

RIOTS & DISTURBANCES — NATAL

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Girl and two men killed as mob of 100 torch homes

DURBAN. — In a dawn attack 100 men killed a 16-year-old girl and two men and set 12 homes alight in Mkhobeni township near Richmond.

Police and soldiers were fired at and shot back. Later 12 people were arrested.

In all, renewed violence in the predominantly Inkatha area claimed the lives of seven people at the weekend.

And police said five people were found dead in the Magoda area after a mob attacked seven houses with automatic weapons.

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Yesterday it was reported that gunmen, thought to be carrying AK-47s, had entered Imbali Stage Two in the Maritzburg district. Patrolling police heard about 30 shots being fired at them.

They saw a man who had been shot in the stomach being placed in a minibus.

On Saturday Mr Mnikwa Jma, 36, was found shot and stabbed in Spepisi township near Richmond.

In Mbuba, Greytown, a prominent Inkatha member narrowly escaped death when a hand-grenade was thrown at his shop.

In the unrest report for the 24 hours ending at midnight on Saturday police reported that a man was shot dead in Khayelitsha and another was wounded. Two minibuses were set on fire.

In Bridgeton, Oudtshoorn, police were stoned and a constable was injured.

Police found the body of a man with stab and gunshot wounds in Siepesisiedie, Natal.

— Sapa.

Gang on rampage shoot ⁽²⁷⁶⁾ and stab

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — A gang of men went on the rampage at Durban station yesterday stabbing, shooting and beating so-called members of the ANC after a meeting at the King Zwelithini stadium at Umlazi.

Nine people were injured in the attack and taken to King Edward VIII Hospital.

A train commuter, who did not wish to be named, said that at Reunion station he saw a number of young men alighting and fleeing from the train in which he was travelling.

"They said it was because members of Inkatha brandishing weapons were waiting at Reunion station after an Inkatha meeting and they believed their lives were in danger.

"They seemed to be ANC members," he said.

Later the man said he heard Inkatha supporters on the train saying they should take revenge because the youths were going to tell people they (Inkatha) had been making trouble.

SAP spokesman Captain Bala Naidoo said a man had been arrested and a home-made firearm confiscated.

● Wedding guests hurt in shooting — Page 2

Armed men kill seven in township

A GROUP of about 100 armed men attacked and killed a 16-year-old girl and two men and set 12 homes alight in Mkhobeni township near Richmond on Sunday.

Police and Defence Force personnel were fired at and shot back and later 12 people were arrested, police liaison officer Captain Henry Budhram said in Maritzburg. Mkhobeni is a predominantly Inkatha area. (276)

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Police yesterday received a report that a group of gunmen, thought to be carrying AK-47 rifles, had entered Imbali in the Maritzburg district.

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In another incident in the Mbuba area in Greytown, a prominent member of Inkatha narrowly escaped death when a handgrenade was thrown at his shop.

17 killed in Mooi River township violence

DURBAN.—Seventeen people have been killed and 10 houses burnt down in an orgy of violence in Mooi River's Bruntville township since Tuesday evening.

The situation in both Bruntville and Mooi River was quiet but extremely tense yesterday and security force members were patrolling the area.

Many women and children have fled from the township. There is con-

cern for the plight of those left homeless after attacks and who are afraid to return.

Mooi River town was virtually deserted yesterday as township residents stayed at home, while troop carriers and police vehicles patrolled the area.

The few township men seen walking around Mooi River were, almost without exception, armed with traditional weapons such as sticks and

spears.

Natal ANC and IFP leaders met in Durban yesterday to try to set up Natal's Regional Dispute Resolution Committee in terms of the National Peace Accord.

The Black Sash Repression Monitoring Group yesterday said more than 1 200 people had been killed in politically-related violence in Natal since the beginning of the year.

● The body of a man with bullet

wounds was found in Alexandra township, north of Johannesburg and a policeman was wounded by gunmen in Dobsonville, Soweto, and robbed of his firearm, according to the police unrest report issued yesterday morning.

In the Western Cape a number of minibuses taxis were attacked.

A Sharpeville teenager was killed and another man injured in a shooting incident on Tuesday night. —

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Death of 17 at Maritzburg 'unlawful' (276)

MARITZBURG. — The Regional Court here found yesterday that the killing of 17 people at Kwashange near here on February 10 this year was unlawful, but that it was impossible to determine the identity of the persons responsible.

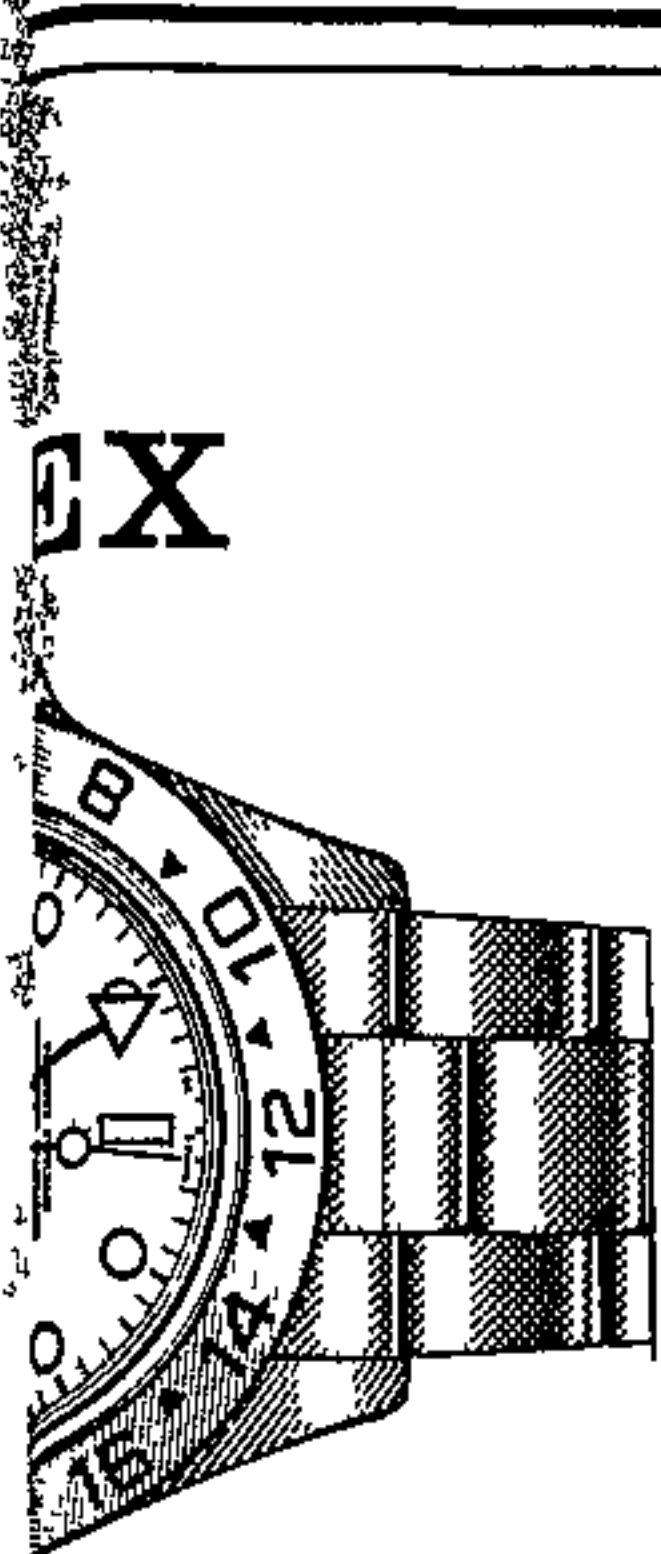
Magistrate Mr G J Barnard said the evidence did not support reports that the two buses which were carrying Inkatha supporters from a rally were ambushed or came under attack by heavy gunfire before stopping. He said it was more probable that the drivers were instructed to stop by passengers who wanted to chase away youths who had stoned the buses.

Mr Barnard said there was no reason why all the buses could not have followed a "safe" route used daily by 50 buses. The court found that a chain of events led to the tragic massacre. — Sapa

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16 die in ANC, Inkatha clash

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DURBAN — Sixteen people
died in fighting between In-
katha and ANC supporters
on Tuesday and yesterday
at Mooi River's Bruntville
township in the Natal Mid-
lands, police said.

Police said ANC support-
ers attacked Inkatha hostel
dwellers on Tuesday after-
noon, sparking the violence.
Some houses were burned
down in the ensuing chaos.

Inkatha Institute spokes-
man on violence Kim Hodg-
son said about 20 ANC sup-
porters had attacked the
Bruntville hostel twice on
Tuesday, "firing indis-
criminately at hostel dwell-
ers and nearby residents".
The ANC and some Brunt-
ville residents, however,
disputed police and Inkatha
versions of the violence.

Meanwhile, Natal ANC
and IFP leaders met in
Durban yesterday to try to
set up Natal's regional dis-
pute resolution committee
in terms of the national
peace accord. *(276)*

An ANC spokesman said
the meeting had been "pro-
ductive". Another meeting
would be held soon to set up
the committee. — Sapa.

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17 die in Natal orgy of violence

MARITZBURG — A total of 17 people have been killed and 10 houses burnt down in an orgy of violence in Mooi River's Bruntville township since Tuesday.

Bruntville and Mooi River were quiet but tense yesterday as security force members patrolled the area.

Many women and children have fled the township and there is concern for those left homeless.

Efforts were being made late yesterday to find shelter for about 40 children who had taken refuge with their mothers at a petrol station near Bruntville.

Small groups of women and children, carrying their posses-

ions, some heading towards town and others hitching lifts on the N3 freeway.

Township administrator Pieter Breytenbach, clearly shaken by the killings and destruction, toured Bruntville with Democratic Party MP for Mooi River Wessel Nel.

"Our immediate problem is to try to find shelter for those whose houses were burnt down last night," said Mr Breytenbach. By late yesterday arrangements had been made for them to spend the night in a church hall where they would be given food.

Mr Breytenbach put the death toll at 17 and said 10

houses had been torched. He said he had previously been encouraged by the progress made in the township.

Mooi River town was virtually deserted yesterday as township residents stayed at home.

Police spokesman Captain Henry Budhrum said the unrest erupted at 5.30 pm on Tuesday when a group fired shots at the White City hostel, wounding a man in the stomach.

Youths then attacked hostel dwellers and a house nearby. Hostel dwellers retaliated, stabbing two men and two women to death and injuring a woman and girl (6). — Own Correspondent.

Rightwingers guilty

Two right-wing students appeared before the disciplinary committee of Stellenbosch University relating to the disruption of a meeting addressed by Nelson Mandela on a campus in May this year. Riaan Bredell and Albert Smit were found guilty and each got suspended sentences of R1 000 and R1 500.

Youth congress

The ANC Youth League will hold its 17th national congress in Siyabuswa, Kwa-Ndebele, from Monday to Thursday next week.

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ANC's no to riot cops in Richmond

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ABOUT 1 000 ANC supporters marched to the boundary of Richmond yesterday and handed a memorandum to the riot unit officials.

In the memorandum, they rejected the official state of unrest in the area and calling for the immediate removal of riot police from the Ndoleni Township.

Chairman of the Richmond ANC branch, Mr Sifiso Nkabeni alleged that riot police were harassing and killing Ndoleni residents as well giving Inkatha supporters free reign to attack ANC residents.

"We are no longer prepared to tolerate harassment of our people nor are we prepared to accept the imposition of the state of unrest as it is a crime against humanity."

Nkabeni also criticised the riot police for contravening the National Peace Accord which stated that all policemen had to wear some form of identity.

Warrant Officer OM Seonath of the South African Police accepted the memorandum from Ms Gloria Mthembu, secretary for the ANC Richmond branch, assuring her that he would hand the document over to the magistrate for consideration.

Woman, man killed in Natal stabbings (276)

PRETORIA. — A woman at Rhomela, Port Shepstone, was killed when a mob stabbed her and a man was stabbed to death in Malagazi, Durban, police said in their daily unrest report.

In Cape Town police arrested five men for stoning minibuses in Nyanga.

In the Western Transvaal, nine men were arrested for intimidation at Valspan, Jan Kempdorp.

In another incident, a handgrenade exploded in a private home in Thokoza, Alberton. No injuries were reported but the building was damaged. Police are investigating.

Yesterday morning there were reports of an attack on a commuter train in Johannesburg, but these were denied by Witwatersrand police, who said policemen and ambulance personnel who went to the scene found nothing.

The police unrest report said 12 people had been killed in group clashes in Bruntville, Mooi River, on Tuesday. Yesterday it was reported that there had been 18 deaths. — Sapa

House of Representatives

Natal bears brunt of new wave of violence

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Despite efforts by Peace Accord structures and the promise of negotiations for a new constitution getting under way, there has been a renewed surge of unrest and violence countrywide.

The taxi war in Cape Town continues to simmer; a consumer boycott has been called over the festive season; Richmond in the Natal Midlands has been declared an unrest area; and electricity to four black townships in the Vaal Triangle — which will affect about 400 000 people — is scheduled to be cut off from Monday.

● At Richmond, a 60-year-old farmer was shot at yesterday by gunmen hiding on his farm — his second narrow escape in two days.

On Wednesday, Thomas Rae of Progress farm fired shots at an armed man who had thrown a barricade across his farm road. Police, helped by a helicopter crew, were searching for the gunman yesterday.

● Richmond was declared an unrest area in terms of a special Government Gazette on Wednesday after 10 people had been killed in the area over the past week. Yesterday about 300 ANC-supporting women staged a march on the town, demanding that riot police be removed from the nearby townships.

● According to the latest police unrest report, 18 people died and four were hurt on Wednesday when two groups attacked each other at Bruntville in northern Natal.

At least half of the dead were women, two of the victims were children under the age of 10 and another two victims were elderly pensioners.

The killings followed an ANC march on Saturday of Bruntville residents to Mooi River to demand that police enforce a ban on the public bearing of arms in the area.

● In two other incidents on Wednesday, a woman was attacked and killed by a mob on Natal's South Coast and a man was slain in similar fashion near Durban.

● The Azanian People's Organisation has called for a "black Christmas" boycott aimed mainly at white businesses. Although the ANC rejected the call, the consumer boycott is set to begin as planned on December 16 in some areas.

● Yesterday it was announced there would be mass electricity cuts in Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Boipatong and Bophelong townships in the Vaal Triangle.

Township administrators said there had been a steady decline in monthly payments for services. All suburbs where fewer than 65 percent of residents had paid their accounts would be blacked out from Monday.

The administrators rejected complaints about the non-delivery of accounts and said these were in any case available at council offices.

● In Cape Town the war between taxi operators from rival organisations Webta and Lagunya continues, despite the efforts of a peace committee involving Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Five men were arrested on Wednesday for stoning two Webta taxis. Police yesterday announced they had arrested 249 people in 552 taxi war-related incidents since clashes between the rival groups broke out in March.

● The PWV area remained relatively quiet, but yesterday morning there were reports of an attack on a commuter train in Johannesburg. These were denied by Witwatersrand police who said trains were delayed and commuters were seen leaving the coaches and running to the next station so as not to be late for work. — Sapa.

'IFP leader at Midlands massacre'

TOWNSHIP residents in Bruntville, near Mooi River allege they saw Inkatha leader David Ntombela at Bruntville hostel shortly before hostel-dwellers staged a bloody massacre that left about 20 people dead.

The volatile Natal Midlands township erupted at dawn on Wednesday when witnesses say men armed with spears and pangas stormed out of the hostel gates and indiscriminately attacked residents.

Ntombela said he went to the Bruntville hostel on Tuesday night to collect two residents, Alex Sokhela and Heavystone Zaga, for a meeting in

Estcourt. While at the meeting, Ntombela said, they heard that members of the African National Congress had attacked the hostel. One Bruntville resident, however, charges that Sokhela was one of a group of men who stoned his house.

Thus latest spate of violence brings the death toll in Bruntville since September to almost 70, according to lawyers. Lawyers have estimated that this week's figures include nine women, two pensioners and two children. Scores of people have fled the devastated area after their homes were petrol-bombed or stoned.

The trouble began on Tuesday

A three-phase attack that began early on Tuesday morning and ended 24 hours later left at least 20 people dead. **CASSANDRA MOODLEY** reports on the bloody Mooi River massacre.

when hostel inmates allegedly went on the rampage twice in less than 10 hours and then unleashed the final attack early on Wednesday morning, say residents.

Accounts by witnesses detail a seemingly expertly planned three-phased attack; Ntombela's co-incidental presence; a police raid on resi-

dents' homes for AK47s and police allegedly failing to apprehend hostel-dwellers during the attack.

South African Clothing and Textile Workers' Union organiser Mali Maphalala, who lives in Bruntville, related how it all started: "On Tuesday morning 300 armed hostel-dwellers began advancing towards the location."

According to Maphalala about 80 "comrades" brought the mob to a halt when they "fired a few shots into the air".

"At about 7pm I saw Ntombela coming out of the hostel. He spoke to some policemen in a Sierra and then

drove off. Fifteen minutes later a larger mob emerged from the hostel, this time with guns." Maphalala said a battle broke out when ANC supporters tried to prevent the mob from entering the location. A South African Defence Force Casspir and a police van drove past the scene but "they did nothing to stop the inmates from advancing". The scene ended in one resident being stabbed and later dying.

Shortly after this second attack, alleges Robinson Ngubane, "police fired on me. Two police Kombis and a van were parked under the trees. As I approached, I saw a flash of light and heard a shot coming from where the police were parked."

After the 7pm attack police allegedly began raiding residents' homes. Mxolisi Mthembu told how "four white policemen stormed the house. They held a gun to my throat, hit my friend and demanded we give them our guns".

Apparently an off-duty SAP member, Lucky Madlala, intervened and then only did the police leave the house. Shortly before midnight Maphalala said he spotted a "big truck, Kombi and two cars arrive at the hostel. Some people got out and then the vehicles drove away".

The final scene of the massacre began at about 4.30am. Mncedisi Mthetwa said he was awakened by gun shots. When he looked out the window he saw two SAP vans parked outside and hostel inmates brandishing traditional weapons descending on the sleeping location.

Witnesses say the group split into two and surrounded the location, making it impossible for the residents to escape. While fleeing his house later, Mthetwa said he saw police fire tear-gas over the hostel-dwellers and into the mass of fleeing residents. "I heard shots coming from around the vicinity of the police van." He also alleges he saw Ntombela near the hostel.

But many who fled the advancing mob did not survive. Miriam Zoka related how she saw Khanyisele Majola stabbed on her doorstep. "About 4.45am I heard somebody crying and banging on my door. When I opened the door I saw a man with a red head band pulling a spear out of Khanyisele's body and a group of men running towards the house."

Lawyers and residents believe this week's massacre was a revenge attack on ANC supporters for their march through Mooi River last Saturday. The march was to demand that police enforce the prohibition of the public bearing of weapons.

Bruntville residents have alleged in affidavits that the hostel dwellers armed with traditional weapons have intimidated, assaulted and killed community members, and that police have acted in a biased fashion.

Two weeks ago the National Peace Commission of Inquiry said it was referring these allegations to the Peace Secretariat of the National Peace Accord because it did not have the resources to investigate the matter.

The police have announced that as from Wednesday the bearing weapons publicly in Mooi River and Bruntville will be prohibited and a mobile police station is to be set up in Bruntville.

Asked for comment, SAP representative Captain Henry Budhrum said police were in the area at the time of the attack. "Police realised there was trouble only when they saw a house on fire, and they were there within seconds." He said several arrests were made and that they were investigating a case of public violence against the hostel-dwellers.

Police have confirmed they raided the homes of Bruntville residents on Tuesday evening. They denied gun shots were fired but said teargas was fired on the attackers.



White is still right ... Diana Tilden-Davis and her two princesses

Photo: KEVIN CARTER

Black beauty loses pulchritude race

BLACK might be beautiful, but in the commerce and politics of the South African beauty industry white is still right.

This, really, is the significance of the row surrounding Diana Tilden-Davis' racial gaffe this week, when she allegedly told the visiting Miss Nigeria that the Miss South Africa contest attracted few black entrants because most black women "fall pregnant by the age of 15".

The day before the row broke, the co-organiser of the Miss South Africa contest, Vanessa Chemaly, told *The Weekly Mail* she thought "one reason why we have so few black contestants is that to enter, you have to be single and without children". Chemaly said out of 500 entrants only 50 were black, but emphasised that "we are fully multiracial and the winner is chosen by a multiracial panel. But, ultimately, we have to choose the best girl — not only in looks but in personality".

Tilden-Davis has tried to be sensitive about race: after her crowning in August, she said: "I believe we can all be sisters under the skin." Nice sentiments — but in this business, it is the skin that counts: its colour, its complexion and the way it fits over certain crucial bits of flesh.

Tilden-Davis, South Africa's first Miss World contestant in years, is being touted in the newspapers which have sponsored her — the *Sunday Times* and *Rapport* — as

The stakes are against black contestants in the beauty industry — that's the bottom line of the racial gaffe by Miss South Africa this week. By MARK GEVISSER

"our" representative in the international world of beauty. And so a few weeks ago in the *Sunday Times*, we saw photos of her trying out different kinds of national dress: the stereotyped Afro-ethnic and the equally stereotyped Voortrekker rokkie.

Which would she wear, asked the front-page story, acknowledging that in the "new" South Africa she had to represent all the people of the land.

Not surprisingly, it was revealed the next week that she would be wearing a more "neutral" number which served to accentuate her curves and her long, flowing hair rather than make her representative of any group of people.

In a statement issued a couple of weeks ago, the African National Congress Women's League said it "disassociates itself from the beauty industry generally", not only because beauty contests "vulgarise women and make them objects for money-makers" but because "the current white Miss South Africa does not represent the majority of our women".

If, with her blonde hair and blue eyes, Tilden-Davis does not repre-

sent the majority of South African women, who does she represent?

The answer is simple: She — or any "national" beauty queen, for that matter — is a commodity; a marketing device in the commerce of promotion and advertising which has "scientifically" determined what will attract attention, products and money.

What is odd, however, is that the choice of a rather standard blonde beauty contrasts so strongly with the marketing values of the "new" South Africa — values which, recognising the power of the black market, now place blacks with whites in advertising, and which the government itself has espoused in its "new" South Africa campaign.

Marketing experts insist that the future, commercial as well as political, is multi-coloured — in terms of what sells within the country and of how we wish to present ourselves to the international community. But Miss South Africa remains as white as ever, as white as the skins of the national cricket team. Why? The answer the promoters give is the same as the one given by the selectors of the cricket team: We chose the best people.

Comments Jane Raphaely, editor of *Femina* and *Cosmopolitan* magazines: "While black South African models do excellently here, they don't make it in the rest of the world."

The annual Cosmo Supermodel

competition, which aims to introduce top local models to the international scene, has had one black winner: Innocentia Moephuli. But, says Raphaely, "though she's top class she hasn't done so well elsewhere because magazines in the rest of the world prefer white to black models".

Even if the advertising and publishing worlds do not choose Miss South Africa directly, it is this set of interests that ultimately decides what she should look like. While a black winner would be a boon to magazines like *Tribute* and *Pace*, the magazines that make Miss South Africa a household name fear a black face on their covers would alienate readers and reduce advertising revenue.

"We would be delighted to carry a black Miss South Africa on our cover," says Raphaely, "but I doubt she would get as much coverage in the weekly and fortnightly publications as a white would."

Chemaly disagrees: "I really don't think it would make any difference if she were black or white. We would love a black Miss South Africa, but she can't just be a token."

Should there be affirmative action for black beauty-competition contestants?

"What difference would it make?" asks one woman. "If they chose a black Miss South Africa, they'd just be replacing a white bimbo with a black one. Big deal."

Police backed the impis, cop claims

By S'BU MNGADI 2/12/91

A NATAL Midlands policeman thought he and his family were going to die as their house came under attack by local Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers, allegedly backed by his own colleagues.

Twenty people – most of them women and children – were killed when Mooitex hostel dwellers launched a bloody 19-hour blitz on Bruntville near Mooi River, residents said.

They added as many as 100 houses were damaged or destroyed.

The policeman said: "My colleagues, including Sergeant Fourie, looked on nonchalantly from a few metres away as rampaging Inkatha impis unleashed their fury on the area known as White City.

"There I was – a policeman – fleeing with a pistol in hand from Inkatha, supported by my own colleagues. I have never felt so useless, embarrassed and helpless before the community I am supposed to protect," he said.

Across the valley, another local policeman's in-laws – a business family – had their palatial residence razed by petrol bombs and their shops ransacked by the raiders.

The policeman's wife, Lindiwe Zuma, was adamant she saw hostel dwellers and police firing wildly at houses.

However, a spokesman for the Maritzburg District Commissioner, Captain Henry Budhram, denied the allegations of police support.

Budhram put the death toll at 18, saying four peo-



FLEEING . . . Women leave Bruntville township (in the background) near Mooi River in Natal this week after Inkatha supporters, allegedly with brazen police backing, attacked their homes.

ple were killed on Tuesday when Mooitex hostel dwellers retaliated following an attack by "a group of youths believed to be ANC supporters".

He listed the dead as Nkosinathi Mthembu, 25, Jonathan Mnikathi, 65, Violet Ziqubu, 60, and Nomusa Duma, 50.

He said another 14 people died before dawn on Wednesday when "another attack took place" between hostel dwellers and "the ANC supporters of White City".

Budhram said police arrested 165 alleged Inkatha supporters "immediately after the violence".

According to the residents, the following pat-

tern of events took place: At about 10 am on Tuesday roughly 300 armed hostel dwellers were turned back by residents when they attempted to march on a local school.

About 15 minutes later hundreds of armed hostel dwellers poured out of the hostel and started attacking people and houses indiscriminately.

A police van and SADF buffel allegedly drove past the mob just before the attack, firing teargas at residents.

The hostel dwellers returned to the hostel and sang war songs until about 9 pm.

The SAP searched houses in White City for weapons. A hostel In-

katha leader, David Sosibo, confirmed they ordered the police to go and search certain houses for guns.

"They did so, but found nothing," he said.

This was denied by Captain Budhram, who said police searched the homes on their own initiative as part of a crime-prevention operation.

Township residents said at roughly 1.30 am on Wednesday a bus and two vehicles arrived at the hostel.

At about 4.45 am hundreds of hostel dwellers left the hostel and attacked Bruntville in an organised fashion.

Over a period of about one-and-a-half hours, at

least 14 people were killed. Most died of stab and hack wounds.

One resident alleged he saw an armed mob run past two SAP vans who took no action.

Most residents interviewed by City Press claimed they had positively identified a Sergeant Fourie of the Mooi River Police Station during the attacks.

Thandi Mkhize, 32, who lives near the hostel, observed the inmates assembling up until when, followed by police vehicles, they moved from house to house attacking

Police fired shots wildly at residents who were trying to defend their homes, she alleged.

Another police chief is probed

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By S'BU MNGADI

YET another Natal police chief is at the centre of a police murder probe.

Mooi River station commander Lieutenant George Nichas was this week suspended from the force after he was implicated in an alleged murder and attempted murder.

A statement released by the SAP public relations division in Pretoria said the lieutenant was implicated following the arrest of a number of murder suspects and following evidence heard during two inquests.

Ironically, Mooi River magistrate JJ Augustyn this week found that local police were not criminally responsible for the death of Bruntville resident Sibusiso Madela on June 16, last year.

Earlier in the week, Nichas told the inquest hearing that the police fired rubber bullets, shotguns and pistols at an unruly Bruntville crowd on the night in question, when police believed their lives to be in danger.

Nichas's alleged involvement was already being investigated by the SAP's Special Investigations Unit at the time of the inquest hearing.

The case docket would soon be forwarded to Natal Attorney-General Mike Imber, the police statement said.

Nichas has recently been a subject of complaints by local residents, clerics and lawyers to the Ministries of Law and Order and Justice.

Lawyers alleged in a memorandum to the two departments that he was involved in the fatal shooting of Madela. This complaint resulted in last

week's inquest.

The police chief also allegedly made a biased comment during a meeting with senior ANC officials in June this year.

When urged to take action against Bruntville hostel dwellers who were preparing to attack township residents, Nichas allegedly said he knew the Zulus very well and that one could not separate them until they were actually fighting.

The hostel inmates subsequently attacked and killed 18 residents.

Allegations have also been made by independent unrest monitors that Nichas has been observed drunk on duty.

In a shock development in August this year, Constable Nomusa Majola claimed Nichas was behind the April assassination of Bruntville ANC chairman Derrick Majola and his wife, Mavis.

In an affidavit held by Lawyers for Human Rights in Maritzburg, Majola said shortly before Derrick was killed she was called into Nichas' office.

In the room were other policemen who accused her of being an informer and questioned her about Derrick during a five-hour interrogation.

Nichas allegedly told her Derrick was going to be killed by Inkatha and warned if she continued visiting the ANC leader, Inkatha would kill her too. Police took away her service revolver on the eve of Derrick's assassination.

Meanwhile, two major cases involving senior Maritzburg policemen officers - who allegedly killed 12 people - have been postponed to early next year.

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Pamphlet attempt to sow confusion—Sabta chief

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Staff Reporter

THE South African Black Taxi Association (Sabta) has disassociated itself from a pamphlet in which the peace efforts of Cape Town mayor Mr Frank van der Velde, the Cape Town Peace Committee and some members of the Taxi Crisis Coordinating Committee (TCCC) are attacked.

The pamphlets, purportedly issued in the name of Sabta and two of its affiliates, Webta and Lagunya, were reported to have been dropped at taxi ranks in the townships yesterday.

The pamphlet, in English, said the reason the taxi war was continuing was because political leaders would not allow the taxi industry to sort out its problems.

"Yes, people like (mayor) Frank van der Velde, who is trying to show that he is better than Gordon Oliver (the former mayor) together with a white woman from the Black Sash who is being paid thousands of rands and who knows nothing about the taxi industry and some political fat cats in the townships are just trying to prove something to their followers and are not helping at all," the pamphlet read in part.

It also claimed taxi operators wanted peace and appealed to its readers to leave "taxi people to sort out their

own problems".

Sabta media manager Mr Fanyana Shiburi said in a statement the association "completely disassociates itself from the pamphlet and any similar statements that may appear elsewhere".

"We believe this is an attempt to sow confusion within the community and division among the various groups who are genuinely attempting to find a solution to the ongoing taxi crisis in the Western Cape."

"We acknowledge the past and present efforts of the Cape

Town Peace Committee and the TCCC in attempting to find a lasting solution to this problem," he said.

He also said Sabta had had "cordial" meetings with both the CTPC and the TCCC to solicit their support and assistance in the continuing peace efforts.

"Sabta will continue with its efforts and appeals to the community not to be misled by such mischief makers. As the mother body of both Webta and Lagunya Sabta is presently mediating in the conflict between the two associations."

Teenager shot dead

Crime Reporter

A MANENBERG teenager was shot dead and two of his friends were wounded when gangsters stormed a block of flats and opened fire.

A police spokesman said five men wearing balaclavas ran into Grieta Court in Manenberg Road about 9.30 pm on Sunday.

One of them fired a shot at Deon Booysen, 17, as he lay sleeping on the lounge floor of one of the flats. The bullet hit him in the right temple and killed him.

Mr Cyril September, 23, who was also sleeping in the lounge, was hit in the chest, legs and arms. He is in a critical condition.

Mr Andrew Swartz was shot in the left arm when he ran out of a bedroom. The attackers then fled.

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Six killed in (276)
ANC/Inkatha
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The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — At least six people have been killed in renewed fighting between supporters of the African National Congress and Inkatha members which has left a trail of destruction at Bruntville, near Mooi River.

Early today police reinforcements were rushed to the town to stop marching mobs from getting to the Mooi River town centre. A senior police officer said hundreds of people with an assortment of weapons were marching towards the police station.

About 8am police said six bodies had been discovered, but they expected the death toll to rise later in the day.

According to a spokesman for the Legal Resources Centre, hostel-dwellers are reported to have begun attacking Bruntville residents about 4.30am. Scores of residents were fleeing their homes.

Natal peace committee gets wide support

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — A Natal regional dispute resolution committee of 21 organisations and political parties was set up yesterday in terms of the national peace accord.

Similar structures are expected to be set up elsewhere — including the Witwatersrand, western Cape and Border — before the end of the week.

National peace secretariat chairman Antonie Gildenhuys said the committee's main task was to set up local dispute resolution committees to try to resolve violence at grassroots level.

An executive committee had been

formed, with one representative each from the ANC, Inkatha, the NP, the DP and the SAP. It would be co-chaired by Archbishop Denis Hurley, Roman Catholic archbishop of Durban, and M C Pretorius, president of the Natal Chamber of Industries.

Gildenhuys said it was encouraging that all the major players in Natal/KwaZulu had contributed. "We won't be able to eradicate violence overnight but we are certainly going to contain it."

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Taxi body forms talks team in bid to end war

VUSI KAMA, Staff Reporter

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THE Western Cape Black Taxis Association, one of the two warring taxi organisations, has announced its "commitment" to unity with its rival organisation, Lagunya, in a bid to end bloody hostilities.

At a Press conference yesterday at a Woodstock hotel, chairman Mr James Mafuya said his organisation had formed a 15-member negotiating team to hold unity talks with Lagunya and discuss "all pertinent issues".

The announcement was made after a closed meeting with a delegation of the South African Black Taxis Association. The group is in Cape Town to attempt to resolve the nine-month-old taxi war.

Sabta representatives Mr Cyprian Lebesé and Mr Joe Mabaso said they had already spent three weeks working to resolve the war.

The national body was scheduled to meet Lagunya today "to get a similar commitment (to unity) and to have Lagunya elect its representatives to negotiate on its behalf".

The Sabta strategy of holding separate meetings with the two groups had the blessings of the Taxi Crisis Coordinating Committee, the Cape Town Peace Committee, the African National Congress and other interested parties, according to members of the delegation.

All the parties involved in the conflict had regular briefings from Sabta on progress made, and communication with them had been "open", Mr Lebesé said.

The taxi crisis had attracted the attention of the Mayor of Cape Town Mr Frank Van Der Velde and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who both head the Peace Committee.

Sabta's latest efforts at peace come after numerous failed attempts by community groups and other interested parties.

Sabta said they had studied the situation and tried to determine where the other groups had "gone wrong".

Troops have been deployed at many township taxi ranks as a result of the Peace Committee's plea for calm.

The violence has caused several deaths and has cost the taxi industry more than R1 million in property lost.

'KZP the obstacle to Natal peace'

In a damning indictment of the kwaZulu Police, Natal lawyers say lasting peace will remain elusive without an impartial police force.
By CASSANDRA MOODLEY

THE kwaZulu Police "may become one of the biggest obstacles to a lasting peace" in strife-torn Natal, forecasts a group of Durban lawyers. 13/12 - 18/12/91

A damning indictment of the KZP issued by the Legal Resources Centre and the Human Rights Commission in Durban this week points out that KZP impartiality has fuelled the violence in Natal and has become a major obstacle to resolution of the conflict.

The report concludes that although the South African Police bears the stigma of "enforcer of apartheid laws", township dwellers in Natal would welcome the SAP's return because of the KZP's role in the violence and because it is not perceived as an impartial law enforcer.

The report says the root of the problem is that the KZP is so enmeshed on the "Inkatha side" that there is "little prospect of rescuing the situation. No amount of re-training will change the attitude of most KZP members, and the public perception of the force."

It proposes that pending the reincorporation of the "homelands" into South Africa, the SAP begin to play a greater role in policing the area and that residents be able to approach the SAP for assistance in certain circumstances.

The report also says that the now 4 000-strong KZP force is funded by the South African Department of Development Aid and that in 1987/8 it had a budget of R25 804 121,73.

Based on affidavits, court records and material from unrest-monitor groups, the report details case studies of alleged KZP atrocities in nine Natal regions. It quotes research carried out in the first half of this year showing that in 55 percent of conflict situations KZP presence aggravated conflict, while SAP presence intensified violence in 27 percent of events.

According to the case studies, the KZP has been implicated in 104 deaths, three of them outside the kwaZulu jurisdiction. These allegations include:

- Sixty deaths resulting from shootings, assaults, threats, arson, intimidation and harassment committed against non-Inkatha persons. The report lists 116 such incidents in which the KZP has been implicated.

- Forty-four deaths resulting from alleged collusion between KZP members and Inkatha vigilantes in attacks on non-Inkatha persons. More than 50 cases of collusion are cited.

- Other evidence implicating the KZP includes:

- Twenty-eight incidents of disrupting non-Inkatha meetings, marches, funerals and vigils.

- More than 20 instances of failure to investigate cases, accept complaints or respond to calls for assistance.

- Failure to take necessary steps to protect residents, especially non-Inkatha members, from attack.

- Twenty cases of confrontation with the SAP and members of the South African Defence Force.

In a pivotal chapter entitled "KZP Bias", the report outlines an "overlap of authority between kwaZulu and Inkatha structures, resulting in kwaZulu employees at times serving Inkatha's ends". This overlap, it adds, begins at the highest level and extends to the lowest levels in the daily activities of the KZP.

It points to the fact that Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi is also the kwaZulu minister of police, while Brigadier Sipho Mathe is KZP deputy commissioner and head of Inkatha security. Commissioner of the KZP General JAC Buchner had admitted in July that "to a certain extent" KZP members were biased towards Inkatha, it adds.

The report goes on to examine case studies of KZP abuse of power in various regions. Incidents cited include:

- In 1988 KZP members arrested Mfanafuthi Ngwenya when they were unable to find his cousin. They took him and other youths to a marsh, where they were ordered to roll in the mud. They were later taken to the KZP police station and were beaten with sjamboks.

Ngwenya brought an action for damages and was paid R2 000 by the KZP minister in an out-of-court settlement.

- On November 25 1989, Victoria Ndlovu's house was set alight. SADF troops put out the fire and caught the culprits, who were identified as KZP members and were later arrested.

- Two senior SAP members in kwaMakhutha, near



Youth power ... Chanting delegates at the ANC Youth League national conference in kwaNdebele

Photo: WILLIAM MATLALA

KZP threat to peace

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Amanzimtoti, obtained temporary restraining orders against the KZP in the Durban Supreme Court in April 1990.

One of the SAP members, Joseph Kabanyane, said in his application that he had seen KZP members firing wildly on children and that when he approached them, he was assaulted. Kabanyane was later paid R3 000 in an out-of-court settlement.

Warrant Officer Gerald Mbatha said in his affidavit that he had first become aware of KZP "excesses" in 1989. He said in 1990 he had witnessed KZP members moving through the kwaMakhutha township, shooting randomly with R1 rifles and behaving like "gangsters".

- Four KZP constables were charged with the murder of two kwaMakhutha residents this year. In October they were convicted of possessing unlicensed firearms. Charges of murder and attempted murder are pending.

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This edited volume on the politics of knowledge in South Africa examines the historical factors which have shaped knowledge production and the contemporary forces contesting dominant knowledge forms, there is also a section on possible solutions towards creating and improving academic, educational and research institutions in a post-apartheid South Africa.

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APARTHEID BAROMETER

SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE

There are 4,6 policemen to every 1 000 people in South Africa — unlike Western Europe where the ratio is roughly 7,5/1 000, according to a new publication by the South African Institute of Race Relations, *Riot Policing in Perspective* by Dr Anthea Jeffery.

The figure drops to 2,6/1 000 people when the "independent" homelands are included. Jeffery contends that it is not unusual for a 30-member riot contingent to face a crowd of more than 20 000 people, the publication says.

At Sebokeng in March 1990, 93 policemen confronted about 50 000 marchers. Five people were killed and 161 injured in the resultant skirmishes.

Jeffery says riot units had to cope with an average of 18 protest marches a day during the last two years. From January 1 1990 to July 31 1991 there were 9 500 "illegal" gatherings in South Africa.

POLITICAL PRISONERS

Despite the release of another 73 political prisoners by Bophuthatswana authorities, a further 11 remain in the homeland's

Rooigrond prison, according to the Human Rights Commission.

They are ANC members Rodney More, serving 15 years for sabotage; Petrus Mothupi, 15 years for attempted murder; and John Pilane 12 years for attempted murder.

Peter Modisane, Chocike Modise, Theebitsile Mokgautsi, Stephen Molema, Sipho Ramesega — all serving sentences up to two years for public violence. James Ramesega 12 months for attempted murder. Alfred Modise is serving three years and Timothy Phiri 18 years for their part in the 1988 coup attempt.

Based on HRC figures, the total of political prisoners still held is 450 countrywide.

INKATHA MEN KILLED

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THREE Inkatha officials were killed in Port Shepstone over the weekend in what the Inkatha Institute described as an "ongoing campaign to assassinate the Inkatha leadership in order to torpedo peace talks". The institute said that 16 Inkatha leaders had been killed since August and there had been 40 other attempted assassinations.

Ambushed Inkatha man in hospital

A PROMINENT member of the Inkatha Freedom Party in Maqonggo, near Maritzburg, is in a satisfactory condition in hospital after being wounded in an attack on Sunday night.

Police said Mr. Sabalo Qabashe was wounded when the car in which he was travelling was ambushed by six gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles.

In another incident in Maqonggo, police found the body of 18-year-old Mr. David Mhlongo, who had been shot in the stomach.

● A second injured person has died in hospital, bringing the death toll in the Saturday night shooting at a party in Sebokeng township near Vereeniging to five.

● Police yesterday evening used rubber bullets and teargas to disperse about 400 residents of Alexandra township, north of Johannesburg, after the crowd stoned police officers who were searching a car that had been travelling at high speed. Three policemen were injured and three people were arrested.

● An off-duty policeman and a woman were seriously injured when a handgrenade exploded in their Diepkloof, Soweto, home yesterday morning.

● A Daveyton, East Rand, man was seriously injured when shots were fired through a window of his home on Sunday night.

● A Defence Force patrol has arrested a suspect in connection with an attack on the Ndoleni, Richmond, police station on Sunday night. — Sapa and Own Correspondent

Cops seize arms for IFP rally

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A NUMBER of firearms were seized in Umlazi on Sunday from buses headed for an Inkatha Freedom Party rally in the township.

South African Police spokesman Captain Bala Naidoo said also a member of the force was found killed in the township early on Sunday morning.

Bullet wounds

Special constable Juliet Xulu was found dead with stab and bullet wounds on Sunday morning. No arrest has been made.

Seventeen G3 rifles, two shotguns and about 2 800 rounds of ammunition were confiscated from buses heading to the rally, but no charges were laid as all the weapons were licensed.

Meanwhile there was a huge police contingent and a number of unrest monitors at the rally to ensure that it was peaceful and without incident.

Handgrenades

In another seizure of weapons, two people were arrested after a man, carrying a bag containing two F1 rifles, several handgrenades and a 0,357 pistol, was stopped and searched.

Mobs kill 2, set shacks on fire in violence-torn Natal

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DURBAN — Two men were stabbed to death at Empangeni, Zululand, on Monday after they were attacked by a mob of about 60 people.

Police said the men were walking in the Nseleni area when they were chased by the mob.

The motive for the attack is not known.

In Umlazi, two armed groups, each about 400-strong, went on the rampage yesterday, attacking people and setting 30 shacks on fire.

Police used teargas to disperse the mob and a 13-year-old youth was arrested after police found him in possession of a home-made gun.

Three more bodies were found at Umlazi's Unit 17 yesterday, bring-

ing to nine the number of people killed since violence between hostel dwellers and neighbouring squatters began on Sunday.

Police spokesman Captain Bala Naidoo said extra policemen had been deployed in the area and police had the situation under control.

Two brothers were attacked on a train near KwaMashu on Monday night. Police said Boy Mkhwanyana (18) was stabbed in the shoulder and then thrown off the train. He suffered serious injuries. His brother Aron (21) managed to escape.

In T Section at KwaMashu, seven shacks were set on fire. No arrests have been made. — Sapa.

Inkatha man guilty of killing

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Inkatha organiser Toti Zulu, 21, has been found guilty in the Supreme Court here of the murder of prominent Anglican priest the Rev Victor Africander last May.

Mr Justice Broome described the killing as a deliberate and "evil assassination". However, the judge has indicated to the defence that he is "disinclined" to consider a death penalty, taking into account Zulu's youth and the trend set by recent decisions of the Appellate Division. The trial will resume this morning.

Mr Justice Broome, sitting with two assessors, also convicted Zulu of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm to a six-year-old girl, Thandekile Khumalo, who was being driven to school in Imbali by Mr Africander when he was shot at an intersection on May 4. The child was wounded.

The court unanimously rejected an alibi defence by Zulu that he was in Ulundi at the time of the murder and accepted the evidence of two eyewit-

nesses, Mr Nhlanhla Ndlovu and Mr Tommy Brown, who identified Zulu as the gunman who shot Mr Africander.

The judge said Zulu had done his best to discredit the state witnesses and dilute the value of the identification by Mr Brown, which the court found to have been exemplary. Evidence by Mr Brown that at the time of the shooting Zulu carried his weapon in his left hand was "significant" because Zulu is left-handed.

The court found that the evidence of three defence witnesses who supported Zulu's alibi that he was in Ulundi on the morning of May 4 was tainted by various improbabilities and unsatisfactory features. The judge said Zulu was intelligent and articulate but at times appeared arrogant and conceited, and he was evasive. He gave the impression at times that he was enjoying "holding the floor" in court.

State witness Mr Ndlovu, who knew Zulu well, was adamant he saw him at the scene of the shooting. Mr Brown did not know Zulu "from a bar of soap" but had correctly pointed him out at the identity parade.

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Medical schemes 'must change or face collapse'

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DAVE LOURENS

IF PROPOSED amendments to the Medical Schemes Act were not carried out, the high inflation rate affecting schemes would continue until the system collapsed, Affiliated Medical Administrators chief operating officer Timothy Gelman said yesterday.

Gelman has just returned from a fact-finding mission to the US to assess the appropriateness of different forms of health care insurance.

"I am totally convinced a managed health care system is an absolute must for this country," Gelman said in an interview.

"A managed health care system focuses on preventative and primary health care, which is exactly what this country needs.

"Under the present system medical aid is beginning to get too expensive for most people."

Under managed health care sys-

tems, health insurers provide patients with their own doctors and hospital and pharmaceutical services.

Attempts to amend the Medical Schemes Act by National Health Minister Rina Venter sparked calls from the Medical Association of SA — which represents about 13 000 doctors — for her resignation.

The Representative Association of Medical Schemes backed the proposed amendments, saying without them medical aid subscriptions could rise by up to 40% in the new year and many schemes could go insolvent.

Gelman said the US health care system was structured similarly to SA's, with the same factors responsible for driving up costs; mainly over-utilisation of services and inappropriate use of expensive technology.

In the US, managed health care had increased its market share to

15%, up from 4% in 1977, and projections were that by 1997, 90% of the US population would be covered by managed health care schemes.

"Health care pushes up the cost of labour enormously. Health care makes up between 15% and 20% of the employee's cost to his employer," said Gelman.

Under the current system, prices are determined by set tariffs with guaranteed payments. The suppliers of health care maximise their profits by maximising use of the system, and medical schemes pay for everything.

"Under the current system, it pays to keep the patient in the system as long as possible. In a managed health care system, it pays to get the patient healthy and out of the system as quickly as possible," said Gelman.

Members of managed health care systems experienced 40% fewer hospital admissions and saved up to 28% on health care costs compared to the current system, he said.

Police swamped

15/12/91 GERALD REILLY
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PRETORIA — The SAP has been inundated with applications from matriculants seeking admission to the four police training colleges, a spokesman says.

By end-November 15 000 had applied, but SAP colleges could accommodate only 4 000 in each of the two six-month courses. Many of those failing to gain admission were given clerical jobs.

For the first time all four colleges will be multiracial. Previously the Pretoria College was for white recruits, Bishop Lavis in the Cape was for coloureds, Hammanskraal for blacks, and the Durban College for Indians.

Inkatha official killed in attack

MARITZBURG — The Inkatha chairman for Table Mountain, Thomas Mshoki Gcabashe, was shot dead on Tuesday — three days after an attack on his brother Elliot, an Inkatha leader at nearby Maqongq.

Police said Gcabashe, 45, was shot five times in the neck and shoulder as he drove into his property. His brother is still in a serious condition in hospital. (276)

Police are investigating the possibility that it is a "copycat" killing, saying the circumstances of the shooting closely resemble the manner in which ANC-aligned Chief Mhlabunzima Maphumulo was shot dead on February 25, our Durban correspondent reports.

Inkatha central committee mem-

ber David Ntombela said yesterday Gcabashe's murder, when seen with recent attempts on the lives of his brother, KwaZulu deputy minister of works Velhapi Ndlovu, and Abdul Awetta of Imbali over the past few days, made it clear "the campaign to assassinate Inkatha Freedom Party leaders is intensifying".

In another incident on Tuesday, also near Maritzburg, two KwaZulu special constables were arrested in connection with a murder. Police said the men had allegedly shot and fatally wounded a man in Imbali.

Police witnessed the shooting. The men fled into the property of a "prominent" member of the KwaZulu government, but were eventually arrested. — Sapa.

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Discord despite the Peace Accord

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THE historic Peace Accord signed this year had little effect in Natal as the killing continued unabated.

BY CASSANDRA MOODLEY

THANDAZILE MADLALA saw, from her window, a band of hostel dwellers surrounding a woman, stabbing and beating her with spears and pangas. They shouted "You are the one who's shooting us." A few minutes later the woman died.

It was dawn and the green tranquility of Bruntville, Mooi River, had been blasted into a bloody frenzy by hundreds of hostel dwellers with a mission "to attack Bruntville residents".

This attack a fortnight ago has been reported as the single largest act of violence in Natal this year, claiming 18 lives in a matter of hours.

But the conflict in the Natal Midlands town contains other elements of the dominant trends the five-year Natal war assumed in 1991: The shift in focus to rural and semi-rural areas, the brandishing in public of traditional weapons, the overflow of guns and weaponry, collusion between Inkatha, the South African Police and South African Defence Force, and formal yet fragile attempts at peace.

In a year when the milestone Peace Accord was signed by 20 organisations, unrest monitor death toll figures illustrated just how fragile the accord is. The Black Sash monitor recorded in October that almost 80 people have died in Natal since the signing of the

September 14 Peace Accord.

The total of violence-related deaths in Natal up until November is 1 206. The Black Sash estimates this at four people dying per day. More than 300 homes have been burnt in the coastal regions alone, leaving about 3 000 people homeless in the last 10 months.

The Black Sash verdict: the Peace Accord has had a minor effect on reducing the carnage in Natal.

John Acheson of the Centre for Adult Education at Natal University also expresses dismay that it took three months after the signing of the document for a regional dispute resolution committee to be set up.

Acheson also points to the spread of violence to rural areas in the past year. He links this to the increase of strife in Inkatha strongholds, previously unaffected, and interprets this as a tendency reflected in the last three years — that Inkatha is losing its "ability to impose hegemony".

He maps out the main places of conflict in the last year as "the rural towns



On the march ... well-armed men walk through a Durban township

of Richmond, Mooi River, Greytown, Escourt and the Bulwer area".

The Black Sash also notes that in the coastal region and the Midlands the violence has shifted away from the more densely populated urban townships to the rural and semi-rural areas.

Its monitor bulletin says: "Along the North and South Coast there was a dramatic increase in violence, while the townships close to Durban and Pietermaritzburg saw a relative decline."

Durban University sociologist Gerry Maré questions whether this move to rural areas is a strategy "to target low wage, low opposition

shipments of weapons. He dismisses the idea that Umkhonto weSizwe guerrillas streaming into the country are a source.

The police role in the Natal conflict also came under the spotlight this year with a number of high-profile prosecutions of policemen and Inkatha leaders. In the Trustfeed Massacre trial seven South African Police members, including two captains, were charged with 11 counts of murder and eight of attempted murder.

Four kwaZulu leaders were charged with murder. KwaZulu deputy minister Samuel Bhekisizwe Jemile was sentenced for murder while two kwaZulu MPs, Psychology Ndlovu and Chief Zhawulengwe Mkhize, were also charged with murder.

Acheson says that while prosecutions of policemen this year may have been an attempt "to clean up", the question is "whether this is a general tradition or whether there are different streams in the force".

Such mixed messages make it difficult to forecast if 1992 will spell the end of half a decade of war in Natal. Political activists and commentators hope for peace but there is a fair amount of scepticism.

Maré links peace to the progress of negotiations. And the likely course will be frequent breakdowns in talks as "this kind of regionalism or ethnicism rears its head".



Nearly 200 IFP leaders ^{STAR} assassinated

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DURBAN — Nearly 200 Inkatha Freedom Party leaders had been assassinated in recent years, and it was astounding that there had been no international or even national outrage at this, IFP central committee member David Ntombela said in response to the murder of Thomas Msoki Gcabashe (45).

Mr Gcabashe, an IFP leader in the Table Mountain area, was gunned down in his car as he turned into the driveway of his home in White Road, the Grange, Maritzburg on Tuesday.

He was shot five times in the neck (WB 276)

The killing was almost identical to the assassination of Chief Mhlambuzima Maphumulo, an ANC leader at Table Mountain, in February last year.

Mr Gcabashe's brother, Sabelo Elliot Gcabashe (35), was wounded in an ambush on Monday near Table Mountain. — Own Correspondent

11 killed in Natal clashes

DURBAN. — Nineteen people have been killed in clashes — 11 of them in fighting between the Njobokazi community and residents of Woody Glen near Hammarsdale in Natal.

A spokesman for the KwaZulu Police said the fighting began on Thursday afternoon when a resident of Woody Glen was shot dead, allegedly by people from Njobokazi.

Four people were killed when more clashes broke out late on Thursday night, and another six bodies were found yesterday morning, taking the death toll to 11.

Bruntville violence probe

PRETORIA. — A public hearing will be held at Mooi River, Natal, early next year to investigate the causes of the violence on December 3 and 4 at nearby Bruntville, when at least 17 people were killed.

The probe was announced yesterday by Mr Justice R J Goldstone, the chairman of the Commission of Inquiry into the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation. — Sapa

In another incident on Thursday night, in the Transvaal, seven people were killed and five seriously wounded by a man with an AK-47 who entered a squatter hut at Eatonside near De Deur (Vereeniging) and fired at random.

Police said 15 people

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were inside the two-roomed hut at the time.

Five men and two women were killed immediately, and five people were seriously wounded.

Two SADF/SAP patrols were involved in skirmishes with armed

men at Ndoleni in Natal on Thursday night.

Two gunmen opened fire on a SADF patrol with automatic weapons at about 11pm. The attackers fled when soldiers returned the fire.

In another incident at about the same time, a joint SADF/SAP patrol came across a group of seven men dressed in camouflage uniforms and berets and carrying guns.

When the security forces ordered the group to "freeze", the gunmen dropped to the ground and prepared to fire at the patrol. The security forces fired at the men and they fled. — Sapa

Alleged police killing of youth to be probed

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DURBAN — Allegations that right-wing policemen stoned and clubbed to death a youth who was trapped in a canal at Richards Bay in northern Natal are being investigated, police confirmed yesterday.

Police spokesman Major Ray Harrauld said the death of 19-year-old Sibusiso Nyawo of Mzingazi, near Richards Bay, would be investigated after details of the alleged incident were reported in a Sunday newspaper.

Major Harrauld emphatically denied a claim in the report that the attorney-general had taken over the investigation. He said an "appropriate" po-

lice officer would be appointed to conduct the investigation and his report, when concluded, would be forwarded to the A-G for a decision on whether to prosecute.

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According to the report, Mr Nyawo dived into a harbour canal while fleeing a policeman who suspected him of breaking windows.

About 20 policemen who arrived at the scene directed their vehicle headlights at the trapped youth and allegedly proceeded to hurl stones while some of their girlfriends watched and cheered, shouting "mooi skoot" (good shot) each time the youth was hit.

Information in the report was sourced to a witness, Dean Smith, and a policeman whose name was withheld to protect him.

The alleged incident occurred one night in December. No date was given in the report.

The unidentified policeman was quoted as saying a police warrant officer apparently in charge of proceedings ordered Mr Smith and police colleagues to discontinue attempts to arrest the youth, who was wading in one metre-deep water.

Instead the law enforcers threw stones and when the youth attempted to clamber out of the canal a policeman bashed

him twice on the head with a wheel spanner, forcing him back into the water.

The injured youth was left for dead and his body recovered from the water two days later.

Major Harrauld said he could not comment on the claim in the report that the anonymous policeman's account had been heard by the deputy attorney-general and that all records of the incident had been removed from the Richards Bay police station to the A-G's office.

He also could not comment on allegations that several police members in Richards Bay were right-wing sympathisers.

— Sapa.

Missing man probe

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NATAL Regional Commissioner of Police Major-General Colin Steyn has appointed a senior police officer to investigate the disappearance of a suspect who was held in police custody.

The suspect, Mr Cyprian Kunene, and another man were arrested by the Dundee police. However, Kunene has not been seen since December 11 1991.

The man who was arrested with Kunene claimed that they were assaulted by police.

In a statement released yesterday Steyn said that he had instructed a senior police officer to investigate the disappearance of Kunene.

"I have personally appointed the investigating officer and I give the assurance that no stone will be left unturned during the investigations."

Police spokesman Captain Bala Naidoo could not say what charges were being investigated against Kunene.

Meanwhile, police are still investigating an incident at Richards Bay early this month in which it is alleged that rightwing policemen stoned and clubbed a black youth

Police said that investigations were continuing and no one had yet been arrested in connection with the death of 19-year-old Sibusiso Nyawo. - *Sowetan Correspondent.*

SADCC has plans for ivory centre

LUSAKA — The Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference (SADCC) is looking for \$750 000 to establish a centre for ivory marketing in Botswana. (27/11)

An SADCC food and agriculture report, which will be tabled at a consultative meeting in Mozambique next month, says plans are under way to establish a regional facility for the marketing of ivory and provide an efficient and effective mechanism to control the trade.

This initiative follows the international ban on ivory trade two years ago. 8/10/91 30/12/91

The SADCC, which has already raised some of the money, was looking for the remaining \$750 000 from international donor agencies. — Sapa.

ANC hopes to prevent Ciskei bloodbath

PATRICK BULGER

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THE ANC wanted to prevent a "Natal-type" situation of violence and revenge developing in the Ciskei-Border region, ANC leader Govan Mbeki said yesterday.

Mbeki was speaking after ANC president Nelson Mandela dispatched him to meet Ciskei military ruler Brig Oupa Gqozo in an attempt to defuse simmering tensions in the area following the deaths of three people in the homeland last week.

He said it had been decided that "regional peace structures" should be set up, consisting of members of Ciskei's military council, the NP, the ANC and other organi-

sations committed to the peace accord.

"We would not like to have a situation arising as one has in Natal. We could get a situation where in a number of other locations a conflict would arise between the structures established by the Ciskei military council and the (ANC) structures already operating," Mbeki said.

The ANC delegation, which included national executive committee members Arnold Störle and Raymond Mhlaba, met Gqozo after the arrest of 175 people in

connection with Thursday's killing of Masele village headman Solomon Mbambani, his sister-in-law and another woman.

A 500-strong crowd went on to attack the homes of supporters of the African Democratic Movement which draws its strength from traditional leadership structures.

Mbeki said the ANC was opposed to the headman system in the Ciskei, but not to leaders drawn from the ANC-aligned Congress of Traditional Leaders of SA.

He said his delegation had asked that the arrested people be released, but this was opposed by the homeland government.

Peace accord 'undermined'

Own Correspondent (246)

DURBAN — Little progress has been made on the implementation of the national peace accord and in Natal alone more than 200 people died in politically-linked violence in October and November.

The statistics have been released by The Natal Monitor, an independent publication compiled by unrest monitors in the province. 8104 31/12/91

In their annual overview the compilers said violence, intimidation and political intolerance continued to violate the accord's basic tenets.

The report said in Natal at least 106 people had died in politically related violence during November compared to between 90 and 95 in October.

The publication's sources include affected people, newspaper clippings and other monitors.

"From years of monitoring this violence we are convinced that if whites had been better informed, more effective action would have been taken to deal with their fears," the report said.

"The need for whites to resist retreat into the laager and reach out across the racial divide and inform themselves about political realities in black areas has never been greater.

"Through establishing personal links, listening to residents in affected communities, and seeing for themselves what is happening, they will break down their fears, and will build important bridges towards the peace and reconciliation our country so desperately needs."

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Truce⁽²⁷⁶⁾ reached in Natal

PRETORIA — Regional leaders of the ANC and the IFP met yesterday in a fresh attempt to end feuding at Richmond in the Natal Midlands.

The two sides reached a truce during the talks at Richmond Magistrate's Court and are scheduled to meet again on Thursday.

Labour Party MP for Mid-East Mr Willie Whyte, who convened the talks, said the two parties displayed goodwill and readiness for further dialogue.

A member of the region's dispute resolution committee, Mr Sipho Gcabashe, attended the meeting.

The ANC delegation was led by the organisation's secretary for the Midlands region, Mr Sifiso Nkabinde, and the IFP delegation by Mr Mbadlazi Vazi.

● A man was wounded when police returned the fire of a group of attackers at Johannesburg's Alexandra township, according to the police unrest report for the past 24 hours. — Sapa

IFP, ANC talks on track in Natal

REGIONAL leaders of the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party met this week in another attempt to end feuding at Richmond, in Natal. (296)

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Labour Party MP for Mid-East, Willie Whyte, who convened the talks said the two parties were ready for further dialogue. (Pres 51192)

6 more die in Natal violence

DURBAN. — Another six people have died in Natal violence. ²⁷⁶

At the Uganda squatter camp near Durban five Inkatha supporters were burned to death on Sunday. CT 7/1/92

Also on Sunday, a nine-year-old boy was burnt to death at Malugazi, south of Durban, when petrol bombs were hurled at his father's house.

At Ntshawini, Stanger, a man was shot and wounded. — Sapa

Fighting erupts in Natal Midlands

Sowetan 8/1/92

SPORADIC fighting has erupted throughout much of the Natal Midlands with police reporting attacks on houses and the deaths of several people over the last few days.

Table Mountain has been particularly hard hit with three people killed.

Police spokesman Colonel Pieter Kitching said Irene Shange (40) was killed and her daughter Christine (18) injured when their house was shot at and then petrol bombed by a group of men in a pre-dawn attack on Monday.

The bodies of two men who had been shot in the head were found by SADF soldiers near the Nagel Dam in Table Mountain on Monday and later that day, Sabelo Gcabashe, chairman of the IFP in the area, was ambushed as he drove through Maqoncqo.

He was not injured in the attack and an SADF patrol nearby arrested two suspects. Gcabashe, brother of Thomas, who was shot dead last month, had just been discharged from hospital after surviving another assassination attempt.

Bodyguards of KwaZulu's Deputy Minister of Works Velaphi Ndlovu were ambushed twice as they drove through Imbali yesterday but there were no injuries reported.

Also in Imbali yesterday police raided the home of Sifiso Nkabinde, secretary of the ANC Midlands region. Police confirmed two youths were arrested and two firearms and a number of rounds of ammunition confiscated.

In Mooi River's Bruntville township, there were no injuries reported when a grenade was lobbed through a window of the Mooitex hostels on Monday but the area was still reported to be tense yesterday.

New wave of violence grips Natal Midlands

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Mr Sabelo Gcabashe, chairman of Inkatha in the area, was ambushed as he drove through Maqoncqo.

He was not injured and an SADF patrol nearby arrested two suspects.

Bodyguards of a KwaZulu cabinet minister were fired on in Imbali yesterday, but escaped injury.

● The IFP yesterday claimed that the ANC have intensified a campaign to assassinate Inkatha leaders.

In Mooi River's Bruntville township, a grenade was lobbed through a window of the Mooitex hostels on Monday night, but no injuries were reported.

At Bhuguward, Port Shepstone, police yesterday found the body of a man who had been stabbed to death.

● Local dispute resolution committees have been set up at Richmond and Umlazi in terms of the National Peace Accord. — Sapa and Own Correspondent

Mooi River ²⁷⁶ unrest probed

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MARITZBURG. — The Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into public violence and intimidation will sit at Mooi River from next Tuesday to investigate the violence at Bruntville on December 3 and 4 which claimed 18 lives.

The committee comprises Mr Justice R J Goldstone, advocate Mr N Rossouw, SC, and Professor D van Zyl Smit.

Mother, daughter shot dead in Natal

MARITZBURG. — Two people were shot dead near Richmond in Natal, police reported yesterday.

Police said the bodies of Mrs Bertina Ngcobo and her daughter, Zodwa, were discovered by a relative in their house at Ndaleneni on Tuesday afternoon.

Several spent 9mm cartridges were found at the scene.

Early yesterday morning a house at Imbali, near Maritzburg, was damaged in a grenade attack.

And earlier this week, police took possession of two unlicensed firearms — one of them an official police issue Z88 pistol — and arrested two youths at the home of the secretary of the ANC Midlands region, Mr Sifiso Nkabinde.

Two youths, aged 16 and 18, were arrested on charges of illegal possession of firearms. — Sapa

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A little comfort (276)

In many respects the situation in that crucible of killing, Natal, involving ANC and Inkatha supporters, seemed little changed at the end of 1991 compared with a year ago.

On a positive note, however, last year saw a growing confidence, in certain areas, in the SA Police, according to an assessment by *Natal Monitor* researchers who surveyed 1991. In particular, say the unrest monitoring group, the Durban Riot Unit has responded promptly and efficiently.

It is regretted that the same cannot be said for police action in many other areas. In November the group raised questions about police responses in places such as Appelsbosch, Tongaat and Port Shepstone.

And it seems that a cloud still hangs over the behaviour of the KwaZulu police. Detailed allegations against them are contained

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 in a recent joint report of the Human Rights Commission and the Legal Resources Centre.

The role of the courts, too, gives some reason for cautious optimism, with the Trust Feeds massacre case and the inquest into the death of Chief Maphumulo adjourned until early this year.

Says the *Monitor*: "Justice has been seen to be done in various other cases involving persons with political agendas, such as that of KwaZulu Deputy Minister Jamile, the recent conviction of the Rev Afrikander's murderer, and the inquest findings which found no evidence of ambush of busloads of Inkatha supporters travelling through Kwa-Shange in February 1990."

Proceedings in other cases, such as the murder of 10 alleged ANC supporters in Wartburg and a murder charge against a South Coast chief, are under way, as are murder investigations involving the recently suspended SAP commander in Mooi River.

There remain, however, many cases in which no visible progress is evident. Among these is the string of murders at Umlazi in the last two years, in which a prominent local Inkatha supporter and his family are allegedly implicated. Then there are cases involving the amaSinyora gang, a number of murders linked to a "notorious" KwaZulu policeman, and the murder and attempted murder of KwaMakhuta activists two years ago. It is observed that though several men linked to the KwaZulu police were at first charged for these crimes, a key suspect allegedly jumped bail and has disappeared.

Though the signing of the Peace Accord last September was an important step forward, monitors point out that its efficacy will depend on the way in which it is implemented at all levels. To date, little progress has been made.

Ominously, the report says that the potential of the violence in Natal to escalate should not be underestimated, as more whites become drawn into it in places such as Richmond and Appelsbosch. It is argued that whites have long been fed propaganda in which the ANC were portrayed as the aggressors, with "supposedly" peace-loving Inkatha members engaging only in retaliatory violence.

"From years of monitoring this violence, we are convinced that if whites had been better informed, more effective action would have been taken to deal with it," says the *Monitor's* Roy Ainslie, Mary de Haas and Linda Mkhize.

"The need for whites to resist retreat into the laager and reach out across the racial divide and inform themselves about political realities in black areas has never been greater."

□ Preliminary statistics from the Institute of Race Relations show that deaths in political violence nationwide dropped by 26% from 1990's record high to 2 510 last year. The total number of deaths in the seven years and three months since violence erupted at the beginning of September 1984 is 11 748.■

Hunt for cop-killers

OWN Correspondent

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DURBAN. — A team of top detectives are working around the clock to trace the murderers of two Durban police constables, whose bodies were found in the Natal Midlands on Saturday.

The bodies of Constables Jacques Wilkins and Wybrand Smit were found near the turn-off to the Mphomeni township.

Both were aged 19 and completed their training about two months ago. Police said the two were hitch-

hiking to Newcastle to visit Constable Wilkins' parents and were last seen at 5pm on Friday, when they were dropped off at an off-ramp on the N3 outside Maritzburg.

Their bodies were found 200 metres from the road between Bulwer and Howick, both with several gunshot wounds.

Police have vowed they will not rest until the killers have been tracked down. Seven policeman have been murdered in the past fortnight.

Killing of taxi driver: 3 appear

A TOP-RANKING uMkhonto weSizwe member, a policeman and the Lagunya taxi boss pleaded not guilty in Athlone Magistrate's Court yesterday to charges of murdering a Webta taxi driver and attempting to murder four passengers.

The ANC deputy commander of MK in the Western Cape, Mr. Mxolisi Petane, 33, of NY1 Guguletu, Sergeant Tutuse John Gubeni, 48, of Nokwonda Close, Guguletu, and Lagunya chairman Mr Michael Kupiso, 32, of E 618 Khayelitsha, are accused of murdering Mr Ntanyana Zwelinzima at the Nyanga taxi terminus on October 18.

Bail was extended. The trial was postponed to February 14 pending a decision whether to prosecute in the Supreme Court.

3 policemen injured by ⁽²⁷⁶⁾ Inkatha crowd ^{CT 11/1/92}

DURBAN. — Three policemen were injured, one of them by gunfire, in unrest in Natal this week.

The latest attack on policemen happened at Wembezi near Estcourt in the Natal Midlands. The attackers were alleged to be Inkatha Freedom Party supporters.

Police spokesman Major Dennis King said that early on Wednesday morning the house of a prominent IFP member in the region was petrol-bombed, allegedly by four ANC supporters.

About 100 IFP supporters gathered outside the house. When the police arrived, the crowd became aggressive and a shot was fired at the police from the crowd, injuring one policeman.

An assistant constable then fired a warning shot, but the police were forced to retire and in the process another two policemen were injured. The police returned with reinforcements and dispersed the crowd.

● Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze yesterday said it was clear that the PAC was out of step with the broad consensus, including that of the ANC and the SA Communist Party, that the killing of policemen was unacceptable.

He was reacting to a statement by PAC national organiser Mr Maxwell Nemadzivhanani that the SA Police were at the forefront of repression and were therefore a legitimate target for the organisation's military wing.

● A woman was stabbed to death by a group of men on Wednesday night at Inchanga near Maritzburg. — Sapa

Two policemen gunned down

(276) Business Day Reporter

NATAL police are investigating the possibility that two 19-year-old constables were murdered because they were members of the force.

The bodies of the policemen were found in the veld next to the Bulwer/Howick road on Saturday. Both had been shot twice at point blank range in the back of the head.

A police spokesman yesterday confirmed that one of the constables had his SAP appointment certificate hidden inside his underpants in an apparent bid to conceal the fact that he was a policeman.

The constables were identified as Jacques Wilken and Wybrand Smit. They were hitchhiking from Durban to Newcastle at the time.

Sapa reports a team of top detectives is working around the clock to trace the murderers.

In another incident directed at the SAP, a handgrenade was thrown at a policeman on patrol in Sharpeville, Vereeniging, on Saturday night. *B/Dam 13/1/92*

The grenade detonated near a private dwelling. The policeman sustained slight injuries.

Police said yesterday a man was killed when an RDG 5 hand grenade was thrown at a private vehicle in Kagiso near Krugersdorp.

Two men were wounded when a gunman fired a number of rounds at a beerhall in Daveyton on the East Rand, and extensive damage was caused when a shack and a private vehicle were set alight in Gugulethu in the western Cape.

ANC lashes out at health plan

B/Dam 13/1/92

Business Day Reporter

THE ANC has criticised Health Minister Rina Venter for acting unilaterally in her initiative to bring down the cost of health care.

It called for Venter to place a moratorium on her department's efforts to restructure the health system and to accept the right of other organisations to participate in the restructuring.

The ANC was responding to the minister's announcement last week that she would convene a meeting of key players in the industry to discuss plans to cut costs of medicines and move towards more primary health care.

The ANC said itself, Cosatu and the SACP had already called for the establishment of a forum of political groups, trade unions, community organisations and government to address health and other social services during the period of transition to a new government.

High medical costs were only a symptom of a system "which has been constructed to protect the interests of the white minority and big business", said the ANC statement. It said many fundamental flaws of apartheid remained in place, including apartheid in hospitals.

While the involvement of all interested parties in discussions to curb the cost of health care was long overdue, Venter had to realise that the NP could not unilaterally decide which isolated aspects of the health system should be addressed.

The Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association (PMA) said at the

weekend that while it welcomed the planned talks on health care, it was inappropriate to use the title High Cost of Medicines for the forum.

"It would have been far better if the forum concentrated on the high cost of the medical bill rather than to select one item of the medical bill which, indeed, is the most cost-effective one," said PMA executive director John Toerien.

He said it appeared SA was "once again falling into the same trap as in the past by addressing only one facet of the health bill."

Toerien said the forum's recommendations flowed mainly from the De Villiers investigation into health care, which was completed four years ago and the results of which have never been made public.

The investigation was carried out by Wim de Villiers, who was later appointed to the Cabinet.

The PMA believed that the broader approach for the forum was substantiated when the De Villiers investigation began in November 1987.

Its terms of reference also covered privatisation of hospital services, especially in terms of cost-effectiveness; involvement of the state in rendering hospital services and methods to reduce this systematically; and any other matters which could lead to the reduction of state spending on health services.

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Manenberg gangs plan peace pact

MANENBERG community leaders last night brokered peace between two gangs which have been terrorising residents. (276) 27161192

Leaders of the Hard Livings and the Jesters were expected to sign a peace treaty last night.

The signing ceremony at the Manenberg Peoples' Centre would hopefully end weeks of increasing violence between the two gangs, said Manenberg Civic spokesman Mr Irwin Kinnes.

Six people were wounded in gang shootings on Friday, police said yesterday.

Mr Kinnes said members of the community had also requested a meeting with the police to raise residents' misgivings about police efforts to combat gang violence.

"There has been shooting in the streets almost every night for the past three or four weeks. Some of the gangsters have shotguns and they shoot out the streetlights," he said. — Sapa.

Hands of man, 62, chopped off (276)

The Argus Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — The condition of 62-year-old Mr Don Bhengu of the Richmond area, who had both hands chopped off by attackers, remains serious in Edendale Hospital here.

His hands were cut off and his throat cut while walking in a plantation on his way home. He was robbed of his pay. His hands could not be found.

Head of Inkatha Institute's violence study unit Mr Kim Hodgson said yesterday they believed Mr Bhengu was tried by a "people's court".

Policeman killed in Umlazi ambush

The Argus Correspondent

27th April 1992

DURBAN. — A young Kwazulu policeman was killed today when he and a group of colleagues were ambushed by Umlazi residents.

Colonel Yuka Dube, district commandant for Umlazi, south of Durban, said the incident occurred when 11 policemen from the station at Umlazi went on foot to investigate an incident in Z-section.

Two people from the Umlazi Golf Course slum had told police that residents of the nearby Chimora slum had attacked them.

Three suspects were arrested at the scene.

While the policemen were walking back to the station they were ambushed by people from the Chimora slum, Colonel Dube said.

He said his men were attacked by more than 100 people brandishing guns, cane-knives and other weapons. One of his men was struck with a cane-knife and was killed.

Taxi wars to be probed

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CAPE TOWN's taxi war, which has claimed several lives and caused millions of rands worth of damage, is to be investigated by the Commission of Inquiry into the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation, commission chairman Mr Justice R J Goldstone said yesterday.

"The National Peace Commission has requested the commission to inquire into occurrences of violence on trains in certain urban areas as well as what have been referred to as the 'taxi wars' in Cape Town and elsewhere," Mr Justice Goldstone said.

"With the concurrence of the minister of justice, the commission has established its fourth committee to conduct the inquiry."

The committee chairman is Mr D J Rossouw, SC, who is also commission vice-chairman. The other members of the committee are: Mr G Steyn, a member of the commission; Mr B M Ngoepe, a member of the Pretoria Bar, and Mr L S van Zyl, a Cape Town attorney and a former president of the Association of Law Societies.

People with information about violence on trains or the taxi wars were asked to write to the Secretary of the Commission, Private Bag X858, Pretoria, before February 29.

In another development, a Western Cape regional dispute resolution committee would be formally constituted after a meeting with the National Peace Secretariat in Cape Town this week, the National Peace Committee said yesterday.

This followed talks with the secretariat and its chairman, Dr Antonie Gildenhuys, and 15 regionally-based organisations.

They decided the newly-formed committee would run parallel to the peace initiative originally started last year by the mayor of Cape Town, Mr Frank van der Velde, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

The task of the regional dispute resolution committees, as laid down in the national peace accord which was signed last year, is to monitor and prevent violence.

All set for peace talks

PEACE talks between two warring city taxi organisations, Lagunya and the Western Cape Black Taxi Association, will resume this week.

The SA Black Taxi Association delegation was set to arrive in the city last night to mediate.

Earlier, Sabta's deputy managing director, Mr Cyprian Lebeso, said they would meet Lagunya to get the association to elect a 15-member team which would negotiate with Webta.

Mr L S van Zyl, a Cape Town attorney and a former president of the Association of Law Societies.

Commission told of 'Inkatha on rampage'

MARITZBURG — The Goldstone Commission heard yesterday how hundreds of heavily armed Inkatha supporters allegedly went on the rampage through the White City section of Mooi River in December.

According to a witness, Kwa-Zulu Legislative Assembly member David Ntombela was seen at the hostels from where the attacks were allegedly launched, shortly before the

massacre which left 18 people dead.

The witness also said reinforcements were dropped off at the hostel before the attack and Inkatha supporters were heard singing war songs.

Residents fled towards the highway as the attackers charged into White City and a woman cried out for help as several men stabbed her to death, he said.

Bruntville Inkatha leader David Sosibo also testified and described the situation in the area as "very tense" prior to the incident because of alleged ANC intimidation.

He denied telling newspaper reporter Lakela Kaunda that Inkatha supporters were responsible for the massacre and denied threatening her on the telephone. — Sapa.

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PRETORIA — Police report an upsurge of violence in Natal just as peace seemed about to take hold.

The overnight unrest report said that a Kwazulu policeman was hacked to death yesterday when about 100 people clashed with a patrol near Durban. Police said a patrol went to Umlazi before dawn to investigate reports of shooting between two squatter factions.

A crowd opened fire at the patrol, which shot back but was unable to stop the advancing mob.

"The crowd caught up with the constable and hacked him to death," said a police spokesman.

The alleged killers then took the dead policeman's rifle and ammunition and marched on Umlazi police station where they were dispersed.

Two other men were later found dead.

● Peace talks between the Inkatha Freedom Party and the African National Congress have been suspended in the Richmond area.

The IFP said the ANC had violated a ceasefire.

The unrest report said IFP and ANC supporters had clashed at Kwampande in the Edendale Valley near Maritzburg, leaving at least 15 homes destroyed by fire, and causing an estimated R200 000 damage.

"We separated the factions and are now keeping them apart," said a spokesman.

It is now feared that the violence, which flared just when it seemed that life was returning to normal, could spread throughout the valley and leave many more people dead.

● A man suspected of killing at least four policemen and taking part in several armed robberies was shot dead at Imbali, near Maritzburg.

Police said the man, identified as Mr. Mbuye Zoni, had been terrorising Imbali residents for months. He was arrested on Monday and taken back to Imbali yesterday for further investigation.

He was allegedly showing a firearm. When he had hidden a fire, killing Mr. Zondi.

His gang had allegedly been responsible for the hijacking of delivery trucks. At least 30 robbery and murder cases have been solved following the arrest of four other suspects.

● Police arrested eight rightwingers in Pretoria after a string of bombings over the past month.

They join leftwing Azanian Youth Organisation president Mr. Thami Mcerwa in prison in terms of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

Mr. Mcerwa was arrested on Monday after intense opposition by Azayo to the Paul Simon tour and the bombing of a tour promoter's offices.

Violence flares in Natal

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IFP man killed, peace talks with ANC broken off

By Shareen Singh (276)

The IFP in Richmond, Natal, has suspended today's peace talks with the ANC after the killing of one of its members on Tuesday.

IFP spokesman Kim Hodgson alleged that ANC supporters had lured three IFP members into an ambush in Ndoleni, an ANC stronghold, by assuring the men they would be safe because of peace agreements.

As the men entered the township, they were attacked and one was stabbed to death. The other two escaped.

The IFP saw no point in continuing the peace talks while ANC supporters used peace as a pretext to kill IFP members, Mr Hodgson said.

The organisation would call on the National Peace Secretariat and the Goldstone Commission to pressure the ANC to adhere to peace agreements.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said the organisation could not comment on who was responsible for the attack, but she pointed out that the ANC condemned such incidents.

Local dispute-resolution committees are the very foundation of the Peace Accord and it was only through talking to each other that problems could be solved, she said.

Murder blow to peace moves

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DURBAN. — Peace moves in Natal were set back yesterday by the murder of a policeman by a mob, the collapse of talks between Inkatha and the ANC and the destruction of 15 homes.

The KwaZulu policeman was hacked to death by about 100 people in a squatter camp in Umlazi, near Durban. A police patrol had been fired on at the camp and had fired back, a KwaZulu police spokesman said. However, the crowd kept advancing, he said.

"The crowd then caught up with a police constable and hacked him with assorted weapons." He died instantly.

Inkatha yesterday suspended peace talks with the ANC in Richmond after the death of an IFP supporter in the nearby Ndoleni township.

Inkatha said a young IFP member was lured to his death by ANC comrades.

But the ANC chairman in the area, Mr Sifiso Nkabinde, said his organisation had no knowledge of the incident and was bitterly disappointed by the IFP decision to withdraw.

A peace meeting took place between the ANC and the IFP on January 3, at which steps were taken to establish a Local Dispute Resolution Committee.

Meanwhile, the Goldstone Commission yesterday decided that peace talks should be held between Inkatha and the ANC in the Bruntville area of Mooi River, Natal.

The chairman, Mr Justice Goldstone, announced his decision after hearing evidence on the violence at Bruntville early in December last year.

In new clashes between the ANC and IFP, 15 houses were razed by fire at Kwampane outside Maritzburg.

The home of an Inkatha supporter was set alight by a group of people on Wednesday afternoon.

In allegedly retaliatory action, 14 houses apparently belonging to ANC members were burnt down.

— Sapa

Cops' necklace claim — probe

DURBAN. — Police have launched an intensive investigation into an allegation that some policemen had "necklaced" a young man by placing a tyre around his neck and setting it alight.

A SAP public relations officer said yesterday the police were considering the suspension of the policemen involved in the allegation, pending the outcome of the inquiry. — Sapa

Coin flip 'kicks off' peace process

18/1/92 (276) Own Correspondent

DURBAN.—A flip of a coin began a historic peace process in the strife-torn Mooi River township of Bruntville at the end of the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry there yesterday.

At the start of a meeting to establish a committee to resolve disputes between political parties in the area Mr Justice Richard Goldstone remarked: "Like any football match, it's important who kicks off first."

The ANC won the toss and local

representative Mr Kwazi Dlamini began by conceding that the only way for a peaceful solution to the Bruntville situation was for all concerned parties to sit down and negotiate.

Bruntville was the scene of horrific violence and political strife last year in which about 70 people were killed.

The commission investigated the circumstances surrounding the deaths of 19 people in two attacks on December 3 and 4, 1991.

At the meeting after the three-day

hearing, Mr Alex Sokhele, Bruntville's Inkatha representative, said he had advocated such talks for the past six months and was more than willing to participate "as long as the intention is to bring peace to the Bruntville area."

Mr Justice Goldstone said the local dispute resolution committee would have to decide for itself the representation and elect a chairman. He said that it was important for the community to find its own solutions.

Although not wanting to pre-empt the arguments of legal representatives to be heard on Tuesday, Mr Justice Goldstone said the commission "will make urgent recommendations on the issue of policing in this area."

Representative of the deputy attorney-general's office Mr Les Roberts addressed the packed Mooi River town hall and gave the assurance that his office would "deal fairly, impartially and without prejudice" in cases involving violence or anything else.

7 shot dead⁽²⁷⁶⁾ at kraal in Natal

DURBAN. — Seven people, including a two-year-old baby, were found murdered yesterday morning at a kraal in the Umtwalume district, near Hibberdene on the Natal South Coast.

Police liaison officer Captain Bala Naidoo said several spent AK-47 cartridges were found at the scene. 18/1/92

Five members of the Msibo family were found dead inside the kraal, including the baby. Two other bodies were found outside.

● One person was killed and three were seriously injured when they were forced off a moving train by knife-wielding men, between Johannesburg and Soweto yesterday morning.

Police believe the incident is unrest-related and are investigating.

● The KwaZulu Police arrested at least 85 people yesterday in connection with the death of a KZP constable in Umlazi near Durban on Thursday. — Sapa

Family slain by gunmen

Sowetan 22/1/92 (276)
SEVEN people - six from the same family - were "executed" on Monday night at Umbumbulu in the Mpusheni area of Natal, KwaZulu police reported yesterday.

Police spokesman Constable Malusi Mnguni said the attackers were armed with AK-47 rifles.

A group of men burst into a house, ordered the family to lie on the floor and then shot five family members in the back of their heads and one through the cheek.

The attackers moved to a neighbour's house and ordered the occupants to lie on the floor. One was shot through the head before the men fled, Mnguni said.

He said the motive for the killings was not known.

In other incidents in Natal, a group of African National Congress supporters surrounded a policeman's home at Sundumbile, near Eshowe, police said.

The policeman fired a shot, injuring one of the group and the rest fled. The injured man was arrested.

At Mfume, near Umkomaas on the South Coast, four people armed with AK-47 rifles attacked a house, injuring two people. - Sapa.

Ladysmith killings: police call crisis talks

Own Correspondent

The police have called a crisis meeting in Ladysmith today and have made an urgent appeal for calm as racial tension simmers in the Natal town following the killing of nine people and an axe attack on two young boys last week.

A statement released by the Regional Commissioner, Major-General Colin Steyn, said police were concerned about allegations that the Delpont killings and the attack on two white boys were racially based.

"Police investigations thus far rule out any possibility of a racial motive," he said.

There was also concern that certain elements of the media had "abused the incidents for their own benefit, not realising the heightening in tension".

Some newspapers last week speculated that Kallie Delpont aimed only at blacks.

Retaliation

It was also widely reported that the axe attack on two Ladysmith boys by a gardener on Friday was retaliatory as the Monday incident had been seen by the black community as racially motivated.

The general also strongly warned residents that the formation of private armies would increase tension and lead to vigilante action.

Today's meeting will be held behind closed doors and is expected to be attended by "a broad base of widely representative people".

Ladysmith mayor Ruston Muller will chair the meeting, which will include the police, church leaders and the African National Congress.

"We're trying to get this in perspective."

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Meeting to ease tensions in Ladysmith

DURBAN. — Leaders from the black and white communities in Ladysmith are to meet today to try to resolve tensions there since last week's massacre of nine people and this weekend's attack on two young local boys.

The meeting was announced by Natal Regional Police Commissioner Major-General Colin Steyn and was confirmed by Ladysmith mayor Mr Ruston Muller, who will chair the proceedings.

General Steyn said media

speculation on the incidents could increase tension in the area and he reiterated that police investigations into the incidents had ruled out any possibility of a "racial motive".

He said the police were "extremely concerned at the unfounded allegations from certain quarters that the latest incidents in Ladysmith are racially inclined".

Mr Muller said today's meeting would be held behind closed doors and was expected to be

attended by a "broad base of widely representative people".

He said that among others the police, church leaders and the African National Congress would be represented. "It's important to get all sides together to get the facts.

"If there was wrong done, let's sort it out. It's my town and I want to see things run in orderly fashion here."

Some media reports have speculated that Mr Kallie Delport, 34, who allegedly killed nine people in and around La-

dysmith last Monday, targeted blacks only in his shooting spree after he had killed his father.

This weekend two young white Ladysmith boys were attacked and injured at home by their black gardener in what some reports described as a retaliatory attack for the killings earlier last week.

Reports have also said that Mr Delport allegedly received "preferential treatment" by police after his arrest. — Sapa.

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ANC-IFP rally

MARITZBURG. — The ANC and the IFP will host a historic joint rally at Mpumalanga on Sunday, as residents prepare to rebuild structures damaged by violence. — Sapa

Policeman suspected of massacre

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG — A police captain who led the initial investigation into the massacre of 11 people at a funeral vigil at Trust Feeds in Natal on December 3 1988 yesterday told the Maritzburg Supreme Court that he had suspected early on that another police officer had been involved in the killings. *Blom 29/1/92*

Capt Patrick Wattrus was testifying before Mr Justice Wilson and two assessors at the trial of New Hanover station commander Capt Brian Mitchell and six other policemen and former special policemen.

Wattrus said he had handed over the investigation to Brig Christo Marx on December 14 1988 as he regarded the case as extremely serious and felt senior police officers should take over. He strongly suspected that Mitchell might have been involved.

Wattrus said he was not aware of any cover up in the investigation. He said he had headed a special investigation unit established to investigate unrest in the area at the time.

Const Dirk Odendaal, formerly of New Hanover, told the court he had found a black spent shotgun cartridge in a police bakkie on December 13 1988, and had handed it over to Wattrus.

The hearing continues today.

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Fierce fighting flares in Natal

At least seven people were killed and 12 wounded when fighting erupted in a remote part of Natal yesterday. Trouble flared when two groups, each around 300 strong, clashed at Mahlek-wane near Ladysmith.

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Seven die in faction feud

AT least seven people were killed and 12 others were seriously wounded when fierce faction-fighting erupted in a remote part of northern Natal yesterday.

Trouble flared at about 4am when two rival groups clashed at Mahlekwane mountain, 30km north-east of Ladysmith.

More than 80 members of the Newcastle SA Police riot unit were rushed to the scene in an effort to quell the fighting between men from the Ncema and Mbondewane tribes.

Police said a number of shots were fired at police vehicles but no policemen were hurt.

By 10am, when the fighting began to subside, police had recovered seven bodies from the veld.

Twelve men suffering from various gunshot and stab wounds were taken to hospitals in Dundee and Ladysmith.

The cause of the violence was unclear, but police ruled out political motives. Sapa

'Torch shone before shots' (276)

CT 30/1/92 Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — A 16-year-old girl told the Supreme Court here yesterday that a torch was shone on mourners in a funeral wake at a house at Trust Feed in the early hours of December 3, 1988 before a gunman opened fire.

The teenager survived unhurt after hiding behind a woman who was shot dead and fell on top of her. The court heard she had stayed there until help arrived.

The evidence was led before Mr Justice Wilson and two assessors at the trial of SA policemen Captain Jacobus van den Heever, Sergeant Neville Rose, Captain Brian Mitchell and former special policemen Mr Kehla Ngubane, Mr Thabo Sikhosana, Mr Dumisani Ndwane and Mr David Khambule, who have pleaded not guilty to murdering 11 men, women and children, and attempting to murder eight other people at Trust Feed.

The girl said she was woken by a "loud explosion" and fled to the dining room where she took cover behind a woman with a blanket.

"Another shot went off and this woman fell on top of me. Before this I saw two people enter the house. One carried a firearm and the other a torch. I saw them shooting," the girl said.

She had not been able to see the faces of the assailants.

The hearing continues today.

Police to seek

legal advice

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Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — A general and a major in the SA Police involved in the initial investigation into the 1988 Trust Feeds massacre are to seek legal advice from senior counsel before testifying in the Supreme Court here.

The trial in which seven policemen face charges of murder and attempted murder, took a dramatic turn yesterday when Major Joseph van Zyl said he was not prepared to answer further "incriminating questions" without legal representation. Major General Christo Marx also said he would seek legal advice.

Rival groups dance at peace rally

DURBAN — Supporters of South Africa's two main black groups danced shoulder to shoulder yesterday at a peace rally which it is hoped will mark the end of a violent war in the area.

About 500 members of the ANC and the IFP met in Mpumalanga township outside Durban for the first joint rally between the groups.

But persistent tension between organisers of the two movements showed that the reconciliation is still fragile.

Speakers at the rally blamed the violence on paid intimidators from outside the community and urged children to put down their weapons and return to school.

● SA Communist Party leader and Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Chris Hani yesterday charged that Inkatha, assisted by the police, had effectively banned the ANC in northern Natal.

Mr Hani was speaking at the ANC's 80th anniversary celebrations in Empangeni.

● At least eight people died in a clash between two groups of squatters in Umlazi, Durban, yesterday. A claim by the ANC's southern Natal region that a group of attackers was led by Kwa-Zulu policemen was immediately rejected by a police spokesman. — Sapa-Reuter.

Eight die ^(27b) in faction fighting at Umlazi

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Faction fighting at Umlazi has left eight people dead and more than 100 shacks burnt.

Scores of families fled from their homes yesterday when the fighting broke out and sought refuge in a neighbouring shack settlement

Residents of the Ekuthuleni shack settlement in Umlazi claimed that they were attacked by hostel residents from Unit 7 early yesterday morning.

Reports that hostel dwellers were accompanied by members of the Kwazulu Police were denied by Lieutenant-Colonel Moses Khanyile of Kwazulu. African National Congress southern Natal region chairman Mr Jeff Radebe alleged that Kwazulu policemen were present during the fighting and had collaborated with Imkatha impis.

100 shacks burnt, 8 killed in Natal

DURBAN. — Eight people were killed and more than 100 shacks burnt in an ongoing war between hostel dwellers and the shack community in Umlazi yesterday.

A resident of Ekuthuleni shack settlement said they were attacked at 2am by hostel dwellers from Unit 17 who were accompanied by the KwaZulu Police.

This statement was confirmed by Mr Jeff Radebe, chairman of the ANC's southern Natal region.

He said that, throughout this "invasion", members of the KwaZulu Police were present and collaborated with Inkatha impis. This was rejected as "ridiculous" by Lieutenant-Colonel Moses Khanyile of the KwaZulu Police Public Relations department.

Fighting also broke out between the hostel dwellers and residents of Uganda shack settlement but was brought under control by the SAP.

In other unrest in Natal, three men were injured at Imbali near Maritzburg when shots were fired at a bus transporting passengers to a funeral. Some of the passengers returned fire.

In KwaMashu, four men and a woman were injured when unidentified people attacked the home of a town councillor, an Inkatha member.

And in the trouble-torn Paddock/Murchison area on the Natal South Coast, one man was stabbed to death and a cane field was set alight in separate incidents. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

Township war over: ANC, IFP celebrate

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MARITZBURG. About 500 African National Congress and Inkatha Freedom Party supporters danced shoulder to shoulder yesterday in Mpumalanga township outside Durban at a historic peace rally symbolising the end of one of the most violent township wars.

"This community, once highly violent, is setting an example of tolerance and reaping the fruits of peace," ANC Natal leader Mr Jacob Zuma said in a message read on his behalf at the rally.

After the speeches, supporters of both sides toyi-toyed to the site of a new community centre.

At least 2 000 people have been killed in four years of fighting in Mpumalanga that razed nearly 25% of the township.

KwaZulu police, ANC clash over death of eight

EIGHT people died in a clash in Umlazi, Durban, yesterday. (276)

A claim by the African National Congress's Southern Natal Region that a group of attackers was led by KwaZulu policemen was immediately rejected by a senior police spokesman in Ulundi. *Sowetan 3/2/92*

According to an ANC statement, five people were killed, 10 injured and 300 homes set alight when groups of heavily armed men from Unit 17 in Umlazi attacked a squatter camp at Ekuthuleni.

Unit 17, said the ANC, was a recognised Inkatha Freedom Party stronghold, and the men were escorted by KwaZulu policemen who made no effort to stop the violence.

Lt-Col M L Khanyile, public relation officer for the KwaZulu police in Ulundi, said there was no truth in the ANC's version of the clash.

"KwaZulu policemen responded to reports on Sunday morning that there was fighting between two groups at the squatter camp, and went to investigate. They were shot at, and returned to their station for reinforcements.

"By the time they got back, the groups had dispersed. They found eight bodies.

"We have no reports of homes being destroyed. The claim that KwaZulu policemen escorted either of the groups involved is absurd," said Khanyile. - Sapa

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Scores flee Umlazi fighting

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Correspondent

SCORES of families fled their homes and sought refuge in a neighbouring shack settlement during fighting between two factions at Umlazi in which at least eight people died and more than 100 shacks were burnt.

Residents of the Ekuthuleni shack settlement in Umlazi claimed they were attacked by hostel residents from Unit 7 early on Sunday morning.

Reports that hostel dwellers were accompanied by members of the KwaZulu police were denied by Lieutenant-Colonel Moses Khanyile of KwaZulu.

ANC southern Natal region chairman Mr Jeff Radebe alleged that KwaZulu policemen were present during the fighting and had collaborated with members of Inkatha.

Members of the South African Police Riot Unit were called to restore order. Eight bodies were found by the police.

Many residents stayed at a community centre in Umlazi while others went to friends at the shack settlement of Uganda.

Massacre probe major denies 'slap in face'

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Major Joseph van Zyl denied in the Supreme Court here yesterday that it had been a "slap in the face" for him to be taken off the investigation of the Trust Feeds massacre, which was handed over to Captain Frank Dutton last year.

Pretoria advocate Mr Hennie de Vos appeared yesterday to represent Major Van Zyl and two other police witnesses, Major-General Christo Marx and a Colonel Van Zyl. This followed last week's adjournment after Major Van Zyl demanded legal representation before continuing his testimony.

Yesterday, Major Van Zyl agreed that by the time he officially took over the investigation into the 11 murders on December 21, 1988, he suspected that special constables had been in-

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volved. The ballistics report he received on January 6 positively linked the firearms of two special constables to the killings.

He agreed that although this was important evidence he did not recall having made inquiries about the progress of the ballistics tests before he received the report.

He said the former head of the Riot Unit in Maritzburg, the late Captain Deon Terblanche, had said that the special constables concerned had fled.

He had not found it strange that the firearms of the six special constables were available in spite of his information that they had fled. He was not aware of standing orders under which special constables took their firearms home.

The trial continues.

Natal death toll (276)

AT LEAST 91 people have died in Natal this year in politically linked violence, the Black Sash Repression Monitoring Group said in its latest bulletin.

The bulletin again criticised the slow implementation of the peace accord's structures in local communities in Natal.

REPORTS: Business Day Reporter, Sapa

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War of words in Natal

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THE war of words in Natal between the African National Congress and Inkatha Freedom Party over the ongoing violence in the area continued yesterday.

The IFP issued a rebuttal to a statement released earlier in the day by the ANC which accused the IFP and the KwaZulu Police of carrying out a campaign of terror and murder in Natal.

The allegations were made following a spate of attacks in Umlazi, in particular Sunday's death of eight people in Ekuthuleni settlement.

In reply, IFP central committee member Mr Senzo Mfayela said the congress statement was incoherent in nature and contained fabricated allegations.

Mfayela accused ANC supporters of being responsible for sparking Sunday's killings by attacking IFP homes in Umlazi at 4am.

"In this initial attack, two IFP supporters were murdered. The ANC statement deliberately fails to mention this fact," he said.

Referring to violent clashes in Bruntville in April last year, Mfayela again accused congress members of precipitating the outbreak of more extensive fighting. - Sapa.

3 children shot dead in Maritzburg ambush

Own Correspondent

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MARITZBURG — Three children aged six to 11 were shot dead while being driven to school by the Imbali deputy mayor and Inkatha leader Abdul Awetha yesterday morning.

An AK-47 assault rifle, at least one Makarov pistol and a hand grenade were used in the attack, perpetrated by about a dozen men near the Imbali township office. Mr Awetha escaped unhurt, but shocked.

The killings have outraged people and could break off Maritzburg's peace initiatives between the IFP and ANC.

Those killed were girls Precious Chilisa Awetha

(6) and Noluthando Mkhize (11) and a boy, Nkanyiso Sithole (11).

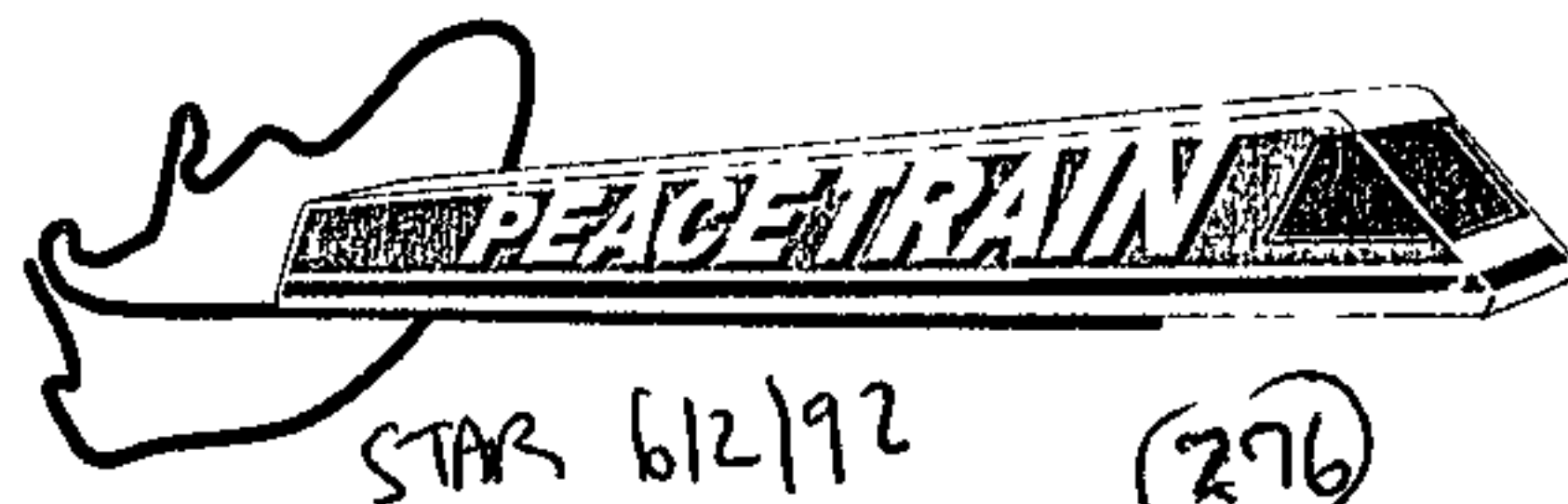
Ironically, Mr Awetha was driving along a back route through an Inkatha neighbourhood for safety, but when he neared the Imbali township office a man holding a rifle rose from the grass and raked the car.

Other armed men also fired and one threw a hand grenade which damaged the motor car's front lower works. More than 25 AK-47 and Makarov pistol spent cartridge cases were found on the scene afterwards.

It is believed that two men have been arrested, but this could not be confirmed at the time of going to press.

The washing of the spears

Senior Natal Journalist Khaba Mkhize examines the psychology that led to peace in Mpumalanga township.



The residents of Mpumalanga, a township 30 km east of Maritzburg, celebrated their unique peace achievement and proved that Inkatha supporters can mix with African National Congress followers without bad blood being stirred.

February 2 seems to have etched itself as an important date in South Africa's historical diary. It was on this day, two years ago, that President de Klerk made his dramatic announcement on the unbanning of political organisations and set the country on the road to democracy.

Last Sunday will go down in the history books as the day South Africa saw the first joint rally of the ANC and IFP. The sunny day recorded more than 3 000 ANC and IFP supporters toying together in the local stadium with both organisations' flags flying in harmony on the podium.

The determination and brotherliness of two men, the ANC's Meschack Radebe and IFP's Sipho Mlaba, coupled with the co-operation of residents, made the rally happen co-incidentally on the second anniversary of the ANC's unbanning.

Last year any suggestion of a joint rally in troubled Natal would have been treated as wishful thinking. Respected me-

diators the world over explain that after a season of violence people need a lull which is referred to as a "mourning period" before reasonable peace is established.

A year has passed since the Mpumalanga residents were exposed to large-scale violence.

A top-level two-man peace delegation, in the form of the ANC's Jacob Zuma and IFP's Dr Frank Mdlalose, could not call a joint rally to inform residents of strife-torn townships about the peace deal that followed one of the most significant political handshakes in the country — between Nelson Mandela and Mangosuthu Buthelezi in early 1991.

"The time is not yet ripe to mix the afflicted people in a rally," said Dr Mdlalose and Mr Zuma at the time when they were jointly spreading the gospel of peace.

The common question is: How did Mr Mlaba and Mr Radebe achieve this goal? They have different styles — Mr Radebe is outspoken while Mr Mlaba is soft-spoken. Their contrasting heights quickly remind one of the pair in the Danny de Vito and Arnold Schwarzenegger movie "Twins". They do not come from the hierarchy of their respective organisations, but from the grassroots.

Apart from the Radebe/Mlaba peace machine, there are many backroom boys who played vital, low-profile roles in the mediation process.

Some, like Rejoice "Majoy" Mcoyi, who operated her own textile factory, were killed in the process.

Her gunning down ironically provided the first signals of the peace drive last January. The suspected anti-peace killer of this stalwart ANC member was tracked down by Inkatha supporters.

Before her burial a delegation of Inkatha members came to the Mcoyi family to ask for permission to attend the funeral. Inkatha supporters came in large numbers to bury the "queen of peace" and brushed shoulders with the ANC and comrades.

Some of the agitated comrades from Northern Natal branches could not believe their eyes when they saw droves of Inkatha mourners clad in T-shirts emblazoned with Buthelezi's head.

It was a Durban attorney and an ANC official who defused the imminent war by calling the comrades to order: "Comrades, you can rather kill me than to disrupt Majoy's funeral."

At that funeral most speakers spoke of Inkatha supporters as "brothers and sisters", finally heralding an era of a community spirit.

Another key factor that cemented peace was the fact that the often stigmatised township council is unusually popular in Mpumalanga, particularly among the youth.

A further positive impact was the fact the Mpumalanga Residents' Association (Mpura) is the township's only progressive body — headed by popular soccer figure Rodger Sishi, who also sits as mayor.

Most residents of Mpumalanga work at the nearby textile factories in Hammersdale. The political division had invaded the factory floors at the height of the violence during the late '80s as employers' arms had been twisted to employ only UDF supporters so as to avoid "disruption".

"We had to stop this tendency first in order to allow for the peace process to take ground since you cannot starve people and then expect them to buy your peace proposals," remarked Mr Sishi on Sunday after the rally.

The first peace accord in Natal — which was also community engineered — was brought about by Captain Ray Harrauld (now a major based in



Former soccer star, now mayor . . . Rodger Sishi.

Pretoria) in adjacent rural Ntshongweni location.

This single unusual event acted as a great influence in the psychology of Mpumalanga as a whole, says Mr Sishi.

"The people of Ntshongweni were directly involved in the violence in our area and the peace they won convinced us peace was possible after all," he explained.

Also, the Hammersdale Chamber of Commerce, with local untiring managing director Steve Simpson, held endless meetings with community members from both factions, providing another impetus to the peace engine.

This group initiated concrete programmes to alleviate the quality of life of residents. Their commitment was based on the obvious dictum that reconciliation goes hand in hand with development.

Speaking on TV last week Mr Radebe said four existing schools were to be given four additional classrooms and a community centre by the Independent Development Trust (IDT). Recreational facilities have also been earmarked.

These developments are another contributing factor towards the implementation of peace as they are a concrete symbol to the community to rally around.

People at the rally heaped praise on Mr Radebe and Mr Mlaba, saying "these men of peace have brought along spin-offs for us, no matter what organisation you belonged to".

The IFP and ANC have conducted joint beauty competitions and friendly soccer matches to hail the rising of hope and peace in Mpumalanga.

Mpumalanga means the place of the rising sun. The achievement in Mpumalanga has given rise to hopes for many people in other killing fields that in their areas the sun will also rise for them.

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Gunmen kill three children in attack on Inkatha official's car

MARITZBURG — Police are searching for the gunmen who shot and killed three children after ambushing the car of Imbali deputy mayor and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Abdul Awetha early yesterday.

Inkatha described the killing of the children as a "barbaric and merciless assassination", and claimed Awetha's car was ambushed by an alleged ANC hit squad.

The ANC denied the allegation.

Awetha was driving his son, Ismail, 16, and three other children to school at about 6.30am when they were attacked.

Police spokesman Capt Henry Budhram said it appeared that 16 people armed with AK-47 rifles and a Makarov pistol attacked the car from both sides of the road. A hand grenade was thrown at the car and exploded.

Budhram said Awetha stopped and returned fire and both he and his son jumped out of the car and took cover.

The gunmen then allegedly walked up to the car and shot the three children, Precious Chiliza, 6, Noluthando Mkhize, 9, and Nkanyiso Sithole, 10.

There have been past assassination attempts on Awetha, who is regarded as a "warlord" by ANC supporters in the area.

ANC Natal Midlands region deputy chairman Reggie Hadebe said there was

no evidence to suggest that the ANC had been involved in the attack.

Hadebe said that in another incident in Imbali yesterday, an unidentified schoolgirl was shot and seriously wounded in the township yesterday, but further details were not available.

In another assassination attempt on an Inkatha official, Justice Vezi, 19, the son of Richmond Inkatha leader Paulos Vezi, was killed when about 200 youths attacked the Vezi home.

Our Durban correspondent reports that ANC and Inkatha leaders from Umlazi yesterday made a strong appeal to the community to exercise "restraint and calm" in the wake of a three-day clash which claimed the lives of eight people and destroyed 120 shacks.

The Umlazi dispute resolution committee has been working to bring to an end to the intermittent clashes, and late yesterday police said the areas of the township affected by violence were "quiet".

Sapa reports that four people were killed at Folweni, Umbumbulu, in an attack on ANC supporters on Tuesday. Several spent AK-47 cartridges were found at the scene.

Own Correspondent

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Goldstone hears of imported assassins

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CAPE TOWN — A direct link between the escalation of violence in townships around Maritzburg and the deployment in the area of 200 Inkatha gunmen trained in Caprivi was alleged at the Goldstone commission of inquiry into alleged SADF funding of front organisations to instigate violence.

Former Inkatha central committee member Mbongeni Khumalo said Inkatha's support in Maritzburg townships was almost nonexistent in 1987. Its support had been mainly in rural areas but with the dethroning of a number of chiefs and headmen, a large number of people had turned to the ANC.

In 1987, on their return from Caprivi, the 200 men — who were issued with KwaZulu police appointment cards while receiving salaries paid in cash at the offices of Inkatha — were allegedly taken to Maritzburg where they were placed under the direct control of Inkatha leaders.

"We saw immediately the worst kind of violence that has ever been seen in Maritzburg. People were brutally murdered, houses were burnt and there was great interference with the public transport system. Drivers were killed, the education system was completely disrupted and people were forced to openly align themselves with Inkatha. There was a forced membership campaign," Khumalo said.

A lot of ANC/UDF members were killed and Inkatha was able to regain its strength in Maritzburg, he said.

He said another group of about 40 people from the Maritzburg area had received training at a camp at Amatikulu in late 1990. He added that Inkatha members were encouraged to go for training.

Khumalo said he had heard of collusion between the security police, SADF and Inkatha in the attacks on the ANC in and around Maritzburg.

He also alleged the group of 200 had been used to mobilise school students to join Inkatha and to give military training to the Black Cats of Wesselton, Ermelo, at a camp at Mkhuze, allegedly equipped with SADF supplies.

In about June 1989, the Caprivi trainees were broken up. Some were sent to man KwaZulu police stations; others were attached to the riot unit under the KwaZulu police; and others were posted to guard government buildings in Ulundi. Ten men were left under the command of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's personal assistant, M Z Khumalo.

Khumalo alleged that the SADF had given logistical support to those members not absorbed into the police force and, through a front organisation, Creed Consultants, had as late as December 1991 paid the salary of Daluxolo Luthuli, who was allegedly responsible for a number of murders of ANC members in greater Maritzburg.

In Wesselton, the SAP had allegedly used the trained and armed Black Cats members to attack houses and kill members of the community hostile to Inkatha.

Another act of alleged violence cited by Khumalo was the attack on an ANC funeral in Wesselton when Inkatha members allegedly sprayed bullets into the flag-bearer of the ANC procession and into the dead man's corpse. Khumalo said a high-ranking official in the KwaZulu Police Force had told him those arrested for the shooting by the SADF were released a few days later by the SAP after M Z Khumalo intervened. Confiscated guns were allegedly returned by the Ermelo SAP to the KwaZulu police.

Khumalo's statement was interrupted by Inkatha legal representative Louis Visser SC, who objected to hearsay evidence being submitted.

But Mr Justice Goldstone said the commission was not a court of law and the hearsay evidence had to be heard.

SADF legal representative Carel Rabie said the detailed nature of the evidence had surprised him and he asked for his cross examination of Khumalo to be reserved. The SAP also reserved cross examination.

Today two unidentified former members of the Black Cats gang give evidence.

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Natal peace body 'SA's most active'

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THE Natal/KwaZulu Regional Dispute Resolution Committee has been the most active in the country, the first report of the National Peace Secretariat (NPS) showed yesterday.

By January 15 it was considering establishing nine local dispute resolution committees.

The Soweto Local Dispute Committee has experienced "deep-rooted enmity between some members" which has made it "very difficult" to perform its functions, said the report, compiled by NPS chairman Dr Anthonie Gildenhuys.

Agreement has not yet been reached on the appointment of a chairman and executive committee for the Western Cape Regional Dispute Resolution Committee, Dr Gildenhuys said.

Meanwhile the secretariat is to be given legal recognition, Minister of Justice Mr Kobie Coetsee announced yesterday.

Legislation giving statutory recognition to the secretariat and related structures was being finalised, he said.

Three children die in 'barbaric' ambush

DURBAN. — Police are searching for the gunmen who shot and killed three young children after ambushing the car of Imbali deputy mayor and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mr Abdul Awetha early yesterday.

Inkatha has described the killing of the children as a "barbaric and merciless assassination" and claims that Mr Awetha's car was ambushed by an alleged African National Congress hit squad — which the ANC has denied.

Mr Awetha was driving his son Ismail, 16, and three other children to school about 6.30am when they were attacked.

Police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said it appeared that 16 people armed with AK-47 rifles and a Makarov pistol attacked the car from both sides of the road. A handgrenade was also thrown at the car.

Captain Budhram said Mr Awetha stopped and returned fire and both he and his son escaped unscathed.

The gunmen then allegedly ap-

14 Natal unrest deaths

DURBAN. — Four people were killed in a feud over land in Noshezi, near Maritzburg, police reported yesterday.

And in Folweni, Umbumbulu, police said four people were killed in an attack on African National Congress supporters on Tuesday.

A Port Shepstone unrest monitor also reported the death of two people in nearby Nyandezulu where tension between ANC and IFP supporters is reportedly running high.

At Sinathing, near Maritzburg, police yesterday morning found the bodies of four people who had apparently been shot dead by unidentified assailants. — Sapa

proached the vehicle and three children — Precious Chiliza, 6, Noluthando Mkhize, 9, and Nkanyiso Sithole, 10 — were shot dead.

IFP central committee member Mr Senzo Mfayela called the incident "a barbaric and merciless act of the most heinous proportions".

The deputy chairman of the ANC Natal Midlands region, Mr Reggie Hadebe, said there was no evidence to suggest that the ANC had been involved in the attack.



An Inkatha Freedom Party member flees the Formac Hostel in Natal as politically motivated violence swept the area yesterday.

Natal bleeds as violence wrecks havoc

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POLITICALLY linked violence continued to sweep through Natal's townships yesterday with reports of at least eight deaths in separate incidents as pleas for peace in the strife-torn Umlazi mounted.

Police also reported another four killings after a feud over land in Noshezi near Maritzburg.

The figure could be higher as police could last night not confirm reports of four more deaths in the Port Shepstone and Umbumbulu districts.

At Folweni, Umbumbulu, police said four people were killed in an attack on African National Congress supporters on Tuesday.

Several spent AK-47 rifle cartridges were found at the scene.

The Human Rights Commission put the death toll in the attack at six and said it would supply names and further details later.

Two assassination attempts also left three people dead in Imbali near Pietermaritzburg and one person killed near Richmond.

The city's police spokesman, Captain

Henry Budhram, reported that three children were killed in an attack on the vehicle of prominent Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mr Abdul Mtethwa in Imbali yesterday morning.

Mtethwa was taking the children and his son Ismael (16) to school when their vehicle was ambushed by about 16 men.

He said AK-47 rifles and Makarov pistols were used in the attack.

A handgrenade was also thrown at the vehicle, but Mtethwa and his son managed to escape. The gunmen approached the car and fatally shot Precious Chiliza (six), Mkayiso Mkhize (nine) and Mduthando Mkhize (11).

Mtethwa, an Imbali councillor and prominent IFP leader, is regarded as a "warlord" by ANC supporters.

In another attack, police said one person was killed after about 200 youths attacked the home of Richmond's IFP leader Mr Paulos Vezi. Vezi's bodyguards returned fire, killing a 19-year-old man.

A Port Shepstone unrest monitor also reported the death of two people in nearby Nyandezulu where tension between ANC and IFP supporters is reportedly running high. - Sapa.

Two men arrested in connection with killing of 3 children

The Argus Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Two men have been arrested in connection with the killing of three small children while they were being driven to school yesterday by Imbali deputy mayor and Inkatha leader Mr Abdul Awetha.

This was announced here early today by police liaison officer Captain Henry Budhram.

It is not known when the two arrested men will appear in court.

Mr Awetha had driven along back roads through an Inkatha area yesterday, avoiding the main roads for fear of attack.

He and his son, who were in the station wagon with the three children,

both escaped the fusillade of more than 60 shots, fired by several men who had been hiding in long grass near the Imbali Township Board offices.

The men got up and opened fire with an AK-47 assault rifle and a Makarov pistol as Mr Awetha's station wagon approached the township offices.

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Massacre: Sabotage by cops? ⁽²⁷⁶⁾

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — The officer investigating the 1988 Trust Feed murders told the Supreme Court yesterday that he had considered the possibility that senior police officers from Pretoria might have tried to sabotage the renewed investigation.

Replying to a question by defence counsel, Captain Frank Dutton said the involvement of General Ronnie van der Westhui-

zen and a Colonel Langenhoven from the special investigation unit in Pretoria had put him in a difficult position.

They were assisting him, but at times had seemed to be taking over. Asked if he suspected them of trying to sabotage the investigation, he said he had considered the possibility.

He also said that the special constables implicated in the killings had been given security

clearances by security police in Maritzburg in April 1989, months after warrants for the arrest of two of them had been issued.

At a meeting with the previous investigating officer, Major Joseph van Zyl, and General Van der Westhuizen, it had been said that the case against Captain Brian Mitchell and fellow officers was based on circumstantial evidence.

The hearing continues today.

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POLITICAL VIOLENCE

At least 91 people have died in Natal this year, according to the Black Sash Repression Monitoring Group. (276)

BAROMETER

The organisation's latest bulletin says most of the killings occurred on the South Coast where 42 people were killed in January, while 23 people died in the northern region with 26 deaths recorded in the Midlands over the same period. (276)

The bulletin also reports that at least 25 people have been killed in Umlazi's squatter areas of Uganda, Ekuthuleni and Chimora. This figure, however, excluded last week's alleged attack by kwaZulu Police members and Inkatha supporters on shack dwellers in Ekuthuleni which left eight people dead and over 100 homes razed.

ANC, Inkatha plead for peace in Umlazi

LEADERS of the Inkatha Freedom party and the ANC on Wednesday made an impassioned plea to their supporters in the Ekuthuleni area of Umlazi to hold their peace.

Sunday's dawn massacre left five people dead and others injured.

At a Press conference called by the Umlazi Dispute Resolution Committee, leaders of the ANC and Inkatha made a strong plea

to the people of Unit 17 - the area where some 120 houses were burned down - to stop the senseless war.

Hundreds of people have fled the area since the outbreak of violence.

Mr Felix Dhlamini, Umlazi zone chairman of the ANC and Mr Winnington Sabelo, KwaZulu legislative member for Umlazi, said they believed that the fighting was not simply a confronta-

tion between Inkatha and ANC: the anger and frustration of the people perhaps stemmed from the lack of amenities and services in the area. (276)

Mr Gary Cullen, interim chairman of the Umlazi Dispute Resolution Committee, said his organisation had formed a sub-committee which would negotiate with the local authorities to provide much-needed services in the region - a factor which could drastically alleviate their frustration.

Furthermore, he said, the National Dispute Resolution Committee had been asked to liaise with the South African Defence Force, the KwaZulu Police and the South African Police, urging them to work jointly with each other so that security patrols in the area could be tightly monitored.

'Six ANC CT 7/12/92 members (276) shot dead'

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The ANC has said six of its members were shot dead by about 25 gunmen at Folweni near Mbumbulu on Wednesday.

However, police could only confirm four dead and three injured.

The ANC said three of the dead were schoolboys.

ANC spokesman Mr Ellias Mkhize alleged at a news conference that police were conniving with attackers. He said police had been seen driving around with an IFP member, identifying homes of ANC members who were later killed.

● A man was killed and another wounded when shots were fired at them on their way home from a meeting with a chief in the Bulwer area early yesterday.

● Four schoolboys and a woman were shot and wounded in Imbali on Wednesday, police said yesterday.

● Mr Mfanikana Cele, 20, died after he was shot in a Howick bottle store.

Judge raps Natal policemen

By ANTHONY JOHNSON CT 8/1/92
Political Correspondent

THE Goldstone Commission yesterday castigated the police for failing to lay charges against people carrying cultural weapons in public and said reliable evidence "strongly suggested" police bias in favour of Inkatha.

The commission's report also lashes out at police handling of the delicate situation in the strife-torn Mooi River and its adjoining township, Bruntville, where 19 people died in clashes between Inkatha and the ANC in December.

However, the commission's report says evidence did not indicate unlawful conduct on the behalf of any policeman save for the "improper use of a forfeited vehicle with false number plates".

In the report, Mr Justice R J Goldstone criticises police for indulging in "the injudicious strong-arm tactics" in the Mooi River area.

He notes that such behaviour "feeds the perception among both the public and members of the police that they are a law unto themselves," adding, "in the case in point at Mooi River this perception may already be a conviction".

Procedures such as conducting raids without war-

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TALKS AT No 10 ... Mr Nelson Mandela met Mr John Major yesterday and urged him to use his influence so that SA could have an interim government in six months. ● Report — Page 3. Picture AP

ET to meet Kaunda

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VENTERSDORP. — AWB leader

Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche has accepted an invitation to hold talks with former Zambian leader Dr Kenneth Kaunda, the AWB said in a statement released yesterday.

The AWB leader decided to accept the invitation "because it is in line with AWB policy to negotiate with all leaders of nations."

They are due to meet on February 29 at an undisclosed venue. Mr Terre'Blanche will also meet Bophuthatswana's President

Lucas Mangope on February 17.

Meanwhile, AP reports from Lusaka that the former Zambian president says he is broke.

Dr Kaunda, who was defeated at the polls last October after 27 years in power, is living in a rented home paid for by his adult sons.

According to the Zambia Daily Mail, Dr Kaunda said he was "financially very unstable" and that the new government still had not paid him any retirement benefits.

But, Dr Kaunda said, he will not go on his knees to claim his dues from the state. "I will not sink to be a beggar, even when I am robbed," he said.

Dr Kaunda has denied allegations that he channelled millions of dollars into a private bank account while president.

The government has said it will pay Dr Kaunda retirement benefits when he formally quits politics in May. — Sapa-AP

KwaZulu MP gunned down

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — A KwaZulu MP and Inkatha Freedom Party leader in Umhlanga, Mr Winston Sabelo, was gunned down in his shop last night.

According to police, three shots were fired at Mr Sabelo after a man walked into his shop at 6.30 last night. Mr Sabelo was killed instantly.

His wife Evelyn was assassinated in August 1986. (276) CT 8/2/92

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Umlazi warlord shot dead

By S'BU MNGADI

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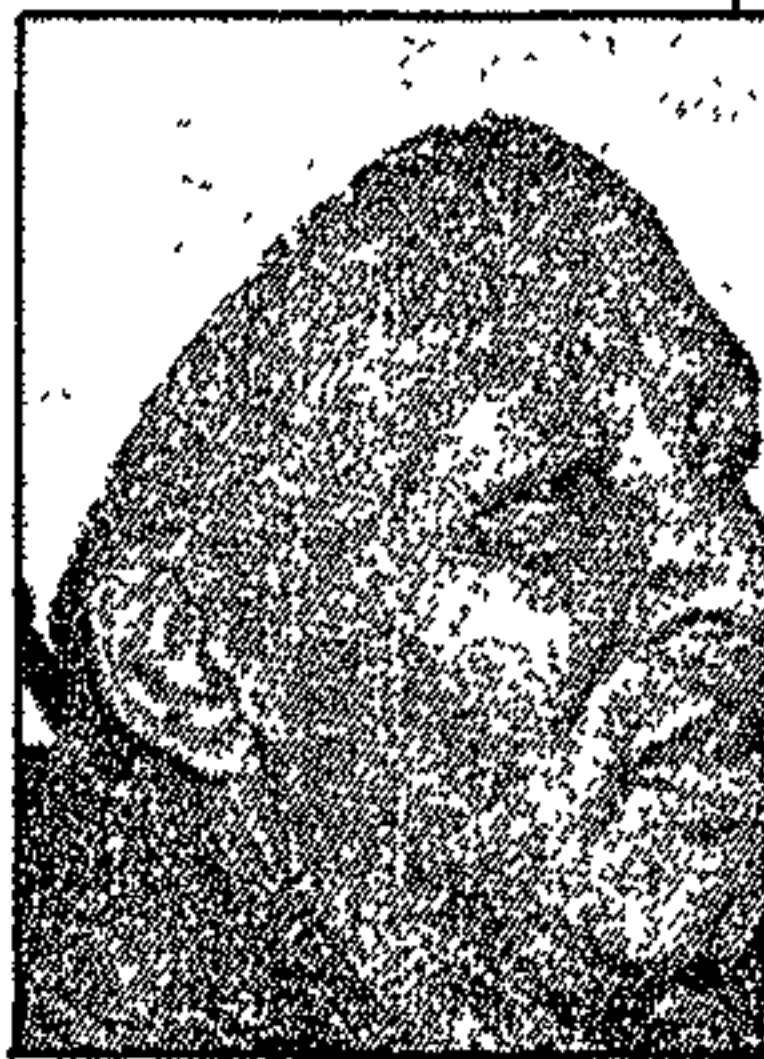
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DURBAN's most notorious warlord, Winnington Sabelo, was assassinated in his shop in Umlazi on Friday night.

Sabelo, a KwaZulu MP and member of Inkatha central committee for Umlazi, was shot dead in his shop after selling his killer a packet of cigarettes.

Now Umlazi residents, the Inkatha Freedom Party and the ANC fear the shooting could spark a renewed wave of bloodshed in the township.

So far the fighting has been confined to Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers and residents of shack settlements.



**GUNNED DOWN ...
Winnington Sabelo**

Sabelo was in the shop at about 6.30 pm when a man walked in and asked for cigarettes. Then three shots rang out. The Inkatha leader is believed to have collapsed and died on the scene.

Sabelo, who earned notoriety for introducing the warlord phenomenon in Durban in 1985, has survived several attempts on his life during his turbulent political career.

He rose rapidly from a

shopkeeper to Umlazi councillor, a member of the Inkatha central committee and finally KwaZulu MP.

Following riots in the wake of Durban activist Victoria Mxenge's assassination in August 1985, the MP was personally involved in several clashes with UDF activists and sympathisers.

In 1986, Sabelo's 44-year-old wife, Evelyn, was shot dead outside their home.

The Inkatha leader's terror campaign turned public opinion in Durban townships against Inkatha and resulted in Umlazi becoming the ANC's second biggest constituency in southern Natal after the organisation's unbanning in 1990.

Inkatha national chairman and KwaZulu's minister without portfolio, Dr Frank Mdlalose, said Inkatha was very saddened by the loss.

"I know the president of the IFP, Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi, will be the saddest one of all to hear the news," he said.

Southern Natal ANC secretary S'bu Ndebele said the ANC learnt with shock of Sabelo's death, particularly when they had been working with him to bring peace to Umlazi.

"The ANC is appealing to all our people in the region, especially in Umlazi, to remain calm," Ndebele said.

"We extend our condolences to Sabelo's family and the IFP leadership for this tragic death," Ndebele said.

On Wednesday, Sabelo and Umlazi zone ANC chairman Felix Dlamini made an impassioned plea to supporters in the Ekuthuleni squatter camp and the hostel to keep calm after last Sunday's massacre of five people.



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Parents' war is killing the kids

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By TERRY VAN DER WALT

CHILDREN are being maimed and dying in a war that has nothing to do with them.

That is the bitter message from parents who are preparing to bury their children killed in an ambush on an Inkatha leader in Imbali township near Maritzburg this week.

The three children, Precious Chiliza, 6, Noluthando Mkhize, 11, and Nkanyiso "Maxwell" Sithole, 9, were on their way to Berg Street Primary School in their neighbour's car on Wednesday morning when they were riddled with bullets fired by about 16 men on the side of the road.

Sobbing

Local IFP leader and deputy mayor of Imbali, Abdul Awetha, 56, and his 16-year-old son, Ismail, ran for their lives, leaving the two little girls and boy in the car.

As the two escaped, the men moved forward, shooting at the screaming children.

Their parents were called to the scene minutes later.

The moment was captured on television — a woman kneeling next to the open car door, holding her head and rocking and sobbing hysterically for her only child.

She was Mrs Prisca Chiliza, 39, who battled for years to have a child after marrying in 1980.

Failed

Her neighbour, Mr Mandla Sithole, is bitter about losing his little boy.

"If you want to write about how I feel, just write about how any father would feel after losing a child this way," he said.

The little boy's aunt, teacher Eunice Madlala, said: "Nkanyiso means 'light' ... he was going to be our light, but now we have failed him."

Further down the potholed Mlahlankosi Street — also known as "Hit Street" — lives Mrs Cynthia Mkhize, 28, and her family.

Her daughter's little red and white dress, which she never got to wear, is neatly laid out on a white sheet on the floor.

Noluthando's grandmother, Mrs Grace Mkhize, 56, said: "She was an innocent child who did not belong to any party — she was just going to school."

SA pop stars harmonise in an anthem for peace

Sunday Times Reporter

DOZENS of South African musicians joined 80 children this week to start recording an anthem for peace. The song, sponsored by the National Peace Committee, is titled *Peace In Our Land* and should be ready for broadcast next month.

All the musicians, including Brenda Fassie, Yvonne Chaka Chaka and PJ Powers, donated their services for free.

The song is part of the second phase of a R1,4-million advertising campaign to promote the National Peace Accord.

Pop star Chicco Twala, who wrote the words and music with returned exile Caiphus Semenya, said: "As musicians we are making our contribution to influence people to think about peace and forget the violence."

Proceeds from the sale of the record, which will also be made into a video, will go to the peace committee.

Free

An advertising campaign for the committee was devised by Herdbuoys and Hunt Lascaris agencies and launched last year.

Hunt Lascaris account director Rob Campbell said the possibility of getting a whole peace album recorded was investigated.

"So far all the artists have volunteered their services. If we get other technical people to do the same the album could be done with very little cost."

The peace song will be accompanied by more than 100 billboards in flashpoint areas such as Soweto and Katlehong, and radio and television commercials.

● In 1985, former Bureau for Information boss Louis Nel came under fire for using millions in taxpayers' money to sponsor a peace song.

Goldstone lashes out

THE ANC has reacted coolly to the Goldstone Commission's interim report on the violence in Mooi River which laid part of the blame on its supporters.

"The interim report does not take us much further than what any reasonable person could speculate," said the ANC's Saki Macozoma. "We don't want to shoot the report down, but anyone who reads the papers would have come to a similar conclusion."

Blame

The report, tabled in Parliament on Friday, follows the investigations into incidents on December 3 and 4 at the Bruntville township outside Mooi River where 19 people were killed in violent clashes between the IFP and the ANC.

"The blame falls squarely on the participants in attack and counter-attack, irrespective of which party they support," the interim report said.

Police, ANC, IFP and press under the whip

By CHARLES LEONARD

"Unless they come to the understanding that other people are entitled to have and express a view different to their own, that physical violence never changes people's convictions, and that tolerance and democracy are not just political slogans but norms actively practised, there will not be an end to violence at Bruntville."

Following many incidents of violence since the end of 1990, the report says that it "appears to be undisputed that IFP supporters launched two attacks on dwellers in Bruntville township", which left four people dead on December 3 1991 and 15 dead after the second attack the next day.

"It is also not undisputed that an IFP supporter, Nbuyiselwa Jophannes Mbatha, died from a gunshot wound sustained by

him on December 3 1991," the report said.

The commission also strongly criticised the police regarding their conducting raids without warrants, in plain clothes and in a vehicle bearing false number plates, saying it "should be prohibited forthwith."

"Such procedures, apart from being unlawful, cannot serve any proper or useful purpose and, in addition, can only fuel rumours and theories about a 'third force' being responsible for much of the violence in South Africa," the report said.

Regarding the build-up to the violence since 1990,

it said "there should have been more efficient and more sensitive leadership of the police and the security forces in the area."

"A suitable senior police officer should be appointed at Mooi River as a matter of urgency and clear lines of command established."

"The evidence suggesting, and perceptions that members of the police force favour IFP supporters is a matter of concern and if correct will serve to aggravate negative attitudes towards the police by many members of the community that the police are serving."

The commission also called on the government to immediately determine a policy regarding the carrying of "cultural weapons". It said it was unacceptable that men could walk in the streets with sticks and spears when the law required that the weapons be confiscated.

Referring to press coverage of the events at Mooi River the report concluded: "Inaccurate and unchecked information and rumours were disseminated by both ANC and IFP spokespersons."

"This was regularly reported in the newspapers. The commission recommends that political and other organisations should take cognisance that inaccurate reports of violence in themselves frequently result in escalation of violence."

"The commission appeals to the leaderships of both organisations to exercise greater restraint and care in this regard."

And on the media: "In these highly sensitive and volatile matters the Press also has a special duty to report the facts and to report them accurately and responsibly."

Inkatha

MP killed after plea for peace

By TERRY van der WALT

CONTROVERSIAL Inkatha leader and Kwazulu MP Winnington Sabelo was gunned down in his shop at Umlazi near Durban this week — just days after he appealed for peace in the troubled township.

In an effort to avert bloodshed which political observers fear could follow, Natal/KwaZulu Regional Dispute Resolution Committee co-chairman Mr MC Pretorius yesterday called for all parties to "remain calm" and not to allow the killing to inflame the township.

Police said that on Friday night Mr Sabelo was serving a man who asked for cigarettes when the customer fired three shots at point-blank range, killing him instantly.

He has survived repeated attempts on his life in the past.

His wife, Evelyn, was killed in a gunfire and handgrenade attack on his home in August 1986.

Clashes

At the time KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi said the "black civil war" he had warned about had begun.

Mr Sabelo appealed for peace on television news on Wednesday following clashes between IFP hostel-dwellers and ANC-supporting squatters in the Ekuthuleni area of Umlazi.

He had played a leading role on the Umlazi Local Dispute Resolution Committee and his contribution would be "sorely missed", said interim chairman Gary Cullen.

Mr Sabelo was instrumental in the launch of the Inkatha-backed United Workers Union of South Africa on May 1 1986.

8 slain as violence sweeps over Natal

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DURBAN — At least eight people were killed at the weekend — including a prominent Natal midlands ANC leader and four members of one family — in ongoing violence sweeping Natal.

Maritzburg police yesterday reported that four family members were killed at about 8.30 pm on Saturday when a bakkie carrying eight people was ambushed in the Taylors Halt area, near Maritzburg.

The gunmen sprayed the vehicle with shotgun and AK-47 fire, killing Bethwel Gasa, aged about 50, Lungile Gasa, about 20, Ntombikhona Gasa, about 16, and six-year-old Thembile Mbhele.

Welcome Gasa (12) was injured in the ambush and a nine-year-old girl who fled after the vehicle stopped was reportedly still missing yesterday afternoon.

In a separate incident in Maritzburg's city centre on Saturday night, an Imbali ANC leader and member of the Midlands Regional Executive Committee, Sikhumbuzo Ngwenya, was shot dead in what an ANC source described as an assassination.

Mr Ngwenya had left a meet-

ing at a restaurant in Victoria Street when he was shot dead in his car by unknown assailants reportedly driving a white car.

Mr Ngwenya had just left a meeting with colleagues of the Pietermaritzburg Agency for Christian Social Awareness (Pacsa) together with visiting US businessmen and other officials.

A colleague and friend, Peter Kerchhoff, who was at the meeting, said Mr Ngwenya left the restaurant at about 9.30 pm.

Heard shots

"He said he was on his way to Imbali, and about four minutes after he left we heard about five shots. I ran outside and saw Sikhumbuzo slumped across the seat of his vehicle."

Mr Kerchhoff, a Pacsa co-ordinator, said two doctors among the visitors rushed to the ANC official's aid but Mr Ngwenya was already dead, having been shot in the head, neck, shoulder and stomach.

Police confirmed his death, saying they found spent 7,65 mm and 9 mm cartridges at the scene.

Mr Kerchhoff described the ANC leader as a "sensible, hard-working community leader who will be

sorely missed".

Mr Ngwenya had been actively involved in many projects aimed at reconstructing and rehabilitating Imbali following years of political upheaval and unrest there.

His death comes soon after an assassination attempt on Imbali's Inkatha leader, Abdul Awetha. Mr Awetha escaped the attack last week but three children he was taking to school were shot dead in his vehicle.

Umlazi's Inkatha leader Winton Sabelo was killed when two gunmen walked into his shop in Umlazi on Friday night and gunned him down.

In other incidents of Natal violence, police said they found the body of a man who had been shot at Ininwe Reserve, near Empangeni.

A girl was killed and another wounded in Manshana Reserve, also near Empangeni, on Saturday after gunmen opened fire on a crowd attending a funeral, police added.

Also on Saturday, a man was killed at Inanda, near Durban, after a gunman stopped a taxi and shot one of the occupants. Police said a youth was arrested. — Sapa

SLAUGHTER

AND OUR DAILY

17 die in new wave of fighting

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member of the organisation's Midlands regional executive committee Mr Sikhumbuzo Ngwenya was shot dead outside a restaurant

Ngwenya was in his 30s and was chairman of the ANC Imbali Stage Two branch, Natal Midlands branch assistant secretary Mr John Jeffrey said yesterday

His death comes soon after an assassination attempt on Imbali's Inkatha leader Mr Abdul Awetha who last week escaped an attack in which three children he was taking to school were shot dead in his vehicle.

Maritzburg police yesterday reported that eight people - four from the same family - were killed on Saturday when a bakkie carrying eight people was ambushed in the Taylors Halt area, near the town.

The gunmen sprayed the vehicle with shotgun and AK-47 fire, killing Mr Behwél Gasa (50), Mr Lungile Gasa (20), Nombikhona Gasa (16) and six-year-old Thembele Mbhele

Welcome Gasa (12) was injured in the ambush while a nine-year-old girl who fled after the vehicle stopped was reportedly still missing yesterday afternoon.

Police later found spent AK-47 and R1 rifle cartridges. By late yesterday no arrests had been made.

In other incidents of violence at the weekend, a policeman was injured and a police vehicle damaged when a mob threw stones at the police vehicle at Kwazakhele in Port Elizabeth.

At Ininwe Reserve at Empangeni in Natal police found the body of a man with bullet wounds and at Matshana Reserve, also at Empangeni, a girl was killed and another injured when shots were fired at a group of Inkatha supporters at a funeral.

A man was killed at Inanda, near Durban, when a gunman stopped a taxi and shot one of the occupants. A youth has been arrested in connection with the incident. - Sapa.

alive



AT LEAST 17 people - including prominent Inkatha Freedom Party and ANC leaders in Natal - were killed at the weekend in a new wave of violence in various parts of the country.

Nine of the 17 were killed in Natal and eight in Soweto (See report on page 2).

On Friday night Umhazli IFP leader Mr Wellington Sabelo was gunned down in his shop by two men. On Saturday Imbali ANC leader and

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17 killed in bloody weekend

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ANC peace negotiator shot dead

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DURBAN. — A high-ranking ANC Midlands peace negotiator, Mr Sikhumbuzo Ngwenya, had just finished a meal with a group of visiting American businessmen at a Maritzburg hotel on Saturday night when he was gunned down and killed in the hotel's parking lot.

The killing of Mr Ngwenya, an ex-detainee and the ANC's Imbali

Branch Two chairman, who worked for years on the peace process in the region, has sparked fears that a fresh cycle of bloody revenge killings has begun, coming as it did hot on the heels of the slaying of IFP peace negotiator Mr Winnington Sabelo at Umhlanga on Friday evening.

The DP Unrest Monitoring Group's Mr Roy Ainslie yesterday slammed what he termed "the current campaign to assassinate key ANC and IFP officials" involved in peace moves.

Last week there were three attacks on regional IFP leaders.

Mr Ainslie said it was "significant" that both Mr Sabelo and Mr Ngwenya were committed to the peace process and were making serious attempts to stop the conflict in the townships.

"Other promoters of the peace process have also been targeted for attack. Clearly there are persons whose political programme requires that the peace process does not succeed."

Five die as car ambushed

DURBAN. — Four members of one family and a six-year-old girl travelling with them were killed in an ambush in the Taylors Halt area, near Maritzburg, yesterday morning.

Police said the gunmen blasted their car with AK-47 and shotgun fire.

Killed in the ambush were Inkatha supporter Mrs Bethuel Gasa, 48, Lungile Gasa, 19, Ntombi Khona Gasa, 17, Inkhululeko Gasa, 11, and six-year-old Sithembile Mbhele.

Welcome Gasa, 12, was wounded.

A nine-year-old girl, who fled when the vehicle stopped, was reportedly still missing yesterday afternoon. — Sapa

The IFP has claimed an IFP member was hacked and stabbed to death in Mooi River on Saturday afternoon in an attack on IFP members shopping in the town.

Inkatha also alleged its chairman for the Endeleshani branch, Taylors Halt, Mr G Poswa, narrowly escaped death on Saturday when gunmen ambushed his vehicle.

In other incidents of violence, police reported they found the body of a man who had been shot in Ininwe Reserve, near Empangeni. No further details were available.

A girl was killed and another wounded in Manshana Reserve, also near Empangeni, on Saturday after gunmen opened fire on a crowd attending a funeral, police added.

Also on Saturday, a man was killed at Inanda, near Durban, after a gunman stopped a taxi and shot one of the occupants. A youth was arrested. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

Peace body to act after killings

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — As tension continued to soar in townships here yesterday, the National Peace Secretariat announced that moves were afoot to increase its powers and boost the capabilities of its regional and local structures.

Reacting to the killings of two prominent provincial leaders of the ANC and IFP, the chairman of the secretariat, Dr Anthonie Gildenhuys, said the committee would have to increase its efforts, change its tactics if necessary and "get more teeth".

He said the role of "facilitation and mediation" would have to be expanded.

The Deputy Minister of Justice, Mr Danie Schutte, is flying to Durban tomorrow to take part in discussions with the executive of the regional dispute resolution committee and the National Peace Secretariat.

The regional co-chairman of the dispute resolution committee, Mr M C Pretorius, said actions to "speed up the implementation of the National Peace Accord would receive top priority" at the meeting.

Archbishop Denis Hurley, the other regional co-chairman, called on police to make a "determined effort"

Principal shot dead in attack at Natal school

DURBAN. — A school principal has become one of the latest victims of the growing unrest in Natal.

Mr Jacob Khomo, 54, headmaster at a school in Umbumbulu, south of Durban, was shot dead yesterday morning after an attack at his school.

Police said no one had yet been arrested in connection with Friday's assassination of Umlazi's Inkatha leader, Mr Winnington Sabelo, or the assassination on Saturday of Imbali ANC leader Mr Sikhumbuzo Ngwenya. — Sapa

to "track down, expose and suppress any possible conspiracy"

Government sources yesterday indicated high-level concern that the violence could derail the National Peace Accord and have a direct impact on the Codesa negotiations.

Among the ANC and political groups on the left of the political spectrum the theory is held that the killings of the two leaders were the work of a "third force" or group with vested

interests in the perpetuation of violence.

Yesterday's dawn attacks in Umlazi's Unit 17, Ekuthuleni, and Q-Section have led to the flight of a further 1 000 refugees.

Hostel dwellers refused to go to work yesterday and they could be seen travelling in armed groups throughout the area, after squatters from Ekuthuleni and Zamani launched an attack at 4.30am.

Ekuthuleni was deserted yesterday afternoon, with only looters from the hostel visible as they rummaged through the debris of destroyed homes.

More army troops with the backing of air force helicopters have been deployed in Umlazi in the interim period.

In Johannesburg, in the wake of violence at Soweto's Meadowlands township at the weekend, the ANC has called for the active involvement of hostel residents in regional peace initiatives.

Violent clashes in Meadowlands, allegedly between hostel-dwellers and residents, left nine dead and 21 injured. It was reported that handgrenades and AK-47 rifles were used. Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn said yesterday that violence had abated.

One killed as Natal bus ambushed

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DURBAN — One person was killed and eight people were injured in an ambush on a bus near Table Mountain outside Maritzburg early yesterday, police said.

Maritzburg police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said the bus was travelling on the Hlanzeni Road near Table Mountain when gunmen opened fire as the bus approached a corner, killing Ntombi Mbeje (48) and wounding eight others.

The wounded were taken to Northdale Hospital where three were in a serious condition, one was stable and four were treated and discharged.

The driver, Philip Dube, drove about 2,5 km after the 5.15 am attack before a punctured tyre forced him to stop. Captain Budhram said Mr Dube's "cool head" may have prevented more casualties.

The bus was carrying 65 passengers to work from Table Mountain to Maritzburg, via the lion park.

Police found 13 empty AK-47 cartridges and two shotgun shells. Three unused petrol bombs were found at the scene.

The motive for the attack was unknown and police were investigating.

The ANC's Natal Midlands branch dismissed as "absolute nonsense" Inkatha allegations that ANC "combatants" had carried out the attack.

Midlands deputy chairman Reggie Hadebe said: "Inkatha knows that the ANC does not have a policy of ambushing innocent commuters in buses."

Earlier, Inkatha Institute spokesman Kim Hodgson said "people on the ground" were blaming ANC supporters for the attack.

He said most of the commuters were from the Inkatha stronghold of Enyanezini. — Sapa.

Commuter's face ripped off in fall

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A COMMUTER was mutilated almost beyond recognition when he was thrown from a moving train near Longdale station yesterday.

The unidentified man was thrown off a Johannesburg-bound train under the bridge near Longdale station about 6.30am. The flesh from his face was ripped off, making him almost unrecognisable.

Police in Soweto and Johannesburg could yesterday not confirm the incident.

And in Natal, as the spate of violence in the province and on the Reef continued, a woman was killed and eight people injured in an ambush on a bus near Table Mountain outside Maritzburg early yesterday.

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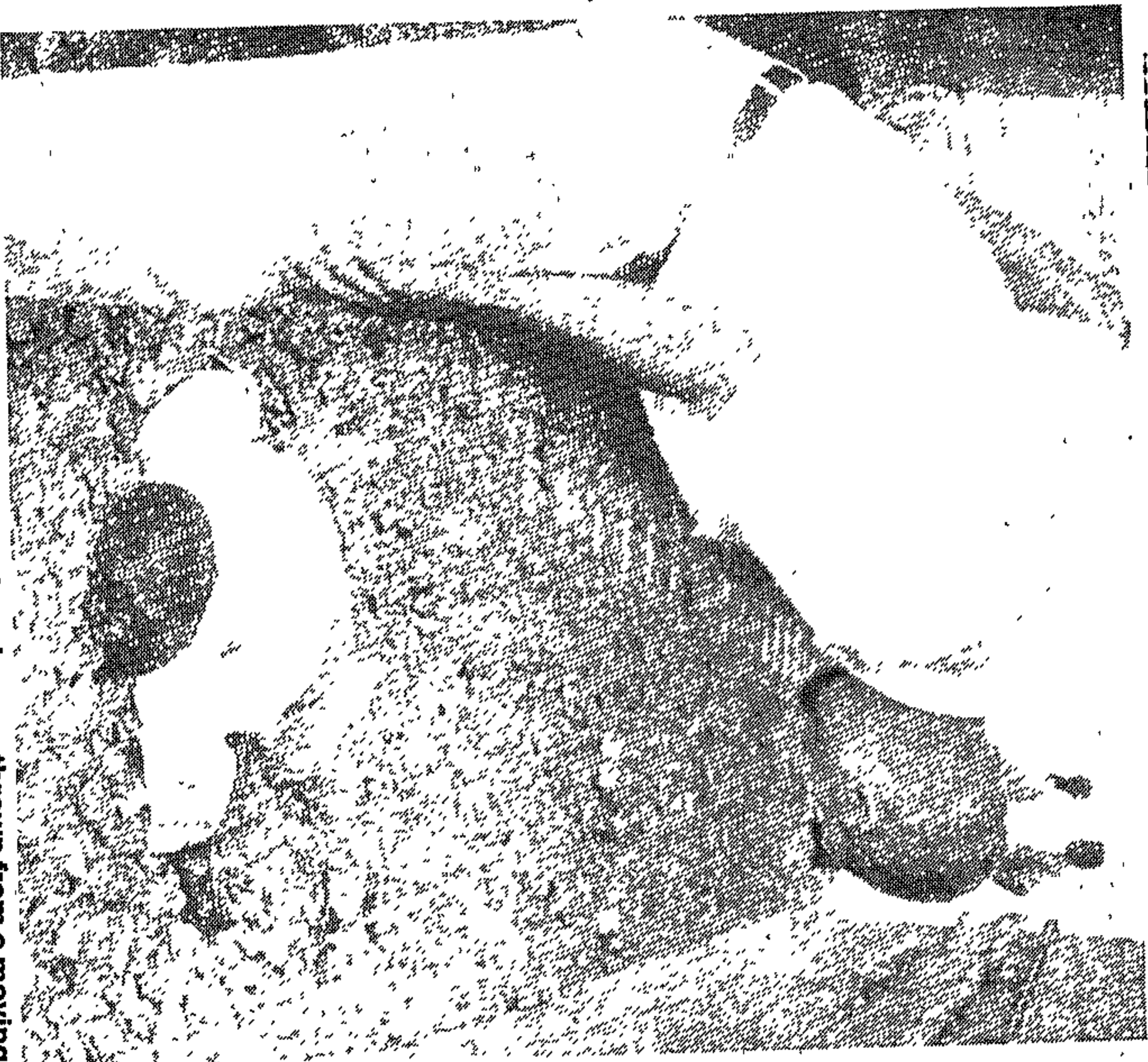
In other incidents in Soweto, two security guards were shot and injured during a robbery in Dube and a youth hacked and stabbed in Meadowlands.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said a group of men armed with AK-47s shot and wounded two fidelity guards at the Standard Bank in Dube.

A youth was rescued by police when he was attacked by a mob in Zone 1, Meadowlands. He had allegedly been confronted and accused of being among a group which attacked residents at the weekend.

Meanwhile, the ANC's Natal Midlands branch has dismissed as "absolute nonsense" Inkatha Institute allegations that ANC "combatants" had carried out the attack. Midlands deputy chairman Mr Reggie Hadebe said:

"Inkatha knows that the ANC does not have a policy of ambushing innocent commuters in buses. There is no evidence the ANC is involved and we challenge Inkatha to supply evidence."



An onlooker tries to identify a commuter who was thrown from a moving train near Longdale station, Johannesburg, yesterday.

Recommitment to Peace Accord (276)

DURBAN — The IFP and the ANC yesterday recommitted themselves to the National Peace Accord at an emergency meeting in Durban over the upsurge in violence in Natal townships that has claimed over 100 lives in the province this year.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Justice Minister Danie Schutte, National Peace Secretariat chairman Dr Antony Geldenhuys, and members of the executive committee of Natal's Regional Dispute Resolution Committee (RDRC).

Participants met to discuss ways of speeding up the implementation of the National Peace Accord's structures in

Natal, in light of increasing political violence in the region over the past few weeks.

The co-chairman of Natal's RDRC, MC Pretorius, said the meeting had acknowledged the difficulties in implementing the Accord's structures at grassroots level "in view of the longstanding distrust between parties at that level".

Mr Schutte said he had attended the meeting to see what the Government could do about getting the Peace Accord off the ground. He said certain recommendations by the Goldstone Commission, specifically into violence at Mooi River's Bruntville township, had to be imple-

mented "as soon as possible so that the Peace Accord is seen to be credible".

Dr Geldenhuys expanded on problems facing the Accord's structures, including lack of facilitators, other personnel, resources and "legal teeth".

Mr Schutte explained that the Government was attending to this, adding that this could be solved within the next four weeks.

Commenting on the lack of personnel, Dr Geldenhuys said he hoped the Government would address this tomorrow and set the mechanisms in place for the effective implementation of the Accord at local level. — Sapa.

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NO ELECTIONS . . . IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, right, shakes hands with Dr Leon Rountree of the Pan-African Chamber of Commerce in Oakland, California, before speaking to the World Affairs Council on Tuesday. Chief Buthelezi said he was against a free election this year or in 1993 as "political parties are just not free to campaign in all communities or among all race groups for support". Picture: AP

New pledge for Natal peace

DURBAN. — The government is to pledge extra resources to speed up the implementation of the National Peace Accord in Natal. 276

The decision follows a high-level emergency meeting here yesterday to discuss the recent escalation in violence in the province.

The meeting was attended by the Deputy Minister of Justice, Mr Danie Schutte, high-ranking ANC and IFP officials and executive members of the Regional Dispute Resolution Committee.

Meanwhile, moves are rapidly going ahead to bring into play the "Justices of the Peace" outlined in the National Peace Accord.

The justices will go into unrest areas and, with the full authority of the law, make rulings on the conduct of any parties involved in the violence, including the security forces.

Mr. Schutte said guidelines for the deployment of the justices would be announced by the government tomorrow. CT 13/1/92

ANC 'may have shot own man'

By Thabo Leshilo
Political Staff

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The Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday said there was a "good chance" that the ANC was responsible for the murder of ANC Midlands executive member and peace negotiator Skhumbuzo Ngwenya.

The shock allegation was made to The Star by Kim Hodgson, of the Inkatha Institute's violence monitoring unit.

Mr Ngwenya was shot dead in the parking lot of a Maritzburg hotel on Saturday, after meeting a group of visiting Americans in the restaurant.

The killing was linked, Mr Hodgson said, to a confrontation IFP sources say Mr Ngwenya had had with Natal SACP and

ANC leader Harry Gwala.

The "bitter exchange", Mr Hodgson said, was sparked by Mr Ngwenya's commitment to peaceful co-existence with Inkatha in Natal.

He said Mr Ngwenya had "engaged in an open display of criticism" of Mr Gwala at a meeting of the ANC in Imbali from December 14 to 16.

The criticism was said to revolve around funding and the "giving of positions to friends and relatives" by Mr Gwala.

"We feel there is a very good chance Mr Ngwenya was killed by a faction within the ANC. His death has nothing to do with the IFP," said Mr Hodgson.

Reacting to the allegation, ANC spokesman Saki Macozoma said the ANC "rejected with

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contempt" the idea that it would shoot its own member in order to settle a difference — "if that is the way Inkatha settles differences".

He emphatically denied Inkatha's claim that Mr Gwala and Mr Ngwenya had clashed at the meeting and said it was an attempt to divide the ANC.

In a further accusation, Mr Hodgson said ANC supporters and "professional hitmen" from Umkhonto we Sizwe were responsible for the recent spate of killings and attempts on the lives of its leaders in Natal, including KwaZulu MP and peace negotiator Winnington Sabelo.

Mr Macozoma described as "ludicrous" the allegation that the ANC had a hit squad.

Sabelo rests, but did not live, in peace

By DREW FORREST

ONE is not supposed to speak ill of the dead — but in the case of assassinated Inkatha leader Winnington Sabelo, this poses special difficulties.

Until January this year, when he helped set up a local dispute resolution committee in Umlazi in terms of the National Peace Accord, he personified everything that is wrong with South African politics.

There must have been wry smiles in Umlazi when, reacting to Sabelo's assassination last week, Inkatha Freedom Party chairman Frank Mdlalose described him as "a man of peace".

A fanatical Inkatha loyalist, utterly intolerant of opposition and repeatedly implicated in violence and coercion, Sabelo, who was in his 60s, has been credited with single-handedly establishing an Inkatha presence in the greater Durban area.

He is said to have been very close to IFP president Mangosuthu Buthelezi and to one of the most feared Inkatha leaders, Lindelani slumlord Thomas Shabalala.

His problem was that he lived in a United Democratic Front/African National Congress stronghold. To

offset this, he organised warriors in the Umlazi hostels and from his home area of Umbumbulo, and is said to have frequently called for assistance from Tshabalala's private army.

His uncompromising hatred of the UDF was, on occasion, an embarrassment to Umlazi. In 1985 he warned UDF supporters to leave Umlazi "by the weekend", adding that cars without NUZ (Umlazi) registration plates would be barred from the township. He also warned that his next step would be to close the churches, describing them as "nests of rival organisations".

This outburst drew a disclaimer from the then secretary-general of Inkatha, Oscar Dhlomo, who said Sabelo had spoken without the mandate of the Inkatha president, the kwaZulu government or the local council.

Sabelo's most notorious political intervention followed the 1985 assassination of Victoria Mxenge, when he led an attack on a memorial service at the Umlazi cinema, in which 19 people died. A councillor who knew him said he took great pride in this feat, often referring to it in later years.

With 300 warriors he also made an



Many enemies ... Political opponents were not the only foes of Winnington Sabelo

appearance at the funeral of the cinema victims. Mourners were attacked, buses were stoned and the *amabutho* kicked over markers on the new graves.

A semi-literate patriarch in the traditional mould, Sabelo was particularly outraged by youth dissidence. Campaigning tirelessly against school boycotts, he paid door-to-door visits to youth activists, whom he allegedly threatened and beat.

In 1989 an Umlazi schoolboy, Lucky Shezi, brought a damages claim against Sabelo, claiming the IFP leader and two kwaZulu policemen had sjambokked him at a parents' meeting called to discuss a school boycott.

Sabelo, had so many enemies there is at least the possibility that his assassination flowed from a private grudge. He is known to have been a womaniser, and many youth activists, now back from exile, fled Umlazi specifically to escape him.

His business dealings were also controversial. As a councillor, he was an alleged beneficiary of a scam in terms of which council members awarded themselves sites and later sold them to the private sector at enormous profit. At the time of his death, he was facing a charge in the Durban Supreme Court brought by First National Bank, which claimed his account was overdrawn by R45 000.

Of satanic energy and over-

whelming force of character, he continued to dominate the Umlazi council long after he had ceased being a councillor. "Even when he wasn't at meetings, he ran things by remote control," said one council source. Others say that Inkatha high-ups in the area, including regional chairman Reuben Mfeka, are privately relieved at his disappearance from the scene.

Until very recently, Sabelo's relentless intolerance of political opponents was unchanged. In November, he blocked a planned ANC rally in commemoration of Griffiths Mxenge — for which council permission had been obtained — by the simple expedient of threatening violence. The IFP then used the stadium for its own gathering.

He appears to have been particularly incensed by ANC plans to discuss renaming the Mangosuthu Highway — Umlazi's main road — the Mxenge Highway, in honour of the assassinated ANC lawyer.

Seemingly never without a weapon — he appeared in a famous 1985 *City Press* photograph, leading an impi, a handgun hanging from his belt — Sabelo survived two previous attempts on his life. In 1986 his wife, Evelyn, was killed and his three children were hurt in a hand-grenade and AK-47 assault on his house.

Three years earlier, he had been stabbed at a funeral in Chesterville. "I had my gun handy," he told the media while recovering. "But I stuck to Inkatha's policy of non-violence."

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Sinister phase in Natal's carnage

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A SEA-BREEZE lifts the banana fronds, a hawker dozes under a makeshift cardboard canopy, uniformed schoolchildren flock home along the baking tarmac — there is no outward sign that this township may be on the brink of war. Even at Umlazi's Mbazwana supermarket, it is business as usual. Only the bullet holes behind the counter, clearly visible among the tinned goods and enamelware, bear mute testimony to the violent drama recently enacted here.

Four days earlier, the shop's owner, one of the most controversial figures in Natal's bloodstained recent history, was shot dead by a young man who reached into his pocket for change to buy cigarettes and produced a 9mm pistol instead.

A survivor of two earlier assassination attempts, Inkatha Central Committee member and kwaZulu MP Winnington Sabelo prided himself on his invulnerability, and was said to use

muti to shield himself from bullets. The township, which exploded into months of violence after the 1985 killing of African National Congress luminary Victoria Mxenge, has been strangely quiet since Sabelo was murdered last Friday — but the sharply contrasting reaction of residents is ominous.

"We spent R800 on a braai to celebrate," a sharp young comrade in mirror shades tells us. "Life will be better for us now."

Says Robert Dlamini, a bare-chested resident of Hostel 17: "We have lost a man. We are angry, we want revenge. It is the ANC and the comrades who must pay."

For two months, intense conflict has raged across the densely vegetated gorge separating the hostel and two squatter settlements, Ekulhuleni ("the place of peace") and Uganda, displacing thousands and leaving at least 30 dead.

The origins of the conflict are

Assassinations of Inkatha and African National Congress leaders has left Natal's townships on the brink of explosion.

By DREW FORREST

obscure and most of the combatants are probably apolitical — "I'm not Inkatha: I'm here to find work," Dlamini tells us. But the hostel-dwellers' perception that the squatter enemy serves the ANC has given it a strongly political complexion.

Last week, a rumour ran that the hostel-dwellers were planning a violent assault on residents of nearby Q section, who are seen to be harbouring squatters.

Against this background, the murder of Sabelo could set the spark for a conflagration. "We're afraid for the funeral," said a taxi driver. "If the hos-

tel men come armed, anything can happen."

A womaniser, a controversial businessman and the hammer of Umlazi's youth, Sabelo had many enemies. But the police are treating his murder as politically inspired, and this seems a reasonable assumption.

His death marks a new and sinister phase in Natal's unending carnage. It involves the most senior IFP man yet to fall to assassins, and forms part of a broader pattern.

In two weeks, three Inkatha high-ups have been attacked by seemingly well-trained groups wielding firearms, including automatic rifles and hand-grenades. In Imbali, near Pietermaritzburg, deputy mayor Abdul Awetha was ambushed by 16 people who shot up and hurled grenades at his car, killing two of his children, while kwaMashu "warlord" George Vilakazi's home was destroyed by attackers he says included "men with long hair".

These were almost certainly the work of death squads.

The attempted murder of Richmond IFP leader Paulus Vezzi may have been another such hit, although the Human Rights Commission stresses that there has been continuous sectarian violence in that area and that Vezzi's son was hacked to death — suggesting less-professional killers.

One cannot rule out the possibility that the attacks were officially sanctioned by the ANC — comrades in kwaMashu have told *The Weekly Mail* that Umkhonto weSizwe has held secret training sessions in rural Natal in recent weeks "to stop them getting rusty".

But observers seriously doubt MK's ability to mount a series of swift, co-ordinated offences.

What is more telling is that in three areas, the violence threatens delicately balanced peace initiatives, which the ANC has assiduously cultivated.

After years dedicated to the brutal suppression of the United Democratic Front/ANC in Umlazi, Sabelo had been drawn into the local dispute resolving committee, where he is said to have played a constructive role. In Imbali, now said to be "ready to blow", an informal peace deal had secured a measure of stability since November 1990.

"It's happening at a time when we are all seriously talking peace," comments Umlazi ANC chair Felix Dlamini, Sabelo's counterpart in the local peace forum. "It's either people standing on the fringes who are becoming frustrated, or others who don't want peace."

According to the first scenario, dissident MK members, perhaps youthful returned exiles impatient with the meagre fruits of ANC horse-trading, are bucking the official line.

It is at least conceivable that dissidents may have come under the sway of the Pan Africanist Congress or extreme fringe groups such as the Trotskyist Marxist Workers' Tendency (MWT) within the ANC.

PAC slogans are daubed across Umlazi, and some observers believe it may be adapting its Transvaal tactic of supplanting the ANC as the champion of armed struggle, in an effort to extend its influence in Natal.

The MWT is led by harmless eggheads in love with the idea of violence, but its strident message — that the Natal conflict can only be resolved by arming the townships — would fall on fertile ground.

Natal University sociologist Ari Sitas says the MWT has recently become increasingly active and visible in the province.

But the sophistication and swift succession of the recent attacks — Awetha was ambushed despite taking an unaccustomed route, suggesting inside intelligence and careful groundwork — argues against the direct military involvement of far-left splinter groups.

What is highly significant is that the attacks on Inkatha leaders have been matched by a series of chillingly professional hits on the ANC, principally its Imbali chairman S'kumbuso Ngwenya, shot dead at the weekend as he left a Pietermaritzburg city-centre restaurant.

It appears that two hit lists are in existence: a member of the ANC's kwaMashu branch executive, Dumisani Phungula, has been warned that he is among those earmarked for assassination, together with Umlazi ANC/South African Communist Party activist Sandile Thusi.

Nothing could be better calculated to undermine Imbali's fragile peace than simultaneous hits on leading figures from both rival organisations.

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had been killed in the town of Merville. He was the only one to be killed.



Hostel official shot dead

DURBAN. — An official of Glebelands Hostel at Reunion near here was shot dead yesterday.

Police said Mr Humprey Gamede, 59, was gunned down by three men at the hostel.

Mr Gamede also served on the Ningizimu Town Council.

No arrests have been made.

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● A woman was wounded by gunfire and three shacks were set alight at Malagazi, Isipingo, on the Natal South Coast.

● A man was wounded by a group of attackers at KwaSeni station on the East Rand, and the home of a policeman was petrol-bombed in Khuma, Stillfontein.

— Sapa

We know ANC man's killers - witnesses

THE Natal Midlands' branch of the African National Congress yesterday produced two witnesses who claimed to have seen the assassination of ANC Imbali leader Mr S'khumbuzo Ngwenya on Saturday night.

Ngwenya was gunned down outside the Windsor Hotel in Maritzburg after a dinner function with colleagues and visiting US social development workers.

The witnesses said they were in the vicinity of the killing on Saturday night.

They said that after the assassination, the killers sped off in a white Cortina XR6.

The woman added she had since seen the alleged killers in the vicinity of her home in Imbali and she feared for her life.

The other witness said he had positively identified one of the alleged assassins, whom he named. He said he could not positively identify the other man.

The ANC's Midlands deputy chairman Mr Reggie Hadebe later said: "While we are still shocked, we were relieved when these witnesses came forward and said they were prepared to stand in a court and testify."

Maritzburg police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said no one had been arrested yet in connection with Ngwenya's murder, but added investigations were continuing.

He appealed to the witnesses to forward all their information to the police. *Sapa*

New twist in murder row

THE row between the ANC and the IFP over the murder of ANC Natal Midlands official and peace negotiator S'kumbuzo Ngwenya continues — with two alleged witnesses of the killing implicating the son of a top Inkatha man.

The witnesses made the allegation at a news conference called by the ANC in Maritzburg this week.

According to ANC Natal Midlands deputy chairman Reggie Hadebe, the witnesses implicated three IFP members.

One of the three men accused — whose names were given to Saturday Star — is said to be the son of a top Imbali IFP official.

Mr Hadebe said two other people had remained in the car, a white XR6 Ford Sierra, used in the "hit", and could not be identified clearly by the witnesses.

'Witnesses' accuse IFP trio after killing of ANC man

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THABO LESHLO, Political Staff

Mr Hadebe said both witnesses were prepared to testify in court.

One of them, a woman, feared for her life after having seen the alleged killers in the vicinity of her home in Imbali, he said.

IFP central committee member Senzo Mfayela strongly denied that Inkatha was involved in Mr Ngwenya's murder.

The claim was, he said, viewed in an extremely serious light.

"We find it significant that it has taken six days for these so-called witnesses to come forward," he said.

"We also find it interesting that

these witnesses were produced by the ANC after the IFP, acting on reliable information from a faction of the ANC, hinted at the possibility of a faction within the Natal Midlands branch of the ANC as being responsible for the murder."

The witnesses' claim comes after Kim Hodgson of the Inkatha Institute's violence monitoring unit said this week that there was a good chance that Mr Ngwenya was murdered by the ANC.

The allegation has been rejected "with contempt" by ANC spokesman Saki Macozoma.

Mr Macozoma said: "The anti-ANC sentiment in the Inkatha Institute reaches pathological levels at times, and finds outlets in this kind of propaganda."

Mr Ngwenya was killed in the parking lot of a Maritzburg hotel after meeting a group of visiting American businessmen at the hotel.

Mr Hadebe alleged that he and four other high-ranking members of the ANC/SACP alliance in the area were on the hit list of a death squad operating in the area.

He named other people on the hit list as Natal Midlands ANC/SACP leader Harry Gwala, ANC regional secretary Siso Nkabinde, SACP deputy secretary Casius Lubisi, and Chief Zbuse Mlaba of the Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa.

Earlier this week, the IFP said evidence seemed to suggest that the ANC was involved in the recent killings and attempts on the lives of its leaders in the area.

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Hundreds at Ngwenya funeral (276)

HUNDREDS of ANC supporters attended an emotional memorial service on Thursday for S'Khumbuzo Ngwenya, who was assassinated in Maritzburg last Saturday. C/P rep 16/2/92

The Rev Bheki Mngomezulu, who described Ngwenya as a tireless worker for peace, said his death must mark the birth of a high level of vigilance and a re-dedication to the cause of peace.

Peter Kerchhoff, who was with Ngwenya until minutes before his death, gave the stunned audience a detailed account of the events that led up to the shooting.

"My acquaintance with him always reminded me of the injustices that have wracked this land but his death is the greatest injustice," Kerchhoff said.

He also condemned police spokesmen for relying on second-hand information and denying a statement issued by 15 visiting Americans that the conduct of police at the scene of the shooting was unprofessional.

Ngwenya was buried at the Mountain Rise cemetery yesterday. — Sapa

Inkatha witness (276) 'should face rap'

By FRED KHUMALO

AN Inkatha leader who was a high-profile witness in the Trust Feed mass murder trial should have been charged for his role in circumstances leading to the massacre.

This was the opinion of Warrant Officer Wilson Magadla, testifying this week in the packed Maritzburg Supreme Court. He was referring to Jerome Gabela, an Inkatha chairman in the Trust Feed area.

Seven policemen — including three white senior officers — are in the dock facing 11 murder charges and eight charges of attempted murder.

Warrant Officer Magadla, a member of the SAP's crack Special Investigations Unit — which arrested the policemen for the murders that took place on the morning of December 3, 1988, in Trust Feed,

He said of Gabela: "I was for him being charged. He was of no use to us as a witness ... he was evasive."

The court has heard that at the height of political violence in Natal, Gabela sought help from the police in order to purge Trust Feed of UDF

supporters.

When New Hanover station commander, Captain Brian Mitchell, then lieutenant, relented to Gabela's demand and brought six special constables to Trust Feed, they were harboured by Gabela and another Inkatha member, Ngqafithi Ndlovu.

On the morning after the massacre, Gabela discovered to his shock that Inkatha members had been killed during the attack in which 11 people were murdered and eight seriously injured. An 18-month-old baby was also injured.

Gabela told the court that he had gone to Mitchell to ask how it had come about that "our people" had been killed, and not UDF supporters.

The lieutenant, Gabela said, told him that a mistake had happened; and that he should keep quiet about it.

When an investigation into the massacre started a few days later, Gabela indicated to the police that he suspected the attack was the work of the UDF.

The matter was adjourned until tomorrow, when the State will close its case.

Rifle salute honours slain Sabelo

By S'BU MNGADI

SHOTS from an automatic rifle were fired to salute slain Inkatha strongman Winnington Sabelo at his Umlazi funeral service yesterday.

Soldiers and policemen surged forward, but did not intervene, when they heard three rapid shots coming from the direction of heavily armed impis as Sabelo's coffin was leaving Umlazi's King Zwelithini Goodwill Stadium for burial at Umbumbulu on the South Coast.

The service had been held behind a wall of policemen, soldiers and heavily armed Inkatha impis. (276) (S)

Members of the KwaZulu Police, SAP and the SADF had taken up positions inside and near the stadium before about 1 000 mourners paid their last respects to the slain leader. (S)

Sabelo, a KwaZulu MP and member of Inkatha's Central Committee, was assassinated in his Umlazi "shop" last weekend.

Reading a speech on behalf of Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Inkatha national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose accused the ANC's Umkhonto weSizwe of having assassinated Sabelo.

While committing the IFP to peace and the National Peace Accord, Buthelezi said the IFP would not stand by and watch its members being killed. (S) 16/2/92

Local residents watched the proceedings from nearby hillocks, many bracing themselves for bloody violence after the funeral.

The previous day the Umlazi local dispute resolution committee appealed for Umlazi residents to act peacefully during Sabelo's funeral.

Four killed as ANC and IFP supporters clash in Natal

The Argus Correspondent and Sapa

(27th)

17/2/92

EMPANGENI. — Four people were killed and 22 injured in a clash between African National Congress and Inkatha Freedom Party supporters in Esikhawini, near Empangeni.

Natal police spokesman Captain Hamilton Ngidi confirmed that four bodies were recovered after a clash between IFP and ANC supporters in the northern Natal township last night.

Captain Ngidi said two of the victims were

wounded in a handgrenade explosion, while others were shot and stabbed at Esikhawini and Enseleni.

A KwaZulu policeman was wounded in the leg when he was shot during a search of the Alusaf hostel, Captain Ngidi said.

The clash broke out before a rally convened by chiefs from the northern KwaZulu regions of Enseleni, Hlabisa, Ongoye and Inkanyezi, which had to be called off when fighting began.

ANC Northern Natal spokesman Mr Bongani Msoni said seven houses were torched, including

one belonging to ANC and Cosatu official Mr Willie Nchunu.

Captain Ngidi confirmed that seven houses were burnt during the fighting.

He said the situation was still tense yesterday with the Defence Force unit, the South African Police, and the KwaZulu police patrolling the township.

● An SAP constable was fatally wounded, and three municipal policemen were injured after a series of shooting incidents at Daveyton on the East Rand at the weekend.

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Two die, 22 injured in Natal gunbattle

(276) 17/2/92

DURBAN. — At least two people were shot dead, 22 were injured — including a police officer — seven houses were gutted and two cars set alight during a one-hour gunbattle at Esikhaweni near Empangeni at the weekend.

South African and Kwazulu Police as well as Inkatha Freedom Party and ANC supporters were involved.

At least three people died in weekend violence in other parts of the country.

After the Esikhaweni incident police said they had confiscated AK-47 ammunition and a Makarov pistol.

SAP spokesman Captain Hamilton Ngidi said the fight broke out when two groups involving members of the IFP and ANC started shooting at each other near the hostel occupied by Alusaf employees. He said the security forces, involving SAP, SADF and Kwazulu Police, moved in.

"There were handgrenade explosions throughout the attack."

● In Johannesburg, an off-duty policeman was shot dead and two others were slightly wounded by gun-

Committee set up to curb W Cape violence

Political Correspondent

AN RDRC (Regional Dispute Resolution Committee) was established in the Western Cape yesterday as part of the national drive to curb public violence and intimidation.

The 12-person committee comprises members of the ANC, the National Party, the Democratic Party, the Labour Party, the SA Police, the SA Defence Force, Cosatu, civic and religious organisations, and the academic and business communities.

The chairman of the Western Cape RDRC, local businessman Mr Graham Higgo, said yesterday one of the first tasks of the RDRC would be to form a series of local dispute resolution committees.

men in two separate attacks at Daveyton, East Rand, on Friday, police said.

● Reports from Port Elizabeth said two men died in the Eastern Cape at the weekend.

A prisoner at the J C Steyn Prison in Kirkwood was fatally wounded. Police duty officer Captain Cecil Vermaak said the incident occurred in the single quarters at the prison.

In the other fatal shooting, a 20-year-old Port Elizabeth man, Mr André Kemoto, died at a friend's flat in Malabar. Police said they believed there had been an argument. — Sapa

Rally called off as 3 die in ²⁷⁶ violence

Sowetan 17/2/92
At least three people are believed to have been killed and scores injured after violence broke out between a group of armed men and ANC supporters at Esikhawini, near Empangeni, yesterday.

Situation

SABC radio news reported that the rally, called by chiefs from northern KwaZulu regions of Enseleni, Hlabisa, Ongoye and Inkanyezi, had to be called off when fighting started.

Thousands of people came from as far afield as Durban and the Transvaal to attend the rally.

The situation was still tense yesterday afternoon, with the army, the police patrolling the township.

Massacre: 'Special cops should have left area'

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Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — The special policemen now implicated in the 1988 Trust Feed massacre should have been withdrawn from the area the day before the murders, Captain Jacobus van den Heever, the policeman in charge of special constables at the time, testified yesterday.

Capt Van den Heever is the first of the seven accused policemen and special policemen to give evidence before Mr Justice A Wilson and two assessors.

He told the court he took part in a police operation in Trust Feed on the day before the massacre — December 2, 1988. During the day the head of the Riot Unit, the late Major

Terblanche, had told him the six special policemen who had been posted to the area for guard duties on November 30 could be withdrawn. He (Capt Van den Heever) instructed Sergeant Neville Rose (one of the accused) to take the special policemen back to Hammarsdale. However, the next day he learnt that Sgt Rose only collected them on the morning of December 3, after the massacre. Sgt Rose said he did not have room in his car the previous day.

He also testified yesterday that he visited the scene of the massacre on the morning of December 3, 1988, he had been "shocked" by the sight of the 11 bodies being brought outside and filmed by the video unit.

The case continues.

200 arrested after four die in fighting

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Soweto 18/2/92

POLICE said yesterday 200 people had been arrested at Empangeni's Esikhawini township following fighting between Inkatha and ANC supporters on Sunday which left at least four dead and 22 injured.

KwaZulu police spokesman Colonel Moses Khanyile said the situation in the northern Natal township was tense yesterday morning.

He said 200 people had been arrested but could not supply further details.

The ANC yesterday said the death toll could be higher than four in what it claimed were attacks on its supporters by Inkatha Freedom Party members who had been bussed into the township to attend a meeting of tribal chiefs.

In full view

The ANC's northern Natal region yesterday issued a statement alleging the attacks took place in full view of the South African and KwaZulu Police as well as the SA Defence Force.

ANC regional media officer Bongani Msomi said 13 buses carrying "amabutho or zulu impis" to the meeting had stopped at the Railway Hostel in the township from where an attack was launched on the predominantly ANC supporting hostel-dwellers.

An attack was also launched on another nearby hostel, Msomi alleged. He claimed police fired shots at the hostel, disarmed the inhabitants and detained a number of them.

After this, the ANC alleged IFP supporters "went on the rampage" burning and looting houses belonging to ANC supporters.

Houses burned

The first house razed was that of the ANC's former regional chairperson, Mr Willies Mchunu, according to Msomi.

He added that several more houses were burned, stoned and looted in the ensuing chaos while police allegedly failed to stop the carnage.

Meanwhile, police had said they would respond to the ANC's allegations yesterday.

The IFP had also said it would release a statement on the fighting later. - Sapa.

● ALBERT
● GABORIE
● LOUISY
● PRETORIA

Farmers 'shocked into action' after sixth death

ADRIAN HADLAND

FREE State farmers have convened a special congress next week to discuss security after the murder of another farmer by armed intruders in the Theunissen region yesterday morning.

Thys Martins, 46, a farmer living near Theunissen in the Free State, was shot dead after discovering suspected burglars in his kitchen.

The slaying, the sixth violent death on a Free State farm since December, had shocked the farming community into action, said Orange Free State Agricultural Union representative Gerald Steyn.

The union has called a special congress for Tuesday. The main aim of the congress was to discuss, "at the request of Free State farmers, the safety of farms and to pass suitable resolutions in this respect", a statement said.

A man alleged to have been involved in the murder of Martins shot himself in the head yesterday after being pursued by police in the Theunissen district, Free State police liaison officer Lt-Col Johann Fourie said.

The suspect was in a critical condition in a Welkom hospital yesterday.

The other two suspects were apprehended by police yesterday afternoon.

Steyn said the easy availability of arms and growing unemployment in the region had contributed to the escalating violence and theft.

Farmers had been patrolling the more isolated farms since last year, said Steyn, but the agricultural union felt it necessary to raise farmers' awareness of the issue and plan specific proposals to counter the threat to farmers' lives.

Police arrest five after killing of two officers

MARITZBURG — Police have arrested five suspects in a major breakthrough in their investigation of the execution-type killing of two teenage police constables last month.

Police yesterday disclosed that round-the-clock investigations by the Maritzburg murder and robbery unit led to the arrest of five suspects wanted in connection with the brutal killings of Consts Jacques Wilken and Wybrand Smith, both aged 19.

The two constables, who had been in the SAP for only two months, were stationed at C R Swart Square police headquarters in Durban.

Hospital

Their bodies were found back-to-back on the Bulwer-Howick road, near the Mophment township, on January 11. They had been shot at point-blank range. The policemen's wristwatches, two bags and shoes and socks were missing.

Maritzburg Murder and Robbery Unit head Col Willie van den Berg said the first arrest was made on Friday. On Sunday, two more suspects were arrested and on Monday night a suspect who fled to Kokstad was arrested.

A fifth suspect is under police guard in hospital. He was shot and wounded during a clash between two groups recently.

Police have taken possession of three guns.

Van den Berg said more arrests were expected. He said detectives led by Det-Sgt Danie Reyneke were busy with investigations. The motive for the killings had not been established.

The two policemen, who completed their training in November, were on their way to Newcastle to visit Constable Wilken's parents. They were hitch-hiking. Const Smith's parents live in Vereeniging.

The killing of the two young policemen shocked colleagues and the SAP immediately offering a R25 000 reward for information leading to their arrest and conviction.

Meanwhile in Vosloorus, on the East Rand, municipal policeman Const D B Nkosi was shot dead on Monday night.

A police spokesman said three Vosloorus municipal policemen were visiting a women's hostel when four men entered the reception area.

One of the men fired several shots at the policemen. Two managed to escape but Nkosi was hit and died. — Sapa.

NEWSPAPER PHOTO UNIT



Taxi war link in family slaying

MARITZBURG. — Six family members were shot dead when their bakkie was ambushed on the main road between Tugela Ferry and Muden in the Natal Midlands.

Police believe the attack is linked to a feud between taximen.

Police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said the bakkie, carrying nine people, was travelling towards Muden about 9am on Monday when it was ambushed.

Six members of the Mchunu family, including a one-year-old boy, were killed.

One of those killed, the driver Mr Bhekeshewe Mchunu, owned a fleet of minibus taxis in Durban.

In Cape Town on Monday night a petrol bomb was thrown at a car owned by the Lingeletu-West town council in Khayelitsha, shots were fired at a group of men in Nyanga and a burnt-out private

vehicle was found in Nyanga.

At a routine roadblock in Alexandra, Johannesburg, on Monday night police found in the boot of a car a 16-year-old youth who had been grabbed in Hillbrow by two men who allegedly told him they were going to set him on fire.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the two men had been arrested.

Own Correspondent and Sapa

Five held in cop killings

MARITZBURG. — Five men have been arrested in connection with the execution-style killing of two young policemen in the Howick area last month.

Constables Jacques Wilken and Wybrandt Smith were shot at point-blank range on January 11. Both 19, they had been in the police force for only two months and were stationed in Durban.

The Maritzburg murder and robbery unit's first breakthrough came on February 14 when they arrested a man. On Sunday, two more suspects were arrested and early yesterday a fourth man was taken into custody. (276) C 19/2/92

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their administrative duties to perform special crime prevention ~~in~~ In certain areas a special-business watch has been established where members in uniform perform regular foot patrol at shops and business offices.

- (2) The following methods have been instituted to advise the Public of the existence of the Reserve Police and neighbourhood watches

* Various neighbourhood watch systems are currently in operation with reasonable success. The general feeling is that the public react favourably to these methods. The South African Police attend meetings on a regular basis

* The Public is also informed by the local media of the existence of the neighbourhood watch system and at the same time request their support. This method seems to have a positive effect

* Reservists are positively orientated and are indispensable in liaison between the South African Police and the Public. Reservists and permanent members constantly endeavour to make the public aware of the existence of the Reserve Police. The number of applications pending are proof of the interest of the public in joining the Reservists

Issuing of identity documents

54 Mr D H M GIBSON asked the Minister of Home Affairs

- (1) Whether he will furnish the information on identity documents requested below, if not, why not, if so,

- (2) how many identity documents had been issued to (a) Whites, (b) Blacks, (c) Coloureds and (d) Asians in each of the (i) provinces and (ii) self-governing territories as at the latest specified date for which figures are available;

- (3) what are his estimates of the number of identity documents still to be issued to persons in each of the above categories,

- (4) how long does he estimate will it take to issue identity documents to those persons not yet in possession of them with a view to voting in the projected referendum? B133E

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

- (1) and (2)

Statistics in respect of the issuing of identity documents are not kept per province or self-governing territory, and also no longer per population group in respect of persons who are recorded in the population register since 28 June 1991. The total number of identity documents issued, as at 31 January 1992, was

(a) Whites	3 966 724
(b) Blacks	9 263 471
(c) Coloureds	2 115 408
(d) Asians	667 690
(e) Unclassified since 28 June 1991	207 161

- (3) It is not possible to furnish exact figures as calculations have to be done on population estimates. Measured against the latest available population estimates of the Central Statistical Service there is an optimal issuing of identity documents to Whites, Coloureds and Indians, while 2 651 855 Blacks of 18 years and older still have to apply for identity documents.

- (4) The time it would take to issue identity documents to persons who are not in possession of such a document as yet, would be determined by the rate at which applications are submitted, as well as the completeness of such applications.

SAP: members convicted

60. Mr A J LEON asked the Minister of Law and Order

How many members of the South African Police were convicted of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and (d) common assault in 1988, 1989, 1990 and 1991, respectively?

B148E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER.

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1988	27	48	118	413
1989	19	36	111	374
1990	11	37	87	309
1991	17	27	60	180

Commission for Administration: recruitment policy

62. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister for Administration and Tourism

- (1) Whether the Commission for Administration has considered or is considering a specific policy for the recruitment of qualified personnel of any South African race group other than White to the senior ranks of the Public Service; if not, why not, if so, what is this policy;

- (2) whether Public Service bursaries and/or loans are made available in general proportion to the racial composition of the South African population; if not, why not, if so, what was the distribution of such bursaries and/or loans amongst the four race groups as at the latest specified date for which figures are available;

- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B150E

The MINISTER FOR ADMINISTRATION AND TOURISM:

- (1) With regard to the recruitment of personnel for the Public Service, the Commission for Administration continuously pays attention to bases and approaches aimed at ensuring that the Public Service is appropriately staffed to serve the diverse and complex RSA community effectively. In reflecting on the approaches and bases regarding the filling of Public Service posts the Commission is led by the merit principle, seen in conjunction with efficient rendering of service which is determined by a person's ability to perform optimally within a specific environment, as embodied in section 10 of the Public Service Act, 1984. Against this background the Commission has accepted the policy that, as a rule, all posts in the management echelon be advertised within and outside the Public Service, with equal prerequisites, with a view to affording all interested parties who qualify the opportunity to be considered. As already indicated above, the Commission is continuously considering other possibilities of adapting the Public Service personnel provisioning policy to changing needs and circumstances; B150E

- (2) no. The position is that the general Public Service Bursary Scheme previously administered by the Office of the Commission for Administration has since last year been decentralised to departments/administrations. The granting of bursaries in accordance with this scheme takes place according to the future needs of departments for specific categories of manpower and is done purely with academic merit as the main criterion. As from this year, however, a special bursary scheme was instituted, aimed at affording students the opportunity to attain qualifications at universities and technicons largely serving the Black communities. The latter bursary scheme is administered by universities and technicons on behalf of the Commission for Administration on an agreed agency basis;

- (3) no.

Unrest in Natal/KwaZulu: persons killed

63 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (a) How many persons have been killed in (i) Natal and (ii) KwaZulu as a result of unrest in each month since 1 January 1991 and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished? B151E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER.

(a) (i) and (ii)	Natal	KwaZulu
1991		
January	60	29
February	35	33
March	45	54
April	63	45
May	30	50
June	38	37
July	24	46
August	30	44
September	30	19
October	19	45
November	46	34
December	85	38

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1992

January	58	9
February	21	7

(b) 10 February 1992.

Note.
The 1991 figures for KwaZulu are only for persons killed in areas controlled by the South African Police.

Suspected right-wing terrorism: incidents

71. Mr P H P GASTROW asked the Minister of Law and Order.

- (1) (a) How many incidents of suspected right-wing terrorism were investigated by the South African Police in 1991 and 1992, respectively, and (b) how many of these cases had been solved as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

- (2) whether any persons have been arrested in connection with these incidents, if so, (a) (i) how many and (ii) in connection with how many such incidents in each case and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) (a) 1991 — 12
1992 — 6

- (b) 9
14 February 1992

- (2) Yes.
(a) (i) 15
(ii) 9
14 February 1992

Persons killed/injured in violence
73. Mr P J GROENEWALD asked the Minister of Law and Order:†

How many persons were (a) killed and (b) injured in violence in 1985, 1986, 1989, 1990 and 1991, respectively?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)
1985	823	2 626
1986	973	2 548
1989	659	1 425
1990	2 674	4 328
1991	2 239	3 185

Note.

Statistics with regard to unrest-related incidents.

Crime: Sandton/Bramley/Wynberg/
Alexandra/Lombardy East

84. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) damage to property, (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at the (i) Sandton, (ii) Bramley, (iii) Wynberg/Alexandra and (iv) Lombardy East police stations in 1991?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
(i)	15	38	85	270	37	272	944	74	433	2 346
(ii)	52	37	115	203	26	916	622	17	532	1 223
(iii)	364	29	731	523	207	552	229	—	399	366
(iv)	10	10	27	81	9	198	179	19	134	687

Note.

- (g) (i) vehicles
(ii) cycles

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version.

For oral reply:

General Affairs.

State-funded housing complexes:
all race groups

*1. Mr M A HENDRICKSE asked the Minister of Local Government and National Housing:

- (1) Whether members of all race groups are allowed to rent and/or purchase, or place their names on waiting lists for, housing units in low-income State-funded housing complexes, if not, why not; if so,

- (2) whether, in view of the repeal of the Group Areas Act, it is the policy of the Government to allow local authorities to apply racial integration in respect of such housing complexes; if not, (a) why not and (b) when will local authorities be allowed to do so; if so,

†The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL HOUSING:

- (3) whether any such housing complexes in Algoa Park and Sidwell in the Port Elizabeth area have been opened to members of all race groups, if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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- (1) Yes
(2) Yes. If local authorities have surplus housing units at their disposal after the needs of the population groups for which it was originally planned, have been satisfied, the housing boards of the various own affairs administrations may grant approval that it may be placed at the disposal of other population groups, where such a need exists (a) and (b) fall away

- (3) The housing complexes in Algoa Park and Sidwell in the Port Elizabeth area fall under the purview of the responsibilities of the Minister of Correctional Services and of Housing and Works in the Ministers' Council of the House of Assembly

- (4) No.

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Police have made a major breakthrough in their investigations into the cold-blooded execution-type killing of two teenage police constables last month and have arrested five suspects.

Police yesterday revealed that round-the-clock investigations by the Maritzburg Murder and Robbery Unit led to the arrest of five suspects wanted in connection with the deaths of Jacques Wilken and Wyebrand Smith, both aged 19.

It is believed that the leader of the gang is a member of the ANC and the area leader at Mpopomeni, near Howick, who is one of the nego-

Five held over police killings

tiators of the peace committee in the area.

The two constables, who had been in the police force for only two months, were stationed at the CR Swart Square police headquarters in Durban.

Their bodies were found back to back on the Bulwer-Howick Road, near the Mpopomeni township on January 11. They had been shot at point-blank range.

Their watches, bags and shoes and socks were missing.

Colonel Willie van den

Berg, head of the Maritzburg Murder and Robbery Unit, said the first arrest was made on Friday. On Sunday two more suspects were arrested and on Monday night a suspect who fled to Kokstad was arrested.

A fifth suspect is under police guard in hospital. The man was shot and wounded during a clash between two groups recently.

Police have taken possession of three guns.

Colonel van den Berg said more arrests were expected. He said that detectives led by Detec-

tive Sergeant Danie Reyneke were busy with investigations. The motive for the killings had not yet been established.

The two policemen who completed their training in November were on their way to Newcastle to visit Constable Wilken's parents. They were hitch-hiking.

Constable Smith's parents live in Vereeniging.

The SAP immediately offered a R25 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the policemen's killers.

Colonel van den Berg said police were investigating the possibility that the suspects were also involved in the killing of an Edendale tea room owner, Raj Bhoola, and a spate of robberies in the area.

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in 1986: how can it be stopped?

But there is now a new urgency. The killing threatens to stall the gathering momentum of Codesa's march towards a democratic SA. The turmoil is certainly part of Codesa's own agenda — particularly in the working group responsible for creating the right political climate for elections.

Outside Codesa efforts have also been made by government. Deputy Justice Minister Danie Schutte asked the National Peace Secretariat and the National Regional Dispute Resolution Committee to meet in Durban to consider the upsurge in political violence in Natal and KwaZulu over the past fortnight. The main hotspots were around Maritzburg, Umlazi near Durban and Taylor's Halt.

Among those killed in clashes and ambushes were leading political figures in both the ANC and Inkatha. The ANC lost Midlands regional executive committee member Sikkumbo Ngwenya, who was shot three weeks ago after a meeting with an American businessman in Maritzburg. On the IFP side, KwaZulu MP Winnington Sabelo was shot dead in his Umlazi shop recently.

But there is growing cynicism. It's questioned that efforts such as those of the Deputy Minister, the National Peace Accord and even the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into public violence, will have any impact. A view is that the fighting is not the result of tit-for-tat vengeance, but is, in fact, being deliberately fanned and orchestrated from above by the IFP and ANC hierarchies — though not necessarily by their top leaders. The other possibility is that the leaders have no control over rank-and-file supporters.

It is pointed out that, though the leaders have called for peace, they've never actually condemned the violence perpetrated by their own followers. Nor do they ever actually offer to hold themselves or their followers to account when trouble erupts.

There may be a lesson here in the stark contrast between the methods used by Mahatma Gandhi compared to Hitler and Stalin. When Gandhi's followers ignored calls for peace he took stern action — tantamount to blackmail — by threatening to fast until death unless they heeded his calls. In contrast, Europe's two notorious despots both talked peace, democracy and the rule of law, while instigating trouble.

The risk, if the political parties can't control their own followers, is that SA could end up like China prior to its unification under Chiang Kai-Shek: warlords reigned supreme at a local level.

However, it seems unlikely that the leaders of the ANC and IFP really don't have any control over their followers. The violence often suggests deliberate orchestration — often timed to coincide with major events — rather than disorganised local vendettas.

In this light, it seems the peace accord has a pivotal role to play. It must be made to work, otherwise there seems little hope that democracy has any chance of success. ■

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As Natal bled and burned its way into yet another week of violence, the same question was being asked as when the troubles began

Sergeant accuses constables

MARITZBURG. — A police sergeant in the 1988 Trust Feed massacre trial yesterday testified that two special constables who implicated him in the deaths were "blatant liars".

Sergeant Neville Alexander Rose is one of seven policemen charged with the murder of 11 people in Trust Feed on December 2, 1988.

He said he had taken six policemen to Trust Feed for guard duties and had collected them on December 3 and taken them to their base at Mpumalanga.

In a written statement, Sergeant Rose said he had checked the shotguns and 20 rounds of ammunition issued to the constables before and after their posting to Trust Feed. *CI 2/2/92*

The policemen returned with 20 rounds each and if they had used their shotguns at Trust Feed he could not explain where they had found the ammunition used. — Sapa *(276)*

Police know who killed Ngwenya

By S'BU MNGADI

POLICE in Maritzburg know the names of two alleged assassins who killed Natal Midlands ANC leader S'khumbuzo Ngwenya.

Two people who claimed they witnessed

Ngwenya's assassination made sworn statements to the investigating team.

They described how two young men - both sons of prominent Maritzburg Inkatha councillors - shot the ANC activist dead in his car a fortnight ago. (276)

Maritzburg police spokesman Capt Henry Budhram yesterday confirmed police this week took comprehensive statements from the two eye-witnesses - a woman and a youth - about the shooting incident.

Budhram declined to

say how soon they expected to make arrests, saying investigations were still continuing.

He said police expected to make a breakthrough in their investigations soon.

The two witnesses do not know each other.

Three more die in trouble spot

DURBAN. — Three people were shot and killed by unknown gunmen in the strife-torn Esikhawini township near Empangeni at the weekend.

In the latest response to developments in the area, African National Congress deputy president Mr Walter Sisulu asked the Ministry of Defence to send in army and police reinforcements.

Political gatherings in Esikhawini were banned yesterday in an attempt to defuse tension surrounding planned meetings there by both Inkatha and ANC supporters.

An ANC spokesman in the area, Mr Bongani Msomi, confirmed that members of the Defence Force, together with a strong police contingent, were standing by.

He said attempts to get ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela to intervene were unsuccessful, as he was in the Transvaal.

KwaZulu police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel H G Back said a man believed to have been an Inkatha supporter was shot and killed outside his house in H Section early yesterday. He said two other people were first shot and then burnt to death in their car in the nearby J Section on Saturday night.

Spent AK-47 cartridges were found at the scene, Colonel Back said.

Mr Msomi said the township was extremely tense yesterday.

According to the ANC, busloads of IFP supporters were transported to the township on Saturday night and were still in the area yesterday.

There were reports that scores of residents were leaving the area because of fears of a resurgence of violence following the banning of all political gatherings by a Mtunzini magistrate on Saturday.

The ban comes after at least 12 people died when Inkatha supporters, bussed into the area to attend a tribal meeting, clashed with ANC supporters last Sunday.

Several incidents of unrest were reported in the Cape. At Bridgetown, near Oudtshoorn, a woman was arrested when a group stoned a police vehicle.

— Own Correspondent and Sapa

Train attacks: Women protest

JOHANNESBURG. — Hundreds of black women waving flags emblazoned with the dove of peace boarded two trains in Soweto on Saturday to protest against attacks on black commuters.

The peace trains stopped at every station in Soweto and were to travel through the violence-torn townships for a prayer rally at Katilehong.

More than 100 people have been killed since gangs began rampaging through trains around Johannesburg last year.

— Sapa

Three die in Natal township violence (276)

EMPANGENI (Natal). — Three people were killed in two attacks in Empangeni's troubled Esikhawini township on Natal's North Coast at the weekend, Kwazulu police said.

Police spokesman Colonel Henry Beck said two men were shot and then burnt to death in their vehicle after being attacked while driving past a hall in the township on Saturday night.

The bullet-riddled shell of the vehicle was still outside the hall yesterday, where several hundred Inkatha Freedom Party supporters gathered on Saturday evening to attend a memorial service for an IFP supporter killed in violence there.

The African National Congress's Northern Natal chairman, Dr Aaron Ndlovu, said the driver was attacked by IFP supporters who stayed at the hall overnight. Dr Ndlovu identified the dead man as Mr Dan Ndlovu. **ARE 24/2/92**

The other attack occurred about 2am yesterday in Esikhawini's H section, where one man was shot dead, according to Colonel Beck. — Sapa.

'Constables lied'

MARITZBURG.— Trust Feed murder accused Sergeant Neville Rose said yesterday two special constables lied when they testified that he and another accused, Captain Jacobus van den Heever, picked them up in Trust Feed the day after the killings.

Sergeant Rose, one of seven policemen charged with murder and attempted murder following the December, 1988, incident in which 11 people died, made the claim under cross-examination in the Supreme Court here.

He also denied the same constables'

version that, on getting into the vehicle, they were told to conceal their weapons and to lie down in the minibus.

When he was told that on the morning of December 3, 1988, the special constables were aware of the unlawfulness of their actions and their evidence in court bore this out, Sergeant Rose said their version was "a straight lie" and the two special constables had fabricated evidence.

The trial continues today. — Sapa

18 die in Natal unrest

Biday 25/2/92
DURBAN — Peace efforts in Natal were dealt a severe blow at the weekend with police reporting at least 18 killings, several injuries and over 100 houses burned in various incidents.

At least seven people died in northern Natal, three in Empangeni's Esikhawini township and four in the Mthunzini region in Inkatha/ANC clashes.

In Esikhawini, two people were shot and burned to death on Saturday night. One other person was shot dead, police said. *(276)*

Four people were killed in two separate incidents in Mthunzini district.

One man was shot dead in his vehicle, while an unknown group fired into a shebeen in the area, killing three people.

Umlazi township, near Durban, saw three deaths early on Sunday after an attack on the Unit 17 hostel.

About 100 shacks were burned in the Chimoranga settlement.

In the nearby Umbumbulu region four people were shot dead.

A man was also shot dead when he tried to rob a policeman's firearm.

Three people were killed in Wembezi township in Natal's Midlands — Sapa.

Police and ANC at odds over killings

Biday 25/2/92
KATHRYN STRACHAN

TWO men were hacked and stoned to death in Meadowlands yesterday morning, and police and the ANC have different versions of the events.

Police said township residents mistook the two for local hostel dwellers and killed them in retaliation for a series of recent attacks in Meadowlands.

Capt Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said the men had visited the Meadowlands hostel but were chased away by hostel inmates. While fleeing in their minibus the men were apprehended by Meadowlands residents, he said. One man was hacked to death, the other was stoned and set alight. No arrests had been made by late yesterday.

ANC spokesman Strike Ralegama denied that Meadowlands residents were involved in the attack and said the men were abducted from taxis by Inkatha supporters and dragged into the hostel. He said the bodies were later found in a stream next to the hostel.

Sapa reports that in three separate incidents

yesterday, three men were attacked and thrown from moving trains, and in another attack a man suffered stab wounds.

Witwatersrand police said two men were hacked and thrown from a moving train at Geldenhuys station yesterday morning. Both were taken to hospital.

Another man was attacked on the train between Kazerne and Soweto and thrown from the moving train at Longdale station, near Industria. He was taken to hospital in a serious condition.

A fourth man was found yesterday at Booyssens Station with stab wounds. He was taken to hospital.

The attacks follow a weekend of violent clashes around the country in which 25 people were killed.

Police reported two Soweto homes were targets of handgrenade attacks on Sunday, but no one was injured in the blasts. A 38-year-old man was arrested at Meadowlands hostel in

connection with one of the attacks.

Two people were shot dead and seven wounded in Kathlehong, on the East Rand, in the early hours of Sunday morning. An ANC spokesman said shots were fired at people queuing to get into a midnight show at the Paragon Theatre in Katlehong.

At Thokoza, also on the East Rand, police found the body of a man with bullet wounds.

In violence around Cape Town on Sunday, four men were killed and two people seriously injured.

Rent boycott Potch township

Biday 25/2/92
THEO RAWANA
RESIDENTS of the Potchefstroom township of Ikageng had embarked on a rent boycott following increases of up to 200% in rent and service charges, residents' spokesman S Roopa said yesterday.

Ikageng administrator Jan huizen said his council had introduced the increases from January 1 because the township's rent services charges had not been increased since 1985.

The local civic association decided to go on a rent boycott because the council had no right to introduce the increases, said Roopa.

Oosthuizen, who is also Potchefstroom mayor, said his council would be running up a R3,5m deficit if increases were not implemented council already owed R2,6m.

"I was selling electricity for 11c while buying it for 11c. Now I raised it to 8c and the people complaining," said Oosthuizen.

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By Charles Schulz



hon the Minister's resignation because of incompetence [Interjections.] I want to associate myself with those organisations and ask today on behalf of workers in mines and works that the hon the Minister become a housewife instead seeing that she—and the hon the Deputy Minister too—is completely incapable of doing her work properly [Interjections.] That role will suit her better than looking after the health of miners [Interjections.]

Up to the present no draft Bill to payments by the Compensation Commissioner has been sent to organisations for their comment. I feel that this is a step in the wrong direction. It must be debated and information collected on it. [Interjections.] That is not the point; the point is that these workers who contracted a disease [Time expired.]

*Dr W J SINYMAN. Mr Speaker, I want to remind the hon the Minister of a statement she made in the debate last year. I do not have time to quote it now, but she made a promise to the miners of South Africa and she has broken her promise [Interjections.] This happens now at a time when we hear about Ministers who, besides their salaries of R8 700 per month, receive allowances because they live in their own houses, plus the water and electricity account and service fees, and about a single meeting of Codesa which cost taxpayers more than R3 million. This state of affairs simply cries to high heaven [Interjections.]

Now that thousands of miners have been dismissed as a direct result of the policy of a hopeless government, now that White miners have been driven from their residential areas and impoverished and now that they are being negotiated out of their fatherland and freedom, this Government comes along and by means of a referendum asks for a blank cheque to proceed with this mess [Interjections.] They are asking South Africa for this. It is asking too much of the White miners of South Africa [Interjections.]

Take the example of a miner suffering from the second stage of pneumoconiosis. He receives a lump sum of R50 410. If he invests that amount at the prevailing rate, he receives a monthly amount of between R500 and R600. I should like to know how one could describe such a person as someone capable of living decently in these times. It is a disgrace that this Government is

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treating White miners in this way! [Interjections.] [Time expired.]

*The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH. Mr Speaker, it is quite clear that hon members of the CP think a woman's place is only in the kitchen. [Interjections.]

It is important that, when any fund is adjusted, one ascertains whether the fund can provide for the adjustments. The second investigation specifically examined what the effect would be if the additional payments made by mines and the State were to fall away [Interjections.] We had to examine every possibility which would ensure the future of this fund. It is not merely a question of adjustment and looking after the interests of one part. I consider it of importance that hon members should know . . . [Interjections.] They are trying to make out a case here that we are insensitive toward miners, and that is untrue [Interjections.] No, I am a miner's daughter, and I know what I am talking about [Interjections.]

*Mr SPEAKER. Order! Hon members must not get so excited.

*The MINISTER. The hon members are trying to act here as if they were the champions of the miners [Interjections.] This is not the point. I bear the responsibility of ensuring that this fund will be able to make provision for the adjustments that have to be made [Interjections.] What will those hon members say if we effect an adjustment, and there is no money in the fund in five years' time?

No, we should do our work thoroughly, and we are in the process of preparing a fitting Bill in a responsible way. We shall give Parliament the opportunity of expressing its judgment on the principle of parity which we intend introducing in this Act. Then hon members will have the opportunity to judge the way in which we have made the adjustment. That is fair and just.

*Mr J H HOON. You broke your promises.

*The MINISTER. No promises were broken [Time expired.]

Debate concluded.

Assassination in Pietermaritzburg: arrests

2. Mr R F HASWELL asked the Minister of Law and Order.

(1) Whether any arrests have been made in connection with the assassination in Pietermaritzburg on or about 8 February 1992 of a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details.

(2) whether, in the light of recent political assassinations in Natal, the Police are taking any steps to prevent further incidents of this nature; if so, what steps?





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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER: Mr Speaker, this interpellation has two parts. I want to deal with the first part first. Statements from various witnesses were obtained. Alleged suspects were also approached and thoroughly interrogated and warning statements were obtained from them. As a result of contradictions in different witnesses' statements, no prima facie case could be formulated against any of the alleged suspects at that stage. The investigation is being continued. The office of the Attorney-General of Natal is being kept informed of the progress of the investigation.

As regards the second part, the SA Police always endeavours to prevent any criminal act, whether it has a political motivation or an ordinary criminal motivation. Depending on circumstances, additional members from other regions and units are sent to problem areas to stabilise the situation. If possible, the SA Police prevents people from forming groups in an attempt to restrain the possible incitement of emotions. Attempts are made to diffuse unrest through joint discussions with militant factions. High-density operations are undertaken, such as road-blocks, the cordoning-off of areas, searches of homes and hostels, intensified foot patrols and intensified night patrols.

Specific incidents can only be prevented if the police receive information beforehand regarding the planning of such incidents. Should the police have information regarding planned attacks against prominent people, they will react.

I believe that the SA Police must play a prominent role in the restoration of law and order in the Natal-KwaZulu region, but it is also the duty of the leaders of Inkatha and the ANC to settle their political differences. I believe that these

political groupings should meet, and I think they should meet now. It is long overdue. I believe that they should accept the peaceful, democratic way to settle their differences and not resort to violence. In my opinion, assassinations will only cease once this agreement is reached and implemented at grassroots level.

Mr R F HASWELL: Mr Speaker, 12 months ago I raised the matter of the assassination, also in Pietermaritzburg, of Nkosi Maphumulo. Despite allegations and an inquest no arrests have been made.

Today I speak of another peacemaker who has been gunned down in my city. S'khumbuzo Ngwenya went through hell during the past decade. Along with 130 other students he was forced to leave the University of Zululand in 1984. He was almost hacked to death in Imbali in July 1985. No arrests were made. In February 1986 he was abducted in Imbali's main street by Inkatha members who then beat him to a pulp. He was smuggled into Edendale Hospital for treatment, and then he was charged with having stoned buses. The assault charges that he laid came to nothing. In May 1986 his house was burnt down, and he and his mother barely managed to escape. In June 1986 he was detained for a period of 12 months. In November 1987 he was a key figure in the UDF-Inkatha peace talks which were initiated by the Pietermaritzburg Chamber of Commerce, but no sooner had the talks commenced, than once again he was detained. This time it was for one week—just sufficient time to derail the talks. In February 1988 he was once again detained, and was only released after leading a 30-day hunger strike.

Since the unbanning of the ANC he has played a leading role in the rehabilitation of community life in Imbali. It just so happens that as this project, "Peace in The Township", and a dispute resolution committee were gaining momentum—all of them things which the hon the Minister has asked for, and which I fully support—and just as this person was going to play a leading role in the local dispute resolution committee as one of its leading members, he was coincidentally gunned down.

I believe the record speaks for itself. This man was never even charged, let alone convicted, of any crime. Why? No White political or commu-

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nity figure has ever had to endure such blatant and persistent abuse of life and property. Why?

Skhumbuzo was not a victim of the so-called Black-on-Black violence. He simply stood up against the system, and the system, which includes all of us, killed him [Interjections] Now, to crown everything—despite affidavits and what the hon the Minister describes as in-depth investigations, and despite the fact that it was widely recorded that the witnesses had identified the killers—no arrests have been made

Skhumbuzo suffered virtually every injustice that racist, evil South Africa could inflict. Is it too much to expect justice to be seen to be done regarding his murder? [Time expired.]

*Mr M J MENTZ, Mr Speaker, for the umpteenth time now the hon member is asking nearly identical questions with regard to political murders in Natal. That hon member knows in advance what the reply to his question is going to be

One asks oneself why these questions are put repeatedly. If one knows what the reply will be, it is absurd to ask this type of question [Interjections.] The obvious deduction is that there are ulterior motives. These are to try to place the SA Police in a poor light so that those hon members and their ANC brothers can discredit the image of the SA Police [Interjections.] That is the true reason for these kind of questions, otherwise they are nonsensical questions [Interjections.]

The SA Police are not capable of preventing all these different kinds of murders. It is just not possible; on the contrary, it is predictable that murders of this kind will increase as the situation in South Africa worsens

We should rather find out what the underlying causes are for murders of this kind. They are what must be removed. The underlying causes are the political power struggle which is arising among these people as a result of this Government's reform policy [Interjections.] That is the cause. Listen to what the Bureau for Information says in its own publication, the *South African Profile*.

The reform process has been accompanied by dangerously rising expectations and by an increase in violence, particularly in Natal

That is what their own documents say. What does Gen Stadler of the SAP say? He says that

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the increase in unrest is a by-product of the Government's reform plan [Time expired.]

*The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER, Mr Speaker, the hon member for Ermelo had me spellbound when he started off so well by identifying the SAP's problems, but then immediately changed to a political point by saying that this power struggle was the result of reform [Interjections.]

I want to ask hon members between whom the power struggle was before 2 February. That power struggle was between the entire Black population and this Government as it is present here today, as well as those hon members. After 2 February the power struggle developed between Black and Black, and the Government and apartheid are no longer the object of any power struggle in this country.

If those hon members come to power—may the Lord save us from that—we shall have an onslaught on the State all over again. [Interjections.] There will be a unification of Black people in this country, because they can identify a mutual enemy, namely the White people with apartheid.

Are hon members unable to understand it, or do they not want to understand it? [Interjections.] I hear that the hon members who were opposed to a referendum, were opposed to it because they do not know how to make a cross. [Interjections.] If I listen to those kinds of arguments here, then I have understanding for our hon State President [Interjections.]

I want to tell the hon member for Pietermaritzburg South that he can

*Mr SPEAKER, Order! No, the hon the Minister may continue. He still has time left. [Interjections.]

*Mr W U NEL, Mr Speaker, the hon member for Ermelo reproaches us time and again for ostensibly denigrating the SA Police. We repeatedly advocate that they be strengthened so that they can be successful because without success it is not possible for them to improve their image, especially among the Blacks

†The assassination of high-profile political figures always arouses much emotion. Imagine for a moment if a senior member of this House were to be assassinated. Surely no stone would be left unturned to find and apprehend the perpetrators

of such an act. Equally, no stone must be left unturned in finding, not only the murderers of Skhumbuzo Nwenya, but also those of a host of other senior Black political figures who have been mowed down, and continue to be mowed down, with regular monotony in our Black communities and whose killers are still on the loose

We accept the difficulties in these circumstances, but until the success rate has improved, the credibility of the SAP simply will not be restored. Criticism now actually emanates from all quarters. I would like to quote an allegation of racial bias, from *The Natal Witness* of yesterday, which comes from a spokesman, not of the ANC, but of the IFP

It is becoming increasingly obvious that the SAP is giving much higher priority to cases involving attacks on members of the White community. However, when prominent Black persons are murdered, the investigation is comparatively low-key

I repeat, this is an allegation of the IFP and not the ANC. Something must be done to rectify this position, and this will not be achieved unless we have some success. I again quote from yesterday's newspaper

The Nwenya file was originally opened by the Pietermaritzburg Riot Investigation Unit, then it was passed to the Murder and Robbery Unit. Now it is again back in the hands of the Riot Investigation Unit

How can progress be made if this file is treated like a pingpong ball? [Time expired.]

Mr R F HASWELL: Mr Speaker, the Natal Midlands has been ripped apart by violence, and law and order has become an empty phrase. The Trust Feed and other trials currently being heard in Pietermaritzburg are a shocking indictment of certain—I wish to emphasise "certain"—police action. Unless justice is seen to be done, the scar may well become permanent. The hon the Minister can alter all of this by insisting on full-scale and round-the-clock investigations, and in so doing, since it is very much on his mind, encourage a Yes-vote in the referendum in that region. It is up to the hon the Minister, while he is still the Minister

*The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER, Mr Speaker, allow me to tell the hon member for Pietermaritzburg South immediately that unfor-

tunately it is the easiest thing in the world to choose from hundreds of examples in order to make a point in Parliament. We are not in favour of, nor do we approve of people being murdered; on the contrary, we feel just as strongly that this must come to an end in our country. We sympathise with the people who have to suffer as a result of it.

However, to say, as the hon member for Mooi River did, that because the deceased was Black we are not doing our best to track down the murderers, is an insinuation which is unworthy of him [Interjections.] That is precisely what he insinuated. The hon member said that if it had been a White member of Parliament who had been shot, they would have gone to far more trouble than in the case of a Black man. Surely that is an insinuation [Interjections.] What is he complaining about then? First he tells me that I am wrong, but when I give him the correct facts, he says it is true. [Interjections.] It is simply not true because we have to investigate crimes of this kind in the various communities

Those hon members ought to know that it is far more difficult to undertake such investigations in the Natal situation, where there is unrest and strife at the moment. The hon member ought to know that. He should be able to understand that

The police work overtime on a daily basis to see whether we can find the murderers of people. With regard to this insinuation that the SA Police Force only investigates the White cases and not the deaths of Black people, I want to tell the hon member for Claremont one more time.

*Mr SPEAKER, Order! Unfortunately the hon the Minister's time has now expired, including the credit which I gave him.

Debate concluded

QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version.

For oral reply

General Affairs.

Sale of stockpiled crude oil: departments involved

*1 Mr P J PAULUS asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs:†

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Msinga's men are dying for a fight

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MHLUPHEKI Shange died because he was a good man in a bad place in a violent country.

He lived in Msinga district in the rural heart of Natal province, where Zulu warriors have been killing each other in tribal wars for more than a century.

One night last month a band of armed men surrounded Shange's hut and demanded that he join them in a war party.

"He refused to go," his mother told police. "So they killed him."

Police chased the war party, or impi, across a boulder-strewn hillside and arrested 21 people. They seized six AK-47 assault rifles, 10 .303 carbines and a shotgun.

The impi was about to do battle in the latest round of the faction fighting which rages almost continuously in Msinga.

"Msinga is known as 'the place of the gun'," said Mrs Creina Alcock, a development worker who has lived in the area for 17 years.

"It is like coming across a dinosaur - no whites or missionaries came here in the old days, so tribal traditions and structures remain strong."

Alcock, whose husband Neil was killed in an ambush in 1983 while mediating between rival Msinga factions, said one reason for the violence was a tradition of trial by combat.

"You get young men growing up dying for a fight, so they deliberately provoke wars."

Much of the fighting is be-

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tween members of the same clan, although one clan will sometimes take on another in a feud dating back to ancient times.

"In almost every instance, the original root cause of the ill-feeling is unknown to all concerned," said KwaZulu police officer Brigadier Sipho Mathe.

In the old days wars were fought with sticks and spears, and casualties were relatively low. Now the weapon of choice is the AK-47, and scores of Msinga people die every year.

Last month at least 14 people were killed and 15 injured in a bloody battle when two impis of 300 men each clashed over the murder of a tribal leader in nearby Ladysmith.

Sergeant Eddie Aucamp, a member of a special police unit based in Msinga's main town of Tugela Ferry, said the pastoral beauty of the district belied its dangers.

"We have orders not to drive around at night. Even in broad daylight, on the main road, we've been shot at," Aucamp said, pointing out a bullet hole in his vehicle.

His unit, charged with confiscating illegal firearms, has seized an average of 650 a year over the last three years.

Weapons range from homemade guns crafted from plumber's supplies to vintage muzzle-loaders and modern automatic rifles.

Most of the Soviet-designed AK-47s - and some of the fights - are imported from Johannesburg, where hundreds of Msinga men work in industry and the gold mines.

"If two Msinga men brawl in Soweto, 500 km away, there'll be a faction fight here," said Lieutenant Tommy

Pakkari, who led the police squad that rounded up Shange's killers.

He said police efforts to negotiate peaceful settlements seldom succeeded. "These people believe fighting is the only way to settle an argument."

Faction fighting occurs throughout Natal but is particularly bad in Msinga, a district of about 200 000 people. Some researchers believe the reason is fierce competition for resources in a mountainous area where only 10 percent of the land is arable.

Anthropologist Mr John Argyle said that while environmental factors might play a part, Msinga people seemed to be more warlike than Zulus elsewhere.

"It's hard to pin down, but for example when a group of Msinga residents were moved to another area, fighting erupted there," he said.

"It's a cycle which is difficult to escape - a pattern of revenge that has no beginning and no end."

He said there were similarities with fighting in other parts of Natal between Zulus supporting rival political groups - the Inkatha Freedom Party and the African National Congress.

"They both try to create local fiefdoms over which they want exclusive control. The national leadership can appeal for peace, but what counts is the local competition." - *Sapa-Reuter*.

'It is like coming across a dinosaur - no whites or missionaries came here in the old days, so tribal traditions and structures remain strong.'

I ordered the UDF

killings' (276) APR 27/11/92

Policeman: I saw myself in civil war

MARITZBURG. — Police Captain Brian Mitchell said in the Supreme Court he had ordered special constables to kill United Democratic Front members in Trust Feed in December 1988.

Captain Mitchell, who was testifying in his own defence, said his instruction had meant to convey to them that they were to attack groups of UDF members, and not to break into a house and attack women and children.

Although he had not specified exactly where the UDF members would be, he said he thought the special policemen would have got information as to which were UDF areas in Trust Feed from the local Inkatha leader, Mr Jerome Gabela, with whom they were staying. He denied he had ever pointed out any house for the special policemen to attack.

He told the court that on the morning of December 3, 1988, when he saw who they had in fact shot, he was shocked.

The attack allegedly resulted in the deaths of 11 people attending a funeral vigil. Captain Mitchell, two other policemen and four special constables are facing 11 charges of murder and eight of attempted murder.

Describing the politics of the area in which he was embroiled, Captain Mitchell said he saw himself as a soldier fighting in a civil war and he was on the side of the government. He also sympathised with Inkatha because they never made areas ungovernable and he did not perceive them to be part of the "revolutionary onslaught".

However, Captain Mitchell said he perceived Inkatha's Mr Gabela to be weak and towards the end of November 1988 it was clear the UDF was "getting the upper hand" in Trust Feed.

The head of the Riot Unit in Maritzburg, Captain Deon Terblanche, told him of "elements" within the Riot Unit that helped Inkatha by unlawful means — this assistance included helping Inkatha take over an area or preventing the UDF from taking over an area.

On the evening of November 30, 1988, six special constables were brought to New Hanover by a close friend of Captain Terblanche, Constable Willem de Wet.

Constable De Wet and Captain Mitchell then took them to Trust Feed. — Sapa.

Captain admits role in massacre

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Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Former New Hanover station commander Captain Brian Mitchell admitted here yesterday that he instructed special constables in Trust Feeds to attack "comrades" which resulted in the death of 11 men, women and children.

Previous witnesses have testified that the victims slain at a funeral vigil on the night of December 2/3, 1988 were in fact Inkatha supporters.

Giving evidence before a stunned audience which packed the courtroom, Capt Mitchell said he had regarded himself as a soldier engaged in a "civil war" in a situation where the comrades (UDF supporters) were enemies of the state.

"I saw myself as being on the side of the government. I sympathised with Inkatha. They never made the areas ungovernable and they supported the government. I didn't see them as being part of the revolution-

Police paid out R950 000

Political Staff

THE police paid out more than R950 000 last year in settlement of claims against them, Minister of Law and Order Mr Hernus Kriel said yesterday.

He said, in reply to a question tabled in Parliament by Mr Tony Leon (DP, Houghton), that 4 791 claims were instituted against the police in 1991 and 231 were settled out of court.

The settled claims cost the state R107 304,69, while the courts awarded R847 209,91 in damages against the police.

The number of claims instituted last year against the police dropped from 5 456 in 1990 — as did the total amount paid out — R1,5 million.

However, the number of claims last year were higher than the 3 903 instituted in 1988 and 3 768 in 1989, Mr Kriel said.

any onslaught against the country," he said.

He said he was "shocked" when he arrived at the scene of the killings the next day and found women and children among the victims. He had never intended women and children to be shot, he said. "I told the specials they must attack the UDF."

Capt Mitchell said when Constable Jason Burton found a spent cartridge at the scene he told him to place it in the police van. He (Capt Mitchell)

intended to "get rid of it" later.

He said he had related to the Riot Unit head, the late Major Deon Terblanche at the scene of the incident "90%" of what had happened the previous night — enough for him to have realised that he (Capt Mitchell) was responsible.

Capt Mitchell also told the court of a conversation he had with Maj Terblanche (then a police captain) shortly before the Trust Feeds massacre during which Maj Terblanche told him there were "elements"

within the Riot Unit at that time that assisted Inkatha "by unlawful means" to take over UDF areas and to defend Inkatha areas against the UDF.

He told Maj Terblanche in his view the local Trust Feeds Inkatha leader, Mr Jerome Gabela, was "weak" and Maj Terblanche promised to approach the Inkatha leadership in Maritzburg.

Capt Mitchell said that on November 30, on the instructions of Maj Terblanche, he took Mr Gabela and two other Inkatha leaders, Mr Johan Nxumalo and Mr Majozo, to Maritzburg. At Marawa house Maj Terblanche held a discussion with well-known Inkatha figure Mr David Ntombela.

Thereafter Mr Ntombela met the three Inkatha leaders from Trust Feeds. Afterwards Mr Gabela also spoke about policemen who would assist Inkatha to take over UDF-dominated areas.

When he learnt that night that special constables were to be sent to Trust Feeds he realised they were there to assist Inkatha, said Capt Mitchell.

Massacre accused 'has converted'

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Trust Feeds murder accused Captain Brian Mitchell announced in the Supreme Court here yesterday that he had decided to tell the truth about his involvement in the massacre because he had become a Christian while in jail and intended to become a minister.

Capt Mitchell, two other policemen and four special constables are facing 11 charges of murder and eight of attempted murder as a result of the 1988 massacre at Trust Feeds.

Capt Mitchell told Mr Justice Andrew Wilson and two assessors during cross-examination yesterday that while awaiting trial he had become involved in a bible study group and had organised church services for his fellow inmates of all races. "That is why it is so

important for me to tell the truth now," he said.

He also testified he had known that the special constables who arrived in Trust Feeds on November 30, 1988, were there as a "back-up force" for Inkatha leader Mr Jerome Gabela, with the aim of eradicating UDF elements in the area. He in effect knew they were there to "kill people", he conceded.

Capt Mitchell also testified that a so-called prevention of crime operation carried out by the Riot Unit the day prior to the massacre was aimed solely against members of the UDF. In his opinion the aim of the operation was to remove a number of young men from the so-called UDF "fighting force", and to seize weapons belonging to UDF supporters so that the UDF would then be vulnerable to attacks from

Inkatha that night

In his view the special constables had been brought in to assist Inkatha with these attacks.

He said the idea of ordering an attack had only come to him once he was in Trust Feeds. He then instructed two special constables to attack or kill UDF members, expecting them to seek out groups of comrades who may have gathered in the area. "I didn't expect the specials to just shoot indiscriminately into a house. I didn't desire the killing of women and children."

Capt Mitchell said his initial reason for going to Trust Feeds was "curiosity" as he wanted to see whether the constables had been involved in incidents that night. He also intended to cover up any evidence if necessary. The hearing continues today.

Massacre policeman turns to God

By VICKY QUINLAN Durban

A SOUTH African Police captain facing charges of murder and attempted murder following an attack on a house in Trust Feed, yesterday told a stunned Natal Supreme Court gallery he had become a Christian while in prison and now planned to become a minister.

Prior to this revelation, Captain Brian Mitchell had admitted he had ordered special constables to kill United Democratic Front "comrades" in Trust Feed in December 1988. This resulted in an attack on a house in the area, in which 11 people died.

As a Christian, he said, it was important now for him to tell the truth. Mitchell is one of seven policemen charged with 11 counts of murder and eight of attempted murder for the attack.

He said his instructions to the special constables had meant to convey to them that they were to attack groups of UDF members, and not to break into a house and attack women and children.

Although he had not specified exactly where the UDF members would be, he said he thought the special policemen would have got information as to which were UDF areas in Trust Feed

from the local Inkatha leader, Jerome Gabela, with whom they were staying. He denied he had ever pointed out any house for the special policemen to attack.

He told the court that on the morning of December 3 1988 when he saw who they had attacked he was shocked.

Evidence was also heard about talks which took place at the Inkatha offices in Pietermaritzburg involving the head of the Riot Unit, Captain Deon Terblanche, Gabela and other Trust Feed Inkatha officials and Pietermaritzburg Inkatha leader David Ntombela.

Mitchell said his impression was that Gabela was told by Ntombela and Terblanche to launch an attack on the UDF in Trust Feed and he would be backed by special constables.

Mitchell admitted he had gone to the Trust Feed area on the night of December 3 to see what had happened regarding this attack so that in the morning he would know "what to expect" and be prepared to cover up if necessary.

Describing the politics in the area in which he was embroiled, Mitchell said he saw himself as a soldier fighting in a

civil war and he was on the side of the government. He also sympathised with Inkatha because it never made areas ungovernable and he did not perceive it to be part of the "revolutionary onslaught".

However, Mitchell said he perceived Gabela to be weak and, towards the end of November 1988, it was clear the UDF was "getting the upper hand" in Trust Feed.

On November 30 1988, six special constables were brought to New Hanover by a friend of Terblanche, Constable Willem de Wet, who told Mitchell these particular special policemen hated the UDF. De Wet and Mitchell then took them to Trust Feed.

He said on the night of the attack, he, Constable Jason Parton and reserve constable Stuart van Wyk had drunk a lot together.

Mitchell had suspected there would be trouble in Trust Feed following the arrest of 11 UDF men during that day. He conceded under cross-examination that these arrests, effected during a round-up of all men aged between 16 and 35 at a local sports field, were to render the UDF "sitting ducks" for the impending Inkatha attack.

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The town no one ⁽²⁷⁶⁾ w/m out 28/2-5/3/92 wants to return to

By CASSANDRA MOODLEY:
Durban

TENSION grips the northern Natal township of Esikhawini this week after a bloody weekend that left three dead.

Two people were critically injured on Tuesday when, according to African National Congress Natal media officer Bongani Msomi, Inkatha Freedom Party attackers stormed an ANC house at dawn firing with automatic rifles. He says one person was killed but kwaZulu police liaison officer Colonel Moses Khanyile says there were no deaths recorded on Tuesday.

Msomi says people are living on edge as police continue to raid ANC houses demanding weapons.

There is also the fear of an "Inkatha killing squad" in Esikhawini. "Some will never come back ... and we live in fear of the Inkatha death squad that's still there," says Msomi.

He says scores of Inkatha members were bused in over the weekend. Most have left but those "that have remained are part of a hit squad and are being housed at the local Inkatha stronghold, Hlanganani Hall".

Tuesday's attack followed a weekend of bloodshed.

Msomi says Dan Ndlovu and his servant were shot while driving past Hlanganani Hall on Saturday night. Several hundred Inkatha supporters had gathered at the hall to attend a memorial service for an IFP supporter killed in violence in Esikhawini last week.

"After being shot Ndlovu and the second man were burnt to death by IFP supporters while senior kwaZulu policemen looked on," claims Msomi.

Khanyile has confirmed the deaths but denies his forces' complicity in the incident.

Scores of residents fled the township on Saturday and Sunday fearing attacks after hearing that 16 buses with Inkatha supporters had entered the area.

Meanwhile, several kwaZulu policemen on Sunday reportedly monitored Hlanganani Hall, and were later joined by the South African Police.

Msomi questioned police in allowing an Inkatha memorial service to go ahead despite a local magistrate's ban on indoor and outdoor political gatherings.

Apla member shot dead by police

DURBAN. — A member of the Azanian People's Liberation Army has been shot dead by police at Inanda.

Police alleged that Mr Moses Mathe was threatening a policeman with a hand-grenade when he was

shot.

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Two firearms, two grenades and documents allegedly implicating Mr Mathe in an attack on a police station in Bloemfontein, were seized, police said. — Sapa.

SADF funded KwaZulu cadets

PRETORIA. — The South African Defence Force gave the KwaZulu government millions of rands for the military training and salaries of a group of about 200 youths, a committee of the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into Public Violence and Intimidation heard yesterday.

Mr M Z Khumalo, former personal assistant to Inkatha Freedom Party president Chief Mangosutho Buthelezi, claimed Chief Buthelezi had no knowledge that the SADF was funding the project.

Mr Khumalo agreed that the amount for

the training, salaries and bridging amounted to millions of rands.

He claimed he had not known until the end of 1987 that the real sponsor of the project was the SADF. Chief Buthelezi was never informed of this. Mr Khumalo dealt with a security firm, Swart Security Services, who had trained the group. He said he appealed to them to find a sponsor and they had come up with Richard's Appointments Ltd.

Payments for the salaries and bridging finance had been made by Richard's Ap-

pointments into a "confidential" Inkatha account at First National Bank in Durban. Mr Khumalo and Chief Buthelezi were the only signatories to the account.

Mr Justice Goldstone questioned Mr Khumalo's ignorance regarding the identity of the sponsor.

"Your lack of inquisitiveness boggles the imagination," he said.

"I did not see it as my business to enquire further," responded Mr Khumalo.

The inquiry continues on Monday. — Sapa

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Riot police shoot alleged Apla man

DURBAN. — An alleged member of Apla, armed wing of the Pan-Africanist Congress, was shot and killed when members of the police riot unit raided a house at Inanda, north of Durban, on Thursday night.

Police alleged Mr Moses Mathe was threatening a policeman with a handgrenade when he was shot.

Two firearms, two handgrenades and documents allegedly implicating Mr Mathe in an attack on a police station in Bloemfontein were seized, police said.

Police said yesterday that they had recovered an AK-47 rifle, ammunition and commercial detonators allegedly belonging to members of the African National Congress at Wembezi, near Escourt.

A man died after being stabbed and thrown off a train near Soweto's New Canada railway station last night.

On Thursday, a policeman was shot dead at the Glebelands Hostel near Umlazi, Durban. — Sapa

MARITZBURG. — Four policemen were convicted in the Supreme Court here yesterday for murdering ANC supporter Mr Mbongeni Jama, and one was convicted of attempted murder.

All were given jail terms of eight years or less by Mr Justice Thirion, who criticised the media, "mealy-mouthed" politicians and police generals, who he said "should put their medals in a drawer and go and see how police work is performed".

Former constable William Harrington, 22, and special constable Philemon Madlala, 26, were each jailed for eight years, Frans Erasmus, 22, was jailed for six years and a special constable youth, who may not be named, was jailed for two years.

Special constable Nkosenta Dlamini, 21, was jailed for two years for attempted murder.

All five were acquitted of kidnapping.

Some of the policemen wept after sentencing and were consoled by friends and relatives.

Mr Justice Thirion said while all the young accused were first offenders, as policemen it was their duty to administer law and maintain order. Their police careers were over and when they came out of prison, they would have to rebuild their lives.

"But there is another side of the coin too and we have to take account of the circumstances in which

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police, particularly the accused, have to perform their duties.

"At the last general election, the mealy-mouthed politicians promised us a new South Africa. Instead of fulfilling their promise, they took the old one with all its faults and turned it

into a hotbed of political intrigue, violence, double-talk and lawlessness — one where life in townships is both short and cheap. Young men are exposed to scenes of death and violence as grisly as can be imagined," he said.

In this situation, it was natural that police should become demoralised and indifferent to suffering.

"If a policeman commits a crime, publicity is given to it out of all proportion to the seriousness of the crime, and I am not so sure that this attitude in the media has not contributed to the decision of the accused to do away with the deceased rather than face a possible charge of assault."

The special constables had only had rudimentary training, while the others — although more thoroughly trained — had not had an opportunity to do ordinary police work and were thrown into riot control — "one of the most difficult sections."

"I'm told there are some 250 generals in the South African Police. I think the time has come for them to profitably put their medals in a drawer and go and see how police work is performed. — Sapa

Natal riot cops guilty of murder

TWO members of the police riot unit in Maritzburg and two former special constables were on Friday convicted of the murder of Mbongeni Jama near Elandskop in February last year. (276)

A third special constable was found guilty of attempted murder. CIP/113/92

Justice Thirion in the Supreme Court found that constables Frans Erasmus and William Harrington, special constable Philemon Madlala and a 17-year-old special constable had killed Jama to prevent him from laying charges of assault.

The court found there was no evidence that 21-year-old special constable Nkosenta Dlamini had agreed with the murder plan and he was found guilty of attempted murder.

Inkatha ignores ban

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By S'BU MNGADI 11/3/92

MORE than 3 000 Inkatha supporters marched through the Durban city centre yesterday armed with sharpened sticks, spears and other dangerous weapons.

This was in direct defiance of the proclamation on dangerous weapons issued on Friday by the SA government.

A request by Lieut-Col Johannes van Wyk to Lindelani Inkatha leader Thomas Mandla Shabalala, to ask the marchers to leave dangerous weapons behind at Curries Fountain stadium under police protection, was greeted with open disapproval by the heavily armed amabutho.

The marchers defiantly told police they would carry their weapons - declaration or no declaration.

After negotiating with Inkatha leaders for about 15 minutes, the

police finally gave in and allowed the crowd to snake through the busy city centre to the steps of the Durban City Hall, where Shabalala presented a memo to Van Wyk protesting against militant talk uttered by ANC leaders, the assassination of Inkatha leaders, the ANC armed struggle and Umkhonto weSizwe.

At the front of the procession was a hearse followed by Shabalala who carried a cross and other Inkatha leaders who raised mock coffins above their heads.

On the way to the City Hall, Inkatha supporters taunted and harassed passersby who ran helter skelter on being approached by the heavily armed procession.

Earlier Inkatha national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose warned the police not to try to stop the marchers from carrying "cultural accoutrements".

It would be like trying to stop a white man from wearing a tie, said Mdlalose.

His warning came on the day the government gazetted regulations prohibiting the carrying of dangerous weapons in public places and at political meetings.

Natal's Joint Working Committee of the ANC, SACP and Cosatu yesterday urgently requested the State President, Ministers of Law and Order and Defence, Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi and the National Peace Secretariat to ensure that Inkatha supporters on the march were unarmed.

In a letter to President de Klerk the alliance joint working committee argued that "the march is a political event and not a cultural or traditional one, and as such, the carrying of dangerous weapons of any kind should not be permitted".

Students hurl cans at singer

By S'BU MNGADI

RAP artist Taps claims he was abused by white students during a music festival at Natal University this week.

The Summer Rock Festival, at the Students Union, was the highlight of the orientation week.

Malawian-born Taps, whose real name is Tapuwa Bandawe, said he had been performing for about five minutes when the predominantly white audience began throwing empty beer cans onstage.

Orientation committee chairwoman Melanie Havenga said only three empty cans were thrown and none hit Taps.

KwaZulu sold prime land to IFP

By S'BU MNGADI

THE KwaZulu government sold 28 ha of prime land just outside Durban - estimated to be worth R56-million - to an Inkatha-owned company for R124 000 in 1990.

The land, which lies between Kwa-Mashu and Phoenix, was purchased by KwaZulu Legislative Assembly chief whip Johnny Mhlungu on behalf of Khulani Holdings and Properties.

Mhlungu is also a senior member of the Inkatha Central Committee and KwaZulu chief minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi's right-hand man.

The IFP is the company's major shareholder. However, Mhlungu pointed out this week that "1 000 other shareholders belong to various political organisations".

The deal emerged from documents before the Durban City Council's Town Planning Appeals Committee which is considering objections by

Khulani Holdings and Properties, of which Mhlungu is chief executive officer, to a proposal by Tongaat-Hulett Properties to establish a regional shopping centre on a site opposite its land.

According to documents before the committee, Khulani Holdings and Properties paid R124 487 for the land in April 1990. The KwaZulu government then gave the company the rights to build a regional shopping centre.

The normal price of property with commercial rights in the Durban area is R2-million a hectare.

Mhlungu said Khulani Holdings and Properties bought the land at prices determined by the South African government under Proclamation 2624 dated December 29, 1978.

Acting secretary of KwaZulu's Department of Interior, a Mr Badenhorst, made a firm "No comment".

"You can just report the acting secretary of the department refused to comment, taxpayer's money or not."

Rose, Special Sgt Roy Ndwalane, Special Constables Cyprian Ngu-sikho, Thabo Sikhosana, and David Khambele. Mitchell said he and Terblanche had arranged a meeting for November 30, 1988, between Gabela and David Ntombela - described by the presiding judge as a "prominent" - to "jet up" Gabela for not

Special constable approached him and told him they had shot people. Mitchell told the special constable that he must burn the Mbongwa's house.

Advocates for the special constables said their clients would tell the court Mitchell took part in the shootings.

The case is proceeding.

Judge's death ends libel case

THE death of a Pretoria judge has ended a R12 000 defamation lawsuit he instituted against Argus and Brian Curtin, director of Lawyers for Human Rights.

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Judge LL Esselen, who died earlier this month, had claimed the money from Curren and former editor of *The Star*, Harvey Tyson, after an article which appeared in the newspaper two years ago. Esselen had claimed the article said he was racially prejudiced in his judgment of a rape trial three years ago.

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ago. Judge Hattingh of the Pretoria Supreme Court dismissed with costs this week two exceptions noted by the defendants to Esselen's claim, saying they disclosed no cause of action.

He said in South Africa public policy did not militate against any right of a judge to sue for defamation. — Sapa

Battle for Kwazulu
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By S'BU MINGADI

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A BLOODY feud has been raging at Esikhawini near Empangeni for the past six months as Inkatha and the ANC fight over the political soul of KwaZulu's heartland.

Inkatha, backed by the KwaZulu-controlled Esikhawini Town Council, is making its last stand against ANC encroachment of the heartland.

The ANC, on the other hand, frustrated at not having launched its northern Natal region since it was unbanned two years ago, is aggressively asserting itself.

Ironically, the two organisations signed the historic Lower Umfolozi Peace Accord in August 1990. The accord was violated by both organisations as soon as it was signed and it remains only on paper.

What makes Esikhawini unique is its proximity to the KwaZulu political capital of Ulundi.

Inkatha this week admitted bussing in scores of hostel-dwellers from the Reef to attend the memorial service of a local Inkatha leader at Hlanganani Hall last Saturday. This was on the eve of an ANC rally, which was later

banned.

Two people were shot and then burnt to death in their car as they drove past the hall. On Sunday, a man KwaZulu Police described as an Inkatha supporter was shot and killed outside his house in H-section.

The ANC has been attempting since October 1990 to hold a meeting at Esikhawini. Every attempt was resisted by the township manager and council.

After repeated attempts resulted in a successful court application, the ANC arranged a meeting for November 24, 1991. However, it never took place as the stadium was "occupied" by the IFP, culminating in the death of a local resident.

Last month, SA Communist Party general secretary and Umkhonto we-Sizwe chief-of-staff, Chris Hani, was prevented by police from entering nearby Ensenleni to attend the launch of an ANC branch there.

Police later explained this was done for Hani's own security after about 3 000 heavily armed Inkatha impis had assembled at the entrance of the township.

State rejects cop's amended plea

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Trust Feed trial accused Captain Brian Mitchell yesterday formally changed his plea in connection with 11 murder charges to one of guilty to culpable homicide.

The plea was not accepted by the prosecution.

Capt Mitchell's amendment to his plea came at the end of his three-day long testimony, in which he admitted instructing special constables at Trust Feed to attack or kill UDF members in the area on the night of December 2-3, 1988, but said he did not expect or intend for them to shoot women and children attending a funeral vigil

inside a house.

Capt Mitchell testified that he had been drinking earlier that night.

His evidence was challenged yesterday by his co-accused, Mr Kehla Ngubane, who is the first of the four former special constables charged in the case to testify.

Mr Ngubane denied that Capt Mitchell instructed them to shoot members of the UDF but said he had pointed out the house in question and ordered them to shoot at "terrorists" inside.

Mr Ngubane said he fired two shots into the house through a back window.

"We couldn't see inside," he told Mr Justice Wilson and two assessors.

He denied that he had entered the house and that he had known there were women and children inside.

Asked by the judge if he had not heard the 18 people in the house screaming after the shooting started, Mr Ngubane replied: "I did not hear any noise."

Mr Ngubane alleged Capt Mitchell had also fired a shot into the house through a window, using a gun he had taken from Special Sergeant Dumisani Ndwalane.

The hearing continues.

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'He ordered us to shoot terrorists'

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Former SAP special constable Mr Kehla Ngubane said in evidence yesterday that former New Hanover station commander Capt Brian Mitchell instructed him and three other special policemen to attack a house with "terrorists" at Trust Feed on a night in December, 1988.

Mr Ngubane is one of seven policemen and former special policemen charged with 11 counts of murder and eight of attempted murder in connection with an incident where men, women and children were shot dead while attending a funeral service.

He denied evidence by Captain Mitchell that he instructed them to attack and kill members of the UDF.

Describing the events leading to the shooting, Mr Ngubane said he and a co-accused, Dumisani Ndwalane were awoken about 1.30am by an "aggressive" Captain Mitchell who asked whether they were there to sleep or to work.

He instructed them to get their firearms and follow him. He dropped them at a junction near Mbongwe's Store, telling them to wait and later returned with the other two special constables, Thabo Sikhosana and David Khambule.

They all proceeded toward a house in Trust Feed. "We saw a house with lights... Mitchell pointed out the house and said that is the house in which the terrorists were and we should shoot."

12 killed in Natal crash

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TWELVE people - including two children - were killed in a head-on collision between a minibus carrying 19 people and a truck near Paulpietersburg in northern Natal yesterday.

Police said another 10 people were injured in the crash, which occurred at 9am 12km outside Paulpietersburg on the Vryheid road.

A member of the Vryheid ambulance service said neither driver was killed. The taxi driver sustained slight head injuries.

He said the truck belonging to a bottlestore crossed the road. Believing the truck would continue across the road the taxi driver swerved to his right to avoid it.

The truck driver swerved and the two vehicles collided.

There were 19 people in the minibus, three of them babies. There were three passengers plus the driver in the truck he said.

Three Vryheid ambulances responded to the call at 9.10am. They were joined by two ambulances from Dundee and one from Newcastle, as well as a paramedic vehicle, but medical staff found the victims were already dead.

An 18-month-old baby and a seven-year-old boy were among the victims.

The names of the dead - six women, four men and two children - have not been released.

'Mitchell fired into house'

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — A former SAP special constable denied yesterday that he fired shots at victims of the 1988 Trust Feed massacre from inside the house.

Mr Kehla Ngubane told the Supreme Court here that he fired blindly through a window.

Mr Ngubane is one of seven policemen and former special policemen charged with 11 counts of murder and eight of attempted murder. CT 5/12/92

During cross-examination by Mr Etienne du Toit, SC, for Captain Brian Mitchell, Mr Ngubane agreed that he may have been mistaken about the exact window through which he fired.

But he insisted that Captain Mitchell had been present and had fired two shots into the house.

Mr Du Toit suggested he was lying and that Captain Mitchell had not fired any shots.

The hearing continues.

Trust Feed cop seeks plea change

By VICKY QUINLAN

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TRUST FEED murder accused Captain Brian Mitchell changed his plea in the Natal Supreme Court this week to one of guilty to 11 counts of culpable homicide and not guilty to eight counts of attempted murder.

His plea change, which was not accepted by the prosecution, came after he admitted he had ordered special policemen to kill United Democratic Front supporters in the Trust Feed area. He denied he had participated in any attack himself or that he had intended the policemen to attack a house or kill women and children.

Mitchell was, however, accused of firing at least two shots into the house during the December 1988 attack. The allegation came from accused special constable Kehla Ngubane, who has begun testifying in his own defence.

Ngubane said he, Mitchell and special constable Dumisani Ndwalane had been standing outside a window of the house with their shotguns pointed through the window. Mitchell had fired the first two shots using Ndwalane's shotgun after which the two special policemen shot blindly at the occupants.

It was put to him that most of the dead were accurately shot in the chest or head and it was impossible to shoot that accurately while shooting blind. Ngubane, however, insisted he had not been able to see what he was shooting.

He insisted he had not heard any screams from the 18 occupants once the shooting had started and said he heard other shots but could not tell if they came from inside or outside the house.

Ngubane was reminded of evidence already heard from a survivor of the attack — that the occupants had screamed so loudly they could be heard outside — but Ngubane reiterated he had heard nothing.

Township in terror after murder

FEAR has gripped the northern Natal township of Wembesi following the murder of local ANC branch chairman Nhlanhla Hebert Zulu, who will be buried today. (276)

"Our members are fleeing the township in droves for fear of being attacked," said Super Ndaba, co-founder of the Wembesi Crisis Committee. C/Pren 8/3/92

Zulu, a teacher at a local school and the seventh member of the crisis committee murdered since its founding 2 years ago, was gunned down and hacked with knives in the township last Saturday, a week after he launched the local branch of the ANC.

Massacre probe 'worried' policeman

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Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — The investigating officer in the 1988 Trust Feeds massacre admitted here yesterday that he had "reservations" about the manner in which an accused was interrogated before making a statement to a magistrate last year.

Captain Frank Dutton voiced his concern at the interrogation of Mr Thabo Sikhosana, which was carried out by a Colonel Langenhoven in the presence of General Ronnie van der Westhuizen, a Captain Kritzinger, as well as Captain Dutton while Warrant Officer Wilson Magadhla acted as interpreter.

Counsel for Mr Sikhosana, Mr Robin Palmer, contends the statement concerned was not freely and voluntarily made and should not be admitted as evidence in the trial.

Captain Dutton agreed yesterday that he told state advocate Mr Anthony Irons the day after the statement was taken by the magistrate that he (Mr Irons) should ob-

tain a 119 statement from Mr Sikhosana as soon as possible because he felt undue influence may have been exerted on Mr Sikhosana to make the original statement to the magistrate.

Captain Dutton described the interrogation of Mr Sikhosana by Colonel Langenhoven as "vigorous" and said the colonel shouted and became angry.

Colonel Langenhoven was angry about certain aspects of the version related by Mr Sikhosana concerning the events at House 83 in Trust Feeds where the killings took place and suggested to Mr Sikhosana that he was lying.

Fears

Captain Dutton said he was concerned when at one stage Mr Sikhosana said he feared he might be assaulted although he was reassured immediately by Colonel Langenhoven.

Captain Dutton also had reservations about an incident where Colonel Langenhoven admonished Mr Sikhosana not to lie and, pointing to General Van der Westhuizen, told him he was in the presence of a

general in the SAP and should not be untruthful. He agreed that Mr Sikhosana's version of events changed "in certain respects" during the interrogation.

The captain said before Colonel Langenhoven interrogated him the interpreter, WO Magadhla, had said Mr Sikhosana was prepared to make a statement to a magistrate. However, Colonel Langenhoven decided to question him first.

Captain Dutton admitted he had regarded this as "unwarranted interference" on the part of the colonel.

He had also been unhappy that General Van der Westhuizen had paid a visit to one of the accused, Captain Brian Mitchell, which he (Captain Dutton) did not feel was the correct procedure, he said.

He denied suggestions by Mr Sikhosana, however, that other policemen also took part in the interrogation which had resulted in him becoming "confused" and said Mr Sikhosana never conveyed to him that he was "fear stricken" and could not speak freely before being taken to the magistrate.

The hearing continues.

13 die as Natal violence toll rises

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THIRTEEN people including a woman in an advanced stage of pregnancy, died in a hail of bullets in a weekend of violence in two separate incidents in Natal.

Desperate efforts were made to save the woman's unborn baby, but these failed.

At the Zamini shacklands near Umlazi in Durban, at least eight people died on Sunday in clashes between Inkatha and African National Congress supporters.

On Saturday night five

people were gunned down at a party at Mpumulanga. Police found several AK-47 rifle cartridges.

Sunday's attack at the Zamini shacklands is believed to have been triggered off after hostel dwellers were attacked by armed men on Saturday night.

It is believed that most of the dead were members of the ANC.

Police spokesman Captain Hamilton Ngidi said

seven men were gunned down at the Zamini squatter settlement in a pre-dawn attack on several shacks about 5am on Sunday. Four women were shot and stabbed.

Later in the day a couple and four children, who were travelling by car through the township, were stopped by armed men who were carrying assegais.

Ngidi said the mob asked Mr Ray Kubheka (41) whether he was aware that people were being killed in the township. Before he

could reply, several shots were fired, hitting him in the head and chest.

His pregnant wife, Sarafina (32) was shot in the chest. A 12-year-old child, Thandeka Shezi, was wounded in the arm.

When the shooting started, Kubheka managed to accelerate away and drove towards the Isipingo police station.

However, before he could reach the police station, he collapsed on the steering wheel.

One of the four children

who were in the car ran to the police station and called for help.

When police arrived Mrs Kubheka was dead.

While paramedics tried to save the life of Mrs Kubheka's unborn child, her husband was airlifted by helicopter to Addington Hospital, where his condition was described yesterday as critical and he was in the intensive care unit.

Ngidi said the situation was very tense in the township and police reinforcements had been sent in.

Statement 'to keep cop happy'

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Trust Feed trial accused, former SAP special constable Thabo Sikhosana, said here yesterday various portions of a statement he made to a magistrate last August were untrue.

The statement was ruled admissible as evidence in the trial by Mr Justice Wilson earlier following a trial within a trial.

Mr Sikhosana, three other former special policemen — Kehla Ngubane, Dumisane Ndwalane and David Khambule — and former New Hanover station commander Capt Brian Mitchell, Capt Jacobus van den Heever and Sgt Neville Rose are charged with the murder of 11 people holding a funeral vigil in House 83 at Trust Feed on the night of December 2-3, 1988. They also face eight charges of attempted murder.

When asked yesterday about differences between his statement to the magistrate last August and his testimony in court, Mr Sikhosana said parts of the statement were not true. The reason was that during his interrogation by a senior policeman before making the statement the questioner had interjected when he tried to relate events and accused him of lying.

"The reason why I made the statement in this fashion was so that when the statement got to him (the policeman) he would be happy about it," he said.

The hearing continues.

Massacre: 'No conspiracy'

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MARITZBURG. — An accused in the Trust Feeds massacre trial denied here yesterday that he and his co-accused had agreed on a false version of events to present to the court.

It was suggested to Mr Thabo Sikhosana, a former SAP special constable, by Mr Francois van Zyl (for accused Captain Jacobus van den Heever) that the

reason his evidence differed in various aspects from what had been put to previous witnesses by his defence counsel was that he endeavoured to bring his testimony in line with what his co-accused would say.

Mr Sikhosana replied that what he had told the court was what had happened.

He also denied attempting to falsely implicate Captain Van den Heever and Sergeant Ne-

ville Rose in the case.

Earlier he was asked to demonstrate his part in the shooting. It was later suggested that his demonstration differed from his previous evidence.

Mr Sikhosana admitted firing five shots into the house from a position outside a door.

He denied that he or his colleagues entered the house and said he did not know why previous witnesses described the

sound of the shooting as "muffled".

Asked to reconcile his version of the shooting with the injuries suffered by the three victims, Mr Sikhosana said he did not know how these were sustained.

According to medical evidence led earlier the victims were shot at a range of between one and 2,5 metres.

The hearing continues.

LATEST

Ten killed, 27 hurt in bloody Natal battle

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The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — A bloody battle erupted at Umlazi outside Durban today leaving at least 10 people dead and 27 others seriously wounded.

The death toll is expected to rise sharply as police expect to find more bodies later today.

Many of the wounded sought refuge at the Isipingo Police station which has been turned

into a hospital clearing station. Emergency services ferried the wounded to the King Edward VIII Hospital in Durban.

A police spokesman confirmed that two opposing factions clashed in the township about 5.30 am. The situation was "very tense" and reinforcements had to be called in to restore order.

On Sunday eight people were killed in the township.

'Place of the Gun' — men dying to kill

TUGELA FERRY. — Mhlupheki Shange died because he was in a bad place in a violent country.

He lived in Msinga district in the rural heart of Natal where Zulu warriors have been killing each other in tribal wars for more than a century.

One night last month a band of armed men surrounded Shange's hut and demanded he join them in a war party.

"He refused to go," his mother told police. "So they killed him."

Police chased the war party, or impi, across a boulder-strewn hillside and arrested 21 people.

They seized six AK-47 assault rifles, 10 carbines and a shotgun.

The impi was about to do battle in the latest round of the faction fighting which rages almost continuously in Msinga.

"Msinga is known as 'the place of the gun'," said Creina Alcock, a development worker who has lived in the area for 17 years.

"It is like coming across a dinosaur — no whites or missionaries came here in the old days, so tribal traditions and

structures remain strong."

Mrs Alcock, whose husband Neil was killed in an ambush in 1983 while mediating between rival Msinga factions, said one reason for the violence was a tradition of trial by combat.

"You get young men growing up dying for a fight, so they deliberately provoke wars."

Much of the fighting is between members of the same clan, although one clan will sometimes take on another in a feud dating back to ancient history.

"In almost every instance, the original root cause of the ill-feeling is unknown to all concerned," said KwaZulu police officer Brigadier Sipho Mathe.

In the old days, wars were fought with sticks and spears, and casualties were relatively low.

Now the weapon of choice is the AK-47, and scores of Msinga people die every year.

Last month, at least 14 people were killed and 15 injured in a bloody battle when two impis of 300 men each clashed over the murder of a tribal leader in nearby Ladysmith.

Sergeant Eddie Aucamp, a

member of a special police unit based in Msinga's main town of Tugela Ferry, said the pastoral beauty of the district belied its dangers.

"We have orders not to drive around at night. Even in broad daylight, on the main road, we've been shot at," Sergeant Aucamp said, pointing out a bullet hole in his vehicle.

His unit, charged with confiscating illegal firearms, has seized an average of 650 a year during the last three years.

Weapons range from home-made guns crafted from plumber's supplies to vintage muzzle-loaders and modern automatic rifles.

Most of the Soviet-designed AK-47s — and some of the fights — are imported from Johannesburg, where hundreds of Msinga men work in industry and the gold mines.

"If two Msinga men brawl in Soweto, 500 km away, there'll be a faction fight here," said Lieutenant Tommy Pakkari, who led the police squad that rounded up Shange's killers.

He said police efforts to negotiate peaceful settlements seldom succeeded.

"These people believe fight-

ing is the only way to settle an argument."

Faction fighting occurs throughout Natal but is particularly bad in Msinga, a district of about 200 000 people.

Some researchers believe the reason is fierce competition for resources in a mountainous area where only 10 percent of the land is arable.

Anthropologist John Argyle said while environmental factors might play a part, Msinga people seemed to be more warlike than Zulus elsewhere.

"It's hard to pin down but, for example, when a group of Msinga residents were moved to another area, fighting erupted there," he said.

He said there were similarities with fighting in other parts of Natal province between Zulus supporting rival political groups, the Inkatha Freedom Party and the African National Congress.

"They both try to create local fiefdoms over which they want exclusive control.

"The national leadership can appeal for peace, but what counts is the local competition." — Sapa-Reuter.

CARNAGE . . . Policemen watch over the bodies of some of the 18 people killed in clashes between warring factions in Umlazi, Durban, early yesterday.

DURBAN. — Another 23 people were killed in township violence yesterday — one of the blackest days of the year.

This brought the death toll to over 200 since the announcement of the referendum.

The ANC also warned that the violence could sway white voters against reform.

Alexandra and Sharpeville townships near Johannesburg have been declared unrest areas with immediate effect under emergency regulations published in the Government Gazette yesterday.

A police spokesman said the measures had been introduced because of the recent spate of violence in the townships.

He said a curfew had been introduced from 10pm to 4am every day until further notice.

In the worst unrest incident in Natal yesterday, 18 people were killed when rival groups at the Umlazi township clashed.

Police said the groups shot at one another in the clash which broke out at dawn. Most of the victims were women and children.

The Goldstone Commission has been asked to urgently investigate violence in Umlazi.

The attack at the Uganda squatter camp took place despite the ANC warning police of an Inkatha Freedom Party attack at a Regional Dispute Resolution Committee meeting in Durban on Thursday and a

23 die on 'black Friday'

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phone call to a top policeman later that night requesting assistance.

Residents of the squatter camp which came under attack said KwaZulu police (KZP) were seen aiding the attackers. A spokesman for the police denied this.

KZP Umlazi spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Vuka Dube denied leading IFP members in the attack.

He said KwaZulu policemen were posted at Unit 17 to prevent violence but they were called to Umlazi's U section to investigate unrest there at about the time the attack was launched.

Also yesterday, unidentified assailants attacked train commuters at Riverlea station, west of Johannesburg, killing three people. Six other people were injured when the attackers hurled them out of a moving train.

In a separate incident early yesterday the body of a commuter with stab wounds was found at Farraday station near the Johannesburg city centre.

In Phola Park on the East Rand, troops were brought in after a policeman was wounded and a resident killed.

On Thursday night, an off-duty KwaZulu policeman and his girlfriend were shot dead at Umbumbulu, near Amanzimtoti. — Sapa

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Shack raiders behead child

By FRED KHUMALO

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A SPREE of violence which erupted last weekend reached its climax on Friday morning when 18 people – including a two-year-old child found decapitated – were killed in Uganda, a shack settlement near Umlazi.

The ferocious attack transformed the Uganda squatter camp into a slaughterhouse, with bodies lying sprawled all over the place.

According to witnesses, at about 5 am more than 800 people from the adjacent Unit 17 men's hostel descend-

ed on Uganda, an ANC stronghold, and started spraying shacks with bullets, killing women and children.

The attackers were on foot, but were accompanied by about 200 members of the KwaZulu Police in full uniform who alighted from a big truck, claim witnesses.

"Bodies were lying everywhere, screams of anguish pierced the air," said resident William Blose.

KZP spokesman Colonel Moses Khanyile denied members of his force were involved in the attack.



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The Argus Correspondent

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Police cleared of murder

MARITZBURG. — Members of the police and military police were absolved of complicity yesterday in the murder of ANC-aligned Table Mountain chief Mhlabunzima Maphumulo.

An inquest found Chief Maphumulo's death in February last year was "brought about by murder committed by persons unknown".

Mr Justice Page found that the evidence of a key witness in the case, Mr Sipho Madlala, was false.

Mr Madlala came forward as a witness after alleging in the press that he was part of an alleged police and military police hit squad which had assassinated Chief Maphumulo. CT17/92

The judge found that Mr Madlala gave several versions at different times about the actual assassination of the chief and the part he personally had played. 276

The court found no reliance could be placed on his evidence. — Sapa

Whether any social pensions payable to members of the Black population group were cancelled recently owing to concern relating to information contained in their identity documents, if so, what are the relevant details?

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THE MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL HOUSING.

Yes In the Transvaal 3 383 and in Natal 2 131 pension allowances were suspended. No suspensions occurred in the Orange Free State and Cape Province.

Previously pensioners qualified for the payment of a pension on the strength of their age which they provided on their application for the old identity documents (passbooks). After the new identity documents, in which the date of birth is reflected in the identity number were issued to the Black population group, it was established that the dates of birth of the beneficiaries in the old passbooks and the new identity documents differ and consequently payment of pension benefits had to be suspended due to the fact that some pensioners have not reached the age to qualify for a pension. However, those affected were referred to the Department of Home Affairs for reassessment of their ages and if it should appear that these persons qualify for a pension, payment thereof will be reinstated immediately.

Mr R V CARLISLE. Mr Chairman, arising from the reply of the hon the Minister, is he aware that there have been—and I cannot say whether the pension payments in question have been held over or not—similar investigations in the Queens-town area and possibly elsewhere too? If not, could he look into this and see why it is happening because people are suffering as a result of it?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, if the cases referred to by the hon member were not dealt with and catered for in the answers that I have given, we shall certainly look into the matter.

Mr R M BURROWS. Mr Chairman, further arising from the reply of the hon the Minister, may I ask whether all 20 000 cases in the Transvaal and 3 000 in Natal—or whatever the numbers were—were automatically referred to the Department of Home Affairs to reassess the

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age of the applicants or whether each applicant has to apply individually.

The MINISTER. Mr Chairman, may I just point out that the hon member has his figures completely wrong. However, the fact of the matter is that I am not sure whether it was dealt with automatically or not. If it is a matter of concern to the hon member, however, we shall gladly attend to it.

Medicines and Related Substances Control Amendment Act

*3 Mr M J ELIJAS asked the Minister of National Health.

- (1) Whether the Medicines and Related Substances Control Amendment Act, No 94 of 1991, has come into effect, if so, when; if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that it will come into effect;
- (2) whether the regulations emanating from this amending legislation have as yet been drawn up, if not, why not;
- (3) whether these regulations will be published for comment before they are put into operation, if not, why not?

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†THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH.

- (1) Yes, on 12 July 1991 with the exception of the provisions of sections 1(c), 1(f), 9, 19, 21, 23, 24 and 25,
 - (a) the above sections have to do with the manner in which scheduled substances are handled and the relevant regulations must first be written and promulgated before these sections can become operative according to section 28 of the Amendment Act and
 - (b) it is estimated that the regulations will be promulgated in the course of this year;
- (2) the regulations have not been finalized. There have been extensive consultation, investigations and research and the regulations are currently being written. The Medicines Control Council is also involved in these actions as the Medicines and Related Substances Control Act, 1965 (Act 101 of 1965), stipulated that

regulations are promulgated on the recommendation of the Council;

- (3) yes.

Certain group of holiday touring companies

*4 Mr A J LEON asked the Minister for Administration and Tourism:

- (1) Whether, with reference to recent incidents in which groups of South African tourists were allegedly left stranded in Egypt and Greece, he intends investigating the affairs of a certain group of holiday touring companies, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purposes of his reply; if not, why not; if so, (a) what form will the investigation take and (b) what is the name of the group in question;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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THE MINISTER FOR ADMINISTRATION AND TOURISM.

- (1) The reason for South Africans being stranded in Egypt and Greece is as a result of financial difficulties experienced by a South African Tour Operator. As this Tour Operator has been placed into Provincial Liquidation an investigation into their affairs will automatically be done
 - (a) The form of investigation will be done by the duly appointed liquidators who will issue a full report upon completion of an audit
 - (b) The group in question is Needwood Holdings who took over TFC Group Holdings—Trading as TFC Tours and TFC Southern Africa. (Needwood Holdings and TFC Cruise Line have not been placed into liquidation)
- (2) A statement is not considered necessary.

Necklacing: Pinetown

*5 Mr P H P GASTROW asked the Minister of Law and Order.

- (1) Whether any members of the South African Police Force have been charged with criminal offences in connection with the

alleged necklacing near Pinetown on or about 13 January 1992 of a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply; if not, why not, if so, (a) what were the charges, (b) how many members of the Police Force were charged, (c) on what dates did these members appear in court and (d) what is the name of the person in question,

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- (2) whether any of these members have been suspended from the Police Force; if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details?

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†THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

- (1) No members of the South African Police have been charged with criminal offences. The case docket has been referred to the Attorney-General for his decision. His decision is not yet known.
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- (d) Mr Vusi Phiri
- (2) While awaiting the Attorney-General's decision, no members of the South African Police have been suspended in this regard.

Person assaulted: Elandsfontein

*6. Mr P H P GASTROW asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether, with reference to a person whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, the identity of the suspects who allegedly assaulted this person before his death near Elandsfontein on or about 25 December 1991 is known to the Police; if so, what is the name of the deceased,
- (2) whether the above suspects have been arrested and charged with criminal offences; if not, why not; if so, (a) when were they arrested and charged, (b) what were they charged with and (c) when did they appear in court?

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THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) Yes, the names of the suspects are known to the South African Police. The name of

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Joe heckled and called sell-out for doing his job

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WHEN Michael Joe agreed to do a special job for his employers yesterday morning he was not aware that the job would incur the wrath of black Durbanites.

Joe was dropped off by his employer at the Durban City Hall, where he proceeded to off-load large Conservative Party posters urging voters to "Stop Nat Sell-out to ANC".

He was a bit startled at the interest his job was provoking, looking warily as a Daily News photographer began taking his picture.

His employer then drove away, leaving Joe to put up the posters around the city hall.

Angry black passers-by began heckling him, calling him a sell-out and ask-

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ing him to explain why he was putting up CP posters.

A group of women seemed ready to beat up the surprised man.

"I was just told to do this job by my boss. But I am not going to be putting up those posters now. The umlungu (white man) can come back and do that," he said.

Woman breaks down at Trust Feed trial

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Mgwaba said she and her friend, a Mrs Mkhize, spent the night at Mkhize's sister's home nearby.

During the night, just as she was falling asleep, she heard explosive sounds from the direction of the house where the funeral vigil was taking place.

The next day she went to the house when she heard a woman screaming.

Mgwaba was at first overcome with emotion when trying to tell the court what she found at the scene.

After drinking some water and wiping away tears she

said she was able to see through the open door into the house where the bodies of dead people lay.

She also told the court that a number of houses were burned in Trust Feed that night.

Her own house had been damaged and her property taken during the previous day while she was away at Seven Oaks selling goods. Her son had been detained by the police.

Questioned by Mr Justice Wilson, she said she left Trust Feed that day, driven out, as many other people were, by the events of that night.

Mgwaba was called as a witness for Mr Thabo Sikhosana, one of seven policemen charged with 11 counts of murder and eight counts of attempted murder arising from the massacre on December 3 1988.

Also appearing before Mr Justice Wilson are Captain Jacobus van den Heever, Captain Brian Mitchell, Sergeant Neville Rose, special sergeant Mr Dumisane Ndwane, and special constables Mr Kehla Ngubane and Mr Marshall Khambele.

All seven have pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Court told of officer's 'death threat'

The Argus Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Former special sergeant Mr Dumisane Ndwalane has told the Supreme Court here that some time after taking part in the Trust Feed massacre of 11 people an officer, Captain Jacobus van den Heever, had threatened to shoot him dead for refusing to go into hiding.

He told the court of an incident in which he was attacked by two people who looked like white policemen he knew. — Constable Willem de Wet and a Constable Steenkamp.

They fired shots at him but he escaped with an injured leg, which struck a rock when he fell.

Later he came to believe this attack had been carried out in error because he had heard that Constable de Wet had told other special constables that he had thought at the time he was chasing someone else.

Constable de Wet had shown the special constables a wallet which Mr Ndwalane had lost on the night of the attack. It was never returned to him, Mr Ndwalane said.

Mr Ndwalane, with Captain van den Heever and five other policemen — Captain Brian Mitchell, Sergeant Neville Rose, special constables Mr Kehla Ngubane, Mr Marshall Khambule and Mr Thabo Sikhosana — is appearing before Mr Justice Wilson charged with 11 counts of murder and eight of attempted murder arising out of the attack on the house in Trust Feed on December 3, 1988.

All the accused have pleaded not guilty.

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Peace fails in the killing fields of Natal

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NATAL boasts of being the first province to have established a Regional Dispute Resolution Committees as set down by the National Peace Accord and political, church and community leaders continue pursuing peace.

However, Natal silently dashes hopes of an end to the political violence that has claimed more than 10 000 lives in this country since 1988.

Since the beginning of the year, more than 200 people have died, countless homes razed, and even more people made homeless.

Natal newspapers document the tragedy of what is beginning to look like a hopeless situation with headlines reading "Four die in violent Midlands incidents", "Truce shattered", "Six family members slain", "Surge of weekend fighting kill 22" and "Violence is a way of life".

Statistics show that, compared with the rest of the Republic, Natal suffers the highest number of casualties as a result of political violence.

In one of the bloodiest weeks in the province, 20 people were killed the first week of February, bringing Natal once more on the edge of a fullscale bloodbath.

The week of fighting culminated in the slaying of Inkatha leader Mr Winnington Sabelo in Umlazi.

The co-chairman of Natal/KwaZulu Dispute Resolution Committee, Mr MC Pretorius, has said Sabelo's killing was a "blatant vio-

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lation of the letter and the spirit of the National Peace Accord". Pretorius warned that it could spark renewed fighting.

This proved true for in the weekend following Sabelo's death - several people, including high-ranking Natal Midlands negotiator, Mr Skumbuzo Ngwenya, were killed. Ngwenya's death came barely 24 hours after Sabelo was gunned down.

The killings dashed hopes of peace, making a mockery of Natal's claims to be the first province to implement the National Peace Accord by setting up the country's first Regional

led by Roman Catholic Archbishop Denis Hurley and businessman MC Pretorius, focused on several conflict areas in an attempt to initiate and implement local peace measures.

In Umlazi the LDRC was officially launched on January 7 with an independent facilitator. However, Umlazi became the most violent of the townships surrounding Durban with regular battles between residents of the Umlazi Unit 17 hostels - thought to be an Inkatha stronghold - and residents of the shack settlements of Zamani and Ekuthuleni.

In February, more than 600 destitute refugees fled from renewed fighting in the township and armed

elements by Inkatha supporting hostel dwellers in December.

This prompted the establishment of a 16-member interim peace committee which included Natal's Deputy Attorney-General, Mr Leslie Roberts. Justice Goldstone said the carrying of weapons by the Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers was proving to be a deterrent to peace.

In Richmond, the scene of several battles between IFP and ANC members last year, there has been progress but the IFP has repeatedly cancelled or walked out of meetings.

The IFP claimed that it was not prepared to continue with the peace process while its members were

However Empangeni's surrounding townships have been racked by violence since the beginning of the year. In February the ANC claimed that IFP members being bused to a meeting in the Esikhaweni township started attacking ANC-supporting hostel dwellers. At least eight people were killed and 20 seriously injured in gun battles between the two sides.

The IFP refuted this, claiming that the IFP members retaliated when they were attacked by the hostel dwellers. Since then there has been visible tension in the township. Several residents have moved out and there has been an increased security force presence.

In Stanger a local dispute resolution committee was launched after three successful meetings since the beginning of the year.

In the Ozwathini/Maphumulo area initial meetings have taken place but no structure has been launched.

In Port Shepstone - another scene of killings and revenge attacks last year - a facilitator from the business community has been found to chair the process and there are hopes that an LDRC will be launched soon.

At Bulwer the regional structure is trying to set up meetings between the ANC and the local indunas and chiefs.

At Wembezi near Estcourt and at Umbumbulu tentative approaches to local activists have been made. However, both areas have seen repeated attacks on supporters of both the ANC and the IFP.

In February six ANC members were shot dead by



A policeman confiscates a spear during a raid on a hostel.

assailants who were travelling in two white kombis at Folweni near Umbumbulu. At the end of February, five ANC supporters were killed and three injured in violence that broke out after the launch of an ANC branch in the township.

One of the most successful peace initiatives in Natal, offering a ray of hope to the rest of the province, has been in Mpumalanga - not long ago dubbed as one of the killing fields of Natal. In February

members and supporters of both the IFP and the ANC sat side by side at a joint peace rally and heard their leaders urge an end to the conflict.

Despite the successful end to the conflict in Mpumalanga, several deaths have been recorded in the area since the beginning of the year.

Despite the six-month old National Peace Accord, there appears to be no end in sight to the killing in Natal.

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Dispute Resolution Committee.

The repeated killings in the province prompted a war of words between Inkatha and the ANC.

The ANC in particular said it was losing patience with Inkatha after the IFP representation to a recent RDRC committee walked out.

The IFP countered by claiming that the ANC was attempting to manipulate the process.

While the squabbling between the two organisations continued, the RDRC,

gangs staged lightning raids on Ekuthuleni. More than eight people were killed and 120 shacks destroyed in attacks and counter-attacks in the first week of February. This month at least nine people are known to have died in the township.

In Bruntville there has been an agreement by all parties in the peace process. In January the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into Public Violence and Intimidation investigated an alleged attack on Bruntville township resi-

being killed. In February three were killed in a failed assassination attempt on a senior Inkatha official, Mr Abdul Awetha, in Imbali and fighting flared up in Upper Edendale and Phateni near Richmond.

At Empangeni moves were under way to build on the Lower Umfolozi Peace Accord - one of the earliest and most successful peace initiatives. One of the main aims of a peace committee in this Natal North Coast township was to bring local chiefs firmly into the process.

Mitchell 'left scene of attack'

MARITZBURG. — Former New Hanover station commander Captain Brian Mitchell led four special policemen during an attack on a house of alleged "terrorists" in the Trust Feed area in December 1988 and then, after firing two shots, left to avoid being linked to the incident if the others were caught.

This was alleged in the Supreme Court here yesterday by Trust Feed trial accused and former SAP special sergeant Mr Dumisani Ndwalane under cross-examination.

Mr Ndwalane said he was under the impression that police were entitled to kill terrorists.

The hearing continues.

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• The police officer who was responsible for the arrests of the seven accused on trial, Captain Frank Dutton, has been promoted to the rank of major. (276) (254)

Captain 'was at scene of shooting'

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MARITZBURG. — The last of the seven Trust Feed trial accused who began testifying yesterday, former special constable David Khamhule, has also placed former New Hanover station commander Captain Brian Mitchell at the scene of the 1988 massacre which resulted in 11 men, women and children being shot dead.

All four former special policemen charged together with Capt Mitchell,

Capt Jacobus van den Heever and Sergeant Neville Rose have alleged in their evidence before Mr Justice A Wilson and two assessors that Capt Mitchell pointed out the house which they were to attack, telling them it contained terrorists.

In his own testimony Capt Mitchell denied pointing out the target to the special policemen and said he had instructed them to shoot groups of UDF supporters or "comrades" whom he regarded as enemies of the state.

He had not expected them to attack a house where men, women and children were holding a funeral vigil, he said.

Mr Khamhule said he and co-accused Mr Thabo Sikhosana were awoken by an angry Capt Mitchell during the night of December 2/3 1988. He demanded to know why they were sleeping and not working. He ordered them to accompany him. Mr Khamhule said that in the police van Capt Mitchell told them there were terror-

ists in the area and that he wanted them (the specials) to attack them.

After meeting up with two other special policemen — Mr Dumnisani Ndwalane and Mr Kehla Ngubane — Capt Mitchell led the way to a house in which there was a light, saying there were terrorists inside. "He said we should attack it. We should surround it. Then I heard him say we should pick up our cartridges."

The hearing continues.

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Ex-special constable and Trust Feed trial accused Mr David Khambule said here yesterday that the first time he learned that the former riot unit head, Major Deon Terblanche, had discussed a proposed attack on "terrorists" at Trust Feed before they left for the area in 1988 was during the recent testimony of his co-accused, former special sergeant Dumisani Ndwalane.

Mr Khambule has testified that he felt he had been badly treated by Captain Brian Mitchell on whose instructions they shot mourners holding a funeral wake, and that he was upset when he read a newspaper report shortly after the incident and realised that he had been involved in the massacre of men, women and children.

He was questioned by Mr Justice A Wilson on

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whether he (Mr Khambule) and his colleagues discussed the killings and his feelings about the matter.

He told the court he had not asked Mr Ndwalane what he (Mr Ndwalane) and Major (then captain) Terblanche spoke about at the riot unit before the group left for Trust Feed on November 30, 1988.

"I was waiting for him to tell me what he and Captain Terblanche had been talking about ... When he just kept quiet I realised it had nothing to do with our duties."

Mr Khambule said the first time he learned Captain Terblanche spoke to Mr Ndwalane about attacking terrorists in the area was when Mr Ndwalane gave evidence in the Supreme Court.

The trial continues today.

3 doused with *Star 27/3/92* with petrol, *(276)* burnt alive

MARITZBURG — Three people were burned alive and another two seriously injured in Alexandra Park, Maritzburg, early yesterday after an unidentified attacker doused the sleeping group with petrol and set them alight.

Police are now investigating charges of arson, murder and attempted murder.

SA Police spokesman, Captain Henry Budhram, said the charred bodies of two women — Mhlophe Ndlovu (25), and Mano Ndlovu (25), and that of Muntu Dladla (31), all of Maritzburg, were found inside a disused storeroom in the park where they had apparently been sleeping illegally.

Survivor Andries Dladla (25) was admitted to Edendale Hospital with 66 percent burns. His condition is serious.

A fifth man was discovered some distance from the others and was taken to hospital.

The acting director of the City Parks Department, Dr Chris van der Merwe, said the man is Mandlenkosi Mbatha, a department employee. He suffered 25 percent to 30 percent burns. — Own Correspondent.

Cop denies entering death house

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Former special constable and Trust Feed trial accused Mr David Khambule said here yesterday that a spent cartridge from his shotgun must have landed inside the house where 11 men, women and children were gunned down in 1988 when he shot through a window from outside.

Mr Khambule denied before Mr Justice Wilson and two assessors, while under cross-examination yesterday, that he ever entered the house where the massacre

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took place on December 3, 1988

All four special policemen charged with the killings have denied ever entering the house and said they were unaware the victims included women and children. They claim they believed they were attacking terrorists on the instructions of a former New Hanover station commander, Captain Brian Mitchell.

Responding to a suggestion that if he fired through the window as he testified the cartridge from his firearm would have been discarded at an angle and not in the

direction where it landed, Mr Khambule said possibly it was ejected through the window into the house when he cocked the firearm outside.

He was also questioned by Mr Francois van Zyl as to why he had found it important to mention in his testimony that he wore canvas shoes at the scene of the shooting that night. He denied that the reason for this was that he remembered the evidence of survivors that some of the attackers who were seen inside the house had been wearing boots.

Accused: 'Mitchell untruthful'

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Trust Feed trial accused Mr David Khambule said here yesterday that former New Hanover station commander Captain Brian Mitchell had been "untruthful" when he claimed he instructed special policemen to attack members of the UDF at Trust Feed in December 1988.

"He said 'there are terrorists'" Mr Khambule told Mr Justice A Wilson and two assessors. "If he didn't refer

to terrorists then where did I get that from? My head?" he said.

He was under cross-examination by Mr Etienne du Toit, SC, representing Capt Mitchell.

Mr Khambule, three other former SAP special policemen, Capt Mitchell, Capt Jacobus van den Heever and Sergeant Neville Rose are charged with the murder of 11 mourners gunned down during a funeral vigil at Trust Feed in the early hours of December 3, 1988.

Mr Khambule was challenged by Mr Du Toit on differences between his testimony in court and what he said in two earlier statements to magistrates.

Mr Khambule replied that he did not relate the proper sequence of events in his statements.

Mr Justice Wilson referred Mr Khambule to a passage in one statement in which he said that after the attack he and his colleagues "report-

ed" to Capt Mitchell that they had "gone to the kraal and fired shots". The judge suggested it would have been totally unnecessary to report to Capt Mitchell if he had accompanied them.

Mr Justice Wilson said it was quite clear that Mr Khambule's version in the statements differed from his testimony but added that this did not mean the court had decided which, if any, was correct. The hearing continues.

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Dispute over police captain's intent

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MARITZBURG. — It had not been proved beyond reasonable doubt that former New Hanover station commander Captain Brian Mitchell foresaw that four special constables whom he ordered to attack UDF members at Trust Feed would break into a house and shoot indiscriminately at people sleeping and attending a funeral wake.

This was submitted on his behalf here by his defence advocate, Mr Etienne du Toit, SC, during legal argument before Mr

Justice A Wilson and two assessors yesterday.

Mr Du Toit submitted that Captain Mitchell should be convicted of culpable homicide and not of murder.

Earlier, Natal's attorney general, Mr Mike Imber, SC, submitted that Captain Mitchell had formed a direct intention to murder. It was quite clear that Captain Mitchell knew the special constables had been brought to the Trust Feed area to kill, he said.

Mr Du Toit said the deaths and injuries that resulted from the indiscriminate shooting by the special policemen of

sleeping women and children and others attending a funeral wake "differed markedly" from what had been expected by Captain Mitchell and the required intention for a conviction for murder was therefore lacking. ET 2/4/92

Counsel for the special policemen submitted that on the evidence of constables Jason Burton and Stuart van Wyk, Captain Mitchell was not in their company when they heard the sound of "muffled shots" in the area. This supported the version that he was at the scene of the shooting.

The hearing continues

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Bodies of 18 killed in attack 'still in mortuaries'

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DURBAN. — The bodies of the 18 people killed in an attack in Umlazi over three weeks ago are still being kept at the mortuaries because the Umlazi authorities have refused permission for a burial ceremony in the township.

A spokesman for the ANC, Mr Dumisani Makhaya, said yesterday that the organisation would institute court action to force the authorities to permit the twice-postponed funeral service.

He said applications for a permit to hold a memorial service at the Umlazi Stadium had been turned down, the organisation had been refused permission to bury the dead at Umlazi T section cemetery and local headmen at Folweni, near Umlazi, claimed to be afraid for their lives and had refused to pick out grave sites for the dead.

A memorial service planned two weeks ago had to be cancelled after a last-minute decision by the township manager to refuse permission for the

ANC to use Umlazi Stadium.

Another attempt was made last week to bury the dead at the Mologodo Stadium in Folweni, Umbumbulu.

Mr Makhaya said permission had been obtained from the area magistrate for the ceremony and burials to go ahead.

"The magistrate gave his consent for the burials to take place but indicated that the actual graves will have to be pointed out by the local indunas.

"When the local indunas were approached they refused, claiming they feared for their lives."

Mr Makhaya said the dead should be buried at the T section Umlazi cemetery but the township manager would allow this only if he received an undertaking from the ANC that there would be no speeches at the ceremony.

"We cannot allow that condition. The ANC is a legal organisation and our supporters, members and officials have a right to a proper burial."

Leaders fear for their lives, says Cosatu

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SOWETAN CORRESPONDENT

LEADERS of the Congress of South African Trade Unions were being targetted for assassination by "bantustan tyrants," the labour federation said.

This follows several attacks on Cosatu's Northern Natal secretary Sipho Cele, threats made to the federation's Southern Natal secretary Thami Mhlomi and the arrest of another official, Joe Selau.

Cele escaped a second attempt on his life in two weeks when his house in Ngwelezane township near Empangeni was bombed and shot at on Tuesday.

A youth, Nkosinathi Sibiya, died in the attack. The house was destroyed but most of the occupants, except Sibiya, escaped.

A police spokesman, Captain Bala Naidoo, confirmed the incident and that a man had been killed.

There have been repeated attacks on Cele since the beginning of the year. On March 14 his house was attacked by a mob of vigilantes. Cele and 17 others were detained by police that night.

Cele was admitted to hospital after the incident, suffering from injuries allegedly inflicted by police. Police have denied the

allegations of assault.

A police spokesman said the arrest of the 18 people on charges related to the murder of a Northern Natal man in February had been made after a tip-off.

While Cele was at hospital, petrol bombs were hurled at his house.

Southern Natal regional secretary Mr Thami Mhlomi has had serious repeated threats made on his life, Cosatu said.

Cosatu said it also feared for the life of its Northern Transvaal secretary, Selau, who was arrested by Bophuthatswana security police on Tuesday night.

The federation said in a statement: "Attempts to establish his whereabouts have failed. We now fear for his life.

"This situation of unbridled harassment of our leaders is completely unacceptable to Cosatu. We call on the Bophuthatswana authority to immediately and unconditionally release Selau, and for the South African Government to take measures to protect Sipho Cele and bring to justice his would-be assassins."

Judgment soon in massacre trial

MARITZBURG. — The Trust Feed trial, in which three policemen and four former special policemen are facing 11 murder and eight attempted murder charges, has been adjourned until April 21 for judgment.

The charges arise from an incident where a group of mourners holding a funeral wake were gunned down in December 1988. (276)

Natal attorney-general Mr Mike Imber, SC, has called for the conviction of former New Hanover station commander Captain Brian Mitchell and four former special policemen on murder charges. ET 3/4/92

Feud leaves 18 unburied

THE 18 bodies of people killed in an attack in Umlazi three weeks ago are still at the mortuaries because local authorities refused to let them be buried in the township.

An ANC spokesman, Mr Dumisani Makhaya, said this week that the organisation would take legal action to force the authorities to permit the twice-postponed mass funeral service.

Makhaya said applications for a permit to hold a memorial service at Umlazi

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Stadium had been turned down.

He said the ANC had also been refused permission to bury the dead at Umlazi T Section cemetery.

A memorial service which had been planned a fortnight ago had to be cancelled after a last-minute refusal by the township manager to allow the ANC to use Umlazi Stadium.

Another attempt was made last week to hold a funeral service at the Mologodo Stadium in Folweni, Umbumbulu.

Makhaya said permission had been obtained from the area magistrate for the ceremony and burials to go ahead.

He said: "The magistrate gave his consent for the burial to take place but indicated that the actual graves will have to be pointed out by the local indunas."

"When the local indunas were approached they refused claiming they feared for their lives."

Makhaya insisted that the dead should be buried at the T section Umlazi cemetery, but the township manager would only allow this if he got an undertaking from the ANC that there would be no speeches at the ceremony.

"We cannot allow that condition," Makhaya said. "The ANC is a legal organisation and our support-

ers, members and officials have a right to a proper burial."

He said the Southern Natal region of the ANC had lodged a complaint with the Umlazi Dispute Resolution Committee and the Natal/KwaZulu Regional DRC and the National Peace Secretariat.

Makhaya said the ANC had planned a protest march at lunchtime today from St Paul's Cathedral to the Durban Supreme Court. He said the refusal to

grant permission for the memorial and the burial was a "gross violation of a basic human right - the right to be buried in a decent way".

Makhaya said the funeral could no longer be postponed.

"It must take place this weekend," he said.

Umlazi mayor Ms Maria Xulu said the township administration had refused permission for the dead to be buried at Umlazi T section because of a possible

further outbreak of violence.

"We understand from Press reports that those killed were killed by people from Unit 17," Xulu said.

"What is the use of then taking the dead to bury them in that area? This will only provoke further violence."

"We are discussing an alternative to burying the dead in another area because we want peace in Umlazi," Xulu said. "It is up to the ANC to agree."

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ANC burial site denied

By FRED KHUMALO

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THE ANC was dealt a heavy blow on Friday when it failed to force the Umlazi town council — through an application to the Durban Supreme Court — to allow nine of its members who died in a massacre in the township last month to be buried in the local cemetery.

The organisation's legal representative, Monti Moodley, told hundreds of ANC supporters who had marched to the Supreme Court that the court had found that there was potential for an outbreak of violence should the victims be buried at the Umlazi cemetery.

However, he also announced that the organisation had received an urgent letter from township manager R M Mkhwebane informing the organisation that it

could bury its dead at the nearby Kwamakhutha township cemetery.

Information and Publicity head for the ANC's southern Natal region, Dumisani Makhaye, reacted strongly to the judgment. "While it is within the power and capacity of the ANC to make sure that no member of Inkatha — not even the mayoress herself — is buried in Umlazi... but, then, we are not that kind of people. We are not irresponsible."

Judge
told to
'uphold
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rights'

Umlazi mayoress Maria Xulu flatly denied the ANC permission to hold the funeral in Umlazi, citing the potential for the outbreak of violence.

Makhaye said the ANC had turned down the Kwamakhutha township offer "with the contempt it deserves", and told the crowds that arrangement had been made for the dead to be laid to rest at Chester-ville cemetery after a service at the local community hall.

ANC supporters snaked through Durban's Grey Street on Friday, carrying seven coffins, while two hearses formed part of the protest march to the court where a memorandum was handed to the Judge President of Natal calling on judges to "uphold the basic human rights of people of Natal through the courts of law".

The IFP welcomed the court ruling.

"We found it highly suspect that the ANC was insisting on burying its members in Unit 17 when they were not even killed in that section," an IFP spokesman said.

He said the town council's decision was made with the true interest of Umlazi and its residents at heart.

The nine ANC supporters who were to be buried in Chester-ville yesterday are part of the 18 people who were killed in the ugliest fighting in recent months in Uganda, a shack settlement and ANC stronghold on the outskirts of Umlazi.

The attack which took place in the early hours of March 13 was reportedly launched by hostel dwellers from Umlazi's Unit 17 where the township's cem-

IFP strikes fear into the heart of Natal

By FRED KHUMALO

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AFTER a week of bloody clashes in which at least 20 houses were burnt down and about 10 people killed in the Matshana reserve near Empanjeni, the northern Natal reserve was cordoned off by members of the SADF on Friday.

People started trickling out of the area in anticipation of violence expected to explode today when the IFP holds its rally in the nearby township of Sikhawini, a gathering which has been described as an excuse

to "sweep the area clean of ANC".

Fears of violence in the area escalated in the wake of the bombing of the home of Cosatu's northern Natal regional secretary Siphon Cele, in the early hours of Wednesday.

Nkosinathi Sibiya died in the attack.

"People are worried about this meeting, as violence has been unleashed in previous Inkatha rallies at Sikhawini," said ANC spokesman Bongani Msomi.

On previous occasions vio-

lence which broke out at Sikhawini always spilled over into surrounding areas, including Matshana and Nseleni.

A pamphlet announcing the meeting convened by Prince Gideon Zulu, KwaZulu deputy minister of welfare and pensions, said the rally had been called in order to "finish the agenda" of the last IFP rally which ended in chaos on March 16.

Fighting broke out at the previous IFP rally and at least 20 people were killed as people from the meeting attacked near-

by men's hostels.

IFP chief executive office Maurice McKenzie said people had no reason to live in fear as the IFP was a peaceful organisation whose members were highly disciplined. The rally will be held at the township stadium.

Meanwhile, tensions have been further fuelled by what appears to be a bogus pamphlet bearing an ANC letterhead inciting people to attack Zulus.

The ANC has distanced itself from the pamphlet which was distributed in Nseleni township.

Police chief to probe massacre

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MARITZBURG. — The Commissioner of the SA Police has instituted a departmental inquiry into the initial police investigations into the 1988 Trust Feed massacre of 11 men, women and children holding a funeral vigil.

This was said here yesterday by Natal's attorney-general, Mr Mike Imber, SC, who began legal argument at the trial of seven policemen and former special policemen charged with the 11 murders as well as eight counts of attempted murder in connection with the incident on December 3, 1988.

Mr Imber said there had been 75 court sittings and the evidence of some 80 witnesses had been led during the trial which got underway in the Supreme Court here last October.

The time lapse between the incident and the testimony of witnesses had caused havoc with the recollection of many of them.

Legal argument will continue today.

Earlier yesterday the court heard evidence from senior state pathologist Professor Jan Botha, who said it appeared that five of the 11 victims did not die instantly. A sixth would have been capable of "short term" survival.

Six die as gunmen go on rampage

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SIX people were killed at KwaNdengezi, near Shongweni, at the weekend when a group of people went on the rampage, attacking a house and shooting at random at people on the streets.

Colonel Lindelihle Khanyile of the KwaZulu Police said the group arrived at the house in the township and without uttering a word opened fire, killing three people and injuring one.

The dead people are Mr Thabani Hadebe (27), Mr Velile Reginald Hadebe (30) and Mr Mandlakayise Zwane (25).

Mr Thulani Ngcece was seriously injured during the attack.

The same group of people then went out to the township's roads and shot at people randomly.

Police later found three bodies, two spent AK-47 rifle cartridges and one of a

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7.65mm pistol.

The bodies were those of Mr Lucky Sithole (19), Mr Sam Makhaye (23) and an unidentified man aged about 24.

In another incident at KwaMashu, north of Durban, a policeman stationed at Greenwood Park police station was gunned down on Saturday night.

His firearm was taken by his attackers.

A KwaZulu policeman died after he was shot with an AK-47 rifle while parking his car at his home at Adams Mission on Sunday.

Constable MD Khumalo arrived at his house from work at 1.30am and was about to park his car when a group of people opened fire at him, killing him instantly.

Police found 16 spent AK-47 rifle cartridges at the scene.

SAUJ alarm over IFP intimidation

THE Southern African Union of Journalists yesterday called on the Inkatha leadership to act against the organisation's supporters reportedly responsible for attempting to intimidate journalists in the Maritzburg area.

On Monday it was reported a group of journalists escaped injury when they were attacked by youths at Imbali holding aloft an Inkatha Freedom Party flag.

Two reporters and a photographer from the *Natal Witness* were confronted by youths marching up a road.

The youths, who were dancing the toyi-toyi and holding an IFP flag, charged as the photographer tried to take a photograph from their marked *Natal Witness* car.

The journalists were verbally abused and then attacked with stones before managing to get away. The vehicle was slightly damaged.

SAUJ general secretary Miss Karen Stander said such behaviour was totally unacceptable. *Sapa.*

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Natal policeman killed

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DURBAN.— A policeman was shot dead when a group of them were ambushed in the Malagazi squatter settlement near Isipingo today.

A 24-year-old Indian constable with the riot unit was shot in the head with a heavy calibre gun.

Police spokesman Captain Bala Naidoo said six members from the unit were at a police strong-point in the area when they heard gunshots at about 6.30am.

They went to investigate and while walking among the shacks came under fire.

One policeman was killed instantly, the others returned fire, but it was unknown if anyone had been hit.

Fear of ANC hit-squad in Natal

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ALIMPET mine attack on the home of a much-feared member of the kwaZulu police force has fuelled mounting speculation that an African National Congress hit-squad is operating in Natal.

The Umlazi home and two luxury cars of detective-constable Siphive Mvuyane — who admits to at least 30 killings in "self-defence", several of ANC activists — suffered an estimated R200 000 of damage this week in two rapidly successive bomb blasts. No one was injured in the attack.

Originally an SAP member, Mvuyane was the subject of an inquiry ordered by former law and order minister Adriaan Vlok. Recruited by the KZP, he was transferred to Umlazi following the recent assassination of Umlazi "warlord" Wellington Sabelo, reportedly because kwaZulu

An African National Congress death-squad may be behind the recent spate of assassinations and attacks in Natal.

By DREW FORREST and ENOCK MTHEMBU

officials feared he would be the next target.

KZP spokesman Moses Khanyile confirmed that Mvuyane was now head of the Umlazi-based "firearms unit", which sources say is largely composed of hit-men trained at the secret Mkuzi camp and by the South African Defence Force in Namibia.

His violent exploits have earned him a mythical status among Inkatha youth and the KZP. Questioned on him on radio last year, Inkatha

Freedom Party president and kwaZulu police minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi praised him as a "good shot".

The attack on Mvuyane follows a spate of hits and attempted hits on senior Inkatha Freedom Party figures in the Durban area and Natal Midlands, which suggest the work of trained men rather than unruly "comrades".

Actual assassinations this year include those of Sabelo; the IFP chairman in Wembezi, near Esicourt, a certain Mhandi; and Richmond leader Paulus Vezi. Attacks have also been mounted against kwaMashu strongman George Viliakazi, Imbali deputy-mayor Abdul Awetha, the IFP's Pietermaritzburg chairman G Poswa and Pietermaritzburg "warlord" Velaphi Ndlovu.

The prime suspect in the bomb attack on Mvuyane is 20-year-old Sibusiso Mkhize, a

township legend dubbed "the Billy the Kid of Umlumbulo".

The son of an ANC community leader killed by Mvuyane, Mkhize has allegedly conducted an extraordinary one-man vendetta against the policeman, including a grenade attack on his house and an AK-47 assault which wrecked his car.

He is also linked to eight murders, three of KZP members, and 20 other serious crimes. When Radio Zulu reported the bomb attack on Mvuyane's home, Umlazi reportedly erupted into spontaneous celebration, with residents shouting "Viva S'bul!"

Personal and political motives may converge in Mkhize. There are recurrent rumours that he received training from Umkhonto weSizwe in Transkei, and is being used as an assassin.

Death pawns in the cruel battle for power

Recruiting with blood

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By FRED KHUMALO

WHILE the attention of the media and political observers has been focused on the violence raging in the Transvaal, an equally bloody war for the political hearts and minds of the people has been ravaging Natal, leaving 120 people dead in one month.

That's according to the *Natal Monitor*, a monthly violence-monitoring project carried out by University of Natal anthropologist Mary de Haas, Democratic Party researcher Roy Ainslie and Linda Mkhize.

The report covers February and deals with areas along the north and south coasts, with some mention of areas in the Natal Midlands.

The study paints a vivid picture of how township residents have been pitted against hostel dwellers by people who want to gain political mileage at whatever cost.

"From what we know of the larger hostels in the Durban area it appears that relatively

few residents are fighting out of political conviction – but somehow the idea has been implanted in their minds that they are fighting in defence of their hostel status," the study notes.

According to the researchers, those "with political agendas appear to be exerting pressure on residents to maintain solidarity with the hostel cause or face expulsion".

Looking closer at Umlazi township's Unit 17 hostel and the SJ Smith hostel, the report shows that these residences are not only being used as springboards from which attacks are being launched, but in addition:

- Money is being collected in the hostels for, among other things, arms and ammunition;
- There is access to guns;
- Men in the different sections are obliged to camp out for purposes of defence and attack;
- Those who refuse to do so are threatened with eviction from the hostel;
- There are deep political divisions within the hostel itself and disagreement about the advisability of attacks; and

■ Shack dwellers have become perceived as a threat, which is reinforced by alleged shack-dweller involvement in incidents of crime against hostel dwellers.

These factors – coupled with stepped-up IFP recruitment activity in the hostels – have all set the stage for bloody conflict.

The two areas with high death tolls for February are Umlazi and Sikhawini townships, with 10 and 21 dead respectively.

Apart from polarisation between Unit 17 hostel and shack dwellers, tension is high between between hostel dwellers and Umlazi township.

Although the polarisation still has political undertones, it also has hints of a non-political nature. Township residents often see hostel dwellers as "foreigners" and in turn are perceived as arrogant urbanites, involved in criminal activities against hostel dwellers.

According to the report, for some time now women associated with the hostels have been involved in sjambok attacks on other women in the vicinity of

Thembalihle railway station.

"Their attacks are aimed at women who wear make-up or slacks or who appear as if they might be Cosatu or ANC supporters. These attacks involve beatings or stripping victims and humiliating them," the report says.

This harassment exploded into conflict on February 7 when a woman was killed ostensibly because of her involvement in attacks on girlfriends of hostel residents.

The report expresses fears of alleged misconduct by members of the security forces. The Kwa-Zulu Police have been regularly accused of turning a blind eye on IFP transgressions.

"Unless the police act in an impartial way to protect lives and property, and follow up acts of violence with arrests and prosecutions, all the peace accords in the world are not going to bring a halt to the violence," the report notes.

It further urges the Minister of Police and senior officers in the force to "put their house in order".

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Violence moves to Katlehong, Natal

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Katlehong on the East Rand was the scene of the worst of the Reef township violence yesterday after horrific weekend attacks in Alexandra and Tembisa.

In just over three hours in Katlehong yesterday morning — after two men were shot dead and two others were seriously injured in a shooting spree at Kwesini hostel late on Monday — police picked up three bodies in the sprawling township.

In Natal, violence has claimed at least three lives since Monday in the Hopewell area, in the Ixopo district and at Empangeni's Esikhawini township.

An unknown number of schoolchildren were reportedly injured when a gunman went berserk at Esikhawini yesterday.

KwaZulu police spokesman Colonel Moses Khanyile said a man was being treated for a gunshot wound at the Esikhawini clinic.

He did not know the condition of the children.

He said the incident followed a proposed students' march which had been cancelled. Classes have been suspended at the Mdlamfe High School where the incident took place.

Police also disclosed yesterday that they had seized a large arms cache in Malukazi, near Durban, on Friday following investigations into the murder of a policeman.

The badly decomposed body of a man was found on a section of railway line between Katlehong and Wadeville stations yesterday.

A Witwatersrand police spokesman said the first body found in Katlehong — that of an unidentified man who had been shot in the head — was found at about 7.20 am yesterday behind the Viafuti hostel.

Barely an hour later, in Ncala Section, police found another body. The man had been shot in the chest and back.

At 9 am, in front of the Kwesini hostel, the body of a man who had been shot in the back and side was discovered.

Describing Monday's violence at Kwesini hostel, the police spokesman said at about 5.45 pm four young men from

Tshongweni Section who had boarded a train at Katlehong station were accosted by a group of about 50 armed men.

When the train stopped at Kwesini hostel, the four were forced inside and were then "ordered to escape by about 10 Zulu-speaking men. When the men fled they were shot at..."

An 18-year-old man and a youth aged 17 died, while two 19-year-old men were injured.

Police are to investigate three cases of rape and two of murder in connection with an alleged rampage by 32 Battalion soldiers in Phola Park last Wednesday night.

The legal firm acting on behalf of the ANC in Phola Park has claimed that one of its members, Vusi Sithole, was threatened and cursed by security force members when he attempted to intervene during the questioning of a resident whose wife was killed and allegedly raped on Wednesday night.

Reacting yesterday, Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said all aspects of the Phola Park controversy, including Mr Sithole's allegation, would be thoroughly investigated.

Fund set up for burial of crash victims

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A FUND has been set up for the burial of 30 children and three teachers who died in a horror bus accident near Dundee at the weekend.

Fund initiator Mrs Meg Ogilvie of Operation Upgrade said yesterday that most of the parents from the area of Blaauwbosch could not afford to bury their children.

"We can do nothing about the deaths of the children, but something can be done about their burial," she said.

The fund has been set up under the auspices of the Amajuba Rotary Club.

Meanwhile, the police said yesterday that the death toll from the accident still stood at 30 and that 20 of the people had been identified. - *Sowetan Correspondent*.



BUTHELEZI



FW DE KLERK

FW, Buthelezi for ZCC event

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PRESIDENT FW de Klerk and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi will address more than a million Zionist Christian Church followers on Sunday during the annual Easter gathering at Moria, near Pietersburg.

A church spokesman said yesterday that an invitation had also been extended to African National Congress president Mr Nelson Mandela.

De Klerk and Buthelezi will join Bishop Barnabas Lekganyane, head of the ZCC, which is one of the

biggest religious groups in Southern Africa, in a mass appeal for peace and an end to violence in the townships, said the spokesman.

The event in the small northern Transvaal town attracts more than a million people from within the country's borders and from neighbouring states every Easter weekend.

Former State President PW Botha addressed the ZCC in April 1985, when he became the first and only recipient of the Freedom of Moria.

Muti's magic works on the shopfloor and the battlefield

BEFORE the attacks which contribute to the country's widespread violence even occur, factions on either side of the political divide religiously consult their *inyangas* for *muti* in preparation for battle.

These attacks — if they are not completely suicidal — frequently invite retaliation and result in more deaths than victories for either side.

The bloody civil wars in Natal bear testimony that it is not only on the strength of their numbers that factions go into battle but more often by that of their *inyanga's muti*. It is important that the men who go into battle are collectively strengthened and protected by the *inyanga*, to ensure there are no weak links.

To foot the bill for his services, communities are taxed up to R30 a household, according to residents of pro-African National Congress areas in Natal townships.

Leaders on either side, particularly Inkatha, are said to be more powerful because of the particularly strong *muti* they are given.

Many *inyangas* have been killed after battles when it was thought they had "gone too far" and were using witchcraft to enhance their skills — often in favour of the other side.

"I believe *inyangas* are positive forces and give herbal medicines to cure and these medicines work," says a young activist from kwaMashu near Durban. "In these parts anyone who is a 'comrade' is treated by our own *inyanga*."

On his upper arm the young man wears a cloth belt containing the *muti* "to frighten off or confuse the enemy in an attack. You must wear it every day before you go into battle to increase its strength".

Scratch-like incisions on his throat and wrists are the places where blood was drawn and mixed with *muti*. This is placed in a cloth and discarded "in a place where you do not go regularly, but your enemy may well". Whoever first lays eyes on the cloth will be overcome.

"When we feel weak and think that Inkatha may have 'bewitched' us, we burn *umpepo* — an aromatic incense — to enliven the comrades. After this we want to toyi-toyi and be active."

On March 24 last year, 13 people —

A blinding belief in the power of muti before battle has powerered both 'comrades', and Inkatha followers.

By **BEATHUR BAKER**



Sangomas ... Can muti stop the bullets? Photo: JUSTIN SHOLK

including a policeman — were killed in Daveyton when a Xhosa-speaking *ibutho* (regiment) launched a fierce counter-attack after a police patrol fired teargas at them.

During the inquest, allegations that residents used *muti* in preparation for the attack on the police was made by advocate Hattingh, representing the South African Police and the minister of law and order.

He alleged that "a group of people got together and they called themselves the *amabuthos*, a vigilante group of people. This group decided to call in the help of a witchdoctor to make them immune against police bullets and attacks". He added that they all agreed to contribute R20 towards the fee of a witchdoctor who would treat them with the *muti*.

Hattingh based these allegations on what constables emerging from a Casspir say they witnessed. The constables said they saw people sitting on

the ground and a man dipped a branch into a bucket and "appeared to sprinkle some liquid over the people as they were sitting there".

Hattingh makes a further allegation that the people in the veld "observed that the birdshot fired at them had no real effect. You were fortified in the belief that you were in fact immune against bullets".

He subpoenaed a professor of anthropology, Petrus Jacobus Jonas from the University of South Africa, who explained the traditional use of war *muti*. Jonas told the court that traditionally no battle was fought without the *tola* (a special war diviner) having treated the warriors and their weapons. Nowadays, *inyangas* and *sangomas* perform a modified, shorter version of this once important task.

The use of *muti* in resolving labour disputes is firmly believed by many workers and union leaders. The fierce battles between workers and the police during the 1987 railway strike illustrates the confidence workers placed in *muti*.

They consulted a *sangoma* from Swaziland who gave medicine that would make them invulnerable to police bullets. In the belief of the protection of the *muti* on their foreheads, workers brazenly fought police in the confrontation which ensued outside Cosatu House in Johannesburg.

"Cleansing medicine" is also used before wage negotiations, labour-related court cases and even to protect workers from retrenchments.

Union members of shaft 6 at the Western Holdings gold mine fetched a *sangoma* from Transkei to protect them from retrenchments taking place at the mine. After consulting the *sangoma*, a heated confrontation with management ensued in which six miners and a mine engineer were killed.

The medicine is said to have the power to "tie up" the enemy or render them impotent. What makes them fierce is *ukuhlupeza*, the medicine derived from animals such as the poison of a snake or the gall of a bull — the power of the animal is passed on to the man who killed it.

On occasions when this deep-rooted belief in *muti* has been fatal, it is put down to the inexperience of the *inyanga*.

Much of captain's evidence unacceptable, says judge

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The Argus Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Much of the evidence of Captain Brian Mitchell, one of the accused in the Trust Feed trial, was declared "totally unacceptable" by Mr Justice Wilson at the start of the judgment hearing in the Maritzburg Supreme Court yesterday.

Summing up the three-month trial, he criticised initial police investigations into the massacre, which claimed the lives of eleven people at Trust Feed settlement near Maritzburg in 1988 and said there appeared to have been a "cover up" of evidence.

"It is very distressing that much of the evidence supplied by the police has been hard to accept and files provided by the police have either been suspect or completely inaccurate."

He found it disturbing that while police had initially gathered enough evidence to arrest Captain Mitchell this was not done. Instead of being suspended or demoted, he was promoted to a higher rank.

The seven policemen on trial are Captain Jacobus van den Heever, Sergeant Neville Rose, Captain Brian Mitchell, Special Constables Kehla Ngubane, Thabo Sikhosana and Marshall Kambule and Special Sergeant Dumisane Ndwane.

The policemen have been charged with eleven counts of murder and eight counts of attempted murder after a house in the Trust Feed area

was attacked on the night of December 2 and 3, 1988.

Mr Justice Wilson said this was a very unusual case. Not only was the State against the seven accused, but Captain Jacobus van den Heever and Sergeant Neville Rose had also been implicated in the crimes by the four special constables on trial. In addition, Captain Mitchell seemed to be in conflict with the same four constables over responsibility for the massacre.

The judge said that there had been more counter-allegations in this case than he had experienced in any other trial. He said that he had never seen counsel for the defence trying to implicate each other's clients.

The State had led evidence in some detail relating to the manner in which the initial police investigation was carried out and he felt it was in the interests of relatives and the public to lay this matter open.

Said Mr Justice Wilson: "We believe it is in the interests of both the South African Police and the administration of justice that the public should be made aware that irregular behaviour by the police in the past will no longer be excused or shielded."

Mr Justice Wilson read out the charges to which the seven had pleaded not guilty. He said Captain Mitchell had changed his plea in February this year to one of guilty of culpable homicide. However, the Attorney-General, Mr Mike Imber, had refused to accept his plea.

Judge hits at killings probe

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MARITZBURG. — The court had grave doubts about the nature of the original police investigation into the 1988 Trust Feed massacre (in which 11 mourners at a funeral vigil died and three were injured), Mr Justice Andrew Wilson said in his judgment in the trial, which began in the Supreme Court here today.

The judge said it was clear from the testimony of Captain Brian Mitchell (one of the accused police officers) that the Trust Feed operation was aimed specifically at the UDF and that it was the plan of former riot unit head Captain Deon Terblanche and Captain Mitchell to weaken the UDF so that attacks could be carried out by Inkatha to drive the UDF out of the area that night.

Mr Justice Wilson found that in several other aspects Captain Mitchell's evidence was "unacceptable" and "unbelievable".

The court found it incredible that Captain Mitchell was promoted from the rank of lieutenant after the massacre in July 1991 although senior officers knew that he had concealed his presence at the scene of the crime during 1988 and had been "anything but helpful" to the investigation.

"This in our view would in itself call for some public inquiry into the conduct of the officers concerned."

Judgment continues this morning.

6 die as violence plagues Natal

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MARITZBURG. — Six people were reported killed yesterday in Natal, bringing to 12 the days' national tally of deaths stemming from politically-inspired violence.

In the Table Mountain area east of here, two people were killed at 6pm yesterday and 11 were injured when a bus was ambushed.

In the same area three people were shot dead at a bus stop and three were wounded — including a three-month-old baby, according to the police unrest report.

Protection

Police said another two people were wounded when a group fired on a police van.

The two people were helping the police with investigations in connection with the bus stop killings, and are now under police protection in hospital.

Near Empangeni on the North Coast a member of the KwaZulu Police was shot dead and two other people injured in an attack by unidentified men at Esikhawini.

The two injured men were admitted to hospital where they are reported to be in a stable condition, police said. — Sapa

Cop not interested in killings probe

Own Correspondent

MARYZBURG. — Trust Feed trial judge Mr Justice Andrew Wilson yesterday severely criticised the early police investigation into the massacre, in which 11 died and three were injured, and said it was obvious the policeman involved had no interest in the probe.

It was difficult to believe the initial investigating officer, then Lieutenant Patrick Watrus, was as incompetent as his investigation into the case indicated, in light of the fact that he had since been promoted to captain, the judge said here yesterday.

"We are driven to conclude that he was not interested in properly investigating the massacre of these people. It seems to us he re-

garded this as just another sad case of UDF/Inkatha killings and was not interested in putting himself out too much." This did not necessarily mean he was part of a "cover up".

Mr Justice Wilson said here yesterday that two of the accused in the killings, Captain Jacobus van den Heever and Sergeant Neville Rose, should be given the "benefit of the doubt".

However, he would not pronounce his final verdict on the two accused until he had fully dealt with further evidence by their co-accused, former SAP special policemen Mr Kehla Ngubane, Mr Thabo Sikhosana, Mr Dumisani Ndwalane and Mr David Khambule, when the judgment continues today.

The judge said in view of the "grave

doubts" about the way in which the police investigation was conducted after the incident the denial by Captain Van den Heever and Sgt Rose that they were aware the special policemen were being sought in connection with the incident could not be disproved. "Certainly no evidence was led that they were told of it," he said.

Mr Justice Wilson also rejected the version given by the special policemen about the way in which the attack on the house was carried out on December 3, 1988. The court found two of the attackers entered the house, one carrying a torch, and deliberately shot and killed people inside. "We are satisfied it was the intention of the attackers to kill all those inside the house, which is why they shot at

anyone moving."

The judge said it was totally "unbelievable" that out of 18 shots fired blindly from outside all would hit their targets, as the special policemen had claimed.

The attackers must have been aware of the screams and groans from the people inside (including women and children) yet they persisted with the attack, he said.

The judge proposed a public inquiry into the reasons why Lieutenant-Colonel T Reed of the SAP legal services in Durban found it necessary during the trial to seek legal protection for Captain Van Zyl and other state witnesses, and didn't consult with the attorney-general.

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People (276) flee homes

RESIDENTS are fleeing the Mushane district at Maphumulo on the Natal North Coast to escape the violence which erupted this week. *Sowetan 23/4/92*

Police said the violence started with a clash between the Mvozane and Nhlankazi factions, in which five people died.

Several suspects were apparently arrested by police, but no further details were provided.

The KwaZulu Legislative Assembly member for Maphumulo, Mr EV Mhlongo, confirmed that residents had started fleeing the area on Tuesday.

He said some of the resi

5 police guilty of murder

2 others acquitted in Trust Feed trial

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MARITZBURG. — Five policemen have been found guilty of 11 counts of murder and two of attempted murder in the Trust Feed trial in the Maritzburg Supreme Court.

Captain Brian Mitchell, Special Sergeant Dumisani Ndwalane and special constables Thabo Sikhosana, Kehla Ngubane and David Marshal Khambule were found guilty.

Two other policemen, Captain Jacobus van den Heever and Sergeant Neville Rose were found not guilty and acquitted.

Mr Justice A Wilson said the court accepted evidence that Captain Mitchell took part in the attack on a house in Trust Feed on the night of December 2 or 3, 1988, which resulted in the death

of 11 people.

He said Captain Mitchell not only pointed out the lighted house to the special constables but also gave the signal for the attack by firing two shots into the house.

The court was satisfied that the probabilities were that Captain Mitchell led the attackers to the target (mistakenly selected because Inkatha members died) as opposed to his version that he ordered two special constables to attack unknown "comrades".

Mr Justice Wilson accepted the evidence of Constable J W Burton and Reserve Constable SC van Wyk who accompanied Captain Mitchell to Trust Feed.

He said it was clear Captain Mitchell was untruthful.

Mr Justice Wilson said the de-

fence of the four special constables had rested on their obeying a superior officer's orders. However during the case, two of the constables had amended this to saying they thought they were acting in self-defence.

He said the defence of legitimate superior orders would be difficult to believe in the circumstances.

The court was satisfied that the special constables could never have believed that what they were about to do was legal.

He accepted the evidence of the survivors that at least two of the special constables entered the house and fired shots.

Evidence in mitigation will be heard on Monday.

ANNA Lwanda Full inquirer Woman dragged

Police chief orders 'cover-up' probe

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — The Commissioner of the South African Police said yesterday he had instructed Lieutenant-General Basie Smit to launch a thorough investigation into a "cover-up" in the initial investigation of the Trust Feed case.

This follows remarks that there was a "cover-up" in the initial investigation, made by Mr Justice Andrew Wilson while passing judgment in the trial in the Natal Supreme Court.

The commissioner, General Johan van der Merwe, said General Smit would investigate the matter "with the view to possible criminal and/or departmental steps. I will not tolerate or condone unprofessional investigations or any attempts at a so-called cover-up."

Mr Justice Wilson found yesterday that there had been a clear attempt by senior policemen to interfere with the administration of justice in the case, Sapa reports. He said two of the special police

men facing charges of murder following the massacre had given statements to a magistrate.

Later the pair had been visited in prison and further statements were taken from them by two senior police officers — contrary to instructions issued by the attorney-general, the judge said.

Under regulations senior police officers were not permitted to take further statements in prison. "This is a clear attempt to interfere with the administration of justice

which I trust will be properly investigated with the assistance of the attorney-general," the judge said.

Earlier this year in testimony in the trial the investigating officer, Captain Frank Dutton, said it was possible two senior officers had tried to sabotage the investigation. He said

General Ronnie van der Westhuizen and a Colonel Langenhoven had become personally involved in the probe and had made it difficult for him.

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Mitchell and 4 others guilty

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Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Brian Mitchell, a former captain and New Hanover police station commander, and four former SAP special policemen were convicted in the Supreme Court here yesterday on 11 counts of murder and two of attempted murder.

Mr Justice Andrew Wilson said Mitchell, 34, led the four special policemen to attack a house in Trust Feed, where 11 people, including seven women and two children were killed in December 1988, and gave the signal for the attack to start by firing two shots into the house.

The four convicted special policemen are Kehla Cyprian Ngubane, 21, Thabo Petros Sikhosana, 29, Dumisani Roy Ndwane, 27, and David Marshall Khambule, 26.

Two other policemen in charge of special policemen at the time of the killings, Captain Jacobus van den Heever, 36, and Sergeant Neville Rose, 35, were acquitted after the court found the state had not proved the case against them beyond a reasonable doubt.

Mr Justice Wilson, who sat with two assessors, rejected evidence by Mitchell that he simply dropped two special policemen in Trust Feed on the night in question with instructions to join up with two colleagues and attack groups of "comrades" (UDF supporters) at large in the area. The probabilities were overwhelmingly in favour of Mitchell's having led the group of special policemen to a target which he had selected, perhaps mistakenly.

He said there was no evidence, however, nor did it seem probable, that Mitchell desired the death of the actual victims (mourners holding a funeral vigil). The fact that the occupants of the house concerned may not have been the people he believed them to be did not affect his guilt, however.

The judge acquitted Mitchell and the four special policemen on six of the eight counts of attempted murder where survivors were not wounded. He said the court was satisfied the attackers had aimed at their victims and that it was not a "general shooting at random" although it had been their intention to kill all inside the house.

Evidence in mitigation of sentence will be led on Monday.

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MURDERER . . . Former police captain Brian Mitchell was found guilty of murder in the Maritzburg Supreme Court yesterday.

Individuals afraid to complain, say police

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By GAYE DAVIS Cape Town
POLICE were aware that taxi operators used violence and intimidation to secure routes and ranks, but because individuals were not prepared to come forward and lay complaints, the allegations were seldom investigated, a committee of the Goldstone Commission heard this week.

For the same reason, taxi operators' allegations that their complaints to police "fell on deaf ears" were also not investigated, said Lieutenant-Colonel Philippus Nel, head of the Stability Unit (formerly the riot squad).

Asked why he did not mention, in a report he submitted to the committee, occasions when police were accused of inaction, Nel said these grievances "did not exist" as no one was prepared to come forward. He also had no specific instructions to deal with allegations against police in his submission.

Nel was under cross-examination by John van der Berg, counsel for the African National Congress, Black Sash, Unrest Monitoring Awareness Committee (UMAC) and the Cape Town Peace Committee.

Earlier the committee heard that since 1986, police had repeatedly brought warring taxi factions together for talks. Hands would be shaken and violence would abate — but because police were powerless to do anything about the system of routes and permits, lying at the heart of the conflict, peace agreements were always temporary.

After a complaint that members of the Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta) were preventing drivers from a rival organisation from exercising their legal right of ranking at certain places, police gave Webta two weeks to inform its members that on a certain day the police would ensure all legally licenced drivers could use the facilities.

The plan did not go through. Webta members failed to turn up at a subsequent meeting and police could not establish that all its members knew of the ultimatum, Nel said.

He denied it was a case of the police giving Webta "a chance to get its house in order so the police would not have to act against them", saying it was an attempt "to prevent bloodshed". In the event, rival members did not attempt using the ranks — for fear of intimidation, he said.

Asked why they should fear intimidation in the presence of the police, Nel said attacks could take place anywhere along a driver's route.

He was not aware of the success rate of police investigations into taxi-related violence as these were dealt with by another unit, he said.

Counsel for the Department of Transport, G Le Roux, told the committee he would bring evidence which would prove wrong "wild" allegations made by Helen Zille, a consultant for the Cape Town City Council who investigated the conflict and gave evidence earlier of "chaos and criminal negligence" in the offices of the Local Road Transportation Board.

The committee, chaired by Cape attorney general Niel Rossouw, also heard a police estimate that up to 75 percent of mini-bus taxis operating in Cape Town did so illegally — and that while 26 percent of black commuters used taxis in 1989, by November last year this had dropped to six percent. The fall-off could clearly be attributed to the taxi war, said transport analyst Paul Mann.

Fiddling while townships burn

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WHILE leaders of black political groups and prominent churchmen sat in a plush Johannesburg hotel talking about violence, and the National Peace Committee and Secretariat threatened to bare thus far mythical teeth if politicians wag their tongues too much, train massacres and hostel violence continued unabated as if cocking a snoot at the multitude of words.

While the now-daily train massacre was in progress, at least one clergyman decided to protest against the train violence at slightly closer range — Father

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Top black leaders and church men met this week to discuss the violence raging across the country — and while they talked, more died. By PAT SIDLEY

Smangaliso Mkatshwa of the Institute of Contextual Theology joined a group of protesters who sat-in at the Spoomet offices.

Tragically, the fine words seemed only to highlight the absolute impotence of political and spiritual leaders to stem the dreadful tide of cadavers

washed up on the shores of political reform.

From September 14 last year, the day the National Peace Accord (NPA) was signed until the end of March this year, 1 533 people were killed in political violence with 2 756 injured. By Tuesday this week a further 223 bodies had been added to the list with 443

injured, says the Human Rights Commission.

To deal with this, the church leaders of the South African Council of Churches called an "emergency summit on violence" to which they invited the leaders of political groups whose followers are the victims of the violence. That naturally meant black groups and mainly black leaders. The government, military and police were left out of the meeting but a further meeting has been sought with them.

Less understandable was the almost complete absence of representatives of the mothers, wives and sisters who have lost their nearest and dearest — only three women among 76 delegates were present — and no women's interest groups were invited.

Also missing were representatives of those whites who while not immediate victims of the violence, may want to contribute to its solutions. At the end of the summit, political and church leaders had produced a statement with few new insights or commitments.

They blamed the violence primarily on the government, the National Party, the legacy of apartheid and its agents. Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu however, was careful to note to both journalists and to the summit earlier that the victims of the violence themselves ought to be more introspective and question why "it is that black people do kill black people, given all the manifold causes that have been identified, we still want to have to ask ourselves what has happened to the humanity of our people that they may be ready to be bribed into killing their fellow blacks".

They called for joint political rallies — a call made several times before and not yet acted upon.

They called for an "international mechanism to monitor violence" but differed over who this should be.

They committed themselves to "create mechanisms for peace-creation at the 'hotspots' of violence", such as hostels and informal settlements — but formulated no concrete plans as they sat far from the hotspots.

They called upon the media to realise that they have an important role to play in creating a climate of peace — but excluded the media from the entire proceedings.

Sam Buti, moderator of the Dutch Reformed Church in Africa and resident of Alexandra, whose small church is in the centre of the bloodied battle zone found the experience "very frustrating".

The level of agreement among the delegates, said Buti, meant that discussion was in very general terms about violence. It was as though some may be frightened to anger others by being more specific.

What went missing, said Buti, was any reference to existing real trouble-spots, like his own Alex, or Meadowlands hostel (which suffered a hand-grenade attack that evening shortly after reporters had asked why leaders were in the hotel and not in the hostel), or Phola Park.

Buti said he had eventually suggested, and it was agreed, that the follow-up meeting would deal with specifics.

At the end of the day, the leaders slapped each others' backs happily, with National Peace Committee vice-chairman and Methodist presiding bishop Stanley Mogoba remarking to journalists that the experience was how he imagined "a real South African parliament" would be (with no women or whites, one imagined). The National Peace Committee said it would call to account any politician who said bad things. The press lauded the moves in both areas as tough-talking and new initiatives.

And a score more black lives were lost while the talk-shop continued.

Natal's rocky road to peace

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By LENA SLACHMUIJDER
AS a working document, the National Peace Accord looks impressive. In 10 chapters it addresses general principles of peace-making, as well as specific guidelines for establishing structures to implement peace. Almost all controversial elements are addressed, including perceived bias in policing and judicial inefficiency, and there is even a programme for the socio-economic backup needed for peace through reconstruction.

But serious problems have arisen in implementing the accord in Natal.

Delays in settling up key structures to deal with police accountability and the courts are a major shortcoming. Other neglected issues — the continued vagueness of the law relating to dangerous weapons, a non-existent code of conduct for the South African Defence Force, ongoing silence over the setting up of self-defence units — only aggravate the situation.

The structures stipulated in the accord to ensure police accountability — a Police Board comprising police and civilian members which would make recommendations to the minister of law and order, and reporting officers who would address complaints of police bias and criminal activity — are still not in place.

"The lack of these structures is the main obstacle to bringing peace to our areas," says Felix Dlamini, the African National Congress' representative on the Umlazi local Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC).

But these and other aspects of the accord's implementation have "picked up momentum" since a March 21 meeting between the National Peace Secretariat and the chairmen of the 11 regional DRCs, according to Natal-kwaZulu regional DRC chairman MC Pretorius. He says law societies and bar councils are nominating Police Board members, and that reporting officers are already in place — in the form of the South African Police and kwaZulu

Police liaison officers who sit on the regional and local DRCs. However, Pretorius is the only DRC member holding this view. His colleagues have called for a specific structure to address only problems of police bias and criminality.

"The failure to implement these structures tends to aggravate the perception that the police are not independent," comments Brian Currin, national director of Lawyers for Human Rights. A second major criticism of the accord's implementation has been its inability to bring known perpetrators of violence to book. Many people believed that the accord would ensure their prompt arrest and prosecution through the establishment of special criminal courts — aimed at



The talks proceed ... But is he listening?

Photo: JUSTIN SHOLK

speeding up and prioritising politically-related cases — and by ensuring witness protection.

But, according to Pretorius and National Peace Secretariat chairman Antonie Gildenhuys, these courts are no longer on the cards. "We've instead increased the efficiency of the local courts by increasing the sitting time. There is now no delay in bringing prosecutions to court," says Pretorius.

Human-rights lawyers disagree. They say they have noticed no change in the court system, and that cases continue to be ignored and inadequately investigated by the police.

"Most people in our areas are afraid to come forward with information in fear of their lives," says Inkatha Freedom Party central committee member Thomas Shabalala, who sits on the Natal-kwaZulu regional DRC.

The handful of local DRCs which have been set up lack the power to enforce peace measures because of a delay in appointing justices of the peace, as required by the accord. The justices cannot be appointed until legislation defining their mandate is passed, and in the meantime the local DRCs are constrained in their negotiation and mediation roles.

The silence over the SADF code of conduct and the setting up of self-defence units has added to the difficulties. The highly charged issue of kwaZulu Police jurisdiction has been referred to the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa), leaving peacemakers in Natal with their hands tied over allegations of KZP misconduct.

Despite these shortcomings of the accord, however, many believe there is much to be achieved through continuing to work with local DRCs, provided communication with communities is improved.

"At least now you have ANC and IFP leaders in Umlazi meeting at least once a week," says Currin. "They phone each other directly and several problems have been averted."

Local attempts at peace-making are under national scrutiny, and the success or failure of the regional and local DRCs will instill confidence — or despair — in the process.

Their efforts have been encouraged by the fact that more money has recently been made available to reimburse local leaders attending peace meetings, and by the fact that a regionally based advertising campaign will be under way soon.

The man who turned a haven into hell

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Keeping the peace was never Captain Brian

Muchell's objective when he arrived at Trust

Feed. By **FRED KOCKOTT**

TRUST FEED was once a peaceful haven. That was before the arrival of Lieutenant Brian Mitchell in early 1988.

A residents' association, the Trust Feed Crisis Committee (TCC), had successfully resisted government plans to develop Trust Feed into a whites-only residential area. It worked closely with the regional planners and, among other things, established a clinic for the area.

It had won recognition as the representative of the community. This did not suit an Inkatha landowner in the area, Jerome Gabela, nor kwaZulu government officials. They wanted control and sought the assistance of the Joint Security Management System, a central government security network, to establish an organisation to take over Trust Feed.

Mitchell, promoted to captain, who had close ties with the security police and was centrally involved in the Joint Security Management System, was transferred to the district to take command of the local police station in New Hanover.

The court heard how Gabela was used as a pawn to establish a Landowner's Association in opposition to the TCC.

Mitchell conceded that this was a security strategy. "In other words," remarked prosecuting attorney Anthony Irons, "you set up an organisation which supports the government of the day and you oust the one which would not follow the same principles."

"That is what happened," Mitchell responded.

And so began a power struggle. The court heard how a community, ostensibly living at peace, was torn asunder by squabbles which eventually took on a political overtone. The TCC became labelled "UDF" — a front for the then outlawed African National Congress.

Mitchell told the court Gabela had lacked backbone in dealing with the "UDF" and he had decided to "jack him up and get him to be more forceful." "Can we take it you mean a little more violent?" Irons asked. "In other words he must conduct attacks to oust the UDF in the area?"

"That's what eventually happened. That's correct," said Mitchell.

The court heard that Mitchell took Gabela and two other Inkatha members from Trust Feed to a meeting with the former head of Pietermaritzburg's Riot Unit, the late Major Deon Terblanche, and kwaZulu MP David Ntombela.

At the meeting it was decided that six special policemen would be dispatched to Trust Feed to act as an "assistance force" for Gabela.

Riot Unit officers (accused numbers one and two) Captain Jacobus van den Heever and Sergeant Neville Rose made the arrangements.

The arrival of the special policemen was not recorded. They were posted in civilian clothes at the homes of three Inkatha members. Police declared Trust Feed an operational area and barred journalists from entering Trust Feed.

In a massive police operation the next day, Friday, December 2 1988, all the young men of Trust Feed were rounded up, gathered on a sports field, and 11 supporters and members of the TCC detained. Police searched the homes of people perceived to be UDF-supporting and confiscated any weapons that could be used to ward off attacks.

"So, those capable of defending the area were detained and Gabela was left to use the special constables to launch an attack. The aim was to make it easy for Inkatha to wipe out the UDF once and for all," the presiding judge, Mr Justice Wilson, said.

"Yes," Mitchell replied.

According to residents, a curfew was also declared that night and people warned to stay indoors as police would be operating in the area.

The deputy Inkatha chairman, John Nxumalo, said he went to bed that night "feeling quite happy." Before he got into bed, he noticed that the local shop belonging to the chairman of the TCC had been set alight.

The homes and properties of all but two of the 11 people detained were razed that evening. No one was killed in these attacks. Most residents had already fled. But at the Sithole home, house TF 83, a group of 19 people had gathered to hold a wake for an old man who had died of natural causes.

"People were preaching in turn," said Francisco Mathonsi.

"There was praying and singing," said Phillip Makhoba.

The service ended after midnight, and people made arrangements to sleep. The men bedded down in the first

Five found guilty of murder

THREE years after the event, Captain Brian Mitchell and four special policemen were yesterday convicted of 11 murders and two attempted murders at a Trust Feed home.

"Mitchell not only pointed out the house but gave the signals for the attack to start," said Mr Justice Andrew Wilson.

He said it was perhaps a mistake that this house was pointed out but when Mitchell gave instructions his intention was that all the occupants be killed.

Mitchell and the special policemen were convicted of 11 counts of murder and two counts of attempted murder. Charges of attempted murder related to six survivors, who were not injured, were dropped.

The two Riot Unit "operational officers", Captain Jacobus van Heever and Sergeant Neville Rose, who arranged for the special policemen to be taken to Trust Feed, were acquitted as the state had not proved beyond reasonable doubt that they had known of the plans to kill people.

room, women and children in the second and third. In accordance with Zulu custom, the candles remained burning in respect for the deceased. It was this house that was attacked by four of the special policemen, at 3am. Mathonsi and Makhoba lived to testify

They were not at the Sithole home when the room-to-room killings took place. They heard gunshots — lasting several minutes — but did not know exactly where the shootings were taking place.

At daylight, as they walked to the Sithole home, they saw a crazed person running away from the house, zig-zagging in a funny manner.

At first they thought he was the local lunatic. But as Mathonsi lowered his eyes from the roof of the house to the entrance, he saw a human head protruding from the front door. Half the man's head had been blown away by a shotgun blast. Inside the house, bodies lay all over the place.

As they picked their way across the floor, thick with blood, they heard a groan. Makhoba's wife, Ida, sat pressed against the wall, her forehead leaning on the face of a dead friend. She was trapped under bodies which had fallen on top of her and saved her life.

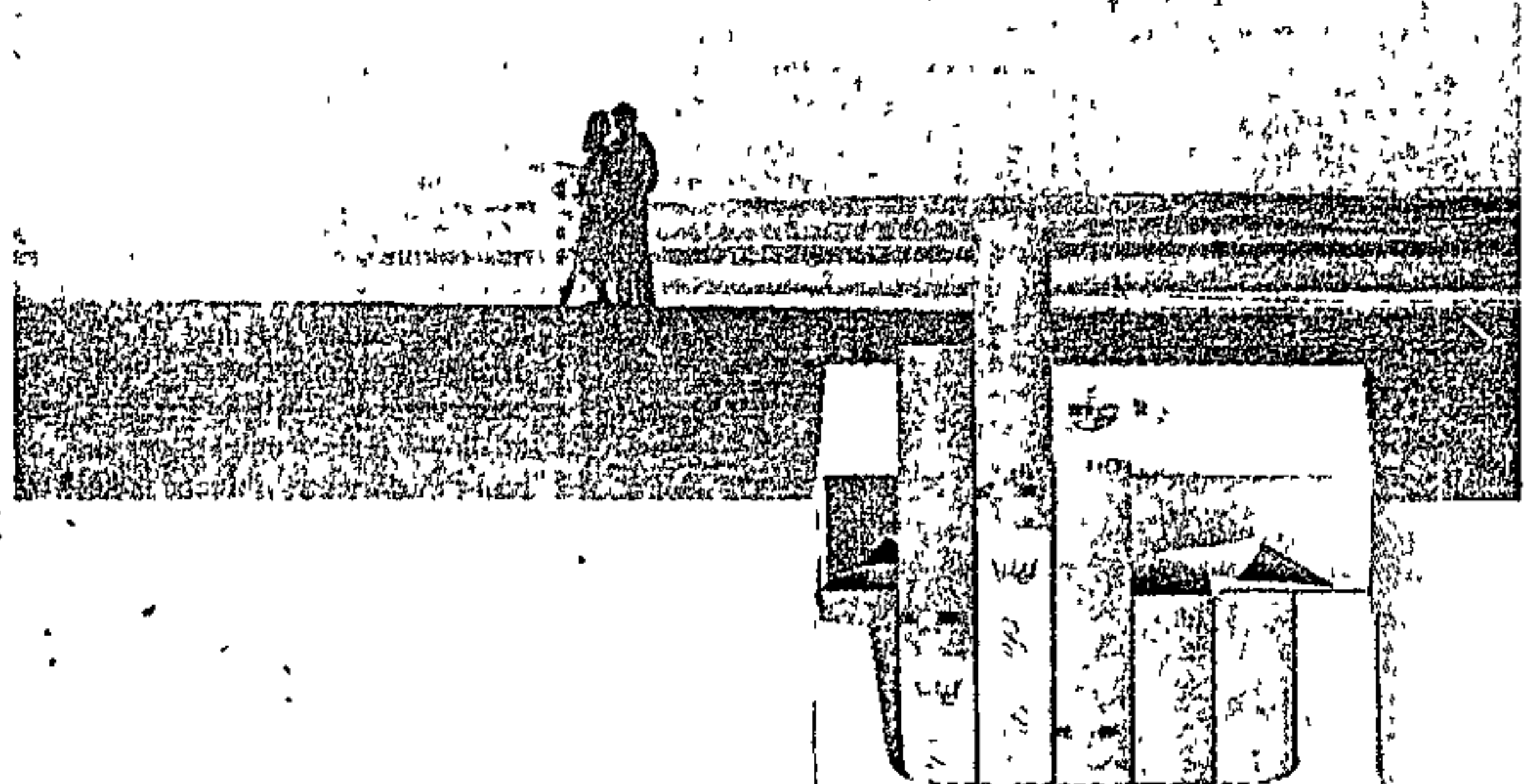
Nearby, another woman lay dead, a shotgun cartridge stuck in her nose, protruding from her nostril.

Two little boys also lay dead, lying next to each other, curled up in the foetal position. "There were many dummies (spent shotgun

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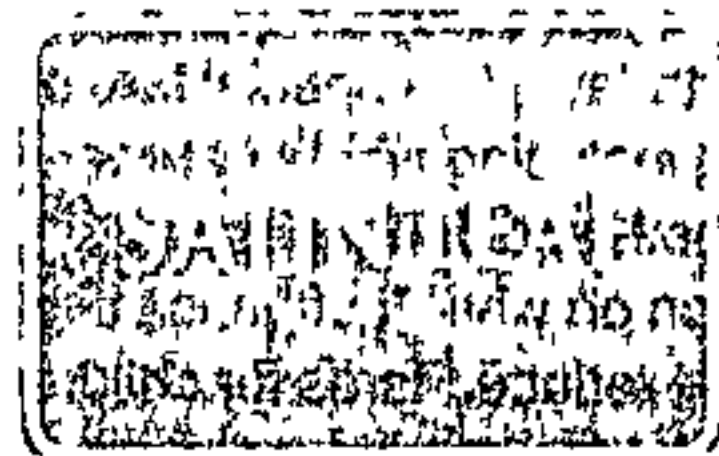
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Shots fired at millionairess

By ENOCH MTHEWE

AN Esikhawini millionairess was shot and injured while driving away from a Good Friday service, allegedly because she had given South African Communist Party leader Chris Hani accommodation in her luxury mansion in February.

Patty Mncwabe, a prominent figure in the Esikhawini business community had stopped shortly after leaving the church to check a punctured tyre. When she got out of her car, she met a hail of bullets from gunmen stationed at a nearby house.

Mncwabe is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, which has allegedly been subjected to harassment by members of the "A Team", a gang aligned to the Inkatha Freedom Party, since Hani's visit to the Natal township.

According to a kwaZulu Police source, Mncwabe's name has been placed on an IFP hit list. He said she had also been placed under the surveillance of the KZP.

A relative denied that Mncwabe had met Hani or given him accommodation.

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Call for probe
into 'cover-up'

DURBAN. — An independent public inquiry was needed into the alleged police cover-up of initial investigations into the Trust Feed massacre, ANC spokeswoman Ms Gill Marcus said yesterday. (26)

She said an internal police investigation was "inadequate given they were part of the problem". — Sapa (276)

Figures show Natal unrest 'decreasing'

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UNREST in Natal in the first three months of this year had decreased markedly, Deputy Law and Order Minister Mr Johan Scheepers said yesterday.

Mr Scheepers revealed that figures for the three-month period showed a 30% improvement over those for the same months of last year.

They had also dropped from the number of incidents recorded in the last three months of 1991, he added.

Crime and violence statistics had improved in 1991, he said.

THE TRUST FEED TRAVESTY

TRUST Feed is a small black community near Greytown in the Natal midlands — the scene of ongoing political violence.

On the night of December 2 1988 a police curfew was in place. The local store had been set on fire and a resident injured in an earlier attack. But in tiny shack TF 83, the Sithole household was concerned only with an all-night vigil for patriarch Alfred Sithole, who had died of natural causes.

As is the Zulu custom, candles were lit in all three rooms where the 19 men, women and children were huddled on the floor with blankets pulled over them.

In the early hours of the morning there was a bang on the door and, when one of the men asked who was there, the reply came: "We are the police!"

The door was smashed open and two special constables burst in, shooting as they moved among the mourners.

Widow Mrs Sidedewu Sithole, 68, wailed: "Look, my children, there has been a death in the family ... my old husband has died!" She was shot dead.

Running

There was loud screaming from the women and children. Mrs Ida Hadebe, 47, recalls that it was so loud, in fact, it was "even bursting through the roof".

A woman shouted forlornly: "Here I am dying with my children!"

Everyone was running around not knowing where to hide as shots were fired by the two constables inside the house and two others positioned outside the windows.

Mrs Hadebe had been sleeping under a window when she was shot, and landed on top of 25-year-old Miss Fikile Zondi, who was also wounded.

When Mrs Hadebe tried to move a gunman said: "There is another one moving" and a shot rang out, hitting her in the left leg.

"There is a head rising, strike it!" and another shot exploded, hitting another living target.

As quickly as it happened it ended and all went quiet.

One of the attackers said in Zulu: "We have struck the dogs, we have finished off the dogs" before leaving the house.

Fikile Zondi then made a mistake which cost her her life. She said to Ida Hadebe, who was still slumped on top of her: "Move, they have already left."

Hearing this, one of the attackers stalked back into the house and opened fire on the two women, killing Fikile and wounding Ida three times in the shoulder. Daybreak revealed the true horror of what had happened. There were bodies all over the place, blood was everywhere and there was even a bullet wound in the stomach of the dead man to whom they had all come to pay their respects.

Two little boys, Musi Shangase, 4, and nine-year-old Nkanyene Shangase, were among the dead, who included seven women and two men. Ida was taken to hospital with another injured victim, Mrs Noma-goli Zulu, 50.

Captain Brian Mitchell — the man who had not

only ordered the attack, but who fired the first shots at the targeted house — set about destroying evidence and trying to distance himself from events.

The special constables were sent home but still received pay cheques for a month, and in some cases two months, afterwards.

In court this year Captain Mitchell finally told the shocking truth: he had planned the operation to help Inkatha oust the United Democratic Front-based Trust Feed Crisis Committee (TCC).

Testified

He said it was a "mistake" that the special constables had attacked an Inkatha household, that he had wanted them to "attack and kill the UDF", whom he regarded as "enemies of the state".

Two days before the massacre, six special constables were posted at the homes of three Inkatha

members and were in civilian clothes. Two of them, who did not take part in the attack, testified against their colleagues.

Police declared the area an "operational zone" and barred journalists from Trust Feed. The next day, the day before the massacre, police carried out a massive operation, detaining 11 supporters and members of the TCC and confiscating weapons from homes.

Mr Justice Wilson told the court that this was clearly intended to remove those who could defend the community against an attack planned by Captain Mitchell.

When the special constables gave evidence, their defence was that they were acting on orders, but the court rejected this on the basis that they would have had to be legal orders. In this instance, they were clearly not.

The trial resumes for pleas in mitigation tomorrow.

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Massacre manhunt

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Crack Durban squad to 'leave no stone unturned'

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — A crack team of hand-picked detectives from the Murder and Robbery Unit here and the Special Investigation Unit have been instructed to leave no stone unturned in solving the bus massacre in which six men were shot dead in broad daylight and eight seriously wounded.

The ambush occurred yesterday at 4pm, when about eight men opened fire near the black reserve of Domisi near Illovo on the Natal South Coast. The bus was taking passengers home.

Police spokesman Captain Bala Naidoo said the killers were armed with AK 47s.

Captain Naidoo that the head of the Criminal Investigation Services, Brigadier Bertus Steyn had hand-picked a team of detectives.

"They have been instructed to leave no stone unturned in bringing to book those responsible."

It is believed that when the gunmen opened fire a number of passengers made a desperate bid to flee. The bodies of two men were found about 2km from the shooting.

Witnesses said the gunmen ordered the women and children out of the bus and then fired on the men.

One gunman entered the bus and opened fire while another five rid-dled it from outside.

Four of the dead have been identified. They are Mr S Shanga, 40, Mr I Cele, 35, Mr S Glaba, 40 and Mr B Gumede, 50. Two other men have not yet been identified. The dead were shot in the head and stomach.

The wounded are Mr J Gumede, 31, Mr D Duma, 33, Mr R Gwala, 40 and Mr B Luthuli, 40. The names of four others are unavailable. All are in a satisfactory condition in hospital.

Meanwhile, Captain Craig Kotze, spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order said: "The AK 47 has become an enormous factor in the increase of brutality."

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Training cited as factor in killings

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MARITZBURG. — Indoctrination of former SA Police Captain Brian Mitchell during his police training regarding the dangers of communism and the "terrible threat" of the ANC, Swapo and others to the stability and safety of the country was cited yesterday as a motivating factor in the 1988 Trust Feed murders.

This emerged from a report by a senior criminologist and lecturer at the University of South Africa, Mrs Irma Labuschagne, who gave evidence in mitigation of sentence on Mitchell's behalf before Mr Justice Wilson and two assessors yesterday.

The court also heard that Mitchell's wife of 10 years, Karen, is recovering in hospital after her third suicide attempt since January. She was seeing a psychologist, having lost all confidence in her ability to take care of her children on her own and battling both as a single parent and financially. This had had a "devastating" effect on Mitchell who felt responsible for his wife's predicament.

Mrs Labuschagne said that at the time Mitchell joined the SAP in 1976, young police recruits were confronted with the "total onslaught" ideology of the government and many precious lecturing times were devoted to this subject. "This perception (whether right or wrong) was ingrained in young and susceptible minds. Communists (and therefore the ANC/UDF) were the enemy — to be fought by any means."

Did not blame others

Too soon he was confronted with the "stark and brutal reality of war" both in action during the 1976 Soweto riots and on the Namibian border.

Mitchell was found guilty last week of taking part in and directing an attack by special constables on a house in Trust Feed in the early hours of December 3, 1988 in which 11 people were shot dead. The victims included seven women and two children. All were mourners at a funeral wake (the majority were later discovered to be Inkatha supporters).

Mrs Labuschagne said in her report that Mitchell did not try to blame others or try to find excuses for his behaviour. He was remorseful.

He was fighting for survival of a community he believed was threatened by the UDF. He was protecting peace and security. He believed he was warding off an attack by the enemy.

Regarding evidence that Mitchell had been drinking alcohol on the "fateful night", Mrs Labuschagne believed the alcohol had served to suppress his normal inhibitions and was not a matter of his working up "Dutch courage" to commit a crime.

The hearing continues today.

Judge gives Trust Feed cops 'benefit of doubt' over involvement

The Argus Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Captain Jacobus van den Heever and Sergeant Neville Rose must be given the benefit of the doubt as to their involvement in the Trust Feed massacre said Mr Justice Wilson in the Maritzburg Supreme Court.

Addressing a packed courtroom Mr Justice Wilson said the court could not rely on the evidence of the four special constables.

The policemen on trial are Captain Van den Heever, Sergeant Rose, Captain Brian Mitchell, Special Constables Kehla Ngubane, Thabo Sikhosana and Marshall Kambule and Special Sergeant Dumisane Ndwane.

They have been charged with eleven counts of murder and eight of attempted murder after a house in the Trust Feed area was attacked on the night of December 2 and 3, 1988.

Mr Justice Wilson said yesterday that because of the laxity of the initial police investigation under Captain J P van Zyl and Brigadier Marx, there were grave doubts that Captain Van den Heever and Sergeant Rose would have known that the four special constables were being sought in connection with the murders.

"There was certainly no evidence led to show that they were aware of the search for the constables."

The judge said that because of the unsatisfactory evidence compiled by the police, much of the information could not be relied upon.

He said Captain Van den Heever had clearly played no part in selecting the special constables for duty.

While Sergeant Rose was not "over careful" with the truth, there was no evidence to show that he had played any part in planning the operation.

The State's case against the two accordingly depended on whether they had taken part in the planning of the operation. It was quite clear that the State had not been able to prove this beyond a reasonable doubt.

Mr Justice Wilson said he would not reach a final conclusion until the evidence concerning the special constables had been heard.

The court accepted the evidence of survivors who testified that on the night in question the door was kicked in. There were screams and groans and that two people entered the house, one of them carrying a torch.

In earlier evidence the four special constables testified that they shot through the windows and never entered the house.

The judge accepted the evidence by survivors that one of the attackers said after the initial shooting "there is a head rising — strike it".

This was an instruction given by the person carrying the torch to the gunman. The court was satisfied that the intention of the attackers was to kill everyone in the house.

Mr Justice Wilson said the probabilities were overwhelmingly in favour of the survivors' version.

The court did not accept evidence given by the special constables that they were woken up by an almost complete stranger (Captain Mitchell), or that a house was pointed out to them and they immediately swung into action.

(Judgment proceeding).

Massacre: Kriel sets up probe

MICHAEL MORRIS

Political Correspondent

LAW and order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel has appointed police investigators to probe allegations of unlawful or irregular conduct by police in the Trust Feed massacre inquiry.

His statement follows damning remarks by the Trust Feed trial judge Mr Justice Andrew Wilson who accused police of covering up the murder of 11 people and police involvement in the killings.

Mr Kriel said the police team would work in close consultation with the Attorney-General's office.

The team of experienced investigators would consider "all aspects in view of possible criminal or departmental steps, irrespective of who might be involved. The law will take its course."

He said he had also requested a full report from the Commissioner of Police on the appointment of legal counsel for one of the initial investigators, Major Joseph van Zyl, before he gave evidence at the trial.

"On receipt of the report a decision will be taken whether further steps are necessary," he said.

Mr Kriel denied that Major Frank Dutton of the CIC — who eventually successfully investigated the massacre — had been removed from his post as head of the riot investigation unit because of his probe.

Major Dutton's investigation led to the conviction of former New Hanover station commander Brian Mitchell and four special constables in the Maritzburg Supreme Court last week for murdering 11 people in Trust Feed in 1988.

Mr Kriel said Major Dutton's unit had been moved from Wartburg to Hammarsdale in Natal "simply due to considerations of efficiency".

Major Dutton was still involved in the same task and was still head of the unit.

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Seven men killed in Natal bus ambush

DURBAN. — Seven men were killed and many wounded last night when about 15 men ambushed a bus and opened fire — after letting women and children off — in the Domisi area on the Natal South Coast.

Four of the 13 people who died in unrest-related incidents on Sunday were killed by police who returned fire after being attacked.

A police foot patrol in Q-block, Khayelitsha, came under fire late on Friday. The policemen were not hit and they arrested a man with a bullet wound who was carrying a revolver.

Early on Sunday, a patrol in Zola Budd Drive, Khayelitsha, came under fire and police returned fire, killing an unidentified man.

In Soweto, two men were killed and another wounded when police returned fire after being shot at by gunmen at Dube hostel.

A man was burnt to death with a tyre around his neck in Orlando East.

Police found the body of a man with bullet wounds at the Meadowlands hostel. In the same area, police shot and wounded a woman and arrested a man after a group trying to lure hostel residents into the street stoned police who had warned them to disperse.

In Alexandra, police found the body of a man with bullet wounds. In Thokoza, police found the body of a man who had been shot in the head.

Alexandra's disaster status

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel agreed at yesterday's meeting with Alexandra community representatives to refer a request for part of the township to be declared a disaster area to President FW de Klerk.

The Alexandra Civic Organisation and local branches of the SA Communist Party, the ANC and the Congress of SA Students asked Mr Kriel to declare a section of the Alexandra township, known as "Beirut", a disaster area.

At least 60 people have been killed and 585 injured since fighting broke out.

In Tembisa, gunmen killed a man inside a tavern and wounded another outside the tavern.

Police killed a man after he shot at them with an AK-47 in Sebokeng. The body of a child who had been shot was found in a private dwelling near the scene of the attack.

Set alight

In Mpumalanga, Natal, Constable J C Luthaye was shot dead at his home on Sunday.

Two men were killed at Folweni near Umbumbulu on the Natal South Coast. Mr Fanana Ngcobo, 34, was attacked by a group of men and set alight, while 30-year-old Mr Mandla Shezi was shot dead at his home.

A man was wounded by police when they returned fire after being shot at in Umgababa in Natal early yesterday.

— Sapa, Own Correspondent

Trust Feed — Police probe 'is not good enough'

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MICHAEL MORRIS
Political Correspondent

THE Democratic Party has called on the Minister of Law and Order Mr Hernus Kriel to appoint somebody from outside the security forces to head the investigation into the conduct of police in the Trust Feeds massacre case.

DP law and order spokesman Mr Peter Gastrow charged that launching a departmental — rather than an independent — inquiry into the role of the police in the Trust Feeds case was "not good enough".

He also said a DP request to allow debate on the case in parliament had been turned down by the Speaker on the grounds of *sub judice* and claimed that this effectively meant MPs were "gagged".

Reacting to the announcement yesterday by Minister of Law and Order Mr Hernus Kriel that a top-level police inquiry had been launched into the Trust Feeds saga, Mr Gastrow said: "The least the Minister should have done was to appoint credible South Africans from outside the police force to participate in the investigation."

He warned that the case "fundamentally affects the credibility of the police in the eyes of the public".

If President De Klerk had been able to appoint outsiders such as Professor Ellison Kahn to investigate special secret projects, there was no valid reason why Mr Kriel could not take similar steps.

"His failure to do so suggests a reluctance to come clean," said Mr Gastrow.

However, in a further re-

sponse yesterday, Mr Kriel argued that there were "no other mechanisms available" than for policemen to investigate allegations against the police.

He said: "Throughout the world, policemen investigate policemen's behaviour."

Mr Kriel said he had appointed a senior officer to head the investigation and "he has my fullest confidence that he will establish the truth".

But Mr Gastrow said: "The public has lost confidence in closed departmental investigations where the police investigate the police, and where the findings are not made public."

"The DP therefore calls for an inquiry headed by a person of integrity from outside the police force."

"This enquiry should proceed with speed and the findings should be made public."

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DP slams killings probe

Political Correspondent

THE Democratic Party yesterday slammed as "totally inadequate" the government decision to appoint an internal departmental inquiry into allegations of irregular or unlawful conduct by police in the Trust Feed massacre case.

Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel yesterday ordered a police probe after the Trust Feed trial judge, Mr Justice Andrew Wilson,

accused police of covering up the murder of 11 people and involvement in the killings.

The DP's law and order spokesman, Mr Peter Gastrow, said the internal investigation was a "totally inadequate response".

Meanwhile, the Speaker of Parliament has turned down a request by the DP's chief whip, Mr Roger Burrows, for an urgent debate on the case.

Killings:

Call to

hang

ex-cop

MARITZBURG. — The state has called for the death sentence to be imposed on the leader of the Trust Feed massacre, former police captain Brian Mitchell.

But Mitchell's four accomplices, all former special constables, will not face the death penalty.

Mr Justice Andrew Wilson indicated yesterday that he would not impose death on former special policemen, Kehla Ngubane, Thabo Sikhosana, Dumisani Ndwalane and David Khambule, and said they could consider themselves "very lucky" that all they will face is a long period of imprisonment. That they acted under the orders, albeit unlawful orders, of a commissioned officer did make a difference, he said.

He also commented on the brief police training given to special constables saying to send people into the field with lethal weapons after six weeks' training showed a "sad lack of judgment".

Sentence will be passed tomorrow at 10am.

Emotional

Mitchell's advocate, Mr Etienne du Toit, SC, pleaded with Mr Justice Wilson not to impose the death sentence on the former station commander for the sake of retribution alone.

Referring to the strong emotions witnessed during the trial and to "emotional press reports" he said "judicial aloofness" would bring about the realisation that the destruction of an individual was not called for in this case in spite of the brutality of the offence. "I urge the court to consider the other side of the coin as well," he said.

The political motive behind the killing was mitigating as well as the fact that Mitchell was a first offender and did not pose a future danger to society, and was not naturally aggressive or inherently wicked. Mitchell did not seek the death of women and children holding a funeral wake, he said.

Mr Du Toit was asked by the judge how it could be mitigating that Mitchell had gone to the "wrong" house and whether it was less heinous to kill "comrades" (UDF supporters) as Mitchell had intended, than to kill anyone else. Mr Du Toit responded that in Mitchell's perception the comrades were the enemies of the state and that it would be morally less blameworthy than shooting women and children asleep in a house.

"He believed that the people in the house had to be killed in the interests of the country, however distorted that

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Killings

belief may be when objectively viewed," Mr Du Toit said.

Mr Du Toit also submitted Mitchell did not play a major "physical" role in the attack.

The judge however said in his view it was not mitigating that Mitchell had left the special policemen to "do the dirty work" and face the risks while he walked away. "It was a cowardly act on his part." He regarded the fact Mitchell was a policeman in charge of the special constables as aggravating.

Mr Du Toit also urged the court to have regard to the fact that the incident occurred during a period of "unrest" when opposite camps lined up against one another. "Some policemen did get caught up in this spiral of violence," he said.

He said Mitchell was heavily intoxicated and his level of aggression was increased because of the alcohol he had consumed that night.

Calling for the death sentence for Mitchell, state advocate Mr Anthony Irons said according to the court's findings the violence in the Trust Feed area at that time was largely due to Mitchell's own doing. It was also aggravating that he had abused his position of trust and the power and influence that went with it, and misused people under his control.

After the attack he had simply walked away without ascertaining if anyone was injured and returned several hours later. His subsequent involvement in covering up the incident was an indication that he felt no remorse at that stage although he was then aware of the identity of the victims.

Mr Irons said there had been other options available to Mitchell than to kill, such as the powers given to the police in terms of the state of emergency at that time.

He submitted the court consider imposing life imprisonment on the former special policemen for their role. — Sapa

Trust Feed four face 'long prison sentences'

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — The Trust Feed trial judge has indicated he is not considering the death sentence for the four special constables who were found guilty on 11 counts of murder and two of attempted murder last week.

"They can consider themselves very lucky that all they will be facing is a long prison sentence", Mr Justice Wilson said yesterday.

The four — Kehla Ngubane, Thabo Sikhosana, Dumisane Ndwalane and David Marshall Khambule — were found guilty with Captain Brian Mitchell of killing 11 men, women and children at a house in Trust Feed

on the night of December 2-3 1988.

Mr Justice Wilson made his remark after hearing the evidence in mitigation for all five policemen.

Defence counsels for the four special constables claimed they were "unsophisticated specials" who had had six weeks' training before being sent into action.

Mr Justice Wilson did not indicate what kind of sentence he was considering for Captain Brian Mitchell, former New Hanover station commander. The State has called for the death sentence.

Sentence will be passed tomorrow.



Handpicked team . . . detectives at the scene of Monday's bus massacre near the Domisi reserve on the Natal South Coast.

Ace squad probes bus massacre

DURBAN — A crack team of detectives has been instructed to leave no stone unturned in solving Monday's bus massacre in which six men were shot dead and eight wounded.

The ambush took place just after 4 pm, when about eight armed men fired on the bus near the Domisi reserve on the Natal South Coast.

Police spokesman Captain Bala Naidoo

said the head of the Criminal Investigation Services, Brigadier Bertus Steyn, had picked a special team of detectives to work on the case.

"The detectives have been instructed to leave no stone unturned in bringing to book those responsible."

It is believed that when the gunmen opened fire, a number of the passengers made a desperate bid to flee. The

bodies of two men were found about 2 km from the scene.

Witnesses said the gunmen ordered women and children out of the minibus and then fired on the men.

Four of the dead have been identified. They are S Shanga (40), I Cele (35), S Glaba (40) and B Gumede (50).

The wounded are all in a satisfactory condition in hospital.

Top team to probe massacre

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A CRACK team of hand-picked detectives has been instructed to use every effort to solve Monday's bus massacre.

The ambush on the bus, in which six men were shot dead and eight others seriously wounded, occurred just after 4pm, when about eight heavily armed men opened fire on the bus near Domisi near Illovo on the Natal South Coast.

The bus was on its way to the Mshwaza area.

Police spokesman Captain Bala Naidoo said the killers were armed with AK-47 assault rifles. At the scene police found several spent cartridges.

Naidoo said the head of the Criminal Investigation Services, Brigadier Bertus Steyn, had hand-picked a team of detectives from the Durban Murder and Robbery Unit to work on the case.

It is believed that when the gunmen opened fire a number of passengers tried to flee. The bodies of two men were found 2km from the scene of the shooting.

Witnesses told police that the gunmen

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ordered women and children out of the bus and then fired on the men.

One of the gunmen got into the bus and opened fire while five others riddled the bus with gunshots from outside.

Four of the dead are Mr S Shanga (40), Mr I Cele (35), Mr S Glaba (40) and Mr B Gumede (50). Two other men have not yet been identified.

The dead were shot in the head and stomach.

The wounded are Mr J Gumede (31), Mr D Duma (33), Mr R Gwala (40) and Mr B Luthuli (40). The names of four others are unavailable. They are all in a satisfactory condition in hospital.

Meanwhile, Captain Craig Kotze, spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order, said it was clear that the leaders of organisations involved in violence must take definite steps at grassroots level to stop violence.



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COUNTLESS allegations have been made against ageing Natal Midlands African National Congress leader Harry Gwala to the effect that he rules his area like a despot, is actively pro-violence and is linked to attacks or counter-attacks against Inkatha leaders.

Young "comrades" in strife-torn areas of Natal are said to love his hardline political philosophy and "we'll fight like hell" wartalk. Like Winnie Mandela, Chris Hani and others, he articulates their anger, militancy and frustration with peace efforts. Yet his fierce and controversial leadership style is being seen more and more as a stumbling block to peace in the area and a headache for the ANC's national executive.

Rumours that hit-squad-type training camps are operating in Gwala's area are gaining momentum. Sources inside the ANC and human rights monitoring groups say they have heard countless allegations of this sort. And the evidence of increasingly professional hits against Inkatha backs this up.

For all his 72 years, the elderly, learned leader undoubtedly wields a great deal of power in his region. Some respect and praise him, others blatantly despise him. They also fear him, refusing to go on record with their criticisms. Others say he wouldn't engage in such wartalk with the flamboyant humour that he does if he had anything to hide.

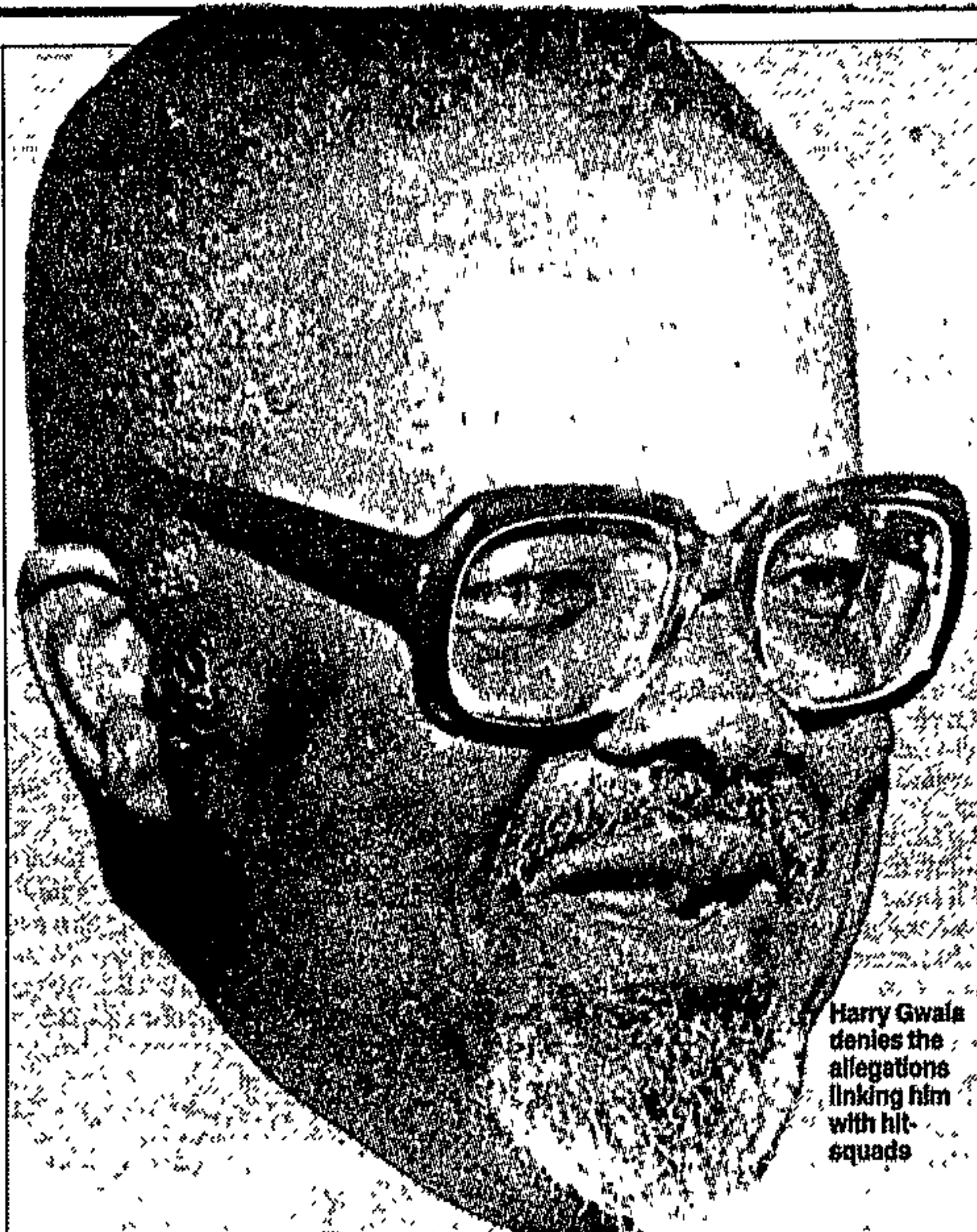
One ANC source describes him as bitter and angry and a stranger to "non-violence". "It's time the executive did something about his leadership," he says, before the ANC is torn apart by conflicting strategies of violence and non-violence.

One peace monitor says despite the fact that people are "crying out for peace" Gwala actively thwarts peace initiatives unless they emanate from his office. He has been known to use people like "political pawns" in the game of violence against Inkatha.

The peace monitor says he has information from impeccable sources that military training of youths took place last year at Kote Store, a refugee centre in Edendale township near Pietermaritzburg. The youths, he said, left the area equipped with weapons.

Sources in the Inkatha Institute claim to have information from sources inside Umkhonto weSizwe that military training by MK operatives, MK-led assassinations and gun-running are taking place. They admit, however, that they lack evidence.

According to the institute's Kim Hodgson, who heads the violence study unit, the ANC is mobilising "mass-combat" units under the guise of defence units.



Harry Gwala denies the allegations linking him with hit-squads

ANC warlord — or just wartalk?

Some respect and praise him, others fear and despise him. But whether Harry Gwala is an ANC warlord or merely full of fighting talk, he is seen to be thwarting the peace initiative in Natal. By PHILIPPA GARSON

"We have information that MK people are training youth in Harry Gwala's area. They are being deployed from Dambuzi, near Edendale and Mpophomeni to areas such as Bruntville."

Training, he says, is believed to take place in Richmond forest. Hodgson, who claims more

than 200 Inkatha leaders have been assassinated since 1985, has provided *The Weekly Mail* with an extensive list detailing assassinations, ambushes and attacks on Inkatha supporters. He admits however, that the institute lacks evidence, largely due to the "partiality" of violence moni-

tor groups on the side of the ANC, he says.

Gwala, afflicted by a debilitating disease brought on by food poisoning during his nine-year stint on Robben Island, scoffs at the allegations linking him with hit-squads. He admits, however, that youths come to him daily asking for military training. "Who wouldn't," he asks. "I think it's a good thing. They must go for training." However he denies that anything of the sort has taken place in his area or under his leadership.

"I hate people who are saying these things. They are dishonest. They go about whispering. If there was such a thing they would come with concrete evidence," he says.

Gwala's charismatic deputy, Reggie Hadebe, described by many as even more militant than his superior, brazenly told *The Weekly Mail* he condoned the elimination of "warlords". Attacks on Inkatha leaders are the work of ordinary people on the ground acting in self-defence, he says. While he claims to know of no instances of MK operatives wiping out Inkatha "warlords", he would nevertheless "commend their initiative" if this was the case.

Hadebe likens the "warlords" to mass murderers. "They must be isolated. We would not discourage people from attacking them. They are legitimate targets. This is not just violence. It's a war against the people." The ANC he says, is not made up of saints, but human beings.

Hadebe claims there is not a single area where ANC members go out to attack people in Inkatha strongholds. He says there are many people on the ground, not necessarily professionally trained, who want the "warlords" dead. "We aren't saying we sanction this but we understand how these things happen and would not discourage people from eliminating these people."

"I'm a Christian person but I have got to the point where I can justify the killing of certain people."

Although he sits on the regional peace committee set up by the National Peace Accord, Hadebe describes the peace initiatives as "a sheer waste of time. It's clear why the NPA is not working. You are dealing here with people who are threatened by peace. Without violence Inkatha would not survive politically."

Meanwhile the attacks on both Inkatha and ANC leaders in Natal continue, particularly in the Midlands area, according to peace monitors.

Radleigh Keys, of Peace in Natal, says: "There is a definite change in the nature of warfare. In 1990/91 the type of war being waged involved lots of frontal attacks with people marching on an area... But through 1991 until now we've seen low intensity warfare where individuals are identified and assassinated."

The International Commission of Jurists visiting trouble spots earlier this year, concluded in a preliminary report that the ANC had stepped up attacks in the Natal region. The assassination of ANC-aligned Chief Mhlabunzima Maphumulo in February 1991 was seen as blatant proof of the presence of Inkatha hit-squads.

But when Inkatha leader in the Table Mountain area, Thomas Gcabashe, was assassinated in an almost identical manner (both were ambushed by gunmen in their driveways) on December 17 last year, explanations that ANC supporters or "the people" are acting in self-defence, begin to look a bit thin.

Hodgson says, although it's difficult to get conclusive evidence, there is increasing proof of the professional nature of certain attacks.

During the ambush on Midlands "warlord" Abdul Awetu in Imbali in February, where three children were killed when they were shot in the head, armour piercing bullets were used and a hand grenade was thrown under the car, says Hodgson.

He cites an attack on one Vilikazi, IFP chairman in kwaMashu, near Durban, in February this year as "launched by a well-trained team of men with military experience. The use by the attackers of fields of cover, code words... and the use of cross-fire and short bursts of fire at exits after grenade blasts, all indicate a high degree of training."

Hodgson says that in the six months from August 1991 until January 31 1992, at least 10 IFP office bearers have been murdered and a further 92 attempted assassinations have taken place.

'I call on people to defend themselves'

MANY people say you continue to adhere to outdated communist doctrines?

I wouldn't call them old-style. But as for the writings of Marx and Lenin I still adhere to their ideology.

You supported the coup against ex-Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev?

Gorbachev betrayed the working class and the socialist community. They (in eastern Europe) have had their problems. A number of mistakes were committed in the sense that some of the nationalities were not allowed to develop. The economies were strictly centralised, where each republic should have been given the initiative to be creative and not tied to a central administration.

You have been called a "warlord" in your capacity as African National Congress Midlands leader?

Where do I come in as a "warlord"? I have called on people to defend themselves and continue to defend themselves against Inkatha or hit-squads or anyone who attacked us for that matter. There is not a single instance where we have gone out to attack Inkatha. Yet I get called a "warlord" because I call on people to do the defending, to fight like hell, if you like...

(Being called) a warlord doesn't worry me. People can give me any name they like. Once you're a public figure you must expect mud to be flung at you. If I got hysterical I would go mad one day.

What will end the violence?

We may kill all the "warlords" but as long as apartheid is there violence will dog us. The Peace Accord and Codesa must be given a chance. We never thought it (the Congress for a Democratic

What are Harry Gwala's views on the National Peace Accord and how does he respond to allegations that he runs hit-squads? PHILIPPA GARSON put these questions to him

South Africa) would deliver us into liberation. But it is one of the strands to bring about change in South Africa.

What is your response to allegations that you command hit-squads and have a militant group of bodyguards similar to Winnie Mandela's football club?

These allegations are just vague generalities. If there was such a thing there would be concrete cases... the allegations are made by dishonest people who live in the shadows and are meant to be divisive.

I wish I had them (a football club-type brigade). They would have finished all the "warlords" off.

It has been alleged that guns belonging to Umkhonto weSizwe are dispatched to war zones?

I wish (this happened). Then we would have wiped out Inkatha. What I do know is that the guns people use are by and large home-made, though people do get their hands on illicit guns from far away places and inside the country. There is no question of MK supplying them. People have guns — MK or no MK.

Is this kind of talk (about wiping out "warlords") not flouting the National Peace Accord?

Did you hear them (Inkatha) at the rally in

Imbali (this week), saying all sorts of things about me? As long as they do that I'll say anything about them.

What is your opinion of the NPA?

These peace efforts have their place. They help to bring together those who are warring. But I can't say they are a solution to the problem. It's like singing hosannas. They don't necessarily take us to heaven.

It has been alleged that you, Winnie Mandela and Peter Mokaba represent an increasingly independent militant faction within the ANC.

This is said by people who don't understand the ANC. As with Congress of South African Trade Unions and the South African Communist Party we all pursue the same cause. I have said things that are being said by many other people in the ANC (including Nelson Mandela).

There have been many threats on your life?

I don't mind that. Everyone dies one day. If I die in the course of my job in the struggle I'll feel proud.

How is your health, given the motor neuron disease you suffer from?

(According to the latest diagnosis) I have weakening of the spinal muscles due to food or lead poisoning (in prison) and (not motor neuron disease). They haven't found a treatment.

Are you bitter?

My disease is the accident of the struggle. It's something that could have been cured. This is what apartheid can do. But I'm still alive. There are many who are no longer alive or who have lost limbs.

Sit-in protest at police 'bias'

MARITZBURG. — Twenty-six members of the African National Congress Women's League began an indefinite sit-in at a police station here yesterday to demand the withdrawal of riot police, 32 Battalion soldiers and KwaZulu police from Imbali township.

The protesters were part of a group of about 5 000 Imbali women who marched through Maritzburg to protest against alleged bias by the soldiers and riot police in the troubled township.

The residents claimed in a memorandum handed to the police that the soldiers and riot policemen were actively siding with the Inkatha Freedom Party in attacks on ANC members.

Thousands of Imbali residents stayed away from work yesterday as part of the protest.

Yesterday afternoon senior policemen were negotiating with the women and their legal adviser. Thousands of marchers toyi-toyed outside before dispersing once the 26 women had been allowed into the complex.

Marchers gathered near the City Hall earlier and a tense stand-off developed between them and police armed with shotguns and teargas. The women were, however, allowed to march to the City Hall to hand a memorandum to the mayor, Mr Pat Cornell.

It alleged that the security forces had attacked and killed Imbali residents, and demanded a commission of inquiry into the murder of three prominent Imbali ANC activists. — Sapa

What was the major's role?

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THE marathon Trust Feed trial closed in the Maritzburg Supreme court on Thursday, but questions remain about the involvement of a senior policeman — the late Major Deon Terblanche — in the planning of the attack on the night of December 2/3 1988 which led to the deaths of 11 people and five policemen being found guilty of murder.

During the three month trial, it was alleged that Major Terblanche had met Captain Brian Mitchell, Kwazulu MP David Ntombela, local Trust Feed Inkatha leader Jerome Gabela and others to discuss ridding the area of "UDF supporters".

Major Terblanche allegedly gave the go-ahead for the deployment of special constables in the Trust Feed area. It was alleged he knew of, and possibly planned, the attack.

Major Terblanche, who was mysteriously shot by one of his own riot policemen in 1990, was one of the first officers to arrive at the scene of the attack the next morning.

He would have been able to shed light on the massacre, and would probably have been called as a witness, if not charged with murder.

At the time his slaying was condemned as a "brutal attack" on an innocent policeman and he was buried with full police honours.

This was just one of the bizarre twists in a case which took the police almost three years to solve.

For almost a year after the event the police investigation into the massacre got nowhere, even though Constable Jason Burton and police reservist Stuart Van Wyk, who were with Captain Brian Mitchell in Trust Feed on the night of the massacre, made statements to the investigating officer within two weeks. Late in 1989, an informal informal investigation was held.

The question must be asked whether the motives for Major Terblanche's murder, as spelt out by his killer, were true. The policeman, Patrick Ngcobo, said Major Terblanche had accused him of being a UDF supporter and had assaulted him

The Trust Feed Trial, one of the most sensational cases ever heard in South Africa, has drawn worldwide interest because of the alleged involvement of police in the ongoing violence raging in Natal. Although the trial finished this week, there are still many questions unanswered. These reports by SUSAN MILLER and IDO LEKOTA, Weekend Argus Correspondents in Durban.

Trust Feed trial was 'only the tip of the iceberg'

THE Trust Feed trial leaves in its trail people who soon may have to bear some responsibility for the events which took place on December 3, 1988.

Among such people probably will be the Trust Feed Inkatha landlord, Mr Jerome Gabela, who soon may have to face charges relating to his role in the conspiracy which led to the killing of 11 people and the injuring of

was warned accordingly," the judge said.

Judge Wilson said Mr Gabela had tried to hide his role in the conspiracy, denying he was present at the meeting where it was decided special constables would be brought to Trust Feed. Mr Gabela also claimed he was not aware special constables had attacked a house on December 3.

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In his evidence, Captain Mitchell said he felt Mr Gabela needed to be "jerked up" so as to violently oust the UDF.

In December 1988, the conspiracy against the UDF was planned at Marawa House, the Inkatha Freedom Party headquarters in Maritzburg in the presence of party leader Mr David Ntombela, Mr Gabela, his vice-chairman, Mr Johan Nxumalo, Captain Mitchell and Major Terblanche.

At the meeting it was decided six special constables would be deployed at Trust Feed to help Mr Gabela.

On the morning of December 3, Captain Mitchell ordered four of these constables to fire on people, mainly women and children holding a funeral vigil, killing 11.

Last week, after finding five policemen who were involved in the massacre guilty of 11 charges of murder, Mr Justice Wilson indicated in the Maritzburg Supreme Court that he favoured Mr Gabela being charged.

"He was clearly an accomplice and

he went to Captain Mitchell to find out why "our people" — IFP members — had been killed and not UDF supporters.

Meanwhile, members of the TFCC, whose homes were destroyed during the carnage, have also called for Mr Gabela's prosecution.

The committee members claimed Mr Gabela had been "driven by jealousy" after seeing what the committee was doing for the community.

However, they said his possible prosecution would only be "a tip of the iceberg".

During the trial, the names of many police officers cropped up, linking them to a cover-up. Prominent Kwa-zulu officials like Deputy Minister of Works Mr Velaphi Ndlovu and Kwa-zulu Police Colonel Mzimela, who apparently advised the four special constables to go into hiding during the investigations, were also mentioned.

Among the more than 300 people who packed the public gallery of Court C, was an old woman who lived to tell the horror of how four of the police conducted a room-to-room killing.

Mrs Nomagoli Zulu, 75, survived the attack after being shot in the right leg. As she sat in the gallery listening to the defence team pleading in mitigation for her attackers, Mrs Zulu could not help but relive that fateful morning.

She was sleeping in the Sithole's house after a vigil prayer, when she was awoken by a searing pain in her leg.

She became aware of gunfire which was reverberating throughout the house and the screaming and moaning of the women and children. "I just lay still, hoping that the booming sound and the screams and moans would go away."

Mrs Zulu probably saved her life by lying still, leading the attackers to believe she was dead. Later, she was taken to the Edendale Hospital where she spent 5½ months.

ANC rejects demands to rap Gwala

JOHN PERLMAN

THE Natal Midlands region of the ANC has rejected "with utter contempt" calls that the organisation discipline veteran leader Harry Gwala for saying in public: "We kill Inkatha warlords."

After last week's announcement that the National Peace Committee (NPC) would crack down on political leaders who talked war, there have been complaints about Gwala's statement — made in an interview with The Independent and carried in Saturday Star — from a number of quarters, including Kim Hodgson of the Inkatha Institute and George Bartlett, Natal leader of the National Party.

In a statement issued yesterday, the vice-chairman of the ANC's Midlands region, Reggie Hadebe, said Gwala's statement — "make no mistake, we kill Inkatha warlords" — had been quoted out of context.

Grappling

Hadebe said the NP and Inkatha were "the last organisations to pontificate over this remark, given their continued collaboration in waging war against our people".

He accused Bartlett of trying to evade the real issues with which his party should be grappling, such as police involvement in the Trust Feed massacre and in the funding and training of "Inkatha hit-squads".

Hadebe said M C Pretorius, co-chairman of the Natal Regional Dispute Resolution Committee — who had also demanded that Gwala be disciplined — had brought his own "partiality into question. Pretorius had failed to condemn Gatsha Buthelezi's daily ranting and raving against the ANC in the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly.

"The ANC in Natal Midlands stands by every word that Comrade Gwala

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uttered, and will defend our people as vigorously as we can against the State-sponsored war on them.

"If Inkatha warlords come to attack us, we will not offer them Bibles."

The Gwala controversy is the stiffest test yet of the NPC's resolve to crack down on war talk by political leaders.

Says chairman John Hall. "The executive takes the view that Harry Gwala's statement — if correctly reported — was a blatant contravention of the Peace Accord."

"The ANC must explain why a member of its national executive made such a statement in the press, then we can move to the next step. If he spoke the truth, it is almost an admission of guilt. In that case, the law must take its course."

The NPC was put to another test last weekend by George Mathusa, a western Transvaal leader of the ANC, who was reported to have said South Africa had been rendered ungovernable "by our necklaces and bombs and we can easily repeat it here."

The ANC responded swiftly by distancing itself from Mathusa and said he would be called to account.

"If Mathusa is disciplined by the ANC, that will be sufficient," said

Hall. "He has not committed any crime and if the ANC raps him firmly over the knuckles it will be a step in the right direction."

This may seem like a far cry from public expectation that every hawk will be summonsed immediately, but Hall insists that progress has been made — although more than 1 400 have been killed since the signing of the Peace Accord in September.

"The Peace Committee, the Peace Secretariat and the Goldstone Commission are three millstones grinding away at problems," Hall said. "I may be totally naive, but I believe we have had successes in quashing rumours and exposing violence for what it is."

"If 18 months down the road we have made no progress, then the Peace Accord won't be worth the paper it's written on."

"But we are a long way from that."

A meeting of the NPC in Johannesburg on Thursday gave its "full support" to outside groups monitoring the violence, including the proposed involvement of the Organisation for African Unity.

The NPC also recommended that legislation be passed to ensure adequate funding for the Peace Secretariat, which sets up dispute committees.

"The functioning of these structures is seriously inhibited by lack of money," the NPC said.

Rather 'life' for Mitchell ANC

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THE African National Congress was opposed to the death penalty and would have preferred a sentence of life imprisonment for former New Hanover police station commander Brian Mitchell, they said in a statement.

However, the ANC said the fact that Mitchell was sentenced to death indicated the gravity with which the Supreme Court viewed the massacre of the 11 Trust Feed victims.

The ANC repeated the view of its president, Mr Nelson Mandela, that the massacre had identified the "third force" for the first time and that the evidence and the findings confirmed the widespread mistrust of police by blacks.

It was alleged Commissioner of Police Major-General Johan van der Merwe's attempts to "gag everyone who could comment on the case" could be seen only as an effort to keep the lid on further disclosures.

The ANC added that this had "come after intimidation of the policemen investigating the crime and promotion of others implicated in its cover-up".

"There is an urgent need for a democratic and accountable police force, one that will see all South Africans as citizens with the right to protection and security both of life and property."

"We unequivocally reject the internal inquiry established by the police. There should, instead, be an immediate independent investigation into the role of the police in attempting to cover up this massacre."

"In addition, this trial reinforces our previous demands for a full independent investigation into the role of the police force in the escalating violence," said the statement.

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Death 11 times over

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MARITZBURG. — Former New Hanover station commander Brian Mitchell showed little emotion this week as he stood before Mr Justice Andrew Wilson to receive 11 death sentences for the 1988 murders in Trust Feed of 11 men, women and children slain during an attack by special constables which had been ordered by him.

Earlier the serious, 34-year-old former police captain and father of three sat sombrely with bowed head, occasionally glancing up at the judge, as he outlined the court's findings in a judgment lasting more than two hours. Members of his family were not among

spectators who packed the Supreme Court to capacity on Thursday.

Mitchell was sentenced to a further effective six years imprisonment on two attempted murder charges.

The four former SAP special policemen who carried out the massacre, Kehla Ngubane, Thabo Sikhosana, Dumisani Ndwane and David Khambule, were each jailed for an effective 15 years on the same charges.

Mr Justice Wilson said it was difficult to imagine a killing where more aggravating factors were present. As station commander, Mitchell was the "guardian of safety" of all the people in the New Hanover area. He had abused his position. (25) (276)

Cop tells of solving Trust Feed case

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — The day he officially took over the Trust Feed investigation in July last year, Major Frank Dutton made his first arrests and went on to solve a case that had for three years eluded the police.

He went on record during the trial to say that almost from the start he suspected a police cover-up in the initial investigation into the case. Interviewed at his family home yesterday the quietly

spoken, Major Dutton admitted that he had felt at times during the investigation that he may have been putting his career on the line.

But he denied rumours circulating recently that he was being "victimised" and "sidelined" by police as a result of the investigation.

He confirmed his position as commander of his special unrest investigation unit remained unchanged.

"I have no reason to think on an official level they're upset with me ... I haven't

been rapped over the knuckles at all because of this case. In fact exactly the opposite ... mostly I've had messages of support from colleagues.

"I'm sure there are policemen out there who don't agree with what I've done ... but they haven't expressed any feelings to me personally."

Possibly the hardest task he was called on to perform was the arrest of former police captain Brian Mitchell who was sentenced to death on

Thursday. "Mitchell's arrest was very difficult, particularly because bail wasn't granted and we had to take him into custody ... Brian was very brave when he was arrested and very understanding about the whole situation. He didn't show much emotion ... He didn't become angry."

About the death sentence Major Dutton said his primary feeling was one of sadness for Mitchell's family. "As a policeman I can understand why the death penalty was imposed."

Major Dutton said he harboured no ill-feelings towards Captain Jacobus van den Heever and Sergeant Neville Rose who were acquitted of the charges and hoped to continue a normal working relationship with them.

Major Dutton praised his right-hand man in the investigation Warrant Officer Wilson Magadla. "From the outset it was a team effort assisted from the beginning by the attorney general's office, particularly Mr. Anthony Irons," he said.

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Most injuries were the result of the incident in Phola Park on April 8 in which the SADF's 32 Battalion reportedly went on the rampage in the informal settlement camp.

In the same week, 69 people were killed and 55 injured in vigilante-related actions in the PWV area and Natal, the report said.

Nineteen people were killed and four injured in an explosion of violence in the Vaal region on April 19 and 20. Five of the eight reported attacks were directed against residents in their homes.

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In his evidence, Captain Mitchell said he felt Mr Gabela needed to be "jerked up" so as to violently oust the UDF.

In December 1988, the conspiracy against the UDF was planned at Marawa House, the Inkatha Freedom Party headquarters in Maritzburg in the presence of party leader Mr David Ntombela, Mr Gabela, his vice-chairman, Mr Johan Nxumalo, Captain Mitchell and Major Terblanche.

At the meeting it was decided six special constables would be deployed at Trust Feed to help Mr Gabela.

On the morning of December 3, Captain Mitchell ordered four of these constables to fire on people, mainly women and children holding a funeral vigil, killing 11.

Last week, after finding five policemen who were involved in the massacre guilty of 11 charges of murder, Mr Justice Wilson indicated in the Maritzburg Supreme Court that he favoured Mr Gabela being charged.

"He was clearly an accomplice and

he went to Captain Mitchell to find out why "our people" — IFP members — had been killed and not UDF supporters.

Meanwhile, members of the TFCC, whose homes were destroyed during the carnage, have also called for Mr Gabela's prosecution.

The committee members claimed Mr Gabela had been "driven by jealousy" after seeing what the committee was doing for the community.

However, they said his possible prosecution would only be "a tip of the iceberg".

During the trial, the names of many police officers cropped up, linking them to a cover-up. Prominent Kwa-zulu officials like Deputy Minister of Works Mr Velaphi Ndlovu and Kwa-zulu Police Colonel Mzimela, who apparently advised the four special constables to go into hiding during the investigations, were also mentioned.

Among the more than 300 people who packed the public gallery of Court C, was an old woman who lived to tell the horror of how four of the police conducted a room-to-room killing.

Mrs Nomagoli Zulu, 75, survived the attack after being shot in the right leg. As she sat in the gallery listening to the defence team pleading in mitigation for her attackers, Mrs Zulu could not help but relive that fateful morning.

She was sleeping in the Sithole's house after a vigil prayer, when she was awoken by a searing pain in her leg.

She became aware of gunfire which was reverberating throughout the house and the screaming and moaning of the women and children. "I just lay still, hoping that the booming sound and the screams and moans would go away."

Mrs Zulu probably saved her life by lying still, leading the attackers to believe she was dead. Later, she was taken to the Edendale Hospital where she spent 5½ months.

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200 'sleaze lines' to be cut today

By EUNICE RIDER

TELKOM will today cut about 200 premium 087 "sleaze" phone lines.

Yesterday Telkom contacted companies running the phone lines and told them that services which contradicted Telkom standards and advertising standards would be discontinued with immediate effect.

According to the fax sent to the companies, message and advertising standards were based on the principle that all persons using the services were "entitled to protection from exposure to services of an indecent, obscene,

provocative or sexually suggestive nature".

IVR Communications spokesman Mr Dieter Etzel said there was a clear demand for the "titillating" lines his company offered. He said "public morals are flexible" and material that some regard as offensive is seen as innocuous by others.

Mr Andrew Robertson of TRS Communications said his company would be affected by the cuts and would resist "in the interests of a free market".

Mr Tubby Roy, of Parrot Publishing, said he was "glad sleaze lines are being cut".

Telkom spokeswoman Ms

Amanda Singleton said yesterday certain datelines and so-called medical service lines would also be cut this morning.

"In future medical advice pertaining to sexual matters will have to be backed by written approval of the Medical and Dental Association of South Africa."

She refused to disclose the more-than 200 services that will be disconnected today saying it would be "unethical".

Ms Singleton warned that if stipulations were disobeyed by the same company more than twice their services would be terminated and they would not be eligible for new lines.

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This is not a riot really. More like a free-for-all.

Unions form unit trust

JOHANNESBURG. — Several of South Africa's largest trade unions have formed a unit trust to invest portions of workers' pension and provident funds in "socially responsible" JSE-listed companies.

The trust will be managed and administered by Syfrets CT 5/5/92

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Dene Smuts makes history

MS Dene Smuts (DP Groote Schuur) has been elected a Whip by the party's caucus and is possibly the first woman in South African parliamentary history to hold the position. Ms Smuts was yesterday also appointed chief spokesman for home affairs.

2 die as police ambushed

DURBAN. — A police patrol was ambushed on the Natal South Coast yesterday and in the ensuing shootout two men were shot dead by police and four policemen wounded.

The wounded policemen were airlifted to Addington Hospital yesterday after about 10 gunmen opened fire on them at Umgababa.

Police said officers of the internal stabilisation unit based at Merebank were patrolling in Umgababa when their vehicle reached a cul-de-sac.

As they were making a U-turn, they were fired upon by people hiding in a nearby shop.

The gunmen then threw a handgrenade at them and continued shooting as the policemen jumped out of their vehicle.

The policemen returned the fire and their attackers fled from the shop.

Four policemen, Lance Sergeant Deon Meintjies, Constable Cedric Gaza, Constable Craig Benn and Constable B I Sithole, were wounded.

Two of the alleged assailants, Mr C Luthuli and a Mr Hlatswayo, were killed. Police said they were believed to be ANC marshals.

A third assailant was injured and at least eight others taken in for questioning. — Sapa



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Bar Council backs cover-up probe call

The Argus Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG. — The General Council of the Bar of South Africa has added its voice to the call for an independent inquiry into the "cover-up" in the initial police investigation into the Trust Feed massacre.

The chairman, Advocate Milton Seligson SC, said the controversy "profoundly" affected the administration of justice in South Africa.

"The confidence of the public in law enforcement and how the criminal justice system works is at stake."

"The GCB is therefore convinced that an independent inquiry as called for by Mr Justice (Andrew) Wilson is desirable in the public interest," Mr Seligson said.

Passing sentence in the Trust Feed murder trial, Mr Justice Wilson reiterated his call for a full independent inquiry into aspects of the massacre probe, as well as the involvement of police officers in "counter-revolutionary" strategies.

At the trial, former New Hanover police station commander Captain Brian Mitchell was sentenced to death 11 times for his part in the 1988 massacre. Four special policemen were

sentenced to an effective 15 years each.

On the inquiry, Mr Justice Wilson said it should be a public one and not a departmental probe — which has been launched by the police — as it could be controlled by those behind the "cover-up."

Yesterday, Lawyers for Human Rights national director Brian Currin repeated the organisation's support for Mr Justice Wilson's call and said an independent probe could lead to the uncovering of "many cases" of police involvement in "many cover-ups" where crimes of a political nature were committed.

Mr Currin said he believed there should be investigations into police activities by an independent body on an ongoing basis.

Asked to react to calls for the an independent inquiry into the Trust Feed investigation, SAP spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Reg Crewe said the police had nothing to add to the statement on the controversy by the Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe.

On April 23 General van der Merwe said he had instructed Lieutenant-General Basie Smut to launch a thorough investigation into this matter

SA justice wins rare praise

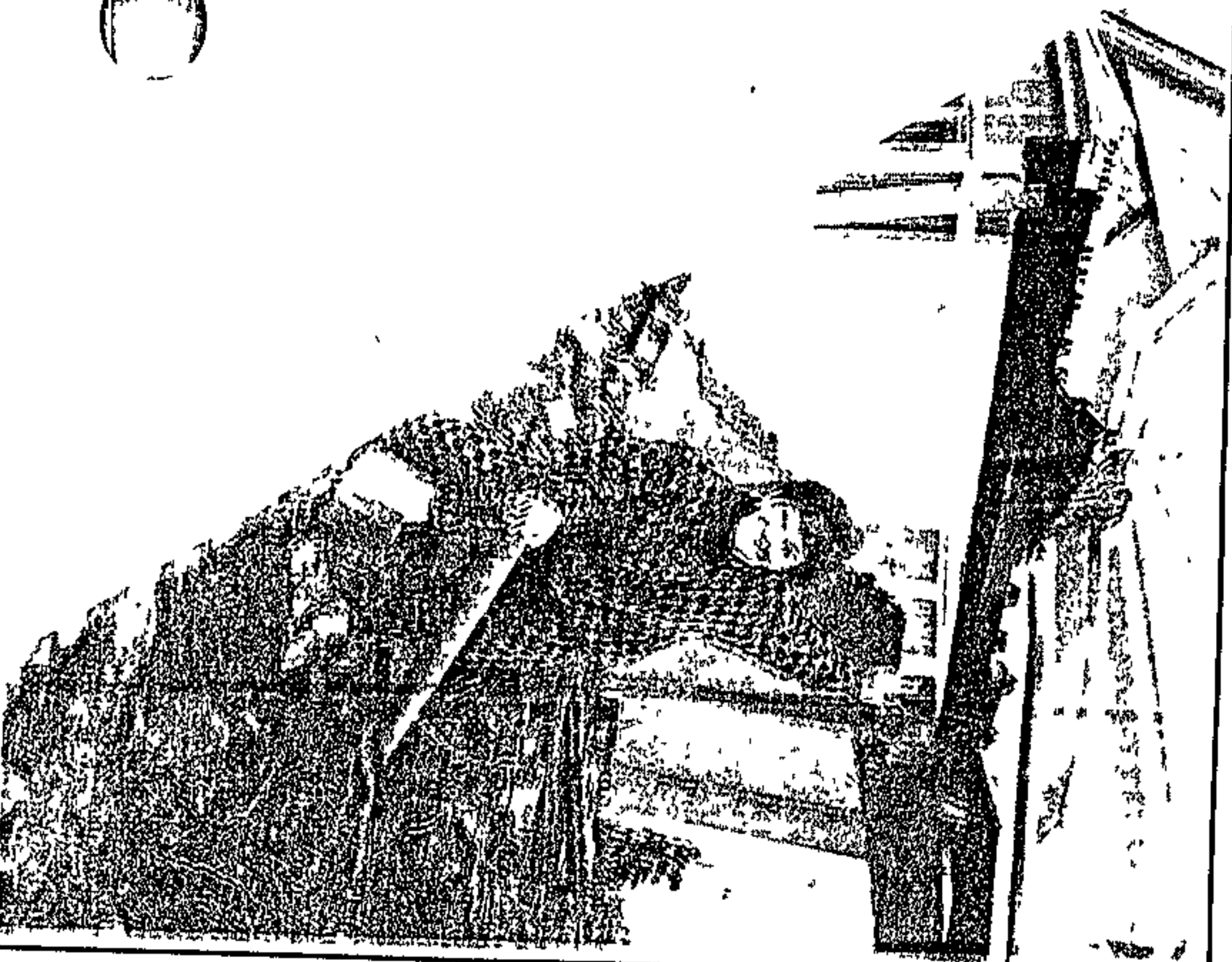
The Argus Foreign Service

NEW YORK. — As the Rodney King affair exploded in Los Angeles, "a finer brand of racial justice was being dispensed in South Africa", the New York Times pointed out today.

In what is rare praise by the newspaper for any South African event, the Times commented Mr Justice Andrew Wilson for "courageously" rejecting a police cover-up of the Trust Feed massacre.

The Times pointed out that the successful prosecution of Captain Brian Mitchell on a charge of murder (and of the four black policemen who were each sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment for carrying out lawless orders) was the first time a senior South African policeman had been tried and severely punished "for orchestrating the violence that has bled the country since 1984".

"The outcome speaks well for judicial courage," the paper said.



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Five shot waiting at Natal station

DURBAN. — Four men wearing blue overalls opened fire on vendors waiting to catch a train early yesterday near Umkommas on the Natal South Coast — seriously injuring five.

Police liaison officer Captain Bala Naidoo said the vendors were waiting at the railway station at 5.45am when the gunmen opened fire. Police reinforcements have been sent to the area. Those wounded were two women and three men.

In other weekend incidents in Natal, four people were shot dead in Folweni and Mpusheni near Umbumbulu on the South Coast.

In addition, seven people were killed in faction fighting at Harding.

Captain Naidoo also reported that 35 people were arrested following clashes at Wela in the Msisweni area.

Three houses were attacked and set on fire in Umlazi and another was attacked with handgrenades at Umbumbulu.

On the Reef, two explosions rocked Meadowlands Hostel in Soweto yesterday, causing more than R10 000 damage.

Police spokesman Colonel Fanjana Zwane said nobody was injured in the two blasts — at 11.15am and 3.10pm.

Also on the Reef, three people, including a policeman, were

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killed in overnight unrest-related violence.

A policeman was stabbed in the face and shot three times in the stomach during a search at a house in Soweto.

He fired a number of shots when he was confronted. He later died in hospital.

Other bodies were found in Alexandra and in Katlehong. — Sapa

Trust Feed investigator appointed

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A FORMER Regional Court president has been appointed by Minister of Law and Order Mr Hernus Kriel to analyse alleged irregularities in the police investigation into the Trust Feed massacre and report to the him.

Mr Kriel said in a statement yesterday that Mr Willem Krugel would also analyse evidence obtained in the course of the present police investigation into the irregularities, and give him continuous advice on further steps that might be necessary.

He had taken this decision after Lieutenant-General Basie Smit, who headed the team investigating the alleged irregularities and other aspects indicated by Mr Justice Wilson in the Trust Feed trial, held talks with the Natal attorney-general, and after he, the minister, had seen the relevant portions of the judgment.

The appointment of Mr Krugel, a consultant with Unisa's Department of Criminal and Process Law, becomes effective today. — Sapa (276) (276)

TV man dies in violence

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG — An SABC television cameraman was killed in the riot-torn Imbali township near here yesterday as violence continued unabated.

Durban-based TV news cameraman Mr Hector Nkwanyana, of Kwa Mashu, was covering an ANC meeting at Wadley Stadium attended by about 5 000 people when word came through that 23 ANC Women's League members who staged a sit-in at a Maritzburg police station had been arrested.

A couple of hundred people began to march from the stadium on to police station. Mr Nkwanyana was filming their progress when a minibus ran him down. He was dragged some distance by the vehicle. A colleague rushed him to Edendale Hospital where he was certified dead.

The arrested women were yesterday granted bail of R100 each in Maritzburg Magistrate's Court and warned to appear on May 26.

Meanwhile, the IFP yesterday warned in a statement that the ANC had until midnight to "end their violations of the National

Peace Accord.

"Should this not be done, the IFP will have no option but to become directly involved in mass mobilisation of the community to restore peace and security."

The stayaway began on Monday with residents demanding the withdrawal from the area of the SAP Riot Unit, the KwaZulu Police and 32 Battalion.

The stayaway has spread from Imbali to Edendale and Sobantu and few minibus taxis were operating on the barricaded roads, affecting schools, commerce and industry. (276)CT 6/5/92

TENSION mounted at Imbali outside Maritzburg where the Inkatha Freedom Party threatened last night to take "decisive and effective action" and to mobilise if the African National Congress did not end its two-day work stayaway in the area.

The IFP threat came as the stayaway in the township entered its second day and spread to nearby Edendale, Sobantu and other townships around Maritzburg.

Tension rises after IFP threat

Imbali residents began the stayaway on Monday, demanding that riot police, KwaZulu police and soldiers from 32 Battalion be withdrawn from the township because of alleged biased policing.

A memorandum handed to police at Loop Street Police Station, after a march by nearly 5 000 people on Monday, accused police of assisting the IFP in attacking and killing ANC supporters at Imbali.

Twenty-six members of the ANC's Women's League began a sit-in at the police station after the march, vowing to remain until the forces were withdrawn from the township and replaced by neutral

ones. Yesterday the stayaway spread to other townships and thousands of workers stayed at home. Barricades of rocks lined roads leading into Imbali and Edendale yesterday.

Several thousand people flocked to Edendale, 3 kilometres away, Wadley Stadium on Monday to decide on the next step of their protest action and during a fiery speech by ANC Midland's leader Mr Harry Gwala said the women sitting in at the police station had been arrested.

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The angry crowd vowed to converge on the Maritzburg Magistrate's Court where the women were to appear on charges of trespassing and about 3 000 people converged on

the city centre several kilometres away. Police and soldiers cordoned off the road at the entrance to Imbali and fired teargas into the crowd which scattered. The 26 women, meanwhile, appeared in court and were each released on bail of R100.

They were not asked to plead and the case was postponed to later this month. The IFP has accused the ANC of disrupting transport, stopping buses, blocking roads, intimidating and "killing our people" during the stayaway. - *Supra*

Inkatha convoy attacked

MARITZBURG — An Inkatha convoy, including a member of the organisation's central committee, David Ntombela, was attacked outside Maritzburg yesterday evening, police confirmed.

A police spokesman said several shots were fired at the convoy in Edendale and a police escort returned fire, but

nobody was injured.

Inkatha Institute spokesman Ed Tillet said the convoy had been arranged by Mr Ntombela to take workers home to Elandskop because of "the ANC stranglehold on transport in the Edendale Valley".

Mr Tillet linked the attack to the ANC, saying it was an attempt on Mr Ntombela's life. — Sapa.

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Natal University senate reaches a verdict

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The student leader at the centre of the Natal University controversy, Knowledge Mdlalose, is out for good, and that is final.

The verdict was reached by the university senate after a day-long debate.

Earlier yesterday, police baton-charged about 150 students during a demonstration in support of the demands for Mdlalose's reinstatement.

The violence erupted outside the administration building before lunch-time as a bus passed between police and the protesting students.

Although accusations flew from police and students afterwards, it appeared that students moved forward and were baton charged.

People scattered, damaging several cars and one car window was smashed.

Durban campus vice-principal Prof Christopher Cresswell attempted to placate the students who were incensed by the police action. However, while he was surrounded by the students, police moved in and several people were beaten.

Two students were arrested but were released soon afterwards.

The university was brought to a standstill for the second day running as hundreds of students gathered to watch the demonstration.

Campus affairs director Dirk Kemp said the university senate voted against a motion proposed by students representative council president Glen Robbins that the case of Mdlalose be reopened "on procedural and substantive grounds".

Black student leaders appealed for calm while they decided on a new course of action following the vote.

Taxis to decide on boycott support

GAVIN DU VENAGE

SOWETO taxi drivers will decide today whether to give "unqualified support" to the Reef commuter train boycott following an appeal from the boycott steering committee yesterday.

Committee spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said Sabta had been asked to postpone increasing taxi fares. Drivers would also be asked to cut fares by 20% for the week of the boycott, which was called to protest against violence on trains.

The committee also wanted drivers to allow private vehicles to ferry commuters during peak hours.

Delegates from nine taxi affiliates and Knox Matjila of Sabta's national office agreed in principle to support the boycott.

Putco Soweto spokesman Fred Stamp said yesterday the bus company was "pushed, but coping" with the extra passenger load. He said buses which normally carried 60 to 70 people a trip squeezed in more than 90 passengers.

Stamp said ticket sales for the Johannesburg routes had trebled since Monday.

Meanwhile, Mamoepa said yesterday that the death of a man near Dube station on Tuesday lent justification to the boycott. "This is precisely why we called the boycott — to prevent any more dying like this."

Spoornet said peak-time trains from Soweto to the city centre yesterday were up to 95% empty, Sapa reported.

Soweto police reported no incidents of train-related violence yesterday.

Spokesman Col Fanyana Zwane said a 35-year-old man was found dead outside Meadowlands Hostel yesterday morning with a gunshot wound in the back of his head. Another man was hacked and burned to death in Meadowlands.

Two men were injured outside Dube hostel after a grenade they were handling exploded yesterday morning.

Sapa reports a Goldstone commission committee heard in Pretoria yesterday that witnesses and complainants in most cases of violence on trains in the Johannesburg and Germiston areas failed to come forward to give statements, but newspaper reports indicated they spoke to reporters.

Col William John Henry Benn told the committee it had been difficult for the police to investigate most of the cases because witnesses had disappeared.

He said injured commuters gave false names and addresses to the police and hospitals, making it difficult for the police to trace them.

Soweto Internal Stability Unit commanding officer Col Alexander-Stapelberg told the committee it was impossible to search for dangerous weapons during rush hour when about 358 000 commuters used trains.

Meanwhile, a delegation from five Organisation of African Unity countries will arrive in SA next week to conduct a fact-finding mission on violence, PAC secretary-general Benny Alexander said yesterday.

Tensions run high in Maritzburg stayaway

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG — There was a heavy security force presence in and around Maritzburg as tensions ran high and many people stayed away from work.

The ANC-initiated stayaway continued into its third day yesterday and few minibus taxis operated between the townships and the city.

The Chamber of Commerce and Industries reported the stayaway had been more effective yesterday than on Tuesday. Employers said workers had been intimidated.

Sapa reports thousands of Maritzburg township residents vowed yesterday to continue the stayaway because of alleged police intransigence

and Inkatha threats to act against protesters if they did not end their work boycott.

About 5 000 people from townships around Maritzburg converged on Market Square in the city centre throughout yesterday and undertook to continue their stayaway to force riot police, KwaZulu police and 32 Battalion soldiers out of Imbali.

In the course of the day a soldier was killed and eight others injured when their Buffel troop carrier overturned in Imbali township, outside Maritzburg.

Police said the vehicle apparently went out of control after its brakes failed. One of the occupants, a rifleman from 3 SA Infantry Battalion, died in the accident. His name was not released.

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There was a heavy security force presence in and around the Maritzburg area as the ANC-initiated stayaway continued. Tensions ran high in the area and many people stayed away from work. Few minibuses taxis operated between the townships and the city.

About 5 000 people from townships around Maritzburg converged on Market Square in the city centre yesterday.



THREE CHEERS ... Three ANC Women's League Members, Ms Bathobile Dlamini, Ms Ruth Blose and Ms Happy Bhengu, are cheered as they arrive at the ANC rally in Maritzburg yesterday.

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Imbali residents claimed these forces supported Inkatha members in attacks on ANC targets.

A steady stream of township residents poured into the city throughout the day to attend the meeting, but riot police began ordering them to return at a point just before the city and only after representatives from Maritz-

burg city council intervened were they allowed to proceed.

ANC Midlands leader Mr Harry Gwala told the cheering crowd the leadership had been contemplating ending the stayaway yesterday afternoon, but because of alleged police intransigence and threats by Inkatha to take steps to end the protest, this had been reviewed.

The crowd was then asked what they wanted to do, and they overwhelmingly called for the stayaway to

continue until the weekend when the situation would be reviewed.

The Chamber of Commerce and Industries reported that the stayaway had been more effective yesterday than on Tuesday and that factories in the Mason's Mill area suffered an absence of about 70%. Factories in the Willowton industrial area were also affected but not as badly.

Employers said there had been intimidation of workers during yesterday's stayaway.

Some businesses in the city sent their staff home early. There was tension in the city centre while the ANC rally was in progress and a number of shops closed early.

An Inkatha convoy, which attempted to bus workers home to Imbali in defiance of the ANC's blockade of the township, came under heavy automatic rifle fire yesterday.

Led by KwaZulu MP Mr David Mtombela and escorted by security forces, the buses were fired on about 5.30pm as they negotiated rock barricades on a road in the middle of what is apparently an ANC stronghold.

Police returned the fire. No-one was seriously injured.

Inquiries into Natal public violence start

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By Sowetan Correspondent

PREPARATORY inquiries are to be held into public violence and intimidation in two Natal hotspots, Umlazi and Empangeni, on May 15 and 16.

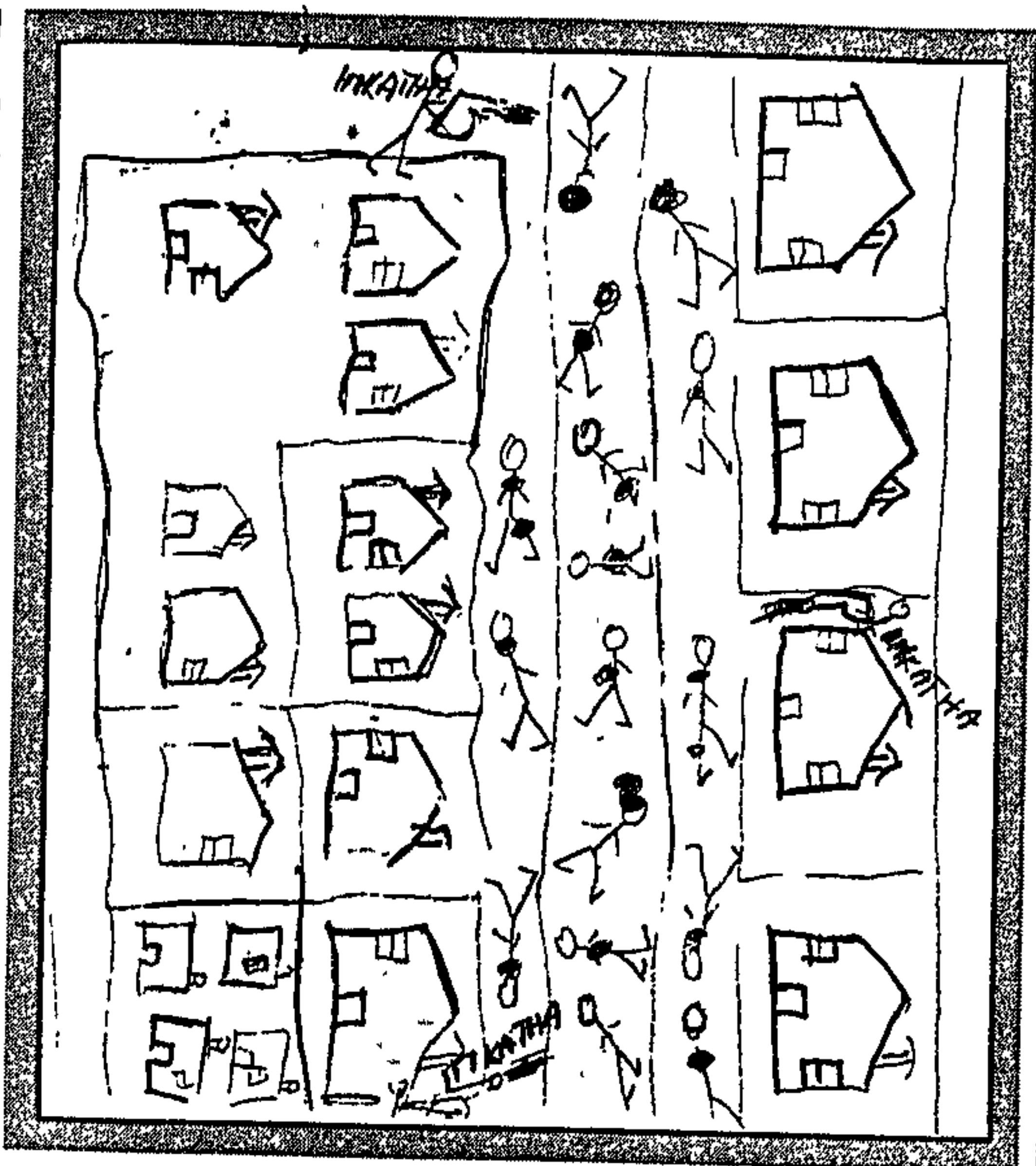
The hearings have been called by Mr Justice Goldstone, chairman of the Commission of Inquiry Regarding the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation.

The inquiries will be held to determine the terms of reference for committees of inquiry into violence in Umlazi and Empangeni.

Welcoming the move, the co-chairman of the Natal KwaZulu Regional Dispute Resolution, Mr MC Pretorius, said that any interested parties might make written submissions to the Secretary of the Commission of Inquiry, Private Bag X858, Pretoria 0001.

He made a special plea to all leaders to be "particularly sensitive not to use language which could incite violence or hatred".

Umlazi and Empangeni have been trouble spots for a long time and some of the most violent battles fought by rival political organisations have claimed many lives.



Ruth (11) of Alexandra reflects her impression of the violence in this graphic she drew:

- 16 people lay dead in the streets ● Two Inkatha members open fire from two opposite corners ● The scratching at the barrel of the gun, held by the Inkatha men, are painted in red, denoting fire
- The dots on the people are also painted in red, this time denoting blood ● Houses have now been left empty by their owners.

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VIOLENCE

In our continuing series on violence, **ABBEY MAKOE** visited Lloyd Vogelmann, director of the Project for the Study of Violence at the University of the Witwatersrand. He was given a dossier on the research the centre has been doing on the effects of violence on children:

THEY were fighting and killing... They were killing with axes, AK-47s... We are ducking bullets at 8 o'clock - they start shooting people and doing nonsense...

An eye-witness account from Beirut? No. From a 15-year-old Alexandra township girl. It was her comment on a drawing she had done and which she repeated to Kerry Gibson, Ntshabeng Mogale and Robin Friedlander, researchers of the PSV.

The PSV reported: "Children are psychologically affected by violence sim-

ply because they are aware of it. That is a significant feature in their lives."

The PSV researchers say they came across one mother describing how her 11-year-old daughter fled her primary school with friends as Inkatha attacked their classrooms:

"They just all ran around crying and not knowing where to go. They jumped over the fences and dropped their books."

Another mother told the PSV how, after a similar experience, her 12-year-old son was unable to eat "and jumped when he heard a sound".

The PSV says: "Children must be expected to feel afraid, not only for their

own physical safety, but for the safety of those around them."

The fear is increased by the children's experience that nothing is reliable and trustworthy around them. And this was demonstrated in most of the children's drawings and responses during interviews with the PSV.

"Their drawings seemed to suggest fearfulness and anxiety," the PSV reports. "In some cases the quality of the lines was light and sketchy."

"Figures were drawn floating in what appeared to be mid-air, perhaps suggesting a feeling of insecurity. One drawing had legs that could not have allowed individuals to stand."

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The children also expressed, through images, their desire for closeness with other people.

The PSV says in a number of pictures, children drew human figures walking in pairs.

Another boy, desperate for protection, presented the PSV with a picture of himself, holding a dog and a leash and standing guard outside his home.

When asked what made him draw such a picture, the boy said he was sad to see a lost child crying for his mother.

He said he was also sad to see people being killed.

Later, the boy's mother told the PSV that the boy had experienced a great deal of anxiety when she went to work during times of violence.

Other drawings showed the effects of the violence the children endured, revealing "restrictions on their imagination". They suffered a decrease in the capacity to use symbols.

The PSV says: "Their constant hiding of things limited their capacity to think freely."

Some of the pictures they drew were empty and rigid.

"These showed stereotypical stick figures, faces empty of facial features and houses empty of people."

"It was as if they were afraid to fill the empty spaces for fear of filling pages with their fear and then having to confront the same fear themselves."

Another child drew a stick figure, saying through a voice bubble: "Please don't kill us."

Figures were drawn floating in what appeared to be mid-air, perhaps suggesting a feeling of insecurity. One drawing had legs that could not have allowed people to stand

Caught in political conflict, children knowing politically dangerous information and knowing, at the same time, of the more general things, suffered serious learning difficulties, the PSV says.

Children observed by the PSV also suffered from depression, hopelessness and anger. Under the circumstances, these children are forced to respond to violence with anger.

"It is a powerful cleansing force in the face of repressive violence," says the PSV.

In conclusion, the PSV says the violence traumatises the children, and is "likely to evoke significant symptoms of distress in almost everyone of them".

As one mother puts it: "When you leave your child alone in the home she is not safe. In the street and at school she is not safe. There is nowhere she can go and be safe. Someone in a car may stop and say 'get in'. In the street they may be raped by men with guns. Sexual abuse is so common some girls stop going to school."

The very picture of suffering

The mother of these two children, Sindiswa Motha (36), had just been killed by a stray bullet fired from the Dube Hostel in Soweto when this heartrending picture was taken last year.

We publish this picture again to show what society is doing to its children in defiance of the gentle injunction: "Suffer little children to come unto me."

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PIC: MBUZENI ZULU





Children frolic in the dusty streets of Imball, Maritzburg, against a background of army men and trucks patrolling the troubled township.

Inkatha, police are ambushed

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A PARTY of armed Inkatha members escorted by the police was ambushed at Edendale, near Maritzburg, late on Wednesday as they travelled through the area.

The attack followed a day of tension in which thousands of ANC supporters crowded into the city for a mass meeting at the market square.

The shooting broke out after an open truck - in which Midlands Inkatha leader Mr David Ntombela was also travelling - passed a crowd of people coming from the ANC meeting which had been held earlier.

The two parties began taunting each other. The truck was pelted with rocks, followed by the burst of gunfire.

There was pandemonium as people scattered in all directions as the two parties exchanged fire.

Police spokesman Captain Harry Budhram said that the police had returned fire in the direction of the shots.

The shooting lasted a few minutes. Other security force vehicles in the area joined the police convoy escorting the Inkatha party.

Thousands of workers vowed at that meeting to

continue their stayaway in protest against the presence in the townships of security forces, police riot units and the KwaZulu Police.

Schools in the predominantly ANC areas remain closed, though schools in the nearby "Inkatha" areas remain open.

Ntombela, a member of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly for Vulindlela, has called a mass meeting at Vulindlela today to find out what the response should be to the ambush.

A few KwaZulu Transport buses and taxis were operating yesterday. The worker stayaway is creating disruption and loss of production in Maritzburg and civic and industrial leaders have called for a quick resolution to the problem.

Meanwhile, at Wednesday's market square meeting, attended by thousands, there was a massive vote in favour of a continued stayaway for the rest of the week until the demands were met. Many police members were present. - *Sowetan Correspondent*.

Rampage accused is 'well'

DURBAN. — The alleged leader of a gang which rampaged through Durban's beachfront in October 1990 was in high spirits yesterday, greeting court officials with the words: "I'm well".

On Thursday he held up court proceedings saying he was too ill to stand trial.

Addressing defence advocate Mr J Poswa yesterday, Mr Howmore Ngcobo stood up with his hand in the air as if taking an oath and recited: "Cape to Cairo, Morocco to Madagascar, Nigeria to

Azania, the amphibians must go back to the sea."

Mr Ngcobo and 10 co-accused have all pleaded not guilty to charges of murder, attempted murder and robbery.

It is alleged that on October 9, 1990, they stole knives from a beachfront curio shop and stabbed people indiscriminately. Seven people were wounded. One later died.

Mr Ngcobo claims he is a reincarnation of the Holy Trinity.

He believes he is three people: Howmore Ngcobo, who died on May 7 last year,

Howard, the "median", and Dugmore Afrika, who he has now become.

Dugmore, he says, has been sent to save the victims of oppression.

Describing Dugmore, he has said: "He is my very similitant, my salignant, my scion, my sapling.

"We are three — a triad which is working in a reciprocal process and in sequence."

Three psychiatrists have declared Mr Ngcobo not certifiable.

The trial continues on Monday. — Sapa.

SA's weekly average outstrips LA death toll

LAST MONTH's unrest death toll of 356 was 81 down on that for March, but was still the third highest monthly figure since July 1990, the Human Rights Commission (HRC) said yesterday.

Sapa reports an HRC statement said the average weekly toll was 83 "at a time when the 58 deaths in Los Angeles' week of riots and the circumstances surrounding them caused a world outcry."

It said 25% of the dead were women and children. The PWV area accounted for 250 deaths and Natal 86.

Police yesterday reported 16 deaths in PWV township violence on Sunday. In the worst single incident, five minibus occupants were shot dead in Sebokeng.

Yesterday's official unrest report said three people died in Vosloorus and one each in Katlehong, Alexandra and Soweto.

Vaal Triangle police spokesman Capt Piet van Deventer said 10 people died violently in the area on Sunday.

An SADF member was arrested yesterday and police are investigating a charge of attempted murder when a handgrenade exploded inside a police Casspir at Umlazi, injuring two policemen. A KwaZulu police spokesman said the incident happened when members of the SADF and the KwaZulu police were manning a roadblock.

KwaZulu police also reported that two men died when shots fired from a car at Esikhawini near Empangeni.

The Inkatha Institute's Violence Study Unit alleged yesterday that 14 separate attacks were made against Inkatha sup-

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porters at the weekend.

Meanwhile, police hunting the killers of three whites whose charred bodies were found near Vosloorus on the East Rand have discounted the possibility that they had lost their way.

Police spokesman Col Dave Bruce said yesterday the man, Francois Pretorius, knew his way around the East Rand. He had a bullet wound in the head, Bruce said.

The cause of death of the woman and the child had not been determined.

Police said a group calling itself Youth for Revolution had claimed responsibility for Sunday night's arson attack on the Dobsonville Town Council offices in Soweto and had threatened to assassinate councillors, policemen and soldiers.

The sealed statement was delivered to Sapa yesterday afternoon by two men, who disappeared by the time it was opened.

The Goldstone committee inquiring into 32 Battalion's alleged rampage through Phola Park expressed concern yesterday at the gruelling questioning of a witness who lost his wife in the attack.

Committee chairman Solly Sithole adjourned the sitting until tomorrow so legal counsel could decide on a line of cross-examination which would not be too harsh on John Msimango.

His wife Nomatuse died after she was allegedly shot in both legs and raped by members of 32 Battalion on April 8. He was also shot in both legs.

LHR set to act on Goniwe paper

LAWYERS for Human Rights (LHR) will ask President F W de Klerk to order an investigation into the deaths of 64 anti-apartheid activists if allegations of state complicity in the 1985 death of Cradock UDF activist Matthew Goniwe are correct.

LHR national director Brian Currin said yesterday that if forensic tests carried out on an alleged military warrant ordering Goniwe's death proved the document was authentic, he would ask that 64 other deaths be investigated.

His list includes Wits University anthropologist David Webster and Mamelodi doctor Fabian Ribeiro.

"At the time of the Harms commission (of inquiry into politically related deaths) I submitted an affidavit listing 64 people who had been assassinated between 1981 and 1989. The commission did not sit for

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long enough for the matters to be investigated. We suspected that the state might have been involved," Currin said.

"If it appears that the Goniwe documents are true and accurate it will be a strong indication that the security forces were responsible for the murder of Goniwe and others. Then we would want the president to order the opening of all the cases."

He said forensic tests carried out on the documents by police should indicate whether they were valid or not.

An LHR spokesman said yesterday the organisation was examining the legal grounds on which the release of killer policeman Khethani Shange could be declared unlawful.

Accused 'warns' judge

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — In an outburst during the beachfront stabbing trial here yesterday, one of the 11 accused warned Mr Justice Squires that "his time was imminent".

"You are playing with me — you don't know that your time is imminent," said Mr Howmore Ngcobo in the Supreme Court here.

To which the judge retaliated: "The latitude I am allowed to give you does not allow you to turn the proceedings into a travesty."

"I am warning you that should you

continue with this conduct, I will have you removed."

"Have me thrown out?," questioned Mr Ngcobo.

"No, removed from court," responded the judge.

"Removed?," said Mr Ngcobo. "I can go now and no one can stop me."

With that Mr Ngcobo rose from his seat and went to the cells below.

The judge said the trial would continue in Mr Ngcobo's absence. Advocate Mr S Baqwa was appointed as his official representative.

The 11 men have pleaded not guilty to one allegation of murder, six of attempted murder and one of robbery.

The trial continues today.

32 Battalion men assault journalist

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MR Khaba Mkhize, assistant editor of the *Natal Witness* has alleged that he was assaulted by members of the controversial 32 Battalion in Imbali on Saturday.

He alleges that the barbaric assault took place in front of his wife and neighbours.

He says he was harassed, humiliated, smacked, pushed around and kicked by young members of the battalion.

He said the incident took place when he went to investigate complaints that members of the battalion had put rubble on lawns belonging to some residents.

He drove to the home of a neighbour and found the road blocked by an army payload. He said he saw part of a fence pushed down and asked a soldier what was going on. He also asked a photographer, Mr

Themba Mgabi, to take some photographs.

"A group of about 13 soldiers jumped off their truck in response to a command issued in a foreign African dialect.

"They cocked their rifles and rushed towards Mgabi, who was trying to flee.

"A scuffle ensued and Mgabi was dragged to the battalion commander, who demanded the film while

Mgabi was being roughed up.

"One soldier pulled Mgabi by his jacket collar and head-butted him in the face while his colleague tried to rip his camera from his hand.

"Mgabi dropped the camera in the hope that someone else would pick it up, but soldiers opened the camera and took out the spool.

"I was writing notes and

a young soldier pounced on me and asked why I was writing down a motor car's number.

"I told him I was doing my job, but before I finished explaining I was pushed backwards and roughed up and my ear-drum clanged with a smack.

"As I wondered what earned me this treatment another soldier kicked me in the ribs," said Mkhize

Buthlezi boycotts tomorrow's Codesa 2

Political Staff

INKATHA Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi will again be boycotting the Codesa plenary session.

Instead, the IFP delegation to Codesa 2 tomorrow will be led by the party's national chairman, Dr Frank Mdlalose.

Chief Buthelezi has linked his attendance to that of Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini, but the Codesa management committee has not resolved the form of participation by traditional leaders.

Cosatu secretary-general Mr Jay Naidoo has been included in the ANC delegation as has Western Cape chairman Dr Allan Boesak, but none of the five former Democratic Party MPs who joined the ANC last month, has been included.

Each of the 19 participating groups is allowed to send 12 delegates and five advisers.

Trust Feed judicial probe promised if police fail

MICHAEL MORRIS
Political Correspondent

THE government has promised a judicial inquiry into allegations of police misconduct in the Trust Feed case if the present police investigation — under a former regional court president — proves unsatisfactory.

This was announced in parliament yesterday by Minister of Law and Order Mr Hernus Kriel.

He also:

■ Warned that the police would go to court to seek bans on publications carrying unsubstantiated allegations against them; and

■ Announced progress in the formation of an independent investigation unit to probe serious allegations against police.

Mr Kriel said the report on the investigation under former regional court president Mr William Krugel would be made public, "and if there are any aspects that cannot be satisfactorily handled within the existing judicial system, I will recommend to the President that a judicial commission be appointed".

He said the police were "extremely unhappy" about the Trust Feed inci-

dent and about every policeman who contravened the law

"They want to and will take action against such policemen," he said.

Mr Kriel said that in the light of the "obvious disadvantages" of the police being compelled to investigate allegations against themselves, he had decided in principle, in conjunction with the Police Management Council, to establish a separate investigation unit.

He said it was envisaged the new unit would investigate allegations of murder and attempted murder, assault with intent to inflict grievous bodily harm, instigation of racial enmity, corruption and defeating the ends of justice.

Mr Kriel also gave notice that the police would seek redress in the courts against the publication of "unsubstantiated allegations".

The police were not unwilling to make facts public, "but we can no longer afford the publication of one-sided accusations when — because of continuing criminal investigations or judicial commissions — we are prevented from making all the facts available to the media immediately".

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Attack: ANC official held

DURBAN. — Mr Bongani Msomi, ANC Northern Natal regional administrator, was arrested yesterday in connection with an attack on a house in Esikhawini township near Empangeni on April 28, the ANC's regional chairman, Dr Aaron Ndlovu, said.

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Police also raided the ANC's Southern Natal offices in Durban yesterday morning and questioned three ANC security guards after finding a firearm and ammunition in the offices, said ANC spokesman Mr Dumisani Makhaye. — Sapa

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'Warlord'
cop arrested

DURBAN. — Police yesterday seized a large arms cache and arrested a prominent KwaZulu policeman who is alleged to be a warlord.

Ten others were arrested at Umlazi on Wednesday night for allegedly operating a protection racket.

The arrests followed a report to the Montclair police station by a resident who claimed he was threatened by a gang who told him that unless he paid up he could not operate a business at Umlazi. — Sapa **27b**

32 Battalion ²⁷⁶ 'deter violence' ^{CT 16/5/92}

DURBAN. — Incidents of intimidation at Imbali township near Maritzburg declined after the introduction of 32 Battalion in the township in April, a spokesman for the SA Defence Force told a preliminary investigation of the Goldstone Commission in Durban yesterday.

The spokesman, Major Dudley Wall, said the mere presence of the SADF in Imbali was a deterrent to violence in the area.

Referring to the recent calls by the African National Congress for a stayaway at Imbali, Major Wall said many of the speeches were "inflammatory" and showed a lack of control by the leadership of the ANC in the area.

Army unit heaped with praise

PRETORIA. — 32 Battalion, alleged villain of the Phola Park raid in which two residents were killed, three women raped and scores of residents assaulted, has been heaped with praise and heralded as a champion of law and order in the SA Army mouthpiece "Uniform".

Two articles concerning 32 Battalion dominate Uniform's May front

page, one dealing with Phola Park and the other with a parade in which members of the controversial unit were presented with more than 2 000 medals.

Uniform quoted the inspector-general of the SA Army, Major-General F S Mulder, speaking at the medal parade, as saying 32 Battalion would not be disbanded. — Sapa

While some leaders tried to stabilise the situation, others tried to do the exact opposite, he said.

Mr Sela Ngubane, representing the ANC, said Imbali had been subject to harassment by the security forces since 1984.

The ANC had lost faith in the security forces to protect the residents of the township, he said.

He said the 32 Battalion, consisting of black Angolan residents recruited as mercenaries, were "inherently unsuitable" for any peace-making role.

Representing the IFP, Mr P Ndlovu asked the commission to examine the nature and extent of the ANC attempts to destroy legitimate IFP and local government structures in the Imbali area.

He asked the commission to seriously consider the impact which the systematic attempts to murder IFP leaders had had on the prospects for peace in the area.

Mr Ndlovu added that these people had been key figures in securing peace initiatives and agreements.

ANC call for police violence probe

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By TERRY VAN DER WALT

THE ANC yesterday called for an inquiry into police involvement in violence and the role of Kwazulu local authorities in preventing the ANC from functioning in Kwazulu.

The call was made at a sitting of the Goldstone commission in Empangeni, Natal, when delegates from the Inkatha Freedom Party, ANC, SAP and SADF submitted reports.

Mr Willis Mchunu of the ANC questioned the role of the Kwazulu police who, he said, "often openly proclaimed their support for

Inkatha and their anti-ANC sentiment".

He alleged that on occasions the SAP, when called to help, claimed they had no jurisdiction in Kwazulu.

"We submit this is not the legal position... the SAP has jurisdiction all over the republic, including Kwazulu."

IFP delegate Muziwenkosi Gwala said the ANC's disregard for the Zulu king had made it

impossible for peace between the two parties.

He said ANC leader Nelson Mandela came to Empangeni on June 27 last year to "motivate and build up ANC support... without consulting any Kwazulu leader".

SAP Captain Paul de Jager, of the Crime Information Service Unit, said most attacks were directed against Inkatha.

There had been a "dramatic decrease" in violence after three local ANC leaders were arrested. Both the ANC and the IFP, he

said, had criticised the courts for giving bail to people on either side, who simply continued with violent crimes after their release.

The failure of the Umtfolozi Peace Accord was partly due to tribal leaders not being included in the forum, he said.

Captain Andre Roux, of the SADF's Group 27, said calling for the removal of security forces would not end the violence.

Only a genuine commitment to peace by both parties could bring peace to the area, he said.

Commission probes Soweto 1915/92 violence in Natal (276)

THE GOLDSTONE Commission of Inquiry into Violence and Intimidation is expected to announce its terms of reference this week.

The commission, under Mr Justice Richard Goldstone, held three sittings in Durban and Empangeni on Friday and Saturday in an attempt to decide whether to set up inquiries into the violence at Umlazi, Imbali and Empangeni.

Marching to another tune

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LAST Friday was meant to be Sergeant Sphiwe Mvuyane's wedding day. Instead of marching down the aisle, the notorious kwaZulu policeman was led out of the detention cells into the CR Swart Regional Court in Durban.

He had been arrested by Montclair South African Police members at his home in Umlazi last Wednesday, on charges of extortion, illegal possession of weapons (all KZP-issued) and explosives, and alleged operation of a protection racket — along with 10 other gang members. Mvuyane was granted R5 000 bail last Friday.

His arrest is seen as a breakthrough in the SAP's response to the Natal unrest, coming on the heels of recent SAP arrests of KZP hit-squad member Vela Mchunu and Jerry Mdanda.

Mvuyane is perhaps the most loved and feared man in Natal. He has been implicated in more than 30 murders, and still walks free. In July 1990, Mvuyane was appearing in the Umlazi Magistrate's Court when, ordered into police custody, he drew his pistol and walked out of the court. A few days later, he arrested the magistrate who had given the order, claiming he had assaulted a KZP colleague.

When Mvuyane was implicated by witnesses in the murder of Lamontville youth Austin Zwane on August 7 1990, the Umlazi station commander refused SAP members from Montclair access to Mvuyane's gun for ballistic tests. The investigation has since stalled.

Mvuyane's arrest by the SAP was, by admission of the investigating officer Detective Warrant Officer JW Bronkhurst, in defiance of the jurisdiction issue — the SAP have always refused to assist in investigations in kwaZulu areas.

"We've been trying to get hold of this guy (Mvuyane) for a long time, but we were prevented because of this jurisdiction thing," said Bronkhurst, who is part of the Unrest and Violent Crime Investigation Unit.

BY LENA SLACHMUIJDER

FOUR pages of excerpts of speeches by former African National Congress president Oliver Tambo broadcast on Radio Freedom from as early as 1985 laid the ground for the argument by the Inkatha Central Committee member Chief Muziwenkosi Blessed Gwala in Saturday's preliminary submissions to the Goldstone Commission.

"Let the people's war engulf the entire country" and "South Africa must go up in flames" were some of the lines selected by the northern Natal Inkatha Freedom Party leader to prove that the ongoing violence in the Empangeni area was an African National Congress-orchestrated strategy.

On Friday, submissions were made pertaining to unrest in Umlazi and Imbali. On Saturday, the commission heard submissions in Empangeni on the unrest in northern Natal. At the time of going to press, no decision had been taken by Mr Justice R Goldstone as to whether the commission will investigate these areas of conflict.

In all these areas, submissions by the ANC and IFP revealed radically polarised views of the ongoing unrest, presenting a formidable — if not impossible — challenge for any future

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commission.

In all these areas, the ANC presented a legalist-orientated argument focusing intense and specific attention on the alleged bias of the security forces. In Umlazi, the ANC stated that the role of the kwaZulu Police in escalating the violence must be the terms of reference.

In Imbali, the ANC submission supported the four-day stayaway called in early May in support of the demand of withdrawal of all security forces from Umlazi. In Empangeni, the ANC cited numerous allegations of both KZP and South African Police behaviour in support of IFP supporters.

In stark contrast, the IFP approaches in all three areas delved back into the "people's war" era of the late-1980s, claiming that the ultimate root of the present-day unrest is ANC-inspired. In Umlazi, IFP chairman R Mfeka referred to

school boycotts and intimidation that the security forces clearly could not stop. Mfeka continued to explain how counter-measures by Inkhata supporters were necessary to restore order to Umlazi township.

In Imbali, mayor and IFP chairman PE Ndlovu lashed out at the ANC stayaway as a flagrant violation of the National Peace Accord. Ndlovu said he regarded with suspicion the ANC's call for the removal of all of the security forces, in light of the recent onslaught of attacks against IFP officials and supporters in Imbali. Ndlovu's submission included an appendix listing 66 attacks against IFP leaders in Imbali since October 1991. Fourteen attacks on the person or property of kwaZulu Deputy Minister of Works VB Ndlovu were recorded during this time.

Security forces in all these areas pointed to the

main cause of unrest as "warring parties", as well as socio-economic factors, an increase in the availability of dangerous weapons, and "biased and inaccurate" media reports.

In a submission from the SADF Group 9 of Pietermaritzburg, Dudley Ward reeled off statistics and graphs highlighting the decline in unrest incidents since the introduction of 32 Battalion in Imbali.

Colonel Vuka Dube, district commissioner of the KZP for Umlazi, was reprimanded by Judge Goldstone for failing to prepare a submission, and was given the one-hour lunch break to prepare a statement.

In his statement, Dube denied any partial role being played by the KZP in the Umlazi unrest, supporting his view by saying "no criminal charges against the KZP have come to my attention".

In the Umlazi hearings, the ANC, SAP and Independent Law Enforcement Facilitators Office submissions concurred that any future commission should be confined to the shack areas of Chimora, Ekuthuleni, Zamani, Uganda, Malakazi and the T-section men's hostels. The IFP submission, presented by Mfeka, did not clearly specify the parameters of any future commission.

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It's safer in jail, say fasting women

By LENA SLACHMUIJLDER

AT THE age of 78, Lydia Cindi is a first offender. "I'm fighting for my people!" she shouted through the thick glass of the prison visiting corridor. "And I'm not scared!"

Next to her sat 25-year-old Buyi Ngqulunga, three months pregnant but equally determined. "Some women are getting sick, but we want the police out of Imbali," she said.

Cindi and Ngqulunga joined 35 other mothers, wives and daughters — aged 16 to 78 — from Imbali on a hunger strike to demand the removal of all security forces from Imbali township, outside Pietermaritzburg. When they decided to refuse all solid foods last Friday, the women were already engaged in defiance by refusing to pay bail granted to them on charges of trespassing arising from two separate protests this month.

"It's better to stay in prison. In the townships we get shot. We are very safe in prison — they have good security there," said African National Congress Women's League member Emily Ntuli.

On Tuesday afternoon, the women were all carted to court — several weeks ahead of their scheduled court date — and all charges were withdrawn. After more than four days of refusing food, and leaving a collective total of 77 children in Imbali mother-less, the women enjoyed a hearty afternoon meal at the ANC office in Pietermaritzburg.

The withdrawal of charges against the women arose from a meeting on Tuesday between the ANC, the Pietermaritzburg Chamber of Commerce and Industries and the South African Police. In addition to a "non-aggression" pact agreed upon between the ANC and the SAP, the police committed themselves to recommend that 32 Battalion be removed from Imbali in order to ascertain a peace settlement.

"We are still holding on to our demands for the removal of all security forces," said ANC regional executive committee member Sifiso Nkabinde. But he said no mass action to demand the security forces' withdrawal would be organised for the time, to give the SAP a chance to uphold their promise.

Women's League members were arrested for trespassing for five sit-ins, pickets and demonstrations in Pietermaritzburg and Durban. In three cases — including the two of the hunger strikers and one from a protest outside the British and American consulates in Durban — all charges have been withdrawn. The two remaining cases will be heard on June 1 and July 24.

Imbali township was declared an unrest area this month following a four-day stayaway organised in early May by the ANC Midlands branch in support of the withdrawal of the SADF, SAP and kwaZulu Police from Imbali township. Residents complained of daily harassment and assaults by members of the security forces; members of 32 Battalion were consistently implicated.

On May 9, *Natal Witness* assistant editor Khaba Mkhize and freelance photographer Themba Mngabi were allegedly assaulted by members of 32 Battalion while photographing their members dumping rubble on the yards of Imbali residents.

Simon Ngcobo, a resident, alleged he was forced by the SAP the next day to eat dagga, and suffered a perforated eardrum from the assaults.

The IFP has lashed out at the ANC's call for the withdrawal of the security forces, calling it a coverup for their intention to wipe out the IFP in Imbali.

Peace group to meet on violence

AN urgent meeting of the full National Peace Committee (NPC) is to be called next week because of increasing violence in the PWV region and Natal. (276)

This was decided at a meeting of the National Peace Executive in Johannesburg yesterday.

The executive said in a statement that matters to be discussed would include the restoration of local administration and services in violence-torn communities and the urgent need for improved police/community relationships.

Another urgent matter was the lack of full-time participation in some regional and local dispute resolution committees in flashpoint areas, which was "severely hampering the efficient functioning of these structures".

In conjunction with the National Peace Secretariat, the committee would consider an invitation to political leaders at all levels to advise on a manner in which security forces could collectively contain the upsurge of violence. — Sapa.

Grenade blows up Durban cops

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Two policemen were killed when they were shot at and blown up by a handgrenade at Glebelands Men's Hostel in Umlazi, Durban, at the weekend.

Police said a group of men near the hostel attacked four policemen when they tried to talk to a suspect.

Members from the group fired several shots and a handgrenade was thrown at the policemen, killing Constable M M Ngaza and Constable M M Mhlongo, both of the Glebelands police station.

In another incident two people died in a hail of bullets fired by gunmen on a farm near Umzingo on the Natal South Coast.

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Inkatha killing: Bail fears

DURBAN. — Ulundi had allegedly instructed an Umlazi magistrate to refuse bail to three men accused of killing IFP leader and member of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly Mr Winnington Sabelo.

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This was said in the regional court here yesterday when the men applying for bail said they feared if their application was heard in the Umlazi Magistrate's Court it would not be successful.

Mr Sabelo was gunned down at his Umlazi shop in February.

Move to oust 32 Battalion

DURBAN. — The Natal/KwaZulu Regional Dispute Resolution Committee said yesterday it would make representations to have the SA Defence Force's 32 Battalion withdrawn from Maritzburg's townships. CT 28/5/92
RDRC co-chairman Mr M C Pretorius also said the committee would try to end the emergency regulations in Maritzburg. — Sapa (276)

3 killed in shootings

THREE people were killed and four seriously wounded in shooting incidents in the Transvaal and Natal, police said yesterday. *Sowetan 29/5/92*

A suspect believed to be a KwaZulu policeman was arrested after two men - one armed with a 9mm pistol - fired at a bus in the Table Mountain township near Maritzburg, killing two men and seriously wounding two men and a woman.

Unidentified gunmen fired shots at guests attending a party at Umkomaas on the Natal South Coast, seriously wounding a man.

A police patrol in Daveyton on the East Rand came across the body of a woman who had been doused with petrol and set alight, and in Sebokeng near Vereeniging, another police patrol warded off an attack by unidentified gunmen. No fatalities or injuries were reported.

Phola Park on the East Rand had a relatively quieter 24 hours with only one incident in which a delivery vehicle was set alight, causing damage estimated at R1 500. - SA Press Association.

Imbali hunger strike: charges dropped

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By FRED KHUMALO

DEFIANCE won the day for 36 Imbali women who had charges of trespassing dropped against them following a five-day hunger strike which they started last week.

The women were part of a wave of humanity which two weeks ago brought Maritzburg to a standstill when they marched on the city's Alexandra police station and staged a sit-in.

For two weeks the women remained in jail, demanding that the 32 Battalion, the KwaZulu Police and the SAP riot squad be withdrawn from Imbali.

Charges of trespassing were levelled against them and they were to appear in court next week.

Strikers

But following the hunger strike which started last weekend and in the wake of an ANC threat of a stayaway or consumer boycott if the women were not released immediately, the charges against them were dropped.

Among the hunger strikers were 79-year-old Lydia Cimbi, and two pregnant women - Buyi Ngqulunga and Cindi Mngoma.

Last month Imbali residents staged a week's stayaway, demanding the withdrawal of the security forces from the township.

The climax of the defiance action by Imbali residents was this week's signing of an agreement by the ANC, delegates from the SAP and members of the Pietermaritzburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

In terms of the agreement, the SAP delegates undertook to recommend to their superiors that ANC demands for the withdrawal of the security forces from Imbali and the repeal of the emergency declaration be looked into.

Both parties agreed to adopt a policy of restraint in an effort to cool the tensions.

Progress

The ANC and a delegation from the SAP are to meet again on Wednesday where each party will report progress it has made in trying to resolve the deepening crisis.

ANC spokesman Reggie Radebe has warned that if the SAP's report back is "not satisfactory, and if our demands are not met with immediate effect", Imbali residents are going to intensify their mass action and a stayaway will be staged.

Major Vosloo, who led the SAP delegation to the meeting, confirmed that an agreement had been reached between his force and the ANC.

However, he said, it was impossible to promise Imbali residents that the 32 Battalion and the SAP riot squad were going to be removed from the township.

32 Battalion withdrawn

The controversial 32 Battalion has been withdrawn from Imbali in Maritzburg while the Internal Stability Unit — formerly the Riot Unit — will be replaced by ordinary SA Police members in the township. This was announced after a meeting yesterday between the SAP, ANC and the local chamber of commerce.

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Factory closes because of ANC, IFP

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FIGHTING between African National Congress and Inkatha supporters has caused the provisional closure of MooiTex which, with 1 300 workers, is the biggest textile factory between Estcourt and Howick.

The closure, which is a potential crippling blow for the town, comes at a time of massive retrenchments in a number of industries and colossal food price rises.

Managing director of Mooi River Textiles Mr Peter Riding said yesterday however, that the factory workers had not been retrenched and further negotiations would be held with workers.

Mooi River's mayor, Mr Theo Pratsch, said that it would be a tragedy if the factory

closed, both for the town and further afield. Hundreds of families living all over Natal and KwaZulu were totally dependent on wages earned by MooiTex workers.

Pratsch said that criminals had also exploited the hostility between ANC and Inkatha supporters. These elements probably stood to gain the most from the breakdown of law and order and did not want order re-established.

An approach had been made to the State President and extra security men had been deployed.

Many fear that the loss of jobs and increasing poverty will further foment Inkatha/ANC supporter rivalries and increase the volatility of the situation.

32 Battalion out of Imbali township

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Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — The controversial 32 Battalion was withdrawn from Imbali township here yesterday and will be replaced by 3 SA Infantry division, while the Internal Stability Unit — formerly the Riot Unit — will be replaced by ordinary SAP members.

This was confirmed after a second meeting yesterday between the SAP, ANC and Maritzburg Chamber of Commerce and Industries.

The withdrawal follows sit-ins and stayaway action by the ANC last month, whose demands included the withdrawal of the battalion and other security forces accused of being partial in the political conflict here.

The parties agreed to a policy of "restraint" to resolve the situation in the township and committed themselves to work for a lasting peace.

But Inkatha criticised the SAP for "capitulating" to ANC demands concerning the withdrawal, saying it would hold the SAP accountable for any deaths of its supporters in the

township.

ANC supporters claimed 32 Battalion and the Internal Stability Unit supported Inkatha.

Earlier, Inkatha claimed it had no objections to the removal of a partisan security force, although it objected to alleged intimidation by ANC members during the protests. The IFP also said it would welcome the decision if it led to peace.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order confirmed the lifting yesterday by the government of the declaration of Imbali and as an unrest area.

It was declared an unrest area by Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel in December following an outbreak of violence and a consumer boycott at the town.

● Maritzburg police have arrested two men who allegedly attacked the home of KwaZulu Deputy Minister of Works Mr Velaphi Ndlovu at Imbali yesterday.

SAP spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said Mr Ndlovu was not home during the 10:45am attack and only windows were broken.

'Trust Feed probe possible'

A FULL public investigation led by a Supreme Court judge into allegations of a cover-up in the Trust Feed case was a "possibility", Law and Order Minister Mr Her-nus Kriel told Parlia-ment yesterday. (276)

He said former Re-gional Court president Mr Willem Krugel would "analyse the evidence and advise me in this matter". (261)

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Kriel calls for evidence on massacre

ANYONE with information on irregularities in the police force in connection with the 1986 Trust Feeds massacre should submit this evidence.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Hernus Kriel, said yesterday the information could be given to Mr Willem Krugel, a former regional court president who had been appointed to advise Mr Kriel on the matter.

Mr Krugel could be contacted at 30 Nuwe Hoop Street, Maroelana, Pretoria, 0081, or at the Department of Criminal and Procedural Law, University of South Africa, PO Box 392, Pretoria 0001. — Sapa.

Group acquired about 10% of the share capital for R916 000 (3,5c a share). Andrew Mining asked Judge Solomon for a provisional sentence on the acknowl-

the washing plant only started to work properly in August last year. Judgment was reserved.

Factory refuses to reopen for violent workers

610am 5/6/92
DURBAN — There would have to be "considerable" negotiation between Mooi River Textiles and trade union representatives before the factory could be reopened, said MooiTex chairman David Royston.

He said the factory had held talks with Inkatha officials on Wednesday and would meet Sactwu representatives today.

Royston said the Inkatha-affiliated

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Uwusa and the ANC-affiliated Sactwu had to "exercise better control over their members".

Disruptions and refusals to accept instructions and work through established dispute channels could not be tolerated.

He said there had been violence and murders in the factory.

'Proof' of cops' role in violence

FOCUS

By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN
Political Correspondent

THE Trust Feed case, where a senior police officer and four of his subordinates were found guilty and convicted of murder, "proves conclusively" that senior elements in the security forces play a part in fomenting violence in the country.

This, the International Commission of Jurists suggest, should be the starting point for Government, if it were really serious about ending the violence in the country.

"Any consideration of the violence in Natal must begin with that case," the jurists say in their "Independent Survey of the Violence in South Africa" which was made public late last week.

The members of the mission were: Mr Adamo Didng (Senegal), Mr John Macdonald, QC (United Kingdom), Mr Christian Ahlund (Sweden), Mr Justice Enoch Dumbutshena (Zimbabwe) and Mr Philip Amoah (Ghana).

They spent two weeks in South Africa between March 14 and 30 this year.

The jurists spent the morning of March 20 this year at the Mamtzberg Supreme Court listening to one of the accused give evidence.

They were drawn particularly to Mr Justice Andrew Wilson's comments in delivering judgment when he said: "A distressing feature of the case is that as the evidence went on it became clear that the evidence of senior police officers could not be accepted and that official records produced from the files were also subject to suspicion and shown to be completely inaccurate."

The jurists believe that there is enough flesh in this case to build on the skeleton of a third force operat-

ing in the country.

"The Trust Feed case establishes that the South African Police worked with Inkatha, that the South African Police ordered the killing of innocent people to create mayhem, that this happened with knowledge of senior police officers and that there was a massive cover-up which involved generals in Pretoria.

"It is difficult to believe that the cover-up was not known to senior politicians. We note that no one has resigned.

"The Trust Feed case is not an isolated case. Human rights lawyers have long known that the security forces have sided with Inkatha and have indulged in random killings. It is still going on."

Cold-blooded

"The Trust Feed killings were in March 1988. In March 1992 white police officers are still killing people in a random and cold-blooded way," the jurists' report states.

They also point out that while the incident was at the time reported to the police they (the jurists) had not been informed of it.

They point out that the conduct of the police was distinctly out of step with the Peace Accord and even the recommendations of the Goldstone report.

"One of the major problems

with the Peace Accord is that agreements are reached by the political organisations and yet there is no mechanism to investigate properly and expeditiously violations of the Peace Accord," the report states.

They point out that the establishment of regional and local dispute resolution committees could go a long way towards establishing some kind of local authority.

The jurists conclude that the cause of the violence in the country are nevertheless many and indeed diverse. Most of them are a result of the Government's laissez-faire attitude to the strife and more particularly its apartheid policy and the perpetual division of ethnic groups in the country.

"The hostel system is one of the great evils of apartheid. The anger of people trapped in hostels is understandable, but it is very real. They do not absolve the ANC and its membership of the perpetuation of violence in the country but do recommend strongly that the KwaZulu police be placed under some kind of joint control and that Inkatha Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi "carries a heavy responsibility for the escalation of violence".

"The ordinary black population has been absolutely hammered by the violence. They long for peace. It is our judgment that the police have the capacity, given the right leadership, to bring the violence under control within three to six months.

"What is needed first is the political will, and second, someone to monitor and make sure that the orders are being implemented.

"We believe that the violence will only be brought under control if politicians of all parties and the whole civil society play their part.

"We also think the interim

ernment would be wise to invite a small international team to monitor the violence and provide an independent point of reference.

"While we think the police could play a major part in bringing the violence to an end we do not think the police force as presently constituted will ever be able to gain the confidence of ordinary people. South Africa needs a new civilian police force," the jurists note.

They further conclude that the country is not prepared for general elections and that the leaders at Codesa should consider inviting a group of international observers from the European Community, the Organisation for African Unity, the Commonwealth and even the United States to monitor the transition, law enforcement and elections.

Experience

"We anticipate that a majority of the investigators would be lawyers or have appropriate police experience."

The jurists suggest too that "senior civilian administrators should be introduced into the police force at all levels".

But first, and like the Goldstone Commission, the jurists recommend a blanket ban of all weapons at political meetings rallies and in public places.

The security forces should be given "clear orders" to intervene and end the violence.

Like the Goldstone Commission, the jurists recommend the disarming of hostel residents.

But the Government must also withdraw all remaining covert support for Inkatha.

And finally: "President de Klerk should take personal charge of law and order and insist that the necessary action is taken to bring the violence under control."

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STAR 8/6/92 (274) Natal mass action planned

Major disruption to municipal services in Natal can be expected from June 16 following the weekend decision by the 10 000-member Democratic Integrated Municipal Employees Society to embark on a campaign of peaceful mass action. This decision is binding on all the union's members in the 28 local authorities in the province. The union's demands are for a nonracial, democratic SA; the acceptance of a workers' charter; and, locally, that each local authority begin a programme of affirmative action.

ANC activist ²⁷⁶
killed: 3 on bail

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MARITZBURG. — Imbali's mayor, his deputy and a 15-year-old boy, all charged with murdering Natal Midlands ANC activist Mr S'Khumbuzo Ngwena in February, were granted bail of R2 000 each yesterday.

Mayor Mr Phikelela Ndlovu and deputy mayor Mr Abdul Awetha are prominent IFP members, and the boy's father is a councillor in Imbali. — Sapa

R5 000 'to kill ANC man'

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By LENA SLACHMUIJLDER

AN UNIDENTIFIED group of 15 camouflaged and balaclava-clad white, coloured and African men is alleged to have promised R5 000 each to a gang of criminals in Inanda, outside Durban, to help them assassinate the local African National Congress leader and his cohorts.

One of the whites, speaking Afrikaans, allegedly asked the criminals if they wanted to help the police kill ANC Inanda branch chairman and key local activist Tinzi Dlodla. Democratic Party unrest monitor Roy Ainslie has detailed records suggesting a long-standing security force vendetta against Dlodla, who is under arrest and faces attempted murder charges.

Details of the alleged planning of an attack on Dlodla are given in an affidavit by 44-year-old Inanda resident David Cebukhulu, who says he was abducted on the night of May 3 and pushed into the back of a yellow police van by balaclava-clad English, Afrikaans and Shangaan-speakers later found to be led by a sergeant in the South African Police riot unit.

Police and the South African Defence Force have denied that any of their members were in the area on the night in question.

After being repeatedly questioned as to Dlodla's whereabouts, Cebukhulu says he was hit on the head by two of the white men in the group, and threatened with death if he did not tell the "truth".

He was then taken to area 4 of Congo, where a large group of people known to Cebukhulu as criminals were waiting. Cebukhulu says he was pushed in the back of the police van, and noticed two SADF Hippos nearby.

While in the van, Cebekhulu says he overheard a discussion between the criminals and a white, Afrikaans-speaking man, speaking through a translator, who told them if they wanted to work with the police and get "Tinzi (Dlodla) and their friends", they should go to area 3 — where Dlodla lives — and start shooting.

This would force Dlodla and his friends to come out armed, whereupon the police — who would be stationed nearby — would shoot them. The man, he said, promised each criminal R5 000 if they "were prepared to work hard".

Cebekhulu says the operation was on the point of being finalised and a date set, when the group realised that he might be listening and broke off the discussion.

Dlodla, Inanda's most prominent ANC activist, has been a focus of police attention for some time. According to reports compiled by Ainslie, Dlodla was sent to hospital on July 18 last year after being assaulted by Criminal Intelligence Service members travelling in an unmarked vehicle.

Ten days later, he again needed medical care after an assault by SAP and SADF members. Nine days later, he was "arrested" by eight armed men in civilian clothes. Police said dockets regarding Dlodla's assault have been forwarded to the attorney general.

Civic member Vusi Mohapi told *The Weekly Mail* that on several occasions residents were turned away from the local police station when attempting to lay criminal charges, and told "just go and bring us Tinzi".

Mohapi said that on May 22, two residents were shot dead, and suspects were identified. When residents attempted to report the incident to the SAP station at Emtshebeni, they were told that the police "only wanted Tinzi" and refused to open a docket. Only after lawyers intervened was the case opened.

Dlodla has now been arrested on charges of attempted murder and intimidation and denied bail. Residents allege that the man he is alleged to have attacked, Sipho Mpanza, was in fact shot by the security forces while dispersing a rent boycott meeting. Contacted for comment, the SADF said they had no record of an incident on the day of Mpanza's shooting.

an hourly increase of 25% or R2/hour, whichever is the greater, employers have offered an average 6%. (276)

The deadline is three weeks away. However, the ending of the month-long Toyota strike last week has added urgency to the negotiations and several unscheduled meetings have been arranged.

"Barring unforeseen circumstances, it's still possible we could meet the deadline," says Kirby. ■

VIOLENCE FM 12/6/92.

Reaping what is sown

Aside from a rising death toll, the price exacted by the violence wracking the country is beginning to be seen in the cost to jobs and investment. This has happened at Mooi River in the Natal Midlands. (276)

In 1989, Anglovaal's Avtex paid R78m for a textile factory, Mooitex, at the town. Now, barring 11th-hour intervention, that investment will be largely written off with the closure of the plant. The effect on the area could be catastrophic. Mooitex — with 1 300 employees — is Mooi River's single biggest employer.

Unemployment among permanent residents of the nearby Bruntville township is currently put at about 70%. This could rise to 90% following the factory's closure.

However, ANC Midlands regional chairman Reggie Hadebe says Mooitex shouldn't

"run away" because the going is getting tough. It benefited from workers' efforts over the years; now it should be part of the solution rather than exacerbate the problem.

Ironically, since the violence is in part linked to unemployment and poverty, the factory's closure is more likely to fan the flames of strife than quell them. However, Mooitex director Alec Watson points out that the company is primarily a business with a profit motive and not a socio-political organisation. "If we can't perform that function — and we cannot in the current climate — then as management we have to take appropriate measures."

Conceding that the issue is complex, Watson says township violence is behind many of the problems. These include poor attendance, low productivity, stayaways, a general lack of co-operation and a refusal and failure by employees to fulfil their employment contracts.

"These problems contributed to an inability to meet orders and poor quality products with a high return rate. We had discussions with workers, their representatives and trade unions but got no co-operation. That, coupled with other factors, such as tough trading conditions, pushed the company into the red during its current financial year."

The irony is that violence, according to the police, has subsided considerably since the Goldstone Commission investigated the causes of troubles at Bruntville/Mooi River during November. But Watson says the reduction was not enough to improve business

at Mooitex.

Val Volker, the Natal Provincial Administration MEC for institutional development, has been exploring ways of keeping Mooitex open. He says nothing short of "forced peace negotiations" can save the situation.

"The tragedy is that this power struggle supersedes everything. The whole community will suffer if the factory closes. It pays out R25m a year in wages, which is a lot of buying power."

Volker notes that the Mooi River experience is not unique. The same thing is happening elsewhere in situations of violence. There seems little doubt that Cosatu's planned mass action campaign will only aggravate matters.

Hadebe, however, believes Mooitex is not an innocent bystander in the violence. It has a less than impartial attitude to workers with different political affiliation, he claims.

"Mooitex should be kept open while everybody concerned — employers, unions, political parties and the police — negotiates a lasting peace. With a genuine commitment, all-round peace is possible," he insists.

In a sense Hadebe is correct, of course. The closure of Mooitex will not contribute to peace in the area. However, the onus is on the warring factions to bury the hatchet and save the local — and national — economy.

It is management's right to decide what is best for the company. The move has also given everyone a taste of our bleak economic future unless the disruption and bloodshed end. ■

R83m budgeted for train security

By 12/6/92

CAPE TOWN — A massive R83m had been budgeted this year for security on trains and stations and a further R28m was still required but had not yet been approved, Transport Minister Piet Welgemoed said.

Replying in Parliament to a question from Joseph Chirole (Pretoria West CP), he said the recent week-long boycott of trains at the beginning of May had cost the SA Rail Commuter Corporation about R2m.

Welgemoed said the SA Police had indicated that R44,8m had been budgeted for securing commuter services this year.

A further R38m was budgeted in the R1,06bn corporation budget for the security and an additional R28m was required "for which approval must still be obtained", he said.

He said the planned security action had two components:

□ I 234 police in the Vaal Triangle area were being incorporated into a special unit to secure commuter services; and

□ The police would have overall responsibility with the support of the management of the corporation, the corporation security service and community organisations.

Welgemoed said the extra R28m was required because the corporation's five-year plan had been shortened to three years and on account of the Goldstone Commission's investigations into violence on the trains.

The five-year plan requires that all sta-

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tions be secured for policing by erecting security fences, providing lighting, introducing access control and providing on-site accommodation for the SAP.

Communication between the train driver, control room and the police was also being improved, he said.

He said a total sum of R250m had been budgeted for the five-year plan and would remain the same for the shortened three-year programme.

Meanwhile, WILSON ZWANE reports that the project to upgrade nine Soweto railway stations had not begun, despite an announcement by the corporation earlier this year that it would be completed by this month.

The corporation announced in March it would pump R11,9m into the project.

At least 14 train commuters were injured in attacks in Soweto this week. Most were launched near Nancefield Station — one of the stations the corporation had earmarked for upgrading.

□ Sapa reports soldiers of 32 Battalion yesterday found the body of a man, who police suspected had been thrown from a train near Phola Park.

And in their unrest report yesterday, police said a man had sustained serious injuries when a group of rail commuters attacked and threw him off the train between Soweto's Orlando and Nancefield stations.

Appeal for agreement

WILSON ZWANE

IT WAS imperative political leaders, security forces, business and churches reached agreement on how to speed up the full implementation of the national peace accord, an official of the Natal/KwaZulu regional dispute resolution committee said yesterday.

Committee co-chairman M C Pretorius said in a statement his committee was confident the successful implementation of the peace accord would reduce political violence, but added that much still had to be done.

Meanwhile, the national peace committee met in Johannesburg yesterday to set the stage for its meeting with political leaders next month to discuss, among other things, infractions of the peace accord.

It could not be established what had been discussed. But it was understood that the agenda included violations of the accord, the role of independent violence monitors, the restoration of local administration and services to violence-racked communities and the urgent need for improved police-community relationships.

Hospital strikers may face criminal charges

By 12/6/92

KATHRYN STRACHAN

THE actions of strikers at hospitals could lead to charges of murder or culpable homicide, TPA Health Services MEC Fanie Ferreira warned yesterday.

He said that on the basis of the findings of the Cillie commission of inquiry into the 1990 GaRankuwa Hospital strike — which were released at a news conference yesterday — there was, on a balance of probabilities, criminal liability for either murder or culpable homicide.

Ferreira said the release of the commission's finding was completely unrelated to the present strikes affecting PWV hospitals, but emphasised that "all concerned should take cognisance of this vitally important finding".

He added that the report found the National Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) might bear responsibility for illegal actions during the GaRankuwa strike.

The commission found that 10 babies died at the GaRankuwa Hospital because of the strike.

The commission could not come to any conclusion concerning the deaths of adults as it did not receive all the bed charts of those who had died during the strike, and recommended that there should be further investigation.

Ferreira said the findings of the commission would be referred to the attorney-general's office.

TPA Administrator Danie Hough said the inquiry found the TPA had not been without blame. The inquiry criticised the

TPA's managerial style and its legal procedures and said it was "15 years behind in labour relations".

Hough said steps had been taken to rectify the situation.

Meanwhile the TPA began disciplinary action at Baragwanath Hospital yesterday, Ferreira said.

A Baragwanath statement said the hospital's 1 500 striking workers were told they had to take compulsory leave pending disciplinary inquiries.

Police said 13 strikers were arrested in terms of a court order granted to the TPA last Friday, reports Sapa.

A Baragwanath spokesman said an urgent request was being made by the hospital management to the public for voluntary workers to assist in supporting services.

Cancer patients were prevented from going to Hillbrow Hospital for radiation treatment when strikers prevented the bus from leaving the premises. And a patient with a spinal tumour that required immediate operation could become a paraplegic because doctors were prevented from carrying out the necessary procedures.

The TPA and Nehawu said they would be meeting today.

Brief protest actions in Cape Town in support of the Reef strikes were reported yesterday at Groote Schuur and Red Cross hospitals. Workers at Somerset and Tygerberg hospitals were considering action.

IFP backout 'no surprise'

MARITZBURG. — The Natal Midlands region of the ANC says it is "neither surprised nor bothered about" the IFP's withdrawal from the National Peace Accord.

In a statement yesterday, ANC spokesman Mr Reggie Hadebe said the IFP's withdrawal vindicated the ANC's long-held assertion that the IFP was "neither serious about nor committed to the establishment of peace, for the IFP is so morally and politically bankrupt that, it needs a

sustained programme of violence to make itself a nuisance factor in the South African political equation".

Mr Hadebe said the IFP's pulling out of the peace accord in the region was "but a continuation of a general pattern since 1987. The IFP has always placed one obstacle after another during the peace process because it is threatened by prospects of peace."

Mr Hadebe said the ANC in the Natal Midlands "remains committed to peace in our region."

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The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:

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 (i) 65,4%
 (ii) 17,9%
 (iii) 14,0%
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 (3)** (a) (i) 6,7%
 (ii) 11,5%
 (b) 29 March 1990

* Mid-year estimates as on 30 June 1990.

** Manpower survey as on 29 March 1990—excludes Agricultural sector and Private households

Charges against persons withdrawn: Bruntville

338. Mr W U NEL asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether charges against persons who were arrested and disarmed at scenes of violence and multiple murders in Bruntville on or about 4 December 1991 were withdrawn owing to lack of evidence; if so,
 (2) whether sufficient new evidence has since been found to enable the South African Police to bring fresh charges against those concerned; if not, what steps are being taken to collect such evidence; if so, when will charges be pressed;
 (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) Yes.

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH:

As a result of the extent and nature of the question it is not possible to reply within the prescribed time.

Social Relief Scheme for Farmers and Farmworkers

344. Mr J H MOMBBERG asked the Minister of National Health:

- (1) (a) On what date did the Social Relief Scheme for Farmers and Farmworkers come into operation, (b) as at the latest specified date for which information is available, how much money (i) was available for disbursement in this scheme and (ii) had been disbursed to persons in need of aid and (c) in respect of each of the recipients of such aid, what are the particulars in regard to (i) race, (ii) sex, (iii) age, (iv) magisterial district, (v) type of farming activity and (vi) occupation;
 (2) whether any farmers, while receiving such aid, retrenched or dismissed farmworkers; if so, how many;
 (3) whether aid granted in terms of this scheme is distributed to farmworkers directly; if not, why not;
 (4) whether representatives of farmworkers have been included in the (a) steering committee of or other structures responsible for this scheme and (b) district assistance committees; if not, why not in each case;
 (5) whether she will take steps to ensure that all the structures of this scheme are made more representative of (a) those at whom the aid is directed and (b) the population of South Africa; if not, why not, if so, (i) what steps and (ii) when;
 (6) whether any church denominations, trade unions and/or other representative institutions have been drawn into this scheme; if not, why not; if so, (a) which (i) church denominations, (ii) trade unions and (iii) other representative institutions and (b) for what reasons was each of these so drawn in?

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Amounts granted in aid in terms of certain scheme/programme

345. Mr J H MOMBBERG asked the Minister of National Health:

- (1) (a) What are the (i) minimum and (ii) maximum amounts granted in aid by her Department to recipients in terms of the (aa) Social Relief Scheme for Farmers and Farmworkers and (bb) Nutrition Development Programme and (b) what factors are taken into account in calculating these amounts;

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Political violence ²⁷⁶ — 296 die

THE scourge of political violence ravaging Reef and Natal townships claimed 296 lives and left 274 people maimed during May, according to the Human Rights Commission (HRC). *Sowetan*

"Shocking as the figure is, it represents a drop for the second consecutive month from 437 in March and 356 in April and an average daily decline of 9,5 percent," says the HRC monthly report. *18/6/92*

The overall death toll of 1 433 so far this year was an increase of 22 percent on last year, while statistics on injuries rose by 38 percent.

In a grisly breakdown, the HRC said the PWV region accounted for the worst violence with 208 deaths, representing 70 percent of the country's total.

The Vaal triangle townships again emerged as an unrest flashpoint in registering 74 deaths against Soweto's 56, the East Rand's 46, and Alexandra's 23.

Natal maintained a constant level of deaths with 79 for May, or 27 percent of the country's total. The South Coast figure escalated with 41 deaths while Durban's nine and North Coast's five deaths represented a substantial decrease on previous tallies. The Midlands area reported 22 deaths.

"Despite what appears to be a lull in commuter train, taxi and bus violence, these modes of transport remain one of the priority targets for wanton killers," claiming 36 lives and 41 injuries in 31 attacks, said the HRC.

Commuters

This year 168 people have lost their lives and 312 people have been injured in 175 attacks on commuters.

Women and children continue to be among the casualties: 25 women died and 19 children were injured.

The HRC continued: "Vigilante attacks remain the highest source of violence accounting for 288 deaths, representing 77 percent and 70 percent of all injuries."

The security forces were responsible for 20 deaths, the highest figure in over a year, and for 40 injuries. But they also suffered an increasing level of casualties: 15 deaths and 26 injuries from 36 attacks.

Hit squads claimed three victims in May, bringing the total for the year to 36.

The HRC said township residents and African National Congress supporters were the major targets, representing 90 percent of the dead and 86 percent of the injured.

Inkatha Freedom Party members and hostel dwellers accounted for 10 percent of the dead and 14 percent of the injured.

● Three death sentences were handed down in May, bringing the current Death Row population to 297. Eight are classified as political prisoners. - SA Press Association.

Massacre: 'Forgive me' plea

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DURBAN. — A policeman serving 15 years in prison for his part in the Trust Feed massacre, has asked his victims for forgiveness.

In an open letter from his cell to the weekly newspaper Zulu, Special Sergeant Roy Ndwane said: "I sincerely regret that I also took part in hindering the people who were fighting for the rights and liberation of the black man in South Africa.

"I request forgiveness to all who were affected."

Sergeant Ndwane said he had been under the impression that members of the United Democratic Front were the enemy, as they were regarded as such by the government and the Inkatha Freedom Party.

"I was regarding myself as loyal and whites liked me because I was fighting their enemy, the UDF and the ANC, which were banned at the time."

He was told the UDF and ANC were making the country ungov-

ernable, while in reality they had been fighting for his rights.

"Today I know, I have seen and I have heard. I want to make it clear that if the ANC was not unbanned I would not have seen, and this case (the Trust Feed case) would not have come to light because both governments were united in covering it up so that the corruption involved in deaths of people in this country would not be exposed," he said.

Policeman killed, 2 hurt in Natal ambush

DURBAN. — A policeman was killed and two of his colleagues were slightly injured in an ambush at KwaMakuta, south of Durban, on Thursday night, police said.

Police in Pretoria said nine people, including two children, died in other unrest incidents.

The policemen were on patrol when they were shot at. They apparently lost control of the vehicle and it overturned.

More shots were fired at the vehicle, and Sergeant Kishore Singh of Isipingo was killed.

Police said the children were burnt to death when their parents' home caught fire in a petrol-bomb attack at Sebokeng near Vereeniging.

KwaZulu police reported yesterday faction fighting in the Umlazi and Mpumalanga townships near Durban claimed seven lives. — Sana

Police raid may have disarmed 'hit-squad'

DURBAN. — A lightning police raid on a garage here which netted one of the biggest arms caches ever uncovered in the city — including three automatic rifles and 12 handguns — may have disarmed a suspected hit-squad operating out of the area.

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Police had staked out the large service station and a nearby taxi rank for two days.

At lunchtime yesterday 25 armed policemen and women raided the garage.

Policemen at the scene said it had been alleged that three taxis stationed at the nearby taxi rank never picked up fares, but were used instead for raids in the townships, the weapons used being stored in the garage between "hits". (276)

Empangeni activists' bodies found

By FRED KHUMALO

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TENSION hangs over Empangeni like a dark cloud of doom following the discovery of the badly decomposed bodies of two ANC activists at a local beach. *Clpnen 21/6/92*

The bodies of Ewert Mzimela and Stanley Mabaso were found by local children last weekend — just days before the launch of the ANC's countrywide mass action campaign — in bushes near Esikhawini Beach. They had, apparently been shot and hacked to death before their bodies were dragged into the bush.

"They had been badly hacked

and the bodies were in an advanced stage of decomposition," said ANC spokesman Zipho Mkhize.

The two young activists disappeared from their homes on June 3 and an extensive search by members of their families in conjunction with the ANC drew a blank.

Then children playing at the beach made the gruesome find.

'Faceless killers'

The discovery of the bodies has heightened tensions within the Empangeni community, particularly in the local township of Sikhawini which has been dogged by ANC-IFP violence for the past year.

"The aim of these faceless killers is to stop the ANC from operating in the Empangeni area," said Mkhize.

He also blamed members of the KwaZulu Police who, he said, played an active role in stoking the flames of violence.

KZP spokesman Col Moses Khanyile said murder dockets have been opened.

Commenting on allegations that members of the KZP were participating in acts of violence, he said: "We will continue investigating these allegations, but in most cases we have found them to be utter nonsense."

Mandela hits out at ANC bullyboys

By FRED KHUMALO

ANC president Nelson Mandela came out strongly against young, intolerant members of the organisation who go around harassing Indian businessmen and demanding money from them.

Speaking at the opening of the ANC Women's League regional conference in Durban last week, Mandela said the intolerance of young ANC members was bringing to Indians a flood of memories of the 1949 slaughter of Indians by Africans in Durban and surrounding areas.

"When they think in terms of a democratic government likely to be dominated by Africans, they get scared," he said.

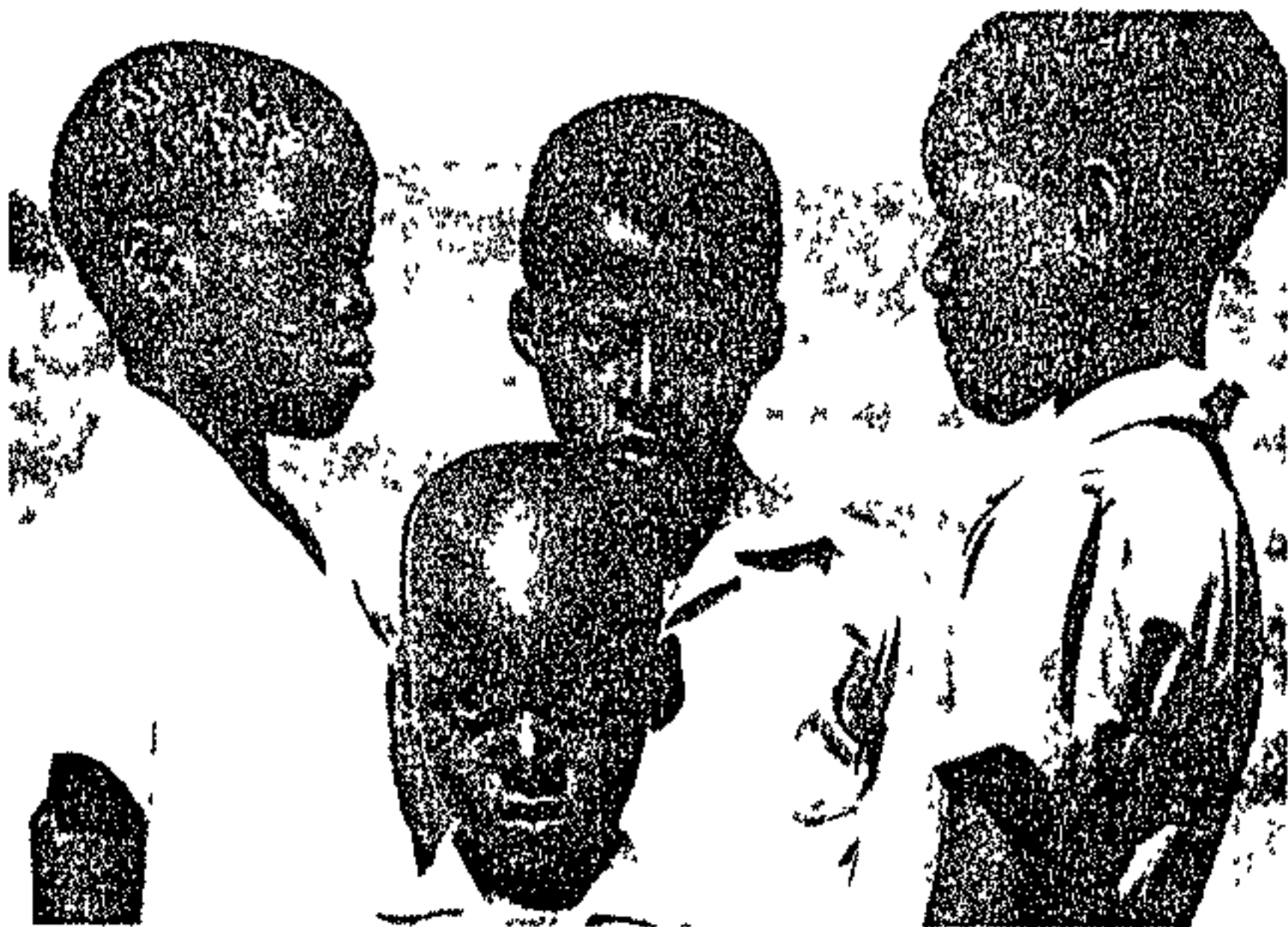
He said the ANC had a big task of translating their preachings of non-racialism and tolerance into reality in order to allay the fears of minorities.

Before addressing the Women's League conference, Mandela made a flying visit to Westville Prison where he had an hour-long talk with ANC bomber Robert McBride who is serving life imprisonment.

"Robert McBride is a worthy soldier of Umkhonto weSizwe ... Although he is behind bars alone, he must be made to feel that he has the overwhelming support of his comrades," said Mandela.

He said McBride had some problems which needed to be addressed at the highest level of the ANC.

In an earlier address, Mandela reiterated the ANC's warning that it was planning to take millions of people out on to the streets to force an end to the deadlock in negotiations.



The Thabethe children all but orphaned in one appalling night of violence. From left: XOLISILE (8), NSIZWAZONKE (5), JEFFREY (10) and MAVIS (11).

Their faces tell a horror story

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THEIR faces, withdrawn, stopping just short of being bitter, told a story. Above all it was a look of overwhelming sadness and loneliness.

The Thabethe children, neatly dressed by various relatives now attend the Asiqhubeke Lower Primary School, which is linked to Africa Enterprise's Bonginkosi child enrichment programme.

Raph Jarvis is the communications director for Africa Enterprise which runs Bonginkosi child enrichment programme which feeds 16 000 children in 66 schools, including victims of violence. Today he tells the plight of a rural school and its pupils in the violence-torn remote areas of Natal midlands.

They are survivors of one appalling night of violence in which they were all

but orphaned, when several members of their family died in a hail of bullets on August 29 1991. Their mother and grandmother

were among them.

Their father survived after jumping through jagged remains of a broken window. His arm was shattered by a bullet and this kept him in hospital for more than seven months.

Their home was in Polcel district, about 120km from Mantzburg. It was one of the rudimentary houses built on the red-mud slopes. It was burnt and the family lost everything.

The children were unharmed.

Xolisile (8) is small, skinny and softly spoken acted as the spokesman for the siblings. She told their story to Asiqhubeke headmistress Mrs Cornelia Madlala.

"They first burnt the house, broke windows and then came in and started shooting..." the words trailed off while Xolisile's expression remained unchanged.

"My father escaped through the window and went to a nearby house where they wrapped his arm in a towel. We did not run away. We just stayed in the house and tried to hide. Then they left."

Bodies

The full horror only exploded on the neighbours the next morning when, with the protection of daylight, crept up to the Thabethe home.

There they found the children lying next to the dead bodies of their relatives.

"They had slept with them," Madlala said. "The children did not know they were dead and they got under their blankets. When the neighbours arrived and asked for the elders the children simply replied that they were sleeping."

The four children were split up to live with relatives and the lack of motherly love is affecting their school life.

"We are having some difficulties," Madlala said.

"They have no motherly love and it is affecting their school work. But these difficulties are a common occurrence in this area. Families have left Pholela, leaving their homes in ruins."

"Some of my pupils did not come back but I hope that when things return to normal they will come back to their homes and to our school. Several families did not have their homes burnt down but they are scared to come back."

At one stage, when the violence was at its worst, many children were whisked to safety by their parents. The school stood empty.

But daily, come rain or sun, Madlala went down the muddy path and opened the school - just in case there were children to teach.

Today there are 54 young children at the school. Before violence struck, there were 104.

OPEN LETTER

TO

ALL STRIKING EMPLOYEES AT TPA HOSPITALS/INSTITUTIONS

CONSIDERATION: TERMINATION OF SERVICES

- ☐ You are at present participating in an unlawful strike. Your actions and conduct are unlawful and contrary to your conditions of service.
- ☐ You are also absent from your place of work without the necessary permission.
- ☐ Your actions have a serious detrimental effect on the rendering of essential health services and patients care. In addition your actions carry the risk of potential loss of life or other harmful effects to patients.
- ☐ Your actions are considered to be serious misconduct.
- ☐ You are hereby instructed to resume your duties **before** 25 June 1992. Please note that even in the event of you resuming your duties as instructed, this Administration reserves the right to take appropriate disciplinary action against you.
- ☐ If you do not resume your duties as instructed in the above paragraph or advance acceptable reasons why your services should not be terminated for failing to resume your duties and/or participation in the strike, your services may be terminated. In this regard, you or your representative may submit written representations during official office hours (Monday to Friday: 08 00 - 16.00) pertaining to your individual circumstances, which must reach the office of the Head of your Institution **before** 26 June 1992.
- ☐ If you do not avail yourself of the opportunity stated above, it will be accepted that you have no reasons which you would like to advance why your services should not be terminated. A decision will then be taken in this regard, whereafter you will be informed of the outcome.

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Policeman faces murder charges

Own Correspondent

MOOI RIVER — Former Mooi River police station commander Lieutenant George Niehaus (49) will stand trial in the Maritzburg Supreme Court from September 14 to 25 on two counts of murder and two of attempted murder.

The trial date was set when he appeared in the Magistrate's Court yesterday.

His bail of R3 000 was extended on the condition that he does not enter the district of Mooi

River and that he does not interfere with members of the South African Police there.

The charges against him relate to incidents in nearby Bruntville township when police allegedly fired on a crowd on June 16 1990.

The crowd had gathered in the main street.

Lieutenant Niehaus is charged with murdering Jotham Nchnu on April 7 1990 and Sibusiso Madela on that day.

The other charges both relate to incidents on June 16.

'Death squads'

killed 5
— ANC

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DURBAN. — The ANC's southern Natal region yesterday alleged "death squads" had killed five of its supporters in and near Umlazi at the weekend.

ANC spokesman Mr Dumisani Makhaye said three active ANC members were shot dead in Umlazi's U Section on Friday evening.

A survivor said members of the "death squad" had claimed they were policemen.

Mr Makhaye said another ANC member was killed in the same manner in Malukazi, near Umlazi, also on Friday, and another activist was gunned down in U Section on Saturday night.

Police reported that at least 10 people were wounded in a clash after a rally by thousands of Inkatha Freedom Party supporters in Durban's KwaMashu township on Sunday.

'Homes attacked'

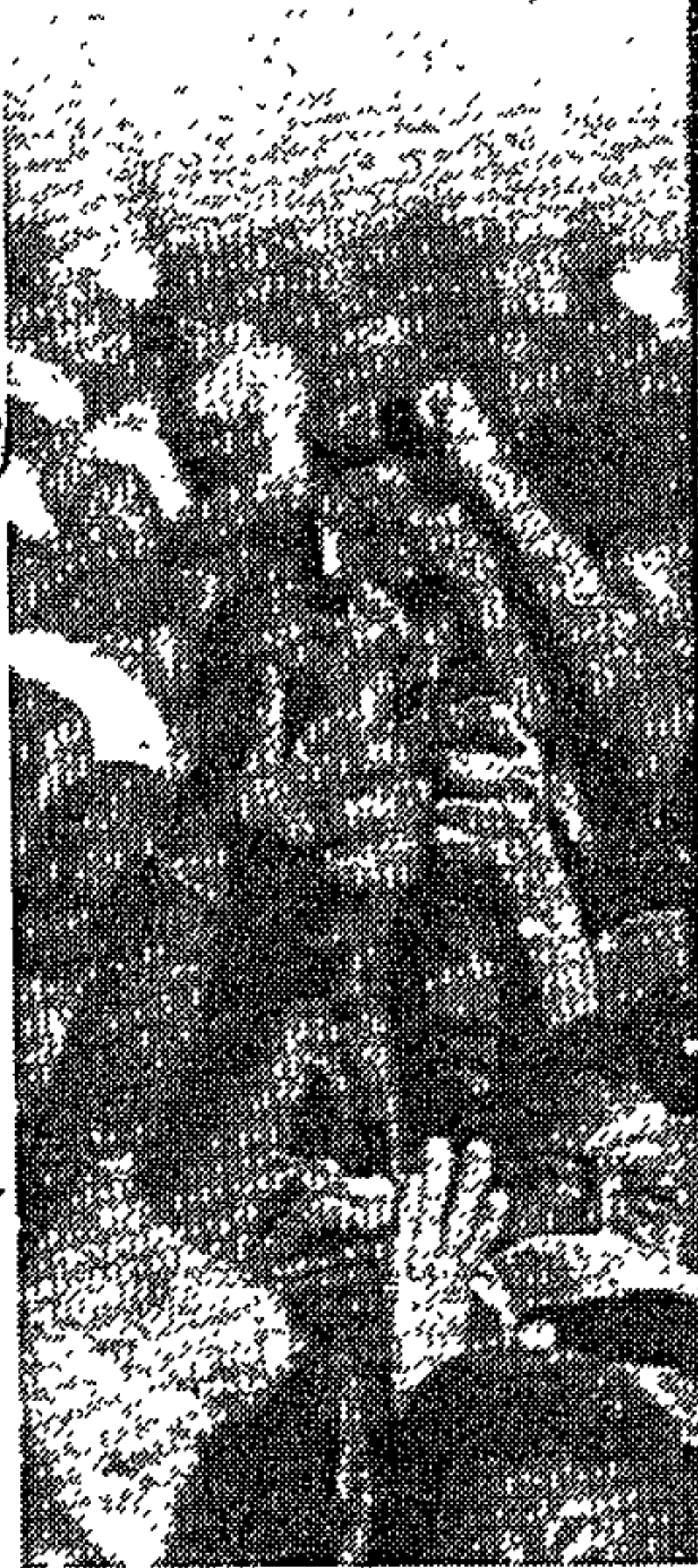
KwaZulu Police spokesman Colonel Moses Khanyile said the IFP supporters were on their way home from the rally when they were attacked by unknown men armed with AK-47 rifles.

Colonel Khanyile said one attacker had been arrested by the SA Police and was in custody.

The ANC said the IFP supporters had attacked houses on their way home from the rally.

The home of ANC southern Natal chairman Mr Jeff Radebe was apparently one of those stoned.

Mr Makhaye said that statements made by IFP Transvaal leader Mr Musa Myeni at the rally had led to the violence. Mr Myeni had called on IFP youths to start training for the Bhambatha Battalion, an Inkatha private army. — Sapa



TRIGGER FINGERS... ANC to defend themselves when the Boipatong massacre.

'No guns' rule for teachers

TEACHERS at schools under the auspices of the House of Delegates have been banned from carrying guns in classrooms.

The Ministry of Education and Culture in the house has sent out circulars warning teachers that disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

The Minister, Mr R S Maharaj, said the department had received complaints that teachers were carrying guns on school premises. — Sapa

Lieutenant in murder trial

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Former SAP Mooi River station commander Lieutenant George Nichaus, 49, will stand trial in the Maritzburg Supreme Court from September 14-25 on two counts of murder and two of attempted murder.

His bail of R3 000 was extended yesterday.

Lieutenant Nichaus faces charges relating to incidents in Bruntville township when police allegedly fired on a crowd on June 16, 1990.

Strikebreaker's home burnt

The Durban home of a freelance radio announcer who is not taking part in the Media Workers of South Africa SABC strike was burnt down after being petrol-bombed. Lindiwe Ntuli, who is an announcer on the SABC's Radio Zulu station, was not at home when the petrol-bomb was thrown through a window at about 8 pm on Monday.

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Home bombed

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THE Durban home of Miss Lindiwe Ntuli, a freelance radio announcer on Radio Zulu, was burnt down after being petrol-bombed, SABC radio news reported yesterday.

Ntuli is not taking part in the Media Workers of South Africa SABC strike. She was not at home when the petrol-bomb was thrown through a window at about 8pm on Monday.

The house was completely gutted. - *Sapa*.

Sowetan 24/6/92

ANC fears IFP rally violence

THE Wembezi branch of the African National Congress in the Natal Midlands has expressed fear of an outbreak of violence in the township during a planned Inkatha Freedom Party rally there this weekend.

Local ANC spokesman Mr Richard Skosana said yesterday that there were rumours of impending attacks. *Sowetan 25/6/92*

He said the ANC had contacted the police, army, Press and Natal's Regional Dispute Resolution Committee in an attempt to prevent confrontation.

"Our past experience of

IFP rallies here has led to fears. (276)

A few weeks ago some houses were burnt and looted after an IFP rally and people have died after Inkatha funerals and gatherings here," he alleged.

IFP regional organiser Mr Senzo Mfayela yesterday confirmed a rally would be held to launch Inkatha's Wembezi branch.

He, however, strongly denied the ANC's remarks on violence there, blaming ANC supporters for attacking Inkatha members at rallies and funerals. - Sapa.

Unrest claims five in Natal

AT LEAST five people were killed during unrest in KwaZulu on Monday and Tuesday.

Four died in Folweni, south of Durban, and one person at Esikhawini, in northern Natal.

KwaZulu Police spokesman Colonel Moses Khanyile said an SA Police member was seriously injured in an attack on his home at Folweni on Monday.

Khanyile said unknown attackers had arrived at the house and opened fire on the occupants.

In another incident in the area, Mr Stanley Kweyama (32) was shot dead while driving his taxi on Tuesday night. His wife, who was with him, was injured.

In Esikhawini, near Empangeni, police on Tuesday found the body of a man who had been shot. A youth who had been walking with him is in a coma in hospital after suffering a serious head wound.

A police car was damaged in an attack in KwaMakhutha, south of Durban. The driver escaped unhurt.

No arrests have been made in any of the incidents, Khanyile said. Sapa.

All-out war feared as 8 killed

By FRED KHUMALO

FEARS of a full-scale war in southern Natal townships surfaced this week following the death of eight ANC members in attacks said to be the work of a hit squad operating in Umlazi and Folweni.

The most brutal of the attacks took place on Monday night in Folweni township near Mbumbulu where four people were gunned down in cold blood in their rooms at a lodge.

The only survivor, SAP Const Ambrose Mbili, who was unable to speak after being shot through the mouth, related in writing how his live-in lover Zama Gumede, 19, and their neighbours Tholakele Dlamini, 19, and Maso Duma, 22, were murdered.

"At about 9 pm, people knocked at our door claiming to be soldiers. Zama told me to open. Upon doing so I was faced by a man wearing what looked like an anti-riot uniform pointing an R-1 rifle at me. He fired and the bullet hit me in the mouth. I lost consciousness," he said.

When he came to, his lover lay dead next



NIGHTMARE ORDEAL ... Ambrose Mbili

who was shot in the attack at Folweni. (276)

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to him and he was covered in his own blood.

The other couple lay dead in the next room.

Mbili told City Press that he recognised three of his attackers as members of the Montclair SAP police station and the other as a well-known local Inkatha man.

It has emerged that some weeks ago a well-known member of Inkatha visited Mbili's room where he threatened his girlfriend and took away the policeman's uniform and other essentials.

"We are strongly convinced that these uniforms are the ones

worn by hit-squad members when they go out to attack our members," said Folweni ANC branch chairman Elias Mkhize.

The attack on Mbili and his neighbours comes shortly after five ANC members were killed in Umlazi.

The killings have fueled anger and fear among people in the townships. ANC southern Natal head of information and publicity Dumisani Makhaya has warned that "Umkhonto weSizwe's patience is not endless".

The KwaZulu Police - perceived by some as part of the conspiracy against ANC members - has distanced itself from the attacks.

"We have had instances before where criminal elements go around in camouflage uniforms masquerading as the police. We do not have members who go around attacking people," said KZP spokesman Col Moses Khanyile.

SAP spokesman Capt Bala Naidoo said police were investigating the allegation that some members of the force were suspects in one of the incidents.

Announcer's home bombed

By FRED KHUMALO

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THE SABC strike took a bitter turn this week with the petrol-bombing of Radio Zulu announcer Lindiwe Ntuli's KwaMashu house.

The popular announcer's name appears in an inflammatory pamphlet threatening all non-striking employees, saying they would be attacked if they didn't stop working.

The attack fueled fears of a campaign aimed at non-strikers.

The strike by about 1 500 workers is now in its fifth week. Workers are demanding a 20 percent increase and a minimum wage of R1 300. The corporation won't budge from an 11 percent across-the-board increase.

Ntuli is one of at least eight announcers who defied the strike call. Their names appear in the anonymous pamphlet which was distributed in Durban's townships recently.

She was not at home when the house was attacked and there is speculation that she was involved in a row with her neighbours over comments she made about them over the air.

The strikers, who are members of Mwasa, have repeatedly distanced themselves from the pamphlet and other forms of intimidation.

This week Mwasa reiterated their commitment to a peaceful resolution.

Mwasa strike committee spokesman Mandla Ndlovu said: "We condemn in the strongest terms possible the attack on Lindiwe Ntuli's house. We distance ourselves from any form of violence and intimidation. It's a pity people are beginning to link the attack to the strike."

Radio Zulu director Rev Hawu Mbatha said: "I just hope this is unrelated to our issue (the strike). That would be bad for our image."

Ntuli was not immediately available for comment.

She was reportedly not on friendly terms with her neighbours following what was perceived as an unsavoury comment on the air about KwaMashu residents in general and her neighbours in particular.

She made the comment after clothes and other essentials had been stolen from her house.

She has not been living in her house for some time following the misunderstanding which followed soon after her comment.

A KwaZulu Police spokesman said they were investigating the arson attack on the house.

In recent weeks non-striking SABC workers have been subjected to intimidation. SABC journalists were hounded out of Curries Fountain stadium where they were covering a June 16 commemoration service.

Outcry over ANC's 'police escort'

STEPHANE BOTHMA

THE Goldstone commission will be asked to investigate an alleged police-escorted ANC march into an Inkatha stronghold in the Natal midlands this weekend which preceded several attacks on Inkatha — leaving four dead and 12 injured.

Inkatha was also considering asking for redeclaration of the Richmond, Natal district as an emergency area and for redeployment of the SAP's internal stability unit in the area, Inkatha spokesman Kim Hodgson said yesterday.

The move followed a march last Friday by about 200 ANC supporters carrying spears, pangas and other weapons to Patheni, outside Richmond.

The SAP, allegedly under instruction from station commander Lt Lombard, escorted the impi into the Inkatha area. This act has been described by Patheni residents as a blatant act of provocation," Hodgson said. A formal complaint was being drafted and would be submitted to the Goldstone commission today.

The march into Patheni was followed by an ambush in which ANC youths allegedly ambushed and gunned down 11 Inkatha supporters, killing two men and injuring nine at Gengeshe outside Richmond on

Saturday, he said. On Sunday two men died and three were injured when Inkatha supporters at Patheni were attacked by a large group of armed youths.

Violence also erupted in Durban's Umlazi township. The dead included a three-year-old child who was burned in a petrol-bomb attack on a house in the township.

The body of a policeman who had been stabbed was found in Empangeni, police said.

Sapa reported that the latest violence had led to an exodus from the area, with unrest monitors reporting a possible refugee crisis in the Port Shepstone area on Natal's south coast.

Three people were killed in fighting between Inkatha and the ANC in Murchison, on the south coast, police said yesterday.

Their unrest report said the body of a man who had been shot was found in Katlehong, near Germiston, on Sunday.

The ANC's Stanger branch in Natal has broken off talks with the local town council, citing the political crisis triggered by the Boipatong massacre. They were to meet today to discuss demands.

Dutch airline puts SA flights on hold

AMSTERDAM — Dutch charter airline Transavia said yesterday it was postponing a planned new service to Durban because of renewed unrest in SA.

Parent company KLM Royal Dutch Airlines said it did not rule out changes to its own recently expanded programme.

"In the light of the political situation and the reactions of tour operators ... we see no basis to begin flights," said a Transavia spokesman.

Transavia had been due to start the weekly flight on December 1.

A KLM spokesman said: "We don't rule out changes but we hope to fly as planned."

KLM, which has an 80% stake in Transavia, plans to extend its twice-weekly Johannesburg run to Cape Town from October 27.

No one was available to comment at Martinair, which also just won extra SA landing rights KLM also owns a minority stake in Martinair. — Sapa-Reuter.

FW 'sentenced to death'

By Esther Waugh
Political Reporter

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ion" by the ANC.

The Inkatha Freedom Party has laid a formal complaint with the National Peace Committee (NPC) about a "People's Assembly" in Maritzburg at which 10 IFP leaders, President F W de Klerk and the Government were allegedly "sentenced to death".

The IFP requested NPC chairman John Hall to convene an urgent meeting of the signatories of the National Peace Accord within the next two days to discuss this "extremely serious transgress-

Mr Hall was told that the "People's Assembly" was presided over by ANC official Reggie Hadebe and "we are told 10 IFP leaders were sentenced to death".

"Press reports allege that State President F W de Klerk was declared a 'dangerous criminal' and he and the Government were also 'sentenced to death'," the letter said.

He was also asked to call on parties which had not signed the NPA — including the Weerstandsbeweging, PAC, CP and Azapo — to do so.

Farmers caught in cross-fire

Own Correspondent

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DURBAN — A small white farming community in the Natal Midlands is on a tense war-footing — caught in the cross-fire of a power struggle for political control of the black people of the area.

A number of the farmers in the isolated valley about 15 km from Richmond, including former Natal rugby player Mort Mortassagne, have received death threats. Mr Mortassagne received another yesterday — and his death is said to be a matter of days away.

Virtually under siege, the farmers live in an area where gunfire across the valleys is an everyday sound and they and their families go about fully armed. The men go about their business armed with rifles over their shoulders and handguns holstered on their hips, their wives never leave their houses unarmed.

Not far away, a Durban man and his wife were shot at while driving their bakkie on the Ixopo-Richmond road — an incident typical of what the people in the district have come to expect. Revenge attacks on blacks appear to be common, as are arson, stock theft and intimidation aimed at the white farmers.

Farm labourers have been threatened with death if they go on working for one of the farmers.

A major target of the political struggle in the area is the black Gengensche location. The people living there — most of whom are sympathetic to Inkatha — are living under virtual siege. In one of the latest incidents, an attack by men armed with AK-47 assault rifles was carried out in Gengensche on Saturday, killing two of the inhabitants and wounding 10.

In a follow-up to that attack, one of the well-known black men in the area employed by Mr Mortassagne as a driver, Isgovuz Mathula, was shot dead in the car park of Edendale Hospital on Sunday when he went there to fetch the wounded.



Armed . . . farmer and former Natal rugby player Mort Mortassagne and his wife Maureen next to their armoured Ribbok vehicle, with their children Pierre and Richard.

Picture: John Woodroof

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day when he went there to fetch the wounded.

And one of the wounded, who had been too afraid to remain at Edendale Hospital, was travelling to another area to recuperate through Richmond yesterday when he was spotted and knifed so badly that he was readmitted to the hospital in a critical condition.

Mr Mortassagne said he had come under fire three times since October, and now had heard through the grapevine that propaganda was being put out that he was the main cause of the unrest in the area because of his support for Inkatha.

He had been told previously that he would not live to see Christmas — now the word was that his death was only a matter of days away, he said.

He said he was not a supporter of Inkatha, but helped the people of Gengensche only because they were his neighbours and some of them worked for him.

His wife Maureen said "I am not happy any more I love this place, but every day when I go to work, I do not know whether I'll come back to find my family alive."

For safety's sake, the Mortassagne family, including small sons Pierre and Richard, travel in a Ribbok armoured vehicle which Mr Mortassagne bought at an auction. He never leaves his family at home alone.

Another person who has received a death threat is local storekeeper Jacques de Bruin, who trucks food into beleaguered Gengensche because the Inkatha people there are no longer able to go into Richmond to do their shopping. If they do, their lives are in danger. Even the pensioners have to have their pensions brought to them on the farms.

The small white farming community, banded together as the Tolweni Fire Cell —

formed initially to fight fires — protect themselves with two-way radio links, safe rooms in their homes, and panic buttons which set off sirens. Everyone is armed. The farmers make regular night patrols, keeping a record of vehicles coming into the area and checking people out at night on foot.

"We are determined to stand firm. Their aim is to break up our community, to fragment it. If they succeed, our farms will become worthless and we'll have to leave with nothing but the shirts on our backs. That is what they want," said one.

'Faction fight' sparked attack on Durban train

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DURBAN — Five people were killed and five others injured on Wednesday night in a shooting spree on a train travelling towards KwaMashu, police reported.

Police spokesman Capt Hamilton Ngidi said the attack was part of a faction fight, and ruled out political motivation.

He said a group of men began firing at passengers at about 6 45pm as the train pulled out of Effingham station in Durban. Four people were shot dead and another was killed when thrown from the moving train.

Ngidi said a witness told police the attackers had spoken to him after the incident. This information had led police to believe the attack was the result of a faction fight.

The attackers had come from a rural area and had wanted to kill one of the passengers who lived in the same area, Ngidi said.

However, Inkatha spokesman Ed Tillet said all those killed were Inkatha members, although he could not supply their names, and said the attack was politically motivated.

Tillet said the deceased were all occupants of the KwaMashu men's hostel — an Inkatha stronghold.

Ngidi said, however, that one of the dead was a woman.

Meanwhile, police found a body and two injured men who had been thrown from moving trains on the Reef yesterday morning.

Police spokesman Warrant Officer Andy Piek said the dead man was found between Kwe-sini and Pilot stations near Katlehong at 9 22am. Between Langlaagte and New Canada stations two men, not seriously injured, were found at 5.50am.

In their unrest report yesterday police reported that a man was found "brutally murdered by the necklance method" at Zamdela near Sasolburg.

It was also reported that three policemen were injured when attacked at Chicken Farm in Soweto during an investigation into drug-related charges. Their vehicle was "extensively damaged" during the attack, the report said.

It said the policemen would "most probably have been killed" had other members not arrived on the scene. One of the attackers was arrested. — Sapa.

Committee convenes a summit for peace

Bloem 31/7/92

THE national peace committee will convene a summit of signatories to the national peace accord next Wednesday to try to boost the flagging peace process.

The signatories include President F W de Klerk, ANC president Nelson Mandela and Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

Inkatha asked the committee to urgently call the summit to discuss a mock trial at which De Klerk, his government and 10 Inkatha leaders were allegedly sentenced to death.

The trial was allegedly held by ANC Natal Midlands leader Reggie Hadebe in Maritzburg last week.

Committee spokesman Val Pauquet said the incident was discussed by the peace committee's executive at a meeting in Johannesburg yesterday. It was agreed to convene a meeting of all the peace accord's signatories.

The ANC was asked to "examine all evidence" related to the mock trial and report back to the executive today.

On the agenda at next Wednesday's meeting will be the continuing violence, the ANC's alleged mock trial and political leaders' inflammatory statements, Pauquet said.

CHARLIE PRETZLIK reports that national peace secretariat chairman Antonie Gildenhuys told a Johannesburg conference yesterday that police were improving their relations with the community.

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He said the police were pushing hard to increase the public's confidence in them with a poster campaign and phone-in sessions on the radio.

The conference at Wits was organised by the International Association of Students Interested in Economics and Management.

To further the police's aim, Gildenhuys also called for relations between the police and the community to be monitored by regional dispute resolution committees.

He said "rogue" policemen ought to be brought to book by their colleagues.

Gildenhuys told the conference that violence could be partly attributed to the quest for building strongholds and the demarcation of territories by ethnic groups.

However, he also recognised the importance of third parties.

The territorial imperative, he said, had extended to commuter trains.

Depression in the taxi trade was also to blame for the violence, he said.

Such violence, together with insufficient commitment from political leaders and the lack of community confidence in the police, placed a strain on the peace accord.

Gildenhuys said he believed the establishment of an interim government was essential for securing a peaceful future for SA.

Inkatha members 'among Boipatong dead'

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INKATHA yesterday accused the ANC of "expropriating" the bodies of eight of its supporters killed in the Boipatong massacre and burying them under the ANC flag.

Inkatha spokesman Sue Vos said she had proof that eight of the 37 people buried at the mass funeral in the Vaal triangle township were Inkatha members.

She said the ANC had refused to hand over the bodies to their families, who wanted no part of the ANC's "political funeral". They had not pressed the matter as they were frightened of reprisals.

ANC Vaal chairman Ernest Sotsu said Inkatha's claim was "devoid of all truth".

He said it was "absurd" for Inkatha to make

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such a claim when the "killers of the Boipatong residents are known to be Inkatha-supporting KwaMadala Hostel inmates".

"We challenge Inkatha to come forward and substantiate its claim. But I tell you now that all the people we buried were ANC members."

Vos said Inkatha would not take the matter up with the ANC as it respected the wishes of the families to remain anonymous.

Sapa reports that Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi said last night at least 10 Inkatha members were among the 45 people killed at Boipatong, and six of them were buried as ANC supporters.

5 die in Natal train attack

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AT least five people were killed and five others seriously wounded when a gunman aboard a packed KwaMashu-bound train in Durban opened fire this week.

One person was shot dead and nine others jumped from the moving train as it left the Effingham station near Avoca just before 7pm on Wednesday.

Police had to board another train to travel along the track and pick up bodies lying on the main railway lines to KwaMashu.

One of the victims, a man in his thirties fell more than 25m to his death after he jumped from the coach where the shooting started.

Sowetan Correspondent

Another person had the lower part of his body amputated when he landed on the railway lines and a Durban-bound train ran over him.

Police believe there might be more bodies lying in the bushes on the sides of the railway tracks.

The exact motive for the killings has not yet been established, but it is suspected that a fight might have broken out on the train over a card game. In the coach police found several playing cards on the floor.

It is believed that the gunman fired several shots - hitting one person three times in his chest.

Police pilot 'prevented' bloodbath'

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MARITZBURG. — Quick thinking by a police helicopter pilot has helped prevent a bloodbath at Sijosini, 10km west of Tugela Ferry.

Colonel Craig Mackroy of the police air wing was flying over the village on his way to Pretoria from Durban yesterday when he saw a 600-strong impi with "cultural weapons" and guns, converge on several homesteads. He swooped down to investigate and the combatants scattered in all directions.

The helicopter flew to Tugela Ferry to fetch police reinforcements and when it returned at least 80 homesteads had been set alight.

Police said the attack was part of a fight between the Sijosini and Ngcengeni factions. The Ngcengeni faction was allegedly avenging the murder of one of its members during a clash between the two groups in Johannesburg recently.

In another incident in the region, three men died and one was seriously wounded in an attack on a homestead in Swaaimani, outside Wartburg.

Police said 10 men, armed with "sharp instruments" advanced on the home and attacked the occupants — Sapa.

Doctors flee death threats at hospital

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By RYAN CRESSWELL

ALL six doctors at a country hospital have fled after being terrorised by a string of anonymous death threats.

The intimidation campaign, which has also chased away some nurses, is slowly bringing the 180-bed Appelbosch Hospital, near New Hanover in the Natal Midlands, to a grinding halt. The hospital was once one of Kwazulu's most efficient, serving a rural population of 300 000.

The doctors, three of them British immigrants, left in the past three weeks. The last two left last weekend. But an unknown number of nurses and other staff have left the hospital and its clinics since the campaign began late last year.

The area is predominantly Inkatha Freedom Party territory and is not one of the most violent parts of the fiery Midlands region, although there have been clashes between the IFP and the African National Congress in the New Hanover area.

Dr Peter Evans, regional superintendent for Kwazulu hospitals in the Midlands, said although a campaign of intimidation against staff at the hospital had been going on since late last year, the doctors began receiving calls near the end of June.

The anonymous caller said: "If you don't leave you will be wiped out." Two women doctors received the calls first.

Dr Evans said: "The whole situation is disgraceful. They were excellent doctors providing a very good service. Now the patients will suffer."

'If you
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leave
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you out'

Greytown said an investigation was under way. Nobody had been arrested.

Inkatha spokesman Kim Hodgson said: "We condemn these threats and the IFP will investigate."

"This kind of thing has happened in other areas. Whether these threats are of a political nature we just don't know, but it seems likely this is a political



WEALTHIER FEELING... jubilant Coenrad Mertz, the latest Viva million-rand winner, and his wife, Louise

country hospitals "at the best of times", but now it would be even more difficult.

One of the doctors who fled the hospital, asking not to be named, said the caller seemed to be black, spoke in English and appeared serious.

"He said: 'I'm telling you, you have to go and work somewhere else or we will wipe you out,'" the doctor said.

"I asked who was speaking and he said: 'It doesn't matter. You must go or we will wipe you out.' He repeated this three times.

"I was very shocked when he said: 'We know you have children and we will wipe them out too.'

"I do not have children, but a colleague has. That really worried me," the doctor said.

He added that 17 of the staff, including a transport manager, an administrator and a number of nurses had been threatened with death since November.

Some of the staff, besides those threatened, had left since the threats began because they could not stand the tension.

One of the threatened doctors said: "We had a wonderful hospital when I came out from England two years ago. We had lots of plans and were training doctors. I hoped that would continue."

Discharged

The doctors have all moved to other Kwazulu hospitals — some in northern Zululand.

The Appelbosch Hospital is still running, with nurses trained in primary health care and other staff members doing what they can for patients. Many of the less serious patients were discharged before the doctors left. Now all emergency cases and more serious patients have to travel 60km to Edendale Hospital, near Maritzburg.

About 58 of the staff are looking after 120 hospital patients, three residential clinics, three rural clinics and several mobile clinics.

A resident said people "are very worried" about not having doctors.

The SAP district commissioner, Colonel Tyrone Davis, has visited the hospital accompanied by Kwazulu officials in connection with the threats.

Colonel JM du Plessis of

Sifiso Nkabinde said there was a "peaceful" campaign to bring Kwazulu hospitals under the jurisdiction of the Natal Provincial Administration because they were badly run by Kwazulu.

Wounded

"But we do not have a plan to destabilise hospitals. If they (the IFP) say this they are making false accusations because they have no proof."

● On Monday night an ambulance driver from Edendale Hospital was shot and wounded while going to fetch a patient. A car pulled up next to the ambulance and the occupants shot Mr Anton Luswayo, 31, before pulling him from the vehicle. The ambulance was later set alight.

Several drivers from the hospital have been shot and stabbed and their ambulances hijacked in the past two years. Last July driver Mr S Phungula was shot dead and the ambulance service to the Edendale Valley was suspended for some time.

Dear E an amb

By CAS St LEGER

EVITA BEZUIDENHOUT has offered a top-notch job by the Frene Ginwala.

In a letter written on Friday Ginwala of the ANC women's organisation committee said ambas Evita, alias satirist Pieter-Di should quit being "Pik's pret pet" and join the Women's N Coalition.

She said the new and exciting would offer a challenge to Bezuidenhout's "not inconsiderable diplomatic skills".

Miss Ginwala, convenor of the coalition, said Evita's present would be affected by the changing place in the country.

"A new democratic South would no longer recognise Basutoland as a foreign country to which we have to send an ambassador."

Although there would be no African ambassadors, she wrote that after Evita's "very hectic" the frenzy of diplomatic activity would find any other post "very and boring".

There has so far been no response to the offer from Evita, who is at the arts festival in Grahamstown.

Six killed in Natal (276)

At least six people were killed in renewed political fighting outside Port Shepstone on Natal's lower South Coast at the weekend, police reported yesterday. Four people were shot dead when a taxi was attacked in Bhomela, Murchison, on Saturday afternoon. Police returned to the scene on Sunday morning after bad light had hindered their investigations on Saturday and discovered two more bodies in the same area.

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Sixteen reported dead in violent weekend

AT LEAST 16 people were reported killed in unrest-related incidents at the weekend. B. 11/10/92 617192

Police found four men and a woman shot dead in Vosloorus township, east of Johannesburg, yesterday morning. (276)

Two men were killed in Daveyton on Saturday when the vehicle in which they were travelling was fired at. A burnt body was found in Soweto, police said.

West Rand police liaison officer Capt Henriette Bester said yesterday that the bodies in Vosloorus had bullet wounds in their heads and were sprawled next to one another in the street.

No cartridges were found on the scene and police found no indication of how the incident occurred. The bodies were unidentified, Bester added.

At least eight people were killed in further outbreaks of violence in Natal.

Seven people died at Murchison on the south coast as tensions between the ANC and Inkatha continued to rise, police said.

Selvan Chetty, from Port Shepstone's Practical Ministeries, said four people were killed in an attack on a minibus on Saturday. Most were card-carrying ANC

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members.

Late yesterday police said they had found another two bodies in the area.

In another attack in nearby Mtengwane yesterday, one person was killed and three people were injured in an attack by a group of men wielding pangas, knives and other weapons, he added.

The township had been extremely tense since the return three weeks ago of ANC-

aligned youths who had previously fled the violence there, said Chetty. (276) □ From Page 1

Police said that on Friday evening an AK-47-wielding gunman shot and killed another man at Magabeni, near Umkomaas.

Police also said two Inchanga-based policemen in the Maritzburg area narrowly escaped injury in an ambush in Fredville township. — Sapa.

Seven killed in unrest yesterday, report police

POLICE reported seven people were killed in unrest-related incidents yesterday, including two people who were killed in a hand-grenade explosion and two more who died in an arson attack.

Another victim died after being thrown off a train.

Police have confirmed two people died after a hand grenade exploded at a house in Vosloorus yesterday. Police threw a teargas canister into the house of a man believed to have led a petrol-bomb attack after he refused to allow police entry.

A hand-grenade explosion was heard and the body of a man was found. The Vosloorus Civic Association said the dead man was George Mashele, a member of the ANC's military wing.

An elderly woman, later identified as Lilian Makosha, was apparently injured in the explosion. She was taken to a hospital where she later died.

The charred bodies of Mamotsane

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Selepe, 2, and Kolo Radebe, 30, were also found in Vosloorus after their home was petrol-bombed.

Two more charred bodies were found in a gutted house in Katlehong.

An unidentified man was found dead between New Canada and Longdale stations yesterday morning.

Two women were found seriously injured and a third had disappeared after being kidnapped from a women's hostel in Soweto yesterday.

John Nhlapo of Evaton was found necklaced in Sebokeng on Monday night, police said.

Police were also fired on from a truck in Sharpeville.

Two hand grenades were hurled at two houses in Bekkersdal, but no injuries were reported. Police arrested two men and confiscated three rifles.

IFP spokesman Kim Hodgson said 12 IFP supporters had been killed in

attacks near Maritzburg since Friday. Four IFP supporters were killed when a bus was ambushed near Taylor's Halt. Among the others killed were a 10-year-old girl and the 15-year-old son of IFP Nomganga chairman Mvimbezeli Mchunu.

Sapa reports CP leader Andries Treurnicht yesterday accused the Goldstone commission of making biased political statements following a remark reportedly by Judge Richard Goldstone to the effect he was in favour of full democracy in SA.

The ANC's Natal lower south coast region yesterday called for an urgent sitting of the Goldstone commission to probe the reported killing of eight ANC-aligned people in the Murchison area last weekend. Police have confirmed six of the deaths.

Sapa also reports a caller claiming to represent Apla — the armed wing of the PAC — yesterday claimed responsibility for killing a policeman in Thokoza last Friday.

IFP detection ends probe of C A D Quick march

SAP: Top ANC men held

DURBAN. — Two "prominent" ANC members were arrested here yesterday for possession of a firearm and two sets of army uniforms.

Police would not release their names last night but the men are expected to appear in court today.

Local ANC spokesman Mr Dumisani Makhaye said he was not aware of the arrests.

The police said in a statement yesterday a municipal policeman

stopped two "suspicious-looking" people travelling in a car here about 6pm.

"On searching the suspects, the policemen recovered a 9mm calibre weapon, two sets of army uniforms and three balaclavas. The two suspects are prominent members of the ANC."

The statement also said "discoveries of this nature have become frequent occurrences".

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Wait and see as KZP gets control

By LENA SLACHMUIJDER

NATAL unrest monitors have reacted with alarm to moves which will increase the role of the kwaZulu Police (KZP) in countering unrest.

From July 1, the South African Police stopped using Internal Stability Unit (ISU) members in kwaZulu unless specifically called in by the KZP district commissioner. 10/7-16/7/92

The chairman of the Natal-kwaZulu regional dispute resolution committee, MC Pretorius, said the move was a matter of "restructuring command".

Pretorius said that as the KZP held the major responsibility for areas under its jurisdiction, it would feel compelled to act in a more responsible manner. "Unfortunately, we'll only be able to tell if it doesn't work by counting the deaths," he said.

The ANC representative on the Umlazi dispute resolution committee, Felix Dlamini, and local unrest monitors doubted that the KZP could be trusted to act more responsibly if given free rein.

Complaining that the decision had not been canvassed with local peace structures, Dlamini said it had put the brakes on progress towards joint SAP-KZP policing in Umlazi. SAP patrols around troubled shack settlements in Umlazi had fostered a climate of peace, while joint patrols in the township over the Easter weekend had greatly improved residents' perceptions of the security forces.

"The decision is discouraging in the face of increasing violence," said Democratic Party unrest monitor Roy Ainslie. "We have used the ISU to a great extent, and have been very impressed with them recently."

The move follows the release of an updated report by the Legal Resources Centre and Human Rights Commission, which paints a picture of deteriorating KZP conduct and distrust of the force by communities over the past six months.

Killings go unpunished as ...

Goldstone ignored

By SIBU MINGADI

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CHARGES have been withdrawn against hostel dwellers who allegedly killed 19 people and were arrested at the scene with blood-stained weapons in the Mooi River township of Bruntville in December last year.

And Justice Richard Goldstone this week complained that his commission's recommendations regarding policing of the Natal midlands town had been ignored with no reason given.

Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel has told Democratic Party MP for Mooi River Wessel Nel that the charges were withdrawn because of lack of evidence.

Kriel had said investigations were continuing but no first-hand evidence had been found to bring new charges.

Nel said that the action of the force was an "indictment on the government and tantamount to acknowledging a state of anarchy".

He said for Kriel to say six months later that charges had been withdrawn and to decline to make a statement on the issue when asked to do so was "frankly abhorrent".

He said the Bruntville incident was a duplicate of the Boipatong massacre except that in Bruntville armed perpetrators were arrested at the scene of crime.

Nine of the 19 victims were women and children.

Following the killings, the Goldstone Commission heard evidence from all interested parties in the town earlier this year.

Goldstone's report, put together by the Commission's Committee on Mass Demonstrations, was tabled in parliament in February.

Goldstone said peace and tranquillity had reigned in Mooi River up to November 1990. Since then Bruntville had become highly politicised with Inkatha controlling the 1000-strong men's hostel and most of Bruntville's 14 000 residents supporting the ANC.

Several homes around the hostel had been burnt down and were deserted.

The judge said: "It appears to be undisputed that the IFP supporters launched two attacks on dwellers in Bruntville township, the first at about

6 pm on December 3 and the second at about 4.30 am the following morning. The first attack left four people dead and the second some 15 dead.

"It is also not disputed that an IFP organiser, Mbuyiselwa Johannes Mbatha, died from a gunshot wound on December 3. According to the IFP witnesses, he was shot in the vicinity of the hostel.

"Some few hundred men participated in the first attack by the IFP supporters. They were armed with assegais, sticks and knobkieries." Witnesses had spoken of between 400 to 1 000 people launching a second attack.

After this the police had arrested 172 IFP supporters and confiscated 19 Zulu shields, 16 bush knives, one home-made firearm, 69 sticks, two pangas and 144 spears.

The committee asked the police to find out how many of the arrested IFP members were hostel dwellers.

This figure was to help in deciding on the degree of planning involved and whether the hostel had outside support.

The 172 did not resist arrest and their weapons were confiscated en masse.

"One can imagine the negative impact it will have in this situation if none

or only a small number of those arrested are convicted," Goldstone said.

On March 22 this year a fact-finding delegation of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) also visited Bruntville, the hostel and Mooi River police station and gathered evidence.

In their June report the ICJ said the arrest of the IFP 172 had met with no resistance; their weapons were confiscated en masse and the opportunity of identifying the man with his weapon was lost, rendering successful prosecution difficult.

This week, nearly five months after his recommendations, the judge noted that his recommendations had been ignored.

However, SAP Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe said police had given the commission's recommendations "full attention".

"It's therefore not clear what the commission means when it states that its findings have been ignored. The commission will be contacted," Van der Merwe said this week.

One can imagine the negative impact it will have in this situation if none or only a small number of those arrested are convicted.

By S'BU MNGADI

CONTROVERSY surrounds this week's provisional withdrawal of charges against a policeman and two men who allegedly gunned down three people in Folweni south of Durban on June 22.

SAP constable Gilbert Sosibo, Shadrack Mnguni and Vusi Bonginkosi Sibiya were arrested on July 1 and appeared in the Umbumbulu Magistrate's Court on July 3.

They were remanded in custody until July 9 pending further investigations.

When they appeared on Thursday the prosecutor announced the case had been provisionally

Folweni charges dropped

withdrawn "on the instructions" of Natal Attorney-General Mike Imber's office. No reasons were given.

However, Umbumbulu court officials attributed the withdrawal to a "shoddy investigation" by the investigating officer from Montclair police station, where Sosibo is stationed.

The only survivor of the attack, SAP constable

Ambrose Mbili of the Berea mobile unit, is still unable to speak after being shot through the mouth. He related in writing how his live-in lover Zama Gumede, 19, and their neighbours, Tholakele Damini, 19, and Maso Duma, 22, were murdered by three policemen from Montclair and an Inkatha activist.

SAP spokesman Capt Hamilton Ngidi could not explain how it was possible for charges to be provisionally withdrawn when Mbili had positively identified his assailants. He referred City Press to the A-G, who was not available at the time of going to press.

Council of Trade Unions, discriminatory practices Joe Botma announced last night.

Body to fight 'corruption, murder'

By Michael Sparks

A coalition of nearly 50 organisations was formed yesterday to fight Government "corruption and State-sponsored murders".

Dubbed the Coalition against State Murder and Corruption (Casmac), it was formed at Wits University and plans to send a representative to Harare to address a United Nations group investigating human rights violations.

Casmac comprises a broad spectrum of trade unions as well as political and religious groups, including the ANC, Congress of SA Trade Unions, SA Catholic Bishops' Conference, SA



Ramaphosa ... urged vigorous public outcry.

Council of Churches, Lawyers for Human Rights, Human Rights Commission, Black Sash, Pan Africanist Congress and Five Freedoms Forum, among others.

Addressing the launch of Casmac yesterday, ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa urged

the public to act to force the State to be more accountable for its actions.

He challenged the public to take part in a more vigorous public outcry so that the Government could not "get away with denials of complicity in the violence".

Casmac, in a document distributed at the launch, called for the dismissal and prosecution of all Government ministers and officials who had been involved in murder or corruption.

It also called for the full disclosure of secret projects and covert operations — and the creation of a multiparty commission, involving the international community, with full powers of ac-

cess and investigation into the security forces.

Casmac plans to meet Mr Justice Goldstone to voice its concern that recommendations by the Goldstone Commission are not being acted upon by the Government.

Members also hope to meet President de Klerk.

Casmac intends writing to the UN Committee Against Apartheid and the British Anti-Apartheid Movement.

Among the 18 members elected to the steering committee are Cheryl Carolus of the ANC, Kallie Hanekom of Five Freedoms Forum, Brian Curren of Lawyers for Human Rights and John Lamola of the SA Council of Churches.

Dismissed Toyota workers stone job-seekers

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Pandemonium broke out at the Toyota plant in Prospecton south of Durban yesterday and police were called in and fired teargas to disperse dismissed workers who had stoned and chased away people seeking employment.

Job-seekers arrived at the plant after Toyota's announced at the weekend that it would start recruiting new workers after the dismissal of 6 000 workers who had been on strike for more than a month.

Talks between management and the National Union of Metal-

workers of SA (Numsa) deadlocked on Friday.

From early yesterday, hundreds of people queued up at the gates to seek interviews. Police spokesman Captain Bala Naidoo said a group of former employees stoned and threw bottles at the job-seekers.

"Repeated calls to those who were not seeking employment to leave the area were ignored."

Toyota public affairs managing director Phil Wilkon confirmed the incident.

Numsa regional secretary Eckie Esau was unavailable for comment.

Toll reaches 523 (276)

At least 82 people were killed in political violence in Natal in June, bringing the total number of deaths from political fighting in the province for the first half of the year to 523, according to the Human Rights Commission. *Sowetan 14/7/92*

The HRC's monthly bulletin yesterday reported the Natal Midlands as the worst hit region with 35 deaths in June. The Richmond area recorded 11 killings - the highest in this region.

In the Durban area, 23 people died in June, with 14 deaths at Umlazi.

The HRC reported 14 deaths on the South Coast, and 10 on the North Coast. - Sapa.

WHILE massacres like Boipatong grab world headlines, lesser tragedies go virtually unnoticed every week in Natal's "Widow Valleys".

Mr Bongani Maphalala lives in Edendale, a black township near Maritzburg which has been at the centre of attack and counter-attack in a war that erupted in the mid-1980s.

Maphalala said 15 family members, including four of his children, have died in the violence so far. *Sowetan 15/7/92*

His own death can only be a matter of time, he added.

"There is no way we can avoid the fighting. Everyone is involved. There is a simmering war here. Natal is such a riven and split province," Maphalala (54) told *Reuters*.

His neighbour Mr Johannes Matula, a member of the Inkatha Freedom Party, was killed in a recent ambush. Police found 51 spent AK-47 cartridges at the scene.

Independent analysts monitoring the fighting say it has entered a new phase of major, calculated intensity with both Inkatha and the African National Congress to blame.

They say an average of five people a day are killed in political violence in Natal.

"The Natal war has been forgotten. To most South Africans, the killings have turned into statistics and nothing more," Maphalala said.

"People don't care any longer when they hear one has been killed here and two others died there in an ambush, and so on. What catches attention is a massacre," he said.

Residents in the area said that the weekend before the 49 Boipatong victims were buried, 18 people were killed in Natal.

The ANC broke off negotiations with State President FW de Klerk after the Boipatong massacre on June 17, citing it as evidence that the Government was to blame for township violence that has killed about 12 000 blacks in eight years.

In Natal, professional hitmen from both Inkatha and the ANC are reported to have been killing each other's officials.

Inkatha says 80 of its leaders have been killed since the legalisation of the ANC in 1990, and 200 since 1985. The ANC makes similar charges.

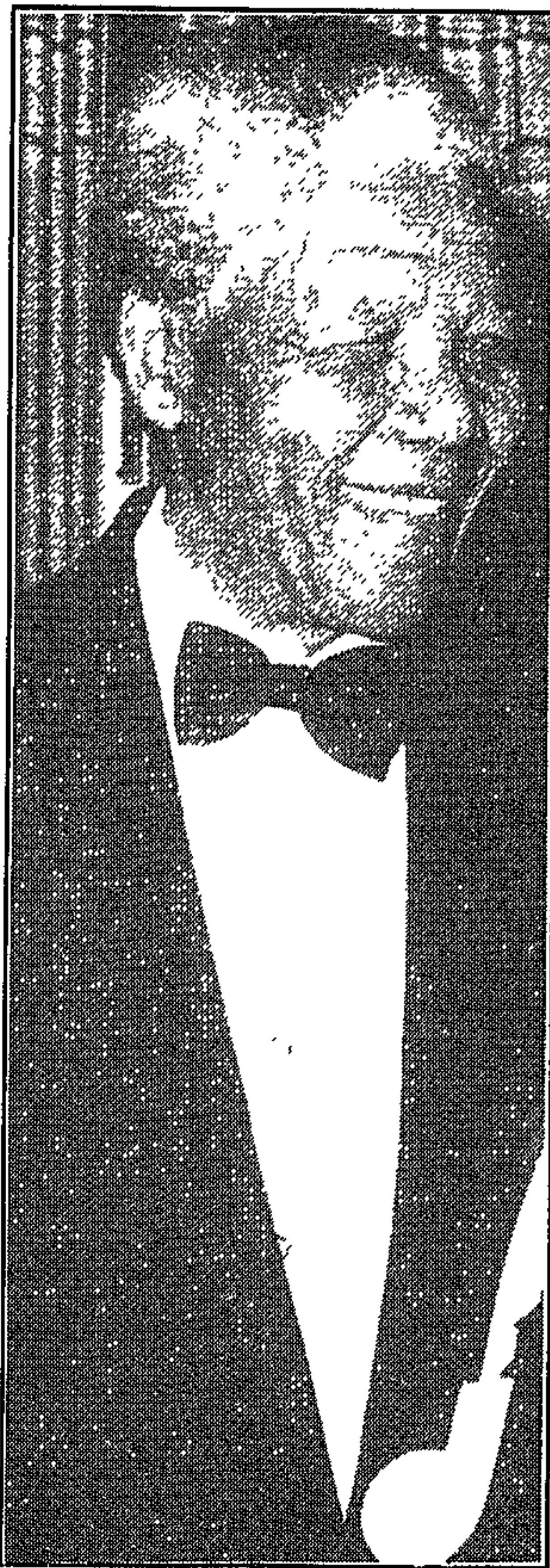
Men gather in groups to patrol and defend their neighbourhoods through the night. Every death must be avenged, feeding the spiral of killing.

Inkatha supporters enter ANC areas at their peril, and vice versa.

Schooling is almost at a standstill in many townships.

Most combatants in the war are in their teens, motivated not by national political issues but by

Forgotten tragedies. At least five people are killed every day in Natal's 'Window Valleys' but these deaths go unnoticed — they are simply regarded as statistics in the ongoing political violence that is sweeping South Africa: (276)

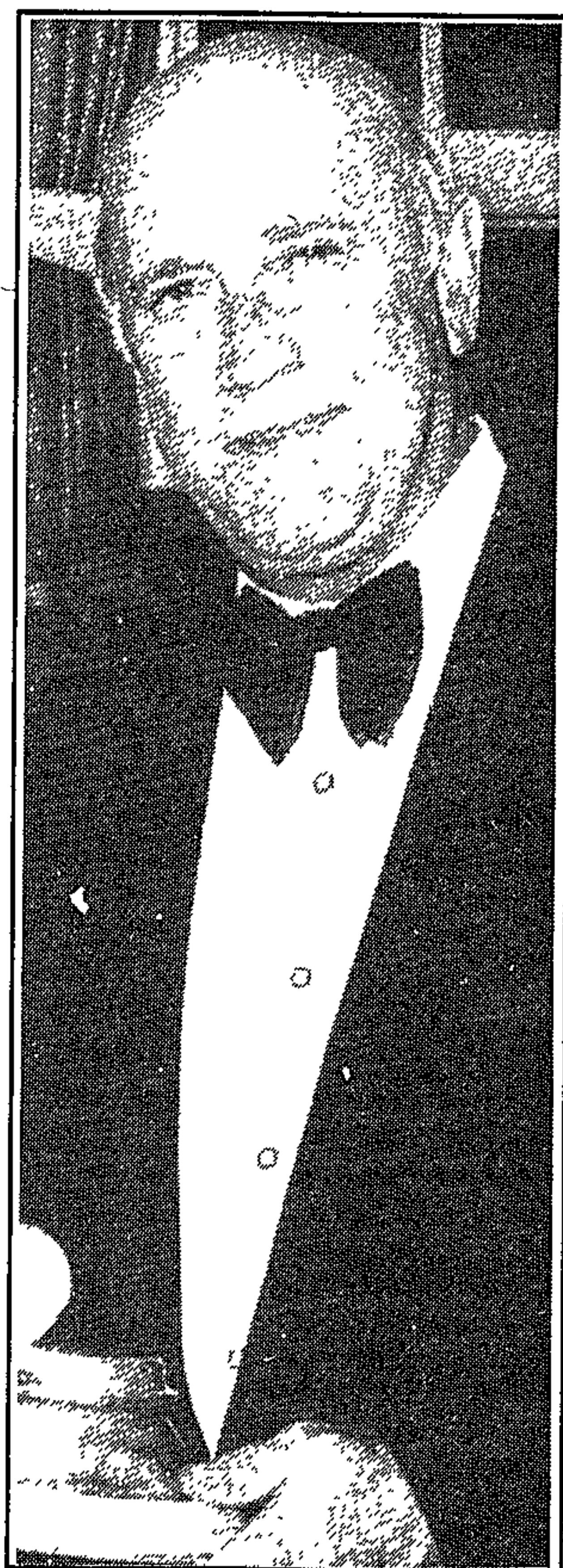


Nelson Mandela

local power struggles

"Law and order has collapsed and the leadership on both sides has given up trying to control supporters and restore peace," said a priest who asked not to be identified.

The analysts said Inkatha and ANC leaders would have reined in their followers if they



FW de Klerk

could because the violence did not serve either group's interests.

But the leaders themselves are no angels.

The ANC last month held mock trials of Government and Inkatha leaders in which De Klerk and others were sentenced to death and their coffins set on fire. - *Sapa-Reuter*.

ANC campaign: 25 held in Maritzburg

By Bronwyn Wilkinson (276)

On the first day of the ANC's campaign of occupying Government buildings, a policeman was stabbed and 25 people were arrested when several hundred ANC supporters tried to occupy the Maritzburg City Hall yesterday.

According to police, a crowd of people surrounded police vehicles and freed the detainees, who were being transported to the Loop Street police station. A policeman was stabbed and several shops were looted.

In Cape Town, police clashed with ANC supporters after about 40 Youth League mem-

bers occupied the offices of the National Party in Burg Street. No one was seriously injured.

The occupations, part of the ANC's mass action campaign, were organised on a regional level and did not get under way in the Transvaal or Free State.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said last night: "The proposed occupations were left to the discretion of the regions and were not determined on a national level. It was not planned that all centres would start the occupations on the same day."

Ms Marcus said the organisation's PWV region had not planned to start its campaign yesterday.

2 die in 'ANC' attack

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TWO people were killed and one injured in an attack by about 20 alleged ANC supporters on a house in Bruntville, near Mooi River, in Natal.

Police yesterday afternoon prevented a revenge attack by forming a cordon between the two groups. The police came under fire from the alleged ANC supporters but no one was injured. - *Sowetan Reporters, Correspondents, Sapa.*

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Spear threat in township fighting

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DURBAN. — Parts of Bruntville, near Mooi River, were on fire yesterday amid fighting between ANC township residents and IFP hostel dwellers which left at least one man dead and three injured.

Former Durban councillor and now Bruntville commissioner Mr Pieter Breytenbach and a newspaper reporter narrowly escaped death when their car was forced off the road by a heavily armed group of residents.

Mr Breytenbach said a spear was held to his body and he was threatened with death unless the hostel dwellers were removed from the area.

An SAP Casspir was extensively damaged when it was petrol-bombed.

A township IFP leader, Mr Alex Sokhela, said the violence broke out after ANC supporters stabbed Mrs Lulu Ndlela who was sleeping in her house near the hostel at 9am yesterday.

Mr Sokhela said the IFP hostel dwellers heard a woman screaming and when they went to investigate the ANC supporters shot at them.

A spokesman for the ANC, Mr Mpho Dlamini, denied this. He said Mrs Ndlela no longer lived in the township. She left last year.

This was corroborated by an elderly man who lives at Mrs Ndlela's home. The press team observed that the

'Kill a cop a day' — slogan

PRETORIA. — A policeman was killed and another seriously wounded on Tuesday in Vosloorus, East Rand, where activists have reportedly adopted the slogan "Kill a cop a day".

According to the latest SAP unrest report, men with AK-47 rifles and 9mm pistols fired at policemen investigating a complaint.

Police are investigating claims by the Azanian People's Liberation Army that it has targeted policemen in a campaign to bring the government to its knees. Apla cadres have reportedly adopted the slogan.

The latest death brings to at least 106 the number of policemen killed this year.

● A man who was freed in a raid on King Edward VIII Hospital last year was shot dead by police in a Durban street on Tuesday afternoon. Two plain-clothes detectives saw the man, who was wanted on an attempted murder charge. He pointed a gun and the detectives shot him.

● Two people were seriously injured when they were thrown from a train on the East Rand yesterday morning, police said.

● Faction fighting has forced 500 people to flee their homes in the strife-torn area of Murchison, near Port Shepstone. They have taken refuge in the local hospital. — Sapa

house was far from the hostel.

The ANC said the attack was launched to pre-empt their march today. The march, organised as part of the mass action campaign, was to demand the removal of the hostel and an end to the carrying of traditional weapons.

But police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said the SAP forces who were called in to deal with the situation were shot at upon arrival.

NEWS Mothers and babies shot by gunmen wrapped in blankets

Babies among casualties of latest Reef violence

By Victor Tsuai and Abbey Makoe

TWO babies were killed in separate incidents of violence in Kagiso on the West Rand and Kallahong on the East Rand.

Scores of people were injured when gunmen allegedly wearing blankets ran amok in Kallahong's Nhlapo Section on Wednesday night.

In Kagiso Miss Neliswa Yonkwe (28) and her six-month old baby were shot dead in Dinizulu Street.

The shooting occurred shortly after more than 30 vehicles were either set

■ Residents baffled by seemingly motiveless attacks in quiet residential streets:

alight or damaged and a bottle store looted. The violence precedes Monday's stayaway and consumer boycott in Kagiso.

A spokesman for the family of Yonkwe, Mr Simphiwe Zozo, said that they could not explain the motive behind the attack.

In Kallahong Ms Puseletso Phalane, the mother of the 17-month-old child who died, is being treated at the Natalspruit Hospital for gunshot wounds.

Her boyfriend, Mr Sipho Mwelase (30), said he survived by hiding under the bed when gunmen sprayed their shack with bullets.

By 4pm yesterday, police did not know of the incident. Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman asked: "Who reported the matter to the police?"

Residents spoken to by the *Sowetan* at the scene did not know the motive for the attack. Most said the incident had left them "baffled".

Mass action continues

■ March in KwaZulu, while third class ticket holders travel first class in Cape Town

THE ANC-led mass action campaign centred around the Western Cape and Natal yesterday with more sit-ins, marches and "mock trials".

At least five people have laid criminal charges since Wednesday's mock trial and the occupation of National Party offices in Cape Town by members of the ANC Youth League.

At least 40 ANCYL members occupied the NP offices for about an hour while supporters sat outside blocking Church Street and disrupting traffic.

The group left the NP offices and burnt a South African flag.

ANC-supporting women from townships around Port Shepstone on Natal's South Coast marched through the town yesterday in protest against killings in

the area and the failure of the police to apprehend perpetrators of violence.

joint working committee coordinator Mr Thabo Nikwe said the march was also part of the mass action campaign.

The march began from the KwaZulu Transport bus rank to the Port Shepstone police station where a memorandum was handed in.

Most of the marchers came from Murchison where renewed violence has claimed the lives of at least 20 people over the past month.

The ANC-led protest against third-class ticket holders being treated as "third class citizens" went off without a hitch yesterday. - *Sowetan Reporters and Sapa.*

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township in two separate attacks, five people have been killed in the war-torn Vaal Triangle townships, and firebrands in Kagiso on the West Rand have burnt or stoned at least 27 vehicles. 621

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another man — identified as Albert Sibanyoni — was gunned down at close range by one of three men. He later died in hospital.

SAP spokesman Captain Pieter van Deventer confirmed that the bodies of two men were found in Sebokeng, and that three bodies were found in Evaton on Wednesday night. All the victims had bullet wounds.

when unknown gunmen opened fire on him and other members of the SAP in Zone 7. Constable MS Ntsala was treated at the Vereeniging Hospital and later discharged.

A police spokesman blamed the violence on a spate of meetings held in the township this week to discuss the ANC's mass action plans.

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VIGILANTE RELATED ACTIONS

FORTY-TWO people were killed and 11 injured in Natal and the PWV in the past week, reports the HRC. The majority of deaths — occurred in the PWV. (276)

In the Natal Midlands, 13 people died and six injured in the Kranskop, Pietermaritzburg and Wembezi areas. The Inkatha Institute claimed that five of those killed were IFP members.

HIT SQUAD ACTIONS

ON July 9 in Umtata, former Transkei minister Chief Julius Matatu was shot and killed at his home in Mqanduli. He was last seen alive when he attended an ANC meeting the night before. Police reported that a single 9mm cartridge was found near his body.

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One dead, Casspir burned in fight

A MAN died when the industrial dispute at Mooi River Textiles in the Natal midlands took an explosive turn this week when fierce fighting broke out between strikers and non-strikers.

In an outburst of tempers between members of the IFP-aligned United Workers' Union of South Africa and members of the South African Clothing and Textile Workers Union at the textile plant, at least one person was killed and a number of houses burnt. *clipped 1977/92*

The fighting started immediately after members of the SADF's 121 Battalion who had been stationed in the township, withdrew on Tuesday.

Residents say hostel dwellers armed with traditional weapons and firearms launched repeated attacks on houses near a hostel. *(276)*

Hostel dweller and IFP member John Mdluli was shot in the head and killed during a counter-attack by residents.

A police Casspir caught in the crossfire between the warring factions was burnt out.

Cop dies trying to save mate

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DURBAN — Two policemen were shot dead — one while trying to save another — and a third was seriously injured at Lamontville here yesterday morning. They were among six police casualties in various attacks at the weekend.

Police spokesman Captain Hamilton Ngidi said the Lamontville incident happened when the policemen tried to investigate a suspicious bakkie outside a house in Khawula street.

"As they approached the house, they came under heavy fire and a policeman was shot dead."

The name of the policeman, who was stationed at the C R Swart police headquarters, is being withheld until his next of kin have been informed.

Captain Ngidi said the other policemen got out of the car and returned fire. In the ensuing shootout, Constable F Venter was shot dead and Sergeant G Cummings sustained leg injuries.

Captain Ngidi said 57 AK-47 rifles and 18 9mm spent cartridges were found at the scene.

Warning

In other incidents, two policemen and a youth were injured when a handgrenade was thrown at them near the Jabavu Clinic in Soweto.

A policeman was injured in an attack on police by a mob at a taxi rank in Empangeni, KwaZulu.

At Sebokeng a man was wounded when gunmen fired a number of rounds at a hostel, and a woman was injured in Vosloorus when a handgrenade was hurled at a car.

● Tension ran high on Saturday afternoon when a group of demonstrators pushed, kicked and bashed a police van, denting the driver's door, as about 2 000 protesters, some armed with axes, sharpened metal rods and pangas, were about to leave Baragwanath Hospital after marching there.

Although angry marshals pushed the assailants away, dozens of soldiers with rifles — some with bayonets — walked towards the protesters.

The marshals, trying to avert further eruptions, then led the marchers back to Soweto. There was a heavy police presence inside the hospital grounds while at least eight SADF armoured vehicles followed the marchers on their route — Own Correspondent, Sapa

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PEACE-MAKER ... One of the organisers of the Soweto march by hospital workers at the weekend steps between stone-throwing marchers and police with drawn weapons to try and avert conflict.

Picture AP

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — A South African Police sergeant, only survivor of a weekend ambush, owes his life to a rubbish bin in which he hid from a gang of gunmen who had shot and killed two colleagues at Lamontville, outside Durban.

Lance-Sergeant Grant Cummings, 25, was shot and wounded in both legs when gunmen with AK-47s opened fire on him and two of his colleagues.

Constable Michael Venter, 22, and Constable Tyron Samuels, 20, were shot dead as gunmen fired more than 50 rounds.

All three policemen from the Collision Unit were following a kombi in Lamontville at 1.30 am. However, they lost trace of the vehicle and did a U-turn in the township when they came across a bakkie.

In an interview last night, Sergeant Cummings spoke about his narrow escape with death: "I don't know what I'm doing here. I should have been dead. God was keeping a watch on me."

Sergeant Cummings had to undergo an operation to remove a bullet from his leg. Another bullet also grazed a finger.

Sergeant Cummings said that as they made their way out of the township he saw men running across the street.

"Suddenly we came under heavy automatic gunfire. I have been shot at before, but this was a different ball game. Shots were being fired from all round. I shouted at Michael and Tyron to get out of the car."

"Tyron was shot and killed instantly. He had no chance. Michael and I managed to get out and run down a bank. We returned fire."

"Michael had an Uzzi and I had my pistol. We fired a number of shots at the gunmen, but I am not certain we hit anyone. We were outgunned."

"For some reason Michael went back to the police car. I told him not to, but he went and was shot in the head."

"When I saw him go down I ran further down the bank to some houses saw a rubbish bin, jumped in and covered myself. The stench was overpowering."

"I must have been in the bin for several hours. At about 6 am I could hear someone coughing in the house. I went to the house and begged for help."

"I took out my police pocket book and wrote a note and a woman gave it to her daughter to take it to the nearest police station," said Sergeant Cummings.

Policemen ambushed

Two shot dead . . . sergeant owes life to rubbish bin hide-out

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Chaos in Durban drivers' blockade

DURBAN. — West Street here was thrown into chaos yesterday when more than 20 municipal bus drivers blocked the road to protest against the Durban City Council's "undemocratic" plan to admit 16 black councillors to its ranks.

The protest action was one of many yesterday, during which several people were arrested on charges of trespassing and holding illegal gatherings, and five were charged with assaulting policemen.

The National Party council caucus here has proposed the allocation of 16 seats to mainly black councillors drawn from the ANC, Inkatha, civic associations and Local Affairs Committees.

The ANC and civic groups slammed the move as "undemocratic" and "tokenism". Inkatha and civic bodies have also condemned the proposal.

● In Johannesburg, five protesters who occupied the Transvaal Provincial Administration offices were arrested and warned to appear in court today, while a group of 10 people attempted to occupy the Bophuthats-

City protests: ANC sets out action plan

Staff Reporter

THE Western Cape branch of the ANC announced its plan of action for the week but refused to disclose details of a planned action in the city centre on Saturday.

ANC spokeswoman Ms Sue de Villiers said a pro-democracy public meeting would be held tonight in Rylands. A sit-in protest will take place at the CPA's Goodwood offices tomorrow, followed by a commemoration service for Albert Luthuli during which the Nonqubela railway station in Khayelitsha will be renamed.

Other protest actions include a train defiance campaign at Cape Town station on Thursday.

wana consulate. Other demonstrations took place in Diepkloof, Soweto; Mohlakeng, near Randfontein; Kagiso on the West Rand, and Pretoria.

● The police yesterday made an "urgent appeal to those taking part in the mass action to refrain from continued illegal actions".

● The Black Trade Union yesterday condemned Cosatu's mass action campaign, saying it would hurt the poor and force workers to subscribe to the aims of a particular political organisation. — Sapa

ANC team gets a hostile reception

WILSON ZWANE

AN ANC-SACP-Cosatu delegation received a hostile reception yesterday when it visited Iscor's KwamMadala hostel to check on the evacuation of inmates.

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Numsa official Alfred Woodington said yesterday the alliance had alerted Iscor's management and Kwa-Madala's leaders of their intended visit to the Vaal triangle hostel.

"But when we got there, about 200 people toy-toyed towards us, calling us killers," Woodington said, adding that such a reception did not bode well for the spirit of reconciliation.

The delegation was able, however, to talk to the hostel dwellers' leaders. According to Woodington, it was agreed that a meeting of Inkatha, Iscor and the ANC-SACP-Cosatu alliance should be convened today.

The meeting would discuss, among other things, what was going to be done about Bolpatong residents who had been displaced by violence in the township and the reintegration of hostel dwellers in the local community, Woodington said.

Asked about the process to evacuate KwamMadala hostel dwellers, he said the delegation was satisfied with steps taken to date. One-third of the hostel had been emptied and a wall would be built between that portion and the rest of the complex, he said.

Iscor spokesman Neels Howatt has said his company intended moving all KwamMadala hostel inmates to KwamMasiza hostel by September 21.

Call for help in tracing killers

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DURBAN — Natal's regional police commissioner has appealed to political organisations and communities to help the SAP trace and apprehend people who attacked and killed policemen, following the deaths of four around Durban recently, Sapa reports.

In a statement yesterday, Maj-Gen Colin Steyn referred specifically to three policemen killed at the weekend: Const F J J Venter, Const Tyrell Tyrone Samuels and Detective Const Titus Maphanga.

Just hours before his statement, Durban police reported the killing of Const Jabulile Gumede, who was shot dead at point-blank range in Umlazi while waiting for a bus to take her to work yesterday.

Steyn described the killings as "clearly politically motivated".

He said a meeting had taken place between the ANC and Natal police last week to address rumours that the SAP intended withdrawing from certain areas. The ANC had demanded that police remain.

"The latest attacks on members of the SAP can be seen as a contradiction of the sentiments and concerns voiced by the ANC," Steyn said.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said yesterday that 112 policemen had been killed so far this year.

In his response to Steyn's remarks, the ANC's southern Natal secretary Sibusiso Ndebele rejected "the general's insinuation that the ANC is responsible for the

killings in Lamontville".

Ndebele said it was not ANC policy to kill policemen, adding that the organisation had suspended its armed activities.

President F W de Klerk has requested the Goldstone commission to investigate attacks on the SAP. Judge Richard Goldstone said yesterday the commission fully shared De Klerk's concern about the large number of policemen killed and injured in recent months.

Goldstone also said the commission had received "disturbing reports" from the Vosloorus Local Dispute Resolution Committee concerning violence in that area. The commission was also concerned at the renewed outbreak of violence at Brumville and Mooi River.

Meanwhile, Law and Order Minister Herens Kriel gazetted a notice in Pretoria declaring the West Rand's Kagiso, Munsieville, Swanleville squatter settlement and Bekersdal unrest areas.

RAY HARTLEY reports gunmen killed two men outside Selby Hostel in Johannesburg yesterday.

ANC spokesman Wally Mbhele said the attack followed the stabbing of a hostel dweller yesterday and the shooting of a worker on Friday.

In another incident, at least two people were killed in a shooting at an Umlazi home yesterday, police said.

And a burned body and a stabbing victim were found in Soweto.



ANC spokesman Gill Marcus, who attended yesterday's SAUJ-sponsored conference on journalists' safety

Politicians promote journalists' safety

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POLITICAL organisations, including the ANC, Inkatha, SACP, NP and DP, yesterday signed a declaration promoting the safety of journalists.

They were attending a conference organised by the SA Union of Journalists. SAUJ president Peter Malherbe said that since January, one journalist had been killed, 21 assaulted and 12 threatened.

The ANC said it had begun setting up a network of media marshals to act as guides for journalists in townships.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said the

marshals would relay complaints from journalists to the ANC.

Inkatha information officer Erry Goetsch agreed that guides were needed. NP information director Piet Coetzee said it was necessary "to change society's attitude towards freedom of expression".

The PAC and Azapo did not sign the declaration, which PAC spokesman Barney Desai said the national working committee had to discuss. Azapo's Steven Peter said it "needed to be broadened".

Picture CATHERINE ROS

Why he turned cop-killer

Mkhize declared war after his father was shot dead; and he always carried

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an AK-47
— even in
the toilet

The Argus Correspondent

**Terrified family:
Men with
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The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN — The family living in the house around which the Isipingo shootout raged described the experience as "terrifying".

Mrs Shamm Khan lives in the house with her husband and two sons, Shaheed, 7 and Zahed, 3.

She described today how she and her husband crawled across the floors and over broken glass, hiding their screaming children under beds.

She said "Something made me look out of the dining room window and I saw a rambus screech to a stop not far from the house.

"Men with guns were running and shooting, windows were shattering and we were screaming. The shooting got louder and louder.

"We spent more than an hour on the floor trying to cover the children, who were crying. The shooting was terrible. Everything in the house is blasted to pieces and so is my car."

Blood from cuts caused by broken glass dripped from her leg as she relived the horror.

Outside the house the scene resembled a war zone. Bodies lay sprawled about, windows were shattered and blood and sand had turned to thick red mud in the garden.

The family eventually emerged from the house when police told them to come out.

Last night the family were arranging to stay with neighbours still shocked at the incident.

The streets of Isipingo Hills were clogged with abandoned cars while hundreds of people, including children, crowded on to rooftops and gardens overlooking the shootout.

The crowds ducked and squinted at each fresh burst of gunfire in what one onlooker described as "like being in a movie".



BACKGROUND TO THE NEWS

THE GUNFIGHT IN FLAMBOYANT DRIVE: The scene of the shooting of public enemy No 1, Sibusiso Mkhize — known as "Billy the Kid" — who was gunned down by police at Isipingo Hills near Durban. Four of his bodyguards were also shot dead in a running gun battle with police and the Reaction Unit after the gang was cornered outside a house in Flamboyant Drive.

His not clear how many killings Mkhize was involved in, but it is believed that he was wanted for the deaths of at least six KwaZulu policemen, plus three members of the South African Police — two of them whom were killed at Laumontville on Sunday.

Mkhize was wanted by both the South African Police and the KwaZulu Police and often both police departments clashed at scenes where Mkhize was hiding.

The one person Mkhize had on his death list was suspended KwaZulu police sergeant Si-phwe Mnyane, who is now facing several charges.

Sergeant Mnyane shot and killed Mkhize's father, Chief Si-pho Mkhize, a prominent member of the African National Congress, in June, 1990.

Ever since his father's death Mkhize had waged a single-handed war against the KwaZulu Police.

He led several attacks on the Umluhlabu police station and during one attack he launched an RPG-7 rocket attack at the police station. In another attack he blasted with a rocket a police vehicle which had one of his gang members in the back.

People who knew Mkhize said he was a very bitter man who hated the police. He always had an AK-47 rifle at his side — even when he went to the toilet.

Mkhize eluded the police for more than a year, but yesterday he met his match and was finally killed — with his bodyguards.

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Crawling curbs (276)

Political violence claimed the lives of 82 people in Natal in June, according to research by the Human Rights Commission (HRC). This brings the province's death toll for the year to 523.

The continuing high level of casualties, according to the HRC, is just one indication of how often the National Peace Accord is being violated — a problem worsened by the fact that structures agreed to in terms of the accord have still not been implemented.

Natal HRC fieldworker Jenni Irish points, as an example, to a failure to establish special courts for hearing individual grievances; failure to create police reporting offices or to appoint Justices of the Peace; and the fact that only three local dispute resolution committees have been established in the province.

Added to this, the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into Public Violence, as one of the few mechanisms to which people are able to take their complaints, has, since its establishment, only managed to complete one inquiry (the Mooi River Brundville investigation) in the province. It has, however, carried out several preliminary inquiries which did reach conclusions on the causes of violence.

This, she says, is not a criticism of Judge Goldstone, but rather that the commission simply has too much on its plate. She suggests one solution could be the establishment of regional commissions which operate along the same lines as the Goldstone Commission.

Irish adds that the effectiveness of the peace process also depends on the accountability of leaders for the actions of their followers and this is simply not happening.

M C Pretorius, co-chairman of the Natal/KwaZulu regional dispute resolution committee, says there are now five such committees established in the province. In addition, there are working groups in 12 other areas, which, though not yet formally constituted, are doing sterling and effective work.

On the issue of special courts, he says he has been assured by Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee that this has been addressed by increased sittings of existing courts which has considerably reduced waiting time.

Pretorius concedes that Justices of the Peace have not as yet been appointed. However, this had not been possible until the Internal Peace Institutions Bill — the enabling legislation for the Peace Accord — had gone through parliament. "This happened a few weeks ago and the local dispute resolution committees are now identifying suitable nominees for these positions."

Meanwhile, Irish says, the violence continues unabated. Though at first sight, a regional breakdown of fatalities in Natal shows an encouraging decline in casualties on the South Coast from 41 in May to 14 last month, this is misleading.

Says Irish: "Firstly, the figures only reflect deaths, not the actual incidents of violence. Secondly, there was a big outbreak in the Port Shepstone area which began the day

after the tabulation of the June results was completed. As a result of this, there are now between 600 and 1 000 refugees in the area."

In contrast to the South Coast, there was a "serious increase" in deaths in the Durban area where the toll rose to 23 — most of them in Umlazi.

Statistics show little change in the level of casualties for the Midlands and North Coast. In the Midlands, 35 political strife-

linked deaths were recorded (as opposed to 28 in May) and on the North Coast, 10 people were killed in June compared with seven the previous month.

The HRC was established as an independent monitoring organisation during the State of Emergency and enjoys the patronage of organisations like the Black Sash and the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for SA, but excludes all political parties. ■

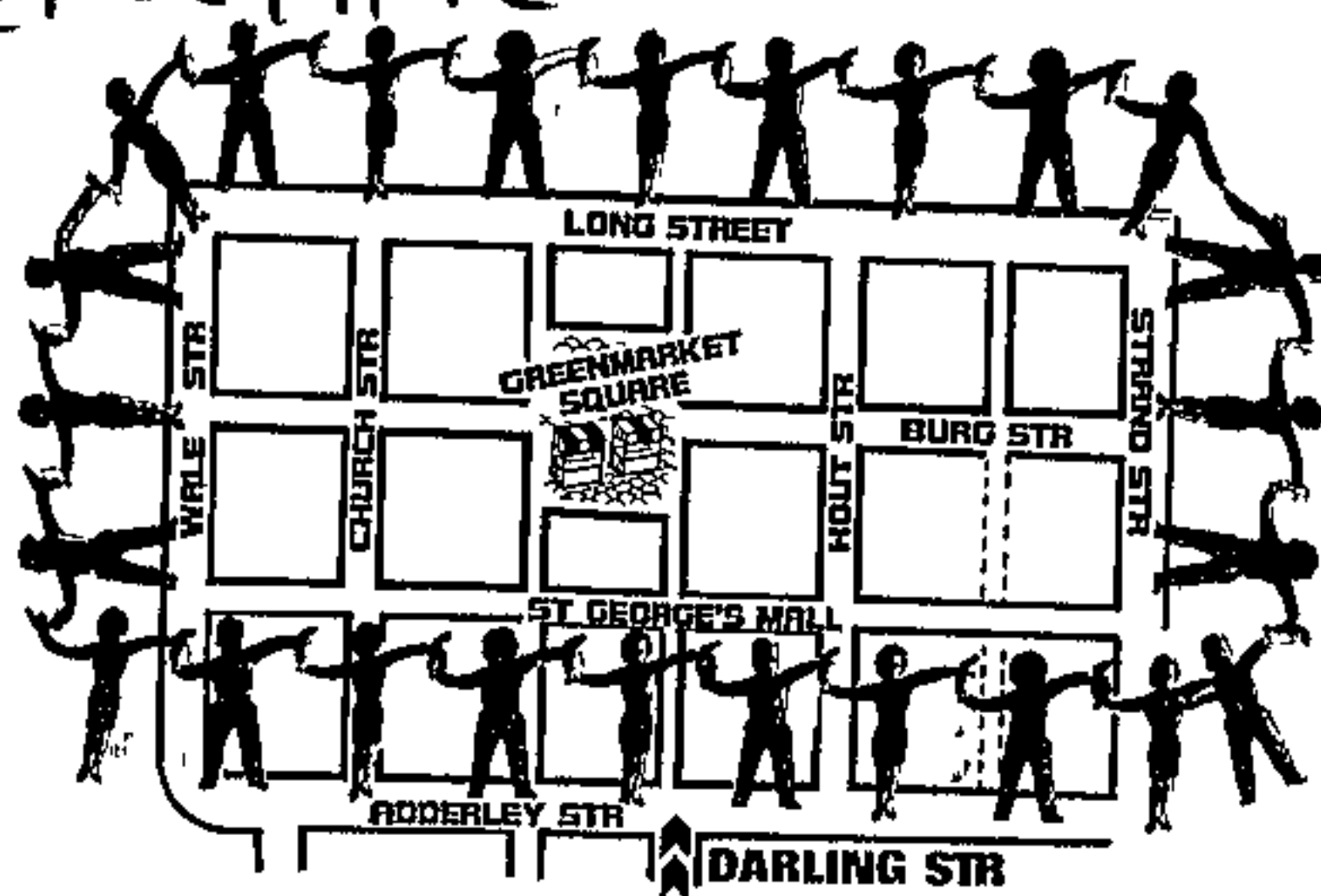
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CHAIN AREA . . . The central city blocks that will be affected in the ANC's human chain protest today.

they would be taking part in the demonstration are Professor Jakes Gerwel, vice-chancellor of UWC; Mr Franklin Sonn, rector of the Peninsula Technikon; Imam Ali Gierdien of the Muslim Judicial Council; several well-known clergymen, and a couple of school principals.

Mass action to hit Natal

DURBAN. — Natal is bracing itself for a week-end of mass action with several marches, rallies and city and town centre occupations planned throughout the province.

The largest march is expected to take place in Durban today.

Marchers will make their way to the city hall where a memorandum calling for among others, the installation of an interim government and elections for a constituent assembly, will be delivered to authorities.

In Maritzburg, thousands of ANC supporters are to converge on the city centre where streets will be occupied and meetings held. — Sapa

3 cops gunned down in Natal

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DURBAN — Three policemen were shot dead in separate incidents near here on Thursday night.

The killings follow the shooting of two other policemen and a policeman in the Durban area earlier in the week.

The names of only two of the three policemen killed on Thursday have been released. They are Kwazulu Police reservists Constable Allen Anthony Dlamini, 28, who was stationed at Kwakwaka, and Constable Theminkosi Gumede, stationed at Umlazi.

The third victim was a South African Police constable who died at Kwakwaka.

On Sunday two policemen were killed in an ambush in Lamontville near Durban and three days later a policeman was gunned down while she waited for a bus in the township.

The killings in Durban have led to a war of words between the ANC and police in the city. On Thursday ANC southern Natal spokesman Mr Dumsani Makhave vehemently rejected police "insinuations" that the organisa-

SAP attacked on the Flats

Staff Reporter

POLICE came under fire in Khayelitsha early yesterday in the third attack on SAP members in the township this week.

Police spokesman Captain Attie Laubscher said yesterday police went to the Maassar squatter camp about 1.40pm yesterday to investigate a report of a shooting.

When they arrived, a group of about 30 men — one of them armed — fled.

Captain Laubscher said two shots were fired at a foot patrol of 12 policemen which set off through the camp.

Police fired back and arrested 17 men and two youths who were all released after questioning.

About 2am another four shots were fired at police. No one was injured.

Ten minutes later, another two shots were fired, and police saw two men run into a shack. After the men ignored warnings to come out, teargas was fired into the house and two men and a woman emerged.

The shack was then searched, but no weapons were found and the three people were released.

Police are investigating charges of attempted murder.

Ten men were injured.

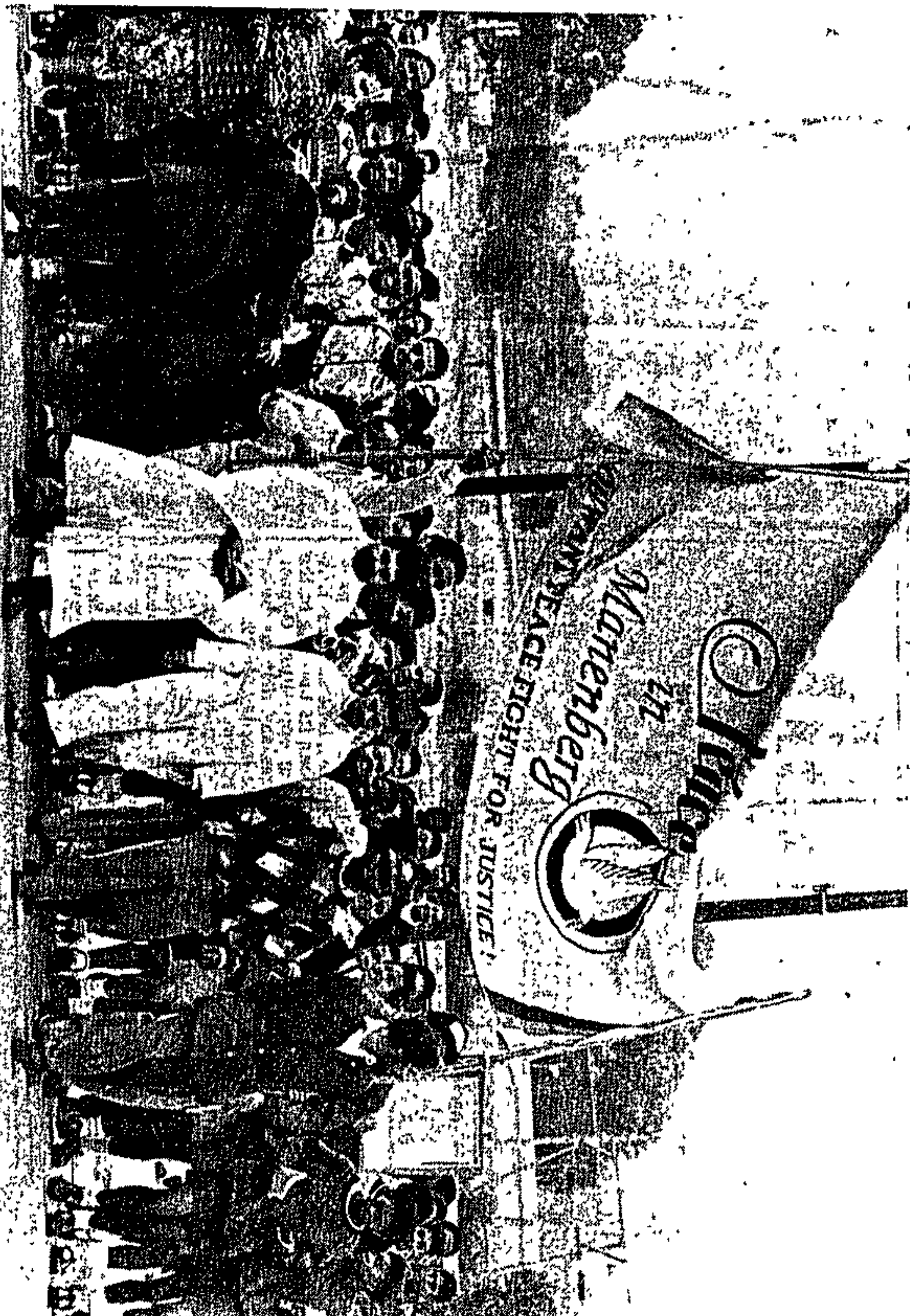
Lamontville police killings

Mr Makhave instead hit out at police for "shooting wildly" in a follow-up operation in the Durban township on Wednesday evening. The follow-up operation came soon after a shootout between police and a gang of alleged police killers in Isipingo on the South Coast.

Five gang members, including alleged police killer Mr Sibiso Mkhize, were shot dead in the gun battle. Two policemen were seri-

SAP spokesman Colonel Bill Dennis said Mr Mkhize, known as "Billy the Kid Mkhize", was a trained ANC soldier and one of his gang members had been in possession of an ANC Youth League membership card.

Major-General Colin Steyn, regional commissioner of police in Natal, said the linking of the murder of policemen to ANC members would not affect the attitude of the police in their dealings with the organisation. — Sapa



PEACE MARCH . . . More than 200 Manenberg residents marched to the Manenberg police station yesterday to protest against crime and violence in the community. High school students, teachers and members of the ANC and Civic Association were involved in the march to hand a memorandum to station commander Major Dan Cupido. "There is a definite crime problem particularly in schools where there is an upsurge in gangsterism," said Mr David Africa, the coordinator of the Manenberg Peace Committee which organised the march.

Picture STEWART COLMAN

One death as Inkatha swoops on ANC march

By FRED KHUMALO

ONE person died and several were injured yesterday when hordes of men — believed to be dwellers from Umlazi's Unit 17 hostel — pounced on ANC supporters on their way to Durban where the ANC was staging a march.

The ANC supporter was hacked to death by the mob which attacked people on a train as it stopped at Umlazi's KwaMnyandu station, near the hostel.

Meanwhile, a potentially bloody confrontation developed in Durban's city centre when 400 armed IFP supporters faced an equally strong ANC crowd which was preparing to march to the city hall to mark the start of the ANC's mass action programme.

As the singing and chanting ANC supporters were about to start marching, four busloads of IFP supporters suddenly materialised from nowhere and blocked the road, brandishing their spears, surging towards the ANC supporters and singing abusive songs about ANC leadership.

Tempers of the ANC supporters rose, and they surged towards the approaching IFP supporters.

Policemen at the scene formed a human wall blocking the two sides from coming into contact.

IFP supporters burnt an ANC flag.

In their determination to proceed with the march, the ANC marchers changed their route.

Southern Natal ANC secretary S'bu Ndebele condemned the "provocative action" of the IFP supporters.

Inkatha Institute spokesman Ed Tillet said the IFP blockade had not been sanctioned by IFP leadership.

"It was just spontaneous and we deplore the fact that some Inkatha members were actually provocative," said Tillet.

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Cop army blasts guerrilla

By FRED KHUMALO

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CURSED by the police, who feared him as the "most notorious killer and the most wanted suspect", but known to his comrades as the defender of the defenceless, 20-year-old S'bu Mkhize of Umlombulu, died in a hail of police bullets this week.

The drama began on Wednesday evening when police, who traced Mkhize to a house in the Indian suburb of Isipingo Hills, surrounded the hide-out and used a loudhailer to call him out.

Mkhize refused to budge and that marked the beginning of one of the most sensational police shootouts.

Houses in the neighbourhood were hit by stray bullets as an army of 200 policemen fired on the outbuilding which Mkhize and four friends occupied.

Two policemen, sergeants Chiliza and Adrian Ash, were seriously injured when a handgrenade was hurled at them through a window.

After the two-hour shootout a huge silence fell over Isipingo.

And the local policemen's nightmare finally lay dead, his body riddled with bullets and shrapnel.

Also killed in the shootout were four of his friends, referred to by police as accomplices.

Members of the ANC Folweni branch marched in Isipingo in protest against the killing and demanded protection for residents of the tiny township from "police brutality".

Mkhize was son to the late ANC activist Siphon Mkhize who died at the hands of members of the KwaZulu police in Umlazi in 1990.

Mkhize junior crossed swords with the cops when, in June 1990, immediately after the assassination of his father, he staged a daring gun and handgrenade attack on Umlombulu police station, almost destroying it.

He has been on top of the cops' "most wanted" list since then.

Grieving mother Flora Mkhize claimed that the cops began searching for her son even before her husband's remains were buried.

Since going into hiding Mkhize was linked to eight murders - including the deaths of constables Michael Venter and Tyrall Samuels, 15 counts of attempted murder and a string of other alleged crimes.

In their frustrated year-long attempt to track him down, relatives claim the police turned on those around him.

SAP spokesman colonel Bill Dennis said the police handled the shoot-out "very well", considering how close the neighbours' homes were.

Durban stand-off: ANC wants to prosecute IFP

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DURBAN. — The African National Congress will call on the Attorney-General of Natal to prefer charges against members of the Inkatha Freedom Party who confronted ANC supporters in Durban on Saturday. (276)

ANC Southern Natal chairman Mr Jeff Radebe said last night police did not act quickly enough to disarm and disperse a group of armed IFP supporters who confronted ANC marchers in the city.

Conflict was averted when police provided a barricade between the two groups. The IFP crowd were armed with metal sticks, shields, spears and pangas.

Mr Radebe said the ANC would pursue the possibility of criminal charges against the IFP supporters for what he called "an act of provocation and intimidation".

"In terms of the Criminal Procedures Act, police should arrest people on suspicion if they are

armed. They (the IFP supporters) threatened our people and they destroyed our flag. They were carrying the weapons in full view of the police."

On Saturday, angry ANC supporters, who were quickly cordoned off by their marshals, watched as the chanting IFP crowd advanced.

The IFP action came a day after an IFP warning over the ANC's insistence on holding mock trials of South African political leaders, including IFP president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, as part of its mass action campaign.

ANC Southern Natal secretary Mr Sbu Ndebele said the IFP action had been an attempt to intimidate the ANC.

This has been denied by IFP spokesman Mr Ed Tillet, who said that the "spontaneous action" had been a protest against the ANC's insistence on holding mock trials.

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Bloodshed averted

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POLICE INTERVENTION Angry

response by Inkatha followers to planned

mock trials by ANC:

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prevented hundreds of IFP members from entering the city centre after receiving information they were to confront the ANC marchers over the sentencing of their leader.

Police formed a barrier between the two groups and heavily armed police-men contained the IFP group while Colonel van Wyk, ANC regional executive member Mr Bheki Cele and leaders of the Inkatha group discussed the situation.

After assuring police and the IFP that the mock trials had been called off overnight to avoid confrontation, the IFP group was escorted from the scene.

Inkatha was criticised by ANC officials of "dragging" innocent people into sabotaging their campaign. ANC regional secretary Mr S'bu Ndebele also criticised police for not disarming the Inkatha group.

"I told the police that if it was us who had been armed they would have locked us up without hesitation," said Ndebele. IFP spokesman Mr Ed Tillet said the IFP gathering was a spontaneous response to the ANC's announcement on the mock trial.

"We've been getting calls all week from people who have been expressing outrage at this," he said. - *Sapa*.

THE controversy surrounding mock trials came to a head in Durban on Saturday when police averted possible bloodshed between ANC marchers and armed Inkatha supporters.

And in Maritzburg, the ANC claimed there was almost an outbreak of violence when several Inkatha Freedom Party members armed with handguns approached a crowd of marchers.

Both incidents occurred during the ANC/SA Communist Party/Cosatu alliance's mass action protests.

In Durban, the ANC called off its mock trial of, among others, President FW de Klerk and Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi to prevent possible confrontation.

A group of about 200 IFP supporters, armed with spears, sticks, clubs and shields, arrived at the start of the ANC's march and blocked their route.

A senior policeman at the scene, Colonel Johan van Wyk, said police



Mrs Winnie Mandela addresses strikers at Natalspruit Hospital on Friday. Seventeen members of the National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union staged a sit-in in the superintendent's office and demanded that the Government stop secret funding and give better pay to hospital workers.

PIG: PATTY MOENG

Picture CATHERINE ROSS

Blacks hate the police, says PAC

THE PAC blamed the growing number of police deaths on a general climate of hatred and mistrust of the security forces, PAC publicly secretary Barney Desai said yesterday.

"The black population has a very poor impression of the S.A.P. You cannot isolate 1 700 blacks killed since the signing of the peace accord from the killing of policemen," he said.

He said he condemned all killings, but while they did not have the ballot, the bullet could not be abandoned.

Dezal said he could not speak for the PAC's military wing Apla. People claiming to be members of Apla recently claimed responsibility for the campaign to kill policemen.

But Desai said he could not understand why the PAC had been accused of being behind the so-called "Kill-a-Cop-a-Day" campaign.

He said ANC supporters had been seen carrying placards with the slogan, but the ANC had not been blamed for the campaign.

"Against that background, how must the people feel when they think about this?" he asked.

Sapa reports that police commissioner Gen Johann van der Merwe said individuals or organisations threatening or harming policemen would be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. B1PAA 28/7/92

Reacting to a claim purportedly made by "the national commander of the Azanian Peoples Liberation Army in SA", one Karl Zimbiri, Vander Merwe said the SAP had no evidence Apia had been responsible for the killings. "But an intensive investigation into the murder of each and every policeman is taking place.

"I want to warn those individuals and organisations concerned to refrain from making such threats (against policemen). Members of the SAP will defend themselves, and those who encourage or attempt to carry out such attacks will have to bear the consequences of their actions," Van der Merwe said.

18 people die in weekend unrest

POLICE reported yesterday that 18 people died in unrest in Natal and the Transvaal at the weekend.

Five people were killed near Heidelberg in the southeastern Transvaal, while another five died in the Vaal Triangle. *Blvd*

Eight people were killed and three were injured after violence broke out between residents and taxi operators at Fofweni near Umbumbulu on the Natal South Coast on Sunday.

The bodies of two men who had been stabbed and shot were found in the East Rand squatter camp of Zonkeziwe on Sunday. 28/7/92

The body of a 21-year-old man who had been shot was found in an outside room of his parents' house in Sharpeville yesterday morning, police said.

In Sebokeng the body of a municipal police constable who had been shot was found on Saturday, while in Orange Farm a man was shot dead.

Two men were killed — one shot and the other burnt — in Boipatong on Saturday night.

Cholera threat to Vaal Triangle

AN OUTBREAK of cholera was imminent in the Vaal Triangle following the vandalism of municipal water mains and servers, Vaal Triangle Negotiating Forum secretary Nigel Mandy said yesterday.

An urgent meeting of the forum this week will discuss the services crisis in the region together with possible measures to prevent vandalism to municipal installations. *6/10/79 28/7/192.*

The forum's activities were suspended recently following the withdrawal of the Vaal Civic Association but the calling of an urgent meeting had been authorised, Mandy said.

Mandy said about R8m, "which the councils do not have", was required to repair damaged water mains, sewers and roads. He said all services in Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Bophelong and Boipatong would con-

Electricity supplies in virtually every township in the region were likely to be

Levy payments for June in the Vaas Triangle had dropped to below 20%.

ADRIAN HADLAND

Sapa reports the Vaal Civic Association agreed to attend the forum meeting tomorrow..

But the civic body was prepared to discuss only a resumption of sanitation services and repairs to mains, said association general secretary Talitha Jona.

The ANC-linked civic group, through its contacts in Vaal townships, was prepared to ensure the safety of workers brought in to make repairs and to resume the services. "But the same does not apply to the collection of refuse, which has not been done since 1984," said Jona.

Meanwhile, DP spokesman Douglas Gibson yesterday blamed the ANC's mass action for the breakdown of the townships' essential health services.

He said the ANC leadership should ask itself which was more important — their political agenda or the health and perhaps the lives of ordinary people.

“The ANC will have to learn the responsibilities of power — power can be abused and political mass action, which harms the people instead of helping them, is surely an abuse of power.”

Violent ANC, IFP 'struggle for township'

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MOOI RIVER. — Violent clashes are continuing here because residents and hostel dwellers from opposing political groups are locked in a power struggle to seize control of nearby Bruntville township.

The only way to bring peace to the area was to move either all African National Congress or Inkatha Freedom Party supporters to another area, it was stated at a second Goldstone commission of inquiry into the causes of renewed violence in Bruntville this year.

The IFP and ANC had failed to arrange a joint sitting of the local dispute resolution committee since the beginning of the year, commission chairman Professor Dirk van Zyl Smit heard.

Attending were representatives of the IFP, ANC, Mooi River Textiles, police and the Defence Force.

Major Rowan Hendrikz of the police Criminal Investigation Service in Ladysmith read out a long list of recent violent attacks and shootings.

Police had achieved "minimal success" in pinpointing the perpetrators because the community would not co-operate with investigations.

"It is my personal opinion that both sides (ANC and IFP) want complete power of the township. The only way to achieve peace is to take one group completely out of the township and that would have to be the IFP hostel dwellers," Major Hendrikz said.

However, the commission heard that many of the hostel dwellers, mainly workers at Mooi River Textiles, did not want to leave.

● Proceedings were adjourned for delegates to observe a placard protest by Bruntville ANC members outside the Mooi River Magistrate's Court where an ANC member was appearing on a charge of hampering police investigations.

No evidence hostel inmates involved in killings — major

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By Peter Wellman

MOOI RIVER — Police investigations into the alleged involvement of 172 hostel dwellers arrested in connection with the butchering of 19 Bruntville residents in December have been dropped, a police witness told a Goldstone committee of inquiry yesterday.

Major Rowan Hendrikz of the Criminal Intelligence Services in Maritzburg said there was no evidence linking any of the arrested hostel dwellers to the Bruntville massacre.

He was testifying before the committee, which is hearing evidence in the Mooi River Town Hall.

The 19 Bruntville deaths first came under the spotlight at a previous Goldstone Committee hearing at the same venue in January.

Major Hendrikz stated he

did not dispute that Inkatha members from Anglovaal's Mooi River Textiles hostel launched the December attack, but said the ANC had "started it all".

He said he understood that 13 Inkatha members had been killed since January in the area, compared with six township residents, probably ANC supporters.

"It seems the ANC, from the information at my disposal, are the instigators of the violence, and the attacks on the Inkatha side are largely retaliatory."

He said the hostel was not a primary source of violence. It had merely become a stronghold for Inkatha supporters in the area.

The ANC was trying to build a power base around Maritzburg, often violently. He denied he was biased against the organisation.

Major Hendrikz was criticised by lawyer Howard Varney, representing the Brunt-

ville community, for not saying in his written statements that the ANC had wanted a peace committee to continue operating in the area.

He had also not mentioned that Inkatha members were armed on arriving at an ANC peace meeting.

Major Hendrikz conceded he had done nothing personally to help make the peace process work in Bruntville, but said it was necessary for all parties to thrash out problems.

He agreed with Mr Varney that a police Casspir should be returned to the area to observe activities at the hostel.

He also agreed that if hostel dwellers were escorted to work and back, there would be no need for them to carry spears.

The commission has already made several recommendations concerning the Mooi River area, including the monitoring of the hostel and putting an end to the carrying of weapons.

Whether or not these have been implemented is going to be a constant theme during the three-day hearing.

The SADF's Commandant Dudley Wall, also testifying to the Goldstone Committee yesterday, stressed that the army was trying to meet security force recommendation by the commission and said troops had signed a pledge of neutrality.

He said lines of command had been sharpened (another Goldstone recommendation), and the fact that the army had been criticised by both sides showed its impartiality.

Asked what could be done to defuse tensions at Bruntville, he said the person with the answer could solve all the country's problems.

Mr Varney said residents were close to not taking part in a hearing at all. Unless the issue of implementing the Goldstone recommendations was dealt with in detail, he would withdraw from the hearing, he said.

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Mooi River inquiry (276)

The Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into Public Violence moved to Mooi River yesterday to investigate recent fighting there and to look into peace moves following a sit-in in the Natal Midlands town in January.

The commission announced last week that it would sit in Mooi River again following renewed clashes between hostel dwellers and township residents in nearby Bruntville.

At least one person was killed in the fighting, but several deaths have occurred since January and the township was last week reportedly extremely tense. - Sapa.

Relocate hostel dwellers — cop

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MOOI RIVER. — The only way to bring peace to Natal's troubled Bruntville township is to relocate Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers, a senior policeman told a Goldstone Commission committee sitting here yesterday.

"The only way to find peace is to take one group out of Bruntville — that being the hostel dwellers," said Major Rowan Hendrikz of the SA Police Criminal Investigation Service in Ladysmith.

Major Hendrikz said it was clear that both the ANC and Inkatha in Bruntville

were intent on seizing total power in the township

While both groups were intolerant, the ANC had been aggressors most of the time with IFP supporters mainly resorting to violence in retaliation, he said.

The committee adjourned about 12.30pm on request by police who said ANC supporters were disrupting a hearing at the local magistrate's courts. About 10 ANC supporters stood outside a courtroom bearing posters calling for the security forces to be removed from Bruntville.

Bruntville's ANC publicity secretary Mr Mpho Dlamini told reporters they were protesting against alleged police harassment of a local activist and were demanding issues that emanated from a Goldstone hearing in January be addressed immediately. In particular, Mr Mpho said, residents wanted a ban on carrying weapons in public.

Residents were disillusioned over the failure of authorities to act on Mr Justice Richard Goldstone's previous recommendations on Mooi River, he said. — Sapa

Weekend massacre: Call for Goldstone visit

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — A call for the Goldstone Commission of inquiry to go to Folweni township near Amanzimtoti was made yesterday as people moved truckloads of furniture out of the ANC stronghold following a two-hour attack which left nine people dead and five injured late on Sunday night.

A number of homes were also burnt down when the attackers, believed to have been from the nearby Folweni reserve, entered the

township and attacked houses with AK-47s. The reserve is an Inkatha stronghold.

Calling for the Goldstone Commission to come to the township, local peace-maker Mr Morris Fynn said both the South African and KwaZulu police were fully aware of the impending attack but did nothing to avert it. Local ANC chairman Mr Elias Mkhize claimed yesterday he personally went to the SAP at Merebank to warn them of the attack. SA police spokesman Captain Bala Naidoo

confirmed that police received a report on Sunday. But KwaZulu Police denied they had prior knowledge of the attack.

After weekend armed clashes between ANC and Inkatha supporters in Tligane, near Hartbeesfontein, the ANC Western Transvaal branch threatened to pull out of all regional peace structures.

Seven people were injured, two seriously.

Violence elsewhere in the Transvaal claimed 10 lives at the weekend — five near

Heidelberg and five in the Vaal Triangle.

A police constable and his girlfriend were in a serious condition yesterday after being shot at Wembezi, near Estcourt, on Sunday.

Two GaRankuwa Hospital workers were treated for burns on Saturday after their houses were burnt, the TPA said yesterday.

In a statement the TPA said a Natalspruit Hospital nurse's husband was "shot dead on his way to work, and another employee was attacked with a knife".

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Probe told of lack of prosecutions

By Peter Wellman

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MOOI RIVER — More tales were told of failed court actions by police on the second day yesterday of a Goldstone Committee of Inquiry into renewed violence in Bruntville township.

Colonel Geoff Barbour, district commandant in Ladysmith, said the Attorney-General had refused to prosecute policemen for using false vehicle plates in Bruntville.

There had been no departmental action yet, because he had heard only five days ago of the Goldstone Commission's recommendation that false number plates should be illegal in police work. And departmental action came only after criminal action, he added.

Mooi River station commander Captain John Dewing said the Mooi River prosecutor had withdrawn charges against four Inkatha Freedom Party members for carrying dangerous

weapons. The Deputy Attorney-General had written to tell police there had been a misunderstanding over the charges.

However, another similar case was also thrown out.

Captain Dewing and Colonel Barbour were outlining what the police had done to comply with recommendations made by the Goldstone Commission in February.

On Monday, the committee heard that a case against 172 men arrested for the December massacre of 19 Bruntville residents had also been withdrawn.

Yesterday, Gideon Lotz, SC, for the Minister of Law and Order, said the case had been provisionally withdrawn, meaning it might yet go ahead.

The police had also misunderstood a recommendation to appoint a senior police officer at Mooi River with clear lines of command.

Colonel Barbour had not realised that Mr Justice Goldstone was talking about the officer

currently co-ordinating police handling of unrest. And Captain Dewing thought it meant this officer should be sacked.

Colonel Barbour said a special "internal stability unit" of about 80 men would be formed at Colenso to co-ordinate police work in the whole area.

He produced a new form for policemen to use in townships, but Goldstone committee members and the lawyer for the Bruntville community questioned whether the form went far enough to secure a better prosecution record — which Judge Goldstone has urged.

Captain Dewing became the third police witness to say he thought the ANC was primarily responsible for violence in the area. But he also said the police had to be unbiased to regain the trust of the community.

SADF captain Christiaan Botha read a statement denying the army had absented itself from Bruntville on the night of the December massacre. He will be cross-examined today.

Township youths kill ANC leader

AN ANC member in Naledi, Soweto, died after being attacked by youths on Tuesday night, the ANC said yesterday.

Soweto police liaison officer Capt Joseph Ngobeni confirmed Shasha Mereohle's death, but could not verify the ANC's claim that there was a link between the killing and an earlier arson attack on another ANC member's home. "At this stage a case of murder is being investigated. The motive has not been established," Ngobeni said.

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepe said Mereohle, the Naledi branch secretary, was shot by youths when he went to investigate an arson attack at the home of Katang Masemola. Two ANC members with Mereohle escaped unhurt. The youths were allegedly pupils at the Thomas Mofolo Secondary School.

Mamoepe said the attack seemed to stem from a weekend incident in which two Thomas Mofolo schoolboys tried to rape a girl at Masemola's home. The girl was rescued by Masemola's brother, but the boys returned with a group of friends and allegedly attacked the Masemola family with beer bottles. Two schoolboys were killed in the confrontation. Masemola, his father and "other children" were injured, Mamoepe said.

He said the boys had returned on Tuesday night "and set alight Mr Masemola's home and another house nearby".

An ANC team of regional organisers is investigating the incident. Mamoepe appealed to Naledi residents "not to engage in acts of revenge as this can only lead to a cycle of violence." — Sapa.

Coetsee's invitation to Gluckman

JUSTICE Minister Kobie Coetsee said yesterday he had invited independent pathologist Dr Martin Gluckman to supply him with a list of inquests Gluckman considered contentious.

Coetsee said such a list and any evidence Gluckman might have which would not have been available to the presiding judicial officers at the time of the inquests would be forwarded immediately to the attorney-general of the region concerned.

The attorneys-general could decide to have any inquests reopened, Coetsee said. Meanwhile another robbery suspect died while in police custody yesterday "by jumping to his death" from the eighth floor of a Hillbrow flat, police said.

STEPHANE BOTHA

The death of the 29-year-old suspect was the second this week in police custody and came in the wake of the storm caused by Gluckman, who claimed regular killing of detainees continued.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer W/O Andy Pike said the suspect, taken to a block of flats in Hillbrow by detectives, allegedly jumped over the banister on the eighth floor to his death.

Meanwhile, the National Association of Democratic Lawyers yesterday joined the call for an independent investigation into Gluckman's allegations.

Massacre probe by police is under fire

MOOI RIVER — Police investigations into the massacre of 18 people in Mooi River's Bruntville township in December last year came under severe criticism at a Goldstone commission inquiry yesterday.

A legal representative for the Bruntville peace committee described as "a monumental blunder" omissions in the investigation that led to the withdrawal of charges against 172 suspects.

At the commission's second sitting in Mooi River this year to investigate political violence in nearby Bruntville, the investigating officer into the massacre said he had not seen or acted on evidence led during the first Goldstone inquiry into the December 3 and 4 killings as he did not think it would have relevance.

It was pointed out to W/O Johan Benade, by Howard Varney representing the Bruntville peace committee, that 24 affidavits had been presented to the first commission's sitting in January that would have helped his investigation since he had been unable to obtain statements from ANC supporters.

Lack of evidence caused violence charges against 172 Bruntville hostel dwellers to be provisionally withdrawn. Benade at first said he was unaware what the January Goldstone sitting was investigating, but under stern cross-examination by the commission's J J du Toit he conceded he knew it would be looking into the massacre. Several other flaws in his investigation were highlighted during cross examination, many of which Benade agreed should have been better attended to.

Among others he failed to take blood samples, collect evidence at the scene or carry out forensic tests in an attempt to identify the killers. His investigations at the scene were confined to taking photographs.

Benade said investigations were continuing and he would make the necessary adjustments.

The three-day inquiry ended uncompleted with chairman Prof Dirk van Zyl Smit adjourning proceedings until September 2. — Sapa.

No tests done after massacre, probe told

By Peter Wellman

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MOOI RIVER — No forensic tests were carried out after the December massacre of Bruntville residents by hostel inmates, a Goldstone Commission committee was told here yesterday.

And no useful eye-witness reports were obtained either, said Warrant-Officer Johan Benade, investigating officer for 15 murders on December 4.

Four other residents were killed the previous night, but another policeman was investigating those.

Warrant-Officer Benade said under cross-examination by Howard Varney, of the Legal Resources Centre in Durban, representing the Bruntville community, that photographs had been taken at the 15 death scenes, but nothing else was done. No fingerprints, blood samples, clothing, broken glass, or other evidence was collected for forensic testing, he said.

He knew that 172 inmates of the Bruntville hostel had been arrested — but he did not send

their clothing or weapons for forensic testing.

He had inspected their clothing and seen no bloodstains, but agreed with Mr Varney that forensic clues were sometimes microscopically small.

Warrant-Officer Benade said the weapons of the 172 men had been placed in a bakkie when police and troops arrested them, and the weapons could therefore not be linked to any particular individuals.

He said neither police nor troops could identify any one man, or any crime committed by an individual, apparently because it was too dark to see clearly when the men were arrested. For that reason, he had not held an identity parade.

And although he knew that possibly hundreds of other hostel inmates had escaped arrest, no attempt was made to check either weapons or clothing at the hostel for forensic clues.

Warrant-Officer Benade said he had a task force of 12 men but had not assigned any of them on the day of the massacre to gathering eye-witness or forensic evidence.

He agreed with Mr Varney that he could have done with more help, but had not asked his superiors for assistance.

He told the inquiry he knew that an earlier Goldstone inquiry in January had begun investigating the December massacre, but he had made no attempt to get the information that had been presented there.

"I saw no reason at the time to approach the staff of the Goldstone Commission" he said.

Asked to explain this, he said: "I thought that when the commission broke up, they all left."

He agreed with John Jefferey, representing the ANC's Mooi River branch, that the "common-purpose rule" did not mean that individuals had to be linked to individual weapons, and that on that basis, forensic tests might have been useful.

"It could have been done," he said.

● Reference had often been made in evidence to "The Mooitex Hostel". Mooiriver Textiles is owned by Anglovaal, but the hostel is owned by the Natal Provincial Administration.

Cops did not use evidence

BRUNTVILLE MASSACRE Officer says very little forensic tests were done.

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THE officer investigating the Mboi River massacre yesterday told a Goldstone Commission inquiry he had not seen or acted on evidence on the killings presented to a commission in January.

"No statements from the January sitting were given to me and no statements came to my knowledge," said W/O Johan Benade.

Benade was responding to questions by advocate Mr JJ du Toit on his investigations into the December massacre which had also been investigated by a Goldstone inquiry in January.

Charges against 172 Bruntville hostel dwellers have since been dropped due to insufficient evidence.

"It (the Goldstone report) wasn't discussed with me. I didn't think anything could have helped me," said Benade.

Under cross-examination by members of the committee, Benade further revealed that:

● He had been unable to link any of those arrested to weapons confiscated during and after the massacre;

● He had still not received a single statement from Bruntville residents who came under attack;

● He could not prove that 14 bodies at the scene of the massacre were directly linked to those arrested, despite arrests taking place during the killing spree. - Sapa.

TPA to delay pensions pay

Sowetan 30/7/92

■ Mass action forces delays:

THE PAYMENT of social pensions to 22 black townships on the East Rand, Vaal Triangle and West Rand has been postponed for a week.

The mass action spearheaded by the African National Congress next week was given as the reason for the delay by the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

The TPA said transport to pay points might not be readily available to the elderly during this period and there was no guarantee that the necessary staff would be available, and it feared the areas might be inaccessible.

The areas affected are Soweto, Sebokeng, Boipatong, Bophelong, Sharpeville, Orange Farm, Poortjie, Tokoza, Kaitleng, Vosloorus, Tembisa, Daveyton, Watville, Kwathema, Duduza, Ratanda, Siyathemba, Ntorwane, Boteng, Impunlela, Zonk'izizwe, Ivory Park and Tsakane.

Payments usually made from the third to the seventh of each month will now be paid out from August 10 to 14, while payments usually paid out from the 10th to the 14th day of the month will now be paid out from August 17 to 21. - Sapa.

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Are mock trials a mockery of peace?

SAFETY valve or threat to peace? Mock trials arouse passion in both critics and defenders. A trial in Pietermaritzburg last month has been referred to the National Peace Committee for allegedly violating the Peace Accord. And serious confrontation over planned "trials" was only narrowly avoided in Natal last weekend.

Opinions vary sharply over whether they are good, bad, neutral or an understandable but troubling development. Many feel the whole question is "very sensitive", and a surprising number of individuals and organisations

declined to comment on these grounds.

Mock trials feature on the mass action programme compiled by the African National Congress and its allies in several regions, with President FW de Klerk and kwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi heading the list as the most popular choice of "accused" to be tried.

ANC supporters of these trials say they express people's anger that nothing is done to bring serious criminals to justice or to stop the violence. They say the trials result from public frustration at the breakdown in talks.

Are mock trials of political leaders a humorous sideshow or a dangerous threat?

CARMEL RICKARD finds

opinions differs widely

Break the stalemate, begin serious negotiations, and mock trials will disappear.

Natal University politics professor Douglas Irvine disagrees that mock trials will help re-start negotiations. "They fuel the forces of confrontation

rather than negotiation, because you don't negotiate with people you have criminalised or demonised."

Irvine says mock trials do not belong in the ordinary domain of politics. Trial targets stop being political opponents, instead they become people marked for destruction. These trials are also unhelpful because they inflame passions and raise antagonisms to a level extremely difficult to defuse. They mock judicial practice, by teaching participants in the "trial" to ignore the fundamental principle that both sides must be heard.

ANC MP Jan van Eck says the trials

are a spontaneous response by the people. ANC Natal midlands vice-chairman Reggie Radebe remembers his law professors staging mock trials as part of student training. He says his region tried to be creative and find "what form of protest can really 'bite' as it were. We mooted it here and were the first region to discuss it."

Inkatha Freedom Party national chairman Frank Mdlalose believes the trials are psychological propaganda conceived by Van Eck and other senior ANC figures. Vasu Gounden, staff member of the African Centre for Constructive Resolution of Disputes (Accord), says mock trials have a long history, are universally accepted and can be seen daily in operation in London's Hyde Park.

Mdlalose concedes that coffins marked "Jay Naidoo" and "Elijah Barayi" were carried round the stadium at the 1986 launch of the Inkatha-sponsored United Workers' Union of South Africa. But, he says, the idea came from a particular individual who was called in afterwards and strongly "discouraged". There has been no repetition and IFP leaders would have tough words for anyone staging a mock trial or similar protest.

He does not accept that such trials are legitimate protest. "The Peace Accord is quite explicit. People and organisations must refrain from actions or language inciting violence or hatred against any political figure. Mock trials have never been in our tradition or part of political talk. The visual spectacle of such trials is much stronger than any verbal rhetoric. If you say someone is convicted or murdered and sentenced to death, life imprisonment or whatever, people know that they will be doing a service to humanity to attack or kill this 'horrible animal'."

Van Eck differentiates between mock trials and kangaroo courts. "I would not condone kangaroo courts; if they decided to ensure that the verdict (of the mock trial) was carried out, I could not identify with that." He says the trials he has seen had an element of humour, but concedes the trials "could be taken much further. Obviously the ANC will try to prevent that but if the climate does not improve no one will be able to prevent angry youths from going further."

Van Eck says it is impossible not to vilify political leaders. "I do it all the time about De Klerk. I make him out to be a bad man. How on earth can I stop doing that?"

Peace Accord officials declined to discuss the issue because an official complaint about an alleged mock trial in Pietermaritzburg is now being considered by the Peace Committee.

However, Gounden says he sees nothing wrong in principle with mock trials, particularly since politicians are "fair game". He quotes freedom of expression and Speaker's Corner, and says people who feel they have evidence against others must have some way of making this public.

A minister, a mission and missing money

OFFICIALS of the Department of National Health and Population Development are investigating allegations that a Bloemfontein Anglican church misused funds allocated for food relief.

But the church has denied the allegations, saying that a former priest had used its name in an application for funds from the department.

The Weekly Mail travelled to Bloemfontein to investigate the alleged misappropriation of funds at the Holy Cross Church.

"We are still looking into the matter and therefore nothing can be divulged to the media as yet," the department's communications officer, Anette Richter, said this week.

The Weekly Mail found that a former minister, Goodwin Sondiyasi, had allegedly used the church's name in an application for funds from the Department of National Health.

According to records of payouts by the department the Holy Cross Church received a total of R10 150, while two church projects — the Khanyiso pre-school and the Thambo Square squatter camp — received R3 700 and R9 850 respectively.

However, national hunger relief organisation Operation Hunger alleged that the money, a total of R23 600, had not been used to feed the squatters nor the children at the pre-school.

"The Sondiyasi only gave us food twice," said Minam Moloi, who is in charge of the Thambo Square soup kitchen. This was confirmed by a cook in the soup kitchen, Rose Maletshetla, who added that "we only got food in April and in June but since then nothing".

The Weekly Mail was unable to contact Sondiyasi but did manage to speak to his wife, who denied the allegations of misappropriation since they had not "been informed by the department" that the money had been deposited in their account. "So we did not feed the squatters for a month."

She said she was embarrassed about the whole incident.

Amid allegations of a former priest's misuse of money destined for food relief are claims that the system is wide open to abuse.

By JACQUIE GOLDING

However, the money was made available to them at the end of March this year.

She could not show The Weekly Mail any receipts or duplicate copies, but said that "due to our inexperience we never kept any of the slips as proof of purchase. Nor did we give any duplicates to the soup kitchen committee." She does, however, claim that she sent "all relevant receipts to Pretoria".

According to the Bishop of Bloemfontein, Thomas Stange, "the rector was reprimanded for not informing the diocesan office and hierarchy at the time of his application".

Hunger relief agencies have complained that often large payments by the department are not adequately monitored, making abuse of funds easy.

The deputy director of the department of national health, George de Klerk, asked that "the old dirty linen about corruption" be left in the past and that corruption on the part of the church or any other organisation be seen in the "light that the evaluation always took place on a national level".

De Klerk, who also heads the Nutritional Development Programme, added that the running of such a social programme was open to corruption. The department recently set up a regional monitoring committee to evaluate how money was being spent by the different organisations.

This was in addition to the requirement set by the department that "each organisation complete and sign an undertaking that funds will be used for the purposes requested" before any money was paid, Richter added.



For what they are lucky to receive ... Children in Bloemfontein pray before being given food
Photo: GUY ADAMS

But "despite the monitoring and evaluation, one cannot always be sure that there is no corruption", said a Miss Botha, an assistant director for the department of national health.

Operation Hunger's Natal regional director, Phillipa Yarker, added that it was strange that the organisation received "tons of calls from people who are starving" while "so many non-governmental organisations in Natal receive money from the Department of National Health. Where these non-governmental organisations are feeding seems to be a mystery".

In another claim of misuse of department funds, it has been alleged

that women were forced to work at the Dipalaeng Clinic in Hobhouse, Free State, in order to qualify for a food parcel.

Mahiti Mokone and Elizabeth Booysens, patients at the clinic, allege that "we have to work on a regular basis in order to receive the food".

This was denied by a Sister Swanepoel, who runs the clinic. "Whatever contribution is made by the people who receive the food, shows their appreciation for the parcels. The non-European women come in twice a week to clean, showing how grateful they are for the food."

Rebuilding a shattered town

By FRED KHUMALO

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TWO years after the ANC-IFP war ceased in Mpumalanga township, at least 1 500 families still haven't returned - because they have nowhere to return to.

Over 1 500 houses were razed to the ground and have to be rebuilt.

In other cases only burnt out shells of houses remain and major repairs are needed.

"The reconstruction is taking longer than we had anticipated," said ANC chairman Meshack Radebe, the man who, together with his IFP counterpart Sipho Mlaba, pulled the township from the cauldron of war and destruction when they signed a peace agreement in 1990.

They carved their names in the books of history by bringing about sanity in Mpumalanga, the worst hit township in the political carnage which ravaged Natal.

"With good reason, we made promises that we would ensure quick relocation, and

people became expectant. We thought it would be easy to rebuild the houses, but now that we're faced with the task, we're realising that it is not as easy as we had thought," says Radebe.

Residents stopped paying rent in 1986 when the fighting reached its peak. Electricity bills have since accumulated, and the continued supply of electricity in the township is under threat.

Priority

"But," argues Radebe, "the people are not to blame for the non-payment of rent.

"The township manager's offices were razed and people had nowhere to pay their rent and never received their electricity bills.

"The government is to blame; they did nothing to ensure that people were paying rent. People never refused to pay rent. They cannot be expected to settle the accumulation of bills."

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The ANC and IFP have appealed to the KwaZulu government to waive the payment of outstanding bills. The government has not yet made a decision.

Peace and Reconstruction Committee chairman Steve Simpson is concerned that the leaders who ended the carnage are losing credibility because they are not delivering the goods.

"Our first priority was the reconstruction of schools. Children roaming the streets had to be brought under control immediately. We are almost through with repair work on the schools, and now are left with the biggest challenge - the reconstruction of the houses," said Simpson.

Simpson said the project will cost millions in funds from the Independent Development Trust.

"We have to work out a strategy to accommodate genuine Mpumalanga residents, even if that means getting alternative accommodation for them," said Simpson.

Armed IFP march opposes mass action

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DURBAN — More than 1 000 Inkatha Freedom Party supporters roared against mass action and this week's stayaway call when they gathered outside the Durban City Hall at the weekend after marching peacefully through the city centre carrying sticks and shields.

Although police praised the marchers for their "gentlemanly" behaviour during the Saturday afternoon march, the ANC said it would meet Natal police commissioner Major-General Colin Steyn this week to protest against his decision allowing IFP members to carry tradi-

tional weapons.

General Steyn said in a statement on Friday that the purpose of the march was to welcome KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi on his return from New York. Because the march was "not of a political nature" the ban on carrying dangerous weapons did not apply.

However, Chief Buthelezi was watching a rugby match at the time, and the marchers carried IFP flags as well as banners which suggested that the march was being held against the mass action campaign.

Police at Curries Fountain allowed marchers to carry shar-

pened sticks and spears, but confiscated a number of crudely made metal weapons before the procession left for the city hall.

Lindelani IFP chairman Thomas Mandla Shabalala led the crowd, estimated at between 1 000 and 3 000 people.

A memorandum delivered to police at the hall recorded the IFP's "total rejection" of the ANC/SACP/Cosatu's mass action campaign.

The memo called on people to ignore the stayaway, urged police to ensure the safety of people who wanted to go to work, and condemned ANC "propaganda" that IFP supporters

were planning attacks on township residents.

● Chief Buthelezi said at a rally near Estcourt yesterday that the "third force" in South Africa was the ANC's armed wing Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK).

Inkatha demanded that MK and the AK-47 rifle, which was the ANC's "traditional weapon", be abolished.

MK sheltered behind the cover of the ANC, "and it has gone crazy". The attacks on councillors had not abated and hostel dwellers were not safe in their dwellings, nor on their way to work, Chief Buthelezi said.

MP: Mass action 'will hurt ANC'

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

THE ANC's mass action campaign would work against the organisation because it was daily invoking the spectre of the tyranny of the majority, the Democratic Party MP for Groote Schuur, Ms Dene Smuts, said at the weekend.

The ANC was trying to consolidate its following with its mass action campaign but was creating a deep-seated anti-ANC vote "as strong and as deep-seated as anti-apartheid sentiments always have been", she said.

Speaking at the national conference of Student Representative Councils in Stellenbosch she said the National Party could not accept it might no longer be part of the system.

"Once you remove the power and patronage, it will shrink into a quite modest party machine."

"There were signs during the referendum early this year that the mighty NP machine had begun to derail at the mere prospect of running out of gravy."

Ms Smuts said the ANC on the other hand could not snap out of the struggle mode.

Progress in negotiations could be slow, as caution and mistrust was in the air, in stark comparison to the wave of goodwill that washed across the country in 1990.

"That wave sprang from what is often called the reservoir of goodwill between South Africans, despite our sad history."

"The goodwill, the glue, is there because we all need each other."

South African politics could not be allowed to repolarise into two huge alliances, roughly system and struggle, because the result would be permanent conflict.

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Hundreds at MK funeral

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Hundreds of ANC supporters attended the funeral of uMkhonto weSizwe member Mr. Mbusiso Mkhize, who was gunned down with four of his friends in a shoot-out with police at Isipingo Hills about two weeks ago.

Police said Mr Mkhize was wanted for numerous murders including those of policemen.

Addressing supporters including ANC Natal Midlands chairman Mr Harry Gwala in the Lamontville Community Hall on Saturday, Southern Natal ANC chairman Mr Jeff Hadebe said Mr Mkhize had distinguished himself in the struggle for liberation.

He said Mr Mkhize had experienced the "cold-blooded murder" of his father, Mr Sipho Mkhize, a prominent Umbumbulu businessman, by members of the KwaZulu Police.

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Natal worst-hit — 18 die in two days

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DURBAN. — The worst violence of the past two days was in Natal, where at least 18 people were killed on Sunday and yesterday.

In the worst single incident, 11 people were killed at Esikhawini, near Empangeni in Zululand, on Sunday night. Police said they were investigating a possibility that the killings were linked to the stayaway.

The United Nations representative monitoring the stayaway in Durban, Mr M G Ramcharan, flew to Esikhawini on Sunday.

A prominent Inkatha leader, Mr K Magubane, was shot and killed at his home at Empangeni on Sunday night.

Yesterday buses transporting workers were ambushed at KwaMbonambi and a bus driver was shot dead.

● Two miners were killed and 60

Shots at Buthelezi rally

DURBAN. — Gunmen opened fire on Inkatha supporters soon after Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi began to address a rally at Wembezi, near Estcourt, on Sunday.

The meeting broke up in chaos and confusion. The crowd was estimated at about 10 000.

After the shooting, the crowd tried to attack nearby houses from which the shots allegedly were fired. Police using tearsmoke moved in to stop them.

No one appeared to have been injured in the shooting. — Sapa

injured when a group tried to prevent workers leaving East Driefontein gold mine at Carletonville, police said. However, Cosatu general secretary Mr Jay Naidoo said yesterday six NUM members had been killed at the mine on Sunday night.

Three men were shot dead and four policemen wounded in a shootout in Soweto early yesterday, police said.

ANC official gunned down

A SENIOR member of the ANC in the Natal Midlands, Mr Chris Hadebe was killed while regional deputy chairman Mr Reggie Hadebe was seriously injured in Maritzburg's Imbali township.

The ambush took place as a funeral procession was on its way to the Mountain Rise cemetery.

The members of the procession were mourning the death of Mr Madoda Mkhize, who was shot and killed by police in Durban recently. - Sapa.

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Shots taken at ANC leader ⁽²⁷⁶⁾

■ Midlands chief Harry Gwala's car target of gunmen:

GUNMEN attempted to assassinate ANC Midlands leader Mr Harry Gwala yesterday during a march which formed part of the mass action campaign.

Details were unclear late yesterday but a journalist said Gwala managed to escape injury after his car was shot at during a march in Edendale, Maritzburg.

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The march followed a rally at nearby Wadley Stadium. Marchers were apparently proceeding to the homes of gang members accused of killing ANC Midland's regional organiser Mr Mandla Hadebe at the weekend.

Police approached marchers and asked them to disperse. A few minutes later a minibus sped past and the occupants opened fire on the car carrying Gwala.

The windscreen was shattered, but there were no immediate reports of injuries. - *Sapa*.

A struggle for common ground

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The pretty Natal town of Mooi River is being scarred by continuing violence — but there is some hope of ending it, writes PETER WELLMAN.

A WHITE teenager with dental braces, her cheeks rosy from fresh Drakensberg breezes, is shy but polite to a stranger in the street.

Yes, she lives on a farm here, but no, she does not know what causes the continuing violence in Bruntville township, and all but curtsies as she walks away.

A white woman who runs a restaurant and take-away on the Bruntville side of the tracks, where the Indian shops are, asks an intriguing question: "Isn't it terrible what the security forces are doing?"

It turns out she is talking about Northern Ireland, but she has an opinion on the violence here too. "It's hooliganism, like the Mods and Rockers in the Sixties."

If it is that simple, one wonders why an investigative committee of the Goldstone Commission on violence has been here twice, and is coming back for more on September 2.

Mooi River, scattered across an exposed hill in the Natal Midlands, is small enough to make do without traffic lights but has a vast, freezing town hall, where the Goldstone hearing was held.

The 1 700 whites must be worried about the violence because it shut down the Mooi River Textiles factory — by far the town's biggest employer with 1 300 jobs — for three weeks recently. Yet few of them came to the hearing that will help determine their future.

The committee was chaired by amiable law professor Dirk van Zyl Smit of the University

of Cape Town, who looked boyish and inexperienced from the side, where the press table was.

This led one witness to ask privately whether he was really on top of the issues: violence since January, including investigations into the December massacre of 19 residents by Inkatha supporters from the Natal Provincial Administration (NPA) hostel.

Head-on, although the smile is still willing, the eyes tell you this is not someone to mess with. And the witness got his answer when Professor van Zyl Smit wrapped up last week's sitting.

The committee was "seized of the matter", he said, a dreadful way of saying he would not give up until he found the answers.

The news so far is not good: 172 hostel men have been arrested, but charges have been provisionally withdrawn.

Three police witnesses, who said they were impartial, blamed the ANC.

Inkatha, which effectively controls the hostel, gets on well with the police.

The Bruntville community, solidly ANC, wants nothing to do with the police, and prefers

the SADF.

This prejudice was strengthened when Warrant-Officer Johan Benade revealed in evidence that no forensic testing was done on weapons, clothing, victims or homes when 15 of the massacre victims were killed on the morning of December 4.

Like Mooi River, Bruntville straddles a hill, and strong legs are needed simply to get to work and back. It has a soccer stadium, clinic, tennis court and little else.

And it is constantly on guard.

Young men — and there are plenty in this high-unemployment home to about 15 000 people — patrol the slopes in shifts, watching the hostel on Bruntville's edge, near the township offices, cemetery and clinic.

Township rents have not been paid for months because of this proximity.

ANC members Mncedi Mthethwa and Mpho Dhlamini say Inkatha members were imported in strength after residents burnt taxis because the owners had increased fares.

They say ANC houses near the hostel were then burnt, and 250 ANC textile workers fled for their lives, giving the In-

katha-aligned union, Uwusa, a majority at the factory.

Inkatha area secretary Alex Sokhela says the burnt houses belonged to Inkatha members who fled into the hostel.

The hostel holds 1 000 people, and day-night shifts correspond with day-night sharing of beds.

Bored men sit around with spears ... they are also on watch, and the place has a more military feel than the township.

Mr Sokhela says recreation facilities at the hostel could curb violence: "There is no soccer, no table tennis. The men get bored, start drinking and think of fighting."

As usual in these situations, hope is last to emerge, clinging to Codesa and a simple belief that the fighting cannot go on forever. This is true but perhaps not hopeful enough.

Retired Durban city councillor Pieter Breytenbach, appointed by the NPA in October to run Bruntville, stays firmly in no man's land but concedes Inkatha has pulled out of the local peace process.

He hopes they will be back when Codesa resumes, and says, "We can accomplish nothing until we find sufficient common ground between the two groups to bring them together."

It flows from this that development is impossible until then, and a soccer field near the hostel is only half-levelled.

Mr Breytenbach is enthusiastic about development plans when Mr Sokhela fires his last shot. If his men are barred from carrying traditional weapons, they will buy guns, "and it will be AK-47 against AK-47". □

'Inkatha massacre' not true

By FRED KHUMALO

INKATHA's violence monitors made a mistake in claiming that the Durban train slaughter in which five people were killed by gun-wielding attackers, was aimed at their organisation.

After a probe by City Press, Ed Tillet, a spokesman for the Institute, conceded that he had erred when he issued a press statement claiming the attack on the KwaMashu-

bound train was political-ly motivated.

"I'm prepared to concede that it (the attack) was not necessarily political-ly motivated," he said.

He regretted that his initial statement could have fuelled tempers and resulted in more violence.

Tensions were already rising at KwaMashu hostel where most of the victims lived, and an urgent meeting had to be called to prevent hostel dwellers from attacking ANC sup-

porters. (276)

However, the IFP leader at the hostel, GD Bhengu, said he had been able to contain their anger and explained to them that the attack was not politically motivated.

"We are satisfied by the evidence in front of us, that the people were killed as a result of a feud which goes back to rural reserves where these people were from. It was some sort of a tribal faction fight," he said.

Carrying weapons 'not ANC policy'

DURBAN. — The carrying of "traditional weapons" by ANC supporters at an Inanda march has come under fire from the Legal Resources Centre (LRC).

The ANC head office said the brandishing of the weapons by some of the 10 000 supporters at Tuesday's march was "against our policy ... we insist that people cannot come to marches armed in any way".

But ANC spokeswoman Ms Gill Marcus said ANC followers were asking why they should be vulnerable to attacks when they could not carry weapons while others could.

The LRC's Mr Howard Varney said yesterday the call by ANC southern Natal regional secretary Mr Sbu Ndebele for the carrying of the weapons at the Inanda march was "irresponsible and reckless in the extreme".

The police say it is beyond its comprehension how 60 or fewer policemen can be expected to physically disarm groups of more than 5 000 people carrying traditional weapons.

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AFRICAN National Congress officials in northern Natal claim 11 people from Esikawini township killed last Sunday night were the victims of a "Boipatong-style massacre".

They said that as in Boipatong, a number of individual, well-organised night attacks were carried out at Esikawini, next to Empangeni in northern Natal, within a relatively short period of time. The attackers in all six incidents appeared to belong to the same group, wore similar clothing and used similar weapons.

According to statements given the ANC by survivors and by others in the area at the time of the attacks, the 11 dead and four injured were hit during a half-hour shooting spree involving six incidents. In all, eight men wearing balaclavas and using pump action shotguns were involved.

Among the dead were five women, including one said to be an Inkatha organiser, and a two-year-old child. The four injured included a 20-month-old toddler and Verah Gumbi, the treasurer of the northern Natal ANC Women's League. Statements taken by an ANC official indicate the shootings took place between 7.30 and 8pm at various spots in the pro-

Attack at Esikawini was an organised massacre, says ANC

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Statements given to the ANC after 11 people were killed in Esikawini township indicate it was a co-ordinated attack.

By CARMEL RICKARD

ANC J1 section of the township. The attacks came just hours after a march of about 1 000 ANC supporters from Section J1 to the local kwaZulu police station. A memorandum complaining about KZP behaviour was handed over at the police station.

In one incident, the attackers burst into a shebeen and told the women in the first room they wanted "the men". They then searched the premises and killed four men. Citizen Sibiya, Mntukathandwa Ntshangase,

Johannes Ngema and Khulekani Nzuza. The women and a young man who survived the attack said the gunmen were Zulu speakers and that they wore identical blue tracksuit tops, grey trousers and balaclavas. According to these witnesses, they carried shotguns.

Another attack shortly before targeted a van leaving a family party. Two women, Gloria Ntuli and Nonhlanhla Kunene, as well as a two-year-old child were killed in the shooting, while a 14-year-old girl and another woman survived. They said they saw three attackers, all wearing balaclavas, grey trousers and long coats, carrying "big guns". During a later inspection, ANC officials found shotgun cartridges at the scene.

Survivors said that it seemed the

attackers divided their forces into two groups of four, which launched simultaneous attacks in J1. Shots were heard from two areas at roughly the same time. Regional media officer for the ANC, Bongani Msomi, said many in the community regarded the KZP as responsible because of the firearms used and the clothes worn by the attackers.

He urged that the KZP "prove themselves" by finding and arresting the culprits. He also said a full, independent inquiry was necessary into the events.

KZP colonel Lindelihle Khanyile said those blaming the KZP had no evidence for their claims. The district commandant had assured him that the KZP was not involved in any way. Those responsible had not yet been identified and no one had come forward to give the police any information either about the incidents or about the identity and political affiliation of those killed.

Khanyile said investigations were continuing and that the KZP were "very keen" to solve the case. He added that if members of the KZP were "positively identified" in the case, steps would be taken to bring them to court.

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG — The ANC alliance mass action campaign took an ugly turn in yesterday when scores of minibus taxis blockaded major intersections, suburban roads and the freeway during a six-hour siege of the city. **8/09/92 718/92**

Pedestrians scattered as taxis drove over traffic islands and mounted kerbs, ignored red robots and drove against the flow of traffic along one-way streets.

Mobs ran between cars caught in traffic jams, rocking them, banging on windows and doors or jumping onto bonnets.

There were reports of some motorists being threatened and assaulted. Two women were dragged out of cars and assaulted by taxi passengers, and a witness said she saw one victim being kicked and manhan-

Motorists attacked at ANC taxi protest

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dled. Police spokesman Capt. Henry Budhram said a man was removed from his car and badly scratched.

Some reports put the number of taxis involved at about 370.

The blockade was also in protest at alleged harassment of taxi drivers by traffic authorities.

Sapa reports that ANC Natal Midlands secretary Sifiso Nkabinde denied that people taking part in the protest had assaulted motorists, saying any violence was perpetrated by criminal elements. The ANC would investigate the allegations.

Top ANC man killed in Natal ambush

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MARITZBURG. — ANC leader in the Table Mountain region near here Mr Albert Madladla was shot dead and two others were injured in an ambush on Thursday night.

Police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said yesterday Mr Madladla, 57, and four other men were walking at about 6.45pm when gunmen hidden in bushes opened fire.

Mr Madladla was shot in the chest and Mr Richard Mletshe, 21, in the chest and right arm. The three other men fled the scene, but Mr Mike Mzolo, 23, suffered a broken leg.

Police later found two spent AK-47 cartridges, two spent 9mm cartridges, a spent FG shotgun cartridge and a live AK-47 cartridge.

● In the Eastern Cape, police yesterday warned motorists using the coastal road between Port Elizabeth and East London that numerous incidents of stone-throwing had been reported on the route.

● In Johannesburg, a petrol bomb was hurled through the back window of a private vehicle travelling near

Peace watchdog planned

JOHANNESBURG. — The National Peace Secretariat is planning to establish a monitoring body of more than 100 people available on a 24-hour basis by the end of this month, NPS chairman Dr Antonie Gildenhuys and UN observer mission head Mr Hisham Omayad said yesterday.

Mr Omayad praised the NPS for the work it was doing, and called for more support for its peace structures at all levels.

Dr Gildenhuys said: "We are now working on putting into place a monitoring structure to a much larger extent than we have done in the past". — Sapa

Alberton on Thursday night, according to a police spokesman.

The car was totally burned out but driver Mr Sean Mathews and his girlfriend were uninjured.

● A group of stone-throwing residents in Caravelle Street, Mitchells Plain, caused about R2 500 worth of damage to a security company's van late on Thursday night, police said.

● Police said that in Bethelsdorp, Port Elizabeth, a lorry transporting workers was forced off the road by a group of strikers. The vehicle was damaged and workers were threatened. — Sapa, Staff Reporter

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30 killed in weekend violence

Staff Reporters
and Sapa

At least 30 people have been killed in unrest-related violence across the country since Saturday, say police.

In KwaZulu alone, 20 people were killed. Umlazi, where 11 people died, was worst hit.

In Boboyi, outside Port Shepstone, a baby and an unidentified man were killed on Sunday when two gunmen threw a hand grenade into a house and opened fire.

Violence again flared in Ivory Park squatter camp near Tembisa on Sunday when gunmen fired on mourners, killing at least two people

and injuring 15.

Early on Friday, four people were killed and at least six injured by gunmen. Three people were arrested in connection with Friday's attack.

Police said they arrested six people — five illegal immigrants and a man with an unlicensed firearm and ammunition — in a raid on Tembisa's Mandela Park squatter camp on Sunday.

Residents claim those arrested were identified by members of the "Toaster Gang" who accompanied police — a claim police deny.

Police said two people were killed and two injured when men with AK-47 rifles fired on res-

idents in Hostel 5, Sebokeng, on Saturday night. Petunia Motsoneng (28) died in Sebokeng Hospital with bullet wounds.

Yesterday the regional commissioner of police in Soweto, Major-General Kobus Malan, appealed to residents carrying firearms to apply to his office for a permit.

Since promulgation on August 3 of laws prohibiting the carrying of firearms without a permit, nobody had applied for one.

● The PAC's West Rand branch yesterday offered to mediate at "branch-level" between fighting ANC and IFP groups in the region

'Police cover-up' of massacre: New probe

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

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

However, Mr Kriel yesterday said he had now decided to order a full judicial probe into the matter.

The judge would be named later.

The DP welcomed the move.

ANC marchers brandish weapons

By FRED KHUMALO

THIS week ANC members openly carried traditional weapons, a new phenomenon in Durban ... and it's causing concern in some quarters.

"For a long time our requests to the police to ban the carrying of traditional weapons by IFP people at political gatherings have fallen on deaf ears.

"Now we have no choice but to carry the weapons ourselves," ANC southern Natal regional secretary S'bu Ndebele said to the thunderous applause of supporters who converged in Durban during Wednesday's occupation of the city.

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Traditional weapons were much in evidence among the 10 000 ANC supporters who brought the city centre to a standstill from noon to 4.30 pm.

On Monday, about 10 000 ANC supporters who marched through Inanda also carried an array of weapons - garden forks, kieres and sharpened sticks and pangas.

Tension nearly exploded into bloody violence when policemen disarmed six people on the Durban march.

Other marchers who heard about the incident gathered around the police and demanded the weapons back.

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The situation became tense when police took positions and got ready for action.

Operational officer at the scene, Col Johan van Wyk, said the marchers were making a "big issue out of nothing".

The crowd heckled ominously and SACP regional organiser Bheki Cele told the police that if they did not return the confiscated weapons, "a clumsy situation" could develop.

To defuse tension, Van Wyk gave Cele the assurance that the weapons would be returned. And they were.

Said Ndebele: "The police turned a blind eye when the IFP marched with weapons

last weekend. But now they are trying to disarm us."

Last Saturday about 1 500 armed IFP members also marched on the city centre "to welcome" their leader, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

ANC spokeswoman in Johannesburg, Gill Marcus, said it was not the ANC's policy to carry weapons.

She added, however, that the police failure to act against carrying weapons by IFP supporters had put ANC supporters in a difficult position.

Police have said that it was "physically impossible" to disarm the 5 000 IFP marchers.

Police stop 'execution'

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DURBAN — A young woman sentenced to death by a "people's court" was saved when police came across a group who were deciding where to execute her, police said.

Seven men and three women are expected to appear in court soon in connection with the incident.

Police said they were carrying out investigations at

the Glebelands Hostel at Umlazi last week when they came across the group.

Meanwhile, police have discovered the bodies of two men who were killed about three days ago and left at Amaoti in Verulam.

Police said both men had apparently been killed by the necklace method and their hands had been cut off. — Own Correspondent.

Police react to threats to kill ANC leaders

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

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

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

Police Colonel Johan Mostert

said last night the SAP would investigate the threats and "take the appropriate steps".

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

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

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

"The allegations are denied categorically," he said.

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

Spokesmen for the ANC could not be reached for comment last night.

Natal clashes: Police on alert

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DURBAN. — Police have been placed on the alert in the Port Shepstone area with the renewal of clashes between IFP and ANC members that have claimed nine lives since the weekend.

Seven people were killed yesterday morning. The bodies were found "scattered around" the township of Murchison at 5.30am, a police spokesman said. This brought to nine the number of deaths since the weekend.

Forty-eight people were arrested at the scene but only two were held.

Two bodies were found after a police blitz in the township at the weekend and several guns were recovered. Three men were arrested, one allegedly in possession of a bloody cane knife.

A police helicopter supporting the blitz spotted two bodies in a cane field. They had been hacked to death.

The ongoing fighting between IFP and ANC supporters has also led to a chronic refugee crisis, with fears of even more displaced people from the Mtengwane area in Murchison.

Leader's death: IFP challenges police report

Johannesburg Bureau

INKATHA has challenged a police version of the death of one of its leaders.

Yesterday the police said Mr Welcome Khanyile, an IFP community leader in Ratanda in the Eastern Transvaal, died on July 31 when a limpet mine he was carrying exploded. His body was found only on August 7.

But IFP Transvaal regional organiser Mr Themba Khoza said yesterday three white policemen had arrested Mr Khanyile on July 30 and that was the last time he was seen alive.

A Red Cross worker in Port Shepstone said yesterday that several hundred people had taken refuge at the Murchison Hospital and were sleeping on the premises.

Tension has been running high in Murchison over the past two months since the return of ANC-aligned youths to Mtengwane on June 16. They had previously fled violence there and had made several attempts to return.

There have been regular clashes since then, with the ANC alleging a local IFP-supporting chief was instigating attacks against its supporters and Inkatha accusing the ANC-aligned

youths of intimidation and violence.

Attempts to arrange peace talks have failed.

At Ivory Park, north of Johannesburg, two men were killed and two people injured when police intervened in a gunfight at a taxi rank yesterday morning.

In Alexandra township a woman who had been shot in the head was found dead in her yard, police spokeswoman Major Henriette Bester reported.

Inkatha Freedom Party central committee member Mr Themba

Khoza claimed the dead woman, Ms Soalega Miga, was an IFP youth leader.

Major Bester said the motive and attackers were unknown.

In the Free State police were forced to use rubber bullets and teargas to disperse rioters opposed to a visit to Kgotsong, Bothaville, on Sunday by the Chief Minister of QwaQwa, Dr T K Mopeli, the SAP said.

● A young Northern Cape policeman doing duty in Sharpeville in the Vaal Triangle was shot in both legs with an AK47 rifle when he alighted from a Caspir vehicle outside the township's police station last night.

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Work begins soon to make trains safer

RAY HARTLEY

WORK to make urban trains and stations safer — following Goldstone commission recommendations — would begin soon, the SA Rail and Commuter Corporation said.

Corporation MD Wynand Burger told a news briefing yesterday they had consulted community groups, including the Soweto Civic Association, about introducing a rail guard corps acceptable to the community. It would be operational by the end of the year.

There had been delays in upgrading stations due to unexpected problems concerning water and sewerage systems and the procurement of additional land, but he gave an assurance this would now proceed speedily.

He said the rail guard, which would receive proper police training and wear a distinctive uniform, would initially be limited to the southern Transvaal region, but would be extended to the rest of the country later.

As much as R200m would be spent on the guard in the next financial year.

Metro Services senior GM Koos Meyer said about R2,765bn would be spent on train security nationwide by the year 2000, if next year's R250m budget was escalated by 15% annually to compensate for inflation.

Burger said the SARCC was asking government for an extra R88m this financial year to speed up the process, and commuter fare increases to cope with increased expenditure on security and inflation were being considered.

Electronic surveillance equipment was

being investigated for train compartments and the entrances and exits of stations.

Train coaches would be made safer by altering windows and doors to make it impossible to throw a person off a moving train and fireproof seating was being investigated.

The provision of interleading doors between carriages — as recommended by the Goldstone commission — was being investigated, he added.

Sapa reports Burger said a lot of progress had been made on the remaining Goldstone commission recommendations. These were:

□ The number of Spoornet security officials would be increased from 377 to 741 countrywide;

□ SAP officers deployed on stations and trains would soon be appointed "authorised officers" by the corporation to control access to stations. Policemen and Spoornet security personnel are already empowered to conduct searches; and

□ SAP facilities at stations would be improved countrywide.

□ R11m had been allocated for on-board communication systems between train drivers and controllers as well as security centres;

□ A further R7m had been set aside for on-board public address systems as well as communication systems at stations; and

□ Burger said the corporation was also researching the viability of walk-through search apparatus.



SA Rail Commuter Corporation put announce further steps to end train

New push for peace summit

WILSON ZWANE

THE national peace committee meets in Johannesburg today in an attempt to remove obstacles to a summit between President F W de Klerk, ANC president Nelson Mandela and Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

UN observers Hisham Omayad and Shola Omoregie — in SA to monitor the ANC-SACP-Cosatu alliance's mass action campaign — will attend the meeting.

The summit, regarded as an opportunity for the three leaders to give fresh impetus to peace efforts, was scheduled for July 30 but was postponed after Buthelezi refused to attend.

Buthelezi cited Mandela's alleged violations of the peace accord at a recent UN Security Council meeting and the existence of Umkhonto we Sizwe as reasons for staying away.

Natal violence pushes death toll to 10

RAY HARTLEY

TEN people died in unrest-related incidents around the country yesterday and violence flared up in the Murchison area of Natal.

The bodies of seven people who died in renewed violence in the township near Port Shepstone were found yesterday. Police did not reveal the causes of death.

The latest incidents follow the discovery of two bodies at the weekend.

In another incident, two men were shot dead by police who intervened to stop a gunfight between two taxi drivers at Ivory Park near Johannesburg yesterday. Police said they shot the driver of one of the taxis after he opened fire on them, and later shot the man who replaced him at the wheel.

The body of a woman who had been shot in the head was found in Alexandra yesterday.

day. Inkatha central committee member Themba Khoza said the woman, Soalega Miga, was an Inkatha youth leader.

A Cape Town policeman was in a critical condition last night after he was shot by a suspect in the KTC squatter camp, and a police patrol came under fire in Khayelitsha near Cape Town yesterday.

The KwaZulu police yesterday supported a call by ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa for a commission of inquiry into the killing of 11 people at Esikhawini in Natal a week ago, Sapa reports.

Police said yesterday the PAC's military wing, Apla, carried out two attacks on farms in the Elliot area on Monday. No one was injured in the attacks.

Murchison: Two more die in political fighting

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DURBAN. — Two more people have died in political fighting in Port Shepstone's Murchison township, bringing the death toll there since weekend clashes to at least 12, police said.

Durban police spokesman Captain Bala Naidoo said two more bodies were found near Boboyi, in Murchison, yesterday morning.

Provincial delegations from the ANC, IFP and church leaders are to visit the area today in an attempt to find ways to stop the killings there.

Over 50 people have been killed in

fighting between the ANC and IFP in Murchison since mid-June.

● In Johannesburg, a caller identifying himself as the "Lion of the Apla Forces" yesterday claimed responsibility for the killing of a municipal policeman in Katlehong township on Monday.

Apla — the Azanian Liberation Army — is the armed wing of the PAC.

Earlier yesterday police reported a municipal policeman, Constable J de Wet Moloi, 55, was killed by unknown gunmen in Katlehong on Monday.

VIOLENCE

The Harry Gwala theme (276) FM 14/8/92

ANC militant, Harry Gwala — and those of his ilk — will bear critical co-responsibility if a culture of political tolerance is to take hold in this country. Though the image of the man, based on his flights of violent rhetoric, may suggest otherwise, Gwala denies that he is a “devil with horns” bent on wresting power through violence.

On the contrary, the ANC’s controversial Natal Midlands chairman and member of the ANC’s national executive committee, is adamant that he’s misunderstood and a man of peace. “Liberation is still possible with minimal bloodshed,” says Gwala, who recently turned 72.

This picture of himself is clearly at odds with his popular image. The London *Independent*, for example, says: “At first inspection Gwala is a most unsavoury character. He is a self-confessed killer, a man whom people in his own organisation fear to cross and a hardline Marxist who applauded the Soviet coup attempt last year.”

Gwala is frequently portrayed as a blood-thirsty firebrand who “sends his boys” to attack Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) warlords. He maintains that these allegations are untrue. He does have personal bodyguards since there have been two attempts on his life. “And I’m only a warlord if that is a person who organises people to defend themselves against attack. I do not, in the ordinary sense, advocate attacking others. I believe in peaceful coexistence.”

(Soon after this interview, there appears to have been another attempt on Gwala’s life, when, on the second day of last week’s stayaway, gunmen in a speeding minibus fired on an ANC gathering at Edendale where he had just addressed a group of demonstrators. The windscreen of Gwala’s car was smashed but he was uninjured.)

Gwala says people seem to think that the IFP should be allowed to act with impunity without the ANC defending itself. “I admit that our people in retaliation attack those who have killed their next of kin and destroyed their homes. They use the old law of Moses — an eye for an eye.”

Does he believe in an eye for an eye? “I don’t know, but it is a person’s natural reaction, when attacked, to respond by hurting the enemy.”

He also distances himself from the ANC’s inflammatory “mock trials” of its opponents, though the ANC offices in Maritzburg are festooned with “wanted” posters for people “guilty” of apartheid crimes. They include President F W de Klerk and Foreign Minister Pik Botha.

“We’ve never had a mock trial here. What we did was indict David Ntombela and other warlords and demanded that the Attorney-General charge them.”

The simpler route of laying charges with the police would have been a waste of time,

he maintains, since the police plotted the murder of ANC people (a reference to the Trust Feed case)

Clearly, non-violence in Gwala’s eyes does not mean turning the other cheek. Peace, he asserts, is “imposed the way Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin did it, not the failed conciliation of Chamberlain. That is what we have done here in the valley (the Valley of the Widows in Edendale, where he lives), with considerable success in the Midlands. We prevent Inkatha from doing what it wants and punish it for killing people here. The places where we have imposed peace include Richmond, Greytown and Nxamalala. It was costly in terms of lives because people were attacked and they defended themselves,



but those places are now very peaceful.”

However, Gwala’s gloved-fist approach has been less successful than he would have people believe. Gunfire again echoed through his region (often called SA’s “Lebanon”) recently, with an armed attack on an IFP rally at Estcourt and another on an ANC/Umkhonto we Sizwe funeral procession. Two Gwala lieutenants were wounded — one of them fatally — during the second attack. The Human Rights Commission points out that 35 people died in political strife in Natal Midlands in June.

Gwala, of course, also sees peaceful pressure as a tool for change. “Liberation is not the sole prerogative of the ANC. The Church and the Black Sash have done a great deal in terms of peaceful pressure. Mass action is another avenue which is meant to be non-violent.”

Even whites can participate in mass action, Gwala adds — without irony or malice — when they visit the ballot boxes every five years. That sort of pressure from within, together with international coercion, could still prevent a bloodbath, he believes.

Gwala admits to the sort of bitterness which breeds extremism. He says he has good cause. He grew up in a school of hard knocks and blames apartheid directly and indirectly for the deaths of his wife, daughter

and some of his closest friends. He also blames it for the wanton destruction of homes and people and for his two paralysed arms. Yet bitterness about these and other things “does not cloud my political judgment.”

Some of my closest friends were and are white,” he asserts. “Incidentally those who taught me politics were white. Precisely because of that, I relate to people rather than colour.”

Gwala quite clearly doesn’t fit into any conventional warlord mould. The frail former Robben Islander, who confesses to a love of classical music and poetry, is courteous to a fault when he entertains in his modest but immaculately kept township home near Maritzburg.

Nor is he a stereotype Marxist — a doctrine he has adhered to for nearly 50 years. To him, Marxism remains untarnished by the demise of the Soviet system and he’s not modified his beliefs one iota. But he says those beliefs include being a democrat who would accept defeat at the polls in free and fair elections.

“Those who associate Marxism with violent revolution don’t understand the concept.”

“Marx understood revolution to mean change from one social system to another. Ending apartheid and giving everyone the vote is a revolution. Bloodshed need not necessarily be part of the equation.”

However, contesting those elections with, for example, the IFP, doesn’t really sit that well with him. “They’ll collapse quicker than Muzarewa’s government in Zimbabwe without their State funding, so competing with them won’t be an issue,” he maintains.

Another area where Gwala is seen as a bit “different” is with his comrades on the ANC’s national executive committee. However, he says he knows of “no big differences between myself and other members of the executive. Our differences simply relate to how liberation should be achieved, so they are differences of method not principle. And what organisation doesn’t have those?”

Areas where Gwala has gone out on a limb have included being against talks with the IFP in Natal after the ANC was unbanned and also being against the ANC negotiating with government until it had sought a mandate from the people. Though his view never prevailed in either case, he suggests that subsequent events, including the spreading of ANC/IFP hostility and the collapse of Codesa, have proved him right.

Clearly Gwala is an enigma, particularly to whites. He is a man of considerable intellect, but as he puts it: “When people meet me they expect me to breathe fire. When I don’t, they think I’m acting.”

It is not enough for leaders like Gwala to pay lip-service to peace and democracy. They are the people who can make it happen if they really want to.

Thousands flee South Coast violence

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By CARMEL RICKARD: Durban

A MAJOR crisis has erupted on Natal's lower South Coast where violence has left 50 dead over the last two months.

Thousands of people have fled their homes in the area around Port Shepstone, schools are deserted and local community workers describe the district as a "wasteland".

The continuing drought is adding to the misery of the refugees. They sleep wherever they can. Many took shelter for three or four weeks in a local hospital and at schools. During a brief lull in the conflict they returned home, but on Monday, 10 people died in open warfare on the main road through Murchison outside Port Shepstone, and the refugees have flooded back again.

Some religious organisations have offered help with temporary shelter, but many other children and adults are sleeping on the streets and pavements of Port Shepstone, in bus and taxi ranks, in the sugar cane fields or on the local golf course.

Monday's fighting provoked a massive exodus and all week people have streamed out of

Murchison and Bhoboyi, carrying suitcases and bags, hoping to find a safe place until the violence stops.

Victims of the battles in the early hours of Monday lay for some time at the side of the main road through Murchison. Everyone wanting to go to work or to school had to pass the bodies, and for many it was the last straw.

The stream of refugees increased, schools are now closed, and local church agencies, desperate at the lack of response to the crisis, organised a meeting of all parties on Wednesday. A group of church leaders came from other parts of Natal to attend the meeting and see what help could be given.

Regional and local representatives of Inkatha and the ANC were expected to attend, as well as South African Police officials and representatives of the local dispute resolution committee.

However local Inkatha officials did not show up. Nor did ministers from the affected townships who said they were afraid to do so.

The non-attendance of local Inkatha delegates at similar peace meetings has been a continuing complaint of the African National

Congress.

Inkatha Institute director Gavin Woods, who participated in Wednesday's meeting, said local Inkatha officials feared for their safety. Several local IFP leaders involved in peace talks had been killed which discouraged others from participating. Woods also said the meeting procedures left the Inkatha delegates "feeling raped". He said they were overawed by the style of the white business people who led the dispute resolution committee.

The formality of the procedures used by business and the "legal attitude of the ANC" meant decisions were taken which the Inkatha people did not fully understand or support. As a result they were unhappy about continuing to participate. ANC officials said the absence of local Inkatha officials posed serious difficulties for the peace process.

Wednesday's meeting has led to some small comfort for refugees. Local officials have agreed to put up a large tent for displaced people, although they will be encouraged to return home as quickly as possible.

Three policemen die in shootout

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DURBAN. — Three policemen were killed in a shootout with three wanted men at a house near Empangeni yesterday.

Two of the wanted men later died from gunshot wounds. The third escaped.

Police said they were part of a gang wanted on dozens of charges, including murder and robbery.

The ANC allege that the police sneaked up on the house without announcing themselves and fired the first shots. The organisation has called for an independent commission of

inquiry.

The dead policemen are Sergeant N Kriel, 23, and Constable N Claassen of the Newcastle Stability Unit and Constable Samuel Mathe of the Kwa-Mbonambi CID.

Police said the drama began about 4am when members of the Newcastle Stability Unit and the KwaMbonambi CID surrounded the house in Sokhulu after receiving information that one of the most wanted criminals in northern Natal was hiding out there. Police identified themselves

and called for the men inside to give themselves up.

However, the men opened fire, killing Sergeant Kriel, Constable Claassen and Constable Mathe.

Police then returned fire and threw teargas into the house. When the men did not come out, the police rammed the front bedroom of the house with a Casspir and rushed in.

Two of the suspects, Mr Simon Msweli and Mr Michael Mthethwa, were seriously injured during the shootout and were arrested.

They died later in hospital.

An ANC spokesman said Mr Msweli was a prominent ANC member and was regarded as a "protector" in the area.

Democratic Party unrest monitor Mr Roy Alnsile said the killing of the three policemen could have been a "huge mistake".

Sokhulu had come under constant attack recently by vigilantes, he said, and residents had been expecting another attack and had been arming themselves.

When the police party arrived, he said, "my sources tell me people in the house simply assumed this was the big attack they were expecting ... and fired".

In Pretoria, Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel expressed his shock and outrage at the murder of the three policemen, reports Sapa.

He said the latest killings illustrated the enormous difficulties and pressures under which the SAP performed its duties.

Suspect 'necklaced' by policemen

By S'BU MNGADI

A DURBAN youth was taken to a deserted spot, viciously assaulted and set alight while questioned by five policemen.

While Vusi Phiri, 20, sat sobbing in agony, the police drove off and left him by the roadside.

The evidence was given before magistrate DJ du Plessis in the Durban Regional Court this week, where the five policemen face a charge of attempted murder.

The accused are Lance-Sgt Mark Allan Lucy, 24, and constables David Wilhemus Potgieter, 19, Pierre Conrenius Laubscher, 18, and Bradford Brown, 19.

The five have pleaded not guilty.

During the hearing this week, Phiri removed his shirt before the court to reveal extensive scarring on his body.

Phiri said he was asleep at home on January 13 when a group of policemen arrived at about midnight. They put him in the back of a police van and drove him to nearby Marianhill Park.

The policemen told him they were looking for an unlicensed pistol.

Phiri denied ever possessing a

firearm and a black policeman said if he did not give them the pistol, he would hand him over to the white policemen.

The group made him sit down and assaulted him for about 20 minutes.

One of the policemen used a cigarette lighter to burn Phiri's toes, feet, ears and one hand. Phiri told the court he was barefoot and wearing only long trousers.

One of the policemen went to the van and returned with a tyre which he put around Phiri's neck. Another policeman returned with a can of petrol which he poured over Phiri's body. The third man held out a cigarette lighter. The petrol caught fire and the men jumped back.

Mad

Phiri said the police watched him run away crying.

He told the court that the tyre fell off while he was running and he managed to remove his burning trousers.

He walked to a nearby house, whose occupants took him to Marianhill Hospital.

He spent three months in hospital and was still not perfectly well.

He said he could not identify any of his assailants.

Another witness, Const Barbara Bartels, said she accompanied the five policemen on January 13 in a crime prevention patrol during which they picked up Phiri.

Driving in two vehicles, they took Phiri to a bushy area.

She told the court that someone, who sounded like Phiri, said: "I am talking true."

Bartels then heard a "woof" sound and saw a man, who she later found out was Phiri, run past her, his upper body on fire. She got out of the car and said: "Are you mad?"

She walked towards the group and saw Phiri sitting on the side of the road with his head in his hands.

One of the policemen asked her to return to the car which she did.

They left Phiri sitting by the roadside and drove off.

Const Muziwamandla M Nzi-mande, of Kloof police station, said he drove in a police van with Potgieter and Laubscher.

A third witness, Nkosinathi Paulos Blose, said Lance-Sgt Lucy threatened him with violence if he divulged the evening's events.

The hearing continues.

Five die in nasty police muddle

By FRED KHUMALO

THE gunning down of three policemen in Kwa-Sokhulu on Friday, which has led to the cordoning off of the Empangeni settlement, has sparked a controversy.

While locals say the policemen sneaked up on a house and started firing at it without warning, SAP commissioner, Gen Johan van der Merwe, said they only used their guns when they realised they were under fire.

Const Samuel Mathe, 25, Lance-Sgt NE Kriel, 24, and Const MD Claagani, 22, were killed. The civilians killed were Bonmon Msweli and Si-side the house.

According to the police, the drama began when they surrounded a house believed to be a hideout of Simon Msweli, a man sought in connection with murder and robbery charges.

As the police entered the premises they came under fire. They ducked for cover and returned the fire.

But local residents tell a different story. They say the police swooped on the house and randomly opened fire without warning. It was only then that the occupants of the house returned fire.

According to a statement issued by the ANC-SACP-Cosatu Joint Working Committee, the occupants in the house thought they were under IFP fire.

But police say the shooting had nothing to do with politics. The ANC has called on a permanent UN observer to be based in the region to prevent further bloodshed and "destabilisation of the ANC". The organisation noted that the UN's departure, since the UN's had intensified in the area.

Interdict ignored and chaos erupts

By FRED KHUMALO

A MARITZBURG court interdict restraining two KwaZulu officials from obstructing KwaZulu government-owned buses operating in Vulindlela, went unheeded when the blockade exploded into violence this week.

Two bus drivers sustained serious head injuries and two buses were torched in a violent confrontation at Taylor's Halt depot.

Violence broke out shortly after the interdict was granted to KwaZulu Transport, restraining KwaZulu MP David Ntombela and KwaZulu government urban representative and IFP member Philip Powell from blocking buses.

Trouble began last Wednesday, when bus drivers arrived to start work after observing the ANC-organised two-day general strike.

Ntombela and Powell led an angry mob to the depot, in a bid to prevent buses from leaving.

An interdict was obtained on Friday. When transport services resumed the following day, clashes broke out.

Powell told City Press the blockade was not an IFP initiative but flowed from the local community's anger at the drivers who deserted regular commuters during the general strike.

KZT has asked the Natal Dispute Resolution Committee to intervene.

Applause in court as hired killer gets death

The Argus Correspondent

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MARITZBURG. — Supreme Court spectators applauded as the death sentence was imposed on a man who had accepted R1 000 to kill a member of the African National Congress in Bruntville.

Earlier yesterday, Mr Justice Combrinck had acquitted three co-accused of three murders.

The State had alleged that they were members of a band which assassinated prominent members of the ANC in the Mooi River area.

As they left the court the three were cursed and threatened and a fight broke out between members of rival political parties.

Sentenced to death and 25 years' jail for a second murder was Mfungelwa Mchunu, 27, of Msinga.

The court acquitted Mr Walter Mchunu, 43, of Bruntville, Mr Mbuseni Mngadi, 44, and Mr Phika Hlongwane, 51, both of Ntabamhlope, near Estcourt.

Five shot dead by men in uniform

The Argus Correspondents

DURBAN. — Five people, including a five-year-old child, were gunned down by men in South African Police and Defence Force camouflage uniforms at Folweni, near Isipingo, south of Durban.

Police spokesman Captain Bala Naidoo said today that 10 men in police uniforms and Army camouflage uniforms went to the Npuyeni Reserve and fired a number of shots, killing Langa Myandu, 33, Daniel Myandu, 60, Sibuiso Jubulani Khanyile, 47, Goodwill Shezi, 22, and five-year-old Thandiwe Shange.

Three other people were wounded.

Police found spent AK 47 and shot-gun cartridge cases.

Kwazulu police are investigating.

Since last week about 1 000 people have fled Folweni and sought refuge at an Isipingo sportsfield after renewed violence.

● In Johannesburg three men were killed and 13 injured last night during an hours-long gunbattle at Selby Hostel in Johannesburg.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Lieutenant Wikus Weber said that when Robbery Reaction Unit members arrived at the hostel, a large group of men were shooting and fighting. When they saw the police they scattered and fired at them, Lieutenant Weber said.

Police returned fire and a shootout continued for a "considerable period

of time".

By 10pm police had found the bodies of three men. Thirteen people were wounded. One policeman was also slightly injured.

Police also arrested three men for the illegal possession of firearms.

A 9mm pistol with three rounds of ammunition and the magazine of a .32 pistol and one round of ammunition were also confiscated.

Lieutenant Weber said the men had been using AK 47s and handguns.

● Police searched the hostel early today. A spokesman said a pistol, a zip gun, two AK 47s, a revolver and several assegais were seized. No one was arrested.

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Hostel men talk tough

DURBAN The South African Hostel Dwellers' Association at the weekend rejected key Goldstone Commission recommendations, decided to kick out the ANC and wants to force all Sahda members to resign from Cosatu.

The meeting was attended by about 3 000 hostel dwellers from Durban townships, Sahda general secretary John Hlongwa said yesterday.

The meeting had decided:

- ☐ To reject Judge Richard Goldstone's recommendations that hostels be fenced, because this revived apartheid and "hostel dwellers are not lunatics who should be kept in isolation", Hlongwa said;
- ☐ The ANC should withdraw from the Natal Hostel Forum discussing the future of hostels in Natal because their presence made a mockery of Sahda;
- ☐ ANC members living in hostels should reconsider their stay because their president (Mandela) did not see the need for them, and;
- ☐ All Sahda members should resign their Cosatu membership because of its "unholy alliance" with organisations wanting to phase out hostels. "Mr Mandela is free to join his mates in hostels since he is also a bachelor," Hlongwa said.

The meeting also decided to ask President FW de Klerk to meet Sahda and the ANC to discuss allegations of violence emanating from the hostels. — Sapa.

Five killed in raid on township

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DURBAN. — Five people were killed and at least three seriously injured when armed men raided Mpumshini township in Umbumbulu.

The attack took place on Tuesday.

A group of between 10 and 20 men — all dressed in security force and police uniforms — got out of a minibus firing randomly at residents, police said.

A five-year-old girl, Thandiwe Shange, as well as four IFP supporters — Langa Myandu, 33, David Myandu, 60, Si-

busiso Khanyile, 47, and Goodwill Shezi, 22 — were killed in the attack.

The men then made their way to the home of IFP leader Mr Al Khuzwayo, which they attacked with guns and hand-grenades, IFP spokesman Mr Kim Hodgson said.

The occupants of the house returned fire and the attackers fled.

Police found 40 AK-47 shells, five 12-bore shotgun cartridges and a fly-off lever from a Russian hand-grenade at the scene.

One of the attackers is believed to have been a member of the notorious S'bu Mkhize's gang.

Mr Hodgson said local residents identified the man as Sibusiso Khwela, a "lieutenant" under S'bu Mkhize, a wanted criminal who was killed recently in a shoot-out with police in Isipingo.

The IFP has called for a full security

Rand hostel shootout causes 8km traffic jam

JOHANNESBURG. — The Chicago-style shootout here on Tuesday night, in which three men died, caused a huge traffic snarl-up in peak hour yesterday morning.

The shooting started at the municipal-owned Selby hostel which is on the edge of Johannesburg's city centre. Residents in the drab hostel started shooting at one another. No reason for the shooting is known.

A large police contingent with armoured vehicles were still on the scene of the shooting yesterday morning and off-ramps on the central city's main traffic artery were closed to keep traffic out of the area, causing traffic queues of up to eight kilometres. — Sapa

force investigation into the incident.

An ANC spokesman condemned the killings and said the organisation was investigating the matter.

In other reports of unrest:

● Two municipal policemen stationed at Katlehong were shot dead by unidentified gunmen while following a butchery delivery truck yesterday.

The names of the policemen were not released.

● A man was killed and five wounded in commuter train attack at Nancefield station yesterday morning. The attack occurred about 6 as hostel dwellers were boarding a train.

● At Daveyton, Benoni, a policeman was stabbed when police guards were attacked and their shotguns taken.

● Police opened fire on a crowd at Hlohlwane, Clocolan, injuring one man when they were stoned by a large crowd. — Own Correspondent, Sapa

Cop held over deaths of injured ANC men

By RYAN CRESSWELL

S/ Times
23/8/92
A POLICEMAN has been arrested in connection with the deaths of two wounded ANC members allegedly killed while being taken to hospital after a shoot-out with security forces.

Captain Hamilton Ngidi of the Durban police confirmed that a warrant officer based in Empangeni in northern Natal had been arrested in connection with the deaths of Mr Michael Mthetwa and Mr Simon Msweli.

Yesterday forensic pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman — who recently disclosed startling details of deaths in police custody — flew to Durban to conduct second autopsies on the men.

Earlier this week, SAP regional commissioner Major-General Colin Steyn announced police were holding two members of the SAP's internal stability unit and two members of the SADF for questioning in connection with the incident.

Early on the morning of August 14,

members of the police force went to a house in Sokhulu near Empangeni after receiving information that a suspect wanted on 48 charges was in the building.

Police said they surrounded the house and began to enter from the back of the house after a Casspir smashed a hole through a bedroom wall.

Shots were fired from the building and Sergeant NE Krile, Constable ND Claassen of the Newcastle stability unit and Constable Samuel Mathe of the Kwambonambi CID were killed.

During the shoot-out, Mr Mthetwa and Mr Msweli were injured and arrested, but another man escaped.

Ambulance personnel apparently refused to pick up the wounded men because they regarded Sokhulu as too dangerous to enter.

As a result, the two men were transported in a police vehicle under the charge of two policemen and two soldiers.

The ANC members were certified dead on arrival at the hospital.

Cop arrested for brutal slaying of injured ANC men

By FRED KHUMALO

HEADS rolled in the SA Police force this week as sinister circumstances surrounding the death of two northern Natal ANC activists came to light.

On Thursday an Empangeni warrant officer was arrested following the ANC's evidence which stated that after a shootout last Friday morning, Bongani Mthethwa and Simon Msweli were killed following their arrest.

Police said the shootout took place when they swooped on a house being used as Msweli's hide-out in the KwaSokhulu settlement near Empangeni. In the ensuing shootout three policemen were shot dead.

A police statement said Msweli was shot in the stomach, and his accomplice Mthethwa was wounded in the leg. They were subsequently arrested.

Dark story of custody deaths will see the light

Msweli was being sought by the police in connection with murder and an attack on a police helicopter early this year.

A police autopsy report released on Friday contradicted the previous police statement.

The autopsy report listed the cause of death as "multiple gunshot wounds".

Forensic pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman performed a second autopsy on the two men. He

will release his report to lawyers this week.

Members of the SAP and the SADF were initially held in connection with the deaths but were later released.

A warrant officer is expected to appear in court tomorrow.

DP violence monitor Roy Ainslie said on the day of the incident he received a call from a concerned person saying the men were in custody but were not receiving medical treatment. Ainslie phoned the Empangeni police station and checked that the two activists were alive. The captain confirmed that Msweli and Mthethwa were alive and receiving medical attention.

"But 10 minutes later I received a call from the captain saying the men had been killed in the shootout," said Ainslie.

He said it was clear that "between KwaSokhulu and Empangeni the two men were just blasted away".

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Gunmen kill policeman in kraal attack

By Bronwyn Wilkinson and Sapa

At least nine people, including a policeman, were killed as violence racked townships around the country at the weekend.

The policeman and six other people were the victims of continuing bloodshed in Natal.

In Silverton, near Pretoria, a young woman was burnt to death yesterday.

It is believed the woman was still alive when she was set alight, police said.

The body of a young man was found in a field behind a hostel at Durban Roodepoort Deep mine on the West Rand on Saturday. Witwatersrand police liaison officer Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said.

Although an identity book was found on the body, the man still had to be positively identified, Colonel Bruce said.

In Alexandra, Sandton, a man was injured when gunmen fired several shots from a passing vehicle on Saturday.

A policewoman, a Constable Nhlapho, was injured when a crowd attacked her in Daveyton on the East Rand on Saturday, police said. A man was later arrested.

An explosion caused extensive damage to the house of the deputy mayor of Soweto in Power Park on Saturday. Police said the deputy mayor's daughter was injured in the blast.

In Natal, three people were killed and three seriously injured when unknown gunmen opened fire on a kraal in the Makwatini Reserve on Friday. One of the dead was Detective-Constable L S Mazipoliko.

On Saturday, unknown attackers opened fire on a taxi in Magabeni, near Umkomaas, killing two passengers.

Police also found the bodies of a man and a woman at Table Mountain, near Maritzburg.

Family slaughter as blood flows in Natal violence

The Argus Correspondent

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DURBAN. — At least 17 people were killed, including six members of a family, an estimated 2 000 people were left homeless and scores were injured in political violence in one of the bloodiest weekends in Natal this year.

Affected were some of the province's hottest trouble-spots — Malukazi near Durban, Glébelands near Isipingo, the Table Mountain area near Maritzburg, Richmond in the Midlands and Empangeni on the North Coast.

At Richmond five men in brown military-style uniforms carrying AK-47 assault rifles and R4 rifles surrounded the home of Chief Fana Nzimande.

Police spokesman Major Coert Marais said the men, who wore balaclavas, demanded two G3 rifles which were in Chief Nzimande's kraal. After they had been handed over the gunmen lined up the chief, his wife and six children against a wall and fired.

Two of the children, one aged 21 and the other five, were wounded and taken to hospital. The others, aged four, nine, 12 and 15 were shot dead. Their parents also died.

Yesterday 500 alleged Inkatha supporters attacked the Glebelands Hostel at Isipingo. There was a shootout and savage stick-fighting as rival factions clashed.

The police used teargas to disperse the crowd. Residents were forced back into the hostel and the attackers fled to a railway station, where somebody tossed a hand grenade among them.

Major Marais did not know whether anyone was killed or injured in the blast.

Police were shot at during the operation but none were wounded.

At Malukazi near Durban, 41 shacks were set alight and four people died. Witnesses said the men who started the fire were wearing Kwazulu Police uniforms.

African National Congress relief workers moved in to help survivors after the attack.

A spokesman for the relief workers said that some of the refugees were sheltered by neighbours while others fled.

"Forty-one shacks were burned and four people were killed. One of them was burned to death," said Major Marais.

At Empangeni, north of Durban, three people were shot dead. One was an off-duty policeman.

Two people were shot dead at Umkomaas on the South Coast when a minibus was fired at.

At Table Mountain near Maritzburg the bodies of a man and women were found shot.

Probe into execution of family

DURBAN. — A top-level police investigation is being carried out into the execution by uniformed and masked gunmen of an induna, his wife and four children at a kraal near Richmond at the weekend.

Eight members of the Nzimande family were lined up outside the main building of the kraal on Sunday afternoon and gunned down, police said. Six were killed and two others wounded.

The dead were induna and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mr Fano Nzimande, 45, his wife, Nkanoqo, 45, and children Lindelane, 4, Nonhlanhla, 7, Mduduzi, 10,

and Sibonyeseni, 15. Nano Nzimande, 5, and Thembifile, 21, were wounded.

Police, acting on a tip-off, said they had recovered military clothing, two shotguns and a rifle from an abandoned home in Ngoyameni township, south of Durban.

In other reports of unrest:

● In Amanzimtoti, attackers hurling petrol bombs and firing guns killed three women and a man. Forty-one shacks were destroyed by fire when the unidentified attackers rampaged through Malukazi township.

● The body of a man with a bullet wound was found at Thokoza, on the East Rand and another at Alexandra.

● The naked, decomposing body of a woman was found on a farm in Ogies.

● A woman's burned body was found in Waltloo, Pretoria.

● Eshowe police found the body of a man who had been necklaced.

● Police Sergeant R Matroos was wounded in an ambush in Khayelitsha.

● A group fired on a soccer crowd near Greylingstad, injuring eight. — Sapa

Political row follows

IFP family slaughter

W/Mond 25/8 - 3/9/92.

It was a quiet Sunday afternoon for the Nzimande family of Mkhobeni—

*until they were lined up
against the wall and raked
with heavy gunfire.*

By Weekly Mail Reporter

EVEN by the increasingly brutal standards of South African killings, this week's execution of the Nzimande family at Mkhobeni, outside Richmond, was shocking.

Five men in brown uniforms which looked just like those of the South African Defence Force went to the home of local Inkatha leader Fana Nzimande on Sunday around noon. They asked him to produce the two kwaZulu government G3 rifles with which he had been issued. After he had done so, the men ordered the family to line up against an inside wall, then raked their victims with heavy fire from their AK47s and R4s.

Nzimande, his wife and four children were killed, but two other children survived.

The blood was hardly dry on the walls when the political accusations began to fly. Inkatha reacted strongly to news that its local organiser and leader had been murdered along with most of his family. The national chairman of the party, Frank Mdlalose, said the assassination of Nzimande and his family was an act of callous brutality carried out by people prepared to stoop to mass murder even of children to achieve their ends.

"The murder is not random, but is part of a structured political pattern. We know of many similar cases, where ANC members dressed in

SAP or SADF apparel have killed our people."

Commenting on the killings, other IFP officials claim they were carried out as part of a plan to remove Inkatha's influence from Mkhobeni, and fill the leadership vacuum with African National Congress leaders.

ANC president Nelson Mandela is due in the

region early next week, and some IFP officials

have speculated that the killings were related to the visit. "We do not say that he was personally involved in any way. However, we can imagine a scenario in which local comrades feel they should 'present' him with an area free of Inkatha influence." They said that in the days since the killings, ANC members had already begun to recruit members in the Mkhobeni area.

One Inkatha official said he believed members of Unkhonto weSizwe carried out the attack, saying it formed part of a pattern in which MK killed people while wearing security uniforms to create confusion and turn people against the police.

The ANC has strongly denied all these allegations, saying they will conduct their own inquiry into the incident. Regional secretary Sifiso Nkabinde says people should bring evidence that

those involved were MK members, and stop "this witch hunt. It is a mischievous insinuation made by those people who stop at nothing in a futile attempt to put us in the dock where we must defend ourselves".

Inkatha asked the Goldstone Commission to investigate the incident, and what they believe is a wider problem of attacks carried out by people wearing security force uniforms.

Commission chairman Judge Richard Goldstone has asked for a full police report on the incident and requested the IFP to hand over any information it may have about the killings.

In the wake of the Mkhobeni killings, Inkatha has challenged the SAP to explain the criteria they use for offering rewards leading to the arrest of people involved in political killings.

IFP spokesman Ed Tillet said yesterday that the police had offered no reward in connection with the Nzimande killings, nor in response to any other Inkatha slaying.

However, the SAP offered rewards and launched major investigations when a white person or ANC figure was killed.

The rural area around Richmond has been contested territory for more than a year, with periodic outbreaks of serious violence.

Murderer of family may be white man

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■ Cops not certain because attackers wore balaclavas:

A WHITE man is believed to have been among the killers of a Richmond, Natal, induna and an Inkatha leader and his family on Sunday.

Maritzburg police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said the allegation is difficult to confirm as all six members of the killer group wore balaclavas.

The six arrived at the kraal of Mr Fana Nzimande (45) dressed in army-type uniform and reportedly identified themselves as members of the SAP's Firearms Unit.

They demanded to see and check Nzimande's firearms but then lined the family against a wall before pumping them with bullets.

The dead have been identified as Nzimande's wife, Nkonango (45), and their three sons, Sibongiseni (15), Mduduzi (12), and Lindelani (5).

The couple's daughter, Nonhlanhla (9), was also killed in the vicious attack.

Two other daughters, Thembisile (20) and Nokuthula (5) were injured in the incident and are in hospital.

Police said they found 37 spent R4 cartridge cases and 14 spent AK-47 rifle cartridges.

Inkatha executive member Dr Frank Mdlalose yesterday described the incident as "callous brutality" and blamed the ANC for the murders.

Senior police to probe 'execution'

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Police are carrying out a top-level investigation into the execution by uniformed and masked gunmen of an induna, his wife and four children at a kraal near Richmond at the weekend.

And the Inkatha Freedom Party says the Goldstone commission should investigate the incident "as a matter of the gravest urgency".

SAP regional commissioner Gen Colin Steyn accompanied senior policemen yesterday to the scene in a remote area of Nkoben.

The bodies of the six victims — one a four-year-old boy — were found on Sunday. They were airlifted from the kraal yesterday morning to the Richmond mortuary.

According to the police eight members of the Nzimande family were lined up outside the main building of the kraal on Sunday afternoon and gunned down. Six were killed and two others wounded.

A police spokesman at Richmond said five or six men wearing brown overalls, resembling those worn by the SADF, and balaclavas arrived at the kraal just after noon and requested Nzimande to produce his firearms, two KwaZulu government-issue G3 rifles. After the weapons were handed over, the family members were lined up and "shot repeatedly".

Police found 14 spent AK-47 cartridges and 37 R4 shells at the scene.

The gunmen then fled with Nzimande's weapons.

Study points way to welfare reform

BIDAY 25/8/92

GERALD REILLY

PRETORIA — Government departments overwhelmingly recognise the need for a major overhaul of welfare services, a Human Sciences Research Council survey shows.

The survey, conducted by Natal University's F J Lund, found nearly 4-million people received welfare payments amounting to R4,5bn from government organisations last year.

She stressed the urgent need for a unitary nonracial welfare system to eliminate fragmentation, waste and inefficiency.

Welfare — for the aged, the disabled, families, and for relief — was provided by three houses of Parliament, four provincial administrations, six self governing and four independent homelands.

Lund said there had been brave attempts to introduce innovations but on the whole, new schemes became swamped by the need for statutory work.

Also, some government officials called for privatisation and independent initiative but other bureaucrats discouraged new initiatives.

In the year to end-March last year, R1bn went to white welfare services, about R800m to coloured services, R200m to Indian services and the remaining R2,4bn to black welfare

services, Lund said.

Calculated on a per capita basis, coloured people received R246, whites and Indians about R200 and blacks about R100.

Of the 3,9-million people who benefited directly, 2,6-million received pensions and 830 000 disability grants.

Social workers emphasised that the major challenge lay in overcoming the backlog in coloured, Indian and black welfare services.

The purpose of the Lund study was to determine the size, scope and cost of government welfare bureaucracies and to formulate a database.

Social workers acknowledged social work had to be redefined. Statutory work predominated although some departments were trying new approaches with a greater emphasis on community development.

Lund said unless attitudes changed social workers would find themselves without a role which had "appropriateness and integrity".

Recent political shifts had made social workers more positive about working for government, although there were areas where government employment obstructed grassroots social work.

Probe murders, urges IFP

STAR 26/8/92

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DURBAN — Inkatha has requested the Goldstone Commission to urgently investigate the murder of Induna Fana Nzi-mande and members of his family on Sunday at Richmond in Natal.

In a statement released in Pretoria yesterday, commission

chairman Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said the matter was currently the subject of intensive investigation by police.

A member of the commission, Lieutenant-Colonel H Heslinga, has been requested to liaise with the SAP, the statement said.

12 more die in Natal

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DURBAN. — Political killings continued to sweep through Natal townships this week with at least 12 reported after a weekend in which at least 19 people died in the province.

Police yesterday reported killings in Umbumbulu, Umlazi and Wembezi the previous day. In the worst incident five people were stabbed to death in Thoyana Reserve, Umbumbulu.

In a separate incident in Umbumbulu on Tuesday, a 60-year-old man was shot dead about 11pm while asleep at home.

At Umlazi, police said a group of men from Malukazi settlement attacked houses in an IFP stronghold in Umlazi on Tuesday, leaving two people dead.

The attack follows one on the ANC stronghold of Malukazi at the weekend in which four people were killed and at least 40 shacks were gutted.

Mandela visit

The SAP unrest report yesterday reported three deaths by shooting in Wembezi, outside Estcourt in the Midlands.

The killings in Wembezi come ahead of a visit there this weekend by ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela.

"There's an unacceptable level of tension in Wembezi and you can expect trouble there," IFP spokesman Mr Ed Tillet said yesterday.

Near Pretoria two policemen were injured, one seriously, when they were attacked by five armed men while they were standing guard at a Mamelodi hostel. Police said Constable M J Maputa, 23, and Constable V B Shibambi, 23, had been sitting in a guards' room at the hostel when five men kicked the door in and fired at them. — Sapa

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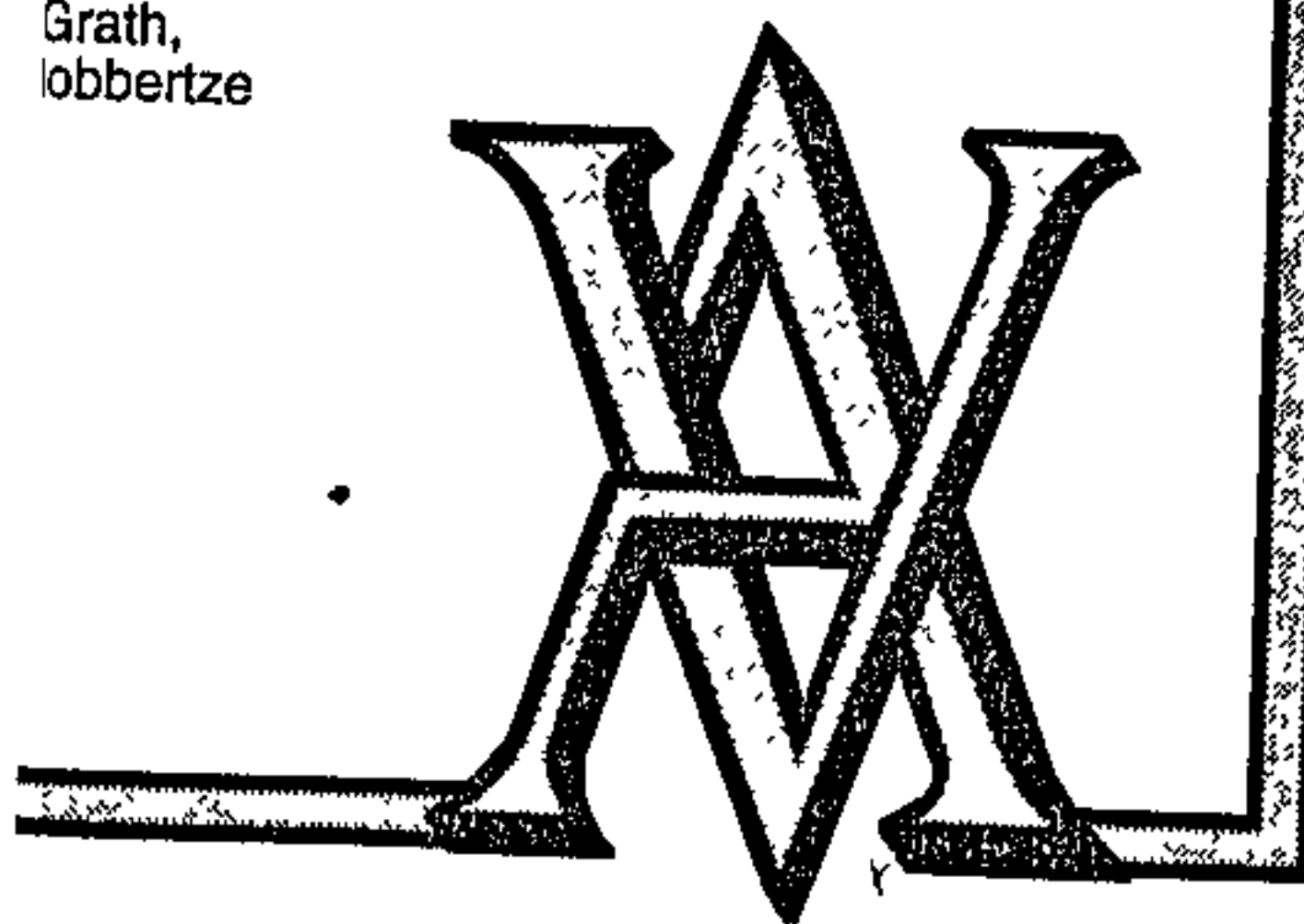
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Natal swept by more killings

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lice reported yesterday still
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on Tuesday. (276)

In the worst incident,
KwaZulu Police spokes-
man Col Moses Khanyile
said five people were
stabbed to death in the
Thoyana Reserve in Um-
bumbulu at about 7am.

The ANC and Inkatha
said they were investigat-
ing the five deaths.

Umbumbulu has been the
site of clashes between sup-
porters of these organisa-
tions for some time.

In a separate incident in
Umbumbulu on Tuesday, a
60-year-old man was shot
dead while asleep at home.

In another incident, a
taxi passenger was shot
dead in Umbumbulu. Khan-
yile said this killing could
have been linked to an at-
tempted robbery.

At Umlazi a group of
men from Malukazi settle-
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Umlazi on Tuesday in an
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ple dead. BIDAY 27/9/92

Khanyile said those
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which four people were
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8 killed in Empangeni

EIGHT people were killed in political violence in Empangeni's strife-torn township of Esikhawini on Wednesday night.

This brings the death toll in the area to 31, according to monitors. (276)

The killings have led to renewed calls for urgent action by the United Nations and the Goldstone Commission.

The latest attack comes less than a month after an incident in which 11 people were killed. Sowetan 28/8/92

Survivors claimed KwaZulu Police were involved.

The killings occurred within a two kilometre radius of the local police station.

Police said it was not possible for them to pin-point the origin of the attacks.

Goldstone asks SAP man to visit flashpoint

DURBAN. — The Goldstone Commission of Inquiry has asked senior SAP officer Lieutenant-Colonel H M Heslinga to travel immediately to northern Natal to report on the situation there following renewed killings, particularly in Empangeni's Esikhawini township.

The request follows attacks in Esikhawini on Wednesday in which eight people were killed and one person seriously injured.

Unrest monitors report the death toll in Esikhawini this month alone has topped 31.

KwaZulu Police spokesman Colonel Moses Khanyile said Esikhawini was "quiet, but tense" yesterday.

● The ANC has expressed concern at threats of an Inkatha attack at the weekend funeral of two activist members killed two weeks ago in Sokhulu near Richards Bay. (276) (273) (274)

A Northern Natal policeman, Warrant Officer Jacobus Steyn, was released on R1 000 bail last Saturday in connection with the deaths.

● The official police unrest report for the 24-hour period to midnight on Thursday said one man had died of gunshot wounds at Murchison.

In a gun attack on a minibus in Springs, one man was injured.

Two men had been found with head wounds between the Driehoek and Geldenhuys stations near Germiston.

A policeman was injured by stone-throwers at Phola Park squatter camp.

● Transkeian military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa said yesterday security would be tightened in Umtata in the wake of riots this week that killed one man and closed down businesses. ET 29/8/92

No place to hide in war zone

By FRED KHUMALO

C/Pres 30/8/92
JOSHUA Nxumalo, of Esikhawini in northern Natal, was standing near the window of his cottage preparing supper on Wednesday night when — bang! — a bullet crashed through the window hitting him in the head.

The gunning down of Nxumalo was preceded 15 minutes earlier by the gunning down in another part of the township of brothers Dumisani and Tembe Mbatha and their friend Phila Mthiyane.

These shootings were part of the two hours of terror that gripped Esikhawini that night, leaving eight people dead in what has come to be known as the Second Esikhawini Massacre.

Shotgun shells of the same type used by members of the KwaZulu Police were found at all the scenes, a phenomenon reminiscent of the first massacre. (276)

On August 2, 11 people were brutally massacred in the township.

The latest massacre brings to 31 the number of people killed in political violence in Esikhawini this month.

Natal ANC spokesman Zipho Mkhize said what has shaken many people was that Nxumalo was not politically involved.

"His fault was that he lived in an ANC stronghold," said Mkhize.

Natal teeters on the brink

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By S'BU MNGADI

C/pen 30/8/92

AS the ANC and Inkatha prepared to bury their dead yesterday and today in Natal, local unrest monitors warned the province stood on the threshold of more bloodshed.

So volatile is the atmosphere in the province this weekend that the ANC's department of intelligence and security (DIS) advised Nelson Mandela to postpone indefinitely his three-day tour of the Natal midlands region, because his safety could not be guaranteed.

The DIS advised the Natal midlands ANC executive committee to streamline the leader's itinerary to include only a dinner in Maritzburg and rallies in nearby Northdale and Imbali.

Mass funeral

However, the hardline executive decided on Thursday that the entire tour would be postponed indefinitely.

Mandela was scheduled to address a rally in Richmond today and then lunch with local businessmen. This would have coincided with the funerals of local Inkatha induna Fana Nzimande and five family members killed this week by unknown gunmen.

IFP president Mangosuthu Buthelezi is scheduled to address the mass funeral, and his security officials also arrived in the area to assess the situation.

At Esikhawini near Empangeni, the ANC expressed concern that yesterday's funeral of two ANC members,

killed earlier this month in a shootout with police, would signal an intensification of attacks on the township.

Thirty-one people have been killed in the area this month, eight of them this week by unknown gunmen.

The upsurge of violence in northern Natal on Friday prompted the Goldstone Commission to ask Lt-Col HM Heslinga of the SA Police to report on the situation because of the commission's "grave concern" at reports of political violence in the region.

The IFP is scheduled to stage a march to Esikhawini KwaZulu Police station today to express disapproval of the ANC's demand that the KZP be relieved of policing duties in the township.

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Elsewhere in the province, polarisation between the ANC, the IFP and the security forces has been marked by a dramatic increase in shootouts between Umkhonto weSizwe cadres and self-defence unit members on the one side and the security forces and IFP combatants on the other.

Yesterday police reported the arrest of four men at the Mariannhill toll plaza near Durban, after searching their car and finding a quantity of arms.

Police alleged one of the men was a trained MK member and that the men were on their way to assassinate an Inkatha leader in Bulwer.

ANC war talk as Natal tension rises

By S'BU MNGADI

CP Press 30/8/92

INKATHA is blaming Umkhonto weSizwe for this week's assassination of Induna Fana Nzimande and five of his relatives in Richmond.

However, the ANC, while conceding MK cadres and Self-Defence Units (SDUs) in Natal were combat ready, denies complicity.

IFP spokesman Ed Tillett alleged Nzimande was assassinated by MK men wearing bogus security force uniforms.

SAP spokesman Bala Naidoo said there have been 13 cases of security force uniforms being discovered in Natal this year.

However, southern Natal ANC spokesman Dumisani Makhaye accused the "security forces-IFP-NP alliance" of planting uniforms, arms and ANC membership cards

on people they have killed.

Growing polarisation in recent weeks have seen a dramatic increase in shootouts involving MK cadres, SDU members, security forces and IFP combatants.

As attacks intensified this week, Makhaye said MK cadres and SDU members had until now avoided engaging security forces.

But Makhaye said police last week stormed a house in Murchison near Port Shepstone arresting four people after SAP uniforms and an arms cache was found. One man, Vusi Khawula, was dragged outside where police beat him to death with rifle butts.

Makhaye warned that such "summary executions" - he detailed two similar incidents at KwaSokhulu last Friday - were moving

MK cadres to shoot it out with police rather than give themselves up.

The ANC's war-talk follows threats by Returned Exiles Committee chairman Pat Hlongwane to assassinate ANC leaders and cadres.

In northern Natal regional ANC chairman Dr Aaron Ndlovu made no bones about the fact SDUs have been "extremely effective" recently. The political scientist confirmed a gung-ho attack on a police helicopter at KwaSokhulu in April.

Police confirmed a handgrenade injured Maj Jasper Steyn in the attack.

Ndlovu said such actions were justified and fell within the ambit of the function of the SDU's.

Beware of backlash, Buthelezi tells ANC

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RICHMOND — Inkatha Freedom Party president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi yesterday warned that any seizure of power in South Africa by the ANC alliance would be crushed in the same way the Allies smashed Iraq during the Gulf War.

"If there is a seizure of power in this country, then there will be a violent backlash which will make the whole of mother Africa shudder.

"It will be a backlash of unprecedented strength. It will wipe out whatever government has seized power," Chief Buthelezi said in a speech addressed to mourners at a funeral of a family who were killed at Richmond in Natal.

Fana Nzimande, his wife Nkonakho and their four children were killed by unknown gunmen on August 23.

Chief Buthelezi said he had begged and pleaded with ANC

leader Nelson Mandela to heed history, and not to blunder like Iraqi President Saddam Hussein had blundered.

"I say to the ANC-SACP-Co-satu alliance: if you seize power, you will be like Saddam Hussein, who was smashed up."

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Chief Buthelezi suggested that the August 23 killings were carried out by the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, and described them as a declaration of war.

"I do not know who these militarily trained men are who have killed these victims so cruelly, but we are aware that there have been members of Umkhonto we Sizwe who have been trained in Transkei to kill and who have crossed from Transkei to kill people in our region in this horrible manner."

— Sapa.