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Boy is shot as police clash with squatters

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A boy was shot and wounded and three policemen were slightly injured when Bophuthatswana police and squatters clashed at Kromdraai near Thaba Nchu yesterday.

Lieutenant K Mphela, Divisional Commander of the police in the area, said today: "One of our vans was patrolling in the squatter camp to stop any more people building homes. At the moment there are about 200 houses in the camp and about 1 000 people.

"A crowd surrounded the van and started throwing stones at it. Shots were fired by the police and it is believed that it was in this incident that the boy, whose name is not yet known, was wounded.

"The boy is now being treated at a local hospital."

The crowd overturned the police vehicle.

REINFORCEMENTS

Reinforcements had already been called and when they arrived the crowd dispersed.

Trouble flared up at several places in the camp during the rest of the morning and several more shots were fired but none of the squatters was injured.

The policemen were slightly injured when they were hit by stones.

Lieutenant Mphela said today that quiet was restored in about three hours and since then there had been no further incidents.

"We are however still patrolling the area with an increased number of men," he said.

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Police shoot (277)

THABA NCHU — Police opened fire at a group of rioting squatters and wounded a child, the divisional commander of the police at Kromdraai, near here, Lietutenant K. Mphela, said yesterday. He said illegal squatters at Kromdraai did not like Bophuthatswana police. When the police patrolled the area yesterday morning the squatters stoned their vehicles, overturning one. — (Sapa.)

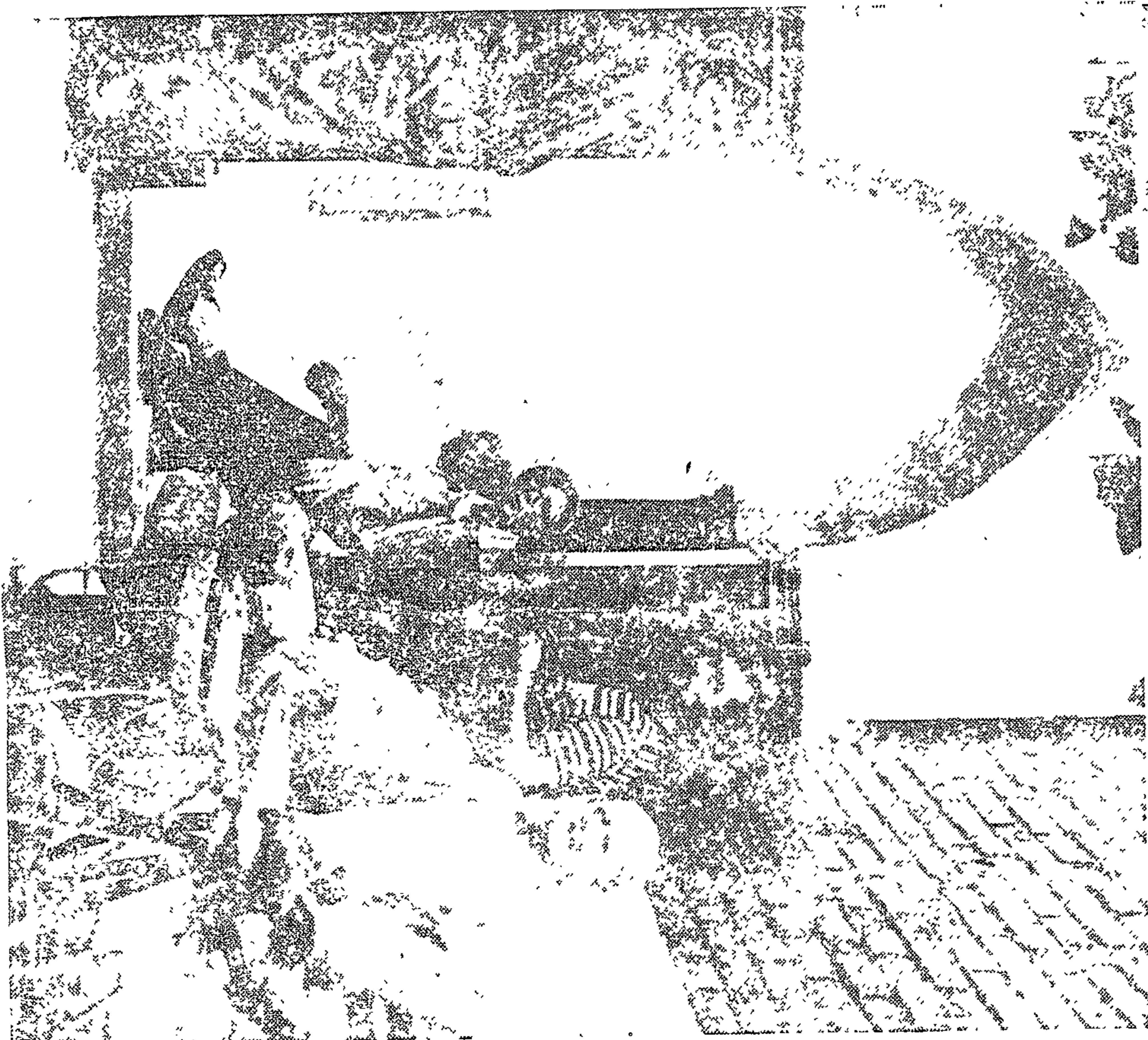


In town for the Season

THE 'GENTLEMEN
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FLOCK TO
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CAPTAIN WAITS
WITH BEDS
AND HOT SOUP

BY MARION COX

QUOTE The answer doesn't lie in booze but the Bible. I it's not easy but when I think of my five saved souls, I know it's worth it—Captain Dean



Waiting for the next meal. But there's nothing stronger to drink than tea at the Salvation Army hostel

PICTURE BY ITR DUFFY



THE pensioners who live at the hostel permanently pay R50 a month and keep the place afloat. The Salvation Army has no other income except from collections mainly at race meet-

ings

DURBAN'S drop-out population is set to soar again as the hobos come in from the cold.

As they drift down from the chilly Reef, they know there's a warm welcome awaiting them from a man who regards hobos as his vacation — Captain Owen Dean of the Salvation Army in Durban.

Doling out soup and sympathy, Captain Dean takes in the "gentlemen of the road" and gets them off the blue train melms trail on to the straight and narrow path of godliness.

"But make no mistake, I don't dispense sermons with the soup," he says. "I'm no fable-puncher; everything's up to them in the end."

In exchange for bed and breakfast — "we charge R1.50 a night but they've hardly ever got any money on them" — Captain Dean takes over the booze he and the clothes of his new guests. Pumped full of vitamin B, the melms men sweat it out in bed for a week before they are fitted out with clean clothes and put on their feet.

"In the five months I've been here I've had five successes; that's not bad is it?" says Captain Dean, who has been work-

ing for the Salvation Army for 17 years.

One of his success stories is Ginger, who after six weeks at the hostel is clear-eyed, sober and ready to return to his trade as a brick-layer.

Not all the hostel inmates are drop-outs. A couple of dozen pensioners live there permanently, paying their way and keeping the place afloat by their contributions.

They are all free to come and go as they like, but the hobos mostly sit around waiting for the next meal and staying away from the tempting bottle stores across the road. One fall off the wagon and they're back on the streets, down and out, in the col.

Last week Captain Dean introduced an innovation for the drop-outs of Durban — free soup at supper time.

Every evening they queue up outside for their bowl of hot broth and three slices of bread.

The captain said: "It's up to us to show them that the answer doesn't lie in booze but the Bible, that's what I consider, my calling. It's not easy but when I think of five saved souls, I know it's worth it."

Mennonite Central Committee se Konferensie oor: 'Die Rol van Geskiedkundige Vredeskerke', Gaborone, Botswana. Verhandelings voorgelê oor: 'The Role of Churches in Promoting Justice in Southern Africa' (Oktober).

Konferensie van die Afrikaanse Calvinistiese Potchefstroom (Oktober).

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Students on the rampage in Sharpeville

By GEORGE MAYEKISO

STUDENTS went on the rampage, fighting and stoning cars, buses and shops after attacking a referee during a school soccer match in Sharpeville yesterday.

A number of students were apparently arrested after police broke up the angry crowds by firing shots into the air.

Buses carrying Soweto students were later escorted out of the township.

No senior police officers were available for comment at the time of going to Press.

Violence erupted after Soweto and Vaal Triangle high school teams — playing at George Thabé Stadium — disputed a decision by the referee.

The ref was manhandled and all hell broke loose.

Fighting erupted, spectators joined in and a free for all developed, with students running from the stadium, stoning buses.

Some moved down Sharpeville's bustling main street. They stoned buses carrying workers from work to Sharpeville.

Buses's windows were smashed and passengers jumped out from the moving buses. The drivers drove to the police stations where police were gathering.

When reinforcements arrived, police drove to the stadium firing shots in the air.

Students scattered and buses carrying Soweto students were escorted out of the township.

Earlier, youngsters converged to Ring Cafe shopping centre where they shattered windows. Mr Steven Chesane's shop and two others were extensively damaged. Cars nearby were also stoned.

Last night police were moving up and down the township.

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STUFFED CABBAGE SALAD

May Bennett, Ridgeworth

- 1 fresh green medium size cabbage
- onions
- carrots

- tomatoes
- fresh pineapple
- radishes

Cut the centre from the cabbage, leaving the outer leaves to form a bowl. Wash well. Chop onion. Peel and cube the carrots and pineapple. Cube tomatoes. Thinly slice some of the inner leaves of the cabbage leaving the stalks. Place the carrots, pineapple, tomatoes, sliced cabbage and the finely chopped onion in a bowl adding any juice from the tomatoes, pineapple and add salt and black pepper to taste. Toss well; then pile the salad into the cabbage "bowl". Garnish with radish roses and a small bowl of mayonnaise for those who like it. To make the radish roses, cut across the tops in a double cross, then put them in iced water until the radishes open up.

GRAN POTATO SALAD

Ethne Beard, Port Elizabeth

- boiled potatoes
- cooked bacon
- mayonnaise

- chopped onion
- salt and pepper

Cube the potatoes while still hot. Chop up the bacon, mix with the potatoes, onion and mayonnaise. Season with a little salt and pepper. Use hot or cold.

EGG SALAD

May Bennett, Ridgeworth

- hard boiled eggs
- salanaise

- salt and pepper
- paprika and parsley

Cut eggs in half and lay on a flat salad platter; cut side down. Pour over salanaise.

CHICKEN AND CUCUMBER SALAD

S. Drury, East London

- 1 cup cooked chicken, diced
- 4 T finely chopped walnuts
- french dressing/mayonnaise
- lettuce

- 1 cup cucumber, peeled and diced
- 1 cup cooked green peas

Marinate chicken, cucumber, nuts and peas with French dressing. Serve on lettuce with mayonnaise. Cover with greaseproof paper and refrigerate until ready for use.

French dressing:

Blend together 6 T salad oil and 2 T lemon juice.

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Student dies after soccer riot shooting

By GEORGE MAYEKISO

ONE of the six students who were shot by police during a feud and riots in Sharpeville two weeks ago has died in the Vereeniging hospital.

The student, Selinah Dichakane of N656, Sharpeville, was shot during a riot when youths stoned bottle stores, shops and cars in Sharpeville on August 29.

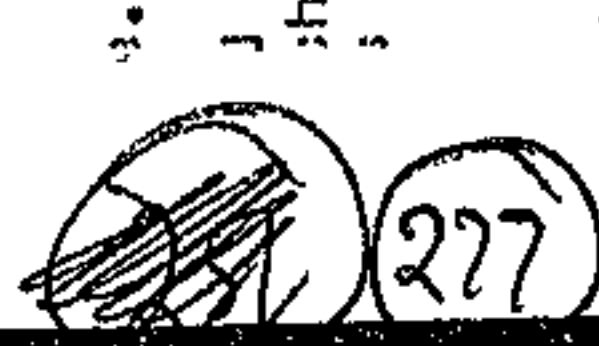
The riot erupted during an inter-high school Coca Cola shield football game at George Thabane Stadium, when players disputed a referee's decision.

During the disturbance police opened fire shooting six students who were taken to the Vereeniging hospital. Later one of them, Selinah, died.

According to her father, Daniel Dichakane, late in the afternoon, she was brought home by other children who said that she was shot from the back. She was then taken to the hospital.

A police spokesman confirmed that she had died because of the shooting and cannot make further comments because investigations are continuing.

Four students have already appeared in the Vereeniging magistrate's court in connection with the riot.



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Teargas at
school *Argus*

POLICE fired teargas canisters at rioting schoolchildren today to break up a three-day battle between two schools over a disputed goal in a soccer match.

The rioting began on Wednesday in the township near Witsieshoek, Free State when the two schools Lerelashete Training College and Dinare Junior School played a football match.

After a goal scored by Lerelashete, the two sets of supporters began fighting.

Yesterday while two pupils from Lerelashete were walking past Dinare School, they were attacked and beaten up by Dinare pupils. Both were admitted to hospital with severe injuries.

Police were called when pupils from Lerelashete went to Dinare to look for the assailants. The pupils, about 300-strong, dispersed when asked to by the police. Today fighting broke out again.

Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Police used teargas today to disperse about 500 strikers believed to be marching to the Frametex mill in New Germany.

Police reinforcements were rushed in when the group was reported to be marching from Clermont towards the mill about 9.30 am.

All Frametex premises have been sealed off. Some of the marchers

were later reported to be regrouping and again heading towards the mill.

This follows yesterday's walkout when most of the labour force of 1 200 went on strike over pay demands.

The workers' committee is reported to have laid a demand for a 25 percent

across-the-board increase before management this morning. The outcome is not known.

Sapa reports that Pine-town Red Cross ambulances have been told to keep clear of Clermont following an incident last night.

A University of Natal BSc student, Mr. Peter

Rowlands, of Moseley, and Mr. Barry Walker, of Pine-town, were taking a badly injured African to a clinic when they found a road through the township blocked by stones.

When Mr. Rowlands realised the road had been deliberately blocked, he

did a quick three-point turn.

As he swung round, a tractor and trailer pulled out of the darkness to block his way, and the ambulance was surrounded by a shouting mob.

He managed to swerve round the tractor and drove away.

Strikers dispersed by teargas

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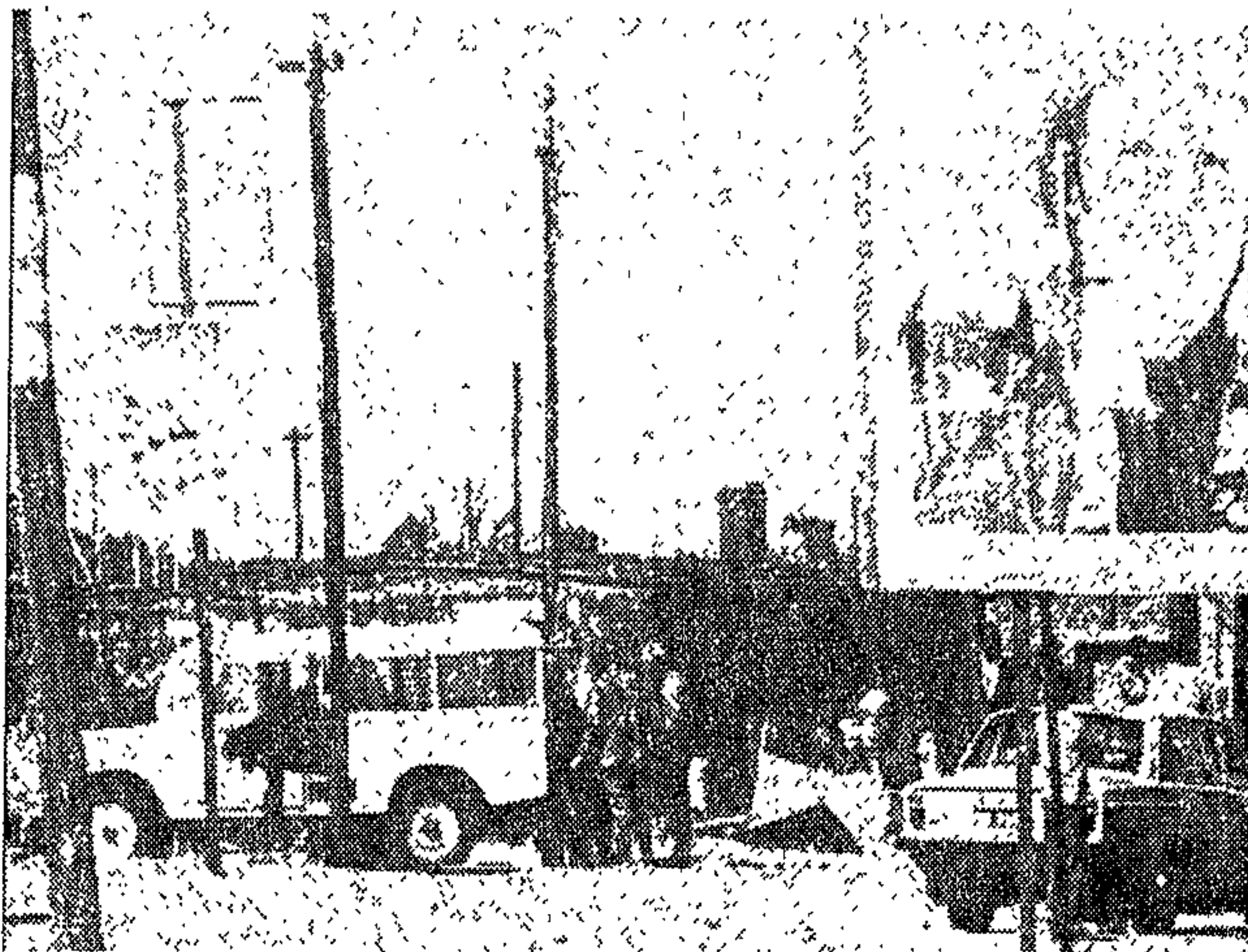
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TWO YOUNG WOMEN make their way through rocks and debris scattered in the roads to stop vehicles. Huge concrete blocks, bus shelters, refuse bins and even trees were used.

Violence in Bloemfontein



POLICEMEN at a shop in Bochabela township, Bloemfontein, get ready to go on patrol

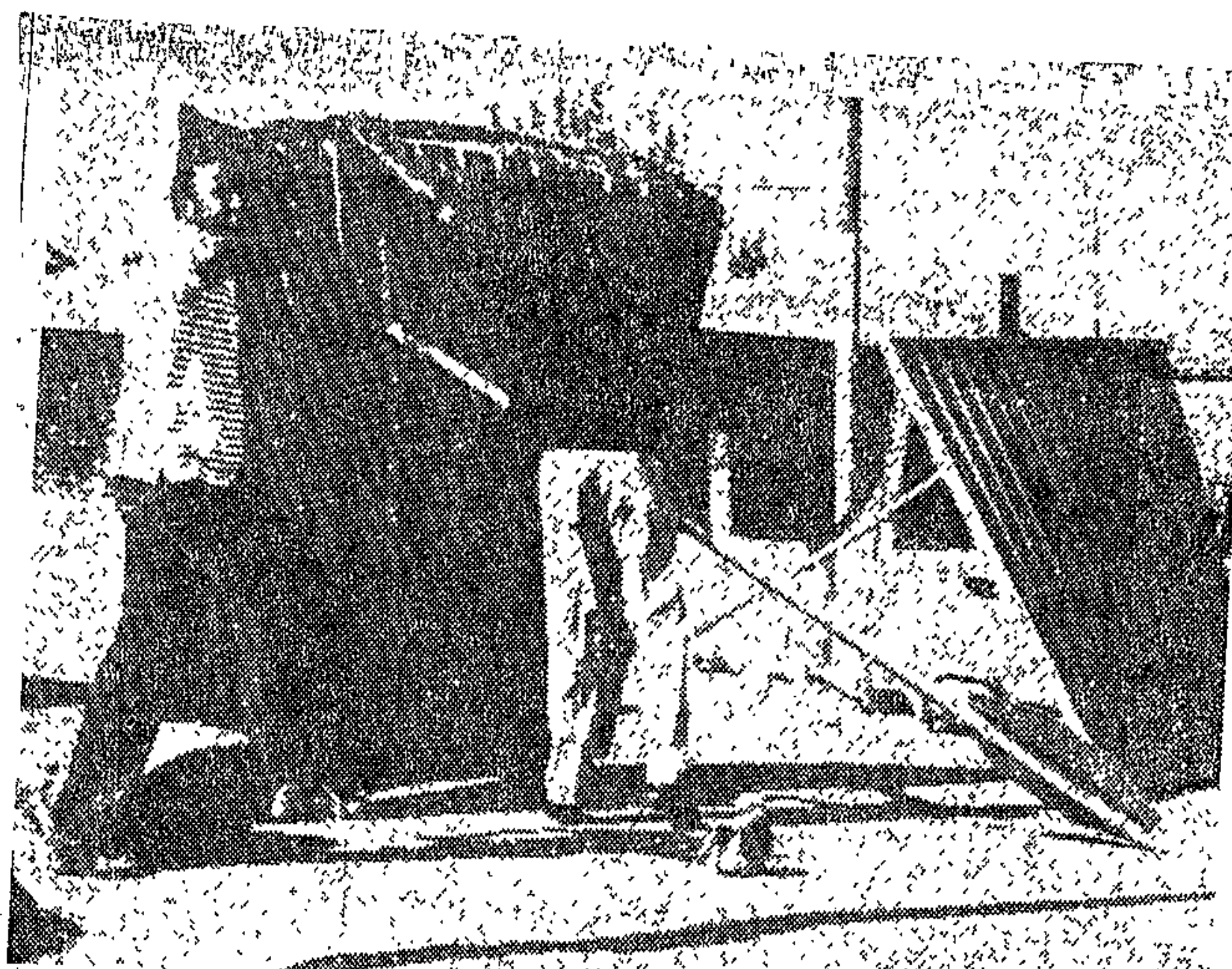
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A GROUP of youths used sheets of metal from a bus shelter to erect a road block at an intersection.

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Arson and (277) looting in townships

BLOEMFONTEIN. — Arson and looting of shops and business premises is continuing in at least three of the larger black townships in Bloemfontein.

During the night there were two incidents of arson in the townships, both believed to have been started by petrol bombs. Damage is estimated at several thousand rands.

In Bochemela township a petrol-bomb was thrown through a window of Paradise Hall which is used as a cinema. It took firemen several hours to extinguish the blaze. The building was badly damaged.

PETROL-BOMB

Four youths have been arrested in connection with an incident when the home of a black police constable was destroyed by fire after a petrol-bomb had been thrown through the window.

Another 11 youths have been arrested in connection with allegations of public violence. This brings to more than 30 the number arrested in the past 48 hours.

The condition of Willem Jacobus Scheepers, the national serviceman who was stabbed and stoned while repairing his military vehicle after taking

kitchen staff to their homes, has been described as satisfactory.

Youth hijacked the vehicle and it was later found, burnt out, in the heart of Batho township.

A spokesman for police headquarters in Pretoria said unrest and violence was continuing in at least three of the larger townships, although there were fewer people in the streets.

BUS FERRY

Buses were again operating to ferry workers to their jobs in the city.

All schools were being boycotted for the fifth day this week and teachers could be seen this morning sitting in empty classrooms.

Police in camouflaged uniforms are patrolling the areas and some have taken up positions on roofs of buildings to protect residents.

Many streets are still barricaded and burnt-out cars are being used as roadblocks.

Sporadic stone-throwing was still continuing and reports of injuries were being received by the police. — Argus Correspondent and Staff Reporter.

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2000 boycott pupils suspended in Natal

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DURBAN. — More than 2000 Indian pupils have been suspended from schools here and other parts of Natal because of the continued boycott of classes throughout the province.

The director of Indian education, Mr Gabriel Krog, today declined to comment on the action against pupils, saying the situation was 'in a state of flux.'

At least one high school in Reservoir Hills was closed after window panes and telephone wires were damaged.

Police were called in at Centenary High School in Asherville as well as Clare Hills High in Clare Estate, where pupils were reported to have broken panes.

Schools in the Durban central complex were also affected, and hundreds of pupils from Sastri College, Durban Girls' High, Gandhi Desai and Orient High are known to have been suspended.

Suspensions were also reported at two high schools in the Chatsworth area and one high school in Isipingo.

St. Francis High School at Marianhill Monastery has been closed after about 400 African pupils decided to boycott classes.

Boarders at the school, who come from many parts of Natal and Zululand, have returned to their homes.

● Windhoek. — Police have been asked to stay away from a high school at Rehoboth in Central South West Africa where about 600 students are boycotting classes.

They arrived at the Dr Lemmer School as about 640 pupils, started to disperse.

The Baster Kaptein, Mr Hands Diergaardt, asked the police not to intervene.

● Johannesburg. — A petrol bomb was found in the University of the Witwatersrand's main library yesterday.

A university spokesman said students found a bottle of petrol attached to a smouldering fuse in the literature section of the Wartenweiler Library.

'They managed to put out the fuse with a fire extinguisher just in time,' he said.

A Witwatersrand Police spokesman said detectives were investigating.

Members of Johannesburg's coloured management committee will not meet again until two of their colleagues, including their chairman, are released from detention.

The members, Mr Ismail Richards, the chairman, and Mr Mohammed Dangor were detained a week ago.

Pupils at Chris Botha, Westbury and Connonville High Schools

here remained in their classrooms today, and the situation was calm.

At the William Hills High School in Benoni nearly 500 pupils — about half the school — decided to boycott again.

In Eldorado Park and Kiptown the two high schools continued their boycott.

● Umtata. — All full-time students at the University of the Transkei in Umtata boycotted their lectures yesterday, and about 12 schools in the area have been closed.

● Bloemfontein. — Nineteen youths appeared in the regional court here yesterday in connection with the recent unrest in the city's townships.

No charge was put and the hearing was adjourned to July 11

● Ulundi. — The Chief Minister of Kwazulu, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, has disclosed that there were two bomb attacks in Kwamashu near Durban at the weekend.

Guglabashe High School pupils at Kwamashu yesterday fought off a group of alleged intimidators who tried to prevent them from going to school, the Assembly was told in Ulundi

Kwamashu's chief inspector of schools, Mr J Africa, reported that intimidators had again moved from school to school in an effort to prevent pupils from attending.

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Riot police block Bloemfontein

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BLOEMFONTEIN. — Members of the South African Police riot squad in camouflage today formed a road-block in front of Bloemfontein Prison on the Old Dewetsdorp Road and prevented pupils from entering the city. Taxis and buses were stopped.

But they were disappointed as buses and taxis were stopped and their children ordered home. Pedestrians were searched and asked for reference books by the riot squad, who stood by in vans and a lorry. Few buses ran and many employees were late at work due to the road-block.

and coloured pupils in the Free State, bringing the total schools affected yesterday to 22. From Johannesburg it was reported that as more than 500 pupils from Trinity High School, Lenasia staged a protest march with placards inside the school grounds today, many other Reef coloured and Indian schools were virtually deserted. Students sang freedom

songs and shouted black power slogans. Some placards read 'remember June 16', 'black power day', 'release all detainees', 'police stop harassing our school' and 'Seyr must go — he is a murderer of education'. Police watched from a distance. At M. H. Jousub Technical high school, a sprinkling of children were seen. Coloured high schools

in Eldorado Park and Klip-town were totally deserted. In the area pupils called off a planned march to Johannesburg because of police. Senior secondary schools in Bosmont, Cordonville and Newclare were virtually deserted and schools in Lenasia reported a sharp drop in attendance. Teachers

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there claim many pupils are being kept home by parents.

The 120 student teachers who were yesterday expelled from the Transvaal Indian College of Education for boycotting lectures have said they will not apply for re-admission.

At the University of the Witwatersrand members of the Wits black Students' Society have sent a petition, signed by 2 000 students, to the vice-chancellor requesting that examinations scheduled to be written on June 16 be postponed.

The vice-chancellor, Professor D J du Plessis, has not yet replied.

In Durban, the Minister of Indian Affairs, Mr Marais Steyn said he would be 'Magnanimous' toward Indian pupils suspended from schools because of the class boycott provided they returned.

He was also prepared to reconsider the plight of

students who had been expelled, and alternative arrangements about school mid-year examinations if the situation normalised.

— Argus Correspondent-Sapa.

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BLOEMFONTEIN. — The
boycott of classes by
coloured and black pupils
in the Free State had
spread to four more
schools in the province,
bringing the total to 26,
police said yesterday.

The schools are in the
Bloemfontein and Witzies-
hoek areas and include
14 high schools.

The situation was quiet,
police said, and the small
groups of students that
gathered soon dispersed.

Police are manning
roadblocks.

'In the times we are
living through now and
after the Sasol blasts, po-
lice man roadblocks in an
attempt to catch people
with illegal firearms,' said
a spokesman.

EAST CAPE

The extensive boycott
of coloured and black edu-
cational institutions in the
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The number of institu-
tions affected is about 51,
including about 37 black
schools in Port Elizabeth
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It has been reported
from Grahamstown that
the proposed boycott of
examinations by black
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students has been called
off.

RHODES CLUB

But the vice-chancellor,
Dr Derek Henderson, has
been told that black
students will no longer
take part in extra-mural
activities.

Black students on the
campus, about 150, will
reportedly also boycott
the Rhodes club.

On the Reef boredom
has crept into the nine-
week-old boycott, of
coloured and Indian
schools and pupils are re-
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In Roodepoort about
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— Argus Correspondents
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BLOEMFONTEIN.

There were six bus-stonings in Bloemfontein's black townships yesterday evening, Major W K Schuld, police liaison officer for the Free State, said last night.

No one was injured and no arrests had been made.

Late last night the townships were reported to be quiet.

The 48-hour ban on public gatherings in Bloemfontein has been reimposed for another 48 hours.

Announcing this in terms of Section 2 of the Riotous Assemblies Act, the Chief Magistrate, Mr C P J Steytler, said the ban would remain effective until 6 pm on Friday.

POLICE CHIEF

The Divisional Commissioner of Police in the Free State, Brigadier J D Krige, urged children and parents in Bloemfontein's black townships to stop the unrest and discuss their grievances with their community leaders.

'We all want to live in peace and using violence achieves nothing,' said Brigadier Krige.

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Constable recovering

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BLOEMFONTEIN — The condition of a police constable who was attacked and set alight by a crowd of people in Bloemfontein's black township on Monday was yesterday described as "fair".

Constable Silesa of Hilton police station was walking past the home of Mr Jeremiah Thulo Sejake, one of the men who died after being shot by police during last week's unrest, when he was set upon by a large group of youths, a police spokesman said yesterday.

A hospital spokesman said he was being treated for a deep skull wound, secondary burns and shock — Sapa

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Police station attacked: 2 hurt

BLOEMFONTEIN. — A policeman was stabbed and a woman shot when schoolchildren at the Onverwacht settlement near Thabanchu attacked the police station yesterday.

About 600 children boycotted the eight schools in the settlement, and about 9 am roamed through the streets setting alight vehicles, a shop and plundering two other shops, the Divisional Inspector of Police in the Free State, Colonel I J Fischer, said.

The crowd then moved to the small police outpost and confronted the policeman on duty. The policeman was stabbed with a knife, and while unconscious was robbed of his firearm, Colonel Fischer said. A shot was fired with the firearm and a woman was wounded.

The policeman and the woman were taken to Moroka Hospital in Thabanchu.

Police reinforcements sent from Bloemfontein and Ladybrand dispersed the crowd with tear-gas and about 20 youths were arrested.

The situation at Onverwacht was under control and the settlement was quiet, Colonel Fischer said. — Sapa

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600 children loot, set fire to vehicles

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STABBED

The policeman was stabbed with a knife and while unconscious was robbed of his firearm, Colonel Fischer said.

A shot was fired with the firearm and a black woman was wounded.

The policeman and the woman were taken to the Moroka Hospital in Thaba Nchu, Colonel Fischer added.

'REINFORCEMENTS'

Police reinforcements sent from Bloemfontein and Ladybrand dispersed the crowd with teargas and about 20 youths were arrested. Colonel Fischer estimated their ages between 15 and 19.

Police retrieved the policeman's gun and the police fired no shots, the colonel said.

A spokesman for Moroka Hospital said last night a number of people, including a policeman, had been admitted after the rioting.

None was in a serious condition, he said.

The situation at Onverwacht was under control and the settlement was quiet, Colonel Fischer said later. — Sapa.

Women assault men in boycott

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Argus Correspondent

ESTCOURT. — Three women were arrested at Wembesi township yesterday after buses had been stoned and women had pulled men from buses and assaulted them.

The bus boycott was sparked off by an increase yesterday in single fares from 25c to 32c for casual passengers.

An Estcourt businessman said many employers had taken their labourers from and to Wembesi. They had not been molested.

WALKING

Hundreds of workers walked the more than 10 km to Estcourt.

A director of the bus company, Mr M E Cebe-kulu, said the increase was applicable only to casual passengers. A 7c increase for workers would be paid by the Government.

A boycotter said, however, that it was impossible to distinguish between workers and casuals.

Bloemfontein teachers told to transfer

SUNDAY POST
Reporter

A LARGE number of Bloemfontein teachers are being transferred to schools in other areas. They are to report there tomorrow morning.

Teachers from higher primary schools which have been boycotted since May were notified by telegrams from the Department of Education and Training that they had been transferred to other schools.

They have been transferred to Bultfontein, Pietersburg, Tomsburg, Denneysville, Boshoff, Hoopstad and Zoutberg.

Three teachers interviewed by SUNDAY POST yesterday said they were

not prepared to leave. They approached the Department of Education and Training in Bloemfontein and were told to resign if they were not prepared to be transferred.

They said they had been given forms authorising the South African Railways to give them teachers' rail tickets to their various destinations.

The teachers said they did not intend leaving. "We are not responsible for the boycotts. The children are fighting for the scrapping of the present education system and if we agree to the transfers, it goes without saying that we support the system," said one teacher.

Bloem youths stone buses

VIOLENCE erupted in Bloemfontein yesterday when buses were stoned as an increase in bus fares came into effect.

The service was withdrawn by the bus company and reintroduced later in the day with a police escort.

The violence broke out when a bus boycott planned failed to materialise. The boycott had been called after fares had been increased from 15 to 20 cents. This increase came into effect yesterday.

A spokesman for Bloemfontein City Council said four buses had been damaged by noon yesterday and the service withdrawn. This was resumed when police escorted the buses against stone throwers.

Pamphlets of the planned "Azikhwelwa" were

distributed around the township at the weekend.

As early as 4,30 yesterday morning many people were seen walking from Lower Phahameng, Bochabela, Malay Camp, Batho, Cape Stands and

Matlhomola townships into the city. The only commuters who used buses were people staying in Rocklands which is a little far from the city.

Police vans in great numbers were seen in the township Moshoeshoe

Drive and the Old Dewetsdorp Road which leads into the city.

Taximen and pirates made brisk business as most commuters rushed for their cabs in the midst of the boycott.

Mangaung

stonings:

Man hurt

Argus Correspondent

BLOEMFONTEIN. — Violence erupted in Bloemfontein's Mangaung townships today.

A salesman escaped death when his vehicle was stoned by a mob of several hundred youths.

And hopes of school boycotts ending were shattered when a group chased pupils from their classes at several schools.

In one secondary school nearby 317 pupils were chased out.

The salesman, Mr Jannie Kruger, sustained a deep cut in the head when the

windows of his station-wagon shattered.

The violence comes after the Minister of Education and Training, Dr Ferdie Hartzenburg, gave an ultimatum that schools would close if all boycotting pupils were not back in their classes by Friday.

On Sunday, a capacity audience of parents at the Batho Community Hall received a strong appeal from the chairman of the Sehunelo High School Committee, Mr Edward Pule, to take all possible action to end the five-month-old school boycott in the townships here.

FLASHBACK: Students on the rampage during the May unrest in Bloemfontein.

Kids riot in Bloem

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AS violence spread to Bloemfontein schools, the Minister of Education and Training, Dr Ferdie Hartzenberg, yesterday closed all schools in Galeshewe, Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage for the rest of the week.

The Minister's action came after Monday's violence in Kimberley when a white suburb was attacked. Dr Hartzenberg warned that, if the situation were not normalised, schools would be closed for the rest of the year.

All pupils would then forfeit the right to sit for examinations, Dr Hartzenberg said.

More than half of the 112 black schoolchildren arrested after a R70 000 rampage in

POST REPORTER

Kimberley on Monday were girls, according to report issued by police in Pretoria yesterday.

Police said 68 pupils and 44 boys were facing charges of public violence.

This followed the actions of "certain individuals and pseudo committees" who had reacted negatively to positive steps taken by his department to normalise the school situation in certain troubled areas, Dr Hartzenberg said.

While proclaiming that they wanted pupils to return to school, these individuals and committees persisted in manipulating education for their own selfish ends and were appealing to parents and pupils to continue the boycott, the Minister added.

The closure, according to a statement, followed lengthy discussions on Monday between department officials, including Dr Hartzenberg, and representatives of local school committees and community councillors.

"At this meeting the present disruption of education in schools in the township was discussed and full attention was gi-

ven to grievances presented by the representatives," Dr Hartzenberg said.

The representatives were told about developments in the department and programmes aimed at improving the quality of education.

Meanwhile violence erupted in Bloemfontein's Mangaung townships yesterday and a city salesman, Mr Jannie Kruger, narrowly escaped death when the vehicle in which he was travelling was stoned by a screaming mob of several hundred youths.

Mr Kruger, sustained a deep head wound and all the windows of his car were broken.

The windscreen remained intact despite several hits and Mr Kruger raced from the townships to his office.

As stones rained on the vehicle Mr Kruger heard the mob screaming on either side as he accelerated through a 20 m-long gauntlet.

Yesterday's violence came after tentative signs that the five-month school boycott in Mangaung was ending. Last week Xhosa pupils began returning to school and, on Monday, many

Students rampage

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Tswana and Sotho pupils started to go back

Strangely, the first reported unrest was at one of the few Mangaung schools at which attendance had been "almost normal" in the past months

Sources in the local administration board confirmed that trouble started early yesterday when about 25 youths chased pupils from the Maboloka Sotho Higher Primary School.

Police were called and, by late morning, bigger contingents than usual

were in the township but had encountered little trouble.

⊙ Pupils in the Eastern and Western Cape have defied the order to normalise the situation. While hundreds of pupils re-registered there has been no attendance at schools. The areas affected include Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and Grahamstown.

Meanwhile attendance at schools in the Peninsula has dropped dramatically after some teachers and pupils who had re-registered at the weekend, were beaten up in their classrooms on Monday afternoon

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- (a) The cash purchase price of the computer is R80 000.
- (b) It is considered that the computer will become obsolete after five years and that after this period of time it will no longer be suitable for the company's needs.
- (c) At the end of the five year period, it is estimated that the computer will have a cash value of R5 000.
- (d) The computer may be leased for five years at a rental of R20 000 p.a. payable at the end of each year, with an option to purchase the machine for R1 000 on expiry of the lease period. It is expected that if the computer is purchased for R1 000 it will be possible to sell it immediately for R5 000.
- (e) The lease agreement may not be cancelled by either party.
- (f) The computer company makes a separate charge for maintenance irrespective of whether the computer is leased or bought.
- (g) If the computer is purchased the company will have to raise a loan of R80 000. Interest will be charged at the rate of 8% p.a. payable annually in arrears and the capital will be repayable in five equal annual instalments.
- (h) If the computer is leased, the company will be able to pay the rental out of current profits.
- (i) For taxation purposes, wear and tear will be allowed over 5 years on a straight line basis, after taking into account the residual value.
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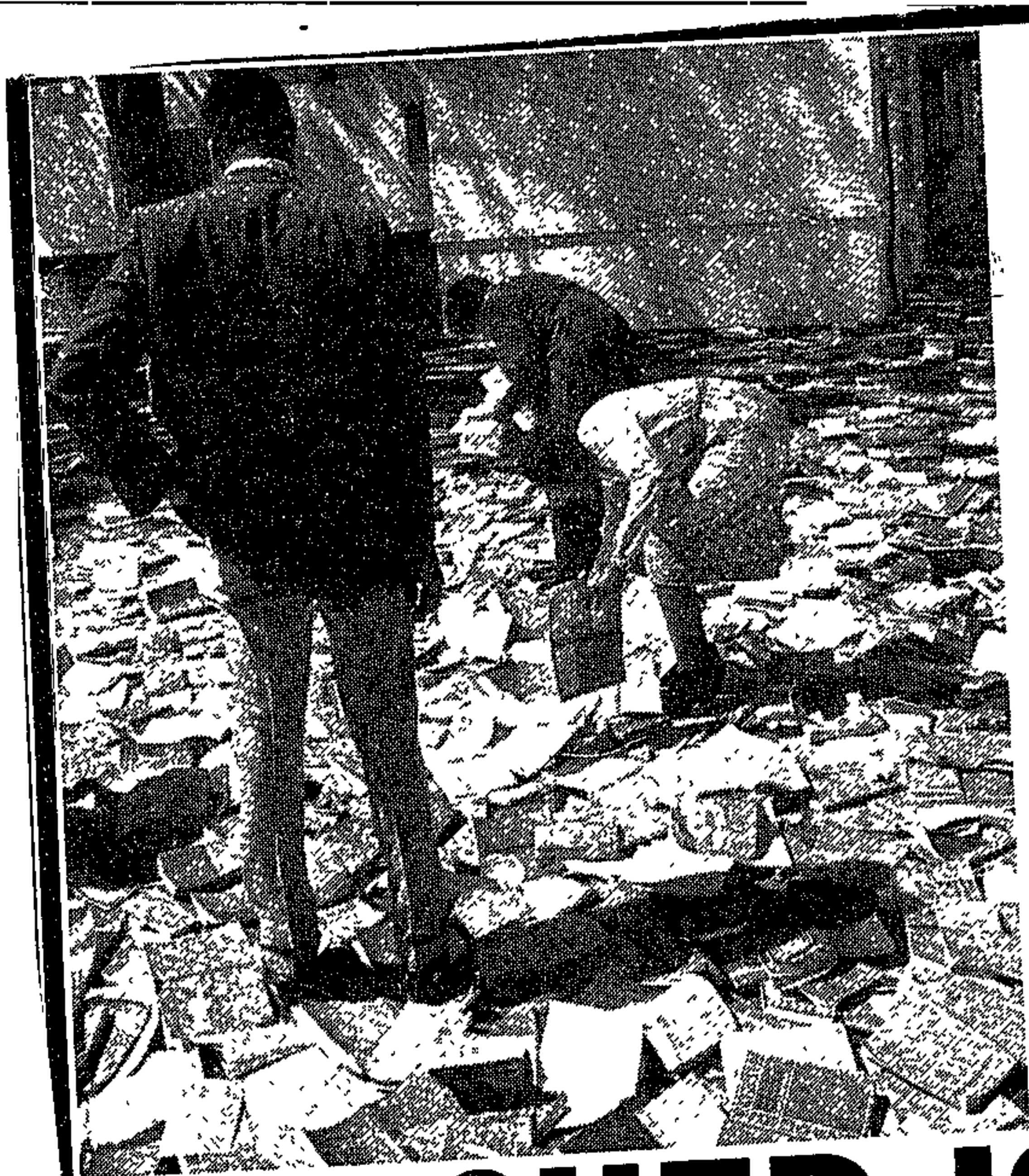
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Mr. Jones, the managing director of a large retail organisation, has decided to computerise the company's accounting operations and has requested you to advise him whether to buy or lease a computer.

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A FLASHBACK to the scene in Galeshe, we, Kimberley, as workers sift through school books at a community centre attacked by pupils. Yesterday the situation there was calm.

TEACHER IS STONED BY BOYCOTTERS

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IN RENEWED schools violence a teacher has been injured by stone-throwing pupils.

He is Mr William Malegase, a teacher at a Welkom primary school. He received a wound above his eyebrow in a clash with pupils

who are boycotting classes.

He was sent home from the Welkom Provincial Hospital after the wound was stitched.

Armed police in camouflage uniforms were patrolling in the township yesterday during continued tension.

Meanwhile in the Western Cape there was calm yesterday following the violence in which one 16-year-old boy was shot and killed. The situation was quiet in most centres.

Instead of entering classes students went from school to school singing freedom songs and disrupting classes.

The Parents' Action Committee of Langa, Guguletu and Nyanga has "regretted" the violence.

A statement last night said: "The Parents' Action Committee wants to make the position clear that the allegations that the

prevailing confusion and violence is attributable to its activity is a false and irresponsible attitude.

"The committee wants to make its position unequivocally clear: violence cannot be condoned, whether it be from the community or the police.

"As members of the community we want to express our deepest sympathy to the families concerned at the unnecessary loss of life and damage to property.

"The committee would like to make a strong appeal to the authorities, especially the police, to act with greater restraint in this extremely volatile situation."

Meanwhile, Security Police in Port Elizabeth are holding 13 people, including schoolchildren, for questioning in connection with alleged intimidation of black pupils.

3 schools closed in Free State

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Argus Correspondent

BLOEMFONTEIN. — Ikelelo, Schunelo and Leréko secondary schools in Mafikeng township have been closed indefinitely by the Department of Education and Training.

Attendance at the remaining two secondary schools and the various primary schools was 'understandably lower' following renewed outbreaks of 'intimidation' and violence on Monday, but officials said they were optimistic that pupils would continue to return to school.

HOT WATER

A policeman suffered light injuries yesterday when 'hot, but not boiling water' was thrown over him after he had pursued an identified 'intimidator' into a house in Rocklands.

The water was thrown by a youth inside the house.

Major W. Schud, police Press liaison officer in the Free State, said the constable fired two shots after the incident, but no one

was injured and no arrests were made.

There was further intimidation by large groups of youths at three of the open schools and it is understood that classes at the schools were temporarily suspended.

Five youths were arrested on Monday and will probably be charged under the Riotous Assemblies Act.

By late yesterday afternoon the townships were said to be 'reasonably quiet.'

A senior official in the education and training office in Bloemfontein said yesterday that the fate of teachers at these schools would have to be decided by the Minister, Dr. Ferdie Hartzenberg.

Mangaung boils over

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THREE Bloemfontein secondary schools were closed yesterday bringing the number of schools now closed to 77, a Department of Education and Training official confirmed last night.

The Bloemfontein schools were closed after renewal violence in which

OWN CORRESPONDENT

a man lost an eye, two bus drivers were injured, a policeman fired two shots and another had hot water thrown over him.

The schools position countrywide is that three schools are closed in Bloemfontein, 18 in Kimberley and 55 in the Eastern and Western Cape. One

Soweto school, Morris Isaacson, is closed. Lessons continue in the rest of the country.

In the renewed violence in Bloemfontein's troubled Mangaung township, a policeman suffered slight injuries yesterday when hot water was thrown on him after he had chased and identified an intimidator in a Rocklands house. The water was thrown by another youth in the house.

Major W Schuld, police Public Relations Officer for the Free State, said a constable fired two shots after the incident but no one was injured and there were no arrests.

There was also an unconfirmed report from Bloemfontein that a woman had been shot late yesterday afternoon. Police said they could not yet confirm or deny this report.

Violent

There were violent demonstrations by large groups of youths at three schools and, at Vulamashango Secondary School, in Rocklands, 200 pupils were chased from classes and the cars of the principal and a teacher were stoned.

A source in the administration board inspectorate said both cars were severely damaged.

Three municipal buses

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were stoned in Moshoe shoe Road and most of their windows were smashed

Two of the drivers were hit by stones — one on the shoulder and the other in the chest — and, according to a spokesman for the municipal passenger transport services, both were taken to hospital. Their injuries were reported not to be serious.

The most serious confirmed injury yesterday was that of an unidentified middle-aged man who lost an eye when he was hit by a rock

while watching the stone-throwing

During the morning as violence increased, several other vehicles, including two trucks, were damaged by stone-throwers.

A senior police officer declined to say yesterday whether larger-than-usual contingents of police were patrolling the townships or how police intended to handle the situation.

"We have everything firmly under control," he said.

Five youths aged between 17 and 18 were arrested on Monday and a police spokesman said they might be charged under the Riotous Assemblies Act.

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285 Prof N J J OLIVIER (2+2)
Minister of Police† 4/1/81

Charges of public violence.
Whether charges of public violence were laid with the Police in (a) 1980 and (b) 1981 pursuant to the occurrences on 16 June 1980 in the vicinity of the St Peter's Methodist Church in Bochabela, Bloemfontein, if so, (i) how many, (ii) against whom and (iii) when, in respect of each of these years?

The MINISTER OF POLICE

(1) Yes

General concerned in (a) 1980 and (b) 1981 pursuant to the occurrences on 16 June 1980 and in the vicinity of the St Peter's Methodist Church in Bochabela, Bloemfontein, if so, (a) how many, (b) against whom and (c) when, in respect of each of these years.

- (2) whether any of these cases have been withdrawn, if so, (a) how many and (b) when,
- (3) whether any civil actions have been instituted against the Government by persons shot during the said occurrences, if so, (a) against which Minister, (b) when and (c) by whom?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

- (1) (a) Yes
- (b) No
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- (a) 5.

Public violence

284. Prof N J. J. OLIVIER asked the Minister of Justice.†

- (1) Whether cases of public violence were submitted to the Attorney-

(b) (1) Meshak Maqoma, Thomas Scutoena	...	...	...	(c) 16 6.80
(2) John Leeu, John Botsane, Lea Leeu	.	.	...	17 6.80
(3) Miriam Ndona, Selma Jakobo	.	.	...	20.6.80
(4) Daniel Paele, Moses Phore, Ernest Lether, Bethuel Moklakani, Andrew Bojung	17.6.80
(5) Jeremia Sejong	17.6.80

- (2) Yes

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- (3) All such cases will not necessarily come to my attention. No claim in this regard has been instituted against the Minister of Justice.

St. Peter's Methodist Church, Bochabela
 *6 Prof N J J OLIVIER asked the
 Minister of Police

(1) Whether the Police entered the St.
 Peter's Methodist Church building in

Bochabela, Bloemfontein, on 16 June 1980, if so, by what means did they enter such building.

- (2) whether the order to enter the building was given by the commanding officer; if not,
- (3) whether the matter has been investigated, if so, (a) by whom was such order given and (b) what was the outcome of the investigation
- (4) whether tear-gas was used on this occasion, if so,
- (5) whether any persons sustained injuries in the course of this incident, if so, how many,
- (6) whether any damage was caused to the building, if so, what was the nature of such damage
- (7) whether any persons were charged in court as a result of such incident, if so, (a) how many (b) on what charges and (c) what were the findings of the court?

The MINISTER OF POLICE

- (1) No
- (2) and (3) Fall away
- (4) Yes, tear-gas was used outside the church building
- (5) Yes, 15 persons
- (6) Yes, a number of windowpanes were broken
- (7) Yes
 - (a) 14
 - (b) Public violence
 - (c) Two persons were found guilty—one was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment suspended for 4 years and one to 12 months imprisonment

were remanded to 11 September 1981

Warrants of arrest were issued against 2 persons
 The cases against 8 persons were withdrawn

*7 Prof N J J OLIVIER—Reply standing over.

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Hostel normal

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WELKOM — The situation at the Free State Geduld gold mine's No 5 shaft hostel complex was back to normal yesterday after workers ran amok, smashing windows and setting fire to buildings at the hostel on Monday night.

The spokesman said 10 people were slightly injured in the incident.
— Own Correspondent.

(1) Premiums Treated as Business Expense

01, Jan 1: Insurance Expense

Bank

being payment of premium

Dec 31: Income Statement

Insurance Expense

being closing entry

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04, Jan 1: Insurance Expense

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Jan 2: Debtor (Insurance Company)

Income from Life Policy

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Income from Life Policy

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By Joubert Malherbe

A RESIDENT of the Merrie-spruit hostel at Virginia, in the Free State, is recovering in the town's hospital after a policeman opened fire on a crowd who were allegedly pelting police with stones

According to a police spokesman, members of the Virginia force were investigating a complaint that hostel dwellers were drinking in public when the incident occurred

The name of the victim, a man, who was struck by three pellets from a shotgun, has not been released

Five men were arrested on charges of drinking in public, the spokesman said

Man shot as police open fire

Pictoria, JUBA-KHOU

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Parys ⁽²⁷⁸⁾ township normals ^{few} after riot ^{16 7/84}

By Mike Cohen,
Crime Reporter

The situation in the riot-torn Tumahole township near Parys returned to normal this morning as large contingents of Riot Squad policemen combed the area after yesterday's outbreak of violence.

Brigadier G Laubscher, Divisional Commissioner of Police for the Northern Free State, said the township was quiet.

"No incidents of stonethrowing or intimidation have been reported since early today.

"We are still patrolling the area as a precautionary measure," he said.

The unrest began yesterday morning when about 1,000 youths began a march to protest increases in rent, service tariffs and GST.

TEARGAS USED

They were warned to disperse. When they failed to do so teargas and sjamboks were used by a large contingent of policemen called in from Kroonstad, Sasolburg and Welkom.

Shops were broken into and looted, stones were thrown at policemen and vehicles and businesses were set alight.

Violence continued throughout yesterday and early this morning. Four policemen were injured and 13 people arrested on charges including public violence and housebreaking.

The publicity secretary of the United Democratic Front, Mr Terror Lekota, was detained for several hours in Parys last night. Police took 62 documents from him, including copies of a letter from the UDF to the Pope and photocopies of articles from the New York Times, The Guardian and The Star.

Policemen patrol riot-torn township

Argus Correspondent

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Teargas, sjamboks

The unrest began yesterday morning when a mob of about 1 000 youths began a march to protest against rent increases, increases in service tariffs and the higher general sales tax.

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Police injured

Four policemen were injured and 13 people arrested on charges ranging from public violence to housebreaking.

The publicity secretary of the United Democratic Front, Mr Terror Lekota, was detained for several hours in Parys last night.

Mr Lekota said he was held between 8pm and midnight.

He said he was returning to Johannesburg from Kimberley and Bloemfontein and stopped at Parys because he knew a rent demonstration was planned.

The Tumahole Civic Association and the Tumahole Students' Organisation are affiliated to the UDF.

Rent rise sparks Parys unrest

Police use teargas as crowds riot

By EMIELIA JAROSCHEK
and CAMUEL DIKOTLA

HUNDREDS of riot police used teargas and sjamboks over the weekend to disperse angry crowds of protestors in Tumahole township near Parys.

The disturbances, apparently in protest against rent increases, started on Saturday afternoon and continued yesterday morning.

Police were still patrolling the streets of the township yesterday afternoon and hundreds of people remained in their homes.

The Commissioner of Police, General Johan Coetzee, said last night that according to initial reports he had received, police used no firearms but had made use of teargas and sjamboks.

He said five police vehicles had been superficially damaged in the disturbances and several people had been arrested, a number of them for looting.

Rioters burned down a shop and looted the local Orange-Vaal Development Board's bottle store. A butchery was also broken into and the contents looted.

The shop and the butchery are owned by a councillor, Mr Daniel Hlalele, who could not be contacted for comment yesterday.

While the situation was quiet but tense during Saturday night, after a number of teargas canisters had been fired, disturbances broke out yesterday morning.

According to eyewitness reports, about 1 000 schoolchildren started a protest march through Parys at about 10am yesterday.

Posters they carried bore slogans protesting against service increases, higher GST and increased transport fees.

The march was not particularly organised, eyewitnesses said, and was disbanded by police when the crowd tried to march from one township to another.

The protestors then formed smaller groups and started stoning bystanders and shops, and looting shops.

A resident, Mr Simon Moitse, said the cause of the disturbances, as far as he knew, had something to do with the recent rent increase.

The Rand Daily Mail was last night told that in some instances rents had been increased from R26 to R40.

Following the increase in rentals, a meeting was held by local residents, at which they expressed reluctance to pay such exorbitant rental at a place where people earned meagre salaries.

A petrol attendant said: "From a distance I saw people looting a bottle store carrying cartons and all sorts of drinks. Within minutes, the bottle store was virtually empty."

The local town council offices were heavily guarded by police. A Mr Pule, mayor of the area, could not be reached for comment last night.

Police move on unrest in Parys

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Hundreds of riot squad police have moved into Tumahole township, Parys, to quell disturbances said to stem from a R15 rent rise.

The disturbances started on Saturday afternoon and continued all day yesterday, with police firing teargas shells to dispel angry crowds. No shots were fired.

Riot police from Sasolburg were called in yesterday morning and residents were urged to stay in their houses as they patrolled the streets.

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While the situation was quiet but tense during Saturday night, with a number of teargas canisters being fired, disturbances broke out again about 9am yesterday.

A resident, Mr Simon Moitse, said he thought the unrest had something to do with the recent rent increase.

'Meagre salaries'

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Children taunt Riot Squad

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The remains of the gutted butchery belonging to Mr Daniel Hialele, a Tumahole community councillor.

Pictures: FAUL BOSMAN



Rocks and drums litter the streets of Tumahole township — aftermath of two days of unrest.

By COLIN HOWELL

THOUSANDS of chanting schoolchildren taunted police as they cleared streets of boulders, concrete pipes, burning tyres and rubble in the strife-torn township of Tumahole near Parys yesterday.

Teargas hung in the air as at least one business in Parys was forced to close for the day as workers stayed at home.

About 100 helmeted Riot Squad policemen — called to Parys following widespread disruptions and looting on Sunday — patrolled the township's streets, firing teargas at groups of jeering youths and warning residents to stay indoors.

Carrying rifles, sjamboks and gasmasks, they made a further 27 arrests, bringing to 40 the number of people detained since about 1 000 marchers ran wild on Sunday morning.

The 40 are expected to appear in the Parys Magistrate's Court today on charges ranging from public violence to housebreaking and theft.

The marchers were protesting against increased rents, rates and GST.

After a relatively calm morning yesterday, the situation deteriorated when a front-end loader under police escort, started clearing the streets of concrete drainpipes and huge rocks.

Groups of schoolchildren lined the streets taunting policemen, and dispersing briefly when teargas was fired.

Rocks and other obstacles were put back on the streets once the police had moved on.

In the afternoon, police told a Rand Daily Mail news team to leave the township and escorted them out.

Earlier, journalists asking for permits to enter the area were told by a senior

police officer that they could only remain in Tumahole for 30 minutes.

Colonel Jaap Venter, head of the SA Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria, confirmed that 27 arrests had been made yesterday.

No reports of civilian injuries had been received, he said.

On Sunday, four policemen were slightly injured by stones hurled by rioters and 10 government vehicles were damaged, he said.

A supermarket and undertaker's premises were gutted in a fire started by arsonists and a bottle store was looted.

A spokesman for the Orange Vaal Development Board said the board "may meet" members of the local community council to discuss the situation.

He said rentals had been increased in order to finance facilities and amenities in the township.

No violence today in tense Parys township

The atmosphere in the riot-torn Tumahole Township near Parys remained highly charged today and squads of riot policemen patrolled the streets to ensure that residents were not intimidated on their way to work.

Brigadier G Laubscher, Divisional Commissioner of Police for the Northern Free State, said a number of small incidents took place last night but there were no reports of any violence today.

Four policemen were injured, government vehicles damaged, shops set alight and looted and

large-scale stoning took place during the unrest which began over the weekend.

Brigadier Laubscher said 37 people had been arrested on charges including public violence, housebreaking and theft.

QUESTIONED

Among those questioned by police were Mr Terror Lekota, the United Democratic Front publicity secretary, and Tumahole Civic Association executive members Mr Johannes Skosana and Miss Daphne Dungwa.

Many people stayed away from work yesterday and hundreds of schoolchildren roamed

the streets after being told by principals to go home. Tension rose when they began putting up roadblocks and chanting freedom songs.

Police spent all day yesterday removing barricades erected by gangs of youths. They were taunted by the mob but only minor incidents were reported.

The police were called into the township on Sunday when about 1 000 placard-carrying residents began marching in protest against increased rents, service charges and GST. They were warned to disperse and teargas and sjamboks were used.

Burglar shot in struggle

By Erik Larsen
East Rand Bureau

A security guard shot and killed a burglar in a life-and-death struggle early this morning.

The guard, Mr D A McLennan of SA Security Services, was stabbed four times during the fight. He was admitted to the Boksburg-Benoni Hospital, where he is reported to be in a satisfactory condition.

A police spokesman said Mr McLennan was patrolling Benoni Industries at about 3 am when a shop alarm went off.

When he went to investigate, he saw RWS Butchery in Burnley Street had been broken into. He found a man inside the shop.

The intruder turned on Mr McLennan and attacked him with a knife.

The security guard drew his firearm and fired several shots at his assailant, fatally wounding him.

Police have not identified the dead man. They found a quantity of stolen bilton in his possession.

R200 000 race for Turffontein

By Bert Fellows

The inauguration of the R200 000 OK Gold Bowl over 3 200 m at Turffontein on Saturday October 13 brings to Johannesburg the richest race for stayers in South Africa.

This is the first venture of OK Bazaars, the national chain of department stores, into horse racing.

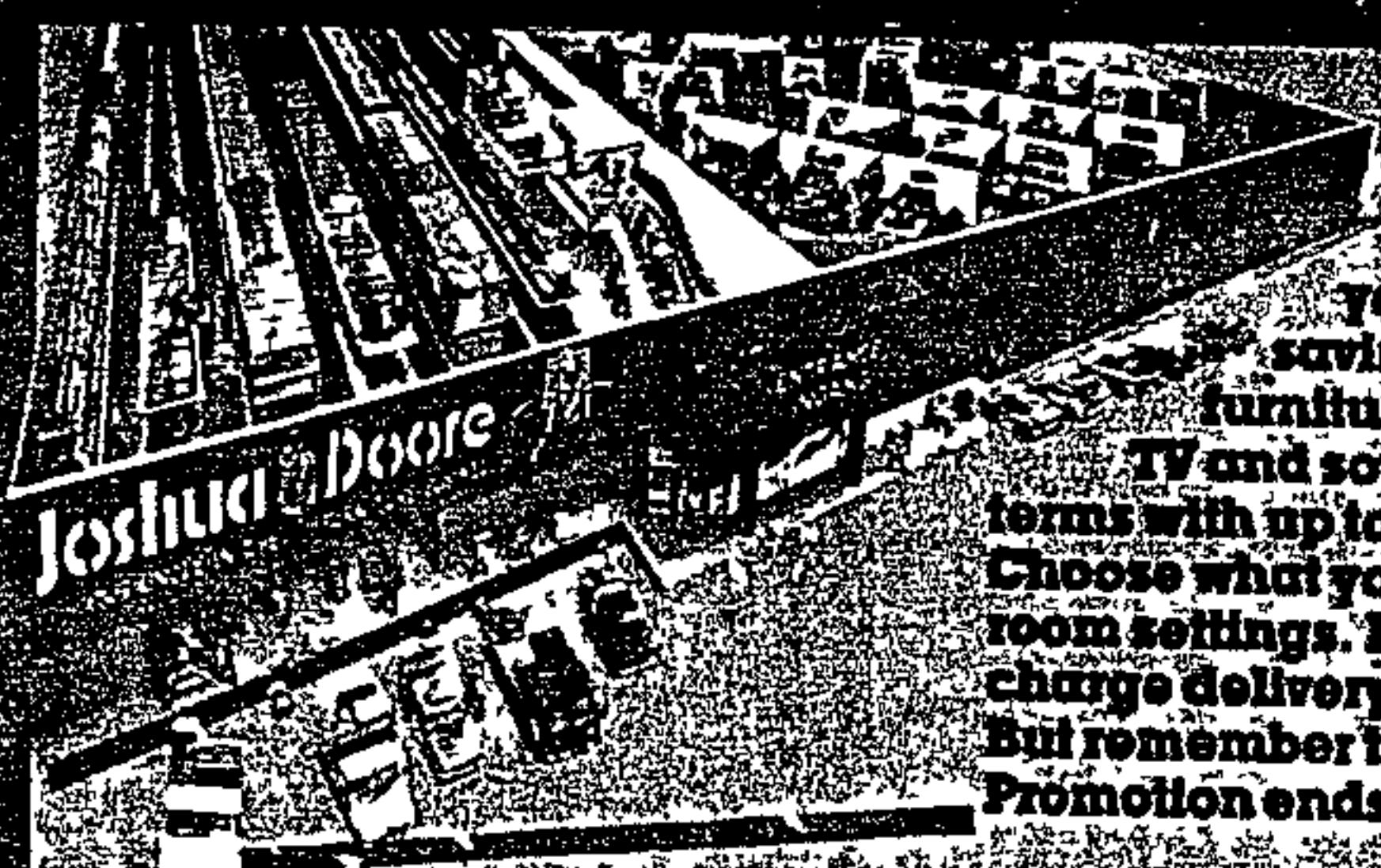
Prize money will be split as follows: the winner will get R120 000, second R35 000, third R15 000, fourth R10 000 and fifth R5 000.

The race will be a handicap for all horses of four years and over. Nominations close on August 27.

It will cost R1 200 to run a horse in the OK Gold Bowl, which replaces the Black and White Gold Bowl.

...take a record of 146 hours in (115) and Lynette Jannie de Roox (14). The shopping centre.

Picture by Clive Lloyd.



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Parys township tense after riots, arrests

Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The atmosphere in Tumahole township near Parys today remained highly charged as unrest entered its fourth day.

At least 40 people — many of whom are members of the United Democratic Front (UDF) and the Tumahole Civic Association — have been arrested since the outbreak of violence in the Free State township.

Among those questioned by the police were Mr Terror Lekota, publicity secretary of the UDF, and Tumahole Civic Association executive members, Mr Johannes Skosana and Daphne Dungwa.

Scores of people stayed away from work yesterday, while hundreds of schoolchildren roamed the streets after they were ordered home by their principals.

Roadblocks

Tension mounted when the angry children put up roadblocks on all the roads in the township and chanted "freedom" songs. Riot police used teargas to disperse them.

Smaller groups, however, re-assembled and threw stones and jeered at the police. The situation appeared to be reaching a dangerous point when a large contingent of riot police reinforcements arrived and fired teargas canisters.

As the situation deteriorated a policeman in charge of the operation advised reporters to leave, describing the developments as "ugly".

Scattered

The people, most of whom were children, scattered as the police fired teargas.

Meanwhile, the house of Mr Daniel Hlalele, whose shops were burnt down during the weekend unrest, was yesterday under heavy guard by the Orange-Vaal Development Board officials. Most shops in the township did not open for business yesterday.

The unrest started with a protest march at the weekend when placard-carrying residents demanded the Tumahole Village Council rescind its decision to increase rents.

They also protested against service charges and sales tax. Rents have been increased from R26 to R40.

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40 are arrested in Parys unrest

AT LEAST 40 people have been arrested following clashes between angry residents and police in the strife-torn Tumahole township near Parys.

Police continued using tearsmoke yesterday — the third day of the unrest — to disperse marching students carrying placards protesting against the increases in house rents and other service charges from July 1.

The situation remained tense in the township last night as police in camouflage uniforms patrolled the area — amid continued stone-throwing and a mass stay-away from work and school by residents and students

By JOSHUA
RABOROKO

The Police Directorate in Pretoria confirmed that at least 40 people were arrested and that police had used tearsmoke thrice to disperse people during the day.

Police

Several members of the Tumahole Civic Association, United Democratic Front and the Tumahole Students Organisation (Tso) have been held and questioned by police

Among those questioned were the publicity secretary of the UDF, Mr Terror Lekota, Tso's executive members, Mr Johannes

Skosana, Ms Daphne Dungwa and Mr Jacob Molokoane, and Tso chairman Mr Ephraim Dabe.

The disturbances were sparked-off by the R14 increase in house rents and service charges introduced by the Tumahole Town Council, which falls under the jurisdiction of the Oranje-Vaal Development Board

Residents claimed that they summoned their councillors — whose homes were heavily guarded by police yesterday — to a meeting to explain the new hikes, but this was in vain

On Sunday a group of more than 1 000 youths

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TEARSMOKE: Residents overcome by tearsmoke in the trouble-torn Tumahole township near Parys yesterday. (277)

Tearsmoke in Parys

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started a demonstration in the township protesting the tariffs. Police then ordered them to disperse, and used tearsmoke.

A supermarket and a butchery shop belonging to Councillor Daniel Hlalele were stoned, looted and burned by the angry mob that gathered near the scene.

Several streets in the township were barricaded with burning tyres and large stones and thick palls of black smoke engulfed the township on Sunday night and yesterday.

Squads of riot policemen patrolled the streets throughout the day.

UDF's publicity sec-

retary, Mr Lekota, the local Civic Association and the Tumahole Students Organisation, have condemned the presence of the police and the use of tearsmoke.

Mr Lekota said that his car was searched and 62 documents confiscated by police on Sunday night. He was held and questioned about the UDF for several hours, but was later allowed to go home.

The acting chief director of the Oranje-Vaal Development Board, Mr J Leefrink, said that the trouble was not sparked off by hiked rentals. He said the situation was under control.

Parys riots: 51 appear in court

By COLIN HOWELL

FIFTY-ONE Tumahole residents have already appeared in the Parys Magistrate's court following two days of rioting and looting which began on Sunday.

Yesterday the head of the SA Police Directorate of Public Relations, Colonel Jaap Venter, said the situation in the township was "under control".

The rioting began when 1 000 marchers protesting against the rise in general sales tax and rent increases clashed with squads of riot policemen.

According to police, 25 of those arrested were charged with public violence, 19 with theft, one with housebreaking and theft and six with creating a public disturbance.

Of the theft accused, 11 were found guilty, a police spokesman in Parys

said. Five had been sentenced three to R50 (or three months imprisonment) and two to four lashes with a cane. The remaining six were remanded in custody for sentencing at a later date.

The other theft accused, the housebreaking and theft accused and those facing public violence charges had been remanded in custody and would appear again on August 6, the spokesman said.

Five of those charged with creating a disturbance were found guilty. Four were sentenced to four lashes while the other was remanded till July 24 for sentence.

All those still being held had been sent to the Parys Prison, the police spokesman said.

No further arrests were made yesterday. Four policemen were slightly in-

jured and 10 government vehicles damaged in the riots.

In addition, a supermarket and an undertaker's building were gutted by fire, and a bottle store looted.

Meanwhile, Bishop Desmond Tutu, General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches (SACC), yesterday expressed concern over the death of a 26-year-old Tumahole man, Mr Johannes Bonakele Ngale.

Mr Ngale was arrested on Sunday and found dead in his cell on Monday. A police spokesman said he was detained on a charge unrelated to the unrest and that the cause of his death was being investigated.

Bishop Tutu called for calm in Tumahole and commended the South African Police for not using firearms to put down unrest in the area, Sapa reports.

Bishop Tutu's statement said: "We

are deeply worried about the disturbances in Parys. Unrest in South Africa was 'endemic' because of the fundamental injustice of the apartheid system," he said.

"Virtually anything will trigger off disturbances. At a time of high unemployment, the black community especially has been hard hit by the recent increases in GST."

"We call on the authorities to deal with real causes of unrest (of which it is true some unscrupulous people are taking advantage) and not just the symptoms," Bishop Tutu said.

"Until blacks feel that their legitimate and inalienable right to participate in the decision-making process of our land is acknowledged, so long will we deal only with the sporadic manifestations of dissatisfaction."

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Township tense

HUNDREDS of school children and workers in the trouble-torn Tumahole township near Parys yesterday continued to stay away from school and work following unrest in the area.

At least 12 people, including two executive members of the local Civic Association, have been arrested. The township was still tense and police patrolled the streets.

The number of people arrested since the trouble started at the weekend is now 52. Earlier 40 people were arrested on charges ranging from public violence to housebreaking.

A Parys police spokesman confirmed

By **JOSHUA RABOROKO**

that 12 people were arrested yesterday. He said that they were to appear in the local magistrate's court today.

The police were still on standby but no further tearsmoke was used in the township.

Trouble started at the weekend when police used tearsmoke and sjamboks to disperse about 1 000 placard-carrying people. They were protesting against increased house rents.

Several streets in the township were still barricaded with large stones.

Two men, Mr Adam Mosepedi, a business-

man, and Mr Johannes Skosana, were arrested by police at their homes in the early hours of yesterday morning.

The United Democratic Front has condemned the arrests.

Meanwhile the general secretary of the SACC, Bishop Desmond Tutu, has called for calm among the people of Tumahole.

"We noted that the police had not used any firearms — for this we commend them.

"We have pointed out that unrest is endemic in our country because of the fundamental injustice of the apartheid system and virtually anything will trigger off disturbances," he said.

Another post-mortem is sought into detainee's cell death after rioting

By Lucille McNamara

The United Democratic Front's publicity secretary, Mr Terror Lekota, last night warned that the unrest in Parys was the backdrop to a rising tide of resistance to oppression in South Africa.

Mr Lekota travelled directly from the riot-torn Tumahole township near Parys to address the Catholic Theological Winter School in Johannesburg after helping to arrange a private post-mortem for a man who died in police detention following his arrest during weekend violence.

Mr Johannes Ngalo was found dead in his cell next morning.

Mr Lekota told The Star that the police immediately arranged for a post-mortem, but failed to give Mr Ngalo's wife a chance to have a family doctor present.

Hysterical

"With the help of the UDF the family has now instructed a Johannesburg attorney, Miss Priscilla Jana, to arrange a private post-mortem on Friday morning.

"When I saw Mr Ngalo's wife she was hysterical. She just cannot believe that her husband went out one day and that the next day the police confronted her with his corpse.

"These actions are leaving deep scars on our people."

Mr Lekota was detained in Tumahole for questioning by police who confiscated several items of literature from his car, including letters which the

UDF sees Tumahole as 'backdrop to resistance'



Children pick their way along a boulder-strewn road in the Parys township of Tumahole after the situation had returned to normal yesterday.

UDF had written to the Prime Minister and the Pope.

He said time was running out for South Africa. "I believe a very disastrous situation is developing in this country, especially after what I have seen in Parys."

He referred to years of Government decisions to impose

oppressive legislation which had made it impossible for black people to express their opposition.

He said: "If people are informed ... and see the conditions in which our people live ... we are convinced that they will withhold their support for this Government."

He reiterated that the new constitution was unacceptable because it continued to keep mute the country's majority population and endorsed the fundamental principles of apartheid.

Saying that blacks should have a voice in the running of the country, Mr Lekota added:

"We are not asking a favour. We regard our demands as a sacrosanct right.

"We have contributed and shaped this country which is big enough to house all South Africans and if we are going to get hammered we are prepared to pay the price."



Bishop Desmond Tutu ... commended the police for not using firearms during the unrest at Tumahole.

Tutu calls for calm but is worried over detainee's death

Bishop Desmond Tutu, general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, yesterday called for calm in the strife-torn township of Tumahole, near Parys, and commended the South African Police for not using firearms to put down unrest in the area.

But in a statement to Sapa the bishop said the SACC was "very concerned" about the death of Mr Johannes Bonakele Ngalo (26), who was arrested at Parys on Sunday and found dead in his cell yesterday.

Bishop Tutu's statement said: "We are deeply worried about the disturbances in Parys.

"We note that the police have not used any firearms — for this we want to commend them. But we are very concerned that someone taken by them into custody has died in detention. Our information is that this man was not involved in the disturbances."

Unrest in South Africa was "endemic" because of the "fundamental injustice of the apart-

heid system," he said.

"Virtually anything will trigger off disturbances. At a time of high unemployment the black community especially has been hard hit by the recent increases in GST.

Rent increases — the apparent cause of the Tumahole unrest — was like "pouring petrol on a furnace".

"We call on the authorities to deal with real causes of unrest — of which it is true some unscrupulous people are taking advantage — and not just the symptoms.

"Until blacks feel that their legitimate and inalienable right to participate in the decision-making processes of our land is acknowledged, so long will we deal only with the sporadic manifestations of dissatisfaction.

"We call for calm among the disadvantaged people of Tumahole township and express our condolences and sympathies with the bereaved and the injured," the statement added. — Sapa

Staff Reporters

A leading figure in the United Democratic Front, who was held briefly by Parys police at the weekend, says he "is confident" that a man he saw beaten by police was Mr Johannes Bonakele Ngalo, who died in a police cell within hours of being held.

In an affidavit presented to a Press conference in Johannesburg today, Mr Mosiuoa "Terror" Lekota, publicity secretary of the UDF, stated when he came out of the interrogation room at the Parys police station on Sunday he saw police beating a young African man.

Mr Lekota said the man was protesting against arrest, "bleeding and carrying a tennis shoe in his hand".

He elaborated that discussions with the family indicated that Mr Ngalo had left home in

Star 18/7/84 UDF man says he saw Ngalo beaten by police

a blue overall and white tennis shoes — the dress worn by the man allegedly beaten in the police station.

The Police Directorate of Public Relations has been unable to confirm or deny Mr Lekota's allegation.

"The South African Police cannot comment on persons held for short periods of time for questioning without being charged. We therefore do not see our way clear to determine whether Mr Lekota's allegation is true or not."

The family of Mr Ngalo is arranging a second post-mortem

to be performed by an independent pathologist.

Mr Ngalo, married with three children, was among many people arrested at the height of the weekend disturbances in Tuma-hole township. The unrest was triggered by rent rises.

The Divisional Commissioner of Police for the Northern Free State, Brigadier G Laubscher, said today that Mr Ngalo was picked up by the police in a highly intoxicated state. He said he was placed in the cells, was visited in the morning and found dead.

Dr David Webster of the Detainees' Parents Support Committee and the Detainees' Support Committee said today that the police statement that Mr Ngalo was very drunk when arrested did "not square with the information given by his family" and "it also raises the question of why riot police were playing a role in the arrest of a man for drunkenness".

Trouble erupted again between the police and residents last night, with residents claiming this morning that a number of tearsmoke cannisters were fired by the police when crowds of people filled the township streets. According to the residents the police followed this up with fresh arrests. Police comment was not available at the time of going to press.

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Ngalo beaten by cafe owner ~~SAP~~ SAP

By Mike Cohen
Crime Reporter

Mr Johannes Ngalo (24), who died in a Parys police cell on Monday, was badly beaten up by a local cafe owner who was defending himself during an armed robbery bid, according to police.

The attack took place 10 hours before Mr Ngalo was found dead.

This is the official version released today by the South African Police.

They said that on Saturday and Sunday Mr Ngalo was involved in fights with another man in the street. He was beaten and injured. The man

has since been detained for questioning.

On Sunday evening Mr Gert Snyman van der Merwe (54) and his assistant, Mrs Suzanne Begue (35), were in the NNC cafe in Parys when three men entered.

The men brandished knives and threatened the two people in the shop. The five were involved in a scuffle and Mr van der Merwe received cuts on his arms. Mrs Begue was stabbed in the hand.

Police said Mr van der Merwe managed to overpower one of the attackers by kicking him to the ground. Several other blows were de-

livered and the three men fled when a gun was produced.

One man, who was in a confused state and appeared to be drunk, was arrested. He was taken to the Parys police station and placed in a cell. The charge was being drunk in a public place.

Mr Ngalo was found dead in the cell at 4.30 am on Monday morning.

Police said two other men, who were arrested later in connection with the armed robbery, had made statements.

Mr Ngalo's body was also identified by Mr van der

Merwe and Mrs Begue.

The police spokesman said at no stage was any member of the SAP involved in an assault on Mr Ngalo.

At a Press conference in Johannesburg yesterday the publicity secretary of the United Democratic Front, Mr Terror Lekota, said he was confident a man he had seen being beaten up at the Parys police station on Sunday was Mr Ngalo.

A police spokesman said Mr Lekota would be asked for a statement on the allegations.

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President Machel stressed
in his speech that Mozam-
bique still supported the
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can people, spearheaded
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In a commentary carried by
NCNA from Maputo on
Tuesday, the agency said
Mozambique's accord was
the result of the thrust for
peace of many African
states after years of tur-
moil.

It said the South African-
backed rebels had gravely
affected Mozambique's se-
curity and industrial and
agricultural production

"Therefore, this peaceful ac-
tion of the Mozambique
Government has won un-
derstanding and support
from more and more Afri-
can countries," the com-
mentary added

President Li stressed that
China would unswervingly
support the struggle for in-
dependence and racial
equality in South West
Africa

President Machel, who ar-
rived in Peking on Tues-
day, was seeing Premier
Zhao Ziyang yesterday.

Chinese officials said he
would also have talks with
Communist Party chief Hu
Yaobang

Mr Machel is expected to ask
China for increased assist-
ance to help Maputo com-
bat famine and aid the
country's development.

No UK mail

THE national dock strike in
Britain has disrupted the sur-
face mail service between
Britain and South Africa, a
Post Office spokesman said
in Pretoria yesterday.

Because of the dock strike,
there were only limited ship-
ping services operating to
and from Britain at present.

Consequently, surface mail
containers bound for Britain
were having to be diverted to
other European ports and
would be trans-shipped to
Britain when the dockers dis-
pute had been resolved, he
said.

No mail is being received
from Britain as outward sur-
face mail was being held at
exchange offices there. Air-
mail is not affected by the
strike. — Sapa

Power charges — but no lights

By SEFAKO NYAKA

THE majority of houses in
the trouble-torn township of
Tumahole near Parys have
no electricity, yet all the
families are required to pay
a basic charge of more than
R8,00 a month for electricity

This week, thousands of
placard-carrying protestors
took to the streets, protesting
against increased rents, rates
and GST

A shop belonging to a com-
munity councillor, Mr Daniel
Hlalele, was gutted by fire
His butchery was broken into
and looted.

A circular announcing the
40% increases states that in-
creases in house rentals are
attributable to an escalation
in the cost of providing and
maintaining essential ser-
vices

The circular is signed by
the Chief Director of the
Oranje Vaal Development
Board, Mr D C Ganz, and was
handed to residents of the
township and employers

Planned improvements to
the township and services in-
clude extension of the exist-
ing office buildings, the erec-
tion of shelters for council
vehicles, the laying of a sew-

erage system to replace the
bucket-system and the pur-
chase of land.

According to Mr Ganz, in-
flation alone causes a rise of
7% annually in the service
charges

The postponement of any
capital project for one year
will cost approximately 12%
more the following year, he
said.

For the erection and main-
tenance of roads residents
are expected to pay more
than R8,00 while they have to
pay more than R10,00 for the
removal of refuse

The full breakdown of the
increases is

Housing R3,62; roads R8,45,
water R3,40, electricity
R8,55, refuse removal R10,39;
libraries R00,97, creches
R00,56, community R00,42,
schools R00,30; accumulated
deficit R00,34

The Tumahole Community
Council is dependent mainly
on revenue derived from
house rental and service
charges in order to effective-
ly administer the black town-
ship on an economic basis

Single people living with
their parents are required to
pay R10,00 a month

Top officials escape disciplinary action

Mail Africa Bureau

HARARE — Three out of
four top officials from Zim-
babwe's ministry of youth,
sport and recreation, blamed
for their part in a scandal
which cost the taxpayer over
R1-million, are to escape dis-
ciplinary action

But the fourth, still em-
ployed as an under secretary
in the ministry, is currently
paying back R5 200 in 36
monthly installments

Earlier this year the par-
liamentary public accounts'
committee revealed a mas-
sive wastage of ministry
funds on youth brigade uni-
forms, furniture, equipment
and illegal use of government
vehicles.

The Minister of State re-
sponsible for the public ser-
vice, Mr Chris Andersen, told
the House of Assembly that
the three officials escaped
disciplinary action because
they were no longer under
the jurisdiction of the Public
Service Commission

They included Zimbabwe's
ambassador to Ethiopia, Dr
Tichaona Jokonya ... who
could not be removed from
his post by the commission,
said Mr Andersen.

Yesterday the public ac-
counts committee revealed
another R550 000 bungle by
the Ministry of Trade and
Commerce ... in over order-
ing canvas in 1981 to shelter
that year's bumper maize
crop

Royal son sent to co-ed school

London Bureau

LONDON. — The seven-year-old son of Prin-
cess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips is being
sent to an ordinary co-educational school in
Dorset.

Peter Phillips will be the first member of
the royal family to join a little-known pre-
paratory school when he goes to Port Regis,
near Shaftesbury, within the next 18 months

There are 65 girls at the 230-pupil school,
which prides itself on its modern amenities.

The fees range from R7 to R180 a year, but
facilities for the pupils range from canoeing,
bee-keeping, squash and pottery to a high
level of academic study.

The Headmaster, Mr David Pritchard, said
a high proportion of his pupils had their par-
ents serving in jobs abroad and Peter Phillips
would not have to sit an entrance examina-
tion

because we are obviously flourishing and we
seem to be successful in quite a lot of things
we do.

"Our aim is to broaden the academic cur-
riculum and to offer wide opportunities in the
sporting field as well, so there is a chance for
every pupil to succeed in both areas."

Captain Phillips and Princess Anne made a
deliberate show of togetherness at a garden
party at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday, in
an attempt to quash rumours that their ten-
year-long marriage is on the rocks

He drove 300kms from his farm in Glouces-
tershire to join the Princess and the couple
appeared on a palace balcony with the rest of
the royal family.

He then drove back to Gloucestershire and
Princess Anne spent the night alone in a
palace apartment.

Captain Phillips said the rumours of his
marriage coming to an end were "scurrilous"

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Cell death: Man beaten by civilian — police

Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Mr Johannes Ngalo, 24, who died in a Parys police cell on Monday, was beaten by a cafe owner defending himself during a robbery bid.

The attack took place 10 hours before Mr Ngalo was found dead.

This is the official version released today by the South African Police.

On Sunday evening, Mr Gert Snyman van der Merwe, 54, was in the NNC cafe, Parys, when three men entered.

The men threatened the people in the shop and a scuffle ensued.

OVERPOWERED

Police said Mr van der Merwe overpowered one of the attackers by kicking him.

A man was arrested and taken to the Parys police station.

Mr Ngalo was found dead in the cell at 4.30am on Monday.

The police spokesman said at no stage was any member of the SAP involved in an assault on Mr Ngalo.

The publicity secretary of the United Democratic Front (UDF), Mr Terror Lekota, has said he was confident a man he saw beaten at the Parys police station on Sunday was Mr Ngalo.

'I saw police hit the man several times'

By PATRICK LAURENCE
Political Editor

THE national publicity secretary of the United Democratic Front, Mr Terror Lekota, charged yesterday that a man who he is now certain was Mr Bonakele Ngalo, who died in police custody, was manhandled by police at Parys Police Station on Sunday night.

The Police Directorate of Public Relations said in response to Mr Lekota's allegation: "The South African Police will approach Mr Lekota for a detailed affidavit."

Mr Ngalo was arrested on Sunday in Parys — and not in Tumahole township, scene of clashes between police and crowds protesting against increases in rent and GST — on a charge of "being drunk in a public place," the police told the Rand Daily Mail.

He was admitted to the police cells at 9pm on Sunday night and his wife was informed of his death at 5.15am the following day, the police said.

An official State post mortem was conducted on Mr Ngalo on Tuesday, allegedly before the Ngalo family had a chance to organise the presence of a pathologist to represent its interests.

A Johannesburg lawyer representing

the Ngalo family, Mrs Priscilla Jana, confirmed yesterday the family had requested that a second post mortem be held on Mr Ngalo to determine the cause of his death.

The post mortem will be held tomorrow. The Ngalo family will be represented by Dr Jonathan Gluckman.

Reacting to the allegation that the police post mortem had been held before the family had an opportunity to arrange that it be represented, the police said: "The widow of the deceased was informed of his death at 05h15 on 1984-07-16. On 1984-07-17 a lawyer, who said that she was representing the family, requested a second post mortem."

Earlier yesterday Mr Lekota told a news conference that he was detained for questioning at a road block at the entrance to Tumahole township on Sunday night.

Later he was taken to the police station at Parys, Mr Lekota added.

While there he saw "a young man being taken to the cells" by policemen, who, Mr Lekota alleged, "hit the man several times."

He gave the time of the alleged incident at about 12.15 am.

Mr Lekota added: "I am now certain that he was the man who was reported to have been found dead."

Asked why he thought the man he saw was Mr Ngalo, Mr Lekota said: "He was wearing blue overalls and holding a white tennis shoe."

"I have since determined that Mr Ngalo was wearing blue overalls and tennis shoes when he left home."

He had "more evidence" which he was not prepared to elaborate on, Mr Lekota said.

In a joint statement yesterday, the Detainees' Support Committee, the Detainees' Parents' Support Committee, and the UDF said: "We condemn in the strongest terms the death of Mr Johannes Bonakele Ngalo after only a few hours in police custody."

Describing Mr Ngalo as the 57th person to die in detention in South Africa, the statement added: "His death follows the shocking announcement last week by Minister Louis Le Grange that more than 70 people were detained under section 29 of the Internal Security Act."

Dr David Webster, of the Detainees' Support Committee, said at the Press conference: "The events of Tumahole are not isolated or new."

Analysis of information on detentions showed that 70% of those detained in the first quarter of 1984 were community leaders and activists, against a mere 30% for 1983, he said.



UPSET: Mr Piet Ngalo.

Man missing after unrests in Parys

THE SITUATION in the troubled Tumahole township, Parys, remained very unpredictable late yesterday — and one family was frantically searching for a relative who was last seen when taken away from home by police.

Mr Johannes Skhosana (27) was last seen, earlier this week by his family, who have expressed very grave doubts about the state of his health since his disappearance.

Family members said they had searched hospitals and asked the police

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for information about their son — all to no avail.

Advocate A J Kraut, acting on behalf of relatives of all those arrested during the waves of unrest, and instructed by a Johannesburg legal firm, said he had made inquiries at the Parys police station about Mr Skhosana's whereabouts.

"The police said they released him yesterday at about 8.55 am and they did not know where

he was," Mr Kraut said.

The family said they were very concerned that Mr Skhosana could have died, because he was neither at any hospital nor at the police station — which was where he should have been because the police were the people who took him away.

Attorney Mrs Priscilla Jana, whose firm is acting for the Tumahole families — she is also instructing Mr Kraut — said last night that a telex had been sent to

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Police patrol streets

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the Commissioner of Police, General Johan Coetzee, requesting information about Mr Skhosana.

A spokesman for the SAP Directorate for Public Relations said last night that only one person in Parys, Mr Johannes Ngalo, had died in police cells.

Police yesterday continued their patrols of the township.

• Mr Johannes Ngalo will be buried in the township cemetery on July 28.

A public meeting to express solidarity with the people of the troubled township will be

held at Khotso House, De Villiers Street, today and among the speakers will be the general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, Bishop Desmond Tutu.

Ngalo: Family wants 2nd autopsy

MR PIET Ngalo, the father of 26-year-old Johannes Bonakêle Ngalo, is upset that the State performed a post-mortem on his son without the family's knowledge.

Mr Ngalo died in police custody four days ago, a short while after he and other residents of Tumahole township, Parys, were arrested during the weekend outbreak of violence which shook the township.

Yesterday Mr Piet Ngalo said he had gone to the Government mortuary where he saw his son's body. It was obvious from the incisions on the head and body that a post-mortem had been performed, and the police confirmed his suspicions.

"But when I asked

them what the cause of death was, they refused to tell me. They also did not tell me why they had held a post-mortem without informing him, for if they had a family doctor would have been present," Mr Ngalo said.

A private pathologist will now perform a second post-mortem tomorrow.

Dr Jonathan Gluckman has been asked by the family to do so, according to the firm of attorneys representing the family.

A police spokesman said the results of the post-mortem already performed by the State will only be known when

police have completed their investigations.

In a statement released in Johannesburg yesterday Mr Terror Lekota, publicity secretary of the United Democratic Front, said Mr Ngalo was the 57th person known to have died in police detention in South Africa.

His death follows the announcement last week by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, that there were more than 70 people detained under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

Mr Ngalo was arrested on Sunday night at Parys.



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Cops claim Ngalo involved in heist

MR BONAKILE Johannes Ngalo, who died in the Parys police cells on Monday, was involved in an attempted armed robbery with two other men shortly before his arrest on Sunday evening in the centre of the town for drunkenness, the police claimed yesterday.

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Mr Ngalo was kicked several times by the victim who was defending himself against a knife attack by Mr Ngalo, the police said. They added that he had also been involved in a scuffle, before his arrest, with another man, who had now been detained.

A police statement said Mr Ngalo and two other men were involved in an attempted armed robbery at a cafe in Parys at 7.30 pm on Sunday.

He was arrested in the

centre of the town at 9 pm the same night.

Scuffle

Two other men have been detained on allegations of attempted armed robbery.

Police said Mr Ngalo was also involved in an argument and scuffle with another man "on the Friday and Saturday" prior to his death and the man had been detained for question-
ing.

Mr Ngalo was found dead during a cell check at 4.15 am on Monday.

Lieutenant-Colonel Koos Calitz, the Divisional CID Chief for the Northern Free State, said earlier yesterday a 38-year-old man had been arrested in connection with Mr Ngalo's death and would appear in a Parys court today.

Mr Ngalo's arrest came on the day police clashed with demonstra-

tors in the black township of Thumahole outside Parys.

Some 1 000 demonstrators staged a march through the township in protest against increased rents, rates and GST.

In the two days of unrest 40 demonstrators were arrested, four policemen slightly injured and several police vehicles and shops damaged.

Lucky wants whites out

BLACK shebeeners were this week called upon to form a strong body to fight the invasion of whites who trade in black townships.

The call was made by Mr Lucky Michaels, the chairman of the Naciation Taverners' Association (NTA), who was the guest speaker at the launching of the East Rand region of the organisation held at the Lionel Kent Centre, Daveyton, on Tuesday.

He told the more than 300 shebeeners who

came from as far as Ratanda, Tembisa, Thokoza, Duduza, Vosloorus and the neighbouring townships to come together and fight to have their businesses recognised by the Government.

Power

He said: "It is about time we come together and use our buying power to achieve our major objectives which is having our businesses legalised and fight to get whites out who are trading in our townships." Michaels also condemned the personal differences among the shebeeners in the East Rand, which he said had delayed progress in that region.

At the end of the meeting an executive committee of the region comprising six members was elected.

They are: Mr Alpheus Mashego from Kattlehong, who was elected chairman and Mrs Fredda Molefe from Vosloorus who became the secretary. Other committee members are Messrs Pule Teke, from Thokoza; Joe Buthelezi Daveyton, David Khu-

mal (Ratanda), and Mrs Nancy Mashinini from KwaThema.

The newly formed committee will hold its first regional meeting next Thursday at a venue still to be decided to discuss the legalisation of the first few shebeens in the East Rand

Taxi rank ban stuns Duduza

TAXI owners in Duduza township near Nigel were this week left stranded without a taxi rank, after they were ordered by the Nigel Town Council to vacate their present one and make way for a bus rank.

For the past 15 years, the taxi owners have been using the rank situated near the Duduza

Post Office.

They were granted the rank which is also not far from the main bus rank, by the council.

This caused a serious confrontation between the taxi owners and the council with the taxi men refusing to leave the rank.

Defy

Mr Hezekiel Mukhwanazi, chairman of the Duduza Taxi Association, said yesterday they would defy the council's directive and will continue using the rank until such time they were provided with an alter-



NO BAIL FOR 27 HELD IN PARYS

A QUALIFIED male nurse and a part-time matric student were this week refused bail by a Parys magistrate.

Mr Mathews Thabane (24), who is studying for commercial matric, and Mr Ephraim Dabi (23) appeared before Mr P A Mans.

The two are among 27 people currently in custody and charged with public violence, resulting from the unrest which swept Tumahule township outside Parys at the weekend and earlier this week.

Warrant Officer H Sinclair, the investigating officer, opposed the bail application. He said the

By JON QWELANE

two men were likely to interfere with state witnesses and police investigations into the rioting were still continuing.

Rioting

On Tuesday 18 people appeared before Mr Mans to face charges of theft. Their appearance was also a sequel to the weekend rioting, in which shops were broken into.

Many of those

charged cannot be named because they are minors. The others who were charged with the youths are: Mr John Matsuhlo, Mr Johannes Setshedi, Mr Gert Motsitsi, Mr Salathiel Mokoena, Mr George Masile and Mr Lazarus Mofokeng.

They were not asked to plead and Mr Mans postponed their case to August 6.

Those charged with public violence and also remanded because their case will come before the court on August 6 are Mr Thabane, Mr Dabi, Mr David Shabangu (20), Mr

Lucas Kutoane (25), Mr Abednigo Molefe (23), Mr Solomon Kutoane (21), Mr Michael Mhono (20), Mr Jeremiah Montsho (22), Mr Simon Mazinko (21), Mr Solomon Smith (27), Mr Samuel Mafumane (19), Mr David Khanje (19), Mr Jacob Molefe (24), Mr Abram Lenke (22), Mr Wilhelminah Mopela (36), Mr Shadrack Mahloko (26), Mr Maria Lempe (24) and Mr Jacob Thathi (24).

Eight minors have also been charged with public violence and will also appear in the magistrates court on August 6.

Police deny Njalo assault

By PATRICK LAURENCE
Political Editor

MR. BONAKELE NJALO, the man who died in police custody after being arrested last Sunday, was "kicked several times" by a man he tried to rob earlier that day, police said yesterday.

In a statement released in Pretoria, police denied that Mr Njalo had at any time been assaulted by policemen.

But Mrs Priscilla Jana, the Johannesburg lawyer representing the Njalo family, said: "We have instructions to proceed with a civil action against the Minister of Law and Order for wrongful arrest, detention and damages in respect of his death."

Mr Terror Lekota, national publicity secretary of the United Democratic Front, had earlier charged that he had seen a man being beaten by police at Parys police station on Sunday night and that he was now sure that man was Mr Njalo.

Mr Njalo was a resident of Tumahole township, near Parys. Mr Lekota was detained for questioning near the entrance to the township on Sunday night and later taken to Parys police station.

Mr Lekota confirmed yesterday that he had been approached by police for an affidavit on his statement alleging that Mr Njalo had been assaulted by police.

Mr Lekota, who will give evidence for the Njalo family in the pending civil action, referred them to Mrs Jana.

She said: "We have agreed to submit a statement to the police from Terror early next week."

Meanwhile, police said, a black man had been detained for questioning about the death of Mr Njalo. According to unconfirmed reports, the man was expected to appear in court in Parys today.

According to well-placed informants, three community leaders from Tumahole township have been released from police custody. They were held by police after clashes in the township on Sunday between police and crowds protesting against rent increases, service charges and general sales tax.

The three community leaders were Mr Johannes Skosana, chairman of the Tumahole Student Organisation, Ms Daphe Dungwa and Ms Tseleng Madumisa.

Lieutenant Tom Jefferson, of the police division of public relations, said: "When people are detained for a short period of time, questioned and then released, the South African Police do not comment."

The full statement released by police yesterday on Mr Njalo's death reads:

"On 1984-07-15 a Mr Bonakile Johannes Njalo was arrested in the centre of Parys on a charge of drunkenness and detained in the SA Police cells at 21h00 on the same date.

"At 04h15 on 1984-07-16, during a cell check, it was found that he had passed away.

"Police investigations have since brought to light that the deceased was involved in an argument with another black man on the 13 and 14 of July, which led to a scuffle. This black man has since been detained for questioning.

"It is further alleged that the deceased, together with two other black males, was involved in an attempted armed robbery at 19h30 on the 15 July at a cafe in Parys.

"The deceased was allegedly kicked several times by the victim while the latter was defending himself against a knife attack by the deceased. The other two black males involved have also been detained for questioning on suspicion of attempted armed robbery.

"The deceased was at no stage assaulted by any member of the SA Police."

Tumahole councillor resigns

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A community councillor whose businesses in the Parys township of Tumahole were burned and looted by residents at the weekend has resigned.

Mr D B L Hlalele said this morning he had decided to quit the council to protect himself and his family.

Mr Hlalele's supermarket was set alight and gutted, his butchery looted and his funeral parlour broken into when rioting broke out after police intervened in a rent demonstration.

"I am resigning because I seem to be the only man singled out for this treatment," he said.

He added that apart from a taxi owner he was the only businessman on the council.

Several anti-apartheid organisations have blamed the violence in Tumahole on the new black municipal system which demands that townships become self-financing. Sharp rent rises — such as that in Tumahole — are an inevitable move by the new councils, they argue.

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New system blamed for violence in Parys

By Jo-Anne Collinge

The week of violence and tension in the Parys township of Tumahole is a direct result of the new black local authority system and action should be taken against those who have served on the new councils, says United Democratic Front publicity secretary Mr Terror Lekota.

"We will not burn councillors' houses and we will not burn their cars. We will boycott their businesses," he told people who gathered at Khotso House, Johannesburg yesterday to show solidarity with Tumahole residents.

People should stay out of the shops and premises of councillors because

they had "made common cause with apartheid" and should use only taxis of men who had nothing to do with the local authorities, he said.

Mr Lekota said it had been predicted at the national launch of the UDF a year ago that black residents would find it impossible to afford the new

municipalities. These areas simply did not have the business income of white areas and would have to rely on pushing up rentals.

"There is no way that the masses of people can meet these expenses,"

Mr Lekota called for the immediate resignation of councillors, stressing

that "the time is now".

Dr David Webster, of the 'Detainees' Parents Support Committee, said that events in Parys were not "an isolated incident". He said that, in Atteridgeville and Cradock, education and community issues had been inflamed unnecessarily by

police intervention after which negotiation became almost impossible.

He pointed out that the Cradock residents' action had culminated in the detention of four leaders under section 28 of the Internal Security Act which allowed for incarceration for up to a year.

"These men have committed no crime other than that of representing their community," Dr Webster observed.

He expressed concern at the fact that official figures for detainees exceeded the DPSC's tally by 40. "This means 40 people have disappeared off our streets without trace."

Claim that 40 refugees are being held denied

Pretoria Bureau

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, has denied claims by the Detainees' Parents Support Committee (DPSC) that the South African Police are holding 40 anonymous refugees.

A statement from Mr le Grange's office says that the DPSC based its figure on a reply by the Minister in Parliament recently when he said 70 people were now being held in terms of security legislation.

The DPSC said that according to its records only 30 people were being held.

The statement said: "The South African Police has no obligation towards the DPSC and will not keep it informed of detentions. The next of kin of each and every detainee has been informed."

The strongly worded statement also said it was the aim of the DPSC to cast doubt on the integrity of the Minister of Law and Order and the South African Police.

Dr Webster said the DPSC concerned itself with any death in custody — including that of Tumahole's Mr Johannes Ngalo — because Security Police had increasingly begun to hold people under the Criminal Procedure Act and it had become difficult to distinguish detention from arrest in the first 48 hours of incarceration.

FOUR DAYS OF VIOLENCE

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SATURDAY: Some 12 000 residents gather at an anti-rent increase rally to seek explanation for the enforced increases. Councillors refuse to attend the meeting and this angers the residents who demand that the councillors be brought to their meeting. Police follow the march to the councillor's residences and order the protestors to disperse.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND NIGHT: A violent clash between the police and residents flares up. The police use teargas and charge the marchers with sjamboks. The situation deteriorates at night and more teargas is used while a block of flats belonging to one of the councillors, Mr Daniel Hlalele is gutted and looted. The disturbances continue into the night.

SUNDAY MORNING: Police arrested many people on various offences, but the disturbances continue, with more teargassing.

SUNDAY NIGHT: More violent clashes occur and among others, Mr Bonakele Ngalo is arrested and taken into custody, but is later reported to have died in a cell.

MONDAY: It is relatively quiet in the morning but trouble flares up again after some 1 000 students are ordered home by their principals. Stone-throwing begins and the police are once more forced to use teargas. More people are arrested. The situation gets worse in the afternoon and the police get re-inforcements.

TUESDAY: A number of civic leaders including the chairman of the the Tumahole Civic Association and that of the Students Movement, are detained for questioning. Another violent clash occurs with the police during the night and more teargas is fired. The situation calms down as word spreads that the leaders had been released by the police.

Crossroads violence: Trials pending

By RIAAN DE VILLIERS

A NUMBER of people will be tried on charges of public violence next month arising from violence between rival factions in Crossroads in April last year, a police spokesman announced yesterday.

He also said a public violence case docket had been registered following further fighting in the squatter camp in December and the docket was with the Attorney-General for a decision on prosecutions.

Captain Gerhard van Rooyen, a police liaison officer, made these disclosures after the Cape Times published an interview with a KTC squatter, Mrs Sanna Jezile, on Wednesday in which she told of her experiences as a squatter over the past few years.

She told how she and members of her family had been assaulted by other Crossroads squatters during both periods of violence — during which nine people were killed and numerous others injured — and said this was why she refused to move near Crossroads.

She said she had made a statement to the police in April last year and had also taken them a bullet with which her husband had been wounded — but said they had "done nothing".

She also described how she had been assaulted and threatened with death during the December violence.

Statement taken

She added she had again gone to the police station but nothing had been done.

This last comment was withheld for police comment in terms of the Police Act.

In response, Captain Van Rooyen yesterday released details of the pending prosecutions. He confirmed that a statement had been taken from Mrs Jezile last April and said she would be called as a witness in one of the public violence cases next month.

He said 110 statements had been taken for the docket about the December violence now with the Attorney-General. People who might be prosecuted included those who allegedly assaulted Mrs Jezile, he said.

"These incidents have therefore been investigated and we therefore deny that nothing had been done about them," he said.

He added that the law took some time to take its course and this was sometimes not "fully understood".

● Dealing with the squatters' attitude to police protection, Mrs Jezile said people had been burnt to death in December despite police being there.

She then added: "They stood on their vans and laughed as our people burned."

This remark was also withheld for police comment. Captain Van Rooyen said yesterday: "We dismiss this allegation with the contempt it deserves."

'Special' funeral for Ngalo

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A HUGE crowd is expected at tomorrow's funeral of Johannes Bonakele Ngalo, who died last weekend in a police cell in Parys during unrest in nearby Tumahole township.

The funeral service, organised

by the Tumahole Civic Association and the Tumahole Students' Organisation, will be held at the community hall at 11.15 am.

The two organisations have appealed to mourners to conduct themselves in a dignified manner, and shebeeners have been asked to close their businesses between 11 and 3pm.

The two organisations arranging the funeral said Mr Ngalo would be given a "special funeral" because of the way he died.

Several organisations, including the United Democratic Front, have offered to provide transport. Those interested can phone Patrick Diphunya at 29-4010 between 8.30am and 4.30 pm today.

5 000 bury cell-death man

PARYS — About 5 000 people gathered in Tumahole for the burial of Mr Johannes Ngalo who died in police custody after riots swept the township earlier this month.

Journalists estimated that more than 1 000 mourners and representatives of political groups crowded into the

Tumahole community hall.

Several thousand local residents joined the singing and chanting procession that followed the hearse to the cemetery.

Mr Ngalo, 24, was arrested on July 15, the same day that riots swept Tumahole after police ordered demon-

strators protesting against rent increases to disperse.

He died early the next morning while in the custody of Parys police.

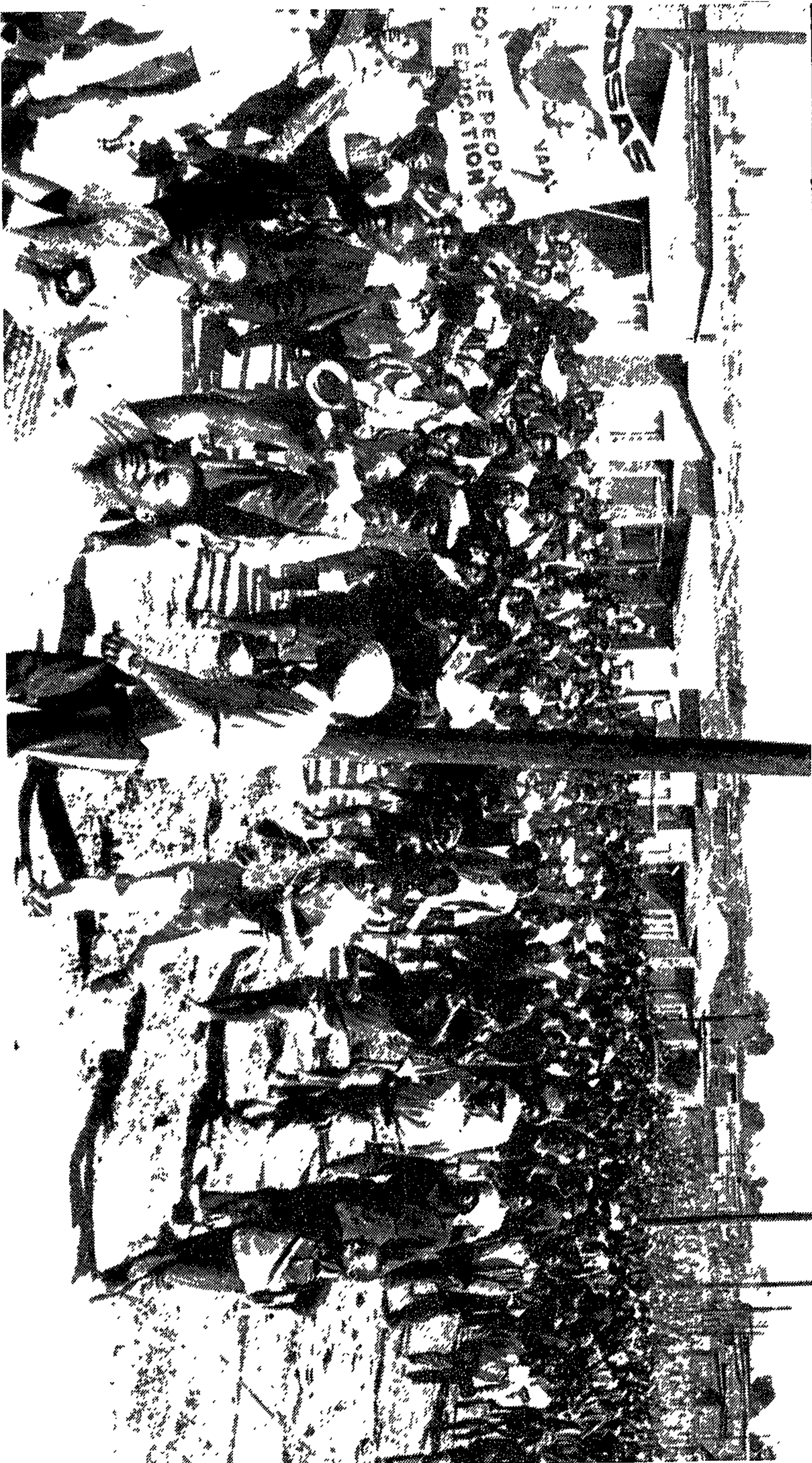
Police said Mr Ngalo was arrested after the riots were over on a charge of drunkenness.

A police statement said he was involved in a scuffle, and was later

kicked while attempting an armed robbery before being arrested. Another man involved in the scuffle has since been charged with his murder.

A message of support from Bishop Desmond Tutu, secretary-general of the South African Council of Churches, was read out. — SAPA.

Tumahoole closes for Ngalo's funeral



THE CROWD which thronged the streets of Tumahoole for the funeral of Mr Ngalo.

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A SMALL TOWN MOURNS

THOUSANDS of Tumahole residents at Parys and mourners from the Reef and other parts of the Vaal complex, attended the funeral of Mr Johannes Bonakele Ngalo, who died in police cells more than a week ago.

Almost everything about the Orange Free State black township's daily life pattern took a different turn when shops and all other businesses were closed and most residents attended the funeral at the weekend.

In their large numbers, the residents lined the streets where the hearse was going to pass while others marched in front and be-

hind the hearse chanting freedom songs and slogans.

The funeral, conducted under stringent magisterial orders, was without incidents that have characterised the funerals of a political nature in black townships.

Family warned

A service, conducted by the Rev Nimrod Makgalemele of the South African Orthodox Church, was held at the local community hall where many mourners could not gain entry.

The Chief Magistrate of Parys, Mr J. Mans, had warned Mr Ngalo's family that the funeral should not be turned into a "political gathering".

The magistrate's order also stipulated the route the hearse was to follow to the cemetery.

Police maintained a low profile by distancing themselves from the township. However, there were several roadblocks manned by police and national servicemen on roads between the Transvaal and the Orange Free State.

It has been reported that two busloads carrying about 150 mourners from Soweto were turned back at one of the roadblocks.



PART OF THE CROWD at Mr Johannes Bonakele Ngalo's funeral.



Why a township erupted

By Revelation Ntola

VERY little was known about the tiny, dusty black township of Tumahole near the Free State dorp of Parys until this week when violence erupted in the area.

In conventional black thinking today, the mere fact of the township being situated in the Free State has the effect of lumping the Tumahole residents together with those from whom little or nothing could be expected in the way of the "liberation struggle".

The recent civic upheavals, prompted by a rent increase on houses owned by the Tumahole Town Council, and coupled with a general increase in service charges like garbage and night-soil removal, suddenly attracted country-wide attention to the sleepy town of Parys and its sister township, Tumahole.

What the Tumahole residents call "the struggle of the poor" — was neither politically motivated, nor an attempt to undermine authority. Their grievances, it appears, stem from real bread and butter issues.

Tumahole which is situated 35 km from the comparatively well-off black townships of Sebokeng and Sharpeville near Vereeniging, is something of an island, economically and socio-politically.

Economically because by sheer accident the township is situated in the Orange Free State where black wages are substantially lower than in the neighbouring Transvaal.

The Tumahole residents are painfully aware of the wage discrepancy.

They are also aware that influx control laws do not permit them to market their labour in the more profitable areas of the Transvaal. That they have no choice but to be content with the "Vrystaat" wages.

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towns and slum areas, normally the Likud territory.

Unlike in 1981, Peres has hardly been seriously heckled, perhaps an indication that the masses are willing, if not to listen in silence, at least to give him a chance to explain Labour's policies.

dollars from exports a year, as well as providing weapons and systems for the use of the Israeli military machine.

Peres persuaded the French to help build the Israeli nuclear reactor in Dimona which, foreign sources indicate, is where Israel

he took another puff of his cigarette and started talking about revamping the Labour party.

Other Labour leaders including Yitzhak Rabin, steered clear for a few years, while Peres slowly put together a party which almost made it, again in 1981.

have their work cut out if they take over the government again. They view their success as the only event which can save Israel from becoming even more polarized, from a wide variety of catastrophes, ranging from economic disaster to a last stand war against the Arabs. □

● A man opens fire in crowded restaurant in San Ysidro, California, killing 20 people and wounding 17 more. Four of the wounded are reported to be in a critical condition, following the worst slaughter by one person in a single day in US history

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Why a township erupted

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The Tumahole residents have no real social or political contact with their more advanced neighbours in the Transvaal townships like the Vereeniging-Vanderbijlpark black complexes and Soweto. This has had the effect of the turning the Tumahole residents into a close-knit community with a culture and thinking of their own.

A prominent feature of Tumahole is the sharp contrast between the haves and the have-nots. Another is the vast gap between the well-educated and the illiterate.

These sharp contrasts, coupled with that of isolation, seem to have had a significant influence in the recent unrest.

It is not uncommon for certain people in the township to own a fleet of some of the latest luxury imported cars while on the other extreme, some residents cannot even afford a bicycle.

It is also a common occurrence for people to own a string of businesses in the area while hundreds of others cannot find work.

Similarly, it is a common sight to spot luxury double storey houses built next to the scores of shacks which have sprung up in the area.

Tumahole boasts of several university graduates and professional people, who would, by nature of their work, earn more than their lesser fortunate co-residents.

According to estimate figures

supplied by the residents, over 3 000 people are now workless as a result of the closure of some of the larger factories which provided work for the people.

Hundreds of workers have also been retrenched as a result of the current economic slump. It is also estimated that about 150 domestic workers, most of whom are sole breadwinners for their families, are also without work.

A random survey in Tumahole revealed that an average factory worker earned R18 a week, while those employed in shops and garages earn about R15 for the same period. Domestic workers earn an average of R30 per month.

The current high rate of unemployment and the increase in GST is having an adverse effect on the residents's living below the breadline.

The situation was aptly described by a widow, Mrs Nellie Motsoari, who said life in the area had simply become unbearable for most of the residents, especially those who had lost their jobs.

"I often think it is better to die than to live in this poverty-stricken hell".

The untimely announcement by the local town council that rents and other service charges were to be increased by as much as R15 per month in some instances, appears to have been "the straw which broke the camel's back," commented one resident.

It was this announcement which led to residents calling a public rally and inviting councillors to explain the reason for the increases.

All the councillors however, are reported to have declined the invitation to attend the rally which was held in the open veld outside the township.

According to reports, some of the councillors said attending the rally would be a "waste of time as the residents would have to pay the new rates anyway".

"This," said resident Mr Mpho Nkuna, "angered those who attended the rally."

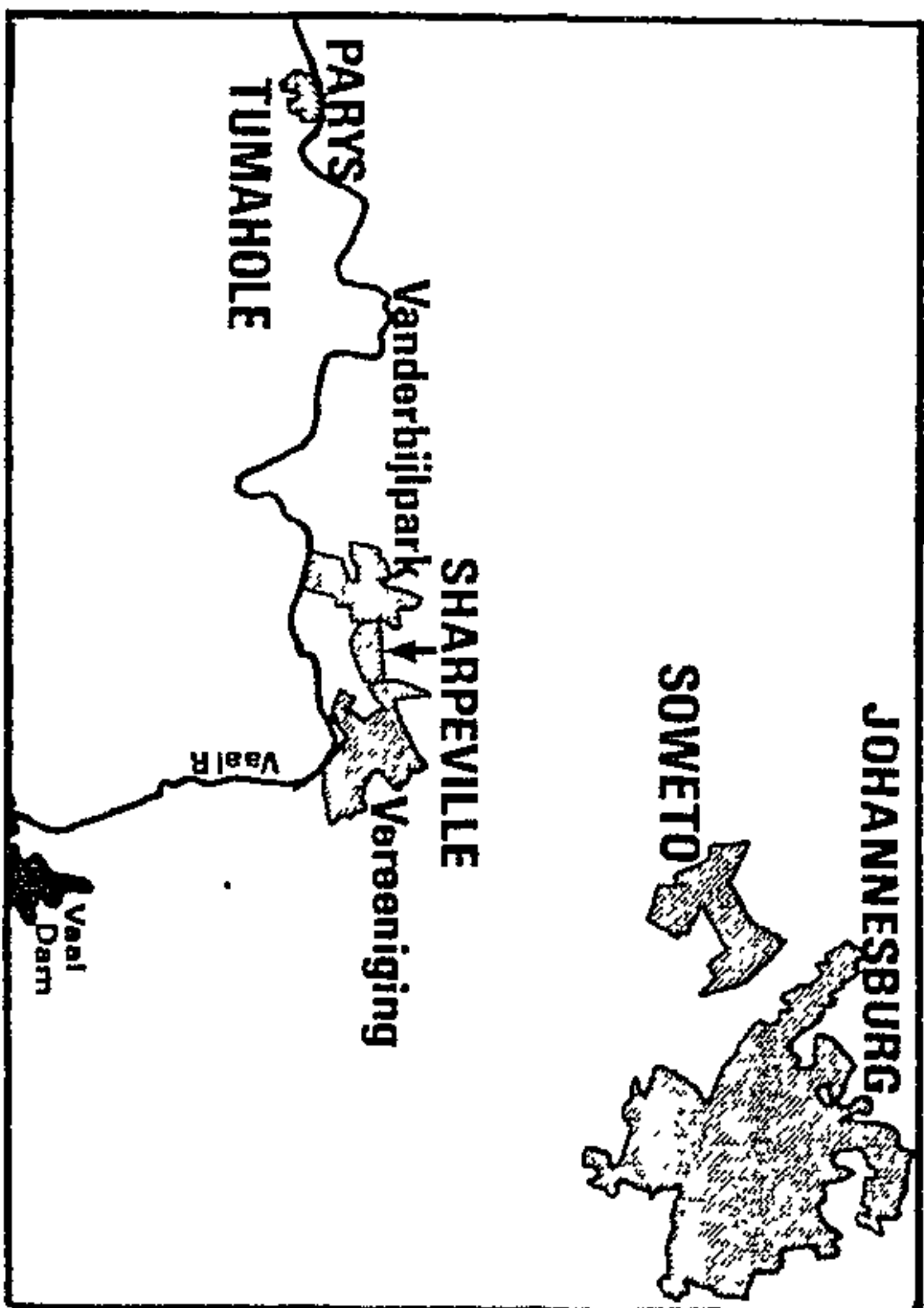
"How on earth can these people make decisions without consulting with us and still have the audacity to refuse to listen to our grievances?", he asked.

The councillor's failure to attend the rally angered the residents some of whom marched to their councillors to seek an explanation from them for failing to attend the meeting.

The residents claim that their peaceful march was foiled by the police who ordered them to disperse.

A clash between the police and the demonstrators ensued and the township was soon turned into a battlefield as the police charged the protesters with sjamboks and hurled tearsmoke canisters.

A block of shops belonging to one of the councillors, Mr Daniel Hla-



lele, was gutted during the unrest.

At least 50 people were arrested during the first six days of the raging unrest. The charges range from theft to looting and public violence, while others have been questioned by the Security Police.

Among them was Tumahole Civic Association chairman, Mr Joshua Mabena, who said the police questioned him about his civic involvement in the township.

"We do not want disturbances in our township. All we want are the councillors to have a frank discussion with the people whom they say they represent. That is all," said Mr Mabena.

Clearly emerging from the un-

rest — what the Tumahole residents call "the struggle of the poor," — was neither political motivation, nor an attempt to undermine authority. Their grievances it appears, stem from real bread and butter issues.

The current economic decline resulting in unemployment in their area, low wages, and an apparent lack of communication between the residents and the councillors, all seem to have contributed to the unrest.

The situation it seems, could at least be temporarily defused if the councillors came out to meet the residents and to reason with them and possibly strike a compromise.

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Jailed man may have died from multiple injuries

By PATRICK LAURENCE
Political Editor

MR BONAKELE NJALO, who died in police custody, had multiple injuries which are thought to have caused his death, a source close to the Njalo family said yesterday. A post mortem was conducted on Mr Njalo at the request of the family in Johannesburg by Dr Jonathan Gluckman yesterday. The findings are understood to have confirmed those of the State pathologist, who performed a post mortem on Tuesday.

In another development, a 38-year-old man, Mr Jack Tsaeko, appeared in the Parys Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with Mr Ngalo's death. No evidence was led and Mr Tsaeko was not asked to plead. The case was postponed to August 3.

Mr Tsaeko was a lodger in the Njalo home in Tumahole township, near Parys, according to a well-placed informant.

Tumahole was the scene of clashes at the weekend between police and local residents protesting against high rents and service charges, as well as the increase in General Sales Tax.

The national publicity secretary of the United Democratic Front, Mr Terror Lekota, has charged that Mr Njalo was assaulted by police last Sunday night. Mr Njalo was found dead in a police cell early on Monday morning.

Mr Lekota was detained for questioning at the entrance to Tumahole township on Sunday evening and later taken to Parys Police Station. While there, he saw police beating a man who is now certain was Mr Njalo, he charged at a news conference on Wednesday.

On Thursday, the police division of public relations issued a statement, disclosing that "police investigations have since brought to light that the deceased was involved in an argument with another man on 13 and 14 July which led to a scuffle".

The man was detained for questioning. He is understood to have been Mr Tsaeko, who appeared in court yesterday.

According to the police statement, Mr Njalo was later allegedly involved in an armed robbery attempt in Parys on Sunday at 7:30pm, during which he was kicked "several times" by the alleged victim.

Denying that Mr Njalo was assaulted by policemen, police said he was arrested in Parys at 9pm on Sunday night on a charge of drunkenness.

'BLAME THE SCHOOL'

COMMUNITY LEADERS have blamed local school authorities for the student unrest which exploded in the Welkom township of Thabong this week, saying the authorities had refused to heed demands made by students.

"They have mishandled the situation," deputy mayor Abel Mokoena told City Press this week warning that the situation in the township was "still explosive".

"The students drew up a list of demands and sent these to the authorities, but these grievances were not attended to," he said.

Mr Thabong has called an emergency meeting with the Theto Senior Secondary School students, who were involved in a day-long confrontation with police in which 18 people were arrested, after the youths refused to go back to school.

However, this has been rejected by the students, who refuse to talk to a "puppet body".

The Theto students first boycotted classes last week, and classes were suspended. However, the school

reopened this week after a meeting between parents and the authorities.

But because their demands had not been met, the students made a conscious decision to disrupt the school's reopening.

"We were aware that some students would not be re-admitted, as they had been branded as instigators," said a student representative.

"And our parents had already rejected it." Theto students were

joined by Thutagauta Secondary School students after throwing stones at the school buildings, and they proceeded to Lebohang Secondary School, whose students fought back.

The students marched into the streets and there was violence as they overturned vehicles, threw stones and smashed beerhalls.

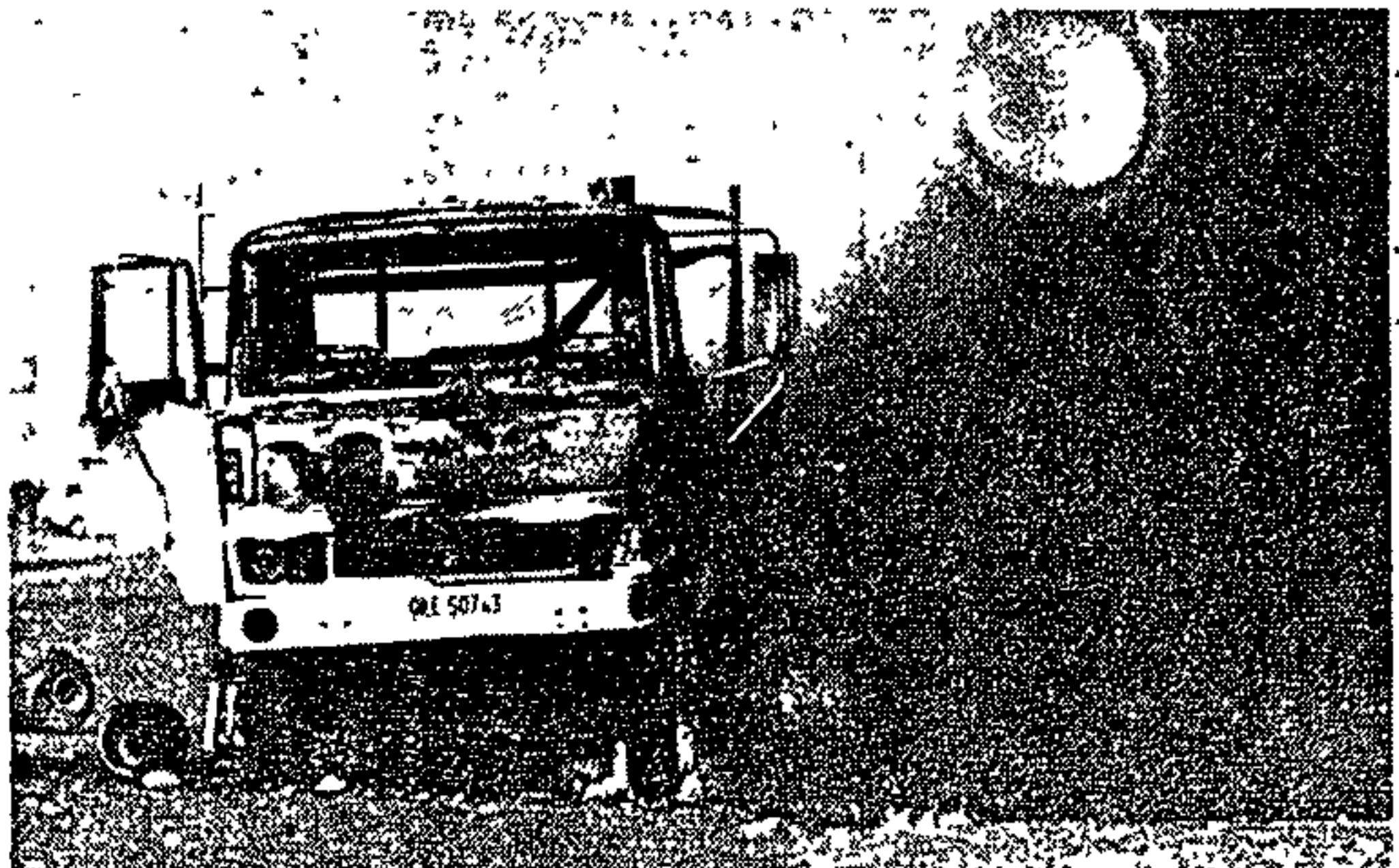
The township was soon turned upside-down as riot police tried to quell the situation.

They threw teargas, used sjamboks and fired rubber bullets at the rioters.

By late on Wednesday night, the streets were deserted except for police and youngsters who grouped in the streets.

Mr Mokoena issued a strong appeal for peace yesterday while the local community council "assessed the situation".

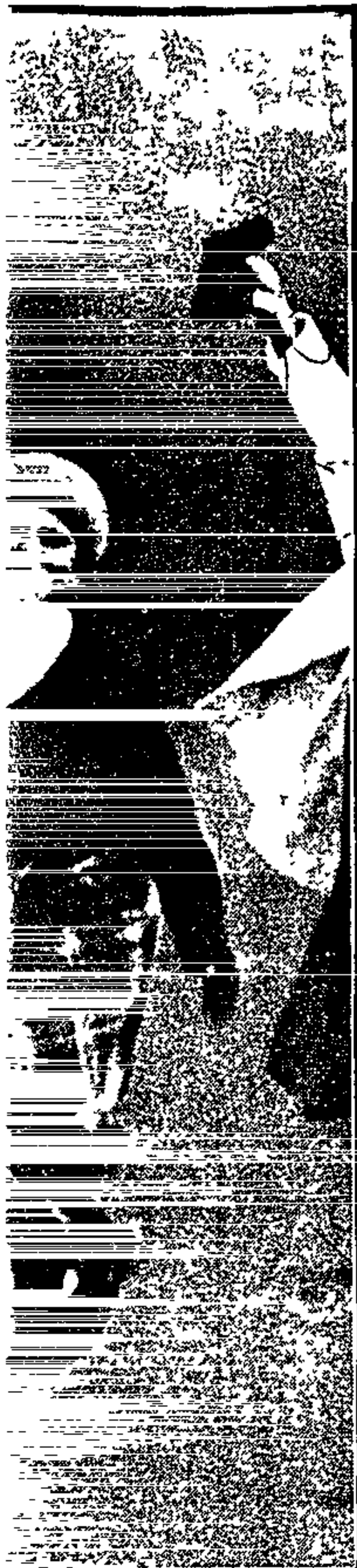
Police said no further incidents occurred yesterday.



One of the burnt-out trucks left after Wednesday's confrontation, with a tear-gas canister underneath it.

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18 held after Welkom riots

By SAM MABE

SEVERAL policemen were injured, a man shot in the stomach and 18 people arrested on charges of public violence during a stone-throwing riot which broke out in the Welkom township of Thabong this week.

A 19-year-old white youth was stabbed in the shoulder, stoned and had his motorcycle set alight, according to the Police Directorate of Public Relations.

In a statement released yesterday, the police said that a member of the police dog unit was assaulted by rioters. He was forced to use his service revolver and a man was injured in the stomach.

Both the wounded man and another who was bitten by a police dog were admitted to hospital where their condition was described as satisfactory. The injuries sustained by the policeman and his dog were not serious.

Police said the township was quiet yesterday and that the situation had returned to normal.

The rioting in Thabong broke out on Wednesday when Standard 9 and Standard 10 students were supposed to report for re-registration at their school, after three weeks of talks failed to resolve the deadlock between them and education authorities.

The school had been closed for the whole of last week after students started boycotting classes after complaints that the white teachers at their school used abusive language against students and that matriculants had been



Mrs ELIZABETH MTHOMBENI, mother of Enoch Mthombeni, one of the accused in the treason trial. Mr Mthombeni is one of the four who appeared on charges of treason at the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

for the whole of 1984.

After a parents/teachers meeting held at the weekend, the education authorities decided that the school would be re-opened but all students would have to re-register. On Wednesday Standard 9 and 10 students were to report for registration while others were to report on Friday and on Monday.

Looting

But the students resolved that they would all go to school on Wednesday. The students staged demonstration marches and were joined by those of Thutogauta and Lebogang High School.

In the rioting that ensued, there was looting

of shops and business premises were set alight. A student spokesman said four students were hit by rubber bullets and that one of them had his teeth knocked out.

The spokesman also said that 40 student leaders have been indefinitely suspended and that their letters of suspension give "boycotting classes, intimidation and provocation" as reasons for the suspension.

Students see the suspension as being tantamount to expulsion. Yesterday when they prepared to hold a meeting about the matter, police reportedly warned some of the suspended students to stay away from the gathering.

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By JOSHUA RABOROKO

FOUR alleged members of the banned African National Congress appeared briefly in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday on charges of high treason and alternatively contravening the Internal Security and the Terrorism Acts.

The charges include undergoing military training in Zambia and Angola with the aim of overthrowing or endan-

gering the State.

The men, Mr Nhlantzi (26), Mr Isihlani Bartholomew Mthombeni (27), Mr Sam Vulindlela Myeni (22) all of Mofolo South, Mr Enoch Vusi Mthombeni (22) of White City appeared before Mr Justice L le Grange.

They were not

'Rent hikes

THE RECENT 20 percent rent increases imposed by the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Town Council on local business sites were for the years 1983 and 1984 — despite the fact that the Town Council was not in power last year.

Mr Dan Mashao, a member of the delegation which held talks with the executive members of the Town Council over the rent issue on July 18, also told members of the local Chamber of Commerce and Industries at a report back meeting yesterday that the 20 percent rent increase on business sites was "a deliberate move to kill black business in the township."

Members of the Chambers resolved that the delegation should go back and appeal to the full council against the executive council's remark that their grievances had been "jotted down and noted."

Threatened

The businessmen and women also threatened to appeal to the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, should the council not be sympathetic to their pleas of imposing a reasonable increment which could be afforded by all.

The Chamber, whose

Mashao, the mayor, lashed out at Town Council and cursed it of having barked on a process to destroy black business in the township.

The traders also cursed the Town Council of encouraging other racial groups to infiltrate and operate businesses in the township, blacks being used "fronts."

Mr Dan Mashao to the traders at the meeting.



Police (277) unaware of riots in Thabong

Staff Reporters

Police were today unaware of any rioting anywhere in the country, including the Welkom township of Thabong, despite unconfirmed reports of renewed outbreaks of unrest there.

Reports from residents in the trouble-torn township at lunchtime indicated that rioting had broken out again late this morning, but was contained.

Senior police officers from Welkom were called to the scene. A reporter from The Star was prevented from entering the township, however, to check the allegations.

Lieutenant T. Jefferson of the Police Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria, said this afternoon that "police were not aware of any rioting anywhere in the country".

Earlier today, the township was quiet but tense as pupils prepared to discuss today's indefinite suspension of 40 student leaders from Teto High School.

At least three people were injured and 18 arrested in the rioting in Thabong yesterday.

"To date, 18 black men have been arrested for public violence," Lieutenant Jefferson said.

One man was shot in the stomach and another stoned and stabbed, said police.

Rioting broke out yesterday after three weeks of talks failed to break a deadlock between education authorities and boycotting pupils at Teto High School.

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Policeman stabbed in township rioting

Mercury Correspondent

BLOEMFONTEIN—A white motorcyclist was stoned and also stabbed by rioters in Welkom's Thabong Township on Wednesday night and his motorcycle burnt out.

A black man was shot in the stomach after a member of the police dog unit was also assaulted.

Several other people were injured when the police used tear-gas, rubber bullets and truncheons to disperse a crowd of about 500 youths in the township.

A spokesman for the Police Public Relations Division, Lt-Col Vic Haynes, confirmed that a white man was stoned by rioters about 7.45 p.m. on Wednesday and suffered a knife wound in his shoulder.

Hospital

His motorcycle was burnt out.

He also said a member of the police dog unit was forced to use his service pistol when he and his dog were attacked by the

rioters.

A black male was admitted to hospital after he had been bitten by a dog.

Several other police were also slightly injured in the fracas.

Lt-Col Haynes yesterday said 18 blacks had been arrested on charges of public violence since the unrest which broke out on Wednesday morning.

Hijacked

Yesterday morning pupils, who had returned to their schools, were sent home earlier than usual after vehicles entering the area were stoned and set alight.

A municipality bus was also set alight in the township yesterday morning.

Several police and privately owned vehicles were damaged. A brewery truck was hijacked and part of its load looted.

Roadblocks had also been set up preventing vehicles from entering the township.

One shot dead, two wounded in rioting (277) at Thabong *Star*

3/8/84

Staff Reporters

A man was shot dead and two youths were wounded by shotgun pellets and rubber bullets when police fired on rioters in what was described as "serious and extensive incidents of stone throwing" in the troubled Welkom township of Thabong yesterday.

Several people were arrested. The extent of the damage and the number of people arrested has not yet been established.

Lieutenant Tom Jefferson of the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said today: "A member of the South African Police was forced to make use of his firearm, a shotgun, after being hit in the chest by stone throwers. A 22-year-old black man was hit in the chest and legs by shotgun pellets."

FOUND DEAD

The man escaped and was later found dead elsewhere in Thabong. His death was being investigated, said Lieutenant Jefferson.

"Elsewhere in Thabong the police were also forced to fire on stone throwing rioters," the lieutenant said. "Another youth was wounded by shotgun pellets and a third hit by rubber bullets. The situation is now under control."

In the wake of yesterday's unrest more students have been arrested or detained, according to sources in Welkom. Police could not confirm this but they stated yesterday that 18 residents had been held after the first day of unrest.

A Johannesburg attorney who has been appointed to act for Thabong students confirmed that several had been held. She added that one of her clients, Mr Jeffrey Samuels, had been injured and was in hospital.

BOYCOTT

The two days of rioting followed three-week dispute between education authorities and pupils at Teto High School. The pupils mounted a boycott in protest at several alleged grievances.

The boycott gave way to an official suspension of classes and pupils elected a committee to represent them in talks with education authorities. Later, they claim, officials came to regard these people as instigators.

Last week a spokesman for the Department of Education and Training told The Star that the expulsion of ringleaders was the condition set by the circuit inspector for lifting the suspension on classes.

Yesterday's violence erupted after about 40 pupils had been informed they were indefinitely suspended. Letters of suspension said they had instigated and provoked trouble.

Wednesday's violence flared after pupils had refused to re-register for classes — they felt their grievances had not been answered.

Pupil (277) unrest *Star* erupts in *1/8/84* Thabong

Unrest broke out today in the Free State township of Thabong, near Welkom, after classes at three schools in the area were suspended.

Township sources said pupils had set up roadblocks to prevent cars entering the township, and police had used tearsmoke canisters to disperse the crowds.

Pupils of all ages — including primary school pupils — are said to be involved in the action.

Reports indicate some shops have been set alight and looting is occurring.

Welkom police confirmed operations in the township today but would not release details at the time of going to Press. It is understood a large contingent of police has gone into the township.

The suspension of classes by the Department of Education and Training was in response to a boycott by pupils at Theto High School three weeks ago. The suspension was extended to two more schools this week.

It is understood that Theto students were protesting against a shortage of teachers and bad relations between some white teachers and their pupils.

A department spokesman said last week the circuit inspector had insisted that certain pupils be expelled. This week he said officials were still investigating.

Classroom crisis

Cripple shot dead, 6 hurt after black pupils erupt

By Carolyn McGibbon

A CRIPPLED youth was shot dead and at least six other people seriously injured in a bloody confrontation between schoolchildren and police in a Free State township this week.

The bloodshed marked a crisis point in black education as more than 10 000 pupils from 20 schools across the country were out on the street in boycotts or because their schools had been closed.

Violence flared in the township of Thabong near Welkom on Wednesday after matric pupils from Theto High School marched out of the school grounds in protest against the suspension of 18 of their schoolmates.

According to Mr Job Schoeman, chief PRO for the Department of Education and Training, the chaos erupted when 10 pupils were re-enrolled following a boycott that started two weeks ago.

Shouting and singing, they marched to other schools and were dispersed from school grounds by police after a stone-throwing battle.

By noon the township was in chaos.

A policeman was hit in the chest by a stone and was "forced to make use of his firearm", said police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Vic Heyns.



Grinning youths rampage past burning tyres during the riot in Thabong township this week

He said police were "forced to shoot at stone-throwing rioters."

A young crippled man, Mr Ephraim Loape, 17, hobbling on his artificial leg with the aid of a cane, was shot in his chest and one leg and died later.

According to Col Heyns, "the incident is being investigated."

Another casualty was Mr Jeffrey Samuels, 19, who was employed in Welkom. He was reported to have sustained buckshot wounds in his shoulder and leg and is

recovering in hospital.

Schoolboy Jonas Mokoena, 16, was hit above the eye by a shotgun pellet and another scholar, Josias Modisenyan, 18, was hit in the head by a rubber bullet, he said.

An unidentified white youth, aged 19, was stabbed and his motorcycle was burnt in the violence.

Later police dogs were brought in. A township youth was attacked by a dog and a member of the SAP Dog Unit was hit with iron pipes by riot-

ers.

"He was forced to make use of his service pistol," said Col Heyns, and a young man, Mr Andries Maditla, 24, was wounded in the stomach.

The unrest in the township started on July 20 when 1 000 pupils at the Theto High School assembled in the quad and refused to go to class.

They handed in a list of grievances including a demand for better-qualified teachers, a call to abolish corporal punishment and for a democrat-

ically elected students' representative council.

That afternoon at closing time, teachers were physically harassed, according to a department spokesman.

On Wednesday 20 pupils were refused re-admission on the grounds that they had been party to assaults on teachers.

Meanwhile fresh boycotts have broken out in Nigel and Thembisa. Seven schools in Cradock are still being boycotted and six schools have been closed in Atteridgeville.

Evaton Indians loss R25-m

By Yussuf Nazeer

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The Evaton Indian community suffered losses estimated at more than R25 million in this week's rioting in the township.

Looting and burning affected about 40 shops and homes, several surgeries, a clinic and a car mart.

This was disclosed yesterday by bewildered victims at a meeting called in Vereeniging to decide the community's future.

More than 100 Indians who lived behind gutted shops are now homeless.

Several of the ransacked traders had no riot cover on their shops.

And those whose businesses were insured said they might have to wait months before compensation was paid.

DEJECTED

Last night frustrated and dejected families took refuge in the homes of friends and relatives.

They spoke of being "stabbed in the back" and let down by Evaton's blacks.

They said a warm friendship between the two communities had existed for many years.

Mr Abubakr Nathie, whose shop and two homes were looted and destroyed, said: "We had pledged our solidarity with the black community here.

"When the blacks asked us last week to close our shops and to show our support for their rent protest we gladly did so."

CLINIC

Dr Mohamed Coovadia said Indian doctors who had started a clinic offering free treatment in the township had been badly let down by those who had burnt it.

He added: "They have deprived hundreds of poor people of the medical treatment they were receiving."

Mr Ahmed Nana said he could not believe his eyes when he found his shop ablaze and people he knew carrying away his goods.

Three cows belonging to Mrs E Nana were said to have been chopped up and the meat carried off by the rioters.

Crowd calls for talks on rent hike

Staff Reporters

Chief of the South African Defence Force General Constand Viljoen toured Sharpeville today and was briefed by the South African Police.

A crowd of several hundred people waving white flags had gathered outside the Development Board offices and demanded negotiations over the proposed rent increase.

They were told that General Viljoen would address them, but it has not been possible to confirm whether this was done.

As they demanded talks the Vaal Triangle violence flared up again. Unconfirmed reports said the unrest, which has left 29 dead, has now spread to two East Rand townships, Tembisa and Vosloorus.

Lieutenant B van der Wald said today that riot police used rubber bullets to disperse mobs of rioters who were stoning buses in the Sharpeville-Sebokeng area.

"At least one other house has been stoned and damaged since yesterday and early today a riot police truck was fired on with live ammunition as it moved along the Vereeniging freeway," the police officer said.

Lieutenant van der Wald said the police would issue a statement this afternoon.

A group of marching students was dispersed in Tembisa today. Unconfirmed reports said students in Vosloorus had marched on a police station and several were arrested.

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Relief work hampered by security — UDF

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Heavy security measures in the townships of the Vaal Triangle are hampering community groups in their attempts to help the bereaved and injured in the area, the United Democratic Front has claimed.

Despite difficulties efforts were continuing to get doctors into the area, to distribute food where there are no shops left standing, and to make lawyers available, said the Rev Frank Chikane, UDF Transvaal vice-president.

He said after a meeting yesterday with the Vaal Civic Association and the Evaton Ratepayers' Association, that members of these groups were experiencing great difficulty moving around the townships to assist distressed families.

He added that the civic association alleged its leaders were being singled out for police visits and that executive member Mr Edward Motupatsi had been held by police since early yesterday.

The Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria has confirmed that Mr Motupatsi is being held in terms of section 50(1) of the Internal Security Act.

Police allegedly also visited the home of Mr Sam Matlole, treasurer of the Sebokeng Zone 7 committee, where it is said they confiscated his wife's reference book, locked the telephone and removed the key.

INVESTIGATION

It is believed they also visited the home of vice-chairman Mr Esau Raditsela but found the house unoccupied.

Police have said that they cannot comment on every investigation, but have advised that people with grievances should lodge complaints. They say it is unlikely they would visit an empty house.

The civic association — including all neighbourhood sub-committees except Sharpeville, and the ratepayers' group have appealed to residents to help restore peace to the township.

They have asked that people stop destroying property and endangering their fellows. Residents have undertaken to attempt to safeguard remaining shops. Several church organisations have pledged emergency food supplies, the distribution of which will be co-ordinated by the civic organisations, said Mr Chikane.

Ministers fly into uneasy Vaal Triangle

Staff Reporters

Three senior Cabinet Ministers have been flown into the riot-torn Vaal Triangle as the issue of increased rents, which sparked this week's violence, remains under close examination.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr F W de Klerk, and the Minister of National Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, arrived in Vereeniging today accompanied by Colonel Leon Mellet and Lieutenant-Colonel Vic Haynes of the South African Police.

They were due to go on a helicopter tour of the townships but it is not known whether they are there to enter into any negotiations on the rent issue.

Discussions between residents and the Orange-Vaal Development Board continued today.

When the three Vaal townships — Sharpeville, Sebokeng and Evaton — erupted in an orgy of death, stoning, burning and looting on Monday morning, residents were unaware that the board had decided to postpone the increases for a month because they had not been gazetted.

The increases are now due to come into effect on October 1.

A spokesman for the residents committee which negotiated with board officials yesterday said an undertaking had been given that the increases would be scrapped, but Mr Kasie Louw, Orange-Vaal Development Board spokesman, said today that no such undertaking had been given.

Yesterday's efforts to restore peace and calm to Sharpeville ended in stalemate after a delegation from residents held several discussions with representatives of local authorities.

The Lekoa Town Council would have had no legal right to impose rent rises on the Vaal townships on September 1.

The council failed to publish the proposed rises in the Government Gazette before they were due to be applied. In fact, by September 1 it had not even taken the first step of submitting them to the Department of Co-operation and Development.

The death toll in this week's unrest in the townships of the Vaal Triangle and the East Rand has risen to 31. Yesterday, in Sebokeng, the body of a man was found by police who are treating it as a murder case. In Vosloorus, on the East Rand, a schoolboy was stabbed to death during a confrontation with another group of youths.

The violence in the townships continued last night with shops, houses and vehicles being set alight.

In Welkom about 200 youths went on the rampage causing thousands of rands damage during a parents' meeting.

Jesse Jackson slams SA unrest and visa refusal

The Star Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Rev Jesse Jackson visited the South African embassy here yesterday to protest his being denied an entry visa and to threaten a boycott of American corporations doing business in South Africa.

The black leader and five members of the National Baptist Convention were received by the Ambassador, Mr Brand Fourie, who told him that his visa application had not been rejected but that its timing was "inopportune".

Later, outside the embassy building, Mr Jackson issued a statement in which he said that "those assembled here" would examine the initiation of a selective boycott of corporations doing business in South Africa.

Only through such actions could there be an alignment with those in South Africa struggling to free themselves from apartheid and could the US be put on the side of freedom, he said.

He said the serious violence in South Africa this week was a response to the first instance to the increase in the rents for the miserable hovels in which people in the townships were forced to live.

"But this was only the match which has ignited their basic opposition to the new constitutional reforms that have excluded them from the franchise or representation," Mr Jackson said.

He condemned the US Government for having a "lukewarm" response to the rioting.

"The policy of constructive engagement is shown to be a failure by the dramatic action of the people inside South Africa and by our own inability or unwillingness to bring the South African Government to use restraint."

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The school boycott has spread to the East Rand township of Vosloorus where 2 000 black pupils are staying away from school, a spokesman from the Department of Education and Training (DET) said this morning.

This brings the official boycott figure in the Vaal Triangle to more than 107 000 pupils.

Countrywide, pupils from 21 schools are boycotting classes.

In the East Rand townships of Daveyton, Katlehong, Thokoza and Watville about 11 000 continued their boycott.

The DET says classes have been suspended at 12 schools including four in Tembisa and one in Alexandra.

parents' meeting



Mrs Ramola Ragoo shows her eye which was sjambokked.

Sjambok victim may lose eye

Mrs Ramola Ragoo (35), who was allegedly sjambokked in the face by police during violence on Indian polling day last week, still does not know if she has lost the sight of her left eye.

Interviewed today at the St John Ewe Hospital, Baragwanath, with her husband, Sonny (52) who was also assaulted, she said "a number of foreign governments" had approached her family with offers of medical treatment in their countries.

Mr Ragoo declined to name the governments involved. He also said he and his wife would be taking legal action against the people responsible.

"At the moment we still do not know how severe the injury to my wife is," he said. "But we will certainly sue."

Mrs Ragoo, who was still in pain, described what happened.

"I had been shopping at a supermarket in Lenasia," she said. "I was about to pay when police rushed into the shop lashing out with sjamboks."

"I tried to get out of the way but one of them ran up to me and hit me hard. I fell down. He then trampled my head. I don't remember any more until I woke up in hospital."

Mr Ragoo was also assaulted when he was taken from a van near a polling station and beaten with sjamboks. "The wounds are still painful," he said.

Mrs Ragoo added that she doubted whether she would accept offers of foreign medical treatment. "As far as I understand we have the best eye doctors here in South Africa."

Her husband said he wished to correct an error of fact in *The Star* last week. He is not the owner of the supermarket where his wife was assaulted. He owns a clothing shop in Lenasia.

Rent rise was only the trigger

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To outsiders it might be beyond belief that a rent increase of only R5,90 in the Vaal townships could provoke a sizeable work stayaway, protest marches and — once the violence had started — vicious attacks on community councillors. It also led to massive police action, including the use of shotguns, rubber bullets and teargas. The known toll has been 29 lives and countless injuries.

But there are clear pointers that what seemed like revolt at a single-figure rent rise was actually outrage over a number of economic and political issues.

By Jo-Anne Collinge

The pattern had already been seen in Cradock and Parys — with only slightly less tragic results — and this lends weight to the argument that rents are but a trigger to more basic protest.

Residents stress that, initially, the demonstrations were over an added financial burden that many found unreasonable or unbearable. This was the basis on which people gathered at public meetings and resolved to organise a stayaway from work on Monday.

But more general political antagonism was equally clearly shown by the immense anger directed at community councillors. The small percentage poll in the elections which put these men into office suggests that the whole system of local gov-

ernment has long been spurned by residents.

At mass meetings which preceded the Monday stayaway call, the talk was of rents — rents that people found more and more difficult to pay as GST increased, basic foods became more expensive and transport fares rose.

The Vaal Civic Association, one of several groups involved in the action, insists that the council knew people were struggling to pay rents.

But, it says, the council's reaction was to insure itself against rent losses by introducing a R50 "deposit", payable by all tenants in Bopeloneg. Anyone evicted for rent arrears would forfeit the deposit, residents were told when they queried this new charge which

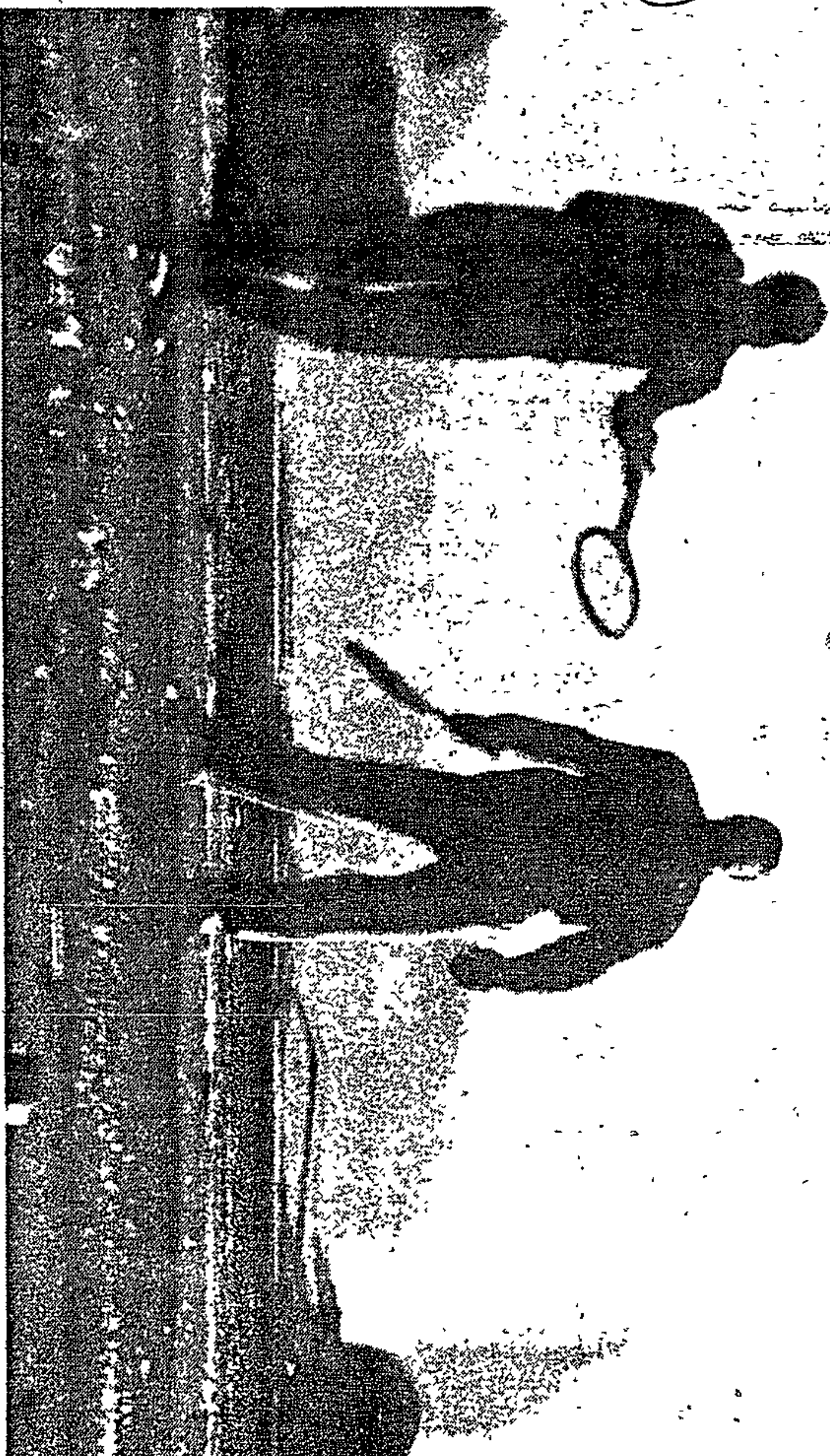
was also scheduled to be paid from September 1.

Leaders of the Civic Association point out: "People were angry, not only at the increments, but at the present rents."

The lowest rate in the area is said to be just over R50 a month in Zone 7, Sebokeng. At the upper end of the scale are rents of R70 in Bopeloneg and upwards of R70 in Sebokeng's Zone 12s where income determines rental.

Residents who are paying their houses under the 99-year lease scheme have found the council rises still hit them through site rentals (the equivalent of assessment rates in

After the violence in Sharpeville, it was calm enough yesterday for two residents to try impromptu tennis.



white suburbs) and service charges. A typical rate, excluding electricity charges, is R40 a month.

The United Democratic Front, to which several Vaal community organisations are affiliated, has emphasised that the burden of higher rents was imposed by "a council that represents nobody".

And, certainly, the Lekoa and Evaton councils, formed under the Black Local Authorities Act last year, were far from representative.

The Lekoa councillors, for instance, came to power on 14 321 votes. In a community of 160 000 adults that means the support of nine percent of the

people, or 15 percent of recognised voters.

In Evaton the poll was an unequivocal 1,6 percent of all adults — five percent of recognised voters.

The huge stayaway was doubtless a mixture of apathy and boycott. But the boycott voice was strongly heard in the Vaal where a civic association was launched by more than 1 000 people just two months before the poll.

It styled itself a grassroots alternative to the community councils and conducted a vigorous anti-election campaign stressing:

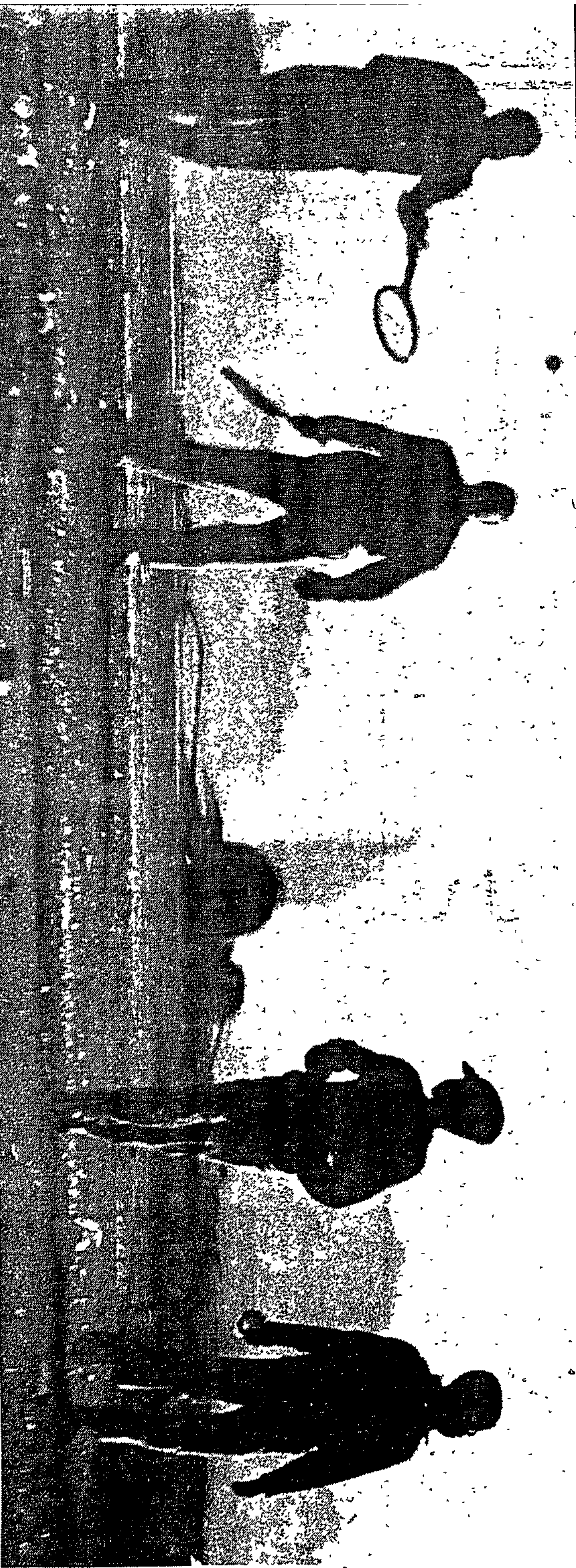
● That the fundamental denial of political rights to black

South Africans was touched by communities which rested on land and the maintenance of homelands.

At the launch of Civic Association, a committee of 10 chaired by Mollana said: "We not accept pacific councils as a trade-in central government."

● That the council under the Black Local Authorities Act would not be autonomous — meriting. And they wanted immediate sources apart from rents, housing sales.

Dr Mollana put: "There is absolutely



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imposed by "a council that rep-
resents nobody".

And, certainly, the Lekoa
and Evaton councils, formed
under the Black Local Authori-
ties Act last year, were far
from representative.

The Lekoa councillors, for
instance, came to power on
14 321 votes. In a community of
160 000 adults that means the
support of nine percent of the

South Africans was left un-
touched by community councils
which resied on influx control
and the maintenance of the
homelands.

At the launch of the Vaal
Civic Association, Soweto Com-
mittee of 10 chairman Dr Ntla-
to Mottlana said people should
not accept pacifying dummy
councils as a trade-off for a say
in central government.

That the councils set up
under the Black Local Authori-
ties Act would not really be au-
tonomous — merely self-fin-
ancing. And they would have no
immediate sources of revenue
apart from rents, licences and
housing sales.

Dr Mottlana put it this way:
"There is absolutely no way the

books of black local authorities
can be made to balance. There
is an inbuilt imbalance because
development of infrastructure
— roads, electricity, drainage
— was neglected for years
when townships were seen as
camps for temporary so-
journers."

The UDF, the Black Sash, the
Azanian People's Organisation
predicted that sharp rental and
service tariff rises would occur
as soon as the new councils
were faced with the task of
budgeting.

Since December rent and
tariff rises have been imple-
mented in Kagiso, Vosloorus,
Thokoza, Tembisa, Tumahole,
Cradock, Atteridgeville, Sowe-
to and Mamelodi. They are on

the cards in Mhluzi, Galeshewe,
Kallahong, Ratanda, Daveyton
and Alexandra.

At the Parys township of Tu-
mahole, just 30 minutes from
Sebokeng and Evaton, rent rise
protests ended in clashes be-
tween police and residents.

It appears that shifting re-
sponsibility for township ad-
ministration from the central
government to local councils
has failed to depoliticise social
services such as housing,
creches, and recreation facil-

ities.
On the contrary, the political
criticism has intensified and
residents have found ready tar-
gets for their anger in the
councillors, who continue to
man the unpopular authorities.

Sustained violence takes its toll

By Michael Tisong

OVER the past week South Africa, in particular the Transvaal, has experienced one of its most intense and sustained anti-government protest periods.

The protests, which in many cases turned into confrontations with the police, overshadowed the pomp and ceremony in Cape Town where coloured and Indian parliamentarians took another step in the implementation of the new constitution, by taking up their seats in the tri-cameral Parliament.

The protests — included:

- Bloody anti-rent demonstrations in the Vaal Triangle in which at least 29 people died — three were community councillors killed by rampaging mobs;
- A clash with police after the stoning of a police station, a library and a Post Office by about 500 people in Vosloorus township, Boksburg;
- School boycotts in which more than 125 000 black pupils in the Transvaal stayed away from class;
- A class boycott of about 3 000 students in Queens town, Cape;
- The burning of two offices at the University of Zululand in Natal;
- The ongoing boycott by students at the University of the North (Turfloop);
- The suspension of schools in Welkom in the Free State for the second time after an abortive re-opening on Monday;
- A confrontation between youths and the police in

The incidents all seemed linked by one factor — dissatisfaction with the administration of the affairs of black people.

Tembisa where a bus and a delivery van were set alight; and

- Limpet mine explosions in Johannesburg.

The incidents all seemed linked by one factor — dissatisfaction with the administration of the affairs of black people.

In the townships the result has been violent confrontation and death.

In Sharpeville, Sebokeng, Evaton, Bophelong and Boipatong in the Vaal Triangle, police fired countless tearsmoke canisters when people protested against the increase in rents.

Live bullets were also fired and police later admit-

ted killing some of the protesters.

Police chased more than 3 700 students off the Turfloop campus on Wednesday after the rector, Professor C Mokgokong, warned students to return to class or be forcibly removed from the campus.

In Vosloorus where there is a boycott of classes, police dispersed crowds in the township with tearsmoke.

At some of the schools where students boycotted classes in the Transvaal, there was also a police presence.

In Tembisa, where the

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A sorry week of violence, mainly in the Transvaal

four high schools recently boycotted classes because of the Department of Education and Training's age restriction, police acting under the Riotous Assemblies Act, used tearsmoke to disperse students that gathered outside the schools.

In terms of numbers of people involved in the protests, most people have been students protesting against the administration and content of education for blacks. The crisis in black education exploded into full-scale unrest in which hundreds of people died in 1976 and 1977. In a repeat performance in

1980, more people died in nationwide protests concerning education.

The problem has not been solved and so the dissatisfaction persists. The accommodation of blacks in homeland government and local township authorities are obviously rejected.

Rejection of people who took part in the two bodies has also manifested itself in violence. Community councillors' homes in the Transvaal have been attacked regularly by petrol-bombers. Councillors were killed in the Vaal unrest. On Thursday morning the

home of Dobsonville Mayor, Mr Don Mmes, was attacked. In most bombings, damage to homes was slight, but in some cases the occupants were lucky to escape alive.

More violence seems in store. During an anti-racial meeting last month, the Azanian People's Organisation warned that those who "connive" with the government in implementing its laws, would "suffer the wrath of the oppressed people."

Is the violence this week the result? ☐



One of the victims of teargas at Evaton township.

ISSUE OF THE WEEK (Cont): THE TOWNSHIP RIOTS

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Man is shot dead in new township unrest

Staff Reporters

A man was shot dead and a policeman seriously injured as the unrest which has been sweeping through large regions of the Transvaal and Free State flared again at the weekend.

According to the police a mob of people gathered outside the house of Katlehong's mayor, Mr A P Kumalo, on Saturday and began stoning it.

They then set fire to the house, causing extensive damage to the buildings and destroying a week-old car.

When the police arrived Constable S B Mnwanga was caught by the mob in the confusion. He was hacked with a panga and seriously injured.

Police opened fire and a fleeing man was shot dead.

The dead man was identified as Mr Simeon Sibisi. Mr Johannes Rampore sustained a bullet wound in a leg.

Constable Mnwanga was taken to Katlehong Hospital.

In Sebokeng, police used tear-gas and rubber bullets to disperse crowds after they had stoned police vehicles and set up makeshift roadblocks.

Police also confiscated a film from a BBC television crew.

In Soweto a store belonging to the Mayor of Dobsonville, Mr Don Mmes, was petrol bombed and damaged.

Birdshot was fired at the crowd which gathered outside the store and they fled.

BUS SET ALIGHT

In two other incidents in Soweto at the weekend a Development Board vehicle was stoned and a bus was overturned and set alight.

The townships were reported to be quiet early today.

The Public Relations Division of the SAP said in Pretoria that there was disruption at two gatherings in Sebokeng.

Major Kobus van Rooyen, a spokesman for the SAP, said bus

services in Sebokeng had been stopped today.

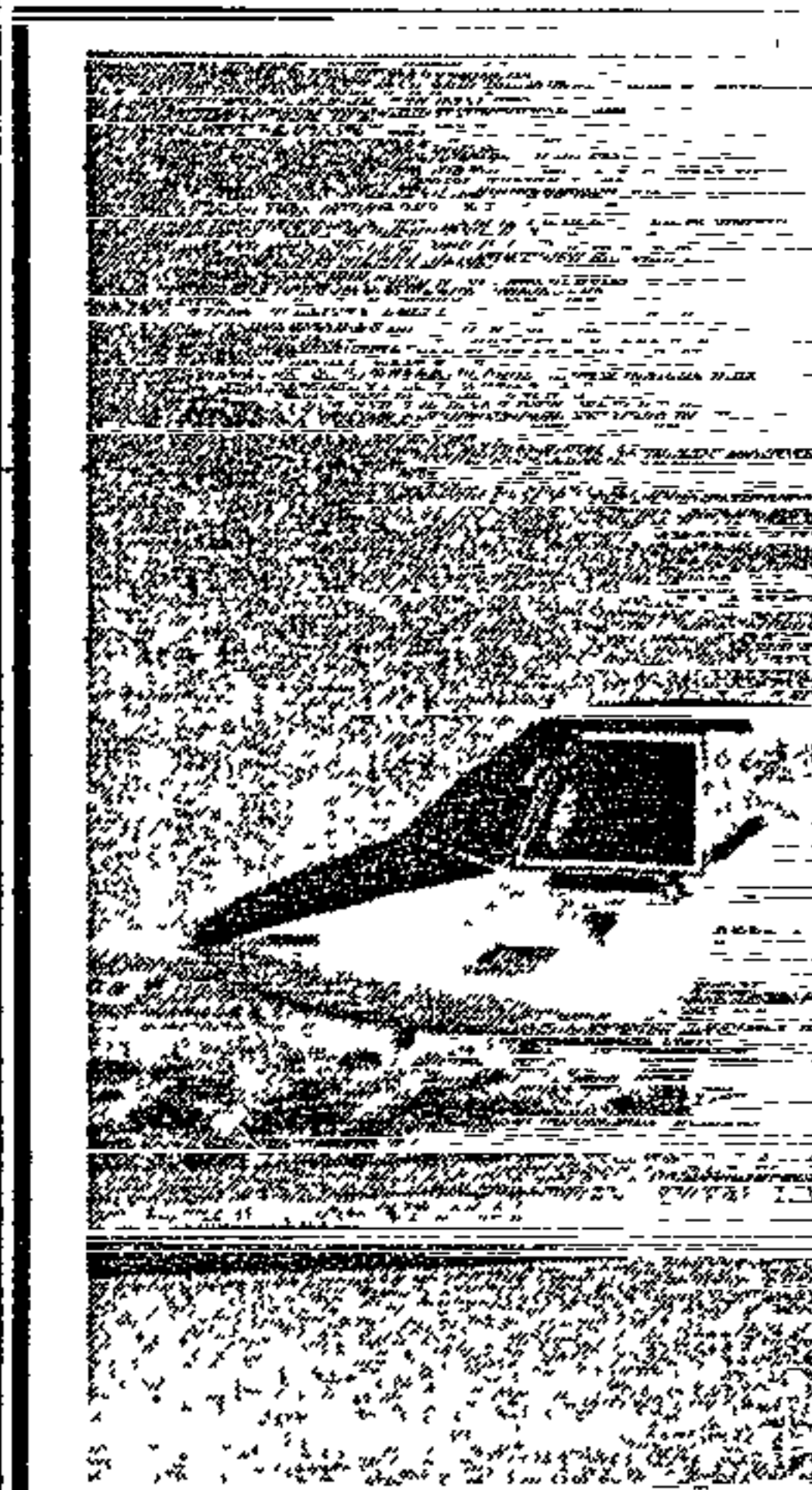
The Health Workers Association has started clinics at two centres in the Vaal area at the invitation of the Vaal Civic Association and the Evaton Ratepayers Association.

The clinics will be at the Roman Catholic church, Small Farms, Evaton, and the Anglican church, Zone 13, Sebokeng. They will be open between 5 pm and 9 pm daily.

More than 150 injured people were treated in Sharpeville and Sebokeng yesterday by a voluntary team of doctors and nurses from the Azanian People's Organisation's health secretariat.

Dr Abu-Baker Asvat, who led the team, said the commonest injury was rubber bullet wounds.

Police said they did not have to take any action in Daveyton at the weekend when thousands of people, mainly youths, defied a ban on meetings and gathered at the funerals of four youths who died in last week's unrest.



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POLITICAL REPORT

Labour MPs to meet on rumours of split

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — MPs of the Labour Party will meet in Cape Town today to sort out suggestions of serious differences within their ranks and the possibility of a split in the party.

Slabbert is baffled

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — Opposition leader Dr F Van Zyl Slabbert said today he could not understand why the Labour Party leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, had made a public issue of a private letter Dr Slabbert had written to him.

Extracts from the letter, in which Dr

In political circles there was scepticism today about suggestions that a genuine split is developing.

The manoeuvres appeared to be aimed at creating a group posing as the new official opposition in order to keep out the People's Congress Party, which has only two members in the House of Representatives.

The creation of such a group could keep the PCP from getting three seats on the new President's Council.

Ten coloured MPs, under the leadership of Mr Peter Mopp, who represents the Border constituency, have been mentioned as the breakaway group.



Free State unrest as pupils rampage

Cape Times 11/1/85 (277)

Own Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG. — Unrest broke out yesterday in Meloding Township near Virginia in the Free State when pupils went on the rampage.

According to a spokesman for the police directorate in Pretoria a black inspector called the police when pupils at a

school in Meloding township "started rioting".

Police arrived at the scene and found pupils marching along the road. They defied orders by police to disperse. Rubber bullets were fired and tear smoke was used to disperse the crowd.

Vehicles stoned

This was after the pupils had stoned police vehicles. No arrests and no injuries were reported, police said.

In Bothaville, two tractors belonging to the local administration board were yesterday clearing debris that had been placed in the early morning to obstruct motorists.

A crowd of about 200 youths approached the debris-removers, ordered them to leave, and stoned the tractors.

Police arrived at the scene and were also stoned. The crowd was dispersed by rubber bullets and sjamboks.

A spokesman for the Department of Education and Training in Pretoria, said there were no classes at Bothaville and Virginia schools yesterday.

Windows damaged

School unrest in the two black townships in the Free State followed similar trouble in Beaufort West in the Cape Province on Wednesday. According to police, about 100 students from Pinus Township went on the rampage on Wednesday.

Police said a local administration board office was damaged and six windows at the nearby Lausen Secondary School were damaged by the youths.

A boycott at a secondary school in Kimberley spread to another school in the area yesterday. Boycotting youths from the Tshireleco secondary school invaded the Thabane school premises and chased pupils from their classes.

CAPE TOWN 31/1/85

Unrest flares again at Free State schools

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Two more Free State townships have been hit by school boycotts and unrest flared again yesterday in Bothaville when youths set up road blockades and damaged two police vehicles and a delivery truck.

Police used tearsmoke to disperse a group of about 600 Bothaville youths who threatened to set fire to policemen's homes in the township, a police spokesman said.

Chaos also erupted at a secondary school in Virginia after pupils met the vice-principal and handed him a list of grievances.

Pupils then stoned the school and police used tearsmoke to disperse them, a police spokesman said.

At a school in Galashewe, Kimberley, pupils yesterday boycotted classes in solidarity with five former pupils who are to appeal against a conviction.

Following school disturbances in 1980, the pupils were found guilty of malicious damage to property, the regional director for the Free State, Mr N Botha, said.

Meanwhile, the Department of Education and Training has suspended classes at the Nkumbulo High School in KwaThema, Springs, after a week-long boycott during which pupils demanded that their principal be sacked.

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Smoke used to disperse rioters

TEARSMOKE, rubber bullets and sjamboks were used yesterday to disperse about 800 rampaging pupils in townships near Bothaville and Virginia, in the Free State, yesterday.

By ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

A spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria, said about 200 youths set up several roadblocks in Khutshong township yesterday morning and started attacking passing cars.

Police arrived at the scene and dispersed the youths with sjamboks and rubber bullets.

Violence

Yesterday's violence followed another flare-up on Tuesday in which three people, including two female teachers, were injured, cars damaged and two gutted and four houses attacked and the furniture destroyed.

The police spokesman

said the trouble started at Mohapi High School when a group of pupils surrounded two school teachers and threatened to assault them. The teachers escaped after firing shots with their private firearms.

The teachers and other staff ran to the school bus with the students chasing them and attempted to flee to safety. Two female teachers were slightly injured when the youths stoned the bus.

After the bus had left the group went to four houses belonging to policemen, destroyed furniture in three of them and set fire to the fourth

one.

Two cars belonging to policemen were set alight and attempts to overturn and burn two others belonging to the school's vice-principal and principal were unsuccessful.

The injured youth's condition was reported as serious. Police also said that about 50 people have been arrested in connection with the unrest.

In Virginia police using tearsmoke dispersed about 600 primary pupils who allegedly damaged four vehicles, two belonging to the police, and stoned a local school.

2 000 Kroonstad pupils go on township rampage

277 Star 11/2/85

By Mike Cohen
Crime Reporter

More than 2 000 pupils went on the rampage in the black township near Kroonstad today razing houses, gutting and stoning vehicles, and attacking prominent members of the community.

According to a spokesman for the Northern Free State police division, the number of injuries or deaths is as yet unknown. Police used rubber bullets, batons and teargas in an attempt to disperse the pupils who had split into numerous rioting groups.

The rioting began at

8.30 am in the Seeisoville township when more than 16 000 scholars of the Bodibeng High school boycotted classes. They all gathered in the school grounds and stoned the school buildings.

RAMPAGE

Large-scale damage was caused as the youths went on the rampage. Cars belonging to school personnel were stoned and damaged. The staff were forced to flee.

The group of students then moved to the nearby Kananelo high school where they were joined by a further 1 400

boycotting students. They all left the school and gathered in groups in the streets.

All the other schools were closed when news spread of the outbreak of violence.

The groups then stoned cars and delivery vehicles in the township. Scores of vehicles were overturned and set alight and many of them were gutted.

● The Star's Port Elizabeth correspondent reports three trucks were destroyed by petrol bombs and five policemen were injured by stones as unrest continued in Eastern Cape black townships at the weekend.

OFS racked by unrest

By THELMA TUCH 12/2/85

MASSIVE unrest racked the Seeisoville township in Kroonstad yesterday, when more than 3 000 youths set fire to homes, overturned cars and destroyed 27 businesses, leaving a trail of damage of over R500 000.

Police used rubber bullets, tears smoke and sjamboks as rampaging youths overturned vehicles and set them alight, destroying 18, reports Sapa.

Twenty-seven business premises were gutted by fire and stone-throwing and 12 others were less seriously damaged, said Captain J Fouche, of the SAP in Welkom.

The home of a headmaster was one of two private houses razed by fire and damage was estimated at R581 000, he said.

Fourteen men and eight women, aged between 14 and 37, were arrested on charges of public violence and would probably appear in the Kroonstad Magistrate's Court today, he added.

Two people were seriously injured, according to a spokesman at the local hospital.

Meanwhile, the prolonged school stayaways continued in the Eastern Cape yesterday. According to a DET spokesman in the region:

- There was no attendance at seven Cradock schools, four in Fort Beaufort and eight in Uitenhage.

- Attendance at 11 secondary schools in Port Elizabeth ranged from 25% to 85%.

- In Graaff-Reinet, about 49% of pupils stayed away from a secondary school.

- In Port Alfred, 65% of pupils returned to a secondary school.

- At Grahamstown's three secondary schools, attendance ranged from 66% to 81%.

- In Pretoria, pupils from six Mamelodi secondary schools returned to their classes. The suspension of classes at the Vlaktefontein Technical High school — hit by unrest last week — will be lifted today.

- Pupils from three schools in Kimberley were yesterday reported to have ended their school boycott.

Minis

By LINDA E

THE MINISTER yesterday agreed to a woman who was "flying" at Jan Smuts by a floor washing.

However Mrs L. Plantinga, 45, a hairdresser, said that even if it cost R100 000 "it would save me for all through".

Mrs Plantinga, of Edenvale, claimed medical expenses, rings and general damage as a result of the accident.

Perks

PARLIAMENT. — fringe benefits tax should be implemented and should be announced by the Minister of Finance, Mr du Plessis, said.

He said the Maritzburg structure had made a report a few days ago and would be submitted for a final decision on Wednesday.

Mr du Plessis said the Second Reading of the Part Appropriation

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Several shops were damaged and looted yesterday when violence erupted in Seisoville, Kroonstad, after pupils from a local high school went on the rampage.

Youth (17) dies in Free State township violence (277) S far 12/2/85

By Mike Cohen,
Crime Reporter

A black youth died in hospital last night after being injured during fierce rioting in the township near Kroonstad yesterday.

Damage has been estimated at nearly R600 000 after thousands of youths went on the rampage following a school boycott. More than 50 business premises were destroyed, looters and arsonists stormed through the township.

Police have arrested more than 30 people on charges ranging from public violence to malicious damage to property. Many of them are to appear in court in Kroonstad today.

Captain J Fouche, police spokesman for the Northern Free State, said the home of the Ambassador to Qwa Qwa, Mr D A Thejane, was burnt to the ground last night.

The Ambassador was not at home at the time of the attack.

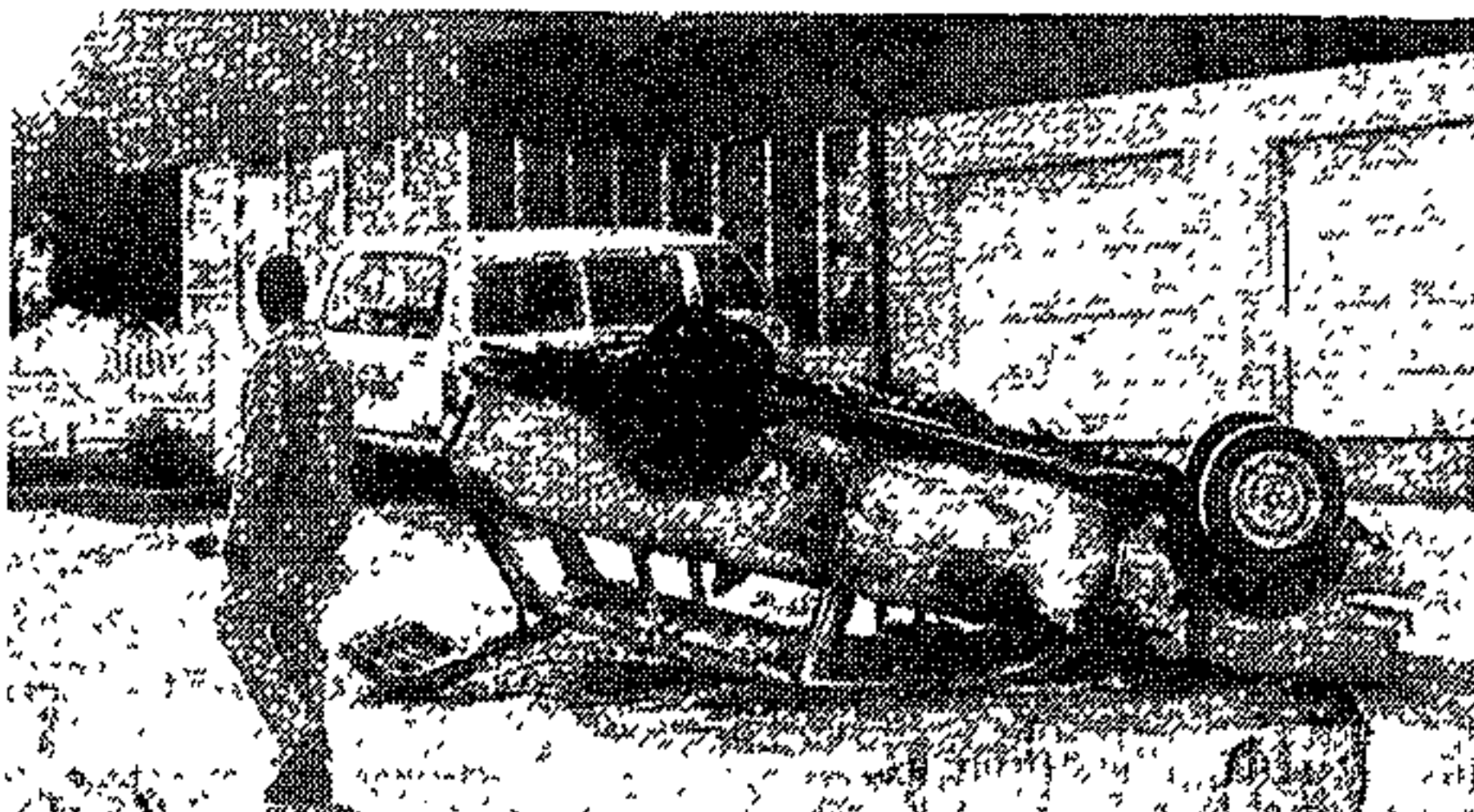
Captain Fouche said 39 businesses were destroyed and 12 others damaged during the day's unrest. Twenty-seven business premises were looted. He estimated the damage at about R316 000.

Damage estimated at R231 000 was caused when 18 vehicles stoned, overturned and burnt out. Damage to two homes in the area amounted to R40 000.

Captain Fouche said a group of youths last night arrived at the Boitemelo Hospital in Kroonstad and dropped off a 17-year-old youth with head injuries. Doctors tried in vain to save his life and he died during the night.

The cause of his injuries is not known.

By early today the Seisoville township was quiet but tense. A strong police presence was evident in the township for fear of further violence today.



A car was burnt out and a van damaged in front of the home of the Mayor of Seisoville, Mr T M Kwekwe, near Kroonstad yesterday. The house was also damaged.

Pandemonium as police fire tearsmoke after funeral (277)

By Chris More

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Police today gave 5 000 mourners at the funeral of Johannes Matches (17) five minutes to disperse, before firing tearsmoke.

The youth, who died in last week's violence, was buried at Stilfontein graveyard, a kilometre outside Seisoville, Kroonstad.

The chief magistrate of Kroonstad had given the Matches family stringent conditions for the funeral, which had to be completed within two hours.

The police waited for two hours and then dispersed mourners.

There was pandemonium as tearsmoke cannisters were fired over the panicking mourners, some of whom fell and were injured.

Unconfirmed reports stated that two senior United Democratic Front officials, Mr Patrick "Terror" Lekota and Mr Dennis Bloem had been arrested. This had not been confirmed by police at the time of going to press.

Scores injured as funeral disrupted

By Chris More

19/2/87

Scores of mourners were injured and some were arrested yesterday when police interrupted the funeral service of unrest victim Joseph Matches (17) at the Stilfontein cemetery near Kroonstad.

Police told a group of mourners to disperse and fired rubber bullets and tear smoke cannisters into the crowd.

They arrested Mr Terror Lekota, publicity secretary of the United Democratic Front (UDF), and Mr Dennis Bloem, a UDF activist. Both men were later released.

Mr Lekota was handed a court subpoena and told to appear in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on March 4 or submit an affidavit to the court before that date.

● The houses of two policemen were yesterday burnt down in Duduza, near Dunnottar.

No one was injured in the incident and no arrests have been made.

Two youths were arrested after a stone-throwing incident in the township.

● Angry residents of the Ekangala township near Bronkhostpruit burnt down the offices of the East Rand Development Board (ERDB) and allegedly assaulted a representative of the kwaNdebele Government at the weekend.

A spokesman for the Northern Transvaal CID, Brigadier H A du Plessis, said a group of about 50 township residents entered the local offices of the ERDB and stole diesel, using it to set the building alight.

Youth shot dead at funeral

By Chris More

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An unidentified youth was shot dead today when police fired rubber bullets and tear smoke to disperse about 8 000 mourners from the funeral in Sesiso village, near Kroonstad, of an unrest victim.

The 14-year-old youth was admitted at Boitumelo Hospital but certified dead on arrival, said unidentified hospital staff.

Three other mourners were also admitted. One, a woman who was carrying an infant on her back, had been shot in the ear with a rubber bullet.

Police interrupted the funeral service of 17-year-old Andrew Makoko about 1½ hours after it began.

At the time of going to press, police had not commented on the incidents.

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Youth dies in OFS unrest

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — A youth died yesterday in Seeisoville, near Kroonstad, when police took action against hundreds of mourners who barricaded the entrance to the Free State township.

Eyewitnesses said police had ordered journalists to move clear of the crowd of mourners. Police then moved in and began shooting, scattering the crowd.

Some people were injured as a result of police action while others were hurt in a stampede, eyewitnesses said.

A spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations said yesterday that a crowd had been dispersed with teargas and rubber bullets after some 1 200 mourners had blockaded the township.

The spokesman said police had taken action after the crowd's refusal to obey an order to disperse.

A smaller group assembled later and was also dispersed by police, the spokesman said.

A youth was found injured and taken to hospital, where he later died.

Police did not release his name last night.

Violence near Kimberley

● The situation remained tense in Kimberley's Galeshewe township after buildings and vehicles had been burnt and looted in a wave of mob violence yesterday.

On Wednesday, shops belonging to the Mayor, Mr Temba Nyati, were looted and set alight, and a delivery truck and beerhall were burnt.

Police fired tearsmoke in parts of Galeshewe after being stoned by youths.

Major Pat Higgs, a police liaison officer, said nine police vehicles had been damaged by stones while a television set and chairs were damaged by fire at a Galeshewe beerhall.

● In the nearby Welkom township, police used rubber bullets after a crowd attacked the offices of the Development Board, a police spokesman said.

● No police action was taken in New Brighton in the Eastern Cape, where various incidents of stone-throwing were reported, he said.

● In Soweto, the houses of the president and deputy president of the Azanian People's Organization were damaged in a hail of stones within 20 minutes of each other yesterday. No-one was injured in the brief midnight attacks.

Youth (277) dies in township violence

By Chris More

An unidentified youth aged between 11 and 14 died yesterday after police fired rubber bullets and tearsmoke to disperse about 8 000 mourners at the funeral of an unrest victim in Seeiso-ville, near Kroonstad.

The youth was rushed to Boitumelo Hospital but was dead on arrival.

Later police arrived in a van to collect the body.

Three other mourners were admitted to the same hospital. One woman was bleeding profusely from one ear as doctors attended to her in the casualty department.

Another woman lay unconscious on a hospital bed. She had been overcome by tearsmoke fumes.

The mourners had been attending the funeral of Andrew Makoko (17), who died from head injuries, suffered during last week's unrest.

Sources said scores of arrests were made.

A police spokesman said about 1 200 mourners gathered at the Makoko family home at about 10 am and moved to the cemetery singing freedom songs, waving banners and giving black power salutes.

He confirmed that one youth had died and three people had been injured, but said no arrests had been made.

● Kimberley police yesterday used teargas and rubber bullets in Gale-shewe to disperse unruly crowds. Several vehicles were stoned and one person was arrested for public violence. No injuries were reported.

Hand-grenades thrown during weekend violence

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Crime Reporter

There were outbreaks of violence in three separate areas at the weekend including hand-grenade attacks in Huhudi, a black township near Vryburg in the north-eastern Cape.

Three simultaneous hand-grenade attacks on the houses of prominent people in Huhudi left a woman badly injured and two houses extensively damaged.

The attacks occurred early on Saturday at the homes of community council members and a member of the South African Police.

A spokesman for police headquarters in Pretoria said two grenades were thrown at the house of the policeman. One exploded in the bedroom and the other in the street outside.

No one was at home at the time of the attack. The house was badly damaged.

At the same time, a grenade was thrown into the bedroom of the home of the chairman of the Huhudi Council, Mr J Dikole. His 42-year-old wife, who was

asleep, was badly injured.

She was taken to Vryburg Hospital where her condition has been described as satisfactory.

In the third attack, a grenade was thrown at the home of a councillor, Mr P Thiba. It exploded outside the house and damage was minimal.

In Alexandra township, north of Johannesburg, the home of the mayor, the Rev Sam Buti, was stoned by a group of 300 mourners who were attending the funeral of Mr Vincent Tshalala, a former member of the Alexandra Youth Congress.

No one was injured in the attack.

In Thabong, near Welkom, two houses belonging to members of the SAP were gutted and others stoned when a group of youths went on the rampage last night.

According to Captain J Fouche, police public relations officer for the Northern Free State division, the group dispersed before the police arrived.

There were no arrests.

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Funeral riot: angry youths petrol-bomb police houses

At least five houses belonging to policemen were petrol-bombed yesterday when police clashed with rampaging youths after the funeral service of a youth who died during last week's unrest in Seeisoville, near Kroonstad.

Several people were injured and others arrested.

Trouble started when police fired rubber bullets and tears-moke to disperse 5 000 mourners from the Stilfontein Cemetery. The mourners scattered when police sprayed tearsmoke.

Later, police fired tearsmoke into the home of Mrs Annah Wold (42), the mother of 14-year-old Rent Paulos Wolf, to whose funeral the crowds had come.

Paulos died when he was shot in the head after the funeral service of another unrest victim, Andrew Makoko (17).

While police dispersed several groups of youths, other groups were petrol-bombing policemen's houses.

In Bloemfontein a pupil was killed yesterday by a bus that came under attack.

A police spokesman said the incident began when pupils stoned police who were at the school investigating a case. The pupils were stoning passing vehicles when the bus ran out of control.

In Tembisa, east of Johannesburg, schoolchildren boycotted classes yesterday in support of an anti-detention protest.

Duduza, Nigel, was calm yesterday after the funeral of Col-len Lucky Mkwana (13), shot dead a week ago, in township violence.

Pupils in the township, however, did not turn up for classes.

— Staff Reporters-Sapa.

Mourners flee sjamboks and teargas . . .



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FIFTEEN - year - old Manaka Tshabalala may have sustained brain damage after she was injured when mourners clashed with police at the funeral of riot victim Rent Paulos Wolf in Seeisoville, Kroonstad on Wednesday.

And, while police battled mourners while they were washing hands before sitting down for the traditional meal, four homes of their colleagues were petrol-bombed.

Food was strewn over the area as frightened mourners scattered in all directions.

The injured were taken to Dr L P Hlahane's surgery for treatment.

Ms Tshabalala was taken to the surgery semi-conscious and bleeding profusely from the

By DERRICK LUTHAYI

nose.

Dr Hlahane said she was seriously injured and may have suffered brain damage. He referred her to a hospital.

More than 100 youths ran in the streets, with police hot in pursuit.

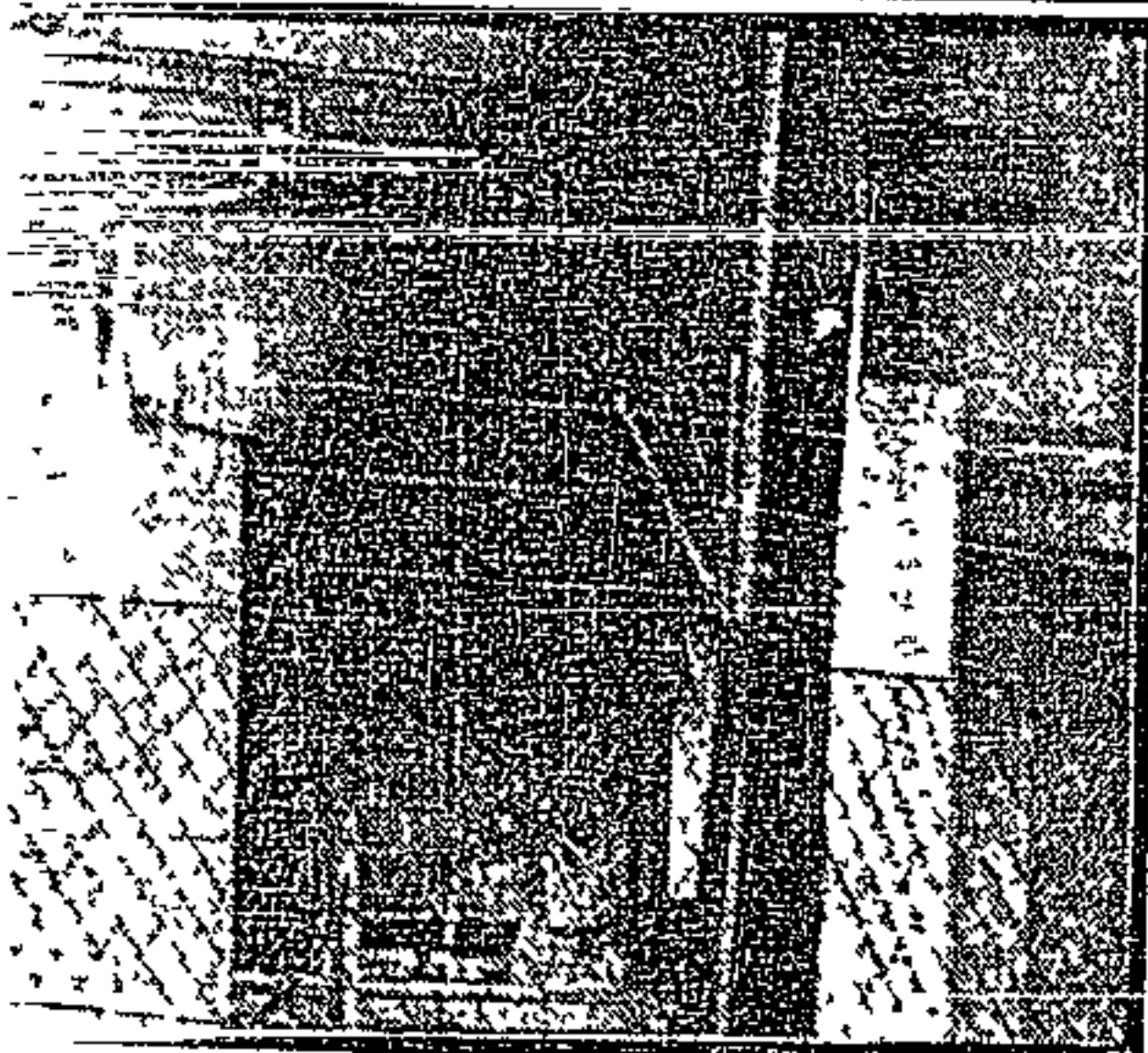
The youths retaliated by stoning and burning the homes of a Lieutenant Msimanga, Sergeant William Maelangwe, security cop Sergeant Mongole and another policeman.

At least seven more injured people were taken to the surgery for treatment after the fracas.

Police confiscated film and threatened the City Press team covering the funeral.

Wolf, a student, died last week during the funeral of another riot victim, Joseph Matches, who was allegedly shot by police near the local golf course.

The funeral lasted for only 45 minutes — the police had ordered that it should not take more than two hours.



Manaka Tshabalala is treated by Dr L P Hlahane, and left, the house of Lieutenant Msimanga burns after it was petrol-bombed.

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Welkom teachers injured in unrest

BLOEMFONTEIN — The principal of a township school in Welkom and his deputy were injured yesterday when a crowd of pupils hurled stones and used catapults on the teachers, a police spokesman said in Pretoria today.

Mr Victor Jordaan, head of Teto High School in Thabong, was attacked by about 300 pupils who were demanding the readmission of four pupils who were expelled earlier this year.

Police said Mr Jordaan and the vice-principal, Mr A J Hanekom, were bruised.

The regional head of the Department of Edu-

cation and Training, Mr Nic Botha, said Mr Jordaan had refused to lay a charge with the police.

"Nor did he want to suspend classes because he said there were still 300 pupils who wanted to attend," Mr Botha said.

Less than half the school's 600 pupils were present today, he added.

Only one of Thabong's four high schools was not affected by the unrest, Mr Botha said.

This week, classes at two of the schools were suspended until Monday after pupils had demonstrated for the immediate release of pupils being held by police.

Sapa.

pupils stone head, deputy

BLOEMFONTEIN. — The white principal of a township school outside Welkom and his deputy were injured on Wednesday when a crowd of pupils hurled stones and used catapults on teachers, a police spokesman in Pretoria said yesterday.

Mr Victor Jordaan, head of the Teto High School in Thabong, came under attack by some 300 students demanding the readmission of four fellow students expelled earlier this year.

Police said Mr Jordaan and the vice-principal, Mr A J Hanekom, had been bruised.

The regional head of the Department of Education and Training, Mr Nic Botha, said Mr Jordaan had refused to lay a charge with the police.

"He also did not want to suspend classes because he said there were still 300 pupils who wanted to attend school."

Less than half the school's 600 pupils were present yesterday, Mr Botha added.

Only one of Thabong's four high schools has not been affected by the unrest, Mr Botha said.

Two of the schools began reregistering pupils yesterday after two weeks of closure, Mr Edgar Posselt, a DET spokesman, said.

• Classes at more than 20 schools remained sus-

pended yesterday as pupils in Mamelodi threatened a demonstration march to the township's police station, Mr Posselt said.

He said most of the suspended schools were in the East Rand townships of Tembisa and Duduza and the Vaal Triangle. He added, however, that they were scheduled to reopen this month.

Mr Posselt said the Congress of South African Students had met in Mamelodi yesterday, urging pupils to participate in a march on the police station.

Although a police spokesman said no incidents had occurred in the township by late afternoon, Mr Posselt said classes at the J Mahangu High School had been disrupted while only a few pupils had arrived at another of the secondary schools.

He said Virginia's single secondary school was disrupted yesterday and classes would be suspended for two weeks.

The DET could not confirm that a total of 40 000 students were being affected by the suspensions, Mr Posselt said.

Classes remain suspended for at least 24 schools at present. An estimated 1,67 million black pupils have registered for the 1985 school year, according to the DET. — Sapa

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Sjamboks disperse students in OFS

Own Correspondent,

BLOEMFONTEIN — A group of about 100 youths had to be dispersed by police armed with sjamboks after the group gathered in Phahameng black township near Bloemfontein today.

At the Vista University campus near the township, teachers were asked to "get out," after more than 1 500 students from the university began chanting and singing.

A lecturer at the university said this was the second time in two weeks that classes were called to a halt.

Most of the schools in the Manguang Township were closed temporarily following rumours that pupils will be boycotting classes in sympathy of the death of a Lereko High School pupil in recent riots.

Sporadic incidents of stone throwing were reported in the township.

Police vans are on standby in the township.

● In the Eastern Cape police are treating as murder the death of a child in a fire started by rioters in a Fort Beaufort township last night.

A police spokesman said the seven-year-old child apparently burnt to death after 40 youths set fire to her parents' home.

● A Department of Education spokesman, Mr Edgar Pösselt, said more than 20 schools remained closed yesterday.

Police open fire on stone-throwers

Five die in Cape, ⁽²⁷⁷⁾ March 1985

Free State unrest ^{Ston}

Five people were killed, several injured and a number of buildings damaged in violence which flared in the Eastern Cape and the Orange Free State at the weekend.

A police spokesman said a youth was killed and a young woman injured when police opened fire on a group of youths stoning a house in Somerset East's township on Saturday afternoon.

In another incident in Somerset East, a woman (19) was shot dead yesterday when police opened fire on a group of stone-throwing youths.

BUILDINGS GUTTED

Several buildings — a beerhall, an administration board office, a cash store, a butchery and three private houses — were gutted and damage was estimated to be about R400 000.

In the Cradock township of Ilingelihle yesterday, three people were wounded when police fired into a crowd of marching youths.

The spokesman said police fired shots to disperse a crowd of 400 youths who were throwing stones. Two policemen suffered facial injuries when a

windscreen shattered.

The three wounded were arrested on charges of public violence.

Later three policemen were slightly injured when they were stoned by a group of about 800 people in Ilingelihle.

The spokesman said a petrol bomb was thrown into the East Cape Administration Board office in Motherwell yesterday, causing damage estimated at R3 000.

In Copkhouse, police used tearsmoke to disperse about 200 people.

The partially burnt body of a Ciskei security policeman was also found in Ilingelihle at the weekend.

In the Free State, the bodies of a man and a woman were found near the Thabothokoza High School in Klerksdorp yesterday afternoon after fighting and stoning had broken out at a school sports meeting.

The man had apparently been hit or stoned to death while the woman had been stabbed.

The pupils had also set fire to the school, a beerhall and a post office.

Police dispersed the crowd with tearsmoke and rubber bullets.

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Unrest still ^{slow} simmers in black townships

Disturbances were continuing in black townships with police using tearsmoke, shotguns, rubber bullets and sneeze powder on several occasions during the past 24 hours, a police spokesman said.

"During the past 24 hours, radical minority groups have caused extensive damage to schools and homes in the Eastern Cape."

Isolated cases were reported from Kimberley, Katlehong (Germiston) and Bethlehem.

"In Kimberley, damage amounting to thousands of rands was caused by arsonists. Two classrooms and four private vehicles were destroyed by fire," he said.

Two delivery vans had been stoned and set on fire there as well.

The home of a black policeman had been petrol-bombed in Katlehong, causing extensive damage.

"In Bethlehem a tractor was stopped and stoned at an obstruction in the road in the black residential area.

"In the Eastern Cape, five private homes and one delivery van were seriously damaged by fire. An unsuccessful attempt was made to burn a primary school but damage was minimal," the spokesman said.

Police had also dismantled several roadblocks.

"On a number of occasions the police used tearsmoke, sneeze powder, shotguns and rubber bullets to restore the daily routine in these areas," — Sapa.

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Pupils want chief to resign

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ABOUT 40 placard-waving pupils gathered in front of the Teto School in Thabong in the Free State yesterday demanding the resignation of the principal and vice-principal, a spokesman for the SAP directorate of public relations said in Pretoria.

The police did not intervene and there were no arrests, injuries or damage, the spokesman said.

In Kaitleng, near Germiston, a parked police vehicle was burnt out today when apparently struck by a petrol bomb, the spokesman said. — Sapa.

Lekoa Council claims R60 000 for widows

By JOSHUA RABOROKA

THE Lekoa Town Council has claimed R60 000 from an insurance company for the widows of the three councillors killed during the September uprisings in the trouble-torn Vaal Triangle townships.

The council's secretary, Mr Ben Scott, said the applications for the claims were made during November last year.

He added that the council had also rebuilt and provided accommodation for other councillors whose homes were destroyed when rioting mobs set fire on them on September 3 — the day of outbreak of violence in the townships.

But, some of the widows have claimed that the council had told them they would not get any compensation for their husbands, because

they were not on duty at the time of their killing.

The councillors killed, were: Mr Jacob "Stitch" Dlamini of Sharpeville, Mr Johannes "Kid Lulu" Chakane and Mr Caesar Montjeane, both of Sebokeng.

A widow told The SOWETAN that after her husband's death, she went to the council's office to find out if she could not get compensation. She was told there was nothing she was going to get.

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However, Mr Scott has refuted this and said that one of the widows was actually getting an allowance of R300 per month from the council. The council had approached two others and "it seems they are not in need of the money."

Divisional manager of Edward Lumley Insurance Brokers, Mr I du

Plessis, confirmed that the claims had been made for the three councillors who died in the unres.

He conceded that there was a delay caused by investigations on the circumstances surrounding their deaths. Their legal advisors were looking into the matter.

"It is a very sensitive claim and we must be careful about how we go about it. As soon as we have completed the investigations, we shall advise the families," he said.

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(4) whether he requires to be informed of the circumstances surrounding each case prior to authorization being given in this regard; if not, why not; if so, in what manner is he informed;

(1) No
(2), (3) and (4) Fall away
(5) No.

Mrs H SUZMAN: Mr Chairman, arising from the hon the Minister's reply, is he not aware of the fact that a police officer giving evidence before the Media Council gave exactly the opposite information? [Interjections.]

The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, I am quite aware of the evidence given by the police officer before the Media Council, but my reply to the question is as stated in the House, and that is the final statement on this issued by the South African Police

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*23 Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education:†

- (2) whether any damage was caused to property of the Department of Education and Training during these riots, if so, what is the estimated amount of the damage,
- (3) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CO-OPERATION (Reply laid upon the Table with leave of House):

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(2) whether he intends to report on this matter; if not, why not, if so, (a) when and (b) in what manner?

To the best of my knowledge no such committee with such terms of reference exists

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Mr D J N MALCOMESS: Mr Chairman, further arising out of this reply, I am aware of what the hon the Minister is referring to, because I watched the interview myself, but I want to repeat the question. Does he not believe that to compare the situation between Whites and Blacks as regards the carrying of identity documents, where hundreds of thousands of black people have been arrested but virtually no Whites is misleading in the extreme?

The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, the hon member is expressing an opinion. I disagree with that opinion. He is free to raise the matter during the discussion of the State President's Vote if he has the courage to do so.

Disinformation
Q. Col. 1095
16/4/85
22 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether it is the policy of (a) the Security Branch and (b) any other branch of the South African Police to use disinformation in regard to any persons or organizations, if so, (i) why, (ii) when did this become policy, (iii) what specified methods are employed in such disinformation campaigns, (iv) how are these disinformation campaigns financed and (v) (aa) on how many occasions has disinformation been used by the South African Police (bb) in respect of which persons or organizations has it been used and (cc) what were the circumstances surrounding each case,

- (2) whether each case involving the use of disinformation requires special authorization, if not, (a) why not and (b) what procedure is followed in determining when disinformation will be used, if so, what factors are taken into account with regard to each case when taking such a decision,

- (3) whether he gives the necessary authorization in regard to each case; if not, (a) why not and (b) by whom is such authorization given,

- (4) whether he requires to be informed of the circumstances surrounding each case prior to authorization being given in this regard; if not, why not, if so, in what manner is he informed,

- (5) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

- (1) No.
(2), (3) and (4) Fall away.
(5) No.

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27 *Orange Free State: riots at schools*
Q. Col 1096
16/4/85
23. Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education:†

- (1) Whether any riots have occurred at Black schools in the Orange Free State since 4 November 1983, if so, (a) at what schools and (b) when in each case;

- (2) whether any damage was caused to property of the Department of Education and Training during these riots, if so, what is the estimated amount of the damage,

- (3) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CO-OPERATION (Reply laid upon the Table with leave of House):

- (1) Yes.

- (a)

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- (b)

Iketseseng Primary	Welkom	November 1983
Teto Secondary	Welkom	July 1984
Embonizweni Primary	Welkom	August 1984
Phehlang Secondary	Parys	July—December 1984
Thoragauta Secondary	Welkom	October 1984 and January—March 1985
Vulamasango Secondary	Bloemfontein	September 1984
Rankwe Primary	Bothshabelo	October 1984
Ithabeleng Secondary	Wesselsbron	January—March 1985
Rearabetswe Secondary	Odendaalsrus	January—March 1985
Phehlo Secondary	Odendaalsrus	January—March 1985
Lebogang Secondary	Welkom	January—March 1985
Mamello Secondary	Virginia	January—March 1985
Tshepang Secondary	Clocolan	January—March 1985
Bodibeng Secondary	Kroonstad	February—March 1985
Kananelo Secondary	Kroonstad	February—March 1985
Maokeng Primary	Kroonstad	February—March 1985
Phomolong Primary	Kroonstad	February—March 1985
Ntha Primary	Kroonstad	February—March 1985
Relebohile Primary	Kroonstad	February—March 1985
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Phuleng Primary	Kroonstad	February—March 1985
Seisoville Primary	Kroonstad	February—March 1985
Boiteko Primary	Kroonstad	February—March 1985
Likubu Primary	Kroonstad	February—March 1985
Mophare Secondary	Bothaville	March 1985
Thaba Thokoza Secondary	Bethlehem	March 1985
Tuseisang Secondary	Bethlehem	March 1985
Motshapuwa Primary	Bethlehem	March 1985
Matswathaka Primary	Bethlehem	March 1985
Bohlokong Primary	Bethlehem	March 1985
Nkgopoleng Secondary	Sasolburg	March 1985

- (2) Yes, R710 000

- (3) From 4 November 1983 to 29 March 1985.

Q. Col. 1097
16/4/85
Indians
Orange Free State: freehold rights for
24. Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Justice:†

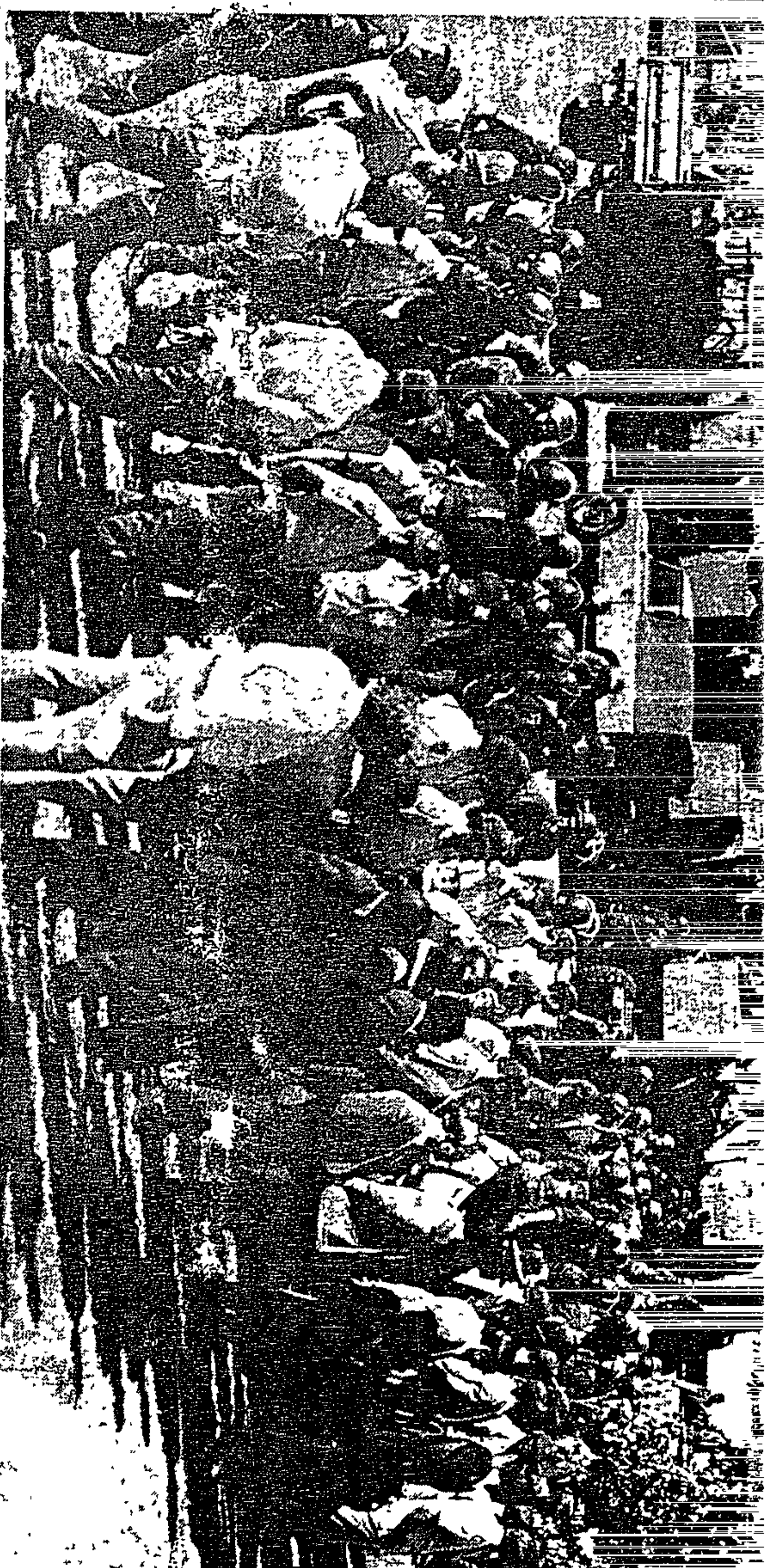
- (1) Whether any members of the Government have been appointed to serve on a committee in order to investigate freehold rights for Indians in the Orange Free State, if so, (a) when and (b) who are the members of the committee,

- (2) whether he intends to report on this matter; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) in what manner?

†The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

To the best of my knowledge no such committee with such terms of reference exists

†Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE: Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, have any members of the Gov-



Scores of surprised workers in Wynberg spent most of their lunch time watching a contingent of police and army prepare to enter Alexandra township to quell violence which flared yesterday.

Picture by Alf Kumalo.

'Senseless rioting' claims 2 lives, causes damage

Violence continued in various parts of the country yesterday — and police reports indicate that at least 20 people have died in the Eastern Cape in under two weeks.

Unrest was reported in Soweto, Alexandra; the East Rand, Bloemfontein, Kimberley, Sossangwe near Pretoria, Rotunda near Heidelberg, Sebokeng near Vereeniging, Port Alfred and at Fort Beaufort.

A spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said police used tearsmoke in Alexandra to disperse 700 placard-waving students, some of whom set fire to three private vehicles. Traffic officers manning road-

blocks at two entrances to Alexandra in Johannesburg this morning were turning back white drivers attempting to enter the township.

A police spokesman said the township was quiet today and no incidents of violence had been reported, but white drivers of commercial and private vehicles were being turned back "as a safety precaution".

In Soweto, police fired tearsmoke and rubber bullets at a group of 500 people stoning a bus. No injuries were reported.

The house of Tembisa youth leader Greg Thulare was petrol-bombed early this morning — and a note

was left behind threatening his life.

A note written in Zulu was pushed under the front door. It read: "We'll kill you. You are a dog."

At Rotunda, police dispersed about 500 people after a what the spokesman called a "senseless deed of stoning in which blacks stoned each other".

The bodies of two black men, aged about 24 and 35, were found in the Eastern Cape. The deaths had been linked to unrest in the area, the spokesman said.

A police "situation report" issued to Sapa said that in Rocklands, Bloemfontein, a passenger bus was

set alight by youths who "sprayed flammable liquid over it".

●PORT ELIZABETH — More than 50 000 people from all over the country are expected at the Saturday funeral of 14 unrest victims at the Dan Gqeke Stadium in Zwijde.

Organisers appealed to the police and the defence force to keep away as police had stayed away from the funeral in kwaNobuhle of people shot at Langa.

An appeal was made to all mourners to remain calm and to avoid provocation.

● See Page 15.

E Cape ^{Slow} ^{2/5/8.5} ²⁷⁷ ²⁷⁸ is still overheated

The extent of unrest in South Africa remained serious but was largely "leveling off" — except in the Eastern Cape where the situation was still "overheated" — the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, said last night.

Interviewed on SABC-TV, Mr le Grange said every effort was being made to restore calm in the Eastern Cape.

The two people who died yesterday were from the Eastern Cape and the Vaal Triangle, but the major reports of unrest came from the East Rand and Free State.

The police situation report stated that in kwaThema, near Springs, two men were arrested after the driver of an Administration Board vehicle fired at a crowd stoning him.

At Khatlunong, near Odendaalsrus in the Free State, police used tear-smoke and rubber bullets to disperse students who stoned the police, the report said. — Sapa.

CAPE TOWN 3/5/85

Countrywide unrest: 3 killed

PRETORIA — Three men died and at least five people, including three policeman, were injured in isolated incidents of unrest around the country yesterday.

Two men died when police fired at two stone-throwing mobs in KwaNobuhle near Uitenhage, according to a "situation report" from the public relations directorate of the police here. An earlier police report said a youth died in Thabong near Welkom.

The situation report said that the two men were fatally wounded when police fired birdshot and revolver rounds at a group of stone-throwers who stormed and stoned a police truck.

Groups of arsonists and stone-throwers caused extensive damage to vehicles in the township, the report said. A bottlestore was gutted when a group of arsonists threw a petrol bomb into the building.

Meanwhile in other reports of Cape unrest:

- Three policemen were injured when about 70 people stoned and shot at police with catapults in the De Draai township, near Jansenville in the Eastern Cape, yesterday morning. The police fired tearsmoke and birdshot to disperse the mob.

- Three men were arrested after about 150 people stoned a police patrol in Zakela, near Oudtshoorn;

- In Port Elizabeth, three arsonists yesterday morning petrol-bombed and extensively damaged a house in New Brighton.

At Kwazakele the

home of an Azapo member was stoned and petrol-bombed by a group of youths. Some hours before, Cosas members attacked the home of an Azapo supporter.

- At Hofmeyer, police with the assistance of inhabitants of the township arrested two youths. Both were carrying petrol bombs.

- At Fort Beaufort a councillor arrested a youth after his car had been stoned by two people.

- At the Bontrug township near Kirkwood, a bus was petrol-bombed by about 30 people. The vehicle was destroyed.

- Three incidents of stone-throwing occurred in Galeshewe near Kimberley. A policeman was stoned by about 40 people. The policeman fired in self-defence at his attackers, who fled.

- At Middelburg, 300 people illegally gathered late on Wednesday afternoon were dispersed with tearsmoke, rubber bullets and birdshot. Twenty-one people were arrested.

Reports of unrest in the Free State came from:

- Thabong near Welkom, where a councillor's vehicle was stoned. After dispersing the groups by firing several shots, the councillor found a wounded youth in a house who died before police arrived.

- Heldemoed township, near Allenridge in the northern Free State, where the homes of policemen were the targets of a stone-throwing.

In two instances, police-

men fired birdshot at the attackers.

- Odendaalsrus in the Kutloanong township, where 600 people blockaded the road and stoned a police patrol when they attempted to remove the barricades. Police fired tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse them. Police yesterday afternoon "came across 50 blacks busy making petrol bombs". Tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse them and police took possession of seven petrol bombs.

In another incident in the township, offices of the Development Board were damaged when arsonists threw petrol bombs through a window. Police dispersed them by firing rubber bullets.

In the Transvaal there were various incidents of unrest in Thembisa and Kwatema townships on the East Rand, in Kathlehong near Germiston, in Mamelodi near Pretoria and at Jabulani in Soweto.

- At Warmbaths arsonists set fire to a secondary school in the township, causing extensive damage.

- Isolated incidents of stone-throwing occurred on the main Pietersburg-Tzaneen road near the University of the North yesterday, and a passing motorist was allegedly injured. The entire white staff at the University of the North boycotted classes yesterday in protest against security arrangements at the campus, following the smashing of some car windows during student protests. — Sapa

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Soweto unrest flares as army leaves Uitenhage

JOHANNESBURG — Unrest flared in Soweto early yesterday, with police using tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse 200 stone-throwers who attacked delivery vehicles in the sprawling township.

Later, about 500 people "again used the unrest situation to commit a crime" when they stoned and robbed a van of 108 crates of milk, a Police Directorate of Public Relations report said.

Tearsmoke was again used when 50 people stoned a private home and another delivery van was stoned by youths in the afternoon, the report said.

The "charred and decomposing body" of a man was found yesterday in Tsakane, near Brakpan, while the homes of two policemen in the township were petrol-bombed.

Meanwhile, Defence Force units withdrew from the Uitenhage

township of KwaNobuhle, where 26 people were arrested during a nine-hour search.

Hundreds of servicemen and police cordoned off the township about 5am on Sunday in an operation aimed at bringing about "a return to normal conditions in the area" that went off "quietly and without incident".

A Directorate report of countrywide unrest incidents from 8pm on Sunday to 8am yesterday said two men were injured and arrested after a stoning incident at Bethlehem in the OFS.

It said an injured man was arrested after police fired birdshot at crowds stoning police vehicles in Duduza, near Nigel, while several policemen's homes were stoned and petrol-bombed.

At De Aar, in the Cape, youths stoned the house of a policeman who fired at the crowd with his pistol, the report said.

At Bongeletu, in

Oudtshoorn, police fired birdshot at people who tried to burn a policeman's property, it added.

Two boys aged 13 and 14 were injured when police used tearsmoke, rubber bullets and shotguns to disperse rioters, the report said. A sneeze-machine was used to disperse crowds stoning police.

Barricaded

The report said tearsmoke was used when groups stoned police and petrol-bombed homes in KwaNobuhle, New Brighton, Duduza, Tsakane and Bethlehem.

Police in Cradock's Michausdal coloured township used tearsmoke to disperse rioting youths who stoned passing vehicles, while at Bridgeton, near Oudtshoorn, birdshot and rubber bullets were fired at stone-throwers who barricaded the road, it said.

Five houses belonging to United Democratic Front members were damaged by fire in Ham-

banathi, near Tongaat, on the Natal North Coast.

Other reports of stone-throwing and petrol-bombing came from Galeshewe, near Kimberley.

At Hobsenville, Aberdeen, tearsmoke and rubber bullets were used to disperse a crowd at a burning school.

In Adendorp, Graaff-Reinet, youths who held an "illegal gathering" and who "tried to intimidate" shoppers were dispersed with tearsmoke, rubber bullets, birdshot and quirts.

At the weekend, damage amounting to R490 000 was caused when arsonists allegedly attacked two farms in the Kirkwood area of Port Elizabeth.

Meanwhile, the Department of Education and Training has called a meeting this week of all black school committees in Grahamstown and Port Alfred to discuss solutions to the school boycotts in the two centres — Sapa

Four more die as black faction violence rages on

Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA — Police today reported four more violent township deaths, while unconfirmed reports put the death toll in the Tsakane faction violence on the East Rand at 16.

Violence flared in Soweto overnight, leaving two dead — one shot by police — while a black girl was burnt to death near Springs and a man was stoned to death at Welkom.

According to the police situation report for the 12 hours to 8am today, eight people were injured and more than 100 arrested.

In another incident a serviceman was killed and two were injured when two army vehicles crashed head-on in Katlehong near Germiston last night.

The two Hippos were carrying members of the Alberton Commando, who were on standby to control unrest in the township.

Mr Piet Theron, 24, died of multiple injuries.

In Soweto, police said, mobs of up to 300 stoned private vehicles, buses and police on eight occasions.

In one case the driver of a private vehicle lost control when his car was stoned. A young black girl was killed in the ensuing crash.

Police used birdshot, rubber bullets and tearsmoke to disperse the mobs. A black man was killed and four were injured.

At Duduza near Springs a 19-year-old black woman was killed when arsonists set fire to a house.

In Welkom's Thabong township a black man was stoned to death and tyres were set alight when a crowd of about 400 marched through the streets after a funeral.

A councillor was attacked by the same mob and stabbed 22

times. He is in hospital in a critical condition.

The police report said councillors wounded three black men. Aided by local inhabitants, 101 of the mob were arrested and handed over to police.

Meanwhile, 1 800 migrant workers were "evacuated" from the Tsakane men's hostel in Brakpan late yesterday in what residents claimed as "a victory" after five days of violence between them and migrant workers that left at least 16 dead. It is not yet known where they have been taken.

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R4,5-m papers theft

JOHANNESBURG. — A 17-year-old girl of Kempton Park has appeared briefly in the Pretoria Magistrate's Court in connection with the disappearance of a briefcase containing documents worth R4,5-million. The hearing was postponed to May 21 — Sapa.

Big Soviet parade

MOSCOW. — Soviet leader Mr Mikhail Gorbachev presided over a major military parade in Red Square today at the climax of Moscow's celebrations of the 40th anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany. — Sapa-Reuter.

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44 held in E Cape operation

Dispatch Correspondent
PORT ELIZABETH — An operation, similar to the one undertaken in Kwanobuhle on Sunday by the South African Police and Defence Force to restore law and order, was launched simultaneously in the two black townships at Fort Beaufort and the township at Adelaide early yesterday.

Forty-four people were arrested in the three townships during the operations which started at 5 am and were completed by about 11 am. According to Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, the police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, 22 were arrested in Fort Beaufort, two townships while the rest were arrested in Adelaide.

The majority of the arrests were in connection with public violence, he said.

The three areas were

cordoned off by the SADF after which the SAP moved in with foot and vehicular patrols.

A house-to-house search was conducted in all three townships "to search for people wanted by the police," Col Van Rooyen said last night.

Yesterday's operations in Fort Beaufort and Adelaide were the fourth effort of this nature in the past few days.

A commando member was killed when two army hippos crashed head-on last night in Katlehong, near Germiston, reports Sapa.

He was Mr Piet Theron, a member of the Alberton Commando on stand-by to control unrest in the township.

In Soweto, a man was killed and four wounded when police opened fire with birdshot, rubber bullets and tearsmoke as groups of about 250 people stoned buses, private

cars and SAP vehicles yesterday, police said.

A 27-year-old man died in hospital "as a result of injuries sustained" in a stoning incident on Wednesday, police said.

On the East Rand, a senior member of the Azanian Peoples' Organisation, Mr Mandla Mtsweni, was in hospital with serious burns after his Kwathemba home was petrol-bombed.

Another Azapo executive member, Mr Themba Solwandle, escaped serious injury when his home in New Brighton, Port Elizabeth, was petrol-bombed.

Kwathemba Development Board offices were extensively damaged by fire, and a bus was stoned "by an unruly mob", police said.

In Thabong, near Welkom in the Free State, a man was stoned to death and a councillor stabbed 22 times when 400 peo-

ple went on the rampage after a funeral.

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In the Kroonvale coloured township near Graaff-Reinet police dispersed an "illegal gathering" of about 400 people with quirts and tearsmoke, while a municipal bus was damaged and the driver assaulted in an attack by 15 men.

In Kwazakele, Port Elizabeth, a mob armed with sticks and pangas was dispersed by a police patrol. A man was "slightly injured" and arrested, police said.

Unrest continued in Tsakane, near Brakpan, where 18 000 migrant workers were evacuated on Wednesday after fierce clashes with residents left 16 people dead.

Soldier dies in unrest accident

JOHANNESBURG. — Five deaths were reported by police yesterday as the death toll in the Tsakane faction violence on the East Rand rose to 16, and a national serviceman was killed in a head-on crash between two army Hippos on standby to control township unrest.

A UPI reporter saw UDF supporters stab a 17-year-old youth to death in the Port Elizabeth township of New Brighton about noon yesterday.

The report said that the youth, a suspected member of the rival Azanian Peoples Organization (Azapo), was stabbed repeatedly when he tried to escape from the UDF crowd that earlier had abducted him.

Meanwhile a senior member of Azapo, Mr Mandla Mtsweni, is in hospital with serious burns after his Kwa-Thema home was petrol-bombed early yesterday.

Another executive member of the organiza-

tion, Mr Themba Solwandle, escaped serious injury when his home in New Brighton was also petrol-bombed yesterday.

Azapo's general secretary, Mr Eric Mahlati, said Mr Mtsweni, head of the national culture secretariat, was admitted to the Far East Rand Hospital yesterday.

Violence appeared to be easing in the Eastern Cape in the wake of the combined SAP/SADF "Operation clean-up" which was yesterday extended to the townships of Fort Beaufort and Adelaide.

Forty-four people were arrested — 22 at Fort Beaufort and the same number at Adelaide — in the 5am to 11am swoop, police liaison officer Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen said.

Most of the arrests were in connection with public violence, he said.

The three areas were cordoned off by the SADF as police moved in on foot and in vehicles, and house-to-house searches were conducted "to search for people the police were looking for," Colonel Van Rooyen said.

Soweto

Unrest flared in Johannesburg's sprawling Soweto township on Wednesday night, leaving two dead, one shot by police, while a girl was burnt to death near Springs and a man was stoned to death at Welkom.

Also in Soweto, a 27-year-old man died in hospital from injuries sustained in a stoning incident on Wednesday, police reported in their noon situation report.

Eight people were injured and more than 100 arrested in incidents re-

ported on Wednesday night and yesterday.

On the East Rand 1 800 migrant workers have "moved out" of the Tsakane hostel at Brakpan, after clashes with township residents left 16 people dead in five days of fighting.

The Chief Director of the East Rand Development Board, Mr Franz Marx, said the hostel, which had been extensively damaged, "was empty this morning".

He said an agreement had been reached between the South African Police and Tsakane residents that the hostel dwellers should leave.

This week's unrest in Tsakane "cannot be seen in isolation as only a conflict between hostel inmates and township residents, but it forms part of the unrest pattern in other parts of the East Rand and other areas," Mr Marx said in a statement to Sapa.

Police yesterday reported incidents of unrest:

- In the Cape from Graaff-Reinet, New Brighton, Kwazakele and Zwide in Port Elizabeth, Brickfield near Oudtshoorn, Adelaide and Galeshewe near Kimberley.

- In Natal arsonists caused extensive damage when they set fire to three buses in the Tatane township near Kwambonambi, in northern Natal.

- In the Transvaal reports of unrest came from Zola and Tlandi in Soweto, Alexandra, Tsakane and Duduze on the East Rand, Atteridgeville near Pretoria, and Kwa-Thema.

- In the Free State reports came from Parys, Batho near Bloemfontein and Thabong near Welkom. — Sapa

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Lieutenant Beck would not comment on whether the family had been notified nor could he say when the post-mortem would take place.

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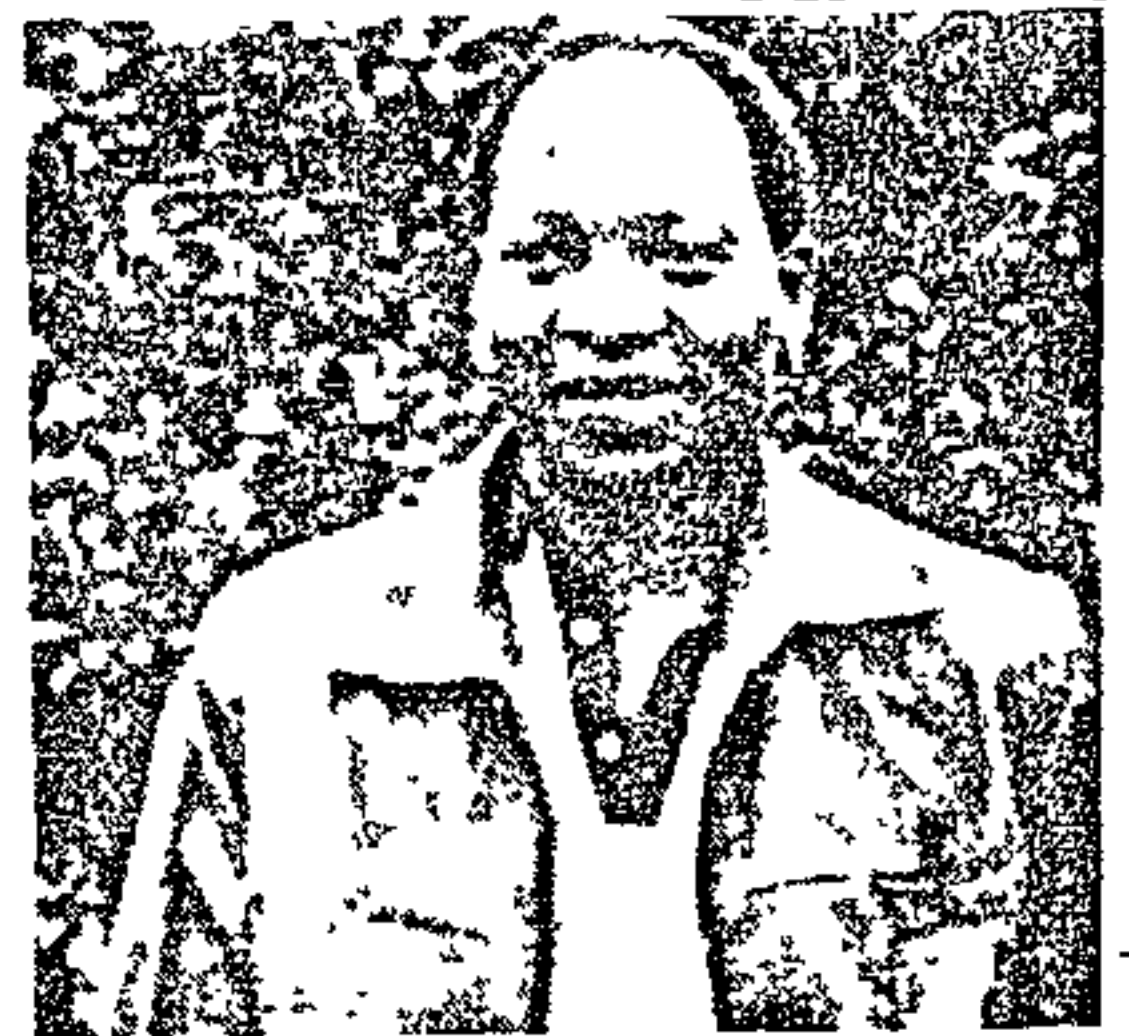
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Raditsela contributed to the unrest (and ordered his detention)?

- AN independent pathologist yesterday gave the cause of death of trade unionist Mr Andries Raditsela as a subdural haemorrhage to the right side of the head.

According to a statement to Sapa from the Chemical Workers Industrial Union, the pathologist said this injury was consistent with trauma.

The statement said Mr Raditsela had been admitted to the Far East Rand hospital at 18 45 on Saturday, some eight hours after he had been lying unconscious at the Tsakane Administration Board offices — Sapa.

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- If this week's Chicken Licken Soccerpot is not won, the prize leaps by R100 to R1 700 in the Sunday MIRROR this Sunday.

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Azapo to discuss PE feud, deaths

PORT ELIZABETH. — Azapo and community representatives will meet here today to discuss ways to resolve the bitter feud which has resulted in the deaths of two Azapo members and a member of the UDF-affiliated Port Elizabeth Youth Congress (Peyco).

Peyco president Mr Mkhuseleli Jack said the meeting was organized after four youths who were being held hostage at the home of the Rev Mzwandile Maqina, an Azapo member, were released early yesterday.

The four were admitted to hospital after their release. One youth was still receiving treatment last night.

Mr Jack claimed that the UDF was not linked to the fighting, but said the community was tired of Azapo's "criminal band" which terrorized the townships day and night.

Mr Maqina was reported to have claimed that

the youths were apprehended on their way to attack a house in New Brighton and also claimed that two Azapo youths were still held as hostages by UDF supporters.

Mr Jack denied this.

Set alight

Meanwhile, the Pietersburg home of the secretary of Azapo's northern Transvaal region, Miss Monhla Hlahla, was set alight on Thursday night.

She was woken by smoke and woke her mother and younger sisters. They extinguished the fire, apparently started by using petrol.

Police reported that the home of a member of the UDF in Seisoville near Kroonstad was set alight and extensive damage caused.

Police said unrest flared in eight Eastern Cape townships overnight, but that in almost all the incidents, the groups involved were

"considerably smaller" than in recent weeks.

No more unrest deaths were reported, but the death toll in Thursday's collision between a police vehicle and a heavy truck near Port Elizabeth has risen to four.

There were also isolated incidents in the Free State and Transvaal.

Police reported incidents of unrest in:

- The Cape: Njandi (Somerset East), Kwazakale, New Brighton and Zwide (Port Elizabeth), Humansdorp, Paterson (Grahamstown), Duncan Village (East London) and Kroonvale (Graaff-Reinet).

Stoning

In stoning incidents in New Brighton a policeman was "slightly injured", while 63 arrests were made. Those arrested, aged between 13 and 30, "will face charges of public violence".

- Free State: Thabong (Welkom), Brent Park and Seisoville (Kroonstad).

- Transvaal: Tembisa, Soweto, Kwa-Thema and Alexandra.

- In Natal, the police have launched a drive against illegal taxi operators in Empangeni, in an effort to put an end to bus boycotting. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

In the worst incident, 19 miners were killed and 47 injured when fighting broke out at the President Brand gold mine at Welkom on Saturday night.

The deaths were confirmed by an Anglo American Corporation spokesman yesterday who said the 47 workers injured in Saturday's fight were being treated in hospital at Welkom.

The spokesman said late last night that more than 500 hostel-dwellers had decided to return home after the fighting

Saturday's fight was stopped by mine-security personnel using tear-gas

"There are other tribes in the hostel, but as far as we know only Xhosa and Basutho were involved in the fighting.

"There are about 3 000 miners in the hostel, but we don't know exactly how many were involved," he said.

He said fighting had only lasted for about 15 minutes, but 16 died almost immediately. Three miners had died in hospital during the night.

An investigation would be held to find out why the fight had broken out, he said.

Spokesman for the National Union of Mineworkers could not be contacted for comment yesterday

In other incidents of unrest

● A 16-year-old-girl and a man of about 25 died when police fired shotguns at 200 people who stoned a policeman's house on their way from a funeral at Joza near Grahamstown yesterday. A 38-year-old man was wounded and 60 people were arrested in the incident.

● An 18-month-old child was killed in New Brighton, Port Elizabeth, when youths threw a petrol bomb into a moving bus on Saturday

A police spokesman said the driver had lost control of the bus and it crashed into a house killing the child who was in the house.

● In New Brighton on Friday, three youths, one of whom was armed, boarded a bus and robbed the conductor.

They were setting fire to the vehicle when a police patrol arrived

Police fired a shotgun at the fleeing youths, fatally wounding a 15-year-old boy. The spokesman said the money was found on the youth.

● In KwaThema on the East Rand, police opened fire with buckshot and used tearsmoke on a crowd of about 800 who had looted a liquor store on Saturday. The spokesman said a 25-year-old man was killed

At least 190 people have died in incidents of unrest since January

Meanwhile, in Zwidze more than 15 000 people yesterday attended the funerals of three victims of last week's unrest.

Witnesses said police kept a low profile; but fired teargas at the crowd when it moved to nearby KwaZekele afterwards for the traditional "washing of hands" ceremony at the victims' homes. They said there were no injuries.

The coffins of Scicelo Estile, 17, Raymond Mbolekwa, 20, and Sebemzile Qukoma, 14, were draped with green, yellow and black African National Congress flags and carried shoulder-high to the cemetery.

Police reported incidents of unrest at the weekend from

● In the Cape: Veeplaas, KwaZakele, New Brighton, Zwide (all in Port Elizabeth), Kirkwood, Oudtshoorn, Galashewe (Kimberley), Joza and Patterson (Grahams-town), Fort Beaufort, Ntandi (Somerset East), Humansdorp, Duncan Village (East London) and Kroonvale (Graaff-Reinet).

● In the Transvaal: KwaThema, Tembisa, Tsakane (all on the East Rand), Soweto, Mamelodi (Pretoria), Zandela (near Sasolburg) and Katlehong.

● In the Free State: Parys and Kroonstad. — Sapa, Own Correspondent and UPI

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Police shoot to disperse miners

Police used rubber bullets to disperse warring mineworkers as faction fighting flared anew at the President Brand Gold Mine near Welkom last night.

Nineteen mineworkers were slightly injured and about 500 Xhosa employees had indicated they would like to return home, an Anglo American Corporation spokesman said today.

On Saturday, 19 miners died and 47 were admitted to hospital after fierce faction fighting at the mine's Number Three Hostel.

Since the fighting, 915 mineworkers — mostly Xhosas — have been paid

off and bussed home after saying they no longer felt safe at the mine.

Mine security officers were called to the scene last night and were able to prevent further violence, the spokesman said.

"No one was admitted to hospital as the injuries were all minor."

The reason for the unrest was not yet known, and the situation at the mine was peaceful at present, he added.

"Management is concerned about continued unease at the hostels and is making every effort to discover the cause of the trouble," the spokesman said. — Sapa.

400 held in 'crime sweeps'

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PRETORIA — More than 400 people were arrested early yesterday when police supported by army units moved into black areas in the Eastern Cape and Free State in operations police described as crime sweeps.

Police and troops moved into Soweto near Port Elizabeth and the black township near Parys in the Free State.

The Public Relations Division of the SAP here said charges laid against those arrested included robbery, housebreaking, theft, rape, escaping from custody, possession of and dealing in dagga, damaging property, assault with intent, driving under the influence, brewing of illegal concoctions and possession of suspected stolen property.

In Soweto, 84 people were arrested and in Parys, 341 were taken into custody.

Meanwhile police reported isolated incidents of arson, petrol-bombing and stone-throwing in the Eastern Cape and on the East Rand and West Rand.

And six men and two women have been arrested on charges of arson and public violence in connection with the petrol-bombing of the home of a policeman in the township at Port Alfred on Monday.

Casspirs for Baragwanath

Sapa's correspondent reports that unrest at Bok-gaga High School near Tzaneen has led to its closure until July 9. A policeman was stabbed on the school premises yesterday, but was discharged after receiving hospital treatment.

Meanwhile, more than 4 000 students at the University of the North yesterday resumed their boycott after the university reopened on Monday. It had closed for two weeks when the entire student body refused to attend lectures in sympathy with law students demanding the dismissal of a lecturer.

In another development related to disturbances, Baragwanath Hospital announced yesterday that it had acquired two Casspirs (armoured personnel carriers) to perform "vital duties" during unrest.

Dr Koos Bekers, superintendent of community health centres for Baragwanath — the largest hospital in Africa, said the Casspirs had been acquired as "thousands of rands' damage" had been caused to hospital vehicles in recent years.

He said the Casspirs would be used to transport hospital staff, patients and medical supplies to Baragwanath's 10 clinics in Soweto during "troubled times".

The hospital Casspirs would be distinguishable from similar "protective services" vehicles by their colour — white, with two large red crosses. — Sapa

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PORT ELIZABETH — Two white policemen were injured and a black man was wounded by police in Walmer township here on Wednesday night as unrest continued in the Eastern Cape

According to a spokesman for the police public relations division in Pretoria, the policemen were injured by "a stone-throwing mob" in the township after they arrested a man for theft.

During the incident "and in self-defence" one of the policemen had opened fire on the mob, wounding a man, the spokesman said. Both policemen had been taken to hospital after the incident.

● The spokesman said police arrested 279 people on a number of charges, including possession of suspected stolen property, possession of dagga, theft and dealing in dagga, in an "anti-crime" operation early yesterday in a township near Bothaville in the Free State.

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Four held after grenades found

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — Four people were arrested yesterday morning with grenades in their possession in a KwaZakele house soon after a grenade exploded in the yard of the home of a prominent Azanian Peoples Organization (Azapo) leader, the Rev Ebenezer Maqina.

A hand-grenade was hurled at the Maqina home at 5.45am yesterday, seconds after a shot was fired at one of the guards there by a group of about six people.

A number of hand-grenades were found in the possession of a 21-year-old man who was arrested along with three others, one a woman, in a house in KwaZakele only hours after the attack on Mr Maqina's house, a spokesman for the police directorate of public relations in Pretoria said.

At least one man, Mr Tololo Klaas, treasurer for Azapo in Port Elizabeth, was injured in the blast at Mr Maqina's house. Windows were shattered and a wall was damaged by shrapnel.

Mr Maqina claimed the UDF was responsible for the grenade attack, adding that it was the third against him in a week. His car was at-

tacked with a grenade last Sunday and Azapo members were attacked with grenades near his home on Tuesday. No one was injured in the attacks, he said.

'Arms for UDF'

And yesterday the Azapo national publicity secretary, Mr Imrann Moosa, alleged that the UDF was being assisted by trained terrorists and that arms were being supplied to the UDF.

Mr Klaas, who was guarding the house with others when the attack took place, was taken to Livingstone Hospital where he was treated and discharged. Shrapnel was removed from five wounds in his right thigh.

Another witness, Mr Stephen Peter, 24, said he was guarding the house with Mr Klaas when he saw about six people moving towards the house.

He said the people saw him and one of them drew a handgun and fired a shot. "I ran around the house to warn those inside. There was a loud explosion and shrapnel flew in all directions, damaging a wall and shattering windows."

The hand-grenade exploded near a fence, about two metres from the wall of the house. A hole was blown through the fence.

Unexploded

Mr Peter said an unexploded petrol bomb was also found on the scene after the attack.

The police spokesman said the damage to the house was estimated at about R150. Police are investigating.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that the feud between the rival Azanian Students Organization (Azaso) and the Azanian Students Movement (Azasm) at Turfloop Uni-

versity, Sovenga, yesterday prevented the organization of a joint Azaso-Azasm funeral for a youth killed at the university.

Azasm, an Azapo affiliate, and the Seshego Youth Movement had agreed to organize jointly a funeral in Mankweng with Azaso, a UDF affiliate, for 15-year-old Shadrack Mafokoane, a high school pupil allegedly shot dead on campus by Lebowa police during unrest on June 16.

Meanwhile, in further incidents of unrest at KwaZakele, two men threw a petrol bomb at a private house at 12.30pm yesterday, causing damage of R200. No injuries were reported.

Church

An hour later, a petrol bomb was thrown into a local beerhall, causing damage of R200, the police spokesman said.

In Thabong, near Welkom, about 2 000 people gathered at a church at 10am and then moved to the house of the township's mayor and stoned it. Police dispersed the crowd with rubber bullets, he said. No injuries or arrests were reported.

In another area of the township, about 1 000 people gathered at 11.20am and police dispersed them with rubber bullets. No injuries or arrests were reported.

In another incident in Thabong at the same time, 200 people stoned a SAP vehicle, causing damage of R100, the spokesman said.

Four policemen were injured yesterday in rioting at Mphophomeni, near Howick, after police used teargas, sneeze gas and sjamboks to disperse a crowd of about 250 returning from a workers' rally.

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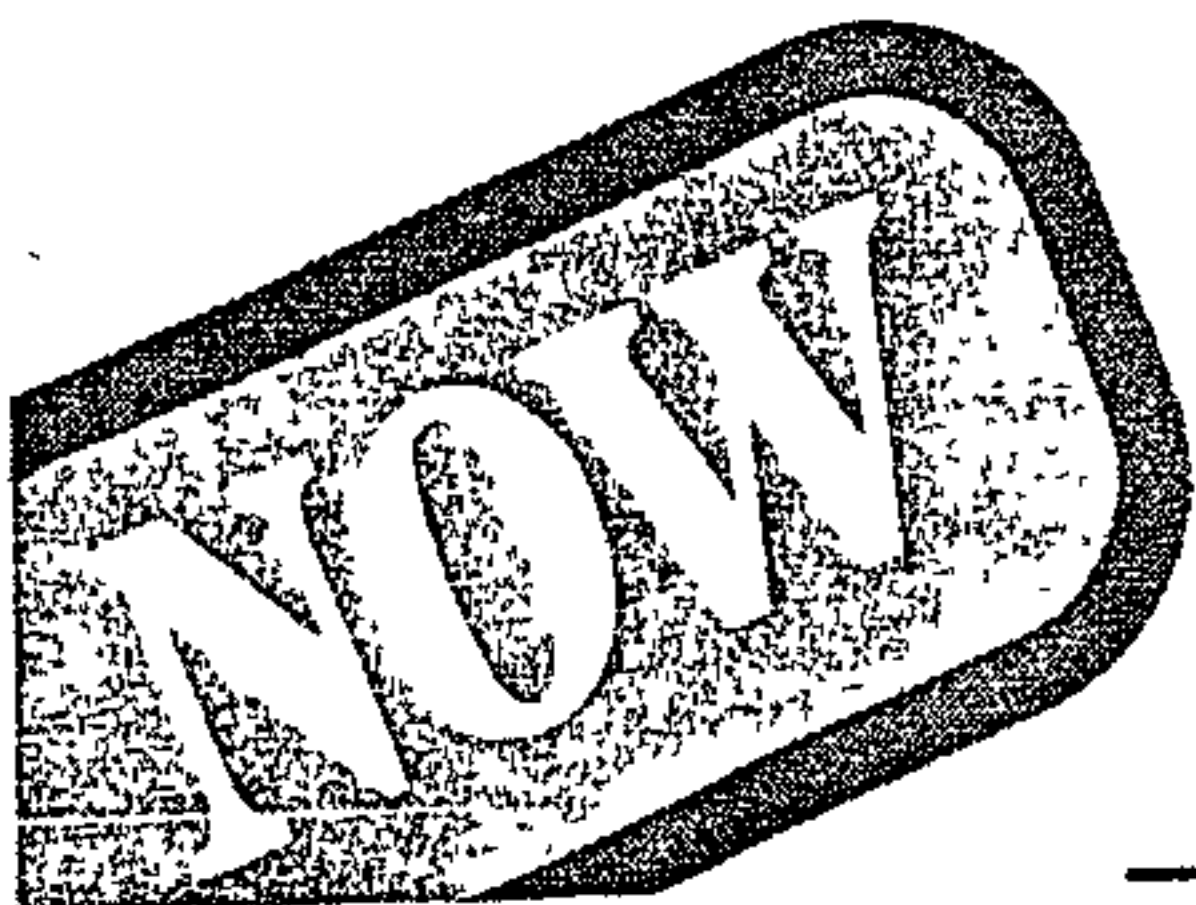
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Classrooms set on fire in Stellenbosch

PRETORIA — Four prefabricated classrooms at a school in Ida's Valley coloured township of Stellenbosch were set alight today, according to a police situation report on unrest in the country.

In New Brighton, Port Elizabeth, a private vehicle was stoned and petrol-bombed. A 25-year-old man was slightly injured and the vehicle was extensively damaged.

Earlier today police arrested five youths after cars were stoned near Adelaide as unrest continued in the Eastern Cape today.

At Kwazakele, Port Elizabeth, early today damage estimated at R20 000 was caused when a mobile ticket office was petrol-bombed and gutted, a police spokesman in Pretoria said.

Also at Kwazakele, the house of a member of the Azanian People's Organisation was damaged by fire. Damage was estimated at R5 000.

According to reports, another Kwazakele home was destroyed by fire, but the spokesman said the incident had not been reported to him.

● The following is the 8am situation report on unrest in the country issued by the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria covering the period from 8pm yesterday:

Incidents of unrest occurred in some areas of the Eastern Cape and at Odendaalsrus.

At Fort Beaufort, the police were forced to fire tearsmoke, rubber bullets and birdshot to disperse gangs of stone-throwers after private and police vehicles were damaged. Five youths were arrested and will face charges of public violence.

In Kwazakele, a house, owned by an Azapo member, was set on fire. A Defence Force patrol extinguished the blaze. No injuries were reported.

Also in Kwazakele, a petrol bomb was thrown into a bus. The police extinguished the fire.

The Kwazakele High School was also extensively damaged by fire. The cause of the blaze has not been established — Sapa.

Police situation report

Policeman injured in Free State mob attack

There were reports of unrest in the Eastern Cape and at Odendaalsrus last night, the police said today in a report.

At Fort Beaufort, police fired tearsmoke, rubber bullets and birdshot to disperse gangs of stone-throwers after private and public vehicles were damaged. Five youths were arrested and charged with violence.

There were three separate incidents of violence in kwaZakele:

- A house owned by a member of Azapo was set on fire. The fire was extinguished by members of a SA Defence Force patrol.

- A petrol bomb was thrown into a bus which started a fire that was put out by police. There were no injuries.

- The kwaZakele High School was extensively damaged by a fire, the cause of which has not been established.

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Police said buses were stoned in New Brighton, Veeplaas and kwaZakele.

In Odendaalsrus an off-duty member of the police was attacked by a large group and was forced to use his service weapon to defend himself after he was stabbed. He was also hit by a brick and seriously injured.

The driver of a private vehicle who stopped to help the policeman was stoned but not injured.

Two men have been arrested in connection with the incident and were charged with attempted murder and damage to property. No other injuries were reported. — Sapa.

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Off-duty policeman attacked

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — At Odendaalsrus in the Free State, a large group of people attacked an off-duty policeman who used his service weapon to defend himself after he was stabbed and stoned.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said the policeman was seriously hurt.

A motorist who stopped to help him was also stoned. Police have arrested two men who will face charges of attempted murder and malicious damage to property.

Meanwhile, damage estimated at about R10 000 was caused in separate incidents of violence in the Port Elizabeth township of New Brighton yesterday when youths stoned and set alight vehicles.

The driver of one of the vehicles was robbed of R1 146. His vehicle worth R5 000 was gutted.

Damage estimated at R5 000 was caused when another delivery vehicle was set alight in New Brighton. In a separate incident a petrol bomb was hurled into an East Cape Development Board vehicle, but no damage resulted.

Early yesterday morning, a KwaZakele house owned by a member of the Azanian People's Organization (Azapo), Mr Khaya Mqayi, was set on fire. An SA Defence Force patrol extinguished the blaze. No injuries were reported.

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Councillor's house destroyed

From SOPHIE TEMA

JOHANNESBURG — The house of Soweto councillor Mr Michael Madikane was destroyed in a petrol bomb attack on Sunday night.

The official residence of the mayor of Soweto, Mr Edward Kunene, was also bombed, but there was no damage.

A relative of the Madikanes said the bombing occurred shortly after a church service on Sunday to commemorate the signing of the Freedom Charter in Kliptown in 1951.

Last week the home of councillor Mr Julius Mdlalose, chairman of the Soweto Town Council's housing committee, was attacked by a group of people, all wearing balaclavas.

He and his family fled their home and sought refuge with neighbours.

● In Welkom, two cars belonging to the Rev J Pathe, the Orange Free State regional chairman of the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM), were set alight at his Thabong home at the weekend. Mr Pathe is also chairman of the Thabong Residents Action Committee.

● Sapa reports that in Durban a House of Delegates MP, Mr A K Pillay, of the Solidarity Party, had a narrow escape yesterday when two petrol bombs hurled at his home in Merebank, Durban, failed to explode.

"I shouted to my family to get out of the house. I ran to the car and pushed

the bottle off the bonnet while my family managed to put out the other bomb's flames," Mr Pillay said.

"Luckily the bombs did not explode. They could have caused a lot of damage."

He could not say who was responsible for the incident, as he had "no enemies".

● In Hobsonville near Oudtshoorn, the Development Board offices were extensively damaged by fire yesterday. There were no reported injuries or arrests, police said.

● In Port Elizabeth, extensive damage was caused yesterday in Kwazakale township where buses, delivery and municipal vehicles were stoned and petrol bombed. Police said a police patrol vehicle was also damaged in a stoning incident.

In Walmer township police used birdshot on two occasions to disperse groups of stone throwers. While in Aberdeen near Graaff-Reinet, police arrested 14 people after dispersing a crowd with tearsmoke. In another incident in the township, a policeman's house was stoned. A black youth was slightly wounded, medically treated and arrested on a charge of public violence.

In Petrusville near De Aar, police arrested eight men on charges of public violence after dispersing a mob with birdshot.

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● It was earlier reported that the Mandelas' 18-month-old grandchild had disappeared after the raid. But a spokesman for the family said today the child was found at a neighbour's home at 6pm last night.

Mob at Mandela home: 30 held

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By CHRIS BATEMAN

THIRTY PEOPLE were arrested outside Mrs Winnie Mandela's Brandfort home during a confrontation with police yesterday morning.

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He declined to disclose the names or ages of those arrested.

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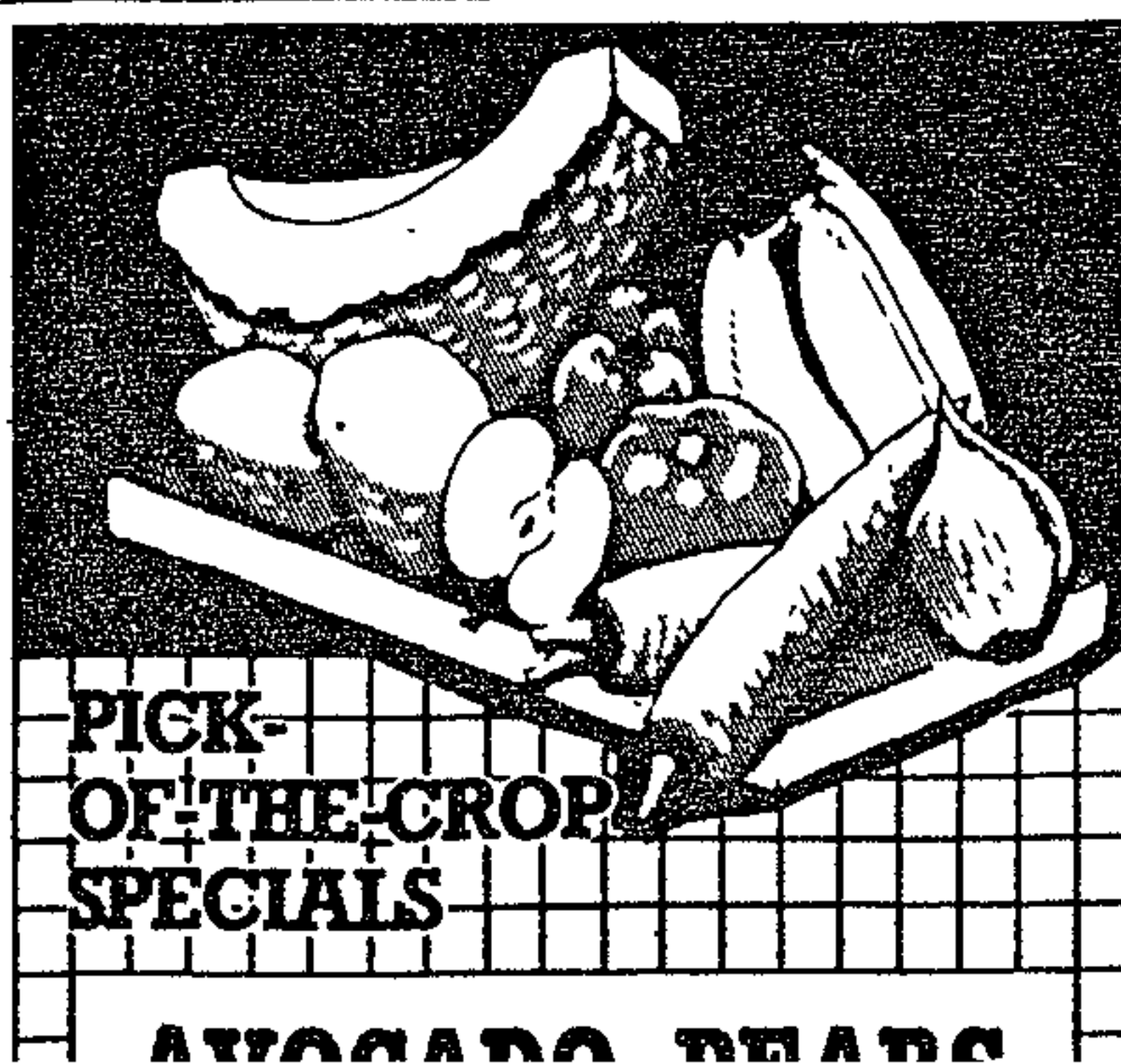
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"If it weren't for the the bishop, people would have died," a mourner said

Salute

Later, a senior white police officer gave Bishop Tutu a crisp salute, seeming to acknowledge his mediation.

A convoy of seven buses took hundreds of mourners to the cemetery along a route lined with armoured personnel carriers and past troops armed with rifles, shotguns and teargas launchers.

About 1 000 people who gathered at the graveside sang a funeral dirge "Goodbye, Little Sister," and the hymn "God Bless Africa" before dispersing quietly.

Miss Khumalo was one of four young blacks shot

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by police after another funeral on July 24 Agnes Mgobane, 18, was buried under police supervision earlier in the day

Elsewhere in Daveyton, scores of blue-fatigued police and troops patrolled in Buffels and Casspirs while two army helicopters hovered overhead

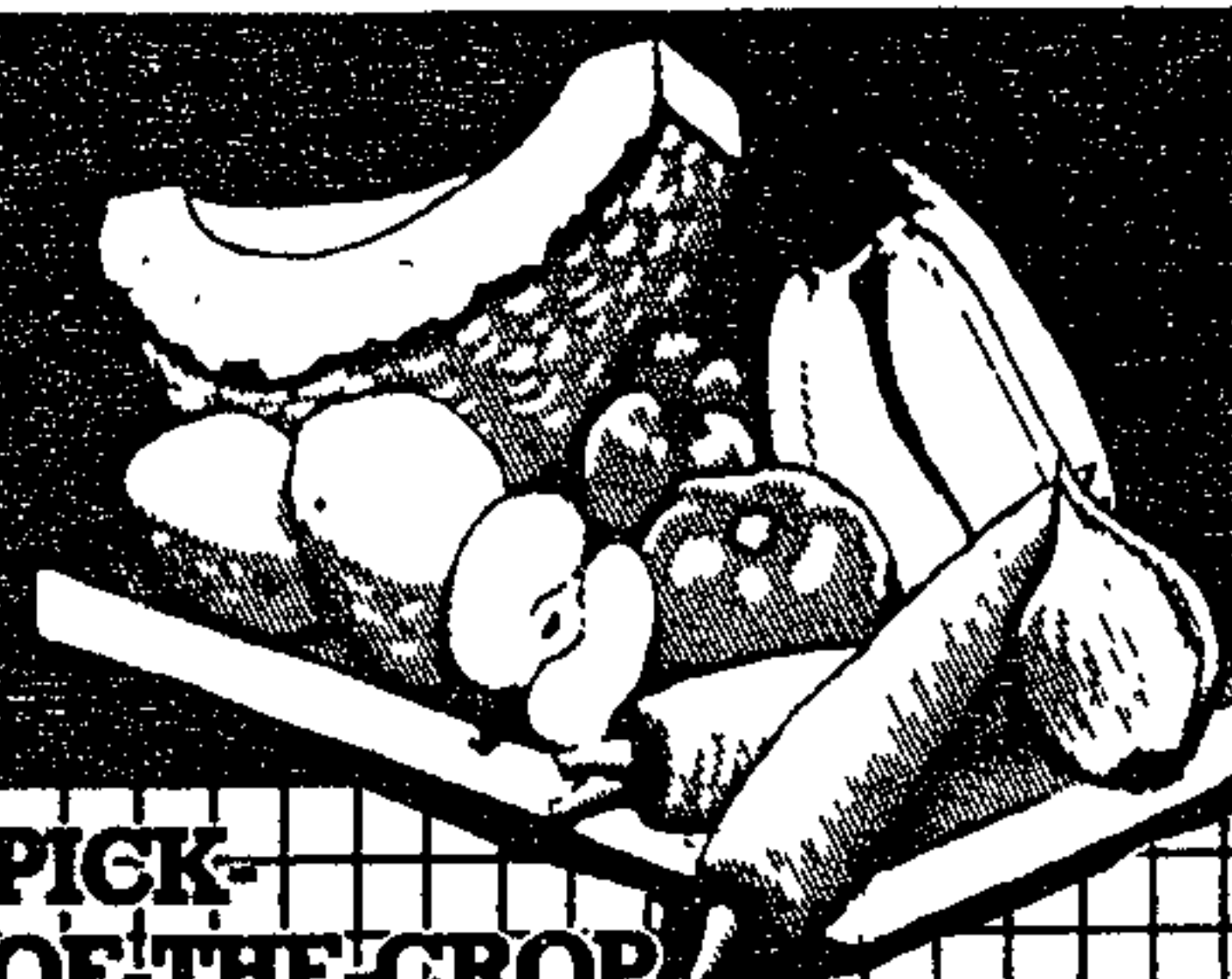
About 20 mounted officers sent up clouds of red dust as they galloped around and a police video crew filmed foreign correspondents who were allowed into the settlement

'Freedom'

In an address to Miss Khumalo's family and mourners, Bishop Tutu defied rules banning political speeches, telling his congregation "there is nothing that can stop our freedom" as dozens of women danced and chanted freedom songs

"I do not want to go to jail but if I have to go to jail for preaching the gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, so be it," he told 200 people crammed into a tent outside the Khumalo family home

"Our people do not want to fight, our people want a share of the land that God gave them"



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Mandela children found

From SOPHIE TEMA

JOHANNESBURG — Mrs Winnie Mandela's grandson and nephew, who went missing from her house in Brandfort in the Free State after a police raid on Tuesday, have been found.

The children were originally believed to have accompanied the 30 people arrested after the house had been raided by police.

The children are Zondwa Nana, the 20-month-old baby of Mrs Mandela's daughter, Zinzi, a student at the University of Cape Town, and Nkululeko Madikizela, 7, Mrs Mandela's sister's child.

The family's lawyer, Mr Ismail Ayob, said yesterday that Zondwa had been found wandering down a street and had been taken in by neighbours.

"Her nephew was limping slightly after the raid, possibly from a bruised leg, but the children were otherwise unharmed and are now with relatives."

Mr Ayob said both children had been examined and treated by Dr Abu-Baker Asvat at his Klipspruit surgery yesterday afternoon.

Police said earlier that they had arrested 19 men and 11 women at the house and had found seven petrol bombs.

Winnie Mandela's home burnt down in arson attack

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PRETORIA. — Police in Pretoria confirmed to SABC radio news today that the home of Mrs Winnie Mandela, wife of imprisoned ANC leader Nelson Mandela, was petrol-bombed this morning.

The exact extent of damage to the house in Brandfort, Free State, is not yet known.

A police spokesman said Mrs Mandela was apparently not home when the attack was launched.

A spokesman for the office of Mrs Mandela's lawyer in Johannesburg told Sapa the lawyer had gone to see Mrs Mandela, who is apparently in the Johannesburg vicinity, to tell her the news.

SABC said a neighbour evidently sounded the alarm after hearing an explosion.

No further details are available at this stage but police are investigating a case of arson, the radio said.

● A wounded man was thrown on to a blazing vehicle and burnt to death by a mob in Duncan Village near East London last night.

A police spokesman said today that houses, a community hall and a school were extensively damaged by arsonists last night. Delivery vehicles were looted and burnt.

Police dispersed arsonists with shotguns and rifles when they attacked a delivery vehicle.

The spokesman said: "A black man was wounded. The wounded man was thrown on to the burning vehicle by his fellow arsonists and died as a result of this barbaric act."

Five men were arrested in connection with these incidents. — Sapa.

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Mandela home attacked

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yesterday morning

Although the extent of
damage to the house was
not known, neighbours
said the bedroom and a
two-roomed building
alongside the house,
used by Mrs Mandela as
a clinic, were extensive-
ly damaged, and a cat
was found smothered to
death.

No one was at home
during the attack which
took place at about 3 am.

Furniture and other
household items were
destroyed by the fire but
the quick action of neigh-
bours saved the house
from being completely
destroyed.



Mrs Winnie Mandela, wife of jailed African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, and her daughter Zinzi sort through the badly damaged bedroom of her home in Brandfort near Bloemfontein. The house caught fire about 3am yesterday and an adjoining building used as a clinic and nursery was also damaged. Mrs Mandela was away from home for a medical check-up in Johannesburg at the time of the fire. ~~277~~ 277

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Death toll breaks 1976 record

AT LEAST 11 people died in country-wide unrest and the Brandfort home of Mrs Winnie Mandela was fire-bombed by unidentified arsonists yesterday.

The Institute of Race Relations yesterday said 601 people had died in South Africa in unrest since September 1984.

The death toll, unprecedented in the history of apartheid, has now exceeded the 575 people killed in unrest in 1976.

Meanwhile the petrol-bomb attack on the home of Mrs Mandela, wife of imprisoned leader Mr Nelson Mandela, was condemned last night by US State Department spokesman Mr Charles Redman, who said "We deplore this dreadful incident."

Mrs Mandela was in Johannesburg for a

medical check-up at the time of the attack, which damaged a bedroom and a workshop.

Her lawyer, Mr Ismail Ayob, said Mrs Mandela was shocked by the news and was particularly concerned that awards Mr Mandela had received over the years might have been destroyed.

No one was at home during the attack, which took place about 3am. Neighbours said they were awoken by two explosions.

A cat was found smothered to death — apparently by thick smoke — in an outside room used as a workshop.

A police spokesman in Pretoria confirmed receipt of a report on the attack.

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Homes attacked

There have been violent attacks against families of former leaders of the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) in the Free State town of Kroonstad.

These have taken the form of midnight petrol bombings. Two women are said to be in hospital.

Sources in Kroonstad said the homes of former Cosas chairman Mr Mamogele Sebetloane, its former secretary Mr Samuel Mothijoa and its former treasurer, Mr Khotso Nkone, were petrol bombed early yesterday in the townships of Constantia Park and Seeisoville.

Mrs Martha Nkone (40) and Mrs Dorah Sebetloane (60) were taken to hospital with burns according to township sources.

Police in Pretoria have confirmed the attacks but say they have records only of "minor burns" sustained by Mrs Sebetloane and her husband.

Ms Mamogele Sebetloane said after putting out the fire in their house, her family had found two petrol bombs in a bedroom.

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'Whose home will be next?'

CP Correspondent

THABONG teachers are living in fear of their lives after their homes were petrol bombed last weekend.

Eleven houses, which include five belonging to local teachers, five to pupils and one to a community leader - have been attacked in the past few days since Saturday night.

The teachers - M Libe, A Motlatla, R Mmoledi, W Mal-

gas and M. Mokgobo, who were accused of ignoring a call to boycott exams - had their homes damaged after they invigilated the first papers of the matric exams written at Leseding Technical School.

Petrol bombs were also thrown at the homes of three pupils who were among the 208 who wrote the first paper under heavy police guard.

Several petrol bombings on Sunday night are thought to have been in retaliation against students who sat for the exams.

No one was injured in the attacks, which caused slight damage.

There has been 100% absenteeism at examination centres in Thabong since Monday as threats to those who want to write spread.

Meanwhile, three vehicles were set alight in Thabong when unrest erupted again on Tuesday night. Reports said scores of pupils had been arrested in connection with the burning of Tito High School.

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Unrest in Ciskei, Lebowa, Bop

MAFIKENG. — Three people died as unrest continued throughout the weekend in the Garankuwa and Mabopane areas, according to the Bophuthatswana police yesterday.

The Bophuthatswana police opened fire when they were stoned during the unrest, and one person was reportedly injured.

There were a number of stone throwing incidents in which cars and buses were damaged, a senior police officer said.

Although police put the death toll at three, unconfirmed reports say seven people died and several cars were destroyed by fire during the disturbances. It is also alleged some of the dead were killed by vehicles trying to get away from stone-throwers.

Meanwhile the Pietersburg consumer boycott that started violently last week when people who had gone against the boycott were attacked, entered its second week more calmly yesterday.

—● The students at the Modjaji College of Education and from all the

high schools in Kgabane in Lebowa are boycotting classes. The boycott is expected to last for four months.

The boycott is in protest against the manner in which Mr Ngoako Ramalepe — president of the Kgabane Youth Congress affiliated to the UDF and president of the college SRC — died.

Another reason for the boycott is a demand that Modjaji College of Education be renamed Ngoako Ramalepe College of Education following a unanimous resolution adopted at the activist's funeral of November 2.

Chased

● About 4 000 mourners fled from the funeral of a 32-year-old activist allegedly killed by Ciskei vigilantes, when Ciskei riot police fired tear gas and assaulted the crowd, allegedly without warning, outside the Zwelitsha Catholic Church.

While police chased the mourners, a few people returned to the church and attended to the abandoned coffin of Mr Zalisile Matyholo, who had been an activist in the banned South African Students' Organization.

At least four mourners suffered injuries — two women had fractured arms, a youth fractured a leg and a young girl lost an eye, Sapa's correspondent reports.

The 30-odd mourners who eventually reached the cemetery were filmed by police. — Sapa

Pupils burn mayor's house

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The house of the mayor of the Parys township of Tumahole has been burnt by a group of high school pupils apparently enraged by the detention of a teacher and community leader, Mr Ace Magashule.

Mr Ace Magashule and youth leader Mr Sam Magashule have been detained in terms of section 29 of the Internal Security Act, police have confirmed.

More than 50 young people reportedly attacked the home of mayor Mr Andrew Phule on Monday. Police said only that a house had been burnt.

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Thabong pupils sjambokked back to school

Pupils in the Welkom township of Thabong are nursing weals and cuts after being forced back to school by sjambok-wielding gangs of vigilantes and parents, allegedly backed by local authority police and the SAP.

Much of the action is said to have taken place at the Lebohang and Thutagauta high schools on Monday morning and seemed to be aimed at pupils who were not wearing uniforms. Children found off school premises were also flogged.

South African Police involvement in the matter has been denied by Captain J Fouche, liaison officer for the Northern Free State. Local authority representatives could not be found for comment.

Local authority police are said to have rounded up men from the beer-halls early on Monday and directed them to take part in the attack on pupils. Some parents travelling to work were also allegedly turned back and told to discipline their children.

A few isolated assaults were reported yesterday.

Earlier this month similar action was allegedly taken by parents and vigilantes in the nearby town of Virginia. Young people from the area say pupils have returned to classes under the threat of the sjambok and they dare not even leave classrooms on errands for fear of being assaulted.

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Parents 'sjambokked' children

JOHANNESBURG. — Pupils in Free State town-

ships near Welkom, Odendaalsrus and Parys were allegedly forced back to school on Monday by sjambok-wielding vigilantes and parents

The alleged sjambokkings follow a weekend meeting called by the Department of Education and Training.

The regional director of the DET in the Free State, Mr Nick Botha, yesterday denied that at any stage the DET encouraged parents to sjambok their children. He said, however, that he had heard claims that children were "hit by their parents".

He said that some 3 000 parents attended the meeting on Sunday where a number of resolutions were passed — including, he said, that children must go back to school on Monday.

Police did not have sjamboks, court told

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Staff Reporter

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ODENDAALSRUS — Police at Odendaalsrus Police Station were not issued with sjamboks at the time that a young Cosas activist died after being detained there, a detective told an inquest here yesterday.

Detective Constable Samuel Mashabe testified at the inquest into the death of Phillip Sipho Mutsi (17), who died in Pelonomi Hospital on May 5 last year, the day after he was detained.

He admitted, after first denying it, that police were occasionally issued with sjamboks.

"Whose sjamboks? I don't know that police are issued with sjamboks."

Mr A Mendelow QC, for the Mutsi family, said that sjamboks were of considerable importance in the case, and said earlier that a post-mortem had revealed marks consistent with blows from a sjambok on Mr Mutsi's body.

Constable Mashabe said the last time he had been issued with a sjambok was "long before" Sipho's death. He could not recall the reason.

He denied that he had seen policemen in the streets outside the courtroom carrying sjamboks during hearings last month, or that he had seen a policeman carrying a sjambok leave the courtroom while one of his colleagues gave evidence on the use of sjamboks.

He described how Sipho sat in a chair during interrogation with his hands handcuffed behind his back. He then demonstrated how Sipho stood up and fell forward, hitting his chin on the table.

Although his chin bled, Constable Mashabe said, he did not help Sipho or loosen his handcuffs.

He admitted that Sipho was "perfectly healthy" when he was detained.

Mr Mendelow said he would argue that the injury on Sipho's chin resulted from a kick or a blow with a fist.

The hearing continues.

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CP Correspondent

PARENTS OF Thabong pupils near Welkom have ignored the opening date for schools - January 28 - and have been sjambokking their children to force them to attend school since Monday.

This was the stand staken by thousands of parents who attended a mass meeting at Thabong Stadium on Sunday with a heavy police guard keeping a close watch on proceedings.

Scores of pupils at three secondary schools - Lebo-gang, Thutagauta and Teto - were treated for sjambok wounds at the Provincial Hospital after they refused to go into classes.

Some were beaten for not wearing school uniforms and those with permed hair were ordered to cut their hair short.

The lectures at 17 schools in the township have been normal since Monday.

The attendance at 13 primary schools is at 90 per cent and secondary schools at 75 percent this week.

The leader of the parents' group, PK Selepe, indicated that parents had to take this step because the police and the Department of Education and Training had failed to take the kids to school.

"The reason for pupils not going to school is sheer laziness - hence we acted," said Mr Selepe.

The Regional Inspector for Welkom East Circuit, JAC Steyn, and the liaison officer for the DET in the Free State, Saul Msibi, have assured parents that all the schools and properties damaged during unrest would be repaired and that Thabong pupils would sit for exams on February 3.

Lekota did not attend funeral, defence claims

Staff Reporter

DELMAS — The publicity secretary of the United Democratic Front (UDF), Mr "Terror" Lekota, was not present at a funeral where the police claim he participated in a stone-throwing incident.

This was said yesterday at the Delmas trial, where Mr Lekota is one of 22 accused of treason.

A security policeman, Mr Adolf Branders, testified that on February 21 last year he was keeping watch on a funeral in Kroonstad.

When it was over and people began dispersing an incident erupted and policemen on the scene fired tearsmoke.

Mr Branders said he was watching the crowd with binoculars from a distance of about 200 m.

People began throwing stones. He saw Mr Lekota bend down to pick up a stone.

He said he was absolutely certain he saw Mr Lekota throw stones that day. It was not possible that he could be mistaken about the date.

He said he saw Mr Lekota again later that day, when he was brought to the police station by uniformed policemen.

But during cross-examination, counsel for the defence, Mr George Bizos, SC, said Mr Lekota had

been at only one funeral at Kroonstad in February last year — and that was on February 18.

He showed Mr Branders a report which was published in *The Star* on February 19 1985.

The report said Mr Lekota had been arrested the previous day during a funeral where "scores" of people were injured.

Earlier yesterday, the Rev Lord-Eldorado Righteousness McCamel testified that the events of September 3 1984 in the Vaal Triangle, in which people were killed and property damaged, would never have taken place if the police had not confronted people participating in a protest march.

He said the march was meant to be a peaceful one and the news of killings and damage to property came as a shock and a surprise to him.

From the start he had been reluctant to participate in the march, because he had feared that there might be a confrontation with the police.

"What I had in mind was that in most cases the people walk peacefully, like at a funeral, and when they meet policemen the police provoke them and there is a confrontation," said Mr McCamel.

The case continues today.

Boy (8) STAR shot by 271 councillor 1913/86

A shot fired by a community councillor in the Kroonstad township of Seelisoille killed a boy of eight on Monday night.

After subsequent police action 15 high school pupils were treated in hospital for sjambok injuries and three activists arrested.

The dead boy was Vincent Mntuze, a pupil at Boiteko Lower Primary School.

Yesterday morning's police unrest report said the councillor opened fire and shot the child after being stoned.

Colonel Vic Haynes of the Police Directorate of Public Relations said the shooting was being investigated.

Residents said councillors and council guards have been involved in numerous shootings. Colonel Haynes said police were aware of several cases.

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Birdshot used as 10 000 attend 'peaceful' burial of boy (10) Scores injured at funeral

By Chris More and Maud Motanyane

Scores of people were injured when police used teargas, jamboks and fired birdshot as about 10 000 mourners attended a funeral of an unrest victim in Seelsoville near Kroonstad yesterday.

At least 80 percent of the residents of the small Free State township stayed away from work and school to attend the funeral of Vincent Mntuze, a 10-year-old primary school pupil.

Members of the South African Police and the local council police, travelling in about 15 vehicles, including three Casspirs, followed the mourners to and from the graveyard.

According to the official 7 pm police report, "stones were thrown at the SAP vehicles at Seelsoville" yesterday. It said one man was wounded and arrested by police in the incident. "A bread delivery vehicle in Seelsoville was also robbed," according to the report.

Several people were injured when police fired birdshot and teargas inside the home of the dead boy, mourners said. At least six people were treated for injuries at the local hospital.

The first few shots were fired as mourners walked to the graveyard. A youth was rushed to hospital with birdshot wounds before mourners reached the graveyard. Another youth was treated by a local doctor for weals on his back caused by sjamboks.

The father of the dead boy, Mr Abram Mntuze, said he was appalled by the unprovoked disruption of his son's funeral.

"What more must we do to please the police?"

Trapped in tent

"The service was peaceful and the mourners behaved themselves with dignity. I was appalled by the way people were treated by the police. It was very unfair," Mr Mntuze said.

The township was thrown into turmoil after the police activity and a planned Sharpeville-Langa commemoration service abandoned.

The police were patrolling the streets until late in the day, with vehicles speeding along the small and dusty roads.

A group of youths surged forward and hurled stones and other missiles at a police bus after a teargas canister was thrown at mourners inside the Mntuze home.

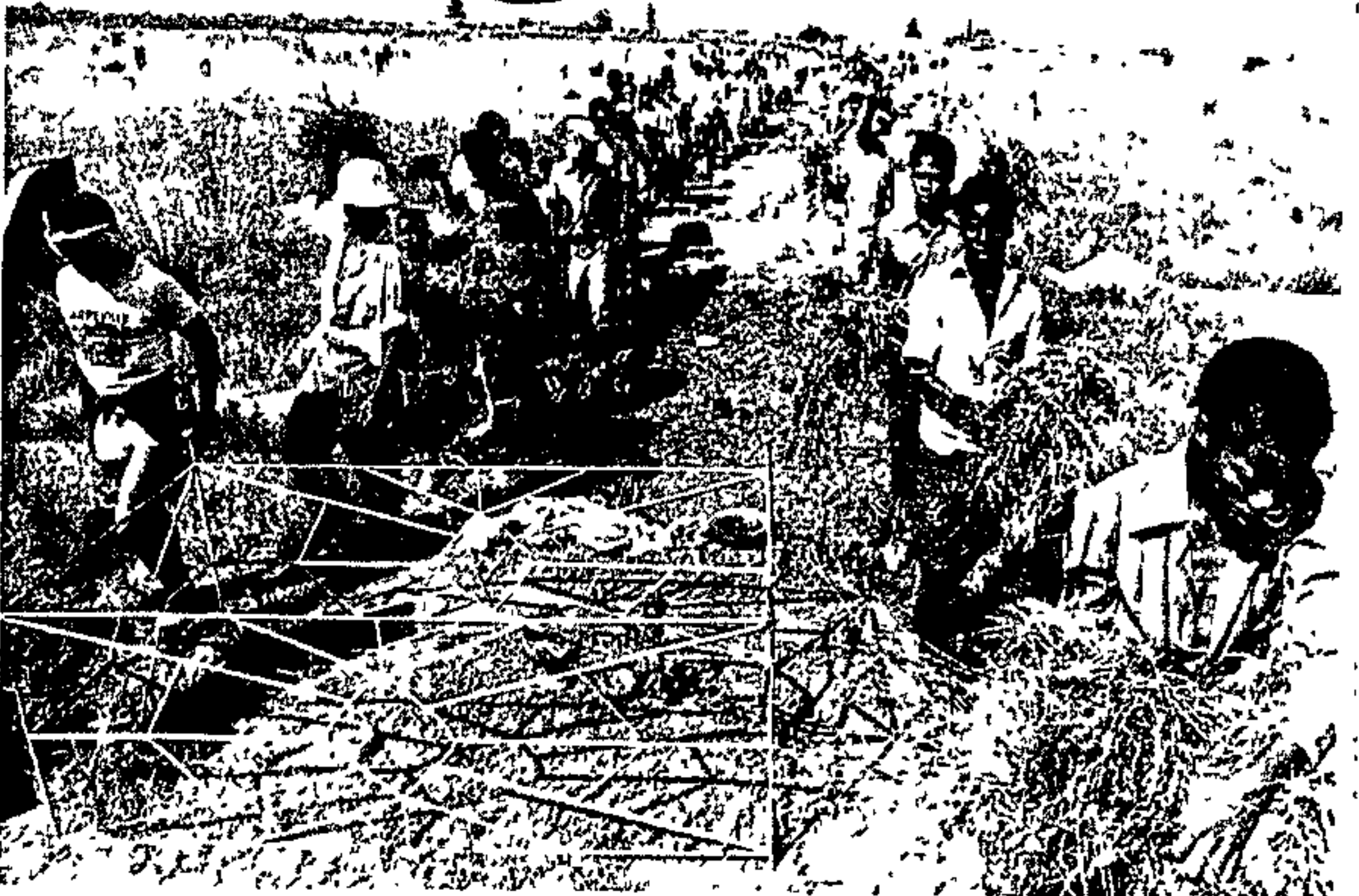
Chairman of the Seelsoville Parents Crisis Committee Mr Biza Makhato said police fired teargas inside the tent in front of the Mntuze home.

"Many people were trapped inside the tent and others in the two houses nearby. I was among those trapped inside one of the houses and choked by the strong teargas fumes."

"I was totally surprised by the police action because the proceedings had been peaceful until they started firing teargas. No one in the 10 000-strong crowd had done anything to provoke that kind of police action. It was very unnecessary and could have cost lives," Mr Makhato said.

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Members of various political and civic organisations yesterday met for a common purpose at the Sharpeville cemetery. The common purpose was to clean graves of the victims of the 1960 Sharpeville shootings. Yesterday was the 26th anniversary of the shootings. Photograph: Alf Kumalo

Peace reigns as youths clean victims' graves

The cleaning of graves of victims of the 1960 Sharpeville shootings was carried out without incident yesterday, according to police.

A large number of youths, members of the Sharpeville Youth Congress, went to the local cemetery at 7 am to clean the graves as a mark of respect for the dead regarded as "martyrs of the black liberation struggle."

From the cemetery they marched back into the township to attend a memorial service at the local NG Kerk.

The police kept a close watch but did not interfere.

They followed the youths as they marched to the memorial service. "We allowed them to do their thing," one policeman said.

Unconfirmed reports said one youth was arrested hoisting a flag with the inscription "Sharpeville remembers 1960" and that two were arrested for wearing T-shirts with political slogans.

The arrests have been denied by the police.

Work at several factories in Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage had to be stopped yesterday because of a total stayaway by black workers. But emergency services continued with slight adjustments.

Youths open 'paupers' coffins

Members of the International Red Cross yesterday visited Tembisa cemetery where five unidentified bodies had been brought for burial on the day before and where youths, suspecting unrest victims were being buried secretly, had chased a white undertaker away.

Coffins containing unidentified bodies were abandoned in the graveyard when an employee of a Kempton Park undertaker, Huggets Funeral Directors, was forced to flee from the youths.

The youths then tried to open one of the coffins by stoning and jumping on it, a witness said. They thought it might contain one of the many people who had disappeared during the Alexandra unrest, she said.

Huggets managing director Mr F C Kruger said the five bodies were those of paupers being buried with the authorisation of the police. He confirmed that a white member of his staff had "almost been attacked and had to flee."

Mrs Elizabeth Mthembu of Emfihlweni Section said she had gone to the graveyard on Thursday afternoon after being told by her children there were "boxes" at the cemetery.

"I saw a group of youths stone a coffin in an open grave. One youth jumped on the coffin and it broke, revealing the body of a young man, with a scar running from the navel to the neck. I believe this was a scar from a post mortem examination," said Mrs Mthembu.

She said police had appeared on the scene and the crowd scattered. The graves were later covered with soil by a worker at the graveyard.

An East Rand police spokesman denied any knowledge of the burial or the threatened attack on the undertaker.

Youths kept watch at the cemetery throughout Thursday night, suspecting that the bodies might be removed. They also informed Alexandra community leaders of developments and lawyers were instructed to take immediate steps to ascertain the nature of burials.

Several people from Alexandra, whose relatives disappeared during the unrest, rushed to Tembisa as soon as they heard of the burials.

"We don't know what happened to our son but no normal parent would allow her child to be given a pauper's funeral," said one.

2 shot dead in car chase through Alexandra were Std 6 teenagers

By Montshiwa Moroke

The two "men" shot dead by police in Alexandra township on Thursday were Std 6 pupils at Minerva High School.

Gospel Truth Church, which houses Ikage Lower Primary School. A class was in progress at the time, the witness said.

Miss Mapule Letsebe, Noel's sister, said she found her brother's body.



This man was one of four arrested in the city centre yesterday after a mob who were singing and chanting were dispersed by police. They were released on another street soon afterwards. The crowd became tense and angry after the arrests and traffic was disrupted for over an hour. The crowd had emerged from Khotso House where an Azapo meeting to commemorate the Sharpeville anniversary was held.

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owner's consent, during his youth.

(b) Six cuts with a light cane.

(2) No, as he concealed this in his appointment documents.

Overwacht: schools

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the Minister of Law and *277* asked

Whether any members of the South African Police recently took any action in respect of incidents at schools in Overwacht near Bloemfontein; if so, (a) on what dates, (b) at which schools, (c) what action and (d) what were the circumstances surrounding each incident;

(2) whether any persons were (a) killed and (b) injured in these incidents; if so, (i) what total number in each case and (ii) what was the cause of each death or injury;

(3) whether any persons were taken into custody as a result of these incidents; if so, for what offences in each case?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes.

(a) to (d) On 8 January 1986 and 24 April 1986 the South African Police was forced to act against pupils of the Popana School, after the pupils threw stones at the police and school building. The police acted against the pupils with birdshot and quirts. On 21 March 1986 a group of pupils of the same school locked the gate with a lock so that other pupils who wanted to attend classes could not enter the school grounds. The police then broke the lock and opened the gate.

On 16 April 1986 pupils of the Khonho School threw stones at the school building and at the

police. The police dispersed the stonethrowers with quirts.

On 21 April 1986 pupils of the Ntemoseng School disrupted classes. The police dispersed the rioters with quirts.

On 22 April 1986 pupils of the Khorathuto School threw stones at the school building and at the police. The police dispersed the stonethrowers with tear smoke

On 23 April 1986 pupils of the Reamohetese School threw stones at the school building and at the police. The police dispersed the stonethrowers with tear smoke.

(2) (a) No. (i) and (ii) Fall away.

(b) Yes.

(i) 3 persons.

(ii) Due to bird-shot.

(3) Yes, 26 persons were taken into custody for public violence.

Overwacht: schools

*6. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:

(1) Whether there were any incidents of unrest or disruption at any schools in Overwacht near Bloemfontein recently; if so, (a) at which schools, (b) on what dates and (c) what (i) was the nature of and (ii) were the circumstances surrounding these incidents;

(2) whether any of these schools were closed as a result of unrest or disruptions; if so, (a) which schools and (b) when;

(3) whether these schools have subsequently been re-opened; if not, when is it anticipated that they will be re-opened; if so, when;

(4) whether any damage was reported at

any of these schools; if so, (a) at which schools, (b) what was the nature of the damage in each case and (c) what is the total estimated cost of the damage;

(5) whether his Department has taken or intends taking any action to normalise conditions at these schools; if not, why not; if so what action?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID:

(1) Yes.

(a) Nthemoseng Secondary.

(b) 4th April 1986.

(c) (i) and (ii) Stones were thrown on the roof of the school and books were burnt.

(a) Kgauho Secondary.

(b) 17th April 1986.

(c) (i) Disruption of school programme—Standard 8 pupils refused to attend class. When they were sent home, they threw stones and destroyed books.

(ii) Dissatisfaction because

(3) Falls away.

(4) Yes.

(a) Kgauho Secondary
Nthemoseng Secondary
Mmusapelo Primary

(c) Total estimated damage R1 200.

(5) Yes. The following steps were taken to normalise conditions at these schools.
— Letters to parents to motivate them to send their children to school.
— Distribution of pamphlets in the township to impress upon pupils the necessity for education.

there is no electricity and because there are no tiles on the floors. The pupils want a new school because the present one was built by the former Department of Co-operation and Development. The pupils demanded to have qualified teachers immediately.

(a) Mmusapelo Primary.

(b) 11th April 1986.

(c) (i) One corrugated iron classroom was destroyed.

(ii) Pupils are dissatisfied because they are still accommodated in a temporary corrugated iron building.

(2) No schools were closed, but classes of the following schools were suspended temporarily:

Kgauho Secondary:

Standard 8 classes—17 April-5 May 1986;
Rest of school—21 April-5 May 1986.

Mmusapelo Primary:

Whole school—11 April-5 May 1986.

(b) Window panes R300; Books R300.
Books R100.
Corrugated iron classroom ±R500.

— Assistant Director and Circuit Inspectors addressed pupils and discussed their complaints with them.
— Parents' meetings and School Committee meetings were convened at schools, without success.
— Complaints of pupils were looked into by the principal and an in-

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spector and explanations were given to the satisfaction of the pupils.

- Motivation courses for teachers were presented.
- The Township Council was requested to assist in normalising matters in the township.

Stamps celebrating founding of Republic

*7. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Communications:

- (1) Whether his Department is responsible for the (a) content, (b) printing and (c) distribution of the Philatelic Services and Intersapa brochure advertising the issue of stamps celebrating the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Republic; if not, who was responsible for each of these aspects; if so, (i) what is the name of this brochure, (ii) who compiled the text printed under the heading "25th Anniversary of the Republic of South Africa: 31 May 1986" and (iii) what was the total cost to his Department of printing and distributing this brochure;

- (2) whether the text was approved by him; if not, who approved the text?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS:

- (1) (a), (b) and (c) Yes.
 - (i) Philatelic Bulletin 189,
 - (ii) officials of the Post Office in consultation with the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, and
 - (iii) R2 881,76;

- (2) no; it was approved by officials of the Department in the normal course of duty.

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Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Home Affairs:

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Simon's Town naval base
The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

- (1) Whether any discussions were held or negotiations were entered into with any foreign governments over the past two years regarding the use by a foreign country of the Simon's Town naval base; if so, (a) with what foreign government or governments, (b) on what date or dates, (c) what specified use of the said naval base was discussed or formed the subject of negotiation and (d) what were the results of the discussions or negotiations in each case;

- (2) whether any agreements have been reached with any foreign governments regarding the use of this naval base; if so, (a) with what governments, (b) when and (c) what are the terms of these agreements?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID (for the Minister of Foreign Affairs):

- (1) No. (a), (b) and (c) Fall away.
- (2) No. Not since the Simonstown Agreement with the United Kingdom was terminated on 16 June 1975. (a), (b) and (c) Fall away.

New Zealand rugby players

*10. Mr B B GOODALL asked the Minister of Finance:

- (1) Whether a certain company, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, will receive any tax concessions as a result of its sponsorship of the current rugby tour by New Zealand rugby players; if so, (a) what specified tax concessions, (b) in terms of what statutory provisions, (c) what is the estimated total loss of revenue to his Department as

a result of these concessions and (d) what is the name of this company;

- (2) Whether any other special tax concessions are to be granted to this company in connection with its sponsorship of this tour; if so, (a) in terms of what statutory provisions and (b) what is the estimated total loss of revenue as a result of these concessions?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE:

- (1) No, unless legislation is passed providing for a tax concession in respect of certain sponsorships.

Attention is drawn to the press statement issued by me on 20 January 1986 in which the following was mentioned:

"in the light of the special problems faced by sporting and other bodies in South Africa, the Government resolved last year to introduce during this year's Parliamentary session amending legislation concerning tax concessions for sponsors of international sporting, cultural and educational activities."

If the proposed legislation is enacted by Parliament, sponsors complying with its condition will qualify for tax relief. They will as taxpayers be entitled to have their affairs treated as confidential. Any public disclosure of the affairs of any particular sponsor would be contrary to the policy of the Income Tax Act.

Since no legal provisions exist in terms of which a claim for tax relief may be made it is at this stage not possible to estimate the loss of revenue which will result from the proposed concession.

- (2) In view of the answer to (1), this question falls away.

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HANSARD
Arcadia school
Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order:

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1 dead, 5 hurt as shots fired at stokvel

A MEMBER of the Azanian People's Organisation was shot dead and five other people were seriously wounded when police opened fire at a stokvel in Zamdela, Sasolburg, at the weekend.

The dead man was Mr Petrus Mohlomola (26), of 2196 Protea, Zamdela.

Those injured are Mr Moses Matla, Mr Joseph Matla, Mrs Eya Matla, Mr Petrus Mofokeng and Mr Joseph Mofokeng. They were admitted to the Sebokeng Hospital.

Three policemen's homes were set alight when a group of angry residents went on the rampage yesterday in what is believed to be a "revenge attack".

The policemen are Constable Petrus Thla-

banelo, Constable J Mashinini and Constable P Mako of the Sasolburg Police Station.

A police spokesman confirmed both incidents. He said police were investigating.

The unrest follows a

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stayaway in support of Sentrachem workers who have been on strike for the past two weeks over wages.

Zamdela residents

have been organising stokvels to support striking workers.

Mr Mzwakhe Motiane said police raided his home during a stokvel on Sunday. They confiscated liquor and fired shots at the patrons.

Accused 'not pressurised into making a statement'

Court Reporter

A POLICE constable who was present during the questioning of one of the accused in the Kinikini murder trial said in the Supreme Court at Uitenhage that no one assaulted, threatened or pressurised the accused into confessing to a magistrate involvement in the Kinikini murders.

Detective Constable T Faleni was testifying in a trial within a trial to test the admissibility of a confession made by Mr Mlamli Mielies on April 11 last year.

In his evidence Const Faleni said when he had brought Mr Mielies to the detective offices for questioning on April 10 last

year, Mr Mielies said he would talk but did not want people in an adjoining office to overhear what he said.

When no office could be found where the questioning could be conducted privately, Sgt George Dicker said the police sports grounds was a quiet place.

Mr Mielies was then taken there for questioning and had "told everything about what happened at Kinikini's place" and about the unrest at Uitenhage in general.

He said when Lt P de Lange wanted to take down in writing what Mr Mielies had said, Mr Mielies said: "No, you mustn't write. I don't want to talk

a lot. Let's go to a magistrate."

When Mr Mielies began crying and said he was afraid that his parents would be burnt, Lt De Lange had warned Const Faleni and Sgt Dicker that what Mr Mielies had said should only stay between them.

Const Faleni said neither he nor Sgt Dicker had promised bail to Mr Mielies, who had told the magistrate that he had been influenced into making the statement by being promised bail.

The accused are: Mr Mnyanda Jantjies, 21, Mr Mlamli Mielies, 22, Mr Lungile Bobby, 22, Mr Thobile Mahlahla, 19, Mr Ngqondo Vena, 26, Mr

Zandisile Ndwanya, 18 and three youths aged 17, 16 and 15.

The case arose from incidents in Kwanobuhle on March 23, when the undertaking complex of Mr Benjamin Kinikini, 57, was attacked, extensively damaged and set alight and Mr Kinikini, his 13-year-old son Stanley, Mr Silumko Kinikini, 20, Mr Eric Kinikini, 25, Mr Qondile Kinikini, 18, and Mr Zolisile Pram, 20, were murdered by a crowd.

Mr Justice Mullins was on the Bench Mr B P Loots and Mr E A Logie sat as assessors. Mr Chris Nel appeared for the State Mr Justice Poswa, together with Mr H K Naidu (instructed by Thole Majodina and company) appeared for the defence.

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Power failure blacks



A POLICEMAN holds a youth in Tumahole township yesterday. This was after unrest flared in the township.

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A MUNICIPAL policeman was killed, a hall gutted and a shop belonging to one of the Mahlatsi family members was looted when unrest broke out in Tumahole township, near Parys, yesterday.

A house belonging to another policeman was stoned.

According to our information, the municipal policeman was Mr Joseph Mokoena. He was stoned, knifed and later "necklaced" after he allegedly shot and wounded three youths at about 9 am. The youths were apparently part of a rampaging mob that attacked his backyard room and set his house

alight.

Incidents of unrest flared after residents had called for a one-day stayaway. The stayaway, according to the residents, had been prompted by the action of the development board's police, who accompanied by members of the South African Police, allegedly destroyed

Cop dies in riot over parks

two "mini parks" in the township on Wednesday.

The parks were two of the three designed by youths at the weekend during a clean-up campaign organised by the Tumahole Civic Association.

During yesterday morning's unrest, at least six youths, among them two females, are said to have received medical treatment for birdshot wounds.

Trouble yesterday, a resident said, started when police confronted residents marching to town to see the local station commander and the chief magistrate at about 5.30 am to protest about the destruction of their parks.

They were dispersed with teargas by police who also allegedly fired birdshot and rubber bullets.

Later in the morning, angry youths attacked municipal police homes.

The situation was tense yesterday as police patrolled the township.

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PAPERS before the Free State Supreme Court have lifted the veil on Security Force activities in black schools during the first two months of the Emergency, when reports on their actions were restricted.

While the police have told the Supreme Court that they were deployed in schools to prevent unrest, parents and a teacher from Parys' Tumahole township have accused them of conducting daily assaults on schoolchildren.

The allegations form part of an urgent application brought by Keabetsa "Archie" Tlhobelo, a mathematics and physical science teacher at Tumahole's Phehlang Senior Secondary School.

The application for an order stopping Security Forces from continuing the alleged assaults was brought two weeks ago. However, the details were embargoed until Wednesday to allow the replying affidavits to be filed.

Tlhobelo alleged the principal and education authorities were making no effort to end the abuse. Instead, he said, they had handed over their disciplinary functions to the Security Forces.

His claims were countered by the SA Police, Phehlang's principal and officials of the Department of Education and Training (DET).

In replying papers served this week, the authorities stressed it was in the interests of curbing unrest in schools, which was sometimes instigated by teachers, that two members of the "community guards", known as local authority police, were permanently stationed in the schools.

The principal, Jafta Mokgottle Mogashoa, denied surrendering his disciplinary powers to the police. He did, however, concede that he had handed one unruly pupil over to the police and watched a policeman lash him four times while another

Court hears of police beatings in classrooms

Police have told a Free State court that they moved into schools to prevent unrest. But a teacher has accused them of daily assaults upon pupils, reports JO-ANN BEKKER

Policeman held him down

DET's assistant director, Majora Mtsheumayelo, said the principal's actions would receive his immediate attention and disciplinary action will be taken.

Tlhobelo's claims are supported by affidavits from eight students allegedly assaulted by the police.

According to Tlhobelo, normal teaching was "difficult if not impossible" since the Security Forces were stationed in school premises in terms of the Department of Education and Training's new measures introduced on July 14.

His principal, Mogashoa, however, said the "reassuring presence" of the Security Forces "promoted an atmosphere conducive to proper teaching".

Tlhobelo claimed the police, in particular the "local authority police" previously attached to the now disbanded development boards, were unlawfully assaulting and abusing pupils "in an arbitrary fashion and without any reason



Man behind the case: Teacher Archie Tlhobelo

"I have gained the impression that because the police claim to be acting under the Emergency regulations, and because they apparently believe that they enjoy an immunity under these regulations, at least some of them are quite unrestrained in the abuses they have inflicted on the children," he said.

Lieutenant Jan Andries van Heerden, station commander of the Parys police, said he had met principals and teachers of schools in Tumahole before the schools

reopened. He had explained that the Security Forces would be available to protect residents and schoolchildren and invited them to discuss any complaints with him personally.

He had, however, received no complaints at all, and none relating to the claims in Tlhobelo's application.

In his affidavit, Tlhobelo said the police disregarded the authority of teachers. They entered classes without knocking and sometimes removed pupils in the middle of a lesson.

On one occasion, he said, he was discussing a mathematics problem with his class when two policemen burst into the room and asked what the noise was about. When he explained they were discussing mathematics, he was accused of being "insubordinate".

In terms of DET's regulations, children may not leave the school grounds during break. There is no tuck shop at the school and in the past students bought food from nearby shops. Now they go hungry, Tlhobelo said. "Pupils often complain of hunger and say they can't concentrate properly."

Tlhobelo said the police did not allow children to leave their classes to visit the toilet. Thus, every break more than the more than 1 000 Phehlang students all raced to the single toilet block, causing "enormous disorder".

He said as soon as the siren sounded to end break police began whipping children into classrooms. "They don't even allow a reasonable time for pupils to get from schoolyard to classes."

These claims have been denied by police and the principal.

"The police are apparently engaged in a pattern of daily assaults upon the children and the teachers are desisting from taking any action to prohibit them. For every day that goes by, these apparently unrestrained assaults continue," Tlhobelo said.

Evidence given by policeman 'an invention', says advocate

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ODENDAALSRUS — An advocate at an inquest in Odendaalsrus alleged yesterday that a policeman's claim that a detainee's head injuries had been caused by a fall against an iron table and an epileptic fit was an "invention".

Mr A Mendelow QC, cross-examining Detective Constable Samuel Mashabe about the death in detention last year of Mr Philip Sipho Mutsi (17), presented a diagram to the court.

The diagram was used to show where the interrogators were placed in relation to Mr Mutsi, who sat in front of an iron table.

According to Constable Mashabe's evidence, Mr Mendelow said, Mr Mutsi had his back to Warrant Officer Maxwell Sithole who questioned him during the interrogation.

Mr Mendelow said it was nonsense to suggest that the interrogation would have been conducted with such a seating arrangement and that Constable Mashabe's story that Mr Mutsi slipped and hit his chin on the table was untrue.

UNAWARE OF INJURIES

Constable Mashabe insisted that his version was correct, adding that he did not know that Mr Mutsi had incurred any head injuries.

He said that, on May 3 last year, 25 youths were arrested in connection with the petrol bombings of the Development Board buildings in the Odendaalsrus township and the attempted bombing of Warrant Officer Sithole's house.

Several of the youths had described Mr Mutsi, the local Cosas branch organiser, as the main instigator of the unrest, Constable Mashabe said.

On the following day Mr Mutsi was arrested and taken to Odendaalsrus police station. He died the next day in hospital in Bloemfontein.

Explaining earlier lapses of memory, Constable Mashabe said: "I was once injured on my head and I am not the same good man I used to be."

The hearing continues.

Crowd hacks man to death

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Staff Reporter

A GUGULETU man was hacked to death by a panga-wielding crowd after a petrol-bomb attack on his house at the weekend. His wife was wounded in the attack.

The Public Relations Division of the South African Police said in its daily unrest report yesterday that "late yesterday evening (Saturday), a mob of arsonists petrol-bombed a house, causing damage.

"As the occupants left the house, shots were fired at them. One black female sustained injuries, and they (the mob) thereafter killed her husband with pangas. No arrests were made and police are investigating."

Two men wounded

Despite exhaustive inquiries, the Cape Times was unable to obtain further details about the incident.

A Peninsula police spokesman said the victim's name was unavailable. However, a senior spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said it would not be in the "two victims' interest" to release their names.

In another incident, two men were wounded when a Bloemfontein policeman opened fire on a group of people after a stone-throwing incident at his home.

In their unrest report, the police said: "In the black residential area of Botshabelo near Bloemfontein, a mob of stone-throwing blacks stoned the house of a member of the SAP, and two black males were slightly wounded when the constable dispersed the mob with bird-shot."

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2 die, 5 hurt in unrest

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PRETORIA. — Two people have died and five have been injured in 24 hours, according to today's unrest report issued by the police here.

The body of a man was found in Mbekweni, Pinetown. He had been stabbed to death.

A man was stabbed to death and another was wounded in Mpumalanga, Natal.

Unknown persons fired at a group of blacks in Inchanga, Natal. Police arrested six men.

A petrol bomb was hurled at a house in Botshabelo, Bloemfontein, and a man and two women were burnt.

A group armed with bottles attacked a woman in Hammersdale, injuring her. — Sapa.

'Shotgun' guards after beer driver murdered

By EDDIE KOCH

THE South African Breweries has employed armed guards to "ride shotgun" on its delivery trucks after a driver was gunned down in Durban this week during a bitter wage strike at beer depots around the country.

The 29-year-old driver, Ivan Rungiah, was shot dead near SAB's Prospecton plant on Tuesday evening while driving back to the brewery. Rungiah had accepted the post of temporary driver to stand in for striking workers.

Ragin Naicker, national organiser for the Food and Allied Workers' Union (Fawu), said the union was conducting an investigation into the killing.

Naicker said he was discussing the possibility of reopening talks with management and this would help defuse the tension.

A representative for SAB said the decision to put armed guards on delivery trucks was "a measure necessary for the protection of their employees rather than "because we want to resort to the Wild West".

One of SAB's biggest clients, the

National Taverners Association, has expressed support for the striking workers, said Naicker.

●About 50 members of the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (Numsa) protested outside the Stock Exchange in Johannesburg on Wednesday against the sacking of 500 workers at the Barlows Appliance plant in Kew. A Numsa shop steward said the company had called in police who used dogs to evict the workers. "This would not have hap-

pened if we were white," he added.

●Some 500 members of the Transport & Allied Workers Union at Lebowa Transport have been on strike for the last week leaving thousands of commuters stranded. The workers are demanding the reinstatement of 10 colleagues dismissed on September 11.

●About 1 000 members of the Paper Print Wood and Allied Workers' Union struck this week at the Kohler plants in Springs and Brakpan, Consol Corrugated Packaging in Benoni and a number of smaller factories.

50 000 in Botshabelo protest march

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JOHANNESBURG. — More than 50 000 people thronged the streets of Botshabelo, near Bloemfontein, to protest against the incorporation of the township into the Qwa Qwa homeland.

The demonstration began at 1pm yesterday at a church and wound its way to the magistrate's court where a petition against incorporation was to be handed to the town clerk, Mr Van der Westhuisen.

Protesters, holding aloft banners, sang, chanted and "toyitoyied" as they were watched by police.

The police did not intervene in the procession which was led by the Rev Sam Mokoena of the Anglican Church.

The co-ordinator of an advice office, Mr Benny Kotsoane, said they had informed

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Botshabelo, about 50km from Bloemfontein, was forcibly placed under the Qwa Qwa administration by Pretoria on December 2 1987.

Mr Kotsoane said Qwa Qwa leader Mr T K Mopedi had lost considerable support in the township since its incorporation.

"Although most people were against the incorporation, Mr Mopedi did have large support here. But in the last year, he has lost virtually all the support. When he held celebration here earlier this year, most people staged a boycott.

"When he holds elections next year, it is certain he will receive minimal support. The turnout at today's protest demonstrates this," Mr Kotsoane said. — Sapa.

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50 000 march near Bloemfontein

JOHANNESBURG. — More than 50 000 people thronged the streets of Botshabelo, near Bloemfontein, yesterday to protest against the incorporation of the township into the Qwa Qwa homeland.

The demonstration started at a local church and wound its way to the magistrate's court where a petition against incorporation was due to be handed to the town clerk, a Mr Van der Westhuisen.

Protesters, holding aloft banners from local organisations as well as Cosatu, Nactu, the ANC and similar bodies, sang, chanted and "toyi-toyied" as they were monitored by police in several vehicles and hippos.

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A court case challenging the decision is to be heard before the Appeal Court early next year. — Sapa

Mass rally given ok

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By MONK NKOMO

THE Chief Magistrate of Pretoria has approved the holding of a mass rally to welcome back Pan Africanist Congress stalwart Mr Japhta Masemola but warned that unlawful and inflammatory speeches would not be tolerated.

Mr P A J Burger, in a letter dated December 8 and addressed to the Atteridgeville Reception Committee, authorised the holding of the rally at the Atteridgeville Super Stadium on Saturday, December 16 from 9am to 5pm.

Burger said that the reception committee had given the following undertakings in regard to the gathering:

- *To see that the gathering is peaceful;

- *That no unlawful and/or inflammatory speeches will be made;

- *That no flags, banners or placards in contravention of any law or regulation will be displayed and;

- *That the committee will take the responsibility for any damage caused to the property of the local city council.

Prayer

Speakers at the rally will include PAC president Mr Zeph Mothopeng, Professor Simon Maimela, senior lecturer at the University of South Africa, Dr Abe Nkomo of the local Residents Organisation, Mrs Joyce Matube, a social worker, and Mr Nkosi Molala, president of the Azanian People's Organisation.

The opening prayer will be conducted by Dr Stanley Mogoba of the Methodist Church of Southern African, Dr T Mofokeng and the Reverend David Moetapele.

Choir

Music groups Unity Band Dadisha, Pretoria Serenades, Atteridgeville Adult Choir and Carlos Djedje will feature. There will also be reading of poetry.

Masemola served 26 years of a life sentence imposed on him for PAC activities in 1963.

He was released together with seven African National Congress leaders on October 15 this year.

Police disperse march of 2 000 to city hall

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Police used batons and police dogs to disperse about 2 000 people who marched up West Street to the city hall on Saturday morning in defiance of a police order to disperse.

The march, organised by the Durban Civic Movement in protest against increased rents, was banned by a magistrate on Friday.

Police spokesman Captain Coert Marais confirmed the incident. He said no one was arrested or charged but 42 people were warned.

Meanwhile, more than 30 000 anti-apartheid protesters marched peacefully eight kilometres to the Welkom police station on Saturday, Mr Frans Baleni, an MDM spokesman, said.

At the police station the marchers handed over a letter addressed to President F W de Klerk. — Sapa

Potch poultry workers fired

Man asked to clean sewerage - claim

By LEN MASEKO

ABOUT 400 workers have been dismissed by a Potchefstroom poultry company after participating in a work stoppage.

The workers, all members of the Food and Allied Workers Union (Fawu), were fired by Chubby Chicks management on November 23 - the same day they downed tools to protest against the alleged dismissal of an employee.

Tough

Fawu official Mr George Nene said the company also got tough with its union's members by evicting them from their homesteads on the company-owned poultry farm.

Talks between the company and Fawu are continuing.

The company is prepared only to re-employ some of the

workers but the union has rejected the offer. Nene said. The union wants the entire workforce to be reinstated.

Chubby Chicks manager M. Bert Herbst yesterday denied that the company had dismissed the said employee. He said the employee offered to resign after he refused to obey instructions from management.

Sewerage

According to Fawu, the employee was asked "to help clear a block in the sewerage pipes".

"Our member refused to have anything to do with fixing sewerage pipes because he was not employed for that job," Nene said.

Herbst said the company was prepared only to re-employ 250 of the strikers because some of their posts had been filled



Fawu official Mr George Nene

by new workers.

* Dozens of members of the Paper, Printing and Allied Workers Union (Ppawu) picketed outside the offices of their employer, Maister Outdoor Marketing (MOM), in Industria yesterday.

They have been on

strike since Wednesday. Their demands include a minimum wage of R215 a week and an across-the-board increase of R60 a week.

The company's spokesman, Mr Rob Davis, was not available for comment yesterday.

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Pretoria pupils disrupt classes

A group of youths, believed to be some of last year's unsuccessful matriculants, yesterday disrupted classes in at least four Mamelodi secondary schools.

Pupils interviewed listed the following reasons as the main cause of yesterday's disruption of classes:

Principals allegedly made school fees compulsory by demanding that pupils should pay before

they could be given books.

Last year's poor matric results and the refusal by some principals to re-admit last year's unsuccessful matriculants.

The Chief Regional Director of Education and Training in the Northern Transvaal, Mr Job Schoeman, yesterday confirmed the class disruption and said he knew of only four affected schools.

Mr Schoeman said "we find it very counter-productive in the light of the calls to return to school and we are ready to give education".

The Mamelodi Education Forum urged the pupils to return to classes, in the meantime the education forum would meet the relevant authorities to iron out the problems. The only school that continued undisrupted was Mamelodi Technocal

High School.

Other affected schools are J Kekana and Jafta Mahlangu secondary schools, also in Mamelodi West.

Pupils at Mamelodi High School said they were busy with lessons at about 10am when they heard an avalanche of stones hitting the roof of the school buildings.

They panicked and left their classrooms.

Those from the adjacent Phateng Secondary School said they were ordered out of their classrooms - almost at the same time as their neighbours (Mamelodi) - by a group of youths, some believed to be among those who had failed last year's matric exams.

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Bethlehem students sjambokked

BETHLEHEM. — Two policemen's homes were damaged by stone-throwers here after police used sjamboks and tearsmoke to disperse protesting students last night.

In an unprecedented move, all Bethlehem township schools started boycotting classes on Wednesday in support of demands that all expelled students be re-admitted to comprehensive secondary schools.

All major township roads were blocked yesterday, with burning barricades leaving scores of bus and taxi commuters stranded.

In a petition sent to the principal of the Comprehensive Secondary School, Mr P de Villiers, the students demanded readmission of all failed pupils, removal of police from the school's premises and recognition of their SRC. — Sapa

Mayhem as police break up anti-tour meetings



AFTER THE PANIC: People who fled the Pax Nova Hall in Mangung township near Bloemfontein look for their shoes left behind in panic when police fired teargas into the hall.

From MICHAEL SHAFIO, The Argus Correspondent

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Hundreds of shoes were left behind. Some people, emerging from a side door of the hall, were crushed against the windows of an adjacent building. Many windows were broken and it appeared that some people were cut by broken glass.

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National Sports Congress, United Democratic Front and Congress of South African Trade Unions' officials who arrived in cars said they would first go to the township police station to get an assurance that a meeting for which legal permission had been granted, would not again be disrupted.

"Impressive" protest

Protest leaders said that today's march on Springbok Park to protest against the second match of the tour against a SA Universities XI would be 'impressive'.

Earlier yesterday workers at the team's hotel in Bloemfontein demonstrated to protest against the tour and the team's presence at the hotel.

● At an impromptu press conference after yesterday's practice at Springbok Park, Gating expressed extreme disappointment with his British colleagues in the media. He said: "I am very sad disappointed that all you could do was flout my words, then turn them around and use them for what I can only describe as poor journalism. I express my deepest disappointment."

This followed reports in the UK media yesterday in which Gating was hammered by among others, the Daily Mirror, for saying that the Kimberley protests were "just a few people singing and dancing".

The Mirror headlined its story "Flaming insult". It quoted Labour leader Neil Kinnock: "Travel is supposed to broaden the mind. In Mike Gating's case it seems to have had the opposite effect."

Alan Robinson of The Argus London Bureau writes that the report continued: "When all South Africa is having to change, he still can't see what these protests against injustice are all about."

In an editorial, the Mirror's editor addresses Gating: "If your sporting instinct hasn't been totally rotted by money, you'll come home at once before the harm you and your team do in South Africa leads to death."

"It was claimed that your tour, including coaching of black youngsters, would improve race relations. Instead of coaching, there is fighting in the streets."

"Cricket shouldn't be between teams hiding behind a wall of armed police and with the stink of teargas in the air..."

Player-manager David Graveney said that in future any comments not concerning cricket would have to come in the form of a statement by the tour management or the South African Cricket Union. The decision had been forced upon the team because of "an element of the British media who are apparently determined to convey a viewpoint which is at variance with the facts."

"Ill-timed and hapless"

● The tour is in danger of being abandoned and action to halt it is more likely to come from the government than the SACU, is the view of The Times cricket writer in South Africa, Richard Streeton.

He says that cricket remained irrelevant after 10 days of what has emerged as "an ill-timed and hapless tour".

Writing from Kimberley, Streeton said: "With other civil disturbances elsewhere in the country, the English team's visit is one of several problems with which the government must be grappling. To the outsider, it is extraordinary in many ways that they even permitted the tour to start."

"What the SACU never bargained for has been the ongoing, well-organised protests. Until two years ago, such happenings were not possible in this complicated country."

"The government has not yet deviated from its view that the tour is a matter for cricket officials. It is awful to contemplate but presumably it would have to intervene should the tour indirectly bring fatalities."

"For mere sport to be allowed to continue against a background in which this dreadful possibility could happen must be regarded as a terrible indictment of everyone concerned."



ANGRY GATING: English tour captain Mike Gating gives the British press a piece of his mind at a field-side Press conference in Bloemfontein. Gating claimed that some reports on the tour in British newspapers were "distorted".

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BLOEMFONTEIN — Another anti-tour clash took place last night as relations between Mike Gattings' rebel team and the English touring media reached an all-time low yesterday.

Chaos broke out at a rally called to protest against the rebel cricket tour last night after police allegedly fired teargas at the entrance of the packed hall.

Several people are believed to have been injured when about 1,000 people inside a township church hall here tried to escape the teargas and clashed with those outside who were trying to run into the hall.

Meanwhile, relations between Gattings' team and the English touring media have reached an all-time low after reports about the visiting captain that appeared in the British press yesterday morning.

British newspapers from the left and the right stepped up criticism of the rebels with a report splashed across the front page of the Daily Mirror under the headline "Flaming Insult" highlighted Gattings' apparent dismissal of demonstrations in Kimberley as "a few people singing and dancing."

Gattings responded at a press conference here yesterday by saying: "I gave you an honest reply and all you could do was use it to flog my words and turn them round."

On Sunday he was asked by a journalist: "Have you any view on the distractions which you know about now, which happened off the field?"

His reply was: "As far as I'm concerned there were a few people singing and dancing and that was it. I didn't know of anything else happening. We were more concerned with playing cricket."

A statement was yesterday issued by team manager David Graeveney to the effect that no non-cricket matters will be dealt with at the normal press conference. Any matters not directly related to cricket will be dealt with in the form of official statements issued either by the SA Cricket Union or the tour manager.

"This step has become necessary because of the distorted reporting in the United Kingdom of events on this tour," Graeveney said.

Among British papers to turn on Gattings yesterday was the pro-Labour Daily Mirror in an editorial in the form of an open letter to the rebel captain it said: "If your sporting instinct hasn't been totally rolled by

money, you'll come home at once before the harm you and your team do in South Africa leads to death."

It said their payment was "dishonouring sport."

Meanwhile, the OFS Cricket Union has made contingency plans to deal with any situation that may arise should demonstrators who have bought tickets disrupt the match that starts today between the rebels and the SA Universities team in Bloemfontein.

Mr. Arthur Turner, director of the OFS Cricket Union, said a special area has been set aside to accommodate demonstrators.

Own Correspondent, Sports Editor and Sapa.

● Boks have secret weapon — Back Page

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By Mike Shafro

BLOEMFONTEIN — In a day of running battles between police and anti-cricket tour demonstrators, about a dozen teargas canisters were yesterday fired as the mood of the protesters grew ugly in Manguang township, on the southern side of the Free State capital.

Once more the decisiveness of cricket administrator Dr Ali Bacher saved the day and cooled down the situation.

The SACL managing director, who flew into Bloemfontein for the opening day of the second tour match against the SA Universities XI received a call from the local protest organiser, Mr Paul Ntuli, asking for his help in obtaining a permit for a peaceful demonstration outside Springbok Park.

Last week, Dr Bacher acted as mediator between police and demonstrators and obtained permission for a peaceful demonstration to go ahead at Kimberley's De Beers Country Club.

Prompt action by Dr Bacher yesterday produced a permit for a National Sports Congress-led demonstration to proceed. After lunch about 500 people had gathered for the protest. The protesters were not interfered with in any way by police.

A day that had started quietly with police cutting off any threat of demonstrations against the Mike Gating rebel tour at source, erupted into angry confrontations at about lunch time.

In the early part of the day a heavy police presence at the rutted bumpy soccer field in front of the Pax-Nova Hall effectively quashed any chance the protesters had of assembling at this point for the planned march into the city.

A roadblock half-way between the township and the city further discouraged any attempts to mount a demonstration.

At mid-morning, a small group of demonstrators, who had been ordered away from Springbok Park by police, dispersed and made their way on foot to the city.

The crowd swelled as it moved along. Police in a Cas-spur finally broke up the singing and chanting throng, making a number of arrests.

The police then proceeded to Manguang township and "battle stations" were resumed in the region of yesterday's disturbances — the area surrounding the Pax-Nova Hall.

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crash into a lamp-post on the left of the road.

The two policemen jumped from the van, one armed with a pistol and the other with a tear-gas gun. Some teargas canisters were fired and the crowd fell back.

Support in the form of a second police batkrie arrived within minutes and more police emerged.

About 45 minutes later, the 250 m stretch of road between the barren piece of veld and the soccer field was virtually impassable. It resembled a battlefield littered with large pieces of mortar half bricks, stones and five burning tyres.

Back at the grounds, protesters at this stage were beginning to congregate at the south-east corner of the field with magistrate permission to demonstrate until 5 pm. Chanting and singing, they were tucked into a tight area presumably designated by the police.

Scene of disturbances resembles battlefield at end of day

Anti-tour demos fight police

Pupils to march in support of rebels

BLOEMFONTEIN — A pro-tour demonstration by a group of 1 000 black high school pupils, teachers and parents is to take place at Springbok Park today.

They represent the Eagles' Club, which is part of the Committee for Cricket Development in the Free State. The organiser, Mrs Elize van

Vuren, of Pretoria, said permission had been granted for the demonstration to take place between noon and 4 pm.

Thereafter the group would move on to the nearby hotel where Mike Gating and his English cricket rebels are staying to demonstrate their support for the team.

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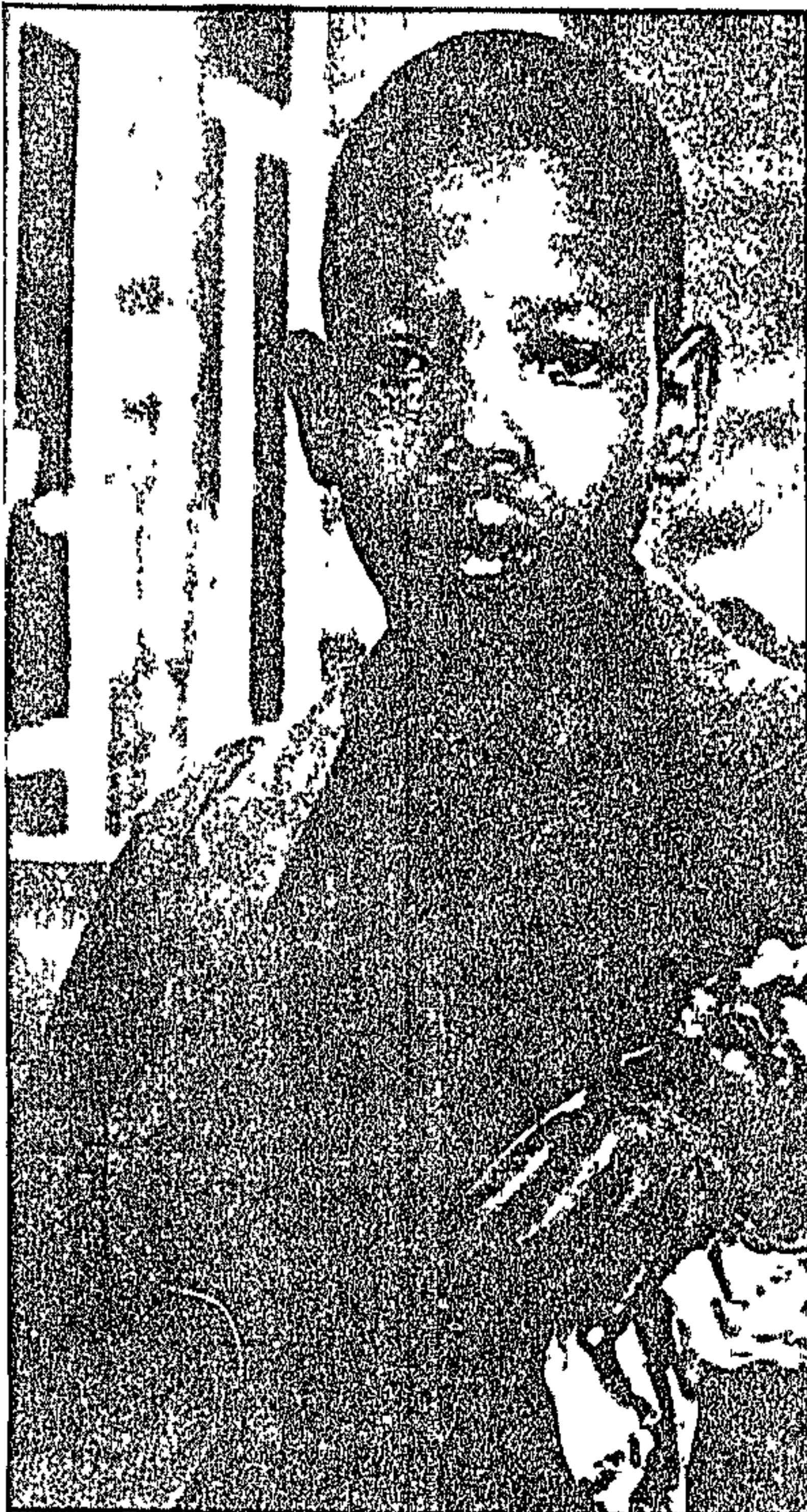
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Two sides of the cricket clash

A policeman (above) recovers after being stoned during a clash between police and demonstrators protesting against the rebel tour in Bloemfontein yesterday. Eleven-year-old Zola Nabo (left), photographed by Sean Woods, waits for hospital treatment after being shot in the wrist in Mangaung township in the Free State capital.

In the heat of battle it's easy to lose perspective

By Michael Shafto

BLOEMFONTEIN — I don't know what to think any more. I'm conscious of the duty not to overreact to keep a proper perspective on things.

I know there will be British journalists writing today that Mike Gattings' rebel cricket tour should be called off immediately. Are they perhaps right?

I don't know any more. We saw an 11 year old child, still confused and frightened, his injured left hand wrapped in a blue and white piece of rag that turned out to be a doll's dress.

He whimpered as it was peeled back to reveal the back of a hand that was made raw and swollen by a gunshot wound. Buck-shot, the white hospital attendant said.

The boy's name is Zola Nabo, and he was just one of 90 people admitted to the Palanome Hospital, on the south side of Bloemfontein yesterday, as anti-tour feeling rose to new heights.

At 8.37 pm an ambulance sped in with a woman in her mid-20s. She was the 21st admission since 7 pm with an injury of some kind claimed to be related to clashes involving police.

Mrs Maggie Mokoloko (52) was coming home from work when she was hit in the right ankle. A bad wound, still leaking blood. She, too, like little Zola, was an innocent caught up in the cross-fire.

Somehow her taxi became involved in the chaos that turned the sprawling black world of Mangaung and the individual townships of Phapanen, Bochebelo and Rocklands into the sort of battle-scarred towns you see

in war movies.

The tall flames of burning rubber tyres stood out against the night skies. Overhead were palls of black smoke. Elsewhere a bus was burning. The fire brigade hastened to the scene.

"That's bad, it is getting out of hand," said one of my guides, one of four young men — "comrades" as they term themselves.

Rocklands is well named, boulders were strewn along its main road. So was a section of concrete piping from a storm-water drain. These act as obstacles meant to impede chasing police vehicles.

My young companions also talked of a black policeman who had been set upon by a mob and stabbed. Apparently he had miraculously survived.

In flat dispassionate tones they said a white policeman who tried to come to his black colleagues' rescue had been shot in the head. They thought that he had almost certainly died.

The driver of a police vehicle which crashed into a lamp-post is also understood to be in a serious condition.

A British pressman put a question to the anti-tour committee: "Is this the result of the cricket tour?" he asked.

"Yes," was the reply.

Somehow that seems a little too simplistic. Of course the injuries had come as a result of a day of incidents sparked off by opposition to the cricket tour. But for the incidents they wouldn't have been hurt.

But must the tour really take direct blame for this?

So difficult to know where right ends, where wrong begins. I don't know any more.

Change, says Chalker

He had taken leases of some political prisoners, beach desegregation and talk of the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act are all positive signs," she said.

But we want to see the abolishing of the national security system, a change in the Land Act, the unbanning of political organisations, the lifting of the state of emergency and Nelson Mandela's release. — Sapa

Trojan Horse: ruling on new hearing soon

Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Judgment will be given in the Cape Town Supreme Court on February 12 on whether the 'Trojan Horse' trial will be re-heard in the Appellate Division.

In the original trial, 13 policemen were acquitted of murder.

The policemen were charged last year after an incident in Athlone in 1985 in which nine armed men, concealed in boxes on the back of a railway truck, opened fire on a crowd of youths after the truck was stoned.

Three people died and a private prosecution was brought against the policemen by the parents of Shaun Magmoed (16), one of those killed.

A second prosecution, for the death of Michael Miranda, has been held over to February 12.

The policemen are Colonel Pieter Janse van Rensburg, Lieutenant-Colonel Christiaan Loedolff, Commandant Salmon Pienaar, Captain Douw Vermeulen, Warrant Officer Andre Swart, Sergeant Albertus Smit, Constable Andre Smit, Constable Wilhelm Puchert, Constable Alexander Rossel and Constable Pieter du Toit.

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'Army did not take control'

BLOEMFONTEIN — Reports that the army took control of Bloemfontein's Mangaung township yesterday because police had been unable to control an anti-Gatting tour demonstration have been strongly denied by both the SADF and the SAP.

According to information, apparently picked up on a walkie-talkie, the army was said to have ordered all whites out of the township and replaced police in the area.

But army and police spokes-

man said this was not true and had no idea where the information had originated.

A spokesman of defence headquarters in Pretoria said simply "Not true."

The head of the Bloemfontein SAP liaison section, Colonel J W Human, said it was devoid of truth. Police were in full control of the situation.

He added there were no army personnel in the township area and said the situation had quietened in Mangaung. 3/11/90

Rebel comment on protests

By Michael Shafto

BLOEMFONTEIN — The English rebel cricketers have expressed concern about injuries to anti-tour demonstrators and damage to property away from the cricket field. 3/11/90

Some protesters apparently cut themselves on windows broken in the panic caused when police used teargas to break up a demonstration in the Free State capital on Monday night.

But in the light of the peaceful demonstration that took place outside Springbok Park in Bloemfontein yesterday, a statement issued on behalf of the team by player-manager David

Graveney says the rebels "are not certain that these events are directly related to the tour".

The statement praised the demonstration as "peaceful, well organised and controlled".

The team "sincerely hoped" that the type of dialogue seen would continue "on a wider scale so that all those who wish to travel to the ground will be able to do so, to stage their demonstrations safely and to go home peacefully".

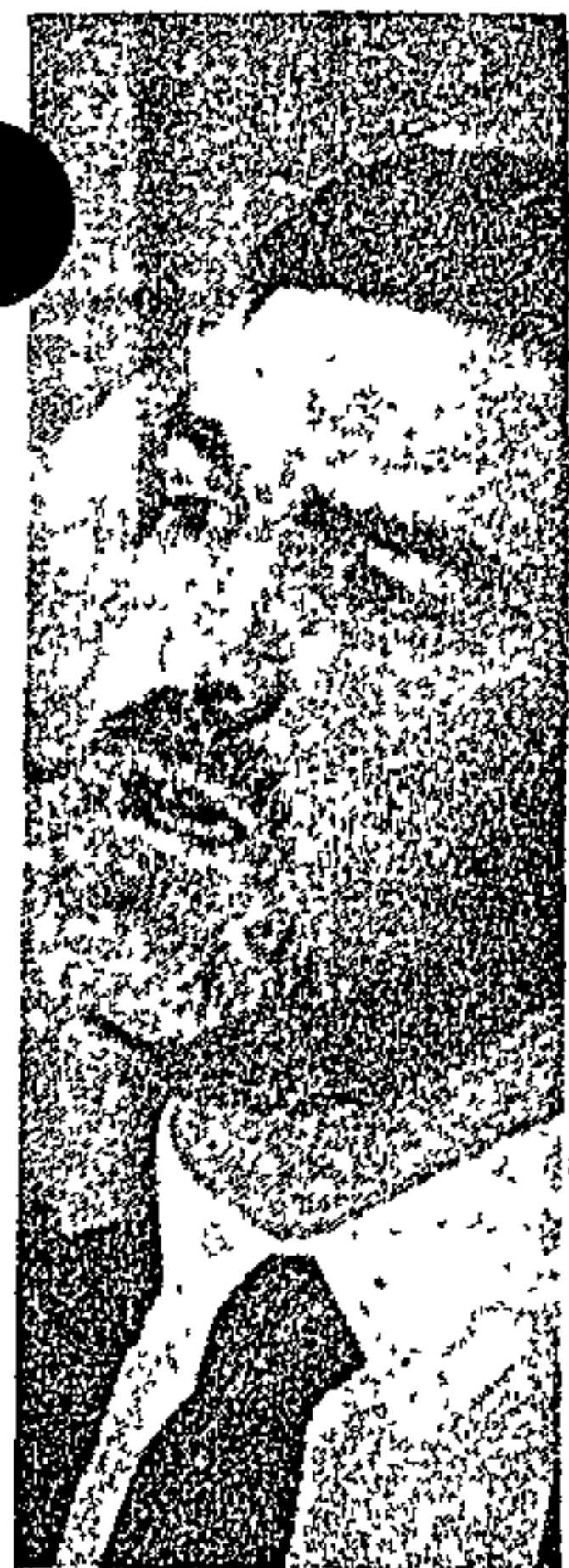
SACU managing director Dr Ali Bacher added he was "delighted" that the trust he had placed in National Sports Congress local leader Mr Paul Ntuli had been "fully justified".

Cricket tour ticket sales going well

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Rebel cricket captain
Mike Gating

Youths seal off streets as 270 held

By THEMBA MOLEFE

BLOEMFONTEIN'S black townships were ablaze yesterday as youths barricaded streets with burning tyres in a sequel to the arrest of almost 270 people in anti-rebel cricket tour demonstrations in the town over the past two days.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the National Sports Congress, Mr Obed Nkosi, claimed police in Bloemfontein said the 268 - arrested since Monday - would be charged under the Internal Security Act.

About 30 people were treated at Pelonomi Hospital after being injured when police fired teargas and baton-charged people inside the Pax-Nova Hall in Mangaung Township on Monday.

Some were yesterday still being treated at the hospital, Nkosi said.

In another development, the South African Defence Force has denied it yesterday took control of the townships from the police and had ordered whites out of the area.

False

A spokesman said the claim was false as the SADF was not in the area.

Nkosi said about 5 000 policemen in more than 200 police vehicles had sealed off the townships as youths barricaded the streets with burning tyres.

He said 200 people were arrested yesterday morning as the demonstrations continued.

On Monday, 68 people were arrested.

They and the 200 were still being detained by

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A former matric pupil at Musi High School in Soweto, Stanley Ndlovu is presented with a certificate of achievement and R1 000 by Mr Jerry Moloi for obtaining top marks and a distinction in mathematics. Mr Godfrey "Louis Luyt" Moloi established the award a few years ago. Oupa Mabetwa of Mapetla-Tswana High School received R500. Ndlovu wants to be an engineer and Mabetwa an accountant.

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police, Nkosi said.

He said police had told the NSC that those arrested would be charged under Act 74 (57) of 1982.

However, yesterday the SAP directorate for public relations in Pretoria confirmed that 69 people had been arrested on Monday.

A spokesman said there was no information about 200 people being arrested.

Sapa reports that police have confirmed 10 people were arrested in the city after an illegal gathering of 150 people was ordered to disperse.

They also confirmed that teargas was used to disperse stone-throwers and people barricading township streets.

Nkosi said the NSC and organisations in Bloemfontein had not sought and would not apply for permission to hold peaceful demonstrations against Mike Gating's English rebels.

The organisations found it 'strange' that people had to apply for permission and wait at least seven days for a magistrate's nod while (Dr) Ali Bacher gets permission within 10 minutes, Nkosi said.

Bloemfontein's Chief Magistrate, Mr B. Loots, yesterday gave permission for a peaceful demonstration in front of the Springbok Park Stadium from noon to 5 pm yesterday.

This was after Bacher had made an application.

New 'killing field' erupts as Natal violence spreads

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — A new "killing field" in the spreading Natal violence has emerged following the reported deaths of two people since the weekend in the previously peaceful Table Mountain area outside Maritzburg.

Gunshots were heard at 8 am today and four houses were set alight.

In a dramatic telephone call as mobs were approaching her area, Mrs Gaye Maphumulo, wife of Chief Mhlabanzima Maphumulo who controls the area, said she feared for the life of her husband who had left at dawn to visit residents affected by the clashes.

"Mobs on the way"

"We have heard that mobs are on the way to the tribal court area. There are only a few women here at the moment," she said.

She said she had heard several gunshots in the valley below the tribal court earlier.

"I only hope my husband is alive," she said.

In the wake of the killings and the burning of more than 14 homes, people are streaming out of the troubled area to seek refuge from the violence.

The area appears to have come under attack by rampaging mobs from neighbouring Manyavu under the control of Chief Mdluli.

Clashes over the weekend resulted in more than 400 people seeking refuge at Chief Maphumulo's tribal court.

Most of them had returned home after police moved into the area yesterday.

Meanwhile from Pretoria Sapa reports that the police unrest report for the past 24 hours included a policeman being shot dead by an unknown gunman at Kwamashu in Durban.

At Inanda, Durban, a group of men attacked a special constable, deprived him of his shotgun and shot him with the same weapon. He is in a critical condition in hospital.

In another incident in the area, at a place known as Shembe's village, police found the bodies of two men with stab wounds and burns.

Petrol bomb attack

Also in Durban, at Kwadabeka, a man was shot and wounded by unknown attackers.

At Imbali in Maritzburg a private dwelling and a private vehicle were gutted in a petrol bomb attack on the property. No injuries were reported.

In Bloemfontein a man was shot and wounded when a mob attacked the municipal offices at Mangaung.

In another incident in the area, a bus was extensively damaged when it was set alight by a mob.

ANC 'welcome' at Natal talks

Political Staff

THE African National Congress would be welcome to have a representative on the government-created working committee to tackle the political violence in Natal and Kwazulu, a government spokesman said.

Senior police suggested to the Natal Church Leadership Group at a meeting with the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, this week that the working committee be set up.

Church leaders are considering the idea.

The government envisaged that representatives from the police, the Defence Force, the Kwazulu police, the Justice Department and other government departments, Inkatha, the United Democratic Front, Cosatu and church groups should sit as a permanent working committee, chaired by a retired judge.

The ANC could be represented if it wanted to, the spokesman said, possibly by an attorney. "They are part of the solution. The more we start accusing one another, the less we are going to start getting to the bottom of this problem."

Lightning sparks fires, damages houses

By HANS-PETER BAKKER and SHARKEY ISAACS

Staff Reporters

LIGHTNING struck two houses and caused a fire halfway up Table Mountain when a heavy thunderstorm cracked and rumbled over the Peninsula early today.

Mr Freddy Coetzee of Edgemead was jolted awake at 4.20 am, bathed in blue light and stunned by a loud crack. "Like a whip, only a thousand times louder," he said, still incredulous.

The lightning bolt cracked part of his newly renovated house and loosened the brickwork, showering plaster over his driveway.

NO ELECTRICITY

The bolt then appeared to crash through an open lounge window, smashing a large mirror in the lounge and deflecting on to the opposite wall, leaving a blackened hole about 10 cm wide.

Mr Coetzee said the shock activated several car alarms in the area, including his own, and knocked out his electricity and that of some of his neighbours.

The whole neighbourhood was awakened and Mr Coetzee fumbled for his torch to survey the damage: a lounge littered with mirror shards and blasted plaster.

He said he was insured against "acts of God" and

would soon be installing a lightning rod.

A house in Table View was also struck by lightning, sparking off a fire in the lounge.

The fire was at 29 Tritonia Road and the occupants extinguished the flames themselves.

The Milnerton fire department was called and found that lounge furniture and electrical appliances had been extensively damaged.

A lightning bolt also ignited fynbos on Table Mountain, halfway up, above Cecilia Forest.

About 50 State and municipal firefighters were sent

when the fire was spotted after 3 am.

It spread through vegetation on inaccessible crags, sending smoke pluming high above Kirstenbosch. The light rain which accompanied the storm was not sufficient to douse the flames.

Mr Rudolf Andrag, regional chief of the Department of Nature Conservation, said: "We don't believe it will spread very far in the moist vegetation and we are at this stage looking at about 50 hectares of damage."

A weather bureau spokesman at D F Malan Airport said the rain and cloudy conditions were expected to clear by late today.



Picture: LEON MULLER, The Argus

SHOCKED: Mr Freddy Coetzee of Edgemead at the hole in the wall of his lounge caused by lightning today.

1 000 in demo
against tour

BLOEMFONTEIN. — A 1 000-strong demonstration against Mike Gatting's cricket rebels went off peacefully at Springbok Park stadium yesterday after the city's chief magistrate granted permission for the protest.

This was confirmed by General Roy During of the unrest division at police headquarters.

About 500 school children and teachers from Free State and Northern Cape townships came to watch the second match of the tour against a SA Universities team.

A Free State cricket spokesman said a director of Eagle Gigantic Research, a social organisation, Mr Ram Ramachela, had bought 1 000 tickets — Sapa and Sports Editor

Sportswriters accused of 'inciting unrest'

BLOEMFONTEIN — Three members of the UK Press touring with the rebel English cricket team were called into a police van at the Springbok Park ground yesterday and told they were "inciting unrest". Bob Driscoll of the Daily Star, Paul Weaver of Today and John Etheridge of the Sun were told police had videos of them in the townships, the three said later.

Driscoll said a policeman approached them and said: "You are not sportswriters, you are not interested in cricket. You are only here to write about political matters." 8 Dec 11 2110

sumed their game against the SA University XI in Bloemfontein. (2, 77)

Earlier, a mass of anti-tour protestors — four street lanes wide — marched and sang through Mangaung Township after protesting outside Springbok Park.

Yesterday, rocks and pieces of burnt tyres lay strewn on the pavements in Mangaung Township, testimony to clashes with the police on Monday night, which resulted in at least 20 people being hospitalised.

There were more than 1 000 protesters at the stadium again yesterday.

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Pupils ^{Carl} damage ^{9/2/70} 4 schools ²⁷⁷

WELKOM. — Pupils broke windows at four schools in Thabong near Welkom yesterday morning, and at one school staff vehicles were also badly damaged.

A spokesman for the Department of Education and Training (DET) said in Welkom the violence followed the department's refusal of a request by the pupils that their own Pupils' Council Constitution be recognised by the DET.

He said the demand was made by the pupils of Leseding Technical School at a meeting on Wednesday.

The pupils met at the school for a second time yesterday morning and afterwards marched through the town. — Sapa

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'Police fired into Botshabelo crowds'

4 reported killed in OFS township

Staff Reporter and Own Correspondent

BLOEMFONTEIN — At least four people were reported killed and many injured in a day of unrest in Botshabelo yesterday.

Eyewitnesses told The Star that four people died when police dispersed a stone-throwing crowd after an illegal meeting in the township.

At the time of going to press, police were unable to confirm the deaths.

The unrest erupted when people who were making their way to the Bloemfontein Appeal Court to protest peacefully against their forced incorporation into QwaQwa were prevented from doing so by police who had set up roadblocks around the perimeter of the township.

Procession of vehicles

Thousands of people who had already paid taxis to ferry them into Bloemfontein, had hired private buses or had walked were dispersed by police using teargas.

Sister Francis Grogan, a spokesman for the Catholic Church, said that as the procession of vehicles approached the main road, police forced them to turn back.

"As they turned back, we actually saw police firing into the crowds," she added.

Another police van then fired teargas into the crowds. Further down the road, the police shout-

ed at the people: "Gaan huistoe (Go home)."

Sister Grogan added: "We spoke to one person who had been shot and was lying wounded on the ground. She had 34 wounds on her legs from shot-gun pellets."

Members of the 1 000-strong crowd, who later managed to gather outside the court, said police prevented large numbers from reaching the court.

Some of the crowd held posters which read "To hell with Mopeli" and "No to incorporation".

Left stranded

A spokesman for Interstate Bus Lines, which usually transports about 13 000 commuters each day, said the service had virtually ground to a halt. He said buses carried only about 800 passengers yesterday.

At least one of the company's buses was hijacked by an unruly mob. Passengers were left stranded alongside the road, he said.

Large numbers of schoolchildren did not attend classes in Mangaung and Heidedal, on the outskirts of Bloemfontein, but gathered at a school and a soccer stadium to celebrate the release from prison of ANC leaders.

The superintendent of the Pelonomi Hospital could not confirm that a large number of people had been treated for injuries.

Policeman shot in ^{at} ^{the} ^{hospital} hospital ^{9/2/90}

PRETORIA. — Two men were found stabbed to death in separate incidents in Natal at the weekend and a policeman was admitted to hospital after being shot by unknown gunmen.

At Mpopomeni and Ntuzuma the unidentified men were found stabbed to death yesterday.

According to the police unrest report for Saturday the policeman was guarding the Lamontville High School, near Durban, when he was shot.

According to the police unrest report for Saturday a group of people gathered at a house in Botlakong near Bethlehem in the Free State.

"When police searched the house for stolen property the group refused to disperse and police were forced to disperse them with tearsmoke and a thunderflash. Three males and a female were arrested."

At Amzinyati in Natal a man was arrested when a mob stoned police. — Sapa

Call to Afrikaners to join freedom fight

ANC strives to unite all — Mandela

By Esmaré van der Merwe,
Political Reporter

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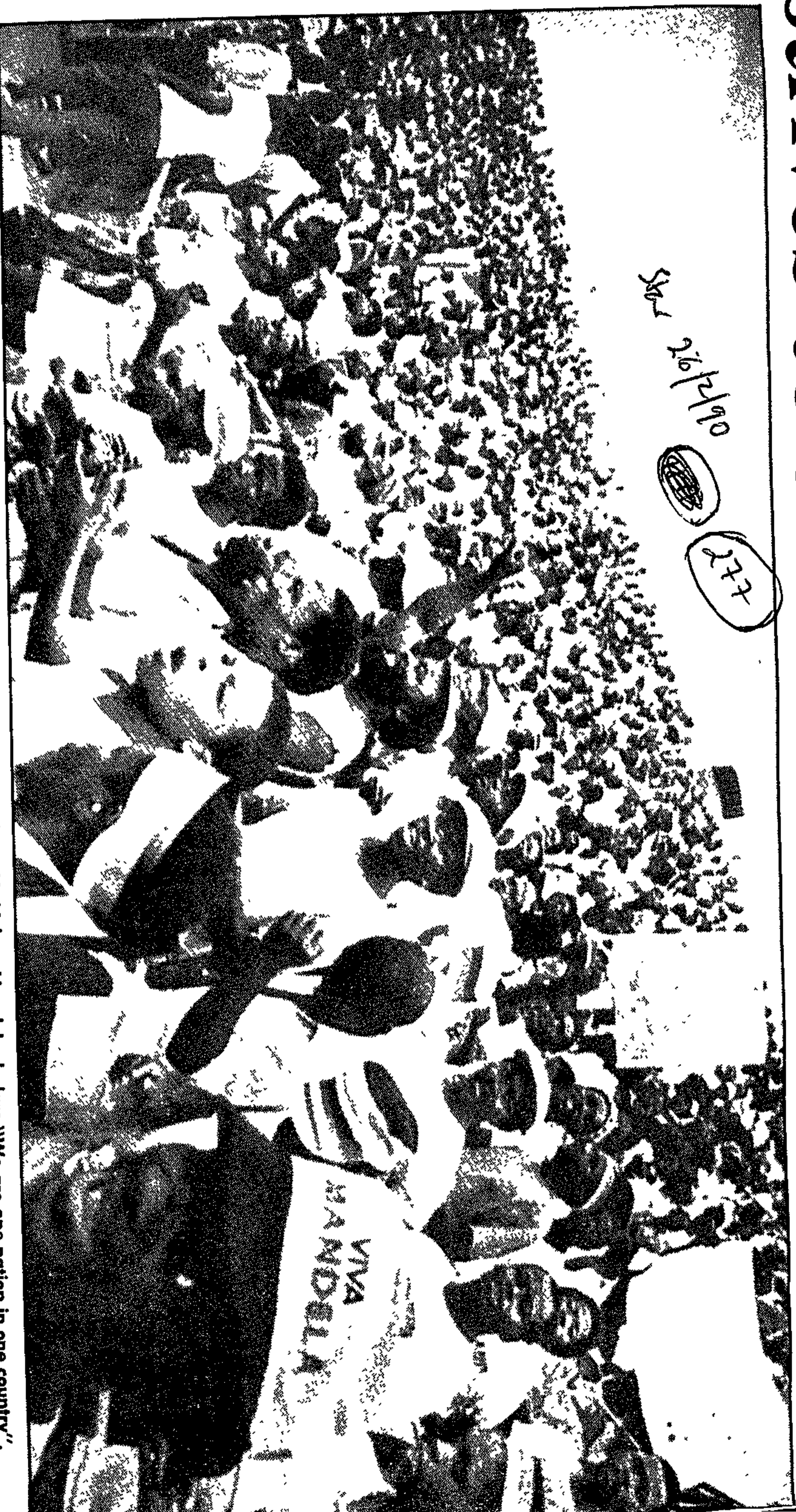
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Spectrum

'Stop the violence'

The Argus Correspondent
in Durban

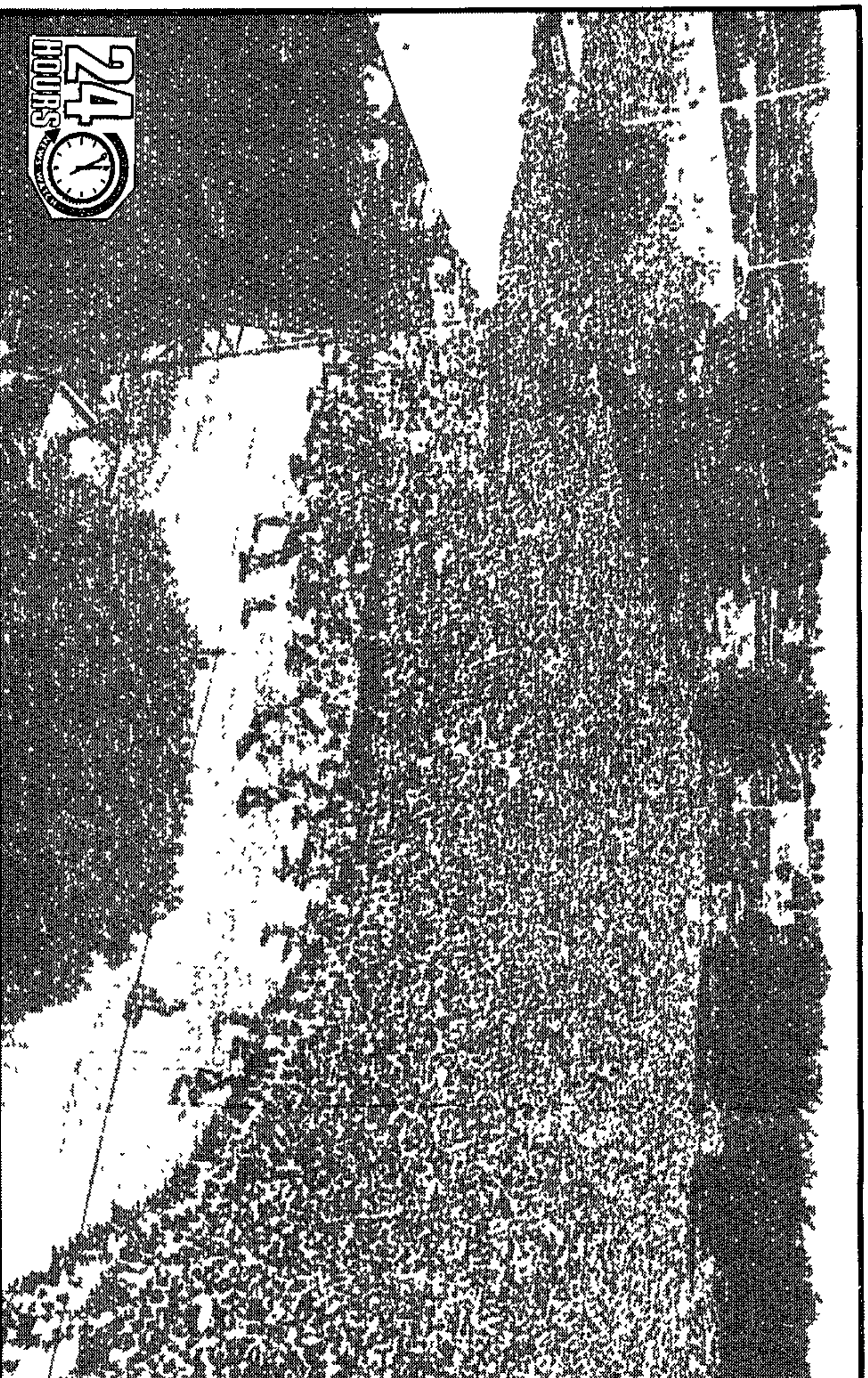
FROM a stage built high above the crowd's heads at Kings Park in Durban, African National Congress leader Mr Nelson Mandela yesterday made a powerful plea for peace in Natal, describing the violence as a "cancer which destroyed our unity."

To the thunderous cheers of the huge crowd estimated at about 100 000, he said "My message to those of you involved in this battle of brother against brother is this — take your guns, your knives and your pangas and throw them into the sea."

Mr Mandela also traced the history of the joint struggle against racial discrimination by the Indians and the blacks in South Africa. "We remind the people of Natal of this long and proud tradition and we are extremely disturbed by recent acts of violence against our Indian compatriots. The perpetrators of these acts are enemies of the liberation movement," he said.

Mr Mandela denounced the tribal chiefs who had "profited from apartheid" and who "had increased the burden on their people."

"There are also chiefs who collaborated with the system



A vast crowd estimated at about 100 000 people at King's Park, Durban, listen to Mr Nelson Mandela

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... we have since seen the error of their ways. We commend their change of heart."

He said that he was confident that members of the Zulu royal house would act in ways that would promote the wellbeing of all South Africans.

The ANC, he said, offered a home to all those who subscribed to the principles of a free, democratic, non-racial and united South Africa.

He said the ANC was committed to building a single nation, including blacks and whites, Zulus and Afrikaners and speakers of every other language.

Diversities

Quoting ex-Chief Albert Lutulu, Nobel Peace Prize-winner and the later president-general of the ANC, he said "I personally believe that here in South Africa, with all of our diversities of colour and race, we will show the world a new pattern for democracy. I think that there is a challenge to us in South Africa to set a new example for the world."

He said that all forms of factionalism and regionalism must be eliminated.

"We praise all organisations which have fought to retain the dignity of our people. Although there are fundamental differences between us, we commend Inkatha for their demand over the years for the unbanning of the ANC and the release of political prisoners, as well as for their stand of refusing to participate in a negotiated settlement without the creation of the necessary climate."

"This stand of Inkatha has contributed in no small measure to making it difficult for the regime to implement successive schemes designed to perpetuate minority rule."

He said the 1986 Indaba solution proposed for Natal broke new ground insofar as it addressed the question of the exclusion from political power of the African popula-



Mr Nelson Mandela and his wife Winnie react to applause at the meeting in King's Park, Durban.

tion of Natal and sought to make regional change pioneer national change.

"We are on the edge of a much greater step forward, for all our people throughout South Africa. There can be no separate solution for Natal under these conditions, nor can it be argued any longer that there is a need. We believe that Inkatha and all the people of Natal would genuinely welcome a unitary, non-racial democratic South Africa, the goal of millions throughout the country."

"Our call is one nation, one country." He called for a minute's silence for the thousands killed

in the violence in Natal and said that in the last few years of his imprisonment his greatest burden was caused by reports of the "terrible things" which were happening in the province.

"If we do not bring a halt to this conflict, we will be in grave danger of corrupting the proud legacy of our struggle. We endanger the peace process in the whole of the country."

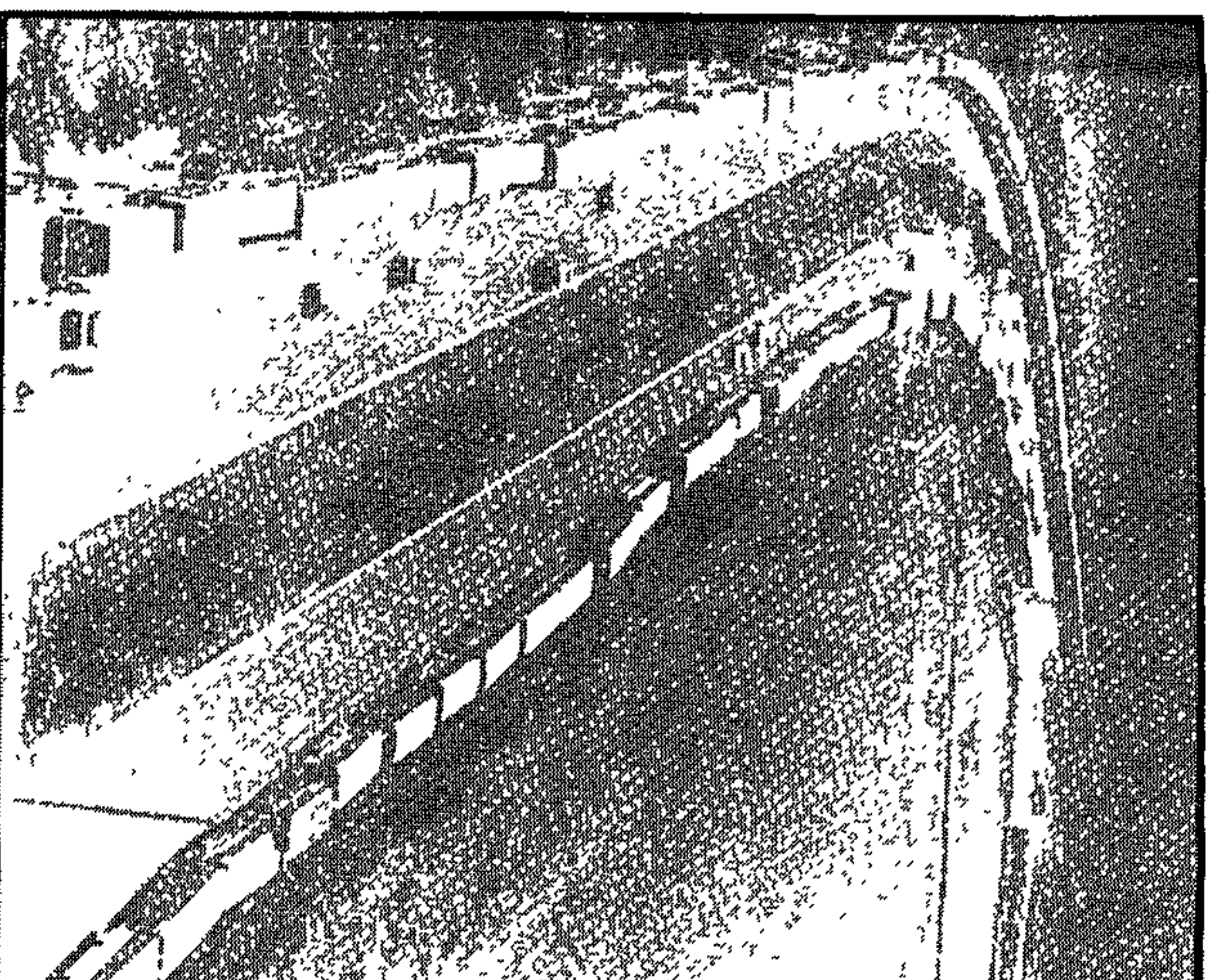
"Apartheid is not yet dead. Equality and democracy continue to elude us. We do not have access to political power. We need to intensify our struggles to achieve our goals, but we cannot do this

as long as the conflict among ourselves continues."

"Vigilantes, thugs and gangs like the Sinyorras have taken advantage of the hardships experienced by our people to profit and gain for themselves. We can stop them and the descent into lawlessness and violence, only by ceasing our feuds."

Mr Mandela said that it was recognised that "the two sides must talk" to end the violence.

"We recognise that in order to bring the war to an end, the two sides must talk. We are pleased to inform you that we are presently preparing for a meeting in the near



Hundreds of buses which carried crowds to King's Park are parked outside the stadium

future between ourselves and the present Zulu monarch, King Zwelithini Goodwill ka-Bekhuzulu. It is my earnest wish that the meeting will establish a basis on which we can build a real peace."

He repeated the call made by Mr Walter Sisulu at the Conference for a Democratic Future and extended a hand of peace to Inkatha and hoped that it might one day be possible to share a platform with its leader, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

Mr Mandela called on the women of Natal to help in the ending of violence. "In the past and at crucial moments you have shown

greater wisdom than your menfolk. It was you who, in 1929 and again in 1959, identified and struck out at one of the roots of oppression. You launched powerful campaigns around beerhalls."

"More recently, the women of Chesterville arranged all-night vigils to protect their children. Mothers, sisters and daughters of Natal, it falls to you once again to intervene decisively. It is you in your wisdom now, who must begin the work of bringing peace to Natal. Tell your sons, your brothers and your husbands that you want peace and security."

Rioting hits the Free State

Star 13/90 By Craig Kotze

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Widespread unrest hit many Free State townships this week, leaving at least 43 people injured and a trail of destruction. Police said the violence showed no signs of diminishing.

Among the areas hit by violence is Kroonstad, where a consumer boycott is said to have developed into clashes between youths and shopowners, and later police.

One Bloemfontein newspaper report said a cafe owner was set upon by a large gang. Later there were reports of stonings of private vehicles and clashes between youths and police in the area.

In the Lindley area, widespread dissatisfaction among black pupils is said to have raised tensions in the district.

A police spokesman said yesterday the immediate causes of the widespread unrest were not known.

He said unrest, which had been going on for several days, had hit townships "that had never been heard of before".

Widespread rioting erupted in Matlo-keng township near Zastron on Wednesday. Police said SAP action had left 30 people injured, but other sources

said up to 50 people had been shot and wounded.

Police said large mobs had gone on the rampage in the township, setting alight a house and stoning vehicles.

Fifty percent of South Africa's unrest on Wednesday was reported in the Free State, normally the quietest province, a police spokesman said.

Ten youths and two men were shot and wounded by police in Phahameng near Bloemfontein after a large mob had stoned and seriously damaged a police vehicle.

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Other Free State violence reported by police included:

- At Mtho township near Lindley, a large mob of pupils stoned a private vehicle. Police used teargas to disperse the attackers.

- A vehicle was set alight and gutted in Sheriton near Heilbron.

- A policeman was injured in Phomolong near Kroonstad after a mob of youths had stoned police. The mob was dispersed with teargas.

- Youths stoned a vehicle in Maokeng, also near Kroonstad.

Boycotts and marches after shooting of two children

By PHILIPPA GARSON

ANGRY residents of a township near Kroonstad have embarked on a rent and consumer boycott after two boys died and eight were injured when municipal police opened fire on thousands of people preparing to march to the local town council.

The situation was tense the day after the shootings in Maokeng, a northern Free State township bordering Kroonstad, as hundreds of youths thronged the streets, stopping taxis and forcing people to show they had not purchased goods in town. The streets were strewn with burned-out barricades, erected by residents the day before in an attempt to keep police out.

According to witnesses, the violence began at about 6.30am on Monday morning as people were gathering to start their march.

Residents had planned to march to both Maokeng and Kroonstad town councils to present a petition complaining of corruption, high rents and exorbitant electricity bills and demanding the reinstatement of 700 municipal workers who were dismissed last year.

Many said they saw "green beans" (municipal police) gathering next to a house near the Constantia shopping centre where the march was to begin. Said Thabong Motobo, 35, who was standing next to the 11 municipal police waiting in a van outside a nearby house: "I was waiting with a group of people — who can confirm what I say — for the owner of the house to tell the police to move away. Then I heard one say to those in the back of the van: 'Here they come. Get your guns.' The people walking up the hill were about 30 metres away. Then they shot — as usual. People ran and one child dropped there, another one dropped round the corner. A woman ran to pick him up but when the police came she put him down and ran."

The two killed were Paul Rabanye, 10, and George Mabitle, 18. Eight people were injured and one, Abraham Chabangu, 23, is in a serious condition in the Boitumelo Hospital. He has bullet wounds in his chest and side and breathes with difficulty.

He spoke to the *Weekly Mail* from his hospital bed, where scores of supporters were gathered around him: "We were starting to march. We had done nothing when they decided to shoot. I ran and then I felt pain and fell. Some comrades took me to hospital. I know who shot



Abraham Chabangu wounded in clashes with police in Maokeng township

me but I don't know his name."

Catherine Rabanye, mother of the 10-year-old who died, said she could not describe how she felt. "The police are to blame because I know my son. He is not a trouble-maker," she said.

Police say they took action after youths set fire to the Maokeng community hall, but residents deny this, saying they stoned the hall and attempted to set it alight after the police had fired on the people. One person admitted that a bus had been set alight, but this happened in the early hours of the morning long before people gathered to march.

After the violence, the crowd grew to about 40 000 and demanded to march. Patrick "Terror" Lekota, United Democratic Front leader, arrived to address them.

Tense negotiations ensued between Maokeng Democratic Crisis Committee members and police officials. Petitions were handed over at the boundary between the township and Kroonstad.

Police say they abide by their initial unrest report and have nothing further to add.

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Whites try to stop march

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PRETORIA — Welkom police arrested 67 whites who, armed with sjamboks and other weapons, tried to disrupt a legal march by teachers from nearby Thabong township to the Welkom Civic Centre yesterday.

Forty-three of the 67 have been summoned on charges of obstructing police in the execution of their duties, the chief of the South African Police's public relations division in Pretoria, Major-General Herman Stadler, said.

He said he understood the Thabong Teachers' Committee had been granted permission from a Welkom magistrate to hold a protest march from Thabong to the

Welkom Civic Centre but armed farmers and other whites tried to stop the march.

It is not certain what action the farmers' group had contemplated but, according to Gen Stadler, police at the scene ended up positioning themselves between the protesters and the farmers.

This resulted in the arrests because the farmers were "hindering" proceedings, he said.

Police said later in a formal statement that the whites were told by officers on the scene that the march had been authorised and the organisers had followed the correct channels. They were warned not to take the law into their own hands.

The statement said the 43 men who were charged were issued with notices to appear in court and an admission-of-guilt fine of R100 was set.

In a separate incident, police detained three UDF activists in Bultfontein, near Welkom, on Thursday night under regulation three of the state of emergency, a Johannesburg lawyer acting for them said yesterday.

Mr Amichand Soman said they were Mr Arcas Potsonyane, Mr Daniel Pulela and Mr Jan Skalkwyk.

Early yesterday morning, police also allegedly swooped on Thabong, detaining 11 residents
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Police on alert in OFS after 6 hacked to death

Stw 26/8/90 By Craig Kotze

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Six people were hacked to death in Welkom yesterday and police are on the alert as the northern Free State threatens to sink into a maelstrom of violence and intimidation.

Police in the area today appealed to residents not to carry weapons or flags. An appeal was also made to avoid "alternative structures" set up by right-wing and left-wing activists in the area.

It is believed that the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, was today meeting representatives of various groupings on the left and the right in Bloemfontein in an attempt to defuse the crisis.

Mr Vlok is expected in Welkom tonight.

Police said the heart of the crisis was intimidation by both blacks and right-wing elements in Welkom, but police were on standby in places such as Wesselsbron and Virginia for expected trouble.

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A spokesman said the present trouble was caused by right-wing intimidation combined with a black consumer boycott and stayaway action. White extremists were intimidating blacks and blacks were intimidating blacks.

Right-wing extremists had already set up a "Blanke Veiligheidswag" (white security watch) in Welkom and police have been inundated with complaints of intimidation.

Members and suspended members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) were adding to the problem.

Police had already held talks with various groupings in the town.

"We're in the middle and we are preparing for any eventuality. It's a very fluid situation and we fear a spiral of violence," said a police spokesman.

By PHANGISILE
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Free State race war

A RACIAL war appears to have broken out in the northern Free State as Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging khaki-clad whites shoot and assault blacks from the neighbouring townships, police said.

The volatile situation in the area, particularly in Welkom, has caught the attention of the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, who yesterday met a five-member delegation from Thabong in an attempt to resolve the crisis.

"Countless people have been seriously injured and an undisclosed number were shot dead by trigger-happy whites," a resident of Thabong, Welkom said.

"Attacks which spread to Odendaalsrus started

last Tuesday when Thabong residents embarked on a consumer boycott and threatened to call a stayaway if 12 people detained during the recent teachers' march were not released."

AWB members are reported to have set up "neighbourhood watch programmes" and patrol the streets after dark assaulting blacks indiscriminately, a police spokesman said.

"Six white men last week appeared at the local magistrate's court on a murder charge following the death of a black man," a police spokes-

man said.

* In another violent incident six people were hacked to death about 10km from Welkom and their kombi was set alight on Sunday night. Five of the bodies were found near the kombi and the sixth body a few metres away. A man and woman escaped unharmed. One of survivors said: "we heard a whistle and immediately our kombi was surrounded. Its wheels were punctured and the kombi was set alight. It was then that we escaped."

Police said no arrests have been made.

* The first day of schooling in Thabong yesterday was disrupted when pupils in one school cornered the principal and demanded their school fees back. Police were called in and a pupil was reportedly injured.

Residents rush to buy firearms

By Craig Kotze

WELKOM — Gun sales have increased to such an extent in Welkom — where tension between black and white communities has reached alarming levels — that police have an enormous backlog in processing applications for firearm licences, a spokesman said.

The troubles in the mining town and its neighbouring township of Thabong, coupled with the recent brutal murder of Welkom housewife Mrs Desiree Keulder (29), were the reason for the upsurge in gun sales, police said.

The gun-buying spree is especially marked among the small town's women, who were particularly shocked by Mrs Keulder's killing.

"Her death sent shockwaves through the community, especially the women. Many women I know have gone to buy

guns and some of them tell me that certain kinds of guns are now unavailable, especially .38 revolvers," said one woman resident who refused to be named.

Northern Free State police spokesman Major Johan Fouche confirmed yesterday that police were experiencing a large backlog in processing firearm licences.

He said during the whole of last year only 1 079 applications had been received, while so far this month alone, police had received 436 applications.

Seventy of the applications were handed in on Monday.

Major Fouche said only 61 applications were received in January and 91 in February.

He said 90 percent of the applicants were housewives.

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BVW called on to disband

Welkom group set up 'to fill gap'

By Craig Kotze

WELKOM — An organisation blamed for the attacks on blacks in the troubled Free State town of Welkom was formed in an effort to fill the gap left by a rapidly depleting police force, according to town councillor Mr Alwyn Röhrs.

Police have labelled the Blanke Veiligheidswag (BVW) an "alternative structure". Mr Röhrs said the BVW was non-political and was composed of members of all white political parties.

The BVW has been criticised as being an "armed wing" of right-wing whites in the town, but this was vehemently denied by Mr Röhrs, a Conservative Party member.

Mr Röhrs said the BVW — which is armed, has a uniform and its own insignia — was formed six weeks ago in a effort by whites in Welkom to fill the gap left by a rapidly depleting police force.

"The security situation in Welkom is not satisfactory. Police are powerless. They are doing a wonderful job but they simply do not have enough manpower and that is why the BVW was set up," said Mr Röhrs.

He said the organisation was the first of its kind in the country.

"The BVW will immediately take off its uniform, put down its weapons and revert back to normal when there are enough members of the SAP to protect the community in Welkom."

He said that the organisation currently had a membership of 2 500 men and women.

Although denying the motive behind the organisation was political, Mr Röhrs admitted it was created by the Conservative Party.

He said each member of the BVW did service in his or her own suburb but was controlled by a leader in that suburb.

Asked why, if the organisation was non-political its members did not join existing organisations such as the police reservists and the neighbourhood watch, Mr Röhrs said: "The neighbourhood watch system is dead in Welkom."

"About 80 percent of our members are members of the reservists anyway, but this is not enough".

The Minister of Education and Culture and former mayor of Welkom, Mr Piet Clase, has called on the BVW to disband and for its members to join the police reserve.

Police this week appealed for residents of Welkom not to join the BVW.

Hostile reception in Welkom

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A TEACHERS' protest march in Thabong township near Welkom was confronted by a group of about 100 whites, armed with rifles, handguns, kieres and other weapons at the entrance of the town.

Police intervened and about 60 whites were later fined R100 each for "making it difficult for police to execute their duties".

The teachers were marching to protest the closure of schools, abruptly announced by Department of Education and Training Assistant Regional Director JAC Steyn. The announcement was made on SABC-TV.

Tension has been running high in the township in the wake of the closures, white-on-black violence and the fact that the town is a "no-go area" for blacks after hours.

"During the day there's no problem, but after hours, you better watch out," said one mine worker.

The increasing racial tension in Welkom follows weeks of turmoil and violence in Thabong, turmoil which spread to the neighbouring townships.

But the violence is not confined to the townships. A shaft steward from St Helena Gold Mine was recently killed by a group of whites in one of Welkom's suburbs. The assailants allegedly wore Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging T-shirts and the car they were driving bore the AWB's stickers.

While there was already widespread discontent in black schools in the area, matters were worsened by the detention of 16 activists — 12 from Welkom and four from Oendaalsrus — on March 9. Classes were boycotted in all

Racial tension in the Welkom district has made the town a no-go for blacks, reports MZIMKULU MALUNGA

six high schools in Thabong.

They were detained on the eve of the teachers' march to the DET offices to present a list of grievances to Steyn.

Apart from protesting against the closure of schools, teachers also demanded the immediate resignation of white principals in Thabong and the gradual phasing-out of white teachers in the township schools.

Thabong residents embarked on a week's consumer boycott demanding the release of the 16. According to the National Union of Mineworkers, whites — particularly miners — saw the action as a direct challenge to them.

The boycott was lifted after the 16 were released but this did not end the racial tension prevailing in the area.

Welkom mayor Bill Oendaal said the boycott had been "extremely effective and white shopkeepers lost millions of rands".

Among those detained and subsequently released were Mario Sefo, president of the Thabong Students Congress (Thasco) and Paul Mahlatsi and Thabo Masoleng, Thabong Youth Congress (Thayco) president and vice-president, as well as the general secretary, Edward Taliwe.

In recent weeks, violence has hit various Free State townships, resulting in more than seven deaths.

Six victims of violence were buried last weekend in Oen-

daalsrus and Bothaville and another will be buried this weekend in Phahameng township, near Belfontein.

Those killed in Bothaville included a teacher and a student. They died when police opened fire on a large crowd of residents who were marching to a community hall to draw up a memorandum to be handed to the local police station.

After the shootings, youths went on the rampage, burning the homes of two policemen and a private car belonging to a local furniture shop.

Three youths were detained and students in the two local high schools have been boycotting classes since then.

In Oendaalsrus, all hell broke loose when police opened fire on marching students. Three youths were killed.

Residents responded by burning a bottlestore and houses of policemen. One man, Thata Chopo, was burnt by an angry mob. He was accused of being an informer. Chopo survived, but is believed to be in a serious condition in hospital in Bloemfontein.

In Monyakeng near Wesselsbron, 11 people were injured on March 14 when police shot at students marching to a community hall where councillors were having a meeting.

The following day, a kombi carrying the local magistrate was stoned by an angry group of youths. Police arrested 57 youths after the incidents. They face charges of public violence.

A doctor who examined eight of them said: "There was evidence of assault in seven of them, ranging from bleeding in the eyes to gunshot wounds."

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No further incidents reported, police say

Vlok's OFS visit eases tension

By Craig Kotze

Racial tension and intimidation have declined dramatically in Welkom since Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok's peace-making visit to the town and other Free State centres this week, police said.

Northern Free State police spokesman Major Johann Fouche said no further incidents had been reported since a wave of attacks on blacks by white rightwingers last week and earlier this week.

"No incidents have been reported and the tension has dropped dramatically since Mr Vlok's visit. Certainly we can say that, in the short term, his visit reduced tensions but we have to wait and see whether it lasts longer," Captain Fouche said.

Call to disband

Despite the easing of the situation, Major Fouche said Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging supporters and members of the Blanke Veiligheidswag (BVW) were still driving around the mining town in trucks.

BVW members — said to number 2 500 — had not yet heeded a call by Mr Vlok, Welkom mayor Mr Bill Odendaal and Education and Culture Minister Mr Piet Clase to disband and join the police reservists.

Mr Vlok visited the OFS on Monday and conferred with police, military/security chiefs and local leaders in Welkom, Bloemfontein and Vanderbijlpark.

Unofficial curfew as Welkom simmers in wake of racial clashes

THE consumer boycott was called off a week ago, but Thabong residents and miners still do not go shopping in Welkom — especially after hours.

Tension has been running high in the area after a vicious cycle of white-on-black violence and lawlessness. The town itself has been declared a no-go area after sunset.

At least one miner, Mr Mhikelo Ndamase, has died and five others (including residents) were injured after they had allegedly been assaulted by khaki-clad white men, believed to be members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB).

Mr Ndamase died on March 21 after he had been assaulted by a group of five armed white men.

A miner who saw him being assaulted said Mr Ndamase had been shot while lying motionless on the ground.

The five white men were arrested but have since let out on bail, according to an official of the National Union of Mineworkers.

The NUM official said the miners lived in fear after the incidents. "Our people are terrified, they are not wearing T-shirts belonging to our organisation or

other liberation movements at all. The T-shirts seem to attract attacks," the official said.

At the mines, NUM shop stewards were told by mine managers that marching between hostels and the hoisting of ANC flags would not be allowed in future because it angered some people, the official added.

Mr Hennie Muller (43), leader of the Blanke Vervoging Wag (BVW), denied his organisation was responsible for the attack on blacks in Welkom. "Our organisation protects anyone who is being attacked. We have protected whites and their property and conservative blacks, too.

"When the consumer boycott began, innocent black people who went to shop were made to eat steel-wool and washing soap, and we came in and rescued these people," Mr Muller said.

He said the 3 200-member organisation was in confrontation with the AWB because of the AWB's attack on blacks in the town.

Mr Muller said he would be meeting with kwazulu Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, who has called on the BVW to help him curb the violence around the coun-

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try.

Miners from the St Helena Gold Mine, most of whom were victims in the attacks, yesterday told how they were assaulted in different incidents.

Mr Charles Sello (39), an underground worker from St Helena Gold Mine, said on March 18 he had gone into a store in town to do some shopping. While walking through the shelves he collided shoulder to shoulder with a white man, who, Mr Sello he, said he swore at him.

"I swore back and he slapped me and I replied with a punch which knocked him down. I was afraid that if I left him he would go to his car and fetch his gun ... so I punched him again into submission.

"Just then police arrived and took me to the Jan Hofmeyer Police Station where I was assaulted and told to go home ... they followed me, took me back and locked me in a cell for the night. The following day I was acquitted in court," Mr Sello said.

Mr Motlatse Ntlaawe, a winch driver at the St Hele-

na Mine, said he was with his colleagues from the mines on March 21 when a red Nissan Sentra motorcar, with a red flag (AWB insignia on it), arrived. An old white man got out and started kicking every black man near the store. Other cars arrived and the man was offered arms by other white men dressed in khaki, Mr Ntlaawe said.

"As we crossed the street to go back to the mine the white men chased us with cars and on foot. I saw Mhikelo run up a street and a few men were after him. Later at the mine compound, I learnt that he had been found dead with a bullet wound," Mr Ntlaawe added.

Mr Tshokolo Mahane (27), also a winch driver at the St Helena Gold Mine, was running up a street during the attack when he saw Mr Ndamase being kicked and hit with knobkerries while on the ground. "He was ultimately shot by one of the hefty white men in khaki," he said.

Last Monday Mr Xolisile Singama (22), a miner from President Brand mine, was taking his younger brother to a taxi rank when he was confronted by four khaki-clad white men, travelling in a police van.

"The men pointed guns at me and told me to get into the back of the van, I refused and they started assault me. They were joined by two other white men and they dragged me to the van, and, while forcing me inside, slammed the rear door on my arm.

"I was taken to the police station where I was assaulted. After some time I was taken to the Sir Cpenheimer Hospital where I was admitted. The court left after warning me to appear in court on charge of disturbing peace and resisting arrest," Mr Singan said.

Mr Tefo Kgunonyane, a mine clerk, said white miners used mine workshops to make and repair weapons, which he suspected were used against black people.

A police spokesman said the violence had been like a "snake with two heads".

He said police were taking action but were acting under difficult circumstances and were hindered in their job by people "who see ghosts behind every tree".

Leader of the AWB in the area, Mr Blikkies Binnou, was unavailable for comment.

Stormy Welkom in turmoil

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Violence

In an interview with the Sunday Times this week, the no-nonsense Mr Muller said the organisation — with a membership of over 3 200 — had been formed on March 6 "as a direct result of the lawlessness which was breaking out throughout South Africa."

Mr Muller said whites in Welkom and surrounding towns had "had enough of black intimidation".

The BV, he said, had special task force members in its ranks and three aircraft at its disposal 24 hours a day to monitor the townships and keep watch over the town.

"Our response time to unrest is far quicker than the

CALM returned to troubled Welkom — but the tension below the surface was still white-hot.

Suspicion, rumours, panic, prejudice and "unrest" have combined to make a lethal cocktail which nearly brought the Free State mining town — already reeling from the effects of a devastating tornado — to its knees.

Fuelling the town's torment are reports that a "white army" is on the march in Welkom, sowing terror among black residents and causing a major headache for the badly depleted police force.

The mayor, Mr Bill Odendaal, said the town was in the throes of a white backlash as a result of the black consumer boycott which had cost white shopkeepers "millions".

Whites had reacted angrily to black intimidation and several blacks had been beaten up by right-wing elements.

Black-on-black incidents have also been reported. Black shoppers who defied the boycott were forced to eat detergent and steel wool and had boiling hot chips shoved down their clothes, residents claim.

Welkom's CBD has been unofficially declared a "no-go" area for blacks after sunset after some were assaulted by right-wingers.

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Mr Odendaal said the right-wingers were seen as heroes by the townsfolk and shopkeepers phoned them when they needed help. The situation was "unhealthy and tense" and he was concerned that hostilities would again surface.

Whites and blacks live in mortal fear of each other since the horrifying events of last week when:

- Welkom housewife Mrs Debbie Keulder, 29, was brutally murdered;

- A black man was kicked and sjambokked to death by six whites after he allegedly intimidated white shopkeepers,

- A protest march by black teachers led to confrontation with right-wingers and a large number of whites were arrested and charged,

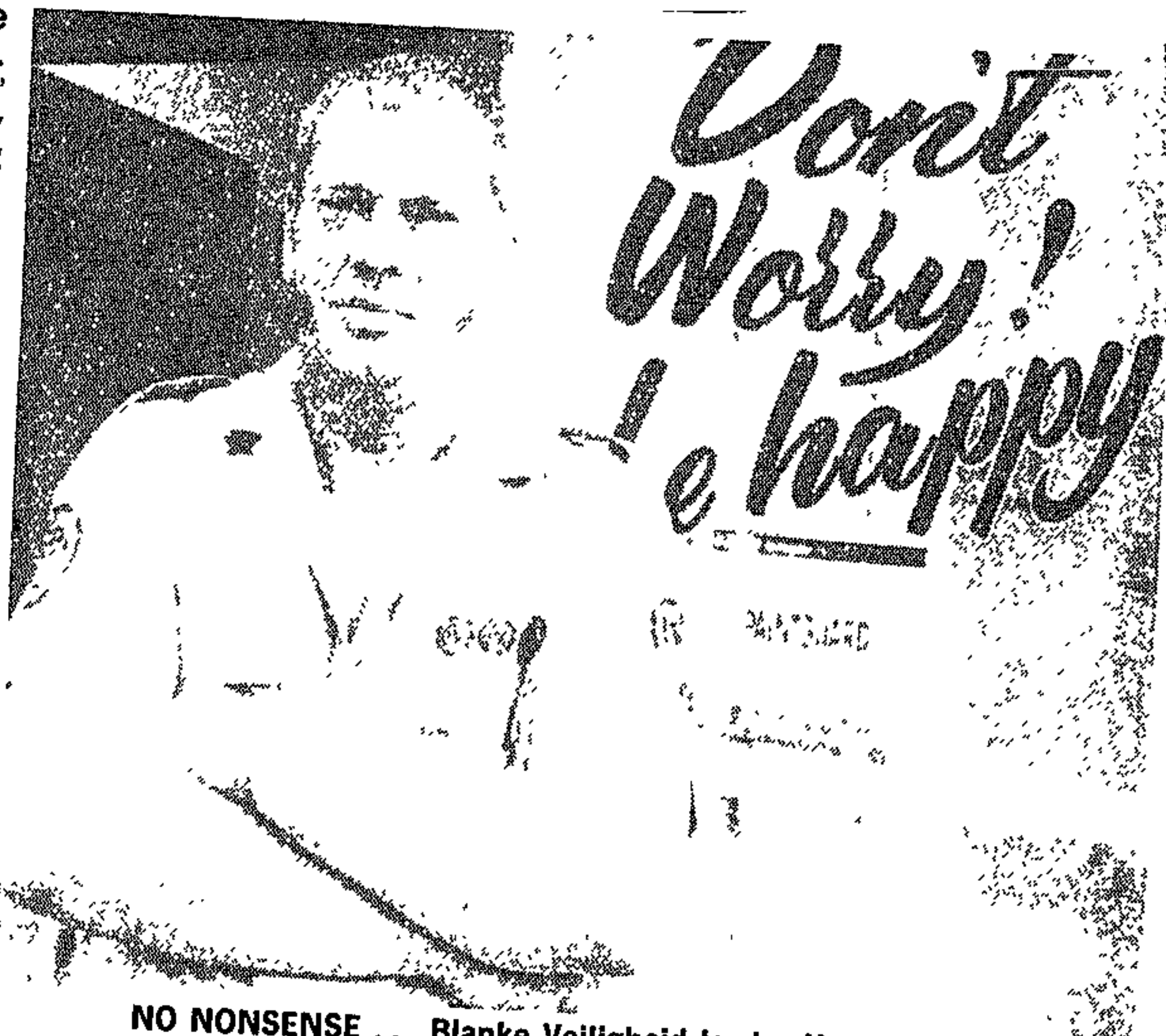
- Incidents of looting occurred in three white suburbs which were devastated by the tornado;

- Blacks intimidated other blacks in Welkom's central business district.

The Blanke Veiligheid (BV) has been blamed for attacks on blacks in the strife-torn mining town.

The BV was accused of being an "armed wing" of militant right-wing whites in the town which includes the AWB, the BV and a sinister group of young white thugs known as "the Flamingoes."

The leader of the newly formed BV is a Welkom businessman, burly Mr Hennie Muller, 43, who owns a panel-beating company in the heart of the industrial area.



NO NONSENSE ... Blanke Veiligheid leader Hennie Muller

Race hate threatens to explode

WELKOM ● by Ivor Crews

police and our aim is to have 5 000 people ready for action at immediate notice."

Mr Muller said the BV was formed because the undermanned police force was unable to cope with township violence when the community was crying out for law and order.

"As many as 35 policemen are resigning every day because of the political situation."

"Some of the mines and compounds are inside Welkom. Whites are completely surrounded by blacks. White miners have had to put up with black intimidation since Nelson Mandela was released."

But black community leader, Mr Mojalefa Rampai,

40, of Thabong, a member of the ANC and a prominent member of the Black Lawyers' Association, paints another picture.

Boycott

"Blacks in Thabong are terrified of the AWB and other radical right-wing groups and are scared to come into the town for fear of being beaten up."

He said the detention of 12 black activists had led to the consumer boycott which had been so effective that the detainees were released soon afterwards.

Mr Rampai said AWB members drove around the city and assaulted blacks

without provocation. Many blacks, he said, thought they were members of the dreaded Wit Wolwe and fled in terror when they made an appearance.

But BV spokesman Mr David Naude said the organisation was apolitical and distanced itself from the AWB who were "radicals". Although the BV was armed, it did not seek confrontation with blacks.

Backlog

It carried out regular patrols and questioned blacks at random "If they cause trouble we remove them and hand them over to the police."

He said that since the formation of the movement, crime in Welkom and surrounding townships had dropped dramatically.

The difference between the AWB and the BV, he said, was that the BV allowed all whites to join. "The AWB only allows CP and HNP members — we have English, Greeks and Jews in our ranks."

Police reported a huge backlog in processing applications for gun licences since the "unrest" of the past few weeks.

The upsurge in gun sales was attributed to the murder of Mrs Keulder, township unrest, threats of black retaliation for the death of a black miner, rumour-mongering and a right-wing backlash.

While shocked residents recovered from the aftermath of the tornado the BV cordoned off devastated suburbs, arrested black and white looters and provided shelter for the homeless.

White racists' reign of terror

By SANDILE MEMELA

RESIDENTS of Thabong, especially workers, consider knocking off after 6pm a risk to their lives after several of them were assaulted by men believed to be members of the AWB or other rightwing organisations such as the Wit Wolwe.

This has heightened racial tension in Welkom in the wake of a rightwing backlash after Afrikaner businessmen lost "millions of rands" as a result of a consumer boycott.

The racial tension is believed to have spread to surrounding towns like Oendalsrus, Allanridge, Bultfontein, Wesselbron and Hoopstad where black people are attacked by extreme rightwing groups for no reason.

The past two weeks has seen the emergence of two other extreme rightwing organisations, the Flammike and Blanke Veilheids, to counter black resistance to old-style apartheid in the area.



Andrews Jacobs.

The two-week-old boycott in Welkom — which was called off last weekend — was sparked off by the detention of 12 Thabong Youth Congress (TYC) leaders early last month, who have since been released.

All 12 leaders were members of a funeral committee which was responsible for the burial arrangements of Umkhonto we Sizwe cadre Zuko Baloyi, who was shot dead under mysterious circumstances in Cape Town by a policeman. However, according to community spokesman and TYC executive member Mhindo Mahogo the boycott of white

Welkom boycott ends but rightwingers act

business was sparked off by student grievances against "the racist attitude of white principals and teachers and the wanton killing of members of our community who celebrated the release of Nelson Mandela".

"Five people were killed in hit-and-run accidents under mysterious circumstances by people we strongly believe to be agents provocateur in the community," said Mahogo.

The dead were identified as Elizabeth Matlakala Ramatlotlo, Jane Mahasha, Richard Sigwela, Veille Mshoro and Tshid Matswane.

More than 30 000 people resolved to launch the consumer boycott and stayaway to demand the withdrawal of allegedly racist white teachers and to stop harassment of activists in the area.

"This planted the seeds of a rightwing backlash that has seen black people being randomly attacked in the streets of the town. It has now become a matter of life and death for blacks to saunter into a pub after hours to enjoy a cold beer," said Mahogo.

Township activist Mnikelo Mdamase was shot in the heart by men claiming to be AWB members who "were shooting Nelson Mandela who was on the T-shirt the youth had on", said Mahogo.

Last weekend a memorandum which claimed to be from the State President's office was distributed in Thabong by a helicopter. The pamphlet demanded the end of the consumer boycott, threatened violence and hurled racial insults on the community.

"This is uncalled for as



Justice Mabula.

things have returned to normal in the community. Children have returned to class and workers just want to carry on with their lives.

"Until drastic steps are taken to curb provocative actions from the rightwing, we fear that we may be headed for more racial strife," said Mabula.

Thabong residents have sent an SOS to white business. "We urge white business in the area to address the problem. Most of the people who are attacked for no reason are their workers and patronise their shops," said Mabula.

Fear of the backlash has even forced job-seekers to retreat to the outskirts of the town.

Jobless Andries Jacobs, 27, said he was scared of going into the town.

"There is no doubt that this may cost me life. What kind of society is this one where looking for a job could expose one to racial assault?"

"I have seen people randomly attacked and I do not feel safe at all. Even some employers just beat people up for no reason," said Jacobs.

Taxi-owner Justice Mabula tells how he suffered bruises to his head and body when three white men jumped on to him as he was going into an hotel for a drink.

"They claimed to be members of the Wit Wolwe. I needed a sundowner after a hard day's work and this nearly cost my life.

"If whites are serious about a new society they must learn to treat us with dignity and respect. The so-called rightwing backlash does not do any good to race relation," said Mabula.



Moving in ... Troops sit in their armoured vehicles in full combat gear as they enter Edendale black township yesterday to help stop the escalating violence that has claimed more than 40 lives since last Sunday. ● Picture by Reuter.

11 youths 'shot' outside court house

By Julianne du Toit

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The ages of the wounded ranged between 16 and 18.

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According to reports, police fired a shot into the air to warn the group to disperse but although the crowd scattered it regrouped.

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Police are targets in weekend of unrest

Crime Reporter

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Much of the violence was directed against policemen, municipal policemen and the homes of members of the security forces, according to the latest police unrest reports.

In another mob attack on a road, a black motorist was attacked near Wesselton, outside Ermelo. His car was stoned after he was robbed, but the victim was not injured.

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mob gathered at the scene and stoned police, who used teargas to disperse the crowd.

Eleven people were later arrested after police were again stoned by a mob which erected barricades. They were dispersed with birdshot, teargas and rubber bullets.

Three people were injured in Bophelong near Vanderbijlpark after a mob hurled petrol bombs at a police station and police retaliated with shotgun fire.

Another three men were wounded and two policemen were injured after a mob stoned a municipal policeman in Lephoi near Bethulie in the Free State.

A policeman's house was damaged during the stone-throwing and shotgun fire was used to disperse the mob, wounding three men.

In the western Transvaal township of Khutsong, youths hijacked a front-end loader and forced the driver to demolish three houses, including two policemen's homes.

In Selobela near Carolina, a man was shot and wounded by police using birdshot after a mob threw stones.

Police give reassurance to motorists

Crime Reporter

Natal's township wars will not be a danger to the thousands of Transvaalers expected to stream to the coast next week for the Easter holidays, police said.

Natal police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Charl du Toit said yesterday police would maintain their usual activity on the main routes to the coast as had been done in the past.

"We do not foresee a security problem for motorists travelling to the coast for the holidays," said Colonel du Toit.

"None of the main highways go through or near any townships so we do not foresee problems and will have only our usual measures in place."

"Of course, no one can guarantee that an incident or incidents will not take place," said Colonel du Toit.

Many Transvaalers are concerned about possible dangers on the way to Durban and other holiday centres after widespread violence erupted in Natal townships last week.

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Another three men were wounded and two policemen were injured after a mob stoned a municipal policeman in Lephot near Bethulie in the Free State.

A policeman's house was damaged during the stone-throwing and shotgun fire was used to disperse the mob, wounding three men.

In the western Transvaal township of Khutsong, youths hijacked a front-end loader and forced the driver to demolish three houses, including two policemen's homes.

In Selobela near Carolina, a man was shot and wounded by police using birdshot after a mob threw stones.

Police give reassurance to motorists

Crime Reporter

Natal's township wars will not be a danger to the thousands of Transvaalers expected to stream to the coast next week for the Easter holidays, police said.

Natal police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Charl du Toit said yesterday police would maintain their usual activity on the main routes to the coast as had been done in the past.

"We do not foresee a security problem for motorists travelling to the coast for the holidays," said Colonel du Toit.

"None of the main highways go through or near any townships so we do not foresee problems and will have only our usual measures in place.

"Of course, no one can guarantee that an incident or incidents will not take place," said Colonel du Toit.

Many Transvaalers are concerned about possible dangers on the way to Durban and other holiday centres after widespread violence erupted in Natal townships last week.

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Shots injure mine staff

Two mine employees were injured this week after a mine security officer opened fire "under personal threat" at the Freegold mines near Welkom, Anglo American said in a statement.

Anglo said the incident took place on Tuesday when a group of employees allegedly blocked a thoroughfare close to an area where a mass meeting was to be held at Saaiplaas Mine. When told to disperse, they became threatening, Anglo said.

A mine security officer, "isolated" by the crowd, was "required under personal threat to fire at assailants". Two employees were resultantly hospitalised.

At Freddie's Mine, mine security dispersed employees on Tuesday when they began an illegal march, Anglo said. No injuries were reported.

Two youths shot dead by police in Free State unrest

Staff Reporter

Two youths were shot dead by police in Kutlwanong, near Odendaalsrus in the Free State over the Easter weekend.

Police said the youths were members of a large mob that confronted two off-duty policemen.

A series of petrol-bombings was carried out in the same area.

The petrol bombings occurred a day before the launch of an anti-crime campaign by the Kutlwanong Civic Association.

Mr Joseph Mayekiso, General Secretary of the Kutlwanong Civic Association, said two youths were shot dead by two off-duty policemen, but no arrests had been made. A meeting with the police did not resolve the issue.

Major J Fouche of the Kutlwanong police station, said two SAP members were going home when they met between 20 and

30 youths, singing "freedom songs".

One of the policemen fired a warning shot. The youths regrouped, still singing. Two more shots were fired, killing one youth and seriously injuring another. He later died. Their names have not been released.

Squatter camp

Mr Mayekiso said his home was petrol bombed at 1 am yesterday. He claimed criminals had been taking advantage of conditions in the squatter camp, which led to a weekend of violence.

He said his brother's home had also been petrol bombed at about 1 am yesterday.

He reported the attack on his house to police at 4 am, but was met with an "indifferent" response.

Major J Fouche said there was no record of the complaint.

The two youths will be buried on Saturday.

Police shoot 4 youths in Free State

Staff Reporters

Four youths were shot dead and others — some sources say about 20 — were injured when police opened fire on a crowd of marchers in Rammulotsi township near Viljoenskroon in the Free State yesterday morning.

The Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, has ordered an immediate investigation into the killings.

The dead were aged between 13 and 16, say township residents.

General van der Merwe said police opened fire on a crowd of about 200 after being attacked.

One person was seriously injured.

"The police unit involved consisted of only five men," he said.

Residents said the march was called by the Rammulotsi Youth Congress in protest against high rent, lack of recreational facilities and the absence of an old-age home.

They said the march started at 9 am at Tshepahalo Hall. The chanting youths, numbering about 400, clashed with police at Mahlabathini school. Police opened fire, killing four youths.

According to Mr Bizzah Makgathe of the Kroonstad Detainees Support Committee, as they passed the school, pupils spontaneously joined them. Police passed by and opened fire, he said.

One eyewitness said the four dead youths had been mistaken for protesters, and were not part of the march.

He said there was no police warning: "Shots were fired and the four fell to the ground. When people went to their assistance, more shots were fired and people wounded."

But another police spokesman said police had twice ordered the crowd to disperse before they were attacked.

● In Volksrust, eastern Transvaal, a 15-year-old youth was shot dead when police opened fire on a group of school pupils setting up street barricades in Vukuzakhe township early yesterday.

They had been protesting against the detention of 12 pupils after a local businessman's house was stoned.

On Wednesday, about 500 pupils marched to a field where they handed a protest note to community leaders.

The police gave the children five minutes to disperse; then fired on those who remained.

SAP spokesman Captain Ruben Bloomberg said: "The police requested the crowd to disperse and when they ignored the warning, teargas and rubber bullets were used. The group then broke up and began stoning and petrol-bombing police vehicles."

"One youth was killed and two were injured," he said.

Four youths die when police fire on crowd

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Four youths were shot dead and several — some sources say about 20 — were injured when police opened fire on a crowd of marchers in Rammulotsi, near Viljoenskroon in the Free State, police and residents said.

The Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, has ordered an immediate investigation into yesterday's killings.

CID chief Lieutenant-General Alwyn Conradie has been asked to probe the incident.

According to residents, the dead were aged between 13 and 16.

General Van der Merwe said police opened fire on a crowd of about 200 after being attacked. The crowd had gathered illegally, he added.

One person was seriously injured and "several others were less seriously injured", he said.

"The police unit involved consisted of only five men," General Van der Merwe said.

Residents said the march was called by the Rammulotsi Youth Congress in protest against high rent, lack of recreational facilities and the absence of an old age home in the township.

They said the march started at a hall. The chanting youths clashed with police at Mahlabathini public school. Police opened fire, killing the four youths and injuring several others.

Another police spokesman said police had twice ordered the crowd to disperse.

Police shoot four teenagers

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JOHANNESBURG. — Police shot dead four teenage boys in the Rammulotsi township near Viljoenskroon in the Northern Free State yesterday, a police spokesman said.

The dead boys were aged between 13 and 16, a local black activist said.

Police fired rubber bullets and shotgun rounds when a patrol of five policemen was stoned in the township. Police said shortly before the incident, people who had gathered ignored two warnings by police to disperse.

The Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, has ordered an immediate investigation which would be led by the CID chief, General Alwyn Conradie.

Police said one person had been wounded while local people said about 20 people had been wounded.

Petrol bombs were thrown during the course of the day and a township funeral parlour was torched, police said.

Locals said about 400 youths were on a peaceful march to protest against conditions in the township when police fired. Police said there had been about 200 in an illegal gathering. — Sapa-Reuter and Political Staff

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Police shoot four in OFS township

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By MZIMKULU MALUNGA

FOUR people were shot dead by police yesterday in Rammulotsi township near Viljoenskroon in the Free State.

More than 20 people were injured during the shooting. Seven were last night reported to be in a serious condition in Boitumelo Hospital in Kroonstad.

A resident in Rammulotsi said the shootings occurred when a group of school children began singing freedom songs next to the schoolyard.

The youths were confronted by six policemen and shots were fired.

Police public relations officer Captain R Bloomberg confirmed the deaths. (277)

He said police were compelled to shoot when a South African Police patrol was stoned by a group of youths. He said the group ignored two warnings to disperse, adding there had been petrol bomb attacks on private property during the course of yesterday. He also said a funeral parlour was torched.

Protesters shot dead by police

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POLICE shot dead four youths and wounded at least one other during a demonstration in the Rammulotsi township near Viljoenskroon in the northern Free State yesterday, police said.

Police Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe last night ordered an immediate investigation, under the personal supervision of CID chief Gen Alwyn Conradie.

In a statement last night, Van der Merwe said the incident had occurred when five policemen trying to disperse an unlawful gathering were attacked.

Police spokesman Capt Ruben Bloomberg said police opened fire with rubber bullets and shotgun rounds when a patrol was stoned. Shortly before the shootings, people who had gathered had ignored two warnings by police to disperse.

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Four young men were fatally wounded and a woman was slightly injured, he said.

But local residents said there had been no provocation when the police opened fire. They said they had confirmed 19 people were wounded, Sapa-Repter reports. An ANC supporter said the four boys, aged between 13 and 16, were killed instantly.

The residents said about 400 youths were marching to a rally when a police van drew across their path, policemen got out and, without warning, started shooting.

ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu said: "This is disgusting behaviour on the part of the police and we protest most strongly against the killings."

Councillor's shop under siege

By DESMOND BLOW

THE AGONY that is present-day South Africa is reflected in the face of a man who has not slept for more than a week as he patrols outside his store in Rammoletsi township outside Viljoenskroon, a pistol at his hip.

Jacob Thooe, 53, is protecting his business and his family. His R61 000 luxury home and a minibus in this poverty-stricken township have already been burnt by angry comrades.

His crime: he has been a councillor for 12 months and has not delivered the 45 000 residents from the poverty and squalor induced by apartheid.

He is also accused of exploiting the poor by renting 40 tin "sheds", to homeless families, crowded on an unhygienic one-acre plot, at R25 a month.

But, claims Thooe, this is a humanitarian act. Where else would these people live?, he asks.

Thooe believes he is a hero in the struggle against the apartheid system. "I have paid my price for freedom," he says. "In 1986 my son Lesiba, 19, who was a comrade - and I supported his views - was shot dead by the police, and I was detained by the Security Police for a year."

Thooe said he was mainly responsible a year ago for the ousting of the old council of seven members who had been in office for 15 years and had done nothing for the residents, and their replacement with seven new members, himself included, who promised to fight to have things changed.

But apartheid entrenched for 40 years is impossible to eradicate within 12 months, he says. The people were

expecting the impossible when on April 11 they gave the council three days to come up with solutions.

Among the demands were that rents should be lowered, that a sewerage system should be installed and that the people living in sheds like those he rents out should be given proper housing.

He and other councillors received very little protection from the police.

"People are being forced to boycott my shop and all the extra supplies I procured for the Easter weekend are either lying in my deep-freeze or have gone rotten."

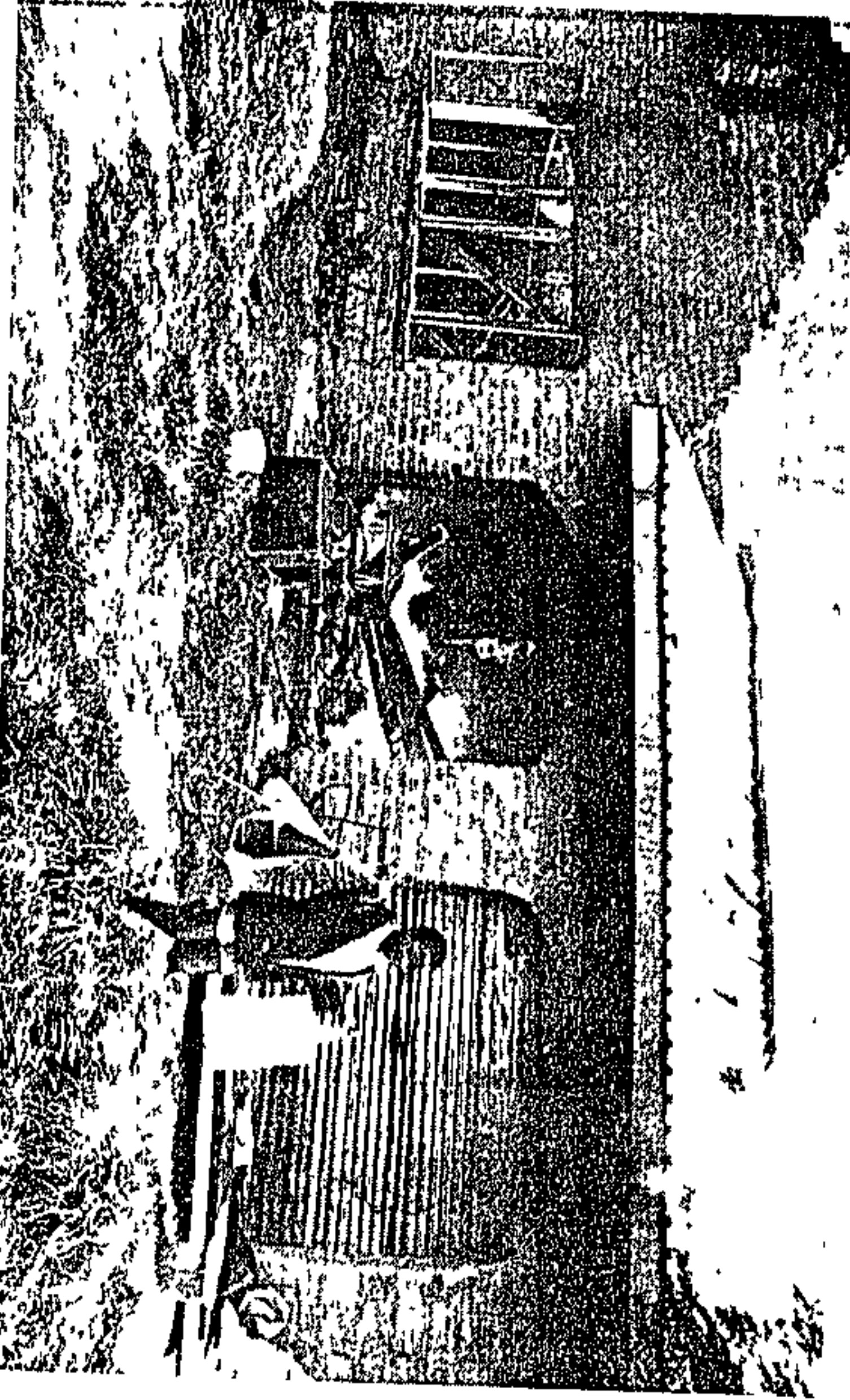
When his house was gutted two of his daughters, Pinky, 21, and Lorraine, 12, fled with Pinky's seven-month-old daughter Penelope, and are now all living in the shop.

"But unless the unrest comes to an end how long can I protect my shop before it, too, goes up in flames?" said Thooe.

Rammolutsi on fire!

Mob burns houses and businesses as police shoot five

By DESMOND BLOW



Councillor Jacob Thooe's house goes up in flames while a youth flees with looted goods from the house.

Picture: TLOI KHUULE

ANGRY youths rampaged through the Free State township of Rammoletsi outside Viljoenskroon on Friday after police had killed four youths and a fifth later died in hospital.

They set up blazing barriers in the streets but police in a Hippo patrolled around the barriers firing rubber bullets.

On one occasion police teargassed a crowd of about 400 who were stoning the home of a township councillor and trying to set it alight.

The crowd also approached the home of a black policeman who, they allege, fired the first shots on Thursday that started the fusillade from four others that killed the children, but his son fired shots and the youths fled.

Eye-witnesses claim comrades were holding a peaceful protest against the local council on Thursday morning when police opened fire on them with rubber bullets, pellets and live ammunition.

Among the dead were Abel Isoiso, 17, who lived at 578 Rammoletsi, and Freddie Ndzeke.

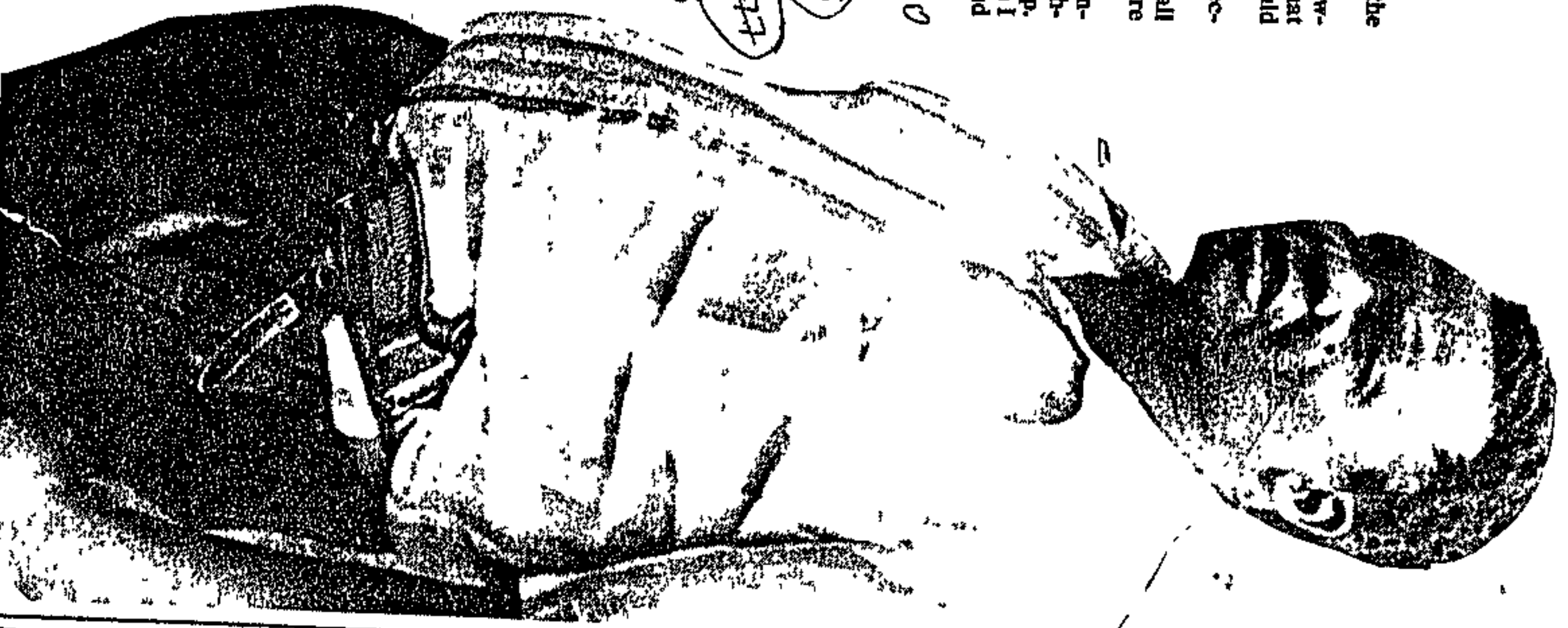
The Commissioner of Police has ordered an inquiry into the shooting.

City Press spoke to Raymond Molelane, 15, one of the six injured who were admitted to Botumelo Hospital at Kroonstad after the shooting. One of the youngsters, James Radebe, 22, died and another was discharged from hospital yesterday morning.

Said Molelane: "I was on my way to school when I was shot in the street outside the school."

He was shot in the arm and the thigh. "I was suddenly hit and fell down. When I climbed to my feet I was shot again."

One of the protest organisers told City Press the



Jacob Thooe thinks he is a hero - others don't.

people had handed a petition to the council on March 17 calling on it to implement various reforms immediately or resign.

By April, when there had been no response, they had given the council three days in which to reply.

"When they did not do so we boycotted their businesses and three taxis the mayor owned. If people used the taxis we would force them out."

"However, he used the police to protect the taxis and this made the people angry. We felt the police should not be involved. On Thursday the people protested and we boycotted when the police suddenly opened fire."

He said as a result the youths had attacked and burnt police officers' houses and businesses, including a funeral parlour where they had removed coffins and burnt them at bonfires in the streets.

Four killed in violence

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AT LEAST four people died in unrest over the weekend, while police detained 70 people in the unrest flashpoint of Ram-molotsi in the Free State in connection with widespread violence over the past week.

Four youths were shot dead by police in Ram-molotsi, near Vil-joenskroon last week and violence occurred in the area.

Three of the deaths at the weekend were reported in Natal, two of them in the Port Shepstone area.

Police said a woman was stabbed to death in Murchison near Port Shepstone and another woman was stoned at Dongasi in the same area.

Disruptions persist at number of schools

By Janet Heard, Education Reporter

While black schools have settled down in many parts of the country, there have been disruptions at a number of schools in the Free State and Orange-Vaal in the wake of police violence and an increase in the number of student arrests.

Pupils in Rammulotsi, outside Viljoenskroon have not attended classes since Thursday, when five youths died after police opened fire on a crowd outside the Mahlabatheng Primary School.

In the Bethlehem area, there has been 100 percent absenteeism at two secondary schools and in Mookeng outside Kroonstad reports indicate that little secondary schooling has taken place since the arrest by police of six students last term.

However, Mr. F H Vorster, the DET director of the Orange-Vaal region, said other schools in the area looked "very promising".

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Cops to blame, says DPSC

By KENOSI
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POLICE action and an increase in the number of arrests of pupils were to blame for disruptions at several schools in the Free State and Orange-Vaal, a spokesman for the Detainees' Parents Support Committee said yesterday.

Mr Biza Mkhate, an official of the DPSC's Maokeng branch, said the disruptions started two months ago when six pupils were arrested.

Civic leaders in the area were planning to send a delegation to the police and magistrate involved in the pupils' case, he said.

Pupils at Rammulotsi in Viljoenskroon have not attended classes since last Thursday, when five youths died after police opened fire on a crowd outside Mahlabatheng Primary School.

Mkhate said there had been a 100 percent absenteeism at two secondary schools in Kroonstad and Maokeng and indications were that little or no schooling was taking place at others.

However, the Department of Education and Training's director for the Orange-Vaal region, Mr F Vorster, said the situation at other schools in the area looked "very promising" with 32 primary schools reporting 96 percent attendances on Monday.

Mob stab riot cop to death

An off-duty Bloemfontein riot policeman was abducted, "sentenced" to death by a "people's court" and then stabbed to death by a mob in the town's Mangaung township.

Police said the mutilated body of Constable MJ Zeekoei was found in the township at the weekend.

It is believed he had been stabbed 45 times.

Constable Zeekoei was

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apparently intercepted by a group of men on Saturday. They took him to a "people's court", which "sentenced" him to death.

His "sentence" was that every man present stab him once. The killing was then carried out, said the police spokesman.

No arrests have yet been made.

Police yesterday again issued a strong warning that "people's courts" would not be tolerated and that they would be smashed wherever they were found.

"People's courts", which allow no defence and no appeal, have made a strong comeback.

They have been associated with barbaric killings such as "necklacings" and other arbitrary sentences.

Police also said unrest claimed the lives of two people on Wednesday.

In Galeshewe, near Kimberley, four special constables attacked by a mob, several hundred strong, opened fire on their attackers.

A youth was killed and a man and another three youths were later arrested.

The mob went on to stone a bus.

In Molweni, near Durban, a woman was killed by a mob, police said.

Welkom under siege as whites ride shotgun

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It was like something out of *Mississippi Burning* as heavily armed white vigilantes in the Orange Free State town of Welkom continued to attack blacks indiscriminately this week. Tension mounted here as alleged members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging threatened "to drive blacks out of town". On the other side, the black community of Thabong was preparing to face the threat.

The United Democratic Front and the Congress of South African Trade Unions have organised a consumer boycott to start on Monday in protest against the attacks.

At least two people died and several others were injured in past weeks at the hands of whites believed to be members of the AWB.

A bomb was found at the black taxi rank in town on Monday morning and commuters said it was intended to explode during peak hour when workers are rushing to work.

Workers said that in the afternoon rightwingers were singing and parolling the streets in town wearing swastikas and AWB insignia. They were apparently preparing for a meeting to be addressed by AWB leader Eugene Terblanche at the Town Hall that evening.

Several people were injured in the evening when alleged AWB members armed with firearms, iron rods and sjamboks went on the rampage and assaulted blacks at the taxi rank.

A taxi driver, David Moisoeng, was kicked, punched and hit several times on the head with a butt of a gun by a white man. According to taxi drivers at the rank, Moisoeng was admitted to the hospital and later discharged.

The residents said most of the attacks took place at night in places like taxi ranks and white suburbs.

Taxi drivers said they reported the attacks at Welkom's Jan Hofmeyer Police Station but the officer on duty, Sergeant McIntosh, was indifferent and nothing was done.

"We are wasting our time by going to the police because the attacks are continuing," said one taxi driver. "I have given up hope that the police can solve the attacks," he complained. "The police," interrupted another driver, "know about these attacks. When the AWBs

Welkom has become a town under siege as heavily-armed white vigilantes attack black commuters and community groups and unions organise a consumer boycott in protest. PHIL MOLEFE reports

were firing shots on Monday night there were no police in sight but they are stationed around the corner," he said.

Matenemo Kofi and Lenah Obosi were attacked on Tuesday at their back rooms in Beddiana. Kofi, who sustained a cut in her head, said a group of whites arrived at her employer's place at about 8pm, kicked open the door and assaulted her with sjamboks.

"I don't know why they came because they did not say a word to me. They just kicked the door open and beat me up," she said.

Kopi's employer, James Oosthuizen, reported the matter to the Welkom police.

Thabiso Moisanai, a mineworker, said he was assaulted by a group of whites on Tuesday night while walking past a white suburb on his way to the compound.

"They just stopped the car and said to me: 'You kaffir! Wat soek jy by ons plek' (You kaffir! What do you want in our town)."

Moisanai said they assaulted him with sjamboks and told him not to set foot in town again.

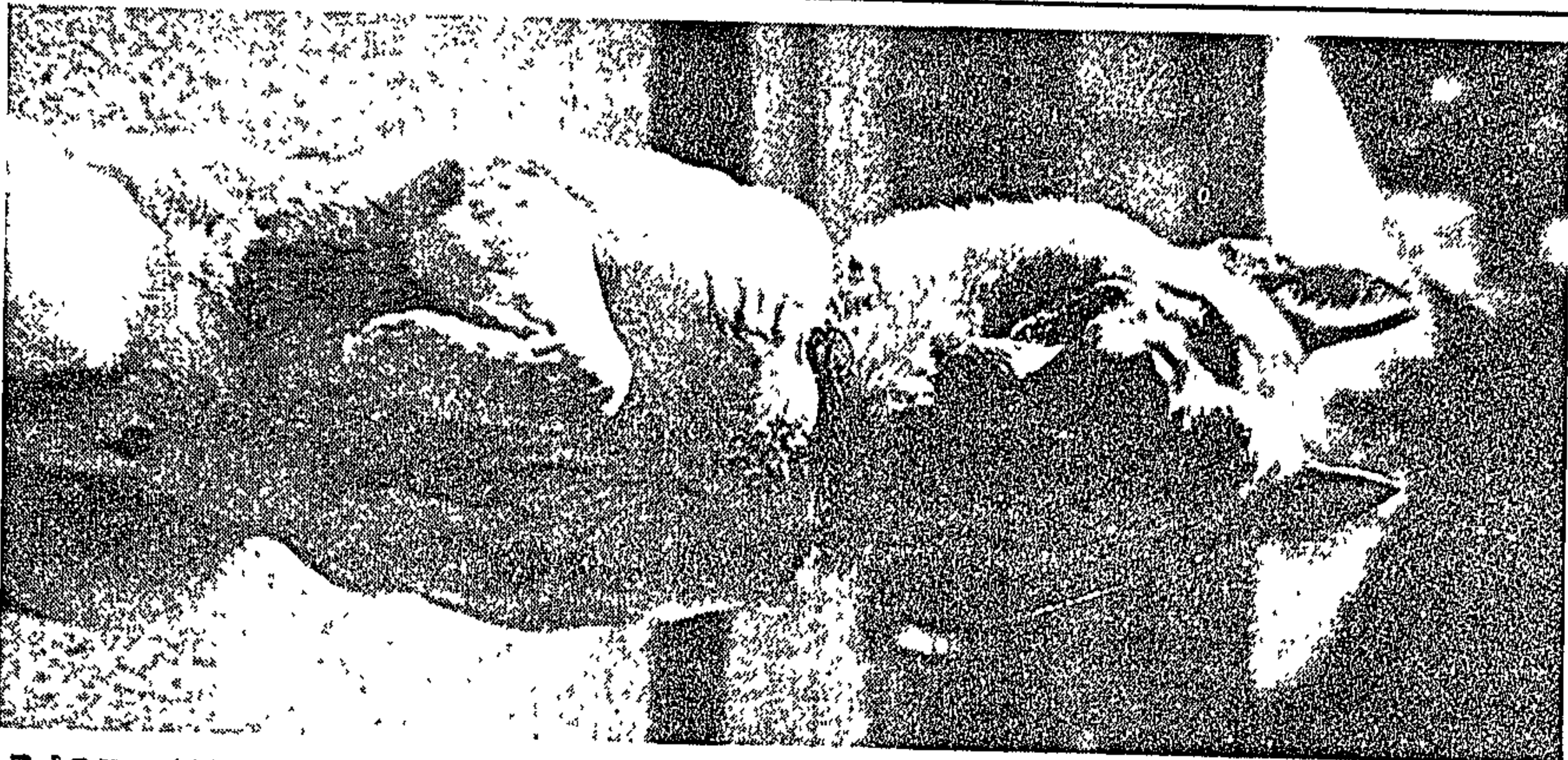
A black security policeman known as Nhlangiso was also assaulted by a group of whites and was admitted to hospital, residents said.

"The whole community is angry and some people feel we should go to town armed and wipe out this AWB," said Sello Kgathi.

Simmering anger surfaced at the May Day Rally at the Thabong Stadium on Tuesday where over 15 000 people resolved to boycott white businesses in town.

Community leaders said the boycott should have started last Wednesday but had to be delayed until Monday after alleged AWB members threatened wholesalers in town not to supply black businesses with stock.

A consumer boycott committee has been formed to co-ordinate the action and a spokesperson of the committee said the boycott will certainly start on Monday.



Council spies penetrated top union ranks

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By KATHY STRACHAN

SPY reports before the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry into alleged irregularities of the Johannesburg City Council indicate that the Transport and General Workers Union, which organises municipal workers, was infiltrated to its core. According to a union representative the informers were even delegated to the union's National Executive Congress.

"We suspected some people in our union, and since the commission began they haven't attended any meetings. They are hiding away," said shop steward Smith Kgobane.

Union member Petrus Ndzabe said: "All the people who have been assaulted by white security supervisors have been union members."

Ndzabe said everyone who had been assaulted had submitted their grievances to the deputy directors of the security department — Frik Barnard and Brigadier Visser — yet these grievances were never discussed with the members, as the procedure required.

Informers' reports before the commission include information on TGWU meetings, where they were held, and the name of each person present.

One of the infiltrated shop stewards' meetings concerned the city council and how it operated. The informer's report said the shop stewards noted that the council spent its money on the wrong things, and that they discussed the high cost of Town Clerk Manie Venter's house, unemployment and the fact that workers were not getting a living wage.

The report was followed by comment from spy handler Nick Cronje, who interpreted the manner of instruction as "blatant communist propaganda". A profile of union organiser Jane Barret was

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THE Welkom township of Thabong could be under seige from Monday if white rightwingers go ahead with threats to stop supplies being delivered to the township from that day.

The threat comes as tension between black and white residents of the gold-mining town is heightening.

Police in Pretoria yesterday announced the formation of a special task force to look into the racial violence. Cases of assault were being investigated but no arrests had yet been made, Lieutenant Marinda Erasmus said.

A National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) spokesman from the Free State said white vigilantes had threatened to stop deliveries should Thabong residents go ahead with a boycott of white shops in the town centre from Monday.

Thabong residents this week decided on consumer action as a means of peaceful protest against the increasing number of attacks on them by white

Township faces tit-for-tat siege

vigilante patrols.

Patrols have been seen roaming the streets at night, searching for and beating blacks and imposing unofficial curfews.

Should the attacks continue, township residents say they might be forced to take measures to protect themselves.

The vigilante groups, who have been seen patrolling the streets wearing swastikas and Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging insignia, are believed to be AWB supporters. When approached by the Saturday Star yesterday, AWB spokesman Mr "Blikkies" Blignaut refused to comment.

Months-long tension in Welkom

flared dramatically this week when:

- White men armed with sjamboks assaulted blacks at a taxi rank in town on Monday. A taxi driver, Mr D Motsoeneng, suffered head injuries after a white man allegedly hit him with a gun butt.

- A bomb is reported to have been found at a black taxi rank the same day, but police have denied this.

- On Tuesday another taxi driver, Mr Alfonso Temane, was chased and shot at by whites in two cars. As a result he lost control of his vehicle and crashed. Uninjured, he fled, but since the accident has not seen the two miners, who were with him.

- The same day two black women, Ms

Malerumo Kopi and Lenah Oboši, were attacked in their backrooms in Bedelija.

- Mineworker Mr Thabiso Motsamai was assaulted by a group of whites on Tuesday night, the NUM said. Another unidentified mineworker who had been assaulted was taken to hospital.

The friction started in January when pupils in Thabong demanded the dismissal of white principals, accusing them of racism.

The situation worsened on March 9 when a group of 50 heavily armed AWB vigilantes tried to stop Thabong teachers from marching to Department of Education and Training offices.

A few weeks later, a mineworker, Mr Mnikelo Ndamase, died after allegedly being beaten by rightwingers.

There has also been increasing friction between black and white miners.

The NUM has said it does not consider itself to be at war with the white community and called on peace-loving whites to assist them in stopping "this monster threatening to destroy our beloved town".

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Sebokeng evidence is sought
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The judicial commission of inquiry into the Sebokeng shootings, among others, will start on Wednesday at Vereeniging, Mr Justice R J Goldstone has announced.

He said the commission's terms of reference were to investigate and report urgently on all the

circumstances relating to incidents on March 26 at Sebokeng, Boipatong, Lekoa, Sharpeville and Evaton in which people were killed or injured.

He invited anybody with evidence to contact the commission's secretary, Mr J A Meyer, at telephone number (011) 834-2940.

Written representations could be addressed to The Secretary, Commission of Inquiry into the incidents at Sebokeng, Boipatong, Lekoa, Sharpeville and Evaton, Private Bag 1, Johannesburg 2000. — Sapa.

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Decision to blacklist Welkom businesses

Own Correspondent

WELKOM — As racial conflict in this Free State town continues, black residents yesterday agreed at a mass meeting at Thabong Stadium to launch a boycott of white businesses.

Three people were admitted to the provincial hospital in Welkom with bullet wounds at the weekend after racial conflicts at the city centre.

Two black men were shot at the busy taxi rank on Saturday afternoon when a white motorist ran amok after crashing into a black woman from Thabong at a pedestrian crossing.

Mr Mtho Imanuel Lekhanya (28) survived after he was shot

in the stomach. An unidentified man was shot in the thigh.

A black woman with multiple wounds was still in a serious condition yesterday.

Five organisations in Welkom — the United Democratic Front, National Union of Mineworkers, Welkom Taxi Association, and Bronville and Thabong civic associations — agreed at a mass meeting to start a consumer boycott of white businesses today.

A Thabong Civic Association spokesman said the main reason for the boycott was the continuing assault and killing of miners and Thabong residents in Welkom and its suburbs.

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Welkom boycott starts 'apartheid war'

WELKOM. — White-owned businesses in this usually bustling town put up their shutters yesterday at the start of a black consumer boycott which some residents say is the start of an apartheid war.

Shopping streets were all but deserted as the town was gripped by the boycott, called to protest against the alleged shooting of blacks by local white extremists.

Union and civil-rights officials say at least two blacks have been murdered at the hands of khaki-clad white vigilantes since they launched street patrols earlier this year.

The white organisers of South Africa's biggest vigilante scheme — they boast a membership of more than 4 000 — deny the murders and are

unrepentant about their actions.

They say they have a mission to clean up their home town of 75 000 whites in the Free State, which is surrounded by huge compounds housing thousands of black miners who work in the gold fields.

A black school secretary who declined to be named said she was shot at on Sunday in Welkom's black township of Thabong.

"I was just passing though the town at around

6.45pm when a shot came through the wind-screen. It went right through the combi and out the back," she said.

She said the man who fired the shot was wearing khaki and was in another minibus.

"He was a policeman," she said. "It was easy to recognise him, I've known him for quite a long time."

Boycott organisers were nervous about talking to journalists, but one said residents welcomed the action as it was the only way they could hit back at right-wingers, some of whom own shops in the town.

One shopkeeper said there would be a meeting tomorrow to decide on counter-action to the boycott. — Sapa-Reuter

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Businessmen in bid to halt OFS boycott

By Dawn Barkhuizen

Urgent meetings between business and community organisations are being held to stop a consumer boycott launched by black residents of racially-divided Welkom.

Residents of Thabong township yesterday withdrew about 80 percent of their support from white businesses and the boycott is expected to intensify, Chamber of Commerce president Mr Graham Lloyd said last night.

Vigilantes

"Thabong residents have taken consumer action as a means of peaceful protest against attacks on them by self-styled white vigilante patrols. Word is out that the boycott will last for at least two months. If that happens many small business men could be out of business," Mr Lloyd said.

Businessmen who were not rightwingers and were now caught in the middle had engineered numerous meetings between black and white groups and the police in a bid to calm the situation, Mr Lloyd said.

Welkom police yesterday issued a strong warning to white vigilante groups threatening to

blockade Thabong township not to go ahead.

And police spokesman Major Johan Fouche also warned township leaders against using strong-arm tactics to enforce the boycott.

Rightwingers have threatened to blockade the township and stop all supplies being delivered should the boycott go ahead.

At the weekend, about 400 cafe and shop owners in the town agreed to establish a committee in an effort to stop the boycott.

Late yesterday the situation was tense but there were no signs of the roadblocks which Thabong residents feared would be thrown up around their township by rightwingers.

Black residents say they have been assaulted, shot at, pulled from back rooms and sjambokked and even killed. The patrols, seen wearing swastikas, had imposed illegal curfews and were roaming the town by night in bakkies with bright spotlights, a National Union of Mineworkers spokesman said.

He said Thabong residents at a mass rally on Sunday decided to go ahead with the boycott after a number of assaults on blacks at the weekend.

Interdict preventing assault granted against Welkom men

BLOEMFONTEIN. — The Free State Supreme Court has granted an interdict against the Bronville Civic Association and six others at Welkom to prevent them threatening, molesting or assaulting a Bronville shopkeeper or members of the public.

The interdict was granted to Mr Frank EE Swart and Mr NS Swart against the association, Mr L Beukes, Mr J Magerman, Mr J Marnis, Mr G Adolf, Mr G April and Mr H Ferreira. They must show cause by June 7 1990 why the rule nisi should not be made final.

The association and six men are also interdicted from, in any way, persuading or attempting to persuade anyone not to visit Knox's Hypermarket in Bronville or the complex in which it is situated, or from preventing or trying to prevent anyone from visiting the shop or complex.

They are also prohibited from inciting, persuading or intimidating any member of the public, or taking any steps to prevent any member of the public from visiting the shop.

The respondents were ordered, jointly and severally, to pay the costs. — Sapa.

Police patrol tense Welkom

ARMoured police reinforcements moved into Welkom yesterday to prevent fighting between blacks and whites, a police spokesman said last night.

Maj Johan Fouche in Welkom said the armoured vehicles and police reinforcements were also sent from Pretoria yesterday to ensure there was no intimidation of black consumers who refused to join the boycott of white-owned shops.

He said police were concerned about talk by white vigilantes that they were going to attack the boycotting blacks and called for the extra manpower.

Sapa-Reuter reports that eight armoured cars were patrolling the streets lined by shops deserted for the second day running, as blacks maintained the boycott in protest against alleged intimidation by white vigilantes.

White groups have said they have had to

Business Day Reporter

act to halt a crime wave, but much of their action has been seen as political. Locals say most of the vigilantes boast of their support for racial segregation and opposition to President F W de Klerk's plans to scrap apartheid.

Police chief Col Hennie Heymans told a town meeting: "We have been receiving a number of reports of people... who have been attacking (black) people in the street." *B/D am 9/15/90*

He also said there had been intimidation by blacks of others who broke the boycott, and attacks on police.

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police had been drafted into Welkom to stop intimidation and to counter claims by right wingers that the police were not protecting whites.

Many blacks accused police of siding with the vigilantes, who prowled white suburbs at night in open trucks, armed with shotguns, rifles and other weapons.

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Dr Andries Treurnicht

Dr Treurnicht's tribal call attacked

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By MICHAEL MORRIS, Political Correspondent
CONSERVATIVE Party leader Dr Andries Treurnicht was slammed today for an "emotional and tribal call to the blood" as concern mounted over an increasingly tense situation in Welkom.

Police also expressed concern, urging people to be calm and to resist taking the law into their own hands.

Scores of shops in the central business district simply closed their doors as black buyers stayed away en-masse on the second day of a consumer boycott. Streets and shops were empty and anxious shop owners, afraid to be named, said the black trade had dropped to less than one percent.

The boycott stretched to Virginia and intensified in Odendaarsrus. It was mounted by the Thabong community in protest against attacks on them by rightwingers

"Third freedom struggle"

Dr Treurnicht told a meeting of 1 200 in Welkom last night that if the National Party continued to hand over power to the African National Congress then the third freedom struggle would begin.

Referring to racially divided Welkom, he said the CP fully supported the civilian street patrols established to protect themselves and their neighbours.

Reacting to Dr Treurnicht's speech today, senior National Party spokesman Mr Renner Schoeman said: "This type of emotional and tribal call to the blood is the last thing South Africa needs."

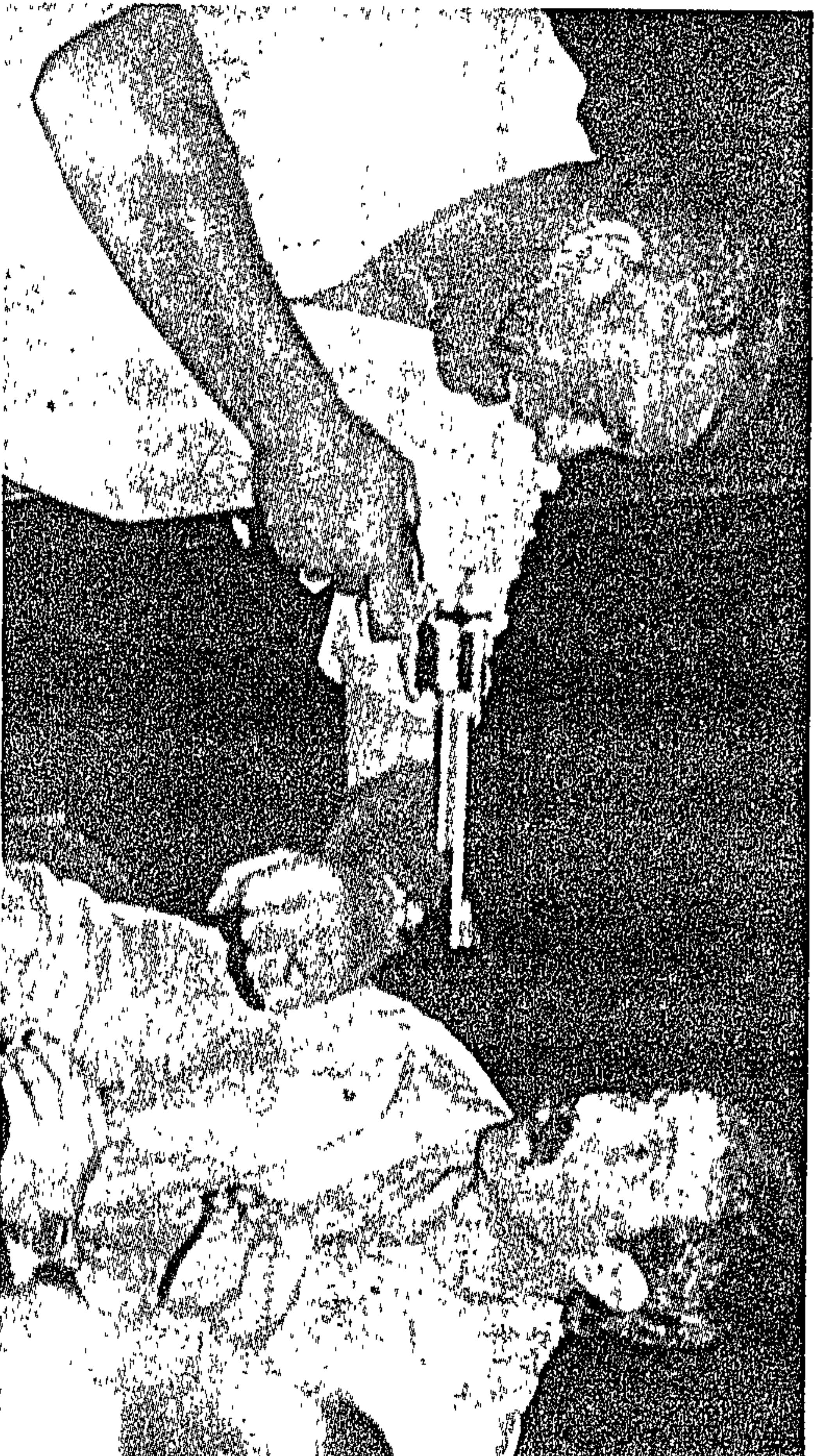
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RACIAL TENSION: Vigilante Hennie Muller, left, points his revolver at a fellow volunteer during a meeting to discuss rising racial tension in Welkom. Blacks are boycotting shops in retaliation for alleged white violence.



French roll out red carpet for

Cable damage delays trains

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He denied emphatically rumours of black aggression.

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Dr Treurnicht said at last night's meeting that the wheel of white Afrikaner nationalism had been set in motion and could not be stopped, not even by Cape Town or Pretoria.

"Nobody, not the Slovos nor the Mandelas, must think they can intimidate us. The boere will not be swayed," he said.

The National Party was elevating the ANC to such stature that it was being painted as an alternative government.

"I cannot believe we have become so crazy in this country that terrorists are freed and can sit down at the table and discuss constitution"

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Police patrol Welkom's empty streets

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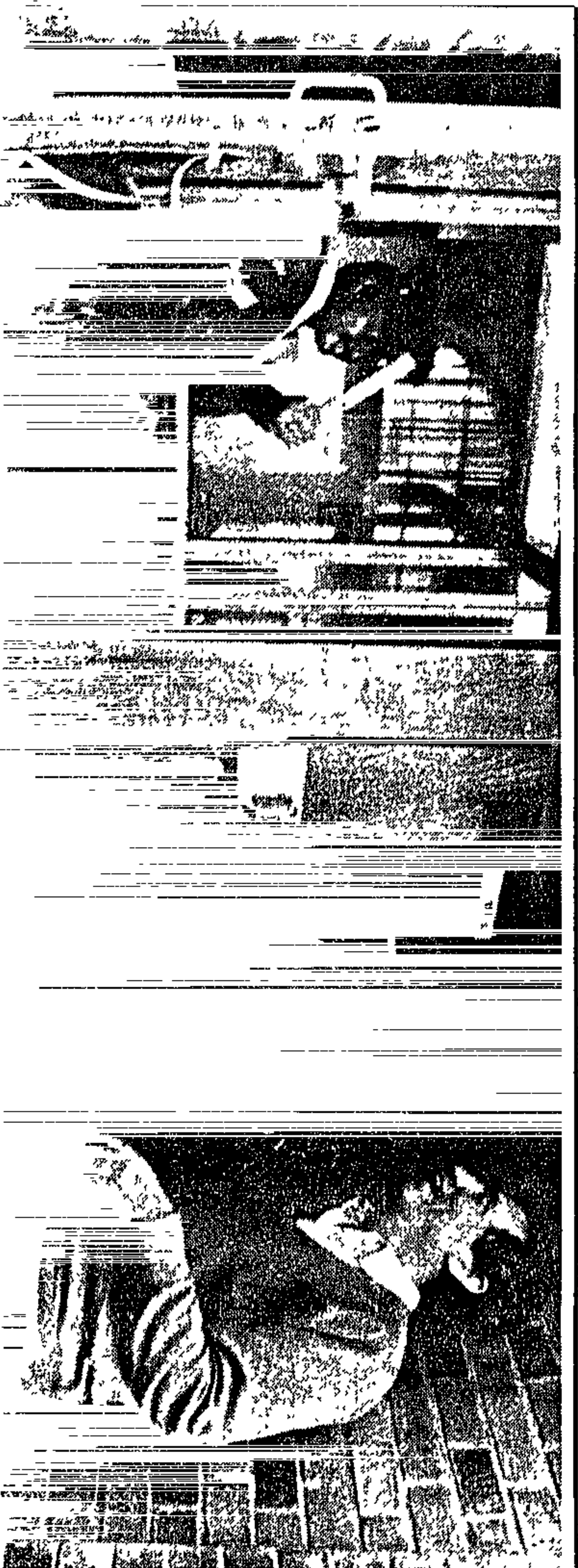
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Colonel Heymans said a substantial number of police had been brought into the town.

The boycott was launched on Monday after a mass meeting in the local black township of Thabong.

Empty shops

The boycott committee comprises representatives of Cosatu, the UDF, the NUM and the Bronville Civic Action group.

Yesterday streets, shops and supermarkets were virtually empty.

White shopkeepers say they cannot survive if the boycott continues, and some are urging the right-wingers to lead a counter-boycott of warehouses supplying black townships.

Yesterday small businesses reported less than half their usual turnover. Businessmen said they were worried about the future as many of them would not be able to meet their financial commitments.

Speaking at a public meeting on Monday night, local CP MP Mr Eddie Jordaan said the situation on the Goldfields "is close to the heart of the Conservative Party".

He said actions such as the boycott were of a political nature and were increasing throughout the country.

He also warned against a counter-boycott, as this could cripple the economy in the area.

Mr Jordaan appealed to all residents of Welkom not to take the law into their own hands but to co-operate with the police.

Crime wave

Tension has mounted steadily in the town since an incident in March when a heavily armed group of whites prevented a protest march into the town by black teachers.

Vigilantes — who say they have had to act to halt a spiralling crime wave — have been patrolling white suburbs at night in bakkies, armed with shotguns, rifles and other weapons.

Blacks claim the vigilantes have intimidated and beaten black residents in several recent incidents. Two blacks had also died in the attacks, it was claimed.

Since February vigilante groups have sprung up all over town and their leaders are urging whites to buy firearms.

Mrs Mienie Steyl, organiser of the women's wing of a group called Blanke Veiligheid (white security), said women were learning to shoot.

She said fear riddled the 75 000-strong white community since President F W de Klerk lifted bans on the ANC, PAC and other groups.

"The ANC was our enemy, now our leaders are talking to them and we don't know what's going on," she said. — Sapa-Reuter



The centre of Welkom was deserted today as the consumer boycott launched by township residents reduced trade to a trickle.

● Picture by Sean Woods.

Extra police move into tense Welkom

By Dawn Barkhuizen

WELKOM — Hundreds of extra police are being ferried into this tense Free State city to act as a buffer between black township residents and white right-wing extremists.

A black consumer boycott of the city started this week, allegedly in retaliation for blacks being attacked by whites.

Truckloads of police could be seen moving into Welkom late yesterday and foot patrols were visible on almost every street corner in the CBD.

District Commandant Colonel Hennie Heymans said police had been issued with strict instructions to act impartially.

Both the AWB and the Blanke Velligheid (BV) organisations had promised to withdraw street patrols until at least Thursday but splinter

groups continued to aggravate the situation, he said.

Police could take no action against self-styled lawmen unless they were found to be acting outside the law.

Negotiations to end the boycott and defuse the situation are continuing around the clock.

Scores of shops in the CBD closed their doors as black buyers stayed away en masse on the second day of the boycott. Streets and shops were empty.

Outfitter Klaas van der Westhuizen said he was losing thousands of rands daily and had been forced to send workers on unpaid leave until the boycott ended.

The boycott has also extended to nearby Virginia and intensified in Odendaalsrus.

Since the weekend, when two off-duty policemen were attacked and

whites shot at blacks in the CBD, no racial incidents have been reported.

At least two black people are thought to have died at the hands of white vigilantes since trouble flared in March. The AWB says whites are being threatened by blacks in Welkom.

Boycott organiser Mbulelo Bongani said, "The outcome of this problem depends very much on the authorities."

"We need to see the police stopping and dispersing the vigilantes. We want no trouble with the right-wingers but they are being deliberately confrontational and attempting to terrorise our community."

"They regard us as inferior kaffirs. Black people are too afraid to go into town after dark."

He denied that there had been black aggression towards whites.

Area AWB secretary Blikkies Blignaut said, "Blacks are intimidating whites in our own area. We are sick and tired of it. Ons is net lus om kaffirs te skiet (We just want to shoot kaffirs)."

"This is an all-out-war. We have declared war on the ANC."

He denied that his men were responsible for recent assaults.

BV founder Hannes Muller, who has received threats because he is "too liberal", has called off his patrols but is continuing to hold first-aid sessions for nurses and rifle practice for women and children. He said the assaults on black people were not the work of his men.

A mediator, the Rev Gavin Graham of St Luke's Methodist Church, said he believed the situation was the first manifestation of a national trend.



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'Race war' looms in Welkom

From MONO BADELA (277)

JOHANNESBURG. — A race war is looming in the conservative Orange Free State mining town of Welkom as white residents prepare a response to a consumer boycott. *South 10/5 16/5/90*

So far residents of Thabong township and the surrounding mine compounds have withdrawn about 90 percent of their support from white businesses.

The boycott is expected to intensify, according to a spokesperson for the Consumer Coordinating Committee.

Many shops in the CBD area closed

their doors on Wednesday as black buyers stayed away en masse on the third day of the boycott. *277*

Streets and shops were deserted. Shopkeepers said they had been forced to send workers on unpaid leave until the boycott ended.

The boycott has extended to another mining town, Virginia, and intensified in Odendaalsrus.

Members of the black community said they had been assaulted, shot at, pulled from back rooms and sjamboked.

Two men have died so far.

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Govt to silence white vigilantes?

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The government is poised to crack down on vigilante right-wing whites, and is debating how to minimise the political consequences of such action, informed sources say.

The clampdown could entail using the full force of the emergency regulations, including detentions and the confiscation of arms.

One source said he understood that the situation in Welkom and a similar situation in the Northern Transvaal had been raised at last week's Groote Schuur talks between the government and the ANC. There had been a joint commitment to put pressure on both sides to resolve the problems.

It was also expected that the government would ask the ANC to use its influence to end consumer boycotts.

Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok's planned visit to troubled Welkom today could lead to the security crackdown against white vigilantes in the town by next week.

A period of alleged anti-black violence by vigilantes — members of the AWB and the Blanke Veiligheid (BV) organisation — has resulted in an effective consumer boycott of white-owned shops in Welkom and a number of other towns in the northern Free State.

According to Law and Order spokesman Captain Peet Bothma, Mr Vlok and a

police delegation will be briefed by senior Welkom police officers and will consult separately with representatives of the local township, Thabong, the AWB, organised commerce and the BV. He will then have a working lunch with senior police officers, the local mayor and a local priest, Father Gavin Graham.

"Mr Vlok, representing the police and government, will assess the situation and take all steps possible to pour oil on to troubled waters," Captain Bothma said.

Asked whether there was likely to be a major crackdown on white vigilantes in the area, Captain Bothma replied: "We cannot allow people's lives and property to be endangered by people who take the law into their own hands, whether they be from the left or the right wing. We have warned in the past that we will take action against these people."

Police reinforcements

"If we think it is necessary to provide police reinforcements, we will. There has not been violence in the area before and we cannot allow people to practise politics by violent means," he said.

In the meantime, Captain Bothma said, the Department of Law and Order called on people in the area to remain calm and not to become emotionally involved by taking the law into their own hands.

A businessman said it appeared the security establishment felt the Welkom situation had to be managed decisively to

ensure it did not become a rallying point for more widespread white resistance.

Consumer boycott committee member Mr Frans Baleni, who is likely to be among those to meet Mr Vlok today, said his committee would probably be willing to suspend the boycott if it received a firm undertaking from the vigilantes "to stop the assaults".

He also said his impression was that the increased security force presence in Welkom had been deployed mostly to prevent "so-called intimidators" from enforcing the boycott.

This was because security forces were most evident in front of shopping areas.

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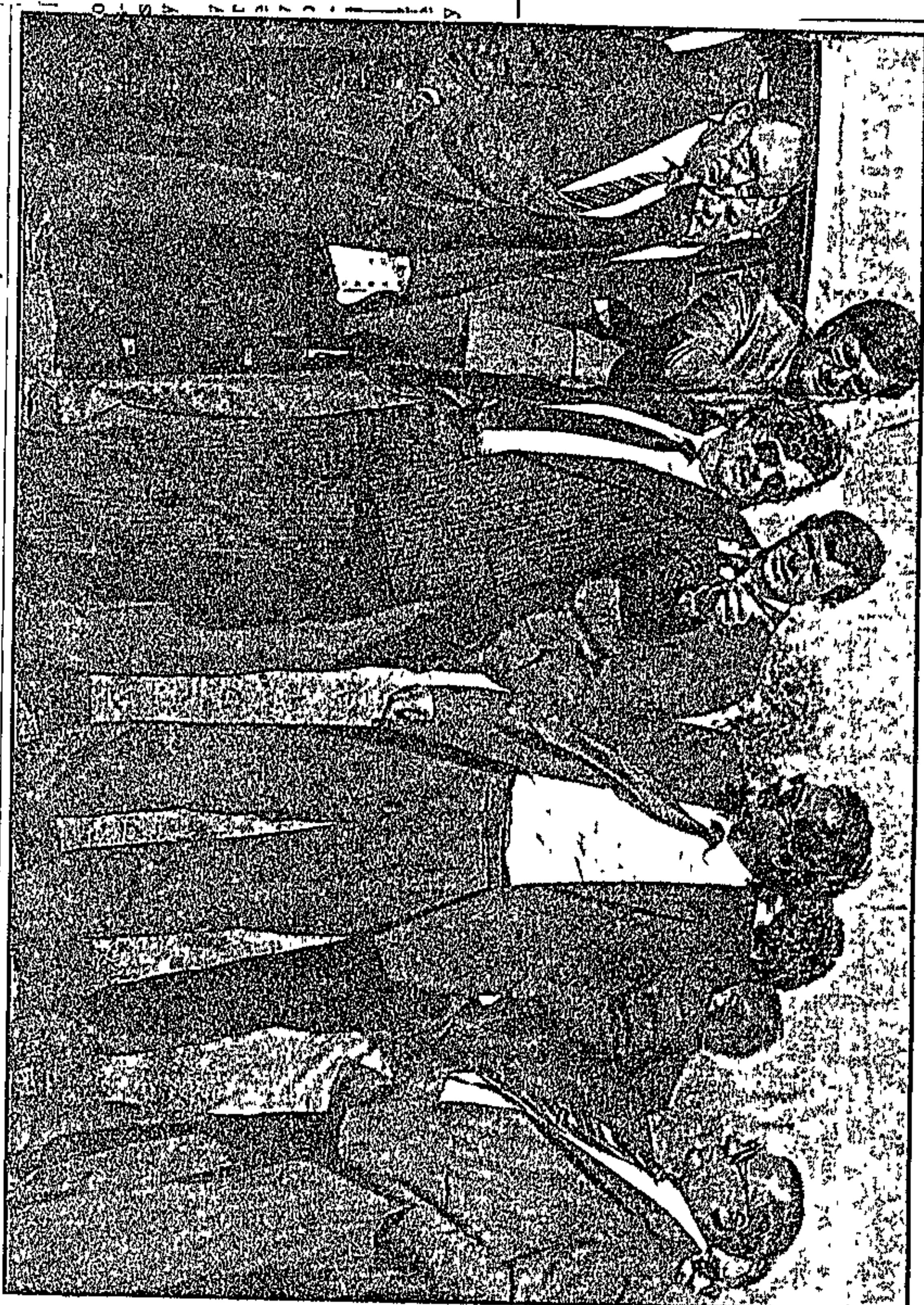
AWB local secretary Mr Blikkies Blignaut, who denied that his organisation had conducted any patrols which led to assaults on blacks, declined to comment until after his meeting with Mr Vlok.

BV chief Mr Hennie Muller could not be reached for comment.

A statement from the SA Chamber of Business (Sacob) yesterday said Free State businessmen would urgently discuss consumer boycotts in Welkom, Kroonstad and Viljoenskroon at today's regional Sacob conference.

Sapa reports that the ANC yesterday said it was keeping close tabs on the black consumer boycott of the CP-controlled northern Transvaal town of Louis Trichardt.

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On the spot . . . Mr Justice Goldstone (left) listens as Etienne du Toit, for the Department of Law and Order and the Police, makes a point. Partly obscured between the two is George Bizos.

Picture by Karen Fletcher.

Judge visits scene of Sebokeng shootings

By Michael Shafo

The curved sign above the gate says "Sondeia". In Zulu it means, "Come nearer."

And, as one observer put it yesterday, as the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the Sebokeng shootings made an inspection *in loco*, "they came."

The sign is that of the Sondela Brewery in Sebokeng. The crowd of some 50 000 who were to have marched on Vereeniging that day, never got that far. They were stopped by a police roadblock less than 500 m from the brewery — ironically, within little more than a stone's throw of the Sebokeng Hospital.

There after an edgy confrontation, at least 12 were left dead and 57 wounded when police opened fire.

Mr Justice R G Goldstone, who is conducting the one-man investigation into the shootings on March 26, was there yesterday, surrounded by members of the legal teams — including George Bizos, SC, for the families of the deceased as well as the wounded. Etienne du Toit represented the Minister of Law and Order and the SA Police.

The judge — dark-haired, shortish and with steely eyes — stood beside the red and white minibus that had transported them to the site, against a background of tall winter-whitened grass.

They moved on to other points where the marchers had assembled in defiance of a ban by the Vereeniging Town Council and the local chief magistrate.



The commission's presence in Sebokeng was the last act of a brief opening session of the Goldstone inquiry, which started yesterday in the horseshoe-shaped Vereeniging Council Chamber. Formal proceedings would get under way next Wednesday, Mr Justice Goldstone announced.

Mystery

Even before the start of the inquiry, an element of mystery has surfaced. The Vaal Council of Churches claims 17 people died in the shootings. Sebokeng Hospital records put the figure at 14, but Mr Bizos yesterday confirmed that he would be appearing for the families of a deceased 12.

Mr Bizos stole the show in the council chamber. With expressive hands providing just the right accompaniment, he told the judge that while he appreciated the suggestion that the proceedings be as informal as possible, "I would prefer to stand when addressing the commission. I find that when I sit I get tongue-tied."

ANC may help end boycotts

State poised to act against vigilantes

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THE state was poised "to move in heavily" against vigilante right-wing whites and was debating how to minimise the political consequences of such action, sources said last night.

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It was also expected that government would ask the ANC to use its influence to end consumer boycotts.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok's planned visit to troubled Welkom today could lead to the security crackdown against white vigilantes in the town by next week. This was hinted at by a Law and Order spokesman yesterday.

Businessmen in the area are also expecting government to act.

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The SA Chamber of Business (Sacob) said in statement yesterday the consumer boycotts in Welkom, Kroonstad and Viljoenskroon would be discussed by Free State businessmen at Sacob's regional conference on Friday.

"Unless the issues surrounding the consumer boycotts can be resolved soon, the damage to the local economies could be serious," the statement said.

Sapa reports that the ANC said yester-

day it was keeping a close watch on the black consumer boycott of the CP-controlled northern Transvaal town of Louis Trichardt.

In a bid to resolve the boycott, the Venda Council for National Unity (CNU), the UDF and the Soutpansberg Chamber of Commerce met for talks yesterday.

The CNU delegation had already met ANC representatives in Lusaka on Sunday.

Soutpansburg Chamber of Commerce chairman Brink Slazenger said the town suffered heavy financial losses last month due to the boycott. Several black employees had been retrenched.

The chamber had sent a recommendation to the town council that it meet various demands, including the opening of the Louis Trichardt CBD to all races.

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Racial violence set to explode

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RACIAL hatred has placed the town of Welkom under siege.

After Nelson Mandela and President F W de Klerk's first tentative steps towards negotiating a settlement to South Africa's political stalemate, white diehards are stoking apartheid's fires in this Orange Free State mining town.

Khaki-clad vigilantes, charging that police are unable to contain crime in Welkom, have established night patrols to chase blacks from the town's neat suburbs and leafy avenues.

Armed with shotguns and Magnum pistols, vigilantes head out in groups of 12 in unmarked vans to patrol the uneasy streets of the town, which means "Welcome" in Afrikaans.

Organisers say most night patrols are uneventful, with routine checks on the properties of elderly people and women living alone.

Murders

But trade union and civil rights officials say the vigilantes are more concerned with "black-bashing" and terrorising law-abiding residents than maintaining law and order.

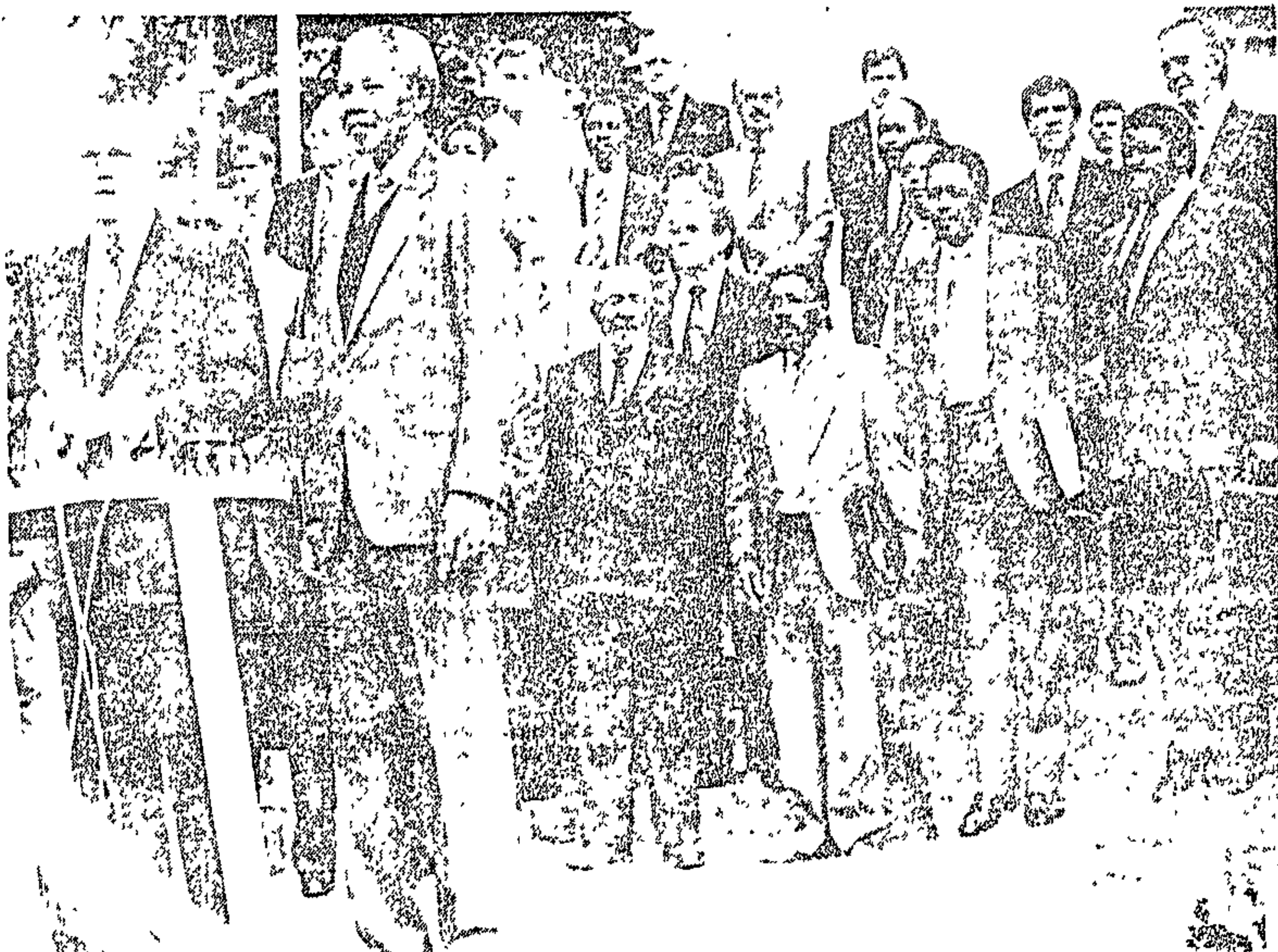
They say at least two blacks have been murdered, allegedly at the hands of the patrols, since they were launched earlier this year.

The white organisers of South Africa's biggest vigilante scheme - they boast a membership of more than 4 000 - deny the murders and are unrepentant about their actions.

They say they have a mission to clean up their home town of 75 000 whites, surrounded by huge compounds housing thousands of black miners who work in the goldfields.

"We don't want kaffirs dancing in the streets. If they want to play with fire we can play with fire as well," said Hennie Muller, one of the masterminds of the "White Security" scheme.

It was established shortly after the Government opened the flood-



Against the backdrop of negotiations between the Government and the ANC, white-right-wingers threaten to match fire with fire in the Orange Free State town of Welkom.

gates of black dissent in February by releasing Mandela from jail and legalising protest movements.

But whites living in South Africa's conservative hinterland did not subscribe to the generally favourable reviews of De Klerk's initiative, and their reaction in Welkom has fuelled fears of a white pro-apartheid backlash.

The conservative reaction is spreading, mainly from towns like Welkom - rural communities of Afrikaners where strict racial segregation often still prevails.

Muller said that his telephone never stops ringing from like-minded citizens all over South Africa who want to establish armed neighbourhood watches in their towns.

But he denies his vigilantes are responsible for terrorising or intimidating innocent blacks.

He blames the neo-fascist white supremacist Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB), which has an active branch in the town, for the night-time raids

"It is the AWB who do these things. They have their own patrols and then blame the violence on us," he said.

Things may be coming to a head in Welkom. Battle lines are being drawn for a full-scale racial confrontation.

Strict apartheid

Black community leaders have retaliated against this white pressure by staging a consumer boycott of white businesses. Muller said his members will counter by blockading wholesalers to starve out the black townships.

Muller said the boycott would only spawn violence within the black community, and said most blacks opposed such militancy.

David Naude, one of Muller's fellow vigilantes, said most blacks were conservative at heart and subscribed to the policies of the white rightist Conservative Party,

which advocates strict apartheid.

"They don't want to live with us just as much as we don't want to live with them," he said.

The Welkom offices of the National Union of Mineworkers were bombed earlier this month, and officials believe that right-wingers angered by the union's part in organising the boycott were behind the blast.

Damage was slight and no one was injured, but few believe the violence will stop there.

As the atmosphere grows ever more poisonous, the Welkom police force is stuck in the middle, countering accusations of bias from both white and black.

A spokesman said the force was doing its best to get both sides to sit down and talk.

But unless they succeed soon, Welkom may be blown apart by the kind of racial violence that most South Africans were fervently hoping had become a thing of the past. - Sapa-Reuter.



Welkom 'truce' before Vlok's peace mission

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police have established an uneasy peace in Welkom on the eve of a visit by Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok.

Mr Vlok is due to meet all parties today in an attempt to defuse tension between township residents and white extremists. At this stage, a great deal appears to hinge on the outcome of Mr Vlok's visit.

District Commissioner Colonel Hennie Heymans said police and mediators had established a temporary "ceasefire" yesterday.

"We have managed to get all sides to agree to a temporary peace until tomorrow and the meeting with Mr Vlok," he said.

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ADMIRALTY HONOUR: Former Chief of the Navy Vice-Admiral James Johnson, right, after receiving the promotion to Knight of the Order of St John at a ceremony officiated by the Prior of the Order of St John in South Africa, Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur Johnstone, left.

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'Quiet' Welkom waits for Vlok

By Dawn Barkhuizen

Police have established an uneasy peace in Welkom on the eve of a visit by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok.

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Although reportedly invited by the AWB, a delegation representing Welkom's ultra Right-wingers refused to meet Mr Vlok where he was holding discussions at the local police station.

Welkom AWB leader, Mr Blikkies Blignaut, who arrived with several armed, khaki-clad members, said the AWB was not prepared to meet the Minister at this stage.

The AWB left after handing a letter for Vlok to local police.

Their Landrover carried a sticker reading: "If guns are outlawed, how can we shoot the liberals?"

Members of the Thabong Civic Association who met Vlok yesterday,

said the Minister had promised to restrain white Right-wingers from assaulting blacks, but the consumer boycott would continue until something concrete was done to defuse the situation.

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Vlok acts to defuse tension in Welkom

WELKOM. — Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok, on a short-notice visit to Welkom in the Free State to defuse racial tension arising from a black consumer boycott of white-owned business, yesterday promised the town a 10-car flying squad to combat possible clashes.

Mr Vlok held talks with leaders from both sides of the racial divide, but did not get an undertaking from the Thabong Civic Association to call off the boycott.

He did however get a promise from the white right-wing Blankeveiligheid (white security or safety) movement to stop patrolling the town's streets for three months.

The patrols, by armed, uniformed white right-wingers who allegedly assaulted black people unable to provide a "suitable explanation" for their presence in "white" Welkom, were said by the Thabong Civic Association to be the main reason for the boycott.

Mr Vlok said the 10 fully equipped squad cars would be manned by 30 policemen under the command of a police major and deployed from Monday next week.

A reserve police air unit would also be

established and mounted patrols introduced in Welkom town centre as well as Thabong township.

The measures were being applied to resolve the boycott and end confrontational politics in the town, Mr Vlok said.

Thabong Civic Association spokesman Mr Gideon Skhosana said afterwards that evidence of Mr Vlok's promise to restrain white right-wingers was required before the boycott was called off.

Mr Skhosana also called for police impartiality in the handling of Welkom's racial problems. The black community suspected collaboration between right-wingers and local police, he said.

A delegation from the ultra-right-wing Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) in the town arrived at Welkom police station where Mr Vlok was meeting local community leaders, but refused to talk to him.

Instead, local AWB leader Mr Blikkies Blignaut presented a letter for Mr Vlok to a duty policeman. Both he and the minister declined to reveal the contents.

Before leaving the police station in a Landrover bearing a sticker which read, "If guns are outlawed how can we shoot the liberals?", Mr Blignaut said Welkom was in for a "big surprise". He declined to

elaborate.

Meanwhile, white Welkom businessmen suffered another crippling, quiet day. The town's business district was virtually deserted and the few black people strolling around made it clear they were window-shopping only.

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Maj Fouche emphasised that the police swoop had nothing to do with Welkom's simmering political situation. — Sapa

In Welkom they want guns, not talk

"If guns are outlawed how can we shoot the liberals?"

This was the stark message emblazoned on the bumper of the landrover in which a heavily armed Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging delegation arrived at Welkom police station — but only to refuse to participate in talks being held by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok.

Vlok had arrived in Welkom earlier in the day hoping to defuse the Free State mining town's incipient race war.

On Thursday morning police arrested over 2,000 blacks in single-quarters hostels in Thabong township, but within hours all but 42 had been released.

Minister of Police Adriaan Vlok visited boycott-hit Welkom this week — only to be snubbed by the right-wing. Weekly Mail Reporter

Police representative Major Johann Fouche stressed the action had nothing to do with Welkom's simmering political situation — despite the fact that some of the 400 police reinforcements called in specifically to deal with the political situation had been used in the swoop.

Meanwhile, Welkom remains in the grip of a consumer boycott called by township leaders in protest against acts of violence perpetrated by the white right-wing vigilantes.

Vigilante action followed in the wake of township marches after State President F.W. de Klerk's February 2 announcements and the release of the African National Congress' Nelson Mandela.

At least two blacks have been killed and scores assaulted in recent weeks as marauding bands of right-wing vigilantes have pursued a "keep Welkom white" campaign and enforced a curfew in white suburbs.

Yesterday Vlok met leaders of the Thabong Civic Association who said he had promised to restrain white right-wingers from assaulting blacks. But township residents are greeting the arrival of the police reinforcements with something less than re-

lief. Last weekend a township woman alleged that she had been shot at by a khaki-uniformed man she recognised as a policeman. And consistently, township residents have accused police of taking the side of the right-wing Blanke Veiligheid and AWPB vigilante groups.

Township leaders said yesterday that despite Vlok's assurances that the right-wing vigilantes would be restrained, the boycott would continue. Scores of white-owned businesses have already been forced to close since Monday as an almost total boycott of white business by blacks has been observed. The boycotters are demanding an end to right-wing intimidation.

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Shopowners likely to be biggest losers

By Dawn Barkhuizen

WELKOM — There are at least 400 people in Welkom who are frightened and desperate — the shopowners.

The small businessmen believe they will be the biggest losers in the clash between right-wing extremists and residents of Thabong township.

Most are frightened of intimidation or attack — and the bullet holes that appear in their shop windows overnight lend credence to their fears.

Most will only speak to the press on condition they remain anonymous — those who agree to be named stress that they have no axe to grind with either side.

Many say they cannot sustain more than a few weeks of the boycott. And they don't know what to do.

Some have lost 80 percent of their business and are losing thousands of

pounds daily. Some have lost all their business. Others are closing shop and going home — until the boycott ends or they go broke.

They clam up when the subject of a white counter-boycott is brought up.

Opinions on who is to blame are diverse — but many believe that blood will flow on the streets of Welkom.

Guns and flags

One white clothing-retailer said: "I'm losing thousands every day. I have a wife and two kids and if this carries on for a month I'll be broke. I totally blame the right wing for this. You should see them, driving up and down in their land rovers in uniforms with guns and flags. As much as we're suffering, I don't think the black people have any other weapon."

"What irks me is that these right-wing vigilantes don't stand to lose as much as we do. They have jobs on the mines that they can go to."

"I'm thinking of leaving Welkom. I don't want my kids to get caught in the crossfire. And if these vigilante groups carry on the way they have been, we're going to have a bloodbath. Someone has got to help us. Someone has got to keep the AWB under control."

Around the corner, however, a group of disconsolate shopowners felt the consumers "were playing games".

One man said: "First they boycott because they want detainees released. The detainees were released. Then they boycott because of the street patrols. We got police to keep them safe — why won't they stop the boycott now? There's a lot of intimidation. Blacks want to come to the shops."

Vlok promises extra policemen for Welkom

By Dawn Barkhuizen

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WELKOM — In a bid to end mounting racial conflict, Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok yesterday promised that a police flying squad would be made available for Welkom.

The Minister also announced that mounted police units would be introduced in certain areas and a police reservist air wing established.

The flying squad, the first to be used in the area, would be deployed throughout the Free State gold-fields and comprise 10 patrol cars with 30 policemen.

The announcement followed a meeting between Mr Vlok and residents of Thabong township, businessmen, the self-styled vigilante group Blanke Veiligh-eid, police and clergymen in Welkom yesterday.

Mr Vlok, accompanied by Virginia MP Piet Clae, and Free State Divisional Commissioner, General Tom Erasmus, visited the town in an attempt to defuse the black-white powder keg.

The Minister obtained an undertaking from BV founder Hannes Muller to stop street patrols for three months.

He was unable to persuade a delegation of the Thabong Crisis Committee and Boycott Committee to call off their week-long boycott of white shops. The group has adopted a wait-and-see attitude, and said that consumer action would continue until white attacks against them ended.

Terrorising

The AWB, whose members have been accused of assaulting and terrorising the black community, refused to meet the Minister yesterday, saying the problem was too big and required national research. They handed him a letter asking him to meet them in



Welkom area AWB secretary Blikkies Blignaut arrives with an armed entourage to present a letter to Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok — prior to refusing to meet the Minister in the racially divided Free State town.

● Pictures by Sean Woods.

'There'll be war if boycott goes on'

By Dawn Barkhuizen

WELKOM — Blanke Veilighheid leader Henne Muller threatened yesterday that a "bloody war, Natal style" would erupt in Thabong township if the consumer boycott of white shops continued tomorrow.

Thousands of conservative black people resented the boycott and would turn on its organisers, he said.

He told a press conference that he had trained "thousands" of conservative Thabong residents to patrol the township streets and "control the ANC".

While he had promised Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok that he would withdraw armed white street patrols from the streets of Welkom for the next three months, black patrols would start up in Thabong, he said.

"I have told the ANC that they have until 5 pm on Friday to stop their boycott. If it carries on there will be a bloody Natal-style war. We can start a big war here without the whites.

Conservative blacks were irate because they had been overlooked in favour of the ANC. Asked if the press could meet such groups Mr Muller declined, saying the situation was "far too tense".

Mr Muller then told stunned reporters that he had recently joined Inkatha, not because he wanted South Africa to have a black leader, but because he could identify with a strong leader like Inkatha leader KwaZulu Chieftain Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

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Cape Town next week.

Mr Vlok told a press conference that police were acting quickly in order to stop a situation which could spread to other parts of the country.

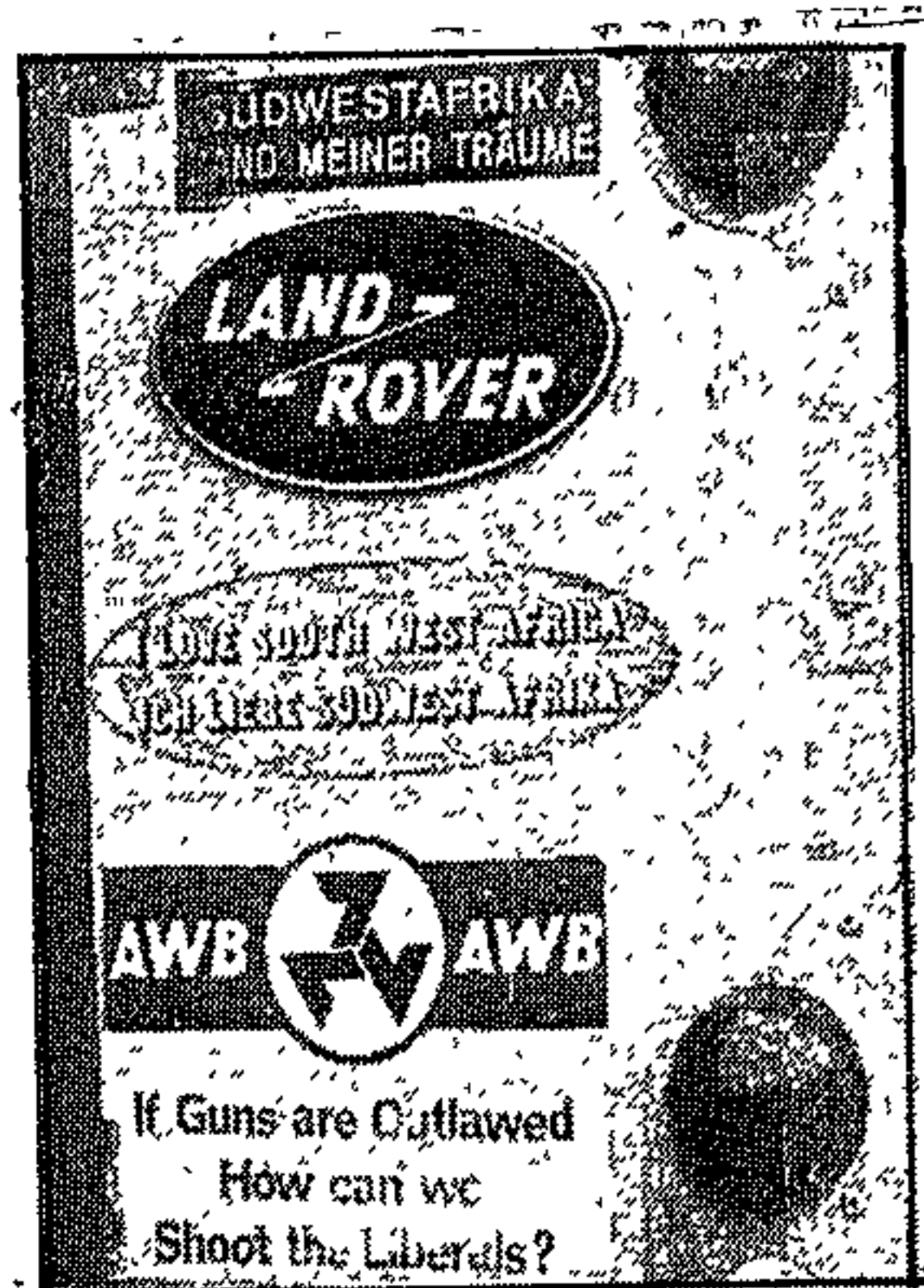
The Minister denied press reports that police were poised to crack down on vigilante patrols. "We do not like the vigilante patrols. It leads to the formation of what has been experienced here. The moment you start with vigilante groups you are looking for trouble. People might be trying to safeguard property, but are doing it the wrong way," he said.

He was confident that, with the right attitude, the solution could be remedied.

Welkom's CBD was deserted yesterday, and the nearby Thabong township tense with a strong police presence at the entrance. There were unconfirmed reports of stonings in the township and taxi drivers claimed they were harassed by white men yesterday.

Sapa reports that 2 000 black people found in Thabong single quarter hostels during a police raid earlier in the day were arrested, warned for trespassing and then released.

Welkom police spokesman Major Johan Fouche said the raid, involving about 100 policemen, was part of Operation Watchdog, an anti-crime drive, and was not related to political problems.



Welkom's AWB "chariot", complete with flags, gun-toting men in brown uniforms, swastika-like insignia and stickers such as these.

By DOMINIC JONES

TROUBLE-TORN Welkom is like an ox-wagon loaded with sweating dynamite rumbling down a rocky mountain-side — all it needs is one solid bump to explode.

The white right-wing is heavily armed and ready for battle. The black community — mine workers and township residents — is well organised and more mobilised than ever.

Fear and anger on both sides has been brought to fever pitch by rampant rumours. Communication between the camps is scarce. Each side is stubbornly standing its ground.

And while Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok's visit to the Goldfields capital this week was a tranquillizer, the burning issues at the core of the conflict have not been doused.

His promise to bring a 10-car flying squad to the town this week has kept vigilante patrols at home, but it has done nothing to quell their simmering racial hatred.

By the weekend, Welkom — which scraped through the first week of a black consumer boycott — was a racial time-bomb waiting for an excuse to go off.

The town is intensely divided. The AWB and other ultra right-wing groups — made up mainly of working-class white miners and blue collar workers — are itching for a fight.

The newly-formed, more-moderate Blanke Veiligheid Vigilante group and its 8 000 middle-class members is a

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● Boycott leader Mbulelo Bongani says whites are the real culprits

force not to be underestimated.

The Goldfields Independent Traders' Association — consisting mainly of Portuguese and Greek shop owners — is also ready to get tough if necessary.

Surprise

The black community also has a right-wing fringe. The small Zulu community opposes the boycott and rumours ran rife this week that impi reinforcements from KwaZulu were on the way to Thabong township. But it's the AWB's headline approach

that has people worried. Local AWB strongman Bhekies Bhignau, the area secretary, told reporters: "Things are very tense. There is a surprise coming for everybody."

He handed Mr Vlok a letter, the contents of which neither he nor the minister would reveal. There has been much speculation about its contents, and confusion abounds about the tactics of the AWB.

Tensions were heightened when rumours that Public Enemy Number One, Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, was holed



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up on a farm near the town with his arsenal stolen from a SADF armory. There are fears that right-wing splinter groups — formed because they are disgruntled about the lack of action taken by their organisations — may spark off a racial war in the town.

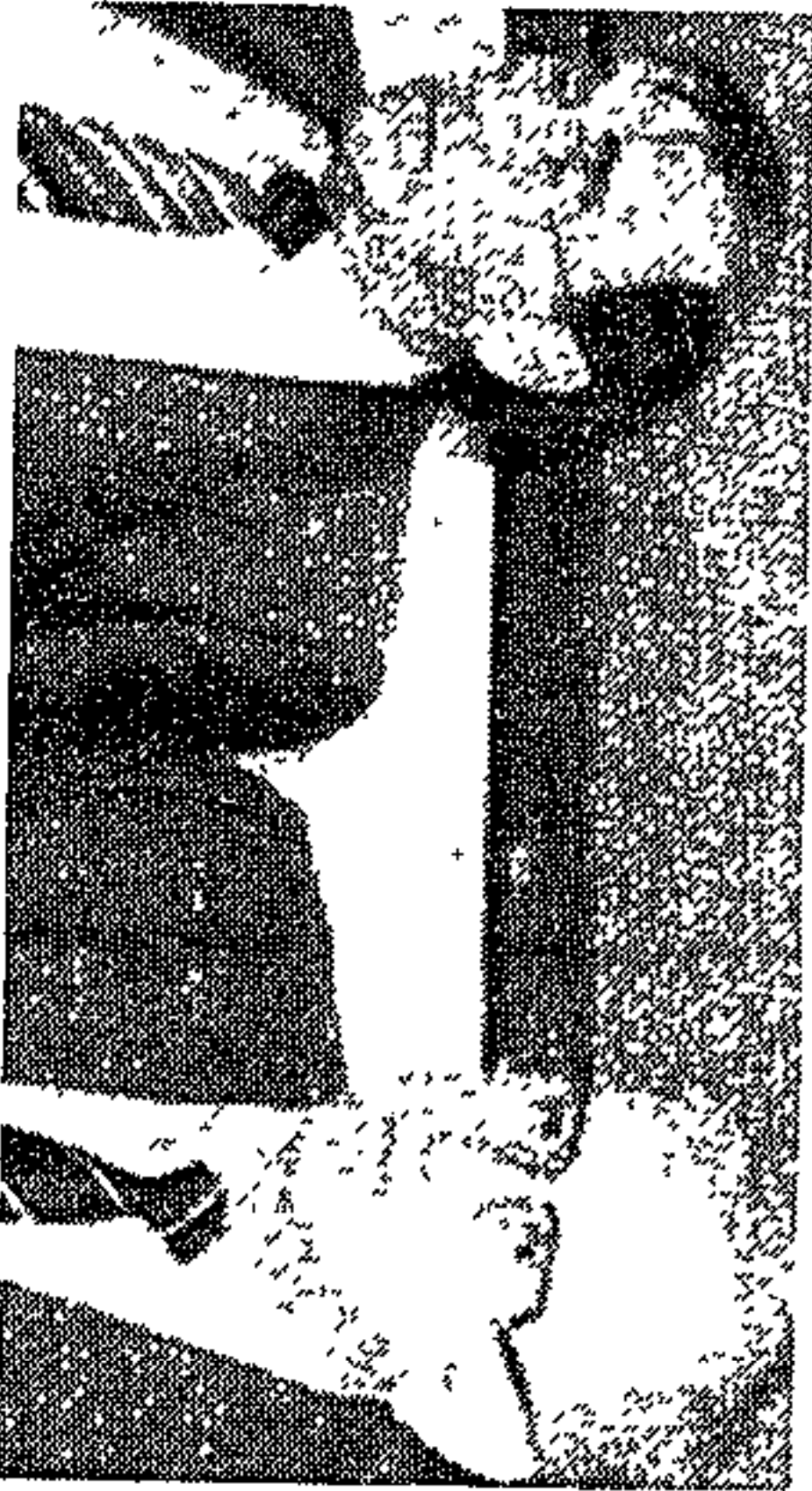
"I understand that splinter groups are forming right now. They are fed-up and keen to kill," said BV leader Henrie Muller.

Bloodbath

One extremist group is the White Flamingos — a dangerous gang of mine security men who reputedly have little regard for life and even less for the law.

"If one white is attacked by a black, there'll be war. It will be a bloodbath the like of which has never before been seen," said ruddy-faced Mr Muller.

He has promised to withdraw his patrols for at least three months, at Mr Vlok's request. He told the Sunday Times earlier he had set a Friday 5pm deadline for the boycott to end, or the BV would stop it themselves. But the



● Concerned Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok in Welkom this week

chain-smoking father of 12 claims to have another force at his disposal.

He claims he's a member of Inkatha, and says he will "bring the Natal violence to Welkom".

He said Zulus would be brought into Welkom by bus, truck and train to fight ANC supporters who are intimidating local Zulus.

"There will be a black-against-black war in Thabong, that I can assure you," he warned.

But boycott committee spokesman

Mbulelo Bongani said there were no divisions in the black community. He also denied that township residents had been intimidated into enforcing the boycott.

"Do you think we could intimidate 300 000 people? That would be an impossible task," he said.

Relations were further strained when the boycott committee accused police of siding with white vigilantes. The night before their meeting with Mr Vlok, police arrested more than 2 000 residents in a massive swoop they said

was part of Operation Watchdog, an anti-crime drive.

But Mr Mbulelo said the police action was "blatant harassment of blacks".

"The police should have raided the white areas. They are the culprits, not us."

He said two blacks had been killed by right-wing vigilantes since trouble began in March. There were other deaths that had still to be confirmed.

Attacks by whites on blacks are the chief reason for the boycott, which has cost white retailers thousands. Boycotters want police to crack down on right-wingers and make it safe for them to go into town after dark.

Deserted

"The situation is critical. Blacks are afraid to go into town after dark. If you're black you don't dare set foot on the street after 9pm," Mr Mbulelo said.

The boycott has left Welkom nearly deserted. Many shops have closed their doors and most report minimal sales.

Said a glum-faced bottle-store owner: "I don't want to fire my staff; they are good workers. But if this goes on much longer I will have no choice."

But it's not just the whites who are buckling under the boycott. Black taxi owners, too, are feeling the pinch. Trips from the township to town have dwindled to a trickle.

"It's hitting us hard, but that's the price we must pay if we want things to change in Welkom," said a taxi driver.

Fighting War with peace

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By DAN DILAMINI

THE people of Thabong township near Welkom have decided to fight bullets with buying power.

This week, without lifting a finger in anger, the black people of Thabong managed to raise strong protest against their white racist neighbours by simply not buying from their shops.

The strategy started to bite this week and white traders threatened to blockade supplies to the township.

Having withdrawn to their dusty township after several unprovoked assaults by rightwingers in town, Thabong residents told how they reached the decision to fight war with peace.

"We did not seek a confrontation, but our people have been brutalised simply because they are black."

"We have not started fighting back physically, but our boycott of their shops will hopefully show them that they cannot survive without us," said spokesman for the Welkom Consumer Boycott Co-ordinating Committee (CBCC), Mbulelo Bungane.

Residents are also sceptical about the impartiality of police in the area.

Bungane also slammed the police crime prevention campaign, called Operation Watchdog, which was launched in Welkom on Wednesday.

According to Bungane, when police took action the majority of those searched were blacks - plus a few "token" whites to impress television camera-men.

The operation, he said, should have been launched earlier when white vigilantes roamed the streets armed with guns and an assortment of weapons, assaulting blacks at random.

On the surface, the township itself looked normal this week, but anger lay beneath the surface. People went in and out of town to their workplaces, but none carried shopping parcels.

Thabong traders expected to make a killing as a result of the boycott, but

Thabong boycott beats the rightwing bullets

Business was slow this week. Businessman Dumi Ramasilo said the residents had bought food in bulk before the boycott started.

A white shop-owner operating in the township, Barney Meyer, said he did not fear for his safety because his customers were his friends and he participated in most of their activities.

"The people of Thabong have accepted me as one of them despite the colour of my skin," he said.

Responding to a question on the position of white businesses in the township, CBCC member Mlindo Huko said not every white man in Welkom was an "enemy".

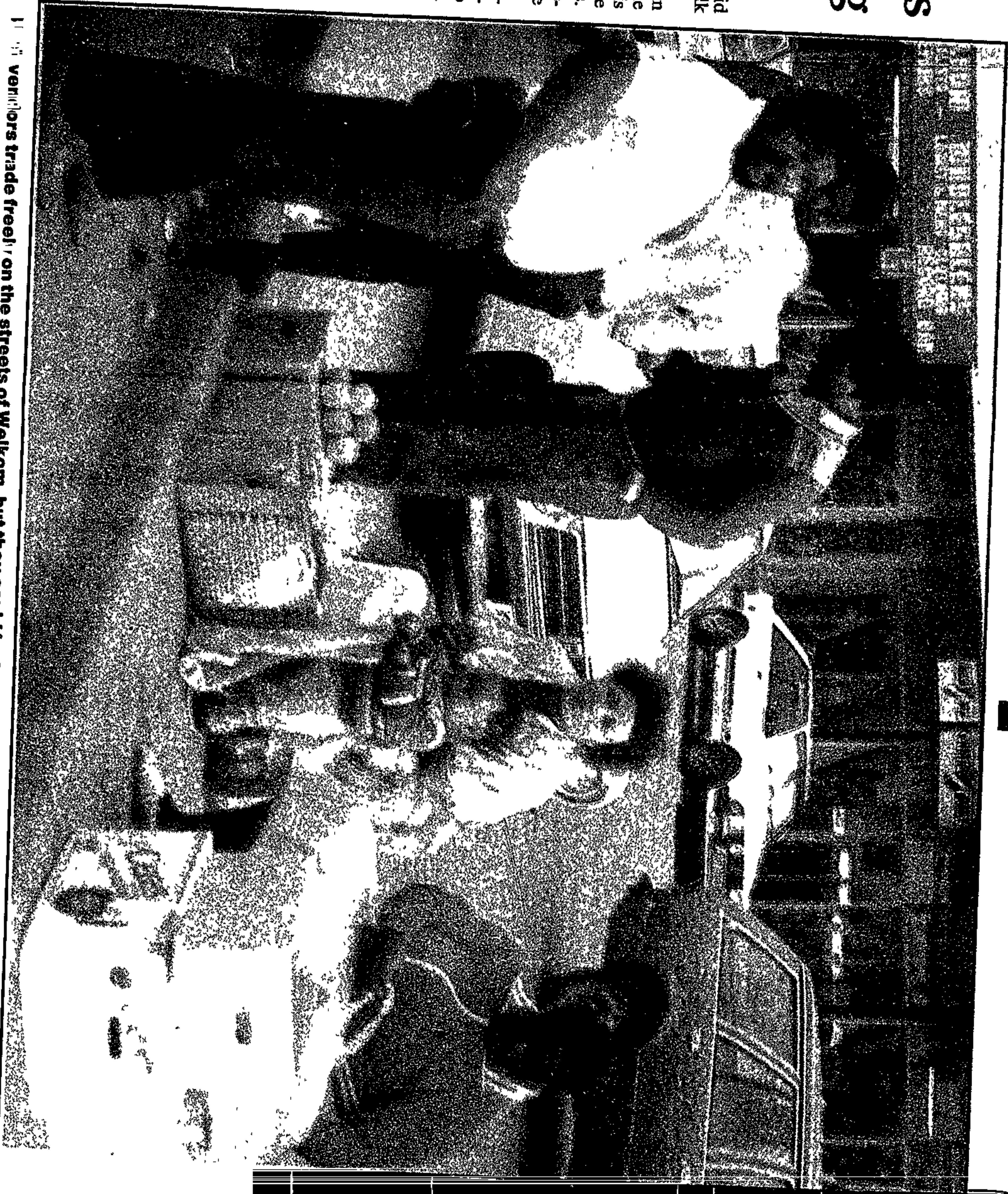
He said shopowner Andre De Wet, for example, was "co-operative" and had assisted Thabong residents in many respects. His businesses were therefore not affected by the boycott.

However, business at the Cockrell take-away shop and One Stop Bottletore, said to be owned by De Wet, was very slow this week.

Col Hennie Heymans, District Commissioner of the South African Police in Welkom, said the police were totally impartial in their crime prevention campaign.

He said the searches were for drugs, weapons and general crime prevention.

He told *City Press* nobody would be allowed to brandish a gun in public, whether it was a toy or a real firearm.



Thabong vendors trade freely on the streets of Welkom but they could be targets for rightwing assaults.

Will Daddy be coming home?

By ELIAS MALULEKE

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"MAMA - will Daddy be coming home again?" asked the seven-year-old son of "Wit Wolf" victim Xavier Lekgoete when news of the shooting of his father, now in hospital, was broken to the family this week.

Little Neo could not believe his father had been shot. Hours earlier his daddy had kissed them good-bye - himself, his younger brother Sekgabile, 2, and their mother Rebecca, 25.

"I did not know what to tell him," Rebecca told *City Press*.

"At first I did not believe he had been shot and I made several calls to his work, room and friends and when I

received no answer, I started to panic."

Unemployed and desperately hunting for a job, Rebecca wept when she said she did not know how she would have brought up their two children if her husband had been killed.

She shares a four-roomed house in Moletsane with her parents, other family members and her husband, who goes home at weekends.

However, Lekgoete said he felt no malice towards his assailants. He will forgive but not forget.

"I leave everything to God and hope justice will take its course," he said when he was told that the two alleged "Wit Wolwe" members had been arrested.

Welkom blacks meet as tension mounts

By DOMINIC JONES

WELKOM'S black community meets today to discuss its consumer boycott against white-owned shops.

Meanwhile, tough-talking Mr Hennie Muller, leader of the 8 000-strong Blanke Veiligheid vigilante group, said: "Vlok told me the boycott would end if we stopped our patrols. If the boycott doesn't end by tomorrow, Vlok has a problem."

He would not say what his group would do if the boycott was not ended.

A boycott committee spokesman said yesterday residents of Thabong township would meet to discuss the boycott this afternoon. The boycott was enforced in protest against white vigilante attacks on blacks, in which at least two have died.

The spokesman said many blacks were hesitant to suspend the boycott because white vigilantes had not undertaken to halt their activities.

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Mr Muller said Blanke Veiligheid had suspended its patrols for three months, but it would continue to train women and children in armed combat and first aid.

"If the ANC can train Umkhonto we Sizwe people, why can't we train our people?" asked Mr Muller.

Meanwhile, the AWB has undertaken to suspend all its activities — but only for 14 days.

One of the fastest growing towns in the country, Welkom resembled a ghost town this week.

Many shops closed their doors because black trade dropped to nil.

Shopkeepers lost thousands of rands during a boycott two months ago and few will be able to survive if the present one continues.

The boycott was originally scheduled to last two months.

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Boycott costs white business R7m

Own Correspondent

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THE Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, is to meet an Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) delegation in Cape Town today in an attempt to cool down far-right emotions and confrontationist strategies.

Tough talking is likely at the meeting after Mr Vlok's warnings to the right wing not to take the law into its own hands and the AWB's bitter attacks on the government — particularly on Mr Vlok himself, whom the AWB leader, Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche, derisively calls 'Vlokkie' at public meetings.

Today's talks follow Mr Vlok's visit last week to Welkom where he invited the AWB to hold discussions with him.

The AWB walked out of round-table talks in Welkom on the grounds that the ANC was present, although it left one member behind who, it was reported afterwards, made a useful contribution.

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Today's meeting was confirmed last night by Mr Vlok's liaison officer, Brigadier Leon Mellet. He declined to make any comment about the proposed agenda.

Mr Vlok is expected to appeal to the AWB to cool down its approach and to act responsibly and within the law.

It is also likely that the para-military display by AWB supporters at Ventersdorp on Saturday will be discussed.

UPI reports that khaki-clad men and women, wearing the swastika-like emblem of the AWB and defending a "holy war" against President F.W. de Klerk's reform initiative, for the first time opened their weekend training sessions at Ventersdorp to the press.

Gunfire rumbled across the veld on the outskirts of Ventersdorp as young women and grandmothers took target practice. Men drilled along a dusty road through the makeshift camp.

Mr Terre'Blanche, proudly declaring his people would be ready for war, said, "Sixteen years ago I committed myself to one single task — that I could talk to my people, so that when the government gave away our country we would defend ourselves with violence."

Today's talks were welcomed last night by a Democratic Party law and order spokesman, Mr Tlan van der Merwe. He added that the AWB's para-military gathering at Ventersdorp was "repulsive but not surprising".

"I think it is a good thing that Mr Vlok has called a meeting with them, but he clearly has a very difficult task explaining to them why they should calm down and why they should have understanding for the government's political turn-about in respect of the ANC and SA Communist Party."

Mr Van der Merwe said that if reports that serving

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Vlok talks to AWB in city

members of the police were involved in the exercise were correct, Mr Vlok had to move quickly to restore some discipline in the ranks of his own department.

"The DP has made it clear that the ban on policemen belonging to political movements was not necessarily a helpful move by the government."

"But I would say that for policemen to participate in para-military exercises on behalf of a political organisation is clearly completely in conflict with their own duties," Mr Van der Merwe said.

The government believes that the groups promoting militancy are small and do not represent many people, even among conservative whites. But it is highly concerned about the consequences of their confrontationist approach in areas such as Welkom and their effect on the negotiation process.

Tensions between the government and the AWB have been rising for some time, as reflected in statements by Mr Terre'Blanche, the ban on policemen on belonging to the AWB, and the warrant issued for the arrest of a prominent AWB member, Mr Piet Rudolph, in connection with the theft of arms from South African Air Force headquarters in Pretoria.

Today's meeting could be the government's last warning to the AWB and if it is ignored, as seems likely, tougher action against far-right militants appears inevitable.

TEST TUBE PARTY

... Children from across the country attended a special party at Tygerberg Hospital on Saturday in celebration of the birth of the 250th "test tube baby". Among those present were little Jonathan Saville of Johannesburg seen here celebrating his first birthday at the party with the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring. Also present was six-year-old Falcon de Vos of Bonteheuwel, the first such baby born in South Africa.

Picture: RICHARD BELL

Boycott costs white business R7m

Own Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG. —
Welkom's white businesses have lost more than R7 million as a result of the consumer boycott which began a week ago in protest against attacks by white vigilante groups.

Welkom Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Mr Graham Lloyd described the boycott as "pretty serious".

"More than R1m a day is lost in turnover, and that is not including the losses suffered by the chain stores," he said.

Some people estimated losses at about R1.5m, but Mr Lloyd said that was a little high.

Mr Lloyd said he could not estimate chain-store losses because their trading figures were not available to the chamber.

"Not everyone is losing out though," he said.

"The concession stores on the mines have not been badly affected; they are actually recording an increase in profits."

Mr Lloyd also drew attention to inflated township prices faced by boycotting consumers.

"People in the township are paying exorbitant prices on everything, even bread and milk," he said.

Police have described the situation as quiet.

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ALL SMILES... An air of bonhomie is evident as AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche talks to Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok before their meeting yesterday.

Picture: STEWART COLEMAN

By **BARRY STREEK**
Political Staff

THE Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) leader, Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche, yesterday walked away smiling from his meeting with Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok — and denied that the AWB had any plans for a private police force or army.

But he stressed that AWB "commandos" would remain intact and that his militant right-wing organisation would defend its "boere" people against any attacks from the communists and the ANC. The commandos, he claimed, were a long-standing right Boers had to protect their own.

During their three-hour meeting in Cape Town, Mr Vlok promised the three-man AWB delegation an urgent investigation into the alleged intimidation of white miners in the Free State goldfields. The joint statement issued afterwards stressed the "friendly atmosphere" of the talks.

It also seems clear that Mr Terre'Blanche has not been challenged on the right of the AWB to maintain para-military structures.

Condemned

Yesterday's talks followed the refusal of the AWB to meet Mr Vlok last week when he visited Welkom — because of the presence of an ANC representative — and Saturday's events at Ventersdorp where the AWB opened a training camp to the media.

In an angry statement in Johannesburg last night, the general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, the Rev Frank Chikane, condemned the "open mobilisation" of the right wing.

Mr Chikane called on the government to take immediate action against the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging which, he said, had been allowed to mobilise with impunity in direct contravention of security legislation.

Commenting on reports and pictures of armed and uniformed AWB commando leaders receiving military training on a Transvaal farm, he said: "The security legislation has been used, and continues to be used, to repress and outlaw the armed struggle conducted by the liberation movements."

The obvious conclusion is that the state is reluctant, for political ends, to prosecute white South Africans."

In their joint statement, Mr Vlok and Mr Terre'Blanche said the discussions, held at the invitation of the minister, mainly concerned the security of whites in South Africa.

"Both parties expressed their aspirations for the safety and security of the peoples of South Africa,

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and also advocated the necessity for normalisation of the situation in the country. *On 7/1/80*

The AWB had expressed its concerns for the safety of whites, particularly white miners in the goldfields area.

"According to the AWB, aspects that especially cause concern, are the question of intimidation, the arming of black miners, as well as allegations that some black members of the SA police have taken part in intimidation." *See 7/1/80*

Mr Vlok also undertook to hold discussions as quickly as possible with the Chamber of Mines and the white Mineworkers' Union about the safety of white miners, as well as the safety of other miners.

"Regarding the question of the AWB's so-called 'boere army' that was presented to the media during the weekend, Mr Terre'Blanche gave the minister the assurance that the AWB was not establishing a 'boere army', but was only training people to defend themselves.

"He said the AWB's motive is defensive and not offensive, and this movement does not have any plans to establish its own police force or army."

After the meeting, Mr Terre'Blanche, asked about DP calls for action to be taken against his organisation, said: "There is no force in the world that will stop the boere from defending themselves, least of all the DP."

Mr Terre'Blanche said further talks with Mr Vlok were envisaged and, it is understood, discussions with other right-wing groups, including the Conservative Party, are being planned.

— Welkom shaft bosses tell of attack by workers —

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Armed mob 'out to kill'

PAC warns of 'backlash'

Sapa reports from Harare

THE Pan Africanist Congress has issued a strong warning to the South African government "and their white vigilante groups" of a black backlash following clashes between workers and mine security in Welkom.

Zimbabwe's news agency Ziarna reported that the PAC, in a statement issued from the organisation's external headquarters in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, said "The white vigilante groups and right-wingers that have mobilised themselves for action against the African people in Welkom, especially in the mines, should realise the capacity and the will to defend the Azanian people."

It said the only solution was respect for the right of the black people to independence and self-determination.

The organisation blamed President F W de Klerk, Defence Minister General Magnus Malan, Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok and Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Mr Eugene Terre'blanche "for the blood that has been spilled in Welkom and elsewhere."



Security officials stand guard at the entrance to the President Steyn gold mine near Welkom following the clashes at the mine in which two white officials were killed

TWO shaft bosses involved in Tuesday's racial clash at the President Steyn Gold Mine have said that a mob of armed black mineworkers, carrying ANC flags and placards had clearly been out to kill them.

Quinton Campbell, discharged from hospital after being treated for two stab wounds and colleague Henne de Bruyn related their terrifying experience.

They said a group of about 50 toyi-toying workers, carrying knives, pangas, pipes and rocks had confronted about 20 white mining officials who had gathered at offices at Number One shaft to attend a presentation on mining equipment.

Said Mr Campbell "They were shouting slogans such as Kill management, Mandela is our new manager. They even shouted the names of individual managers who had to be killed."

He said security had been summoned because the whites had feared for their lives. Although the whites had retreated and security officials had told the mob to disperse, the mineworkers had kept on surging forward, at which point the security officers had opened fire using rubber bullets.

Mr Campbell, stabbed while assisting an injured col-

league, said he did not feel bitter towards blacks, but felt bitter towards the ANC as the uprising had been politically motivated.

"I will not participate in any action of retaliation, but I believe the inciting element must be removed. I suppose there will be many meetings to resolve the situation, but what will that help? Two guys have already been killed."

Mr De Bruyn said white retaliation would be justified adding "Two of our colleagues have been brutally murdered."

The men, who had tried to assist injured colleagues, saw first-aid boxes, which were usually kept at the mining office, had mysteriously disappeared before the incident.

Two other injured mining officials — security officer and Northern Free State rugby player Martin Mostert and senior security officer Jako De Bruyn — were reported to be in a serious condition in hospital. The fourth injured white man, shaft boss Deo Roets, has been discharged.

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Welkom boycott to go on

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BLOEMFONTEIN. —
The consumer boycott in Welkom is continuing and all indications are that it will not soon be called off by the town's black community.

Blacks could not reach a consensus at the weekend and another meeting will be held in the Thabong township tomorrow night to decide on the issue.

A spokesman who represented the township residents in a discussion with Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok last week said yesterday that interested parties in the community held "many meetings" at the weekend to decide on the continuation of the boycott.

Meanwhile, the Democratic Party has appealed to party supporters to wear their DP insignia when they do their shopping, and has asked boycotters to leave those wearing the insignia alone. — Sapa

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Two killed as police shoot stonethrowers

Staff Reporter

Two teenagers were shot dead by police and an unknown number of people was injured in Kroonstad's Maokeng township yesterday, allegedly in an operation resembling the Cape's "Trojan Horse" shootings.

Police and witnesses gave fundamentally different accounts last night.

A Detainees' Parents Support Committee fieldworker in Kroonstad, Biza Makhate, told The Star about an hour after the shootings that a Protea Furnishers truck carrying police hidden under a tarpaulin on the back entered the township at about 5.30 pm and fired on a group of youths who stoned the vehicle.

Mr Makhate said: "About 60 to 80 people, mainly youths, began stoning the vehicle. The police threw off the tarpaulin and started shooting."

"The situation in Maokeng at 6.30 pm was still very tense. Gunfire can still be heard."

"The injured were transported to the Boitumelo Hospital."

The SAP's Major Reg Crewe confirmed the deaths.

Major Crewe said: "Police patrolling the township in a private vehicle were surrounded by a crowd of about 1 000 people who threw stones and a petrol bomb at them. The policemen dispersed the crowd with shotgun fire."

Late last night, police spokesman Colonel Jac de Vries said: "A 14-year-old youth and an 18-year-old were killed in the shooting. The policemen involved were investigating recent unrest incidents, especially one which happened on Monday when a vehicle in which the postmaster and his assistant were travelling was attacked and gutted."

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Welkom tense after mineworkers killed

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From MONO BADELA

JOHANNESBURG. — The Orange Free State town of Welkom is sitting on a powderkeg, following the killing of two white mineworkers at the President Steyn gold mine on Wednesday.

Tension has been mounting in the town since the killing a fortnight ago of two members of the National Union of Mineworkers by bands of rightwingers which sparked off a black consumer boycott.

NUM spokesperson, Mr Jerry Matlajawadi, expressed fear that rightwing elements would use the killing of the white mineworkers as an excuse to launch further attacks on the black community.

Wednesday's killing took place after a protest by about 3 000 mineworkers against the dismissal of a colleague.

Rightwing elements are thought to be responsible for the shooting of a man and the disappearance of three youth leaders in the Botleng township near Delmas in the Transvaal this week.

UDF sources here claimed a resident of Botleng was shot dead on Tuesday by a man wearing an Afrikaner Weerstandbeweging (AWB) uniform.

A lawyer acting for several township organisations said three executive members of the Botleng Youth Congress, which is spearheading a consumer boycott in the area, were reported missing on Sunday.

Tension in the Botleng township was running high, the lawyer said.

Lutheran church minister, the Reverend Frank Muller, said several incidents of arson, looting and stoning had occurred since last weekend after an armed AWB supporter entered the township and was attacked by youths.

"The man fired and wounded one,"

he said.

In a separate incident, two youths were shot dead by police in Kroonstad's Maokeng township in what has been described as a second "Trojan Horse" ploy.

The police claimed that about 1 000 people surrounded a truck and threw stones and a petrol bomb at them.

Meanwhile, the open mobilisation of the rightwing was condemned by anti-apartheid bodies this week.

ANC national executive committee member, Mr Steve Tshwete, described the AWB's display of "fire power" last weekend as a "disturbing phenomenon".

"Their target is the ANC. This is an army being trained to attack our people."

The general secretary of the South African Council of Churches (SACC), the Rev Frank Chikane, called on the government to act against the AWB.

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Welkom seethes as Right bays for blood

Police reinforcements were sent to Welkom today as right-wingers seethed with anger and threatened bloody retribution following violence at President Steyn gold mine last night.

A demonstration by black miners yesterday led to a clash between miners and mine security officials which left two whites dead and 12 black workers wounded.

The wounded are under police guard in the Ernest Oppenheimer Hospital.

As Welkom seethed today, local AWB chief Blignaut told The

Star: "The time has come for the white man to live under the protection of the gun."

National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) publicity secretary Jerry Majadi appealed to all to remain calm so that the situation could be brought under control.

District commandant Colonel Henrie Heymans said extra foot and vehicle patrols aimed at stifling racial conflict in the mining town were to be introduced today. The President Steyn mine had been sealed by police and mine security men.

Following the President Steyn vio-

lence, angry right-wingers from the AWB, Blanke Veiligheidsbeweging (White Safety Movement) and the "Flamingos" last night waited outside Welkom police station while their representatives held urgent talks with police.

Right-wingers were armed with shotguns, rifles, whips and knives.

The three delegations demanded a general curfew be imposed from 9 pm to 6 am in Welkom, according to Colonel Heymans. The discussions had been "frank and penetrating".

The colonel stressed the need to restore peace in the city as soon as pos-

sible.

Mr Blignaut said after the meeting: "We will fight politicians on political matters and talk to and fight police on police matters. If we don't get any joy we will start action as a resistance movement. Then there will be hell on earth."

The right-wingers gathered outside the police station were in a vengeful mood. "We want blood," said one.

According to Mr Blignaut, Welkom AWB members are to meet AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche today to discuss the situation. — Staff Reporters-Sapa.

atic policy change aims at ending segregation

Boycott to continue

WELKOM — A decision to continue the consumer boycott in Welkom was taken last night following a clash between mine security and workers at the President Steyn gold mine in Welkom in which two men were killed and several seriously injured.

More than 5 000 people attended the meeting and James Lenyehlo, chairman of the Transport Crisis Co-ordination Committee and head of the consumer boycott delegation which met Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok last week, said one of the main reasons the community had rejected the suspension of the boycott was the violence at President Steyn gold mine. — Sapa

Drama

Army goes in

The Argus Correspondent and Sept

PRETORIA. — Extra police supported by troops are being deployed in Welkom to establish a high security presence as tension mounts over the deaths of two whites at the President Steyn gold mine.

This was announced today by Minister of Law and Order Mr. Adriaan Vlok, who said the security presence would render all vigilante action unnecessary but that the emergency regulations could be invoked.

Meanwhile racial tension reached near flashpoint today as the leader of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, Mr. Eugene Terre-Blanche, told white mineworkers not to go underground today until their security had been guaranteed.

Mr. Terre-Blanche travelled to Welkom for discussions with the local branch of the AWB, the White Mineworkers' Union and possibly the police.

Welkom police liaison officer, Major J. Fouche, said early today tension was running high but peace and calm had returned to the city.

FLASHPOINT WELKOM: Terre-Blanche tells miners, 'Don't go underground...'



Mr. Eugene Terre-Blanche

Racial clash

Police consider yesterday's ugly racial clash as an isolated incident, saying it happened outside the municipal boundaries and was a culmination of events.

Both black and white vigilante groups have vacated the streets and police did not envisage further clashes.

Reacting to the clash between white and black mineworkers, Mr. Terre-Blanche said the facts he presented to Mr. Vlok in Cape Town earlier this week had been proven true.

He added that the largest part of his talk with Mr. Vlok had focused on the simmering racial tension in Welkom.

According to Mr. Terre-Blanche, Mr. Vlok was concerned about the situation and had undertaken to take immediate steps.

The AWB urged Mr. Vlok to investigate the racial clashes and the police to maintain law and order.

"Wenkommando"

He said the AWB's "wenkommando" in Welkom was one of the strongest in the country.

Welkom AWB leader, Mr. Blikkies Blignaut, has threatened retaliation and members of the AWB are set to take to the streets, defying a police request that they keep a low profile.

"The time has come for the white man to live under the protection of the gun," Mr. Blignaut said today.

He said all white mine security officers were armed with shotguns today and the situation was "critical".

The two mine officials killed yesterday were part of a squad sent to disperse a group of demonstrators protesting against the dismissal of 30 black miners earlier this week.

Angry and impatient rightwingers from the AWB, Blanke Veiligheidsbeweging (White Security Movement) and the "Flamingos" last night waited outside Welkom police station while their representatives held urgent talks with police.

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Vengeful mood

Mr. Blignaut said after the meeting "We will fight politicians on political matters and talk to and fight police on police matters."

"If we don't get any joy we will start action as a resistance movement. Then there will be hell on earth," he warned.

The rightwingers gathered outside the police station were in a vengeful mood.

"We want blood," said one. "Tonight," added a colleague.

Anglo American spokesman Mr. Paul Plother confirmed the incident, but said he was still trying to establish the facts.

He said "We cannot condone violence, from whatever quarter, and call on all parties to show restraint."

Police, unionists give their versions

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police and unionists have given different versions of how the violence at the President Steyn gold mine broke out.

POLICE SAY:

According to police, the mine security officers were attacked and opened fire with rubber bullets and 9mm pistols. Twelve black workers were wounded and are under police guard in the Ernest Oppenheimer Hospital.

One of the security guards was injured in the attack and died in hospital.

The other was apparently driving through mine property when his car was stoned. He lost control and swerved into an embankment.

The car was surrounded and his throat was slit from ear to ear.

UNION SAYS:

National Union of Mineworkers publicity secretary Mr Jerry Majatladi said workers held a demonstration yesterday in protest against an incident last week when blacks were allegedly assaulted underground by whites for wearing ANC badges and colours.

A hearing was to take place today, he said, but in the meantime three workers had been dismissed. Yesterday's demonstration was held to protest.

Mr Majatladi said the mine security was called in and two white men were killed in the resulting confrontation.

I heard no threats from marchers, says colonel

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By Melody McDougall,
Vereeniging Bureau

Minutes after leaving the scene where he had been handed a memorandum at a gathering in Sebokeng in March, Colonel Paddy Mazibuko, police station commander at Sebokeng, heard a short burst of gunfire.

Colonel Mazibuko was giving evidence yesterday on the first day of the inquiry by Mr Justice Goldstone into the Sebokeng shootings.

He said soon after the shooting, he saw blood on the road and shoes, branches, knobkerries, sticks, iron pipes and bricks scattered around.

The Vaal Council of Churches says 17 people were killed in a clash between police and marchers. Sebokeng Hospital authorities have confirmed 14 deaths.

The shootings came after police

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halted a proposed march by the United Democratic Front and affiliates in Vereeniging on March 26.

The colonel said he first heard about the march on March 16. All station commanders in the Vaal area had been summoned to the offices of the Vereeniging District Commandant to discuss planning in case the illegal march went ahead.

They received instructions to patrol Evaton and Sebokeng on the day, monitor events and relay them to radio control.

Several days later he was asked to deliver a note of refusal to organi-

sers after the march had been banned by Vereeniging's Chief Magistrate. Two days before the event, pamphlets and posters in three languages had been distributed, warning township residents the march had been forbidden.

Colonel Mazibuko said on March 26 he started patrolling the area at 4 am. He saw people moving towards the bus terminus in Adam's Road, Evaton, and to a hall in Sebokeng.

A group of men armed with sticks, pangas, stones and beer bottles congregated at a Sebokeng hostel where they apparently stopped cars and removed the occupants. They were warned to disperse, but the same group later shook the colonel's car.

Several hours later, Colonel Mazibuko said he was in the office when three of the organisers of the march approached him to receive a memorandum in Sebokeng. They were still discussing the issue when they heard a loud noise in Moshoeshoe Street.

They drove to the gathering where "more than 45 minutes was spent trying to cool the spirit of the multitudes. But it was evident the crowds were uncontrollable", he said.

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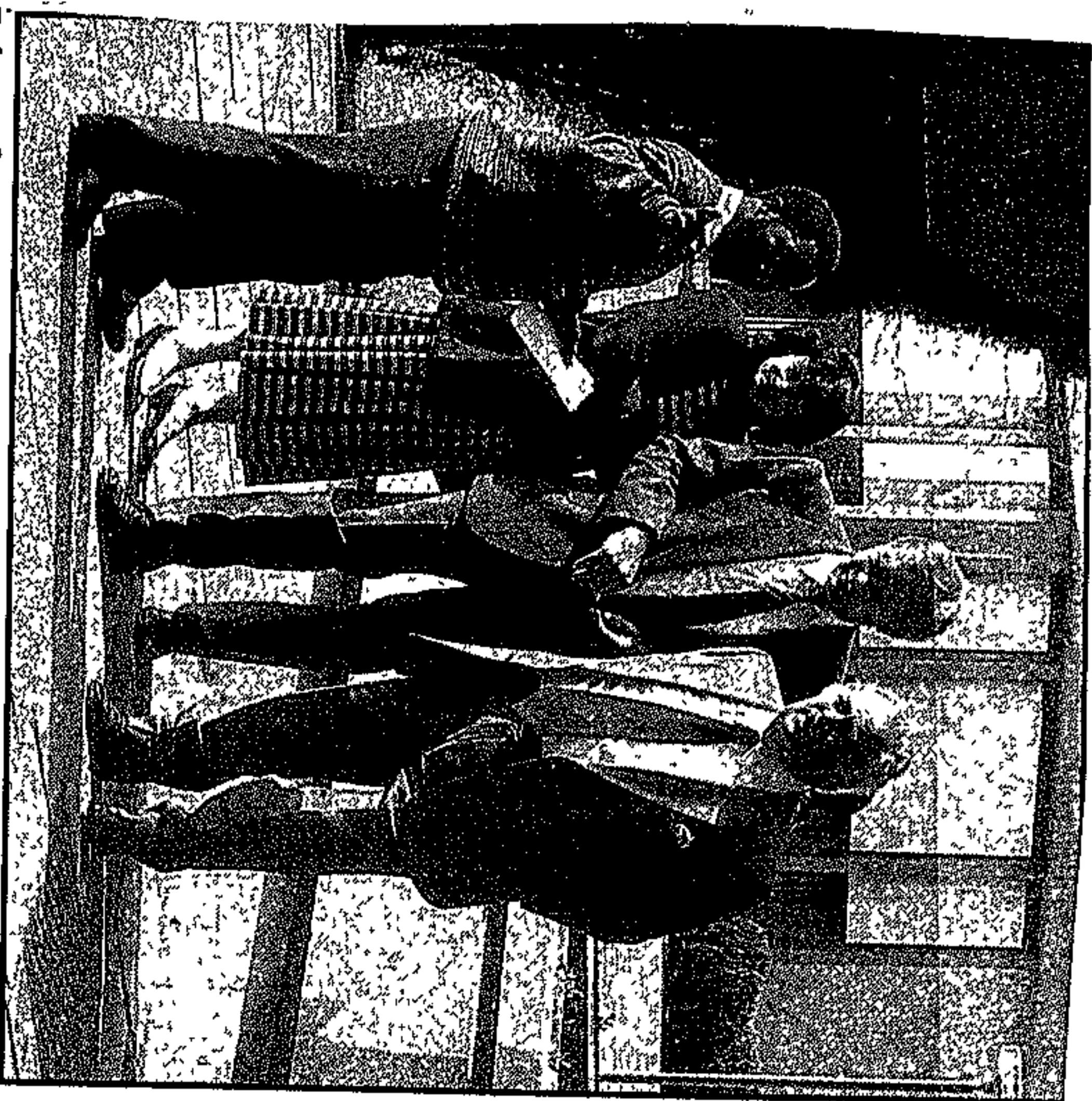
As the memorandum was handed to him, "those in front were quite happy — they even clapped hands for us — but there was a force which kept pushing from behind".

Colonel Mazibuko left the gathering in his car. "About 500 m away from the scene I heard a short burst of gunfire. I was shocked and turned back towards the crowd. They were already thronging the entrance of the hospital."

Asked by Johan du Toit, who is leading evidence in the inquiry, whether he had at any time seen people throwing stones at the police or heard them chanting that they were going to kill the police, he replied: "No, not in my presence."

Earlier, videotapes of police negotiating with organisers were shown to the commission and handed in as evidence.

The inquiry continues today.



Taking a break . . . Thomas Maleka, of the Detainee Parents Support Committee (left), Caroline Nicholls, representing the families of the dead, advocate Karel Tip and George Bizos, representing the families of the dead and injured.

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Police frisked workers yesterday as they left the shaft of Welkom's President Steyn mine, scene of the racial conflict that left two dead. The mine was last night closed indefinitely

Picture: TREVOR SAMSON, AFP

Staring (277) down the barrel of ugly racism

Reporter PHIL MOLEFE
arrives in Welkom minutes
after this week's killings

WELKOM'S racial war was brought home to me on Wednesday through the barrel of a gun.

A heavy contingent of armed mine security police confronted me on arrival at the gates of the embattled Shaft number one of Anglo American's President Steyn Gold Mine at 4.20pm.

This was minutes after two white miners had been killed and 15 blacks severely injured in this trouble-torn Orange Free State town.

"F** off, ons soek nie kaffirs hierso," said a mine security policeman, pointing his shotgun at me.

As I sped off from the mine, I saw the body of a white worker being pulled from a red Volkswagen Jetta by mine security guards.

I drove to the Ernest Oppenheimer Mine Hospital where, minutes later, an ambulance off-loaded injured black miners.

Four white miners were admitted to the local provincial hospital.

Far rightwingers yesterday declared war on "ANC black murderers" as Welkom seethed with anger.

"The time has come for the white man to live under the protection of the gun," said local Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging chief Blikkies Blignaut.

The Conservative Party said it was now compelled to protect the lives of whites in Welkom.

The National Union of Mineworkers attempted to defuse the situation by calling on workers to "remain calm and exercise maximum discipline".

The dispute allegedly started when 32 miners were singled out by the mine captain, the underground manager and the "chief boss" for wearing

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Staring into shotgun barrel of ugly racism

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African National Congress colours, according to union officials.

"We were beaten up by the officials and taken to a hearing where we were told that we have been dismissed for intimidating white workers underground," said one worker.

The violence broke out when about 400 black miners demonstrated against the dismissals.

Management called in mine security guards who, according to workers, opened fire without giving any warning.

"It was peaceful all day and workers were *toyi-toying* towards the administration block when suddenly the security guards fired at us," said a NUM shop steward.

Mine management said last night that mine security police had opened fire with rubber bullets and 9mm pistols when black mineworkers had marched and *toyi-toyed* towards a group of about 20 mine officials "in a threatening and menacing manner."

Within minutes two white men — one of them hundreds of metres from the shooting incident — had been murdered and another four wounded, the mine official said.

Tension then rose with rightwing miners calling for "revenge and blood" as dozens of angry AWB and Blanke Veiligheid supporters waited outside the Jan Hofmeyer Police Station demanding a curfew from 9pm to 6am to "protect ourselves".

The AWB warned the government that unless security forces acted urgently, no power on earth would stop them from taking drastic steps to protect themselves.

The AWB statement said "cruel in-

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cidents" in which white miners had been injured by blacks underground had been reported to the AWB.

The AWB said in one incident a white miner's scrotum was crushed by stones and a doctor had to remove one of his testicles.

President Steyn mine ground to a halt yesterday after AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche called on white mine workers not to go underground until the minister of law and order had addressed the safety of his members.

Meanwhile, at a meeting on Wednesday, Thabong residents near Welkom voted overwhelmingly in favour of continuing with their two-week old consumer boycott.

The boycott whas been called in protest against blacks being attacked by armed white rightwing vigilantes.

● The Minister of Law and Order, Adriaan Vlok, will today attend a meeting in Welkom with NUM president Cyril Ramaphosa and representatives of the SA Defence Force, the police, Anglo American and the Chamber of Mines.

They will discuss the conflict, according to NUM representative Hjerri Majatladi.

The managing director of Anglo's gold and uranium division, Lionel Hewitt, said last night the mine management would meet all worker representatives to seek an urgent solution to the racial tension and violence.

Both sides of the political spectrum had been approached and asked to remain calm and work toward the solution of the "volatile situation".

Staff Reporter

WELKOM — Two shift bosses involved in Tuesday's racial clash at the President Steyn gold mine said yesterday a mob of armed black mineworkers carrying ANC flags and placards had clearly been out to kill them.

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Blacks were out to kill us — shift bosses

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"I suppose there will be many

meetings to resolve what will that already been killed."

Mr de Bruyn would be justified in our colleagues' view.

The men who were injured colleagues had disappeared.

Two other injured

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Frantic bid for Welkom

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Police search mineworkers at the President Steyn mine for weapons. Tension ran high yesterday but there were no further incidents.

Picture by Associated Press

WELKOM — Right-wing sentiments reached fever pitch last night when armed men in khaki uniforms of the AWB and Blanke Veiligheid (BV) met to discuss white security, and possible retaliation, after the eruption of racial violence at the President Steyn Mine No 1 shaft.

Frantic behind-the-scenes talks were held yesterday between Anglo American officials and trade unions to ease tension between black and white mineworkers.

The clash on Tuesday left two whites dead and 16 employees injured.

Johannes Lodewikus du Preez (57), an employee of Info Gold computer firm, and Anglo American trainer officer Sydney Koen (43), were killed in a clash between about 50 black mineworkers, 20 white mine officials and six mine security officers.

At a press conference yesterday, Anglo American said No 1 shaft had been closed and would be reopened only when staff indicated a clear commitment to peaceful and orderly practices.

It said "Mine management is meeting all parties concerned, primarily trade union leaders, and is appealing for restraint, and exploring all possible avenues in ensuring the peaceful resolution of conflict at this time."

The National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) said death of the two whites in the confrontation was regrettable and extended condolences to the families.

At a right-wing meeting last night, closed to reporters, it was agreed that wholesalers should be boycotted until they stopped supplying Thabong, the black township that has dealt a blow to Welkom traders through a boycott.

BV leader Hennie Muller told the meeting "We will starve the kaffirs into submission."

Sources said some mine security officers who had been involved in the clash had attended the meeting. They said Conservative Party MP and former mine union leader Arrie Paulus would hold meetings in the town today.

The NUM will today meet the South African Defence Force, the South African Police, Anglo American and the Chamber of Mines.

In Cape Town, the CP called on white Welkom mineworkers not to go to work unless they were certain of their safety.

Last night, President de Klerk said in a statement from Brussels he would not allow radicals of any race to interfere with reform.



Armed security men stand guard at the entrance to the President Steyn Mine. Security and mineworkers on Tuesday left two men dead and 16 injured.

UDF plea to avoid hatred

Own Correspondent

WELKOM — The United Democratic Front has urged residents of Thabong and Bronville townships not to antagonise Welkom's white community in the wake of renewed confrontation between white and black residents.

Speaking at a consumer boycott report-back meeting in Thabong on Wednesday night, UDF spokesman Freddie Vanga said "We embarked on the consumer boycott after our people were assaulted and killed by (white) vigilante groups in the city centre and white suburbs."

"Let us not develop racial hatred as this is against policies of the UDF and the ANC."

By Esmaré van der Merwe

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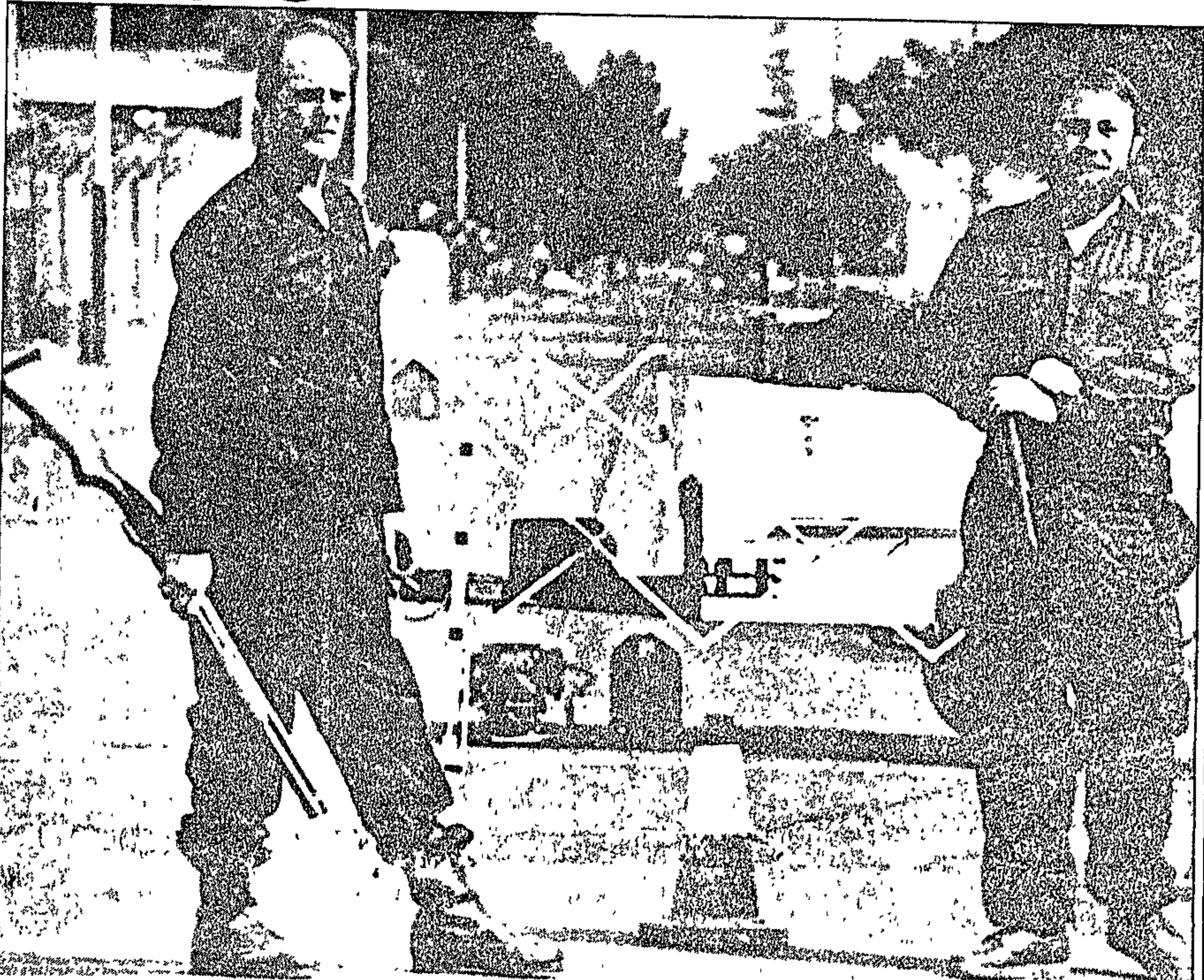
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ager'. They even shouted the names of managers who had to be killed " He said security officers had been summoned because the whites had feared for their lives. Although the whites had retreated and security officials had told the mob to disperse, the mineworkers had kept on surging forward, at which point the security officers had opened fire, using rubber bullets Mr Campbell, stabbed while assisting an injured colleague, said he did not feel bitter towards blacks, but towards the ANC as the uprising had been politically motivated "I will not take part in any action of retaliation, but I believe the inciting element must be removed "I suppose there will be many meetings to resolve the situation, but what will that help? Two guys have already been killed " Mr de Bruyn said white retaliation would be justified, adding "Two of our colleagues have been killed " The men who tried to assist injured colleagues said first-aid boxes had disappeared before the incident Two other injured mining officials, security officer and Northern OFS rugby player Martin Mostert, and senior security officer Jakob de Bruyn, were reported to be in a serious condition in hospital The fourth injured white man, shift boss Deon Roets, has been discharged The Star was refused access to injured black workers who are being treated at the Ernest Oppenheimer mine hospital Mining officials said four of the 12 injured blacks had been discharged

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Shaft closed down at death mine

The Argus Correspondent and Sapa

WELKOM. — A shaft has been closed down at the President Steyn gold mine following racial clashes in which two white miners were killed and black workers were injured.

A spokesman for Anglo American, Mr Adrian du Plessis, said management closed down No 1 shaft yesterday and it would remain closed today.

"This was done to ensure the safety of all employees"

Mr Du Plessis said management was seeking an assurance from the mineworkers and their trade unions that they would proceed with normal mining operations.

Miners at the shaft have been asked to sign a document outlining mine regulations.

President Steyn's No 1 shaft has a workforce of about 4 500 white and black miners.

MINIMAL LOSSES

Losses due to the closing down of the shaft would be minimal if normal mining production began soon, Mr Du Plessis said.

All other shafts on Anglo American's goldfield mines were operating normally.

The Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members in Welkom have threatened to take "drastic steps" if their safety is not guaranteed to their satisfaction.

Today the AWB said the workers would not go underground until the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, and the Conservative Party MP for Welkom, Mr EJ Jordaan, had personally discussed the matter with the White Mineworkers' Union.

The Welkom representative of the union, Mr Coen Schoonraad, said that management had given both white and black workers until 6pm today to sign the document.

"NO TIME LIMIT"

However, Mr Du Plessis said management had not set a time limit for workers to sign.

Meanwhile a meeting has been scheduled in Welkom today between the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM), the SADF, the police, Anglo American, the Chamber of Mines and Mr Vlok.

NUM publicity secretary Mr Jerry Majatladi said the parties would discuss the racial conflict which had been prevalent in the area for about two months.

Those to attend the meeting included NUM general secretary Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, NUM president Mr James Motlatsi and the regional chairman of the Welkom area, Mr Jan Selepe.

Mr Majatladi said: "It is hoped that this meeting will mark the beginning of a process that will lead to the final resolution of the conflict, which has already claimed more than five lives since it started."

"The NUM wishes to reiterate its position that all the people of Welkom, both black and white, should remain calm and maintain a high level of discipline."

CONDEMNED SHOOTING

He condemned an incident which he said happened about four hours after the clash between mineworkers and security.

He said three mineworkers returning to their hostels were wounded by shots fired by mine security men combing the area after the earlier incident.

"This unprovoked attack brings the number of injured to 15."

The Blanke Veiligheid movement in Welkom has announced that arrangements have been made to supply café owners with bread and milk.

The announcement was made after a mass meeting held to discuss the consumer boycott in the town. Plans to protect small businesses and to make them self-reliant were also discussed.

The meeting, which was closed to the media, was attended by owners of small businesses, leaders of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging and the Blanke Veiligheid movement

● Armed mob "out to kill" in clash at President Steyn mine, page 11.

No stones were thrown at the Sebokeng police — witness

By Melody McDougall,
Vereeniging Bureau

A Red Cross official yesterday told the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the Sebokeng shootings how he and his helpers treated five people after they were injured at the scene of the clash between marchers and police in the Vaal Triangle township on March 26.

Piet More, who was in charge of a group of 14 Red Cross officials on duty, said one of the injured had a birdshot wound in the back.

Mr More said that another had a sprained shoulder and the other three complained of being suffocated by teargas.

This was shortly after two separate rounds of gunfire, one lasting about a minute, were heard and two lots of teargas were fired at the 50 000-strong crowd.

The shooting occurred after a proposed march was halted by the police near the Sondela brewery in Sebokeng.

The group apparently intended marching to the National Party offices in Vereeniging.

The chief magistrate had prohibited the march.

Testifying before commission chairman Mr Justice Goldstone, Mr More said that he had seen no bodies after the shootings.

There were also no injuries among the Red Cross group which, in search of casualties, three times moved their base further forward towards a police cordon.

Mr More said that his party had moved their base simply to give their patients sufficient breathing space, not because they ever felt they were in any danger.

Describing the crowd's attitude just before the shots were fired, he said they were singing songs.

Mr More said that at no time

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did he see stones being thrown at the police.

Earlier in the hearing yesterday, a photo-journalist of the local newspaper, Vaalweekblad, who had been assigned to cover the proceedings in the township on March 26, was called to the witness stand.

The journalist, Peter Mabuye, told the commission that police twice tried to stop the march from going ahead but that, because of a shortage of vehicles, their roadblocks were insufficient to prevent the crowd from flanking out to one side.

When shooting later broke out, Mr Mabuye said he had taken cover behind a tree.

Shortly afterwards, Mr Mabuye photographed the body of a dead woman (later identified as Lettiah Mphele).

The woman, one of about 2 000 marshals on duty to control the people, was lying about 50 m from a police cordon.

When he was asked by Etienne du Toit, SC, for the police, whether he had heard people in the crowd shouting to the police "We want your guns... dogs ... hit the boere", Mr Mabuye replied that he had not.

He also denied seeing any stones thrown at the police, although he admitted it could have happened.

The commission is expected to continue with its hearing at the Vereeniging council chambers for the next four to six weeks.

All evidence before the commission is being led by Johan du Toit, SC, from the Attorney-General's offices in Johannesburg.

How the Trojan horse drove into 'Vietnam'

A RENTED truck drove through the streets of a "war-zone" in a troubled Free State township this week. It stopped, and a throng of youths surrounded it. Suddenly, the tarpaulin covering the back of the truck was lifted and several armed policemen sprang up and opened fire.

Two youths fell dead, eight were injured. The rest ran away.

Eyewitnesses to the shooting in the Free State township of Maokeng claim that police disguised themselves in a deliberate attempt to fire on an unsuspecting crowd of youths.

Police, who have launched a top-level investigation into the incident, deny this. They say they drove into the township in a private vehicle in order to identify arson suspects, and that the truck was attacked by a hostile crowd.

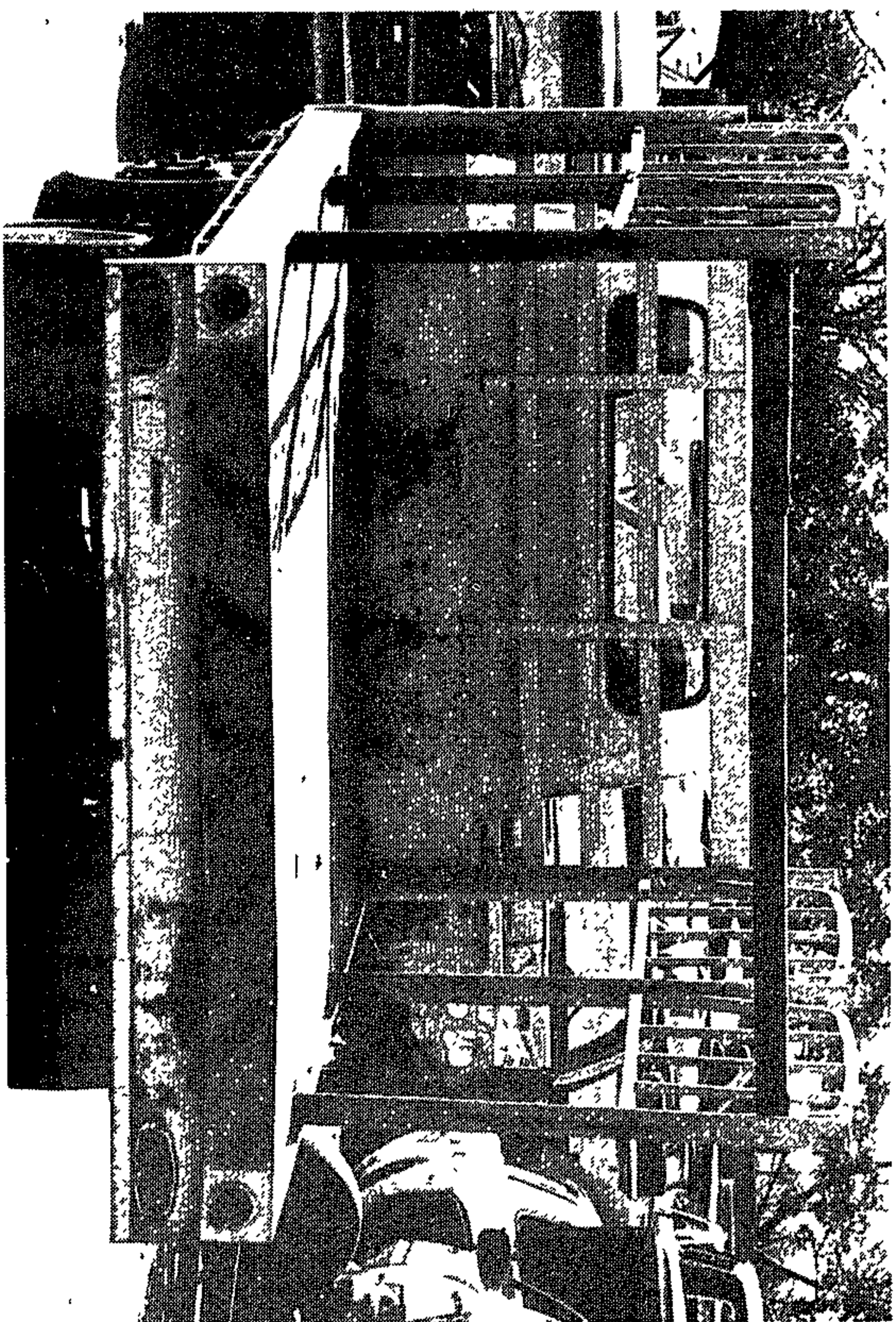
Maokeng residents say the police hired the truck from a local scrapyard dealer. The owner of the scrapyard, Barnett's Auto Spares, has admitted he hired out the truck to police.

Eyewitnesses said that a truck covered with a tarpaulin entered the township and cruised up to a T-junction in the "war-zone" youths call Vietnam at about 4.30pm on Tuesday.

In what has been called a second 'Trojan horse' incident, police hidden in the back of a truck opened fire on township youths, killing two and injuring eight. PHILIPPA GARSON reports



Thirteen-year-old Joseph Tshabalala, injured in the incident, and the borrowed truck in which policemen hid before opening fire on youths in the Free State township of Maokeng



Pictures: JUSTIN SHOLK, Afrapix

Simon Tsotsotso, a panelbeater, said he could see the police in the back of the vehicle from where he was standing. He said the vehicle stopped at a "war zone" intersection known as "Vietnam", where regular clashes have occurred between police and youths since the community embarked on a rent boycott three months ago.

When a crowd of youths who were thronging the streets saw the truck, they gathered around it.

"Perhaps they wanted to set it alight. But before they could do anything, about eight white policemen lifted the tarpaulin and started shooting. Two fell, and the rest ran away screaming," he said.

Thirteen-year-old Joseph Tshabalala, who sustained birdshot wounds on his thighs and genitals, said he was returning from the shops when a group of children spotted the truck.

"One guy spoke to the driver and went round to the back of the truck. Then the white guys opened the canvas and started to shoot. I started to run and then I was shot."

The two dead, Seiso Mangwenjane, 9, and Isaiah Tau, 18, were left for hours, according to Tsotsotso, who said that after the shooting police patrolled the area and would let no one near it.

One youth is reportedly in a critical condition in the Boithumelo Hospital, but medical superintendent Dr T Oosthuizen has refused to give any information.

A South African Transport Services worker, Shadrack Slevu, based at the railway station opposite Barnett's Auto Spares' scrapyard, told how he saw police fetch the truck: "At about 4pm on Tuesday I saw a kombi of white policemen drive into the yard. About 15 minutes later they drove out in the truck, followed by a police van."

The owner of the scrapyard, who refused to give his name, seemed shaken the day after the incident. He ordered his employees not to talk to the *Weekly Mail*. When approached, he nervously replied: "I am not AWB. This has nothing to do with me." He added however that "they" (the police) hired vehicles from him from time to time to disguise themselves from township residents. He said if he had known what the police intended to use the truck for this time, he would not have hired it out. "Now my business is ruined, since mostly blacks support it."

Maokeng was tense in the wake of the shootings as youths thronged streets — dotted here and there with burnt-out cars — and Casspirs patrolled the area.

Residents say youths set six vehicles alight early this week after being harassed by police. Maokeng Democratic Crisis Committee (MDCC) general secretary Stoffel Mofokeng said since the Maokeng community embarked on a rent boycott three months ago, police have been harassing residents. The homes of three MDCC members were petrol bombed last month.

South African Police liaison officer, Major Reg Crewe confirmed that police shot two people dead this week in the OFS township. He said a crowd of about 1 000 people surrounded police, who were patrolling the township in a private vehicle, and threw stones and petrol bombs at them. Police then opened fire to disperse the crowd.

The spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order, Brigadier Leon Mellet, denied the police had deliberately hidden in the truck before surprising the crowd with shotgun fire.

He said the police were in an unmarked truck so they would not be noticed when trying to identify arson suspects.

"The vehicle stalled and was immediately attacked by a group of people who stoned it and tried to set it alight."

Police then fired on the attackers who ran away, said Mellet.

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Welkom tensen after killings

WELKOM. — Hundreds of armed right-wingers were meeting behind closed doors here last night to discuss Wednesday's riot at the President Steyn gold mine in which two white miners were killed and 14 black miners injured.

Meanwhile the mine's No 1 shaft has been

closed and the Conservative Party has called on white miners not to work unless they were sure they would be safe.

Last night's meeting of Afrikaner-Weerstandsbeweging and Blanke Veiligheidsbeweging members as well as white businessmen was held in the city's Portuguese Hall.

Press people were brusquely turned away by BV guards carrying rifles over the shoulders and pistols on their hips.

A planned Conservative Party press conference yesterday was abruptly cancelled

and reporters were told to expect a statement after last night's meeting.

In the tense city, blacks decided on Wednesday night that the consumer boycott, which has badly hit white shops, would continue.

Today a crisis meeting has been called in a bid to ease the tension. It will bring together the National Union of Mineworkers, the Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok, the Defence Force, the police, Anglo American (owners of the mine) and the Chamber of Mines.

Yesterday Mr Vlok said police reinforcements, backed by troops, had been sent to the city. This action would make it unnecessary for vigilante action there, he said.

However, Mr Vlok's action came as right-wing whites threatened to take the law into their own hands unless police intervened to halt what they claim is black intimidation of whites on the mines.

The AWB warned that unless security forces acted urgently, "no power on earth" would be in a position to prevent boers and white miners from taking drastic steps if

they were not protected satisfactorily at the President Steyn gold mine.

Yesterday 14 police vehicles with scores of armed police and dogs entered the mine area. Barricades manned by security forces were thrown across the entrances.

Hostels at the mine were searched for weapons. Police confiscated weapons from both blacks and whites at the hostels and interviewed all hostel members. Police urged the men to remain calm.

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Police reinforcements maintained a high profile in the streets.

Whites were reported to have spent the day buying up ammunition from gun shops in what one gun-shop owner described as a "tense situation".

The National Union of Mineworkers earlier expressed regret at the death of the two white miners, named by police as Mr Sydney Koen, 43, and Mr Johannes du Preez, 57.

"We make a special appeal to all the people of Welkom, both black and white, particularly the mineworkers, to remain calm and exercise maximum discipline," NUM publicity secretary Mr Jerry Majatladi said.

The Conservative Party, reacting yesterday to what it described as the "shocking murder of whites", called on white miners to down tools and not to work unless they were entirely sure they would be safe.

Mr Moolman Mentz, the party's law and order spokesman, is to request a special debate in Parliament about the incident.

And Mr Tiaan van der Merwe, the Democratic Party spokesman, said the "tragic events" should be investigated by an independent authority as a matter of urgency.

"It is also high time that white right-wingers moving about with rifles, shotguns, whips and knives be disarmed and that proper police protection be provided where necessary," he said.

Anglo's gold and uranium division managing director Mr Lionel Hewitt told a press conference yesterday that overall production at the mine complex, known as South Freegold, was not seriously affected by the closure of the No 1 shaft.

The shaft had been closed in terms of the Mines and Works Act.

All employees at the President Steyn mine number 1 shaft were being briefed on the situation and asked to desist from further violence.

Police searched employees who were on their way from the mine to Thabong township after all workers had been sent home yesterday.

'10 blacks for every white' — Piet 'Skiet'

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Weekend Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Former city councillor and right-wing activist Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph has vowed to shoot 10 blacks for every white killed in Welkom.

Mr Rudolph, who has been in hiding for more than a month, yesterday said he was involved in the shooting at Sebokeng, in which at least 14 people were killed on March 26.

He said Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok's talks with the various groups in Welkom had resulted in nothing and "was not worth the paper it was written on."

"Our people are still being sold out and will have to take the law into their own hands. We will use the same weapons (as those stolen from the South African Air Force)," Mr Rudolph told the Pretoria News, sister newspaper of Weekend Argus, in a telephone call.

He urged Mr Vlok to immediately solve the racial crisis in Welkom "otherwise I will give an order for people to shoot".

He added: "The police will have to catch me alive. I have crossed the Rubicon. They have closed the doors behind me."

Welkom: Blacks and whites in urgent talks

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WELKOM. — Mining companies and trade unions, representing black and white workers, for the first time have held joint discussions in an urgent bid to seek solutions to the racial conflict which erupted in the goldfields this week.

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Mr Naidoo said the NUM delegation had called for the immediate disbanding of vigilante groups, which he said exacerbated racial tension, as these organisations drew heavily for their membership on

white workers.

Asked whether that meant the banning of such organisations, he said jokingly: “No, we are not in power yet.”

Asked to comment on rumours that the banning of organisations such as the BV had been mooted, BV leader Mr Muller said: “Then there will be war.”

Mr Naidoo also accused mine security officers of not acting with restraint during Wednesday's clash, adding that they had provoked the violence.

A police investigation has been launched.

Mr Naidoo expressed satisfaction at the outcome of the meeting, saying the crucial test was whether the agreement could be implemented “at least by engaging in discussions at mine level”.

Mr Ramaphosa told the press conference that no one wanted to see the situation escalating into full-scale violence. “Our members will continue to act with restraint. We will communicate the agreement to our members.”

Concern

He said his delegation had communicated members' concern about “how mining security do things” and had expressed concern about the actions of vigilante groups.

Tom Main, chief executive of the Chamber of Mines, said future discussions would be important. He endorsed Mr Vlok's call for “calm in the difficult and awkward situation”.

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Sebokeng dead and injured shot in back

VEREENIGING. — Four of the five people killed at the Sebokeng brewery and 43 of the 76 people injured there were shot in the back.

This was stated yesterday by Mr Karel Tip, a lawyer appearing on behalf of some of the injured and for some dead victims' families, who questioned the commander of the SAP's Reaction Unit in charge of police action during the Sebokeng incidents of March 26.

Captain Willie du Plooy also said he believed "the shooting by so many SAP members had been necessary".

The captain was yesterday's only witness at the Goldstone Judicial Commission of Inquiry into the shootings at Sebokeng and other Vaal Triangle townships on March 26, 1990.

At least 12 people died and more than 300 were injured.

Captain Du Plooy said he had his first contact at 7.45am that day with 300 rioters at a barricade who were intimidating passengers in minitaxis on the Golden Highway near Evaton. He ordered them arrested.

An hour later, after meeting and accompanying a different "peaceful group of about 20 000 people" from Evaton to Sebokeng, he came across a 2km-long crowd on their way to the Golden Highway. They were armed with sticks, metal staves and bricks.

He formed a police cordon — made up of members of the Vanderbijl Park and the Krugersdorp reaction units — to stop the crowd in front of the Sebokeng brewery.

After the departure of Colonel Othniel Paddy Mazibuko, Sebokeng's police station commander who accepted a memorandum from the marchers, all but five of the organising marshals moved into the middle of the crowd.

Two flanks suddenly branched out from the main body of demonstrators and Captain Du Plooy ordered some of his men to prevent these flanks from moving towards Vereeniging.

Police statistics indicate that this portion of the crowd would have totalled about 200 000 people — possibly the largest march in SA history.

Seconds after about five stones were thrown from the crowd, Captain Du Plooy heard shots fired. — Sapa

White, black miners to talk

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WELKOM. — Black and white miners here are to sit down to discuss common security grievances.

This is the outcome of a four-hour meeting last night between Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok and representatives of a wide range of labour unions, the Chamber of Mines and Anglo American. The SAP, SADF and mine security were also represented.

Meanwhile, during the talks, a white assistant mine manager was stoned while driving past Anglo's President Steyn gold mine. Mr Daniel Jacobus Jacobs was admitted to Welkom Provincial Hospital with a gash in his head. He received four stitches.

The meeting follows rising racial tensions in the town after two white mine officials were killed, four injured and 14 black miners injured.

Both Mr Vlok and National Union of Mineworkers general secretary Mr Cyril Ramaphosa described the meeting as "historic".

The chamber, NUM and the Council of Mine Unions (CMU) agreed to enter into urgent discussions to talk on the security of mine employees — to be initiated by the chamber, Mr Vlok said.

Mr Ramaphosa and CMU representatives agreed the meeting had been fruitful. The CMU is an umbrella body for eight artisan and skilled labour unions, including the constitutionally whites-only Mine Workers' Union.

Mr Vlok and Mr Ramaphosa agreed that vigilante groups in Welkom were unnecessary.

After the meeting he asked Mr Ramaphosa to help in ending Welkom's black consumer boycott of white businesses that has crippled trade in the town and threatens many shops with closure.

Conservative Party MP for Welkom Mr Eddie Jordaan said he was happy the talks had gone well and that black and white miners were talking together for the first time. — Sapa

Woman is living in fear of bullies



277 THE PICTURE ... white thugs beat up a cowering black man in broad daylight

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dent to the police. She received threatening phone calls at all times of the day and night. Initially, the callers tried to ascertain whether she was the woman who made a statement to the police.

One caller phoned late one night and said: "If you're the one who told the police we're going to get you, you kaffirboetie."

Another midnight caller warned: "Watch your jugular because your blood is going to be splashed all over the walls."

Sickened

Frantic with fear for the safety of her husband and child, the woman moved home.

She said she was sickened by the apathy of the scores of people who didn't lift a finger to help the hapless man or even report to the police what they'd seen.

"How can civilised human beings witness such horrific atrocities and just turn a blind eye?" the woman asked.

"If everybody hides behind their fears and refuses to stand up against racial injustice, what will become of South Africa?"

- Four white youths have appeared in the Welkom Magistrate's Court in connection with the incident. No charges were put to them and no evidence was led. They were released on bail and will appear in court again soon.

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A WELKOM mother is living in fear of her life after providing police with a photograph of young white thugs savagely assaulting a young black man.

The attractive brunette, who asked not to be identified, has gone into hiding after the incident seven weeks ago in which four white youths brutally attacked the man with knobkerries and a mallet.

She has moved out of her home into a secret hideout and has changed her telephone number.

Scores of Welkom residents watched the brutal beating which took place in broad daylight in St Helena — but only the woman came forward to make a statement to the police.

"It was the most horrific scene I have ever encountered," she said, "and children stood by while I shouted, 'her support'."

"There were cries of 'Skop die kaffer, omig, skop die kaffer (kick the kaffer, uncle, kick the kaffer)' while beating the cowering man the frenzied youths shouted racial obscenities.

The terrified woman told the Sunday Times how her life had been hell since she reported the incident.

Woman in fear after exposing bully boys

Agony of assaulted miner

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By DE WET POTGIETER

A WHITE miner lost his manhood in one of the most horrific racial incidents to surface in Welkom.

Mr Frans van Heerden, 40, described yesterday how his testicles were crushed with a rock, leaving him impotent, during an underground shift in February.

"I can no longer call myself a man," he said bitterly.

"But my wife and I are

lucky to have two lovely children to brighten our lives."

Mr Van Heerden, a shaft sinker at Freddie's, near Odendaalsrus, was injured in a fight with one of his black assistants.

Meanwhile, groups of white vigilantes have been roaming the streets of Virginia and Welkom.

There have been reports of black men and women being rounded up at random and severely beaten.

The Harmony Hospital, in Virginia, has reported an average of six cases of severe assault a night.

More than 400 people attended a special meeting at Welkom's Portuguese Hall on Thursday night, where efforts were made by the

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vigilantes to enlist the support of small businessmen to establish a militant traders' organisation to fight the boycott.

As a result, the Goldfields Independent Traders' Association disbanded.

Gita, which had been involved with negotiations with the Thabong boycott committee to resolve the dispute, was not prepared to be associated with a more militant approach by traders.

A spokesman said: "There is still life after the boycott."

"We must plan for the long term and a more militant attitude towards the issue would only be to the detriment of Welkom businessmen in the long run."

Since its inception, the steering committee of Gita and the Rev Gavin Graham, of St Luke's Methodist Church in Welkom, were in

tireless negotiations with the boycott committee, Colonel Hennie Heymans, district commissioner of police, and the vigilantes in an effort to resolve the issue.

A spokesman for Gita said on Thursday, before its disbandment, that several smaller businessmen in Welkom were on the verge of collapse.

He called on the municipality and landlords to be lenient with demands for rent payment during this difficult time.

"Gita had taken the negotiations to its limits, but the vigilantes trying to use the businessmen's plight for their own militant ends will only spell disaster for us in the long run," the concerned businessman and former executive member of Gita said.

Welkom's

By DE WET POTGIETER

AN UNEASY peace came to the Free State Goldfields this weekend — but the seething cauldron of racial tension that saw the brutal murder of two white mine officials is still on the boil.

Colonel Hennie Heymans, district commissioner of police in the northern Free State, said yesterday: "The situation is by no means resolved, but we will do everything possible to avoid bloodshed on the streets."

Col Heymans has emerged as something of a hero in a week of drama. Warring factions of heavily armed right wingers and militant blacks — who refuse to consider ending the week-old consumer boycott — have been kept apart by a thin blue line of police reinforcements.

But on Wednesday night, shortly after the murders at the President Steyn Mine of Mr Sydney Koen, 42, and Mr Doep du Preez, 54, the line held only as a result of Col Heyman's direct intervention.

Ugly

As news of the attacks spread through the Goldfields, vigilante groups sprang into action bent on reprisals.

Mr Hennie Muller, leader of the Blanke Veiligheid group, said "My men were mobilised within 10 minutes of hearing about the murders. We were armed to the teeth and ready to take revenge."

About 400 members of the BV, the AWB and the Flamingoes marched on the Welkom police station armed with shotguns, rifles and handguns to demand action.

"It was ugly," said Col Heymans.

"When I saw that mob I thought this was the start of a war."

Demand

A spokesman for the group said the murders had negated their undertaking to Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok to stay off the streets and made it clear they would go after the killers themselves.

"It took some time and a lot of persuasion, but I eventually managed to convince the leaders of the vigilantes that we would handle the situation," said Col Heymans.

He also undertook to convey to Mr Vlok their demand for a curfew in Welkom.

The crowd dispersed — but no one on the Goldfields is willing to guarantee that a similar situation will not arise.

Mr Muller warned. "I've got more than 6 000 men under my command. Since Wednesday it's becoming extremely difficult to keep a rein on them. If those two

One man controls the thin blue line between factions



HENNIE MULLER
Ready for revenge

men had been murdered anywhere but on mine property we would set the Goldfields alight."

Mr Muller — who claimed last week he had joined Inkatha — also warned of a

"bloodbath" if any Zulu was attacked.

"There are 30 000 Inkatha members in Welkom alone. If one of them is killed or injured Inkatha will mobilise every impi in the area to take revenge against the boycotters."

AWB leader Mr Blikkies Blignaut vowed "The AWB will uphold its right to self-defence, and any threat against whites will be countered with all the power and might at our disposal."

"I promise you, any more attacks on whites will unleash an anger from hell among my men, the mineworkers and the people of this town — and it won't be stopped by anyone."

Police acted swiftly after Wednesday's murders.

On Thursday, they cor-

doned off the mine hostel where the two men were attacked by a mob of toy-toting blacks shouting ANC slogans and proclaiming "Mandela is our manager now."

A thorough search of the building resulted in the confiscation of a truckload of hand-made firearms, pangas, hammers and dagga.

The police failed to find two shotguns forcibly taken from mine security guards during Wednesday's confrontation, but by Friday 19 people had been arrested in connection with the murders.

Mr Koen was a training officer at the mine, while Mr Du Preez, who worked for Intergold, an Anglo American computer company that serves the mining industry, was on his way to pick up his



FIRING LINE ... Col Hennie Heymans

wife at a Welkom shopping centre when he was attacked.

He was stabbed to death behind the wheel of his car after crashing into a security barrier when the mob stoned his vehicle.

Mr Koen died during a confrontation between 30 sacked mineworkers and security staff late on Wednesday afternoon.

Twelve black mineworkers were injured when mine security guards opened fire on the mob with rubber bullets and 9mm pistols.

Four whites were also seriously injured in the incident.

On Friday, the assistant manager of President Steyn, Mr Danny Jacobs, was injured when his car was stoned on the road to Virginia.

Tomorrow, the latest move to end the threat by vigilantes to take the law into their own hands will be implemented.

A 24-hour police presence on nearly every doorstep in Welkom has been approved by the city council. It will involve every member of the community.

Hopes

Each municipal ward has been placed under control of its city councillor and the police have allocated three patrol cars and 83 policemen to the neighbourhood watch project.

Police reinforcements and 100 SA Defence Force troops were moved into Welkom this week, but following talks between Mr Vlok, the Council of Mining Unions and the National Union of Mineworkers, hopes of peace are being pinned on appeals for an end to the violence.

Mining companies have undertaken to ensure security on their properties, while the security forces will be responsible for the safety of residential areas on mine property and in the town.

But the situation remains volatile.

Colonel

Welkom remains tense after talks to defuse racial

By DESMOND BLOW

WELKOM remains tense despite Friday's meeting between white and black mine unions, mine bosses, and Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok.

The meeting was held to try to defuse the racial conflict which erupted at President Steyn No 1 shaft last week, which left two white miners dead and several others injured.

Yesterday there were rumours that Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, who went to ground after allegedly stealing automatic weapons from the SADF armory, was in hiding in Welkom, and ready to launch an attack on Thabong township.

Police were not available to comment on this issue.

Shortly before the start of the four-hour meeting, traffic police swooped on black hawkers at central Welkom's taxi ranks, confiscating produce as the hawkers did not have licences.

A police car was stoned by angry onlookers. According to a prominent black lawyer, "hawkers have been trading without licences for years, but this was deliberate harassment because blacks are boycotting white businesses".

Later three youths stoned a car driven by Danny Jacobs, assistant mine manager at the President Steyn No 1 shaft. He was admitted to hospital for stitches.

Cyrti Ramaphosa, who led the NUM delegation at Friday's talks, said the ending of the boycott would be discussed during the week end.

Both he and Vlok described the meeting as "historic"

because it was the first time a white and a black mining union had sat down to talk to each other.

Both called for restraint.

Vlok appealed to white vigilante groups not to patrol the streets to fight crime, but to leave it to the police and the SADF.

Critics, however, are not satisfied with Vlok's attitude towards the vigilante groups — the Blanke Veiligheid and the AWB.

They said he should order the police to take firm action against them if they accosted blacks.

Vlok has said there was nothing the police could do as the vigilante groups were not acting unlawfully.

However, he admitted to City Press that any person molested by the vigilantes could lay charges with the

police. "But I don't know whether they would succeed in bringing a prosecution," he said.

An Anglo American spokesman said trouble on the mine stemmed from alleged racial preference given to white miners.

Friday's meeting included delegates from the white Council of Mine Unions (CMU), NUM, Cosatu, Chamber of Mines and certain mining houses. The police, SADF and mine security were also represented.

After the meeting, Vlok said all parties agreed to discuss mine employees' security.

It was agreed that the NUM, CMU and Chamber of Mines would form a "working structure" to solve problems of racial bias on the mines.

An Anglo American spokesman said the majority of workers returned to work No 1 shaft on Friday night.

Violence

By WILLIE KUHN, political columnist of Beeld

VIOLENCE inspired by politics or which influences politics has become one of South Africa's most crucial problems.

"Terrorists" who return to play a political role and whites who are preparing for acts of terrorism or conventional violence signal the transitional instability the country is experiencing.

In Welkom, where the racial fuses have been smouldering for weeks, there was an explosion.

Confrontations between white and black mineworkers caused the death of two white mine officials.

The maintainers of law and order, community leaders and politicians will have to act very firmly and responsibly, or the first shots of a South African Armageddon could be fired.

Violence can also be practising of politics in another manner.

When the ANC believed in the 1960s that all democratic channels for gaining rights were closed, it turned to armed struggle. Now all channels have been opened, causing any

Politically inspired violence has become a crucial problem

reason for violence to fall away.

There can be no doubt that the ANC's struggle (with weapons and diplomatic means) eventually caused South Africans to realise channels had to be opened, as the alternative would have been a progressively besieged country. History is a repetition of themes.

The oppressed turns into the oppressor so easily.

The Afrikaner's shedding of British domination almost automatically turned into domination of blacks.

Now South Africa is confronted by the reality of a reversed situation: the black violence which bore political fruits could lead to white violence with white political attainment in mind.

It would not help to re-

nounce far-rightwing extremism out of hand without trying to understand its political message.

Equally, it would also not promote political solutions in South Africa if the ANC - its eyes not yet fully opened to realities because of its lengthy underground existence - should sanctimoniously try to wash its hands in innocence while renouncing rightwing threats out of hand.

The ANC must make its contribution towards a relaxed political situation with action which shows understanding for those who feel threatened.

To reject the debate on minority rights in anticipation will contribute to militancy - not only in rightwing circles, but also among moderates.

Please understand, this is not a plea for rightwing

politics, but a for an understanding of the more deeply-rooted driving forces in a divided South Africa.

This also means that we should not fall into the trap by demonising movements, only to find that they represent ordinary people who are simply striving for political objectives.

Unfortunately, the rightwing is making a gross mistake.

They who threaten a "holy war" should be able to understand why politically frustrated blacks turned to violence decades ago.

Now the rightwing tends to judge those people only in their role as "terrorists", refusing to admit the causes behind their actions.

Should this become the mutual attitude, we shall perpetuate the violence-seeking roles and no solutions will be possible.

What is needed is that the ANC be recognised as a political organisation (this the government has done); that the ANC shows a better understanding of frustrations which could force people outside the boundaries of the law; and that all stakeholders should join in negotiations.

The rightwing cannot talk about war before negotiations have not even started.

A world of peaceful possibilities awaits us.

All views can still be debated.

Only when all possibilities have failed and while minority groups feel trapped upon can the question of whether violence might be justified be put.

The raging storm of changes could become calm waters with such an approach.

If the ANC exercises sensitivity and government manages law and order in such a manner, there will be no need for a variety of quasi-security organisations.

Keep out of township warning

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Security forces today warned whites that they entered the Welkom township of Thabong at their own risk after five people died and scores were injured in police action.

And hundreds of Thabong residents were left stranded without buses to go to work as barricades on streets made driving through the township difficult.

The security force warning was issued after a Kroonstad man, Mr Hugh du Plessis, 37, was attacked, stabbed and sjambokked at a black taxi rank near the township yesterday. He had apparently just arrived in town in a black taxi.

The situation was described as "quiet but very tense" and security forces were on the alert in Welkom and Thabong.

"No revenge attacks will be tolerated from any quarter," said police spokesman Major Johan Fouche.

Yesterday four people were killed in Thabong and one was trampled to death in police action at the Saaiplaas gold mine near Virginia.

A Law and Order Ministry spokesman, Brigadier Leon Mellet, appealed for calm and said police would not allow peace initiatives in the mining town to be derailed by the violence of those who opposed it.

40 injured

"This does not affect last Friday's peace talks. The majority of people in Welkom and Thabong want the peace plans to go ahead, but it is clear that yesterday's violence was the result of the actions of some people who did not want to see the consumer boycott lifted," said Brigadier Mellet.

The Thabong violence erupted after a mass meeting resolved to suspend the 14-day boycott which crippled much of Welkom's commerce and cost businessmen as much as R1 million a day.

Police said they knew of 40 injured in the violence and said vehicles and three beerhalls had been destroyed.

By this morning 25 people had been treated for injuries at Welkom Hospital. The superintendent of the town's Ernest Oppenheimer Hospital, Dr Brian Brink, said there were 15 Thabong victims in the hospital, four of whom were in a serious condition.

Thabong Youth Congress member Mr Tshepo Jobo said a large number of police fired at the crowd without warning.

But police spokesman Major Reg Crewe said: "We were forced to act when the mob went on the rampage."

Unrest in Welkom

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THREE people were killed and scores seriously injured in Thabong, Welkom yesterday when violence flared shortly after a mass meeting resolved to call off an 11 day consumer boycott.

South African Police liaison officer in Pretoria Major Reg Crewe confirmed the deaths last night and said he could not give any details related to the deaths at that stage.

According to Thabong Youth Congress member Mr

By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN and Sapa

Tshepo Jobo, police shot at mineworkers and township residents while they returned home. Within an hour barricades had been thrown up and heavily armed police fired rubber bullets, birdshot and teargas at people in the streets. Maj Crewe, also said "things were a little hectic" and reports were coming in slowly. Earlier in the evening in a statement to Sapa, he said

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Three die in Welkom

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Incidents of unrest flared in the township from about 3pm into the early evening. ~~Soweto~~ 21/5/90. Stones were thrown and property was set alight. No specific details of the unrest were immediately available. The unrest necessitated police action, which included the use of tearsmoke, rubber bullets and birdshot. A number of people

have been reported injured but further details, including the precise circumstances in which the people were hurt, were not available," Major Crewe said.

As the sun set, and smoke poured from burning tyres and barricades, a police helicopter circled the township. And shots were heard while police vehicles drove round the streets and a heavy police contingent waited on the edge of the township.

At Ernest Oppenheimer Mine Hospital mineworkers with rubber

bullet and birdshot wounds were treated. Mr Ephraim Ramarokolo (52), a winch driver at the President Steyn mine had his lip ripped from his nose by a rubber bullet and hung from a 6cm long and 2cm deep gash with open flesh hanging out.

Blood spurted from his mouth as he said he had been standing at the gate of a house when a rubber bullet hit him. Large angry crowds filled the dusty streets afterwards and a white-owned tavern was burned.

THE MARK OF EXCELLENCE

Township sealed off after five deaths

Keep out of Thabong, Welkom whites urged

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Troops and police last night sealed off Thabong township and today warned all whites that they entered at their own risk after five people died in police action and scores more were injured near Welkom, Virginia and Theunissen in the Free State yesterday.

The warning was issued after a white man was attacked, stabbed and sjambokked by blacks at a black taxi rank near Thabong yesterday.

The situation today was described as "quiet but very tense", and security forces were on the alert in both Welkom and Thabong to prevent further violence.

Police would not allow revenge attacks by whites on blacks and were taking steps to prevent this, said Northern Free State police spokesman Major Johan Fouche. "No revenge attacks will be tolerated from any quarter."

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Mass meeting

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By Craig Kotze

ly of 40 injured in the violence and said three beerhalls and several vehicles were destroyed in the rampaging in Thabong.

By this morning, 25 people had been treated for injuries at Welkom Hospital, said a spokesman. The superintendent of the town's Ernest Oppenheimer Hospital, Dr Brian Brink, said there were 15 Thabong victims in the hospital, four in a serious condition.

Police rejected claims that they had opened fire without warning on crowds leaving the meeting. They said a mob of about 500 youths who wanted to march on Welkom were ordered back to Thabong. When they entered the township, they stoned police vehicles and petrol-bombed houses.

The homes of four policemen were burnt down. A truck and a bus were also gutted.

A police lieutenant was injured when hit by a brick.

Thabong Youth Congress member Tshepo Jobo said a large number of police had opened fire on the crowd without warning.

Major Reg Crewe, a Pretoria police spokesman, said "We reject the claim that police opened fire without warning. We were forced to act when the mob went on the rampage."

He said about 1 000 miners and 500 youths formed a procession after the mass meeting at Thabong soccer stadium. They displayed flags and banners and apparently intended marching to Welkom.

Police allowed the miners to continue to Welkom, from where they were to catch taxis to nearby mine hostels. The youths were ordered back to Thabong.

As they entered the township, they stoned police and private vehicles and hurled petrol bombs, said Major Crewe.

Taxi rank

A white man was stabbed in the chest near Thabong on Sunday evening and transferred to Bloemfontein hospital.

The victim was identified by police as Mr Hugh du Plessis (37), of Kroonstad, who was attacked by a group of blacks at Manny's taxi rank. He had apparently just arrived in town by black taxi.

An Ernest Oppenheimer Hospital ambulance sent to fetch needed medical staff from Thabong was stoned.

The Thabong violence erupted only two days after a historic meeting in Welkom on Friday between mining companies, trade unions and Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok to end racially motivated violence.

According to police, the Saalplaas shootings took place after mobs looted stores on Saturday night and yesterday.



President de Klerk (centre) and Foreign Minister Pik Botha (right) visited Broterij at the weekend to honour South African soldiers killed in two world wars.

FW meets West German firms

By Peter Fabricius, Political Correspondent

BONN — President de Klerk today takes his message of reform to political and business leaders of South Africa's biggest trading partner — West Germany.

One of his most important appointments is with the giant Deutsche Bank and about 20 major German companies to try to break the freeze on investment in South Africa.

His meeting with West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl also takes place today.

Diplomatic sources said they expected Mr Kohl to give Mr de Klerk a warm reception and an assurance of support in trying to persuade the European Community to begin lifting sanctions.

But German diplomats point out that Mr Kohl will not make a move until ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela has also visited Germany next month.

● In a television interview with BBC television, screened on the SABC's "Network" programme last night, Mr de Klerk said that across Europe there was an understanding of a new reality in South Africa and an acceptance that the country's new goals were for a just South Africa.

The interviewer said many critics felt it necessary, for the world to be convinced of South Africa's sincerity in dismantling apartheid, for Mr de Klerk to make some sweeping statement condemning apartheid.

"If people say I haven't done that, then they haven't listened," he replied.

EC ready to reassess policy on sanctions

SNEEM (Republic of Ireland) — Foreign Ministers of the European Community (EC) confirmed yesterday that they were ready to reassess their policy of limited sanctions against South Africa in recognition of reforms initiated by President de Klerk.

The Ministers, many of whom have met Mr de Klerk on his present tour of Western Europe, gave a clear indication that they might offer some softening of the EC stance to Pretoria when they meet in Luxembourg on June 1. Any decision taken there would probably be endorsed by the EC summit a week later in Dublin.

The apparent change of mood was a clear boost for British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd, who stood alone in recommending a relaxation.

Dutch Foreign Minister Hans van den Broek indicated he might support some easing of sanctions but only if they were linked specifically to new reform measures.

The apparent shift from sanctions came in spite of the Ministers receiving a letter from the Commonwealth urging maintenance of sanctions — The In

Buses avoid trouble spots

Star 21/5/90

WELKOM — Hundreds of Thabong residents were today left stranded without bus transport to work, following yesterday's police shooting which left five people dead and many injured.

Last night barricades on streets hindered traffic.

A burnt-out bus and a truck, which residents said belonged to a business in town, blocked the entrance to the township.

The Star team in the township was forced to take cover last night when a police truck passing by opened fire last night.

Reporters were told to leave a provincial hospital in Welkom where many injured were being treated. Bloodstained floors could be seen as emergency staff worked overtime.

US Jews heckle Tutu

PASADENA (California) — Jewish Defence League activists heckled Archbishop Desmond Tutu yesterday, forcing cancellation of a church reception for him. "Tell him to lay off Israel," said a league spokesman, referring to the archbishop's recent plea to Jewish leaders to speak out in support of a separate Palestinian state. — Associated

Twelve reported shot as meeting calls off Welkom consumer boycott

POLICE shot and wounded at least 12 people in Welkom yesterday as they were returning from a mass meeting which decided to suspend the consumer boycott of white shops from tomorrow, eye-witnesses said.

Thabong Youth Congress member Tshepo Jobo said police standing at the entrance to the township opened fire with rubber bullets and birdshot as miners returned home. Police comment was not immediately available.

The meeting, at Thabong soccer stadium, agreed to end the boycott because vigilante patrols and attacks had stopped.

It decided to set up a joint working committee with police, the Welkom City Council, representatives of commerce, and the white community to monitor the education crisis, while vigilante action and police impartiality.

Earlier in the afternoon, SADF and SAP units patrolled tense Welkom streets as the crowd of 5 000 gathered in the stadium to hear the township's crisis committee debate the future of the boycott.

The boycott was called as a protest against white vigilantism in Welkom, and was expected to end last Wednesday. But it continued after two white mine officials

MATTHEW CURTIN

died in a clash with black mineworkers at Anglo American's President Steyn No 1 shaft, and AWB and Blanke Veiligheid supporters took to the streets calling for vengeance.

Yesterday morning army Casspirs escorted toyi-toying miners and khaki-clad ANC marshalls brandishing dummy weapons from President Steyn Mine to the outskirts of the township.

Anglo spokesman Adrian du Plessis yesterday said it was expected the shaft would

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reopen today. Black mineworkers returned to work on Saturday, but mine management was continuing to negotiate with the all-white Council of Mining Unions (CMU) over the weekend, to reassure white miners reluctant to return to work underground.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that large crowds of blacks stormed and looted two shops at the Saaiplaas Gold Mine in Virginia on the Free State goldfields several times late on Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Four men were wounded when police opened fire on the looters. The wounded

and four other men were arrested. A large quantity of stolen goods worth thousands of rands was recovered.

Police spokesman Maj Johan Fouché said the incidents were not linked to the consumer boycott and unrest in Welkom.

He said the police and the defence force were patrolling Welkom around the clock and there had been no unrest-related incidents so far on Sunday.

Local district commissioner of police Col Hennie Heymans asked Welkom residents not to take the law into their own hands, but to report all unrest-related incidents to the police.

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Two Free State mine shops looted

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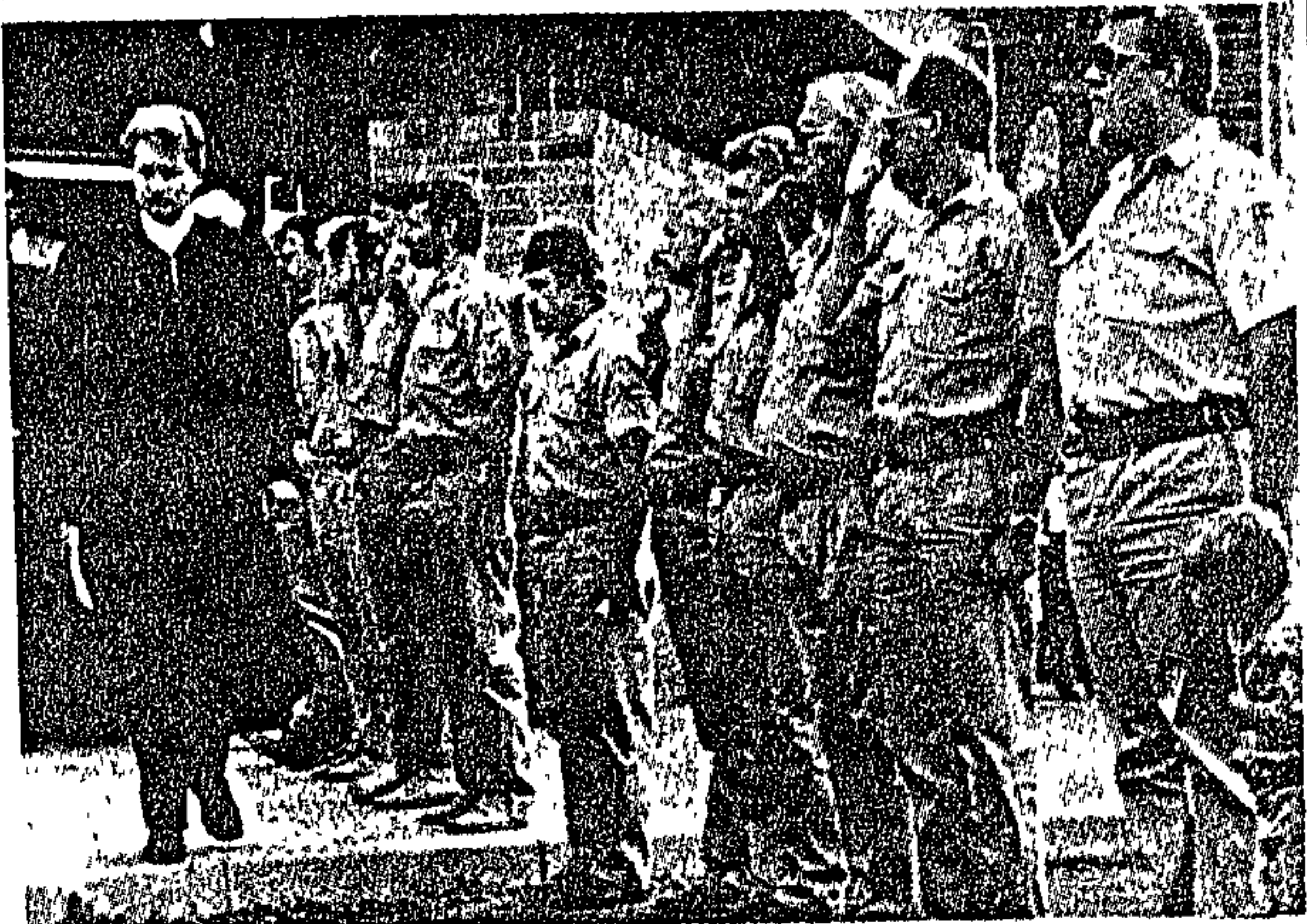
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Constable P J Starke saw the men breaking into his car in Spitskop Road, Tafelsig, about 2.30am. One threw a knife at him and the other ran away.

Constable Stark fired at the 30-year-old knife-thrower, killing him.

A shot was fired to warn the man running away and though he dropped the radio, he ran on. A second shot was fired and the man, aged 35, was killed.

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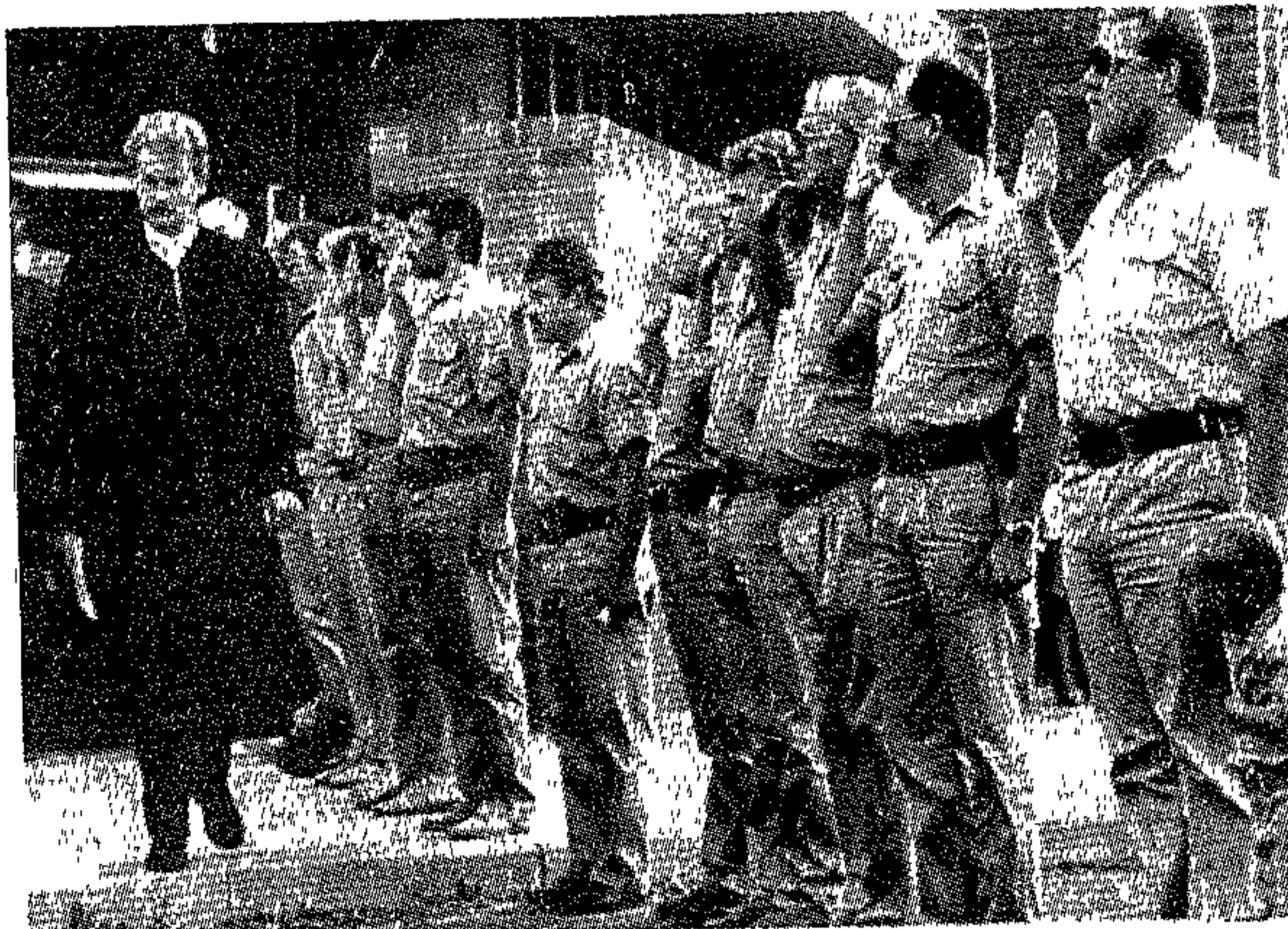
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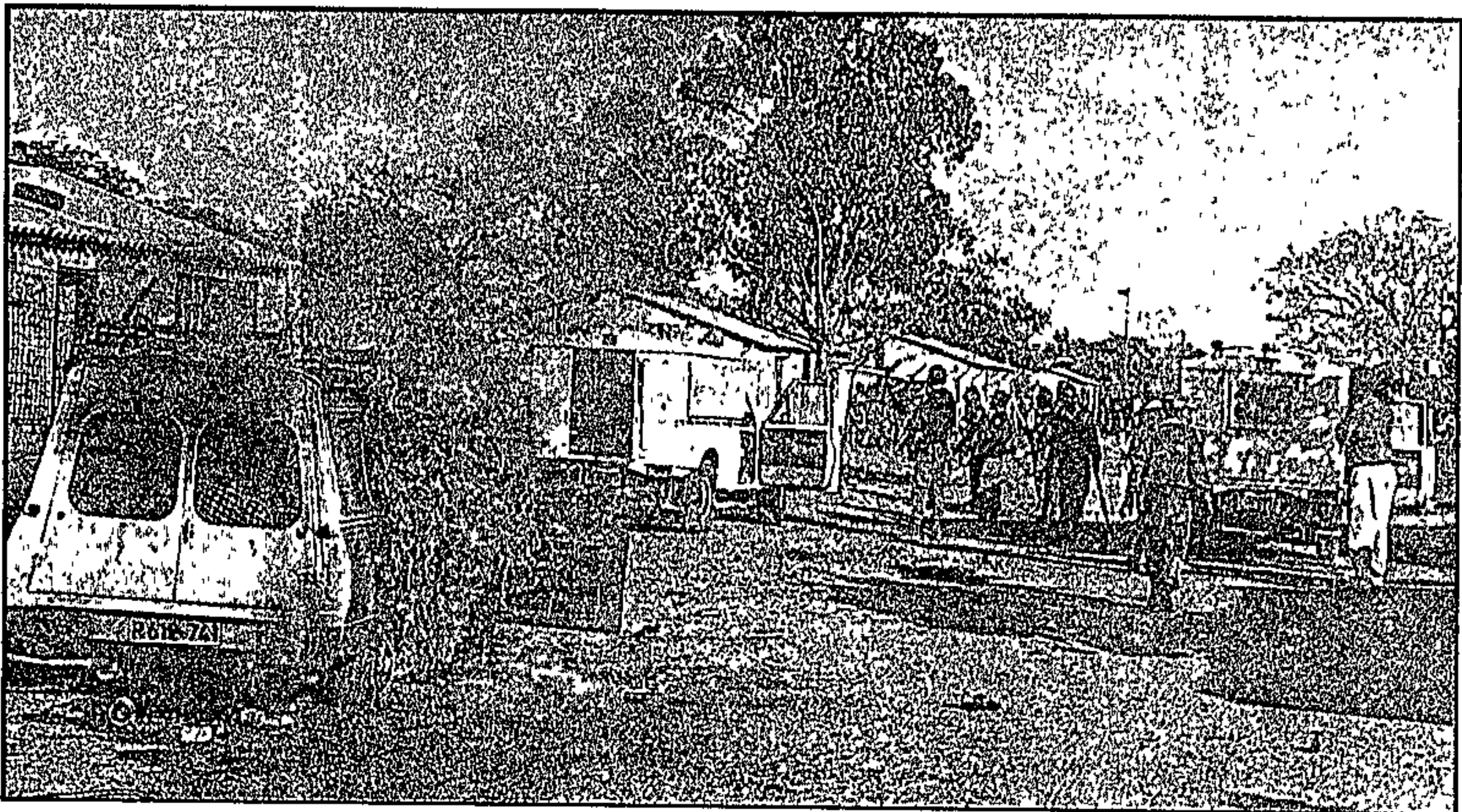
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A Post Office van burns after being set alight in renewed violence in Thabong, Welkom yesterday. Pic: ALF KUMALO

Death toll rises

Nine killed,
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AS destruction and mayhem spread through Thabong township, in Welkom, the death toll rose to nine last night.

One of the victims, a Mr Phakathi, who was a councillor, was stabbed and burnt to death.

By late last night Major Johan Fouche of the Welkom police was unable to confirm Mr Phakathi's death.

However, television footage by a foreign crew showed the burnt body of a man and his house in flames.

The other eight died as a result

By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN

of Sunday's violence after a meeting in the township, where it was decided that the consumer boycott would be called off today.

Forty-eight people were arrested on Sunday, 40 of whom are in hospital, Colonel Hennie Heymans, district commander for the Northern Free State said earlier yesterday.

The situation in the greater Welkom area is "volatile".

Police are patrolling Thabong and the Blanke Veiligheid - who have rescinded the agreement to "lay low" - are patrolling the town's streets. Police are monitor-

ing them closely, Heymans said.

He praised the people of Thabong for being co-operative.

"We have enough policemen to ensure the public's safety," he said.

Earlier in the day media crews were forced to leave the township either under police instruction or under pressure from township residents.

The Sowetan team was attacked and the company vehicle was slightly damaged.

Meanwhile, the streets of Thabong were littered with rocks, tyres and other items making up barricades.

People also loitered about.

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Troops, police pour into Thabong to curb killings, arson, looting

Free State death toll rises to 10

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Reports by Mike Cohen, Helen Grange and Stan Hlophe.

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The meeting follows yesterday's severe setback to efforts to resolve the goldfields racial confrontation when the right-wing Blanke Velheid (BV) withdrew from peace talks.

White right-wingers have demanded an immediate curfew and have reinstated patrols.

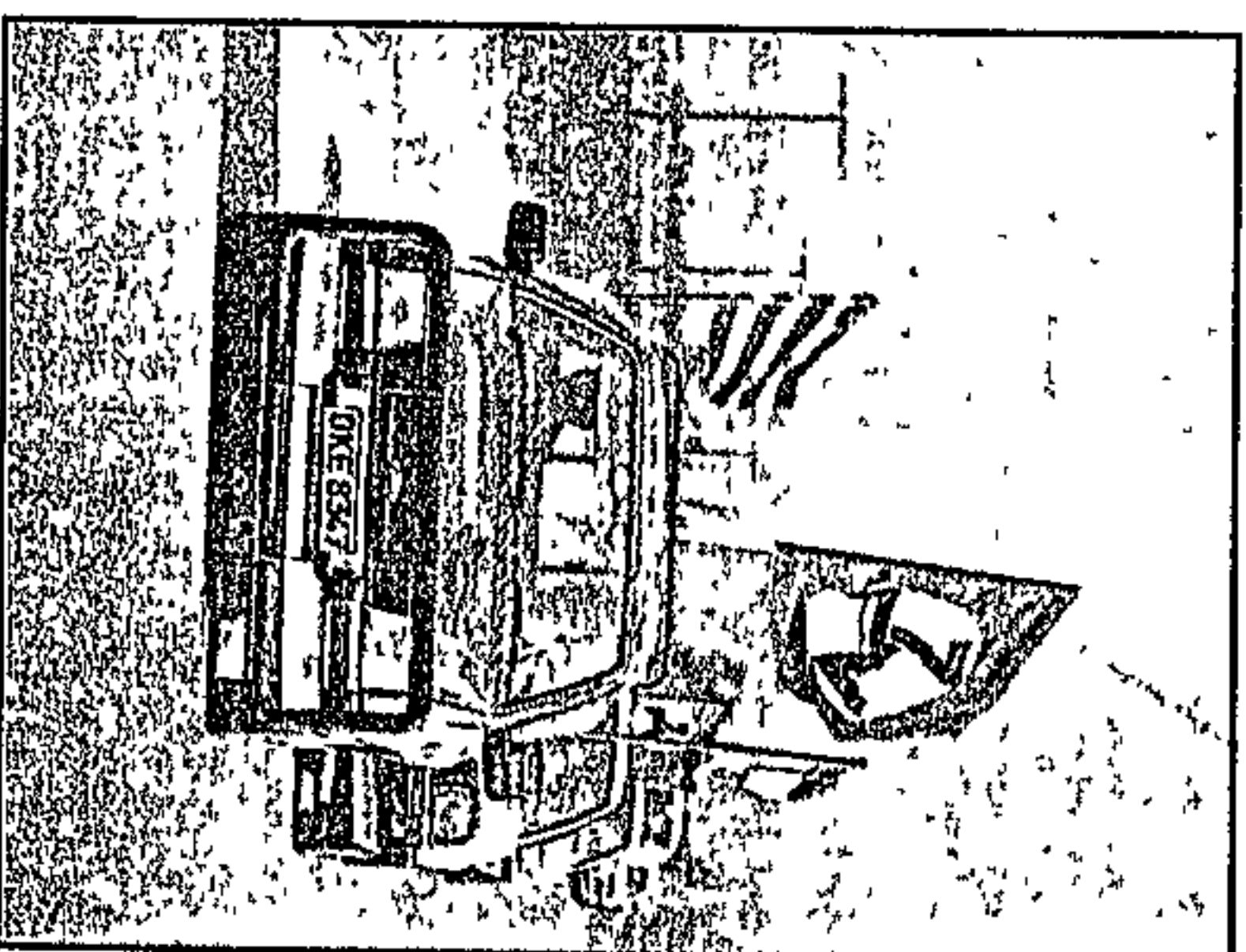
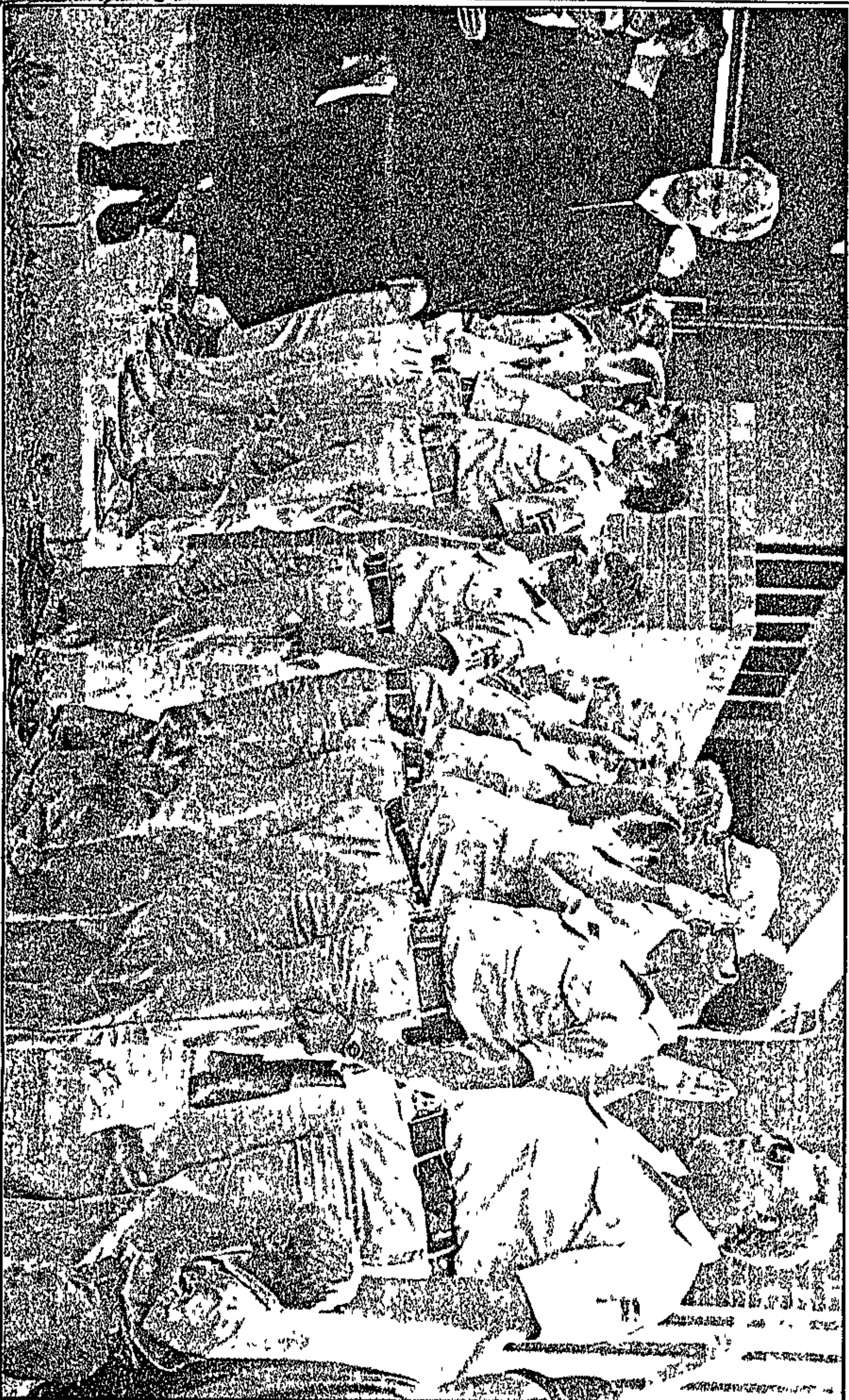
Mr Bennie Muller, leader of the BV, told The Star yesterday: "We are now not going to talk to anyone. Not to Adriaan Vlok and not to the police."

President Nelson Mandela, back in the Republic after an African tour, has condemned the shootings.

He said he could not be sure whether the Government was unable to control its armed forces and police, or whether it had given instructions for the actions.

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PAC general secretary Benny Alexander declined to say yesterday how his movement would respond to the right-wing violence.



AWB guard of honour

A small boy peeps around khaki-clad legs (left) as AWB members stand to attention while a dominee leaves the funeral yesterday of Sydney Koen, a mine official killed in last week's racial conflict on held in the Free State town of Hennenman. A column of vehicles (above), adorned with Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging flags, left Welkom yesterday for Hennenman for the funerals of training officer Mr Koen and computer programmer Johannes "Doep" du Preez.

● Pictures by Ken Oosterbroek.

Mandela condemns Welkom 'massacre'

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By Thabo Leshilo

The massacre of innocent people in Thabong, Welkom was inexcusable and the Government either condoned police violence or was unable to control it, deputy president of the African National Congress, Nelson Mandela said when he arrived at Jan Smuts Airport last night after his tour of Africa.

"They (the Government) cannot talk of negotiations while they kill us," said Mr Mandela, at a brief impromptu press conference.

He condemned the necklacing of former Thabong councillor, a Mr Phakati, and said the ANC did not approve of the action.

"We only approve of organised violence such as that carried out by Mkhonto We Sizwe against the Government," he said.

He said that he had, during private meetings with President F W de Klerk and at the recent meeting between the ANC and the Government, said that SA had a well-equipped police force and army which could "suppress such violence" if only the Government wanted to.

"The critical question is why they have not been able to suppress it for four and a half years."

Mr Mandela said the Government had taken advantage of differences between political organisations to crush and eliminate organisations opposed to minority white rule.

He preferred not to discuss the continued detention of seven people accused of being SA Government spies by the Zimbabwe government. The issue was "highly sensitive," he said.

He said he would ask for a report from the ANC on the situation in Welkom and would visit the strife-torn township if requested.

He described his tour as "successful beyond my wildest dreams."

After the press conference, Mr Mandela shook hands with airport cleaners who had gathered to greet him.

Vlok to raise vigilante issue in Parliament after Welkom group's threat

LA W and Order Minister Adrian Vlok will address the issue of vigilante groups, demonstrations, armed patrols and marches in Parliament today after a threat by Blanke Veiligheld (BV) to resume right-wing vigilante patrols in Welkom, a department spokesman said.

The BV's Hennie Muller said yesterday he was reneging on his agreement with Vlok and other groups after Sunday's violence in Thabong township.

Welkom's crippling consumer boycott hung in the balance last night after right-wingers threatened to resume vigilante patrols and police strove to restore law

and order in a tense Thabong township.

Welkom police commander Col Hennie Heymans said at a Press conference that seven people had died and 40 been injured in unrest on Sunday shortly after township residents suspended their consumer boycott for a week starting today.

However, Ernest Oppenheimer Hospital superintendent Dr Brian Brink confirmed last night that another person had died from head injuries sustained on Sunday.

Most of yesterday's clouds of smoke rose from the township, which was sealed off to media representatives, and residents were randomly searched as they entered the

TIM COHEN and MATTHEW CURTIN

township.

According to a Thabong Youth Congress spokesman, a councillor was killed and his house burnt during the unrest late yesterday. At the time of going to Press, police were unable to comment on this incident.

Muller said yesterday that in response to increased tension, vigilante patrols would resume from tonight, while AWB area secretary Blikkies Blignaut said at a funeral for one of the white miners killed last week "we are preparing for a full-scale war".

Blignaut and Education Minister Piet Clase had "friendly talks" yesterday.

Afrikaanse Sakekamer chairman Freek Deyzel said yesterday if the BV went back onto the streets it would be breaking the agreement reached last week with Vlok to suspend the patrols for three months.

He said police should prevent the patrols, which sparked the consumer boycott which he estimated was costing the city more than R1m a day in lost turnover.

But police said yesterday they could not ban the patrols, which were not in themselves a crime. However, if a law was contravened, such as pointing a firearm, they

would certainly take action.

National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) regional organiser Frans Baleni said yesterday the boycott was suspended at this stage but added the situation would be reviewed at a meeting of UDP affiliates due to be held last night in Thabong.

He said the mood of the people in Thabong was "very angry", but township leaders were planning a rally to discuss ways to defuse the situation.

He was confident the working group of the NUM, Chamber of Mines and the white

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Vigilantes

Mineworkers' Union, which was set up at Friday's conference with Vlok, would address the problem of violence spreading to the mine.

He said there was growing concern about a boycott of Thabong's schools, already hit by an exodus of white teachers in February.

SA Youth Congress (Sayco) member Chris Mombati said gangs of youths who attacked police yesterday morning with stones were responsible for disrupting primary school classes yesterday.

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Sayco planned to set up a permanent branch in Thabong, he said.

The suspension of the consumer boycott was supported by mineworkers and township residents employed in Welkom, but was opposed by Sayco and Youth Congress members.

Yesterday funeral services for two white mine employees, Sydney Koen and Johannes du Preez, who died in racial violence last week, were held in nearby Theunissen. Both featured a strong AWB presence.

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SA unable to stop violence

HARARE. — Mr Nelson Mandela yesterday said the shooting of four blacks in Welkom showed that the government was either conniving with police violence or unable to stop it.

"It seems the government is either conniving at police excesses or is unable to deal with the situation," he commented after talks with President Robert Mugabe during a stopover at the end of an African tour.

He also accused the SA government of continuing to destabilise Zimbabwe and other neighbouring states and suggested these operations might also be taking place without official sanction.

"While the government is talking about negotiation and peace it continues to conduct war against us and against neighbouring states." — Sapa-Reuter



THABONG VIOLENCE ... Residents of Thabong township stand near the body of a man shot by police during a clash.

Picture: REUTER

Welkom death toll rises

WELKOM. — Black people angered by police shootings barricaded their Thabong township in this racially torn gold-mining centre yesterday, driving away intruders with stones and axes.

The death toll in Thabong has risen to seven and about 40 have been injured following violence in the Free State township on Sunday, according to police Major Reg Crewe.

On Sunday police fired into crowds leaving a mass meeting in Thabong. A night of sporadic skirmishes between youths and police followed.

Yesterday oil drums blazed above rubble barricades in Thabong as youths throwing stones and wielding axes drove reporters out and police stopped whites from entering.

"Thabong is being declared out of bounds to the media because it is too dangerous," a police spokesman said.

In another development the Blanke Veiligheid movement announced it would resume patrols on the Free State goldfields tonight — breaking its agreement with Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok.

The group had agreed to suspend these patrols for three months.

WELKOM. — Nineteen black mine-workers appeared in the Magistrate's Court here yesterday in connection with the murder of two white mine officials at the President Steyn gold mine last Wednesday.

A 50-strong Blanke Veiligheid contingent, led by BV official leader Mr Hennie Muller, waited outside the court.

The mineworkers were remanded until July 31. No charges were read and there were no bail applications. Two of the men had arms in slings. — Sapa

The leader of the BV, Mr Hennie Muller, said they would also not enter into further negotiations with the police.

Racial tensions have threatened to boil over in Welkom since armed white extremists began vigilante patrols in March, ostensibly to fight crime by blacks.

Blacks responded to attacks by boycotting white businesses and a crisis erupted last Wednesday when two white mine workers were killed by blacks during a clash at the President Steyn gold mine.

At Sunday's mass meeting, black leaders agreed to try to calm the situation by suspending the 12-day-old boycott.

Locals said the decision angered Thabong's youths, who began stoning and looting businesses. They said police opened fire indiscriminately in response.

Police said they fired because crowds leaving the meeting stoned police and set fire to properties.

Welkom has become a flashpoint in a national stand-off between black militants who hope they may soon have political rights under reforms initiated by President F W de Klerk and white rightists who want to keep apartheid race laws.

Private bus operators were afraid to run services from Thabong yesterday, so people had to walk to work past a burned-out 60-seater bus and an overturned truck at the entrance to the township.

White rightists, many of whom belong to the neo-nazi Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB), have vowed to hit back for the mine killings and are stockpiling guns and ammunition.

Police said all was quiet in the white part of Welkom yesterday.

● Mr Vlok will deal with the issue of vigilante groups, armed patrols and armed marches and demonstrations in an interpellation debate in Parliament this afternoon, according to a spokesman for his department. — Sapa-Reuter

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Mandela slates Welkom killings

From MONO BADELA

JOHANNESBURG. — State President FW de Klerk would have to solve the problem of the police and army regarding every black person as a military target if he hoped to convince the people of South Africa he was travelling on a new road, ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela said this week.

"We strongly condemn the massacre by police of blacks during the course of peaceful demonstration. This has been a feature of political life in South Africa," Mandela said.

He was speaking at a news conference in Johannesburg to report on his African tour. He said negotiations could be fruitful only if conducted in a conducive atmosphere. Violence made this impossible.

Commenting on the violence in Thabong near Welkom in which police allegedly opened fire on a demonstrating crowd, killing 11 people and injuring more than 40, Mandela said it was clear De Klerk was unable to control the police.

Peaceful demonstration was the right of every South African and one of the accepted methods of ventilating one's grievances.

"The government had no right whatsoever to open fire on such a peaceful demonstration. And the youth themselves have every right to stage such a demonstration."

Every massacre made the introduction of the right climate for negotiations less likely.

"The government has been slaughtering our people throughout its history. The government has been detaining our people throughout the existing state of emergency. It is doing so now. If it arrests people, it will not be doing something new.

"What is of interest now is that they should put an end to violence. They have the means to do so. How they do it is their own affair."

Mandela warned that if the government continued "to massacre our people, we will have to address that question specifically in relation to whether these negotiations should continue or not".

With regard to the continuing violence in Natal, Mandela said the government seemed to have a "particular interest in the continuation of this conflict in Natal".

He said it was clear De Klerk was unable to control the people in this regard.

Homes searched in midnight raid

Police swoop on troubled township

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By Helen Grange, Mike Cohen
and Stan Hlophe

WELKOM — In a massive midnight raid, police and troops swooped on Welkom's Thabong township last night, searching thousands of homes.

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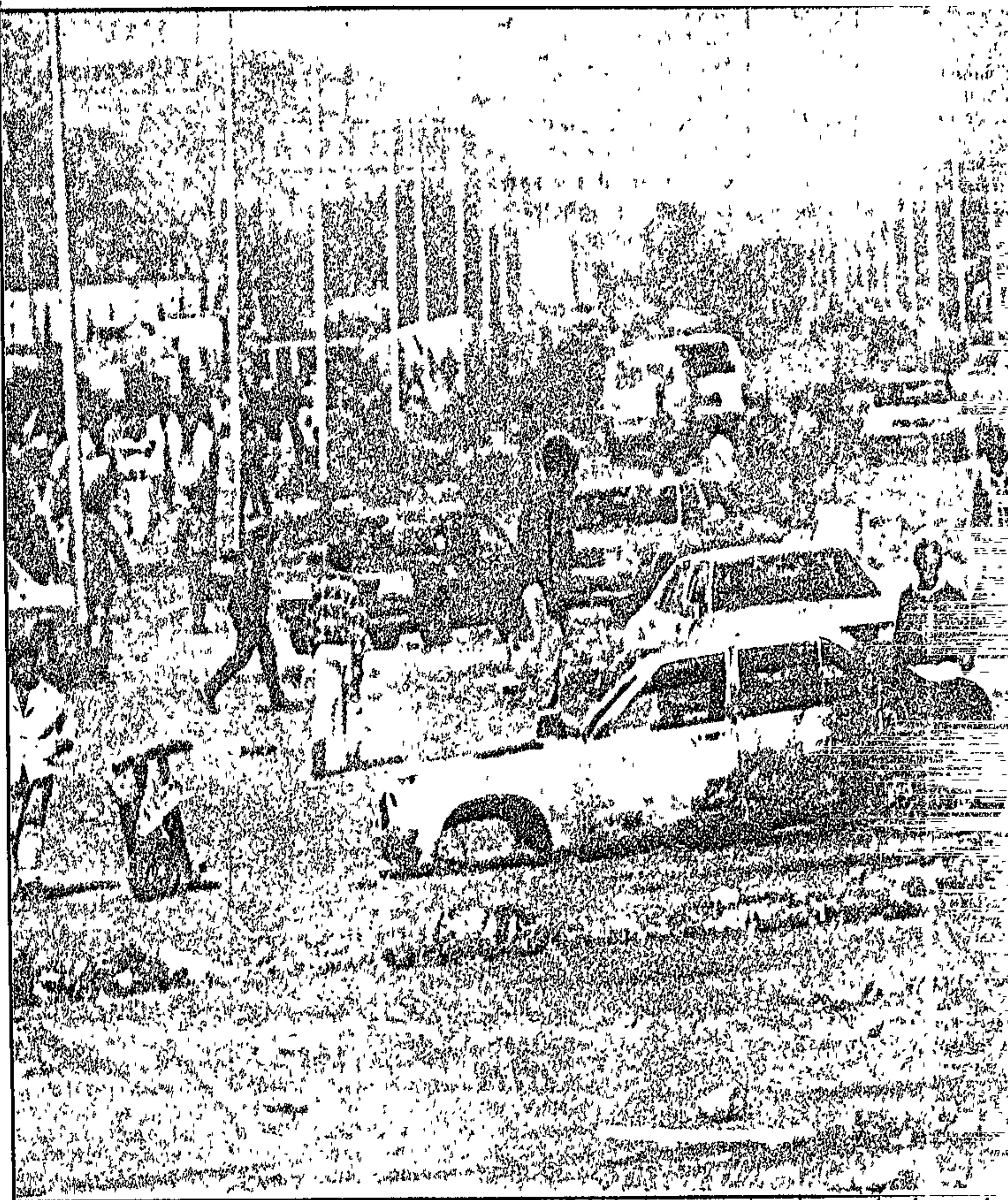
The death toll in the entire gold fields since the latest outbreak of violence is 12. The 12th victim was a man trampled to death as police clashed with protesters outside Virginia this week.

More than 100 people have been injured over the past three days. Most suffered birdshot or buckshot wounds as police moved on rioters who targeted "collaborators" and the homes of town councillors and black policemen for attack.

This morning the township's streets were cleared of rubble and gutted vehicles in accordance with a decision yesterday by about 3 000 students and teachers to "clean the streets" and "go back to school".

People went to work as usual as Thabong returned to normal.

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Violence, police acts threaten negotiations

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The negotiation process in South Africa is again being threatened by

Emergency Regulations to ban the carrying of weapons at protest or public political meetings.

Mr Vlok told Parliament that unacceptable provocation and intimid

Father of injured boy seeks driver

By Carina le Grange

Two young Johannesburg motorcyclists are in Johannesburg Hospital after a hit and run accident, and the father of

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Over 100 people have been injured over the past three days. Most had birdshot or buckshot wounds as police moved on rioters who targetted "collaborators" and the homes of councillors and black policemen.

STREETS CLEARED

This morning Thabong's streets were cleared of rubble and gutted vehicles in accordance with a decision yesterday by about 3 000 pupils and teachers to clean the streets and return to school.

People went to work as usual today.

● Sapa reports that neither the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, nor his office, had given the Blanke Veiligheidsbeweging permission to patrol the streets of Welkom, Mr Vlok's Press officer, Brigadier Leon Mellet, said today.

He was reacting to a statement by BV leader in Welkom, Mr Hennie Muller, on a morning TV news bulletin claiming the BV had had permission from Mr Vlok to conduct street patrols.

"No such permission was given by either Mr Vlok or any official of this office," Brigadier Mellet said.

He said he wished to draw Mr Muller's attention to Mr Vlok's statement in Parliament yesterday, when he said so-called vigilantes were unnecessary and unacceptable.

Shock Sebokeng

evidence

Many shot in the back, inquiry told

MELODY McDOUGALL

AT LEAST four out of a group of five people — who were killed in a shooting incident when police and demonstrators clashed in Sebokeng's Moshoeshoe Road on March 26 — had wounds in the back of their heads or necks, the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry in Vereeniging heard yesterday.

Other statistics heard by the commission indicated that, of the approximately 76 people injured in the same confrontation, 43 had been shot from behind.

The commission, chaired by Mr Justice R G Goldstone, is investigating the circumstances of incidents in the Vaal Triangle townships on March 26.

The Vaal Council of Churches claims 17 people were killed during the shootings, but the Sebokeng hospital has confirmed only 14 deaths.

Banned

The shootings occurred after an estimated 50 000-strong UDF crowd, which intended marching to Vereeniging, were halted by police near the Sondela brewery in Sebokeng. The march was banned by the Vereeniging Town Council and the town's chief magistrate.

The entire proceedings before the commission yesterday centred on the testimony and cross-examination of Captain Willem du Plooy, head of the Krugersdorp police riot unit. Captain du Plooy commanded both the Krugersdorp and Vanderbijlpark riot units, which were on duty in the Vaal townships on that day.

Under cross-examination by Mr Karel Tip, a legal advisor with the Bizos team representing families of 12 dead people and the injured, the captain denied the action taken by his unit members, who manned a police cordon, was "unnecessary".

Asked whether he wasn't disappoint-

BARA BAROMETER

THE effects of the hospital workers' strike were still being felt in the medical wards at Baragwanath Hospital in the week between May 10 to May 16.

Because many patients had been sent home during the strike, pressure on bed space was reduced and during the week under review, only one person had to sleep on the floor.

The worst instance of overcrowding in one of the newly extended wards was on the night of May 16 when there were 68 patients in a 64-bed ward.

On average, there were 393 patients in the department each night this week, compared to 758 patients during the same week of May 1988.

WEBSTER WATCH

IT has been 383 days since the assassination of university lecturer and human rights activist Dr David Webster.

This week, the Civil Co-operation Bureau's managing director, Mr Joe Verster, told the Harms Commission it was possible that members of the covert organisation had murdered Dr Webster. A reward of R20 000 still stands for information leading to the jailing of his killers.

ed by the discipline of his men, Captain du Plooy replied: "I am disappointed they opened fire, but I cannot simply push their feelings aside."

Earlier he had stated that, although his men appeared to be calm, he could not exclude the possibility that some of them may have panicked when they were suddenly pelted with stones by the crowd. However, he emphasised members of other SAP branches had also been deployed on the scene, and that at no stage had he given orders to open fire on the gathering.

According to the captain, the firing of shots — which lasted about 10 seconds — started moments after several stones were thrown at his men. He stated that at that stage the crowd was about 28 m from the police cordon.

Asked to comment by Mr Etienne du Toit SC, for the SAP, on why he had decided to halt the march at the Sondela brewery, Captain du Plooy replied: "In the first place the march was banned by both the local authorities of Vereeniging and the town's chief magistrate."

Fear

Referring to the spate of attacks in which a white man was killed and several other people injured in incidents of violence on roads in the area during March, he added that whites in the Vaal triangle were living in fear.

In addition, there were no guarantees that such a large gathering would not walk through white-owned properties on its way to Vereeniging, possibly causing racial conflict.

Under re-examination by Johan du Toit SC, who is leading all evidence before the commission, Captain du Plooy agreed that a total of 36 rounds of birdshot, 12 rounds of SSG and two rounds of triple A had been fired in the shooting. He said it was his impression that the number of people killed or injured had been more than the number of rounds fired.

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Ex-mayor was stabbed, stoned and burnt to death

By Helen Grange

An elderly woman watched her husband being stabbed, stoned and burnt to death in the strife-torn Welkom township of Thabong on Monday.

In one of the most brutal incidents of violence in Thabong in many years, Albert Phakathi (67), a former Thabong mayor and leader of the local Inkatha, was surrounded by an angry mob and killed.

His house and medicine depot were set alight before the youths turned on him.

Rebecca Phakathi, sitting in a sparsely furnished room with only a mattress and a candle, said she and her husband were in the medicine depot when youths pitched two petrol bombs into the shop and then began stoning it.

Moments later, police arrived, the fire was extinguished and the crowd dispersed.

Later however, the youths regrouped and headed for Mr Phakathi's home, 500 m from his shop.

Eyewitnesses saw Mr Phakathi running after them with a shield and assegai.

"They finally turned on him and trapped him next to a car. He fell over when he was stabbed in the back and stoned. Then petrol was poured over him and he was set alight," Mrs Phakathi said.

She said that retaliation was not on her family's mind.

According to local activists, Mr Phakathi had been hunted for some time as he was allegedly involved in the deaths of five activists earlier in the year.

He had also summoned members of Inkatha from Natal to protect local councillors from attacks, they said.

A prominent ANC member in Thabong, who wished to remain unnamed, said his death was the result of many vigilante attacks, he motivated against activists during his time in the council.

Most Thabong streets barricaded

WELKOM — Parts of Thabong township in Welkom looked like the aftermath of a war yesterday, with most streets barricaded and shops and liquor outlets gutted and looted.

Burning or burnt-out tyres, gutted vehicles and other hazards were placed across streets at one-block intervals.

Most of the inhabitants of Thabong appeared to have stayed at home yesterday.

Minor stone-throwing incidents were reported but there was none of the violence evident over the past 48 hours.

Police kept a low profile. Residents of the township did not mention to The Star any of the right-wing organisations that exist in Conservative Party-controlled Welkom.

Anti-police sentiment was strong.

Residents said it was the police who killed eight of their people, and maintained that the SAP should not have come into their township.

Vehicles travelling through Thabong yesterday were forced to drive mainly on the pavements. As a police convoy drove through, only the youths were seen to be running away. The adults simply stood in the sun, trying to warm themselves in the cold weather.

Evidence of the violence of the past 48 hours was clear.

By Mike Cohen

Burnt-out liquor outlets, shops and restaurants were being protected by green-uniformed municipal policemen.

The Holokile liquor outlet, with most of its stock still intact but the building badly burnt, was one of the businesses that bore the brunt of a criminal element.

This element tried in vain to get its hands on the liquor. They then set the building alight, causing hundreds of thousands of rands' damage.

The Jabulani liquor outlet was more secure — the attempt to set the building alight had been unsuccessful.

The premises were, however, attacked and looted on four occasions, and a large quantity of alcohol was grabbed.

The Eyebu general dealer and restaurant was still burning in the township yesterday. The premises had been attacked and gutted on Monday and set alight again yesterday.

Shortly after midday yesterday, the word was on the streets — it had been decided at a mass meeting that children would return to school and that residents should take it upon themselves to clean up the township.

Locals were seen removing rubble and burning objects from the streets, the burnt-out shells of vehicles were pushed out of the way of traffic, and a general clean-up began.

By late yesterday the township appeared to be back to normal — but residents remain angry at the way eight of their folk were killed by police.

The Pan Africanist Congress warned yesterday that it would send armed units into the black areas of Welkom to "defend the unarmed civilian population".

This was said by external PAC administrative secretary Joe Mkwana in a statement from Dar es Salaam, issued to Sapa in Johannesburg.

He said the killing of unarmed blacks in the town left the organisation with no alternative

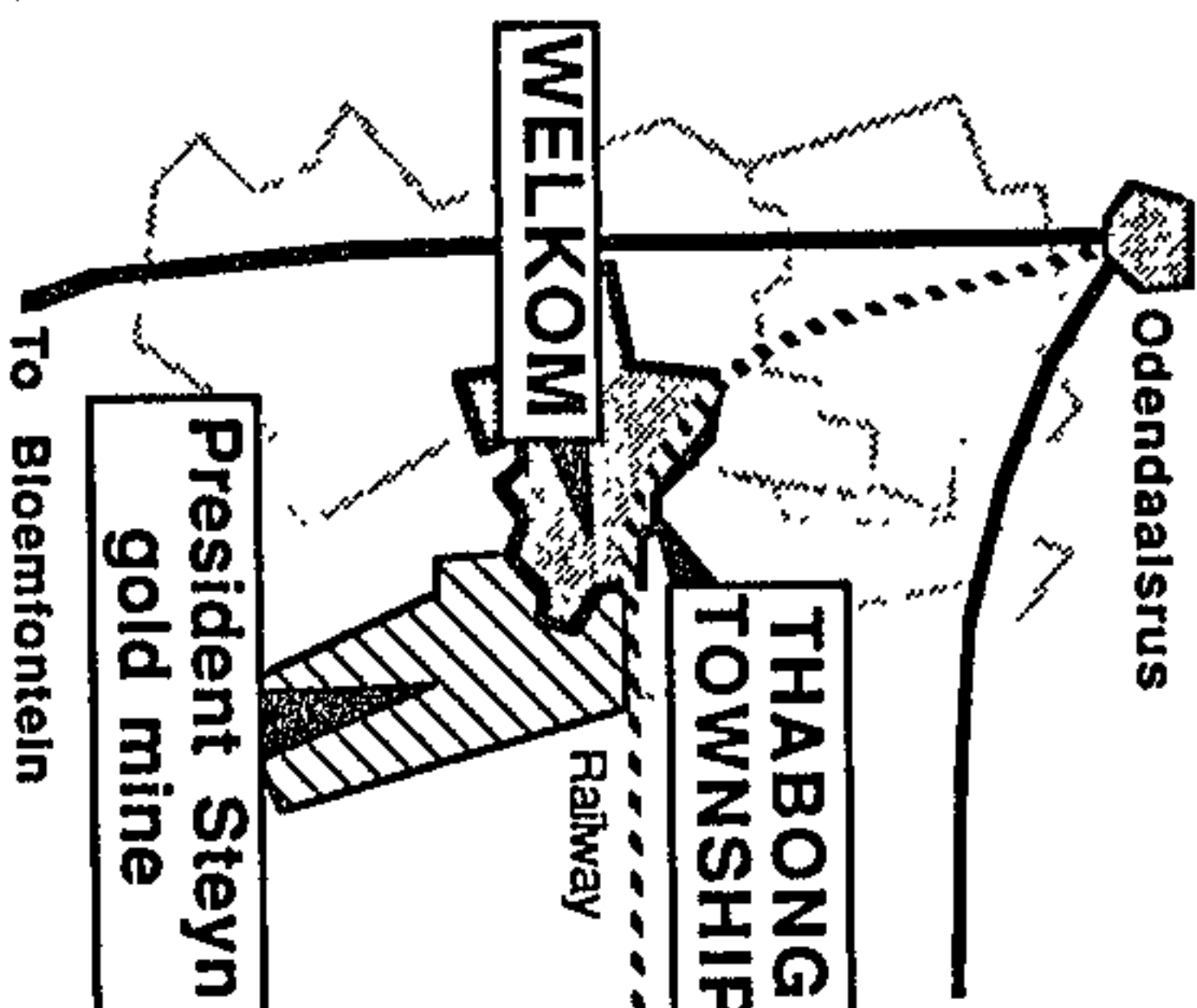
PAC says it will send armed units into black areas

"but to support the struggle of the Welkom people against the illegal racist regime".

PAC president Zeph Mothopeng, in a separate statement, said the trouble in Welkom had been brewing for a long time.

"The failure to resolve the consumer boycott had produced a chain reaction, resulting in racial tension, exacerbated by the intervention of white vigilantes. "The situation was allowed to drag on until it erupted at President Steyn's No 1 shaft where two white miners were killed and others injured," he said. He accused police of not sticking to their declared intention of dealing impartially with violence. — Sapa.

WELKOM: BLUEPRINT FOR VIOLENCE



MAY 16 Slight hope that boycott will end after meeting between concerned parties.

Two white men killed and 12 blacks injured in clash between miners and officials outside No1 shaft President Steyn Mine.

MAY 17 Police and SADF sent in. Fighting meeting called.

MAY 18 Police seal off No1 shaft. Meeting between NUM, SADF and Minister Vlok. Hopes for peace raised

MAY 20 After Mass meeting to discuss ending boycott Thabong youths march towards Welkom. Vehicles are stoned and petrol bombs hurled. Police fire birdshot. Four reported dead. A white man seriously injured in attack outside Thabong.

MAY 21 Ex-councillor burnt to death in Thabong, man shot dead, shops and beerhalls looted and gutted.

MAY 22 Township still sealed off. Death toll rises to 9.

Graphic by Liz Warden

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BUSINESS DAY



Youths in Welkom's Thabong township play in the debris which has accumulated during two days of unrest. Picture: TIM COHEN

Toll in Welkom violence mounts to 11

THE death toll in Welkom's Thabong township yesterday rose to 11 with 104 injured since police shootings on Sunday, according to hospital and police reports.

And in Cape Town Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok threatened to ban the carrying of firearms at all political meetings and protest marches if warnings by his department were not heeded.

The warning followed threats by the Blanke Veiligheid (BV) in Welkom to renege on an earlier agreement with Vlok

TIM COHEN and
LESLIE LAMBERT

and other groups by resuming right-wing vigilante patrols after Sunday's violence in Thabong township. B Day, 23/5/90

"Such a step is drastic and holds certain implications, but I am not prepared to allow these reckless and frightened people to push the country over the precipice of bloody race conflict," Vlok said.

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Welkom

Welkom's consumer boycott was officially suspended despite the threat by the BV to reinstate vigilante patrols, boycott committee spokesman Mbulelo Bhgani said yesterday. He said they just wanted everything back to normal.

He said the education crisis was now the most important issue the committee would have to deal with. A UDF delegation had had a "positive" meeting with SRC representatives yesterday.

The boycott had failed to redress educational grievances, he said.

But, he said, the boycott had served several important functions, including the

establishment of a permanent forum for discussion with a variety of bodies.

Welkom shopkeepers said very few goods were bought yesterday by township residents.

Thabong residents said they were still afraid to shop in Welkom, partly because of possible action against them by township youths and partly because they feared vigilantes.

Fires were still burning in Thabong yesterday, but youths had begun to clear barricades erected on Sunday.

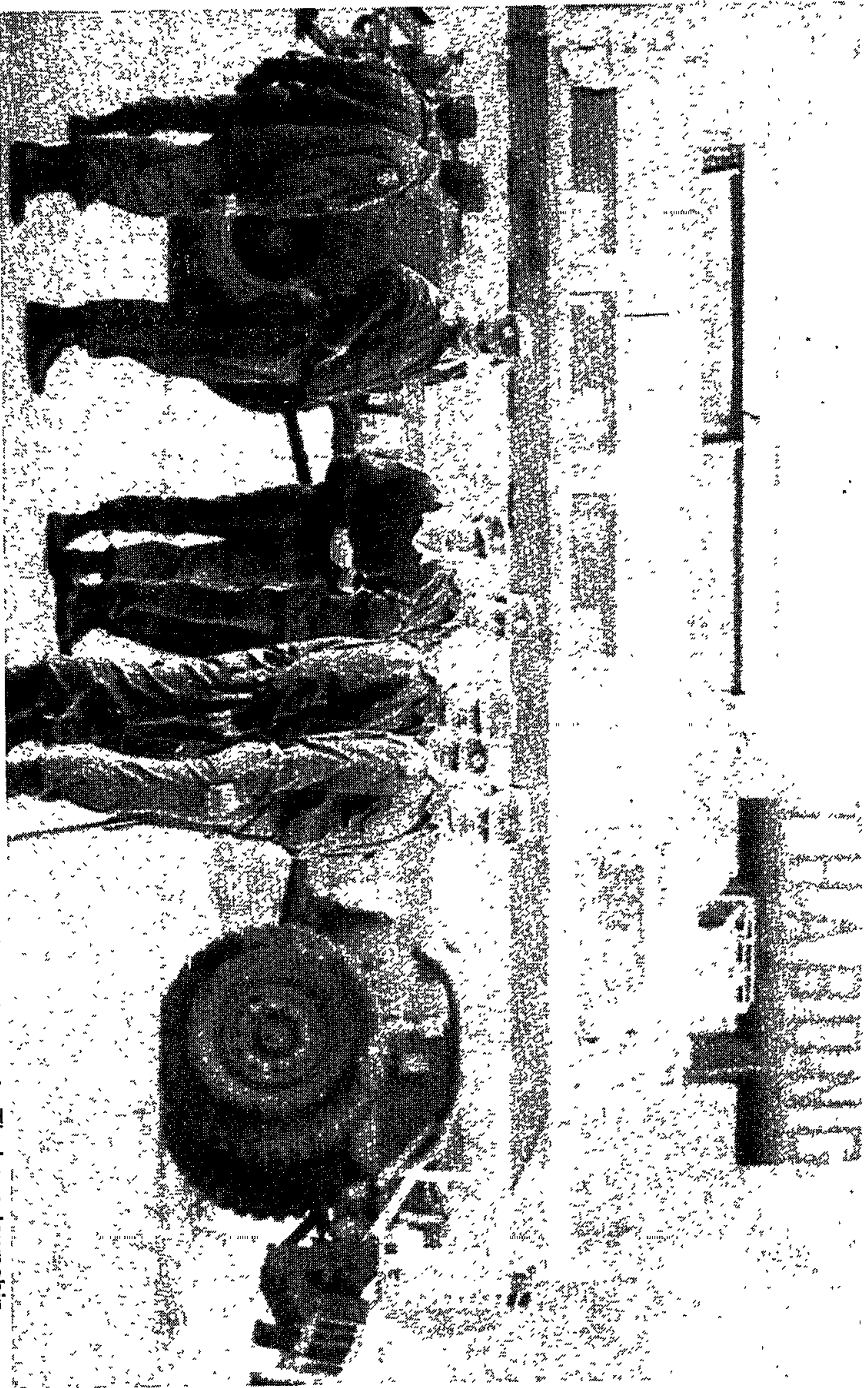
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ON GUARD: Heavily-armed police with an armoured vehicle stand guard at the entrance to Thabong township

Police action threat to talks — Mandela

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JOHANNESBURG. — The African National Congress would not tolerate the continuing "massacre" of people by police while negotiations on peace were in progress, Mr Nelson Mandela said yesterday.

Speaking at a news conference after his African tour, Mr Mandela said negotiations could be fruitful only if conducted in an atmosphere conducive to negotiations.

"Violence makes this impossible."

Commenting on an incident at Thabong near Welkom in which police had allegedly opened fire on a demonstrating crowd, killing eight and injuring 40, Mr Mandela claimed President F W de Klerk was unable to control the police.

He said every black was regarded by the police and army as a target.

The Pan Africanist Congress yesterday warned that it would send armed units into the black areas of Welkom to "defend the unarmed civilian population".

In a statement from Dar-es-Salaam, external PAC administrative secretary Mr Joe Mkwana said the killing of unarmed blacks in the town left the organisation with no alternative "but to support the struggle of the Welkom people against the racist regime".

Mr Mandela also accused the government of using the Natal conflict to eliminate those whom they considered to be a threat

The issue of the Natal violence had been raised on many occasions on the tour, he said.

"We pointed out that the violence was originally a conflict between two political organisations — ANC and Inkatha."

Mr Mandela said he had already suggested to President De Klerk that the reason the government had not ended the violence was because they were using the differences between the parties to "crush the ANC".

Mr Mandela said the African states had accepted this analysis of the Natal conflict.

He emphasised that he considered Mr De Klerk to be honest in his attempts to curb the violence.

It was the government itself which wanted to crush the ANC and other "progressive" organisations, not Mr De Klerk, he said.

"The fact that Mr De Klerk is having difficulties straightening out these problems does not mean he is dishonest," said Mr Mandela.

He insisted that the government, with its sophisticated police force, had the capacity to solve the problem "within three or four days" if it wanted to.

Mr Mandela said the tour of Africa, during which he had visited Angola, Nigeria, Libya, Algeria and Egypt as well as stopping over at Kenya and Zimbabwe, had succeeded beyond his "wildest expectations". — Sapa

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on an audience of 200 whites to resume armed patrols in the city. It was every person's right to be armed to protect himself from the ANC, he said.

Meanwhile, the death toll in Welkom's Thabong township yesterday rose to 11 with 104 injured following police shootings since Sunday, according to hospital and police reports.

Speaking in Parliament during an interpellation on whether any action had been taken on the establishment of 50 new AWB commandos, Mr Vlok said he was prepared to consider amendments to the Dangerous Weapons Act and the state of emergency.

Open intimidation by people at public meetings with "all sorts of dangerous weapons" had now reached the stage where it could not be allowed to continue.

The increasing appearance of so-called vigilante and other armed political groups was an understandable, but "disturbing" political phenomenon.

The government found the existence of such groups unacceptable.

Afraid

● Welkom's consumer boycott is officially suspended despite a decision by the BV movement to reinstate vigilante patrols, spokesman for the boycott committee Mr Mbulelo Bhgani said yesterday.

He said that if the BV decided to resume the patrols — which sparked the crippling consumer boycott — the movement would be breaking the undertaking it made to Mr Vlok.

"What is of paramount importance is for us to return the situation to normal," he said.

Thabong residents said they were still afraid to shop in Welkom, partly because of possible action against them by township youths and partly because they feared vigilantes.

Fires were still burning in Thabong yesterday, and at least one shop was set on fire.

Vlok's gun warning to vigilantes

Political Staff

LAW and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok yesterday warned groups voluntarily to stop carrying firearms at public political meetings and protest marches.

If this failed, he said, he would enforce the ban by law.

But he rejected a Democratic Party call for a ban on all weapons.

The warning followed threats by the Blanke Veiligheid (BV) in Welkom to renege on an earlier agreement with Mr Vlok and other groups by resuming vigilante patrols after Sunday's killings in Thabong township.

BV leader Mr Hennie Muller defied Mr Vlok last night when he called

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Peace talks in the balance

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THE fragile South African peace process is in the balance for the second time in two months because of the police killing of black demonstrators in Welkom.

While the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the Sebokeng shootings is still in progress, ANC leader Nelson Mandela has warned that "every massacre" made the introduction of the right climate for negotiations less likely.

It was the government's responsibility to end the violence in Welkom's Thabong township and curb its police, said Mandela on his return from his tour of six African states.

Ugly

He said the continued killing of innocent people raised the question of whether the negotiations should continue or not.

At least 11 people have been killed and about 50 injured in the violence which erupted in Welkom a week ago.

Amid the seething racial tension and violence which have engulfed this mining town, militant black mineworkers and conservative white miners are exploring a negotiating model for ending racial confrontation.

The peace bid emerged from the aftermath of an ugly confrontation on Anglo American's President Steyn mine.

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By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

Khutsong township near Carletonville was tense yesterday after "comrades" fled from their homes following an attack on five boys.

The boys had pieces of their ears sliced off — which they were then forced to eat. Girls were also mutilated.

The victims told The Star that a vigilante group known as the Gaddafi Squad (also known as the G Squad) had run amok in the area.

The local civic association has

called on the ANC and UDF leadership to help restore peace in the area.

A spokesman for the Khutsong Civic Association described the situation as volatile.

"We are sitting on a time bomb. There will be bloodshed if the situation is not resolved."

Residents interviewed by The Star

said the Gaddafi Squad was made up of young armed youths who wore political T-shirts and claimed to be ANC supporters.

Local police have distributed pamphlets asking residents to report the activities of the vigilante group. It reads: "Wanted Tsosis. Help the Police find them. R5 000 reward."

One victim, who does not want to

be named for fear of repercussions, said 20 members of the squad captured him and friends on Saturday and tortured them after accusing them of a killing.

They told the five boys and three girls that they had to be disciplined.

"We tried to tell them that we were innocent. They did not believe us and took us to a school where we

were tortured.

"We don't even know if anyone has died. It's all hearsay, because nothing is ever reported to the police. But we can't stick around to find out. The squad wants blood."

"They beat us up and then sliced off pieces of our left ears, except for the girls, who had pieces of their forehead sliced off," he said.

Cannibalism forced on mutilated youths

A doctor confirmed that he had treated two youths with pieces of their ears sliced off.

Residents said the G Squad, which originated in the squatter section known as the "war zone", terrorised them by raiding homes.

Non-residents do not enter the township. For more than two months, all deliveries have been dropped off at the entrance because any vehicle not belonging to a township resident is set alight.

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NEWS

Uneasy calm as Thabong cleans up



Allying fears . . . this police and army convoy toured Welkom yesterday to reassure residents that the security forces were ready for any eventuality.

● Picture by Ken Osterbroek.

By Helen Grange

Welkom's Thabong township was left to clean up the aftermath of three days of violence yesterday as police and troops moved out and the situation returned to "normal".

A message to maintain restraint in this strife-torn area has spread among police and township residents — although right-wing elements remain resolved to carry firearms to "protect themselves".

The ANC, UDF and civic associations in Thabong have decided to end a consumer boycott, clean up the streets and send pupils back to school.

Police — after a final thrust into the township

early yesterday morning to recover weapons and stolen goods — have left the township, claiming it was "back to normal".

In the three days of violence, which erupted on Sunday, 12 lives have been lost and more than 100 people have been injured. Most suffered birdshot or buckshot wounds.

Mr Albert Phakathi, an Inkatha leader, was stabbed, stoned and burnt to death when a mob attacked him on Monday — believing him to be involved in vigilante attacks on activists.

Vehicles and buildings have been gutted. For journalists in the area, visits to Thabong have been dangerous. On Tuesday scores of burning barricades slowed vehicles passing in the

main streets while youths stood around in groups, some clutching stones.

Residents claim the root causes of the conflict have not yet been addressed.

While Thabong pupils are returning to school, there are no white teachers to teach them. Several teachers withdrew from the township when student groups issued demands on the Department of Education and Training, which have still not been acknowledged.

And while violent clashes on the mines are being kept at bay, racial hatred continues between miners and officials — many of whom belong to right-wing groups, such as the Blanke Vei-liesheid and AWB.

Thabong hawkers claim they are still being harassed by police while the Welkom town council drags its feet over the issue of acceptable trading areas.

And although the consumer boycott has ended Thabong residents are afraid of going into town in case of intimidation.

All these factors have contributed to the ongoing violence in the area and will continue to do so unless addressed, according to the ANC convention in Thabong, who wished to remain anonymous.

In addition, a worker strike is looming at Ernest Oppenheimer's mine hospital, where black medical staff claim their petition of grievance has fallen on deaf ears.

Welkom goes off the boil 377 — Thabong barricades go

The Argus Correspondent

WELKOM — After nearly two months of tension this Free State gold-mining town seems to be returning to normal.

In almost 60 days of inflamed racial passion Welkom has experienced murder, rape and police and army intervention which has left 11 dead and, at last night's count, 40 in hospital.

The March 20 tornado that swept through the town leaving devastation did nothing to improve matters. In fact, at a time when the police and the army were stretched to their limits, it presented the ideal circumstances for the birth of the town's rightwing body, the Blanke Veiligheids.

The figure for the injured at one stage reached the upper 80s.

The police commissioner for the region, Colonel Heymans, told a media conference yesterday that the death toll from alleged police involvement was 11, but that the overall figure was 12. The twelfth victim, he said, was a councillor allegedly killed after his house was torched by Thabong residents.

In Thabong township a remarkable transformation had taken place. Where on Tuesday roads were barricaded with burning vehicles, tyres, rocks and tree trunks, all obstacles had been cleared.

POLICE SWEEP

A large contingent of police, backed by army units and numbering, according to official sources, "well in excess of 1 000 men", worked into the early hours in a sweep aimed at returning the township to normal.

By yesterday morning there was little evidence of Tuesday's chaos. It had all been swept aside.

But Thabong was tense. Residents were clearly nervous of expressing their feelings concerning the clean-up. But, by and large, they said police, who in the raid arrested 37 suspects, two illegal immigrants and took possession of dangerous weapons and stolen goods, had handled the raid responsibly.

"They were not cruel or unkind," said one elderly resident. "They did not come barging in or behave in an overbearing manner."

There were isolated incidents of black police trying to extort R10 or R20 from residents who were unaware that the "dompass" identity book system had long been scrapped.

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Vlok in trouble (277)

The message sent from Europe by President F W de Klerk — that he will not tolerate rightwing groups destroying his reform initiatives — may have been directed in no small measure to Law & Order Minister Adriaan Vlok. Vlok's apparently friendly treatment of the AWB's Eugene Terre-Blanche during their Verwoerd Building

meeting last week incensed many moderates and appears to have backfired on him.

Smiling and shaking hands with Terre-Blanche, Vlok said after the meeting that he would investigate white concerns about black intimidation on the Welkom goldfields. Later he met rightwing trade union groups in the area, as well as representatives from the black National Union of Mineworkers. A "truce" was announced.

However well-intentioned he may have been, Vlok was foolish or ill-advised. He appeared accommodating towards the Right, almost to the extent of taking sides.

Vlok's two visits to Welkom also raise the issue of whether such crisis management should not be carried out by senior profes-

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sional officers. For instance, it might be an idea if the Commissioner of Police were to supervise police activities in hot spots like Welkom, which seem to get out of hand at the smallest hint of unrest.

□ Over the weekend, shooting again broke out in Welkom. Five blacks were reported dead and more than 40 injured after allegations that police started shooting without any warning. The shooting reportedly took place after a meeting where it was decided to end the black consumer boycott.

□ The Blanke Veiligheidsbeweging announced that it would resume patrols on the Free State goldfields on Monday night — thus breaking its agreement with Vlok.

So much for the smiles and "goodwill" of the Vlok-Terre-Blanche meeting last week. It is time for Vlok to heed his president's warning and act against people whose actions are driven by racism.

□ The police sealed off the Thabong township to the white media on Monday morning. The township was reported to be "terribly tense" after the shooting, and people were being treated by township doctors for bullet wounds sustained on Monday morning, according to the Thabong Youth Congress. ■

NEED A RIDE? If you thought Jo'burg mini-buses could get rather crowded, take a look at this Indian father taking his wife and four children for a drive in New Delhi. It's not an unusual sight in that city, where relatively inexpensive scooters are popular for the "medium-sized family".

'We are going to kill police'

VEREENIGING — "Today we are going to kill you policemen — we want Mandela's policemen" was one of the slogans shouted at police by a Sebokeng crowd before the shootings in the township on March 26.

This evidence was read yesterday by a member of Sebokeng's Municipal Police force, Warrant Officer Gabriel Johannes van der Lith, before the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry in Vereeniging.

The Commission, chaired by Mr Justice RG Goldstone, is investigating circumstances of all incidents — including the Sebokeng shooting — in Vaal Triangle townships on March 26.

Killed

Several people were killed and many injured during a clash between police and demonstrators that day after a 50 000-strong United Democratic Front march to Vereeniging was halted near the Sondela Brewery in Sebokeng. The proposed march had been banned several days before by both the Vereeniging town council and the local chief magistrate.

Giving evidence at the inquiry into the shooting, Warrant Officer van der Lith said yesterday he was ordered to patrol the Vaal Triangle Townships on March 26. At one stage during the patrols he heard a crowd of people shouting in Sotho that "today we are going to kill you policemen — we want Mandela's policeman." He is fluent in the language.

Warrant Officer van der Lith continued that he and some other municipal policemen under his command later fell in behind a police line-up near the Sondela Brewery's gate. His men were ordered to keep a low profile and not to shoot unless they received an order to do so.

When he saw the crowd flanking out to two sides in a threatening manner, he went to his bakkie nearby

MELODY McDOUGALL

to move the vehicle backwards. It was then that he heard shots ringing out. When he looked up he saw people running away and screaming, and at that point received a radio message to go somewhere else because "people were torching municipal buildings and cars nearby".

Under cross-examination by Karel Tip, a legal adviser with the Bizos team representing relatives of 12 dead people and the injured, Warrant Officer van der Lith said the crowd had never actually stormed the police, but it appeared as if they could have done so at any time.

Asked by Mr Tip whether he wasn't shocked by the scenes after the shooting when people fell in the road, Warrant Officer van der Lith stated: "No, I wasn't shocked. It was the first time I had ever witnessed a shooting incident with live ammunition, but all of our lives (police) were in danger."

Frightened

He added that he never fired a shot because "before I could shoot everything was already over".

Another policeman who was called to the witness stand yesterday, Constable Samuel Lesikare of the SAP's unrest unit at Vanderbijlpark, also testified that he had heard the crowd "insulting" the police that day. Slogans shouted included, "We are going to hit the police" and "Dogs". They also pointed sticks at police and shouted that they were going to kill the police.

According to the constable he fired one round of SSG ammunition into the air during the shooting because he was frightened. He had been hit by a stone on his arm.

Friday.

Fernando Ndlovu was picked up in a minibus by several "bigger boys" on Monday night and forced to participate in a petrol-bomb attack on a "comrade's" house, according to his father Salmao Ndlovu, 46.

"The boys took advantage of the fact he spoke Shangaan and could not speak Sotho. He was caught red-handed after being used as a pawn," Ndlovu said.

The boy was caught during the attack by neighbours who took him to the police on Tuesday.

Ndlovu said he saw his son in court on Wednesday, and claimed he had been assaulted. "His face is swollen," he alleged.

Ndlovu comes from GaZankulu but has lived in Thabong township and worked on President Steyn gold mine since 1971.

Fernando appears in court again on June 15 and has been promised a Shangaan interpreter.

UDF, Cosatu and NUM representatives met in Thabong township on Thursday night to discuss the formation of the Northern Free State branch of the ANC, according to a senior Thabong activist.

Discussions focused on the appointment and election of "zonal representatives" to the ANC Regional Executive Committee.

Representatives from UDF-affiliated Thabong youth, student and women's organisations and civic associations met earlier on Thursday to discuss funeral arrangements for the 12 people killed on Sunday and Monday in police action in the township.

The dead are to be buried at a mass funeral next weekend.

of the situation in the township, according to Thabong Youth Congress president Paul Mahlatsi.

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A POLICEMAN who fired two rounds of buckshot into a 50 000-strong crowd at Sebokeng had "felt so threatened I would have fired the first shot if my colleague's gun had not fired accidentally shortly before".

This was said by SAP Const Gideon Johannes Jacobus Joubert of the Vereeniging Cattle Theft Unit before the Goldstone Commission on Friday.

Judge RJ Goldstone's commission is urgently investigating the circumstances relating to incidents on March 26 at Sebokeng in which at least 12 people were killed and about 300 injured.

A UDF protest march was stopped that day by a police contingent of about 60 men from undertaking a march to the National Party offices in Vereeniging, for which no permission had been obtained.

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fired the first shot if his colleague, Const Shaun van Rhyn, had not already done so.

"I was frightened enough as they threw stones and were closing in, and moreover felt it was my duty as a policeman to stop this huge, uncontrollable crowd from entering Vereeniging."

The crowd had appeared very threatening. "They were waving knobkieries, singing, dancing and slowly closing in towards the police line. The marshals were unable to control the crowd."

He saw stones thrown from the crowd and felt "very anxious as I knew they were going to attack", heard one shot and immediately fired two rounds of buckshot into the crowd. He aimed at "legs and bodies below the belt", he testified.

Sebokeng municipal police W/O Gabriel Johannes van der

Lith told the commission he had heard the chant: "Today we will kill you policemen, because we want Mandela's policemen now."

Van der Lith said demonstrators had frequently shouted this slogan to him in Sotho - which he speaks fluently - while he patrolled the townships from early that morning.

He said he believed the demonstrators meant to carry out their stated threats to kill policemen.

Earlier, Const Willem Joseph John van der Walt of the Krugersdorp Reaction Unit testified the crowd was singing "Shaya ma Boere", dancing and slowly moving towards the police line.

He said he saw stones thrown from the crowd, believed it was going to attack the police, heard a shot nearby - and fired two rounds of buckshot into the crowd.

The hearing continues. - Sapa.

What REALLY happened in Welkom

By DESMOND BLOW

THABONG youths did not intend to march on Welkom last Sunday when they were teargassed by police, but were toy-toying alongside mineworkers going to taxi ranks outside the Free State township after a meeting in the township.

It had been decided at the meeting to suspend the boycott of Welkom's white businesses on Tuesday.

An investigation by *City Press* this week concluded that the needless teargassing of about 300 unarmed youths led to the unrest that claimed the lives of 12 people and injured more than 100 others.

Observers in the township blame rightwingers on the scene for influencing the police into believing the youths wanted confrontation.

Police claim the youths intended to march into the white suburbs of Welkom. This is also claimed by Blanke Veiligheidbeweging leader Hennie Muller, who was at the scene.

But people in Thabong say it is a ritual after meetings for youths to escort mineworkers either to the taxi ranks just outside Thabong or to walk part of the way to the mine compounds with them.

"They never intended to go into Welkom. They are too afraid to do so. A few hundred unarmed youths are not likely to invade a town of 50 000 whites patrolled by armed vigilantes," a Thabong attorney told *City Press*.

Confirming this, Thabong Youth Congress chairman Thabo Masoleng denied that the toy-toying youths were intent on trouble because they disagreed with the decision of the 5 000 people at the meeting to end the boycott of white Welkom businesses on Tuesday.

"The only people who disagreed with the decision to end the boycott were township shopkeepers who stood to lose financially by the end of the boycott, and a certain minority of splinter-group politicians. None of those toy-toying were opposed to ending the boycott."

A mine personnel officer who witnessed the events said police - "clearly not from Welkom" - without warning fired teargas at a mass of people

moving back to the mines accompanied by youths. Observers say that after the youths were teargassed they ran back into the township and armed themselves with stones. They were joined by scores of other people angered by what they had seen.

Police say petrol bombs were hurled at them and they retaliated with pellets and rubber bullets.

The unrest spread to other sections of the township and a criminal element became involved. Taverns and other buildings were torched and police used live ammunition.

That evening Muller told a meeting of about 250 whites to carry weapons and to resume patrols in white suburbs.

"You must carry your weapons. A white man who doesn't is committing suicide," he urged.

There was chaos in Thabong for 48 hours. Fiery barricades were erected along two kilometres of Mothusi Road and in other streets.

However on Tuesday, at a meeting called by Thabiso teachers and attended by 4 000 youths, it was decided to clear the barricades and return to school.

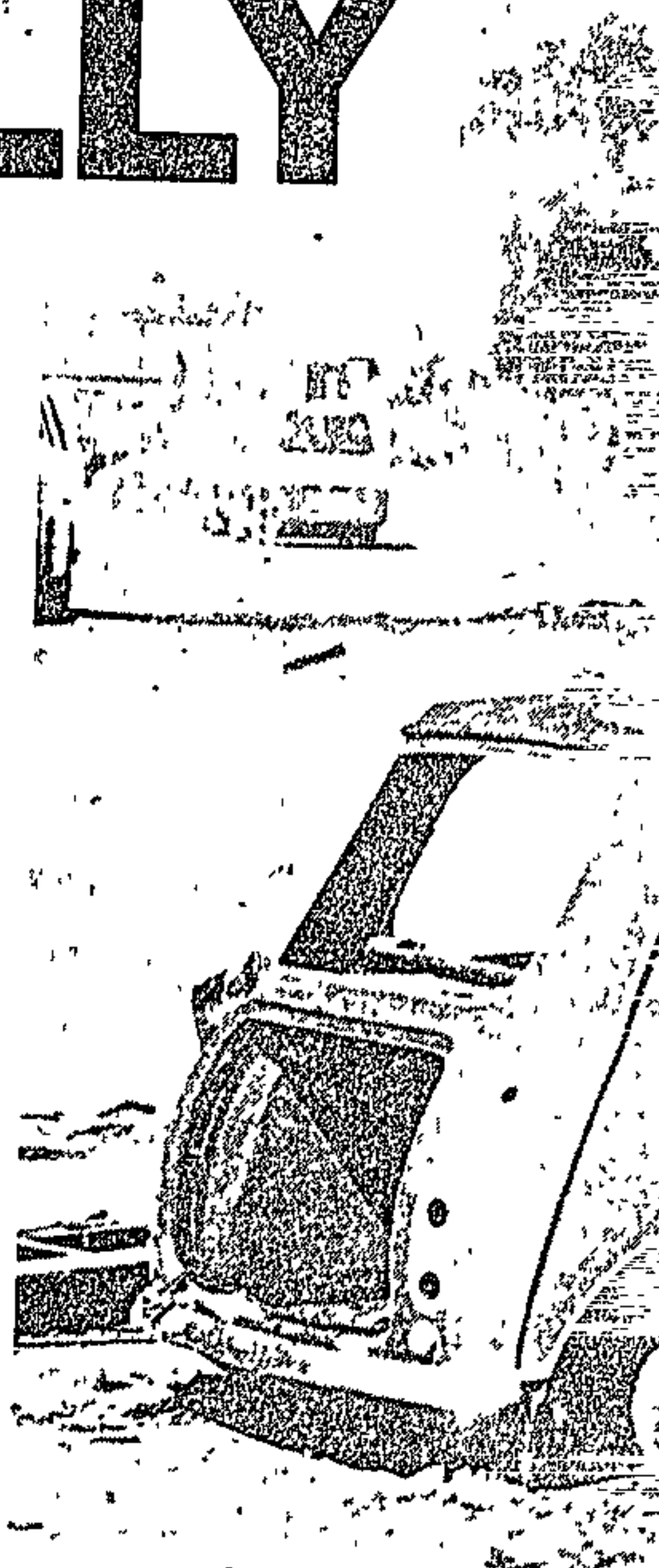
"They had made their protest against the police killings and it was felt the criminal element was taking over and burning taverns and homes," Masoleng said.

In the early hours of Wednesday morning, after the barricades had been cleared, 1 000 policemen supported by members of the SADF and about 60 armoured vehicles, made a "crime prevention" raid of the areas in Thabong believed to be trouble spots.

House-to-house searches were made, but the raid seemed to accomplish little.

The following morning police displayed what they had confiscated in the raid: two knobkieries, one axe, a short-bladed spear, a suspected stolen video recorder and six packets of dagga. Some gold was also said to have been confiscated.

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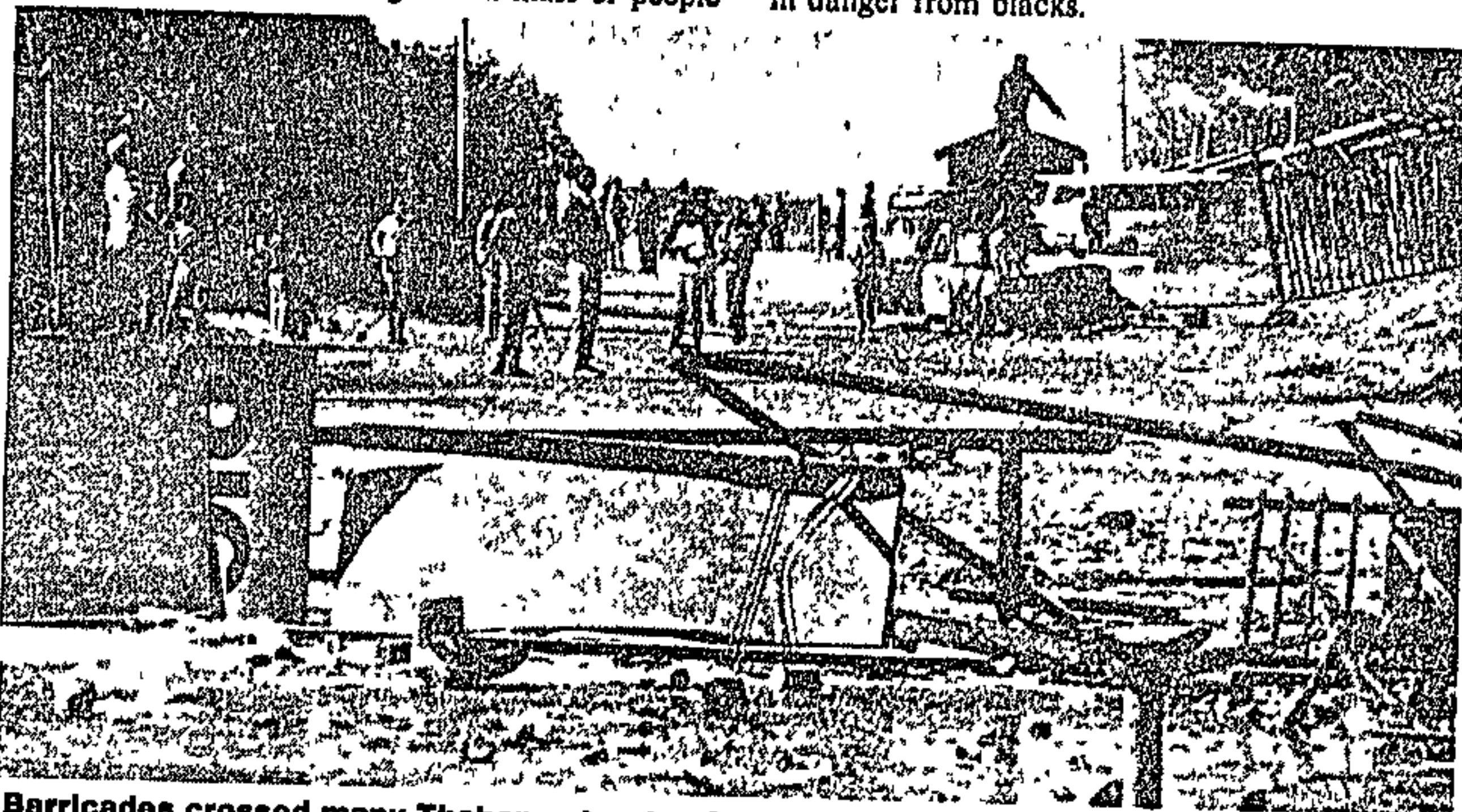
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DURING the current session of Parliament government is expected to close a loophole in the Income Tax Act which could have cost the fiscus millions of rands in lost companies' tax.

Tax experts pounced on the loophole after a landmark decision by the Appellate Division in February in favour of Edgars Group company People's Stores, which ended the legal battle over the meaning of the term "accrued income".

The decision meant any company granting credit would not have to pay tax on the full amount of accrued income due at the end of the financial year — effectively reducing the tax bill. Tax would only be

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paid on a present value of the amounts due in future, and a discount rate could be applied to arrive at that value. However, it could not be applied to overdue amounts.

Deputy Finance Minister Org Marais indicated the loophole would be closed, saying "gross income" would be more clearly defined in the Income Tax Act as a result of the decision in the case between People's Stores and the Receiver of Revenue.

He said the current definition could result in an understatement of gross income, and the Receiver's practice was to calcu-

late tax on the full amount. He added there were practical problems in determining the present value of amounts due in future.

A tax expert said the Receiver should treat income and expenditure consistently. If income could not be deferred to a future tax year, tax write-offs on expenditure should also not be deferred. The current approach was to link tax benefits on expenditures to economic performance.

However, the Margo Commission had recommended that the timing of the tax treatment of expenditures be looked at — and the gross income issue had highlighted the need for a new approach.

Police admit shooting 2 in tense Free State township

Three people have died in police shootings in Masilo township, outside Theunissen in the OFS, in the past week, a youth leader claimed yesterday.

A boycott of white businesses in the town — which entered its 13th day yesterday — might end tomorrow, he added.

Northern Free State police liaison officer Major Johann Fouche confirmed that two people died in police shooting in Masilo last week, but said he would only be able to comment on the third death today.

Friction began in the township — 50 km from Welkom — on March 26, said the youth, a committee member of the SA Youth Congress's Masilo branch who asked not to be named.

Damaged

On that day a black businessman's wife allegedly allowed police to use his van to round up youth activists during a school boycott.

They approached her after their armoured Hippo vehicle had broken down in the township.

Since then the Masilo shopping centre and a house, both owned by Kwenane Moilola, had been extensively damaged in arson attacks.

The supermarket, and a shoe shop belonging to a Mr Mota Diboka — an associated of Mr Moilola — were set on fire on Saturday evening and again on Sunday morning.

SAP public relations officer in Pretoria, Major Mike Lombard, yesterday confirmed that "a group of blacks caused extensive damage when they set alight a supermarket and shoe shop" in Masilo.

"When police arrived, they were attacked by the mob.

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

He said four people were slightly injured and 22 arrested.

According to the youth activist, a meeting took place on Friday evening

between residents and Theunissen police station commander Lieutenant van Rooyen.

The officer "promised at the meeting that he would get Mr Moilola and Mr Diboka and their families to leave Masilo" — one of the township's conditions for the lifting of the consumer boycott of white businesses.

The youth leader reported yesterday afternoon that the two families had left the township and the Masilo Civic Association and Youth Congress expected the boycott to end tomorrow.

A meeting of residents and the two organisations, to discuss the future of the boycott, is scheduled for this afternoon.

Asked why the supermarket and shoe shop had been burnt after Friday's assurance by police that the two families would leave Masilo, the youth leader said:

"Residents are still very angry about the deaths."

He said residents had set the shop on fire again yesterday morning and there had been further looting.

The original decision to boycott white businesses, which began on May 15, was taken because Mr Moilola "has a partnership with a white businessman — Mr Fred Ben — of Theunissen".

Killing mob

"Everyone in Masilo has stuck to the boycott these past 13 days," the youth leader said.

He stressed, however, that the unrest in Masilo was not of a political nature but was "a residential problem".

"It is not a war between Comrades and anti-Comrades. We haven't had any anti-Comrades until now," he said.

Mr Moilola's home was originally set on fire in early April, a week after police had used his van and after he refused a request from youth leaders to help secure the release of seven activists.

The youths have since been released on bail. — Sapa.



Stayaway hits Free State town businesses

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JOHANNESBURG. — White businesses in the Free State town of Theunissen have been hard hit by an ongoing consumer boycott of the town by nearby Masilo township residents.

The boycott, which entered its 14th day yesterday, has been almost 100 percent effective, according to businessmen in Theunissen.

The Masilo township, just outside Theunissen and about 56km from the troubled Free State town of Welkom, has been tense in the past week, with at least two people dying as a result of police action taken against township residents.

Severe losses

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The consumer boycott, which began on May 15, is reported to have started as a result of the discovery that a black businessman, Mr Kwenane Moiloa, was in partnership with a white businessman, Mr Fred Ben, of Theunissen.

In a survey of some businesses in Theunissen, it was found that most had had severe losses as a direct result of the consumer boycott.

The manageress of Pep Stores in Theunissen, Mrs Charmaine

Cronje, said that for the past two weeks not a single black customer had come into the shop.

She said this had affected Pep very badly as their clientele consisted almost exclusively of black people.

Blacks from the township of Masilo now used the two Indian shops next door to Pep Stores, she said.

"There are no shops in the township itself as they have all been burnt down."

Mrs Cronje said white shopowners who had been in Theunissen for 10 to 15 years had been badly hit by the consumer boycott.

"Many shopowners are not getting any customers at all. To my knowledge, no businesses have yet closed down, but most people close their shops early as they have no customers."

An Indian businessman whose concern is in Theunissen said his business was down by at least 40 percent.

He said customers who came into the shop were Theunissen locals or farm workers.

"Masilo residents are afraid to come into town," he said.

The businessman asked to remain anonymous, saying the Indian business community was already a "target" for rightwing white groups and could also become targets for the boycotters.

He said in the past two weeks his shop had been repeatedly vandalised but nothing stolen. He was not prepared to comment on who he thought might have vandalised his shop.

He said he did not expect the boycott to end soon despite rumours that it would end today.

He described the situation in Theunissen and Masilo as tense.

Another white businessman in Theunissen, Beverley's Bottlestore manager Mr George Schoonraad, said the store had been affected "quite badly" by the consumer boycott.

"There are very few black customers. The few that do come in are passing through or come from farms."

He said the boycott had affected the bottlestore for three weeks now but he had heard rumours it was to end tomorrow.

He said no businesses in Theunissen had closed down yet, but many had been forced to lay off staff because of the boycott.

The bottlestore would be one of the hardest hit as there were two bottlestores in Masilo itself which had not been burnt down by residents.

Owner of the So Far So Good Bottlestore in Masilo, Mr David Lisebe, said his business was "going well".

"There are no problems. I have a good relationship with residents

ANC, Azapo clash

SEVEN people were injured, three seriously, in the Free State township of Maokeng yesterday morning in a bloody clash between groups of local ANC and Azapo members.

Police spokesman Major Reg Crewe confirmed the heavy fighting.

According to the ANC's Mr Stoffel Mofokeng, the strife began last Friday when Azapo supporters allegedly expressed anger at not participating in a vigil held for two students shot

dead during unrest.

Azapo's publicity secretary, Mr Strini Moodley, denied this and said the mob leaders "are apparently tsotsi elements ... who now have the right to wear ANC T-shirts".

● The Rev Frank Chikane, general secretary of the SA Council of Churches, yesterday called on Mr Walter Sisulu, internal ANC leader, and Mr Pandelani Nefolovhodwe of Azapo, to intervene. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

Five 'human torches' die

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Five black men died and a sixth is in critical condition after being doused with petrol and set alight in Edendale at the weekend.

Police spokesman Lt Henry Budhram said police found the charred remains of five unidentified men in a white bakkie burnt out near the Umsindusi River on Sunday night. A sixth man, aged about 30, was still alive.

The motive for the attack is not known and the police have appealed for information.

White business hard hit by black boycott

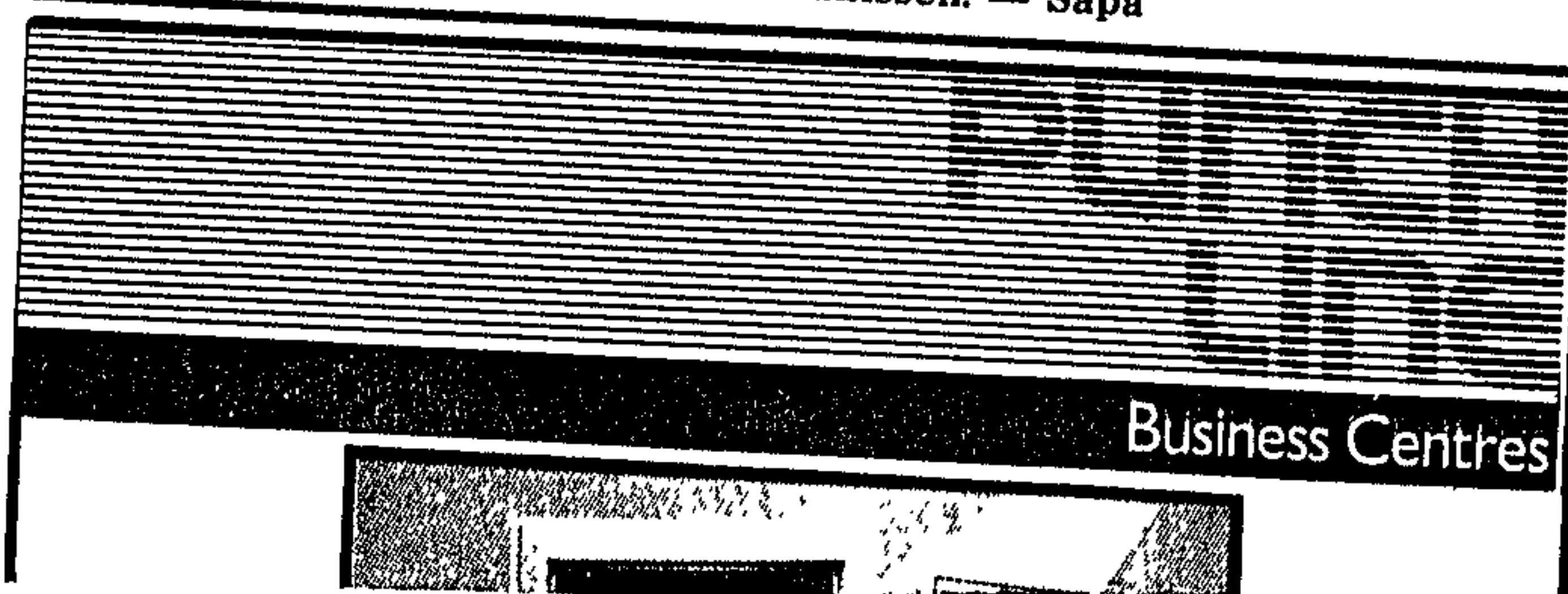
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Business Centres

Shop boycott suspended

JOHANNESBURG. — The consumer boycott which has hit white-owned businesses in the small Free State town of Theunissen has been suspended until the weekend when a mass funeral will be held for victims of alleged police shootings in the Masilo township.

Bottlestore owner Mr George Schoonraad said a member of the Masilo Boycott Committee had visited his store yesterday and told him the boycott had been lifted until Friday. He said business had not improved yet.

Pep Stores manageress Mrs Charmaine Cronje said black customers were returning but "seemed slightly nervous".

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a festering sore that burst open

By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN

LIKE a pair of jackboots on the feet of a drunken moron, the Left and Right stamped across the nation's conscience in Welkom in recent months as a grim reminder of what was sown and what shall be reaped in this country after a generation of the National Party's racist rule.

Attempting to find the missing link in the chain of events culminating in last week's mayhem in Thabong which left nine people dead, takes one through a catacomb of violence, death, natural disaster and cries of treachery.

Early last year, an earthquake shook the small northern Orange Free State town leaving two people dead and at least 11 injured.

Isolated

This was not an isolated natural disaster, the next was to be the tornado which hit the town in March, this year causing close to R600 million damage, according to the town clerk of Welkom, Mr Chris Rademan.

Also in 1989, a group of white men called the town's then mayor, Mr Gus Gouws "a traitor" after he started a "multi-racial" marathon for disabled persons.

The men tarred and feathered the mayor leading to three of the accused

- allegedly Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) members - being convicted

The Free State has for many years been the citadel of Afrikaner pride and prejudice. Until recently, persons of Asian origin were not allowed to stay overnight in the heartland.

On New Year's Day 1990, the AWB terrorised the pocket of Indian people in Welkom by hurling fishing sinkers through the windows of their homes and attaching AWB stickers to their properties.

"I'm afraid it's going to get worse," an Indian trader in Welkom said at the beginning of the year.

Less than six months later almost 20 people have died, victims of the Left and Right, the wrong and right, black and white.

Last week in Welkom, the regional police chief, Colonel Hennie Heymans was questioned about a group of white Right-wingers who call themselves Blanke



Thabong township in Welkom with streets littered with burning tyres and rubble...a grim testimony to the race tensions simmering in the Free State town.

Veiligheidswag (White Safety Watch).

Would the South African Police take action against a group of white men who patrolled the streets with firearms, perhaps in the form of arrest or at the least a warning?

"They haven't broken any laws. When they do, we will act," Heymans said.

Earlier that same day the police fired teargas and stun grenades at

groups of black people in Thabong, some standing in front of their homes.

All they did was stand and watch police patrols, journalists told the colonel. Was it appropriate to fire at them seeing they were not nearly as armed and dangerous as the white vigilantes? they asked.

Not there

"I was not there and don't know the circumstances," Heymans replied. "Were they breaking any laws?" The colonel did not know, he "was not there," he repeated.

Surely what's good for the Left is good for the Right, and so too for black and white.

"The South African Police are apolitical. A man's colour is not important," Heymans said.

Turning to two most intriguing incidents. In October last year the SAP stopped and dispersed an MDM protest march. Early in February this year, 200 AWB men, dressed in their de rigueur

khaki stopped a group of black protest marchers. Where's the link?

Perhaps there is no link. Soon after the unbanning of the ANC, SACP and PAC, AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche called on whites nationwide to arm themselves.

"Incidents of black on white intimidation are increasing, particularly after the release of Nelson Mandela," Terre'Blanche said.

"Under the circumstances we are compelled to call a meeting in Welkom to mobilise our people to arm and defend themselves."

"The AWB would make its own law and order on Welkom mines." Suddenly reports filtered in of black people being attacked on the streets of Welkom. All of

ficial reports however say that the victims were "allegedly attacked by white men dressed in khaki and believed to be AWB members..."

Heymans himself said in March this year that whites (referring to the BV) were chasing blacks out of town in Welkom creating "a diabolical circle of violence where no one can win".

A day later, on March 27 the Minister of Law and Order called the BV "a subversive alternate structure".

The mayor of the town, Mr Bill Odendaal, laid the blame for a retaliatory consumer boycott by blacks of white-owned business and accompanying racial tension at the door of the Right-wing.

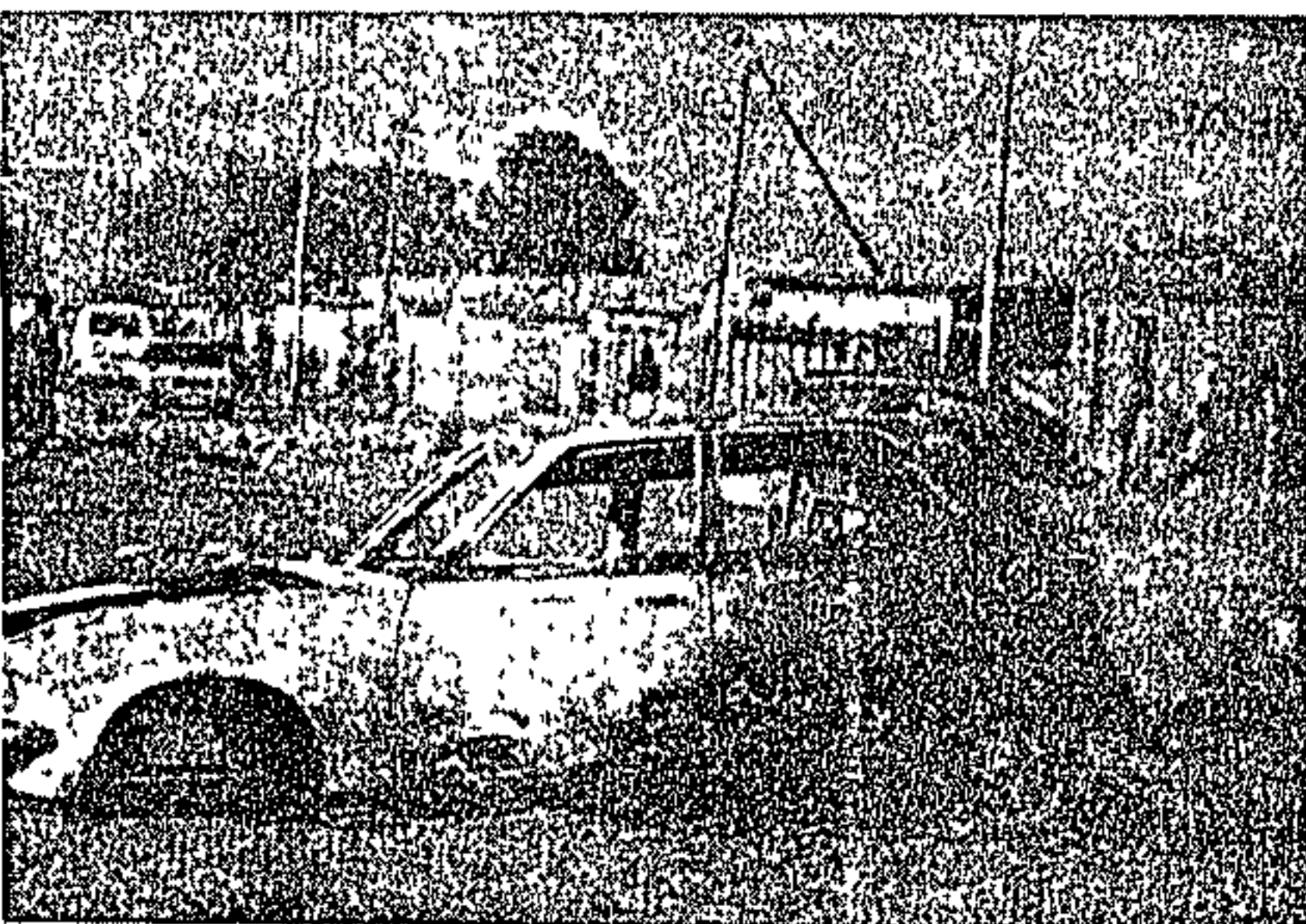
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black miners and the Law and Order Minister stepped in. Soon afterwards the police were "taking action against looters and vandals" in Thabong - the eventual death toll was nine.

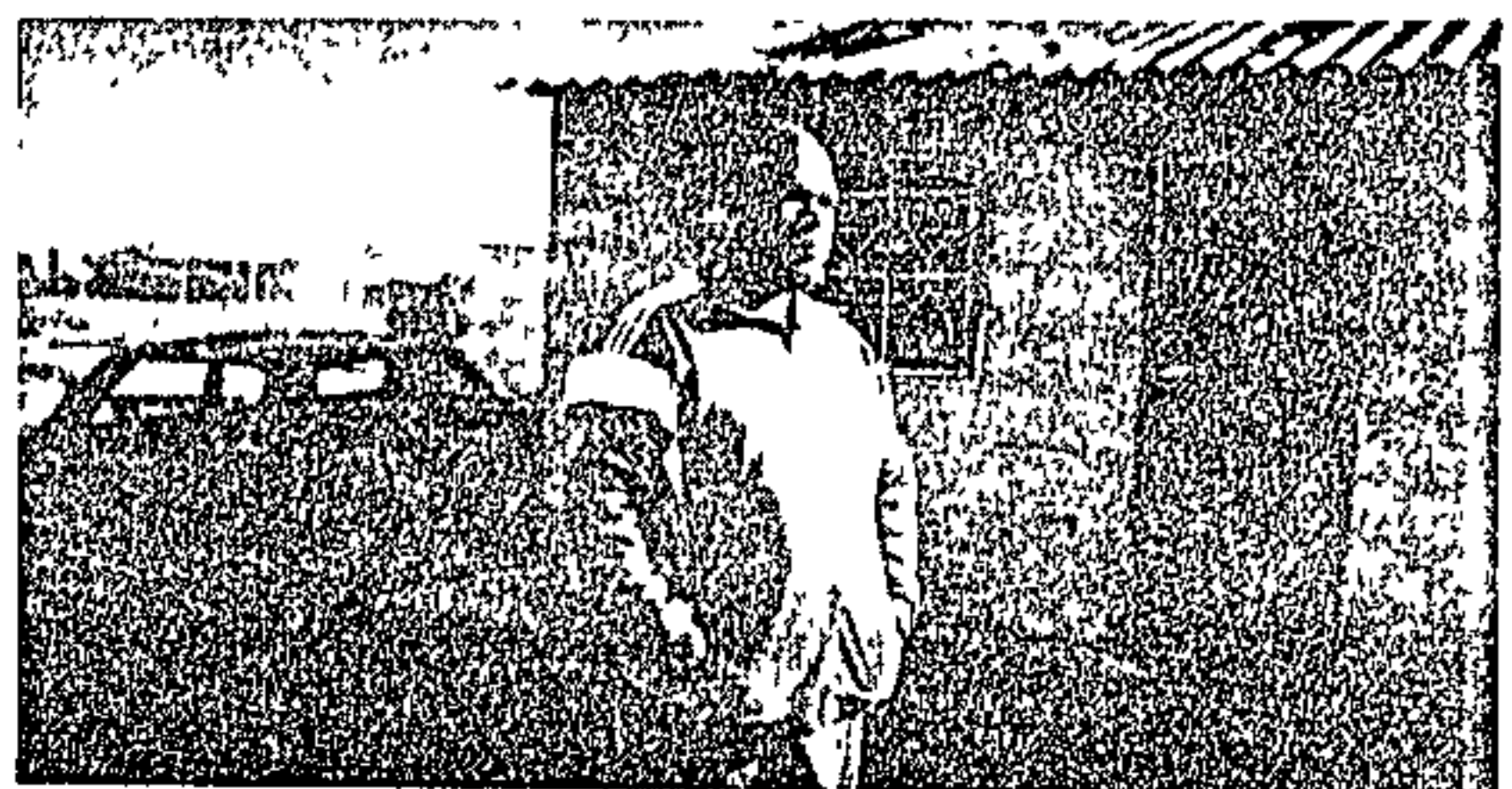
For 48 hours this month Thabong was embroiled in a vicious spiral of violence leaving close to a hundred people injured - plus the above nine dead - and losses in capital and property totalling thousands of rand.

Welkom has been festering a sore; a core of pus containing all the representative racial hatred and tensions of the greater South Africa which has burst open, spilling out its ugliness, its pain and its suffering.

Could this be an indication as to what lies ahead for the country?



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Damage to personal property was extensive. Mr Abel Nokwana, a councillor, lost both his expensive automobiles and home when the fires broke out.



More than 20 people have died in the Left- and Right-wing violence that has been festering in Welkom over the past few months. Could this be an indication of what lies ahead for South Africa?

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ANC, Azapo 'ceasefire'

JOHANNESBURG. — A "ceasefire" between the ANC and the Azanian People's Organisation was called late on Monday night following bitter internecine fighting between the two political groups on Monday which left seven injured.

One of the injured, Mr Meshack Moeketse of the Maokeng Youth Congress, who was reportedly stabbed four times in the fighting, told Sapa yesterday that ANC and Azapo supporters decided that "those injured would not report the situation to the police as they should not be involved in community affairs".

Mr Moeketse said ANC internal leader Mr Walter Sisulu was due to come to Kroonstad yesterday "to defuse the situation" but had been forced to postpone the visit until Sunday.

He will address the Maokeng residents on Sunday at the Maokeng stadium. — Sapa

Thabong refusal 'inhumane'

JOHANNESBURG. — While the latest official figures are reported to have put the fatal victims of the recent shootings in Welkom at 12, Thabong community spokesmen said they were still in the dark as to the consequences of the shootings.

One of the dead, Mr Tumane Mokoena, a student, was buried last weekend, and students Sabata Mosimane, Anna Ncala, Winston Jase and Alwin Molefi will be buried tomorrow at Thabong stadium.

The UDF said it was gravely concerned at the "inhumane refusal" by the police to provide their list of the names of the dead and injured.

It was difficult for organisers to provide "decent farewells to the fallen martyrs", it said. — Sapa

THE CONTINUING CRISIS IN EDUCATION ...

THE crisis in Bloemfontein's black schools has intensified with more than 50 000 of Mangaung township's students having had little or no education since the beginning of the year.

All primary and high schools in the township have ground to a virtual halt and students decided last week to stay away from school until the Department of Education and Training meets their demands.

"I didn't get any school lessons this year," said Pule Hlatshwayo, a student and organiser of the Mangaung Congress of South African Students (Cosas). "From Sub A to matric there has been no school since the beginning of the year." Education in the area has been hamstrung by demonstrations and countless petitions.

When the *Weekly Mail* visited Mangaung this week there was hardly a school uniform in sight — with the exception of six-year-old Keneloe Moepadira, a Sub B pupil at Tebelelo

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Primary school, who roamed the street in a neat black-and-white uniform. "My mother dresses me up every day hoping that we will return to school," she told me. "I want to go back to school because I am longing to see my friends," said Keneloe.

Cosas branch president Khushi Jwayi said the crisis began when ANC leaders and the National Education Crisis Committee called for all students to go back to school at the beginning of this year. "Schools were flooded, but the DET did not make the necessary provisions to handle the influx," Jwayi said.

This resulted in overcrowding at schools, shortage of teachers and lack of text books. In Mangaung, it took up to the middle of February before schools could be brought back

Black pupils in Bloemfontein have had virtually no education this year. PHIL MOLEFE reports

on stream as principals and teachers battled to solve the space problem.

"Just when we thought everything was falling into place the English rebel cricket tour came and was met with fierce opposition in Bloemfontein," said Cosas secretary Morlati Moitse. Schools were disrupted as students joined in protests against the visit of Mike Gatting's team to Bloemfontein. Student leaders were detained by the police and classes were boycotted.

About the same time Mandela was released, sparking celebrations throughout the township. "As people

marched through the streets celebrating the release of Comrade Mandela a police combi drove into the crowd, killing two people," said Moitse.

"On April 23 students presented a list of complaints to Free State DET regional director NPJ Botha, which included lack of educational facilities, teachers, text books, stationery and space."

The students decided to stage a sit-in when Botha "refused" to address their demands two days after he was presented with the memorandum. Responding to the students' demands Botha said: "While the government of South Africa is willing to admit that there are many reasons for dissatisfaction, and I agree to that, I have to state that the DET cannot be blamed for everything that is wrong."

"Over the years money was available for equipment and replacements but this was not made use of because schools did not place orders," said Botha.

Again no lessons were conducted at schools during the sit-in period as students held "political workshops" organised by student leaders. Last Friday students decided at a mass meeting to stay away from school.

"If they (DET) do not meet our demands then the boycott continues."

The chairman of the Mangaung National Education Union of South Africa, Zingile Dingani, said while teachers agreed with the students' demands, staying away from school was not an "appropriate" strategy.

He accused the DET of delaying a return to normal education. "The students have expressed a wish to return to school but they feel that the department is reluctant to solve the crisis," he said.



Mourners stand around the coffin of one of the four people killed in Thabong violence last week.

■ Pic: BONGANI MNGUNI

30 000 mourn Thabong unrest dead

By DAN DHLAMINI

THIRTY thousand mourners, many wearing ANC colours, paid homage to four Thabong unrest victims buried at Thuswanong cemetery yesterday.

Eleven unidentified victims are believed still to be in the government mortuary. They were allegedly shot by police on May 20 and 21 after a mass meeting at Thabong Stadium had agreed to lift the boycott of white businesses in Welkom.

Fears of disturbances at the funeral were unfounded as the police kept a low profile and did not approach Thabong Stadium, where a memorial service began at 11am.

Scores of ANC marshals, many with imitation weapons, provided a guard of honour for the victims. The mourners included schoolchildren.

A placard was carried beside the coffins reading: Stop the killing, Vlok, AWB.

ANC internal wing leader Walter Sisulu addressed

the huge crowd. He was given a tumultuous welcome as he entered the stadium.

The dead - Teboho Winston Jase, 21; Mothibe Alwin Molefi, 20; Annah Ncala, 18; and Frances Mostmane, 16, were allegedly shot by police on May 20 - the day Thabong residents lifted the 14-day consumer boycott which crippled white businesses.

Also killed on that day were Zamekile Paul, 21, and Ndoda Dyonda, 20, who were both buried yesterday in the Transkei.

George Mofokeng, 51, who was also allegedly shot dead by police during the unrest that swept through Thabong, was buried in QwaQwa and Tumanzi Mokoena, 14, was buried last week.

The official death toll is 12, but the Thabong community is still uncertain as to the number of dead.

The Thabong UDF area committee believes that as many as 18 were killed and more than a hundred injured.

A UDF spokesman said about 10 unknown unrest victims were in the State mortuary.

He said the UDF also suspected that the unidentified bodies might be the victims of the vigilante group, Blanke Veiligheid, as it once charged that the actual number of the dead was 18 and not 12 as reported by the police.

Besides Sisulu, speakers at the mass funeral included UDF's Muhammed Vali.

Sisulu and other speakers condemned the action of the police and urged the black community of Thabong to unite.

He also called on all ANC supporters and other anti-apartheid organisations to help eradicate black-on-black violence.

He also called on all students to return to school because "the danger of having a semi-literate or an illiterate generation would be equal to giving away the freedom for which the black masses have fought for".

ANC, Azapo in big rally for peace

KROONSTAD. — The ANC and the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) met in the Maokeng township near here yesterday in a bid to end the violence between the two groups.

The meeting followed a bloody clash last week that left one Azapo supporter dead and seven people from both sides injured.

The dead man, Mr Michael Lekitlane, 20, will be buried in Maokeng next Saturday.

One of the wounded displayed stitched stab and hack wounds on his head, sides and chest and scars on his arms where he said he blocked a blow from a concrete slab.

Azapo general-secretary Mr Pandelani Nefolovhodwe described the meeting as "one of the most important deliberations ever" and said Azapo had always challenged those who believed in black-on-black violence.

Freedom songs

A large delegation of church leaders and representatives of Azapo and the ANC were flanked by flags of the two organisations.

After initial reluctance to sing and chant slogans together, ANC and Azapo supporters joined in singing freedom songs and applauded speeches by Mr Nefolovhodwe and ANC internal head Mr Walter Sisulu.

He told the few thousand people the ANC's one duty as a liberation movement was to create everlasting unity and build a nation.

Mr Nefolovhodwe said: "Azapo and the Black Consciousness Movement (BCM) takes cognisance of other liberation forces — they represent and reflect the diversity of the political consciousness among our people."

Mr Sisulu said both Pan Africanist Congress president Mr Zeph Mothopeng and Azapo's Mr Muntu Myeza, national project co-ordinator, had agreed a public statement condemning inter-organisational violence should be signed along with the ANC. — Sapa

Discipline lacking, admits Mandela

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JOHANNESBURG. — ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela has admitted that the political township violence sweeping the country is linked to a lack of discipline among anti-apartheid activists.

Last week's violence, which has seen a rise in clashes between the ANC, the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) and the PAC, has left at least six people dead and five seriously injured.

At a press conference on Saturday Mr Mandela was asked to what extent the anti-apartheid groups could be held responsible for the political violence, as well as people who claim allegiance to the ANC.

Mr Mandela said there was no doubt that there was a certain "amount of lack of discipline" on the part of activists.

He added that the ANC leadership was united in condemning all forms of violence among the people themselves.

"The only type of violence that we accept is organised violence in the form of armed action, which is properly controlled and where the targets have been carefully selected," he said.

According to reports, a concerned Mr Mandela held talks last week in the Park Lane Clinic, where he was recovering from a minor operation, with a high ranking Azapo leader.

This was confirmed by Azapo projects co-ordinator and national executive committee member Mr Muntu Myeza.

Mr Myeza said the meeting centred on the need to avoid acrimony between organisations and the means of avoiding future occurrences such as the recent clash between supporters of Azapo and the ANC in Maokeng, in the Free State.

At Saturday's press conference Mr Mandela condemned the government for being unable to control the violence.

"Despite its strong, efficient and well-equipped army and police force why is it that it (the government) has been unable to suppress the violence that is going on?"

"The reason is quite clear. The government has taken advantage of differences among political organisations in order to crush a movement and eliminate individuals whom they regard as the real threat to white supremacy in this country," Mr Mandela said.

Thabong victims buried

WELKOM. — Four stu-
dents were buried in
Welkom's Thabong town-
ship on Saturday follow-
ing an emotive and stir-
ring funeral service at
the township stadium.

They were among at
least 12 people killed on
May 20 and 21 when
police fired on angry
crowds after an initial
shooting incident at the
end of a meeting.

Police said they
opened fire after a warn-
ing following stonings
and petrol bombs. Eye-
witnesses said there was
no warning or provoca-
tion.

Only eight of the dead
have been identified. —
Sapa

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Welkom to Ulundi

Above the desk of Hendrik Muller, leader of Welkom's Blankeveiligheid (BV), hangs a plastic skeleton: "Mandela" is written in black ink across its skull.

On the walls are numerous family portraits of him and his wife, Tessa, and their 12 children — of whom six are the children of his late brother.

A police college class picture (taken in front of the Voortrekker Monument) and an honorary award made out to him (Constable 50311) in 1967 are prominently displayed.

Muller (42) is the founder of BV, which has been at the centre of disputes with residents from Thabong, Welkom's black township.

The BV has drawn attention because of its vigilante patrols and alleged intimidation and assaults of blacks on the streets of Welkom.

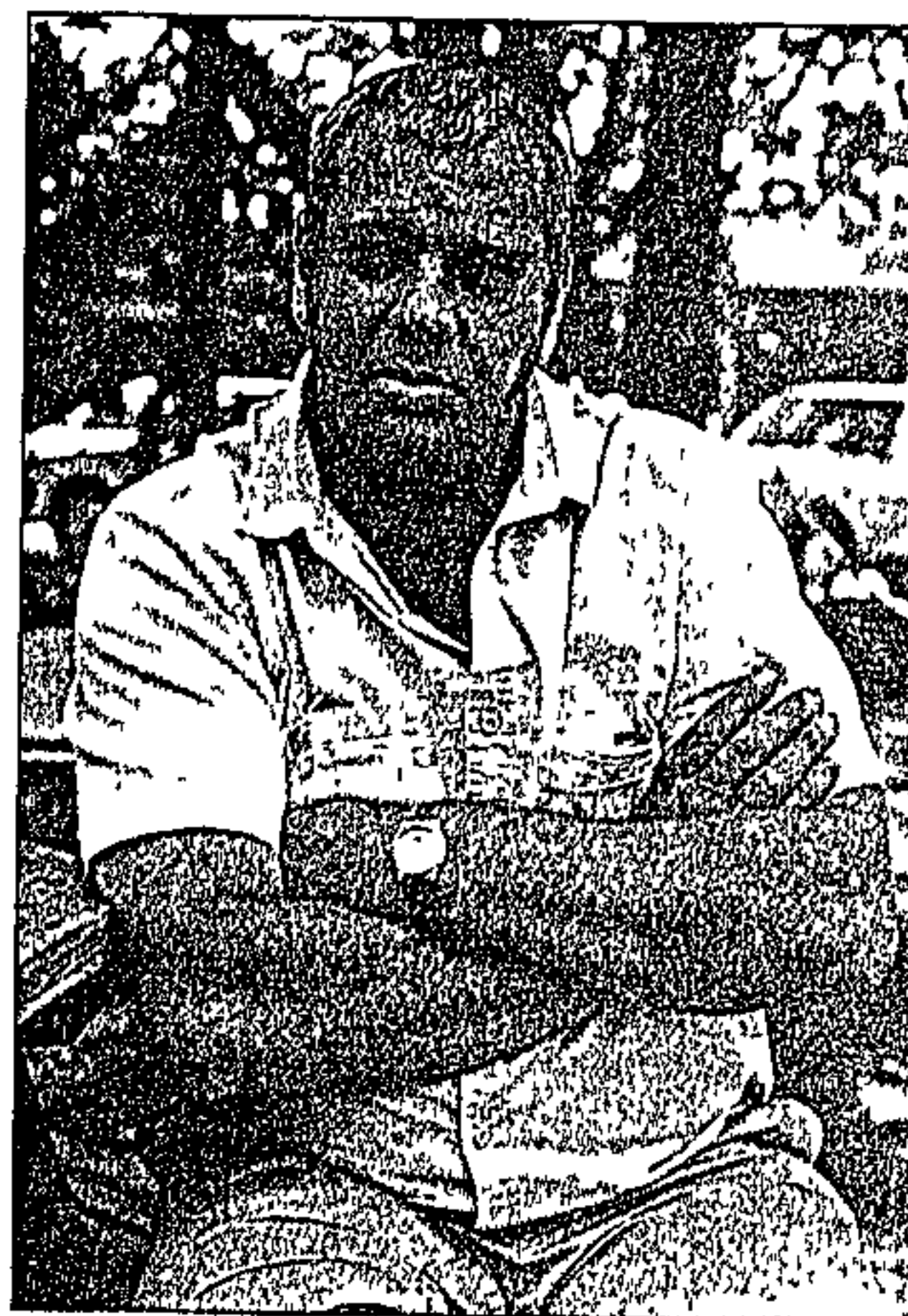
This interview had hardly begun when Muller took a phone call from an Inkatha Central Committee member — Muller recently applied for membership of Inkatha. "Zulu nationalism is the same as Afrikaner nationalism," he says. "They accept apartheid and won't accept domination by another group."

He says he believes "power-sharing and a multiracial government can work, but not the way De Klerk is doing it. Why is he negotiating with the ANC and not talking to moderate conservative black people?"

Muller traces his ancestry to German immigrants who settled in Mossel Bay in 1752. Born in Bethlehem, he matriculated in Marquard.

He joined the SAP in 1967 and became a member of the HNP. He befriended another young constable, Eugene TerreBlanche, with whom he guarded the residences of Cabinet ministers; and helped found the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB). He now refers derisively to the AWB as "super-whites."

Muller left the police and worked briefly for the prisons service before starting a panelbeating business in Kroonstad in 1977. In 1986, he moved his large business to Welkom. He employs 80 blacks (and about 20



Muller ... of 'super whites' and Inkatha

whites, some of whom walk around with pistols strapped to their hips

He says he became concerned about the safety of whites after the release of Nelson Mandela. On March 9, he and 66 other men, armed with sjamboks and firearms, were arrested for obstructing the police just before a protest march by black teachers. "Mr Vlok said many policemen were resigning. We felt we must protect ourselves and our property."

He claims BV has 5 000 members in Welkom and 40 000 members in 32 other towns from Naboomspruit to Cape Town. Muller says a new branch with 500 members will open in Hillbrow within a fortnight.

In his spare time, Muller enjoys reading political history.

Charlene Smith

Bold Azapo bid to end township strife

By Kaizer Nyatumba

The Azanian People's Organisation has urged all extra-parliamentary organisations "within the broad liberation movement" to put their political differences aside and work towards an end to inter-organisational violence.

Azapo publicity secretary Strini Moodley said his organisation had devised a bold plan which would bring the leadership of all anti-apartheid bodies together in a bid to secure peace in the townships.

"To this end, Azapo would con-

vene a national consultative conference for anti-apartheid organisations and trade union federations to reach certain public agreements which will commit all of us to ending inter-organisational violence.

"Discussions with the ANC and PAC have elicited agreement in principle and we are confident that such a conference will become a reality in the near future."

The conference was set for July.

Azapo had also decided to make "Peace in the townships — an end to inter-organisational violence" its theme for this year's June 16 com-

memorations. The theme would seek "to call on black people to stop attacking each other and to concentrate on unseating the Nationalist regime".

Mr Moodley said the agreement reached by the ANC and Azapo in the Free State township of Mookeng, which culminated in ANC internal chairman Walter Sisulu and Azapo general secretary Pandelani Nefolovhodwe jointly addressing a peace rally last Sunday, had resulted in mutual understanding and a mutual undertaking to respect each other's right to exist.

Welkom bombing: more suspects sought

POLICE are searching for more suspects in their investigation of the weekend bombing of the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) Welkom headquarters.

A 30-year-old white mine captain, whose name is known to Business Day, was arrested late on Sunday evening in connection with the blast which caused at least R250 000 damage.

The man is being held for questioning in terms of the Criminal Procedure Act. He will be formally charged after the investigation is over. A police spokesman said he hoped that would occur by the end of the

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week, if not sooner.

"The investigation is taking top priority, and we are following up other leads," said a spokesman for Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok. Police also seized an unspecified quantity of commercial explosives.

The man was allegedly an estranged member of the Blanke Veiligheid (BV) movement. However, Welkom BV spokesman David Naude said his organisation disassociated itself from the explosion.

"We have between 3 000 and 4 000 members in Welkom, but we are not aware of

the arrested man being one of them. The blast was a stupid idea, and the BV is committed only to being a white security force," he said yesterday.

An Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) spokesman in Welkom also distanced his organisation from the incident. "We are preparing for a fulltime war, but this bombing is definitely not part of it," said spokesman Blikkies Blignaut.

An NUM delegation headed by general secretary Cyril Ramaphosa visited Welkom yesterday to meet union members

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Bomb

and assess the damage.

NUM spokesman Jerry Majatladi said the R250 000 estimate was likely to rise once a more exact assessment was made.

"It appears that the police have heeded our call and are seriously doing something about the situation," said Majatladi. He said workers in the area were angry, but remained disciplined.

Chamber of Mines president Kennedy Maxwell said yesterday the bomb attack was an appallingly irresponsible act committed by people who were obviously ignorant of the process of reconciliation that

level-headed South Africans were striving to promote.

Anglo-American Corporation spokesman Adrian du Plessis said yesterday:

"These acts of violence are without justification and must not be allowed to jeopardise the peace initiatives which have already contributed to reducing tensions in the area."

Yesterday Vlok told Parliament 1 260 applications for firearm licences were received in Welkom from January 1 to May 30, Sapa reports.

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Blast: Mine official arrested

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PRETORIA. — Police have arrested a 30-year-old white mine official in connection with the blast late on Saturday night at the Welkom offices of the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM).

Police commissioner General Johan van der Merwe said in a statement yesterday that the man was being held under the Criminal Procedures Act.

The statement said he was expected to appear in court as soon as possible.

Police also seized an unspecified quantity of commercial explosives.

Investigations into the incident are continuing.

Replying to reports that the man was a member of the Blanke Veilgheid (BV) movement, the BV's Welkom spokesman, Mr David Naude, said his organisation disassociated itself from the explosion.

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MORE than eight firearms licence applications a day were made in Welkom during the first five months of this year, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adrian Vlok, disclosed yesterday. He said nine were rejected.

He was answering a question from Dr Zach de Beer of the Democratic Party. Mr Vlok could not say if the applications were from whites or blacks.

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Chamber of Mines president Mr Kennedy Maxwell said yesterday the bomb attack was an appalling irresponsible act committed by people who were obviously ignorant of the process of reconciliation that level-headed South Africans were currently striving to promote.

He added that the mining industry gave its unqualified support to the NUM's plea to Law and Order Minister Mr Adrian Vlok to spare no effort in bringing the perpetrators to justice.

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AWB protest march curbed

PRETORIA — Strict curbs on the display of weapons have been imposed on an Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging march planned for tomorrow in Welkom.

The march to the northern Free State mining town's police station to protest against the arrest and detention of certain whites, was given the go-ahead by Welkom magistrate, Mr J P Seaman, yesterday.

Marchers may, however, not display weapons, carry batons, mount horses or be accompanied by dogs, police said. — Sapa



Boitshoko Secondary School pupils with the chairs they retrieved from the taverns.

By PIC: DAN DLHAMINI

Kids raid taverns for school's furniture

By DAN DLHAMINI

WHEN pupils of Boitshoko Secondary School in Ikageng went back to classes this week after a boycott they found some of their chairs had been stolen. So they raided taverns and hairdressing salons and recovered over 100 chairs and other school property from them.

The pupils told *City Press* they heeded the back-to-school call but when they arrived found that chairs were missing and some doors had been ripped off by vandals and thieves during the boycott.

The pupils said the shortage of chairs was a problem because some had to sit on the floor and could not concentrate in the classroom.

Boitshoko headmaster Karabelo Tlhapi said the shortage of chairs created problems both for teachers and pupils. Pupils had told him they had seen their marked school chairs at various taverns and hairdressing salons and were going to collect them.

"Parents and residents must realise that schools in Ikageng belong to the community. I can imagine how embarrassed are those from whose premises

school property was recovered. It is every responsible person's duty to look after the property of the school instead of taking it for his or her personal use," said Tlhapi.

The pupils said they did not want to involve the police, "just to show that we are capable of solving our problems without involving the system, which brings hardships to our people".

They say they rejected the help of other youths who wanted to hijack their project of retrieving their school property.

The pupils denounced the burning of a bus, a bakkie and a

truck this week.

"That's the work of 'tsotsis' who were frustrated when they failed to hijack our mission. We condemn their actions because they put us in a bad light, as people think we students were involved. That is not true," said the pupils' spokesman.

Meanwhile, working mothers – especially those who live in the Mandela village squatter camp – were furious with the action because buses no longer enter the township and they have to walk about 4km from Ikageng entrance to their homes.

Manager stabbed to death by mineworkers

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JOHANNESBURG. — Mineworkers, allegedly dissatisfied with a wage increase, attacked and stabbed to death an official at the Merriespruit gold mine in the Free State, mine owners confirmed.

Mr Steve Buitendag, 43, was killed yesterday when he and two other officials went to investigate a gathering of about 800 miners outside a hostel, a Harmony Mines spokesman said. Mr M Human, hostel manager, and

Mr E D Perry, a production manager, escaped unhurt, police said. Mr Buitendag was a personnel manager.

Police and mine security were called to the scene but it was unclear if anyone had been arrested. The miners had dispersed before police arrived, the Harmony Mines spokesman said.

He said the miners were apparently dissatisfied with a wage increase.

The situation had returned to normal this morning and the day shift had gone underground.

The spokesman said Mr Buitendag was struck on the head with an instrument and then stabbed.

National Union of Mineworkers spokesman Mr Jerry Matjatladi said the union was gathering information about the incident. — Sapa.

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Call on white miners safety

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JOHANNESBURG. — The death of a white official at the hands of a crowd of mineworkers at the Merriespruit gold mine near Virginia on Monday has been condemned by right-wing groupings who have called for better protection for whites in the Free State goldfields.

The National Union of Mineworkers has expressed regret at the death of personnel manager Mr Steve Buitendag, who was beaten and stabbed after being set upon by about 800 miners. The union had been holding negotiations with management in an attempt to remove conflict caused by racial tensions.

Hollow ring

It expressed the hope that all parties would continue to work towards the elimination of racial conflict in spite of Monday's death.

CP spokesman on law and order Mr Moolman Mentz said Mr Buitendag's death had given a hollow ring to the assurances by Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok that the lives and property of whites on the Free State goldfields would be protected. Private security organisations were needed to assist the already overworked police force. The AWB went further and warned that unless adequate steps were taken to protect whites who were only a handful in the face of a "radical ANC force", it would be forced to take "drastic steps". — Sapa

Race conflict looms again in Welkom

CONFLICT is again looming on the Free State goldfields - this time between police and the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, which warned on Tuesday it would take "drastic steps" to protect white miners on the Free State goldfields.

The new development in the simmering racial conflict on the goldfields comes after the chief personnel manager of a Virginia mine was murdered by black miners on Monday.

The latest killing is a sequel to the murder of two other white miners near Welkom earlier.

In two sharply worded statements, the organisation accused the Chamber of Mines of throwing a "handful of whites" to the mercy of "the radical ANC", because they did not have the means to protect themselves underground.

Accused

The South African Police were accused of not being able to protect white miners and of virtually leading illegal ANC marchers on five occasions in Welkom.

Describing its view of the situation as "serious", the AWB demanded security meetings between them, the SAP, mine security, management, and Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok.

In reaction, Law and

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Order Ministry spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet said those who took the law into their own hands would have to suffer the consequences.

Referring to an alleged SAP "witch-hunt on Christian Boer and right-wing folk", the AWB said the continued detention of mine captain Hendrik Steyn held in connection with the blast at the National Union of Mineworkers headquarters in Welkom - "destroyed all forms of goodwill and co-operation".

Denial

Earlier, the AWB denied Steyn was a member.

"Serious racial conflict can be created by this. The AWB wants to remain within the law, but the illegal ANC activities allowed within white areas - permitted by the SAP - creates breeding ground for even bigger 'racial-conflict-boycotts' and industrial conflict," said one statement.

Mellet rejected the claims of bias against the AWB, saying police were at the moment also holding two ANC members in terms of security legislation in Welkom.

"It is totally untrue to say we are engaged in a witch-hunt against the AWB. This is pure, malicious, propaganda," Mellet said.

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12 injured as miners security men clash

By Brendan Templeton

Twelve people were injured, four of them seriously, when miners clashed with security officials at the St Helena gold mine in Welkom on Monday.

The clash took place when a group of about 2 000 miners were returning from a peaceful meeting organised by the National Union of Mineworkers at the No 2 Hostel on the mine.

One of the injured men is a security officer.

According to the NUM, security officials opened fire without warning on the workers who were contravening mine rules by toying and wearing union T-shirts.

But General Mining, which owns the mine, said security officials were forced to open fire when they were attacked by about 100 men after the rest of the workers had dispersed peacefully after the meeting.

The workers were armed with pangas, iron bars and other weapons, management said.

Letter

NUM spokesman Jerry Majatladi slammed the incident as indicative of the company's lack of sensitivity to the dangerous climate prevalent in the mines.

Conflict like this was bound to continue as long as management failed to realise they were part of a larger community and that workers were entitled to practise democratic rights wherever they were.

It was clear from a letter sent to the union prior to the meeting that they were misinformed about its purpose — they believed it was to co-ordinate wildcat strike action or to launch a boycott, Mr Majatladi said.

Based on this wrong information, the security officials overreacted, he added.

The injured miners were taken to a nearby hospital and nine of them were under police guard, he said.

The meeting on Monday night was a report-back meeting on retrenchment negotiations — the mine intends laying off 1 857 of its workforce.

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Mine strike, arrests increase tension

By Brendan Templeton

Tension increased at two Welkom gold mines yesterday when workers at one went on strike and four workers involved in a shooting incident on Monday were arrested at another.

Mining houses and the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) are also set to clash over the ban on open political expression for workers on mine property.

Harmony mine, recently the scene of racial tension when a white official was killed by black workers, saw about 3 000 workers start a wage strike yesterday.

NUM members at the mine, numbering 18 000 of the total workforce of 25 000, are demanding management implement an immediate wage increase in line with the increase negotiated by their union with the Chamber of Mines last month.

At nearby St Helena mine, the arrest of the four injured workers yesterday would do little to settle the problems on the mine, said NUM spokesman Jerry Majatladi.

The shooting occurred when toyi-toyi workers wearing T-shirts with political slogans

clashed with mine security while returning from a union meeting over proposed retrenchments.

Over 1 800 workers on the mine face retrenchment and the resultant job insecurity caused tensions to increase, Mr Majatladi said.

He said open political activities like wearing T-shirts and holding political marches were banned on mines.

A General Mining spokesman said the restriction was necessary to prevent open conflict between different political supporters breaking out.

The march follows a brief sit-in by 17 residents at the American Consulate in Johannesburg on Friday.

BY MATSHUBE MFOLOE

In the memorandum the residents are appealing to the international community to address

A spokesman said complaints had been received. Investigations into the allegations would begin once complaints had been

Mr Tom Letsenyo, a spokesman for the Turnahole residents, said the marchers would present a petition calling

He said residents could embark on a consumer boycott of Party stores if the issue was not addressed.

Copies of the petition would also be sent to the Security Police and Parys and Turnahole councils, Letsoenyo said.

Attack avoidable ^{Ste- 24/7/90} Cosatu

Sebokeng's bloody Sunday could have been avoided if the Minister of Law and Order and police had acted correctly when told last week of Inkatha's intention to attack, Cosatu said yesterday.

At a press conference in Johannesburg, the union federation said they had informed the Minister last Wednesday of allegations of Inkatha's planned attack on Cosatu and ANC members and supporters. A copy of the fax to the Minister was handed to the press.

The faxed statement said Cosatu had been informed that an Inkatha meeting on July 10, which was attended by two Inkatha head-office members, de-

cided an attack on Cosatu and ANC members was to be launched in Sebokeng on July 21.

It was also decided at an Inkatha meeting on the July 11 that "all Zulus" should attack ANC and Cosatu members.

The statement asked the Minister to bring the matter to his urgent attention.

Cosatu's lawyers informed the Divisional Commissioner of Police and the Commissioner of Police of the allegations.

Lawyers contacted Inkatha on Wednesday about the attacks.

Peter Harris, for Cosatu, said the police had stated they had investigated the allegation and found it to have no substance.

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Buthelezi supports Sebokeng faction

Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi yesterday came out in open support of the Inkatha members involved in the weekend clash in Sebokeng.

In a statement, he said he was "very sorry" about the incident, but could understand that Inkatha supporters felt the need to defend themselves and carry arms.

Fair game

"In view of what the ANC is saying and doing in calling for the 'isolation' of Inkatha and sending hit squads to murder Inkatha leaders and supporters, it is clear Inkatha is seen as fair game.

"Given these actions and utterances of certain ANC leaders and supporters, and in these circumstances, one can understand Inkatha supporters feeling the need to defend themselves and carry arms," Chief Buthelezi said.

Anti-Inkatha groups blamed for violence

By Craig Kotze

Police have blamed anti-Inkatha elements for the weekend bloodbath at Sebokeng township in the Vaal Triangle — where the official death toll is 19 — and said they had deliberately provoked a fight with the Zulu movement.

A team of detectives has now been formed to investigate as top priority the killings, which include that of policeman Warrant Officer Petrus Jooste (32), speared by an unknown person, said Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe.

He said police knew of 19 deaths but it was at first thought, due to separate police statements, that the death toll was as high as 24.

Police have warned that revenge attacks will not be tolerated.

All possible measures would be taken to end the violence but it had to be realised the root of the problem was political and not a security matter. Police would remain neutral and would not take sides.

Colonel Malherbe said Inkatha and the Vaal Civic Association (VCA) had applied to have meetings in the same stadium on the same day. Inkatha, which also applied to Vanderbijlpark's magistrate for permission, was given permission, but the VCA, which did not apply to the magistrate, was turned down.

Before the meeting, several groups between 100 and 600-strong and wearing ANC/UDF T-shirts gathered outside the stadium and hurled stones at police and their vehicles, igniting violence throughout the township against police.

Police dispersed the stadium mobs with teargas and rubber bullets.

After the meeting ended at 3.30 pm, Inkatha members in seven buses were escorted by police from the stadium through a gauntlet of petrol bombs and stones to the men's hostel in the township.

I saw five people killed – witness

24/7/90 By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau

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pangas, knives, knobkerries and golf clubs.

A photojournalist yesterday described the horror of witnessing the deaths of five people killed during street battles between Inkatha supporters and rival political organisations in trouble-torn Sebokeng township on Sunday.

"It was terrible. I have never seen anything like this before," said the shocked journalist, who wished to remain anonymous out of fear of retaliation.

He said most of the victims, who appeared to be innocent bystanders, were first shot and then hacked and battered to death by large mobs wielding an assortment of weapons, including guns,

He also levelled accusations at police, blaming them for being pro-Inkatha and more interested in videotaping the proceedings than intervening and helping people who were being attacked.

The journalist said he was covering the Inkatha peace rally at the Sebokeng stadium. "At one stage while I was outside the stadium taking pictures, two guns were pointed at me by Inkatha supporters. Some of them rushed at me and wanted to chop me with pangas and knives, but I managed to escape through a hole in the fence and fled to safety."

Youths force
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Fighting left at least 19 dead on Sunday and bitter disputes over who was to blame. Police are accused of siding with Inkatha against ANC supporters; Inkatha is accused of planning attacks on ANC/Cosatu supporters for days before the violence; and the ANC faction is accused of carrying out planned attacks on Inkatha.

As yet it is not clear where the truth lies.

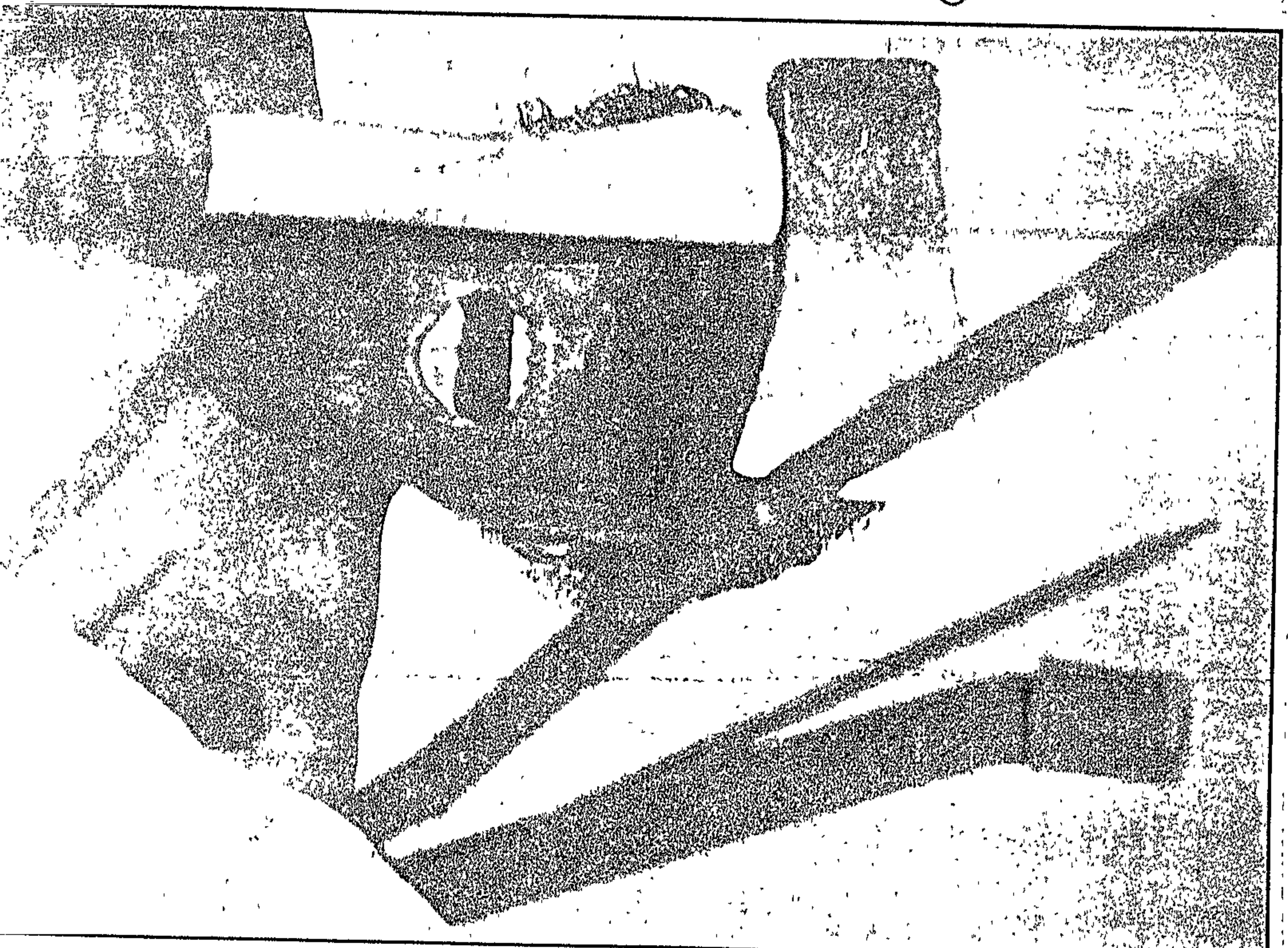
Today Hlangano Shabalala, treasurer of the Sebokeng Civic Association, said tensions were running high in the township. There were fears of revenge attacks.

— Youths from the neighbouring Sharpeville township threatened to

'Spear pierced his heart' — witness

A riot policeman, who attempted to keep war-ringing Inkatha and ANC groups apart in Sebokeng township, died after pulling an assegai out of his chest at the weekend.

Warrant Officer



Police confirmed gangs had stopped workers travelling to work.

"There have been sporadic incidents of stone-throwing reported, but the situation is under control."

"Our patrols will remain in place until we are satisfied the situation has returned to normal," said the spokesman, Captain Eugene Opperman of the Witwatersrand police.

Cosatu general secretary Jay Naidoo said yesterday the weekend violence was "yet another violent attack by Inkatha with police assistance".

Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said that in view of the actions and utterances of certain ANC leaders and supporters to isolate Inkatha and send hit squads to murder its leaders, he could understand Inkatha supporters feeling the need to defend themselves and carry arms.

Police said the anti-Inkatha elements had deliberately provoked a fight with Inkatha.

"We believe that anti-Inkatha elements were the aggressors and deliberately carried out the attacks on Inkatha supporters. If they had not adopted a confrontational stance, the killings would not have taken place. They were there for one reason alone — confrontation," Colonel Frans Malherbe said.

He said a special team of detectives would investigate the killings.

Colonel Malherbe said Inkatha and the ANC-backed Vaal Civic Association had applied to have meetings in the same stadium on the same day.

Inkatha, which also applied to Vanderbijlpark's magistrate, was given permission. The VCA, which did not apply to the magistrate, was turned down.

Police said they had held several meetings before Sunday with Cosatu legal advisers and informed them

**Warrant Officer Petrus
"Seppi" Jooste.**

before being taken
later, police said.

Warrant Officer Jooste was with a detachment of police escorting Inkatha members through a gauntlet of petrol bombs and stones hurled by suspected ANC supporters.

He and his men arrived at the hostels, only to be confronted by other ANC/UDF supporters waiting, according to police, to ambush the Inkatha members. Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said the mob approached the Inkatha members, but were warned by Warrant Officer Jooste that confrontation would not be tolerated. They refused to disperse and rubber bullets and

The Star Bureau

NEW YORK — Noting "escalating strife" in South Africa, the State Department warned today that the African National Congress may be preparing to step up the level of violence if talks with the Government break down, and issued a travel advisory warning to American citizens of the dangers of travel in South Africa and in Transkei and Ciskei.

The State Department advisory, a warning frequently offered to Americans travelling in or about to leave for foreign trouble spots, also claimed that some Americans in South Africa had been harassed by right-wing groups, but gave no details.

Unit died on Sunday after the spear was hurled at police at the Sebokeng single quarters where up to 21 people died in clashes

The spear hit his heart

The spear hit his heart but the policeman managed to pluck it from his chest and throw it away. He died an hour later.

Political Correspondent

President de Klerk confirmed last night that the Government would go ahead with planned talks with the African National Congress on August 6 — despite the police discovery of an alleged ANC/SA Communist Party plot to seize power if negotiations failed.

He issued a statement confirming the scheduled talks following a call by Conservative Party leader Andries Treurnicht and the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging for the talks to be cancelled in view of the infiltration of Umkhonto we Sizwe cadres and the "platant declaration of war" by MK chief of staff, Chris Hani.

Mr de Klerk said that although the Government regarded the alleged ANC action in "an extremely serious light", it remained committed to a peaceful negotiation process — as agreed at the Groote Schuur talks in May.

However, the basic rules of the negotiation process "do not provide for any political organisation to stockpile arms to force its will at the negotiation table".

teargas were fired at them. During this incident, a spear was thrown and hit the policeman in the chest. "He just pulled it out and threw it away," said a policeman who was at the scene.

The assegai has since gone missing and police have been unable to find it.

Colonel Malherbe said it was not known whether it was a Zulu spear.

"Even if it were a Zulu spear, it could not be ruled out that someone from the other side threw it. They also use spears and these are widely available," said Colonel Malherbe.

Warrant Officer Jooste was married; he and his wife had no children. A shocked Mrs Jooste was yesterday unable to speak to The Star.

"The Government insists that the laws of the country have to be respected.

"As I have often said publicly, it is imperative that good government be maintained at all times.

"Change in whatever area must be orderly and should follow peaceful negotiation and discussion."

"The nature of Government action since February 2 this year (when the ANC was unbanned) was to achieve exactly that and was directed at normalising the political process."

Mr de Klerk also seemed to hint that top ANC leaders could be involved in the alleged plot.

Immunity

He pointed out that in the joint Groote Schuur Minute agreed to by the ANC and the Government after talks early in May, temporary immunity was granted to people who would otherwise have faced prosecution.

"In the light of the latest developments, it is necessary to emphasise that such immunity applies only in re-

War fever . . . a Sebokeng anti-Inkatha hostel resident, armed with an axe and iron pipes, prepares for war after rumours circulated that Inkatha planned to attack ANC sympathisers at the hostel.

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that their meeting would be illegal if it went ahead. These meetings were attended by Witwatersrand police chief Major-General Gert Erasmus.

On Friday, Sebokeng police chief Colonel Othniel Mazibuko had held talks with the VCA on the matter.

At a press conference in Johannesburg last night Cosatu said it had informed the Minister of Law and Order last Wednesday of allegations of Inkatha's planned attack on Cosatu and ANC members and supporters. A copy of the fax to the Minister was handed to the press.

Peter Harris, representing Cosatu, said the police said they had investigated the allegation

and found it to have no substance.

He said there was reason enough to believe an Inkatha attack was being planned and Cosatu, the Vaal Civic Association and the local ANC branch was doing everything possible to avoid the situation.

Before Sunday's Inkatha rally, several groups up to 600 strong wearing ANC/UDF T-shirts gathered outside the stadium and hurled stones at policemen and their vehicles, police said.

The police dispersed the mobs with teargas and rubber bullets.

When the meeting ended at 3.30 pm, Inkatha members travelling in seven buses were escorted from the stadium by police through a gauntlet of petrol bombs and stones, said police.

Sebokeng still tense as death toll rises to 21

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Vereeniging and Highveld Bureaux

Renewed clashes in Sebokeng yesterday between supporters of Inkatha and the African National Congress left two more people dead.

A police spokesman this morning confirmed the official death toll now stood at 21, including policeman Warrant Officer Petrus Jooste, who died after being stabbed with an assegai on Sunday.

At least 18 incidents in which petrol bombs and stones were hurled at police vehicles were reported throughout yesterday.

Thousands of Sebokeng workers stayed away from their jobs on Monday and yesterday, apparently fearing more attacks on their homes, after Sunday's Inkatha-ANC clash left an estimated 19 dead.

They returned to work today.

The township was still tense today and police were patrolling the streets.

● The situation was quiet in Wesselton, Ermelo, this morning after three days of fighting between vigilantes and ANC supporters.

Unconfirmed reports said five leaders of the rent boycott supporting Wesselton Action Committee had been seriously injured during the unrest since the weekend.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said there had been a number of unrest incidents in the area last night.

Fighting erupted on Sunday when alleged vigilantes launched attacks on members of the local action committee who are spearheading a nine-month rent boycott.

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Sebokeng: confusion grows

By Helen Grange

Rumoured threats that Inkatha was planning attacks — and counter-threats that there would "never be an Inkatha rally in the Vaal" — were circulating in Sebokeng days before Sunday's bloodbath. The Star was told yesterday.

Both Cosatu and Inkatha claim they informed the police of the rumours well before the Inkatha rally at Evaton Stadium. However, a bloodbath which claimed many lives was not prevented.

The truth of what happened on Sunday became more clouded yesterday as Inkatha and Cosatu/ANC spokesmen directed further accusations against each other.

Cosatu spokesman Neil Coleman said it was clear that police had collaborated with Inkatha in their plan to attack Cosatu/ANC supporters. Inkatha supporters had been armed in spite of a police undertaking that no arms would be allowed into the stadium. The police had also escorted armed vigilantes through the township to the Sebokeng hostel.

"And when Inkatha did attack, the police made no attempt to stop them," Mr Coleman said.

Cosatu also claims that, following information that Inkatha was planning attacks, both Inkatha head office and various heads of police, including the Minister of Law and Order, were informed.

In a statement, Cosatu concluded: "The police were warned that there would possibly be violence, were told where and when and by whom it would allegedly be perpetrated — and yet it still took place. The situation demands a full investigation as to why, in spite of repeated warnings, violence occurred, lives were lost and property was damaged."

Inkatha youth organisers claimed yesterday that information had been given to the Vereeniging Police Station that rumours were spreading in Sebokeng that no Inkatha rally would be allowed in the Vaal Triangle area.

The chairman of the Inkatha Youth Brigade on the West Rand, Themba Khoza, said: "People were trying to prevent the rally from going ahead. The incident was perpetrated by Cosatu/ANC supporters the same way they perpetrated the Natal bus ambush. Inkatha members had every

right to defend themselves."

Mr Khoza added that an Inkatha member had been killed in Evaton yesterday afternoon.

The Star was informed by the general manager of Putco bus commuter services, Ben Pelsner, that buses were stoned while parked outside the stadium.

"I have gathered from my own staff that when this happened, the drivers ran away. When Inkatha came out of the stadium, they drove the buses to the police station. Our drivers made their way to the station and drove the buses, full of passengers, back to Soweto," he said.

In an attempt to establish whether an undertaking had been made by police to disarm Inkatha supporters, The Star was told by Colonel Othniel Mazibuko to "speak to public relations". Colonel Mazibuko, of the Sebokeng Police Station, is alleged by Cosatu Western Transvaal official Zwe-linzima Vavi to have given him and others this undertaking.

Police have stated that only traditional arms were allowed into the stadium and that anti-Inkatha elements provoked the attack after the rally.

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Two die in Ermelo unrest

Staff Reporters (277)

ERMELO — At least two people have died in clashes in Ermelo townships during four days of fighting between a vigilante group and residents and police action.

SAP spokesman Brigadier Vic Haynes said police opened fire in Breyton township on Tuesday when a group attacked a police vehicle with stones and petrol bombs.

At least six houses and four shops were burnt in nearby Wesselton during

clashes between residents and vigilantes.

Police said two bodies were found yesterday morning. They had been shot. It was not clear when they died.

Clashes in Wesselton and Breyton followed a meeting on Sunday where Wesselton residents resolved to continue their nine month-old boycott and to boycott white businesses in the area.

Residents claimed two vigilante groups, the Black Cats and the Karatekas, were being used in

an attempt to crush the rent and proposed consumer boycotts.

Brigadier Haynes confirmed that Mr Elijah Ngwenya, chairman of the action committee in Ermelo, was arrested yesterday.

Mr Ngwenya, a prominent businessman, appeared in court on charges of intimidation, arson and malicious damage to property, he said.

The charges relate to attacks on a shop and a house. Mr Ngwenya was released on bail.

Businessman's home attacked

26/11/90 East Rand Bureau

The house of prosperous Vosloorus businessman Justice Radabe, whose businesses were at one stage boycotted because he allegedly associated with councillors, was stoned and petrol bombed on Sunday causing damage estimated at R60 000.

Mr Radebe said on Friday that his truck was also stoned and petrol bombed and the driver narrowly escaped death when his jacket caught fire.

"When the attack took place my wife was alone in the house watching television. She heard a loud bang at about 10.30 pm and then realised that the house had been petrol bombed.

"She escaped through the back door and screamed for help. While outside she saw a car leave the house at high speed.

"While my wife was trying to extinguish the fire in the front with the neighbours, there was another attack at the back of the house."

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'We'll discuss Vaal violence'

By Stan Hlophe

The ANC will raise the Sebokeng violence when it meets the Government on August 6, Nelson Mandela said yesterday.

Addressing a crowd of ANC supporters and hostel inmates in Sebokeng, Mr Mandela said the ANC would issue a strong warning to the Government that peace would not prevail while people were being killed.

He blamed police for provoking people and allowing Inkatha supporters to arm themselves in spite of prior warning by ANC/Cosatu lawyers of a plot by Inkatha followers to ambush ANC supporters.

He appealed for the ANC supporters to exercise discipline and re-

main calm, and return to work and school today.

"Sebokeng is an ANC stronghold and no other organisation has the support we have here."

When The Star visited the township earlier, many youths were seen stoning police vehicles and Casspirs.

Security forces patrolled the area and a helicopter hovered above. Policemen fired teargas to disperse crowds who converged at street corners.

The Star team was ordered out of the area by gas-masked police. The Star's photographer, Ken Oosterbroek, was manhandled and threatened by policemen who ordered him to stop taking pictures.

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SAP reinforcements are sent to Sebokeng

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By Craig Kotze

Police reinforcements with helicopters and armoured vehicles have been sent to Sebokeng to help stamp out fighting that has left 21 dead since Sunday.

More than 500 policemen from Soweto, Pretoria and the Vaal Triangle have been deployed in the area on the orders of Witwatersrand police chief Major-General Gert Erasmus, said police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe.

The extra policemen will be used to keep warring factions apart and so prevent further large-scale violence, he said.

Helicopters from the SAP's Air Wing will also be deployed in the area.

Nineteen people, including a policeman, were killed on Sunday and another two on Tuesday in bitter fighting between Inkatha and ANC supporters after an Inkatha rally.

Cosatu has called on President de Klerk to intervene to bring peace to Sebokeng after the federation received reports of continuing violence in the township.

NEWS

ANC unveils wide-ranging action plan

By Esmaré van der Merwe,
Political Reporter

The ANC's national executive committee (NEC) yesterday announced several actions to address pressing political issues such as the Natal violence, the Sebokeng mini-war and the education crisis.

At a press conference in Johannesburg to report on the NEC meeting which was held at a secret hide-out on Monday and Tuesday, the ANC's highest decision-making body announced that:

- A high-powered committee of four NEC members had been appointed to engage in efforts to end the carnage in Natal. They were Thabo Mbeki, Jacob Zuma, Gertrude Shope and John Nkadimeng.
- It had endorsed the creation of a co-ordinating committee consisting of the ANC, SACP and Cosatu.
- The ANC would hold consultations with various groups in the democratic movement tomorrow to address the black education crisis.

Steps would also be taken to secure Government intervention at the highest level.

- Organisational structures dealing with the return of exiles would be strengthened. The ANC would also move with greater speed to establish local and regional structures and would step up preparations for its December 16 congress, the first to be held in South Africa in 30 years.

In a statement, the NEC expressed concern about the increase in right-wing violence and urged the Government to take the necessary action to end "what amounts to the open commission of criminal acts".

Mr Mandela told scores of journalists President de Klerk would be "foolhardy" to seek a whites-only mandate for reform.

The best solution was to reach a negotiated settlement as soon as possible which would give all South Africans the vote.

He also confirmed he would hold a series of meetings with other political actors to brief them on his recent international tour and to facilitate black unity.

Among others, he would meet the Labour Party, the PAC, Azapo and homeland leaders until Saturday.

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Inkatha now 'banned' in Sebokeng

By Shareen Singh

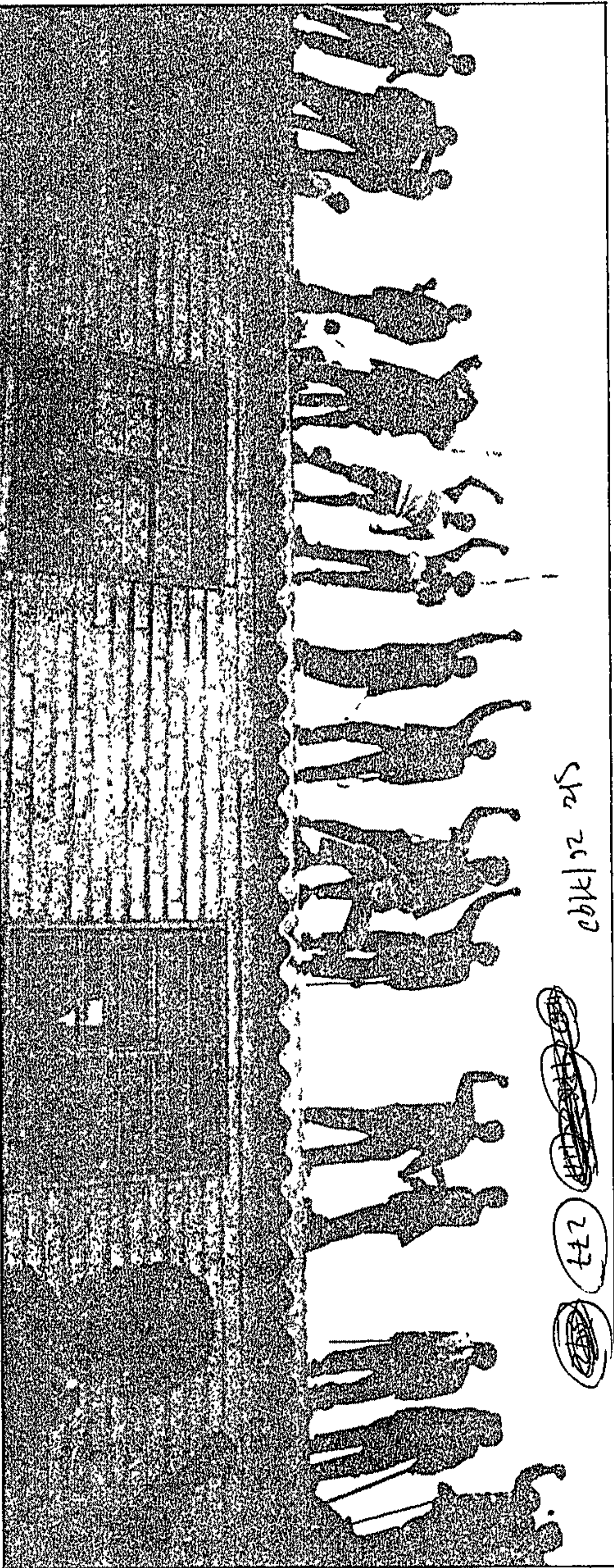
Inkatha members have been "banned" from Sebokeng following bloody clashes this week between Inkatha and Cosatu/ANC.

A Vaal Civic Association spokesman said today Inkatha members and supporters who "invaded the township" on Sunday had left and Inkatha hostel dwellers who "took part in the attacks" were not allowed back in by other hostel residents.

The Vaal Civic Association and other organisations linked to the Mass Democratic Movement are to hold three rallies today to discuss barricades in the township, the partial stayaway and the erroneous identification of all Zulus as supporters of Inkatha.

Colonel Othnel Mazibuku of Sebokeng police station said there were no reports of unrest last night.

Sebokeng welcome . . . Hostel residents greet Nelson Mandela in song — "Khwela phezu kwendlu ubatshel'! (Get on the rooftops and tell them!)". Picture by Alf Kumalo.



Why didn't police act, asks Mbeki

27/7/99 By Esmare van der Merwe, Political Reporter

The ANC, at the August 6 meeting in Pretoria, will demand Government action against police misconduct, ANC director of foreign affairs Thabo Mbeki said last night.

He expressed anger at police involvement in this week's Sebokeng mini-war between supporters of the ANC and Inkatha, and condemned the police for not preventing alleged Inkatha attacks on "mzabalazo people" — people of the

struggle — at two Soweto stations on Wednesday.

Mr Mbeki said the media, union officials and Mass Democratic Movement leaders were aware of planned Inkatha attacks on commuters several hours before numerous people were injured when Inkatha supporters stormed trains at Ikwezi and Inhlanzani stations.

Attacks

"If the press and union officials knew about the rumoured attacks, why didn't the police act? That's something to be very angry about. People

have died," he said.

Mr Mbeki added that Nelson Mandela wanted to discuss this matter with President de Klerk, and presumably did so at their meeting last night.

Violence — whether by the police or black and white vigilantes — as well as the armed struggle needed to be discussed at the next round of Government-ANC talks.

"The issue of the misbehaviour of the police has to be addressed urgently. Even if we have to sit down every day for 24 hours, we must do that," Mr Mbeki said.