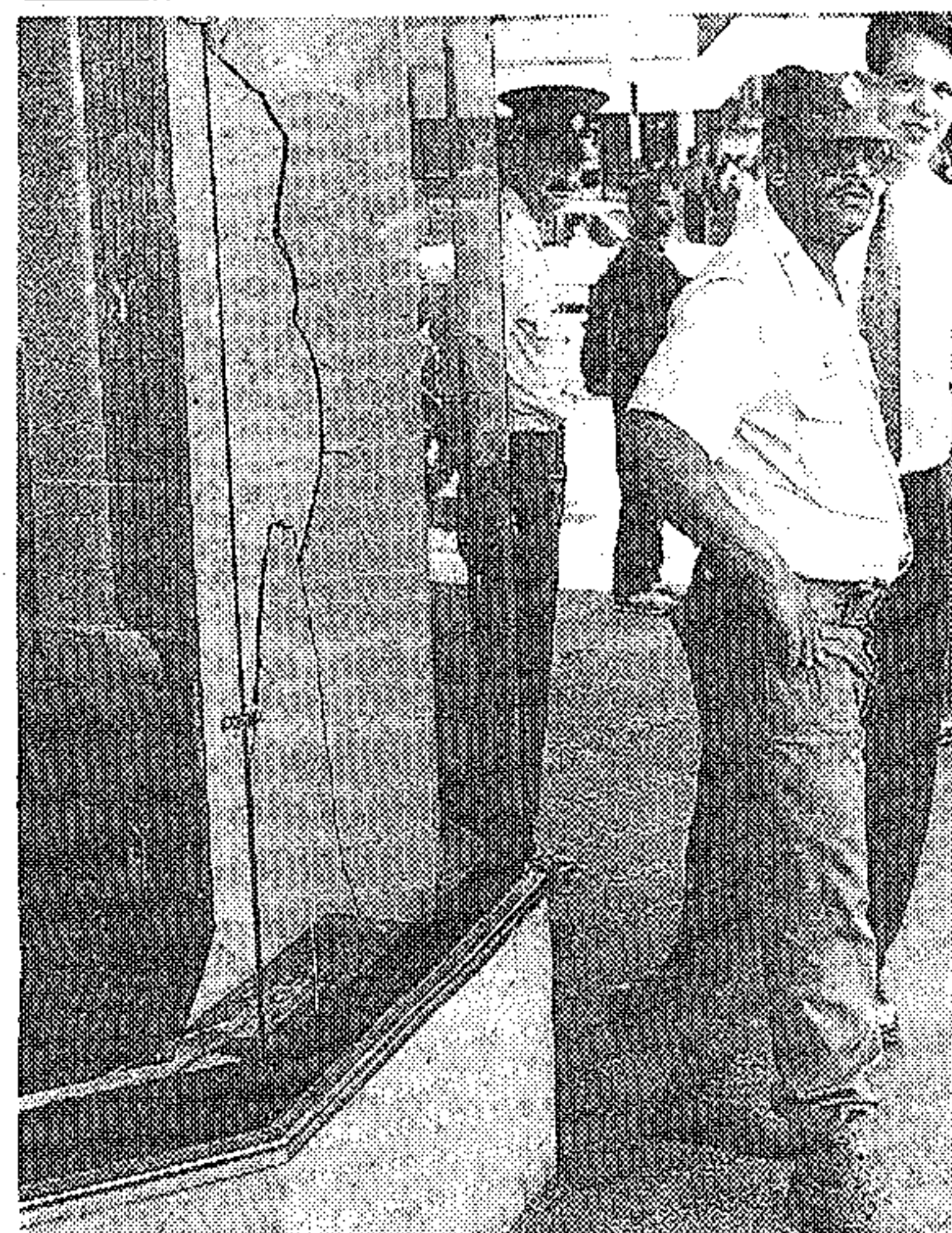
This claim was made yesterday by a member of the Taxi Crisis Coordinating Committee, Mr Gladstone Ntamo.

Mr Ntamo said the shooting took place on the N2 at the Langa turn-off.

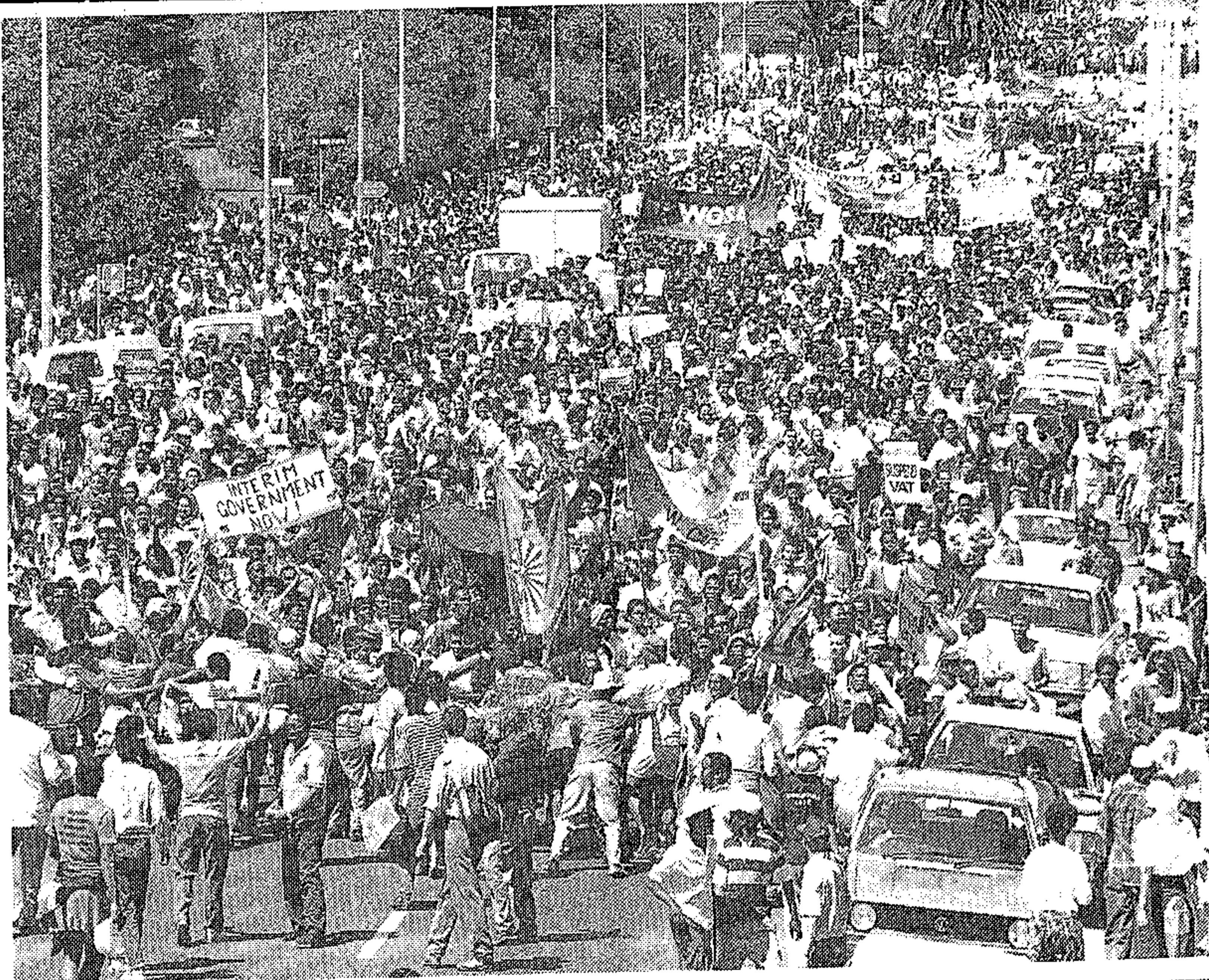
One of the people in the car which was shot at was Mr Kenneth Tsamana, the vice-chairman of the Western Cape United Squatters Association.

Mr Ntamo said that on Tuesday the same taxi had chased a car in which he was travelling.

He called for police to protect KTC residents who would be going to the court today to appear on unlicensed-firearm charges.



ON ALERT: Police, above, guard a building with a broken window in Plein Street during the VAT demonstration.



ANTI-VAT MASSES: Some of more than 15 000 marchers, right, in Darling Street.

Cosatu 'sorry' — will probe VAT violence

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Staff Reporters

A MEETING between the Congress of South Africans Trade Unions and the Pan Africanist Congress is to be held on yesterday's violence in the centre of Cape Town.

Cosatu today blamed a group, some with PAC flags, for smashing shop windows, slashing tyres and damaging cars after a march organised by Cosatu to protest against value-added tax.

A police spokesman said 100 people were arrested during two anti-VAT demonstrations yesterday.

They were given the option of R100 bail or admitting attending an illegal demonstration and paying a fine.

Cosatu's regional secretary, Mr Alan Roberts, apologised "to the public".

He said: "We are sorry. We want to make it clear that none of our members was involved."

"We intervened when they started smashing windows. I don't know what would have happened if our marshals had not tried to stop them."

Cosatu and its allies had put a lot of work into organising yesterday's march, he said.

"We wanted a disciplined and orderly march and even paid for trains to bring our people to Cape Town."

Cosatu was disappointed at subsequent developments and would take up the matter with the PAC.

He said: "We are going to call a meeting with the PAC to assess and discuss these in-

cidents because they are not conducive to building unity."

He did not think that "it would undermine the formation of a Patriotic Front between Cosatu, other unions and political organisations".

But such a front had to be based on discipline, principles and common objectives, he said.

Mr Macwertha Ntsodo, a spokesman for the PAC's regional executive, blamed police for provocation and said: "We planned a peaceful march and our people were unarmed. Police were heavily armed."

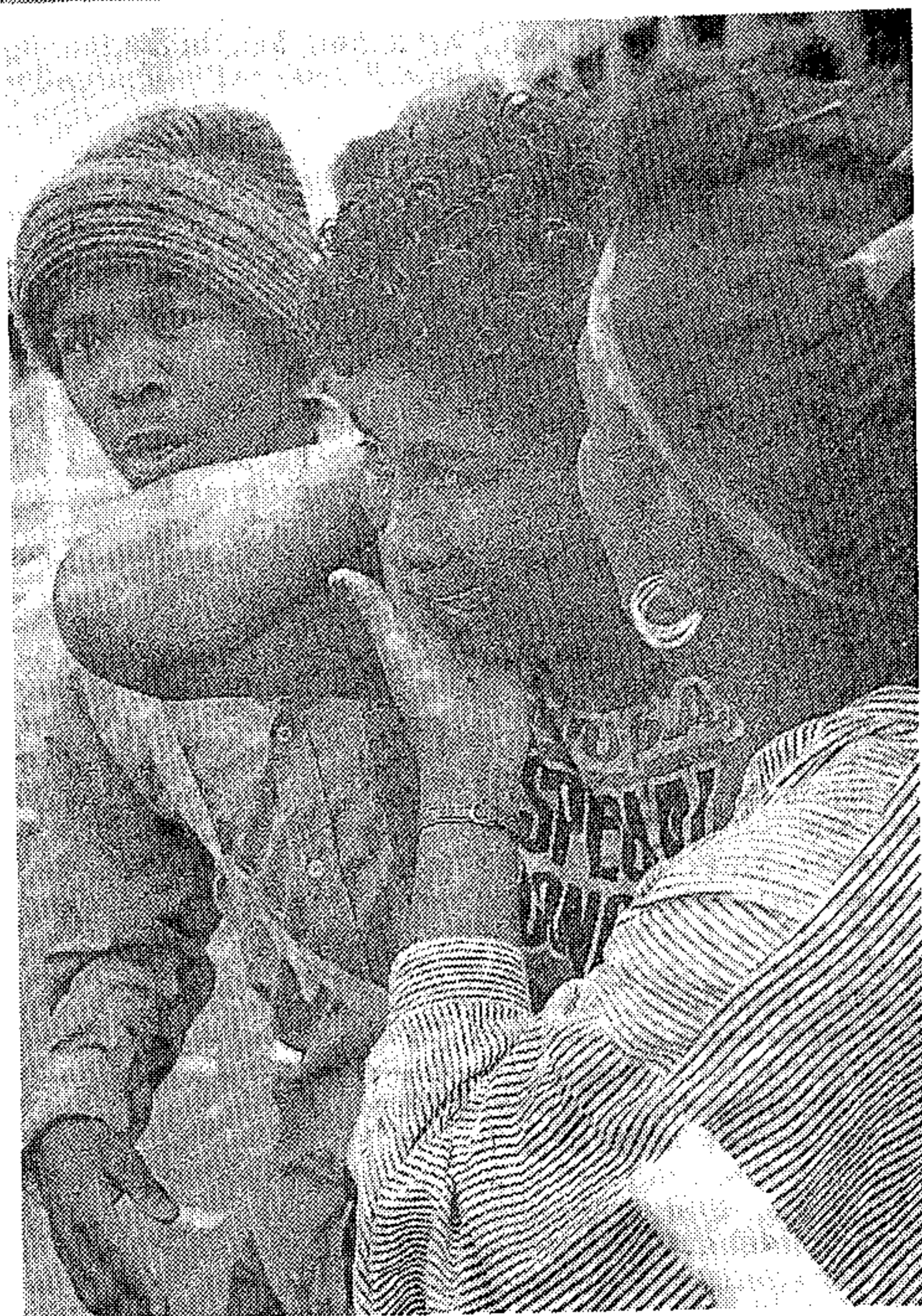
● Just after 1 pm yesterday a delegation of trades unions and the ANC and the PAC, including Mr Roberts, handed a memorandum to the Receiver of Revenue, Mr E.L. Conradie.

The memorandum claimed VAT would "bring additional hardship and suffering to millions of South Africans."

Crowds of toyi-toying marchers stood opposite the revenue offices, while an official tried to calm them.

The official appealed to the marchers to be disciplined "to show President De Klerk that you are disciplined people". He also threatened not to "issue the petition if the crowd do not behave".

But the thousands of marchers, most of whom were PAC members, refused to go back to District Six, and one group ran through the streets shouting: "One settler, one bullet."



Pictures: HANNES THIART, The Argus.

INJURED: A woman is comforted by a colleague after being struck on the face when marchers threw bottles and cans at the Hendrik Verwoerd Building in Plein Street. Police reinforcements moved in area to prevent further violence.

Digging for peace in the Western Cape townships

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Understanding the causes of the violence in the Western Cape is difficult; finding the solutions even more laborious. **REHANA ROSSOUW** spoke to representatives of peace committees in the city on the prospects for peace in the townships:

THEORIES on the violence in Cape Town range from a simplistic belief that it is merely a clash between two rival taxi bodies to more sophisticated arguments that it is a systematic attempt to destabilise democratic political organisations in the region.

Even more troubling to peace monitors and mediators in the Peninsula is the tendency to dismiss the violence as an issue which affects township residents alone and that it is therefore up to those communities to solve the problem.

While the violence shares some similarities with the conflict in other parts of the country, it has unique characteristics as well.

Unlike the Natal and Reef violence where the conflict is between the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party, some clashes in Cape Town have been between members of the same organisation.

While conclusive evidence has not been unearthed to finger the security force involvement in the violence, hundreds of affidavits taken from residents implicating them have been handed to the police for investigation.

A major problem leading to conflict in Cape Town's squatter camps is the lack of resources, an ANC commission of inquiry into Western Cape violence believes.

The four-person commission, established by the national executive committee of the ANC to investigate and report on the violence in Crossroads, began its work at the beginning of August and has yet to reach conclusion.

"The violence in Cape Town has a unique characteristic — in Crossroads, for instance, the violence resulted in tensions between people belonging to the same political organisation," said Mr Vincent Diba, a member of the commission.

The commission has made considerable progress in healing the root causes of the violence.

But assassination and arson attacks are still occurring sporadically in the squatter areas.

A peace pact has been signed between the Crossroads residents and their rivals in the Unathi housing area and ground-breaking discussions held between the PAC and ANC in Crossroads.

The biggest breakthrough for the commission has been to bring together all the major squatter leaders in Cape Town. They discuss joint strategies

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The squatter leaders will eventually hold talks with the Western Cape Civic Association (WCCA) to discuss mechanisms of a working relationship between the two sectors.

"This meeting would have tremendous political significance as it is important now to minimise conflict between the squatter groupings and unite all squatters to organise jointly for a better future," Diba said.

"Squatter leaders are mindful that they could be digging their own graves if they continue to create conditions for instability in their areas."

"The biggest problem facing all squatters is the unavailability of resources and if the leaders cooperate to solve this problem then the violence in the townships can be minimised or eliminated."

The commission has stressed that all meetings and agreements be reported back as soon as possible to all the leaders' constituencies. As often as possible, they have attended the

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report-back sessions to ensure that the communities received unbiased reports.

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"This could lead to terrible conflict. So we consult regularly with each community to see what their feelings are and in that way ensure that they learn to work with each other on the ground."

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GRIM REMINDER: A burnt out taxi litters Zola Budd Drive, Khayelitsha

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and the Inkatha Freedom Party, some clashes in Cape Town have been between members of the same organisation.

While conclusive evidence has not been unearthed to finger the security force involvement in the violence, hundreds of affidavits taken from residents implicating them have been handed to the police for investigation.

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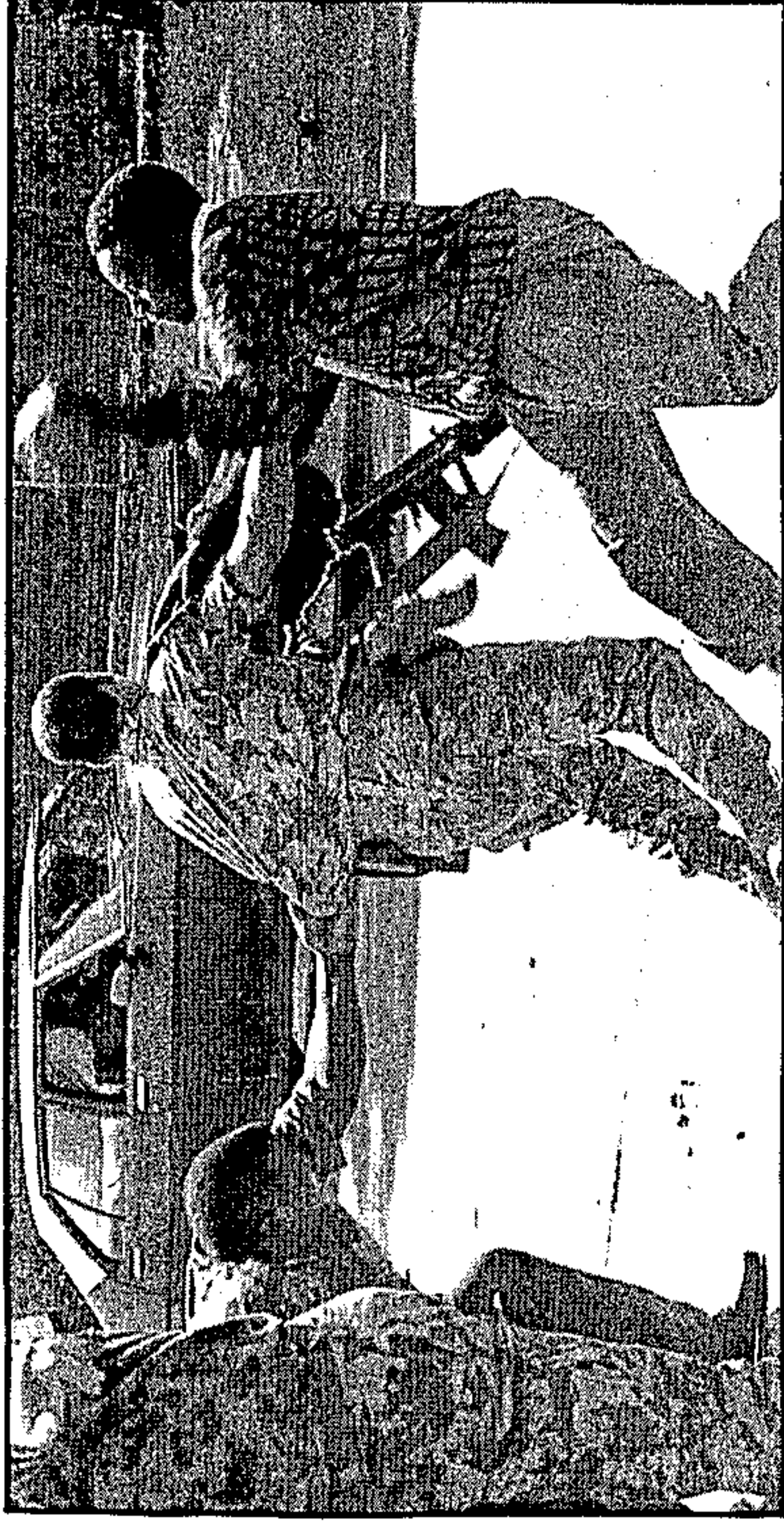
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"It's going to take hard work and a lot of persuasion before we realise what we all want — peace in the area."

Fight for life: in sequence



1 AN angry taxi driver climbs out of his cab while police endeavour to keep him back.



2 A HATLESS policeman steps into the middle to separate the two men, as one grabs his shirt and tries to pull him away.

EDWARD MOLOINYANE Staff Reporter

Pictures: OBED ZILWA, The Argus.

LAGUNYA taxi driver Mr Nkosinathi Nkohlha came within a breath of becoming the latest victim of the taxi war when he was attacked in full view of journalists, police and passers-by at the Nyanga rank.

Dramatic pictures by Argus photographer Obad Zilwa chronicle Mr Nkohlha's fight for his life, and a riot policeman's intervention in the struggle.

About 1.50 pm hundreds of people at the Nyanga terminus scattered when two hooting private cars appeared and sped among them at high speed.

Minutes later newsmen ran for their lives as stones started flying. Stick and knob-kierie-wielding men, who had been standing in groups next to Webta taxis, attacked Lagunya driver Mr Nkosinathi Nkohlha and an unidentified male passenger.

Shouting "Lagunya, Lagunya", more than 80 men surrounded the minibus and

dragged the passenger out while others struggled with Mr Nkohlha.

In the presence of the policemen who cocked their firearms amid the confusion, the struggling passenger was dragged out and stabbed.

It could not be established what happened to him.

Mr Nkohlha, who emerged from the minibus armed with what looked like a klerie and also appeared to be carrying a knife, fought off his attackers who retreated but later regrouped.

In the scuffles, which lasted about two minutes, a Webta driver, who did not want to give his name, emerged bleeding profusely from a wound in the forehead.

At this stage a policeman intervened, but the still fighting Mr Nkohlha freed himself and escaped on foot.

Police caught up with him in KTC, where he was loaded in a police van and taken to the Nyanga police station.

A former special constable.



4 LAGUNYA taxi driver Mr Nkosinathi Nkohlha who fought a group of more 80 Webta members single-handedly and escaped with a superficial stone wound in the forehead.

he said he had been aware of the trouble at the terminus but had driven there because he had seen a police presence and thought it would be "safe".



3 THE policeman who intervened almost loses his footing. And suddenly there is a knife in the hands of the man, left.

"That is why I parked the vehicle next to their vans but what happened shows that I could have been killed if I had not fought," he said.

He said he was hit by a stone in the forehead during the scuffle with his attackers and had to wipe off the blood flowing into his eyes as he ran.

Asked why he had fought rather than fled, Mr Nkohlha, a muscled man, said: "I knew if I ran away they would chase me and have the opportunity to shoot me. I am a man and I knew anyone I hit would feel the pain. Nobody is not afraid of pain."

Bus drivers back after promise of more police

PETER DICKSON
Staff Reporter

BUS services in Cape Town are back to normal today after meetings with City Tramways' drivers who refused to work following the fatal shooting of a colleague, Mr Rayman Hansen, in Khayelitsha yesterday.

Tramways general manager Mr Fred Mayoss said, after a meeting with drivers at the Arrowgate depot, that the company had met the police "at top level" and that a "stronger" police presence would be arranged in the strife-torn areas.

Drivers stopped work early yesterday, threatening to suspend all services to and through Khayelitsha until "better cab facilities" had been provided by the company.

Mr Mayoss said Tramways would also arrange "substantial" extra life insurance "to apply in the event of death as a result of violence".

"This cover is over and above the standard provision of three years' wages paid," he said.

"Although no amount of money can ever compensate for the loss of life of a breadwinner, it will provide some measure of peace of mind to the drivers."

The company also announced it would make an additional *ex gratia* payment of R70 000 to Mr Hansen's family. The driver, killed when his bus was fired at early yesterday on route to Bellville, had been with the company for 14 years.

Mr Mayoss said people had the right to safe and reliable public transport.

5 000 to lose jobs at Armscor

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Armscor is to retrench 5 000 more workers countrywide at the end of the month — 500 at the head office here and at least 500 at its subsidiaries in the city.

The retrenchments come as a result of rationalisation, changing the huge arms manufacturer into a viable undertaking.

Pretoria, Somerset West, Potchefstroom and Kempton Park are expected to be most seriously affected. Most Armscor subsidiaries are in these areas.

The 5 000 retrenchments bring to 15 000 the number of staff cuts at Armscor since 1981. Another 30 000 jobs have been lost as a result of cuts in defence spending, mostly at Armscor contractors.

Armscor chairman Mr Johan van Vuuren said today that the reduction of personnel would begin at the end of the month.

The personnel strength of the Armscor head office in Erasmusrand will be reduced by 500, while other retrenchments will be at Armscor subsidiaries throughout the country.

Among them are about 500 employees at Kentron, who have been told staff would be reduced at the end of October by a third. Kentron employs about 1 600.

Another 1 300 are expected to be retrenched at the Atlas Aircraft Corporation at Kempton Park.

Mr Van Vuuren said the Defence Force had cancelled a number of projects because of cuts in defence spending.



Jim McLagan

The Argus covers royal tour

Jim McLagan, The Argus picture editor, will be in Namibia next week to cover the tour by Queen Elizabeth. Look out for royal tour pictures in The Argus next week.

Policeman arrested in

taxi war

BY AVESHA ISMAIL: Cape Town

THE taxi war in Cape Town continues despite agreements made by the two warring taxi associations.

This week 12 shacks and five minibuses taxis were torched in Khayelitsha. The body of a Khayelitsha taxi driver was found near Macassar with two bullet wounds in the head and a police sergeant was arrested in connection with the murder of a taxi owner.

Sergeant Tutuse John Ngubeni (48), of the Manenberg uniformed unit, was not asked to plead and his case was postponed to November pending a decision by the attorney-general on the setting of bail.

Ngubeni, who owns two Lagunya taxis, had one of his taxis torched last week.

James Mafuya, chairman of taxi organisation Webta, said his organisation was aware of policemen owning taxis and belonging to the rival body, Lagunya.

"We do not have a problem with that because those policemen were there before the war started. But people accuse us of having white people



Up in flames ... An angry mob torches a taxi in Khayelitsha

in our organisation and that is not true," he said.

Webta withdrew from the Cape Town Peace Committee this week, saying the real issues were not being addressed. Mafuya said the taxi associations had to sort out their own problems.

Lagunya chairman Michael Kupiso said the taxi war was purely commercial and until routes and permits were sorted out, the violence would continue. More than 1 500 people have been left homeless because of the violence.

Kupiso said his taxis had not been running since the peace committee was convened and they were facing financial problems as a result.

The peace committee, which includes Cape Town mayor Frank van der Velde and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, believes it has made a breakthrough in solving the taxi crisis.

Several options were discussed at a peace meeting this week with community leaders.

One of the options agreed on was that the Cape Town City Council would investigate revoking taxi per-

mits and close its ranks to operators who refuse to negotiate an end to the conflict. This will only apply to areas falling within the council's jurisdiction.

An option to involve the South African Defence Force to protect residents was not accepted by the community leaders. The possibility of another taxi boycott was also ruled out.

All options discussed will be put to organisations involved in the peace committee for their approval before they are implemented.

Photograph: JUSTIN SHOLK

There's more to Cape violence than taxis

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DEMOCRATIC Party MP Jan van Eck has "hard evidence" implicating specific policemen in the latest violence convulsing Cape Town's biggest black township, Khayelitsha.

He claims the evidence lays to rest once and for all doubts about the involvement of sinister forces determined to cynically manipulate the taxi war raging in the township in an attempt to destabilise the community.

"The situation in Khayelitsha at present is calm, but the scenario being set is frightening," Van Eck said yesterday. "There is now no doubt that

The latest violence in Khayelitsha has been blamed on the taxi war, but Jan van Eck has evidence of police involvement.

By GAYE DAVIS

on — are a constant refrain. Khayelitsha resident Themba Mkrola told how he investigated gunshots on the night of September 3 and found his shack burning.

"I saw a man in camouflage clothing and a balaclava pointing a handgun at me," Mkrola said. He knelt the man

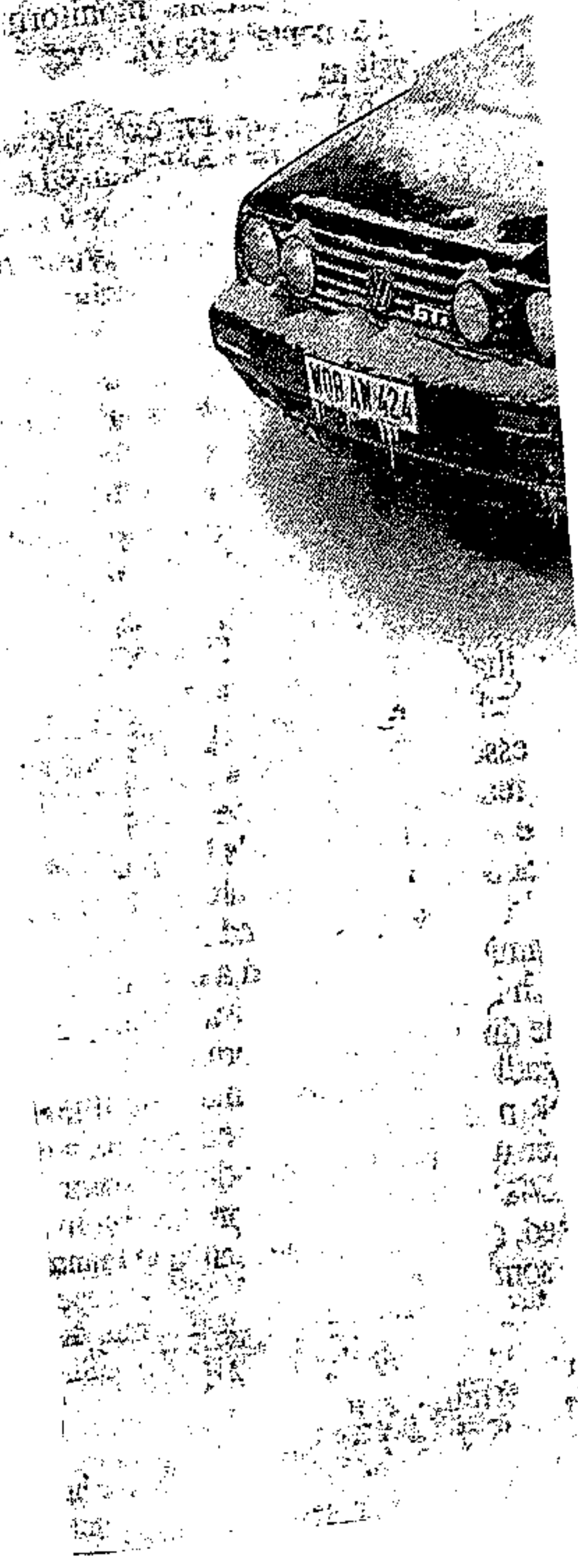
in the groin and removed his balaclava. The man was "a white man, I assumed he was a policeman". As Mkrola fled shots were fired at him. At the Khayelitsha police station a black policeman refused to take any statement from him.

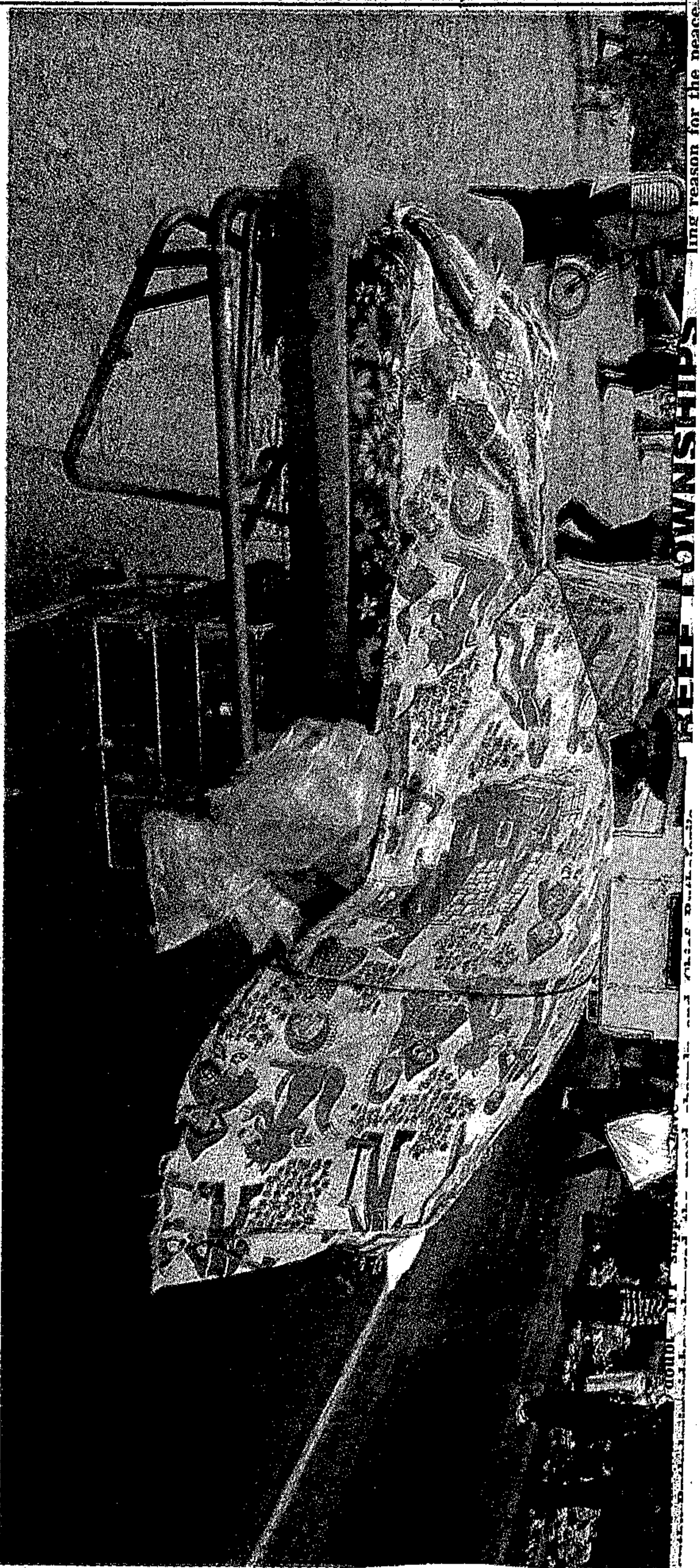
Sylvia Mlati described seeing men in camouflage uniform and the blue overalls of "special" policemen outside a shack the same night. She heard shouted in Xhosa, "Viva qabane (comrade)... this is your chance, come out, we've got you now!" People were shooting at the house and later threw petrol at it from a 25-litre can.

"Those people... wearing overcoats and balaclavas... shot a projectile at the house which caused it to ignite in flames. They then turned towards me and fired shots..." related John Solani, another resident of Site B. His shack and all its contents was among those razed to the ground.

Shacks destroyed in the recent violence all fall within areas known as ANC strongholds. Affidavits taken from residents tell how, in the weeks preceding the September 3 attacks, policemen moved through the area, asking about ANC members.

Police deny their involvement and other official spokesmen, such as Khayelitsha town clerk Graham Law-





KHAYELITSHA REFUGEE . . . This man lost his home in Thursday night's violence in Khayelitsha's Green Point area. Here he uses a supermarket trolley to move his bed to a nearby shack where he will stay until he can rebuild his home.

Picture: BENNY GOOL

Webta challenge on allegations of violence

Staff Reporter

THE Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta), which has been blamed for being behind the ongoing violence in the townships, yesterday challenged anyone with evidence of these allegations to "come forward".

Webta chairman Mr James Mafuya said that anyone with evidence that Webta perpetrated the violence and that its taxis were owned by white policemen and traffic officers, was "welcome to come forward".

He said Webta was not against any political organisation but was asking that organisations should

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be stopped from using taxi organisations for their own political gain.

Mr Mafuya said that because of the weakness of taxi people in stopping their war quickly, a "third force" had come in and was abusing the situation.

He said there were many organisations in the townships which were at war with each other and were using the taxi conflict as a "hide-out" for their deeds.

He said that the sooner the taxi war was stopped, the sooner the involvement of the third force would be proved.

Mr Mafuya also called on the media to stop "one-sided" reporting, which fuelled the violence more

Webta's secretary-general, Mr Siphiwo Mooi, said he did not see the possibility of forming a single body with the Lagunya Taxi Drivers' Association.

He said the only solution was to bring in a mediator in the form of the SA Black Taxi Association (Sabta), to which both Webta and Lagunya were affiliated, so that a "patriotic front" could be formed between the warring factions.

Mr Mooi said the front would draw up a pact stating clearly the "disciplinary codes" which would be followed by both parties so that conflict would be stopped.

He said Webta had invited Sabta to a meeting which he hoped Lagunya would attend.

Cape taxi talks hit logo pothole

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Talks about uniting Cape Town's warring taxi bodies have come a long way — but agreement on a logo is proving an obstacle. By **TONY KARRON** and **GAYE DAVIS**

WE have been transporting people for more than eight years with that diamond. Not killing them. The 'T' is not even six months old, and now people are dying."

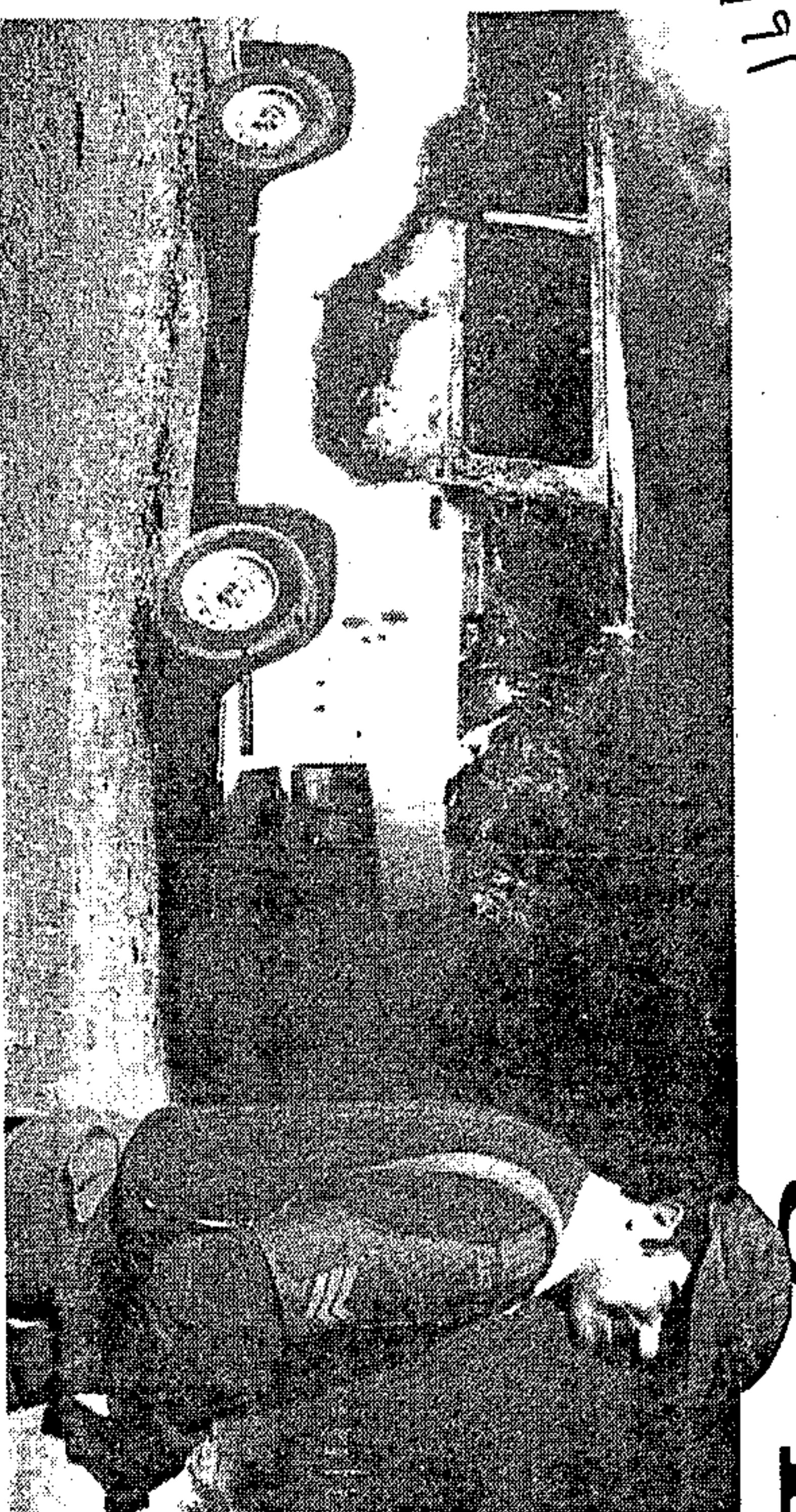
This is the explanation by Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta) head James Mafuya of the iconographic clash which symbolises the issues at stake in Cape Town's bloody taxi war.

Initially a straightforward battle for lucrative routes, the long-running feud between Webta and rival taxi body, the Laguna Taxi Association, has now assumed a dynamic of its own.

Getting the two sides to agree on a single logo — the symbol of a unity negotiators hope to forge between the two associations — is proving a major sticking-point in peace talks made all the more urgent by a renewed upsurge of violence in recent weeks.

Wary of being caught in the cross-fire of sporadic taxi battles, township residents launched a successful month-long boycott of both associations earlier this year to force them to agree to forging a single body subject to some degree of regulation by communities themselves.

Agreement was reached, but Webta reneged on the deal soon afterwards, claiming it was biased in favour of Laguna. In response, township residents launched a selective boycott of Webta taxis — identifiable by their diamond logo. Youths enforcing the boycott stoned and



'Red rag to a bull' ... A Webta taxi goes up in flames

Photo: Justin Sholk

torched Webta taxis. In turn, Webta launched attacks on Laguna drivers and the violence escalated. Marking it were repeated allegations by Laguna drivers that police were siding with Webta and claims that a large number of Webta taxis were owned by whites. Minibus taxis disappeared from township streets.

During this period, Western Cape Civic Association chairman Michael Mapongwana — a prime mover behind the boycott — was assassinated. Before his death he claimed a third force was fuelling the war, in a bid to undermine township civic organisations.

After weeks off the streets, both Laguna (since renamed the Unified Taxi Organisation) and Webta tentatively resumed operations. But when

Webta dared to re-enter Khayelitsha, a stronghold of the civic and Mapongwana's former home, violence flared anew.

Since the start of this month at least six people have died and many more have been injured. Taxis have been torched and shacks razed in raids allegedly conducted by Webta members searching for African National Congress members they believe to be behind the boycott.

According to ANC regional executive member Bulelani Ngcuka, the sight of the Webta logo in Khayelitsha "was like a red rag to a bull".

Western Cape Civic Association secretary Roseberry Sonto agreed: "The violence restarted when Webta went back to Khayelitsha without standing by the agreement."

In terms of the agreement, both bodies agreed to work towards a merger and in the interim to drop their logos and names and carry a "T" emblem to symbolise their commitment to unity.

"We made commitments to a process," said Sonto. "If the taxi industry undermines agreements, they are trying to make fools of the community. If we back down and say they don't have to stick to agreements, the community is going to be messed around by the taxis."

Efforts by an ANC-initiated peace committee and the Cape Town City Council have ironed out a number of problems about routes and permits. But agreement has yet to be reached on a logo. Webta insists that its logo remain; community organisations maintain this is unacceptable.

"We cannot resolve this situation until Webta compromises with the community," said Michael Kupiso of Laguna Taxi Association (since renamed the Unified Taxi Organisation).

"The UTO has no problem with either Webta or the community. But people see the Webta logo and start stoning and burning vehicles. Webta retaliates by attacking our vehicles. We don't want this fight but the community carries on attacking Webta. The community has nothing to lose — they're not paying instalments."

For community organisations, Webta's logo symbolises the violence of recent months and the slaying of Mapongwana. For Webta, the "T" logo symbolises an icy Cape winter spent camped in a laager at a cemetery on the edge of Khayelitsha, doing no business. For both, it seems, compromise is impossible.

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Dash to save Niewoudt denies Ciskei

SUPERB VEHICLES BACKED BY A SUPREME TEAM!





PEACE MEETING . . . Khayelitsha mayor Mr Mali Hoza addresses members of the warring taxi organisations Lagunya and Webta at a meeting held yesterday in the township. More than 200 taxi drivers attended.

Picture: HAROLD KING

Taxi solution sought

By RAMOTENA MABOTE

TWO meetings were held yesterday to break the stalemate in the taxi war, which has claimed several lives since it began in July.

At a meeting in the city, mayor Mr Frank van der Velde, Mr A Dolby of the city council and District Commissioner of Police Major-General Nic Acker promised to seek solutions to the ongoing violence.

But a peace meeting at the Khayelitsha Community Hall, between 200 members of the warring taxi factions, was characterised by mud-slinging.

Organised by the Lingeletu West Town Council, together with the Western Cape United Civics Association (Wecusa), the meeting saw members of Lagunya and the Western Cape Black Taxi Organisation (Webta) levelling blame at each other.

No solution

Khayelitsha mayor Mr Mali Hoza said the meeting was given the green light by the ANC. Although the two bodies could not come to a solution, there was

Webta chairman released on bail

Court Reporter

WESTERN Cape Black Taxi Association chairman Mr James Mafuya and Webta member Mr Japan Roro have been released on bail of R500 each, following a brief appearance in Mitchell's Plain Magistrate's Court in connection with allegations of intimidation.

The men were not asked to plead at Wednesday's appearance, as no charges had been put to them. They were warned to report daily to the Mitchell's Plain police, until their next court appearance on October 3.

The men were arrested earlier this week in connection with allegations of intimidation relating to the taxi war between Webta and the Lagunya organisation.

a strong feeling by both that their jobs should be resumed, with all drivers following the routes they had been using before the war broke out three months ago.

Both sides also expressed their willingness to allow the other side to transport people anywhere they chose to, and at any time.

After the meeting, residents of the Trevor Vilakazi section of the township met at a neighbouring soccer field and reaffirmed their stance against Webta.

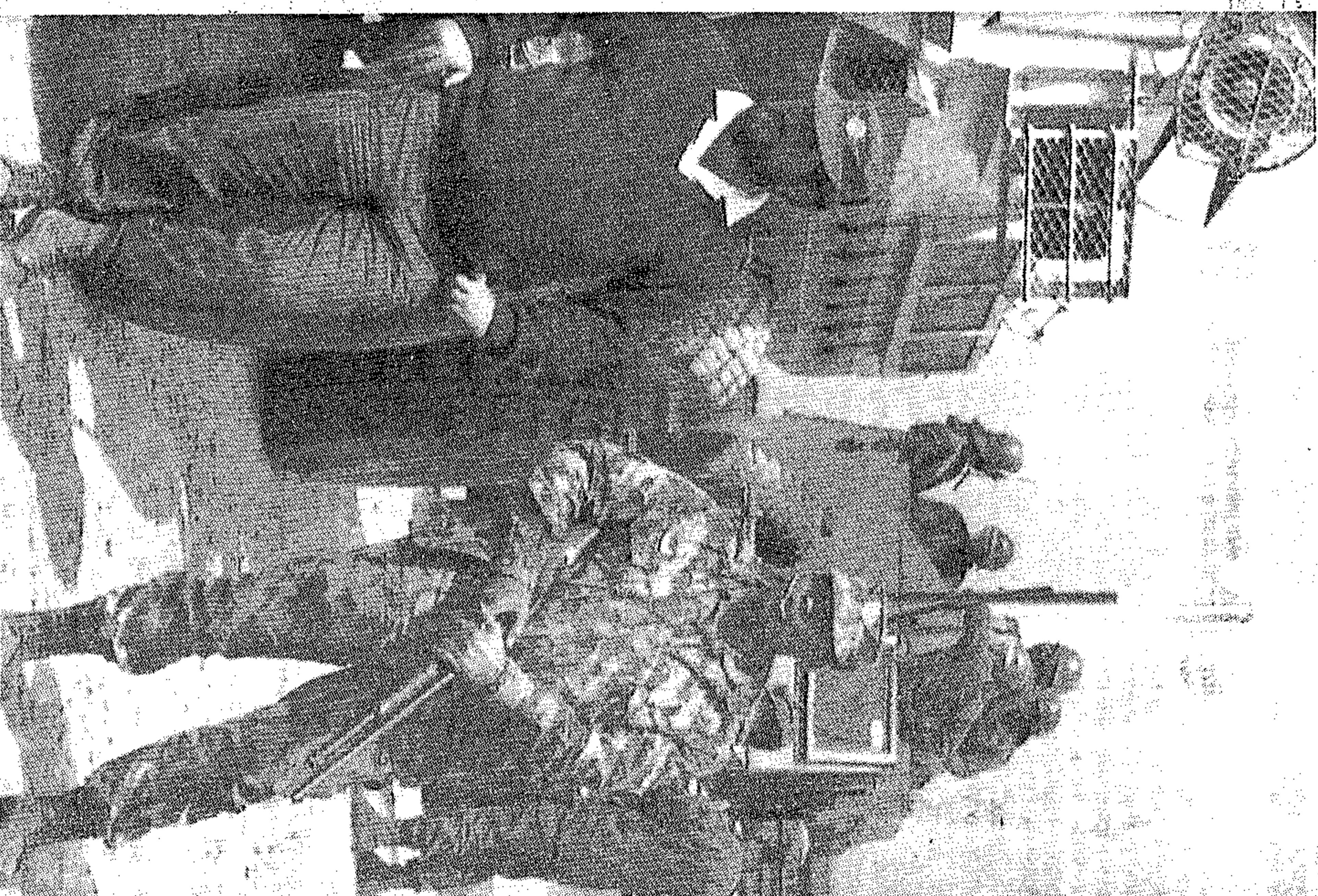
ANC denial

The residents said they would not allow "the same Webta that killed us" to come into the township. They also warned that anyone who boarded a Webta taxi would be endangering themselves.

Meanwhile, ANC regional president Mr Christmas Tinto denied that his organisation had given the go-ahead for the meeting. He said there was no consultation between the ANC and Lingeletu West Town Council.

He speculated that a committee working on the taxi war might have granted Mr Hoza permission to hold the meeting.

Mr Bulelani Ngcuka, an ANC member of the committee, was not available for comment.



STANDING GUARD . . . Policemen stand guard yesterday outside Khayelitsha Community Hall where members of rival taxi organisations met in an attempt to resolve the ongoing taxi war.

Picture: AP

Terror strikes township

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Gang hacks victims in wild spree

**DON HOLLIDAY
and SHARKEY ISAACS**
Staff Reporters

AT LEAST two people were shot and hacked to death, 10 were injured and about 100 shacks torched in a night of violence in Khayelitsha.

Terrified residents, many clutching children, fled DM Block in Site B in their night-clothes and huddled at the Khayelitsha Day Hospital as a gang went on a rampage last night.

The carnage is understood to have been the result of a new flare-up in the taxi war.

Police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaaier said two men were killed and six men and four women were wounded in the fighting.

He said more dead and wounded might have been taken from the scene by friends and relatives.

Injured people, some with serious wounds, were ferried to hospital by private vehicles and four ambulances.

A paramedic who took several of the wounded to Groote Schuur Hospital described the scene as "terrible".

A Cape Town fire brigade team of 26 men in four fire engines, two rescue vehicles and two water tankers was escorted into the area by police.

Firemen fought the shack fires for three hours as fighting continued around them.

City fire chief Mr Joop Hamel said: "It was pretty hectic out there. I am very proud of my staff."

"They fought the flames under very stressful conditions while battles raged in the vicinity. Gunshots often echoed in the distance and bullets flew while they fought the flames."

"They have fought a number of fires under such conditions in the area in the past three weeks and the big question in the minds of my staff was whether the next bullet would hit one of them."

"When lives are in danger the officer in charge has the discretion to withdraw. This also applies if fire-fighting vehicles, which also have to serve the rest of Cape Town, are in danger."

"Last night they stood their ground and put out the fires. I take my hat off to them"

Major Boonzaaier said shacks were destroyed in the same area that residents began evacuating on Monday in fear of a new flare-up in the taxi war.

Democratic Party MP for Claremont Mr Jan van Eck said he was on the scene from 11 pm until 3 am and had heard some "very disconcerting allegations".



Picture: WILLIE DE KLERK, The Argus.

AFTERMATH: Khayelitsha residents in Site B inspect the still smouldering wreckage of shacks and the burnt-out hulk of a minibus after last night's violence. Tension was running high in the township today.

He said a group of about 30 men had allegedly been dropped off in Zola Budd Drive and had used shotguns and pangas to attack residents of Site B.

Residents tried to escape through the sand dunes but were chased back by another group of men.

"The houses burnt were free-standing. There was no wind last night so it seems each house was individually set alight. The whole area along Zola Budd Drive was wiped out," said Mr van Eck.

Tension filled the air this morning as people filtered back to the area and started sifting through the debris, looking for possessions.

A gutted minibus smouldered beside the road and people stood in groups, talking.

Raid on taxis nets 'arsenal'

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THE full extent of the orgy of taxi violence in Khayelitsha and Nyanga at the weekend emerged yesterday as police raided both Webta and Lagunya headquarters, confiscating an arsenal of weapons.

By early last night, after a day described by police as "tense but quiet", the official weekend death toll stood at four. Ten people were wounded and 65 homes destroyed. Three people were arrested.

Captain Louis von Brackel, head of the special police taxi investigation unit, said that since violence erupted on Wednesday 40 taxis had been destroyed or damaged, and the loss was estimated at R450 000. Most of the taxis were destroyed at the weekend.

Twenty-six violent incidents were recorded in Khayelitsha and the greater Guguletu area over a 22-hour period beginning at 1am on Saturday.

Police liaison officer Captain Hendrik Opperman said members of the Reaction Unit had sealed off Webta's headquarters near Mitchells Plain, ordering members to remain in their taxis. Unit members then systematic-

cally searched vehicles, confiscating a .22 gas revolver and five rounds, three SSG (heavy shot) shotgun rounds, six pangas, eight axes, four iron kerries, 10 iron bars, three petrol bombs, a .38 spent cartridge and a .303 magazine. One Webta member was arrested for possessing a live 7,62mm round without a licence.

Several hours earlier police had found two boxes containing seven petrol bombs in an office at the Lagunya headquarters in Site C, Khayelitsha.

This find came soon after two unidentified men with automatic weapons and some 30 armed accomplices had run amok there, killing Lagunya member Mr W Malomba and an unidentified 12-year-old fare collector.

'No Casspirs'

Police also responded to allegations by an eyewitness who gave his name to the Cape Times as Mr Cyprian Dladla, that a Casspir (number 15), stood by while shots rang out and five Lagunya taxis were petrol-bombed at the Lingelihle Service Station, Khayelitsha, at 3am on Sunday.

Captain Opperman said initial results of a special probe headed by local deputy chief CID officer

Colonel Louis Wessels showed no Casspirs had been on the scene when shots were fired.

Eyewitnesses interviewed by police had said the Casspirs arrived after the shootings but while the taxis were still burning.

Captain Von Brakel said his unit would try to trace the possible existence and whereabouts at the relevant time of "Casspir number 15".

The Nyanga violence centred on an attack at the Nyanga taxi rank in which three taxis were burnt. A shop and several tents at Brown's Farm were petrol-bombed late on Sunday.

Two policemen were slightly injured in numerous stonings and clashes.

A spokesman for the local branch of the SA Black Taxi Association (Sabta) confirmed that all regional officials had flown to Sun City for today's annual conference. The theme of the talks is "peace, unity and safety".

Meanwhile, police trouble-shooter Lieutenant-General Ronnie van der Westhuizen is currently investigating local allegations against police in Cape Town. — Staff Reporter and Sapa



TAXI ARSENAL ... Colonel Alwyn Burger, Mitchells Plain police station commander, with some of the weapons confiscated from Webta members during a police raid late on Sunday.

Picture: BENNY GOOL

What really happened in those first eight days?

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DENNIS CRUYWAGEN
Political Staff

A WAVE of seemingly motiveless violent attacks on squatter communities in Khayelitsha has left at least six people dead and many homeless and injured.

What really happened in Khayelitsha in the first eight days of September?

Mr Jan van Eck, Democratic Party MP for Claremont and chairman of the Unrest Monitoring and Action Committee (Western Cape), visited Khayelitsha with colleague Ms Rachel Browne to take statements from victims and eye-witnesses.

Mr Van Eck has handed 11 pages of allegations to Major-General Nick Acker, regional commissioner of police, who passed them on to the Colonel Leon Wessels, who is investigating allegations of police involvement in the violence.

According to the document: On Tuesday, September 3, Mr Sipho Rayi heard people shouting "We are here, comrades. Open the doors. Shoot!". He said: "They started shooting with fire guns. It was dark because of the smoke and they continued firing. They were shooting R-1s as we saw spent bullets afterwards."

The attackers had a tin of petrol, wore greenish camouflage uniforms and balacavas. One of them spoke Afrikaans and appeared to be white.

He pointed at Mr Rayi's house and said: "Shoot him dead."

On the same night Mrs Elinah Mazosiwe heard shooting but did not open her door. Then she noticed that the front of the dwelling was on fire.

"My husband grabbed me outside and when we were outside someone hit my shoulder with a hard object and I fell down inside the house. I was hit again, so my arm is broken and my diaphragm is very painful," she said.

She hid in the bush between Greenpoint and the N2 and heard people calling each other comrades — "but they were not comrades because they were parked in a white combi on the N2".

Two days later she found her husband in Groote Schuur Hospital.

"His leg is in a critical condition as they took two bullets out of his knee. He was hurt because they ran after him when we split up during the attack."

Ms Christine Dlwata said a couple of white men arrived at her house the same night.

"After their arrival they mentioned 'Comrades, we are here. Can we carry on with fighting,'" she said.

Most of the attackers were white, but some were black.

"I know that they are white because I could see their faces through the open section of their balacavas."

A neighbour shouted that her house was on fire, but she ran outside where "a white man punched his fist in my face. They tried to force me to re-enter my burning house, but I cried and forced my way through them."

She told her attackers "rather than killing myself in a burning house, they could kill me outside".

Ms Nosiavuya Pakathi said she fled from her shack. Her boyfriend refused to leave it.

"The next day I came back and the shack was burnt down. I found my boyfriend with blood on his mouth at the Salt River mortuary," she said.

The OH section of Green Point was attacked on Saturday, September 7.

Ms Monica Sassman said she was awakened by shouting outside her shack.

She looked through her window and saw about 30 men, most of them in black jackets, outside.

They shouted 'All these comrades are asleep' before burning houses.

She said: "I ran out of my house with my five-year-old who could not run fast enough, so she was shot. The bullet entered her bottom and came out of her throat. She is now in Red Cross Children's Hospital."

Her boyfriend, Mr Optel Madwanya, said he saw his friend, Ms Sassman, and their child escaping.

He ran away but saw "a Casspir with two white combis standing until the fire was almost finished".

Mr Alex Soni said he saw attackers with children who were carrying petrol cans at 12.30am.

"The older people were in balacavas. They burnt my car. The window was smashed and the seat burnt. The car was in its garage."

He said he saw children throwing petrol on a house and burning it.

Mr Leonard Ntweni, of L Block, said he had heard gunshots at 11.45pm.

He saw a Casspir near Yomelela Primary School. Its lights were off.

"Shots were being fired from the Casspir in all directions. It sounded like a machine-gun."

POLICE RUSHED TO CAPE TO QUELL BLOODY TAXI WAR

Battleground

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VUYO BAVUMA and SHARKEY ISACS
Staff Reporters

MORE than 100 police reinforcements from as far afield as Oudtshoorn, Beaufort West and Springbok have arrived in Cape Town to help quell exploding violence which is turning the city's townships into a war zone.

Hundreds of people, many carrying children, fled in their nightclothes after the torching of 200 shacks in Green Point, Khayelitsha, early today in a renewed flare-up of the simmering taxi war. Several combi taxis were also set on fire.

A taxi driver in his 50s, a member of the Unified Taxi Association, was hacked to death with pangas in Mkhaya Section, Khayelitsha, about 5.30pm yesterday, and his taxi was set on fire.

About 11pm two other men were killed in Khayelitsha. A 38-year-old man was stabbed in the chest, and 10 minutes later a 32-year-old man was shot in the head in Site B. Earlier a patrol van and a fire tender in Zola Budd Drive, Khayelitsha, were forced to roar off in reverse after gunmen in a taxi opened fire on the vehicles.

A police vehicle with detectives who arrived soon afterwards found about seven men armed with rifles standing on the pavement near four taxis. A police spokesman said the men fired at the policemen, who sped away.

He said policemen had been shot at seven times in 48 hours.

A taxi driver was abducted after a group of taxi drivers forced his vehicle off the road in Chris Hani Drive. They attacked him with sticks and pangas before setting his taxi alight. The man is still missing.

Yesterday the airport-bound carriageway of Settlers Way opposite Langa was closed during the evening rush hour after a driver was hauled out of his vehicle and the taxi set alight. The driver and passengers fled.

Later, roving bands of men, armed with axes, pangas and guns, cut a path of destruction in the sprawling township.

At least four other taxis were destroyed in petrol bomb attacks in the township. Burnt out shells of vehicles were strewn across the area.



DEATH AND DESTRUCTION: A minibus taxi burns fiercely minutes after its driver was hacked with pangas by men believed to be members of the Western Cape Black Taxi Association in Makhaya, Khayelitsha.

Police in arms search

on Reef
JOHANNESBURG. — Police supported by Defence Force units have sealed off Phola Park, near Thokoza township east of here, in an attempt to stop the violence in the township.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said this morning that the operation, involving 1 200 policemen, began at Phola Park squatter camp, where shacks were being searched for firearms, ammunition and explosives.

He said it was obvious residents were "fed-up" with the senseless violence of the past week.

It was the duty of the police to protect citizens, and he appealed to residents of affected areas to co-operate and give information on killers and other "trouble-makers".

Information could be passed to the police anonymously.

Last night gunmen shot dead two municipal policemen in Tsakane and two people in a restaurant in Vosloorus in the latest outrages on the East Rand.

The death toll in the region since Sunday has risen to least 78, with 115 injured, said police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe. — Sapa.

'Collusion' claim in township violence

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Staff Reporters

THE African National Congress yesterday claimed police "collusion" in the Khayelitsha violence and produced a cap they said had been taken off a riot policeman by "comrades".

"The clouding of the issues by saying it is a taxi conflict is now getting very thin and the dark hand is finally emerging," Mr Amos Lengisi, regional general secretary of the ANC, said at a press conference in Athlone.

He said he had visited the burnt-out site and spoken to residents where he saw three bodies with bullet and hack wounds among the debris in the wake of Tuesday night's destruction.

Mr Lengisi produced a police camouflage cap with the name O.Sers H J Hendricks and the figure 615795K written on the inside. He claimed "comrades" had tried to "capture" one of the white (attackers) dressed in a camouflage uniform "for the world to see".

He said that in spite of consistent reports linking Khayelitsha violence to the taxi war, an ANC stronghold had been attacked, with "damning" evidence of police collusion.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Jan Calitz said last night that the cap belonged to a member of the police force "who, during the course of the night, attempted to arrest a suspected arsonist. While giving chase, he lost the cap."

"However, the allegations (of police collusion) are seen in a very serious light and Colonel Leon Wessels, a senior detective, has been appointed by the Regional Com-



HOMELESS . . . Mr Mlandeni Zwiti, 29, amid the charred ruins of his belongings at DM block squatter camp in Khayelitsha yesterday.

Pictures: BENNY GOOL

missioner (Major-General Nic Acker) to investigate the allegations."

He could "not comment any further until the correctness of the allegations have been investigated".

General Acker yesterday visited the strife-torn camp, which was reported to be "quiet" last night with no further reports of violence.

Mr Lengisi said some 900 women and children had spent Tuesday night in and around the Khayelitsha Day Hospital where several people were treated for gunshot and panga wounds.

Mr Lengisi said homes had been set alight from about 10.45pm by a group of people off-loaded from a bakkie and a Datsun Laurel in Zola Budd Drive.

The ANC directed the Cape Times to an area in the fire-ravaged Site B, Khayelitsha, where, in random interviews, three residents at DM block supported ANC con-

tentions that the police were involved.

One of the men, all of whom claimed to be eyewitnesses, security guard Mr Themba Mkrola, 54, claimed he had wrestled with a man he said was an armed policeman and who had confronted him about 11pm in the burning stronghold of the ANC's Trevor Vilakazi branch.

"I grabbed his gun and we wrestled," he said. "I kneed him in the groin and we fell to the ground with me on top. Then someone chopped me from behind on the head with a panga and I fell before running away — they shot at me as I fled."

He had not taken any cap and did not know if anyone else had.

The trio, found and interviewed amid the charred ruins of some 80 shacks, said a group of about 30 men had fired at residents before fleeing into bushes.

The fire brigade and police had arrived later, they said.

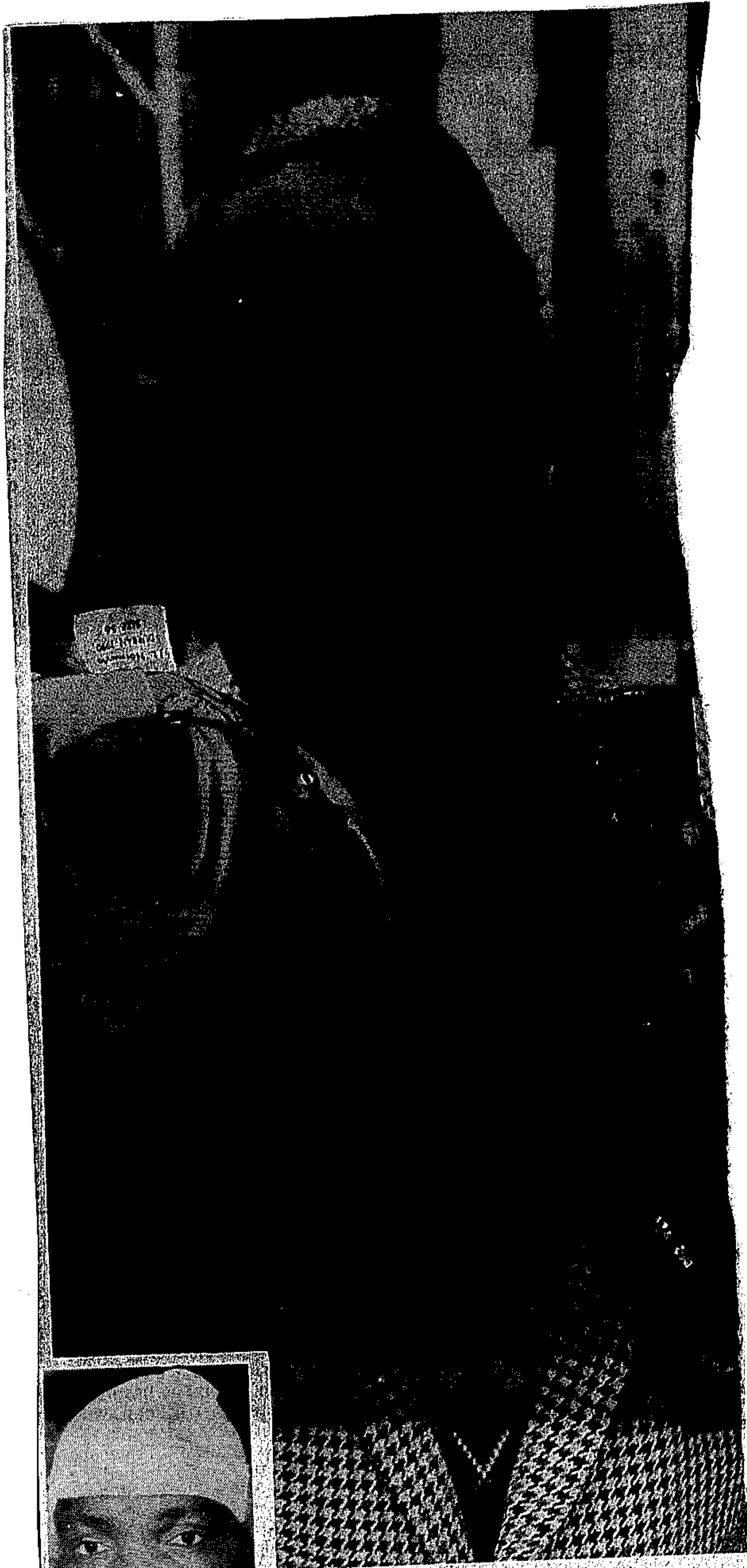
Three die in Soweto unrest

PRETORIA. — Three people were killed in Soweto on Tuesday, police said in their unrest report yesterday.

Two men died at Nancefield Hostel when a group shot at and set a truck alight, while at Nancefield railway station a man was hacked to death. 278 CT5/9/91

The only other unrest incident reported by police happened in Ndeleni, near Richmond in Natal, where three houses were gutted by fire on Tuesday night.

According to an Inkatha statement the houses belonged to IFP supporters. — Sapa



'CAPTURED' CAP . . . ANC regional president Mr. Christmas Tinto with the "captured" police camouflage cap and a canister found during Tuesday night's attack on the DM block squatter camp in Khayelitsha. **INSET:** M. Themba Mkrola, 54, of DM block who claims he wrestled with an armed policeman during the attack.

Activist was disarmed before death

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LATE on Monday night shocked people, including members of the Stellenbosch branch of the Western Cape Civic Association, flocked to Mr Michael Mapongwana's house to offer condolences.

They said the killing of "comrade" Mapongwana was "enough" and that "action should be taken."

Two police vans intermittently passed near the house. Grieving relatives of Mapongwana asked the people to leave for "security reasons."

Mapongwana's younger brother, Mtuntu, said: "It is hard to believe that Michael is dead. I am sure this action was well planned. Three weeks ago the police took away my brother's gun and charged him. How many people in the townships have unlawful weapons?"

"This shows they wanted to kill him unarmed. On Saturday morning they attacked him in his house but he survived - and now comes this brutal killing."

Mtuntu said he had little confidence that the police would find his brother's killers.

'Swart gevaar'

"The police failed to find the killers of my brother's wife Nomsa. They have also failed to find culprits who tried to kill Michael on three occasions. How do we expect the police to find the perpetrators of this particular crime?"

Mr Clifford Ntsoboti, a member of the Stellenbosch branch of the Western Cape Civic Association, described Mapongwana as a man who stood for peace and truth.

He said Mapongwana somehow knew death was stalking him.

"He said in a moving, final speech chairing a meeting of 15 civic branches in Stellenbosch on Sunday, that it might be his last gathering with us.

"We knew he could be right but there was nothing we could do. Michael always strove for peace and he was prepared to die for his beliefs."

Ntsoboti blamed "third-force elements" who, he claimed, had ulterior motives for creating constant conflicts among the black community.

The National Party had created a Frankenstein monster by indoctrinating people about the "swart gevaar" propaganda.

"You cannot just switch off those attitudes. Some people still do hold these views."

Police attacked in townships every week

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By DANIEL SIMON

ATTACKS on police are becoming a regular feature in Peninsula townships, with police reporting each week that members are being shot at while attending to complaints or conducting routine patrols.

Over the past six weeks, members of the police have come under attack on at least 10 occasions, mostly in Khayelitsha.

Police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaaier said members of the police were shot at three times in the townships so far this week.

On Monday night, police came under

shotgun fire when they were forced to remove a barricade blocking Zola Budd Avenue in Khayelitsha. No one was injured.

Major Boonzaaier said that about 9.50pm on Tuesday, Assistant Constable James Booi, 41, of Old Crossroads, was shot when he investigated a commotion in his backyard.

Constable Booi, who was off-duty at the time, said: "I told the people to get off my property, which they did. Then another group of men came running down the road and started chasing these men. One man in this group fired three shots at me."



WOUNDED ... Assistant Constable James Booi, 41, who is based at Guguletu, shows where he was wounded when a gunman opened fire on him. He fired the shotgun to scatter a large group who were involved in a running fight outside his Old Crossroads home on Tuesday night. Picture: BENNY GOOL

Township rivals agree to bury hatchet

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Staff Reporter **ARG 19/8/91**

KHAYELITSHA and Crossroads town councillors and four ANC-aligned squatter leaders have agreed to bury their differences and work for peace in the townships.

This emerged after an historic four-hour meeting yesterday organised by a three-man ANC commission.

Estranged Crossroads mayor Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, who fled the squatter camp after his overthrow last year, met with his rival, Mr Jeffrey Nongwe, ANC chairman in Crossroads.

Members of Masincedane, the KTC camp committee, mayor of Lingeletu West Mr Mali Hoza and his councillors spoke with a delegation led by the Brown's

Farm ANC chairman, Mr Christopher Toise, who fled Portland Cement squatter camp during the witdoeke war in 1986, and Mr M Yamile of Nyanga Bush.

The former bitter rivals also agreed to work towards unity.

They expressed concern about escalating violence in the squatter areas, especially Crossroads and Khayelitsha.

In the past two weeks, more than 10 Crossroads residents have been killed and several homes destroyed in conflict between Unathi ANC members and Mr Nongwe and his supporters.

In Khayelitsha in the past week, six people, including five members of a Site C family, have been killed by gunmen.

The parties vowed to work for

peace so that violence could not be manipulated by "third forces" with sinister plans to destroy the black community.

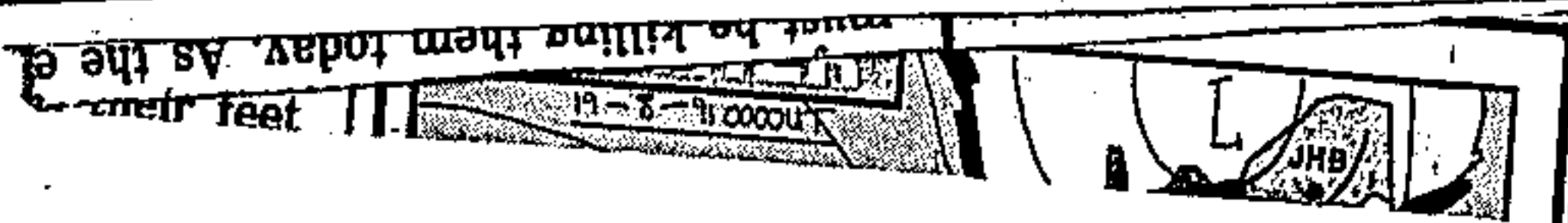
They expressed an urgent need for drastic steps to implement their aims.

Mr Sondiso Mfenyane, a member of the ANC national executive, described the meeting as constructive and said it took place in "good spirit."

"It was heartening to hear old rivals talking to each other like this. We want first to create unity among the squatters and those in the local authorities."

"Our next step is to meet the civic associations," Mr Mfenyane said.

The squatters would meet later today to work out details for unity, he said.



Cape killers laughed after shooting

Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Seconds after he had been shot, assassinated Western Cape Civic Association chairman Michael Mapongwana tried to say something to a bystander. But blood spewed from his mouth and he collapsed.

This was part of a harrowing account of the ANC activist's last moments given by a man who saw the killing on Monday. An attempt had previously been made on his life on Saturday.

Mr Mapongwana (43) and an unidentified man who was driving him from a Wynberg court on Monday were shot dead. A woman and two other men in the car fled unhurt.

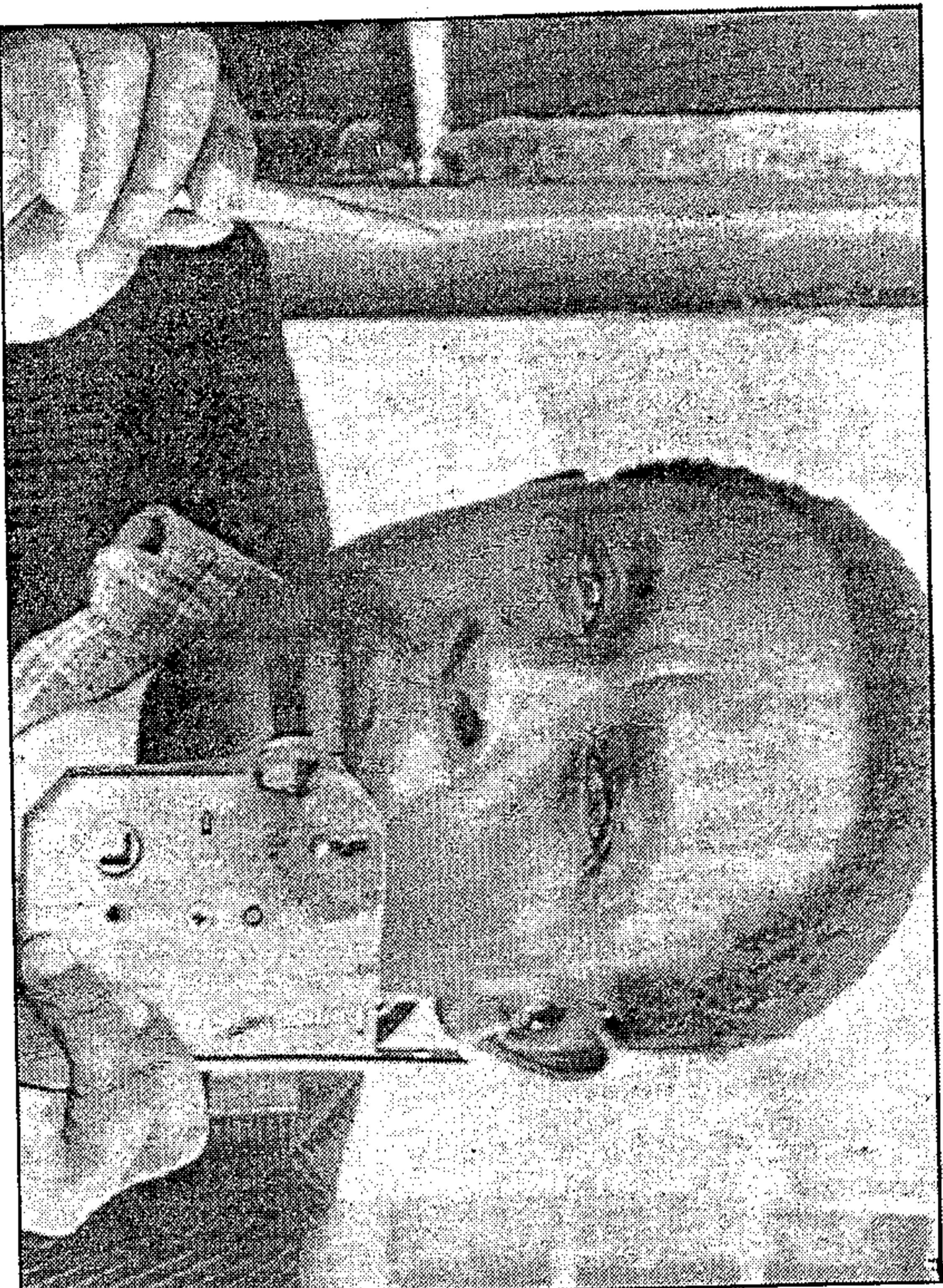
The killings took place in Nyanga East, 400 m from the spot where ANC activist Mziwonke "Pro" Jack was killed last month.

The witness, who asked not to be named for fear of reprisals, said he was standing at his front gate looking out on Lansdowne Road.

He saw a grey Chevrolet drive up alongside a red Valiant, which was heading towards Khayelitsha.

The Chevrolet had four occupants and the Valiant five.

Two men leaned out of the Chevrolet's windows, their guns pointing at the Valiant. The Valiant driver lost con-



Target... Michael Mapongwana after the failed attempt on his life on Saturday. Right: A policeman points to the bullet holes in the car in which he was assassinated on Monday.



Pictures: Argus

trol and the car swerved to the right.

The driver's door opened and he fell out into the road in front of oncoming traffic.

The witness said he saw a woman run from the car across Lansdowne Road towards Nyanga East and two

other passengers disappear into the squatter settlement opposite.

The Chevrolet stopped and four men ran towards the Valiant, where the fifth occupant, whom he later recognised as Mr Mapongwana, was standing.

"I saw they all had guns and they were going for the kill."

One of the gunmen reached Mr Mapongwana first. There was a struggle.

Mr Mapongwana pushed the gunman's hand up in the air.

"The others caught up and just started firing at him. Then they turned and went back to their car. Some were laughing."

Two of them pulled on backlavalas as they ran back to their car.

The witness said he ran to

the car. The driver was dead.

Mr Mapongwana tried to say something, but blood spewed from his mouth and he collapsed. There was a wound below his mouth.

A motorist stopped and took Mr Mapongwana to Conradie Hospital, where he was declared dead on arrival.

Police have offered a R5 000 reward for any information leading to the arrest of the persons responsible for the death of Mr Mapongwana.

Police yesterday said both the murder and robbery unit and the special investigating squad formed to investigate the murder of Mr Jack were probing the murders.

Mr Mapongwana is believed to have been a key witness in the trial of members of the Lingeletu West Town Council, who are charged with attempted murder after an armed attack in March last year on a creche where Mr Mapongwana had been holding a meeting.

His wife Nomusa was shot dead in October after an attack on their house. Mr Mapongwana was shot in the arm.

On Friday night gunmen opened fire on a house where he had been hiding in Khayelitsha, and a petrol bomb was hurled through a window, setting curtains on fire.

Mr Mapongwana was also a leading figure in peacemaking attempts in a taxi war in the area.

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8 000 march in Khayelitsha

VUYO BAVUMA, Staff Reporter

MORE than 8 000 people marched in Khayelitsha to protest against the assassinations of African National Congress activists such as community leaders Mr Michael Mapongwana and Mr "Pro" Jack.

A minibus taxi parked near the Khayelitsha police station was set alight. The burning of the vehicle has been condemned by the ANC.

The march, led by representatives of several organisations including the Western Cape Civic Association and ANC Women's League, began at the Khayelitsha rugby stadium at midday yesterday. Schools closed early.

Before the march began, thousands of toyi-toying and singing members from more than seven ANC branches in Khayelitsha arrived at the stadium carrying anti-government placards and South African Communist Party and ANC flags.

Some placards read: "Who assassinated Pro Jack? We demand peace. Stop hit squads now!"

Others attacked the Western Province Black Taxi Association (Webta) for allegedly being involved in the killings of Mr Mapongwana and Mr Jack.

The march was controlled by scores of khaki-clad ANC marshals.

In Pama Road, about 20 metres from the stadium, the marchers passed a contingent of vehicles but there were no incidents.

About 2.30pm several officials including Mr Rose Sonto, general secretary of the Western Cape Civic Association, handed a petition to Major Winston Heunis, station commander of the Khayelitsha police station.

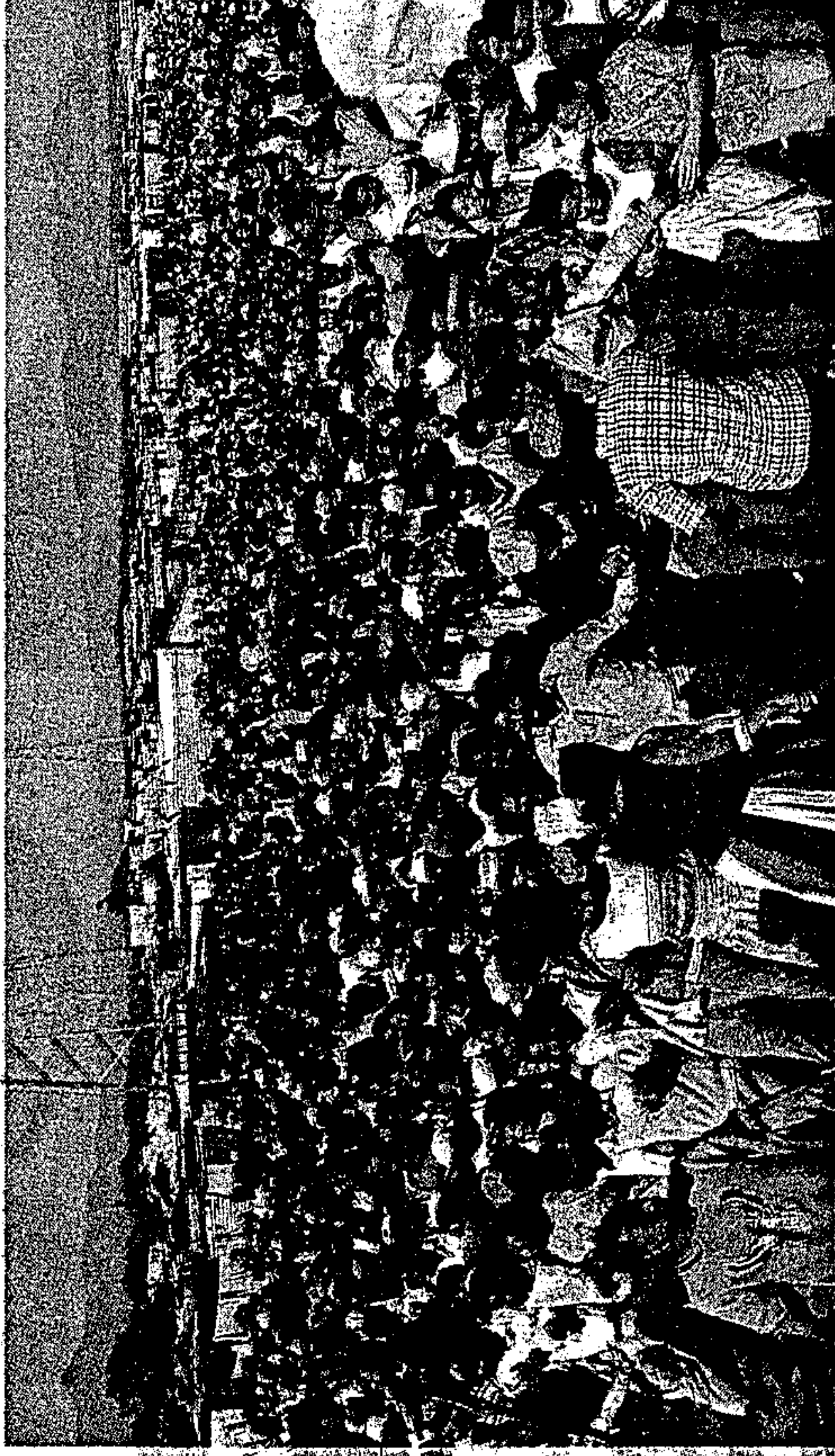
The petition called on the Minister of Police, Mr Adriaan Vlok, to deal with violence resulting from the taxi conflict, and demanded the immediate arrests of the killers of Mr Mapongwana and Mr Jack.

While Mr Sonto was speaking to Major Heunis, a taxi parked opposite the police station burst into flames. The vehicle belonged to a Webta member.

People scattered, but marshals controlled a potentially explosive situation and appealed for calm.

Today the ANC dissociated itself from the firing of the taxi.

"We wish to stress that the attack on the Webta



Picture: WILLIE DE KLERK, The Argus

ON THE MARCH: Some of the estimated 8 000 people who marched from the Khayelitsha sports stadium to the police station to demand that police disarm the warring taxi factions and arrest the assassins of activists Mr "Pro" Jack and Mr Michael Mapongwana.

taxi was not planned by the organisers. The handful of persons who set the vehicle alight were not among the marchers, but came from spectators who had gathered to watch the march. We condemn the action in the strongest terms. It was a provocative act which can only jeopardise the delicate peace negotiations that are under way."

During the march an ANC official said: "It is clear that a third force is involved in the burning of the taxi. We have been marching peacefully all along but now the enemy is trying to discredit us."

Minutes later the marshals asked marchers to return to the stadium as police tried to put out the fire. The vehicle was a write-off.

Miss Maureen Ngxala claimed she saw "two uniformed policemen running away from the vehicle". The policemen ran back to their Casspir.

● Police are still searching for the killers of Mr Mapongwana and Mr Jack. Mr Mapongwana will be buried tomorrow in Khayelitsha.

Collection for Community Work

TOMORROW'S street collection is for the Western Cape Foundation for Community Work (FCW), fund-raising number 08 800261 000 1.

Two die as police open fire on taxi

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A WILD police chase through Peninsula streets left the driver and a passenger of a minibus taxi dead and two other passengers injured when policemen raked the vehicle with gunfire.

The taxi was allegedly involved in a robbery in Wynberg early last night and was spotted again about 11.15pm by police in Mowbray, where it was picking up commuters.

The driver of the minibus stopped briefly after he saw "the blue lights" but suddenly pulled away at high speed toward Pinelands before the policeman could question the driver.

A passenger said they sped along Forest Drive in Pinelands and into Jan Smuts Drive towards Athlone before turning on to the N2 toward Langa.

Police vehicles were in hot pursuit.

Police had apparently identified the taxi as the one used in the robbery. Shots were fired at the taxi.

Passenger Miss Fatima Jacobs of Manenberg was wounded in the left leg when the driver took the Langa turn off.

Another passenger, covered in blood, said they were diving for cover with windows shattering one by one above their heads.

"We felt so helpless, broken glass was raining down on us and we were cutting ourselves rolling around on the floor," said Mr Isaac Weaver of Athlone.

"We shouted hysterically at the driver to stop but he just drove as fast as he could and wouldn't listen to us."

The chase went on through Langa and back to the freeway, where an unidentified passenger sitting next to the driver was shot in the head and killed.

"But the driver sped on and the shooting didn't stop," said Mr Weaver.

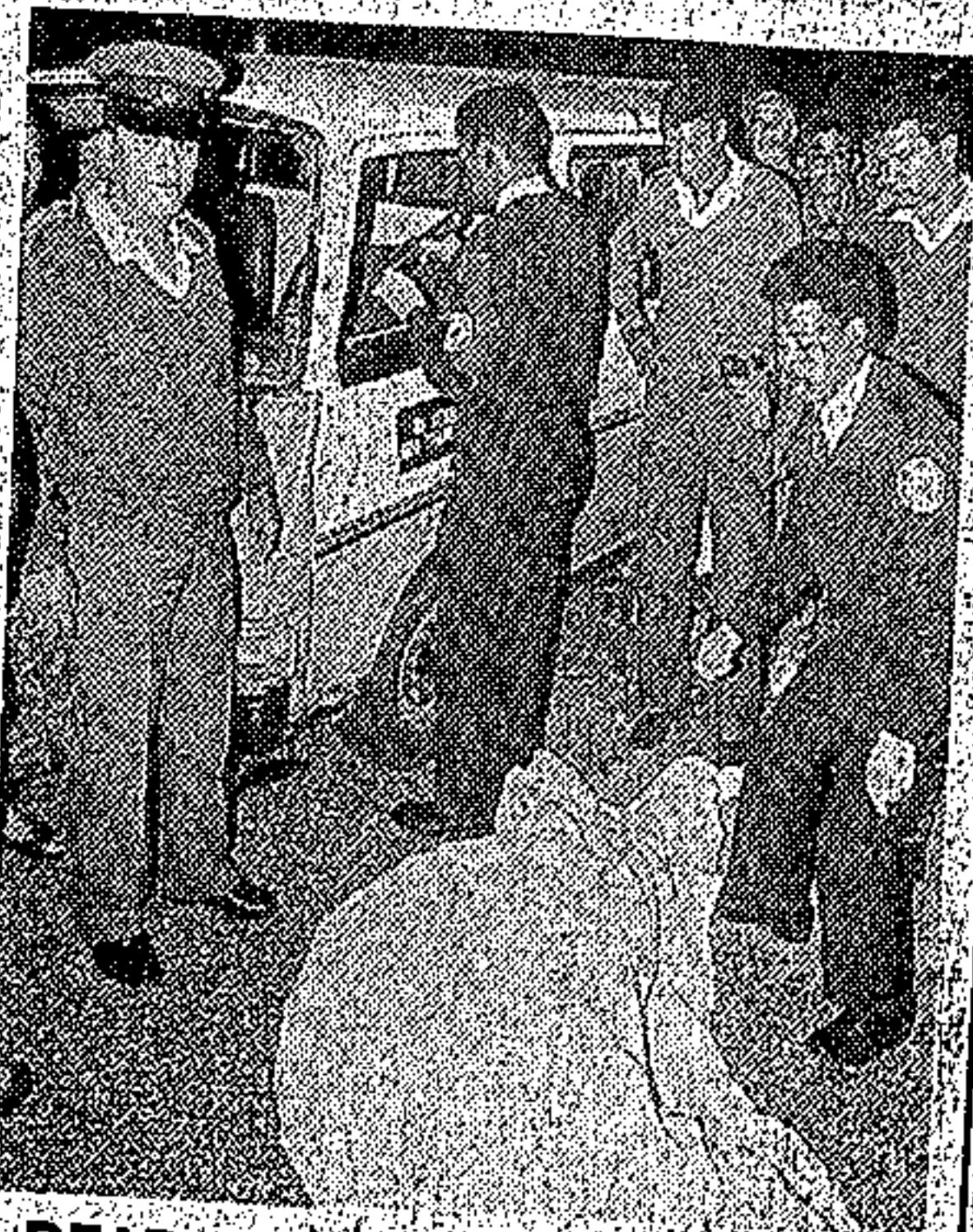
"Bullets were coming through everywhere. I didn't know where to hide any more."

"What did we do to deserve being shot? We had only taken a taxi home," said another passenger, Mr Micheal Fisher of Strandfontein, who was shot in the head.

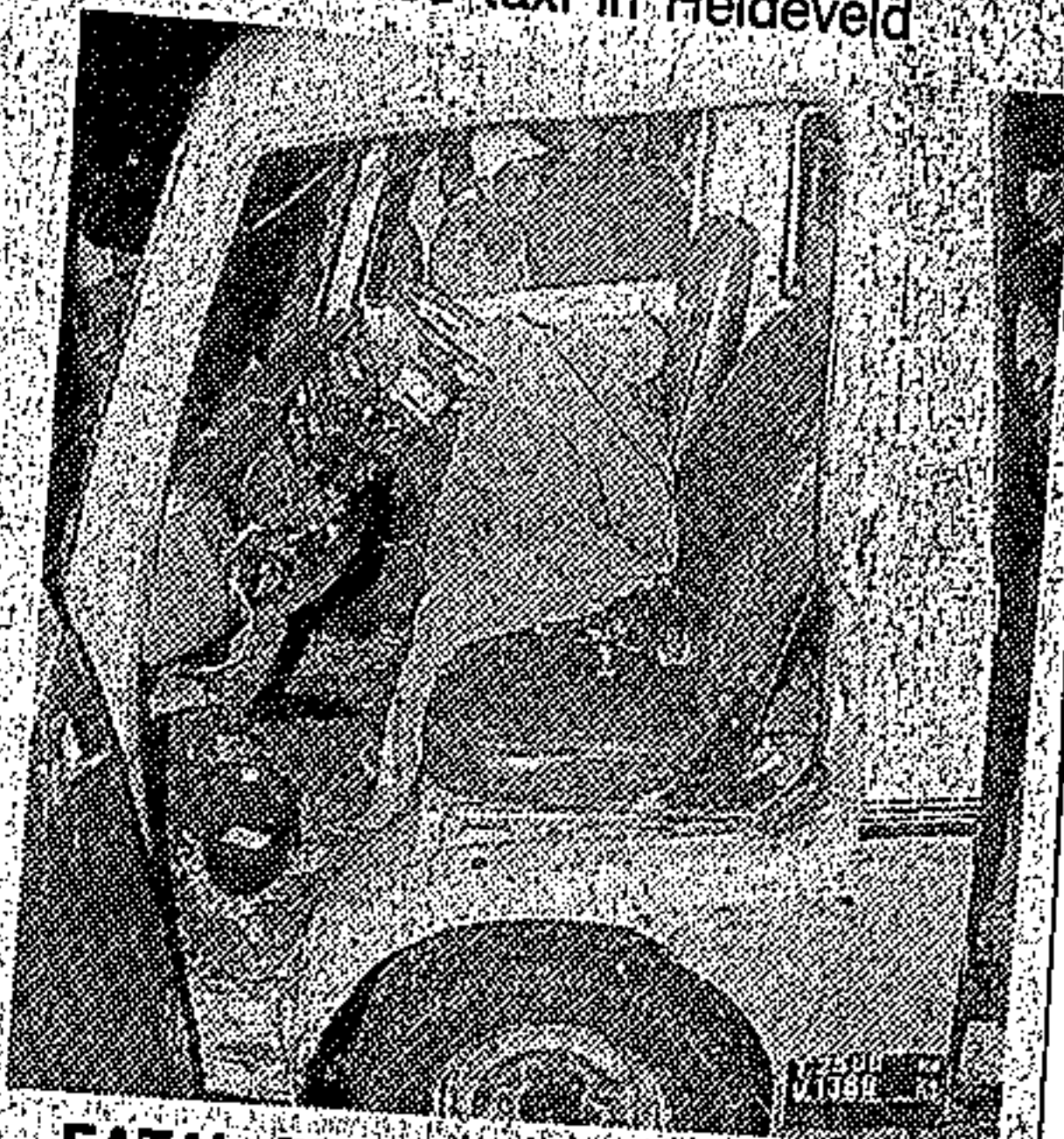
"We were signalling at the police to stop the fire and that we were only passengers," Mr Fisher said.

"But the shooting went on, we had to duck again to avoid the bullets, which were coming from all sides."

The taxi then turned off the N2 at Bonteheuwel and headed toward Heideveld along Vanguard Drive, where



DEAD DRIVER: The body of the shot driver lies beside the blood-smeared taxi in Heideveld



FATAL RIDE: The body of a passenger shot dead in the chase lies across the front seat of the taxi.

another minibus had been towing a broken down car, both travelling slowly with hazard lights on.

A stray bullet shattered a window of the second minibus taxi.

The driver, Mr Harry Doman of Strandfontein, said: "My seven-year-old son Ashley was sitting in front next me and felt something hit the back of his seat just below his neck."

"I realised what was happening when police cars flew past next, cops were hanging halfway out the windows holding their guns with both hands as they fired. I thought I was dreaming."

The chase ended in Vanguard Drive almost 30 minutes later. A bullet hit the driver, Mr Pieter Minnaar, 25, of Manenberg, and killed him instantly. The minibus swerved wildly across the road.

Mr Weaver grabbed the wheel and stopped the vehicle.

Bloody taxi war nearing peaceful end

CP Correspondent

THE nine-month-old bloody taxi war in the western Cape took a giant leap towards permanent peace when the Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta) agreed to unite with rivals Langa, Gugulethu and Nyanga Taxi Association (Lagunya) this week.

After a meeting with its mother body, the South African Black Taxi Association (Sabta), on Thursday, Webta made an unequivocal commitment to unity.

Since the violence started in March this year, several political and community organisations have tried to no avail to get the two organisations united.

Over the last three weeks, members of Sabta had been in consultation with several organisations, including the Cape Town Peace Committee,

Lagunya, Webta say no more fighting

the last mediator to fail in getting the rivals united.

Said Webta chairman James Mafuya: "We have always supported unity, but we did not like the way it was pushed down our throats by different mediating groups."

He said that the mediators were not addressing the issue from a business point of view, but from a political point of view which comes second to our business.

Although the meeting between Sabta and Lagunya failed to take place yesterday as planned, Lagunya also said that it would commit itself to unity after its meeting with Sabta "soon".

Lagunya, which has always been seen as moder-

ate, welcomed their rivals' commitment to peace as "encouraging and pragmatic".

Sabta's Cyprian Le-bese said he was overjoyed that the two groups had given a strong indication of willingness to step into a negotiated settlement.

Cape Town mayor Frank van der Velde welcomed the move and said all parties should work hard to realise the much-wanted peace.

In the nine months of the violence, dozens of people died, hundreds were injured, and damage of more than R10-million was caused mainly by burning minibuses and houses.

One of the victims was one of the leading peace

makers, and a founder member of the Taxis Crisis Co-ordinating Committee Michael Mapongwana, who was allegedly killed by Webta members.

More than 250 families have been left homeless and teaching in some schools was disturbed during the turbulent nine months, mostly in Khayelitsha and Nyanga East, where more than half of the incidents took place.

The peace talks come at a time when calm had returned to the townships following the deployment of 100 SADF troops in the townships, although the warring taxi groups have refused to attribute the calm to the defence force.

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Crime Reporter

ONE man was burnt to death during a weekend of violence in Khayelitsha which also saw 11 shacks destroyed and four minibus taxis gutted by fire in separate incidents, a police spokesman said yesterday.

Burning barricades were also erected in Lansdowne Road and Zola Budd Avenue and several vehicles were stoned.

Police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaaier said that at about 11.40 on Sunday night, police went to Site B, Khayelitsha to investigate sounds of gunfire.

On arrival they found nine shacks on fire. One

Man burnt to death, ⁽²⁷⁶⁾ taxis gutted

shack owner told police he went to investigate the commotion and was struck over the head with an axe.

Major Boonzaaier said the burnt body of a man was found a short while later when police went to investigate the burning of two shacks in DM-

Block.

In other incidents of violence Major Boonzaaier said that at about 6.35pm on Sunday four minibus taxis belonging to the Western Cape Black Taxi Association were set alight in Lansdowne Road, Khayelitsha, and gutted.

Police arrived at the scene and dispersed a large group with teargas, Major Boonzaaier said.

He added that burning barricades were erected in Lansdowne Road and Zola Budd Avenue on Sunday evening and that several vehicles were stoned. It was not known if anyone was injured.

A spokesman for the ANC peace committee, working together with the warring factions, said he could not link the violence to the taxi-war but could also not dismiss the possibility.

Former Lagunya boss, Mr Headman Nongwenjane and Webta's Mr James Mafuya could not be reached for comment.

Taxi war flares anew on the Flats

CT 4/9/91

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Staff Reporter

RENEWED violence in Khayelitsha since Sunday meant the conflict between rival taxi associations had started again, police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaaier said yesterday.

"It's definitely the taxi war," he said yesterday when giving details of the past week's violence.

Khayelitsha civic leader Mr Julian Ntsholo said yesterday that Webta taxi drivers had beaten commuters at Ephumeleni on Monday morning and forced them to take taxis instead of buses.

Major Boonzaaier said that about 11pm on Sunday there had been a shootout at DM Block in which one man was slightly wounded. Police later found the body of an unidentified man at the corner of Zola Budd Drive and Bonga Drive.

About 5.50am on Monday, a taxi

driver was wounded by shotgun fire after an altercation with another driver.

Another taxi driver, Mr Michael Makalima, escaped injury when his vehicle was shot at by unknown gunmen at the corner of Zola Budd Drive and Spine Road.

The occupant of a truck was forced out of the vehicle by unknown gunmen in Zola Budd Drive about 8.45am on Monday, and wounded in the head.

Another truck driver, Mr Amos Bulawa of Khayelitsha, was lightly wounded in the hand and face early on Monday when a man with an R4 assault rifle fired at him in Zola Budd Drive.

At 1.25am yesterday three armed men attacked and set alight a taxi in Khayelitsha. The driver and passengers fled.

Killing in township. ²⁵ Five sought

CT 2/9/91

Crime Reporter

POLICE are searching for five men following the murder of an Old Crossroads man who was shot and stabbed in what police believe was a faction fight.

Police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaaier said yesterday that Mr Moses Ntsethe, 23, of 1785 Unitha Houses, Old Crossroads, was attacked by five men while he was walking with two friends in the township about noon on Saturday.

Major Boonzaaier said the men threatened Mr Ntsethe with knives and firearms before forcing him in between some shacks. They then returned to Mr Ntsethe's two friends and told them where to find his body.

Assassination: Man in court

Court Reporter

A WEBTA taxi driver arrested in connection with the assassination of civic leader Mr Michael Mapongwana in Lansdowne in July, yesterday made another brief appearance in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court.

No charges have been put to Mr Eric Malutshana, 30, of New Crossroads, and he has not been asked to plead. He has not been granted bail. **ET 31/8/91**

Mr Mapongwana was shot dead in Zola Budd Drive on July 8.

The magistrate, Mrs H Alman, postponed the hearing to September 13 for further investigation and plea. **(27S)**

Boy, 11, shot dead, two hurt in latest unrest

(275) CT 1318/91

Crime Reporter

SEVERAL incidents of violence occurred in Peninsula townships over the weekend during which one youth was shot dead, two other people wounded and several buses and homes were damaged by petrol bombs and stones.

Shots

Police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaaier said that in the most serious incident, an 11-year-old boy known as

"Mazi" died when shots were fired at a City Tramways bus at the Nyanga taxi terminus about 7.30pm on Sunday.

Major Boonzaaier said the boy was standing behind the driver of the bus when the incident occurred.

In another incident on Sunday, he said, 18-year-old Boysi Ntsete was shot at and wounded in the leg when a man fired shots at him in Phase 2, Old Crossroads, about 6.30pm.

He said that on Saturday afternoon,

42-year-old Mr Richard Jum was seriously wounded when he was shot in the back by an unknown gunman travelling past the Nyanga taxi terminus in a minibus. Mr Jum was admitted to

Petrol bombs

Groote Schuur Hospital where he is still recovering.

Major Boonzaaier added that in other incidents of violence, buses were stoned and damaged in Nyanga

and several houses destroyed in Khayelitsha when petrol bombs were thrown at them on Saturday afternoon.

● The body of a man who had been stabbed and hacked was found in Alexandra, Sapa reports.

Two homes were set alight at Harding, Natal, and a third at Umbumbulu, near Durban. A man was arrested in connection with the second incident.

A petrol bomb damaged a home in White City, Soweto. — Sapa

Bail refused in Mapongwana case

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CT 10/8/91

Court Reporter

A WEBTA taxi driver arrested in connection with the assassination of civic leader Mr Michael Mapongwana was yesterday refused bail in Wynberg Regional Court on the grounds that he would flee and escape trial.

Regional magistrate Mr P Engelbrecht found that Mr Eric Malutshana, 30, of New Crossroads, owned no assets in South Africa and his bail was to have been paid by Webta. He therefore had "nothing to lose" by fleeing to the Transkei where he owns a minibus taxi.

Mr Engelbrecht said two eye-wit-

nesses who had gone into hiding in the homeland "out of fear", had linked Mr Malutshana with the fatal shooting of high-profile civic leader Mr Mapongwana on July 8. Mr Malutshana was arrested on Tuesday.

He said Mr Malutshana was likely to face three charges of murder in the present matter and faced separate charges of attempted murder, possession of petrol bombs and unlicensed possession of a firearm in Mitchells Plain Regional Court.

The hearing was postponed to August 30 in Wynberg Regional Court.

The prosecutor was Mr J P van Niekerk. Mr G P C De Kock appeared for Mr Malutshana.

Township peace talks stall after leaders fail to arrive

(215) ANC 16/9/91

VUYO BAVUMA, Staff Reporter

PEACE talks aimed at ending conflict in Crossroads and uniting squatters in the townships have stalled after representatives of the Western Cape Civic Association failed to turn up.

The meeting was organised by a three-member African National Congress commission trying to end the violence between Unathi residents and supporters of Crossroads ANC chairman Mr Jeffrey Nongwe.

In the past month more than 15 Crossroads residents have been killed and several houses torched in the conflict.

Among those who were present for yesterday's meeting were Mr Christopher Toise, vice-chairman of Western Cape Squatters' Association (Wecusa) of Brown's Farm, as well as Khayelitsha and Crossroads town councillors.

Mr Sindiso Mfenyana, a member of the ANC commission, said the civic association had heard false rumours that Wecusa planned to attack the townships.

He said: "The Wecusa representatives told us this was not true. It was a case of total misunderstanding. Wecusa merely discussed a proposal that the civic association should confine itself to the residential areas."

"This is because Wecusa believes the squatter camps are their own base. We are hoping to meet the civic association to clear the air."

Mr Mfenyana said they would continue to build bridges between the civic association and the squatters.

The peace talks started with bright prospects as the former bitter rivals — squatter leaders and councillors — agreed to work towards unity.

Recently, the leadership of several squatter camps, including Khayelitsha mayor Mr Mali Hoza and Crossroads leader Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, have met several times to iron out their differences.

Court for Cape taxi boss over 'intimidation'

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EDWARD MOLOINYANE
Staff Reporter

WESTERN Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta) chairman Mr James Mafuya and one of his lieutenants, Mr Japan Roro, are to appear in court on intimidation charges.

Mr Mafuya said today that he and Mr Roro were arrested this week in Mitchells Plain, where some of his association's members were appearing on charges arising from the township "taxi war".

He said they were sitting in a car when about 12 policemen in two vans arrived and arrested them for "intimidation".

Mr Mafuya said he and his colleague were released yesterday on R500 bail each.

They have been ordered to report daily to the Mitchells Plain police station until their court appearance on October 3.

The bloody and costly war between the Webta and the Lagunya Taxi Association has been dragging on for months.

The war, which began after calls for the boycott of the Webta taxis because of their withdrawal from earlier peace talks in April, led to widespread violence, especially in Khayelitsha.

Last weekend the already sporadic taxi services were brought to a standstill after heavy fighting.

At least 10 people were reported to have died and more than 300 left homeless after their shacks were torched in DM Section and Green Point on the notorious Zola Budd Drive since Wednesday last week.

Police were on standby after rumours spread that one of the groups planned to attack the other.

Man burnt in Peninsula unrest

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CT 27/8/91

SEVERAL incidents of violence — in which at least one person died and seven were wounded — took place in Peninsula townships at the weekend.

Captain Denise Brand said the dead man, who was one of seven people who were killed throughout the country on Sunday, was identified only as a Mr Kabongoshe. He died when a shack he was sleeping in was set alight.

In two shooting incidents in Old Crossroads, seven people were wounded when men opened fire on residents with an assortment of weapons.

Captain Brand said that a member of an SADF patrol was injured in the arm when several shots were fired at police and SADF vehicles at Crossroads. No arrests were made in connection with the incident.

She added that nine stone-throwing incidents were reported in the Peninsula at the weekend.

In the official unrest report released in Pretoria yesterday morning, police said two people died in the Mandela Squatter Camp in Katlehong on the East Rand when a group of people fired at members of the security forces.

At Soweto's White City just outside Johannesburg, a man was stabbed and beaten to death by a mob.

Two bodies, both with bullet wounds, were found in Daveyton and Katlehong.

And at Gamaleke near Port Shepstone in Natal, a man was attacked and killed by a mob. — Sapa

Men shot, buses stoned in Cape

279 er 26/8/91 Staff Reporter

THREE men were shot and injured, one seriously, in a short spate of violence at Old Crossroads, while four City Tramways buses were stoned in Khayelitsha at the weekend.

Police said all the shootings happened on Saturday between 3am and 4.30am in Old Klipfontein Road near Boys' Town. Two arrests made later may be related to these incidents.

One man, Mr Augusti Mabile, 24, was shot in the back of the head and was in a serious condition last night in Tygerberg Hospital.

The other men, Mr Joshua Mabwo, 18, and Mr John Magonoet, 41, were hit in the genitals and left shoulder respectively. They were both reported to be in a "satisfactory" condition in Tygerberg Hospital last night. Police were unable to supply addresses.

In Block 23, Khayelitsha, groups of men and a taxi-driver stoned four buses in separate incidents between 5.50am and 7.45am on Saturday. Police described the damage to the buses as "minor".

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that a man was shot and killed by gunmen on Saturday at Ndunduzi in Natal. According to the police, eight men were injured, two seriously, during several unrest incidents nationwide at the weekend.

Seized — an arsenal of guns in Cape

(275)

CT 28/8/91

Crime Reporter

POLICE have seized more than 100 illegally owned firearms in Peninsula townships since April this year and have charged about 60 people with being in possession of the weapons.

A police spokesman said yesterday that four men were arrested at the weekend after a Scorpion machine pistol was found in their possession. Police claim three of the suspects returned to the country recently after receiving military training abroad.

Major Gys Boonzaaier said that among the firearms seized since April 1 were 13 AK 47 assault rifles and an RPG 75 rocket launcher.

Violence taking toll on Shawco work

275 CT 23/8/91

Staff Reporter

VIOLENCE in Khayelitsha is taking a worse toll on the activities of UCT's welfare organisation Shawco now than it did during the state of emergency or any period of township upheaval.

This was said yesterday by UCT vice-chancellor Dr Stuart Saunders at a UCT Medical School press conference, called to highlight Shawco's problems arising from the violence.

A Shawco school feeding delivery van had recently been held up by armed robbers in broad daylight, said Dr Saunders, who chairs the Shawco board.

It had been allowed to proceed after no money or goods, except soup, were discovered, he said.

There had been two other recent armed robberies.

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Crossroads man burnt to death

ONE MAN was burnt to death at Old Crossroads and a woman and two men suffered bullet wounds, said police in reporting 76 unrest related incidents in the Western Cape from 6am on Friday to 6am yesterday.

Forty of the incidents occurred in Old Crossroads, 20 in Khayelitsha, 11 in Worcester and five in other townships.

Twelve petrol bombs were thrown in Old Crossroads and 14

vehicles were damaged in incidents in Old Crossroads, Khayelitsha and Worcester.

A man burnt to death when his shack in Phase Three, Old Crossroads, was allegedly petrol bombed on Sunday. Two men, one in Phase Two and the other in Phase Four, were wounded when shot at by unidentified men.

A woman's head was grazed by a bullet in her house in Phase Two, Old Crossroads.

A man was wounded by unknown gunmen in Nyanga.

In Natal a man at Ntuzuma, Durban, was wounded when security guards opened fire on a group who had petrol-bombed buildings.

A man was shot dead at Enhlalakamle, near Maritzburg.

A 14-year-old boy was fatally wounded and five other pupils were injured yesterday morning when police acted against stone-throwers near Standerton. — Sapa

Tambo heads Fort Hare

AKG 23/8/91
EAST LONDON. — ANC

national chairman Mr Oliver Tambo will be installed as chancellor of Fort Hare University on October 19.

Dr Sibusiso Bengu is to be installed as vice-chancellor and rector of the university.

Mr Tambo entered Fort Hare as a student in 1938 and graduated with a science degree in 1941. — Sapa.

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Violence harms care in township

EDWARD MOLOINYANE
Staff Reporter

HEALTH care to the destitute of Khayelitsha has been severely hampered by the continuing violence, and health organisations have appealed for the restoration of peace.

A Press conference called by the Students' Health and Welfare Organisation (Shawco) at UCT yesterday, chaired by Vice-Chancellor Dr Stuart Saunders, was addressed by representatives from the Medical Association of South Africa (Masa), Health Unity Forum and the National Medical and Dental Association (Namda).

Mr Simon Levin of Shawco said the violence in Khayelitsha had materially affected the organisation's work and there was a high level of fear in the community, whose attendance and involvement in the Shawco projects had decreased drastically.

"Students and staff are at risk because of the high level of endemic violence. It is essential to promote peace and to bring the thuggery to an end," he said.

concerned with the killings of innocent children and activists" in Khayelitsha.

It also cited 13 cases of ANC activists who were harassed by unknown people allegedly assisted by the police.

Marching to

STEEAANS BRÜMMER
Staff Reporter AKG 23/8/91

HUNDREDS of township children fired the first round in their "friendly occupation of white schools" campaign when they marched to parliament with demands for better education.

More than 1 000 singing and chanting pupils, marching under the banner of the Congress of South African Students, handed a memorandum to a government official at the corner of Adderley and Wale streets yesterday.

The document demands open schools, a single education department, more textbooks, more qualified teachers, more schools and "an end to the escalating violence in our country,

'friendliness'

as the violence affects the learning process".

It concludes: "Many memorandums have been sent to your office and your failure to meet these demands leaves us with no option except mass action."

Later the pupils turned back down Adderley Street and, under heavy police surveillance, marched towards District Six.

Near the Technicon a hush fell over the group as leaders mounted the makeshift podium of an electricity box.

They demanded "the right for every pupil to go to school" and explained plans for today's occupation of white schools.

Leaders said headmasters of the schools to be "occupied" had been told of the Cosas plans and had agreed.

When the court adjourned for the day, father and son hugged and kissed, the younger man leaning over the dock to hold his father.

The trial continues on Monday.

Passengers kill city taxi driver

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Crime Reporter

A TAXI driver was shot dead by two armed passengers on his way to Khayelitsha and three taxis were set alight in separate incidents of violence this weekend, a police spokesman said yesterday.

Major Gys Boonzaaier said Mr Tsukwana Mbulali, 29, died instantly in his minibus on the corner of Duinefontein and Lansdowne roads on Saturday morning, when he was shot while transporting people from Claremont to Khayelitsha.

Major Boonzaaier said a man in a front seat pulled out a gun while Mr Mbulali was driving. A second passenger also produced a firearm and started robbing passengers at gunpoint. Several shots were fired at Mr Mbulali.

The men fled on foot and no arrests have been made.

Major Boonzaaier said that Detective-Sergeant Mick Hlope of the crime investigation unit in Kuils River was shot by unknown gunmen in Khayelitsha at about 3pm on Saturday. He is in a stable condition in hospital.

Earlier in the day three Lagunya minibus taxis were set alight allegedly by Webta members at the Bellville taxi rank, Major Boonzaaier said. A man armed with a .22 rifle was arrested in connection with one of the incidents.

Sapa reports that two people were killed and 22 wounded or injured in attacks on minibus taxis in the Transvaal since Friday night.

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Policeman shot in Nyanga battle

Staff Reporter (275)

A POLICEMAN was wounded by gunfire in Nyanga today.

Sergeant Neels van Molen-dorf, 25, was hit in the thigh when shots were fired at Riot Squad members investigating a report that firearms and am-munition were hidden in a house in Freedom Square.

He was treated at 2 Military Hospital in Wynberg.

Three men were wounded when police returned fire and two are under police guard in hospital. The other man es-caped.

Police confiscated two re-volvers and ammunition.

Council to get tough in taxi war

Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council is preparing to take tough action in a new bid to end the taxi war.

A far-reaching proposed new Cape Town taxi by-law gives the traffic manager the power to cancel the permits of all members of a taxi association if they misbehave.

Cancelling permits would in effect exclude the taxi drivers from picking up passengers anywhere within Cape Town municipality, because the by-law requires all taxi-drivers operating in the council area to have permits from it as well as from the Road Transportation Board.

A traffic department spokesman yesterday declined to comment on whether it would be possible to enforce these regulations without help from the police or army. He could only comment when the draft was made final, he said.

Mr James Mafuya, leader of the Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta), said yesterday he had heard that draft copies had been sent out, but had not yet received a copy.

"We might well have problems with the by-law, as we don't want anything to restrict us unnecessarily," he said. "We shall have to see."

Mr Headman Nongwejane of Lagunya could not be reached yesterday for comment.

Among the provisions of the by-law are the following:

- Permits may be refused if an applicant is deemed unfit to hold them "by virtue of the number and seriousness of his or his employees' previous convictions or outstanding warrants of arrest".

- The council may require a par-

ticular taxi association to employ marshals in respect of a taxi facility that has been allocated or leased to that association.

- Marshals, who have to be "of good character", will maintain order and see to it that only authorised users enter a taxi facility.

- Taxi drivers, conductors and marshals will all have to carry identity documents, and their vehicles will have to be identified by numbers and lettering on the outside panels of both front doors.

- Prior consent of the traffic manager is required if "any other signs, logos or emblems" than those stipulated in the by-law are displayed on or in a taxi.

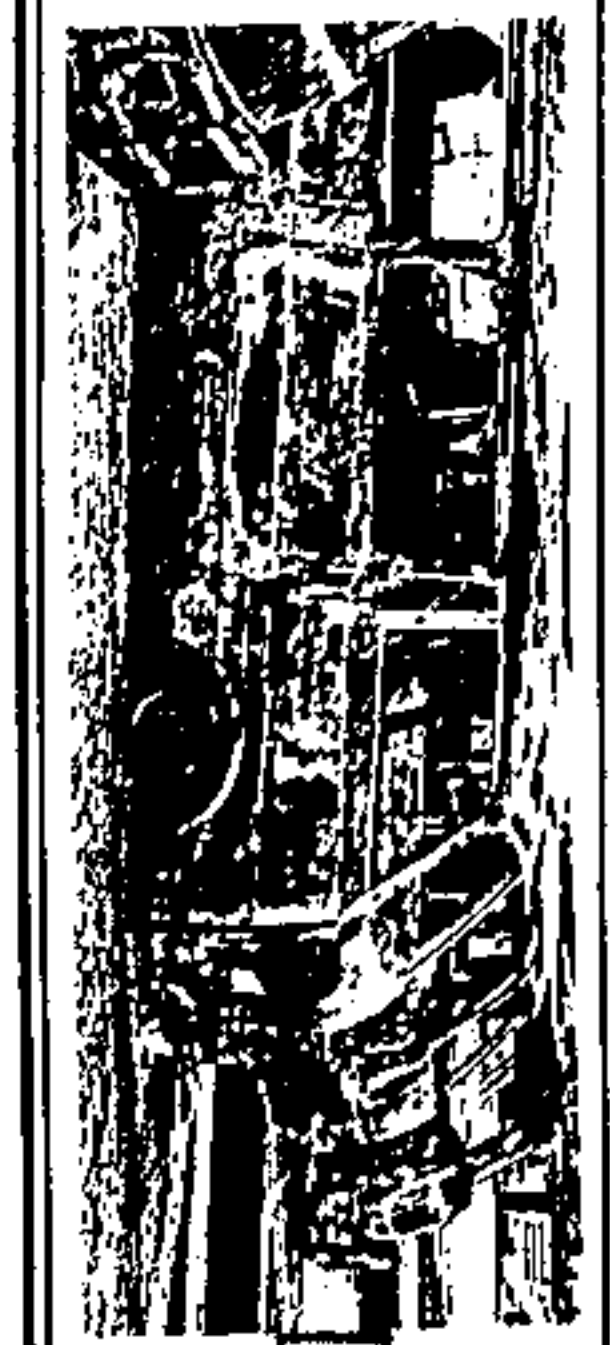
- If the traffic manager is of the opinion that any taxi is in an unroad-worthy condition, he may summarily suspend its operating permit.

- Where taxi facilities are inadequate to accommodate any more taxis, new applicants may be denied permits.

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Clean drivers

Drivers have to be clean, presentably dressed, orderly and courteous. Passengers may not enter taxis while in "an unacceptable state of filth or suffering from any infectious or contagious disease", according to the proposed by-law.

The council may establish a new taxi liaison committee, on which there may be up to three representatives of each taxi association. The council may also co-opt onto this body members of the police, the Local Road Transportation Board, taxi users, and representatives of community organisations, commerce and industry.



TAXI WAR

PEACE in the long-running taxi conflict between Lagunya and Western Cape Black Taxi Association continues to be elusive. VUYO BAVUMA, a Staff Reporter, spoke to Webia and Lagunya (see stories below) on how they envisage bringing about peace. The irony of the conflict in the township is that both sides want peace but differ on how to bring it about.

More than 30 people have been killed and hundreds of taxis — valued at more than R1,5 million — have been torched in the nine-month old taxi conflict but no end is sight.

LAST NIGHT

Walkouts, upsets, imbibo

STEFFAANS BRÜMMER, Staff Reporter

DOUBTS about a quick solution to the taxi war remain after a Peace Committee meeting with political and community organisations failed to produce immediate steps to end the violence.

The crisis conference last night gathered organisations from the townships where scores have been killed, hundreds left homeless and millions of rands damage done in nine months of taxi-related strife.

In spite of problems with options discussed, the convenors and participating organisations were hopeful that measures decided on at the drama-filled conference would work towards forcing the warring taxi associations, Lagunya and Webia, back to the negotiating table.

Webia earlier withdrew from negotiations, accusing the Peace Committee of not dealing with the fundamental issues. The PAC later added their voice of condemnation. They did not withdraw from the Peace Committee because they never attended.

Cape Town mayor, Mr Frank van der Velde, who co-chairs the Peace Committee with Archbishop Desmond

Tutu, said: "I believe that right now a lot of us feel despair that the peace process which showed so much promise seems to have crumbled."

But he was still optimistic, and appealed to those present "not to lose faith".

Drama last night included a hot-under-the-collar exchange that led to a delegation from the South African Black Taxi Association, which had not been invited, being expelled. Participants feared Sabta's "partiality" could put them at risk.

This happened soon after the conference was closed to the Press — the reason being that participants feared retaliation in the townships if individual views became known.

Proposals from the Peace Committee — which consists of city council, church, political, civic, trade union and business representatives — were put to the conference for discussion.

Before the session was closed, Mr Van der Velde said the proposals included that "the police be challenged to do a policing job", that the SADF be brought into townships "because of our doubts that the police can be objective", that community pressure in the form of a boycott



Picture: LEON MÜLLER, The Argus.

HOMELESS: Some of the 87 people whose shacks were destroyed during the taxi violence in Khayelitsha in September. The people are squatting at a classroom at Sosebenza High school in Site C. Shavwco and the Red Cross are appealing for donations to assist the people who have lost all their belongings.

of taxis be considered, and that city council pressure be

Half an hour later the Sabta delegation walked out. Former mayor Mr Leon Markowitz, who left at the same time, was overheard saying: "You've been kicked out of better places."

They were soon followed by a part of the National Council of Trade Unions delegation, which expressed sympathy with the Sabta delegation, some members of whom had

come from Pretoria especially for the conference.

Mr Van der Velde later said there had been a feeling among participants that Sabta — the local structures of which are seen to be partial to Webia — should not be included.

He said: "There have been assassinations... there is a fear among community bodies of discussing something that they know will go back

and identify specific people."

At a report-back after the closed session, it emerged that the proposal to invite the SADF into townships had been given the thumbs-down and that no firm resolution had been taken on a community boycott.

Archbishop Tutu said the feeling against involving the SADF was "almost unanimous", but that there would have been no need to consider the option in the first place "if the police did what we want them to do".

The role the council could play in applying pressure on the two associations to go back to the negotiating table was hailed as the strongest initiative, but council spokesmen admitted that the options were hampered by legal problems.

Resolutions — still subject to council ratification and to community organisations canvassing membership opinions — were, according to Mr Van der Velde and Archbishop Tutu:

- That continuous pressure be applied to police "to do an adequate policing job" in terms of investigating in a pre-emptive manner, investigating and arresting suspects after crimes, and defending people.

- That the city council's role be investigated in terms of pressure, including the rewriting of regulations to govern the taxi business.

- That the possibility of applying pressure to get the warring parties back to the negotiating table be discussed with the financial institutions that provide loans for taxis.

- That the national — as opposed to local — structures

of Sabta be asked to get involved in finding a solution.

- That community leaders "need to regard the possibility of a sanction in the form of a community boycott". There was, however, a strong feeling that a boycott could in itself lead to more violence, as did the previous one.

Council spokesman Mr Alan Dobby said city council pressure could involve a blanket revocation of permits of all members of the warring associations to force them back into negotiations.

But in terms of existing legislation the permits were issued by the local Road Transportation Board. Pressure would have to be put on the board to revoke permits. He said council was "almost at the position where we can publish our draft by-laws for comment".

In anticipation of such new taxi-regulating rules becoming law, council could investigate the possibility of encouraging taxi operators to register with the city council in the meantime.

Mr Van der Velde said although at present there were no rules, "recalcitrants" who did not want to register would "sit at the back of the queue".

Another tack, according to Mr Dobby, was to upgrade the Wynberg and CBD taxi ranks controlled by the council. Facilities would be open only to taxi operators "who are operating in a normal manner".

Mr Willie Hofmeyr of the ANC said: "The meeting was positive and we feel the concrete proposals that came out of it will help to get the peace process back on the road."

He said the possible suspension of permits was "the most direct pressure that came out of the meeting".

THE crux of Webta's views is a desire to protect their commercial interests in the lucrative taxi industry — no matter what it takes.

Consequently, Webta rejects any moves on sharing routes.

On the other hand, Lagunya agrees with the community that two associations are a source of conflict.

But Webta rejects this and is prepared to defend this notion.

Webta has come a long way since its members used to bear brunt of the wrath of the authorities because they were operating as illegal pirate taxis in the early 80s.

In spite of "harsh penalties", Webta withstood the punishment — and instead gradually grew into a formidable empire. Within a short time, the dilapidated and sometimes rusty vehicles made way for flashy minibuses.

The rapid transformation of the taxi business, consisting of people who came to seek work in the city, led to charges of the involvement of faceless white cash.

Webta's attempts to cement themselves in the market struck a positive cord when the South African Black Taxi Association recognised them as an autonomous region and admitted them. This enabled Webta to benefit from Sabta schemes to buy vehicles.

Webta was officially launched in May, 1987, during a three-day ceremony, amid pomp and fanfare attended by thousands of residents.

At that stage Webta members were seen by many township residents as heroes who flouted the white's man's oppressive transport regulating laws who provided fairly cheap and reliable transport to and from central business districts.

The risks they took by "pioneering" routes between Nyanga and areas like Bellville were at last paying handsome dividends.

But as from 1988 intermittent clashes surfaced when Lagunya tried to ply Webta's lucrative routes.

Why is Webta not reluctant to pull out of deals if they feel they are being done?

Webta believes their routes are exclusive-

ly their territory which they will not give up.

They argue that they toiled very hard, even though harassed by the traffic authorities, allegedly occasionally assisted by Lagunya members, most of whom had licences.

They are also not prepared to allow themselves to be swallowed by another organisation or have their identity, for which they fought so hard to establish, destroyed.

Webta believes anyone who wants to operate on their routes should join the organisation.

Webta also maintains attempts to coerce them into accepting any proposals, including the 10-point plan and the current peace initiative, will fail.

How can the long-running conflict be resolved?

Webta suggests that the matter should be left in the hands of the taxi organisations only.

But first and foremost, Webta wants to revert to the previous arrangement — its taxis should ply the CBD and townships routes while Lagunya operates mainly inter-township routes.

It believes that political organisations like the national executive of the ANC and the South African Black Taxi Association and other taxi bodies should be invited to find ways and means of finding a solution.

What about community-brokered peace like the 10-point plan? Webta believes the latter document was being forced upon them without any consultation.

The sponsors of the plan were not neutral brokers because they called for a boycott against Webta taxis in May.

Webta rejects the allegations of police collusion and points out that 170 of their members have been arrested for possession of firearms — one in connection with the killing of popular community leader Mr Michael Mapongwana.

Concerning the latest move, initiated by among others Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Cape Town mayor Frank Van der Velde, Webta is convinced the attempt had not addressed the real issues.

This prompted the organisation to pull out.

LAGUNYA

LAGUNYA'S views are characterised by a willingness to accept any deals from any brokers in the interest of serving the people who are being adversely affected by the conflict.

Lagunya members blame their rivals for the breakdown of the peace process at the 11th hour. As a result, they have resolved not to have any talks with Webta because they have lost trust.

Originally set up in the 1950s, Lagunya consists mainly of residents who are born and bred in Cape Town — hence their progressive political outlook.

For a long time, Lagunya with their sedan taxis, operated in the townships without any competition — other than the odd pirate — and had permits.

But with the influx of people into the growing squatter areas such as Crossroads and other satellite camps, there was suddenly room for the illegal taxis.

Occasionally Lagunya collaborated with the authorities to restrict the flow of illegal taxis as they became a threat to their market.

But such attempts did not succeed. Few Lagunya members were prepared to risk fines by venturing into then out-of-bound areas for black taxis such as the CBDs.

The "Johnny-come-latelies", as Lagunya describes Webta, continued to make substantial inroads in spite of Lagunya's opposition to the granting of Webta's permits. But the floodgates for permits were suddenly opened — and Webta became legal overnight.

Another objection from Lagunya against their rivals was unsuccessfully opposing the

granting of autonomous status by the South African Black Taxi Association.

Because of the cut-throat nature of the business — more than 2 000 taxis generating a total of R60 000 for one trip each — clashes over routes were unavoidable.

Throughout the current conflict, Lagunya has always expressed a willingness to go along with any peace initiatives, including the 10-point plan.

The plan contains measures that will definitely solve the problem in the taxi business.

Lagunya maintains community involvement will play an important role in finding a solution to the problem. After all, Webta relies on the people for support.

Lagunya believes the role of the police, whom they accused of siding with Webta, is a main stumbling block. Whenever Lagunya reports incidents to the police, they claim they are "first asked which organisation they belong to". But police have steadfastly rejected the accusations.

Lagunya members deny they want to take over Webta's routes, saying they have been operating in the Western Cape for a long time.

To them, the heart of the current conflict is that Webta wants to restrict them to operating from Khayelitsha to Nyanga only.

They accuse Webta of wanting to drive them away from the Nyanga taxi rank where they have been operating for years.

For Lagunya, the conflict has political overtones because there are town councillors in Webta who are allegedly using the issue as a smokescreen to eliminate activists.

Bickering aside, the search for peace continues in earnest while the conflict continues to claim the lives of people.

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Wrong jersey blamed for new taxi killing

VUYO BAVUMA
Staff Reporter

WEARING the wrong jersey might have cost a New Crossroads man his life.

Mr Nimrod Monakeli, 30, was stabbed to death by Nyanga rank taxi drivers using private cars in the township after three men singled him out in a crowd at the weekend.

According to his grieving sister, Miss Eunice Monakeli, Mr Monakeli was attacked because he wore a jersey similar to that worn by a man sought by the attackers.

Miss Monakeli said the taxi drivers who killed her brother had promised to apologise to the family after they realised they had killed the wrong man.

"What is the use of apologising or even giving us money? My brother is now dead. I fainted when I heard the news."

Miss Monakeli said: "My brother went with two others to buy bus tickets at Nyanga terminus. He was accosted by a group of three men who shouted 'It's him. Get him!'

"My brother did not have a chance. His friends protested, but they backed off when the men threatened to shoot them. Later they ran to the police station."

The taxi drivers were surprised to learn Mr Monakeli was not involved in the taxi war, and could not even drive.

Mr Monakeli's parents arrive from Transkei on Sunday to fetch his body.



Picture: ROY WIGLEY, The Argus

GRIEVING MOMENT: Mr Lamlam Mngxama comforts Miss Eunice Monakeli, sister of Mr Nimrod Monakeli, who was stabbed to death at Nyanga terminus after being mistaken for a man involved in the taxi industry.

Tramways ask for more police after bus inspector wounded in township shooting

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Call for protection

Staff Reporters

CITY Tramways have asked for increased police patrols in the townships following the shooting of a bus inspector in Nyanga.

He was the third Tramways employee to come under fire since Thursday, when a driver, Mr Rayman Hansen, was shot dead. Another was fired at in Khayelitsha.

And shots were fired at a dairy deliveryman near Old Crossroads, but he was not hit. The violence has spurred Cape Town's Mayor, Mr Frank van der Velde, and Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu to organise a peace conference this week.

The conference is to be attended by representatives of about 50 organisations affected by township conflict.

Tramways spokeswoman Mrs Jeanne Welsh said the company was discussing other steps and security measures at a high management level to protect its employees and buses.

Five shots fired

Police spokesman Captain Hendrik Opperman said Tramways Inspector Mr Bandle Matutu, 31, was inside the open door of a bus at Nyanga terminus at 1pm yesterday when an unidentified man pulled out a handgun.

Five shots were fired and Mr Matutu was hit twice — in the arm and the shoulder.

Robbery did not seem to be the motive, said Captain Opperman.

About 6am on Saturday a DairyBelle milkman was on his way from Phillippi to Mitchell's Plain when two taxis blocked his way in Lansdowne Road, near Old Crossroads.

A dairy spokesman said the deliveryman tried to turn his vehicle round when he saw the taxis, but the occupants of the taxis, who he believed were Weibla members, opened fire, allegedly with an automatic weapon.

The milkman was not hit and fled.

Police are investigating charges of attempted murder. No arrests have been made.

Burning shacks

Meanwhile, the deputy head of detectives in the Western Cape is investigating claims that policemen wearing balacavas were seen helping to burn down shacks at the KTC squatter camp.

They were allegedly seen throwing a flammable substance on burning shacks on Saturday night.

A police spokesman said Lieutenant-Colonel Louis Wessels would investigate.

The spokesman said police investigated arson after several shacks were gutted. The policemen had escorted fire engines to the fires, the spokesman said.

● Peace conference planned, page 2.



GLAMOROUS LIZ: Much-married Hollywood star Liz Taylor — still stunning at 59 — said "I do" again today. Her seventh husband is building worker Larry Fortensky, more than 20 years her junior.

Tearful Liz says yes to No 7 — her 'real man'

LOS OLIVOS, California. — A tearful Elizabeth Taylor has married husband number seven, construction worker Larry Fortensky, on a carpet of flowers in a million-dollar ranch ceremony.

With 80 security guards and mounted policemen keeping out unwanted guests and a barrage of red and white balloons strung 150 metres over the wedding ceremony to prevent news helicopters coming close, the actress quietly said "I do" for the eighth time yesterday.

Wearing a wedding gown of three shades of yellow, Ms Taylor, 59, had tears in her eyes during the ceremony and was comforted by Fortensky, 20 years her junior.

The ceremony was held in a gazebo by a swan lake on the ranch of rock star Michael Jackson.

Taylor met Fortensky at the Betty Ford Centre for drug and alcohol treatment outside Palm Springs, California, three years ago. He began treatment there after being convicted of drunken driving.

She has had six previous husbands.

Invited wedding guests included former presidents Ronald Reagan and Gerald Ford, and celebrities Frank Sinatra, Gregory Peck, George Hamilton, Michael J Fox, Liza Minnelli and Eddie Murphy.

Jackson, gave the bride away. — Sapa-Reuter.

Hick hitched in secret — and he smiles again
The Argus Foreign Service

LONDON. — A smile was back on the face of cricketer Graeme Hick for his marriage to long-time girlfriend Jackie Evans.

The 25-year-old Zimbabwe-born batsman who waited seven years to qualify for England had a depressing season at international level against the West Indies fast bowlers.

Peace

Third busman under gunfire

By WILLEM STEENKAMP
and BRONWYN DAVIDS

A CITY TRAMWAYS inspector was shot in Nyanga yesterday — the third attack on a busman in four days — while Cape Town's Mayor, Mr Frank van der Velde, and the Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Rev Desmond Tutu, jointly called for an urgent taxi crisis "summit".

Bus inspector Mr Bandile Matutu, 31, of Guguletu, was hit in the right shoulder and upper arm after first being told by his assailant to get his bus "out of the township".

The attacker fired five shots at him.

The latest attack (in the first a Tramways driver was fatally shot and in the second a conductor escaped two bullets in Khayelitsha) happened at the Nyanga East bus terminus just after 1pm yesterday.

Mr Matutu was treated at Woodstock Hospital and discharged.

At a press conference which he hosted at Bishops-court, Archbishop Tutu said a halt had to be called to the "mindless" taxi violence.

"We are saying: 'Thus far and no further — we have had enough'."

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Peace bid

He said the welfare of all Capetonians was being threatened by the township violence and that "it isn't going to stay there".

"Violence in the so-called black areas may be spilling over into other areas," he said.

It was easy for the community to be divided and a "Beirut mentality" to take root in Cape Town.

Asked if any political parties were using the taxi war for their own ends, Archbishop Tutu said: "Some say there is a sinister 'third force'. There are unscrupulous people using violence, as well as a gangster element exploiting all the turmoil."

Invitations to take part in the conference, scheduled for Wednesday, were being sent to the warring Webta and Lagunya taxi associations, the Transvaal-based SA Black Taxi Association (Sabta), political organisations and parties, city councillors, the Cape Provincial Administration, business leaders, the police, trade unions and media representatives.

City Tramways spokeswoman Mrs Jeanne Welsh said buses were running to the outskirts of Nyanga yesterday after the attack but entering other townships.

Transport and General Workers' Union spokesman Mr Harald Harvey said last night that it was "possible" drivers would refuse to go into the townships today.

Drivers "downed tools" on Thursday after driver Mr Raman Hansen was fatally shot at Village 3 in Khayelitsha and a second driver was shot at opposite the Cosy Corner Café nearby.

They only agreed to go back in after management offered increased life assurance cover and secured a police undertaking to increase patrols.

Mr Harvey said shop stewards would meet this morning to discuss bullet-proofing bus cabs.

Reporters at the Bishops-court conference were told the initiative, "Call for Peace in Cape Town", would be an attempt to find solutions.

Violence could have a profound effect on economic growth prospects for Cape Town, it was said, as it would undermine tourism prospects, potential investment in the city and create job problems for the city's workers.

The conference would be split into two sessions, said Ms Helen Zille, a consultant to the city council.

In the first Mr Van der Velde would welcome delegates, Archbishop Tutu would deliver a keynote address, deputy mayor Mr Clive Keegan would give background, and a key behind-the-scenes player in the recently-signed National Peace Accord, Mr Jayendra Naidoo, would offer perspectives.

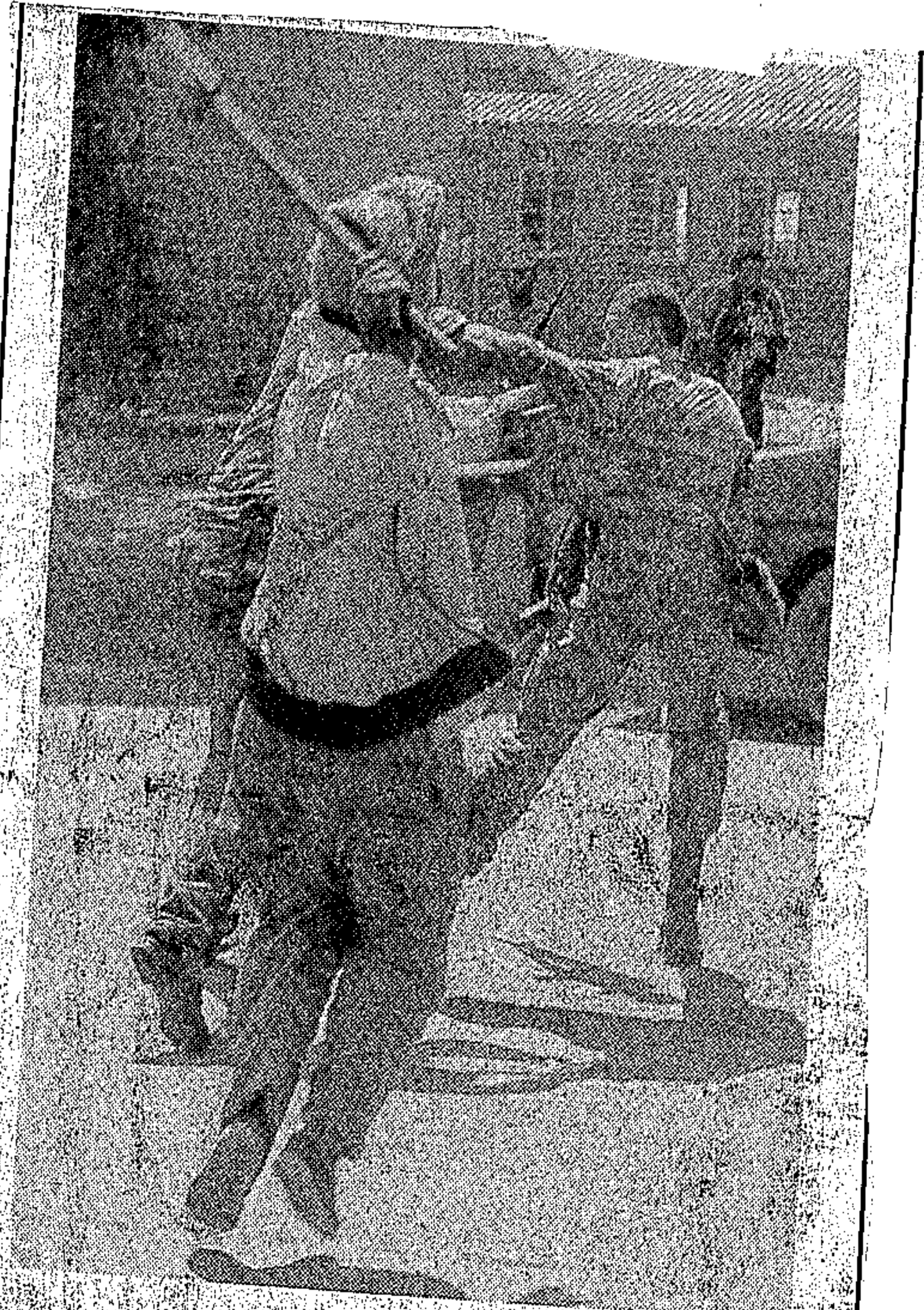
In the second, closed, session, delegates would be split into three commissions to discuss regulating the taxi industry, policing the taxi war and applying the peace accord to the taxi war.

Asked how he would feel if the peace initiative failed, Archbishop Tutu said he would be "deeply appalled".

"We must not fail," he said.

● Police said they arrived on the scene of yesterday's shooting minutes afterwards but the gunman had already fled.

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Picture: OBED ZILWA, The Argus.

POLICE INTERVENTION: A club-wielding man bears down on Mr Nkosinathi Nkohla (obscured) as a policeman intervenes to help Mr Nkohla during pitched battles at the Nyanga taxi rank.

Mentally ill boy shot dead as taxi war becomes ominous

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IN ominous developments in the bloody taxi war a mentally disabled bystander, 17, was shot dead. Nyanga fruit stall holders had their stalls torched and a City Tramways bus driver was shot dead yesterday in Khayelitsha.

The violence which spilled into the community justified fears that no-one was safe

from being dragged into the conflict.

Police did not report any overnight taxi-related violence today.

The fighting follows a fortnight of relative calm in the taxi war, which has claimed many lives in the past months.

The youth, Siphwe Yekani, of KTC, was shot in the chest as fighting flared about 10 am, witnesses said.

His body, covered in a leather jacket, lay under a hawker's stand for more than three hours as fighting continued around it.

His distraught mother, who arrived accompanied by a policeman, said Siphwe was mentally retarded and "occasionally" attended the KTC pri-

mary school, where he was in Sub B.

Three fruit stalls at the taxi rank were said to have been set alight between 2 pm and 6 pm yesterday, with stallholders having to run for their lives.

A City Tramways bus driver was shot dead when gunmen opened fire on his fully-laden bus in Khayelitsha about 5.25 am. The bus ploughed into a house wall, but no one else was injured.

Lagunya taxi driver Mr Nkosinathi Nkohla almost became the latest person to die in the taxi war when he was attacked in full view of journalists, police and passers-by at the Nyanga rank. He escaped.

● More pictures, page 15.

Bus attacked, driver shot dead

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Flitestar

set to take
off in new
A 320 jets

SHARKEY ISAACS
Transport Reporter

DOMESTIC aviation services entered a new era today when a new jet passenger aircraft was delivered to Flitestar, an airline in direct competition with South African Airways.

Commercial manager Mr Reinhart Mecklenburg said the 125-seater aircraft was the first of four Airbus A320s to touch down at Jan Smuts Airport. The other three aircraft from the Guineas Peat Aviation Group were expected next week.

The fleet takes to the air in a fortnight with five daily return flights between Johannesburg and Cape Town. Its Johannesburg-Durban service will be launched on October 30 and



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and DON HOLLIDAY
Staff Reporters

A CITY Tramways bus driver was shot dead as gunmen opened fire on his fully-laden bus in Khayelitsha early today.

Last night, two men died in a shootout with police at the Nyanga taxi rank as the taxi feud exploded again after a fortnight of relative calm.

The bus driver was shot and killed about 5.25am when the bus was fired on at the corner of Walter Sisulu Drive and Steve Biko Road, Town 2, Village 3, Khayelitsha.

None of the passengers is reported to have been hurt.

The bus, on its way to Bellville, went out of control, hit concrete kerbstones and came to rest against a house.

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Overseas interest in Masterbond

TOM HOOD, Business Editor
AN OVERSEAS investor and two South African financial institutions were interested in buying certain of Masterbond Trust's developments, said the managing director, Mr Johann Brits, today.

The company had phone calls yesterday after it was placed in provisional liquidation in the Supreme Court in Cape Town.

Worried buyers of units at Club Mykonos — R120 million worth of them have been sold — have phoned The Argus to ask if their investments are safe.

Mr Brits said today the share block company at Mykonos had not been liquidated and a special shareholders' meeting would be called in the next month and the provisional liquidators would be asked to establish the situation.

The three joint provisional liquidators were to meet today to discuss Masterbond group's affairs.

● An erroneous statement in The Argus (Stop Press) yesterday stated that Masterbond Trust had invested in a Lan-

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'A huge crash'

"I was just waking up when there were shots and moments later a huge crash just outside. The house shook and I opened the door to find the bus against my house and people running in all directions."

He said there were about 60 people in the bus but no one appeared injured. The dead man's name has not yet been released.

Two men were shot dead and two were wounded in a shootout between alleged Lagunya taxi association members and police at a Webta taxi rank in Nyanga yesterday.

A police spokesman said about 10 people fired on a police patrol and on Webta members at the rank about 5.10pm. Police returned the fire.

Afterwards police found the bodies of two men, aged about 30. One had been shot in the head and the other in the chest.

A 19-year-old man from New Crossroads and a 25-year-old woman from Nyanga were wounded. They were taken to Groote Schuur Hospital where the man is in a serious condition.

A Langa family escaped unharmed when a taxi, which bore the sign Liffy's Central, smashed into a house after its driver was attacked by passengers yesterday.

Crashed into house

Witnesses said the driver was involved in a tussle with two men in the vehicle.

They said the men, apparently unarmed, appeared to be members of one of the township taxi organisations.

The vehicle ploughed through a wooden fence and crashed into the wall of a house opposite Zone 19.

The shaken members of the family, who refused to be named, said they were lucky to escape unharmed.

"I heard a loud bang and I thought it was an earthquake," said a woman.

Mayor, Tutu to chair conference on violence

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HANS-PETER BAKKER
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A CONFERENCE to identify the causes of violence in Cape Town and to thrash out ways of curbing it will be held at the Cape Town Civic Centre on Wednesday.

This was announced by the Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Frank van der Velde, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, to the Press at Bishop's Court yesterday.

The peace conference, a new initiative by the Cape Town City Council, is aimed at bringing together members of about 50 organisations affected by the violence.

Mr Van der Velde said he and most other people in Cape Town were "very perturbed by the violence".

He said the conference, to which trade union leaders, political leaders, local authorities, and leaders of rival taxi groups Webta and Lagunya had been invited, was called to devise ways of curbing the violence. At least 20 people have died since May.

"We have to identify the causes and we need to determine actions and strategies to deal with the violence."

"We mean to bang our heads together until we have a solution."

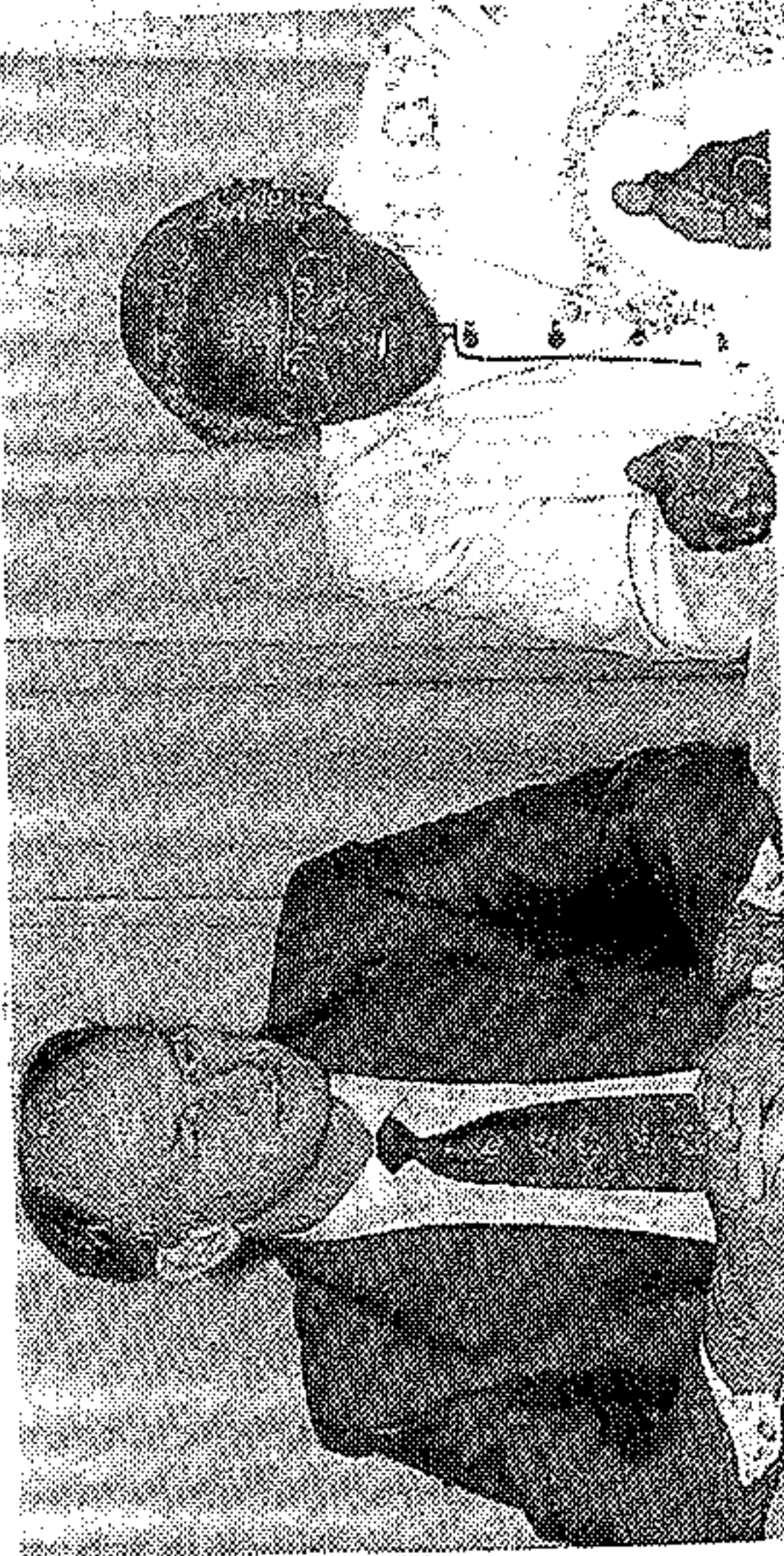
Archbishop Tutu said he hoped the Wednesday meeting would enlist the support of the wider community of Cape Town because it was "imperative that all of us stand together."

"Unless we have stability and people are able to go to work without fear of becoming victims of mindless violence, we will not be able to attract tourism. The economy of our city will be grievously undermined."

According to Archbishop Tutu, although most of the violence occurs mainly in black areas, it will not stay there. "Its consequences will spill over," he said.

"We want all of Cape Town to stand up and say thus far and no further."

Mr Van der Velde said he was confident the conference would succeed after a preliminary



Picture: ROY WIGLEY, The Argus.

PEACE TEAM: Cape Town's mayor, Mr Frank van der Velde, left, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu at a press conference to announce peace talks to be held on Wednesday.

nary peace meeting in his office on Friday when a "cross-section of Cape Town" sat together for the first time.

He realised the taxi war was possibly a "symptom of greater problems" such as poverty and land allocation, but it was clear rivalry had caused the recent problems.

The conference, which will begin at 8.45am, will be chaired by Archbishop Tutu

and Mr Van der Velde.

The meeting will start with an "open session" in which the background to the taxi war will be presented as well as a "local perspective" to the National Peace Accord.

A closed session will break into three commissions to discuss strategies to regulate the taxi industry, how to police the taxi war and ways to apply the National Peace Accord.

Police ⁽²⁷⁵⁾ alert for taxi war flare-up

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POLICE have been placed on the alert in case of a flare-up in the taxi war.

Democratic Party MP for Claremont Mr Jan van Eck confirmed that he had told police about a meeting this week at which trouble was threatened.

At the meeting, attended by three prominent squatter leaders and members of the Western Cape Black Taxi Association, it was decided to "sort out" rival taxi group the Langa, Guguletu and Nyanga (Lagunya) Taxi Association today.

Mr Van Eck said he met police regional commissioner Major-General Nic Acker on Thursday and gave him the information.

"There is no doubt as to what they mean by 'sorting out'."

He also gave to General Acker the names of two policemen, allegedly involved in the taxi war, and the registration numbers of police vehicles allegedly used in attacks on Lagunya.

Wehta's plans were given to him by a source, Mr Van Eck said.

"It was of such a sensitive nature that I took the matter to General Acker."

Mr Van Eck said: "The biggest problem in the taxi war is the white ownership of taxis."

He added: "There is a sinister third force behind all this and it is manipulating the situation so that there is a confrontation between Wehta and squatters on the one hand and civic associations and Lagunya on the other."

The police spokesman said police had received information that rival taxi groups were preparing to attack each other at the weekend.

Townships, now media dance to activists' tune

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Staff Reporter

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THE new breed of township activists which emerged after the unbanning of political organisations last year are a mean bunch because of the awesome power they wield in the townships.

And, because of this, they have suddenly found themselves in the media spotlight — and believe they are somehow dictators to the media.

Before the "liberalisation" of the political situation, some of us reporting on township events had operated relatively freely except during the state's media clampdown.

I had mistakenly hoped that the advent of the changed political situation would make our job easier.

But it was not to be and accusations such as "you wrote that article without a mandate from 'the people'" or "you did not write what we told you" was common.

My first brush with these activists occurred in my area of Town Two, Village Three, at the height of the euphoria of the New South Africa in March last year, a month after that watershed speech.

As residents we had been called to the sports field, where the poor state of our houses was discussed.

The gathering of more than 800 homeowners, myself included, unanimously resolved that the best way to make the authorities attend to the structural defects on the properties was a boycott action on bonds, a tra-

ditional weapon in townships countrywide.

Having been part of the decision, I promptly wrote the story and the residents' stand subsequently won favourable comments, leading to eventual repairs.

However, no sooner had the story appeared than township rumour had it that civic activists were angry with me because I had "written the article without a mandate".

Later, when financial institutions' representatives went to the area to address residents, local executive members of the civic association — watched by hundreds of residents — threatened me and prevented me from taking notes.

Last year I covered the rent boycott and the subsequent electricity switch-off in Mbekweni.

On all occasions I had consulted the Mbekweni Working Committee, said to represent residents.

However, when cracks began to show in the community after a member of the working committee had secretly informed me that some residents had expressed displeasure at the committee and wanted to pay their rents to have their electricity restored, I interviewed several residents who told me intimidation was rife.

After grilling the committee about this, I got no more briefings and, my sin: "He wants to tell us what to do and he sounds like a PAC man."

Next came the boycott of taxis and the subsequent taxi war in which scores were killed.

The Taxi Crisis Co-ordinating Committee (TCCC) had issued a statement detailing reasons for the boycott of one faction and this was used in full in a morning daily.

Needless to say, my story included both the TCCC statement and comments from the association earmarked for a boycott, but I was accused of "writing what we did not tell you".

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Furious residents reject taxi peace pact

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VUSI KAMA, Staff Reporter

RESIDENTS of Site B, Khayelitsha, have rejected a peace pact between the warring factions in the taxi conflict.

The pact was brokered by the Lingeletu West Town Council and the Western Cape United Squatters' Association to end clashes between the Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta) and Lagunya.

A meeting resolved that "all taxis should ply their normal routes without disturbance".

The violence, which has caused about R500 000 damage and left

many dead, broke out after disagreement over routes and ranks.

Minutes after yesterday's peace meeting angry residents rejected the decision, claiming that "the hands of Webta members are still stained with blood from last week's killings".

They vowed to continue using their "underground structures" to "eliminate" Webta taxis.

Earlier the meeting decided "go back to the old order" and let all taxis ply their normal routes.

The Site C rank was established by Lagunya to carry passengers to the central business districts.

Although the "old order" resolution met some opposition from a section of the meeting, it was passed.

During the meeting Khayelitsha Mayor Mali Hoza called for peace and unity within the taxi fraternity.

"You must all protect each others' taxis. We don't want to see any burning of taxis here," he said. "Peace depends on you. If you want peace, there will be peace in this area."

Town Clerk Graham Lawrence said the council was keen to see an end to the conflict. There was enough money for more taxi ranks if there was a need.

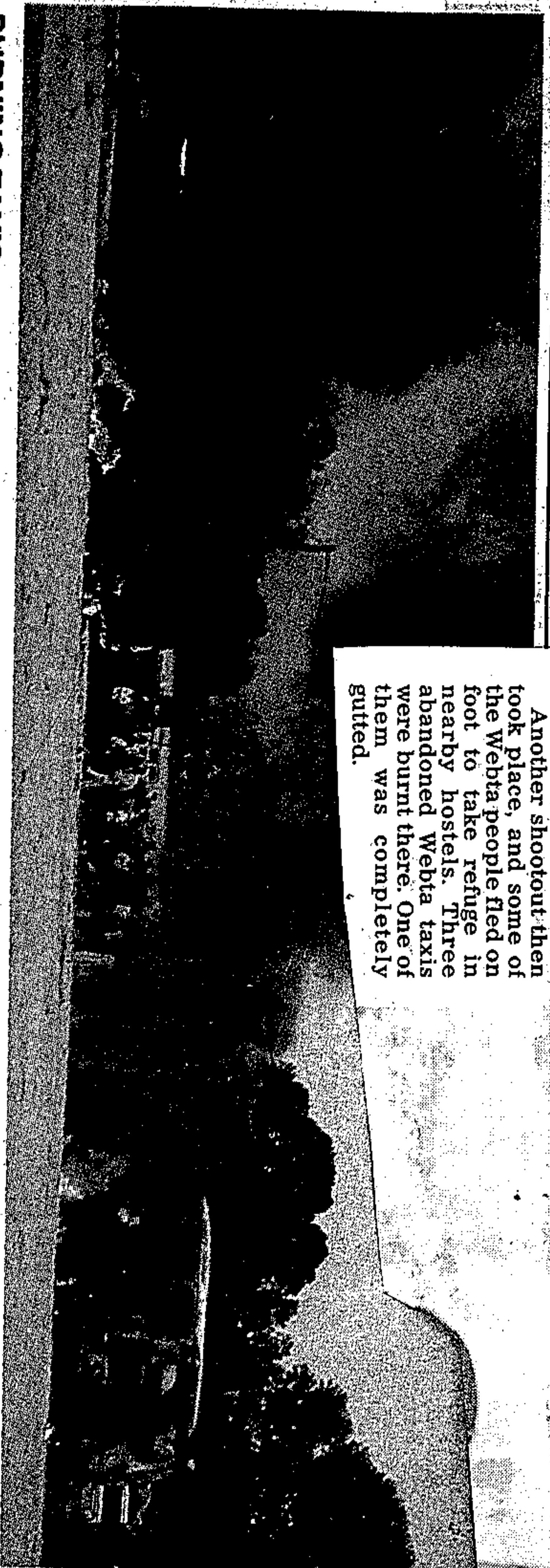


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WATCHFUL: Police keep a close watch during a meeting between two warring township taxi associations at the Lingeletu Town Council offices in Site B, Khayelitsha.

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Another shootout then took place, and some of the Webta people fled on foot to take refuge in nearby hostels. Three abandoned Webta taxis were burnt there. One of them was completely gutted.



BURNING TAXIS . . . A row of minibus taxis burn at the weekend. They were set alight in Cape Town's vicious taxi war.

**By RAMOTENA MABOTE,
PETER DENNEHY
and DAN SIMON**

A 12-YEAR-OLD boy died in a hail of bullets and a Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta) member was gunned down in continuing violence in Khayelitsha yesterday.

And 22 Lagunya taxis parked at the Lingelihle Service Station, near the Khayelitsha police station in Bonga Street, were burnt out or damaged in an armed Saturday-night attack. At least six were totally burnt out, but several others could be driven away.

Police spokesman Captain Hendrik Opperman said a man identified only as Mr Mtshedwa was shot and killed at the Site C petrol station about 1pm yesterday. He said he

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had been a Webta member.

An unidentified 12-year-old youth was shot dead nearby about the same time, Captain Opperman said.

Police also reported another incident in which two men were shot in the back in T-Block, Site B, about 2.30am. They were taken to hospital. It is not known to which groups, if any, these attackers or their victims belong.

Mr Cyprian Dladla, an eyewitness to the attack

on the 22 Lagunya taxis,

said this incident took place between 2am and 3am in Bonga Street. He said he saw uniformed policemen in a Casspir with the number 15 on it at the Lingelihle Service Station. The taxis were parked nearby across the road from the police station, which is about 50 metres away.

There was shooting during the attack, he said, but he did not see any shooting from the Casspir. Within about two minutes the taxis

were in flames.

A man whose name he did not know was wounded in the attack, apparently in the shoulder, and the police took this man away in the Casspir, he said.

Captain Opperman said he could not say how the attackers had managed to pull off the attack. He promised to investigate Mr Dladla's allegations.

Early on Saturday evening, eyewitness Mrs Miriam Williams of OT section in Site B saw

Ten minutes later a Lagunya taxi was burnt opposite Brown's Farm in Philippi. At some time during the weekend, another Webta taxi was burnt out in a road with no name in Site B.

Parts of Khayelitsha are littered with the hulks of taxis which have been burnt out in the last while.

Only about nine people attended a peace meeting between the Western Cape United Squatters' Association and the Western Cape Civic Associations at a church in Nyanga East yesterday.

Mr Simon Makana, a senior ANC man who was sent from Johannesburg to stop the violence in Crossroads, was disappointed. He could not say whether the taxi violence had anything to do with the poor attendance.

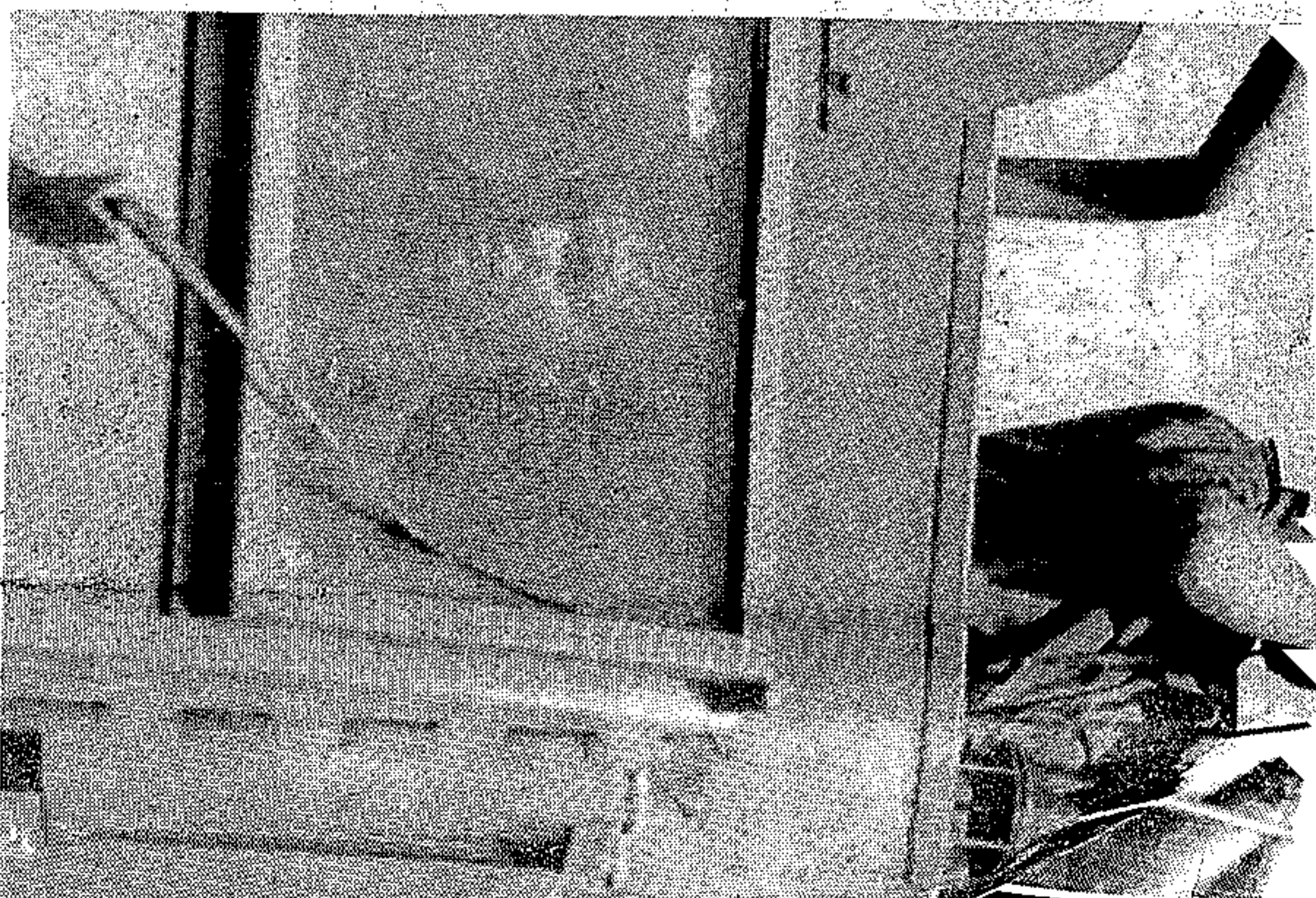
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Hitches

"In the spirit of the accord that has now been signed, we must bury the past and start with a clean slate," he said.

However, there were many hitches to the peace process, he added. He and others in the ANC could not help feeling that the violence in Khayelitsha and Crossroads had to be seen in the context of "a chain, a pattern, a strategy" visible in the rest of the country.

Meanwhile, SATV news reported last night that an eyewitness had claimed that policemen from three police Caspirs and a police van had fired shots and had then torched the taxis.



KEEPING WATCH . . . A soldier on a Buffel troop carrier scans the Pholia Park squatter camp near Thokoza yesterday as relative calm returned to the townships around Johannesburg.

Picture: AP

Captain Opperman said the police regarded the allegations "in a very serious light" and were conducting in-depth investigations.

They were trying to locate the witness, he added.

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CP Correspondent

VIOLENCE exploded in Khayelitsha near Cape Town late this week as taxis were attacked and armed groups were reported to be launching assaults on houses and shacks of ANC supporters.

Gunmen have opened fire on police in at least seven incidents since the violence flared up in the sprawling seaside township on Thursday afternoon, before spreading to Nyanga, closer to Cape Town, on Friday.

One man has so far been killed, two people injured and seven taxis destroyed.

Police maintain that the violence stems from a taxi war between rival taxi organisations.

But a prominent member of the Unrest monitoring and action commission (Umac), DP MP Jan van Eck, has charged that there is a "definitive attempt to destabilise the

Police have rejected Van Eck's allegations that nothing was being done to stop the violence.

A top level police investigation is currently underway into accusations of police complicity in recent violence during which more than 100 shacks were razed and scores of people injured or killed.

The investigation will also look at ongoing rumours of police involvement in the assassination of ANC activists Mziwonke "Pro" Jack earlier this year.

Spearheading the investigation is controversial cop, Major-General Ronnie van der Westhuizen, who was earlier this year suspended by the Natal Attorney-General from an investigation into the Trustfeeds massacre.

The violence is the latest in ongoing fighting in the township which has a population of about 400 000.



STOP THE WAR ... MR Tsuku, 73, centre, leads a march after losing his wife and three children in recent Cape violence. ■ Pic: FANIE JASON

area under the guise of the taxi war".

Van Eck said in a newspaper interview this week that after first giving police "the benefit of the doubt", he now had clear evidence of police both leading and assisting attackers.

Affidavits from 29 eye-

witnesses handed to police by Umac allege that, in one incident recently, armed white men set fire to a house and attacked its fleeing inhabitants after calling out: "Comrades, we are here. We can carry on with the fighting."

Some of the affidavits alleged there were white men in camouflage uniforms among the attackers, who seemed to concentrate on the homes of ANC supporters.

Boy of 12 dies in taxi war

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**EDWARD MOLOINYANE
and JOHAN SCHRÖNEN**
Staff Reporters

AT least 10 people, including a 12-year-old boy conductor on a minibus taxi, died in township fighting at the weekend.

At least four of the deaths were related to the long-running minibus taxi war, that flared up again more violently last week.

Police said there had been extensive damage to vehicles, most of them minibuses.

Shacks were gutted in Green Point, Khayelitsha, and a shop in Emms Drive was also set burning. In an attack near the Site B police station a youth was shot and injured and more than 20 minibuses torched.

And on Saturday a man was dragged from his taxi in Zola Budd Drive and hacked to death, while a taxi passenger was hit by a bullet fired from another taxi in Lansdowne Road, Philippi.

Yesterday's taxi shootings took place next to the taxi terminus behind the police station. An eyewitness said about 50 minibus taxis followed by a Casspir shortly after noon.

After taking the Khayelitsha turnoff from the N2 most minibuses drove across the robots into Meeway Drive, while two of them and the Casspir turned into Site C.

The witness, who followed the convoy, said he asked one of the drivers where he was going and was told the convoy was heading for the cemetery where Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Wcbta) had been on guard since the war started several months ago.

"I turned back later and headed for Site C. I saw scores of taximen who had grouped at the rank earlier and who seemed to be holding a meeting, running in all directions."

"I heard several shots and a few minutes later the taxis, a blue car with a white driver and the Casspir, which had been parked in the street a few metres from the police station, pulled away," he said.

SHOT DEAD: A victim, above, of yesterday's attack on taxi-drivers at a terminus in Site C, Khayelitsha.

IN FLAMES: A Lagunya minibus, right, torched outside a petrol station in Khayelitsha.

Pictures: OBED ZILWA, The Argus.

The witness said when he investigated he saw two people, a taxi driver and a 12-year-old boy, said to be a conductor from Lagunya Taxi Association, lying dead a few metres from each other.

He said the driver, an unidentified man in his 40s, had "several nasty wounds".

Windows in the Lagunya offices at the rank were shattered by gunfire.

Police spokesman Captain Hendrik Opperman said three men were wounded yesterday in Site B and T Block by shots fired by unknown attackers.

Captain Opperman said allegations that policemen were responsible for this attack on the taxis were being investigated "as a matter of urgency" by a team headed by Deputy Chief Detective Colonel L. Wessels.

There were no minibuses at taxi ranks in Nyanga and Khayelitsha today and workers used trains and buses.



WP counts cost after yobbos win the day

GRAHAM LIZAMORE
Staff Reporter

AT least five spectators and two policemen were injured at Newlands South Stand when bottle-throwing rugby yobbos clashed with police during the Northern Transvaal-Western Province match on Saturday.

A police spokesman said several spectators, including two who appeared intoxicated, had been arrested and removed from the stadium. No charges had been laid.

Two policemen were slightly injured when spectators resisted arrest, said the spokesman.

Three schoolboys were injured by bottles.

The unruly behaviour in Saturday's clash between the Blue Bulls and Western Province was a replay of last year's "semi-finals" between the same teams at Newlands.

Last year after spectators disrupted the match at Newlands, officials warned that barriers might have to be erected and fans ejected from the grounds.

Mr Dawie Schoonraad, the WPRFU manager, said at the time the behaviour of some of the capacity crowd was "totally unacceptable" and would not be tolerated.

Mr Schoonraad is reported to have said a meeting was being held on Wednesday to discuss crowd behaviour.

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Domestic worker opens madam's eyes on violence

LINDA GALLOWAY

Weekend Argus Reporter

Kulis River housewife Mrs Agnes Buys didn't believe what she read in newspapers about white people and policemen perpetrating violence in the townships. Now she does. And she's angry.

Her domestic worker, Eunice Sindezi, was "out of sorts" last Wednesday.

"There was something wrong. She was late, she seemed nervous and wasn't concentrating. I asked what was wrong and she said she'd slept in the bush.

"I went to the supermarket and saw The Argus, the report about (Democratic Party MP) Jan van Eck saying whites were involved in the violence, but I didn't believe it.

"I asked Eunice whether it was true but she didn't want to talk. I said if she won't talk, how can anybody do anything, and then she told me what happened."

After hearing Mrs Sindezi's story Mrs Buys phoned the Democratic Party office and was put through to the Unrest Monitoring Action Committee (Umac). A fieldworker went and took a statement from Mrs Sindezi.

She was at home in Block DM in Khayelitsha on Monday September 2 with her two children and two friends when they heard the sound of a car outside.



ANGRY: Kulis River housewife Mrs Agnes Buys, outraged by the revelations of her domestic worker.

"We looked out by the kitchen window. We saw a yellow bakkie-type vehicle with a canopy, similar to those used by the police. We saw men getting out in private clothing, with their heads covered with balaclavas and they fired with a gun in our direction.

"Their gun thing threw a long fire flame which hit the window and our house caught fire. We could not open the door and screamed for help, and our

neighbours broke the door down from the outside. We all ran away towards Block M. We stayed there for the night. The next night, the same thing happened, at midnight. When we heard the 'boom-boom' of the gun we all just ran away into the night. We ran to the police station where we were chased away. From there we went to the forest behind M Block where we spent the night.

"I was also told by one of our friends who accosted one of the

men in the yellow bakkie that when he pulled his balaclava off it was a white man," Mrs Sindezi said.

Mrs Buys said she didn't want to believe Mrs Sindezi. "She said to me 'That's why there's no point in telling you', and I realised it was true.

"I have been making inquiries, talking to people, trying to find out things. There must be records of things like who uses police vehicles, who is on or off duty, but I keep coming up against a brick wall.

"I heard from people who have been in the army that those flame-throwing guns were used in the Angolan war.

"Something, somewhere is terribly wrong. Who is doing this? I am starting to believe there is a third force. Either it is policemen who are involved or whites who have a financial interest in what is happening with the taxi war.

Mrs Buys said the realisation of what was happening had been "a big shock".

"There are so many people trying to reach out and solve the problems in this country but as long as things like this are happening it's not going to be possible.

"I put myself in Eunice's shoes and I know that if black people came roaring up to my house with science-fiction weapons like those and burnt down my house, I would be very unhappy. But would I have the right to be angry?"

"How can we expect black people to treat us fairly if this is what we do to them?"

Mrs Buys realises she could be exposing herself to a backlash by neighbours in what is traditionally a Conservative Party and Afrikaner stronghold. "That's fine. What is right is right. You can't put a blanket over your head and pretend it's not happening."

Mr Van Eck, who handed a dossier of statements similar to Mrs Sindezi's to regional police commissioner Major-General Nick Acker, said he believed an independent commission of inquiry, acceptable to everybody, had to be set up immediately.

"We have reached an impasse. We are accusing elements in the police force in the ing directly involved in violence. For every allegation we make the police come up with an explanation. "And until people have faith in the police to protect them, this will go on."

Two killed as violence flares in Khayelitsha

AT LEAST two people were shot and hacked to death, 10 were injured and about 100 shacks were torched in a night of violence in Khayelitsha.

Terrified residents, many clutching children, fled DM Block in Site B in their nightclothes and sought refuge at the Khayelitsha Day Hospital as a gang of men went on a rampage before midnight, setting shacks alight and hacking and shooting people.

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REPORTER

It is believed the carnage is the result of a new flare-up in the taxi war.

Police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaaier said two people were killed and 10 injured.

There might be more dead and wounded as people could have been taken from the scene by friends and relatives, he said.

A paramedic who took several wounded people

to Groote Schuur Hospital described the scene as "terrible".

A Cape Town fire brigade team of 26 men in four fire engines, two rescue vehicles and two water tankers was escorted into the area by police.

Firemen fought the shack fires for three hours as fighting continued around them.

Allegations

The Democratic Party MP for Claremont, Mr Jan van Eck, said he was on the scene from 11pm until 3am and had heard some "very disconcerting allegations".

He said a group of about 30 men was allegedly dropped off in Zola Budd Drive and used shotguns and pangas to attack residents of Site B.

Residents tried to escape through the sand dunes but were chased back by another group of men.

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Squatter leaders ²⁷⁵ meet on violence

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By PETER DENNEHY

DOZENS of squatter leaders, many of them former bitter enemies, met yesterday to hammer out a solution to the problem of ongoing violence over houses and land in Western Cape townships.

Among the three dozen or so people at the meeting were the mayor of Crossroads, Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, rival Crossroads leader Mr Jeffrey Nongwe, the mayor of Lingeletu West, Mr Mali Hoza, Mr Jerry Tutu of Khayelitsha, Mr Christopher Toise of Brown's Farm, Mr Alfred Siphika and Mr Melford Yamile.

The meeting, held at the Careers Research and Information Centre (Cric) in Athlone, was hosted by a top-level ANC commission investigating the violence in Crossroads and elsewhere in the Western Cape.

It was chaired by Mr Mfenyana Sindiso, who had been assigned the task of calling the meeting by the national executive committee of the ANC.

Mr Vincent Diba, a member of the commission, said the problems that gave rise to the violence emanated from the lack of proper housing.

"Whenever areas of land or houses are provided to the people, ill-feeling and conflict is the result. It comes from some people feeling left out," he explained.

"As a starting point, we felt we must unite all the squatter leaders.

"They had to come together and talk to each other. With this achieved, the initial problem has been eliminated."

Not all the violence in the townships was related to housing, he said. Some of it had to do with rivalries between taxi organisations.

"We hope to come to some definite agreements, but I can't pre-empt these.

"The meeting is still continuing," he said after it had been going on for at least a couple of hours.

By last night the outcome of the meeting, from which the press was excluded, was not known, but it is expected that further meetings of the forum will take place.

Leaders seek ⁽²⁷⁵⁾ ~~(201)~~ cure for CT 20/8/91 violence

By CHRIS BATEMAN

SQUATTER leaders, community councillors and mayors from Khayelitsha and Old Crossroads yesterday agreed in principle to try to find ways to end the violence in their communities.

Concern centred on violence which recently claimed the lives of the wife and four children of an ANC zone leader in Khayelitsha and included petrol bombings and shootings in Old Crossroads.

Brown's Farm leader Mr Christopher Toise, speaking for the squatter delegation, which included the Western Cape United Squatters Association, said the meeting was postponed until today to allow Old Crossroads ANC leader Mr Jeffry Nongwe to attend.

Probe

All other leaders, including Khayelitsha mayor Mr Mali Hoza and refugee Old Crossroads mayor Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, were present yesterday.

Mr Toise said ANC investigators sent from Johannesburg to probe local township violence — much of it internal fighting between ANC supporters — were instrumental in setting up the meeting.

"While no consensus has yet been reached on how we will end the violence, we hope to make some progress (today)," Mr Toise said yesterday.

ATTACKS on police are becoming regular in Peninsula townships with police reporting members being shot at every week while attending to complaints or conducting routine patrols.

In two of the latest attacks, police on Wednesday said an off-duty assistant constable was shot and wounded and a police patrol was shot at when they went to investigate a shooting incident in Old Crossroads.

Police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaaier said the attacks brought to

three the number of times police have been shot at this week in the townships.

On Monday night, police came under shotgun fire when they were forced to remove a barricade in Zola Budd Avenue in Khayelitsha. No one was injured in the incident.

During the past six weeks, SAP members have come under attack on at least 10 occasions. Most of the incidents occurred in Khayelitsha.

Boonzaaier said at about 9.50pm on Tuesday night, Assistant Constable James Booi, 41, of Old Crossroads, was shot when he investigated a

commotion in his backyard.

Once outside, he found a running gun battle was in progress and that 10 people had taken refuge in his yard.

Booi said: "I told the people to get off my property which they did. Then another group of men came running down the

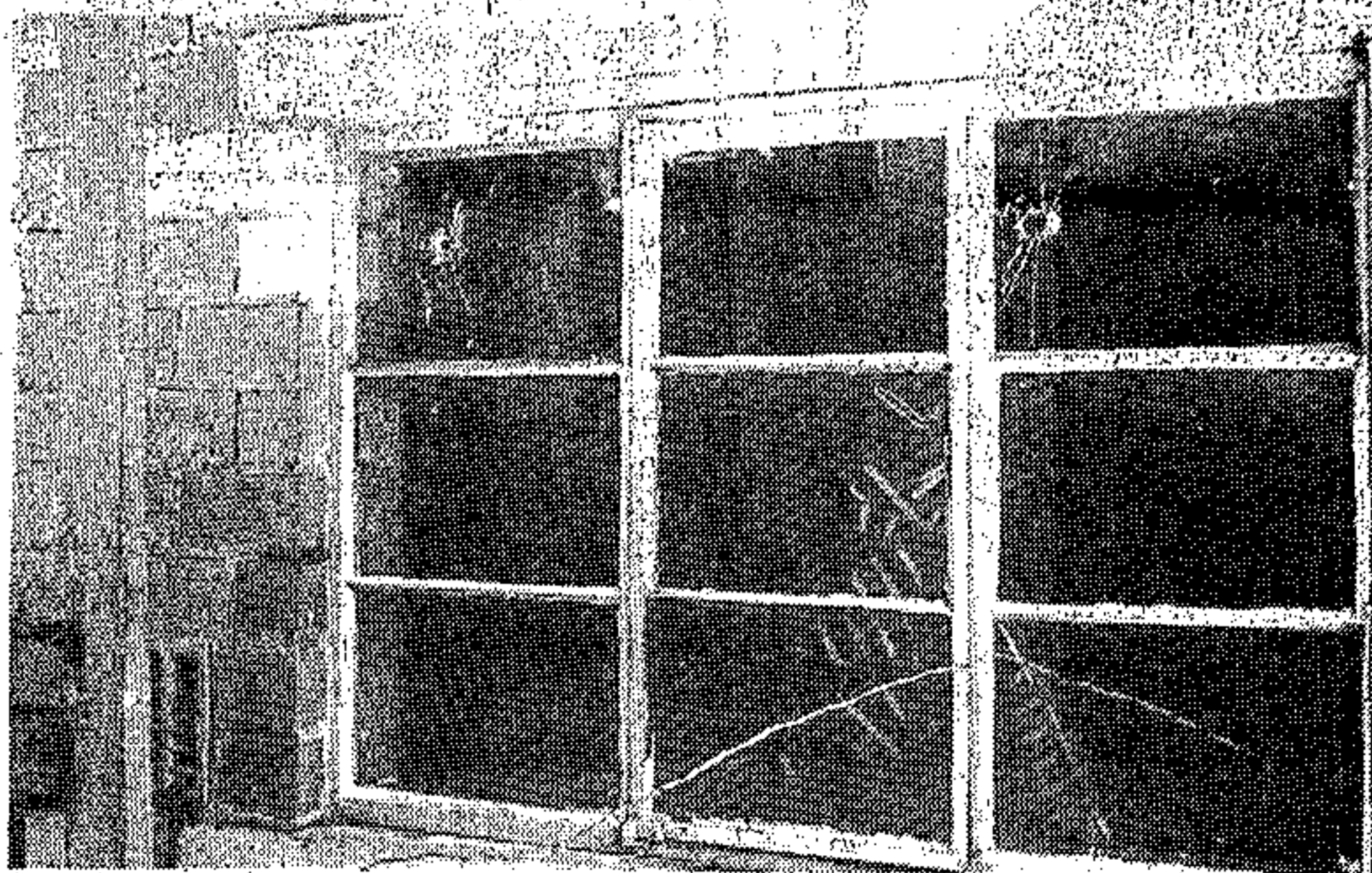
road and started chasing these men. One man in this group saw me and fired three shots at me."

In the second incident on Tuesday night, Boonzaaier said four SAP members, including a policewoman, came under fire while investigating a shooting incident in Old Klipfontein Road at 6pm.

Cops under fire in the Peninsula

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HOSTEL SHOOTING . . . Windows at the old Nyanga Hostel bear the scars of Monday's attack in which several hostel-dwellers were injured after masked gunmen opened fire.

Two killed as local township violence soars

By DANIEL SIMON and
RAMOTENA MABOTE

RAMPANT violence and the ongoing taxi war claimed two lives, and saw the destruction of about 40 shacks, between Monday afternoon and yesterday morning.

Four people were also seriously wounded by gunfire during the same period, while the home of a senior ANC official in Khayelitsha was gutted by a petrol bomb early yesterday.

Police yesterday said five incidents of violence took place in Nyanga, Old Crossroads and Khayelitsha on Monday and early yesterday.

The Khayelitsha branch of the ANC yesterday condemned the petrol-bomb attack on the house of its vice-chairman, Mr Richard Makeleni. The organisation linked the attack to the recent slaying of civic leader Mr Michael Mapongwana.

The most serious incident occurred when a Lentegour taxi driver and a New Crossroads woman passenger were gunned down at the Nyanga taxi rank in Terminus Road at 7.45am yesterday.

Police identified the two dead people as Mr Henry du Plessis, 37, of Varing Street, Lentegour, and 57-year-old Mrs Katy Jikani of 1433 New Crossroads.

A passenger who was shot in the back during the incident was admitted to Groote Schuur Hospital in a serious condition. Police have not released his name, as his next of kin have not yet been informed.

Police information was that several

gunmen ran past the taxi rank, randomly firing handguns at people standing near minibuses.

Mr Du Plessis and Mrs Jikani were killed instantly.

The attackers escaped in a waiting minibus.

Police also said three men were seriously injured when gunmen opened fire on them at the old hostels in Nyanga about 5pm on Monday. Independent sources, however, said four people were hurt.

Police also reported that about 40 shacks were burnt down in Old Crossroads on Monday night, during a fierce clash between youths.

A woman who lives in a room adjacent to the one where Monday's hostel shooting occurred, said four people, two of them Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta) taxi drivers, were shot and injured by four unknown men wearing balaclavas.

Shots heard

She identified the injured men as Mr Leli Mawu, Mr Thomas Sizwe, both of Webta, and another one known only as "Manuel" from Transkei. The fourth man was unknown.

The woman said that about 3pm, three shots were heard outside Mr Mawu's hostel room K1697, and a few minutes later a bloodied "Manuel" entered the room with a head wound. Mr Sizwe was shot in both legs.

Two more shots were then fired through Mr Mawu's window, injuring him and the unknown man. The attackers then fled.

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Oh, so close to the ranks of death

VUSI KAMA

Weekend Argus Reporter
HAD I been at the Nyanga bus terminus 30 minutes earlier I would probably have been a victim of the morning rush-hour gun attack that claimed two lives and left one injured this week.

Unknown gunmen had struck again. This time they killed a taxi-driver and a passenger and left another passenger injured.

The terror was a sequel to last Tuesday's shootings, which left a woman and a driver dead and one person injured. The two incidents happened about the same time — 6am — at the same taxi rank.

The continuing taxi war has taken a grim toll. Western Cape CID chief Brigadier George Potgieter said that since the war broke out 16 murders have been reported. In addition 38 attempted murders, 19 armed robberies, seven robberies and one theft have been reported and 30 vehicles valued at R1 million were stolen or gutted. Police also recovered 45 unlicensed firearms.

It was only when I was in a

taxi on my way to work on Wednesday that I realised my luck. I had unknowingly boarded a "safer" taxi, parked behind the one that came to misfortune.

I took the taxi because of the long queue for the Cape Town bus. The police vans and the sad faces in the bus queue should have warned me that not all was well. But others ran for the taxis ... and so did I.

"Let's move in quickly," said a woman as we were boarding the second of two combis.

Puzzled, I asked: "Why the hurry? We'll all fit in." She did not reply.

Soon after we had left the terminus the combi was buzzing with the news. A taxi-driver had been gunned down, at point-blank range. The door was opened and he was riddled with bullets. Then they let loose at passengers.

We discovered later that one of the two injured passengers died.

Suddenly the morning's episode ceased to be just another one of its kind — it became a harsh personal experience.

I have often visited the Nyanga rank to cover bloody confrontations between taxi-drivers and

the police.

But the "taxi-bullet" reality had never come so close.

My fellow-travellers' talk in the taxi had ceased to be about the weather.

There were vows: "You won't see me taking a combi again."

When our driver tried to turn his radio-tape on he was greeted with protests from the old-timers and the mamas: "Switch that off. We're too nervous to listen to music."

Fear was etched on their faces.

Why do you keep on carrying passengers when you could be hit by your rivals at any time? I asked him. Aren't you scared?

"If I were scared I would be in my bed," he said. "But even in your own home you're not safe."

"I'll continue to do my work, but I won't stop for anyone I don't trust."

He said he knew he could be gunned down. "But they must be careful that I don't hit first." He was always armed.

In town I stepped shakily out of the taxi. That's the last time for me, I vowed.

Maybe.

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Hundreds homeless after fires

HUNDREDS of people were left homeless yesterday after arsonists torched 40 shacks in Crossroads, Cape Town, following a clash between rival teenage factions.

In another area of the township, two people were burned to death when several shacks caught fire after a paraffin stove overturned.

Twenty firemen battled for more than three hours to control the fire on Monday night, but the homes of many families were reduced to smoking ruins.

Many people, including small children, were huddled in the open with no shelter when the cold front struck the Peninsula yesterday, bringing with it high winds and rain.

Police said that about 4.40pm on Monday an unidentified man was shot and wounded in the township.

Soon thereafter 150 teenagers from rival groups at Boys Town clashed.

The youths were armed with sticks and sharp weapons. They were dispersed by a police unrest unit.

About 8.30pm the first shacks in the township were set alight.

Residents terrified

Firemen in three fire engines, accompanied by a water tender and a police escort, were sent to the area.

Terrified residents hastily evacuated the area. Soon afterwards about 40 shacks were ablaze.

About 3.40am yesterday firemen were again called out to put out a fire at Boys Town after a shack was torched. - *Sowetan Correspondent.*

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Taxi war hits ⁽²¹⁵⁾ Nyanga Hospital

VUSI KAMA, Staff Reporter ^{ARC 24/12/91}

THE taxi war has turned the working life of doctors and nurses at the Nyanga Day Hospital into a nightmare.

The hospital is only metres from the Nyanga taxi rank, the scene of many bloody confrontations between taxi factions, and staff have often been caught in the middle.

At times they have had to duck bullets and once had to close the hospital for a day.

A member of the staff said: "The sad part of it is that we offer first aid to the victims of the war but yet we are sometimes forced to close."

The war has turned their working life into "sheer frustration".

During clashes many people rush into the hospital for protection and pretend to be patients.

Patients who need regular attention have also been affected and sometimes cannot get to the hospital. Particularly hard hit were TB patients, to whom regular treatment is crucial.

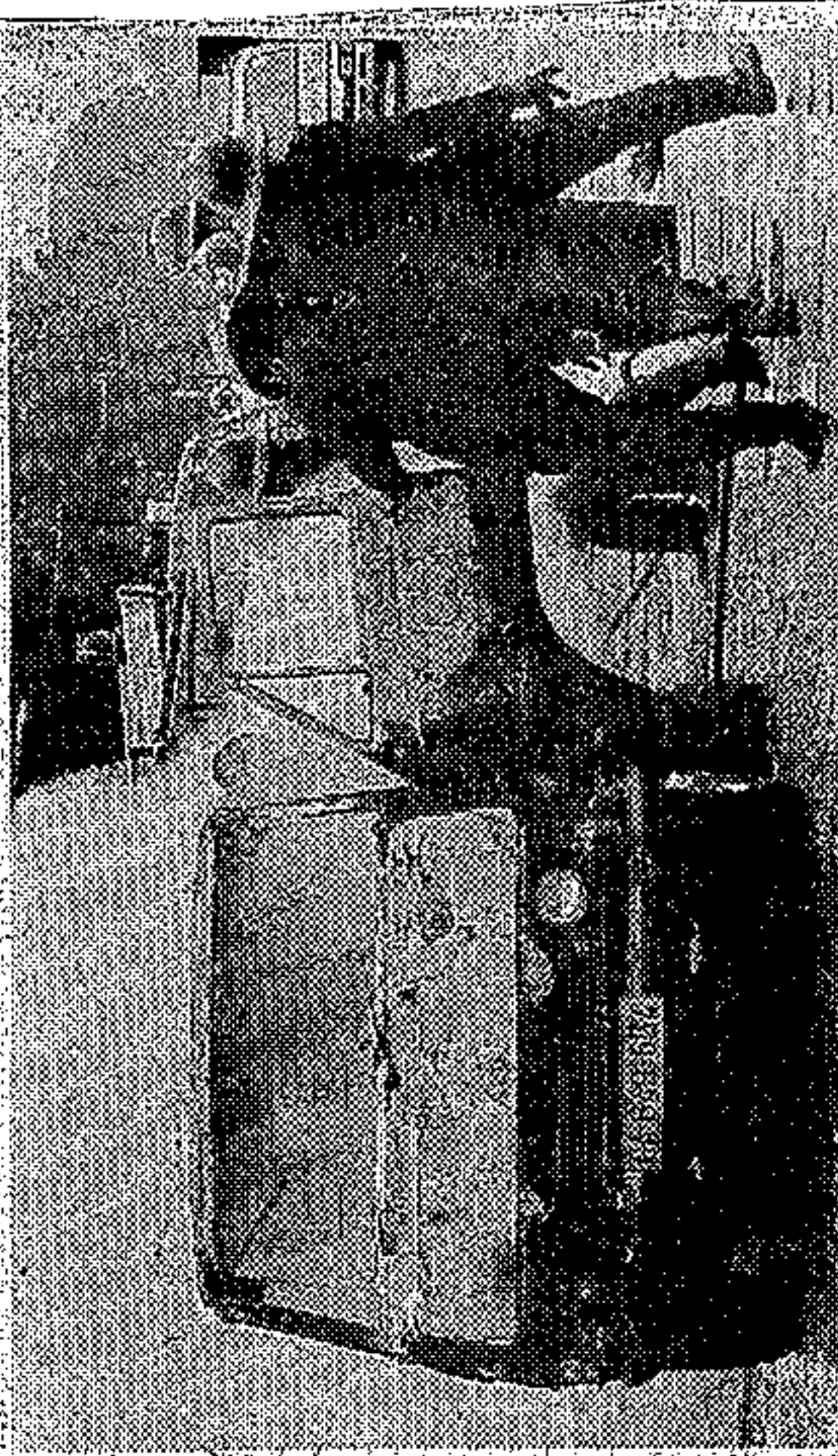
While the nurses were respected by the taximen, some from outside the area were often late because of the crisis. Pharmacists and doctors also feared going into the township.

Vandals have also taken advantage of the disorder. Many plants that decorated the hospital, some used as examples of home-grown vegetables, have been stolen.

2 drivers shot dead, 6 injured, in latest violence

Taxi shootings dash peace hopes

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BURNT-OUT: The scene yesterday at Nyanga bus terminus.

Weekend Argus Reporter

TWO taxi drivers were shot dead and six people injured in renewed township clashes, dashing hopes of an end to the taxi violence.

At Nyanga terminus gunmen armed with "long black rifles" shot dead a Western Cape Black Taxi Association member, Mr Z N Tayana, 30, of Site C as he climbed out of his vehicle.

Police said another Webta member, Mr Raymond Bon-seni, was shot dead after his vehicle was pulled off the road by a Lagunya taxi driver near DF Malan.

A second Webta driver was shot and injured in the head and is now in a critical condition at Groote Schuur. Later a passenger opened fire at the Lagunya taxi and injured the driver, Mr Mgxakwa Makwa, police said.

Witnesses at the Nyanga rank said the gunmen opened fire at Webta taxi drivers when they parked at the rank.

"I saw three men with long black guns firing at Webta members. There were screams as people ran for cover during the shooting."

City Tramways buses pulled out of the terminus and vendors abandoned their goods when the shooting began.

Minutes later three taxis belonging to Lagunya members were set alight.

Webta chairman Mr James Mafuya called the incident "very bad" and said it would not solve the conflict.

"These gunmen should know that they won't solve anything with their actions. I have urged my members to be restrained," he said.

Ironically, the incident took place a week after a high-powered attempt by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Mayor Fran Van Velde to broker peace among the warring factions.

By 6pm Webta taxis pulled out of the taxi rank, leaving only private vehicles and a few minibuses operating.



INTERVENTION . . . Police regional operations chief Brigadier FriK Kellerman intervenes during a clash in Nyanga between the warring Webta and Lagunya taxi associations yesterday. He is to meet the taxi groups again today.

Brigadier tries to halt taxi battles

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POLICE regional operations chief Brigadier FriK Kellerman intervened in township taxi war clashes yesterday, appealing to the warring Webta and Lagunya taxi associations to stop fighting.

According to a witness, tit-for-tat clashes took place yesterday.

Webta taxi drivers stoned Lagunya taxis in Wetton yesterday morning, he said. Lagunya members retaliated by attacking Webta members at a Guguletu taxi rank, and Webta members then stoned Lagunya vehicles in Nyanga.

Police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaier confirmed that Brigadier Kellerman went out to the Nyanga taxi rank, where he spoke to the two factions and appealed for calm.

Major Boonzaier said Brigadier Kellerman is to meet the taxi associations again today.

Webta ²⁷⁵ ups hopes for end to taxi war

CT 13/12/91
Staff Reporter

CAPE TOWN'S bloody taxi war could be at an end following Webta's unequivocal commitment yesterday to taxi unity.

Following a meeting between Webta, Lagunya and the SA Black Taxi Association (Sabta) in Athlone yesterday, Webta for the first time in nine months agreed to unity with its rivals.

Webta chairman Mr James Mafuya said that although the body had never been against unity it was against the way it was "pushed down their throats" by different mediating parties.

Sabta and Lagunya will meet today to discuss the issue.

Yesterday's meeting in Athlone, which was attended by more than 100 taxi-drivers, was called by Sabta's national body. The group has been in the Western Cape for more than three weeks trying to negotiate unity and peace.

A spokesman for Sabta, Mr Cyprian Lebesse, said he was optimistic about negotiations.

Lagunya driver shot in taxi war flare-up

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Staff Reporter

CAPE TOWN'S taxi war has flared up again in Khayelitsha at the weekend when a Lagunya taxi-driver was seriously wounded in a shooting incident, a rival Webta driver escaped a mob who had torched his taxi and a second taxi was torched.

Police said yesterday that several shots were fired at Lagunya driver Mr A Mfihlo of Site C, Khayelitsha, as he was driving on the R300 near here about 10am on Saturday.

In Khayelitsha, Webta driver Mr Isaac Serman managed to escape a mob who had stolen his taxi from a garage as he was having it filled up early on Saturday morning.

Webta chairman Mr James Mafuya said yesterday that the men had tried to force Mr Serman to accompany them but he had managed to escape and locked himself in a room at the garage.

Police later in the day discovered the burnt-out taxi in L-block, Khayelitsha, and the wreck of another taxi in C-block.

Mr Mafuya said there was "no ceasefire" in the taxi war even though peace talks had been initiated. He claimed Webta taxis were returning to their routes in Khayelitsha and Nyanga and that Lagunya members were attempting to drive them away from the taxi terminals.

Bullets fly: Webta out of peace talks

Staff Reporters

CAPE TOWN'S peace initiative has had a major setback with the withdrawal by the Western Cape Black Taxi Association from the peace initiative.

Meanwhile, a taxi has been burnt and two have been shot at.

The reason for the Webta pull-out, association officials say, is that the Mayor, Mr Frank van der Velde, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu are not addressing the fundamental issues.

Hitting back, Mr Van der Velde accused Webta of reneging on agreements and Archbishop Tutu warned the taxi industry that the "whole Cape Town community, black and white, is losing patience with them".

Archbishop Tutu said the peace committee would meet tomorrow to discuss stronger measures to stop the fighting.

"A withdrawal from the peace process by either taxi organisation could result in their facing tougher sanctions from the community," he said.

Mr Van der Velde said he believed it was counter-productive to accuse each other through the Press. However, he

was available to discuss Webta's problems with the organisation.

He said: "They have been called on numerous occasions to identify their grievances. It has been them and nobody else who have reneged on agreements."

Webta officials said they were pulling out of the peace bid in an interview on how peace could be achieved in a war which has claimed more than 25 lives and destroyed minibuses worth more than R1 million.

The move has sparked fears that the conflict, which has affected thousands of commuters, could increase.

● A Lagunya taxi was set alight in Nyanga East yesterday afternoon and damage was estimated at R25 000.

Soon after noon in Borchers Quarry Road, Nyanga, a shot was fired from a minibus at a Webta taxi while it was on its way to Bellville.

In NY108 at 1.45pm, near Lusaka squatter camp, Guguletu, several shots were fired from a car at a taxi — but they missed.

Police ask for cap back

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Crime Reporter

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ET 11/9/94

POLICE have asked the ANC to return a police camouflage cap which was grabbed from a policeman by "comrades" during a late-night arson attack in Khayelitsha last week.

Police spokesman Captain Attie Laubscher said the request was made after the ANC held a press conference on Wednesday last week during which they displayed the cap and alleged police collusion in the township's ongoing violence.

The cap which the ANC displayed belongs to Lance-Sergeant H J Hendricks and has the number 615795K written on the inside. Comrades

grabbed it from Sergeant Hendricks during an arson attack in Khayelitsha last Tuesday night.

Police at the time said Sergeant Hendricks was trying to catch a suspected arsonist during the course of the night when he lost his cap.

"We have made a request to the ANC that they return the cap but they have said the matter is in the hands of their lawyers," Captain Laubscher said.

ANC regional president Mr Christmas Tinto yesterday said the cap was in the possession of ANC lawyers. No decision had yet been made on when to hand the cap back, he said.

Gunmen blast taxi in Khayelitsha — man dies

A MAN was shot dead and three wounded when gunmen sprayed a Western Cape Black Taxi Association taxi with bullets in Khayelitsha. (275)

A police spokesman said four men were sitting in the taxi at the corner of Spine Road and Zola Budd Drive, which is used as a taxi rank, just after 10pm yesterday.

A group of men approached and opened fire.

One of the men in the taxi was shot dead while another was hit in the head and is in a serious condition in Groote Schuur Hospital. AA 23/9/91

Two men were shot in the legs. They were also taken to Groote Schuur Hospital where their condition was described as "not serious".

Police found 14 spent R1 rifle cartridges, 26 spent R4 rifle cartridges, seven spent 0.303 calibre rifle cartridges and an R4 round.

The feud between rival taxi operators has cost dozens of lives since fighting broke out in May.

Give us details, say police

Political Staff

PEOPLE who had made allegations about police involvement in Tuesday night's violence should make sworn statements to the police so that the allegations can be investigated, says police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaaier.

"With (civic leader) Michael Mapongwana's murder we were also accused of involvement, and we proved them wrong by arresting a man with no connections whatsoever to the police."

The ANC in the Western Cape was asked for its reaction to the police statement. A spokesman said the ANC would issue a statement.

Still no taxi peace agreement

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Staff Reporter

THE warring taxi factions in the city have still not managed to find a solution to the violence.

The Webta and Lagunya organisations failed to agree at another peace meeting in Khayelitsha yesterday.

The meeting, like the one held last Thursday, was organised jointly by the Lingeletu West Town Council and the Western Cape United Civics Association (Wecusa).

A Lagunya spokesman asked for the postponement of the meeting, saying those who had attended from Lagunya were not leaders of the organisation.

Both groups said that since the last meeting there had not been any confrontation, but Webta drivers said they were still afraid to drive into Khayelitsha.

Residents of the Trevor Vilakazi section, in Site B, have vowed that they will not let Webta minibuses drive into their township.

Meanwhile, Mr Enoch Hewu, a prominent member of Wecusa, said he had been arrested by police for allegedly possessing an unlicensed firearm.

Mr Hewu said the police had told him that if they found Mr Gladstone Ntamo, a committee member of the Taxi Crisis Co-ordinating Committee, they would kill him.

The TCCC is involved in the peace initiatives between the two taxi organisations.

A police spokesman said last night that police would investigate the claim.

"We must first ascertain who the policemen involved were to see if there is any truth in this claim."

● More than 500 people marched to the police station at Nyanga on Saturday afternoon to protest against the taxi war in the Peninsula.

The march was organised by the Western Cape Hostel Dwellers' Association.

DAY, Wednesday, October 9 1991

Peace summit called to stamp out taxi violence

CAPE TOWN — Nearly 300 delegates will attend today's "taxi violence summit" — the most ambitious attempt yet to resolve a protracted war which has claimed scores of lives, disrupted the local economy and caused endless hardship for township residents.

Jointly organised by Cape Town Mayor Frank van der Velde and Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town Desmond Tutu, the summit could result in the setting up of a violence monitoring commission in terms of the national peace accord, it was predicted yesterday.

Police Divisional Commissioner-General Nic Acker greeted this with caution, saying he was still "awaiting NPA guidelines from Pretoria", but would not rule out the possibility.

He emphasised that a joint ANC/-police forum was already operating in terms of the Groote Schuur Minute.

Among those attending the peace conference at the civic centre's will be Cape Administrator Kobus Meir-

ing, head of the Police Reaction Unit Brig Frik Kellerman, and delegates from petrol companies; religious organisations across the spectrum; Cape Town's chambers of commerce and industry; the Lingeletu West Town Council (Khayelitsha); the two warring taxi associations (the former Lagunya and Webta); supermarket chain chiefs; all local universities and technikons; tyre companies; and the major political parties.

Strategies

The Western Cape ANC delegation will be headed by its chairman, Allan Boesak, while the PAC's and Azapo's regional executive members will also attend.

In closed sessions the conference will break into commissions for taxi industry regulation, taxi war policing, and the application of the national peace accord to the taxi war. Each commission will focus on problem definition, obstacles to problem

resolution and long and short-term strategies.

A fixed date will then be set for progress reports. Sources said they felt the time allocated for the summit (it ends at lunchtime) was insufficient for anything substantial to be achieved.

The taxi war, which centres on lucrative passenger routes and follows a decade of enmity between Webta and Lagunya, has degenerated into "Beirut-style" killings.

Among the more prominent victims this year were the chairman of the Western Cape Civic Association, Michael Mapongwana, and senior ANC member Mziwonke "Pro" Jack.

Previous peace forums have degenerated into accusation, counter accusation and the assassination and attempted assassination of members.

□ Cape Town's City Tramways bus drivers may soon have bulletproof cabs, according to one of the proposals by the firm to protect its drivers against attack, Sapa reports.

This follows the murder of one driver and attacks on others.

Own Correspondent

Four shot in minibus attack

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CT 24/9/91

Staff Reporter

AN unidentified man was killed and three others were injured, one of them seriously, when gunmen fired shots at them in Khayelitsha.

Police said the men were sitting in a Webta minibus at a Webta rank in Spine Road about 8pm on Sunday when heavily armed men approached the minibus and started shooting.

The injured men were admitted to Groote Schuur Hospital.

The shooting happened on the same day as the second peace meeting in four days between Lagunya and Webta.

Webta blamed the ANC and residents in Site B, Khayelitsha, for the Sunday shooting.

ANC spokesman Mr Amos Lengisi denied Webta's allegations, saying the ANC "could not induce violent actions against oppressed people".

He said the ANC welcomed any move towards peace, regardless of who convened it.

Taxi war bail row

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Staff Reporters

THE release on bail of 11 alleged taxi-war attackers has provoked an outcry and led to police stepping up patrols in certain areas of Khayelitsha.

The 11 men were arrested by soldiers on Tuesday night.

The men had allegedly torched shacks and taxis in Blocks T and Y in Section C of Khayelitsha. Four minibus taxis and seven houses were set alight.

An army patrol intercepted the attackers, who tried to escape in three bakkies. The attacks have been linked to the taxi war.

On Wednesday the men were freed on bail of R500 each, according to police.

Last night Western Cape police commissioner Major-General Nic Acker said police patrols would be increased in Blocks T and Y as a result of the release of the 11 men.

Residents in the area yesterday said they feared new attacks after the men's release.

General Acker said there was "nothing we can do at the moment (about their release on bail) unless we receive information that they are intimidating witnesses".

He said it was not unusual for suspects charged with attempted murder to be granted bail.

Last night the Cape Town Peace Committee and the Democratic Party strongly criticised the release of the 11 men.

DP Law and Order spokesman Mr Jan van Eck said victims of the attacks, who gave statements to police, looked "terrified" yesterday after the party's Unrest Monitoring Action Committee (UMAC) broke the news of the releases to them.

"All attempts by the Mayor, the Archbishop, the Peace Committee and business will fail dismally unless those elements within the taxi associations who are guilty of murder, attempted murder and arson are removed from circulation," he said.

Democratic Party spokesman on Justice Mr Dave Dalling said there were "strong grounds for the magistrate to refuse, or set a very high bail".

The Peace Committee, in a statement, said last night it was "incomprehensible and entirely unacceptable that people allegedly caught in the act of attempted murder should be released on bail".

"Residents — especially those who have given statements to the police — are in fear of their lives. The release of their alleged attackers will greatly compound their trauma."

Earlier yesterday police deployed 100 extra policemen in Khayelitsha and announced that they would step up vehicle and foot patrols in the township following information that the two rival taxi organisations, Webta and Lagunya, were gearing for an escalation of the war.

But late last night police reported that it was quiet in the area.

Earlier in the day Khayelitsha and Nyanga were tense. However, there were no signs of trouble. Only Webta taxis were operating.

The police's head of operations in the Western



ON THE LOOKOUT . . . Soldiers patrol the streets of Khayelitsha and Nyanga yesterday after a tip-off from the police that members of opposing taxi organisations were regrouping in a manner suggesting trouble.

Picture: BENNY GOOL



CODE SIGNED . . . Two policemen sign forms at a ceremony in Soweto yesterday to endorse the code of conduct for security forces, drawn up in terms of the National Peace Accord.

Picture: AP

● Eleven die in unrest — Page 5

Cape, Brigadier Frik Kellerman, said the reinforcements were being brought from various districts in the Western Cape.

The Peace Committee said it hoped the deployment of reinforcements in Khayelitsha and Nyanga would herald the start of "unbiased, swift action by police to protect the lives and property of citizens".

The Peace Committee held an urgent meeting on Wednesday night in a bid to find a solution to the taxi war.

Lagunya chairman Mr Headman Nongwenjane said that any decision taken by the Peace Committee would be welcomed by his organisation as long as it brought peace.

Mr Nongwenjane denied that his organisation was preparing for to attack Webta, whose spokesmen could not be contacted for comment yesterday.

● Police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaaier yesterday said 22-year-old Mr Phindile Xuza had become the latest death in the conflict. He was shot in Guguletu on Wednesday night.

Major Boonzaaier said Mr Xuza was standing near a minibus in NY19 about 8pm on Wednesday night when a vehicle stopped between him and the taxi.

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Major Boonzaaier said a man fired three shots at Mr Xuza, wounding him. Mr Xuza died while he was being taken to hospital. CT 25/10/91

He added that a Coin Security driver was wounded when gunmen opened fire on him while he was picking up workers in Site C Khayelitsha about 11.10pm on Wednesday night.

The man is being treated at Groote Schuur Hospital. CT 25/10/91

● The taxi violence has claimed more deaths than was realised by the public, a member of the Peace Committee, Ms Zohra Ebrahim, said yesterday.

Ms Ebrahim quoted a private surgeon as saying that two township patients had already died in his hands in the past three weeks as a result of not taking taxis for fear of danger.

The doctor said that on October 9, a 22-year-old Nyanga man suffering from epilepsy died in his surgery just before he was about to give him medication. A week before an eight-month-old baby suffering from diarrhoea died because the mother could not get the child to a doctor.

Balaclava gang ransacks homes of KTC men

EDWARD MOLOINYANE
Weekend Argus Reporter

THE homes of two prominent KTC residents have been raided and ransacked by men in balaclavas.

The raid at the home of Masicedane committee chairman and taxi crisis co-ordinating committee member Mr Gladstone Ntamo and Masicedane member Mr Maken Mbuyazwe

occurred between two and three am yesterday.

There was no one at their homes during the raid. The two men and their families do not sleep at home because of frequent attacks on prominent committee members in the townships.

Neighbours said two combis with no registration plates, full of black, grey and white men, were earlier seen driving

up and down the streets of KTC.

Mr Mbuyazwe said: "I had just gone with a comrade from Guguletu when I noticed the combis about midnight and I sensed trouble. I went to a neighbour's house and a few hours later we saw more than a dozen men approaching my house."

Mr Mbuyazwe said the men

into the house. In the house they searched, broke his two wardrobes and took out clothing, he said.

Mr Mbuyazwe, a sangoma, said the men then went into his "consulting room" where they searched and took about R500 from a purse.

At Mr Ntamo's house the procedure was repeated. His wife said R320 was missing.

Violence as taxi users choose sides

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Staff Reporter

VIOLENCE flared in Cape Town's taxi world again yesterday as residents chose sides in the conflict.

Late yesterday Nyanga and Crossroads residents clashed with police while holding a meeting at the Nyanga East bus terminus.

Residents said they were planning to ask the police to escort Webta members away from the rank.

Teargas and birdshot were fired and police later escorted Webta taxis out of the terminus.

The violence also took on a new dimension this week when saloon-car taxis — previously neutral and operating in the vacuum left by the feuding factions — joined the fray.

A resident, Mr Hannes Richard, said the small taxis "assisted" Webta people to attack and burn two shacks in Mkhoto Park, Crossroads, last night.

The small taxis had been operating mainly between Nyanga and Khayelitsha since the violence started more than six months ago.

Last night about 200 residents clashed with police at the terminus about 6.30.

The ANC claimed last night that two people were seriously injured with

Troops 'not the answer to taxi war'

THE taxi war in Cape Town townships could only be solved by the warring organisations and not by the deployment of troops, Brigadier D P Lamprecht, officer-commanding Western Province Command, said yesterday.

"SADF involvement in the taxi conflict can at best be a short-term solution. Therefore, the perception that the solution lies in the large-scale deployment of troops is not correct," Brig Lamprecht said in a statement.

He said that soldiers to be deployed would be impartial in their duties and be under the command of their own officers.

"These troops will undergo retraining and the emphasis will (include) correct search techniques and showing courtesy to the population."

He also proposed a joint mechanism whereby the belligerent groups could enforce greater discipline among the various taxi operators. — Sapa

gunshot wounds, but doctors at Guguletu Day Hospital and Groote Schuur said no casualties had been admitted from Nyanga.

A member of the Taxi Crisis Coordinating Committee (TCCC), Mr Gladstone Ntamo, alleged that police had fired on residents.

A police spokesman said last night that officers on the scene had used teargas and birdshot to disperse people who had been stoning Webta taxis.

Arms seized, arrests in new taxi-war swoop

DON HOLLIDAY, Crime Reporter

A SUSPECT in a taxi-war killing and another man were arrested and a pistol, ammunition and three bladed weapons were seized in the first operation by the mobile police unit formed to curb taxi violence.

Six vanloads of police swooped on the taxi rank at Mitchell's Plain Town Centre yesterday. It was cordoned off and taxis and cars were searched.

Within minutes the police made an

arrest for possession of an unlicensed 9mm pistol and six bullets.

They also seized a carving knife, a homemade hacking weapon fashioned from a paddle and a sword-like weapon.

Police arrested a man in connection with the killing of a taxi-driver in Philippi on November 9. The driver had stopped at the corner of Duinefontein and Lansdowne roads when a passenger shot him.

One of the taxis searched had bullet holes in the windscreen and radiator grille.

Unit commander Lieutenant-Colonel Chris Leodolff described the operation as "reasonably successful considering the short time we had to prepare".

From today the team would be joined by at least two platoons of soldiers and there would be similar operations daily, he said. (275) (38)

Secret base in taxi war uncovered

South 21/11 - 27/11/91

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By Mbuyiselo Mtsheketshe

A SECRET base between Khayelitsha and Mitchells Plain houses members of one of the feuding taxi associations that allegedly collaborate with the security forces.

The discovery of the base from where attacks are planned follows claims from residents that police are involved in the taxi conflict.

SOUTH established that entry into the base can only be achieved through secret signs and signals.

A gravel road lined by bushes leads to the main base and if drivers do not give the required signals to guards along the road there is every likelihood that the driver will be shot.

A group of former members of the taxi association occupying the base, which is known as Kuwait, were allegedly assaulted at their homes last week and forced to go to the base.

One of the group, who asked to remain anonymous, spoke of conditions at the base.

Assaulted

"When we were assaulted on Friday we were told that anyone who revealed any information about the base will be shot.

"The base is situated near Khayelitsha cemetery with a group of armed men surrounding the area day and night. When we reached the base we were separated into two groups.

"We were told that our job was to destroy the ANC and the opposing taxi association.

"About 9pm a group of whites who I believe could be security force members wearing private clothes with no name tags visited the area.

"They were carrying some food for us to eat. We held a meeting that night where we discussed the strategies to attack the hostel dwellers who were believed to be ANC members at Nyanga near the taxi rank.

"Immediately after the meeting we were taken to the hostels but we parked the taxis and took a walk to the area.

"The mission was started as planned

but we were disturbed by patrolling SADF members.

"We exchanged shots with the SADF and the police who were patrolling when they tried to chase us away from the area.

"They released us late on Sunday and warned us not to talk to anyone about the base."

Further investigation revealed that 10 youths from Crossroads were trained at the base last month.

Recruitment

During their recruitment they were told they would be trained to kill, according to a source.

"The youth were told that their job was to assassinate Mr Jeffery Nongwe and to destroy the ANC in Crossroads. The youth were paid a salary of R800 a month," the informant said.

Two months ago a man known as Ntangana was allegedly kidnapped and taken to the base where he was assaulted.

He was said to be an ANC member. He told them that he knew nothing about the ANC and its operations as he was a migrant worker from Ciskei. He was released the following day, another source said.

Mr Gladstone Ntamo, a member of the Taxi Crisis Coordinating Committee said the involvement of the SADF in the area would be a short-term solution. He said perceptions that the SADF can help quell the violence are wrong.

"In some instances the police came to houses and carried out searches. Immediately after they left the house, people from one of the taxi associations came to attack.

"It seems the police are disarming us in order to create targets for this taxi association," he claimed.

Responding to the claims police liaison officer Captain Hendrik Opperman said all the allegations about police involvement in the taxi violence would be referred to the Special Investigating Unit for investigation as a matter of urgency.

He called on all the people with evidence about police involvement to contact his office so that such individuals can be brought to book.

EXCLUSIVE

Taxi war witness accuses the police

Extract from a
sworn affidavit by
Mr Peter Khube, a
Nyanga resident:

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I WAS ON my way on
foot to the rent office
in Nyanga about 8.30am,
November 12 1991.

On my way to the office
I got suspicious because I
saw a blue and yellow
SAP helicopter circling
the area above the Nyanga
bus terminus. I decided
to go to the terminus to
see what was happening.

I saw a white Lagunya
taxi driving down Emms
Drive towards the termi-
nus with no passengers in it.

I saw a tall policeman
with dark brown hair,
about 30 years old, quite
well-built in a body-
builder fashion in a blue
uniform shoot the La-
gunya taxi with a rifle.

I will be able to identify
him. The policeman was
about 13 metres away
from me.

When he shot the taxi, it
hit it in the rear end and as
soon as the taxi was hit, it
burst into flames.

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More taxi burnings, woman passenger shot

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ARC 12/11/91

**VUYO BAVUMA and
PETER DICKSON**
Staff Reporters

A WOMAN passenger was shot and exams were disrupted at a Nyanga high school when Western Cape Black Taxi Association drivers fired on Lagunya rivals today.

Three minibus taxis belonging to Lagunya were torched.

Mrs Angelina Baartman, 29, of Brown's Farm, was hit in the back by a bullet while she was travelling in a taxi to Bellville. She was treated by St John Ambulance staff at the Nyanga community centre and taken to Groote Schuur Hospital.

Lagunya members said they were shot at by Webta drivers as they arrived at the Nyanga taxi rank this morning.

They alleged that Webta members were "accompanied by police who did nothing to stop the shooting".

When they tried to remove their vehicles from the rank, the Webta members attacked them again, they said.

Mr Jelly Maliti of Khayelitsha said his minibus worth R59 000 was hijacked by Webta members and later set alight.

"Some of the Webta people were carrying axes and pangas, but the po-

lice did not do anything to stop them. We ran away when Webta attacked us," he said.

After the shooting, scores of angry residents from Nyanga and KTC toyi-toyed in the streets and sang anti-Webta songs.

Others said the matter should be left "in the hands of the youths to sort out Webta".

About 10 members of Lagunya blocked the streets with their vehicles. Armed Webta members were grouped at the taxi rank near police vehicles.

Teachers at Oscar Mpetha High School said matric exams were due to begin at 9am but the pupils could not concentrate because of the shooting.

A teacher said, "We are in a mess. The situation got out of hand as the scared pupils ran away from the classes."

Another teacher said pupils who missed the exams would have to write supplementaries in March.

Police confirmed that three taxis had been burnt out.

Western Cape police liaison officer Major Gys Boonzaaier alleged that earlier Lagunya drivers had tried to prevent members of the police unrest unit from conducting searches of taxis

at the Khayelitsha and Nyanga ranks.

He said about 50 Lagunya drivers had blocked the road at the Khayelitsha rank in a bid to prevent the police operation.

Police had dispersed the drivers and continued with the search.

At the Nyanga rank, about eight Lagunya drivers blocked Ems Drive and refused to move.

Major Boonzaaier said police had removed the vehicles themselves. There were no arrests in either incident.

Three taxis were set alight soon afterwards, about 8am, but police had not established if they were registered with either Webta or Lagunya.

Yesterday morning, a driver and two passengers were slightly wounded at the Bellville taxi rank when their vehicle came under fire from a passing car.

Major Boonzaaier said a man in a red Mazda had fired three shots, possibly from either a 0.38 or 0.32 calibre revolver, at the taxi. The bullets passed through the side of the vehicle and shattered the windscreen.

The driver was hit in the shoulder and two passengers were wounded in the head and stomach.

Taxi killings:

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Cop arrested

By BRONWYN DAVIDS
and RAMOTENA MABOTE

A POLICE sergeant of the Manenberg uniformed branch has been arrested in connection with the murder of a taxi owner and the attempted murder of three companions during a shootout at Nyanga East last week.

The arrest of the sergeant, who worked in Nyanga, follows an attack by five gunmen on taxis at the Nyanga East bus terminus on Friday. Mr Zweelinzima Tanyana, 40, of Khayelitsha died in the shooting.

Mr Tanyana was sitting in a minibus with eight Western Province Black Taxi Association (Webta) taxi owners on Friday when he was shot. Mr Stanford Magale, 50, of New Crossroads

and Mrs Nondumisa Nciana, 22 of Macassar squatter camp were wounded in the attack.

Police found 14 R4 shells, an R4 bullet and also R1 and shotgun shells at the scene.

Yesterday police liaison officer Major Gys Boonzaaier said the sergeant was off duty on Friday when the shooting took place.

He was arrested on Saturday after police from the Special Investigation Unit followed up on "certain clues and information obtained from a source."

Police said the sergeant's wife is connected to Webta's rivals, the Lagunya taxi association.

Earlier police confiscated two police firearms and sent them for ballistic tests.

The arrest follows numerous township claims of police involvement on both sides of the taxi conflict.

Both the Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Frank van der Velde, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who are leading a bid to bring peace in the taxi war,

hailed the arrest as a breakthrough in impartial policing.

Mr Van der Velde said he had told police commissioner General Nick Aker on Friday that he was dissatisfied with policing in the townships and urged him to investigate the "organised gangsterism" in the taxi conflict.

Archbishop Tutu said: "I commend the police and call on them as a matter of urgency to identify and act against any policeman who gives any support to either Lagunya or Webta."

Police have indicated that they would investigate any policemen who may be involved in the taxi conflict. The sergeant is expected to appear in Athlone Magistrate's Court today.

Archbishop Tutu also deplored violence in which a Lagunya driver was shot dead in Guguletu on Saturday afternoon and a taxi driver was wounded in a shootout on the N2 near Khayelitsha on Friday night.

Police said that at midnight on Saturday, a Webta taxi was set alight in Section Two, Old

Crossroads, and the fire spread to a nearby house where four people were burnt to death.

Webta's chairman, Mr James Mafuya, expressed disappointment that yesterday's planned peace rally to inform the people of strategies to stop the war was cancelled, because "that is where my hope for peace lay".

He said that talking was the only solution and "the guns that had been killing people would not bring the public the peace they dearly needed".

Mr van der Velde said the rally which he and Archbishop Tutu were to address had been cancelled because strategies now needed reviewing.

Since March this year failed attempts at brokering a taxi peace have been made by the Lingeletu West Town Council, police, the township-based forum the Taxi Crisis Co-ordinating Committee and the city council.

Among the scores of lives claimed were those of the chairman of the Western Cape Civic Association, Mr Michael Mapongwana, and senior ANC member and activist Mr Pro Jack.

Police sergeant held in taxi war killing

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Crime Reporter

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pulled out a shotgun and opened fire.

A 48-YEAR-OLD police sergeant from the Manenberg uniformed branch is expected to appear in court in Wynberg today in connection with the killing of a Western Province Black Taxi Association (Webta) member and wounding two other people.

The policeman was arrested on Saturday morning after Major Louis van Brakel of the police special investigations unit followed up "certain information" about the shootings, a police spokesman said.

Information that the policeman's wife was involved with the rival Lagunya taxi association was being investigated, the spokesman said.

Five gunmen opened fire on a group of Webta taxis about 2.30pm on Friday.

Mr Zelinzima Tanyana, 40, of Khayelitsha, was shot dead as he sat in a taxi with several other Webta members.

Mr Stanford Mogale, 50, of New Crossroads, was hit in the chest and arm and Mrs Nonumisa Nciana, 22, of the Macassar squatter camp, who was waiting for a bus, was shot in a leg.

Two taxis were set alight and burnt out.

Police found 14 R4 rifle cartridges, an R4 round and several 0.303 calibre rifle rounds, R1 rifle and shotgun cartridges at the scene.

Last night, Mr Mboyiselo Jodwana was killed in Boys' Town, Nyanga, when he and a companion were approached by about six men, one of whom

The companion escaped.

Police are investigating the possibility that the shooting is linked to the taxi war.

About 9.20pm on Saturday, shots were fired at a police Casspir in L and M blocks, Khayelitsha. The vehicle was hit but no one was injured.

At 11.25pm on Saturday, several shots were fired at a security force patrol in Phase Four, Crossroads, but no one was injured.

Less than an hour later four people burnt to death in Section 2, Crossroads, when flames from a burning Webta taxi spread to the shack in which they were sleeping.

Yesterday at 3.45pm shots were fired from a moving car at a Webta taxi in Borchers Quarry Road, DF Malan Industria, hitting the driver in a shoulder.

At 4.30pm yesterday shots were fired from a vehicle at a taxi. Police said a man was injured but gave no other details.

The police unrest report said a man was killed when a private dwelling in Nyanga was set alight yesterday by a group of people and that a man was wounded when gunmen fired a number of rounds at a taxi.

Taxi war's roots go back 40 yrs

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Special report
By KURT SWART

THE roots of Cape Town's bloody taxi war can be traced back nearly 40 years to when the first taxi entrepreneurs began operating in the townships.

Competition over routes, ranks and road permits sowed the seeds of conflict between the Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta) and rival association Lagunya in the 1950s.

An assertion by Cape Town deputy mayor Mr Clive Keegan that there was no evidence that the war was politically motivated was hotly disputed by some groupings at last week's historic taxi peace conference.

While the conflict originated because of commercial interests, it has since embroiled various other interest groups like civic associations and town councillors, and has been fuelled by clandestine elements conducting seemingly random attacks on taxi operators, commuters and township residents.

Perception

Persistent claims have also been made by residents, civic and political organisations that some policemen were perpetuating the violence and using it as a smokescreen to smash ANC-aligned township groupings.

Constant police denials have not succeeded in erasing the perception among many township dwellers that police, or at least individual policemen, in collusion with shadowy "third force" groupings, have been using township violence to pursue "defined political objectives".

During last week's peace conference in the Civic Centre, Mr Keegan revealed some of the findings of the City Council's investigation into causes of the violence.

Both Webta and Lagunya had legitimate positions and neither party was entirely without blame, Mr Keegan said.

Lagunya (an acronym for Langa, Guguletu, Nyanga) began operating as "African Taxis" in the 1950s, becoming the Lagunya Taxi Association in 1962.

Webta was formed about 20 years later when "pirate" groups tried to legitimise themselves while public transport was undergoing deregulation. This happened when influx control was being abolished.

While Webta faced harassment from the Road Transport Board (RTB), with some officials armed with automatic rifles keeping their taxis away from bus terminusses, the new body pioneered and dominated the lucrative routes from the townships to Cape

Town's central business district.

"Given the history of official attempts to suppress the taxi industry, the entry of a new association was bound to create tension. There were allegations of partisan treatment on the part of the RTB (against Lagunya), of concealed white taxi-ownership, of state bias towards the City Tramways bus monopoly, and of encouragement by the SAP of one faction against the other," Mr Keegan said.

Lagunya also tried to benefit from the newly opened township-to-city routes. Resentment grew with the active favouring of Webta in the issuing of permits by the RTB, who were keen to speed up the legalisation of pirate operators — to the "manifest disadvantage" of Lagunya.

Commercial rivalry frequently led to outbreaks of violence. The conflict was further complicated when community and political organisations intervened to try to stop it.

The TCCC (Taxi Crisis Co-ordinating Committee) was formed earlier this year when township residents, angered at the bloodshed and violence, launched a blanket taxi boycott to compel the factions to form a united taxi association.

This only seemed to fuel the flames. While the associations initially agreed to unite in April 1991, Webta soon alleged that the TCCC was favouring Lagunya and pulled out of unity talks, refusing to give up their separate identity or logo.

The Lagunya boycott was lifted because of their support for unity moves, which won them popularity with commuters.

Popular

"There is antagonism in the townships towards Webta's continued operation as a separate entity, the parading of Webta's logo apparently being regarded as particularly provocative," Mr Keegan said.

When popular leaders like Mr Pro Jack and Mr Michael Mapongwana, both involved in peace attempts, were gunned down, suspicion against Webta and the security forces grew among "comrades".

The conflict has escalated into full-scale war over the past five months with at least 20 deaths and taxis valued at more than R1 million destroyed. Commuters have come under fire and scores of shacks have been torched in night attacks on residents.

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Picture: DALE KNEEN, Weekend Argus.

□ **GREAT TREK:** Children from the John Pama Primary School carry their tables and chairs to Walter Teka Primary School, where they will attend classes for the rest of the year.

The death and destruction CAN be stopped, many believe... but despite efforts to quell the terror that is tearing apart the townships, violence has become virtually a way of life. Some of the victims are participants. But many are innocent, such as the Nyanga pupils, caught in the taxi war crossfire and forced to relocate their school; while in Khayelitsha, youths have a tale of horror to tell after being brutally assaulted by a kangaroo court on charges of stealing a car battery.

The day a school moved

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A BULLET flies through a caretaker's window, killing a man. Police charge through the school grounds, firing shots.

This was life at John Pama Primary School in Nyanga East. But this week it became too much. Unable to cope with the continuing violence thrown up by the taxi war, the school — all 670 pupils — upped and left.

For next door to the school, in Sixth Avenue, Nyanga East, is a major taxi rank that has become an urban battlefield.

So on Wednesday the children of the John Pama Primary School packed up their classrooms and moved to nearby Liwa and Walter Teka primary schools.

The parents took the decision to move the children after a New Crossroads man, Mr Bernard Sello, was shot in the head by taxi operators when he was visiting the school's caretaker Mr Sidwell Monatsi.

Mr Sello was sitting in Mr Monatsi's home, which is inside the school grounds, about 5pm on October 2 when a fight started in the taxi rank across the road.

Said Mr Monatsi: "Webta drivers were chasing other drivers and shooting at them. Suddenly a bullet came through the window and Bernard was hit in the face. 'He collapsed on the floor. Blood oozed from a hole in the back of his head.'"

Mr Monatsi called the flying squad and an ambulance took Mr Sello to Groote Schuur Hospital, where he is described as being in a satisfactory condition while awaiting a second operation.

Some days ago, taxi drivers told Mr Monatsi's daughter, Violet, 31, that they planned to shoot her father and burn down the school because they believed her father kept a machine gun there.

"I've never even had a machine gun and I certainly do not keep one at the school," said Mr Monatsi, who decided to ignore the threat.

The day after Mr Sello was shot, police ran through the school grounds pursuing and firing at people fleeing towards the KTC squatter camp.

The school principal, Mrs Christina Monki, said: "There were children in the classrooms during the shooting. You tell them to lie on the floors but you know what children are like. They are inquisitive and they stand up.

DALE KNEEN

Weekend Argus Reporter

Kids in the firing line pack their bags and go

"After Mr Sello was shot we felt the children were not safe. It's impossible to teach in such circumstances."

Head of department Mrs Xoliswa Sopapaza added that the teachers felt the situation was not conducive to learning and would disrupt examinations at the end of the year.

John Pama is a community-based school, so the parents were called to a meeting to decide on what action would be taken.

"The parents decided that a nearby school should 'adopt' John Pama so the

children could have lessons in their classrooms in the afternoons," said the chairman of the parents' association Mr Maxim Qhina.

Twelve classes have lessons from noon to 5pm at Liwa Primary School and two classes of the youngest children have lessons in the mornings at Walter Teka Primary School.

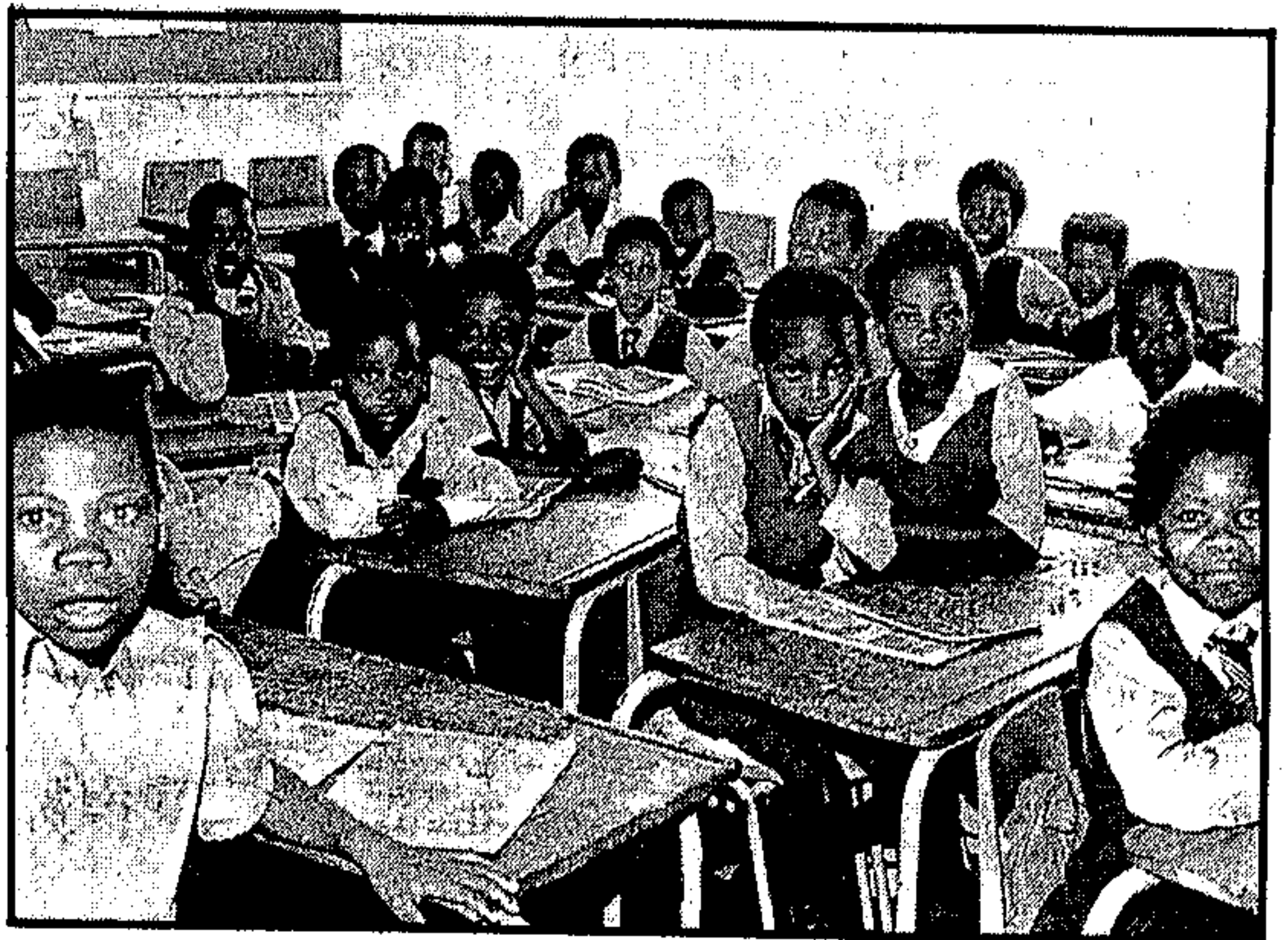
Mrs Sopapaza said moving to the schools was the "last resort".

There was a reluctance to ask the police for protection, teachers said. The children were afraid of policemen as they had often seen their parents caught up in police action in times of political upheaval.

The parents and teachers would like to see the bus and taxi terminus moved to another site, but they realised this would take months.

Mrs Sopapaza said the violence had erupted at the taxi rank every year since the school was opened in 1976. On their way to school, children have walked past corpses lying in the roads.

John Pama Primary School has 14 classrooms but no hall or administrative block and until recently it had no electricity.



□ **NEW HOME:** Pupils of the John Pama Lower Primary School in their new desks after moving away to escape the taxi war.

Police linked to Cape taxi 'war'

Focus

IN KHAYELITSHA, the squatter shack metropolis outside Cape Town, terror has become as effective an instrument of political persuasion as in the townships of Johannesburg.

The scale of the killing has been less spectacular but the impact on supporters of the African National Congress has been as inhibiting.

As in Soweto, Khayelitsha residents no longer wear their ANC T-shirts with the abandon they did in the weeks after Mr Nelson Mandela's release from prison. The more prominent ANC leaders, after the assassination of two in May and July, sleep in a different place every night.

Here it is not Inkatha that does the dirty work of those sinister elements within the security forces who believe that intimidation is the only political language blacks comprehend.

As the police have explained it, and Cape Town's white population have been led to understand, the killing of 15 people and the burning of 200 shacks in the past month have been the product of a "war" between two township taxi organisations over lucrative routes.

Denis, an ANC supporter cautious not to reveal his surname, has no job, like 85 per cent of Khayelitsha residents.

But he is lucky to have a roof over his head, 40 shacks adjoining his having been burnt down two weeks ago.

According to Press reports, armed men from the Western Cape Black Taxi Association attacked the area because the residents there were more sympathetic to a taxi association known by the acronym Lagunya.

Which did not quite seem to make sense.

Denis explained: "Webta drive taxis owned by whites, so the police support them. And the police work with the black councillors, who you know have not been elected democratically, but put there to do the work of the Government - it was they who killed Mapongwana (the ANC civic leader gunned down in July).

"The meaning behind it is that all of them together join to attack the people because they know we are all ANC. So you

see, the State is behind it all at the end of the day."

Simon put in his piece: "What we always hear is that it is Webta against Lagunya, who are helped by the ANC comrades, but this is not true. When the Webta vans come at night to attack us they always have Casspirs behind and policemen with guns."

Four hundred metres down the road, a group of men standing on what

I saw police, a lot of them, in camouflage uniform - riot police.

looked like a bomb site saw no room for ambiguity. Theo, a carpenter who said he had been out of work for a year, lost his home on the

night of September 3, as did 77 of his neighbours. Eleven lost their lives.

"They use the taxis as an excuse, but the thing is that most people here are with the ANC. You see, on the night they came there were no taxi people. We were sleeping - some of us were having supper. I heard gunshots. Then I saw fire and then I saw police, a lot of them, in camouflage uniform - riot police.

Some police were white, some black. They had long guns and petrol bombs and

there was one handgrenade - we heard the explosion. They shouted: 'Come on comrades, come out'."

The testimony of these individuals could, by a stretch of the imagination, be dismissed as ANC fabrication were it not for the fact that the police have received 36 sworn affidavits, all painting a picture of police involvement, or at the very least of police bias.

Mr Jan van Eck, a Cape Town MP from the Democratic Party, issued a statement on Friday denouncing "sinister forces at work in Khayelitsha and other Cape Town townships to massively destabilise the whole region".

Convinced that a spark could set off violence on the scale seen in Johannesburg, Van Eck said he had made available to Cape Town's new commissioner of police, General Nick Acker, documented information including the names of police officers and "the deep involvement of whites in the destabilisation process".

In the absence of competent ANC leadership in Cape Town - "squabbling", "corrupt" and "ineffectual" are among the adjectives one hears - Van Eck has emerged as something of a township champion. He has few friends in the police but, in a triumph of hope over experience, counts Acker as one. - *The Independent, London*

Children coughing, vomiting and fainting after attack on Khayelitsha shack

By Rehana Rossouw

A KHAYELITSHA child-minder alleges police fired teargas at her shack while 35 children were in the confined space. She claimed police had come to search the premises on Tuesday morning and arrest her husband.

"The children were coughing, vomiting and fainting when the smoke came into my house," said Mrs Doris Mpongwana, who runs a creche in her two-room shack in B Section.

Her husband, Mr Mkhokeli Mpongwana, was arrested for questioning and released without being charged three hours later.

Mpongwana said just before 10am more than 20 policemen arrived at her home and searched the premises. "They turned everything upside

'Police teargassed my kids' creche'

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down in my bedroom and when I asked what they were looking for, they did not answer," she said.

"Then I saw smoke outside and it started to come into my house. At first, I thought it was a car burning but then I realised it was teargas.

"When the police left with my husband, one of them stopped to pick up

the empty canisters outside my house. "All this hurts me very much — the police will never fire teargas at a white creche," said Mpongwana.

Mpongwana's neighbour, Mr Dumeze Zuma, said he returned from work to find police had searched his home as well.

They left a form behind, saying the

premises had been searched in his absence by a warrant officer Viviers of the unrest unit for arms and ammunition. Viviers was accompanied by 25 members of the unrest unit.

"There are no guns in my house — the police took nothing," said Zuma. "Why are they treating us like criminals? We are innocent.

"Why don't they do something to stop the violence in our community instead of harassing innocent people?" "The criminals are running loose, burning taxis and peoples' homes," he lamented.

Shortly after 1.30pm, Mpongwana was brought home by police in two vehicles. When residents challenged them about teargas fired at the creche, they denied they were responsible, claiming it had been fired from behind a shack opposite the Mpongwana's.

However, they could not explain why some of the 26 policemen involved in the operation could not run across the street to arrest the people who allegedly fired the teargas.

The allegations were faxed to the police but at the time of going to press no response had been received.

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Fears of gangland war



SHEBEEN SHOOTING: Paramedics remove the body of one of the two men shot as they sat in a car outside a Facticeon shebeen. The other victim died later at Groote Schuur Hospital.

Three held after double slaying in car outside shebeen

Staff Reporters

FEARS of a gangland war over the control of lucrative shebeens have arisen after the fatal shooting of two men outside a Facticeon shebeen.

Police arrested two men and a youth at the scene yesterday. A man was shot dead and two were wounded at the same shebeen on Sunday morning.

The victims of yesterday's shootings have not yet been identified. Details of the attack are sketchy as residents appear terrified of being seen to be giving information to the police or reporters.

A telephone caller alleged a "Gangland warlord known as 'Graveyard'" was making a violent bid to gain control of shebeens in the area.

Police were notified about

11.30 am yesterday that two men had been shot in a car outside the shebeen in Warmerner Square, Facticeon.

They found two men slumped in the front seats of a beige Toyota Corolla parked outside the shebeen. Both had bullet wounds in their heads. One was dead and the other critically injured.

The injured man was taken to Groote Schuur Hospital, where he died late yesterday. The car was registered at an Elsie River address.

Neighbours stood around in silent groups watching as police went about their investigation.

Inquiries brought mostly shakes of the head and the reply: "I know nothing." Some admitted hearing two shots about 11.30am.

One woman said there had been "wild shooting" in the

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street on Monday night but said she knew no more.

On Sunday about 1am, Mr Irvin Kellerman was shot dead in the Facticeon shebeen.

Mr Frank Lategan of Atlantis was admitted to Woodstock Hospital with a fractured right leg and Mr Rashad Stragie of Valhalla Park was admitted to Groote Schuur Hospital after being shot in the back in the same incident.

On Monday night a wood-and-iron home was set alight and gutted after gunmen opened fire on it with semi-automatic weapons. The family who lived there moved out only hours before on a "premonition" that something was going to happen.

● Miss Glenda Bothma was shot dead in a Heideveld shebeen on Sunday night and barman Mr Christoffel Cupido was slightly wounded when armed men wearing balacavas stormed the shebeen and escaped with about R2500.

● Two Langa shebeen owners were held up this week and robbed of more than R18 000 by five men — three of them wearing police uniforms and brandishing guns. No one was injured.

TAXI WAR

Caught in crossfire

All I have is a bag of clothing — even my money was burned?

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ALL IS LOST: On Tuesday night Mrs Nowisile Sinsile lost all her possessions, except a bag of clothing, when her house and three taxis were torched.

WE HAVE nothing left ... all is lost," a woman lamented. She was one of over 2 000 Khayelitsha residents left homeless by the taxi war.

"All I have is a bag of clothing given to me, even my money was burned," said Mrs Nowisile Sinsile after her husband's three taxis and their shack were burnt.

Mrs Nonimba Memane (right) was hit with a rifle butt in her stomach a week before her daughter was born. After her house was destroyed she spent the night cowering in bushes with her seven-year-old child.

On Tuesday, 12 shacks and five taxis were torched in Site B.

Lagunya driver Mr David Mbexa, top right, whose taxi was destroyed, said he did not know how he was going to support his family.



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ANOTHER VICTIM: Mr David Mbexa, this week, with his burnt-out taxi PICS: YUNUS MOHAMED

Peace group gets tough

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By Rehana Rossouw

STAY OUT of Cape Town!

This could be the drastic message to warring taxi associations to stop the carnage following a meeting of the Taxi Peace Committee with community organisations on Wednesday.

The meeting agreed punitive action was the best way to force the Lagunya Taxi Association and the Western Cape Black Taxi Association to negotiate. An option accepted was, in areas of its jurisdiction, the Cape Town City Council investigate revoking permits and barring the use of its ranks to operators who refuse to negotiate an end to the conflict.

The Council does not issue permits but will try to persuade the Road

Transportation Board to suspend permits to warring groups.

The mayor of Cape Town, Mr Frank van der Velde, said the Council had no jurisdiction in areas outside the city but could "make life difficult" for operators at one end of their routes. A suggestion at the meeting that the SADF be brought into the townships to defend residents found little favour with community organisations.

The possibility of another taxi boycott also found little support among communities bearing the brunt of the war, as leaders who in the past advocated such action had been assassinated and threatened.

Township residents fear when taxis are boycotted, attacks shift to other means of transport — a bus driver

was killed recently — and attacks could spread to Cape Town trains.

"We have also involved the Bellville City Council and I am sure we will get their cooperation," Van der Velde said.

● Another option discussed is to pressure the police to adequately perform their function.

● Financial pressure may be placed on taxi associations involved in the violence through negotiations with Wesbank and Stannic — the major financiers of taxi owners.

● The SA Black Taxi Association will also be requested to play a stronger part in making the parties negotiate.

Van der Velde stressed these options would be put to constituencies of the organisations involved in the Peace Committee for their approval before they could be implemented.

Councillor in court

A LINGELETHU WEST town councillor and Webta-aligned taxi operator, Mr Michael Gubayo, appeared briefly in the Athlone Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with the murder at the weekend of a rival Lagunya driver.

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The Lagunya driver, believed to be a Mr Tyopo, was shot twice in the back and killed at the Nyanga taxi rank about 12.25pm on Sunday.

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A police patrol, hearing six shots, approached the rank and arrested a man who was

Shots at taxi, passenger hurt

A LAGUNYA taxi passenger was injured by flying glass when three men opened fire on the vehicle while it was travelling through Guguletu on Sunday evening.

Police spokesman Captain Hendrik Opperman said taxi driver, Mr Kabowa Skatsha, told police that three armed men had appeared "out of nowhere" when the taxi halted at a stop street. Each man fired a shot at the taxi.

The incident occurred along Tandeka Road in Mulunga Park in Guguletu.

running away. A pistol was confiscated.

No charges were put to Transkei citizen Mr Gubayo, 40, of Site C, Khayelitsha, and a bail hearing was postponed until this morning.

There was some apprehension about whether the court should oppose Mr Gubayo's intended bail application yesterday, following the statement last week by Cape attor-

ney-general Mr Niel Rossouw that courts should carefully consider the suitability of bail applications in taxi war-related cases.

It became apparent that unless the investigating officer specifically requested opposition of bail an application by Mr Gubayo would not be contested by the state.

However, shortly before Mr Gubayo appeared, prosecutors were told to oppose "the majority" of bail applications in such cases until they are told otherwise.

The magistrate was Mr P Engelbrecht, and the prosecutor was Mr K le Kour. Mr Gubayo was not represented yesterday.

Taxi man's death: Councillor in court

Staff Reporter

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A LINGELETHU West town councillor has appeared in the Athlone Magistrate's Court in connection with the killing of a Lagunya taxi driver.

Mr Michael Gubayo, 40, of Site C, Khayelitsha, was not asked to plead to a charge of murder.

Mr P Engelbrecht postponed the hearing to today, when Mr Gubayo's attorney, Mr E Meyer, is expected to apply for bail.

The driver, identified as a Mr Tyopo, of New Flats, Langa, was killed at the Nyanga bus and taxi rank on Sunday.

Mr K Lekeur prosecuted.

End to taxi war: Proposals before exco

CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town Peace Committee proposals to end the township taxi war are to be put to the city council executive committee today for endorsement.

Mayor Mr. Frank van der Velde said council approval was needed in order to proceed with enforcement

measures aimed at bringing warring parties to the negotiating table.

These measures include asking the Road Transportation Board to revoke licences of operators involved in the violence.

Another measure, the appointment of 15 extra traffic police, will be put to the full council for approval at its Thursday meeting.

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Cape taxi war flares up

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THE taxi war in Western Cape townships flared up again yesterday when two minibuses carrying commuters were attacked in two separate incidents of violence.

Reports said two members of the Western Cape Black Taxi Association miraculously escaped serious injury when gunmen opened fire on them at close range during the morning hour rush in Gugulethu.

The only person injured was the driver, who was cut by flying glass from the shattered windscreen.

Another taxi was fired on by two gunmen in Nyanga, but no one was injured.

The latest spate of attacks follows a breakdown in peace talks between the rival taxi association. - Sapa.



PEACE MARCH: Khayelitsha residents march to demand peace in the township. **275** **ARG 28/10/91**

Man held as taxi-driver shot dead at Nyanga rank

Staff Reporters

A 40-year-old Khayelitsha man, believed to be a Lingeletu West town councillor and a Western Cape Black Taxi Association driver, has been arrested after a Lagunya taxi-driver was shot dead at the Nyanga taxi rank.

The Lagunya man, believed to be a Mr Tyopo of Langa, was shot twice in the back about 12.25pm yesterday.

Witnesses said there was chaos as people ran for cover, hawkers abandoned their stalls and buses and taxis withdrew from the rank.

A police spokesman said police on patrol heard six shots fired from the direction of the rank.

The policemen saw a man running away and chased him.

A man was arrested with a Z7 0,65mm calibre pistol and 10 rounds of ammunition in his possession.

At the rank the body of the Lagunya taxi-driver was found with two bullet wounds in the torso.

Near the body was a sedan car, with four bullet holes in it.

A 40-year-old man from Site C, Khayelitsha, is expected to appear in court in Mitchell's Plain tomorrow.

Earlier yesterday about 200 people marched through Site B and Site C to demand peace and an end to the taxi war which has led to death and the destruction of property in the townships.

They sang hymns and carried placards saying "Let peace prevail" and "Let's work for Peace".

The Anglican Church has expressed alarm at "the apparent inability" of police "to bring to justice those who, with growing impunity, kill, maim and destroy" in black townships.

The vicar-general of the Cape Town diocese, the Very Rev Colin Jones, said the Diocesan Council noted the "incalcitrance of those in the taxi industry in finding solutions to the conflict and the continual reneging on agreements".

The council commended the initiative taken by a broad spectrum of people and organisations to broker peace and find solutions.



SHOT DEAD: Police search for clues near the body of a taxi driver killed at Nyanga taxi rank. **Pictures: OBED ZILWA**

AYESHA ISMAIL SPEAKS TO THE LEADERS OF THE WARRING TAXI FACTIONS

The routes of war evils

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DESPITE repeated attempts to end Cape Town's bloody taxi war, the violence continues.

The seven-month war has already exacted a heavy toll: more than 2 000 people have been left homeless and taxis worth more than R1,5million have been destroyed.

This week alone, 13 shacks and five taxis were set alight in Khayelitsha. The bodies of two taxi drivers, who had been shot, were found.

The most recent initiative to bring about a truce is the Cape Town Peace Committee (CTPC), under Archbishop Desmond and Mayor Frank van der Velde.

With the CTPC initiative in tatters this week, the committee held a crisis meeting with community leaders. The two taxi associations were not invited.

The meeting agreed that punitive action would be the most effective way to get the taxi associations to negotiate. Action would include asking the Road Transportation Board (RTB) to revoke the permits of taxi operators involved in the violence.

Draft regulations to govern the taxi industry are to be published shortly by city council. The council has also been urged to ask institutions that finance taxis to apply pressure on associations which refuse to take part in negotiations to end the violence.

The meeting also asked the national leadership of the South African Black Taxi Association (Sabta) to help negotiate a solution to the conflict.

This week the Cape Metro spoke to the powerful leaders of the two rival factions, Webba and Laguna, and asked them what was needed to bring peace to the terrorised townships.

Both agree on one thing: the issues at stake are commercial and the "war" is about routes, permits and ranks — but beyond this there appears to be little common ground.



MICHAEL KUPISO, Laguna chairman: "I am prepared to let bygones be bygones and abide by decisions made by the Peace Committee. We are all sick and tired of this violence."

Tambo urges taxi groups to end war

MR Oliver Tambo, national chairman of the ANC, appealed yesterday to Cape Town's warring taxi associations to work together for peace and end their conflict.

He was speaking in Cape Town, where he received an honorary doctorate from the University of Western Cape—making his first public appearance in the city after 30 years' enforced absence.

Mr Tambo called on all South Africans, regardless of political affiliations, not to assist those who were opposed to peace and who were trying to derail the process of negotiations.

He said that even at this late hour he believed it was possible to reach a democratic South Africa through a negotiated settlement.

Loud roars from about 4,000 voices greeted Mr Tambo when he took his place on the podium for the special ceremony at the UWC sports stadium.

● Mrs Adelaide Tambo — Picture, Page 2

● 'Only Sabra can solve crisis' — Page 2



HONOURED The national chairman of the ANC, Mr Oliver Tambo, is flanked by UWC academics (from left) registrar Mr Julian Smith and vice-rector Professor Jaap Durand, with UWC rector Professor Jakes Gerwel on the right, at the special university ceremony yesterday. Mr Tambo received an honorary doctorate of law and was capped by the university's chancellor, Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

M-Net clinch



TAXI WAR

Back in the garage

New efforts are under way in Cape Town to end the city's taxi war after the collapse of a week-old peace pact signed this month (*Current Affairs* October 18).

But with violence having flared across the wide front there is little hope of success. After the collapse of the pact at least four taxi drivers were gunned down and a number of taxis set alight.

A policeman was arrested this week in connection with one of the killings. It is understood that his wife is involved in the taxi business.

Cape Town mayor Frank van der Velde was hoping to convene a meeting of rival factions — Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta) and Langa, Guguletu, Nyanga Taxi Association (Lagunya) — and other interested groups to thrash out a new peace agreement.

Webta withdrew from the earlier agreement after accusing Van der Velde and co-convenor Archbishop Desmond Tutu of not addressing the main issues of the conflict. A Webta official was quoted as saying the Cape Town City Council was a government structure that "wanted to oppress black people" and had no role in trying to resolve the conflict.

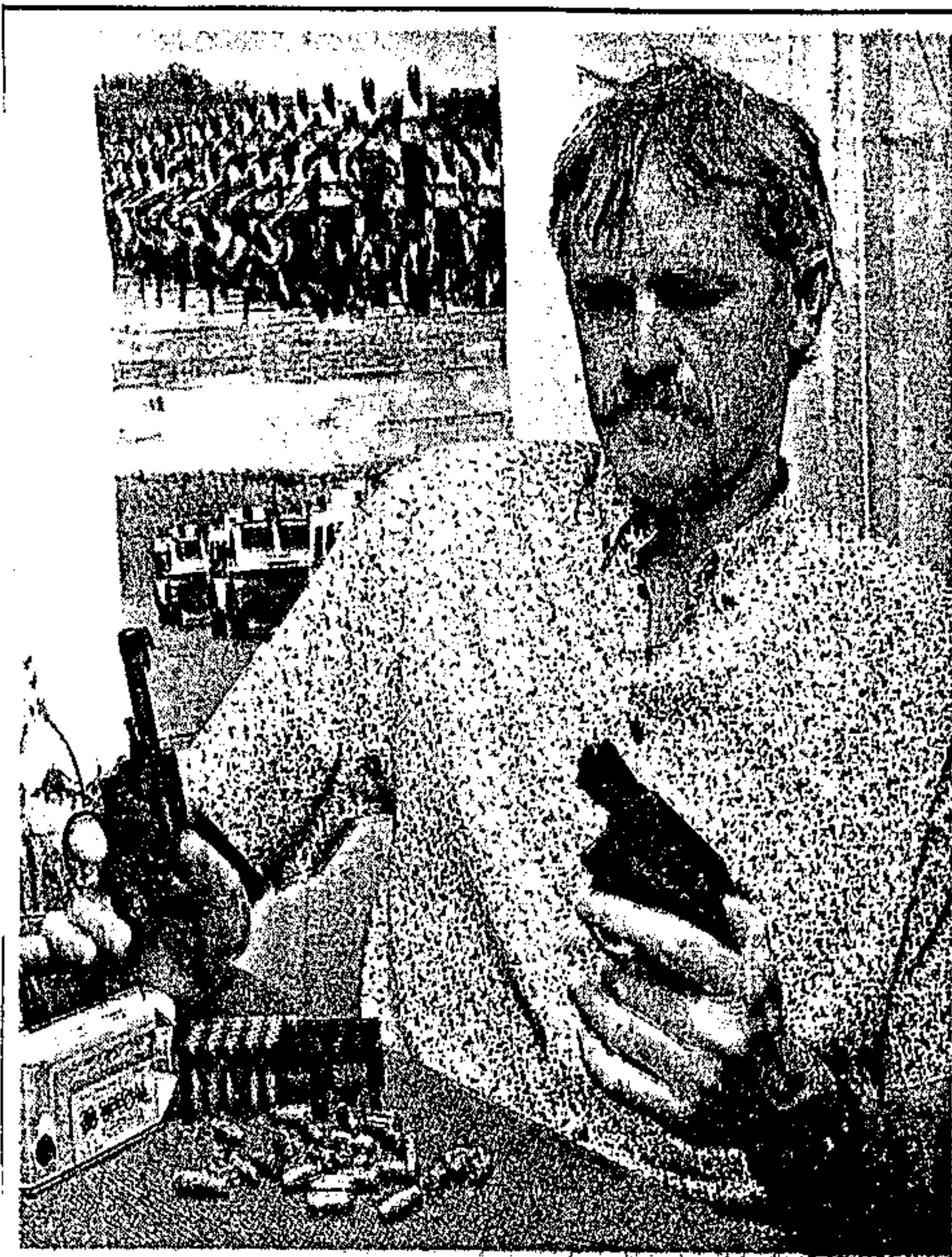
Public sanction

Tutu, however, warned that if Webta pulled out of the peace pact it could face tough sanctions from the public.

The war centres on competition for routes and the use of taxi ranks. It has been waged at various levels for months.

Not only drivers are suffering. The university welfare and relief organisation,

Shawco, estimates that at least 1 800 people have been left homeless due to the destruction of 300 shacks which got in the way of the conflict. More than 100 shack dwellers have been injured in fighting. ■



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SEIZED GUNS: Detective Warrant Officer Patrick Friedman, of the police firearm unit, holds up the two revolvers seized in a raid on a spaza shop in Khayelitsha.

Taxi war row: Bail should be opposed — A-G

Staff Reporters

THE Attorney-General, Mr Niel Rossouw, and the police are opposed to bail for people allegedly involved in taxi war violence, according to mayor and co-convenor of the Peace Committee, Mr Frank van der Velde.

Mr Van der Velde said he had spoken today to Mr Rossouw and Brigadier George Potgieter, deputy regional commissioner of police, and "both are fully supportive in opposing bail while the situation is so volatile".

He was reacting to the row over police failure to oppose bail for 11 men who allegedly torched shacks and taxis in Khayelitsha on Tuesday night. They appeared in court charged with attempted murder on Wednesday and were released on R500 bail each.

Mr Van der Velde He said he had been told police would oppose bail in future and Mr Rossouw had "assured" him prosecutors would be instructed similarly.

But it was extremely difficult to revoke bail once it had been granted.

"Certainly with the present situation, releasing suspects is totally contrary to what we're trying to do. We're trying to take the heat out of the townships."

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Democratic Party MP for Claremont Mr Van Eck described the men's release as outrageous. "It points to police partiality in the taxi war."

The Peace Committee said the men's release was "incomprehensible".

Residents, particularly those who had given statements to the police, were in fear of their lives and the release of the alleged attackers would "greatly compound their trauma", the committee said in a statement.

"It is entirely unacceptable that people, allegedly caught in the act of attempting to murder others, should be released on bail into the highly volatile situation generated by the taxi war."

Meanwhile the Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta) says it will resist a city council proposal that the permits of taxi operators found to be involved in the violence be withdrawn.

Chairman Mr James Mafuya was reacting to a decision by the Peace Committee to approach the Local Road Transportation Board on the issue.

"We were harassed for years before we were granted those licences in 1987. Licences are just pieces of paper which we fought bitterly to obtain. Operating without them is not something new new to us."

He said the Local Road Transportation Board "which to us is a government institution" granted the licences at R100 each for a period of 10 years after his members had spent "lots of money on lawyers".

"If the city council, which is also a government institution, wants their pieces of paper back, they can have them and refund us our money because 10 years is not yet over."

"If they take them it means we will be back to square one and operate without those papers as before. But I can assure you they will never confiscate our vehicles and they will meet fierce resistance to the bitter end."

He said Webta was still willing to talk peace but had lost confidence in the Peace Committee which seemed to "want to dictate terms".

Lagunya spokesmen were not available.

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Police act to halt taxi war

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POLICE have deployed a further 100 policemen in Cape Town's black townships in preparation for an escalation of the ongoing taxi war.

While the mayor of Cape Town, Mr Frank van der Velde, and community leaders were holding talks in Cape Town on Wednesday to stop the violence, the rival taxi groups were mustering their forces and gathering in open fields in Khayelitsha.

Brigadier Frik Kellerman, the SAP's Western Cape chief of operations, yesterday said he was worried about the gathering of the different groups.

In the past this was an indication of attacks and counter-attacks, Kellerman said.

A member of the Langa, Guguletu and Nyanga Taxi Association was shot and killed in NY19 Guguletu on Wednesday, police confirmed.

Mr Davis Pindile Xusa (22) was stand-

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ing in the road next to his taxi when another taxi drove up between him and his vehicle.

Three shots were fired and Xusa died instantly.

In another incident, a Coin Security driver was wounded in the stomach, arm and legs when shots were fired at his vehicle.

The driver is being treated in hospital.

The police presence in Khayelitsha and Nyanga was stepped up by 106 men about a month ago and Kellerman said another 100 men would be deployed as a matter of urgency.

"We have received information of planned attacks - which will lead to counter-attacks - and we have stepped up our foot and vehicle patrols to have a 24-hour noticeable police presence and will do our best to protect people and property," he said. - Sapa.

Soldiers cheer for taxi arrests

VUYO BAVUMA and
JOHAN SCHRÖNEN Staff Reporters

KHAYELITSHA residents ululated with joy as they described how SADF members saved them from gunmen "firing wildly" at their houses after setting alight 12 shacks and five minibuses.

The T section residents in Site B, who refused to be named for fear of reprisals, said the gunmen were members of the Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta).

They said an SADF vehicle appeared as the attackers were leaving after torching three minibus taxis belonging to Mr Morris Sintsili, a Lagunya member. The SADF vehicle chased the three bakkies in which the attackers were escaping and soldiers opened fired causing one bakkie to crash into a wall.

Residents claim two of the attackers were shot dead.

A father of four, who watched, said soldiers ordered the occupants of the vehicle to lie on the ground.

"Some of the gangsters were wearing blankets and balaclavas; others tried to run away, but the soldiers were too quick, searched the men thoroughly and found weapons.

"At that stage people could not contain their joy and others ululated as the soldiers arrested the attackers.

"The soldiers kept on asking the men, as they held them down, why they were attacking people's homes."

Another resident said the soldiers demonstrated they were performing their duties in a neutral way.

"We really owe our lives to the soldiers who arrested the attackers. I ordered my children to lie on the floor and others were under beds as the gunmen fired wildly.

"Earlier some terrified mothers fled with their babies during the shooting. But the soldiers saved us," he said.

Describing the attack on his taxis, Mr Sintsili said he went to investigate a noise outside his house about 9 pm.

"I saw three bakkies parked opposite my house and a group of men. One man blew a whistle and they came towards me.

"I tried to run, but I was shot. Some men tried to grab me, but I fended them away, hitting them with my fists.

"I was limping, but I did not give up.

"Other armed men were dancing in the street, while others fired at neighbours trying to intervene."

Mr Sintsili said he evaded the gunmen as they fired at him.

At that stage they poured petrol on the minibuses and the flames roared.

"Later I returned to look for my four children and wife. I found them safe, hiding in a neighbour's house," he said.

Mr Sintsili described the ordeal as a bad dream.

Meanwhile, as the township taxi war rages on, serious reservations have been expressed for a quick solution to the protracted conflict which has claimed the lives of scores of people, left hundreds homeless and destroyed many vehicles.

There was heated discussion, expulsion and a walkout from the crisis conference called last night.

And in renewed conflict a Lagunya taxi driver was shot dead in Guguletu, the driver of a security bakkie was shot and wounded and 12 shacks were burnt down and more minibus taxis torched.

Police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaaier said Mr Phindile Xusa was shot in NY19 by a gunman about 8 pm and died in an ambulance.

Major Boonzaaier said the assailant fired three shots at Mr Xusa. Two spent 9 mm cartridges were found.

In another incident in Khayelitsha at 11 pm a Coin Security bakkie crashed into a shack after occupants of another vehicle opened fire.

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'Tough' Warning to taxis

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By ANDRE KOOPMAN
and CHRIS BATEMAN

THE city council last night threatened to suspend the licences of all Webta and Lagunya taxi operators in a bid to end the taxi war.

This was decided at a meeting of the Cape Town Peace Committee in the Civic Centre attended by a wide range of community organisations.

It was decided that the local Road Transportation Board should be approached to revoke the taxi permits of operators involved in violence.

Both Webta and Lagunya were not invited to the meeting, called to rescue the peace initiative launched earlier this month by Nobel peace laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Cape Town Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde, both of whom were present.

Suggestions that the SADF be deployed to quell the violence since the police were perceived as not being objective and that a community taxi boycott be initiated were not accepted.

The SADF option was immediately slammed last night by a spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order, Captain Craig Kotze.

Contacted for comment, he said there was "no question" of the military taking over any police functions without being requested to do so by the police.

During question time it was pointed out that township residents would have difficulty in getting public transport if the permits of both warring factions were withdrawn. The use of buses would also present a problem since a busdriver was recently killed in the taxi war and buses had also been shot at.

Archbishop Tutu said that calling in the SADF was "not ruled out completely" as commuters using "alternative transport" would have to be protected. The police would also be made aware of their need to protect commuters.

Mr Van der Velde said the council would soon publish draft regulations to govern the taxi industry.

In terms of the proposed by-laws the council will register all taxi operators and will exclude drivers involved in the taxi war.



PEACEMAKERS ...
Mayor van der Velde
and Archbishop Tutu

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Taxi war

LAST night's crisis meeting on Cape Town's bloody taxi war will have achieved good purpose if it succeeds only in casting further light on the complex issues involved. Certainly, the tragically destructive fight cannot be permitted to continue. But how to stop it?

The dispute has deep roots, going back to when the inter-township taxi service, Lagunya (an acronym for Langa, Guguletu, Nyanga), became challenged by a relative newcomer, Webta (Western Cape Taxi Association), which through deregulation acquired greater membership and arguably better routes. The feuding drivers, of course, risk life and limb as well as the loss of their vehicles and the war has spilled over to the specific areas of the townships associated with the rival groups, leading to territorial devastation.

Simply attempting to reach work has become a traumatic, dangerous mission for hundreds of thousands of commuters. The disruptive influence on life in the townships is inestimable. Earlier attempts at resolving the matter have culminated in the impartiality of peace brokers such as the Taxi Crisis Coordinating Committee (TCCC) themselves being compromised. Webta regards the TCCC as being partial to Lagunya, which in concert with the TCCC can cite reneging on basic agreements by Webta.

Commercial considerations are clearly a key factor in the dispute, though more sinister motives might also play a role. Webta stands to lose advantage from any sharing of routes with Lagunya in a fiercely competitive business made still worse by the long recession. Possible solutions are, to put it mildly, hard to come by. Even the boycott of both services is not really an option given the almost inevitable implication of attacks on any other transport that moves in to fill the vacuum. Better policing, perhaps by the SADF, is also an option not without peril as would be efforts at tougher action by the City Council.

Yet the violence cannot be allowed to continue. If big stick tactics are the only way to end it, then they will — regrettably — have to be used.

One room home to 87

Taxi-war homeless tell of suffering

By RAMOTENA MABOTE

SOME of 87 victims of Khayelitsha's taxi-war who have been living crammed up in a classroom, yesterday told of their suffering.

The 87 people form part of the 165 families left homeless by the violence in Sites B and C of Khayelitsha.

At a press conference at Sobenza Primary School in Site B Khayelitsha, Mrs Nonimba Memani, who was pregnant at the time, said she heard shooting outside her house around midnight three months ago.

Attackers kicked the door open, assaulted her husband with pangas and rifle butts and then beat



BABY UNHARMED ... Mrs Nonimba Memani, who was assaulted by unknown attackers while she was pregnant, holds her baby Ntombiazipheli.

her with the butts, she said.

She had crawled to nearby bushes with her eight-year-old daughter, where they took refuge until the next morning when they were "luckily" picked up by passers-

by and taken to hospital.

Mr Sandile Mazosiwe, who uses sticks to walk, said he was shot four times in the back and neck the night he was attacked. He said the attackers continued to kick him while he lay on the

floor pretending to be dead.

Shawco has asked for donations for the victims' relief fund. Money donations can be sent to: Violence Victims Relief Fund, The Red Cross, 21 Broad Road, Wynberg, and donations in kind can be deposited in collection boxes at Pick 'n Pay supermarkets.

● Seven shacks and four minibus taxis were torched by unknown men on Tuesday night in Site C, Khayelitsha.

Residents said the attackers started at Mr Zakuthini Sintsili's house and burnt down three of his minibuses and his shack.

Mrs Nowisile Sintsili said that her husband, a member of the Lagunya taxi group, was shot in the leg.

The attackers then went to Mr David Mbexe's house and burnt his brother's taxi, which belonged to Lagunya.

Mr Mbexe said that with the attackers was a young boy who identified the minibus in his yard.

Taxi man hunted down by killers

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GRIEVING: Relatives of executed former taxi driver Mr David Habe, cousin Mrs Nolist Tshuku, left, and sisters Miss Nomafoko Habe and Miss Cynthia Habe, at their home in Nyanga after they heard of the killing.

A FORMER taxi-driver, Mr David Bherana Habe, fought his attackers and tried to escape across a river before his execution.

The body of Mr Habe, 38, a former Western Cape Black Taxi Association member, was found on Monday in a quarry near Macassar. He had been shot twice and two 7.65 mm calibre cartridges were found next to his body.

The killing was the latest blow to the peace initiative to bring an end to the bloody taxi war between Webta and its rival organisation, Lagunya.

Mr Atwell Mangwana, one of Mr Habe's cousins, said Mr Habe was attacked by Lagunya members with knives and axes while he was standing near traffic lights in Khayelitsha on Sunday afternoon.

Mr Habe tried to escape, but the Lagunya members caught him, forced him into a vehicle and drove away, Mr Mangwana said.

David's brother reported it to the police, but by the time the search began we suspected Mr Habe was dead. We just wanted to find his body.

"We checked mortuaries and were referred to one at Somerset West, where we saw his body with a bullet hole behind the ear and another in the heart," Mr Mangwana said.

"My cousin left the taxi business last year after almost three years," he said.

Mr Mangwana left four children and his wife, Nolungile. Funeral arrangements have not been finalised.

Aid call for taxi-war victims

Staff Reporter

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VICTIMS of the taxi war urgently need food, blankets, clothing, building materials, mattresses and cooking utensils to rebuild their lives.

The Red Cross Society and Shawco, which are co-ordinating the relief effort, say about 1 800 people are homeless as a result of the conflict.

"Relief cards have already been distributed to 142 families in Site B and 23 families in Site C, Khayelitsha, cards going only to those who are genuinely victims of the violence," said a spokesman for Shawco.

Victims in other areas have yet to be helped.

Many of these people are destitute, having lost everything. Except for a R10 000 donation to the Red Cross from the Community Chest, 900m of plastic from the Western Cape Council of Churches and small individual donations that have been sent to Shawco centres and other organisations, there has been little additional response.

Cash can be sent to Violence Victims' Relief Fund, The Red Cross, 21 Broad Road, Wynberg. Donations can be sent to the Red Cross or Shawco. For more information ring Evan Robins at 650 2229, during working hours or at 762 4774 at home.

Nine die in shack fires

NINE people — including four children — were burnt to death in shack fires near Cape Town early yesterday.

Four members of a family died in a blaze at 4.30am yesterday at Brown's Farm.

They were Bandeza Bheza, 4, Baba Bheza, 15, Frans Bheza, 6, and Andieswa Bheza, age unknown.

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Two hours earlier, a man was burnt to death when a shack caught alight in the Lusaka squatter camp in Nyanga.

Police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaaier said he had not been identified and the causes of these two fires were not known.

In Section Two, Old Crossroads, four people were burnt to death when flames from a burning Webta taxi spread to their shack.

Cape taxi war erupts again

Peace efforts in Cape Town's "taxi war" have suffered a severe setback as violence erupted again on the eve of a community report-back meeting to be addressed by peace-brokers Archbishop Desmond Tutu and mayor Frank van der Velde. (275)

In the latest incident, a Langunya Taxi Association (LTA) driver was shot dead in Gugulethu, four taxis were burnt out and windows of several others smashed yesterday afternoon.

Two drivers of the rival Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta) were allegedly shot dead by LTA members in separate incidents on Friday.

Six bystanders were injured and four taxis set alight in the first incident on Friday at the Nyanga East bus terminus. — Sapa.

POLICE confirmed this week that a large batch of name tags had been sent from Pretoria to the Western Cape, following complaints that policemen were contravening the National Peace Accord by not having proper identification.

A "Joint Group" of organisations concerned about alleged police complicity in township violence noted in a meeting with senior police officers last week that riot police at the Anti-Vat March in Cape Town last month used vehicles without clear identification, were armed with automatic rifles only, not riot-control weapons, and displayed no name tags on their uniforms.

Uniformed riot police without name tags have also been seen operating in the townships by observers and journalists.

This contravened the National Peace Accord, Chapter 3, 2.4.5 and 2.4.6, the Joint Group said.

Police liaison officer Captain Attie Laubscher said a large batch of name tags had arrived from Pretoria this week and was being sent to all 12 districts in the Western Cape.

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"We are working very hard to ensure that every member of the force gets a name tag," he said.

The action resulted from the meeting last week which was attended by Cape Town mayor Mr Frank van der Velde, the ANC, the Western Province Council of Churches and other bodies committed to the taxi peace initiative.

The meeting was called by the Joint Group to discuss the controversial role of the police in Cape Town's bloody taxi war.

Western Cape regional police commissioner Maj-Gen Nic Acker admitted at the meeting that the public had a negative perception of police based on "historical circumstances".

"I still sense a lack of understanding of the policeman's lot and lack of knowledge of police methods," he said. "Negative perceptions are not based on facts, but are as strong as facts in the minds of people."

Gen Acker branded as "irresponsible" calls from, among others, Mr Van der Velde, for the police to make a "grand gesture" to improve their negative image and disband the "hated" riot squad.

Violence would escalate if the squad was removed, he said, indicating that the police regarded the riot squad as part of the solution to the township strife. But many residents and members of the public see the riot squad as part of the problem.

Police came in for heavy criticism during last week's "peace conference" in the Civic Centre. Deputy mayor Mr Clive Keegan said it was "probable" that members of the police were manipulating the taxi violence and Archbishop Desmond Tutu called for a judicial inquiry into allegations of police complicity in the conflict.

Disturbing

Police are now responding to this negative perception and agreement on independent monitoring of police action was one of the breakthroughs of last Friday's meeting with the Joint Group.

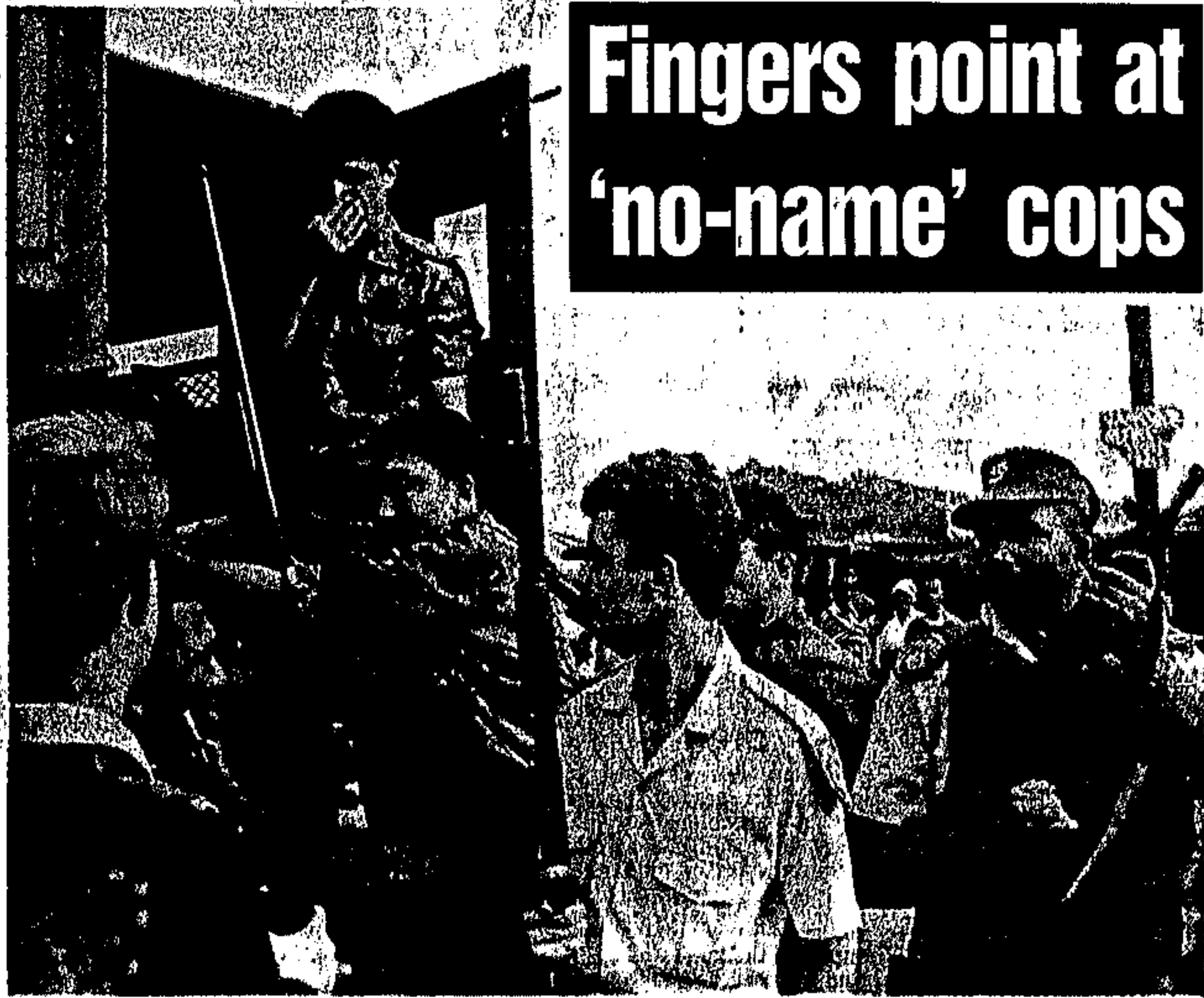
A joint memorandum drawn up by the Urban Monitoring and Awareness Committee (Umac), the ANC, the Democratic Party, the ANC Women's League and the Black Sash, was tabled at the meeting.

Further disturbing claims of police complicity in township violence, specially in Khayelitsha, were made and statements handed to police detailing allegations of a series of night attacks on Site B residents in July, August and September which resulted in about 250 shacks destroyed, 15 people dead, at least 100 injured and about 1 000 homeless.

The memorandum also alleges that

Row over flouting of Peace Accord

Fingers point at 'no-name' cops



IMPROPERLY DRESSED . . . policemen in action in the townships during recent taxi-war related violence were not wearing identification name tags, contravening National Peace Accord provisions. All uniformed policemen would in future display their name tags, police promised this week.

police were party to the destruction of about 20 shacks in KTC two weeks ago.

The Joint Group stated in the memorandum that "it is time the police takes a long, hard look at itself."

Progress

"Evidence collected by the Joint Group over the past months indicates that white men, often identified as policemen because of the uniform they were wearing, were implicated in the violence. Often the men wear balaclavas and seem to be the leaders of the raiding commandos. They speak Afrikaans."

"In the midnight attacks, affidavits collected by monitors state over and over again that white men, some in camouflage, were on the scene of the crime. During the collecting of evidence, it was made quite clear to the Joint Group that the residents of Khayelitsha have little or no faith in the forces of law and order in the township."

Gen Acker has undertaken to report back to the community on progress in police investigations and on any action taken against individual policemen.

He also undertook to ensure that policemen engaged in uniformed police operations wore their name tags at all times.

Capt Laubscher said police could not hope for success in containing and investigating township violence if they did not have the "co-operation of all involved".

The assistant regional secretary of the ANC, Mr Willie Hofmeyr, met with police legal adviser Lt-Col Ed Booth this week to discuss the concept of "monitoring" police action in the townships.

Taxi war's roots go back 40 yrs

THE roots of Cape Town's bloody taxi war can be traced back nearly 40 years to when the first taxi entrepreneurs began operating in the townships.

Competition over routes, ranks and road permits sowed the seeds of conflict between the Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta) and rival association Lagunya in the 1950s.

An assertion by Cape Town deputy mayor Mr Clive Keegan that there was no evidence that the war was politically motivated was hotly disputed by some groupings at last week's historic taxi peace conference.

While the conflict originated because of commercial interests, it has since embroiled various other interest groups like civic associations and town councillors, and has been fuelled by clandestine

Special report
By KURT SWART

Town's central business district. "Given the history of official attempts to suppress the taxi industry, the entry of a new association was bound to create tension. There were allegations of partisan treatment on the part of the RTB (against Lagunya), of concealed white taxi-ownership, of state bias towards the City Tramways bus monopoly, and of encouragement by the SAP of one faction against the other," Mr Keegan said.

Lagunya also tried to benefit from the newly opened township-to-city routes. Resentment grew with the active favouring of Webta in the issuing of permits by the RTB, who were keen to speed up the legalisation

'Pro' Jack: Man held

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POLICE have arrested a 48-year-old man in connection with the murder of a policeman and the assassination of ANC activist Mr Mziwonke "Pro" Jack, who was gunned down in a hail of bullets in June this year.

Police spokesman Captain Hendrik Opperman said yesterday the man was expected to appear in Athlone Magistrate's Court on Monday on two charges of murder following his arrest in Nyanga on Wednesday night.

The man, who is said to be a member of the Western Cape Civic Association, was released on bail last week after he was arrested for illegally possessing an R-4 rifle.

Members of the special investigation unit, who sent the rifle to Pretoria for ballistics tests, learnt on Monday this week that the weapon was the one used to kill police dog-handler Constable Frans van der Merwe in Khayelitsha on November 21 last year and Mr Jack on June 19 this year.

Sticks and stones at the terminus

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The taxi war in Cape Town has moved from sjamboks, pangas and half-bricks and turned into a political quarrel between the ANC and police

By GAYE DAVIS 275

THE woman was furious, shaking her fist and shouting in Xhosa: "You're lower than a snake's ass!"

Her insult was directed at a group of taxi drivers from the Webta group standing on the far side of the Nyanga taxi terminus, across a windswept no-man's land studded with police vans and Casspirs and two charred minibus hulks.

This was Tuesday morning: the burned out taxis belonged to two taxi drivers from the rival Lagunya group. They had been attacked about an hour earlier; a woman passenger was wounded by a bullet.

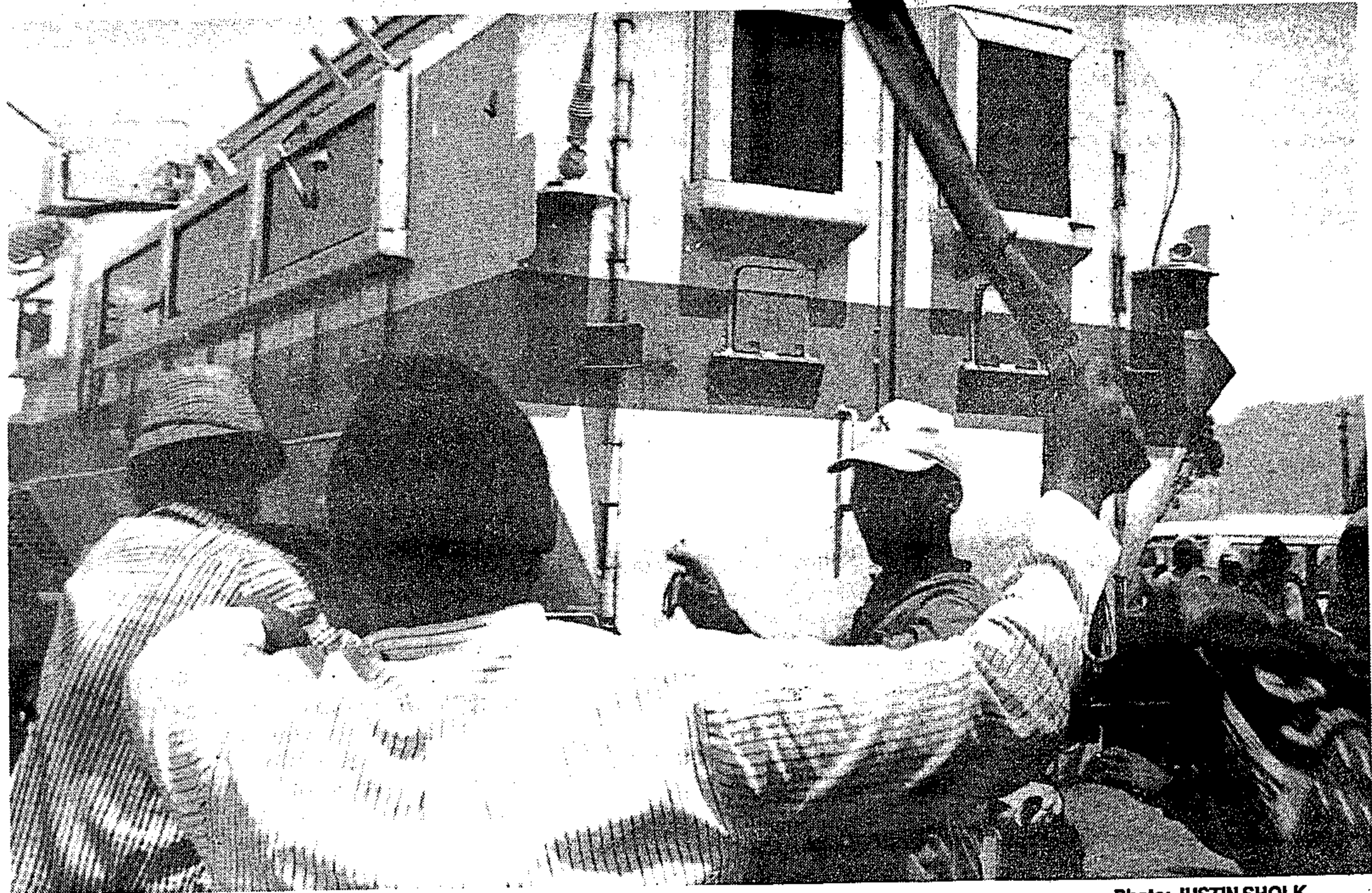
Now the mood was tense. Having moved their vehicles to the relative safety of a nearby street, Lagunya drivers, along with crowds of residents, traded taunts with Webta drivers gathered behind the police vehicles.

As the wind whirled the dust into choking columns, residents began a toyi-toyi down the road, towards Webta's position. Sjamboks, sticks and pangas poked the air while youths leisurely tossed half-bricks into the air and caught them again. When a police car drove by there were jeers and curses.

A song started up, urging people to stand by Lagunya and reject Webta, "because the boers are there". Its origins stem back to the murder earlier this year of Western Cape civic leader Michael Mapongwana, allegedly assassinated by Webta members for promoting a selective boycott of their taxis after they reneged on a community brokered agreement to end the war.

Officially, the African National Congress is doing all it can to prevent giving the impression that it has taken sides in the taxi war. But at the terminus this week, it was clear that residents decided long ago whom to champion.

It was also clear that, rightly or wrongly, people see the South African Police as firmly within the Webta



Taxi fares and taxi fears... Political polarization threatens to continue the violence

Photo: JUSTIN SHOLK

camp. "Why are the police only searching our drivers for weapons?" asked a Lagunya taxi operator. Trying to get a response from Webta drivers proved impossible: as members of the press approached, they advanced angrily, shouting that they were "on Lagunya's side".

"For five years we've been fighting but the police have not been involved and we always made peace. Now with the police involved with Webta there will be no stop to the fighting," said a Lagunya driver, sjambok in hand.

Meanwhile, in the Oscar Mpetha High School which abuts the terminus, principal Pam Mehlomakulu watched the crowds outside anxiously. Matric pupils scheduled to write a maths exam that morning had to be crowded into the library: their regular classrooms were in the line of fire. The exam started late: many of Mehlomakulu's pupils travel to the school from distant townships. There were no taxis running that morning.

"Something drastic has got to be done or it will be endless," she said.

"When people die and taxis get burned there are bound to be grudges."

Not far away from the tension-laden terminus, the Cape Town Peace Committee was in urgent session. Under the chairmanship of Cape Town's mayor, Frank van der Velde, and Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, it has been trying to get both sides to negotiate in good faith; has proposed a new by-laws regulating the taxi industry — and has been strongly critical of the role of the police.

Yesterday police heeded a Peace Committee call for the South African Defence Force to be deployed to patrol the major routes serving Cape Town's townships.

SAP spokesman Major Gys Boonzaaier said the SAP Divisional Commissioner, General Nic Aker, had asked Western Province Command to supply men. A further 100 policemen would also be deployed, he said.

For the Peace Committee, a ceasefire is crucial so that negotiations can resume. "Unless law and order is restored, other attempts to secure a

lasting peace will be of little avail," a statement said. "The Peace Committee believes there is no longer an alternative to deploying the SADF in sufficient numbers to bring violence to an end."

Bringing in the SADF might ease antagonies between the ANC and the police: the ANC is furious over the arrest last week of its regional chief of staff of Umkhonto weSizwe, Mxolisi Petane. Petane stands charged with the murder of a Webta taxi operator and the attempted murder of two others; his co-accused happens to be a policeman. Petane was granted bail; the policeman was not.

ANC regional secretary Tony Yengeni said: "It's a clever strategy by the police to implicate the ANC in the war and show it to be taking sides. We have protested to the minister of law and order: he told us to meet the divisional commissioner and we have refused. Petane's life is at stake."

"We as the ANC are saying we don't take sides because we must bring these people together. But the police are using Webta, making it look

like we side with them. The effect is to create more polarisation in the community. The police are making it very difficult for us to cope with the situation.

"The whole strategy is to destabilise our communities, making it impossible for us to organise or consult so that we can be ready for the negotiations. We believe the police have used the taxi war to bring violence to the Western Cape, where there is no Inkatha."

The police dismiss allegations of complicity, and are going ahead with establishing a special police unit to probe complaints about the police.

The ANC has criticised the fact that the unit was created without consultation and that its members will be drawn from the ranks of former security policemen. The unit will be based at Culemborg, notorious among activists as the building where detainees were taken for interrogation and torture.

"Anything we do the ANC says it is wrong," said police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaaier.

Troops not to be deployed in taxi war — yet

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Staff Reporter

THE proposed deployment of troops in strife-torn Peninsula townships and a meeting between the warring Lagunya and Webta taxi factions have been postponed.

Police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaaier yesterday said police had postponed deploying troops to give the factions another chance to solve their problems.

If peace or a solution was not achieved by next week the deployment of troops would be considered.

The meeting between Lagunya, Webta and their parent body, the SA Black Taxi Association (Sabta), was postponed, said Sabta's media manager, Mr Fanyana Shiburi, because the two bodies felt it was still too tense in the townships to hold the meeting.

Separate meetings with the two groups would be held over the weekend to pave the way for a general meeting between the groups and their members.

Sabta condemned a letter sent to the Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Frank van der Velde, warning him about his involvement in the peace committee working on the taxi violence.

Mr Cyprian Lebesse, Sabta's deputy managing director (marketing), welcomed the mayor's attempts to secure peace.

Mr Lebesse also welcomed the move

to deploy troops "as long as there is no partiality involved".

At lunchtime yesterday the two organisations again attacked each other at the Nyanga East bus terminus, but were dispersed by police.

The Azanian People's Organisation yesterday appealed to warring taxi groups to stop the violence, saying the taxi industry was a shining example of black entrepreneurial success and it would be a pity if this pride of the black people were to fall apart because of infighting.

● There were sporadic violent incidents in Peninsula townships yesterday in which seven shacks were set alight and two people were arrested for throwing stones.

Major Boonzaaier said that at about 12.40pm two unknown men set a shack alight in KTC squatter camp, but no serious damage was caused.

About an hour later five wooden shacks were set alight in NY 21, Guguletu.

Earlier police arrested two Webta members who allegedly stoned a Lagunya member at the Nyanga bus terminus.

At 7.10pm an unidentified man threw a petrol bomb, which failed to ignite, at the Sizamile service station.

He said that at 10.35pm, six unknown men armed with a firearm and a petrol bomb forced a woman out of a house that once belonged to a Webta member and set it alight.

Resident killed in new taxi violence

By Mbuyiselo
Mtsheketsho

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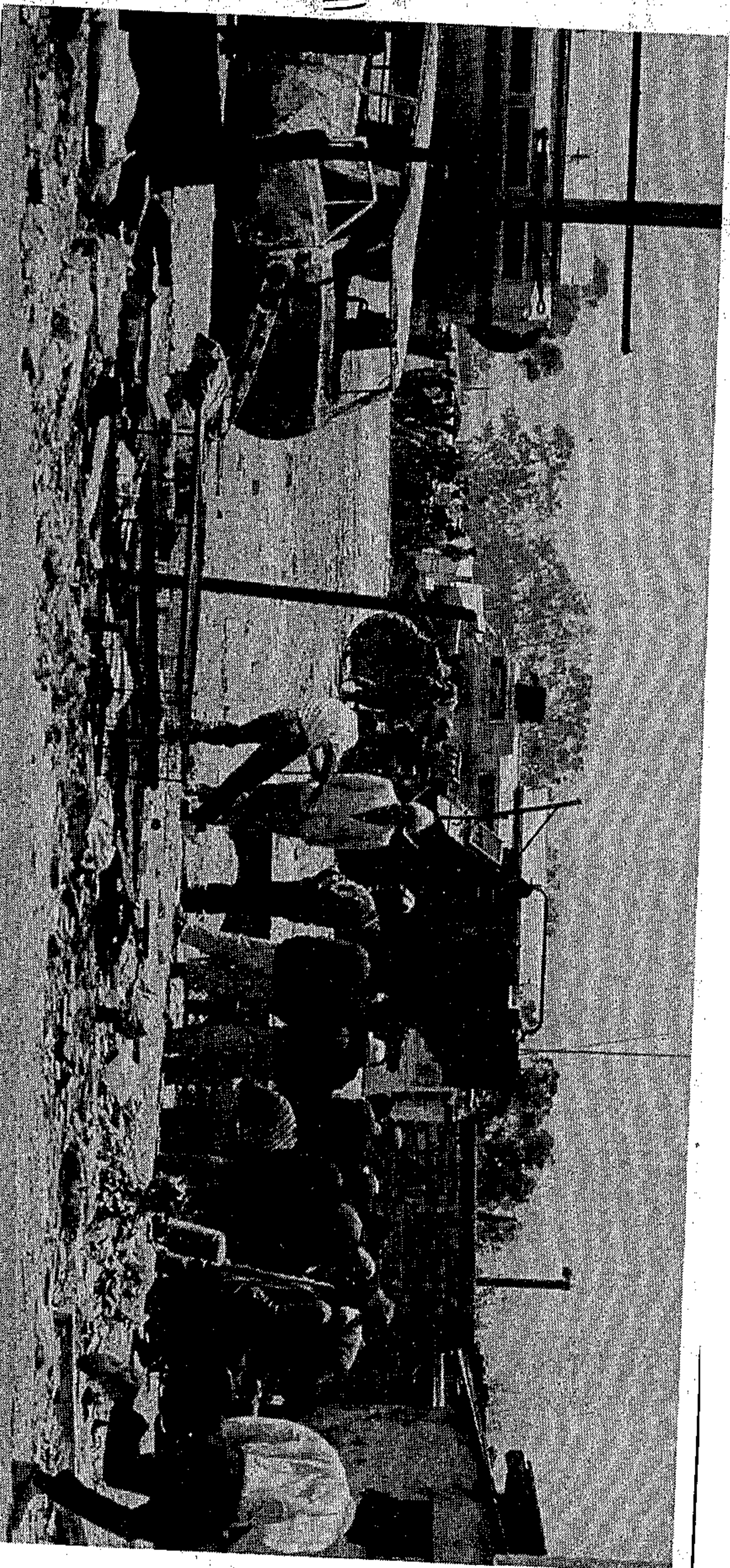
COMMUTERS were worst hit in the renewed outbreak of violence among the two rival taxi associations in Cape Town this week.

At least three Lagunya minibus taxis were destroyed and a KTC resident, Mr Sokolo Dibela, was shot dead at Nyanga terminus.

Residents were stranded at empty terminus points in Nyanga, Guguletu and Langa townships.

Eye-witnesses accused police of firing at and chasing residents. On Wednesday media people were chased by a mob of Webta members carrying axes and knobkerries. They were accused of bias and inaccurate reporting by the organisation.

Police spokesperson Major Gys Boonzaier dismissed allegations of bias by the police. He said over 100



SQUARING UP: SADF caspirs and hippos separate Lagunya members (in the foreground) from their Webta rivals at the

Nyanga terminus on Tuesday morning

Plc: YUNUS MOHAMED

extra police would be deployed in the area, with the assistance of the SADF. Major Boonzaier said three members of the ANC Youth League and a woman were arrested in site B in Khayelitsha. The police found two R1 rifles and a R4 rifle and ammunition. He said police were investigating whether the weapons were used

in the taxi war.

At an urgent meeting of the Peace Committee on Tuesday, concern was expressed over the safety of commuters and the general public in the escalating conflict.

The meeting called on the SADF to be deployed to patrol the major transport routes in the townships — par-

ticularly in Nyanga and Khayelitsha. The Peace Committee said in a statement: "A ceasefire must be sustained so that negotiations can resume towards an interim agreement pending a proposed new law by the Cape Town City Council that gives the traffic manager the power to cancel the permits of all members of a taxi

association if they misbehave."

Peace Committee spokesperson Ms Helen Zille said: "Unless law and order is restored, attempts to secure a lasting peace will be of little avail."

She said there was a need for roadblocks so that weapons can be confiscated from all members of warring taxi associations.



TOWNSHIP TROOPS . . . SADF troops helped police monitor the Nyanga taxi rank in Terminus Road after fresh fighting between members of the Lagunya and Webta taxi associations yesterday morning. Police reported that no one was injured and no taxis were damaged during the incident. (275) CT 14/11/91

Picture: ANNE LAING

More police, troops could bring taxi peace

Staff Reporter

LAGUNYA and Webta taxis could resume normal services in the next few days, following an announcement that police are to deploy an extra 100 policemen in the townships.

Yesterday the SADF also agreed to a police request for troops to help patrol violence-affected areas.

A Western Province Command spokesman said troops would be on 24-hour stand-by to assist police.

The announcement follows a clash between Lagunya and Webta members at the Nyanga bus terminus yesterday morning, when large groups from both sides battled with sticks and stones.

Several shots were fired during the incident, but police said there were

no injuries or taxis damaged.

A large police presence prevented further clashes.

Lagunya chairman Mr Headman Nongwejane said yesterday his organisation had been assured by Western Cape police operations chief Brigadier Frik Kellerman that police would patrol taxi routes and monitor ranks.

The ANC yesterday said it regarded the involvement of the SADF in the townships as a "sensitive issue", which would be discussed as a matter of urgency in ANC structures.

● Police yesterday arrested five Khayelitsha men and confiscated a 9mm pistol and 16 rounds, after a taxi driver was attacked and his mini-bus stolen.

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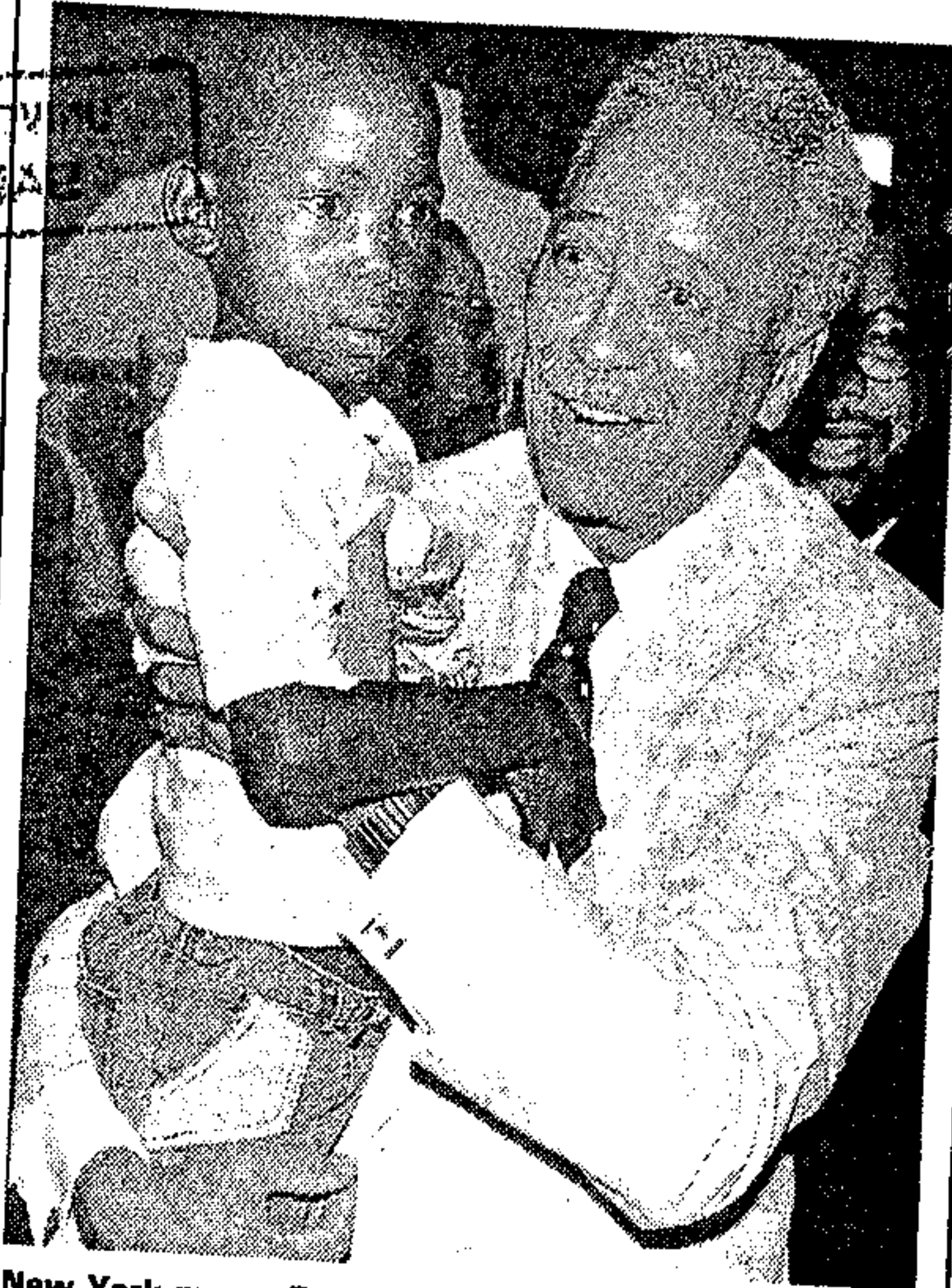
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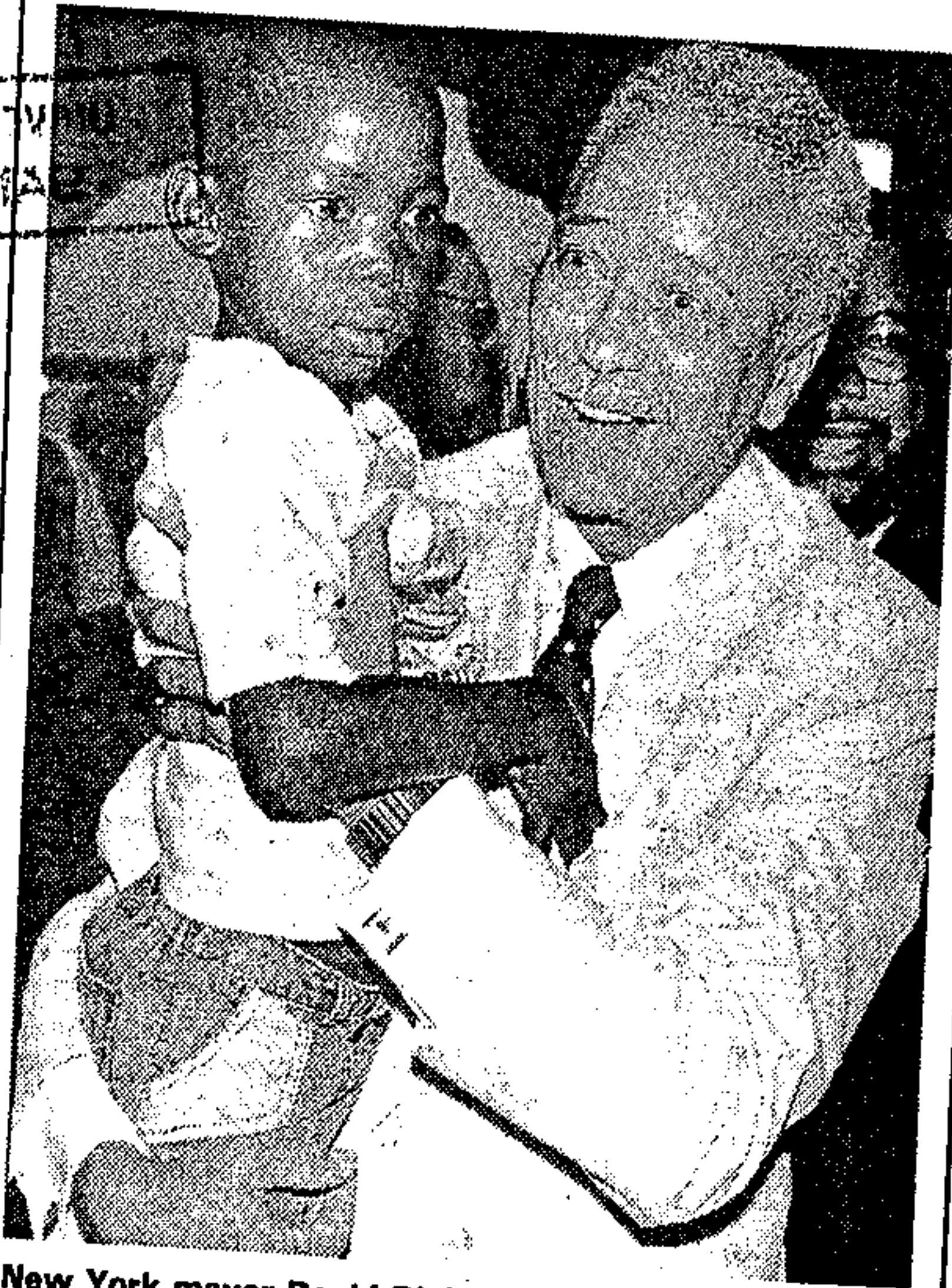
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Petrol bombs at ANC home

EAST LONDON. — Two petrol bombs were thrown at the house of ANC national executive committee member the Rev Arnold Stofile in Alice late last night. (275)

The devices did not ignite.

Yesterday Mr Stofile was part of a delegation that met Ciskei leader Oupa Gqozo.

Councillor's murder: Police may have lead

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Crime Reporter

POLICE may be close to solving the murder of a Lingeletu West town councillor in Khayelitsha earlier this month, following the arrest of four people and the confiscation of a quantity of firearms early yesterday.

Police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaaier said members of the special investigation unit made the arrests at a house in Site B, Khayelitsha, about 1.50am yesterday.

There they arrested three men and a woman and found two 9mm pistols, two R1 rifles and one R4 rifle, as well as ammunition and two magazines.

Major Boonzaaier said detectives had established that the men were members of the ANC Youth League and that the arrests could provide a

breakthrough in solving the murder of Mr Million Goniwe, 46, who was shot dead in Q-Block, Khayelitsha, on November 3.

Police were investigating the possibility that two firearms may have been used in the ambush of Mr Goniwe.

The possibility was also being investigated that Mr Goniwe's murder may be related to the taxi war.

The four are expected to appear in Mitchells Plain Magistrate's Court tomorrow on a charge of illegal possession of firearms.

● In unrelated incidents, police on Monday arrested four Guguletu men for illegally possessing a .38 special revolver. They also took possession of an FNP 7.62 machine-gun found on a Table View municipal dam wall.



US MAYHEM: Left, a policeman restrains a youth near Sizamile service station in Nyanga which was set alight last night; centre, attack each other at the Nyanga taxi rank; and right, a youth wields a panga as KTC residents gather at the rank in protest against the burning of three Lagunya minibus taxis.

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Taxi

battlefront

Staff Reporters

POLICE are sending 100 extra men into Peninsula townships today and will ask the Defence Force for reinforcements to help end the flaring taxi war.

The Peace Committee trying to negotiate a truce said yesterday there was now no alternative to deploying soldiers in sufficient numbers to sustain a ceasefire and enable negotiations to resume.

The committee wants patrols of all taxi routes and ranks and roadblocks to search all taxis for weapons.

Western Province Command spokesman Lieutenant Johan van Schalkwyk said: "We have taken note of the call, but we cannot act on our own initiative. We can act only on a request from the police."

The Pan Africanist Congress, which has withdrawn from the Peace Committee, rejected calls for the Army to be involved.

Waved sticks, threw stones

Violence flared again today when Webta drivers stormed rival Lagunya drivers and chased them from the Nyanga taxi rank.

About 6am a convoy of 30 Webta taxis arrived. When the drivers saw Lagunya members on the Webta side of the rank, they rushed at them, waving sticks and throwing stones, a witness said.

Shots were fired from the Lagunya faction, but no one was injured. The Lagunya drivers fled.

The witness said Webta members then destroyed vendors' stalls belonging to Lagunya members, while police watched, apparently without trying to stop them.

Journalists were chased from the scene and an SABC film crew's vehicle was attacked with sticks and stones after Webta drivers accused them of "filming for Lagunya".

Yesterday a man was shot dead and another was injured by birdshot.

Mr Msokoli Ndibela of KTC died after being shot in the head. Mr Hannes Richard of New Crossroads said he and Mr Ndibela were chased by police as they left the Nyanga rank.

Police said they had no knowledge of the shooting of Mr Ndibela. They said they found the body of a man who had been shot outside a shack.

Mr Mziwakhe Mirhawuli, 40, of New Crossroads was hit by birdshot as he returned home from the Nyanga rank. He had 14 wounds and was treated by Red Cross staff.

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Women shot dead at taxi rank: 12 arrested

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Twelve people have been arrested after two women were shot dead and five wounded at a taxi rank near Durban's Victoria Street market.

The shooting late yesterday is believed to be part of a "war" between rival taxi operators.

The shooting began after two taxi drivers argued over passengers at Brooke Street taxi rank.

An exchange of gunfire caused panic among commuters who fled. The women who died had been sitting in a taxi.

Police seized 10 guns.

Petane: Minister says no

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Political Staff

MINISTER of Law and Order Mr Hernus Kriel has turned down an ANC request for a meeting with its Western Cape executive over the arrest of a senior member of the executive.

Mr Mxolisi Petane was arrested on November 6 at the ANC's regional headquarters in Woodstock.

In a statement yesterday, the ANC said it had received a letter from Mr Kriel, in which he said he had requested the regional commissioner, Major-General Nick Acker, to organise a meeting with the Western Cape executive.

"The ANC considers his reply to be flippant and an indication that the minister is not taking our request seriously."

Mr Petane was facing serious allegations, the statement said. "His life has been placed in danger and his reputation has been slurred."

Mayor gets threat on taxi war role

By GUY OLIVER

THE Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Frank van der Velde, who is also the Peace Committee spokesman, yesterday received an anonymous letter warning him that his attempts to end the taxi war were "a dangerous thing".

The computer-printed letter was found in Mr Van der Velde's official car after his chauffeur had collected him from his private office in New Church Street yesterday afternoon.

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The letter accused Mr Van der Velde of taking sides with Lagunya against Webta. Mr Van der Velde dismissed the allegation.

Mr Van der Velde said he saw the letter as a threat to his personal safety but would not increase his security at this stage.

He said he would hand the letter to the police.

The letter said "a war like never seen before" would break out if taxi permits were withdrawn in an attempt to bring the taxi war to an end.

The letter also accused Mr Van der Velde of using the taxi war to boost his position in the community and claimed that he was not aware of the facts of the conflict.

Mr Van der Velde said: "I would dearly like the bloke making the threats to come and speak to me, as I am willing to hear any side."

Durban taxi shootings: One killed

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — A woman was killed and five people were seriously injured when gunmen opened fire on a taxi picking up passengers in central Durban yesterday. **CT 13/11/91**

The victims, whose names have not yet been released, were among the passengers in the mini-bus taxi at the Broad Street Taxi Rank. The injured were taken to hospital where their condition was last night described as stable.

Peak-hour traffic was disrupted as police and ambulancemen attended to the injured.

According to police spokesman Captain Bala Naidoo, another mini-bus taxi pulled up alongside the taxi shortly before 4pm and the two drivers had argued before a group of men opened fire. **CT 13/11/91**

Captain Naidoo said the gunmen fled. Investigations are continuing, he added.



ON GUARD . . . A policeman in civilian clothes keeps an eye on residents toyi-toying next to burnt taxis yesterday at the Nyanga East bus terminus. One person was injured and three taxis were destroyed by fire in a renewed upsurge of the taxi war. **CT 13/11/91**

Picture: HAROLD KING

Taxi killing: Call for army

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By RAMOTENA MABOTE and
DAN SIMON

ONE person was shot dead and a Nyanga service station damaged by fire last night as the taxi war flared again — while the Peace Committee renewed a call for the SADF to be deployed to end the conflict.

In violent conflict centring on the Nyanga East bus terminus early yesterday, Webta and Lagunya members clashed and three minibuses were torched.

Last night the Sizamile service station, apparently owned by the SA Black Taxi Association, was damaged when store-room tyres were set alight.

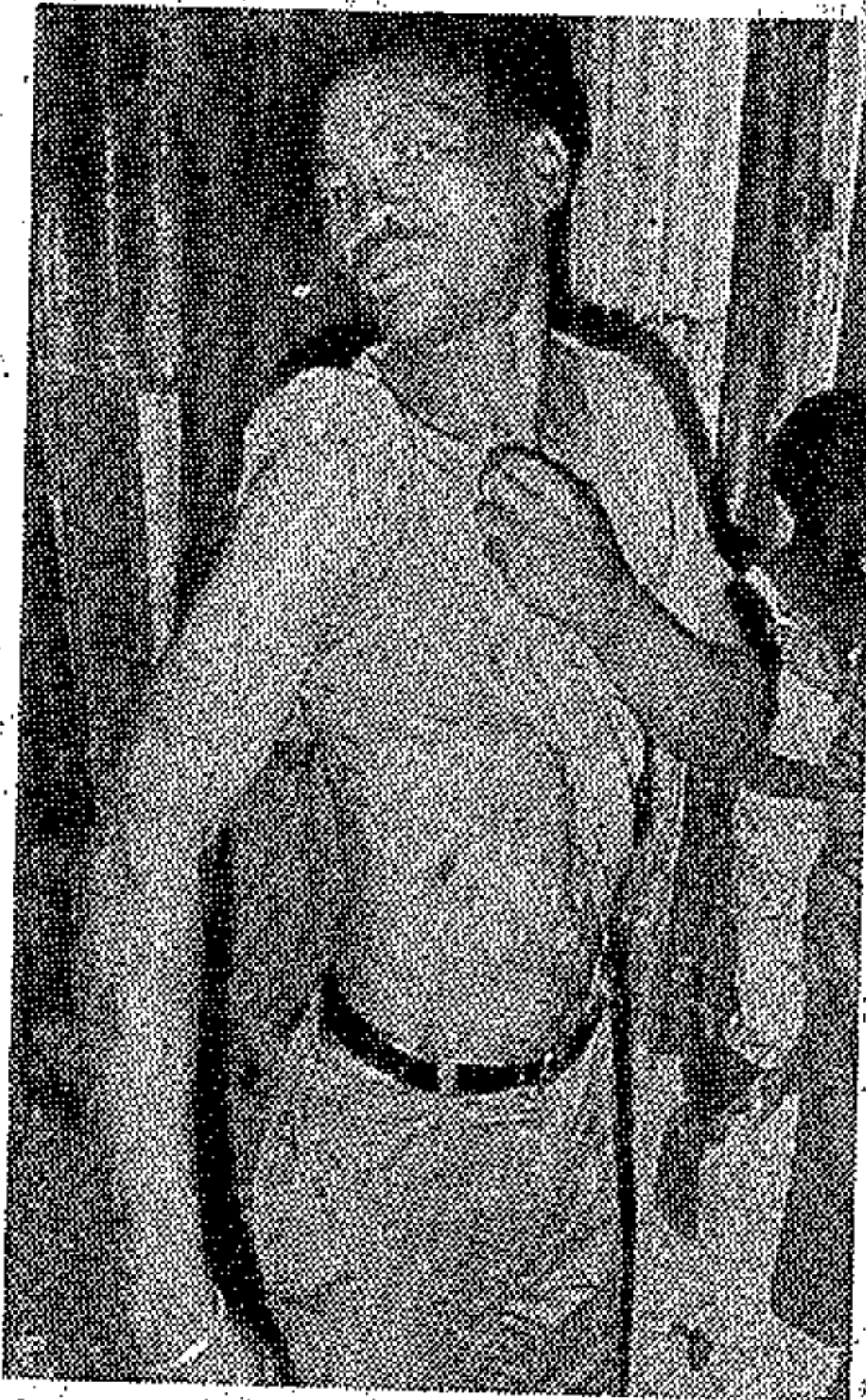
'Chasing'

Workers at the service station said groups had milled about the station — which is close to the bus terminus — following the earlier confrontation between Lagunya and Webta members.

Witnesses said police had arrived and started chasing groups around the station, during which time Mr Sokolo Dibela, a KTC resident, was shot in the head.

Police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaaier said police had arrived at the burning garage and were told about the body.

Four Mitchell's Plain fire engines were called to douse the blaze at the garage before the flames reached the petrol tanks.



BIRDSHOT ... Mr Mzwakhe Mrawuli of New Crossroads shows wounds he received when 14 bird-shot pellets entered his body yesterday afternoon in Nyanga East.

Major Boonzaaier said police were investigating arson.

In a statement released after an emergency meeting last night, the Peace Committee said: "Unless law and order is restored, attempts to secure a lasting peace will be of little avail."

"The Peace Committee believes there is no longer an alternative to deploying the SADF in sufficient numbers to bring vio-

lence to an end."

Suggestions to deploy the SADF were turned down at a committee meeting last month.

Yesterday the committee called for the SADF to patrol the major transport "nodes and routes" in the townships — particularly in Nyanga and Khayelitsha.

It said roadblocks should be set up so that weapons could be confiscated from members of the warring associations on a regular basis.

Witnesses to the clash between Webta and Lagunya members at the Nyanga taxi rank yesterday accused a police unit based at the terminus of firing on Lagunya drivers and allowing Webta members to set fire to three minibuses.

'Nonsense'

Spokesman for the Unrest Monitoring and Action Committee Mr Stef Snel said statements to this effect had been taken from bystanders.

However, Major Boonzaaier dismissed the allegations as "absolute nonsense".

● The violence nearly brought the writing of exams to a halt at the neighbouring Oscar Mpetha High School.

The principal, Miss Pamela Mehlomakulu, said exams started two hours late after matriculants were moved from their classes facing the taxi rank.

Proposals to end Cape taxi conflict

Staff Reporter

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TAXI operators who threaten the safety of passengers will have their licences withdrawn in terms of proposals by the Cape Town City Council to end the taxi conflict.

The proposals were discussed at a meeting attended by representatives of the Peace Committee, the community, business and political organisations yesterday.

At the weekend three minibus taxis were torched in renewed clashes between the Western Cape Black Taxi Association and Lagunya.

Driver Mr Tsukwana Mbulali was shot dead in Philippi.

The violence followed an announcement by the South African Black Taxi Association last week that it had successfully brokered peace between the feuding parties.

City council proposals include:

- All taxi-drivers to register with the council;
- Monitoring of police activities in the conflict and;
- Taxi personnel should carry identity documents and vehicles should have a number.

A spokesman for the Peace Committee said an interim peace agreement was being negotiated. A meeting will be held on November 20.

Driver dies in new wave of violence

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By KURT SWART and EUGENE ABRAHAMS

THE Western Cape taxi war has erupted again with the killing of a taxi driver, wounding of a passenger, torching of four taxis and a running gun battle between operators.

Yesterday's violence followed a decision by Lagunya taxi owners to resume their operations. They had withheld their services because of attacks on them, but had incurred losses.

The renewed attacks have prompted urgent appeals by Cape Town's Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde and the Urban Monitoring and Awareness Committee (UMAC) to the police to intervene to prevent a potential bloodbath this weekend.

The violence flared up in several parts of the city: a taxi was set alight and a passenger shot in the arm in Wynberg; a Lagunya driver was shot dead in Philippi; and three minibuses were torched as taxi operators fought a running gun battle in Bellville.

Police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaaier said a Webta member had been arrested in connection with the burning of a taxi and a man had been held for being in possession of a firearm.

According to UMAC, an attempted attack on Lagunya members in Site C Khayelitsha was beaten off yesterday morning.

Police would patrol the townships, Major Boonzaaier said.

● Taxi driver Mr Ntsukwana Cosmos Mbulili, 29, of New Crossroads, was shot dead by two armed passengers during a robbery in Mannenberg yesterday. A second shot grazed the forehead of a passing motorist, Mr Winston Petersen of Lavender Hill.

Warrant Officer Mike Barkhuizen said Mr Mbulili's murder had "nothing" to do with the taxi war.

ANC ¹⁷⁵ admit part in Nyanga shootout

Weekend Argus Reporter

THE ANC has confirmed that two men who were arrested after a shootout with police at a Nyanga East shebeen this week belonged to Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK).

Western Cape regional secretary Mr Willie Hofmeyr said he had spoken to regional MK commander Mr Lizo Ngqungwana after Cape Town police claimed the men were MK members already facing illegal weapons charges.

Mr Ngqungwana had told him the men, who were out on bail when the shootout happened, "were MK members, but were not acting on instruction."

Lawyers visited the men at Groote Schuur Hospital yesterday and a statement would probably be issued on Monday, Mr Hofmeyr said.

The men, both in their 20s, are already facing charges of illegal possession of weapons, said Western Cape police liaison officer Captain Attie Laubscher.

The men were seriously wounded in Tuesday's Freedom Square incident. One was hit in the chest and the other in the stomach and right shoulder. A policeman was also wounded.

Captain Laubscher said a member of 10 Riot Unit, Sergeant Neels van Molendorff, was shot in the leg when he and two colleagues, acting on a tip-off, went to a house in Freedom Square on a weapons search.

The policemen were shot at as soon as they entered the house and returned fire with a shotgun and a pistol. They also used C5 teargas. One man, apparently wounded, escaped through a window.

Police arrested 10 people, including the wounded MK men and three women, recovered two .38 Astras, seven spent cartridges and three live rounds.

It was alleged that in events on Monday leading up to the incident, two men claiming to be MK members pistol-whipped three Nyanga residents they accused of stealing a pistol.



Petane: ANC wants talks

By PETER DENNEHY

THE Ministry of Law and Order confirmed yesterday that it had received a request from the Western Cape ANC for a meeting with the Minister, Mr Hernus Kriel, over this week's arrest of senior ANC member Mr Mxolisi Petane.

Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze confirmed that a faxed letter had been received by his office. The ANC had announced at a press conference earlier yesterday that it had sent such a protest letter.

Mr Kriel was at the Transvaal

National Party Congress yesterday and could not be reached for comment.

Mr Petane, a member of the ANC's Western Cape regional executive and local uMkhonto we-Sizwe chief of staff, was arrested this week and released on R2 000 bail a day later.

While under arrest he was told police were investigating a possible charge of murder against him, following the death of a Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta) driver.

Mr Willie Hofmeyr, assistant

secretary of the ANC, said his organisation did not believe there was sufficient evidence against Mr Petane to warrant the action taken against him.

Police liaison officer Major Gys Boonzaaier responded that Mr Petane had been arrested because as far as the police were concerned there was a prima facie case against him. They had acted on "sworn information".

At the press conference yesterday Mr Petane said he was not involved in the crime, "not even by association".

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THREAT . . . Cape Times photographer Harold King is confronted by an associate of Sgt Tutuse John Ngobeni after the sergeant was refused bail.

Picture courtesy DIE BURGER

By EUNICE RIDER
Court Reporter

A SENIOR member of the ANC charged with murder was granted bail yesterday but an application for bail by his alleged accomplice, a police sergeant, was refused.

UMkhonto weSizwe deputy commander Mr Mxolisi Petane, 35, was granted bail of R2 000 by Miss S Language at the Wynberg Magistrate's Court.

Sergeant Tutuse John Ngobeni, 48, of Nokwanda Close, Guguletu, was refused bail in the Athlone Magistrate's Court by Mr S L Slabbert, who said the policeman should be treated as a prisoner of war.

The men face charges of murdering a Webta taxi operator and attempting to murder two other people at the Nyanga bus terminus on October 18.

The magistrate said he could not allow the release of Sergeant Ngobeni because it would be equivalent to freeing a PoW to allow him back on the battlefield as a soldier.

In Mr Petane's case the state did not object to bail on condition that he reports to the Woodstock police station twice weekly, refrains from contacting state witnesses or from entering

Bail for ANC man



GREETING . . . MK deputy commander Mr Mxolisi Petane greets his mother, Mrs Evelyn Petane, outside court yesterday after his release on bail of R2 000.

Picture: HAROLD KING

the Lagunya taxi rank or Site C in Khayelitsha and the Nyanga bus terminus (where the alleged murder and attempted murders are believed to have taken place).

Several ANC executive members, including MK Western Cape chief Mr Tony Yengeni and publicity secretary Mr Mzwonke "Whitey" Jacobs, waited for Mr Petane outside court.

In refusing Sergeant

Ngobeni bail, Mr Slabbert said nothing would stand in the way of bail if the taxi war were to cease.

"Until such time, however, it is in the best interests of the community that you remain in custody . . . the minute the taxi war ends you will be released on bail," he said.

Miss C Hall, who appeared for Sgt Ngobeni, said no formal charges had been put to her cli-

ent and it was not fair to deprive him of his liberty and the opportunity to prepare a defence.

In his evidence earlier, Sgt Ngobeni said he was not present at the alleged October 18 shoot-out between Webta and Lagunya, the taxi association with which his wife — through her taxi business — was affiliated and that he could produce alibis.

Prosecutor Mr E Grobelaar, of the attorney-general's office, said in opposing bail that the state's case against Sergeant Ngobeni was "very strong" and several eyewitnesses had positively identified him and Mr Petane, as well as two other suspects who had not yet been arrested.

Mr Slabbert said it was clear Sgt Ngobeni was lying when he said he had no interest in the taxi war or his wife's taxi concern.

"The accused is clearly involved in the taxi war through Lagunya and the sharing in his wife's business.

"The court has heard that three weeks prior to the alleged incident he was apprehended carrying a firearm in a taxi," he said.

Asked if she would take the refusal of bail on appeal, Miss Hall said she could not comment without instructions from Sgt Ngobeni.

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Petane released on bail

VUSI KAMA

Staff Reporter

SENIOR African National Congress regional executive member Mr Mxolisi Petane has been released on R2 000 bail following his arrest on charges related to the taxi war.

The state did not oppose a bail application lodged in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Mr Petane, 35, was arrested on Wednesday in connection with allegations of murder and attempted murder following the killing of Western Cape Black Taxi Association member Mr Zwelinzima Tanyana.

Mr E S Grobelaar, for the State, said Mr Petane was the second accused in the matter. The first was Sergeant John Tutuse Gubeni, who was refused bail in the Athlone Magistrate's Court earlier yesterday.

Mr Petane and Mr Gubeni

will appear together on November 18. No formal charges have been put to them and they have not been asked to plead.

The magistrate, Miss S Lange, granted Mr Petane bail on condition he report to the Woodstock police on Mondays and Fridays refrain from visiting the Lagunya taxi rank in Site C, Khayelitsha, and the Nyanga rank and not contact state witnesses.

Mr Petane is Umkhonto we Sizwe's second-in-command in the Western Cape and heads the ANC's political education department.

His mother, Mrs Evelyn Petane, attended the bail hearing. Also present were senior Western Cape ANC officials Mr Tony Yengeni, Mrs Hilda Ndude and Mr Mziwonke Jacobson.

Mr Petane was arrested on Wednesday at the ANC's Woodstock offices.

He was represented by Mr Siray Desai.

ANC man held on taxi murder charge

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By Mbuyiselo Mtsheketshe

A SENIOR ANC and Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) member, Mr Mxolisi Petane, was arrested on charges of murder and attempted murder on Wednesday.

Petane was apprehended by members of the South African police's Special Investigating Unit at the ANC's offices in Woodstock. Police said his arrest was linked to the taxi war in the townships.

Police spokesperson Major Attie Laubscher said Petane's arrest followed an October 18 shooting inci-

dent related to the taxi war between rival taxi organisations in the townships. He said Petane and a co-accused, a Sergeant Ngobeni, would appear in court on Friday.

The ANC said police refused to give them details of the arrest and charges against Petane. They condemned the arrest as "another attempt to portray

the peaceful activities of the organisation as being violent".

The organisation called for Petane's immediate release and an "end to police harassment of its members and officials". A former Robben Island prisoner and an MK commander, Petane was elected Western Cape head of the Political Department and

Political Education Department at the ANC's September regional conference.

Petane's lawyer, Mr Essa Moosa, confirmed the arrest and said he intended lodging a bail application immediately. He visited Petane at Goodwood police station where he was held under the Criminal Procedures Act.

Shooting: Suspects 'are MK members'

Crime Reporter

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TWO men arrested for allegedly shooting a policeman on Tuesday have been identified as uMkhonto weSizwe members already facing charges of illegal arms possession.

Police spokesman Captain Attie Laubscher said the two men were wounded by police after they allegedly opened fire on Sergeant C J van Molen-dorff, who was shot in the leg when he chased a suspected armed robber into a house.

The men, who are in Groote Schuur Hospital, are expected to appear in court soon.

● Police have arrested two more men in connection with the murder of Peninsula Murder and Robbery Unit Detective Constable William Dumayi, 24, who was stabbed near Nyanga station at the weekend, bringing the number of arrests to three.

MK man held after taxi death

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Staff Reporters

SENIOR ANC regional executive member and uMkhonto weSizwe commander Mr Mxolisi Petane will appear in the Athlone Magistrate's Court tomorrow in connection with the murder of a Webta taxi driver.

Mr Petane, 35, who is second-in-command of the ANC's military wing in the Western Cape, was arrested at 10am yesterday morning by members of the SA Police's special investigation unit while attending a top-level meeting of MK commanders at the ANC's Woodstock offices.

The unit was set up some months ago to investigate violence in Peninsula townships, particularly claims from township residents that police were actively taking part and siding with Webta in the ongoing taxi war.

Police spokesman Captain Attie Laubscher said Mr Petane was arrested in connection with the murder of Webta taxi driver Mr Zwelinzima Tan-yana, 40, who was shot dead with an R-4 rifle in Nyanga East on October 18. Three other Webta members were wounded during the attack.

Suspended Nyanga police sergeant



ARRESTED ...
Mr Mxolisi Petane

Mr Tutuse John Gubeni, 48, who was arrested in connection with Mr Tan-yana's murder in October, appeared in the Athlone Magistrate's Court this week on a bail application.

In a statement, ANC regional secretary Mr Tony Yengeni yesterday expressed outrage at the arrest of Mr Petane.

Mr Petane holds the posts of head of the political department and political education on the ANC regional executive.

Last night Mr Yengeni said Mr Petane had "played a key role in strategising within the ANC about ways to bring the two taxi associations together".

"Despite the deep distrust of Webta in the community, Comrade Petane has often stressed the need to reach an agreement in the taxi dispute to bring both associations together."

"At no time has he expressed any view that could even be interpreted as favouring Lagunya or Webta, in the dispute," said Mr Yengeni.

MK commander in the Western Cape Mr Lizo Bright Ngqungwana said MK was not involved in any incidents alleged by the police and Mr Petane would not have been involved in any operations without his knowledge.

'Outrage' at ANC deaths

JOHANNESBURG. — The fatal shooting of two African National Congress members yesterday morning outside the ANC's offices in Wynberg here has been strongly condemned by the ANC, the South African Communist Party and the Alexandra Civic Association.

One man died instantly when he was shot at close range by two gunmen, and the second victim, leading civic activist Mr Jama Makhosi, died in hospital. The first victim has not yet been identified.

Yesterday's attack follows a spate of other attacks on Alexandra residents, the organisations' statement says.

Since last Thursday eight people

have been killed and a number wounded in attacks in Alexandra which the organisations claim were carried out by hostel dwellers.

● In Khayelitsha, a policeman was slightly injured when a man threw a petrol bomb on Tuesday. Two people were slightly injured when a group stoned a private vehicle, police said.

Police yesterday reported that 62 incidents of setting up burning barricades or stone-throwing occurred in the Peninsula on Tuesday as the anti-VAT strike came to an end.

Most of the incidents were recorded in Steenberg, Khayelitsha, Elsies River and Ravensmead. — Sapa

ANC claims PAC attacks

EAST LONDON. — The local branch of the ANC has alleged that armed groups of Pan Africanist Congress supporters attacked residents in the Komga location on Sunday night. (275)

Police in Komga denied any knowledge of such incidents.

PAC officials could not be reached for comment.

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SA denies coup claim

EAST LONDON. — Allegations that South Africa's National Intelligence Service was planning a coup in Ciskei to overthrow the administration of Brigadier Oupa Gqozo were without substance, a spokesman for the SA embassy in Ciskei said yesterday.

The charge d'affaires at the embassy, Mr Isak Heath, said he was amazed the ANC could make the accusations. CT 6/11/91 (103)

The Border ANC claimed on Monday the plan was intended to pre-empt attempts by the Border Peace Committee to persuade SA to appoint an interim administrator in Brig Gqozo's position.

A co-chairman of the Border Peace Conference steering committee, Mr Andre de Wet, said yesterday he too had heard reports of a planned coup.

Khayelitsha taxi operator wins second bail appeal

JOHN VILJOEN, Supreme Court Reporter
WEBTA taxi operator and Lingeletshu town councillor Mr Michael Gubayo, awaiting trial on a charge of murder stemming from the "taxi war", has been granted bail by the Supreme Court.

Last Monday Wynberg Magistrate Mr G Claassen refused Mr Gubayo's application for bail, but yesterday he appealed successfully to Mr Justice C T Howie.

During his application, Mr Gubayo, 40, of Khayelitsha, said he was assisting police when he fired on rival Lagunya taxi faction members on October 2.

Mr Justice Howie ruled that Mr Claassen was not justified in refusing Mr Gubayo bail.

He ordered Mr Gubayo freed on R500.

bail on condition that he not interfere with state witnesses and not go near the Nyanga taxi rank before and during his trial.

The judge said that as a councillor Mr Gubayo was a leading figure in the community, but he was not a prominent actor in the taxi dispute.

He had a connection with one of the organisations, but beyond that there was no connection between him and the background to the conflict.

Mr Gubayo had told the magistrate he had been charged before and had stood trial and had every intention of doing so again, the judge said.

Mr Gubayo had also said he had a home and family in the Cape and did not intend leaving. The magistrate had said there was

no evidence that Mr Gubayo would interfere with State witnesses, the judge said.

It was quite apparent that the magistrate was concerned with the possibility of further unrest arising from Mr Gubayo's release, the judge said.

But while he appreciated the magistrate's concern for the maintenance of law and order, he could not see the link between Mr Gubayo and further unrest.

The magistrate believed Mr Gubayo's release would lead to violence by the rival faction. But it was not sufficient reason to detain Mr Gubayo merely because there were "wrong-minded" individuals who might pursue the taxi feud on his release, the judge said.

The magistrate also based his decision

on the possibility that Mr Gubayo's release could endanger his safety. The judge said he was not aware of any authority for denying an individual his liberty to prevent him from coming to harm.

The probabilities were that if there was further violence in the "taxi war" this would occur in any event.

It seemed that the argument that Mr Gubayo's release on bail would give impetus to violence was far-fetched. Violence could break out for reasons quite unassociated with Mr Gubayo's release, the judge said.

For these reasons, Mr Claassen's refusal to grant Mr Gubayo bail was not justified.

Mr D Potgieter, instructed by Gerald Holmes, appeared for Mr Gubayo, and Mr D Brand of the Attorney General's office for the State.

Taxi shooting: Accused freed

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By RONNIE MORRIS
Supreme Court Reporter

MR Michael Gubayo, the Khayelitsha town councillor and Webta taxi-owner arrested for allegedly killing a Lagunya taxi-driver, was yesterday released on R500 bail.

This followed Mr Gubayo's appeal against last week's decision by Wynberg magistrate Mr G Claassen to deny him bail.

Mr Dirk Brandt, for the state, opposed the application on the grounds that prevailing conditions in the townships made it necessary to detain Mr Gubayo, and that his release might lead to retaliatory actions.

However, Mr Denzil Potgieter, for Mr Gubayo, said Mr Gubayo should have been granted bail because no cogent reason had been presented for his continued detention.

Mr Justice C T Howie said the magistrate was not justified in refusing bail, and ordered that Mr Gubayo be released on bail of R500 on condition that he not interfere with state witnesses.

Mr Gubayo may also not be present at the Nyanga taxi rank pending the present prosecution.

A 38-YEAR-OLD New Crossroads man is expected to appear in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court today after police found an R-4 rifle and two empty magazines in a car on Monday morning, a police spokesman said yesterday.

Police are investigating if the weapon has been used in a string of R-4-related ambushes over recent months, including the slaying in Khayelitsha over the weekend of Lingeletu West councillor, Mr Million Goniwe, and a second man, Mr M Rooi.

Mr Justice Howie said evidence before the court was that Mr Gubayo, while prominent in the community, was not a leading figure in the taxi war. He owned a taxi, however, employed a driver and was a member of the Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta).

Mr Gubayo had testified in the Magistrate's Court bail hearing that he had stood trial on previous criminal charges and intended to do so again. His home and family were in the Cape, and he would not move house.

The judge said the magistrate had also found there was no evi-

dence that Mr Gubayo would interfere with state witnesses.

Although Mr Gubayo alleged that he had opened fire after being shot at, the magistrate found the situation in the townships was explosive and that it would be unwise to release Mr Gubayo on bail, Mr Justice Howie said.

It was quite apparent that the magistrate's concern had been with the possibilities of further unrest associated with Mr Gubayo's release on bail.

"I can understand the magistrate's concern with the maintenance of law and order, but it seems to me there was a necessary connection missing between that situation (taxi war) and the accused."

Mr Justice Howie found that the possibility of further taxi war violence was not a reason to detain Mr Gubayo as he was not a leading figure in the ongoing feud.

"On the evidence before the magistrate, the probabilities are that if there is further violence in pursuit of the taxi this will occur in any event without any causative link between it and the appellant's release," Mr Justice Howie found.

Body in bush may be victim of taxi war

Staff Reporter

POLICE are investigating the possibility that another man has become a victim of the taxi war.

The partly-decomposed body of a man was found about 5pm yesterday in bushes near Baden Powell Drive between Monwabisi and Mnandi beaches.

He had a shotgun wound in the back and a severe head injury.

Captain Attie Laubscher, police liaison officer for the Western Cape, said it was thought the man had been dead for about four days.

"We believe the man may have been killed elsewhere and that his body was dumped," he said.

While police had no proof that the man's death was related to the taxi war, leaders of the two groups had been asked to go to the mortuary today to see if they could identify the body, he said.

The dead man was about 35 years old and was wearing a red shirt, cream jersey and blue jeans.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective-Sergeant Josia Samuels, 32 7131.

● The overnight police unrest report issued to Sapa says two people were slightly injured in stonings during a protest march at Khayelitsha, where a policeman was also injured when a petrol bomb was thrown.

The report also said that in various incidents in the Steenberg area three men were arrested for stoning vehicles, two policemen were injured by flying stones and several vehicles were damaged.

Police reported various unrest incidents from other areas:

A woman was found stabbed to death at Thokoza near Alberton.

A man was found shot dead in Alexandra. In the same area a man was arrested for intimidation when taxis were prevented from loading passengers.

Two men were found shot dead at Mboyi, Estcourt.

Two huts were set alight at KwaMashu, near Durban, and buses were damaged by stone-throwers at Umlazi.

A man was wounded when police fired at a group of people who barricaded a road at Boloakanang, near Petrusburg.

At Pheritona, Heilbron, a hostel was badly damaged by fire, a car was burned out and several vehicles were damaged by stone-throwers.

Taxi ²⁷⁵ shot at, ^{274/11/91} burnt on N2

Staff Reporter

CAPE TOWN'S bloody taxi war — which has already claimed over 30 lives — spilled over to its freeways when a group of unknown gunmen opened fire on a taxi on the N2 on Saturday and set the vehicle alight.

"A taxi driver was travelling alone along the N2 near Khayelitsha on Saturday morning when a group of about four men who were hiding in the bushes opened fire on the taxi," said police spokesman Captain Attie Laubscher.

"The driver stopped the vehicle and ran away," he said.

The men set the vehicle alight after the driver escaped.

Captain Laubscher said the N2 was regularly patrolled by the police, security forces and by traffic officials.

Police are investigating and no arrests have been made.

"We are investigating the possibility that the incident may be part of the taxi war but at this stage it appears to be an isolated incident."

In previous shooting incidents involving taxis, he said, gunmen had opened fire on taxis which had been carrying passengers, he explained.

Hunt for councillor's killers

Staff Reporter

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LATEST

POLICE have launched a manhunt for the killers of a Lingeletu West town councillor and his companion who died in a hail of semi-automatic rifle fire when their car was ambushed in Khayelitsha.

Councillor and executive committee member Mr Million Goniwe, 46, of Site C, Khayelitsha, and a Mr M Rooi, were killed while four passengers were seriously wounded in the 8.10am attack yesterday.

Police at the scene, at Q block in Site B, found 15 bullet holes in the car and recovered a number of R4 cartridges.

Mr Goniwe was said to be a former taxi operator who had given up his business after his vehicle was involved in an accident in Richmond in which the driver was killed.

Western Cape police liaison officer Captain Attie Laubscher said no arrests had been made and investigations were continuing.

A silver-coloured car with more than one occupant was seen speeding away after the attack, police said.

Among the wounded passengers are Mr Goniwe's brother, Mr Sicelo Goniwe, a Lingeletu West town council labourer who is in Groote Schuur Hospital in a critical condition. He was shot in the head.

Police said the others are Mr Morris Skade, 36, who was shot in the left knee; Mr Jondano Sikrenya, 38, hit in the chest, and Ms Manysi Roji, 25, shot in both legs.

Mr Goniwe was a Lingeletu West town councillor and a member of Khayelitsha city council's executive committee.

Lingeletu West town clerk Mr Graham Lawrence said the council's reaction was "one of deep shock".

"It was obviously a planned attack on him and his movements were obviously known to the killers."

Mr Goniwe appeared to have been shot at close range with "heavy calibre" weapons, probably R1 or R4 rifles, Mr Lawrence added.



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DEATH CAR ... Police inspect the bullet-riddled car in which Mr Million Goniwe, a Lingeletu West town councillor, and Mr M Rooi were killed in Khayelitsha yesterday.

KILLED ...
Mr Million Goniwe

(275) CT 4/11/91 Picture: FAME JASON

Councillor killed in ambush

By IVOR CREWS

A LINGELETHU West town councillor and another man were killed — and four passengers seriously wounded — in a bloody ambush by unknown gunmen who sprayed their car with automatic rifle fire in Khayelitsha yesterday morning.

Mr Million Goniwe, 46, of Site C in Khayelitsha, a Lingeletu West councillor and member of the executive committee, was killed in the attack at Q block in Site B at 8.10am, as well as a Mr M Rooi, police confirmed.

Police said there were 15 bullet holes in

the car and a number of R4 cartridges were found at the scene.

The councillor's brother, Mr Sicelo Goniwe, who was employed as a labourer at the Lingeletu West town council, was shot in the head and is fighting for his life in Groote Schuur Hospital where his condition was described as "critical" last night.

Others seriously injured include Mr Morris Skade, 36, who was shot in the left knee, Mr Jondano Sikrenya, 38, shot in the chest, and Ms Manysi Roji, 25, shot in both legs, police said.

Mr Graham Lawrence, Lingeletu West town clerk, said he was "deeply shocked and concerned at what was obviously a premeditated attack.

"Whoever shot him was obviously aware of his movements," Mr Lawrence said.

Police said an eyewitness saw a "silver coloured car" with "more than one occupant" speeding away from the scene.

Mr Goniwe, he said, was a former taxi operator who was no longer involved with taxis after his vehicle was involved in an accident in Richmond, in the Cape, in which his driver was killed.

Police rescue assistant constable from mob

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Weekend Argus Reporter

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POLICE yesterday rescued an assistant constable who had been dragged from a shack where he had hidden in a cupboard to escape a group of men.

The man was one of three assistant constables who were monitoring the house of an alleged Lagunya member in Khayelithsa after police had been informed that arms were kept there.

While watching the house a group of 20 men, two of whom had R1 rifles and others with shotguns, arrived in a combi.

One assistant constable went up to the group and identified himself as a policeman. A member of the group fired a shot at the policeman but missed.

The three assistant constables, fearing for their lives, fled, two of them in the same direction.

They dragged him out but riot unit police, who had been alerted by radio, arrived to save the constable.

A 26-year-old man was arrested and is expected to appear in Athlone Magistrate's Court on Monday.

Sabta claims taxi war ceasefire

By ANDRE KOOPMAN CT 1/11/91

THE Southern Africa Black Taxi Association (Sabta) claimed yesterday that it had negotiated a ceasefire in the protracted conflict between its rival Cape affiliates, Webta and Lagunya.

However, the Cape Town Peace Committee said in a statement that while there was a measure of progress at the meeting "extremely difficult issues remain to be resolved."

"Apart from the fact that key people were apparently unable to attend the meeting and that those who were there have not yet had a chance to report to their constituencies the meeting did not address the key flashpoint in the crisis, the route between Khayelitsha and the city."

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Taxi war

In its first mediation attempt since the outbreak of the taxi war last year Sabta met the two warring parties yesterday. The feud has cost over 100 lives and caused damage estimated at millions of rands.

Sabta's national media manager, Mr Fanyana Shiburi, who headed yesterday's talks, said the rival bodies had, after a five-hour meeting, agreed to resume normal taxi operations immediately.

A 15-member committee comprising representatives of Webta, Lagunya, Sabta's national and Western Cape offices and the Federation of African Business and Consumer Services (Fabcos) was elected to monitor the ceasefire and resolve the contentious issues of routes and ranking facilities.

Mr Shiburi said patrol cars with Sabta officials would monitor the ceasefire on all taxi routes between 4am and 8pm.

He said the committee would also resolve the allocation of routes immediately.

The committee would also negotiate with the Cape Town City Council to have all taxi ranking facilities centralised under Sabta's control.

A senior Lagunya member who attended the meeting said it had been "very positive" and he was "very optimistic that it would result in peace".

Ceasefire in taxi war: Truce to be screened

VUYO BAVUMA, Staff Reporter

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THE feuding parties in the taxi conflict have agreed to an immediate ceasefire and to appoint a 16-member committee to monitor it.

The Western Cape Black Taxi Association and Lagunya also have resolved to resume services on their "previous" routes. ARG 11/11/91

They appointed a team comprising five members from each association and others from South African Black Taxi Association to patrol the routes from 5am to 8pm. The team will take note of taxi operators' grievances.

National media manager of Sabta Mr Fanyana Shiburi described the resolutions reached at a three-hour meeting yesterday as vital for achieving long-lasting peace.

The meeting followed attempts to negotiate peace by the high-powered Peace Committee led by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Cape Town mayor Mr Frank van der Velde.

Mr Shiburi said Sabta and the two parties would meet the city council to seek support for the implementation of the resolutions.

Taxi driver abducted at gunpoint

By DANIEL SIMON ET 30/10/91

A WEBTA minibus taxi driver yesterday recounted how he was abducted by a group of gun-toting Lagunya members and threatened with death because he was a member of the rival taxi organisation.

Mr Mthumbomlunga Ghushalasa, 45, of Newlands Hostel, Nyanga, said he and his brother had driven to Mpetha Square in Nyanga in his minibus taxi at about 8.30pm on Tuesday, when eight Lagunya members arrived in a minibus.

"The men grabbed me and threw me in the minibus and said they were going to shoot me. They drove to Site B in Khayelitsha where a man looked at me and said, 'Yes that is him', before driving to Macassar Beach."

Mr Ghushalasa said the men bundled him out of the vehicle and repeatedly threatened to shoot him because he was a member of Webta.

He pulled free from several of the men and rolled down a bush-covered embankment. The men left after firing several shots after him.

A police spokesman yesterday confirmed the incident and said police were investigating abduction. No arrests had yet been made.



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M. Ghushalasa

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He said 154 taxis, 13 City Tramways buses and houses belonging to the city council and private owners had suffered damage amounting to more than R2,5 million.

Mr Meyer has lodged an appeal against the decision not to allow bail.

Wynberg's Chief Magistrate, Mr J van Reenen, yesterday initially expressed reluctance to grant permission for the Cape Times to listen to the tapes because of Mr Meyer's appeal.

Mr Van Reenen said listening to a tape could interfere with the accused man's right to a speedy appeal (which requires a transcript to be officially typed).

But on being told by the Cape Times that our information was that no transcript would be typed until today, Mr Van Reenen gave his permission and provided a supervisor.

On Tuesday the acting chief magistrate of Wynberg, Mr R Peckham, refused permission, saying the Magistrate's Court Act made no provision for the playing of tapes to the public (despite evidence having been heard

in open court).

The Cape Times took legal opinion on Mr Peckham's contention yesterday and was told that because a rule of the Magistrate's Court Act equated mechanical records with written records, the public was entitled to access to tapes.

Asked why the bail hearing had been switched from Athlone to a Wynberg night court on Monday, Mr Van Reenen said defence counsel had arrived at the Athlone court too late for the hearing to be concluded before closing at 4pm.

Wynberg Magistrate's Court was the only one which provided a night court service in the Athlone/Mitchells Plain area.

A control prosecutor at the Athlone court, Mr M Wakefield, on Tuesday told the Cape Times that instructions from the attorney-general's office were that prosecutors were not to speak to the press.

However Deputy Attorney-General Mr Hendrik Klem said he was unaware of such an instruction.

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Taxi conflict flares again

Weekend Argus Reporter

THE simmering taxi war flared again when rival groups clashed, throwing iron bars, sticks and stones at each other and commuters at the Nyanga taxi rank.

Police in armoured vehicles arrived about 2.15pm yesterday and used birdshot and rubber bullets to control "unruly groups", a spokesman said.

Taxis: SADF 'no help'

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By KURT SWART

LARGE-SCALE deployment of the SADF to halt the bloody taxi war in Cape Town's townships should be seen as only a short-term solution, Brigadier D P Lamprecht, commanding officer of Western Province Command, said this week.

Brigadier Lamprecht issued his statement on Friday after the Cape Town Peace Committee under the mayor Mr Frank van der Velde and Archbishop Desmond Tutu appealed for the introduction of army personnel to assist in protecting residents.

The call for SADF involvement followed constant allegations by the ANC and township residents that police were actively supporting the Webta faction in the war with Lagunya.

Significantly, the ANC — which said troops in the townships was "a sensitive issue" — appeared to accept the decision.

"We understand that the affected communities are becoming desperate to end the violence, and it is very clear that the police are not playing a neutral role," said ANC spokesman Mr Mziwonke Jacobs.

In his statement Brigadier Lamprecht said: "The solution to the taxi conflict rests solely with the relevant taxi organisations that are obtaining economic gain but in the process creating misery, hardship and even death within our communities."

On Friday, police fired birdshot and teargas on about 200 residents occupying the Nyanga East bus and taxi terminus in protest against Webta.

The two groups, armed with sticks and stones, clashed on Tuesday at the Nyanga terminus and shots were fired

before police and troops intervened. A KTC resident, Mr Sikolo Dibela, died in the shooting. (275)

● Two men will appear in court tomorrow in connection with deaths related to the taxi war.

On Thursday police arrested a man, Mr Herbert Tshwete, in connection with the murder of a policeman and the assassination of ANC activist Mr "Pro" Jack in June. The man will appear at the Athlone magistrate's court tomorrow on two charges of murder.

Also appearing at the same court will be senior ANC member and former commander of the ANC's military wing, Mr Mxolisi Petane, arrested last Wednesday in connection with the death of a Webta taxi owner after an attack by five gunmen last month.

Police sergeant Tutuse John Ngobeni was also arrested earlier in connection with Mr Tanyana's death.

Taxi war — youths stone Sabta men

REPRESENTATIVES of the South African Black Taxi Association (Sabta) were stoned by youths in Nyanga on Thursday when they visited the scene of this week's taxi war violence.

Cyprian Lebese, who was travelling with three other senior Sabta executive members and officials of Sabta's Cape Town office, said one of their vehicles was stoned by youths near the Sizamile service station in Nyanga East.

Meanwhile, a meeting convened by Sabta on Thursday morning between the warring taxi as-

sociations — Lagunya and Webta — which are both Sabta affiliates, was cancelled because it was considered "inopportune".

Lebese said, however, that Sabta would continue its efforts to broker peace in the taxi conflict, which has already claimed many lives and caused damage amounting to hundreds of thousands of rands.

Separate meetings are being held with Webta and Lagunya this weekend to revive the peace initiative.

Lebese called on all parties in the conflict to "join hands in the search for peace". — Sapa

6 die; shots at Nyanga police

PRETORIA — Six men died in unrest-related weekend incidents in the country, according to the police unrest report.

And police in Nyanga were fired at by a man with an R4 rifle.

In Sigilitsha Drive, Nyanga, on Saturday, Sergeant J A Butterworth and his patrol spotted two men, one armed with a rifle, and gave chase. The man fired about seven shots at police as he was pursued and police returned fire, but the man disappeared between shacks. It is not known whether he was hit.

Police found spent R4 shells at the scene.

On Saturday at Mountain Rise near Maritzburg, police found the body of a man with bullet wounds.

Three policemen were wounded when their vehicle was ambushed near Weenen, Natal. The police, investigating a murder case, were returning to Weenen police station with the suspect when shots were fired at them.

The policemen were admitted to Grey's Hospital, Maritzburg. Their condition is stable.

On Thursday men fired shots at another group at Dassenhoek, near Pinetown, Natal. Two men were killed and a woman was wounded.

On Friday police found the body of a man with hack and stab wounds at Munsieville, West Rand.

In the same area a man died when a group stabbed him repeatedly in the chest and face with a garden fork, then set him alight.

At Murchison, near Port Shepstone in Natal, a man died when an unknown gunman fired a number of shots at him. — Sapa

Debt collector⁽²¹⁵⁾ shot, necklaced in Khayelitsha

The Argus Correspondent

A DEBT collector was shot and necklaced while on his rounds in B-Block, Khayelitsha.

Police spokesman Captain Hendrik Opperman said Mr Zamile Mlanjewi, 21, had been driving with two friends when they were threatened by two men and two women who had a gun.

The group did not harm Mr Mlanjewi and his friends, but at a second meeting opened fire.

The three fled to a police station, but Mr Mlanjewi failed to arrive.

Police found the burnt body of Mr Mlanjewi's bullet-riddled body next to a burnt tyre.

'Pro' Jack killing: Man in court

Staff Reporter

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A NEW Crossroads man has appeared in the Athlone Regional Court in connection with the killing of ANC activist Mr Mziwonke "Pro" Jack and police dog-handler Constable Frans van der Merwe.

Mr Herbert Tshweza, 48, also facing seven charges of attempted murder,

was not asked to plead.

The hearing was postponed to January 16 for further investigation and bail was set at R1 000.

Mr Jack was gunned down near his Nyanga home on June 19 and Constable Van der Merwe died when his patrol vehicle was fired on in Zola Budd Drive, Khayelitsha, last November.

ANC condemns bomb attack

EAST LONDON. — The African National Congress yesterday condemned the petrol-bomb attack on Sunday night on the Alice home of the Rev Arnold Stofile, a member of the ANC national executive committee and past president of the ANC Border region.

Border ANC publicity secretary Ms Marion Sparg said no one was injured in the attack.

Although apparently aimed at windows, the bombs had exploded against a wall — Sapa



TAXI TROOPS ... The Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Frank van der Velde, addresses 100 Cape Corp troops before they were deployed in Khayelitsha and Nyanga East to protect residents threatened by taxi violence.

Picture: ANNE LANG

By CHRIS BATEMAN

CAPE TOWN was pinning its hopes on 100 troops to restore stability and peace and to protect township residents affected by the taxi war, the Mayor, Mr Frank van der Velde, told soldiers yesterday.

Addressing the specially retrained C Company of the Cape Corps before their deployment in local township taxi trouble spots, Mr Van der Velde said impartial action and courtesy were crucial to success.

The SADF had been specially requested by the affected communities to protect them from the violence.

"That is very different from when your commanding officer or the government has ordered you into the townships — you must remain friends of the people you are to protect. If one troop doesn't follow this line he can destroy the whole peace process," he warned.

City pins hopes on 100 troops

Mr Van der Velde was speaking at the invitation of the Officer Commanding, Western Province Command, Brigadier Dan Lamprecht, after conveying the community request for SADF assistance to him.

He told the troops, equipped with teargas and R4 rifles and whose 24-hour tasks will include vehicle patrols of inter-township taxi routes, road blocks and searches, that "criminal elements" were causing the violence.

Journalists invited by the SADF to the parade yesterday were asked not to report either the mayor's presence or his speech because Mr Van der Velde feared "it may create the impression he's siding with the SADF".

An SADF spokesman said a misunderstanding between the council's public relations division and the mayor had created the confusion after the SADF had cleared issuing press invitations with the council's PR chief.

Reporters were ushered into a room while the mayor spoke but the Cape Times remained outside and reported his speech.

Contacted afterwards, Mr Van der Velde said he was asked to give a confidential troop briefing by Brigadier Lamprecht.

Surprised

He had therefore been surprised to see the press and thought it best for relations "between all parties concerned" that he ask them not to be present.

"As it turned out the SADF had no such sensitivity and that's why I'm prepared now to give you a statement and allow reportage," he added.

He rejected the SADF liaison officer's contention that he feared a perception being created that he was siding with the SADF.

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ANC slams police violence unit

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By Mbuyiselo
Mtsheketshe

THE ANC has expressed serious concern about the establishment of the Police Unit to investigate complaints about police involvement in violence in the Western Cape.

A seven-member Police Unit has been formed by members of the South African Police, headed by Captain Charles Brink, a former member of the Criminal Intelligence Service. The Unit is presently based at Culemborg police station.

The ANC said the unit appears to be drawn from former security police-men who "are among the most dis-

credited members of the police force".

The Police Unit spokesperson, Captain Brink, said the unit would investigate any charges "that may affect police-community relations".

He said his unit would act on all complaints against members of the SAP.

The ANC expressed concern over the failure of police to consult with

signatories to the National Peace Accord before the unit was formed.

The ANC believed the community would have no confidence in the unit as the police were not capable of dealing with complaints against themselves.

They cited recent eye-witness accounts of police involvement in township violence.

Anti-Webta demo dispersed

Crime Reporter 275

HUNDREDS of residents demonstrated in Nyanga on Tuesday afternoon, in what police yesterday described as an illegal protest against the presence of Webta at the Nyanga taxi rank. Police spokesman Captain Hendrik Opperman said the demonstration lasted for about two hours, during which hundreds of Lagunya members, together with Western Cape Civic Association

members, marched with placards from Zwelitsha Road to the Nyanga taxi rank.

Captain Opperman said the march was broken up only when police fired teargas and buckshot, after warning the crowd to disperse.

He said it was not known if anyone was injured and that no arrests were made.

A special police-army squad has seized numerous knives, axes

and pangas from taxi operators in its first week of operation.

Captain Opperman said the weapons were seized from both Lagunya and Webta taxis during snap roadblock searches.

On Tuesday, police searched more than 90 minibus, taxis and confiscated four axes, five knives and two pangas. A quantity of sharpened objects, three spears and a gaff were also confiscated, he said.

Public violence case dropped

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — Charges of public violence — one of which related to the setting alight of Labour Party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse's church last year — were yesterday withdrawn against six accused. (275)

One of the six, three of whom were teachers, had been granted political indemnity. He is Mr Lourens Exford.

ANC, Webta meet on taxis

Staff Reporter

THE ANC and the Webta taxi organisation met yesterday. CT 22/11/91

ANC regional secretary-general Mr Tony Yengeni said the meeting was to open lines of communication between the two groups who had not enjoyed good relations since the outbreak of the taxi violence.

He said the ANC had "better" relations with the Lagunya taxi organisation and would meet its members today.

A spokeswoman for the Cape Town Peace Committee, Ms Helen Zille, said the committee supported anyone who worked towards achieving peace. 275

Shots at ⁽²¹⁵⁾ home of ANC man

Crime Reporter

A HANDGRENADE was lobbed and shots were fired at the home of a senior ANC activist in New Crossroads during a late-night attack on Thursday, a police spokesman said.

Captain Hendrik Opperman said Mr Roseberry Sonto, who is also a member of the Nyanga Civic Association and Taxi Crisis Committee, was in his Revel Fox Close home in New Crossroads talking with a nephew, Mr Dumile Mafaka, about 11.20pm on Thursday when the attack took place.

Captain Opperman said both heard a "loud bang" before several shots were fired at Mr Sonto's house shattering one window. After the attack the men found that the rear window of a car had also been damaged.

Police who arrived at the scene found several spent 9mm cartridges and the safety pin of an M75 handgrenade. Two bullet points were also found.

● Three Peninsula Murder and Robbery Unit detectives were ambushed in Khayelitsha early yesterday.

Captain Opperman said constables Z H Mbata, S W Mtombe and M P Zepe were shot at by an unknown gunman while they were driving along Lansdowne Road Extension about 5.45am. Nobody was injured.



SHATTERED ... Senior ANC member Mr Roseberry Sonto peers through a window which was shattered on Thursday night when a handgrenade was lobbed and several shots were fired at his home.

Picture: BENNY GOOL

Taxi war 'disarmament'

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Hope of lasting peace after 24 hours without report of serious violence

Weekend Argus Reporter

THE photograph shows some of the tools of death and destruction police confiscated from taxi drivers this week.

The crackdown by police and the SADF has resulted in a "drastic" drop in incidents of violence, police say.

Lieutenant Chris van Rooyen, a platoon commander, who holds a 9mm calibre pistol and a panga, was part of the team that made the haul of weapons. The assortment of pangas, knives, sharpened rods, axes, whips, kerries and real and toy firearms along the wall tell their own story.

They are frightening testimony to the violence that has ripped communities apart in the ongoing taxi war.

However, the security forces believe they are winning their own battle — the battle for peace.

Yesterday was a watershed, they say. A day, 24 hours, went past — and not a single incident of taxi violence.

Since SADF reinforcements moved into the troubled townships last week to back up police, things have stabilised.

Police spokesman Captain Attie Laubscher was moved to describe the change as "drastic".

"You could even say we have seen a radical drop in incidents of violence," he said.

Figures were not yet available, but the violence seemed to be on the wane. "Every day we gather details of incidents and it appears that these incidents are less in number."

Statistics would be analysed

shortly and then a clearer picture would emerge. "Then we will be able to look at attacks on persons, attacks on property and so on and see if any trend is apparent."

Asked about community cooperation, he said: "Well, the community actually requested the army presence. They have a right to safety." Reaction had been "very positive".

The SADF had helped police provide a "visible presence" that returned a "measure of security and confidence" within the community.

"The idea was to maintain high-density patrols. We have done everything in our power to combat and contain the continuing violence and after a week's intensive patrolling it would appear that we are having an effect."

Meanwhile, talks between the warring taxi bodies continue.

In a joint statement, the ANC and Lagunya taxi association said they had met yesterday for talks on the taxi conflict.

"The ANC met Lagunya with the objective of keeping lines of communication open for ongoing exchange of views," said the statement, issued by ANC regional secretary Mr Tony Yengeni and Lagunya chairman Mr John Martin.

"The ANC also briefed Lagunya on its meeting the previous day with Webba," the statement continued. "The ANC stresses that it is not attempting to mediate in this conflict, but will assist the two organisations in finding a solution to the crisis."



Picture: OBED ZILWA, Weekend A



SURVIVOR . . . Nokwenzani Mahlanyani, who was shot in the chest during the September 3 night of terror, is about to prepare tea for herself in a "kitchen" shared by 87 people.



SADNESS AND SORROW . . . A woman and her child share one room with other victims after their house was burnt down.



HELPLESS . . . A victim of the Cape taxi violence lies in a Khayelitsha classroom he shares with 86 other people after unknown attackers destroyed their homes.

Taxi-war refugees destitute

CP Correspondent (275)

MORE than 200 families have been left homeless and destitute as the eight-month taxi war in the Western Cape continues amid allegations that whites are regularly seen among the attackers.

The families are mainly from Khayelitsha, Crossroads and Nyanga.

One group of 87 refugees has now been offered temporary refuge by Khayelitsha's Sosenza Primary School.

All 87, including toddlers and grannies, live in one classroom.

This group, accord-

ing to the Students' Health and Welfare Centres Organisation, forms part of 165 families left homeless by the violence in Sites B and C, Khayelitsha.

Many of the victims said the attacks on them and the destruction of their property were politically motivated, claiming that whites had taken part in the attacks.

Sandile Mazosiwe said that at about 11.30 pm on September 3 he was left for dead after he was shot four times in the back and right leg when he surprised a group of arsonists pouring petrol

on some neighbourhood houses.

Nonimba Memani was attacked a few days before September 3, the day most of the victims were attacked.

She was spotted by arsonists who had already set several houses on fire.

They entered her house and attacked her husband with pangas and rifle butts.

"While I was crying and asking them what they were doing to us, they turned on me and hit me with their rifle butts until my whole body was swollen," she said.

She and her eight-

year-old daughter crawled outside and hid in some nearby bushes.

"I was amazed to learn that my one-month-old baby, Ntomb'aziphele, was unharmd in the attack," Memani said.

Kenneth Doyle was close to tears when he told how he was shot by police whom he thought had come to his rescue after many people had been under siege by unknown attackers.

Many other people said the attackers would lure people out of their homes by shouting "Comrade!"

Taxi bodies deny troops credit for calm

By RAMOTENA MABOTE

BOTH Webta and Lagunya taxi associations were yesterday reluctant to attribute the improved atmosphere in the townships to the deployment of SA Defence Force troops there.

The rival associations were responding to questions raised by their decision to start operating again this week, after about seven weeks of inactivity.

Mr James Mafuya of Webta said that since the intervention of the SA

Black Taxi Association (Sabta) in the crisis there had been good communication between the two groups. He thought this had led to their resuming operations.

He did not say the SADF-SAP special unit had played no role, but their presence had stopped only fire attacks, whereas seven Webta minibuses taxis had been stoned in the unit's presence.

At least 100 members of the SADF were deployed in the township 10 days ago in response to an appeal by

the Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Frank van der Velde.

Mr Mafuya said the unit was not doing enough to protect passengers who were assaulted at Nyanga East bus terminus for using Webta taxis.

Lagunya's chairman, Mr Headman Nongwenjane said the decision to resume work had been taken "unilaterally", because "drivers needed money after many weeks of non-operation".

Although no incidents had been reported yesterday, he said, the strength of the SADF would be tested

today when Lagunya returned to the Khayelitsha-Cape Town route, which has been a major bone of contention between the two groups.

A spokesman for the Western Cape command of the SADF, Lieutenant Johan van Schalkwyk, said the army had played a "fundamental" role in restoring the present calm atmosphere.

They had been successful because they had remained impartial, as they had undertaken to be.

Boy, 5, shot in head as gunmen rampage

DON HOLLIDAY
Crime Reporter

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GUNMEN opened fire on the occupants of three houses in Khayelitsha, wounding five people — including a five-year-old boy.

Police said a number of men knocked on the door of a house in Site C about 10.30 last night and introduced themselves as policemen.

They claimed they were looking for someone named Michael. As the door was opened wider they fired shots into the house.

A woman was shot in the left leg and another twice in the stomach and once in the back.

About midnight, men wearing balaclavas knocked on the door of another house in Site C.

They also introduced themselves as policemen and said they were looking for "Michael".

They fired shots when the door opened. A woman was hit in the left leg, another in the left leg and stomach, and a boy aged five was shot in the head.

At 1.20am shots were fired through a window of a house in Tapezama Street, hitting two women in the stomach.

All the wounded were taken to the Khayelitsha Day Hospital. The condition one was described as serious.

Mayor: Army restored calm in townships

Staff Reporter

TROOPS had restored calm to townships racked by taxi-war violence, the Mayor, Mr Frank van der Velde, said yesterday. (275)

Mr Van der Velde said he had been monitoring the situation and was certain that the "impartial" input of the SADF, deployed two weeks ago, was responsible for the calm. ET 28/11/91

Warring taxi associations Lagunya and Webta have refused to acknowledge the role played by the SADF.

Police spokesman Captain Attie Laubscher said as soon as the police were sure the situation had returned to normal, they would consider asking the troops to withdraw.

ANC gives taxi peace effort a major boost

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By Mbuyiselo Mtsheketshe

CHANCES for a lasting peace between the two warring taxi groups in Cape Town have been given a major boost after the ANC met officials from the rival factions last weekend.

Webta and Lagunya resumed operations on all routes in the townships this week.

ANC regional secretary Mr Tony Yengeni stressed that the ANC was not attempting to mediate in the conflict, but would assist the two groups in finding a solution to the crisis.

A joint statement by the ANC and Webta chairperson Mr James Mafunya said the objectives of the meeting were to formalise the relationship between the two organisations and "to keep lines of communication open".

The ANC said the meeting had created understanding between the two associations and hoped it would assist in achieving peace.

Mafunya said there had been peace since the meeting and attempts were

being made to include the PAC in the initiative.

Meanwhile township residents are planning to form a single taxi association. They have called on Webta and Lagunya to disband to make way for the new body.

However Mafunya rejected the idea of forming a unified body. He suggested the executives of the rival bodies oversee the peace initiative. Lagunya could not be reached for comment.

Nyanga Civic Association spokesperson Mr David Mkhize said his organisation would be hosting a mass meeting at Nyanga bus terminus on December 30 to draw up a constitution for a unified taxi association.

He said residents had agreed that both associations should disband.

The clash between Lagunya and Webta that erupted in February this year has claimed more than 40 lives and cost more than R2,5 million in damage to taxi owners.

The clash erupted over routes and ranks and during the conflict about 134 taxis have been torched and some drivers killed.

Commuters were also under constant threat as the taxi groups attacked each other in free-for-all street battles.

The conflict was further complicated when community and political organisations stepped in to end the carnage.

The Taxi Crisis Co-ordinating Committee was set up when township residents were angered by the bloodshed and violence. Webta pulled out from the committee and accused it of favouring Lagunya members.

Popular leaders like "Pro" Jack and Michael Mapongwana were gunned down seemingly because they were involved in peace attempts.

It has also been suspected that a third force was involved in fomenting the violence and bloodshed.

There have been allegations that a number of minibuses on both sides were owned by the outsiders — whites, police and other businessmen.

This week the ANC accused the police of breaching the peace accord, following an incident in Nyanga where a policeman was found without a name tag as required by the peace accord.

STAFF REPORTER

Mayor calls for 'neutral' taxi rank

EDWARD MOLOINYANE
Staff Reporter

MAYOR Mr Frank van der Velde has appealed to the Ikapa Town Council to ensure the neutrality of the Nyanga taxi rank, scene of taxi war fighting.

Mr Van der Velde said it was essential that the terminus be available to all taxi owners, regardless of which association they belonged to.

The development follows allegations by Nyanga residents that one of the taxi as-

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sociations claims the rank belongs to it exclusively.

In a letter to Mr J J Olivier, chief executive for the Ikapa Town Council, Mr Van der Velde said it was "obviously unacceptable" that land set aside for public transport should be monopolised by only one association.

The letter said: "The terminus has become a focal point in the taxi war between Webta and Lagunya, resulting in serious clashes between the warring parties at this terminus."

Four Youth League members held

Jack death: ANC arrests

By WILLEM STEENKAMP

POLICE have made a dramatic breakthrough in their investigations into the murder of ANC activist Mr Mziwonke "Pro" Jack and a policeman when they arrested nine people, at least four of them ANC Youth League members.

The break came after the arrest on Monday of a member of uMkhonto weSizwe (MK), Mr Patrick Ndumbisi, 23, in connection with a hand-grenade attack on the New Crossroads home of ANC activist Mr Roseberry Sonto last Thursday.

Mr Ndumbisi appeared briefly yesterday in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court in connection with the grenade attack.

No charges were put to him, and he was remanded to December 3 pending further police investigation. Police spokesman Captain Attie Laubscher confirmed yesterday that police followed up clues subsequent to Mr Ndumbisi's arrest, and arrested nine people on Tuesday in connection with the killing of Mr Jack on June 19 this year and Constable Frans van der Merwe on November 23 last year.

They were also arrested in connection with seven charges of attempted murder and a charge of illegal possession of an R4 assault rifle.

Five of the nine arrested appeared in a bail hearing in the Athlone Magistrate's Court yesterday, and were granted bail of R300 each.

The case against Mr Mcedisi Bunxu, and New Crossroads ANC Youth League members Mr Siphele Dukashe, Mr Mbulelo Geld, Mr Monwabisi Phewu and Mr Mzoxolo Nditha was postponed to January 16.

However, Mr Bunxu was not able to pay his R300 bail yesterday.

The five join three others, Mr Herbert Tshweza, who was granted R1 000 bail on November 18, and Mr Nofinxana Dyasi and Mr Harold Zonellie, who were granted bail of R500 each on Wednesday, who are also implicated in the killings of Mr Jack and Constable Van der Merwe.

Captain Laubscher said no charges had yet been formulated against the other four men arrested on Tuesday, and they were still in custody.

ANC Western Cape secretary Mr Tony Yengani confirmed yesterday that Mr Ndumbisi is an MK member, and that Mr Dukashe, Mr Geld, Mr Phewu and Mr Nditha are ANC Youth League members. He could not confirm that Mr Bunxu is an ANC member.

Mr Jack was shot and killed in Nyanga while



FOOD FOR FINISHERS: Mrs Lyn Lindsay, Mr Waal, Milnerston mayor Mr Danie Krynauw and Mr Dave Roberts with Cape delights for the finish of the Paris-Cape Town rally. PHOTO: BERRY GOOL

Businessman of the year

Mr Alastair Macmillan, chairman of Safren, received the Cape Times Businessman of the Year award yesterday. Safren consists of three operating pillars — shipping arm Safmarine, Kersaf, which includes Sun International, and Rennie's which concentrates

on trade and travel. Safren spent R911 million in new investment in the past year and another R2.5 billion is due to be invested by 1994.

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Probe into political agenda in taxi war

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Staff Reporter

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AN investigation into whether a political agenda has fuelled the Peninsula's taxi war will be undertaken by the Commission of Inquiry regarding Public Violence and Intimidation.

However, a statement from the commission said yesterday that since various organisations and people were engaged in investigation and mediation, "no public inquiry is envisaged at this stage".

Cape attorney-general and vice-chairman of the commission Mr Neil Rossouw will investigate "the nature and causes of the violence and intimidation whether it aims at the achievement of any political goal, (and) what persons are involved in the violence and intimidation".

The investigation would also recommend steps "to curb or prevent the violence".

The statement said the commission would approach the various interested parties, including members of the Cape Town Peace Committee.

Mr Rossouw declined to elaborate on the press statement.

Van Eck: Bar ANC suspects

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By BARRY STREEK, GUY OLIVER and YAZEED FAKIER

THE five ANC members arrested in connection with the murder of the ANC's Mr Pro Jack should be suspended from the organisation until the outcome of their trial, the Democratic Party MP for Claremont, Mr Jan van Eck, said yesterday.

"Without implying that they are necessarily guilty, I nevertheless want to appeal to the ANC, under the present circumstances of widespread violence in the townships, to suspend the membership of the accused pending the outcome of their trial," Mr Van Eck said.

ANC Western Cape spokesman Mr Mziwonke Jacobs last night rejected the call as "premature". The ANC had "already committed itself publicly to taking tough disciplinary measures against any members proved guilty of violence".

Mr Jacobs said police had often "brought completely spurious charges against ANC members for political reasons".

He said even in this case there were strong grounds that several of the accused were out of SA at the time of some of the alleged offences.

"We cannot suspend our members on the mere say-so of the police," Mr Jacobs said.

Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe said last night the result of police investigations and the arrest of ANC and MK members "again confirms that accusations that members of the police were involved in the murders and other attacks, are false".

The police breakthrough came after the arrest on Monday of MK member Mr Patrick Ndlumbisi, 23, in connection with the attack on the home of ANC activist Mr Roseberry Sonto nine days ago. Police say they arrested ANC and MK members implicated in Mr Jack's assassination on June 19 after following up vital clues after Mr Ndlumbisi's arrest.

The police also uncovered a cache of weapons, including an R4 rifle, which they say was used in the killings of both Mr Jack and SAP Constable Frans van der Merwe on November 21 last year.

ANC Youth 4 arrested

DURBAN. — Four ANC Youth League members have been arrested in connection with the murder of a police constable in Inanda on November 24.

Police investigating the murder of Constable M R Kumalo held four ANCYL members and a fifth suspect.

The officers recovered the murdered policeman's pistol and the murder weapon, which was allegedly stolen from another policeman. — Sapa

Taxi war flares up once more

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Staff Reporter

THE taxi war flared up again this week after a lull when troops were deployed in the townships.

Police said a number of violent incidents pointed to renewed warfare.

In one unconfirmed incident, a number of commuters were allegedly attacked in Lansdowne Road, Philippi, by the club-wielding occupants of a Webta taxi.

According to a Wetton woman who helped one of the victims, the taxi allegedly stopped at a bus stop and the occupants leaned out of the windows and beat commuters with clubs.

Police could not confirm the incident, and Webta could not be reached for comment late yesterday.

Three other taxi-related incidents occurred in Lansdowne Road, Philippi, on Thursday and yesterday, police reported yesterday.

About 7.45am on Thursday, on the corner of Strandfontein and Lansdowne roads, a taxi driver stopped his vehicle. According to police, two Webta taxis then stopped and two shots were fired at the driver, who ran away. One of his attackers chased after him but the man "became angry", turned around and appre-

hended his attacker, who was handed over to police who had arrived to the scene.

Police said a Webta driver alleged that about 8.30am on Thursday, at the same place, two rival Lagunya taxis forced him to stop and the occupants then stoned him and his vehicle.

Shots were fired at the Webta driver and he fled on foot. When he later returned to his damaged vehicle, he found that some cash and a radio had been stolen.

At 10.50am on Thursday in Lansdowne Road two groups, presumed by police to be Webta and Lagunya factions, stoned each other. Police dispersed them with teargas and arrested three people for public violence.

In another incident, about 7.30am yesterday, a taxi driver stopped his vehicle at the Wetton circle. A man approached him and fired a shot at him. When the driver fled on foot, more shots were fired at him.

Police have arrested a man for attempted murder in connection with the incident.

● Police seized weapons, including pangas and knobkerries, from a Webta minibus near Cape Town yesterday afternoon.

No charges were laid.

Taxi-drivers' war wreaks havoc among community

LINDA GALLOWAY

Weekend Argus Reporter

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RAGING war between Webta and Lagunya taxi-rivals has wrought havoc in the community living and working around the Nyanga bus and taxi terminus, scene of violent and bloody exchanges.

Across the road from the huge terminus, where the rivals are grouped at opposite ends and buses move in and out constantly, is the St John Ambulance primary health care centre.

There, bullet holes in the ceiling attest to the clashes and staff work in fear of their lives. But life goes on, and every day the centre is opened to those seeking help, or attending sewing or knitting classes.

"When the fighting starts, people run here to seek shelter. We could never close the doors on them," said one staff member.

"And those who are wounded come to us for first aid, from both sides. We help them and then take them to hospital."

Next door is the Nyanga day hospital, where patients stream in for treatment. They are also flooded with commuters caught up in the conflict and seeking safety.

Hawkers who desperately tried to ply their wares with bullets flying over their heads, tell horror stories of being shot and having to flee. But they are forced to return, through economic necessity, to continue their trade when things quieten down.

A young woman cooking boerewors over an open fire lifted her dress to show the bullet wound in her leg. She says she was caught in the cross-fire between warring taxi-drivers.

"My stall was in the middle of the

terminus. Now I've moved slightly further away but I'm ready to run at any time. It's bad, and it's bad for business."

After almost a week of calm, confidence is slowly returning to the harassed commuters who must use the terminus every day. A group of Rastas with an amplifier play music and people are buying fruit, T-shirts, lotions and potions on sale.

The pupils at John Palmer Senior Secondary, across the road from the war zone, were forced to flee their building when the conflict moved on to the premises. A man visiting the caretaker in his cottage was hit by a stray bullet.

The pupils packed their bags, put their desks on their heads and marched to Liwa Senior Secondary, 500 metres away, where they now have classes on a platoon system. Liwa pupils work until noon, then John Palmer pupils have lessons until 5pm.

The only ray of light was that the evacuation allowed time for the renovation of the township school.

The Presbyterian church pre-school next door to the terminus was closed for weeks, because the children's lives were in danger. It re-opened on Monday, but a wary eye is being kept on taxi-war developments.

Nyanga Civic Association spokesman Mr David Mkhize said the community was putting pressure on the local authority to move the taxis and buses from the terminus, if only temporarily, to restore order to the embattled area.

"It is right in the middle of a neighbourhood trying to go about its business," he said. "It can't go on like this."



Picture: LEON MÜLLER, Weekend Argus.

UPDATE: Unrest Monitoring Action Committee chairman, MP Mr Jan van Eck, discusses developments with Nyanga Civic Association spokesman Mr David Mkhize. Across the road is the church pre-school which closed during the conflict.

ANC reels at Jack arrests

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DENNIS CRUYWAGEN
Political Staff

THE ANC has been rocked by the news that five of its members have been linked to the death of Umkhonto we Sizwe soldier Mr Mziwonke "Pro" Jack and to an attack on the home of activist Mr Roseberry Sonto.

Umkhonto we Sizwe member Mr Patrick Ndumbisi, 23, appeared in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court on Thursday in connection with a hand-grenade attack on Mr Sonto's home last week.

The hearing was postponed to December 3.

Also on Thursday, Mr Mncedisi Bunxa and ANC Youth League members Mr Siphelo Dukashe, Mr Mbulelo Geld, Mr Monwabisi Phewu and Mr Mzoxolo Nditha appeared in the Athlone Magistrate's Court. They have been linked to Mr Jack's death.

Democratic Party provincial spokesman Mr Jan van Eck called on the ANC to suspend the four Youth League members.

He said he welcomed the news that four people had appeared in court but he had mixed emotions.

"Firstly there is the gladness

that arrests have been made, but secondly there is a feeling of total horror that it was ANC members — or fellow comrades of Pro — who have been implicated."

Under the circumstances, he appealed to the ANC "immediately to suspend the membership of the accused pending the outcome of the trial".

Mr Sonto welcomed the fact that the investigation into the attack on his New Crossroads home had resulted in some action. He said the law had to take its course.

ANC publicity secretary Mr Mziwonke Jacobs said the ANC did not have access to police information against the arrested men.

The ANC condemned the attacks when they occurred, he said.

"These were cowardly attacks for which there can be no excuse. The perpetrators of such deeds should get the punishment they deserve."

The ANC has started its own investigations into allegations that its members were involved in the attack on Mr Sonto's home and Mr Jack's killing.

"If it emerges that that any ANC member is guilty of any of these offences, we will immediately take the most severe disciplinary action."

RIOTS & DISTURBANCES - CAPE

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Death toll ⁽²⁷⁹⁾ mounts in Khayelitsha

Crime Reporter ARC 19/12/91

TWO men were shot dead, one was wounded and two shacks set alight in Khayelitsha early today, bringing to five the number killed in the area since yesterday morning.

A police spokesman said about seven men set fire to shacks in A Block, Site C, about 2.25 am.

When police arrived they found the bodies of Mr Nedzana Bhekwa and an unidentified man. Both had been shot in the chest.

Mr Victor Dlakamo had a bullet wound in the left thigh.

Residents blamed political squabbling for the shootings.



LOST EVERYTHING . . . Mrs Nozibele Mdzinwa (left) and Mrs Angelina Makhamba were two victims of the blaze that destroyed 14 shacks in Site C, Khayelitsha, yesterday.



TARGET . . . Political activist and civic leader, Miss Nomonde Dinwa, explains to onlookers why she thinks she was the main target of the attackers. All her belongings were lost during the rampant fire.

Disarmed, necklaced

A MAN who threatened a crowd in Khayelitsha with a gun, then said he would commit suicide, was murdered with his own gun and then necklaced.

This is the third necklacing in Khayelitsha in the past week. Two men were found necklaced in Site B last Saturday.

Police said yesterday that the unidentified man threatened the crowd with a handgun in Site C about 9.45am on Tuesday, then said he would kill himself.

Before he could do so the crowd disarmed him and he was shot in the head. Two tyres were then placed around the corpse and set alight.

No arrests have yet been made.

Staff Reporter
GUNMEN killed at least three people in an attack on 14 squatter shacks in Site C at Khayelitsha early yesterday morning.

Two people, including a baby, were injured.

The gunmen set the shacks on fire when people living there fled.

A civic leader in the area, Miss Nomonde Dinwa, said that on Tuesday evening she was sitting at her neighbour's house when she heard people knocking at her door, saying "Comrade, open it is me", in Xhosa.

She saw four people at the neighbour's window. All wore balaclavas.

When she did not open the door they left. But soon afterwards they came back with another man, kicking her door open, taking her belongings away and burning the house.

"Just as the fire was catching my neighbour's shack, we decided to save the shack, and the attackers started shooting from a close range. Miraculously we escaped unhurt," said Miss Mdzinwa.

She said she saw and

3 die as gunmen loot, burn in Khayelitsha

could recognise two of the attackers, who came back even after the firemen had put out the fire.

While the fire spread, more people tried to save their belongings and three were shot.

Mr Jongikaya Witbooi and Mr Lumkile Maxiti were shot dead while fighting the fire at their neighbours' homes. Miss Agnes Maseti was killed on her way to hide property.

Mrs Nonikile Maxiti, 37, Mr Maxiti's wife, was shot in the mouth while trying to escape with her sister's child, 1½-month-old Masisi Mbaba, who fell down and received a cut on the forehead.

Police said one 9mm pistol cartridge case was

found at the scene, where damage was estimated at R60 000.

No arrests had yet been made.

● Police reported two stone-throwing incidents in their daily unrest report.

About 5.15pm on Tuesday at KTC squatter camp, a group of about 20 people stoned policemen who were searching premises for a suspect.

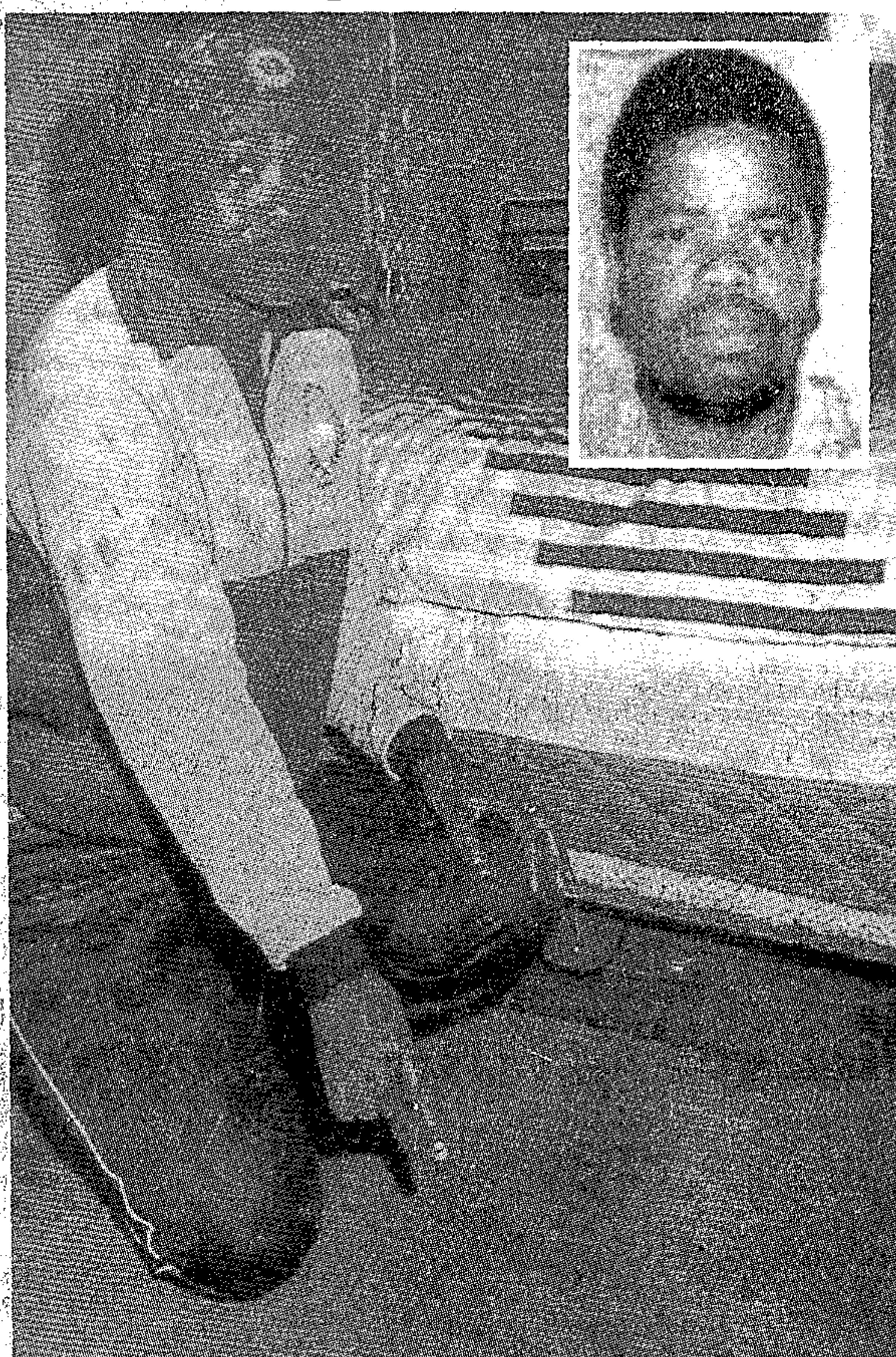
● At the squatter camp in Koeberg Road, Milnerton, about 80 men threw stones at five others at the racecourse stables across the road about 1.15am yesterday.

● Sapa reports that the chairman of the Inkatha Freedom Party at Table Mountain near Maritzburg, Mr Thomas Mshoki Gcabashe, 45, was shot dead at 7pm on Tuesday.

His brother Sabelo, an Inkatha leader at Magonqo in the Table Mountain area, is still in hospital following an attack three days ago. Police found more than 20 spent AK-47 cartridges at the scene.

● Two KwaZulu special constables posted to guard the Imbali home of the KwaZulu deputy minister of works, Mr Velaphi Ndlovu, have been arrested on a charge of murder, SAP spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Pieter Kitching said yesterday.

Colonel Kitching said members of Maritzburg Murder and Robbery Unit were driving through Stage 2 in Imbali about 5pm when they witnessed a shooting. The victim — a man not yet identified — died later in hospital.



THIS SPOT . . . Ms Sister Witbooi, sister of Mr Jongikaya Witbooi, points at the spot where her brother fell after he was shot and killed in the attack in Site C, Khayelitsha, yesterday morning. Two other people were killed and two injured. **INSET:** Mr Witbooi, 31.

Girl hurt in rank shooting

Staff Reporter

A TWELVE-YEAR-OLD girl was wounded yesterday afternoon after being caught in the crossfire when shooting broke out at a Wynberg taxi rank.

Lamees Majal was wounded and a thigh-bone fractured.

Police spokesman Captain Attie Laubscher said two patrolling policemen, Lance-Sergeants Quinton Laye and Cecil Matthews of the Wynberg Mobile Unit, chased the gunman on foot and arrested him.

A spokesman for Victoria Hospital said Lamees' condition was "stable".

A 27-year-old man is to appear in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court today.

Lost black lives '1991 tragedy'

JOHANNESBURG. — The greatest tragedy in South Africa in 1991 was the loss of lives in the black community, said Soweto mayor Mr Alfred Nyathi in his Christmas message.

He added that this "unprecedented tragedy" even overshadowed the economic problems that had haunted blacks for years.

"On behalf of all the staff and officials of the Soweto city council I express our sincere condolences to the families and relatives of all those who lost their lives in violence which engulfed our country in 1991."

Mr Nyathi said the ever-increasing numbers of unemployed, the soaring inflation rate and other factors had unleashed untold suffering on the black communities, especially in Soweto. — Sapa

Pictures: HAROLD KING

Two die as group attacks shacks

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TWO men were shot dead, one was wounded and two shacks were set alight at Khayelitsha in Cape Town early yesterday, bringing to five the number of people killed in the area since Wednesday.

Police said about seven men set fire to shacks in A Block, Site C, about 2.25am.

When police arrived they found the bodies of Mr Ncedzana Bhakwa and an unidentified man. Both had been shot in the chest.

Mr Victor Dlakamo had a bullet wound in the left thigh.

On Wednesday, two men and a woman were shot dead and two women and a one-year-old boy were wounded in an attack by armed men on shacks in the area. - Sapa.

Taxi clashes feared as migrant workers take the road home
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By Mbuyiselo Mshheketshe

AS THE festive season approaches, Cape township dwellers fear the return of migrant workers to homelands could lead to clashes on the road between the two warring taxi associations.

They believe the exodus could fuel the already intense rivalry between Lagunya and Webta.

Most migrants are from the Transkei and Ciskei and leave this week.

A senior Lagunya member, Mr Kidwell Magwayi, said his organisation could not guarantee there would be no clash with Webta on the road.

Residents this week said they would prefer travelling by bus to the Transkei because it would be a safer method of getting home, despite taking longer.

While the conflict continued to simmer this week, representatives of political organisations, church leaders and business leadership met to try to rescue the failing peace initiative.

In their first mediation attempt since the outbreak of the war, church leaders and congregations gathered at a rally organised by the civic organisation this weekend at the Nyanga taxi rank.

Attempts are being made by the community to unify taxi associations and the meeting was called to present a draft constitution. The announcement was postponed until both taxi associations could be consulted to approve it.

Magwayi said his organisation would

accept any deal from any organisation in the interest of its passengers and the community during the holidays.

"Throughout the conflict we have expressed willingness to go along with any peace initiatives that would find a solution to the problem."

Magwayi said his organisation maintains community and political organisation involvement to ensure "our passengers' security".

Webta could not be reached for comment.

Political Correspondent

THE Democratic Party's deputy spokesman on law and order, Mr Jan van Eck, said yesterday that the arrest of five ANC members in connection with the murder of ANC activist Mr Pro Jack "not only came as a shock but is unsettling and confusing".

However, this development did not eliminate his original suspicions about police involvement in the murder as it

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was still possible that those responsible might be "askaris" — former MK members who now work for the security forces.

Mr Van Eck said his earlier call for the ANC

to suspend those arrested "has nothing to do with the merits of the case or an implication that they are guilty".

He added: "My call does not mean that I am involved in a battle or war with the ANC."

Mr Van Eck praised the work of the police in investigating the murder of Mr Jack and said they should be congratulated on producing people who could be charged.

Free soon:
4 MK men
named

JOHANNESBURG. —
The ANC yesterday re-
leased the names of four
uMkhonto weSizwe cad-
res expected to be re-
leased from a Botswana
prison shortly.

They are Mr Joseph Ja-
bulani Skosana, Mr Al-
fred Zwili, Mr James Se-
gale and Mr Solomzi
Enoch Buyile.

ANC international af-
fairs department spokes-
man Mr Stanley Mabi-
zela said the Botswana
government had contact-
ed the ANC on Wednes-
day and requested them
to advise Gaborone as to
what arrangements were
being made to receive
the four cadres.

Eleven other prison-
ers, seven of them mem-
bers of the PAC and four
commandos of the
SADF, were also expect-
ed to be released.

However, further de-
tails were not available,
said Botswana's infor-
mation director, Mr Ted
Makgekgenene. — Sapa

Sabta 'disowns' pamphlet

THE Southern Africa Black Taxi Association (Sabta) has disassociated itself from a pamphlet in which the peace efforts of the Mayor of Cape Town Mr Frank van der Walde and the peace committee are attacked.

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The pamphlet, issued in the name of Sabta and its affiliates Webta and Lagunya, and distributed among taxi commuters, alleges that the taxi war was continuing because "local political leaders will not allow the taxi industry to sort out its own problems".

ANC

urges land sales freeze

THE ANC's first rural conference has called for a moratorium on major land sales, particularly in rural reserves and homelands, until a national land dispensation has been negotiated.

The conference, held in Worcester at the weekend, urged government to call in the debts of unproductive farmers and distribute their land to productive, disadvantaged communities.

More than 300 delegates attended the two-day conference, which was organised to identify development problems in rural areas and strengthen the ANC's organisational structures there.

The conference called for the formation of a land claims court to address the grievances of dispossessed communities and to make legal aid available to help them regain their land.

The conference also resolved to

urge the establishment of a permanent land commission to assist rural communities, involved in land struggles. Immediate efforts should also be made to acquire vacant land to assist communities facing land shortages.

Communities should "consider occupying such vacant land to highlight their plight", an ANC news release said.

The conference also called for an investigation into ways of limiting the amount of farms which one person could own.

It reiterated the ANC's rejection of local authority structures, such as management committees. Local communities should not, where possible, enter into negotiations "with such puppet structures", the conference decided.

Delegates expressed concern at

the restrictions on organising ANC branches in rural areas, where, they said, local ANC structures were often refused access to venues and farmers usually did not allow workers to attend meetings or join political parties.

GERALD REILLY reports that the Free State Agricultural Union is to ask government to subsidise farmers' production credit interest rates down to a maximum of 8%.

In a statement yesterday union president Piet Gous said unless government agreed, hundreds of farmers would be unable to work their land with serious consequences for food production. A big drop in production was inevitable with interest rates at current levels. This year alone farmers would pay R2,5bn in interest on massive debt of around R17bn.

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Medics paid out for wrongful arrest

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Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The Minister of Law and Order has paid tens of thousands of rands in an out-of-court settlement to 11 doctors and health workers arrested on "Purple Saturday" — September 2 1989, a day of mass protest in Cape Town.

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The minister has not made any admissions in making the payments.

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'Purple Saturday' settlement

more than 21 doctors, nurses, medical students and other health workers, all wearing clearly distinguishable Red Cross badges, who appeared in court late on the day of protest.

They reported being variously arrested, beaten, teargassed, sprayed with purple dye, having their first-aid kits searched, and being ordered to move mobile units and clinics during the day.

The medics said the police action in preventing them from treating people injured during the protest was a direct contravention of the Geneva Convention and the Tokyo Declaration, both of which South Africa was a signatory.

The police were also strongly condemned by University of

Cape Town vice-chancellor Dr Stuart Saunders and by staff of UCT's faculty of medicine.

In a hard-hitting statement, Dr Saunders said one doctor had been held for 10 hours and he and his colleagues had not been given food or water for seven hours — "and then only when they had access to lawyers".

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In its statement, UCT's faculty of medicine expressed grave concern that police had prevented medical personnel from attending casualties.

Professor Ralph Kirsh of the university's medical school said the arrest of the medics had made a mockery of the word "civilisation" as it applied to South Africa.

Minister pays out to medics

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South Africa faces crisis of identity

THROUGH the concrete canyons of Johannesburg came a burst of AK-47 gunfire.

Pools of blood, shattered glass, four corpses and 50 spent cartridges littered the floor of the First National Bank in the central business district.

Another day, another armed robbery: this time the gunmen were caught by helicopter-borne police.

It has become all too frequent an occurrence.

"We are," said First National's Gerry Christy, "now fighting a war."

A few blocks away in Commissioner Street, I was caught up in a demonstration of 10 000 Inkatha supporters with white head-bands and Zulu shields, protesting against township violence with an awesome command of the central streets of Johannesburg.

Their average age was about 15 and each carried steel bars, or wooden staves, sharpened to a point. A bystander said the staves were waved and carried for ritual purposes only. You could have fooled me.

This is a city and this is a country in which the drama for its heart and future has reached a turning point. SA is not facing only great violence. It faces, unless action is taken, economic oblivion.

It is an economy of contrasts. Inflation is at 15%, prime rate is 20.25%, industrial output is down 4.2% and retail sales down 1.8%.

The industrial index of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, a hothouse created by exchange controls and restrictions on buying overseas equities, is soaring. Anglo American in the van.

But there is appalling violence at Anglo's President Steyn mine in the Free State. More than 80 miners have been killed in tribal fighting — ostensibly over the introduction of 10% VAT — between the members of the Sotho tribe in the mine hostel and the Xhosa.

The details, omitted by the press here,

BILL JAMIESON of the Sunday Telegraph in London, paints a depressing picture of a land in the torment of change

suggest a ferocity that almost defies belief.

Each evening in Johannesburg's central business district brings the sound of police sirens, an event now so commonplace as to barely figure in conversation. Businessmen are advised to leave the area at night — or stay in their hotels.

In the northern suburb of Saxonwold, the dinner party redoubt of South Africa's rich English liberals, the moment of truth dawned.

Famous for rattling their 22-carat diamonds and lifestyles in support of the liberation struggle behind high-voltage security fencing, 400 turned out for an anti-crime rally. It was like Glenda Jackson supporters in Hampstead throwing a benefit for the police.

The Democratic MP for Houghton (the constituency where Harry Oppenheimer lives) demanded that the Government and the African National Congress end "the terror of lawlessness".

He said the whites of northern Johannesburg were "as mad as hell and they're simply not going to sit back and take any more".

I looked across Pretoria from the top floor of the new Reserve Bank.

From here, the view of three economic dilemmas is sharply focused.

The first for Reserve Bank Governor Chris Stals is how to hold inflation in check in the face of vast social spending pressure: about 17.5-million people (47% of the population) live in households below the minimum living level of R895 a month. About R15 billion would be needed to raise these households to the minimum living level.

The second dilemma is how, in the absence of rising gold and commodity prices, which have in the past lifted this country out of crisis, to kick-start the economy.

According to Johannesburg Consolidated Investment economist Ronnie Behllem, merely to balance off the increase in the

economically active population here would require "a highly unlikely" growth in jobs of 4.2% a year and a staggering growth in gross domestic product of 13.1%.

That is a measure of the crisis ahead of constitutional talks this month.

But the real nightmare is that ANC statements about nationalisation and talks of "reviewing" foreign-debt commitments not only put the skids under foreign confidence but render absurd the notion of international Monetary Fund and World Bank millions heading for South Africa.

Given the \$100-billion that the World Bank estimates will be needed for Eastern European reconstruction, what chance has Southern Africa?

Economists here are convinced a flood of capital and aid is a pipe dream until a radical economic strategy is devised, one that turns on its head every colonial socialist nostrum that has brought the rest of Africa to its knees.

Leon Louw of the Free Market Foundation believes that, if SA is to be spared oblivion, it has to become a low-tax, investment-attractive and entrepreneurially driven economy.

He believes no money will come until foreign investors can both earn competitive returns and remit them. Not only do exchange controls and tariffs have to go to, but the ANC has to abandon "redistributive" taxation.

A corporate tax cut to 15% from 48% and the lifting of most blacks out of the tax net offer the best hope of creating more black employment. This would achieve ANC economic aspirations and turn SA into a powerhouse for the regeneration of sub-Saharan Africa.

This is important for the West. SA pro-

vides 80% of our platinum, used in cleaning exhaust emissions. It has the largest reserves of gold, chromium, rhodium, vanadium, uranium and, through a joint venture between Gencor and Anglo American, is about to build one of the world's largest stainless-steel plants.

It provides 40% of Africa's industrial production and generates 60% of its electricity. If the lights go out in SA, they will go out across the sub-Saharan continent.

The lives of most Africans depend on SA not muddling through, but being a big success story.

What has fuelled the rise in the market is the privatisation of the Post Office pension funds, which are now allowed to buy equities.

These are the funds the ANC would like to take into public ownership.

Ironically, more Anglo American stock is now owned by the black National Union of Mineworkers than the Oppenheimer family.

The politicians have put more privatisation on the back burner. But it is impossible to see how anything like the social programme of a new government can be fulfilled without big privatisation receipts.

Above all, what is required is vision: the tribal conflicts that mar Alan Paton's "beloved country" need to give way to a greater sense of citizenship and a sense of the economic power Southern Africa could become.

The trouble with SA is that everybody knows what he wants. What really matters is a grasp of who they wish to be.

Give a people a sense of who they are, and there is no stopping them.

Antonie Gildenhuys retired on November 5 as president of the Transvaal Law Society. On November 7 he was elected chairman of the National Peace Secretariat.

With the possible exception of his wife, nobody was more surprised than Antonie Gildenhuys.

Partly, that's because hardly anybody knows about it, and thereby hangs a question.

Dr Gildenhuys is now one of the most central figures in the most major national quest of our times, the quest to supercharge the erection of hundreds of peace committees blanketing the trouble-spots of the land.

Insofar as this is the business of the Secretariat — as distinct from the National Peace Committee or the National Peace Commission — Antonie Gildenhuys is the central figure.

The way things might have been, his accession to the job could have been trumpeted and fanfared across the nation.

The way things are ... well, had you heard of Antonie Gildenhuys until about half a minute ago?

The way things are is the way the Secretariat wants them to be. The field is thick with sensitivities and Dr Gildenhuys, like everyone, is strong on avoiding the upsets of media controversy.

That is not hard to understand. And yet ... the question must be asked. If the Peace Initiative is to fly high, doesn't it need an up-front leadership to grip public imagination? Do we not need clear and obvious cap-

Peace Secretariat is 'learning fast' how to play a role



By DENIS BECKETT

tains of peace whose faces and voices and histories become as well known as those of party politicians?

Maybe the peace leaders are right. Maybe the low-key approach will do the job. But, maybe there will soon be an urgent need for a corps of visible peacemakers to be looked up to.

The good news is that when it comes to the matter of people looking up to someone, in Dr Gildenhuys's case you have to crick your neck: he's one of the tallest men in Africa.

More than that, he comes to the peace arena with a healthy dose of genuine charm, with a Grade A rating in legal circles for both integrity and energy, and with hands wholly unsullied by any prior contact whatsoever with politics.

Which, frankly, is why he's chairman. Nobody wants to say so in so many words — sensitivities, y'know — but the fact is that none of the five politicians on the Secretariat were overjoyed at the prospect of a rival politician taking the top seat.

Happily, the nominee of the Association of Law Societies fitted the bill to a T. Antonie Gildenhuys arrived at his first meeting expecting a strictly backroom role in this unfamiliar company of activists. Next thing he knew, he was Mr Chairman.

He went home bemused. A busy partner in a hard-headed legal practice, did he need this?

"I talked it over with my wife and we decided: Well, if everybody was always too busy, nobody would do the job. I had to do it."

And he does it. Deon Rudman, No 2 man at the Department of Justice, was seconded full time to the Secretariat. Premises were procured in the NGK's Sinodale Sentrum in Pretoria, and the committee — the Nationalists' Gert Myburgh MP, Suzanne Vos of Inkatha, the Labour Party's Craven Collis MP, Jayendra Naidoo for the ANC alliance, and the DP's Peter Gastrow MP — burnt much midnight oil and nearly as much jet fuel.

It had taken the Secretariat nearly two months to come into existence. In the last two weeks they have been making up time, setting up Dispute Resolution Committees in five key regions — Natal, Eastern and Western Cape, Ciskei and the Witwatersrand.

For Dr Gildenhuys it has been a frenetic time and a profoundly moving time. "I had been in townships before, to functions in my Law Society capacity, but I hadn't known anything like this."

The Secretariat's approach has been to seek first the blessing of the top leadership, each region's "main players", and then to build downwards. The setting up has been, says Dr Gildenhuys, "very much more time-consuming and energy-consuming than I had anticipated."

For one thing, the weight of emotion hangs heavy.

"We had expected deep feelings, but when you see how deep the feelings are, you are still taken aback. We have taken the view that it is better to let it come out, to give everyone a full opportunity to unburden rather than to have grievances smouldering. That means a sounder basis for the establishment of the committees, but also of course a slower basis."

Then, the Peace Accord also specifies that committees "will be" comprised of a whole multitude of interest groups — including churches, trade unions, industry, etc. That means more time, and some delicate selection.

"It wouldn't help to have the committees dominated by, for example, well-meaning business organisations that are not really central to the conflicts."

Moreover, the Secretariat is still operating without a budget, pending clarity on what the budget needs to cover. Dr Gildenhuys notes that it may entail looking for outside sponsorship.

There are problems. There are also rewards. For Dr Gildenhuys, one of these has been the development of a team spirit within the Secretariat.

"We have acquired a personal understanding with each other. We see eye to eye on the need to quell violence, and that is our brief: we are to assist communities to set up structures that eliminate violence, we're not to look for political solutions."

After three weeks in the job, Dr Gildenhuys feels emotionally devastated but suffused with determination.

"Meeting people in direct touch with violence has given me a great sense of urgency, a great realisation that we have to succeed. We have a lot to learn but we're learning fast, sparing no effort to play our part."

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Amnesty
team begins
investigation

JOHANNESBURG. — A four-member Amnesty International team yesterday began a two-week investigation into political killings and allegations of security force complicity.

The team said yesterday that Amnesty International had expressed concern that in some cases members of the security forces appeared to be directly implicated in the killings.

"In other cases the police and other authorities appear to have failed to take appropriate action to bring those responsible to account."

The organisation had noted there had been positive developments in some areas since 1990.

"However, Amnesty International is gravely concerned at the deterioration in other areas of human rights."

They said they would be looking at the effectiveness of structures created under the National Peace Accord.

Poster for peace

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THE South African Association for Early Childhood Education says the peace accord is a political first step to achieving peace in the country.

The second step, it says, is getting ordinary people to help stop the killings, the violence and the destruction.

The association has created a poster called "Recover from violence", which highlights ways to create peace - coping skills and activities and caring attitudes to rebuild violated communities.

These posters, together with explanations, ideas and articles on conflict resolution, are available from the association in what has been called a Peace Pack, at a small fee.

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Body 'monitoring' taxi war

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Staff Reporter

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THE Cape Town Peace Committee is monitoring the taxi violence and is hoping to broker a solution soon, Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde said yesterday.

Mr Van der Veld said the South African Black Taxi Association (SABTA) was trying to negotiate an agreement between L. C. Dlamini and Webta taxi associations while the committee was negotiating new regulations.

He said the SADF had brought considerable calm in the townships and hoped that the other measures by the committee and Sabta would bring about permanent peace.

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Taxi-man shot in daylight

Staff Reporter

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A LAGUNYA mini-bus taxi driver was shot in the back in broad daylight yesterday after his vehicle had been forced from the N2 near Bonteheuwel by two Webta taxi drivers in separate vehicles, police said last night.

Police spokesman Captain Attie Laubscher said the vehicles had been identified by an eye-witness to the shooting who was later interviewed by police.

Captain Laubscher said the eye-witness, who worked at a nearby business concern, had reported that the incident happened about 12.20pm.

Shots were fired through the windscreen and roof of the unidentified Lagunya driver's taxi

and he was hit in the back. The Webta drivers then sped off.

The injured man was taken by ambulance to Groote Schuur Hospital, where he was in a satisfactory condition last night, Captain Laubscher said.

No arrests had been made and police were investigating.

Captain Laubscher said: "We have had 48 hours of calm and it's a pity that this incident has marred the peace process that the police and other bodies are involved in."

He appealed to members of the community to help police prevent taxi-related violence and said police were still patrolling potential conflict areas.

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Staff Reporter

PASSENGERS fled in terror as a taxi-driver was beaten up at a Mowbray garage yesterday morning when a group of rival taximen apparently avenged an earlier attack on them.

Mr Aaron du Toit of Speedway Taxis, who was attacked with a wheel-wrench, said he and several colleagues had chased his attackers — from Central Taxis — out of "our territory" in Bonteheuwel earlier that day.

Residents and garage atten-

Taxi-driver attacked in Mowbray

dants in Mowbray later watched as Mr Du Toit's passengers fled while he was pulled out of his taxi and beaten up.

Mr Du Toit said he would not

report the attack to police as, "there's no point — this thing will just get bigger if they come".

"In this game your life is always in danger."

Asked what he planned to do, he said: "I'll sort it out the same way they did ... the taxi game is full of gangsters".

Mr Du Toit said the incident had "nothing to do with Lagunya and Webta" — a reference to the ongoing violence between two rival township taxi associations.

Students for townships?

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By RAMOTENA MABOTE

MANY students at the University of Stellenbosch could find themselves in the front line of the taxi violence in less than four weeks, if the SADF decides not to withdraw its troops from the townships soon.

Western Province Command spokesman Lieutenant Johann van Schalkwyk said yesterday that the present Cape Corps unit was supposed to leave before Christmas.

He said that, if the time for them to leave came before the decision to withdraw from townships, the students would be called up to replace them and maintain the peace.

● WP Command decided yesterday not to withdraw the call-up of Lieutenant Wolfgang Marnitz of Vredehoek, despite the protest by members of his family at the Castle on Wednesday.

The head of the Command, Brigadier D.P. Lamprecht, yesterday said that in an emergency meeting on the matter, he had personally studied the case. He said that in Mr Marnitz's interest, he was advised to report for his call-up next Monday.

Six wounded as gunmen open fire

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Crime Reporter

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FIVE hotel employees and a minibus driver were wounded in KTC, Guguletu, when unknown gunmen opened fire from both sides of a street with automatic rifles, a police spokesman said yesterday.

Captain Attie Laubscher said the incident occurred during the early hours of Saturday morning while minibus driver Mr

Warren Jacobs, 23, was transporting five employees from Arthur's Seat Hotel in Sea Point to their homes.

He said that in Mgod Street gunmen opened fire on the minibus. All six occupants, who were wounded, were admitted to Groote Schuur Hospital and later discharged.

Captain Laubscher said the police had picked up 22 spent cartridges at the scene which would be sent to Pretoria for ballistics tests.

The motive for the attack was unknown. However, the gunmen may have mistaken the mini-

bus for one belonging to a rival taxi organisation in the ongoing taxi war.

A manager at Arthur's Seat Hotel declined to comment on the incident last night.

Taxi bodies consulted

THE Cape Town Peace Committee began consultations at the weekend with Webta and Lagunya, the two taxi associations involved in the city's taxi war.

The committee was convened after last week's Peace Conference in Cape Town, which was called by the Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Frank van der Velde, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. — Sapa