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Bus boycotters injured in baton charge by police

Several Alexandra bus commuters were injured in a baton charge by police yesterday on the first day of the bus boycott at the township

Thousands of people boycotted the buses, using taxis or walking to work to protest the 12,5 percent increase in fares.

Mr Boysie Sebothe (29) was shot and injured and more than seven people, including two Press photographers, were arrested and later released.

But the Alexandra Youth Congress president, Mr Paul Mashatile, said one person was still being detained

A police spokesman said he could not confirm any detentions or confirm that Mr Sebothe had been shot

Several buses were damaged when they were stoned in the afternoon and evening.

A Putco spokesman said today that nine buses were damaged, causing an estimated loss of about R1 050.

"A driver received a hand injury and another was attacked by an unidentified group. His injuries were not serious.

"The boycott appears to have eased today with police more visible and the situation quiet," he said.

Return bus loads yesterday afternoon were normal "with passengers disembarking at the Wynberg depot rather than continuing into the township".

Most commuter taxis reduced their fares by 20c to 70c for a single trip to Johannesburg

Late yesterday more than 40 members of the group co-ordinating the boycott met to discuss their campaign.

Forty former pupils appear

By MONK NKOMO

FORTY former students at the Saulsville Secondary School in Atteridgeville, made a brief appearance in the Pretoria Regional Court on four charges of public violence and malicious damage to property.

The students, who pleaded not guilty to all charges before Mr F J Mostert, are alleged to have attacked the following teachers: Mr Ephraim Serote, Mr Joseph Nduna, Mr Samuel Seema and Mr Abram Seolo.

They are also alleged to have pelted their homes with stones damaging window panes in separate incidents in October last year.

Mr Mostert postponed the case to March 19 for trial which is expected to last four days.

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Bus boycott — firebomb burns four

Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A Putco bus was firebombed in Alexandra township last night and four people were injured as the boycott in protest against fare increases continued for the eighth day.

Mr Pat Rogers, for the company, said the four victims had been admitted to hospital, where one was said to be in a serious condition He said the bomb had been thrown between 6th and 9th avenues about 8 45pm

The injured are Mr Isiah Sebotong, who was in a serious condition, Mr Tsandile Masondo, Mr Simon Ndlovu and Mr Petrus Mncube.

Mr Rogers said intimidation was a feature of the boycott, "and this bombing is an example of it". The Alexandra Commuters' Committee, which is co-ordinating the boycott, has repeatedly stated that its methods are peaceful

Few people

Few people were boarding buses between the 15th Avenue bus terminus in Alexandra township and the Wynberg depot today, though some of the buses bound for Ferndale and Noord Street in the city carried full loads for the first time since the boycott began.

The buses, which had full loads, were boarded outside the township

Police continued to maintain a heavy presence in the township today. They were stationed along the main roads in Alexandra, the bus terminus and the routes.

More people have been using taxis since Putco increased its fares by 12,5 percent.

In detention

Five leading members of the Alexandra Commuters' Committee are allegedly in police detention. They are Mr Mike Beea, Mrs Naomi River, Mr Mack Lekota, Mr Obed Bapelo and Mr Patrick Banda

The SAP Directorate for Public Relations said police "cannot confirm the detention of the persons mentioned (in your telex) in terms of security legislation yet"

PUTCO BOYCOTT

As the Alexandra bus boycott, in protest against Putco fare increases, enters its second week, strategy seems to be changing from peaceful protest to violent intimidation.

Both sides have pulled out the stops, with police detaining the five executive members of the Alexandra Commuters Committee (ACC), while buses have been attacked and, in the most recent incident, fire-bombed.

Putco's spokesman, Pat Rogers, says: "We would not be happy to see a clampdown by the authorities if we thought the boycott was a legitimate popular response. But the situation seems to be one of intimidation."

Rogers says that despite continued observance of the boycott within the township, commuters are tending to walk to the Wynberg terminus to catch buses into work and to return the same way in the evening.

"Those who see the police action as provocative should bear in mind the situation, where we are dealing with acts of violence and not peaceful demonstration," he says.

Unlike other industries where companies are free to change prices almost at will, Putco has to ask permission from government. The company applied for the fare rise of 12,5% on the Reef in March 1983 — having previously been granted an increase in December 1982.

One of the criticisms of the increase is that it came at a difficult time of year. "What the boycotters don't seem to understand is that we have no way of being sure when the new fares will be introduced," says Rogers.

One side-effect of the boycott has been the move by the Alexandra Taxi Association to take advantage of the situation. The association supported the boycotters and offered a 30% cut in fares on the same day as Putco's increase took effect.

"We expect legitimate taxis to increase services and take advantage of the boycott, but what we have always objected to are the pirate operators, who are carrying passengers illegally," says Rogers.

The boycott seems to be in its last and most violent stages. But Putco must know that, given the sensitivity of the black transport issue, this is unlikely to be the last time it will have to face stay-away protests and wrecked buses.

Putco's Rogers . . . more than just a boycott

at a store in the city downed tools over a union recognition dispute. Management called in the police who used a tear-gas cannister to disperse the workers, rounded them up and took them to the police station where they were released.

Last week an official of the General Workers Union of South Africa (Gwusa), which has organised workers at a small factory called Joe Calafato's, alleged that workers were being interrogated individually about their union membership by police called in by management.

Mr Joe Calafato, a director of the company, said: "This union has been trying to get our boys to join them against us. So we called in the police and said we were having this problem. Some of the boys admitted it wasn't even their signatures on the membership forms.

"We've got boys who've been with us for 40 years and we've never had trouble before. We're one of the victims — I can honestly tell you we've never victimised any natives."

A police spokesman said they had no knowledge of the incident.

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PRETORIA has become one of the new frontiers of trade union organisation and has had more than its fair share of labour disputes. There have also been disturbing reports of employers using the police as part of their industrial relations armoury.

Two weeks ago about 26 workers

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*14 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

(1) Whether an inquiry has been instituted into the riots in Katlehong in or about October 1983, if not, why not, if so, who is in charge of the inquiry;

(2) whether the inquiry has been completed; if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that it will be completed, if so, what were the findings;

(3) whether any action is to be taken as a result, if not, why not, if so, what action;

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

(1) Yes The East Rand Administration Board investigated the riots and the South African Police are investigating the matter

(2) No. (a) A thorough investigation which requires much time is being conducted, and (b) it is not possible, at this stage, to indicate when the investigation will be completed

(3) The action taken will depend on the results of the investigation.

(4) A decision will be taken when the results are known

Hospitals run out of blood type O—

Pretoria Correspondent

Hospitals supplied by the Pretoria branch of the SA Blood Transfusion Service need 20 units of the O-negative blood type daily, and yesterday there was none in stock

The service had to make emergency calls to regular donors so stocks could be built up, a spokesman said today.

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The O-negative group is a universal group and can be used in emergencies

The service has appealed strongly to donors of all groups to donate blood

Bleeding times are on Mondays and Tuesdays from 6 pm to 8 pm, Wednesdays from 9 am to 4 pm, Thursdays from 11 am to 1 pm, 2 pm to 4 pm and 6 pm to 8 pm, Fridays from noon to 2 pm and Saturdays from 8 am to 12.30 pm

Police in baton-charge on children

Police today baton-charged a group of boycotting pupils who were attempting to disrupt classes at the Flavius Mareka High School in Saulsville, Pretoria

An eye-witness said a group of pupils, who appeared to be from the Saulsville and Saulridge high schools, marched to the Flavius Mareka High School but were met by police armed with batons

"The pupils scattered in all directions as the police moved in. There were a number of other plainclothes white officials with walkie-talkies," said the eyewitness

Several children were injured, school windows smashed and a car damaged when pupils from two schools which were shut by the Department of Education and Training yesterday tried to force children from other schools to join them in their class boycott

Pupils at Dr W F Nkomo and D H Peta high schools said the trouble began when a group of pupils chanting "freedom songs" came to the schools and shouted that they should come out and join them

They said the group consisted of class boycotting pupils from Hofmeyer and Saulsville Secondary schools

The pupils are boycotting classes in an effort to force the DET to readmit those students who failed last year and consequently are too old to attend day school The department maintains that such pupils should attend adult classes

Pupils at Dr W F Nkomo said after the boycotting pupils realised there was no response to their call they started stoning the building, smashing windows and injuring some female pupils who remained in the classrooms at the instruction of the principal

A car belonging to one of the teachers was also damaged during the stoning The stone throwing also occurred at the D H Peta school. — Pretoria Bureau-Own Correspondent.

Chance breakthrough in treatment of herpes

Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Psychiatric research by one of the world's leading physiologists, Professor David Horrobin, who is visiting Cape Town this week, led to an accidental medical breakthrough in the treatment of herpes

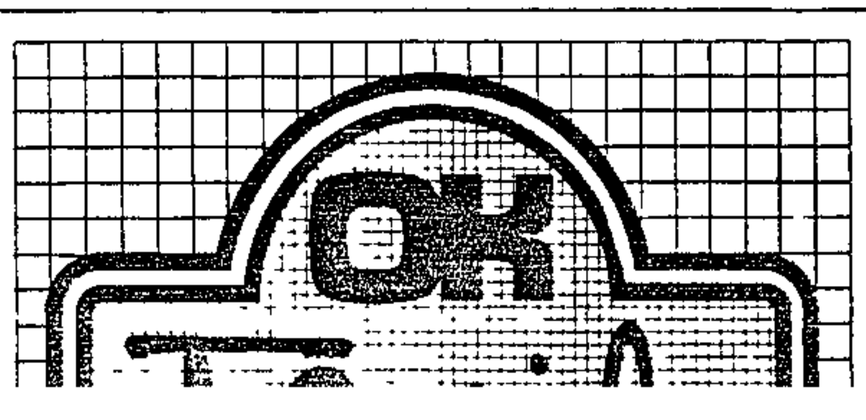
Professor Horrobin was conducting research on manic-depression and the treatment of the disorder using a substance called lithium.

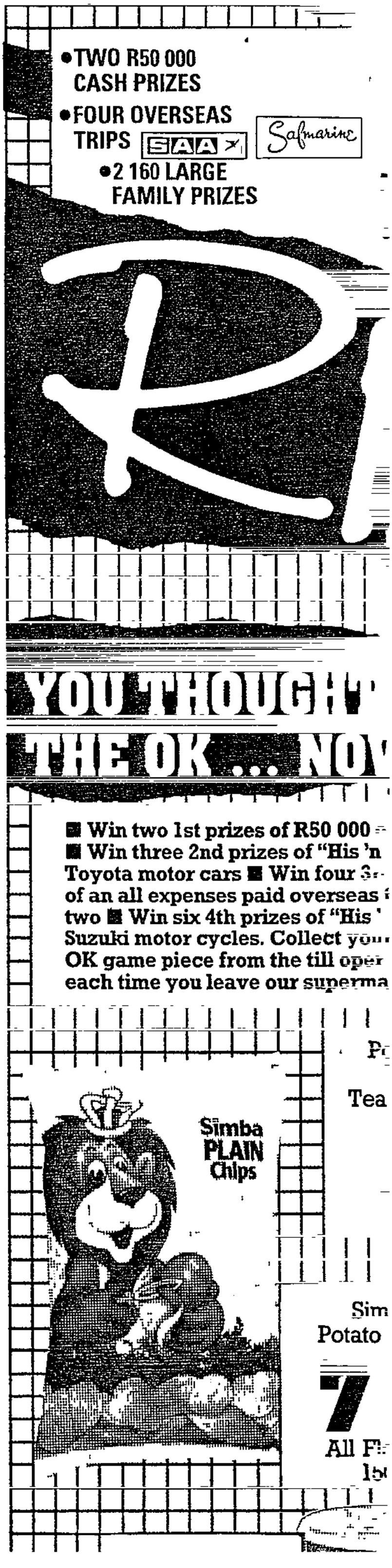
Unexpectedly it was found that lithium could also be used successfully to treat herpes

Professor Horrobin ogist Dr Gordon Skinner, were published in November last year.

"As with chicken pox, for example, the herpes virus is almost impossible to eliminate completely. What is significant with lithium treatment — in pill and cream form — is that it relieves pain and itching and prevents secretion of the virus In effect, it keeps the virus at bay"

Professor Horrobin, who is on a professional visit to South Africa, said the treatment was gaining popularity in America and Britain, though he was not sure whether it had been introduced yet in South Africa.





Department of Education shuts down three trouble-torn Pretoria schools

STUDENTS IN TURMOIL

Sowetan 9/2/84

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By ALINAH DUBE

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The students are demanding that colleagues who were not re-admitted when schools reopened, be admitted.

BOYCOTT: Students yesterday in Atteridgeville near Pretoria.

The three Pretoria schools have been closed until further notice.

Police were called when the violence broke out, but the Police Directorate for Public Relations yesterday announced that its members had not at any stage been involved in any incidents.

Students at the Dr W F Nkomo High School told **The SOWETAN** a group of boys arrived at the school at about 9.30 am and told them to leave classes. They were told to walk out in solidarity with the students at the trouble-torn schools.

"Confusion reigned when these students threw stones on the roof and smashed windows," a student said. "The principal suggested to the boys at our school to stop the attacking group but that proved difficult and other students started running for cover."

A spokesman at the Kalafong Hospital confirmed that Pinkie Katani, a student, was treated at the hospital after sustaining facial injuries in the fracas. She also said a woman who claimed to have been injured when students fleeing the police sought shelter in her yard was treated for a minor injury.

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Girl dies after tearsmoke used

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Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A Form 1 pupil died today shortly after she was admitted to Kalafong Hospital in Atteridgeville, Pretoria, after a disturbance at the D H Peta High School.

Pupils said Emma Sathekge, 15, of Ramapulane Street, Atteridgeville, was overcome by the fumes when riot police fired tearsmoke canisters to disperse the crowd.

Another pupil, Pauline Mabusela, was allegedly knocked down inside the schoolyard by a police vehicle and badly injured. She was rushed to hospital, together with several others who were overcome by the smoke.

A hospital spokesman said nine pupils were admitted, besides Emma Sathekge. Four were treated and discharged and another four were still in the hospital.

The trouble began when pupils insisted on going to the assembly grounds today, though morning assembly was suspended last week, to protest against corporal punishment allegedly meted out at the school.

Headmaster denies he called for police help

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Mr D L Molepo, headmaster of trouble-torn D H Peta High School in Atteridgeville, Pretoria, today denied having summoned police help when pupils demonstrated against corporal punishment yesterday.

Several pupils were arrested today — in addition to the 20 who were held last night — as Atteridgeville remained tense with a large police presence evident.

Yesterday morning, when the police arrived at the school, they fired tearsmoke canisters into groups of pupils.

Several were injured and admitted to Kalafong Hospital. A hospital spokesman said a Standard 6 pupil, Emma Sathekge (15), died of her injuries.

Lieutenant H J Beck, of the SAP Directorate for Public Relations, today confirmed that nine pupils, one of whom later died, were admitted to hospital.

Pupils at the school insisted that Emma had been run over by a police vehicle. Lieutenant Beck said the death was being investigated.

Last night about 300 chanting pupils went on the rampage and stoned the headmaster's home.

Mr Molepo today denied having called the police, and said the stoning of his house was a result of "false" allegations.

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Girl dies after rumpus at Pretoria school

STUDENT KILLED

By Alinah Dube

MOTHER: Mrs Sarah Sathekge yesterday.
Pic: JOE MOLEFE

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A SCHOOLGIRL was killed and several other students injured when violence — in which police fired tear-smoke — broke out at the D H Peta High School in Atteridgeville, Pretoria, yesterday.

The dead girl was Emma Sathekge (14) a Form One student at the school. Some of the injured are Alex Masilela (17), Jim Kubala (20), Bernice Phahlane (18), Pauline Mabusela (19), Caroline Chele (19), Jill Seperepere (15) and Anna Masoja (14). All were treated and discharged from Kalafong Hospital.

Violence broke out after students had allegedly appealed to the principal to solve problems affecting the school internally without outsiders being involved. Male students had apparently locked the gate. Later several police vans were seen arriving.

A spokesman for the Police Public Relations Division said police were called to the school after pupils boycotted classes. The pupils then stoned the police while police officials and the school principal were holding discussions, he said.

"In the process three vehicles of the SA Police were damaged and one policeman was struck by a stone. He was not injured.

"Three pupils were injured when tearsmoke was used to disperse the pupils and restore order.

"Several pupils were admitted to the Kalafong Hospital for treatment, and one girl died in hospital. The cause of her death is not yet known."

Police were investigating, he added, Sapa reports

One of the students interviewed said: "We all got confused and started running for cover as the police drove into the yard. Some students fainted after tearsmoke was fired and ambulances were called to take them to hospital."

According to our information, while the principal, Mr D Molepo, had discussions with the police in the yard, one student closed the school's gate. Stone-throwing then followed. A white police van drove through the closed gates towards a group of students. They scattered in all directions.

A girl was later picked up from the spot and taken to the principal's office. An ambulance was called and she was rushed to hospital.

When **The SOWETAN** arrived at the Kalafong Hospital six of the students were being treated in casualty. One of the doctors told Mrs Sarah Sathekge, a widow whose husband was knocked down by a car last year, that her daughter, Emma had died. She burst into tears and was helped by her son, Patrick into a car.

Mrs Mary Masilela of No 2 Sepeng Street, Atteridgeville, said she was telephoned by a relative employed at the hospital that her son, Alex, was at hospital with a cut on his head.

According to Alex, he fell during the stampede and was hit by a cannister on the head. He lost consciousness. When he came to he was at the hospital and was being attended to by a doctor.

A female student who was shot at by police last year and had a bullet lodged in her spine, Pauline Mabusela (19), was also involved in the fracas. She fell during the stampede and was treated at the hospital.

Teargas

Earlier the senior superintendent of the Kalafong Hospital, Dr C Joubert, said eight other pupils were treated for teargas inhalation. Four had been discharged and four were being kept under observation.

● See picture on page 2.

Cry from the heart

FOR Mrs Sarah Sathekge, it is a second time round for mourning after she lost her husband on December 2 last year in a car accident.

She is the mother of Emma, the D H Peta schoolgirl killed in Atteridgeville yesterday during a police-student rumpus in which several other pupils were injured.

The mourning mother nearly collapsed with shock when told at the hospital that her daughter had died. She was helped home by relatives to sit once more on her mattress, in mourning within only three months.

Yesterday a spokesman for the family issued an SOS for assistance to bury Emma.

"The family cannot afford another funeral. Mrs Sathekge is still paying for her husband's funeral expenses and the family has no means of income. Please let the community help us bury Emma," the spokesman said.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been finalised by the bereaved family.

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5,5% rise in the price of beer

Mail Reporter

THE price of beer has gone up by an average of 5,5%, but hotels are not yet sure whether the increase will be passed on to patrons

South African Breweries announced the increase, which will affect wholesale prices, yesterday

The increase represents an extra 3c on a 750ml "quart" returnable bottle and 1½c on a 375ml "pint" returnable bottle The 340ml "dumpie" will cost 48c instead of 40

A survey of local hotels last night indicated that no decision had yet been taken on whether the increase would be passed on to patrons

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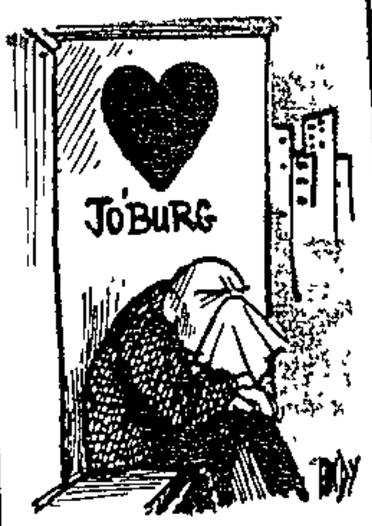

"I'd find it a lot easier if it didn't smell so much!"

Schoolgirl, 15, dies in school unrest

4/2/84

Pretoria Bureau

A 15-YEAR-OLD Atteridgeville schoolgirl died yesterday after police teargassed students at the D H Peta High School in Pretoria

Emma Sathekge, of 30 Ramapulana Street, died at Kalafong Hospital

Police said the cause of the girl's death was unknown But students claimed she was knocked down by a police vehicle inside the school premises

Dr C Joubert, the senior superintendent of Kalafong Hospital, said the dead girl was among eight pupils brought to hospital suffering from the effects of teargas

Colonel J Venter, of the police public relations directorate, said in a statement that police were called to the D H Peta High School in Atteridgeville near Pretoria, where students were boycotting classes

He said students pelted the police with stones while they were talking to the school principal, Mr D Molepo

Police vehicles and a policeman were hit with stones. Three students were injured, said Col Venter

Col Venter's statement added police used teargas to disperse the students and restore order

It said police were investigating the incidents.

Miss Pauline Matusela, a Form Three student at the school, said she was in Room Seven at the school when a teargas cannister dropped at the entrance to the classroom The incident took place at about 8am

"There was confusion in the classroom when the students were trying to run out I was overcome by the teargas fumes and taken to Kalafong Hospital by ambulance," she said

She said there were two other students in the ambulance

One of them was Miss Emma Sathekge, who was unconscious. The other was known only as Caroline

They were treated and discharged at the hospital

Mrs Sarah Sathekge, still in mourning for her husband who died two months ago in a car accident, said she was told by her daughter's friend of the incident at the school.

She went to the hospital, where she was later told her daughter had died after being knocked down by a police vehicle

D H Peta High School is one of two schools where students had refused to join the class boycott at Hofmeyr High School, Saulridge High School and Saulsville High School.

Students at D H Peta were attacked by boycotting students from the other schools who wanted them to join the boycott

Mr Barend du Plessis, Minister of Education and Training, told a Press conference in Pretoria last week that police were only called to schools where there was a danger of loss of life and damage to property

A spokesman of the Saulsville-Atteridgeville youth organisation and the local branch of Cosas, said in a statement last night that school unrest in the township would not be controlled until the school authorities talked to the students

"Students should be called to a meeting where they will explain their problems to parents and the authorities

"This instead of parents being called to a meeting and given a one-sided story from the school authorities," the spokesman said

Students were damanding the abolition of the system of corporal punishment in the schools, the issuing of textbooks and the establishment of students representative councils in the schools

Three schools in the township, Hofmeyr, Saulridge and Saulsville high schools, had their classes suspended indefinitely last week

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Government regrets girl's death

Political Staff

THE Government has expressed regret at the death of an Atteridgeville pupil, and police have been ordered to exercise restraint in dealing with unrest at the Pretoria township's schools.

The pupil, Emma Sathekge, 15, died at Kalafong Hospital yesterday after police used tearsmoke to disperse stone-throwing students

Youths were treated at the hospital for tearsmoke inhalation

The Minister of National Education, Mr Barend du Plessis, said today: "I am extremely sorry about the accident yesterday I offer my condolences to the pupil's family"

Mr du Plessis described the girl's death as "so unneccessary".

He said "There is a terrible degree of intimidation perpetrated by a small band of pupils They are even trying to intimidate teachers.

"Most pupils really want to stop this and get back to their classes I am grateful for the excellent co-operation from most pupils and parents."

"It is such a great pity that a small band of pupils is causing this unrest"

The Commissioner of Police, General P J Coetzee, confirmed today that his men were under orders to exercise restraint

General Coetzee said: "The police have been instructed to handle this matter with the greatest circumspection"

● The Argus correspondent in Pretoria reports that about 300 chanting youths went on the rampage and stoned a principal's house and police vehicles yesterday following the death of their fellow-pupil.

They marched through the streets singing "freedom songs" to the house of the school's principal, Mr D L Molepo.

The principal is said to have gone into hiding

A police spokesman confirmed today that a large group of pupils were involved in a stone-throwing incident in Atteridgeville last night. He said 20 youths were arrested.

The family of the dead girl have appealed for help from the public for her funeral

Her death has added more misery to the family, which is still mourning the death of its sole breadwinner, Mr Petrus Sathekge, Emma's father, in December last year.

School closed after fighting

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By Phil Mtimkulu

Pupils at Minerva High School in Alexandra Township were ordered to go home yesterday after a fight between factions advocating a class boycott and those opposing one

Mr M M Phefadu, a circuit inspector who had gone to the school to urge them back to their classrooms, sent them home They fought in his presence

Mr J P Engelbrecht, regional director of the Department of Education and Training, confirmed that the pupils had been sent home because of the fighting

"A clash erupted between the two groups of pupils and the inspectorate, acting in consultation with the regional office, ordered the pupils to go home," he said "A pupil was hurt during the fight and I am very sorry about it "

Mr Engelbrecht said the pupils were expected to report back today

According to one youth, who refused to give his name, trouble at the school started last week when pupils made two demands of the principal

They asked that the school gates be kept open to allow them to go out and buy food from nearby shops, instead of buying only from vendors allowed inside the premises during the lunch break

The other demand was that the prefect system be scrapped and a students' representative council (SRC) started by the pupils be recognised

"The principal acceded to the demand that the gates be unlocked, but there were problems about the second demand We were ordered by the SRC not to attend classes on Monday

"Mr Phefudi wanted to hold a meeting with the pupils nominated to serve on the SRC, but they refused to meet him

"Yesterday we were again ordered not to go to classes, but some pupils ignored this call and went to study in their classrooms This is where the trouble started "

The youth said those advocating a boycott approached those in the classrooms and told them to leave. They refused.

"The argument which ensued developed into a fight When it stopped the inspector ordered the pupils to go home "

Pretoria township quiet after violence

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Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Atteridgeville township in Pretoria, scene of violent pupil unrest over the past two days, was today quiet though police maintained street patrols.

Colonel Jaap Venter of the SAP Directorate of Public Relations said today 20 youths were arrested in the township yesterday but were later released.

He said 20 others who were arrested on Monday night were still being held and would probably appear in court later today.

The D H Peta High School, where the trouble erupted, was closed yesterday making it the fourth in a Pretoria township to be closed recently.

A 15-year-old pupil, Emma Sathekge, was hurt in the violence. She later died. Police said the cause of Emma's death was being investigated "but initial indications are that death was due to internal injuries".

All quiet today in Pretoria township

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Atteridgeville township in Pretoria, the scene of student unrest over the past two days, was quiet today. However police maintained street patrols.

Twenty youths arrested on Monday night are still being held.

In Cape Town, the Government has expressed regret at the death of an Atteridgeville pupil, Emma Sathekge.

Emma (15) died at Kalafong Hospital after police used tearsmoke to disperse stone-throwing youngsters at D H Peta High School.

The Minister of Education and Training, Mr Barend du Plessis, said: "I am extremely sorry about the accident and I offer my condolences to the pupil's family."

Mr du Plessis described the girl's death as "so unnecessary". — Pretoria Bureau, Political Staff and Sapa.

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Student (218) died of internal injuries

Pretoria Bureau

THE Atteridgeville schoolgirl who died after a violent confrontation between police and boycotting students on Monday, died from internal injuries, police in Pretoria said yesterday.

However, the police statement added that only an inquest court presided over by a magistrate would determine the events leading to her death.

Emma Sathekge, a 15-year-old form one pupil, died in the Kalafong Hospital yesterday after violence broke out at the D H Peta High School.

Students, who later went on a rampage in the township, insist that she was knocked down by a police car inside the school grounds.

Yesterday, following demonstrations by pupils who accused teachers of being "sell-outs", the vice principal, Mr J Ball, announced that the school had been closed indefinitely by the Department of Education and Training.

A group of students then marched from the school to the nearby Dr W F Nkomo High School, but were allegedly intercepted and pursued by police in camouflage uniforms.

The Azanian Students Movement, pledging its support for Monday's boycott, called on headmasters of secondary schools throughout the country to declare tomorrow a day of mourning.

Police confirmed yesterday that 20 youths had been arrested in connection with the stoning of the principal, Mr D Molepo's house on Monday evening.

Meanwhile, lifted the DET has conditionally, the entire pension of classes at Atteridgeville's Hofmeyr, Saulsville and Saulridge High Schools and Alexandra, the entire student body at Minerva High School after boycotting classes from Monday.

A student said pupils had yesterday demanded on Monday that school gates be unlocked and their students' representative council be recognised.

The student said only the demand of unlocking the gates was met, and about 1 500 students had begun a class boycott.

The school was closed yesterday after clashes between students who wanted to attend classes and the boycotters.

Efforts to contact the principal and the circuit inspectors for comment were unsuccessful.

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...South African and ...onal peace seemed ...ulation mounting

States and Angola are not excluded," Mr Botha said

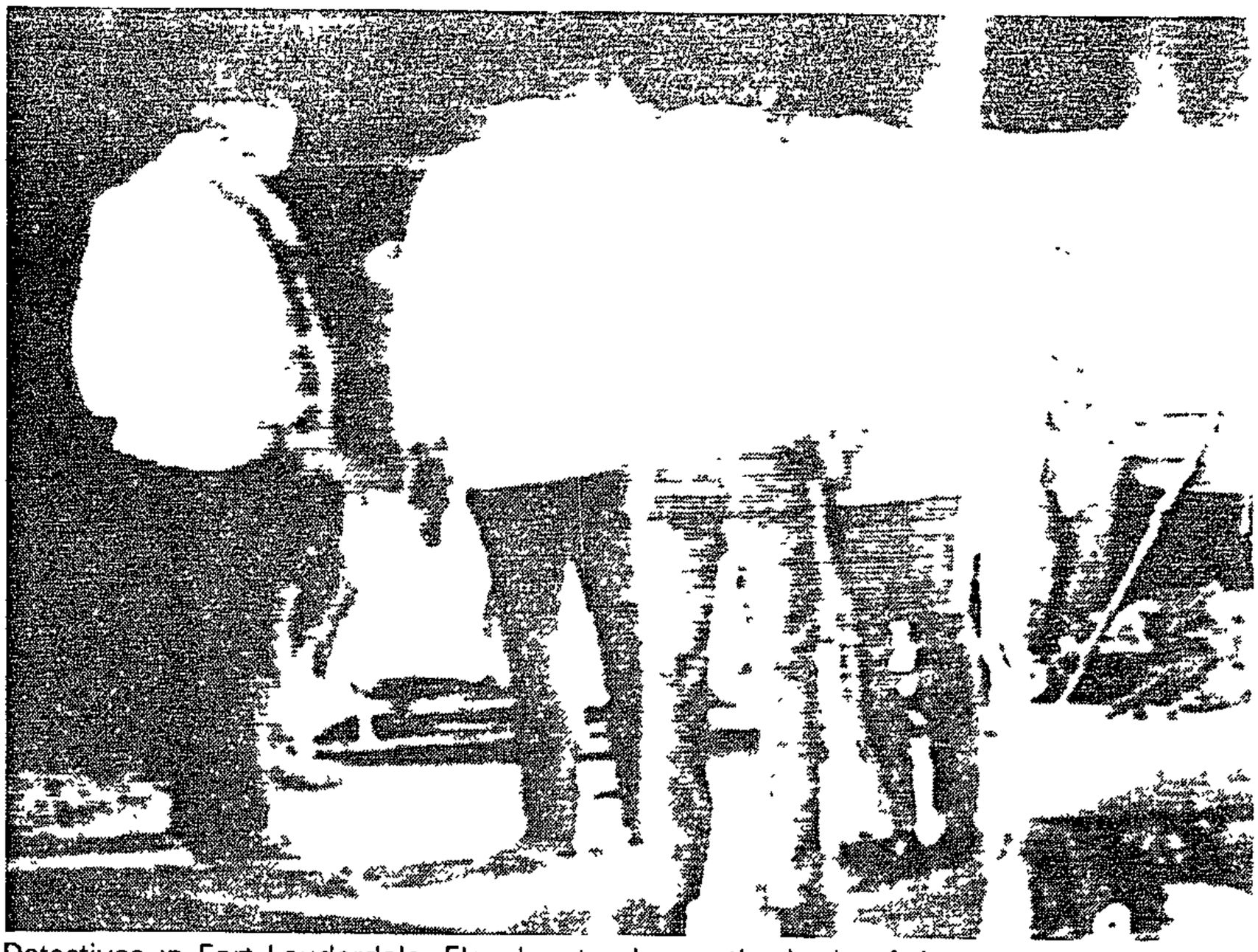
His announcement followed a diplomatic shuttle by the US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Dr Chester Crocker. Dr Crocker relayed Angolan assurances about the ceasefire after South Africa had made it clear that the peace effort would fail if either Angola or Swapo "exploited" the South African move

Earlier talks

This initiative in turn was the result of earlier talks in the Cape Verde Islands involving South African, Angolan, American and Cape Verde officials

There has been no indication so far of whether South African diplomats feel real progress is possible towards an Angolan ceasefire and, ultimately, towards an international settlement in SWA/Namibia

More success has been achieved in talks on the other side of the continent with Mozambique Further discussions between South Africa and President Samora Machel's government seem likely after current discussions in Lisbon over the Cabora Bassa hydroelectric agreement



Detectives in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, stand over the body of the man they believe is Andre Stander. Police say he grabbed a policeman's shotgun in fleeing a stakeout but was shot by the officer with his service revolver. Picture: UPI

Changed by 'sniper' role

Staff Reporter

THE brilliant police career of Andre Stander turned sour after he had acted as a "sniper" in a helicopter with orders to shoot "inciters" during the 1976 Soweto riots, a former friend says.

However, when approached for comment, the South African Police declined to divulge any information about Stander's past police career.

It would serve "no useful purpose" and would not "help" the police in any way, Colonel J Venter, of the SA Police Directorate of Public Relations, said from Pretoria yesterday.

The rogue former detective captain was regarded as a brilliant investigator before his arrest for several counts of armed robbery in 1980. The son of a retired police general, Stander was an ambitious man who had aimed to reach the top of the SA Police ladder.

Then came the 1976 unrest in Soweto.

A former "rugby-playing friend" of the cop-turned-robber told the Cape Times this week that "Stander's personality changed" after events in the strife-torn township.

Stander, a first-rate marksman, had told how he had been a sharpshooter during the unrest, said the former friend, a Natalian who asked not to be named "for professional reasons".

"He was required to pick off those people in crowds who had been identified as inciters."

Stander, who was chosen as "best student" out of hundreds of student constables during his basic police training, apparently questioned what was happening in Soweto and was accused of being "gutless" and unable to "take it".

But whatever prompted him later to pull off a series of armed hold-ups in Durban, Stander was a changed man.

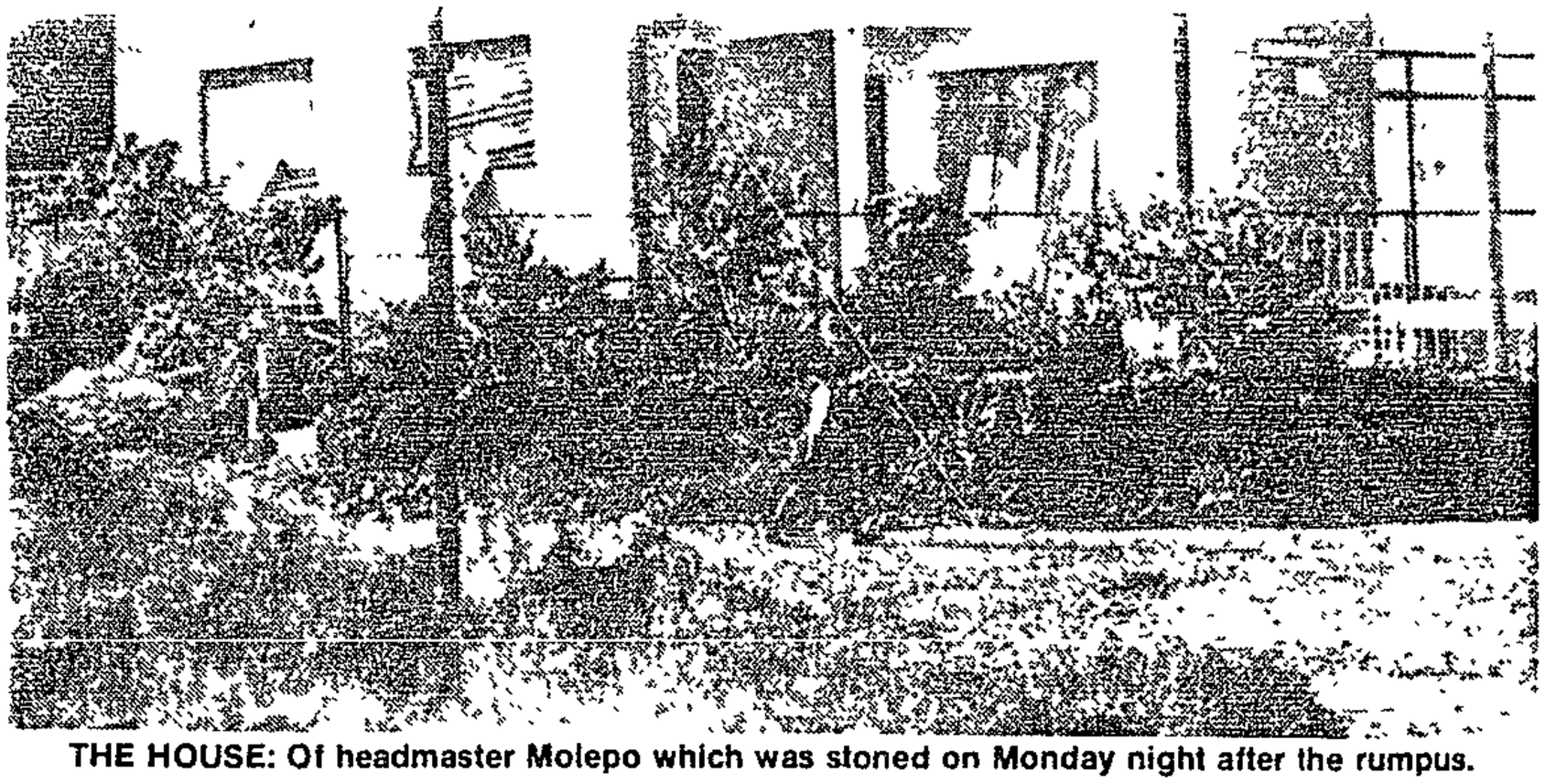
The driver's licence found on the dead man's body.

The apartment in which photographs of Stander's yacht were found at 1730 NE 17th Way in Fort Lauderdale.

Picture: UPI

Woman, 63, on

Coloured, Indian poll



THE HOUSE: Of headmaster Molepo which was stoned on Monday night after the rumpus.

Classes at D H Peta High suspended

PUPILS NABBED

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By ALINAH DUBE

ABOUT 20 STUDENTS from schools in Atteridgeville have been arrested since the unrest started in the area, police said yesterday.

The chief Public Relations Officer of the Department of Education and Training, Mr Job Schoeman, also announced that classes at the D H Peta High School were suspended "until further notice".

He said his department was investigating problems which affected the school and that no classes would take place until the situation has been seriously looked into.

This is the fourth school in Atteridgeville to be closed.

A further 20 were yesterday arrested but later released as police-student confrontations threatened near the tension-filled D H Peta High School whose pupil, Emma Sathekge, died in a rumpus on Monday

Police have confirmed the arrests and said Atteridgeville was patrolled by the police as fears mounted that there would be further student demonstrations.

These fears followed events on Monday night in which the home of principal Mr D Molepo was attacked, and so was a police patrol van.

Yesterday the situation was calm in Soweto schools but children at an Alexandra school were sent home after a boycott of classes that started on Monday.

In Atteridgeville the streets leading from the local community centre to the school were placed under heavy guard by the police from early in the morning At 8am students had gathered at the main gate with some inside the yard, and others outside.

After a teacher had announced the closing of the school, students left singing freedom songs. Police kept a close watch.

The arrest of about 20 students came when they were intercepted by police as they neared the Dr W F Nkomo school. Students at this school were in classes Boys were suddenly seen jumping over fences into houses along Maunde Street.

Three girls and a boy were also picked up and driven off in a police vehicle. There was a number of other students in another van.

The principal of D H Peta, Mr Molepo, blamed "untrue reports" for the stoning of his house in Manyorulla Street on Monday night. He said it was untrue that he had called the police to the school. He stressed that police had been patrolling the area lately and were attracted to the school by students who stood in the yard refusing to go into class.

Meanwhile the Azanian Students Movement yesterday called on headmasters of secondary schools throughout the country to declare Thursday a day of mourning following the death of Emma Sathekge.

In a statement issued in Johannesburg yesterday, Azasm pledged its solidarity with the school boycott and appealed to headmasters to suspend classes and all activity at secondary schools tomorrow.

It also requested students to wear a black cloth or armband as a symbol of mourning, according to Sapa

Students barred from funeral

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Pretoria Bureau

Ten Atteridgeville pupils charged with public violence, and released on bail today, have been told not to attend the funeral of a colleague who died during unrest this week.

Emma Sathekge (15), a Form 1 pupil at D H Peta High School, died of internal injuries received during unrest at the school on Monday morning

During the disturbances, which continued into the next day, 20 pupils were arrested — and 10 of them appeared in the Atteridgeville Magistrate's Court yesterday on two charges of public violence.

They are alleged to have damaged five window panes and curtains at a house in Atteridgeville and also to have caused damage of about R100 to a State vehicle.

The magistrate, Mr P W de Bruyn, postponed the hearing to February 24.

CONDITIONS

The 10 pupils were released into the care of their parents on these conditions: They must not go to D H Peta High School; must not attend the funeral of Emma Sathekge on Saturday, must not go to the home of Mr D L Molepo(the principal of the school); and must report to the local police station at 10 am on Saturday.

Here are the names of some of the 10 pupils (the rest are minors): Mr Lucky Xe (18) of Nakane Street, Stanley Nkosi (18) of Mashifane Street, Solomon Salundu (18) of Motsepe Street; and Andries Sape (19) of Tsele Street.

D H Peta High School, Atteridgeville

*15 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether the South African Police were called to the D H Peta High School in Atteridgeville on or about 8 February 1984, if so, (a) by whom, (b) for what purpose were they called there and (c) what action did they take;

(2) whether any pupils were struck by police vehicles; if so, what was the nature of the injuries sustained in each case,

(3) whether tear-smoke was used by the police; if so, why;

(4) whether any pupils were affected by such tear-smoke, if so, (a) how many and (b) in what manner;

(5) whether any policemen were injured; if so, (a) how many and (b) what was the nature of the injuries sustained in each case?

†The MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS (for the Minister of Law and Order):

(1) (a) and (b) No, but they were in attendance at the D H Peta High School on 13 February 1984 to control a threatening riotous situation

(c) In order to protect themselves from the stone throwing pupils tear gas was used, and at the same time a police vehicle was used to push open the gate leading to the school so as to facilitate the exit of members of the Force who were trapped inside the school grounds.

(2) Yes, it is alleged that a pupil was struck by a police vehicle. She sustained serious internal injuries which apparently caused her death. A case of culpable homicide is being investigated

(3) Yes. To put a stop to the stoning of the police and to suppress the rioting

(4) Yes

(a) 7.

(b) The inhaling of the fumes apparently adversely affected them and they were taken to hospital where they were treated and discharged.

(5) Yes

(a) One.

(b) He sustained an injury to his right hand where he was struck by a stone

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D H Peta High School, Atteridgeville

*14. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Education and Training:

(1) Whether there were disturbances at the D H Peta High School in Atteridgeville on or about 8 February 1984, if so, what was the (a) cause and (b) nature of the disturbances,

(2) whether members of (a) his Department and (b) any other specified Government departments were summoned to the scene of the disturbances; if so, (a) why, (b) by whom, and (c) what action did they take, in each case,

(3) whether any pupils were injured during the disturbances, if so, (a) how many and (b) what was the nature of the injuries sustained in each case,

(4) whether any pupils died as a result of such injuries; if so, (a) how many and (b) what (i) were their ages and (ii) was the cause of death, in each case?

†The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (for the Minister of Education and Training).

(1) Yes.

(a) The validity of alledged causes is being investigated

(b) Violence by groups of pupils and youths took place.

(2) (a) No

(b) No

(a), (b) and (c) Fall away

(3) Yes

(a) As far as is known, 8

(b) In one case serious internal injuries and in seven cases shock and inhalation of tear smoke

(4) Yes.

(a) One.

(b) (i) 13 years

(ii) The cause is being investigated

Schoolgirl's death: Charge investigated

Political Staff

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. — A charge of culpable homicide was being investigated in connection with the death of a schoolgirl who was allegedly struck by a police vehicle during school unrest in Atteridgeville on Monday, Parliament was told yesterday.

In reply to a question on behalf of the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr F W de Klerk, told Mr Tian van der Merwe (PFP Green Point) that police went to the D H Peta High School in Atteridgeville on February 13 "to control a threatening riot situation".

"In order to protect themselves from the stone-throwing pupils, teargas was used, and at the same time a police vehicle was used to push open the gate leading to the school so as to facilitate the exit of members of the force who were trapped inside the school grounds," he said.

He confirmed that a pupil was allegedly struck by a police vehicle and received serious internal injuries which apparently caused her death.

Teargas inhalation

It was reported on Tuesday that the dead teenage girl was Emma Sathekge, who died in hospital.

Mr De Klerk confirmed that seven other pupils were admitted to hospital where they were treated for teargas inhalation and discharged. One policeman was injured on his hand by a stone.

In reply to a related question, the Minister of Agriculture, Mr Greyling Wentzel, speaking on behalf of the Minister of Education and Training, Mr Barend du Plessis, said the "validity of the alleged causes" of the unrest was being investigated.

It has been reported during the past two weeks that the cause of the disturbances included an official decision to bar the re-enrolment at schools of certain older pupils who had failed their Standard 8 examinations.

...Photo by Mr Lloyd ... of the city council's cleansing department.

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One person was reported ...owned in the Richards Bay ...ea, where 159mm fell, ...nging to four the number ... people reported to have ...ed so far

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A small bridge in a drive- ...ay in Gardendale Crescent, ...illary, was washed away in ... torrent of water at the ...eekend trapping a car in its ...rage

One lane of the Durban- ...ound N3 freeway at Key ...idge was closed to traffic ...te on Saturday when part of ... hill side collapsed covering ...e road with mud

A spokesman for the roads ...partment said high winds ... Saturday had torn hun- ...eds of trees out of the ...ound in the Pinetown and ...illcrest areas At least 42 ...d fallen across freeways or ...ajor roads in some in- ...ances blocking them com- ...etely

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Police said a spate of ...inor road accidents had oc- ...urred when torrential rain ...reatly reduced visibility ...nd turned many roads into ...kid-pans

City Engineer's Depart- ...ent workers in Durban ...ere kept busy all weekend ...emoving sand from roads ...nd unblocking stormwater ...rains

Bathing has been banned ...n Durban's beaches and ...most beaches along the Natal ...South Coast

However, other than shark ...net damage and heavy seas ...that washed away a hut at ...Scottburgh the coast was ...without incident

A South African Airways ...spokesman said a number of ...flights to Durban were de- ...layed and planes leaving ...Louis Botha Airport were ...grounded for several hours ...because of poor weather con- ...ditions on Saturday morning

Meanwhile in Johannes- ...burg and Pretoria tempera- ...tures have been hot, with ...temperatures reaching 34 de- ...grees in Pretoria

In Messina, only the hospi- ...tal and police station showed ...any sign of activity as tem- ...peratures soared to 40°C by ...mid-afternoon yesterday

Motors pack in, water drys up

By MARGARETHA GOOSEN

TWO burnt-out motors in the water supply system of Northcliff and Greymont left residents without water for most of the weekend.

Mr John Bates, liason officer for the Johannesburg city engineers department, said he hoped the problem would be solved today

The council would continue to supply residents with water until the motors had been replaced, he said

According to Mr Bates, the breakdown prevented the transportation of water from the reservoir to the water tower

Residents had a little water in their taps on Saturday, but the motors broke down completely early yesterday

Civil defence workers and the city's cleansing department were on standby early yesterday morning A command post was set up at the Roosevelt Park Fire Station and water was supplied in nine tankers — each carrying 5 000l to the affected areas

Residents queued for water yesterday morning and at some points two tankers had to be brought in but cleansing department staff reported little activity yesterday afternoon

The affected areas were Northcliff Northcliff extensions 2, 6 12 and 15 and Greymont

All quiet as school clash victim buried

By JOHN MOJAPELO
Pretoria Bureau

MORE than 5 000 mourners attended the funeral of 15-year-old Emma Sathekge — killed in a clash between police and pupils last week — at an incident-free but emotionally charged service at the Saulsville Cemetery on Saturday

Emma, a form 1 pupil at the D H Peta Senior Secondary School in Atteridgeville, near Pretoria, died in hospital on Monday An inquest is being held to determine the cause of her death

Police vehicles were confined to the Atteridgeville Police Station and no policemen were in sight as the coffin, on a donkey cart, was carried more than 5km to the cemetery

A police spokesman in Pretoria yesterday confirmed that no incidents had been reported

Earlier, Bishop Desmond Tutu, the general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, had appealed to mourners not to cause trouble during the funeral service

His appeal followed a meeting with the Minister of Education and Training, Mr Barend du Plessis, last week.

The Congress of South African Students (Cosas) organised the funeral, which was conducted by the Reverend Johannes Mlangeni

Speakers included members of the South African Allied Workers' Union and the Saulsville/Atteridgeville Youth Organisation' (Sayo)

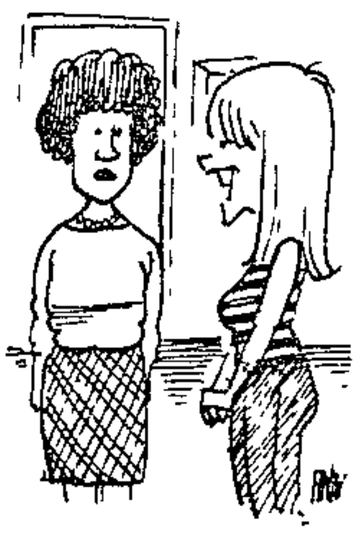
Separate education came under bitter attack, and a placard reading "Educate us, do not kill us" was among many carried by students at the service

Though the Sathekge family is destitute the funeral was one of the biggest seen in the township Public donations had come roling in

● The Department of Education and Training has conditionally lifted the suspension of classes at Hofmeyr, Saulsville and Saulridge High Schools Classes will resume on Wednesday

However, the suspension at the D H Peta school, after a month-long class boycott will remain in force

Breakfast Quip



"He's filthy rich — he's on the breadline!"

Our drummies win world title again

Mail Reporter

ST DOMINIC'S Convent's Drum Majorette squad has put Boksburg on the map once again — by capturing the world drum majorette title in Los Angeles, USA, for the third time

The 36-girl squad won the Miss Drill Team International crown after a gruelling competition on Saturday

They came up against 20 teams from Japan, Australia and America in Saturday's competition

St Dominics won the title for the first time in 1981 and held onto it during the 1982 competition, but narrowly lost it Australia last year

Celebrations begin in earnest when they get back on Tuesday

Stander inspires films, song

By MARGARETHA GOOSEN

ANDRÉ STANDER, the enigmatic bank robber whose life came to an abrupt end in Fort Lauderdale last week, has already become a legend — his life or style and daring have sparked tremendous interest in local art circles

A song about the former policeman who captured the public imagination as an anti-hero, has already seen the light and more than one film producer has expressed the wish to make him the subject of a feature film

The song titled "Didn't we wish it wasn't your feet — A lament for André Stander", was written by a Maritzburg economics lecturer, Mr Christopher Torr, and put to music by the well-known South African singer, Laurika Rauch

Among the movie makers who expressed their interest, are a Johannesburg film producer, Mr Mark Jaffee, and a script writer, Mr Chris Dresser

They said yesterday that their film would be completed by December They plan to bring in a top associate producer from abroad and will interview and cast South African and American actors Their production will be all South African — Fort Lauderdale scenes will be shot in Durban

Mr Jaffee and Mr Dresser said yesterday that they had been following André Stander's life since 1979 when he was linked to a spate of bank robberies in Durban

Their film would attempt to document as faithfully as possible Stander and his emotional reaction to situations They wished to work closely with Stander's parents, his ex-wife, friends and associates and had already made initial contact with his father, they said

● It was also reported at the weekend that Mr Laurens Barnard, director of a Pretoria film company announced their wish to make a feature film about Stander

Mr Barnard said their film called "A Gentleman's Game', would be completed and distributed on the international circuit by the end of this year or early next year

The film would not attempt to find a motive for Stander's behaviour, but tell the story as it is known, he was reported as saying

Pupil shot by police claims over R100 000

By Fiona Macleod

A Soweto pupil who was shot by police in 1977, is now claiming more than R100 000 from the Government.

A Rand Supreme Court case has been brought against the Government and the Minister of Police by Mr Mphekeleli Jonas Dhlamini of Zola North, who was 16 when he was shot on August 3 1977.

Mr Dhlamini, whose legs and right arm are paralysed and who will probably be confined to a wheelchair for the rest of his life, originally sued for R40 000. The claim was later raised to R92 871.

Counsel for the Government admitted that he was shot by Lieutenant Leon van Coller, but denied the policeman acted unlawfully.

They claimed that Mr Dhlamini took part in stone throwing during a riot when he was shot. The policeman had acted reasonably to suppress the disorder.

In what appeared to be a settlement, Mr Dhlamini was paid R92 871 for damages and offered costs of the case by the Government's attorneys last week. But he rejected the payment.

An application brought yesterday by Mr E M du Toit, for the Government, to have the matter declared settled, was dismissed.

Mr D A Kuny SC, appearing for Mr Dhlamini, said the claim was to be raised "considerably in excess of R92 871" as investigations had shown that the claim was low.

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FLASHBACK: March 21, 1960 when 69 people were shot dead and scores injured by the police in a demonstration against passes at the Sharpeville administration offices. Some of the dead and injured are seen still lying in the street.

Sharpeville heroes to be remembered

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AZAPO and Azanyu have organised a number of Heroes' Days services at various parts of the country for the commemoration of the 24th anniversary of the Sharpeville shootings.

The services are to remember the 69 people who were killed and the hundreds who were injured when the police shot at the thousands who went to the Sharpeville Police Station on March 21, 1960 to protest against the pass laws.

The country-wide protests were organised by the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) led by Mangaliso Sobukwe.

According to Azapo's publicity secretary, Mr Muntu Myeza, the first service will be held at Khotso House at 1 pm tomorrow where Mr Lybon Mabasa, Azapo's president, will be one of the speakers.

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In the evening, another service, organised by the Azanian National Youth Unity (Azanyu), will be held at the Dube YWCA at 7 pm.

Mr Thabo Ndabeni, Azapo's national organiser, will speak at the Seshego Roman Catholic Church at 6 pm and later at Mankweng Township at 8 pm. Mr Peter Jones will speak at Mbekweni Township, Paarl at 7.30 pm and Mr Fez Ndukumbane will speak at the Port Elizabeth Centenary Hall at 6 pm.

On Saturday, March 24 services will be held at the following places:

- St Marks Church, Pietermaritzburg, to be addressed by Strini Moodley at 2 pm;
- Witbank Catholic Church — Mr Sefako Nyaka at 2 pm.

On Sunday, March 25 Dr Aubrey Mokoape and Mr Imram Moosa will speak at Umlazi Cinema in Durban at 2 pm. This will be Dr Mokoape's first public appearance since his release from Robben Island. The same day Hlaku Rachidi and Thabo Ndabeni speak at the Seshego Roman Catholic Church at 2 pm.

Khehla Mthembu and George Wauchope will speak at St Anne's Catholic Church in Atteridgeville on Sunday.

Mr Myeza will speak at the Sharpeville Anglican Church at 2 pm. Soweto's service on Sunday will be held at the St Francis of Assissi Anglican Church in Rockville.

Meanwhile Azanyu has organised a clean-up at the Sharpeville Cemetery on Saturday morning to which they invite all the youth in Sharpeville and surrounding areas.

Transport will be organised to leave from Vosloorus and Soweto. For details, people in the East Rand can contact Mr Simon Montsisi at 863-4620 or at 1 275 Khari Street, Vosloorus. Those in Soweto can contact Mr Sipho Ngcobo at 162 Mofolo North.

And our London correspondent reports that more than 1 000 political activists from different parts of Britain will converge on the House of Commons tomorrow to press for a harder line on South Afirca.

They will meet members of Parliament, draw attention to the "increasingly dangerous situation" in southern Africa and call for "meaningful action."

The national political lobby has been organised by the Anti-Apartheid Movement, backed by a string of organisations, including the National Union of Students, the United Nations Association, the National Union of Mineworkers, the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, the British Youth Council and the Catholic Institute for International Relations.

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GRAVES: Some of the graves of people who died in Sharpeville.

THOUSANDS of people in South Africa and other major centres of the world will today bow their heads and observe a moment of silence, to remember the tragedy of March 21, 1960, when 69 men, women and children died after being mowed down by police guns.

They will remember the day that became significant in the calendar of South Africa's history of resistance, because it had been earmarked for a national demonstration of the black man's abhorrence for the pass laws.

Five days earlier, on March 16, Mr Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe, the then President of the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC), had written a letter to the Commissioner of Police, Major-General Rademeyer, warning him of the intended launching of a campaign against the pass laws.

Several thousands of men and women were not going to carry their passes on Monday, March 21, but would converge at various police stations throughout the country and surrender themselves for arrest.

Members of the PAC and the general public had been given strict instructions to conduct themselves in an orderly manner during the demonstrations and to resist any form of provocation to resort to violence.

Appeal

An appeal was also made to the police not to do anything that could lead to the eruption of violence. They were not to give impossible commands to the demonstrators, who would at all times be more than ready to obey instructions.

A further warning to the police was that it was going to be practically impossible for hundreds or even thousands of people to hear and obey to the letter, a police officer who would mumble orders that people disperse within three minutes and almost immediatly order a police baton charge against them.

When the day came, thousands of people reported at police stations as he had planned. The two police stations where a larger number of people gathered was Sharpeville, near Vereeniging and Langa, near Cape Town.

Shoot

10 children. Those injured in the shooting were 180.

Police

At Langa, demonstrators dispersed after they were baton-charged by the police.

Violence had, however, erupted and two people were killed.

The Government's response to the pass demonstrations which had created a crisis in major black residential areas, was to temporarily suspend the pass laws.

On March 28, a national day of mourning was declared in Cape Town and this was followed by work stoppages and violence erupted in other centres in the Transvaal.

A "State of Emergency" was declared on March 30 and this was followed by further marches, street demonstrations and arrests in various parts of the Western Cape.

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• What do the Sharpeville memorial services today and for the rest of the week mean? Political Bureau reporter SAM MABE takes us back in history to the events that started when the PAC led a campaign against the pass laws...

The day 69 were shot in Sharpeville

More than 150 persons, including Mr Sobukwe himself, were arrested in Orlando East while others were arrested in other black townships around Johannesburg.

At Sharpeville, police reinforcements were called in the morning and some came in Saracen armoured cars.

Police claimed that they started firing when they were stoned and realised that their lives were in danger. None of the officers at the police station admitted to having given orders to the police to shoot.

But when the shooting stopped, 69 people were dead. They included eight women and same year, the PAC and the ANC were banned in terms of a newly-passed law, the Unlawful Organisations Act.

Today, 24 years later, it is not only the Sharpeville and Langa massacres that will be remembered, but South Africa will be focussing its attention on the Pass Laws, which remain one of the thorniest issues in the country's politics.

The Government has conceded that pass laws are hurtful. But it has made no attempt to do away with them. Instead, Parliament introduced the Orderly Movement and Settlement of Black Persons Bill, which has been criticised for seeking to further entrench the pass law system.

VICTIM: Armed policemen carrying the body of one of the victims of the March 21 shootings.

It's 24 years since Sharpeville became SA's albatross

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By Jon Qwelane

Twenty-four years ago today the quiet black township of Sharpeville in Vereeniging suddenly came to life and the tragic events of that day cast a harsh spotlight on the country in general and its pass laws in particular.

A year before, the African National Congress, still operating legally inside the country, had been rocked by a split caused by dissenting "purists" in its ranks who were offended by the continued liaison of the movement with the white Congress of Democrats. The ANC was also accused of being dominated by Communists.

The "purists" were led by Wits lecturer Mangaliso Robert Sobukwe and broke away to form the Pan Africanist Congress whose cornerstone was a purely black struggle.

The immediate task facing the PAC was to mobilise grassroots support because the older ANC was far stronger numerically.

In August 1959 the PAC leadership had called on followers to support a programme of boycotts to rid blacks of "slave mentality" so they could be taught to assert themselves as proud Africans.

Shops and businesses which continued to give discourteous service to blacks or addressed them as "native", "girl", "boy", "Jane" or "John" would be picketted and boycotted.

In December the PAC executive committee sought, and was given, a mandate to embark on an extensive campaign against the pass laws and, in February 1960, word went out to all regional branches to warn supporters to be ready for action.

The ANC had also been planning its own anti-pass programme for the first months of 1960 but, if the PAC were to hold on to the initiative, it had to be the first to call the tune.

The slogan "No bail, no defence, no fine" was adopted and, after meetings which were addressed in several parts of the country by Sobukwe, his erstwhile lieutenant Potlako Leballo and Durban regional executive member Howard Ngcobo the stage was set for the demonstrations.

All PAC regional executives and branches were instructed to inform their members that non-violence was to be strictly observed.

On March 16 the PAC wrote to the commissioner of police and informed him that the movement would embark on a sustained, disciplined and non-violent campaign and its members would hand themselves over at police stations five days later for arrest.

The people were told to leave their passes at home on March 21, march to their nearest police station and offer themselves for arrest. They were not to apply for bail, not to seek legal representation and were to serve their full sentences.

On release they should again march to the police stations and repeat the process. This was to go on until the pass laws were abolished.

Sobukwe and Leballo led Soweto pass protestors to Orlando police station and were arrested. At Evaton, near Vanderbijlpark, several hundred men presented themselves for arrest but the police refused to lock them up.

In Sharpeville several thousand people converged on the local police station and witnesses later told the official commission of inquiry, as well as the officer presiding at the trial of the PAC leaders, that the protesters were unarmed and not violent.

Official reports said that about 20 000 people were involved in the march and police witnesses said many among the crowd carried sticks and an assortment of weapons. They said the mood of the crowds was angry and volatile.

Earlier in the day teargas had failed to disperse the protesters and diving aircraft had only attracted more people to the scene.

Police had Saracen armoured cars and the policemen at the station were armed.

In an apparent moment of panic, when no order to open fire had been given, a line of policemen shot into the crowd and continued to do so for between 10 and 30 seconds, according to the commission's finding.

When the shooting ended, 69 people had lost their lives and more than 180 others — including 40 women and children — had been injured. The majority of people were shot in the back as they ran away.

At Nyanga and Langa townships in Cape Town thousands of people gathered that morning and many workers did not report for work. Later, a large crowd marched from Nyanga to Phillipi police station and offered themselves for arrest.

About 1 500 men offered themselves for arrest but the police merely took their names and ordered them to appear in court later.

At Langa, police ordered huge crowds to disperse and they were told to assemble again later by PAC officials. In the late afternoon about 10 000 people reassembled at Langa despite a government order banning all meetings.

There was confusion when police arrived and made a baton-charge. Some people tried to resist the attempt to break up the meeting and police shot dead two protesters.

That was the beginning of more violence.

On March 28 the president of the ANC, Chief Albert Luthuli, called for a stayaway from work in protest at the deaths and many cities and large towns had a low worker turnout.

The massive responses had shown that the PAC had support. But Sharpeville was the beginning of the end for both the PAC and the ANC.

The Government outlawed both organisations and declared a state of emergency.

Driver flees as 3 000 pupils charge

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By CEDRIC KEKANA and THOMAS KWENAITE

A MOTORIST narrowly escaped death when he was attacked by a mob of Atteridgeville-Saulsville pupils after he had knocked down and slightly injured three demonstrators near Pretoria yesterday.

The angry students set fire to his car as he escaped.

The continuing boycott of classes by pupils in the area took a turn for the worse when more than 3 000 pupils from D H Peta, Dr W F Nkomo, Hofmeyer, Saulridge and Saulsville schools marched along the township's main streets at about 8.45am.

Pupils are demanding the reinstatement of 20 suspended pupils by the school committees. The suspensions were confirmed by the Department of Education and Training (DET).

More than 3 000 pupils from D H Peta, Dr W F Nkomo and Hofmeyr high schools marched to the Saulsville High School opposite the Atteridgeville station where they found the school gates locked — the result of a DET directive late on Thursday.

They forced open the gates and were joined by the Saulsville pupils who were singing freedom songs.

Private cars and a bakery van were stoned by the marching students in Moroe Street and journalists covering the incident were harassed as they were mistaken for police.

The students were marching towards the Saulridge Senior Secondary school next to the Mokgetoa Cinema when a car ploughed into the phalanx of students.

The mob stoned the car, forcing it to a halt, and the pupils then pulled the driver out of the vehicle and assaulted him. He managed to escape while pupils set fire to his car.

The pupils scattered as the local police arrived. The car was gutted by the time the fire-brigade arrived.

The pupils then regrouped and marched to the Saulridge High School where they forced open the locked gates and were joined by the Saulridge pupils.

A general meeting of the pupils at Mbolekwa Stadium in the afternoon failed to materialise.

Mr Job Schoeman, PRO of the DET, said all classes had been suspended at the schools involved.

He said letters were being sent to parents of the pupils advising them that classes would resume next Wednesday, but if normal activities could not be continued, the DET would have to recommend to the Minister that the "affected schools be closed for an indefinite period".

"The matter is no longer in our hands. For further comments contact the police," he said.

Major Q Papenfus, PRO for the South African Police in the northern Transvaal, said the situation in the township was quiet late yesterday.

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This car was overturned and set alig[illegible] angry mob of Atteridgeville-Saulsville schoolchildren during yesterday's disturbances after the driver was stopped and beaten up. He allegedly kno[illegible]d down three demonstrating pupils. He was not seriously injured in the fracas.

Picture: ROBBIE TSHABALALA

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He said the allegations were based on "fabrications" of what was alleged to have been said by him at a meeting between the former Lesotho foreign minister, Mr Charles Molapo, and other Lesotho politicians on January 6

In the light of Chief Jonathan's "continuing distortions", Mr Botha said he believed it was his duty to disclose "a certain subject" that had been raised at the meeting

"I said Chief Jonathan could not object to assistance that South African friends and businessmen might possibly give to political parties that might take part in the election, because he himself received decisive assistance from the South African side to win his first election — which was also the only election he has ever won," Mr Botha said

"Chief Jonathan rants because I meet national leaders from Lesotho who are involed in politics in a lawful and peaceful manner, but he allows himself the right to receive as personal guests in his home, African National Congress leaders who boast of their acts of violence against South Africa," Mr Botha said

7 ANC members captured

MBABANE. — Seven members of a group of about 25 armed ANC members from Mozambique, who crossed into Swaziland to avoid the clampdown on ANC operations by the Mozambican authorities, have been captured, it was reported here yesterday.

A Swazi soldier said the seven were carrying guns and bombs

Heavily-armed Swazi soldiers at a military roadblock at Maphiveni, some 25km south of the Lomahasha border post in northern Swaziland, stopped and searched every vehicle and the occupants throughout Thursday and Wednesday night, it is reported

A soldier at the roadblock said they were looking for further ANC members and weapons

A reliable police source said yesterday the search by both the police and army for the remainder of the group was continuing and that known addresses and areas to which members of the group might be heading were being watched

An army spokesman later confirmed the capture of the seven men and said that the authorities had confiscated one AK47 rifle and a hand grenade

One of the men had been overpowered when he tried to throw the hand grenade at the Swazi soldiers manning the roadblock — Sapa

3 000 pupils march, burn car in protest

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — A motorist narrowly escaped death yesterday when his car was burned after he had knocked down and injured three pupils taking part in a demonstration

The incident happened while more than 3 000 Atteridgeville/Saulsville pupils were marching through the main streets of Saulsville, near Pretoria, yesterday morning

Pupils are demanding the establishment of student representative councils and the reinstatement of 20 suspended pupils

Pupils from the D H Peta, Dr W F Nkomo and Hofmeyer high schools marched to the Saulsville High School opposite the Atteridgeville station where they found the school gates locked.

The Saulsville High students were singing freedom songs inside the school premises, but the marching students forced open the gates and were joined by the Saulsville students

Private cars and a bakery van were stoned by students marching along Moroe Street and journalists were warned against taking pictures

The demonstrating students were marching towards the Saulridge Senior Secondary School when a car ploughed into them, injuring three students

According to eye-witnesses, the car was overturned by the students and was set alight while the driver ran for his life.

The pupils scattered in all directions when police arrived

Mr Antipass Sehlapelo, chairman of the Federal Council of School Committees, said an emergency meeting of the council and principals had been called to solve the crisis on Monday.

Man shot dead in escape bid

Crime Reporter

A MAN who escaped from the Grassy Park police station after he had been arrested was shot dead last night

A police spokesman said the man, who could not be identified until next-of-kin had been informed, was confronted by police in Fourth Avenue and found to be in possession of dagga

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who this week completed a two-month Citizen Force naval "camp" at Saldanha Bay, said yesterday that the Chief of the Navy had on request declined to disclose details of the entry made in his merit record, except that it was "adverse".

"General Viljoen's public statement came as a shock to me, after having been completely cleared of blame for the collision by a court of law which had before it voluminous evidence and before which I was in the witness box for seven days," he added.

Sub-Lieutenant Pick-

ficer Donald Webb, one of the men lost in the disaster

The inquest court found that CPO Webb's death had been caused by "negligence amounting to culpable homicide" on the part of Captain De Lange and Lieutenant Smith

It cleared Sub-Lieutenant Pickstock of blame for the collision and said he had made "a very favourable impression as a witness". It also found that he had been "held in high esteem by his superiors"

Sub-Lieutenant Meintjies, who is still in the Navy, was also cleared

Schools hit by boycotters may be closed

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Own Correspondent

PRETORIA. — The Department of Education and Training may recommend that five trouble-torn Atteridgeville/Saulsville schools be closed if pupils staging a mass boycott do not return to classes.

"The department will advise the Minister (of Education and Training, Mr Barend du Plessis) to seriously consider closing the schools if the present situation remains unchanged," said DET liaison officer Mr Edgar Posselt.

He was commenting on the crisis which culminated in the suspension of classes at the D H Peta, Hofmeyr, Dr W F Nkomo, Saulsville and Saulsridge High Schools on Friday.

The DET had sent letters to parents telling them classes had been suspended till April 3 and would reopen on April 4, Mr Posselt said.

More than 2 000 pupils had been affected by unrest at the schools, which reopened on Tuesday after a 10-day holiday. Mr Posselt said the only school in the area where classes were running normally was the Flavius Mareka Secondary School.

The DET would issue a statement on Thursday, he said.

Meanwhile, a parents' meeting at Saulsridge High School yesterday failed to resolve the crisis, according to Mr Dan Mahlaba, the chairman of the school.

Parents to meet UDF members

Parents planned to meet members of the United Democratic Front, which many boycotting pupils seemed to support, and would decide on a plan of action tonight, he said.

Pressmen were asked to leave a meeting between parents and Dr W F Nkomo High School teachers at the Atteridgeville Community Hall yesterday, after an address by the school's principal, Mr S Moseneke.

Mr Moseneke said nine pupils, the "ringleaders", had been suspended at his school. The "trouble-makers" were mostly pupils who had failed exams last year. Boycotters were demanding the introduction of student representative councils, he said.

However, SRCs were "political" organizations which could not be allowed in any school institution, Mr Moseneke said.

Mr Moseneke said many of the boycotting students wore UDF or Congress of South African Students (Cosas) badges.

On Friday, pupils from the schools marched through the township, assaulting a driver and setting his car ablaze when he allegedly knocked down three of the marchers.

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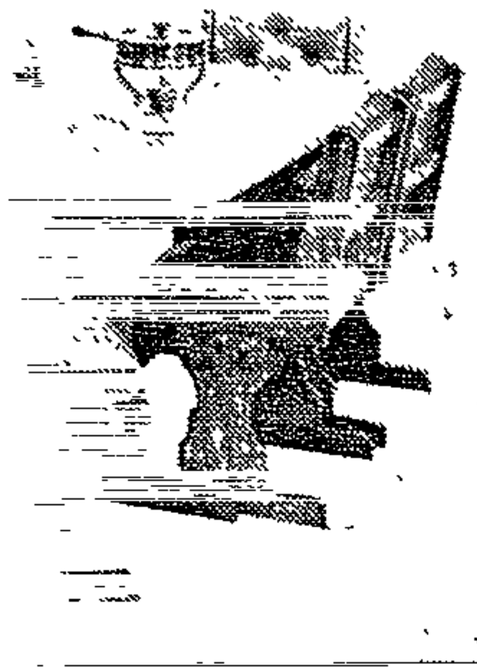

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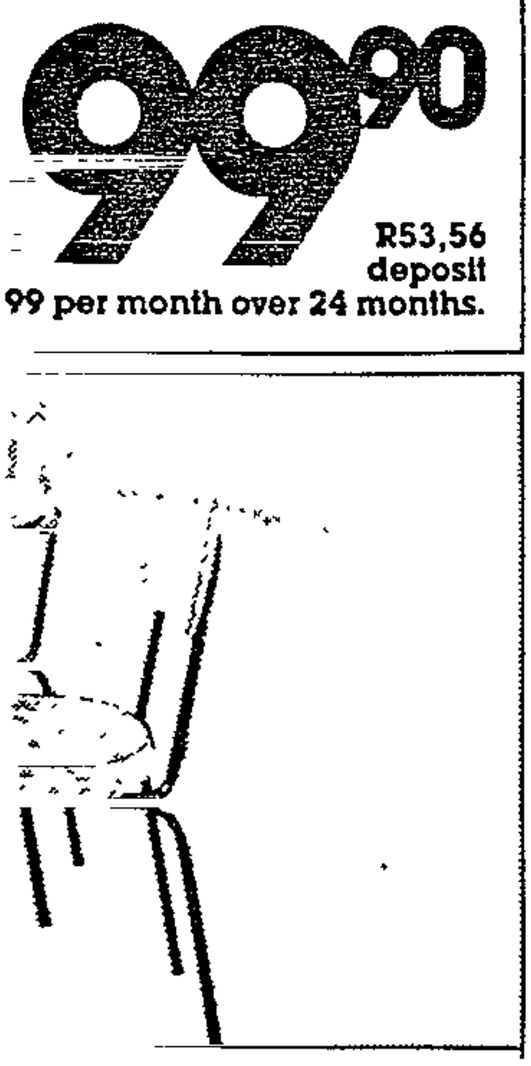

Unrest spreads as 1 000 pupils boycott classes

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Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — About 1 000 pupils at Soshanguve High School are boycotting classes as school unrest spreads to a new area in Pretoria

A spokesman for the Department of Education and Training (DET), Mr A M L Combrink, confirmed that pupils were absent from class today.

He said the boycotters refused to speak to the headmaster and teachers about their grievances and chose to remain outside their classrooms. They later went home.

"Yesterday afternoon I received a list of their grievances, which included the abolition of corporal punishment and the replacement of the prefect system by a students' representative council," said Mr Combrink

Investigate punishment

He added that he had requested the circuit inspector in Soshanguve to investigate if corporal punishment was applied at schools in Soshanguve

A spokesman for the students said the boycott would continue if their demands were not met

After assembly this morning the pupils gathered at the football field at the school and chanted freedom songs while teachers gathered outside the offices next to the main entrance

Police in unmarked cars parked a few metres from the main entrance.

Meanwhile the DET has confirmed that classes at five troubled Atteridgeville High schools continued smoothly from yesterday

The five schools boycotted classes over the formation of an SRC — a replacement of the prefect system — and the abolishment of corporal punishment They also demanded that teachers should not have love relationships with pupils

More than 500 pupils at the Hofmeyer High School in Atteridgeville /Saulsville today refused, after morning prayers, to attend classes.
Instead they milled around the school's premises singing freedom songs while police patrolled the area

The erratic class boycott at Hofmeyer High School started when schools reopened early this year. The pupils are calling for the abolition of excessive corporal punishment, the abolition of the prefect system, the readmission of matric and Junior Certificates pupils who failed their exams, and the supply of proper and adequate textbooks

Hofmeyer High School is one of the five high schools in the township that has recently been hit by class boycotts The other high schools are Dr W F Nkomo, D H Peta, Saulsville and Saulridge, which were temporily closed by the department a week ago

The DET recently issued a warning to boycotters that if they did not return to school steps would be taken against them.

Support for Matie editor

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Education Reporter

MORE than 200 University of Stellenbosch students have so far petitioned the rector, Professor Mike de Vries, to unconditionally reinstate the editor of the student newspaper, Die Matie

A spokesman for the group who launched the petition said more signatures would be canvassed this week in a campaign to have the conditions of reinstatement imposed on Miss Corinne Oosthuizen withdrawn

Miss Oosthuizen was suspended from her post by Professor de Vries after she criticised in an editorial the appointment of the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, as chancellor of the university A week later she was con-

800 pupils swell schools boycott

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Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — About 800 more pupils have joined class boycotts which have troubled schools in Atteridgeville/Saulsville and Soshanguve near here, bringing the total refusing to attend lessons to about 2 800.

Pupils at the Flavius Mereka High School in Saulsville walked out yesterday in protest against alleged irregularities in attendance by teachers.

Other grievances include "unnecessary punishment". A source said the staff was trying to persuade pupils to return while grievances were considered.

Other boycotting schools are D H Peta High, S Hofmeyer High and Soshanguve High.

A senior official of the Department of Education and Training said today that classes at Hofmeyer High had been suspended until Friday.

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Violence erupts at two schools

TWO vehicles were set alight, houses were stoned and three women teachers had to be escorted to safety by police when violence erupted at the Nqweba Secondary School in Graaff-Reinet yesterday.

Following the incident, in which police had to use tearsmoke to disperse pupils, an impasse has resulted with pupils saying they will not heed a warning by the circuit inspector, Mr H K Blackie, that they will be struck off the register if they do not return to school by Monday.

Violence erupted when police ordered the pupils to disperse after Mr Blackie informed the crowd of about 300 pupils who gathered in the school grounds that the school had been closed until Monday.

According to Major Eddie Snyman, liaison officer for the police in the South-Western districts, the crowd was dispersed with tearsmoke after pupils stoned the police.

The bakkie of the school principal, Mr M M Mankayi, and Mr Blackie's car were overturned and set alight, with Mr Blackie's car being destroyed.

Mr Mankayi's house and that of a policeman were also stoned while a burning gas bottle was discovered in the policeman's home.

Three white women teachers at the school were escorted to safety by the police during the violence.

A spokesman for the pupils, Abraham Pantsi, a Standard 9 pupil, said last night they would not return to their classes on Monday unless their demand that Mpumelelo Pase, a Standard 7 pupil, be reinstated at the school was met.

Meanwhile the police are investigating allegations by a 19-year-old D H Peta High School student that he was attacked and punched by male teachers of the school.

Attack

Peter Mawisha claimed that he was attacked in an Atteridgeville street "while walking with my two friends." He said the attack happened at about 7.45 pm when "three cars suddenly stopped in front of us and I recognised about 12 of our male teachers who got out of the cars and ordered us to stand still. My colleagues fled, but I stood there. They then punched, kicked and threw me to the ground and pelted me with stones," he said.

He was then taken to the local police station where he says they found a colleague of his who had been arrested.

The chief CID officer for the Northern Transvaal, Brigadier H A du Plessis, yesterday said although the matter had not yet been reported and formal charges laid against the teachers and the police, an investigation would be launched.

Six black schools shut after stonings

Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Six Atteridgéville/Saulsville high schools were closed indefinitely today following the stoning of a staff room in which 20 teachers were trapped in a fresh outbreak of schools' violence .

The closure was announced at lunch-time by the Department of Education and Training (DET). Only the Holy Trinity High School will continue classes.

Teachers at the D H Peta High School in Atteridgeville here were trapped in a staff room today as between 200 and 300 pupils stoned the building in a fresh outbreak of violence in the schools boycott issue.

Baton-carrying police went to the school to disperse the pupils, who had showered stones the size of half-bricks on the building for about 10 minutes.

TOOK REFUGE

Earlier, thousands of children and youths left their classes. All high schools in the Atteridgeville/Saulsville area were deserted shortly after opening today.

The teachers took refuge in the staff room when a marching crowd of pupils from other schools arrived at the front gate of D H Peta.

It is understood that pupils held a meeting at the weekend following an alleged beating of pupils at the D H Peta school on Friday.

The pupil boycotts hit the Atteridgeville-Saulsville area early this year, and have continued sporadically in spite of a personal intervention by the Minister of Education and Training, Mr Barend du Plessis, who enlisted the aid of the secretary general of the SA Council of Churches, Bishop Desmond Tutu, to deal with the pupils' grievances.

and (b) seriously injured in the execution of their duties in 1983?

†The MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE (for the Minister of Law and Order):

(a) 18.

(b) 51.

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Marking of matriculation papers

*3. Prof N J J OLIVIER asked the Minister of Education and Training:

(1) Whether any persons other than those in the permanent employ of his Department marked matriculation papers written by Black pupils in 1983, if so, (a) why, (b) how many persons, (c) what were their qualifications in each case, (d) what were they paid and (e) who authorized the employment of these persons,

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

(1) Yes.

(a) Examiners and assistant examiners are appointed on a voluntary basis. In order to recruit enough persons with the necessary qualifications and experience, the Department has to make use of the services of persons from outside the Department.

(b) Approximately 300 out of a total of almost 3 000.

(c) As the Department does not keep record of the qualifications of each of the assistant examiners appointed annually for examinations and re-examinations, the information is not readily available.

(d) The standard tariffs applicable to all departments, as approved by Treasury, are
R2,50 per script for 3 hour papers,
R2,10 per script for 2½ hour papers; and
R1,40 per script for 1½ hour papers.

(e) Examiners are appointed by the Department of National Education. Assistant examiners are recommended by examiners and their appointment is approved by the Chief Education Planner Examinations of the Department of Education and Training

(2) No

†Prof N J J OLIVIER. Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, can he tell us whether the assertions are correct that schoolchildren and students were used last year to mark examination papers?

†The MINISTER· Mr Speaker, as far as I know, schoolchildren were definitely not used However, sometimes the need does exist to make use of students in their third year or in other study years to mark certain examination papers. That is solely because there are simply not enough people available for this task and also because such a student, although he does not yet have the formal qualifications, nevertheless already has the necessary experience and training. Therefore it is sometimes necessary to appoint students for this purpose.

By way of information I may just mention that it sometimes does happen that in certain subjects, on the day when the papers have to be marked, even up to 50% of the examiners appointed do not turn up They simply do not put in an appearance, with the result that the Department has to run around at that late stage to appoint people at short notice to mark papers Especially then it is sometimes unavoidable to fall back on the help of students in their third year of study, or even in another year of study. However, firm control is still exercized strictly The examiner and the moderator are present throughout, and test samples are also taken

to ensure that the examiners keep to the memorandum in order to keep the marking process on a high level.

†Prof N J J OLIVIER: Mr Speaker, I appreciate the supplementary reply the hon the Minister has just given. Further arising out of this reply of his, can he tell us, however, whether any checks are made at all to ascertain whether the students who are appointed to do this work, are in fact competent to do that work in the subject concerned?

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, I stress once again what I said earlier The senior official of the Department of Education and Training personally approves the appointment of each examiner He will therefore definitely not appoint somebody who does not meet the requirements which are laid down, irrespective of the fact that such an appointment sometimes has to be made at short notice.

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D H Peta High School: death of pupil

*4. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order.

(1) Whether, with reference to the reply given by the Minister of Education and Training to Question No 14 on 17 February 1984, the investigation into the cause of death of a pupil of the D H Peta High School in Atteridgeville has been completed; if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that it will be completed; if so, what were the findings;

(2) whether any action will be taken as a result of these findings, if not, why not, if so, what action?

†The MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE (for the Minister of Law and Order):

(1) Yes The case was referred to the Attorney-General who on 12 April 1984 instructed that an inquest be held

(2) Whether or not steps will be taken will be determined by the finding of the inquest.

D H Peta High School: investigation of culpable homicide

*5. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order:

Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 15 on 17 February 1984, the investigation into a possible case of culpable homicide resulting from an incident at the D H Peta High School in Atteridgeville has been completed; if not, when is it anticipated that the investigation will be completed; if so, (a) what were the findings and (b) what steps have been taken as a result?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE (for the Minister of Law and Order)

Since the pupil referred to in the previous question of the hon member, is the same person referred to in my reply to his Question No 15 of 17 February 1984, my reply to the hon member's previous question also applies to this question

Voortrekker Monument

*6 Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Community Development †

Whether any decisions on the use of the Voortrekker Monument were recently taken by the Government; if so, what is the purport of the decisions?

†The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Yes, it has been decided that on the following festive days, namely Founders Day, Republic Day, Kruger Day and the Day of the Covenant the grounds of the Voortrekker Monument will be reserved for state festive occasions, except when the board in Control of the Voortrekker Monument, in collaboration with the Minister of Community Development, decide otherwise.

*Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, can he tell the House whether

Pretoria township is tense

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Pretoria Correspondent

The trouble-torn Pretoria township of Atteridgeville was tense today after a week of sporadic violence by 6 000 pupils and the closure of their schools yesterday by the Department of Education and Training.

A group of male pupils gathered outside the locked gates of Saulsville High School early today but were dispersed by police.

More than 10 000 black pupils at several primary and high schools across the country are involved in class boycotts. They have resulted in at least seven schools being closed.

Another seven have been threatened with closure if the situation does not improve.

The United Democratic Front has warned that school boycotts could "spread the length and breadth of the country" if a solution is not found to the crisis.

Unrest at black schools and the boycott of classes has spread from Atteridgeville and Soshanguve to Cradock and Graaff-Reinet in the Eastern Cape.

Six homes of community figures in Lingehile Township, Cradock, were damaged when rioting youths hurled petrol bombs after the class boycott involving about 4 600 students in the area escalated.

Three youths are believed to have been detained by police in Graaff-Reinet in connection with the petrol-bombings.

The homes of two police constables, two teachers and a school inspectors are among those reported to have been attacked in the Eastern Cape.

The Graaff-Reinet unrest at Nqweba Secondary School was sparked by the suspension of a pupil who was alleged to be responsible for the burning of a Government vehicle this week.

The Cape DET regional director, Mr G W Merbold, said that if the class boycotts in the area continued, all seven schools might be closed for the rest of the year.

Yesterday's violence in Pretoria followed a DET report 24 hours earlier that the boycotts had been suspended and pupils had returned to classes.

The outbreak of the pupils-teachers clash in Atteridgeville took everyone by surprise when, at 8.45 am, hundreds of stone-throwing pupils converged on D H Peta High School in retaliation for an alleged attack on two of their leaders by teachers last Thursday.

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Pupils attack high school

By RICH MKHONDO

HOPES of student unrest ebbing in the black schools of Pretoria's Atteridgeville and Saulsville townships were dashed yesterday when more than 300 students from four schools marched to D H Peta High School and stoned the staff room, injuring four teachers.

Twenty-eight other teachers in the "staff room siege" which lasted 45 minutes escaped unhurt. The injured teachers were treated at Kalafong Hospital and later discharged.

Police cordoned off the school and refused the Press entry until late afternoon.

The four high schools from which the 300 pupils allegedly came and who are also boycotting classes are Saulsville, Saulridge, Dr H F Nkomo and Hofmeyr.

A teacher said they were warned that pupils from the four schools held a meeting on Wednesday and took a decision to attack their school.

"Immediately after the morning prayers, more than 300 pupils from the four schools attacked our staff room, broke all the windows, ripped off the telephones and four of my colleagues were injured."

The acting principal, Mr J B Bali was at a meeting with Department of Education and Training officials at the time of going to press.

Ealier this week DET officials announced that pupils from the five schools, who have been boycotting classes since the beginning of the year, had returned to classes.

Police said yesterday they could only comment after they finished their investigations.

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Top judge speaks on Bill of Rights

Own Correspondent

THE need for a Bill of Rights in South Africa to operate in tandem with constitutional and legal reform was raised at the annual South African law conference in Port Elizabeth this week.

Mr Justice G Viljoen of the Appellate Division told the conference of 200 academics, law practitioners and representatives of four independent homelands that one of the two major defects of the legal system was the overlapping and sometimes contradictory nature of South Africa's laws.

He suggested that some rules of interpretation of the laws had been outdated or were illogical

Later, Mr Justice A J Milne of the Natal division of the Supreme Court, said that if judges were to be given a creative role in interpreting laws they should do it in terms of an Act of Parliament.

At the conference Mr Kobie Coetsee, Minister of Justice, announced that a pilot scheme of seven small claims courts would be established in South Africa by April 1 next year.

He said the adjudication of small claims was acclaimed as a revolutionary new process where traditional processes of law were being changed in order to provide access to the courts and to keep legal costs down.

The traditional adversarial system of law process would be replaced by the inquisitorial system.

There would no legal representation, no cross-examination, no record of proceedings, no appeal, and only limited grounds for review.

Violence erupts as boycotts continue

By MARION WHITEHEAD

SHATTERED panes of glass at an Atteridgeville school staff room symbolise the total breakdown in communication between boycotting pupils, their teachers and the Department of Education and Training (DET).

Student anger erupted in the Pretoria township again this week when about 300 pupils stoned the administration block at D H Peta High, trapping 28 teachers inside and slightly injuring one.

Police dispersed the pupils and the DET suspended classes indefinitely — but the issues remain unresolved.

The week violence also flared in Graaff Reinet and Cradock where pupils have been boycotting classes.

Pupils at five Atteridgeville high schools have boycotted classes sporadically since the beginning of the school year, demanding students' representative councils (SRCs) and the abolition of the age limit scheme recently introduced in black schools.

Despite interventions by concerned people and bodies, including Bishop Desmond Tutu of the SA Council of Churches, the United Democratic Front (UDF), the Federal Council of School Committees and the local residents' organisation, little progress has been made.

Pupils have claimed that this week's stoning was in retaliation for an alleged assault on two pupils by teachers last week.

But teachers are puzzled about the reasons given by the pupils.

"We don't know why the children stoned the school staffroom," Mr Amos Bhali, acting head of D H Peta, said this week.

He said principals could not negotiate with pupils. Only the DET could make decisions on matters such as SRCs.

The DET has consistently refused to consider the issue of SRCs, maintaining they are political organisations.

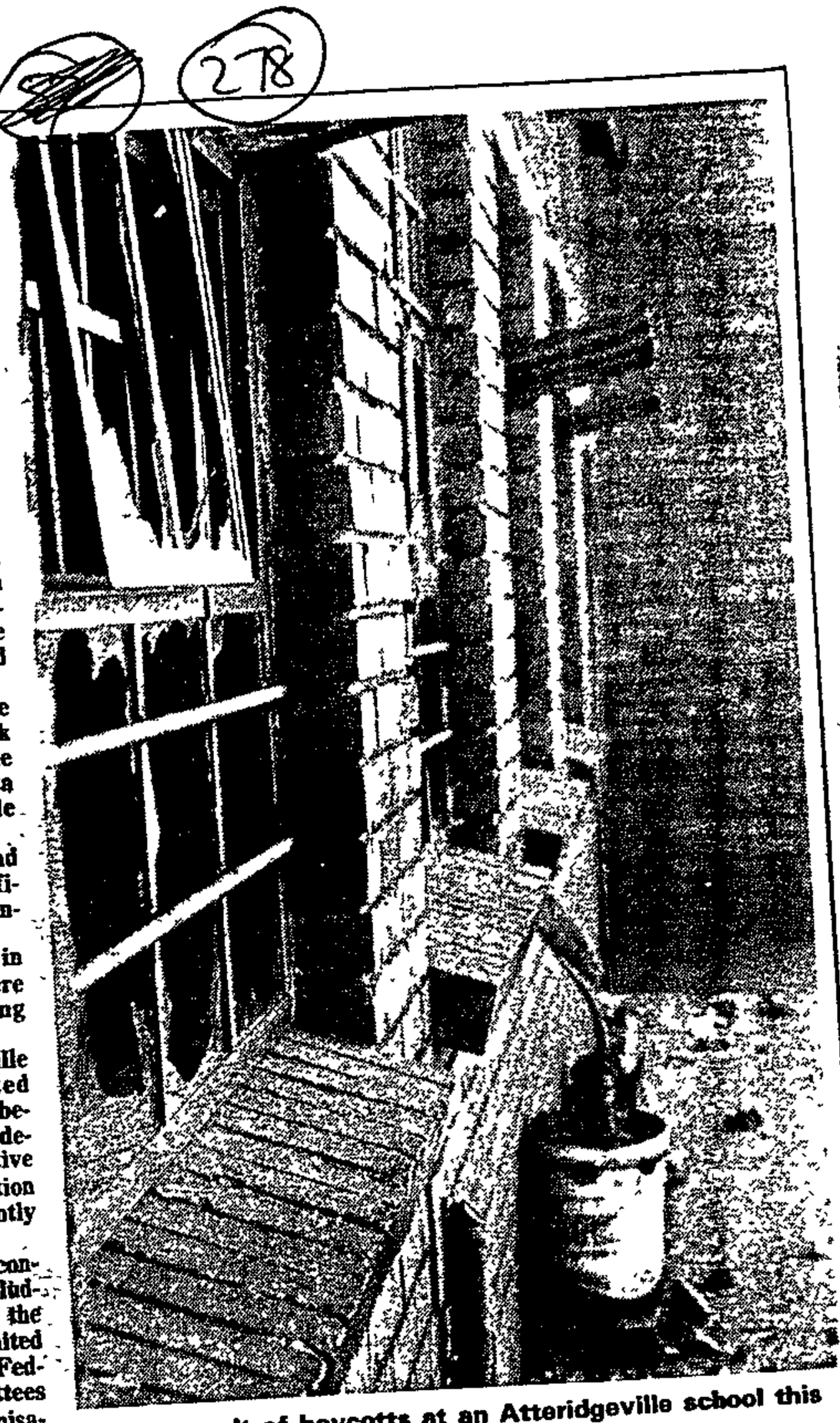
This week the department suspended classes in Atteridgeville indefinitely.

Mr Edgar Posselt, liaison officer for the DET, said the DET was negotiating with school committees representing parents and the community.

He said the DET had not yet taken any decision on action at the seven Cradock schools where pupils have been boycotting classes since the beginning of the year over the sacking of a popular teacher. Violence erupted there this week when a petrol bomb was thrown into the home of the acting chairman of the Cradock Residents' Association, Mr Gladwell Makawula, causing damage of about R4 000.

And at Nqweba Secondary School in Graaff Reinet, vehicles of the principal and the DET circuit insepector were set alight and houses stoned.

Mr Posselt said the school had been closed until tomorrow.



● The result of boycotts at an Atteridgeville school this week

BOSS PAVING

Five students held after disturbance

FIVE STUDENTS have been arrested in connection with the recent disturbances which led to the indefinite closure of six high schools in Atteridgeville, Brigadier H A du Plessis, chief CID officer of the Northern Transvaal, said yesterday.

SOWETAN Reporter

The five male students were arrested at their homes on Friday. Their arrest followed stone-throwing incidents which resulted in damage to school buildings in the township, Brigadier du Plessis said.

The detained students are facing two charges of public violence and will appear in court soon, the police spokesman said.

Arrest

The arrest of the five followed the attack on teachers at the D H Peta High School last Thursday. Teachers barricaded themselves in the staffroom when an angry mob of students stoned them at about 8.45am.

Police were immediately called to the scene to disperse the mob.

Male and female teachers at the D H Peta High School took refuge inside the staffroom as students including those from various other high schools in the area, pelted them with stones, damaging the windows of the staffroom.

Violent

Students interviewed said the violent action was "retaliation" for the attack by teachers on two of their colleagues.

The violent action and the boycott of classes last Thursday resulted in the indefinite suspension of classes at the six high schools — Hofmeyer, D H Peta, Saulsville, Dr W F Nkomo, Saulridge and Flavius Mareka.

Classes at the privately owned Holy Trinity High School — the only school not affected by the students boycott — were also suspended for the "safety" of the pupils. This decision was taken on Thursday night during an emergency meeting between teachers and parents.

Arson bid at Atteridgeville post office

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Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — The Atteridgeville post office was doused with benzine in an apparent attempt to burn it down, postal officials discovered when they arrived at work.

They found shattered bottles outside the building and broken windows. Bottles had apparently been hurled against the post office walls last night, and a heavy smell of benzine hung in the air.

Police and pupils clashed again at Saulsville High School today. Witnesses said police using sjamboks dispersed youths near the school yard.

Yesterday 20 pupils were treated at Kalafong Hospital following clashes with police.

A hospital spokesman said two patients were held for observation overnight, and one was treated for shock.

There was a large police presence in the Atteridgeville-Saulsville area today, with about 20 police vans patrolling the township continuously.

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Pupils, police hurt in clash

Own Correspondent

PRETORIA. — One policeman and 20 pupils were slightly injured when they clashed at the Saulsville High School near Pretoria yesterday.

A police spokesman, Major Q D Papenfus, said yesterday police used sjamboks when pupils started pelting their vehicles with stones. One policeman was injured during the incident.

A senior superintendent at the Kalafong Hospital, Dr C G Joubert, said young people who said they were pupils were admitted at the hospital yesterday with slight injuries Seventeen were treated and discharged, one was admitted for shock and two were still under observation.

The pupils claimed they had been involved in "unrest".

The regional director of Education and Training, Mr P G H Felstead, said two incidents took place at 10am and noon.

Pupils at the Saulsville High School had congregated at the western side of the school and stoned a police vehicle The police subsequently sjambokked the pupils.

He said at noon, pupils gathered outside the gates had been ordered by police to disperse. They had again pelted police with stones and sjamboks were used to disperse them.

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Violence at Saulsville

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By SAM MASEKO
Pretoria Bureau

ONE policeman and 20 pupils were slightly injured during an exchange of sjamboks and stones between the police and pupils at the Saulsville High School near Pretoria yesterday in a renewed police-pupils confrontation.

A police spokesman, Major Q D Papenfus, said yesterday police saw it fit to use sjamboks when pupils pelted their vehicles.

The Regional Director of Education and Training, Mr P G H Felstead, said the boycott was still in progress at the five Atteridgeville/Saulsville high schools.

Mr Felstead intimated he had spoken to leaders of pupils at different schools, who wanted assurance that their detained colleagues would be released.

They also wanted the introduction of student representative councils, he said.

Meanwhile, the Atteridgeville town council's three-man delegation that discussed the crisis with the Minister, Mr Barend du Plessis, in Cape Town on Wednesday, has appealed to the Minister not to close the schools

They said it had come to an agreement with the Minister on the election of pupil representatives, who would commuicate with the authorities.

Pupils have been boycotting classes since Tuesday this week.

The Minister has said that schools would close permanently after May 15 if pupils did not stop the boycotting.

Parents of the pupils are to meet on the weekend to discuss the situation.

16 students, one cop hurt as violence flares in Pretoria

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BATON CHARGE

AT LEAST 16 students and one policemen were injured when police baton-charged pupils at the Saulsville Secondary School in Atteridgeville, Pretoria, yesterday.

This fresh outbreak of violence occurred at about 9.45 am and 12 noon — a few hours after the announcement by the Government that democratically-elected student's councils should be implemented in black schools.

By MONK NKOMO

Pupils at the Saulsville Secondary School yesterday accused the police of intimidation and claimed that police assaulted a group of their colleagues with sjamboks at about 10 am during the short break.

Pupils told **The SOWETAN** that about 30 white policemen armed with batons and travelling in about eight vans arrived at the school gate again during the lunch break at about 12 noon.

"The police started insulting a group of students, some of whom were assaulted with sjamboks," the students said. Pandemonium erupted when a group of students retaliated and threw stones at the police. The students claimed the policemen, armed with batons, then charged at the fleeting pupils, hitting them indiscriminately.

A spokesman for the police directorate in Pretoria, Lieutenant H J Beck yesterday confirmed the violence, and said police used sjamboks after students had thrown stones at them. One policeman was slightly injured and a police vehicle damaged, he added Lt Beck said police had not received any reports that tear-smoke was used and added that no arrests had been made.

• The Atteridgeville Town Council, in a joint statement with the Minister of Education and Training, Mr Barend du Plessis, yesterday announced that: "After in-depth discussions, it was agreed that democratically-elected pupils' representatives, having regular communication with authorities, should be instituted "

The school unrest took another turn yesterday morning when matric students at the trouble-torn Saulsville High School demanded back their examination fees of R33 each. Those interviewed said: "We have lost hope of passing examinations at the end of the year. We will enrol next year."

Hundreds of students stayed away at most schools

Appeal

Students at the Flavius Mareka High School continued their boycott of classes, despite an appeal by five student leaders who urged them at the assembly yesterday to go back to their classrooms. The pupils, together with those at the Saulridge, D H Peta and Saulsville high schools vowed yesterday not to attend any lessons until their detained colleagues are released.

It was quiet and back to normal at the Mcweba Secondary School in Graaff-Reinett yesterday, but classes were still empty at the seven crisis-torn schools in Cradock where students have been boycotting classes for the past four months.

R37-m for housing schemes

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THE Urban Foundation is to spend R37-million on housing developments — among them the construction of 3 600 houses in Soweto and Katlehong — during its 1984/85 financial year.

Among major projects earmarked by the Foundation is a R5,4-million housing scheme for the 3 000 Mzimhlophe Squatter Camp families, who were left stranded when floods destroyed

By LEN MASEKO

rector of the Urban Foundation, Dr Robin Lee, said expenditure for the current financial year would amount to R47-million, which represented an increase of 170 percent over that of the previous year.

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The money would be donated over a five-year period.

"Approximately R37-million, or 78 percent, is earmarked for residential development and eight percent for education and training. Smaller amounts will be expended on enterprise development, research and a number of smaller projects," Dr Lee said.

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Arrested pupils in court today

Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — The three Atteridgeville High School pupils who were arrested on Friday during a clash with the police resulting from the school unrest in the township are to appear in court today.

Lieutenant T F Jefferson, Police liaison officer, said the three pupils will face charges of public violence and damaging state property.

Meanwhile the Minister of Education and Training, Mr Barend du Plessis, has given the more than 6 000 boycotting pupils until tomorrow to return to classes and continue with normal tuition, failing which the schools would be closed until next year.

Early this morning the students were seen going to school but they did not have their books with them.

No change

The ultimatum was today confirmed by the regional director for the Northern Transvaal schools, Mr P G H Felstead.

He said as far as he was concerned "the decision to close the schools if the boycotts continued until tomorrow has not been changed."

However, a delegation from the Atteridgeville Town Council appealed to Mr du Plessis during their meeting in Cape Town last Wednesday, that the schools should not be closed.

Mr du Plessis also repeated his desire "for an effective education to take place" and he joined the delegation in its appeal to all concerned parties to help prevent the closing the schools.

Mr du Plessis's deadline coincides with the appearance in court of five other pupils arrested a fortnight ago.

Underwear workers to meet management today on dispute

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Labour Reporter

REPRESENTATIVES of striking Cape Underwear workers and officials from the recently-formed Clothing Workers' Union (CLOWU), say they will meet the management of the company today to discuss the dispute.

This will be the second meeting between CLOWU, which is trying to wrest support from the giant Garment Workers' Union, and the management of Cape Underwear.

Managing director of Cape Underwear, Mr Cecil Beekman, said today he could not comment on the matter.

About 110 workers walked out of the factory two weeks ago in support of a demand for a R10-a-week increase.

Commenting on increases of about 7 percent, negotiated by the Garment Workers' Union (GWU), which is protected by a closed shop agreement in most clothing factories in the Western Cape, a CLOWU spokesman said there was still a feeling of "dissatisfaction" among the workers.

The clothing industry last week agreed to bring forward and increase wage rises previously negotiated by the GWU.

A R4 minimum across-the-board increase, which will come into effect on May 18, has been agreed upon.

Qualified machinists at present earn R54 a week.

The CLOWU spokesman said the rise in general sales tax to 10 perecnt and the possibility of an increase in busfares "would eat up most of the increase".

REPORT-BACK

Mr Cedric Petersen, assistant general secretary of the GWU, was not available for comment today.

The GWU held a report-back meeting with the workers on Saturday in Salt River.

However, reporters were barred from the meeting and no details have yet been released.

The CLOWU spokesman said most Cape Underwear workers, who originally went on strike, had not yet returned to work.

He said the workers were being paid about R30 a week, which is being donated by symphathisers.

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Minister to decide on pupils

Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — The fate of about 6 000 boycotting pupils in Atteridgeville, Pretoria, is being decided today by the Minister of Education and Training, Mr Barend du Plessis.

Pupils from the six troubled high schools were given until today to return to classes and to continue with normal lessons, failing which the schools would be closed until next year.

The class boycott at the six schools has entered its fifth month since the opening of the schools in January.

Concerned community leaders and parents called urgent meetings to discuss the Minister's threat to close down the schools today if the situation did not return to normal.

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Govt closes six black schools

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The government has closed — at least until the end of the academic year — the six Atteridgeville and Saulsville schools which have been hit by boycotts and pupil unrest over the past few months

This was announced last night by the Minister of Education and Training, Mr Barend du Plessis

Last Friday, the minister gave the 6 000 pupils until yesterday to return peacefully to their classrooms

Pupils boycotted schools chiefly because they wanted the introduction of student representative councils at schools and the release of detained colleagues.

The affected schools are Hofmeyer, Saulridge, D H Peta, Saulsville, Flavious Mareka and Dr W F Nkomo high schools, Mr Du Plessis said in a statement.

A Department of Education and Training spokesman said the schools would be closed until at least the end of the year.

The minister blamed the "forces of subversion" and their "intimidation and manipulation of pupils" for the closures. He said he made the announcement with "sincere regret".

Meanwhile, the Black Sash's Pretoria branch said yesterday that Bantu Education and the attitude of pupils towards their teachers were two of the factors which contributed to the school crisis

These views are contained in a memorandum that the Black Sash has sent to Mr Du Plessis in what it termed "a desperate effort of providing a just solution" to the school problem

According to the memorandum, pupils were unhappy about Bantu Education because they felt "cheated by its inadequacy and inferiority"

The pupils suspected their educational system because more money was pumped into white than into black education

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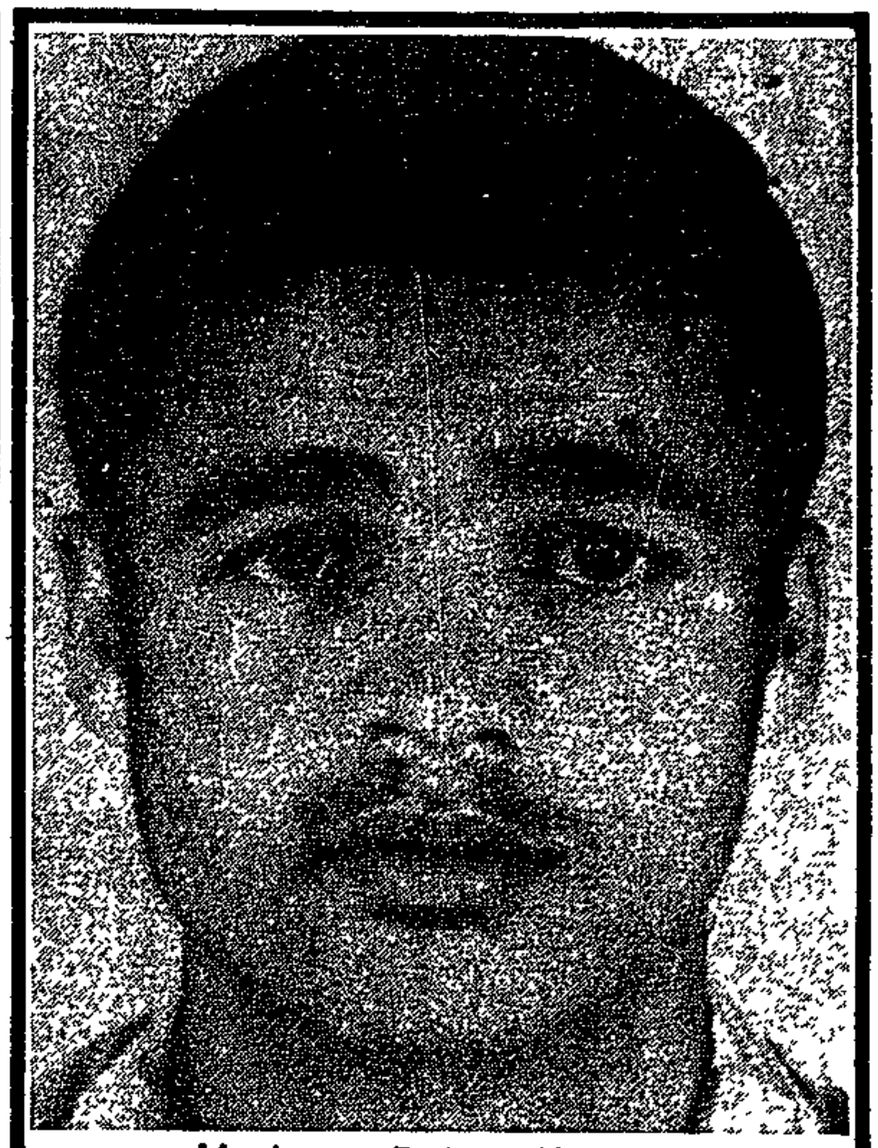

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Crime Reporter

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Teachers call for new wage deal

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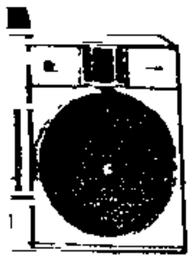

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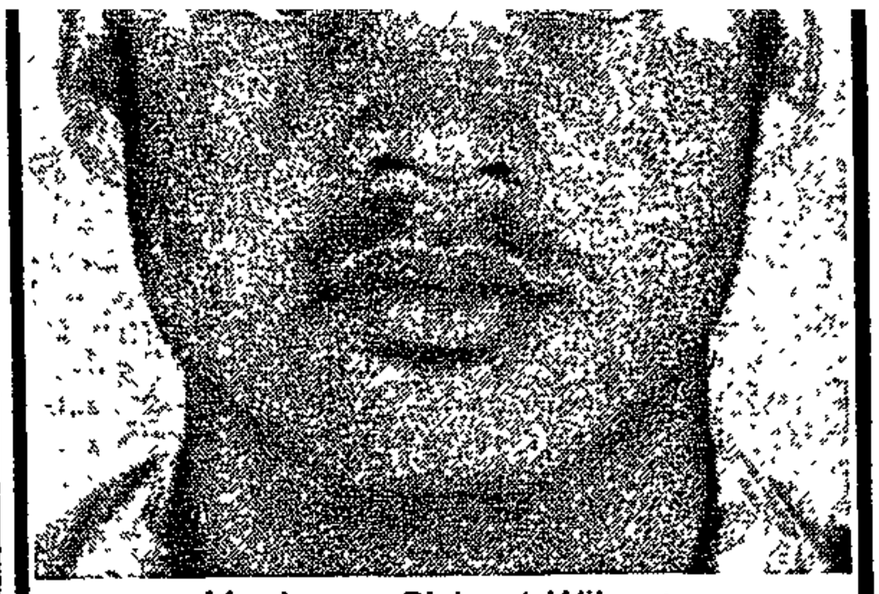
A lasting solution would only be found if black education were equal to its white counterpart. Other pupils would always think their education was intended to serve the aspirations of the oppressor.

Finally, the Black Sash recommended immediate implementation of the De Lange Commission's recommendations, and that television be used to upgrade black education.



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Teacher organizations around the country have reported increasing anger among their members.

The authorities have been accused of failing to honour undertakings to restore the balance that existed in 1981 between teachers salaries and those of public sector employees.

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Mr Franzen called on the members of his organization to show "patience and understanding". Other organizations have called on members to show "restraint" and "professional conduct".

He said the issues of a new post structure and better promotion opportunities were crucial to achieving a proper deal for teachers

It was therefore in the interests of teachers to wait for a package which included all aspects rather than to be granted a salary increase only.

He hoped the authorities would announce the increases by October 1 and that they would be retrospective to July 1 at least"

will soon mean 50 percent adverts and 50 percent take-what's-left," said **Mr Steve Marchant of Claremont.** "Who needs to jog when exercise can be done within the comfort of one's own home while watching TV? All that is necessary is to keep rising from one's easy chair to switch off the sound of the inane adverts."

"Rescreening of the early programmes of SATV may be enjoyed by those who did not own a TV set at the time. But they are an awful bore for those who did," said **Mr L E Edwards of Lansdowne.** "Many would like to see rescreening of The Villagers, so how about it SATV?"

"A portion of Monday's Video 2 programme about TB gave a feeling of complacency by not emphasizing that the incidence of the disease is highest by far among our black citizens," said **Mr Bill Fry of 28 Lions Way, Zoo Park, Kraaifontein** "In 1980 the incidence was 78 percent among African citizens of South Africa, while among the white population it was only 1,35 percent. Since then, with starvation an endemic feature of the homelands as well as the Republic, the proportions are worse Isn't it time that we woke up to the fact that the government is banishing diseases such as TB and Kwashiorkor into these homelands, thus washing its hands of any responsibility for the thousands of deaths which occur annually from these causes?"

● If you would like to comment on television programmes or on any television issues, phone ☎24-2233 ext 216 tonight.

TV 2 review

THERE were no surprises last night.

Ezodumo and the series on the way of life of the people in the townships surrounding Grahamstown were possibly worth watching.

Children were much better off, with Ikhaya Labantwana and Superman.

Art occupied most of prime-time viewing. The series that traced the history of township art will be sorely missed, even by those with little appreciation of art.

A profile on the brilliant contemporary artist Percy Sedumedi was stimulating, although Linda Davids, obviously at sea, was the wrong choice to interview him.

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Township fears increase as boycott fuse shortens

TENSION is high in Atteridgeville, near Pretoria, where six high schools — hit by intense student unrest and conflict this year — may be closed for the rest of the year.

Yesterday's deadline for the 6 000 boycotting students to return to school was not met and the Minister of Education and Training, Mr Barend du Plessis, was expected to decide by late last night whether or not to close the schools

His decision on the matter will probably be announced early this morning

In the strife-torn township numerous efforts have been made by community bodies to pre-empt the closing of the schools as the community is anxious about the consequences of such action.

But efforts made to persuade students to end their lengthy boycott have failed.

Among student demands are the introduction of Students Representative Councils, the control of corporal punishment and the release of students who have been charged following clashes with the police.

After a meeting of a three-man delegation of the the Atteridgeville town council and Mr Du Plessis it was agreed that pupils' committees and liaison committees would be introduced at all black secondary schools.

Mr Du Plessis announced on Friday that pupils' councils would be elected at each school Two representives from the pupils' council would sit on a liaison committee which was to include the teacher responsible for the pupils' council,

MR BAREND DU PLESSIS ... agreed to liaison committees at black secondary schools.

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the schools' principal and two parent representatives

The liaison committee would communicate directly at regular intervals and during times of crisis with the circuit inspector, the regional director and the Minister.

The regional director of the DET in Pretoria, Mr P G H Felstead, met recently with student leaders and assured them that teachers, who abused the DET regulation on corporal punishment, would be reprimanded

The urgency of the situation was discussed with students at several ongoing meetings of Federal Council of Schools Committees, the Ministers' Committee and other community organisations

Students grievances were discussed, an attempt was made to improve the communication between students, teachers and parents, and students were advised to end the boycotts.

However the boycotts continued at the six high schools — Hofmeyr, Flavius Mareka, Saulsville, Saulridge, D H Peta and Dr W F Nkomo.

According to the Rev R S Kgopong, of the Presbyterian Church and the convenor of the Ministers' Committee, the students' demands appeared to be a "smokescreen" for deeper-lying grievances

He said the Atteridgeville students had been divided over whether to return to classes.

The Ministers' Committee met with student leaders from all the schools and pointed out the dire consequences of their schools being closed.

Student leaders assured the committee they would end the boycotts, but in a second meeting with the ministers they indicated that they could not force the students to do so

A spokesman for the Congress of South African Students confirmed yesterday student leaders had recommended that students return to schools to prevent them from being closed.

However, he added that the majority of the student body was against returning to school until arrested students had been reinstated and SRCs were accepted.

"One of our sisters, 15-year-old Emma Sathekge, has died for our demands which we are not prepared to give up," another Cosas member said

He said students rejected the Atteridgeville town councillors' intervention in the situation as these people were regarded as "puppet bodies" and totally ineffectual.

Also rejected was what followed the councillors' discussion with the Minister — the agreement on the introduction of pupils' council and liaison committees at schools

The Ministers' Committee has made a final appeal to the Minister not to close the schools as this move would lead to township chaos

"What will happen here is going to be terrible. I can smell something like Soweto 1976 and the boycotts in Atteridgeville in 1977

"The students will be roaming the streets and they could spread unrest," Mr Kgopong said

He said the arrest of the two students on Friday following clashes between students and the police had aggravated the situation by increasing the students' anger.

The Ministers' Committee was making representations for the students' release, he added.

Parents have also appealed to the DET to keep the schools open and to postpone examinations until March next year so students had time to prepare.

Desperation in the township is so high that some parents have tried to get their children admitted to schools in other townships.

But this had been unsuccessful, as principals were suspicious of Atteridgeville pupils, the Rev Kgopong said.

The chairman of the Ministers' Committee, the Rev D L Mosome, said yesterday that closing the schools would lead to a spate of violence in the township and a growing incidence of illegitimate children

"Our children will be unoccupied, and an empty mind is very dangerous," he said.

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SCHOOLS BOYCOTT

Bitter echoes

A lasting solution to the pupils' boycott at six Atteridgeville schools will not be found "until black pupils believe that their educational system is on a par with that of whites and is adequate to their needs."

This message is contained in a letter to Department of Education and Training (DET) Minister, Barend du Plessis, by the Pretoria office of the Black Sash.

As the *FM* went to press, government's threatened closure of the schools in response to continued boycotts loomed large. The latest DET deadline appeared to have brought no change in the mood of the students. They resumed the boycott on May 8, when the Minister lifted an earlier suspension of classes following appeals from local community leaders.

Parents and the authorities last week failed to persuade the students to return to their desks.

Trouble at the Pretoria township's black schools has festered for most of the year for complex reasons, including alleged maltreatment by teachers. The Black Sash finds that the boycott is not against the teachers as individuals, "but against the system they sustain." However, some individual teachers are variously accused of being "stooges," inadequately trained — and even of indulging in aberrant sexual behaviour.

Furthermore, pupils feel that the high unemployment rate often makes a "mockery" of the matric certificate they struggle to obtain. And despite their parents' objections to the boycott, the pupils appear to have rejected their pleas to resume classes.

An immediate student grievance appears to be the detention of two of their fellow students. The Sash's Pretoria representative, Annica van Gylswyk, has sent a telegram to the Minister of Police, Louis le Grange, appealing for the release of the two students "as a means of preventing further deterioration in the school situation in Atteridgeville."

Bantu education

In the final analysis, however, the Sash finds that "most pupils are bitterly unhappy with bantu education. They feel cheated by its inadequacy and inferiority."

Concerned South Africans, remembering the Soweto schools upheaval of June 1976, will view the Atteridgeville school problem with "concern and alarm," the Sash says.

The implications of this bitterness could be serious if it spills over to other black schools. Some 7 000 schools are administered by the DET. Du Plessis revealed in Parliament recently that the number of black schoolchildren in SA had grown to more than 5m from about 800 000 in the Fifties. DET builds between 11 and 14 new classrooms each working day. The new pupil intake is around 60 000 annually. The Minister also alluded to the massive and highly sensitive "political" task faced by his department, and its efforts to upgrade teacher qualifications.

In her letter to Du Plessis, Van Gylswyk says: "The problem is deep-rooted and does not admit of obvious solution. Even the capitulation of the DET to meet the demands of the pupils (for a representative council, for example) has not ensured their continued attendance at school."

Until black pupils feel that their education is of the same quality as white education, the Sash advises Du Plessis, they will continue to feel, as one source put it, "that education provided by the oppressor to the oppressed will better serve the needs and aspirations of the oppressor than the oppressed."

The Black Sash advises that the major recommendation for a single education ministry for all races made by the well-considered De Lange Commission of inquiry into education be implemented as a matter of "urgency." It also calls for the extensive use of television, "that powerful educational tool ... to upgrade black education as soon as possible."

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Solidarity boycott hits UWC

Staff Reporter

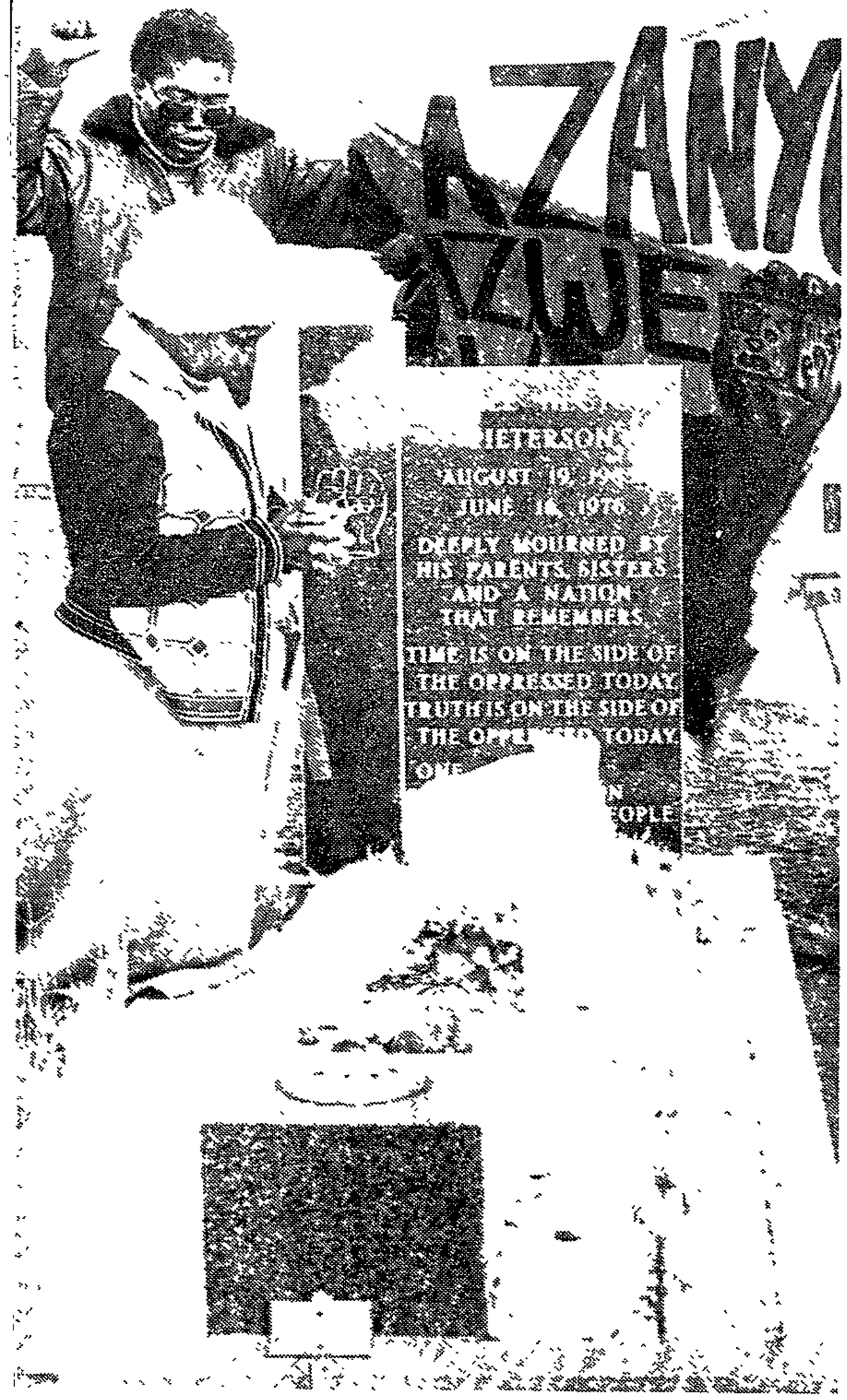
ABOUT 1 500 University of the Western Cape students yesterday unanimously resolved at a campus mass meeting to boycott lectures today in solidarity with Atteridgeville students whose school has been closed.

The meeting was addressed by a member of the national executive of the Congress of South African Students.

A spokesman for the ad hoc faculty board said the boycott decision was a show of support for Atteridgeville and the students at the universities of Transkei and Turfloop.

"We reject the repressive manner in which the authorities dealt with those situations and which resulted in the death of the 15-year-old Pretoria school-girl Emma Sathekge," he said.

Today's boycott of lectures, will start with a mass meeting at 9 am in the university's main hall.



Nation mourns

PRIEST: The Rev Lebamang Sebidi (in gown), restrains youths taunting police at Regina Mundi on Saturday. Later, police drove into the youths firing with a sneezer machine.

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HECTOR: Mrs Dorothy Petersen, mother of Hector Petersen, the first youth to be killed in the June 16 riots, makes a silent prayer as she remembers her son. Behind her is Mr Carter Seleke, president of the Azanian Youth Unity (Azanyu). Azanyu held a vigil for Hector at his home on Friday night.

SMOKE: This youth is enveloped in tearsmoke after a sneezer machine had driven into groups of them at Regina Mundi on Saturday.

Pics by: Joe Molefe, Len Kumalo and Mbuzeni Zulu

WRATH: Police inspect an overturned truck near Regina Mundi on Saturday. Several trucks felt the wrath of youths when they were stoned with one set alight.

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27 held after memorial services

JUNE 16 DRAMA

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SOWETAN Reporters

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Flames

"We smelt tearsmoke in the house but we thought the fumes had got into the house through the airholes It was after our attention was drawn by a neighbour that we saw flames where the tearsmoke cannister had landed

"Putting the flames out was a big problem because those who got into the house were choked by the fumes But we were lucky because only bags and some papers burned. A wardrobe was charred on the side and that was quickly attended to," said Mrs Motshoane

An Anglican priest in Sebokeng, Father L P Lenkoe, said he re-

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JUNE 16: Youths near Regina Mundi flee as a sneeze machine moves in.

Pic LEN KUMALO

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Meeting told of solidarity

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ceived death threats on his telephone from a white caller who accused him of allowing "troublemakers" to hold a service in his church.

He said he first received a letter from the Orange-Vaal Administration Board chief director, warning him not to allow any non-church activities to take place in the church — failing which his leasehold would be cancelled.

Early in the day, police in camouflage uniform mounted roadblocks at all roads leading into Soweto They stopped and turned back whites, coloureds and Indians.

Hundreds of commuters were stranded after Putco suspended all its bus services into Soweto in the afternoon on Saturday. Many people were seen walking from Baragwanath Hospital into the township while others walked from New Canada Station.

Putco had warned earlier that some of their buses operating in Soweto would be with-

drawn. One bus had all windows broken and a "couple had minor damages," Putco PRO, Pat Rogers, said yesterday.

A speaker at a service in Sovenga commemorating the eighth anniversary of the 1976 students uprising called for the formation of a Black Front "formed by blacks and only for blacks."

Mr Tshepo Sibuso of the Azanian Students Movement, called on black students to realise that they were of the the black community and to form a "Black Front".

Soweto quiet, police 'ready'

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Although police reported all quiet in Soweto yesterday following the teargassing of a crowd and some stone-throwing at Regina Mundi Church, on Saturday they were still ready "in case anything should happen".

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One Putco bus was stoned and seriously damaged by a large group of chanting youths soon after a June 16 commemoration service at Attridgeville, near Pretoria on Saturday.

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Police on alert after violence erupts

By Mail Reporters

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Police roadblocks put up on Saturday on roads leading to and from Soweto during church services on the eighth anniversary of the Soweto 1976 unrest, were still in force yesterday.

On Friday, a Russian limpet mine rocked central Johannesburg, seriously injuring Mr Jimmy Matabane, 26.

The bomb went off in a second-hand car lot on the corner of Nugget and Commissioner streets just before 3pm.

On Saturday an unidentified black man was killed in an explosion which ripped through the Agricultural Technical Services offices in the Bethal Magistrate's Court in the Eastern Transvaal.

Police are investigating the possibility that the dead man was responsible for the blast.

Damage to the building appeared to be only slight, police said.

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Police vehicles and private vehicles were stoned in the incidents and the Putco bus company said three of its buses were damaged.

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An order prohibiting a service was served on Azapo's deputy regional chairman, Mr Phosahosakuwa Mashele, at the last minute and he had

'Threatened' police admit shooting three

Capt. Times 19/6/86

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — Three people were shot and two others were injured by tearsmoke grenades when police tried to disperse 200 people commemorating the anniversary of the 1976 Soweto riots in Graaff-Reinet township on Saturday.

On Sunday Lieutenant H J Beck, duty liaison officer for police headquarters in Pretoria, denied that people had been shot or injured by police on Saturday.

However, yesterday he said a woman had been shot in the stomach, a man had been shot in the thigh and a woman had been shot in the calf.

He said two more people — a man and a woman — had been injured by a tearsmoke grenade.

According to Lieutenant Beck, violence erupted when the crowd started throwing stones after police had used tearsmoke to disperse them. He said the crowd had been warned by police that their meeting was illegal.

"In the midst of the stone-throwing, members of the force fired shots because they felt threatened, and five people were hit," he said.

Lieutenant Beck said five policemen had also been injured in the violence.

HOMELANDS

Blunder and waste

It is not often that a speech by the official Opposition in Parliament really jolts the government benches. It happened this week when Opposition leader Frederik van Zyl Slabbert launched the PFP's strongest attack yet on the homelands policy.

Parliament was buzzing for hours after the speech, a carefully constructed examination of the failures and successes of the National Party's ideological experiments in ethnicity.

Slabbert highlighted, in the most dramatic form to date, the incredible cost of the "independent" states. He also focused on government's inability to reverse, or even slow, the growth of bureaucracy.

The homelands policy was nothing but "a multiplication of bureaucratic disaster areas, consuming vast amounts of capital, that serve no other purpose but to service the wants and needs of small, privileged bureaucratic elites in seas of poverty and underdevelopment," said Slabbert.

He charged that the economies of black Africa had been destroyed by vast state bureaucracies — and government was making exactly the same mistakes as the West in compounding the follies of African governments.

For 30 years, SA had created a system of bureaucratic patronage and privilege that was costing a fortune. A total of about R1 620m was paid directly to the independent and non-independent states, and R627,5m indirectly. This was about R2 250m or 8,86% of the 1984-1985 SA budget, said Slabbert.

Dramatically

He added: "Put dramatically, the SA Parliament and taxpayer paid R2 246m this year for a policy which has succeeded in improving the monthly per capita gdp of the people of the self-governing states from R40 to R46 between 1970 and 1980. I repeat, an annual average increase of 1,3%. This is among the lowest in the world. What kind of return on investment is this?"

Improvements in standards of living in the national states during the past decade originated overwhelmingly from *outside* the states, from income earned by migrant workers (72% of total gross national income). Development aid from SA comprised almost 77% of the total income of the governments of the Bantustans.

Slabbert used the Transkei as an example. Of the total population of 2,6m, 44 127 people worked in the Transkei civil service, giving a ratio of 1:59. The Transkei public service, excluding defence, costs about R226,6m/year.

But 85% of households in the Transkei were earning an income lower than a conservatively calculated minimum subsistence level. Infant mortality was 130 for every 1 000 births, which was among the highest in Africa, while food shortages were commonplace. Almost 20% of all children between six months and two years showed signs of serious nutritional disease.

Slabbert ... pointing to a record of failure

By the admission of its own government, the Transkei economy was little more than a labour reserve. "We pay R226,6m per annum for a bureaucratic elite living off the non-existent fat of the land in order to administer an economy which, on its own terms, is nothing else but a labour reserve. For the services rendered, we could have managed with less than half of the personnel at even less than a third of the cost," said Slabbert. The same was true for the other self-governing and constitutionally separate states.

Any attempt to solve SA's very complex problems would cost a great deal of money, and, for that reason, SA could not afford to waste it on "useless and pointless bureaucratic exercises."

The most important source of political instability in Africa had not been revolution or coups, but the creation of self-perpetuating, bureaucratic, privileged classes that destroyed the economies of countries. The warning signals were now flashing in SA.

Bureaucratic expansion in SA had inculcated in black, white, coloured and Indian groups the expectation that the State must, and will, provide housing, education, jobs and leisure. "One of the worst legacies of apartheid ... is that it has destroyed the individual's sense of control over his own future or his initiative to work for it," said Slabbert.

MINE UNREST

Will it spread?

The big question after the riot death (or deaths) at Vryheid Coronation Colliery earlier this week is whether the unrest was isolated or whether it will hit other mines.

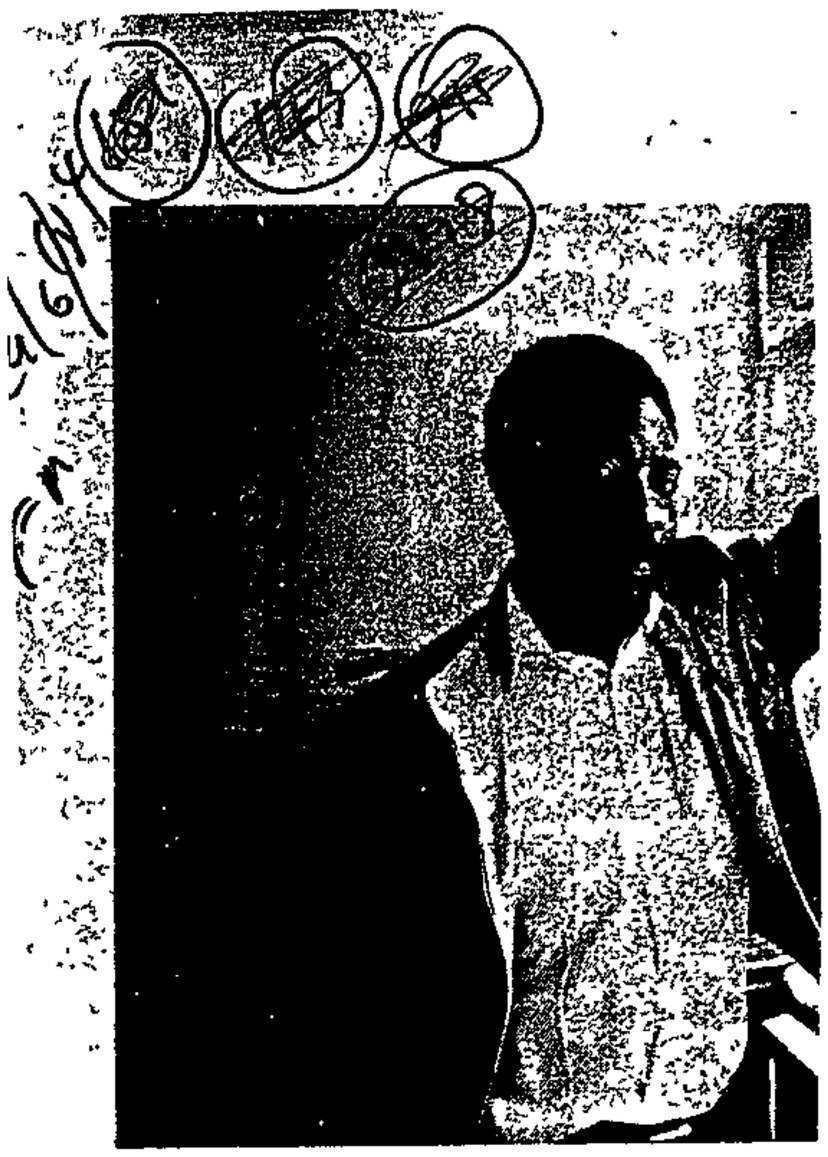
According to the SA Police, one miner was killed, and four injured after unknown persons opened fire on black mineworkers near the white residential area of the mine on Monday night. The incident came after a day of rioting and unrest with the strikers protesting against the wage and benefits package which the Chamber of Mines is unilaterally implementing on July 1.

The incident provoked sharp reaction from the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) which claims it represents 500 of the colliery's workers. According to the union, not one, but two miners were shot dead.

Says NUM general secretary Cyril Ramaphosa: "A week ago we warned the chamber that labour unrest would take place on the mines if they went ahead and announced wage increases rejected by our union. The chamber and the mining bosses will be faced by this type of unrest from all mineworkers countrywide."

However, there seems to be doubt about the NUM's strength at Vryheid Coronation. Owners Anglo American say they have been dealing there with the Allied Mine and Tunnel Workers' Union which has a small presence. This union is not recognised by the chamber.

According to Anglo, a large proportion of the colliery's 3 000 black workers struck on Monday morning. The company says the police were called in to maintain order after vehicles had been stoned. "As a result of escalation during the night", the police



NUM's Ramaphosa . . .

used teargas to contain the situation. However, by Tuesday there were no further incidents, the workers agreed to accept the new rates of pay and the situation had returned to normal.

The chamber's decision to implement the new package was taken last week following a deadlock in negotiations with the NUM over colliery wages and conditions. The union, which was demanding a 25% wage increase for all workers, has declared a dispute with the chamber on the issue. It has also declared a dispute over wages and benefits for its members on chamber gold mines.

The chamber's increase for surface employees averages 14,1% — ranging from R18/month for the lowest grade employees to R47/month for the highest semi-skilled workers. Increases for underground employees average 13,4% — ranging from R19/month for the lowest grade workers to R50/month for the highest semi-skilled employees. Other improvements in working conditions were also announced.

The chamber is going ahead with its package because, it argues, the majority of colliery employees are not members of the union and are expecting their increases on July 1.

After Vryheid the NUM announced it was prepared to resume negotiations with the chamber to avert the "catastrophe that is definitely going to hit the mines." The chamber had not responded to this offer when the *FM* went to press.

SAP teargas packed Reef cinema

By Abel Mabelane

East Rand police have admitted throwing teargas canisters into a packed kwaThema cinema in Springs on Wednesday night to stop the showing of an alleged blue movie.

Cinema-goers choked, vomited and fainted after being overcome by the fumes.

Major. C R Liebenberg, police liaison officer for the East Rand, confirmed the incident, adding that it was connected with the showing of blue films

He declined to comment further and referred The Star to the police directorate of public relations in Pretoria.

By the time of going to press, the directorate had not responded to a request for further information

Mr Moses Dubazana, a reporter on a local newspaper, said he was in the cinema when the incident took place.

"We were watching the second film when the screen suddenly went blank. Patrons shouted to the projector operator not to stop the film.

"Then people started coughing, sneezing and others vomited and fainted.

"When our eyes smarted and we heard the sound of barking outside, we realised what was happening and stampeded towards the entrance

"At the entrance, a policeman shouted in Afrikaans, 'staan julle daar'.

"The police had dogs and we ran back into the cinema. People were screaming and panicking.

"After waiting for what seemed an eternity, we saw about three policeman come from the projector room carrying a reel of films

"They took with them Mr S A Ndala, the owner of the cinema, and drove away," Mr Dubazana said.

ANGOLA

Botha breaks the deadlock

The deadlock over SA's troop withdrawal from Angola has been broken. The last SA troops are expected to leave southern Angola in the near future and the Joint Monitoring Commission (JMC) of SA and Angolan soldiers will remain in existence.

The breakthrough came after many weeks of virtually no movement on the Namibian issue. Negotiations now seem to be back on the track and moving fast. There may also be moves to bring Swapo into negotiations specifically aimed at stopping the 18-year-old bush war.

The problem with Angola was solved after four hours of talks in Lusaka earlier this week between Angolan Interior Minister Manuel Alexandre (Kito) Rodrigues and SA Foreign Minister Pik Botha.

Rodrigues presented Luanda's reaction to Botha's proposals made in Lusaka on May 21. Botha told him SA had serious problems with the continued Swapo presence in southern Angola, and wanted the JMC to stay in existence and not be disbanded 30 days after SA's final withdrawal as had previously been agreed. Angola satisfied Botha on both issues.

The Angolans gave a significant undertaking: "In the case of implementation of the steps and agreement during the meeting, important steps will be undertaken for the preservation of peace in Southern Africa and the future of Namibian independence. The Angolan side has insisted, with the SA side, on the need of a better commitment by Swapo in the peace process."

Diplomats agreed yesterday that the statement was a bad translation from the original Portuguese. The last sentence should have read: "The Angolan and SA sides have insisted on the need for the closer involvement of Swapo in the peace process."

The Angolan statement is understood to mean that if certain conditions, set at the Lusaka meeting, were met, the MPLA will sort out the problem of Swapo military activity in southern Angola. SA will then withdraw all its troops into Namibia and the JMC will start patrolling the border for possible violations. Only last week dangerous tensions were building up in the area in southern Angola already cleared by the JMC and in some circles a new SA raid into Angola was predicted.

No mention

It is seen as significant that there was no mention in the Angolan statement of the usual precondition that SA should implement UN Security Council Resolution 435.

A second meeting between Swapo and its "Patriotic Alliance" on the one hand and the Multi-Party Conference (MPC) of internal Namibian parties on the other is still on the cards. The MPC has resumed its regular meetings and it is understood that at least some of the parties in the MPC are preparing new proposals based on Resolution 435.

Pik Botha ... 'satisfied' with Angola's undertakings

MINE UNREST

Colliery strikes

Black miner dissatisfaction with the wage and working condition improvements implemented at all Chamber of Mines collieries on Sunday spread this week. So far only a few chamber collieries have been affected — but the big fear is that unrest will spread.

The problem arises from the deadlock in wage and working conditions negotiations between the chamber and the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) for its members on both coal and gold mines. The union has declared a dispute on both issues and has applied to the Minister of Manpower to appoint conciliation boards.

Nevertheless the chamber decided to implement its increases because the majority of black miners are not NUM members and were expecting their increases on July 1.

When the *FM* went to press, two collieries owned by Anglo American Corporation and sections of Rand Mines' Douglas colliery had been affected by work stoppages. The stoppages followed last week's unrest in protest against the chamber's package at Anglo's Vryheid Coronation colliery in which one miner was shot dead and a number injured.

Stoppages at Anglo's Goedehoop and Kriel collieries occurred on Monday. But miners were back at work by late Tuesday. Kriel miners resumed work on the first shift on Tuesday morning after talks between management, workers, and representatives of the NUM. At Goedehoop discussions between workers and management started on Monday, continued on Tuesday morning, and work was resumed at the second shift. A company spokesman said 2 000 workers were involved in the stoppages.

Not recognised

According to NUM general secretary Cyril Ramaphosa, the union represents 90% of the 1 200 Kriel workers, although it is not officially recognised for the colliery by the chamber. Ramaphosa says the workers made a number of demands in discussions with management and agreed to go back to work on condition that these were met.

One demand was that management should speed up the process of verifying the NUM's claim to be representative of the colliery's workers. Another was that management should not pay the chamber increases but should continue to pay according to the old rate until the NUM's dispute with the chamber over the coal wage talks is resolved. According to Ramaphosa, management agreed to both demands. Industry sources, which declined to be named, tell the *FM* that Kriel is paying the chamber rates.

Miners at the Van Dyk's Drift and Wolwekrans sections of Douglas colliery stopped work at the start of the first shift on Wednesday morning. A Rand Mines spokesman tells the *FM* some 1 500 Van Dyk's Drift and 500 Wolwekrans workers were refusing to work. The spokesman said management had not yet been able to get the workers to appoint representatives for discussion purposes when the *FM* went to press.

He said indications were that the workers were demanding a bigger increase than that provided in the chamber package. The situation was peaceful, he said. Ramaphosa says the NUM, which is recognised at Wolwekrans, represents 800 of 1 000 workers.

Last week, after the Vryheid Coronation incident, the chamber asked the NUM to

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try to persuade its members that no one would benefit from unrest and violence on the mines and from the consequences of violence. It offered to meet the union to seek means of avoiding unrest — but not to negotiate wages. This was rejected by Ramaphosa who said the union did not have a mandate from its members to negotiate on non-wage matters.

Most of the work stoppages have been settled relatively easily. Management arguments that disputes about wages cannot be settled directly but have to be taken up with the chamber appear to have had effect. But the prospect of further dissatisfaction, which would become ugly, is still very real. At this stage much depends on the outcome of conciliation board talks between the NUM and the chamber. The Minister of Manpower has not yet constituted the boards.

CISKEI DRY DOCK

Viability questions

The massive R200m dry dock planned for a site near Port Elizabeth is again in the news following the announcement by the Ciskei government that it has bought a 33% stake in the controlling company for R750 000.

The scheme is the brainchild of the Algoa Bay Development Corporation (ABDC), headed by MD Henry Combe. He has been seeking backing for the project for about 10 years, and recently told the *FM* that construction of the dock, to be one of the biggest ship repair facilities in Africa, would begin in 1986.

Frank Corbett, a senior official attached to the office of the Ciskei President, confirmed the Ciskei government had acquired a one-third stake in the controlling company. The acquisition was funded by the Ciskei President's and People's Educational Trust, which receives funds from overseas loans, grants and donations.

The Ciskei's involvement arises from its need to provide employment for its citizens, says Corbett. The ABDC has undertaken to give preference to Ciskeians when hiring labour. "We understand that some 4 000 people could eventually find work there," he says.

Guarantees are now being drawn up in terms of which the Ciskei's investment will be refunded if construction does not begin within three years. "An interest factor will be built in, but the precise level has not yet been determined," says Corbett.

The scheme continues to be regarded with scepticism by many in the shipping industry. "There is excess repair capacity worldwide," says a major Cape Town shipbuilder. "We are not on a heavy shipping route as we were when the Suez Canal was closed, and I quite frankly have difficulty in believing the scheme is viable."

Profits at repair yards on high density routes such as Hong Kong, Singapore and Korea have been slashed by as much as 70%. "The shipping industry internationally is in a major slump, as you well know. I don't consider this the time to invest in extra repair capacity."

Combe was unavailable for comment. Dr Konstant Bruinette, chairman of ABDC, told the *FM* through his secretary that "all the facts remain the same. I don't want to comment further as we are in conversation with Mr Louis Nel (deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Information) and the SA government". The *FM* was awaiting comment from Nel at the time of going to press.

The reluctance of ABDC officials to discuss the project leaves some loose ends. For example, Bill Livesay, Ciskei's director of publicity, said in an interview on national radio last week that a number of major SA companies were involved in the scheme, including Murray & Roberts. In addition, Corbett named Irvin & Johnson, the leading white fish trawler. Both com-

BOBBY GODSELL

Enhancing the Industrial Court

Bobby Godsell is the Anglo American Corporation's industrial relations consultant. He spoke to the *FM* about comments on the Industrial Court contained in the corporation's annual report issued last week.

***FM*: Anglo's annual report says there is an urgent need to clarify the role of the Industrial Court (IC) and thus enhance its status. It also says that the court must be more fully integrated into the judicial system. What led to this?**

Godsell: We are worried about confusion which has arisen about labour cases. There have been a number of occasions in which both the IC and the Supreme Court have had to consider whether they have jurisdiction to hear a case. An example of this cropped up in the appeal against the IC's finding in the case of the United African Motor and Allied Workers' Union vs Fodens (SA) Pty. The IC found that the company had committed 37 unfair labour practices but refused to grant costs against Fodens on the grounds that there was no specific statutory provision for it to do so.

In the appeal hearing the Supreme Court found that the union did not have the right to appeal to it against the IC decision. The Supreme Court could not therefore make an order about costs. In weighing up the case, the Supreme Court was forced to analyse the role of the IC when it adjudicates in unfair labour practice disputes. It concluded that when the IC is exercising this function it is not exercising a judicial function and is not sitting as a court of law. There are other examples of confusion about the role of the courts.

We think that kind of confusion is not in the interest of management or unions. The role of the court should be made clear in respect of the Supreme Court, the Magistrate's Court system and the Appellate Division. The courts are created by statute and the statutes should specify which court has competence.

Does Anglo feel the IC should not fall under the Department of Manpower?

Broadly speaking, yes. The IC should probably move from Manpower to the Justice department.

Who should make the decisions about that?

It is really an issue between the Department of Manpower and the Department of Justice. In this respect we were disappointed that the Hoexter Commission, which is the most comprehensive review of the legal system in SA to appear in years, devoted no more than two pages to the IC. The two departments should get together and talk about it. We certainly feel that the IC does have certain administrative functions. Arbitration does not belong to the Justice department. But in situations in which the IC is involved in adjudicating functions and where it is meant to be creating case law, it is highly desirable that it should be integrated within the normal court system.

Anglo stated that the IC's role in the settlement of disputes and collective bargaining should be clarified and that an important step in that process would be a clearer definition of the unfair labour practice (ULP) concept. The National Manpower Commission (NMC) has devoted attention to precisely this issue in a recent report. Anglo has offered comment on the report through the employ-

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Three hurt in Welkom riot

Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — At least three people were injured, including a man shot in the stomach, and 18 arrested in rioting in the Welkom township of Thabong.

And a 19-year-old man was stoned and stabbed and his motorcycle set alight, according to police.

The township was quiet but tense today as pupils prepared to discuss their leaders' indefinite suspension from school. Police patrolled the streets.

The rioting broke out yesterday after three weeks of talks failed to break the deadlock between education authorities and boycotting pupils at Teto High School. Journalists have been barred from the township

"A member of a police dog unit was assaulted and was forced to make use of his service pistol," Lieutenant Tom Jefferson of the Police Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria, said today.

"A man was wounded in the stomach. The police dog was also hurt in the incident. Both the wounded man and another man bitten by the dog were taken to hospital. Their condition is satisfactory," he said.

The policeman and his dog were not seriously injured

"To date 18 men have been arrested on charges of public violence. There have been no further incidents today and the situation has returned to normal," said Lieutenant Jefferson.

A student spokesman said that four pupils had been hit by rubber bullets and one had his teeth knocked out.

Police in clash with bus workers

PRETORIA — A clash between Bophuthatswana police and a group of striking Pitso transport workers left 12 people injured and several vehicles damaged.

The incident occurred outside the Pitso transport depot in Erasmus near Pretoria. A group of about 300 striking employees apparently tried to prevent other workers from continuing with their duties

Police were called in. A source said a group of policemen were forced to retreat when bus drivers, workshop assistants and workers from other departments stoned them, damaging several police vans.

Bophuthatswana police allegedly charged the protesting workers. About 12 workers were treated at Ga-Rankuwa Hospital for minor injuries.

A spokesman for the Bophuthatswana police said three workers had been arrested for holding an "illegal" meeting and obstructing police

According to transport sources, the strike was apparently sparked by grievances over the dismissal of two bus drivers and over union recognition.

The sources said the transport company apparently had to make use of "all sorts of people" to drive bus commuters to Erasmus — a change-over point for passengers travelling into Pretoria — yesterday morning as most bus drivers were still on strike. — SAPA

Mystery of township petrol bombs

By Mike Tissong

There were six petrol bomb incidents in the Toekomsrus township outside Randfontein yesterday — and three of the families have ruled out political motivation.

Petrol bombs which have struck other people's houses in the Johannesburg area were aimed at election candidates and community councillors.

Mrs Claudette Diedrichs, of Diamont Street, said that her home was set alight at about 3 am on Sunday.

"We were asleep and were awoken by the sound of a window breaking. My husband and I went to the front room and found it on fire.

"We battled to put it out. A curtain and a chair were burnt. The police came to our house a few hours later," she said.

Mrs Diedrichs said none of her family or friends was standing for the elections or supporting any candidates.

Mrs Maria Otto, of Ruby Street, said that when she was awoken by the sound of breaking glass yesterday morning, she saw a light coming from the front room.

"I went to the front room and saw that it was on fire.

"We called the fire brigade and they came with the police. The windows, walls, curtains and some of the furniture in the front room was damaged."

Mrs Otto said one of her relatives, Mr Allie Otto, was standing in the Toekomsrus constituency as a Freedom Party candidate. He did not live at Mrs Otto's home.

Miss Emile Lodewyk, of Aries Street, said a petrol bomb was thrown into their bedroom.

"It set the curtain alight and our wardrobe, filled with clothes, was also burnt.

"My parents put out the fire. The police arrived a few hours later to take photographs."

She said her father, Mr Lauren Lodewyk, was a driver for a company in Randfontein and had nothing to do with the elections.

A young woman in the Grobbelaar household in Venus Street, who did not want her identity disclosed, said only her mother could comment about the fire.

She said a tyre was set alight in the yard but no damage was done.

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Students watch the principal's car burn after it had been set alight outside his office at the Minerva High School in Alexandra township yesterday.

Angry mob storms Alexandra school

Staff reporters

Violence erupted in Alexandra township yesterday when students at the Minerva High School went on the rampage burning cars and damaging school buildings.

Riot Squad police have warned the troublemakers: "This is the last time. We are now going to get you."

The riot broke out shortly before midday. Eight of the school's prefects defended themselves against a 2 000-strong group of their fellow students.

At least one student, Joseph Mtshali was seriously injured when he was attacked with pangas and axes

A strong-contingent of Riot Squad policemen moved into the area immediately surrounding the school when the students began their serious unrest campaign — allegedly directed against the principal of the school, Mr Thomas Baloyi.

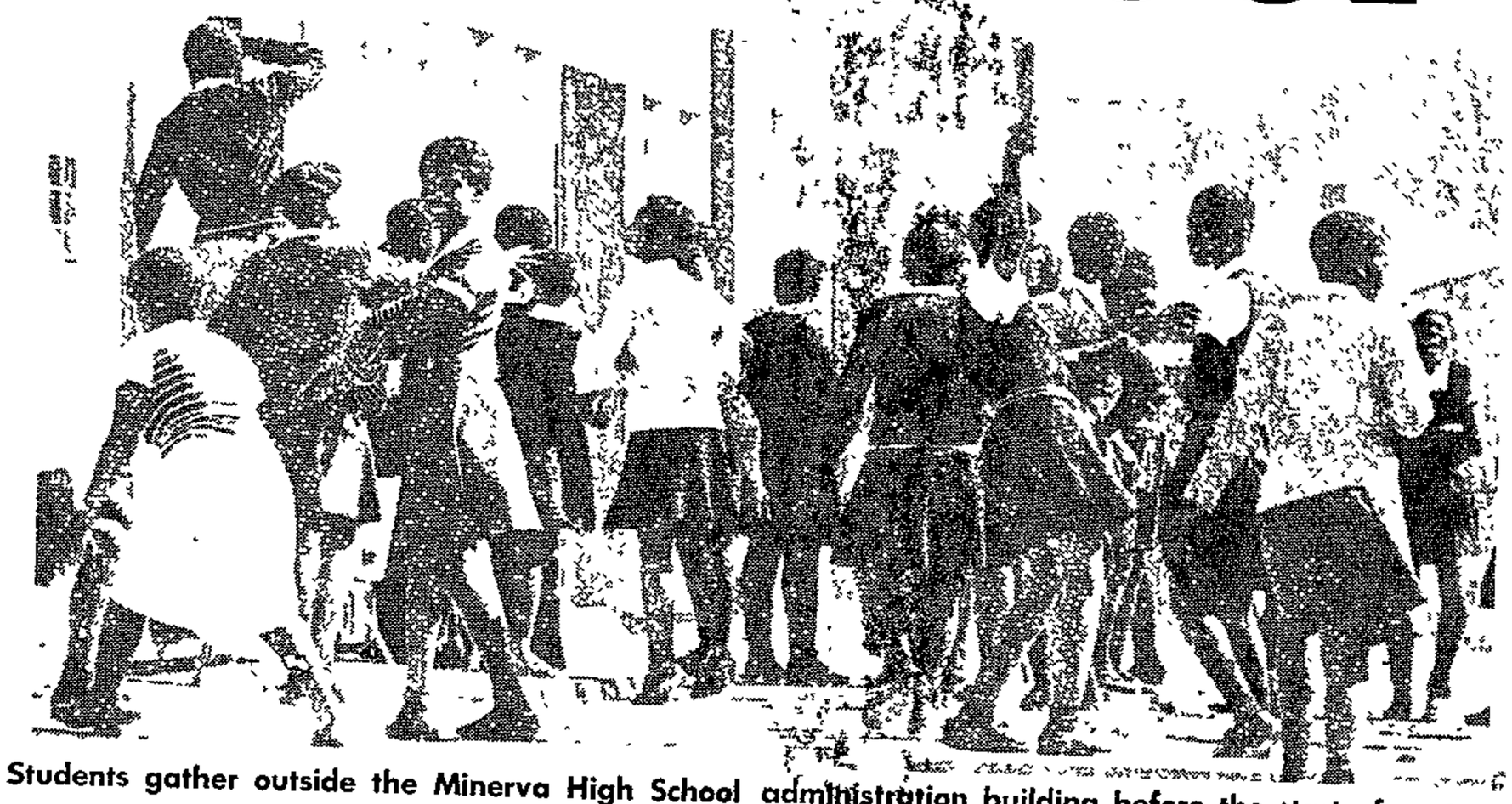
The police arrived in time to prevent the "army" of students from forcibly entering Mr Baloyi's office where he and the eight prefects had barricaded themselves.

Students scattered in all directions as the Riot Squad stormed the school using a teargas machine and dogs.

Windows at the school were shattered as students went on the rampage. They were desparately trying to force their way into the barricaded principal's office.

Mr Baloyi's car was set alight and gutted. The police used hosepipes and buckets of water to extinguish the blaze. The students then moved to his home where they fire-bombed his wife's car.

Eventually, as the crowd dispersed, police escorted the principal and the eight prefects to their respective homes in a police truck.



Students gather outside the Minerva High School administration building before the start of yesterday's unrest.

While the police were busy with their evacuation operation, they received a report that the students had gathered at the home of Mr Baloyi.

They were attempting to burn down his 15th Avenue house.

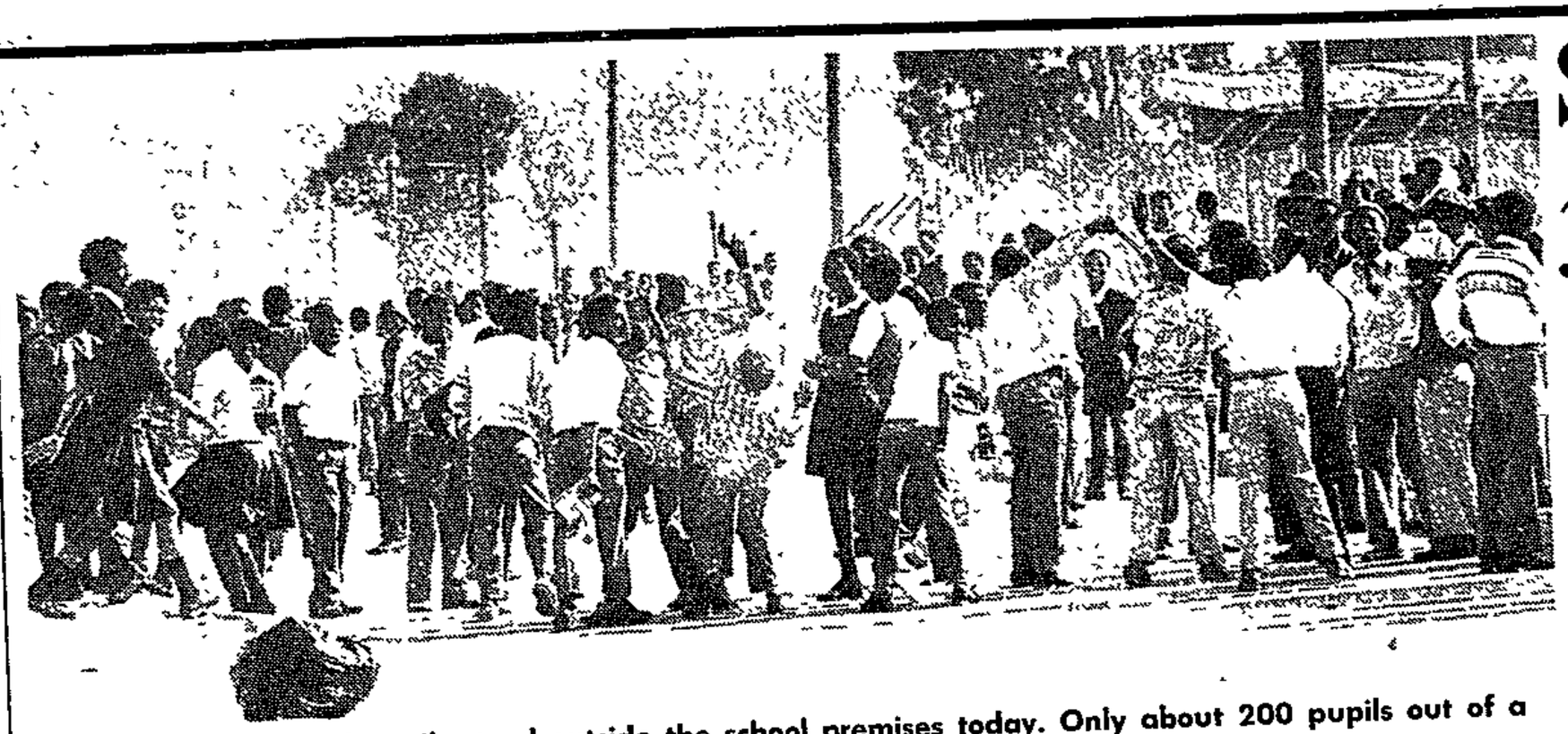
Mrs Baloyi's wife, Thama, said she and her two young children were attacked by panga-wielding students at their home One of the children, Lebogang (9), sustained a leg injury when a brick was hurled at him.

Trouble at the school was apparently sparked off by a demand by the students that the principal should return some money which they claim they had paid for the purchase of manual-work material. They had apparently not done any handwork despite the payment.

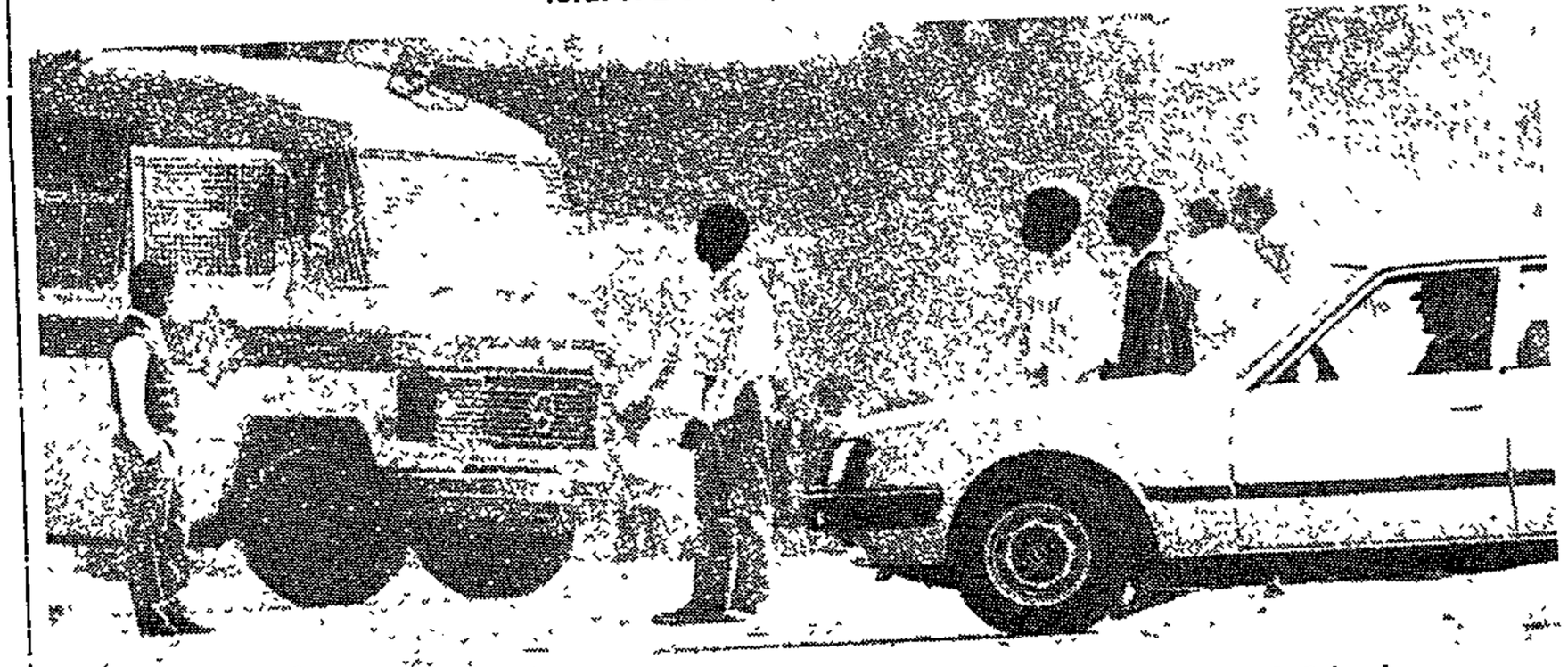
The prefects are believed to be unpopular with the students who want to elect their own Students' Representative Council This request has been rejected.

The principal's rejection of the formation of the SRC led to a clash between him, the prefects and the rest of the student body.

By late last night, a contingent of police were still patrolling the immediate area.



Minerva High School pupils stood outside the school premises today. Only about 200 pupils out of a total of 2 000 reported for classes.



Police were on standby today after fire broke out in a storeroom at the Minerva High School.
● Pictures by Clive Lloyd

School store burnt: 3 pupils arrested

Staff Reporters

At least three pupils are believed to have been arrested after a storeroom was set alight at the Minerva High School in Alexandra this morning and its contents burnt.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Colonel Fred Bull said the school was closed this morning after continued unrest during which part of the school buildings were set alight.

Police had been present to extinguish the fire and pupils had dispersed peacefully. Police were investigating the cause of the fire.

Witnesses said three pupils were arrested by riot police outside the school premises shortly after the incident.

Earlier a number of police vehicles including a sneeze-machine patrolled the area near the school. Most of the police vehicles then left the scene.

The atmosphere at the high school was tense as only about 200 pupils out of 2 000 reported for classes.

The pupils stood in small groups in the school yard while about six teachers stood outside the premises. The headmaster, Mr Thomas Baloyi, was not present.

The tense situation at the school follows last week's unrest which resulted in Mr Baloyi's two cars being burnt and his office stoned.

A pupil was seriously injured during a brawl between pupils and the school's eight prefects.

Riot police were called to control the angry pupils who were trying to assault Mr Baloyi and the eight prefects after accusations that the school had misused some funds belonging to the pupils.

FIGHTING

The pupils also alleged that the prefects were fighting with Mr Baloyi who had appointed them to their positions.

The pupils made demands for a students' representative council and the abolition of the age restriction.

They claimed that Mr Baloyi had refused to speak to them or take up their grievances concerning the alleged embezzlement of funds.

Student unrest: police arrest 20

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Pretoria Correspondent

About 20 students were reported to have been arrested and several cars badly damaged following a clash between demonstrating students and police at the Mabopane East Technikon in Soshanguve, near Pretoria, today.

The incident follows a boycott of lectures by the students for the past two months.

ULTIMATUM

The students' demands include the right to establish a student's representative council at the technikon.

A source close to the students said today the principal, Mr Marinus Wijnbeeck, issued an ultimatum in which he ordered the students to return to class by 10 am or to leave the campus by 3 pm.

"When the students started to burn the ultimatum notices, the principal called in the police.

"On their arrival the police charged the students with batons.

"They also used teargas on the students. About 20 students were arrested and taken away in police vans," the source said.

The source also said a number of ambulances were seen passing the technikon.

Mr Wijnbeeck could not be reached for comment.

The Soshanguve Police chief, Major F M Soko, confirmed the incident but could not give details.

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Daveyton calm after stone-throwing

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By Erik Larsen,
East Rand Bureau

Calm has returned to the Benoni township of Daveyton after sporadic incidents of stone throwing yesterday by school children who are boycotting classes.

A police spokesman said they were forced to use tearsmoke to disperse a crowd of about 600 stone-throwing youths who ambushed a police patrol.

Three patrol vehicles, transporting about 20 policemen, were stopped by a crowd of schoolchildren near the Davey High School at about 11 am.

The youths started stoning the vehicles and police threw tearsmoke canisters into the crowd.

Police reinforcements arrived, and the children dispersed when more tearsmoke was fired

Pupils at the Davey and H B Nyathi high schools boycotted classes yesterday, but police stood guard at the Hulwazi and Mabuya high schools throughout the day to protect pupils who attended classes.

Police spent yesterday patrolling the township and cars were searched at a roadblock at the entrance to Daveyton

Trouble erupted on Friday when thousands of pupils at the four Daveyton high schools started a class boycott

They are demanding the abolition of age-limit regulations, the recognition of student representative councils and an end to excessive corporal punishment

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Mabopane student injured in technikon clash dies

Pretoria Correspondent

A student who was admitted to the Ga-Rankuwa Hospital after a clash yesterday between police and boycotting students at the Mabopane East Technikon in Soshanguve, has died

Confirming this today, a hospital spokesman today said the student had been in a critical condition when he and three others were admitted. The student's identity could not be established at the time of going to press and police could not confirm the death.

Two students were still being treated and one had been discharged, the spokesman said.

The technikon is closed until Monday and all students have been ordered to leave the campus

Trouble began yesterday when more than 1 000 students refused to heed the principal's order to return to class Police arrested 13 students on public violence charges.

It is understood police used tearsmoke, sjamboks and rubber bullets Two policeman were injured in the fracas

Mr Marinus Wijnbeeck, the principal, said there had been intimidation against other students, acts of violence against staffers, and stone-throwing incidents He said police were on campus to protect innocent students

The lecture boycott followed a clash on the issue of a students' representative council •

Petrol on the polling days

On August 22 and 28, when coloured and Indian voters go to the polls to elect members of the new tricameral Parliament, petrol selling hours will be extended without the R5 levy being charged.

The Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs, Mr Danie Steyn, announced this today.

"The fixed selling hours during which fuel will be available without payment of the levy will be extended until 11 pm on August 22 and 28. Compulsory closing will be from 11 pm to 11.15 pm"

But Mr Steyn emphasised that service stations were not compelled to supply fuel during this period. The decision rested solely with them — Sapa

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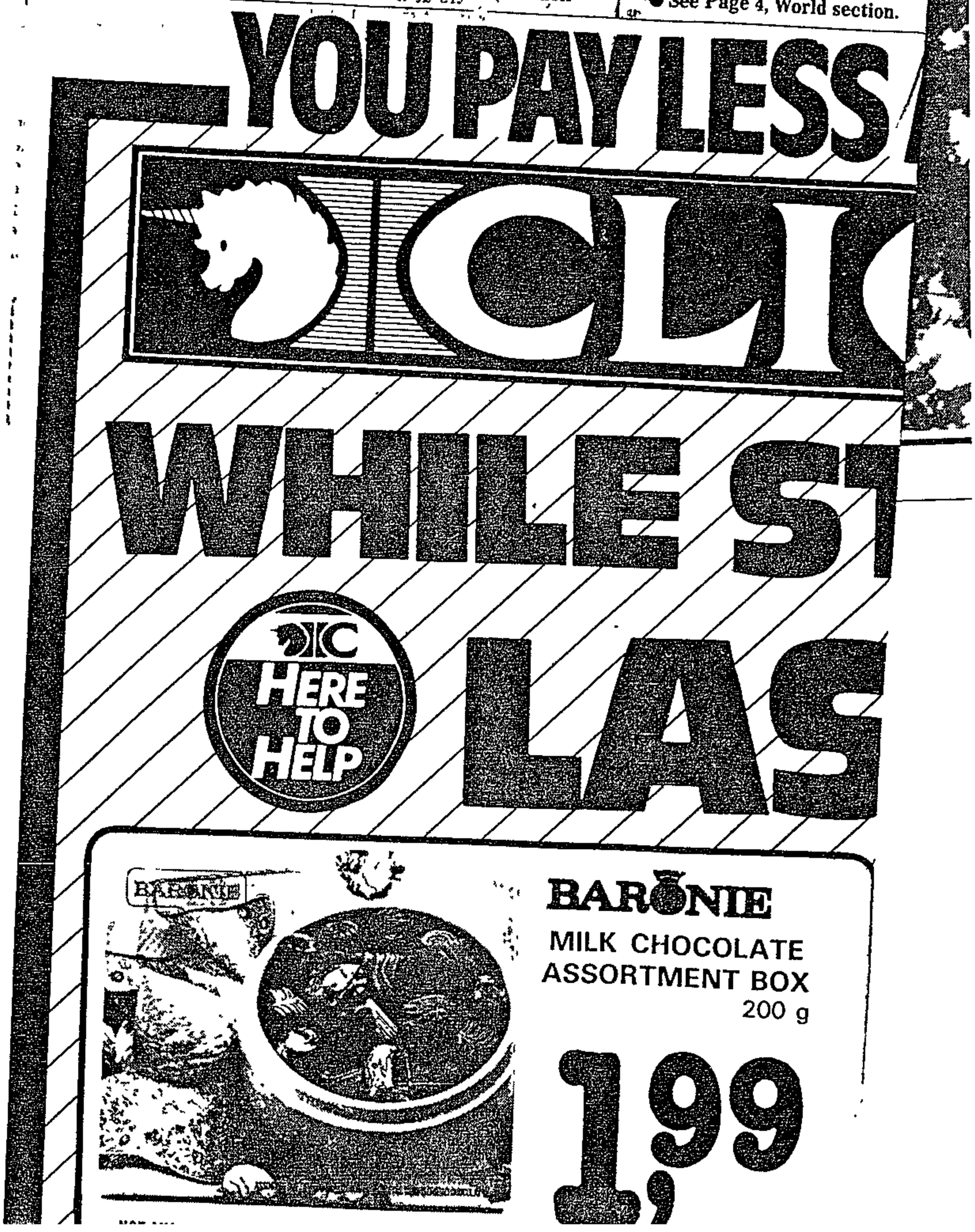

Hospital says student killed by a bullet

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PRETORIA — The student who died at the Ga-Rankuwa Hospital near here, following a clash on Tuesday between students and police at the Mabopane East Technikon, in Sochanguve, was killed by a bullet, a hospital spokesman said yesterday

Earlier, police said they could not confirm the death, but a spokesman confirmed later the police had used plastic bullets, sjamboks and teargas to disperse protesting students at the Technikon

The man, who died at the hospital last night, has not yet been identified

"He was admitted as 'unknown' last night and died of a bullet wound. He is known only as Hendrick and he still has to be identified," a hospital spokesman said

He described the man as "about 20 years old, maybe older" adding he did not have details of the bullet wound.

The student had been in a critical condition when he and three others were admitted

Two students were still being treated and one had been discharged, the hospital spokesman said

The Technikon had been closed until Monday and all the students ordered to leave the campus, the principal, Mr Marinus Wijnbeeck, said

Meanwhile, lessons have come to a standstill for about 19 000 pupils following a spate of boycotts which have spread rapidly through a number of townships

The Department of Education and Training's reaction to the continuous unrest has been to suspend classes — at some schools indefinitely — and in certain cases to close high schools for the year

The suspension of classes now affects about 3 500 pupils from three Tembisa high schools, 3 200 pupils at four Daveyton schools and 1 000 pupils from Minerva High in Alexandra

Yesterday unrest broke out again at the Teto secondary school in Thabong near Welkom when pupils began to demonstrate and eventually left the school

The same grievances have sparked off the widespread boycotts which appear to be escalating

Pupils are demanding recognition of their student representative councils, an end to excessive corporal punishment and the abolition of the age limit regulation

The townships of Alexandra, Soweto and Thabong near Welkom were reported quiet yesterday

In Alexandra, police were still guarding Minerva High School where classes were suspended temporarily after pupils burnt a storeroom and stoned the building The township was tense as police patrolled the streets

Asked about the future of Minerva pupils, Johannesburg Regional Director of Education, Mr Phillip Engelbrecht, said police were still investigating charges of arson and damage to property

He was non-committal about when the future of the pupils would be decided

"We will only cross the bridge when we come to it," he said.

Meanwhile, parents will hold a meeting before Friday to discuss the future of their children

Sporadic boycotts at black schools have been erupting in the Eastern Cape

The areas involved in the Eastern Cape are Cradock and Graaff-Reinet

The situation in Cradock and Graaff-Reinet has not been settled and some students are in detention Classes are sporadic — SAPA-DDC.

Student dies as violence flares

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lectures on Tuesday will be allowed in.

At Daveyton, which had been quiet during the day, a crowd of about 50 youths gathered at the Hulwazi High School in the township last night at about 8 pm and started stoning the building.

According to police, they smashed 101 windows before police dispersed them with tearsmoke.

Earlier a teenager and a policeman were injured and five youths arrested when violence flared at Etwatwa school, in Wattville, Benoni.

Police said they used tearsmoke and sjamboks to disperse a crowd of about 300 stone-throwing youths who congregated at about 9 am.

Sapa reports that police are investigating the cause of a serious head injury sustained by Daveyton teenager Patrick Phala who was admitted to the Boksburg-Benoni Hospital earlier this week after clashes between police and boycotters in the township. The youth is reported to be in a very serious condition.

Newspaper reports stated the he had allegedly been shot by an unknown gunman. But police say that X-ray evidence established the cause of injury as a blow with a blunt object, not a bullet wound.

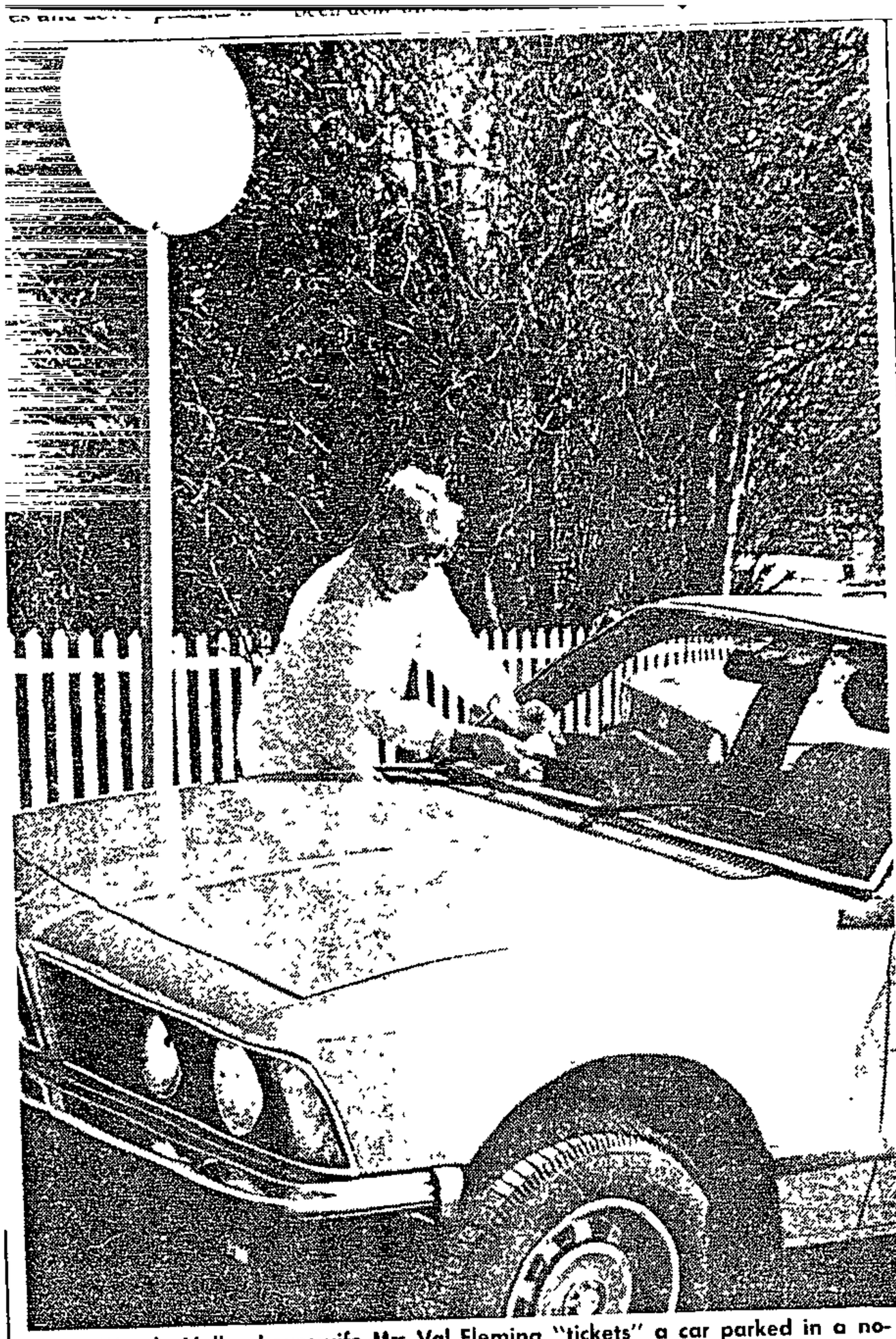
Mr Edgar Posselt, public relations officer for the Department of Education and Training (DET), said this morning that classes at the four Daveyton schools have been suspended indefinitely. They are Davey High School, Hulwazi, H B Nyathi and Mabuya.

The resumption of classes would depend on negotiations between the department, its circuit office, school committees and parents.

Mr Posselt had no information on Wattville but confirmedthat there was a disruption of classes at two secondary schools in Thabong near Welkom yesterday. He added classes there were continuing.

Pupils of the Thabong high schools marched through the township yesterday singing freedom songs, according to sources in the area.

There is a reported boycott of 2 000 students at Ngoye University in Empangeni. The students reportedly left the campus yesterday afternoon after closure of the hostels by the administration.



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Mrs Fleming asked how office development was allowed without adequate parking

"This total lack of parking facilities has led to hazards for pedestrians, who are forced to walk in the street Children can no longer ride their bikes in safety, walk to the shops in safety or even take the dog for a walk without the prospect of being run over.

"So what happens? We are virtual prisoners on our properties"

Mrs Fleming has been campaigning for about two years to have ille-

Student dies as new wave of violence erupts

Staff Reporters

As fresh student action erupts around the country, at least one student is known to have died of a bullet wound and several others have been reported injured— some seriously — during clashes between police and students in Pretoria and East Rand townships

Classes at four Daveyton schools have been indefinitely suspended and the Mabopane East Technikon is closed until Monday

An engineering student at the Mabopane East Technikon, identified only as Hendrik, died at 8.30 pm in the Ga-Rankuwa Hospital after being admitted to the intensive care unit on Tuesday night, according to hospital records

Sapa reports that the hospital has confirmed the cause of death was a bullet

The Police Directorate of Public Relations said today police were investigating the death partly to establish whether it was linked to the unrest

Police are unable to confirm hospital reports that three other students from the technikon were admitted on Tuesday and several were treated at the Mabopane clinic

A police spokesman said yesterday the police had "been forced to use teargas" to disperse the protesters Two policemen were injured in the fracas

Technikon principal Mr Marinus Wijnbeeck said intimidation among students, violence against staff members and stone-throwing incidents had occurred and that police had been on campus to protect innocent students

The 1 000 students at the technikon, who collected their belongings under heavy police guard yesterday morning, have called for the resignation of Mr Wijnbeeck

On Monday when the technikon reopens, only students who attended

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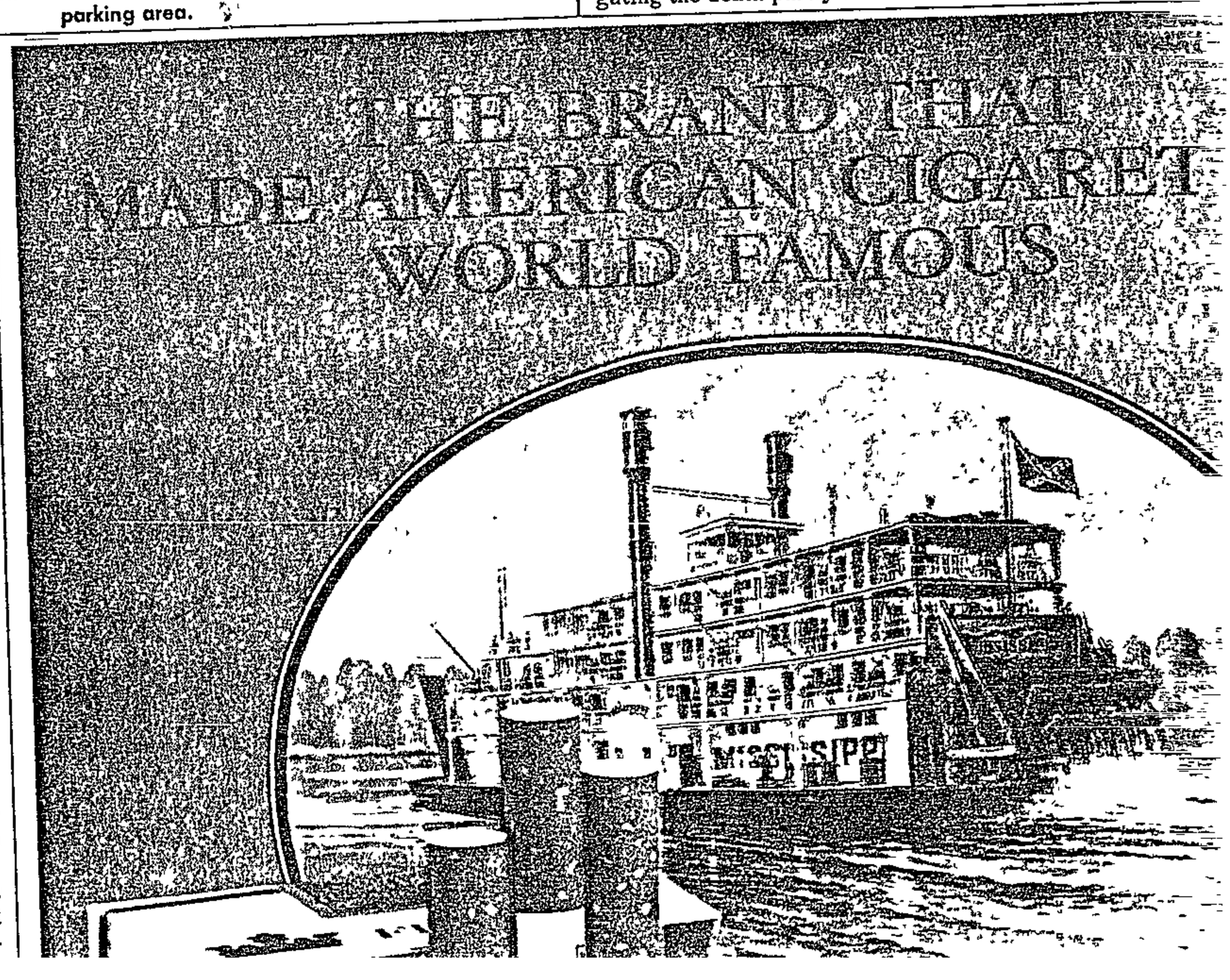

Workers arrested and hurt in police clash

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By Carolyn Dempster, Labour Reporter

At least six chemical workers were admitted to hospital and 34 others arrested after a clash between riot police and a crowd of dispersing strikers outside Sentrachem's Karbochem plant in New castle last week.

More than 200 members of the SA Chemical Workers' Union (Sacwu) gathered outside the factory on Friday and refused to resume work until a shop steward dismissed earlier in the week had been reinstated.

Lieutenant-Colonel Vic Heynes of the South African Police public relations division in Pretoria, said today that police had warned about 200 workers who had gathered outside the factory and told them to disperse.

"They moved on to the public road leading to the factory and started stopping passing motorists," he said.

The police used sjamboks and patrol dogs to disperse the crowd and arrested the workers, of whom 11 received dog bites and had to have treatment.

Those arrested were to appear in the Newcastle Magistrate's Court today on a charge of holding an illegal gathering

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Shot pupil is serious

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

THE DAVEYTON, Benoni, pupil who was allegedly shot and seriously wounded by police during the schools unrest in the township last week, may remain a "human vegetable" or partly paralysed if he survives.

Patrick Phala (18) of Kgalema Combined School in Daveyton, is still battling for his life at the Boksburg-Benoni Hospital (BBH). He was allegedly shot last week Tuesday and was admitted to hospital in a serious condition.

A spokesperson for the hospital, said yesterday that the condition of Phala, who is still unconscious, was still very critical.

Condition

She said: "His condition has so badly deteriorated since he was admitted that if he can manage to survive, he will be partly paralysed or may remain a human vegetable for the rest of his life.

"The bullet is still lodged at the back of his head near the brain and doctors are still battling to save his life. He cannot move his limbs or talk properly and is having difficulty in breathing," the spokesperson added.

At the moment, the spokesperson said, it was still risky to try to operate on Phale with the hope of removing the bullet because "it is lodged very near the brain."

"We hope that he will survive without us having to risk operating on him," she said.

Police have denied shooting Phala. They told **The SOWETAN** after the incident that Phala had hit his head on a brick after a baton charge.

Refused

Phala was shot during a confrontation between police and pupils, after close to 4 500 pupils from five high schools in Daveyton and Wattville had refused to go to classes, following a call for the scrapping of the age limit ruling and the introduction of the Student Representative Councils (SRC).

Meanwhile, Mr J E Posselt, the deputy public relations officer for the Department of Education and Training (Det), announced last week Friday that the Department has suspended all classes at the Mabuya, Ulwazi, H B Nyathi and Davey High Schools in Daveyton indefinitely, pending further talks.

ucation authorities, the pupils and their parents.

At Etwatwa High School in Wattville, Mr Posselt said, the Department will decide this week whether or not to suspend classes if the situation at the school did not improve.

Red Cross wants to aid distressed

Relief fund launched for victims of unrest

By Olga Horowitz

The Red Cross has launched a relief fund for people who have suffered in the current unrest in the Vaal Triangle and other places.

"Probably partly because the situation is still emotional, and partly because of the current economic situation, the response from donors has been poor," said Mr Neil Macaulay, regional director of the Southern Transvaal region of the Red Cross.

"But we'll continue to encourage donations. Increasing information on the need for our help is slowly coming to light.

"Until more information is available from all sources, we cannot accurately assess the needs, but I am positive that these will be great."

He said it was important for everyone to understand the Red Cross position in times of unrest, such as those existing today.

"This is an opportune time to set out once again the fundamental principles under which Red Cross works.

"The first principle of humanity states that the Red Cross endeavour is to prevent and alleviate human suffering wherever it may be found.

"The second principle of impartiality makes two important points: the complete lack of discrimination as to nationality, race, religious beliefs, class or political opinions of those who suffer, and that priority must be given to the most urgent cases of distress."

The third fundamental principle was neutrality.

"This is most important in situations such as now," said Mr Macaulay. "Unless we adhere to this principle we shall not be able to alleviate suffering in an impartial fashion."

But the Red Cross was not an "airy-fairy" idealistic organisation. It needed to have an essentially practical approach to the problems it faced from time to time.

The fourth principle of independence underlined that, while the Red Cross was independent, national societies were subject to the law of their respective countries.

"Red Cross personnel should at all times try to alleviate suffering in a practical fashion, wherever this is possible.

"When a person is hurt, starving or homeless, as a result of natural disaster or man-made disaster such as a train smash or unrest, it is not for the Red Cross to ask 'What is the cause of your suffering?' but 'What are you suffering?'"

It was not incumbent on Red Cross personnel to become heroes, pushing in where, for one reason or another, they had been told they may not be. This could create further problems.

Nor should they make statements partial to one person or one group.

"In summary," said Mr Macaulay, "it all boils down to this:

- Help where you can, firstly to those who need it most.
- Do not try to judge the rights and wrongs of the situation.
- Try, without comment, to bring whatever relief you can, whether first aid, food, clothing or maybe just a smile.
- Remain concerned, compassionate, and refrain from judgment while carrying out your humanitarian work."

Schools in Tembisa set alight

By Abel Mabelane

Boitumelong Secondary School in Tembisa was set alight early today allegedly by a group of class-boycotting pupils.

A source at the school said the students held a meeting on the school premises and later went to the administration block and set it alight.

The school premises were deserted this afternoon but the fire was still smouldering. There were no firemen on the scene to fight the fire.

The whole administration block which consists of the principal's office, the staff room and the store room were affected.

Two other schools affected by the class boycotts had some of their buildings set alight

At Tembisa High School the laboratory and an office of the Adult Education Centre were set alight. At Thuto-Ke-Maatla Secondary school the administration offices were also set alight.

Police in private cars chased groups of youths in the township between Moriting and Makhulong Sections and at another part of the township tearsmoke cannisters were fired.

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Tembisa students on the rampage

By Erik Larsen and Abel Mabelane, East Rand Bureau

Mobs of boycotting Tembisa schoolchildren went on the rampage yesterday, setting alight schools and the homes of prominent community members, smashing school windows and stoning cars.

The police arrested 11 youths in connection with the violence and used teargas on several occasions to disperse troublemakers.

The home of Tembisa Town Council's Management Committee Chairman, Mrs Rosie Thulare, was gutted and the home and shop of Tembisa's mayor, Mr Lucas Mothiba, were stoned and set alight.

The home of Mr S P Namane, who has been instrumental in trying to get students back to school, was also stoned.

Major Chris Liebenberg, police liaison officer for the East Rand, said violence erupted about 8 am when a large crowd of youths assembled at the Boitumelong Junior Secondary School in Sedibeng Section.

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The youths set an administrative office and a laboratory alight.

Tembisa Fire Department managed to extinguish the blaze before it spread, but the office and lab were gutted.

A mob then converged on the Tembisa High School in Izazelo Section and tried to start a fire in the school passage.

They also stoned the building, smashing 345 windows, and attempted to set fire to an office and laboratory at the Adult Education Centre.

Rampaging students set documents and furniture alight at Thuto-ke-maatla Secondary School in Emfihleni Section.

Major Liebenberg said a Putco bus and a car were stoned in the township during the day.

The chief PRO for the Department of Education and Training, Mr Job Schoeman, said classes in Tembisa had not been suspended although students at the four high schools had failed to return to classes.

Police hold 152 in anti-election clashes

Staff Reporters

Violent clashes between Riot Squad police and anti-election demonstrators erupted in several Reef areas last night. Buildings were fire-bombed, protesters baton-charged and rubber bullets fired into fleeing crowds.

In other parts of the country a policeman was seriously injured, a 16-year-old youth was wounded by birdshot and flaming roadblocks were erected as youths went on the rampage.

At least 40 incidents of violence and police action were recorded.

A Police Headquarters spokesman in Pretoria said 152 people were arrested countrywide yesterday and were being held on criminal charges including malicious damage to property.

In Eldorado Park at least 60 Riot Squad policemen wielding batons, sjamboks and quirts battled with demonstrators. Rubber bullets were fired into the crowd.

As policemen regrouped, rocks were hurled at them from a nearby parking area.

Mr George Douglas Dewee, of Goodwood Street, Eldorado Park Extension 4, was seriously hurt when a policeman fired a rubber bullet at his back from close range.

He dropped face down in the veld as a baton-wielding policeman stood over him striking him several times.

He was left writhing in agony amidst a cloud of teargas only 50 m from where people were casting their votes at the Eldorado Park polling station.

Screaming bystanders accused police of deliberately shooting an innocent person who was on his way to cast a vote and was caught up in the panic.

Police denied this and arrested a young woman.

Mr Dewee was later taken to Baragwanath Hospital where he was treated and discharged.

With less than 30 minutes of voting time left, the housing board offices in Eldorado Park Extension 2 were petrol-bombed.

Two shocked nightwatchmen, Mr Johannes McLean and Mr Abdul Kara told of their ordeal as firemen battled to extinguish the blaze.

"We were sitting inside drinking tea when I heard a whoop. The window broke and I saw flames coming from the front room. I grabbed the fire extinguisher but I couldn't control the fire.

"Whoever was responsible first broke every window in the building with rocks," Mr McLean said.

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152 held as violence erupts during polling

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Firemen battled to get the heavy front door open and had to enter through a window.

In a neighbouring township, a school was fire-bombed and extensive damage was caused.

The violence in Eldorado Park erupted suddenly shortly before 6 pm when demonstrators appeared across the road from the election hall. Police immediately moved into action with batons and teargas. The incident lasted only minutes as demonstrators scattered.

Earlier, a *Star* car, mistakenly identified by a group of 100 students as a police car, had its windows broken as youths caught reporters and a photographer by surprise.

Bosmont yesterday was the scene of peaceful placard demonstrations which were continually broken up by baton-wielding police.

Pupils of the C J Botha High School, who protested earlier before police began arresting them, were later joined by Wits University students.

In the afternoon, students lined Bosmont's main street carrying anti-election placards. On two occasions police moved in confiscating placards and making arrests.

Most placards read "don't vote" but others had slogans such as "no to a racist republic, forward to a people's republic", "if you must deal with us, let's deal as equals".

At one stage, a man clutching a crash helmet taunted police. An overseas TV crew and the local Press watched as he successfully resisted arrest. He later appeared on a balcony above the police, a brick in each hand, shouting: "Shoot me."

Some people hurled rocks at police and teargas was fired in return.

In Soweto, about 250 pupils and students carrying banners denouncing the new constitution, marched from Dlamini to near the Kliptown police station. They were met by a detachment of Riot Police who dispersed them without violence.

One student leader said calls for an extended schools' boycott had been made and that students would only return when "all detainees are unconditionally released".

In Westbury, police baton-charged protesters several times. At least five people were arrested as crowds gathered to taunt police. They were later released.

In Daveyton near Benoni, police used buckshot, teargas, rubber bullets and sjamboks to disperse a mob of about 500 stone-throwing pupils. No reports of any injuries or arrests were received.

Students burn flag

Students at the Vista campus in Soweto yesterday burnt a flag and replicas of two constitutions, in protest against the Coloured House of Representatives elections yesterday.

The replicas were of the new South African constitution and the students' representative council (SRC) constitution.

The rector of Vista, Soweto, Dr R N Gugushe, refused The Star's news team permission to enter the campus. He declined to comment, but admitted he was aware that students were boycotting classes.

Police fire rubber bullets at schoolboys

By Erik Larsen,
East Rand Bureau

Police fired rubber bullets, buckshot and tear-smoke at a mob of stone-throwing youths boycotting schools in Daveyton yesterday.

Police liaison officer for the East Rand, Major Chris Liebenberg, said there were no injuries or arrests.

Trouble flared at about 11 30 am when a crowd of about 500 boycotting schoolchildren assembled at Hulwazi Secondary School in Heald Street.

A group of 22 policemen arrived and ordered the crowd to disperse.

Major Liebenberg said the youths started stoning the police and swearing at them.

Police then fired rubber bullets, buckshot and tearsmoke at the schoolchildren and they dispersed.

Major Liebenberg said there were no more reported incidents of unrest in Daveyton or Tembisa.

Unrest feared at funeral

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By DAN MAIVHA

MABOPANE East Technikon student Hendrick Matikweni Nkuna's funeral in Tembisa tomorrow could lead to more violence and police action in the strife-torn township following Mayor Lucas Mothibe's decision to attend.

Mr Mothiba – whose shopping centre and house were stoned and set alight by students on Tuesday – will be one of the nine speakers, who include representatives of various student organisations.

Mr Mothiba will represent Tembisa, according to Reverend Ntlaweni Joshua Ngwenya, who will conduct the service.

Mr Nkuna died at the Ga-Rankuwa Hospital last week after being struck by a bullet in the head during boycotts at the technikon.

Several other students were injured Some were admitted to hospital after police baton-charged them.

A student known as France is missing and feared dead

Mr Ngwenya said the procession will leave the Nkuna family's house at 749 Isithame Section at 9.30am for either the Rabasotho Hall, in the same section or the Mathole Hall at Setloana section, where a service will start at 10am.

After a short prayer, seven students will address mourners.

JOURNALIST NOT GUILTY OF ASSAULTING HIS FORMER WIFE

VETERAN Soweto journalist and former Sowetan assistant news editor Derrick Thema was this week found not guilty of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm by a Meadowlands court and discharged

Mr Thema, 37, of 227 Zone 5, Meadowlands, appeared before Magistrate AH van Zyl and pleaded not guilty to beating his former wife, Miss Cynthia Shange, on June 26 while she was visiting their kids at his home.

Magistrate Van Zyl said Ms Shange had exaggerated her evidence Because of this, he rejected her evidence

electoral officials, candidates and people who are actually voting.

The first person with two voters' numbers who went to cast his vote was Mr Eden Reginald Gamiet of Parkside

He approached City Press reporter Benito Phillips and three other men — to ask what he should do with two voters' numbers.

He checked his numbers, 4266 and 4267, and both were on the voters' roll,

Rent hikes spark Vaal unrest

2 000 resolve to stay away

MORE THAN 2 000 Vaal residents resolved to stay away from work, schools and other activities on September 3 in protest against house rentals and service charge increases to be implemented by the Lekowa Town Council this month.

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

At an emotion-charged meeting held at the St Michaels Anglican Church in Sebokeng, the residents also resolved not to pay the new rent hikes until all the councillors have resigned from their seats.

The rentals are to be increased by R5,90 for the Orange-Vaal Development Board's houses and by R5,50 for privately owned houses as from September 1, following a decision by the local council.

Several other meetings to protest against the new hikes were to be held in Sharpeville, Bophelong and Biopatong yesterday. The meetings took place despite the council's decision to ban all such meetings in church buildings in the area.

The meeting at St Michaels was addressed by leaders from Azapo, UDF, Azanyu, Cosas, Fedswa and the local civic association.

The meeting also took a resolution that residents and students would stage a stay-away and march to the Orange-Vaal Development Board headquarters where they will demand that the hikes be stopped.

Police

The Security Police kept a low profile and watched the proceedings from a distance.

Speaker after speaker at the meeting condemned the new tariffs, evictions, police raids for house rent arrears and permits and other forms of harassment by local authorities.

Demonstrators dispersed with batons, sjamboks and tearsmoke

Violence erupts in Indian polling

An elderly Lenasia resident is dragged towards a police van by security policemen on duty at the Lenasia Civic Centre today. ● Picture by Clive Lloyd.

Violence erupted in Lenasia today as squads of policemen supported by baton-wielding Indians wearing the green-and-white rosette of the National People's Party waded into a crowd of more than 500 — dispersing them and badly injuring local and foreign Pressmen.

Staff Reporters

Anyone in the way of the police was hamm[illegible] with batons and sjamboks — seconds after the police warned peaceful demonstrators at 11.39 am to disperse

And at 2.10 pm police again baton-charged the crowd, which had doubled up to about 1 000 across the street from the Civic Centre polling booth. The crowd scattered as best they could but many of them were caught in the flay of batons, sjamboks and [illegible].

The demonstrators had gathered earlier in the morning after regrouping after a march at the Park Primary School polling station nearby There they were dispersed with tearsmoke, but later re-formed on the parking area across the street from a Civic Centre polling booth.

In the first charge, *The Star's* political reporter, Gary van Staden, was beaten by at least 15 baton-wielding policemen when he was trapped against a wall He was punched in the face by a man wearing a party rosette.

He had gone to the aid of fellow reporter Jo-Anne Collinge, who had been thrown to the ground by a party member. Her camera was smashed in the street.

Several foreign television film crews were also beaten by th police.

In the second charge, at least 20 policemen were seen surrounding two panel vans parked

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in the parking area where the baton charge took place. One of the vehicles was a Wits University Kombi containing students

At least 15 people were seen inside the vehicles when the police began smashing the windows with batons.

The police opened the doors of both vans and hauled people out one by one They were indiscriminately beaten by several policemen as others held them so that they could not get away

Witnessing this scene incensed the swelling crowd and the police faced a barrage of stones and rocks as they fled to get out of dange[illegible]

When the police squads regrouped, the crowd was seen reforming in the distance for yet another demonstration.

Several teargas canisters were fired in all directions at the crowd.

Earlier in the morning a crowd of about 500 demonstrators marched on the Park Primary School polling booth carrying placards. About 100 m

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from the polling booth they were stopped by police.

While they dispersed, the police remained in the area and arrested a man for allegedly swearing at them. It took 10 policemen to get him into a van.

As the van moved off, two young men wearing party rosettes and carrying sjamboks were involved in a confrontation with a demonstrator.

As the demonstrator got into his car they began hitting it with sjamboks, and one of them pulled a gun. When he threatened to shoot the demonstrator he was disarmed by a uniformed policeman, and the two young men were led to a van.

At 12.10 a group of about 600 demonstrators gathered again on a street corner opposite the Civic Centre polling booth, and began charging and hurling abuse at the police, party workers and supporters.

At 12.12, three burly policmen in plainclothes and wielding sjamboks walked towards the crowd. They had singled out an elderly man in a red jersey as the ringleader.

As they started to run, the crowd dispersed, but they paid no attention to them. They grabbed the elderly man and dragged him across the street by his feet — and the crowd began stoning them.

As reinforcements arrived, party workers in the parking area next to party tents began returning the barrage of stones.

The elderly man was dragged by four policemen to a waiting van.

In Potchefstroom this morning, according to sources, police were reported to have dispersed a group of boycotting black pupils who marched on a polling booth.

The sources said there were apparently incidents of violence and stone-throwing.

Police evidently had to intervene and disperse the pupils.

Police in Pretoria confirmed that problems had been encountered in the area, but could give no details.

Sources said there had also been reports of trouble at Erasmia, near Pretoria, but no details were available.

In Durban, police have arrested seven people so far on charges of intimidation or distributing pamphlets.

There have been widespread claims by candidates in Durban that anti-election activists are intimidating would-be voters, stopping cars, and visiting homes warning people not to vote.

In turn, the Natal Indian Congress claims that a teargas canister, apparently intended for one of the constituency headquarters, was thrown through a window of a home in Clare Estate, and a number of their supporters had been detained by police for handing out pamphlets.

Police use tearsmoke on rampaging pupils

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By McKeed Kotlolo and Chris More

Police used tearsmoke to disperse hundreds of stone-throwing high school pupils in Soshanguve yesterday.

Major K S Soko, the local police commander, said two more high schools were affected by class boycotts which started at Soshanguve High School on Monday.

He said several police vehicles were damaged in Zone G.

About 200 Soshanguve pupils returned to classes yesterday "but they were forced to leave after the rest of the student body, which was still on boycott, ordered them out," said a pupil.

The mob then moved to Lethabong High School where they disrupted classes before going on to Hlanganani Secondary where they clashed with police.

Pupils allegedly stoned police who used teargas to disperse them.

No arrests were made.

The mob tried to move to Walhalmansdaal High School, which was the only high school not yet affected but they found police were already guarding the premises.

Police yesterday fired tearsmoke to disperse pupils of Forte Secondary School in Dobsonville after pupils had stoned a car belonging to a teacher who had allegedly assaulted them. Two teachers had allegedly walked into classes and thrashed them without giving reasons.

The chief public relations officer of the Department of Education and Training (DET), Mr Job Schoeman, yesterday said the incident had not been reported.

Mr Schoeman said: "If there had been a case of improper corporal punishment, the pupils concerned should have approached the department."

Brigadier J J Viktor, Soweto CID Chief, confirmed the incident and said it was a case of malicious damage to property which had to be investigated.

● Pupils at three Katlehong schools refused to go to classes yesterday, Mr Schoeman said today.

He said the schools affected were Alafang, Kwa-Dukathole and Lethukuthula secondary schools.

He added that he believed the boycotts had something to do with yesterday's Indian elections. He did not know what the situation was today.

Pupils attack family and home

By Chris More

A Pimville family was yesterday assaulted and its house damaged and set alight by angry pupils from a nearby school.

The pupils were said to be avenging the death of a schoolmate who was allegedly killed by a youth living in the house.

Soweto police chief Brigadier J J Viktor said a case of damage had been reported and was being investigated

Witnesses said about 500 pupils from Musi High School marched to the nearby Thabo-Jabula Senior Secondary School in search of the alleged killer, a Std 8 pupil there.

They could not find him, and so went to the youth's home and found his parents, whom they allegedly assaulted. The father escaped and called the police

The pupils then went on a smashing rampage, causing a lot of damage before police arrived and dispersed them. They then returned three hours later and set a room alight.

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Rent row drama in Vaal

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

POLICE fired rubber bullets on Wednesday night to disperse Bophelong residents who were protesting against the new tariffs to be introduced by the Lekoa Town Council as from September 1.

Lieutenant H J Beck of the SAP Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria yesterday said that four private vehicles, an administration board vehicle and a bus were damaged

He said in further incidents 58 window panes at a number of houses were broken by a stone-throwing crowd Two policemen were slightly injured in the incident.

The incident took place when the mayor and his councillors were addressing a meeting in the local hall. About 450 people were present inside the hall with another 150 outside

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Bullets

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The REVEREND TEBOGO MOSELANE: Slammed hikes.

Tearsmoke case is probed

POLICE are investigating a charge of malicious damage to property following an incident in which riot squad police allegedly threw tearsmoke into a Pimville house during an anti-election clash with students on Tuesday.

Four children, two of whom are aged two and nine-months-old, fainted after tearsmoke was thrown through a window allegedly broken by the policemen who were looking for students hiding in the house

Police allegedly damaged burglar proofing while rescuing the children and their mothers who were trapped in the tearsmoke-filled house.

The Soweto Police PRO, Major F J Zwane, said the case was being investigated by the Kliptown Police.

He said the matter would be referred to the Attorney General as soon as investigations were completed.

Watch out for Tuesday

WE realise that a number of people want to phone us in the evenings to give us their Church and Community News items.

On Tuesday we will have one of our reporters, Elliot Tshingwala, manning a Church and Community News hotline until 8 pm. Phone (011) 673-4160 and ask for him.

So if you have your items but have had difficulty in phoning daytime all you need do

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Mr Moselane told **The SOWETAN** that this was the second attack on him and his family within two weeks. Last week his mission house was stoned and windows smashed by an unknown group.

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He has reiterated his call for all community leaders in the Vaal complex to resign They have in recent days called several ministers to their offices where they threatened to cancel their leasehold if they hold meetings in their church buildings

Lt Manyedi has also confirmed that the police are investigating the smashing of windows at Mr Moselane's house. Local leaders have declined to comment on the issue

Tempers flare in meeting

TEMPERS flared at the Mamelodi Town Council monthly meeting yesterday after a councillor had accused the chairman, Mr Alex Kekana, of acting like a bulldozer and also being the "worst mayor" he had ever seen.

Lashing out at Mr Kekana during a stormy meeting, Mr Joe Hlongwane said he would not allow "a group of people organised against me to dictate terms in this meeting " He added that the mayor misused his position by allowing himself to be used.

The fracas followed the reading of councillor S S Mokone's motion of no-confidence in the council's sub-committees. Councillor Mokone said some members used their positions "to over-ride the rights and obligations of other councillors" therefore sub-committees had to be dissolved with immediate effect to avoid "untold damage" being done to the council's image

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Cops fire bullets, teargas in East Rand riots

POLICE KILL YOUTH

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RUN: Pupils run for dear life from the police and teargas fumes during yesterday's flare-up in Thokoza.

Pic MBUZENI ZULU

A YOUTH was killed and two others injured when police fired shots at rampaging pupils in the East Rand yesterday.

A Katlehong man also allegedly shot and wounded an eight-year-old boy when chanting pupils marched in the township, near the man's business premises.

Mr David Ramaisa, principal of Thoko-Thaba High School in Thokoza was shot and two teachers sjambokked on the school's premises at about 10am yesterday.

Katlehong, Thokoza and Daveyton in Benoni were the scenes of police-pupil clashes where tear-smoke, buckshot and rubber bullets were used to disperse mobs of pupils demonstrating and burning vehicles in the streets.

Several pupils were sjambokked and injured in the new wave of violence in the townships.

Police, in eight vans, surrounded the Thoko-Thaba schools and fired tearsmoke at about 1 000 pupils who were trapped in the schoolyard.

Police sjambokked the dazed pupils, and many were hurt.

Lieutenant H J Beck, of the Pretoria Police Directorate, said about 50 to 60 youths had attacked three white detectives who were investigating a car theft

By SELLO RABOTHATA and THEMBA MOLEFE

case in Thokoza. The detectives were stoned and shots were fired, resulting in the death of one and injuries to two youths. He said a soft drink lorry was looted by the youths. He also said about 200 pupils from the Mabuya High School in Daveyton were dispersed with tearsmoke after they intimidated those who were going to school. Pupils at the Davey Secondary School were also dispersed with tear-smoke. The situation was still tense in the townships last night.

Black Power

Several cars were damaged and many burned by groups of pupils in the three townships.

Other motorists were forced to raise their fists — Black Power — as they passed the pupils blockading streets. Police dispersed the children, who fled into nearby houses.

SOWETAN photographer, Mbuzeni Zulu, escaped death when bullets whizzed past him as he came out of a shop.

Trouble began when a group of pupils from Katlehong disrupted classes at Thoko-Thaba.

At about 11am pupils stoned police passing near Thoko-Thaba on foot, according to a police spokesman.

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Youth killed in township strife

By THELMA TUCH and SIPHO NGCOBO

POLICE shot and killed a 19-year-old youth yesterday and injured two others in Thokoza, near Germiston, during a day of intense violence in the strife-torn township.

The injured youths, Mr Thomas Molefe, 18, and Mr Daniel Ndlovu, who were wounded in the legs, are under police guard at the Natalspruit hospital.

A police spokesman said about 1 000 youths marched through Thokoza, which adjoins Katlehong, and police fired teargas to disperse them.

About 60 youths then attacked three white detectives who were in the township investigating car thefts.

"Shots were fired and one youth of 19 was killed," a police spokesman said. Last night, police would not name the youth until his next of kin had been informed.

A group of youths surrounded Fumana and Alafang secondary schools in Katlehong and pupils attending classes were sent home.

Pupils from Alafang then converged on the Fumana school and assaulted teachers.

No classes were given at two of the primary schools in Katlehong and attendance was poor at the remaining 27.

Pupils from Katlehong and Lethukuthula secondary schools marched to Thoko-Thaba Senior Secondary in Thokoza.

Pupils from the three schools met and only a few dispersed after they were warned by the principal of Thoko-Thaba.

Police who had assembled outside the school, then shot teargas cannisters into the grounds.Some students collapsed.

A fierce clash broke out outside the school and police shot more teargas into the crowd. Pupils threw stones and bricks at police.

Rifle-wielding police then drove pupils into different parts of the township.

The road dividing Thokoza and Katlehong was virtually cut off by rioting pupils. A dairy delivery van was set alight and crates of milk, yoghurt and mageu looted.

A bottle store van was stoned, a breakdown truck stoned,other cars damaged and an electrical company van set ablaze.

Youths set fire to another truck and a burnt-out kombi was seen.

Large numbers of workers walked home because buses stopped entering the township. Pupils from all the primary schools in Katlehong were sent home.

Daveyton, near Benoni, was also the site of intense unrest yesterday.About 200 pupils gathered outside Mabuya secondary school and another 200 outside Hulwazi.

Pupils chanted slogans and police used teargas to disperse them.

Near Davey High, pupils clashed with police patrols in the township and police fired

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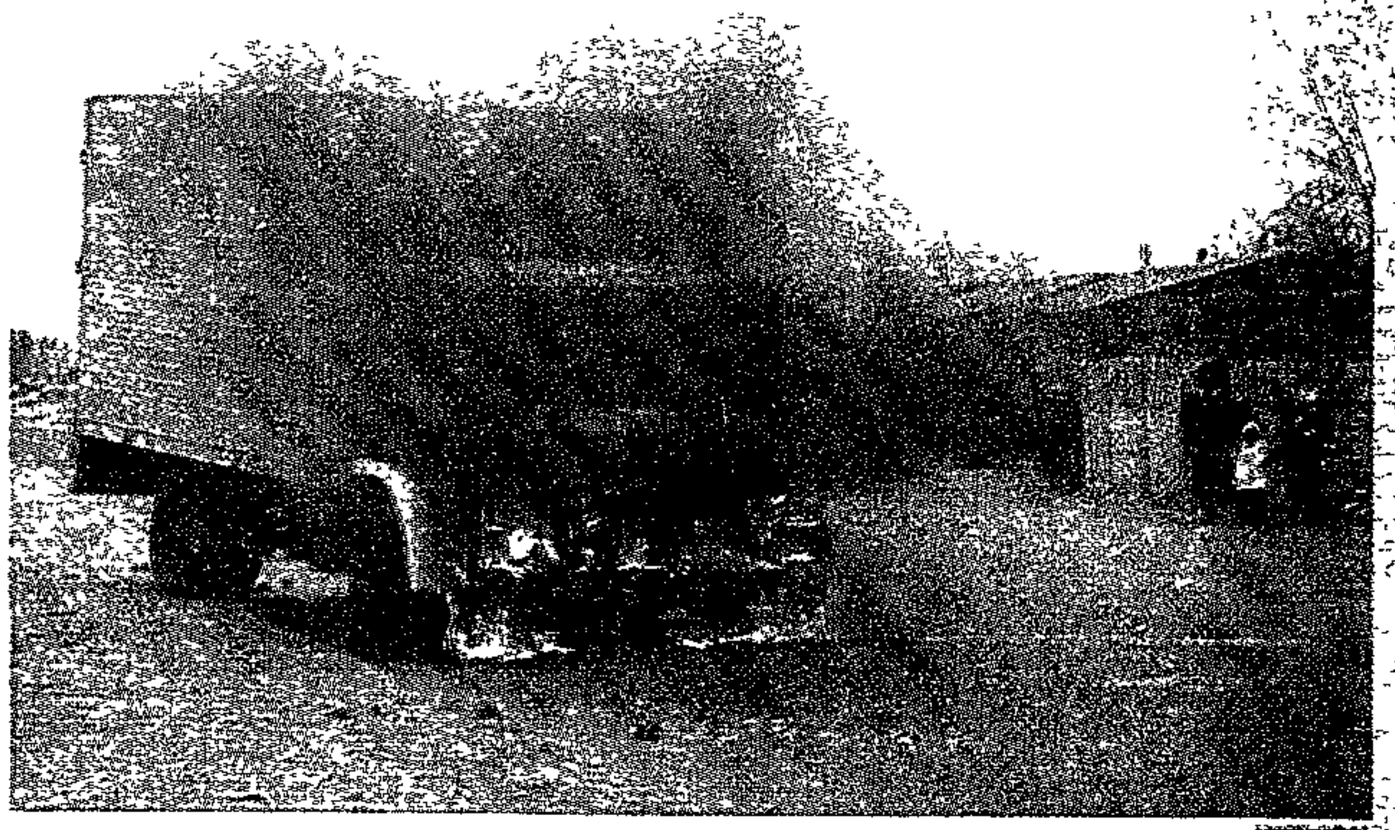

A delivery van burns in trouble-torn Katlehong township yesterday. Youths went on the rampage, stoning and damaging a number of vehicles.

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teargas, birdshot and rubber bullets.

The windows of a delivery vehicle were shattered and youths tried to set alight a bakery van

Pupils at the four secondary schools were sent home.

In Soweto yesterday, pupils at Forte High boycotted classes, Stan Hlophe reports.

This follows a disturbance at the Dobsonville school on Tuesday

Pupils armed with rocks and sticks damaged a teacher's car

The pupils asked for teachers to be dismissed and called for an end to corporal punishment as a pre-condition for their return to classes.

Tuesday's disturbance resulted from an incident the day before, when two teachers allegedly meted out excessive corporal punishment to some pupils

Mr Phillip Engelbrecht, Regional Director of the Department of Education and Training, said he was aware of the problem at the school and said the whole matter was being investigated.

Trucks set alight as pupils stone, riot

● A petrol bomb was hurled into the secretary's office at Orlando secondary school on Tuesday. Pupils extinguished the fire

● Lectures at the University of Zululand were disrupted yesterday, when boycotting students clashed with returning students.

Yesterday, 11 students were refused readmission. Class attendance at the university ranged from 50 to 100% The rector, Prof A C Nkabinde, said some students were stoned and others were pulled out of classes.

● The suspension of classes at three secondary school in Thabong, near Welkom, will be lifted on Monday, following parents meetings in the township

● Twenty-four students from the Medical University of South Africa (Medunsa) have appeared in a Pretoria Regional Court for allegedly organising an illegal gathering during the Coloured elections last week in Eersterus.

Bail of R100 each was granted and the case was postponed to October 12, Sapa reports.

School's out as 3 townships simmer

By THELMA TUCH

PRIMARY and secondary school education yesterday came to a standstill in three East Rand townships hit by unrest in which three people were shot dead and 18 injured this week.

In Daveyton, Thokoza and Katlehong, so few pupils turned up for school yesterday that classes were abandoned.

Police fired tearsmoke and rubber bullets yesterday to disperse about 50 youths who robbed a Daveyton bottle store of R3 000 and liquor. Police arrested 13 people.

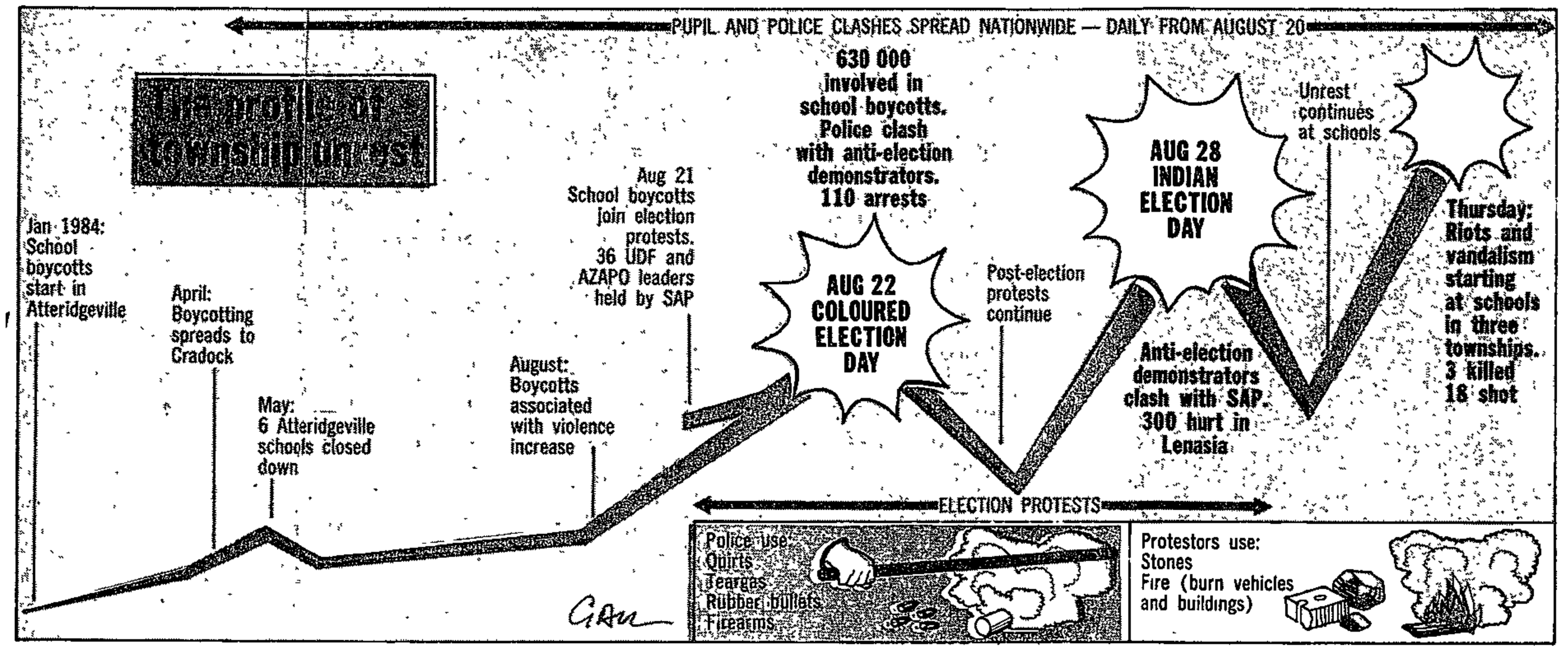
At Wattville, Benoni, police used tearsmoke and birdshot to disperse 400 stone-throwing youths.

The Congress of South African Students issued a statement last night accusing the police of acts of violence and blaming them for the deaths of a number of pupils this year.

"These acts will not stop students in their legitimate struggle for a democratic education. Instead the situation is going to worsen," it said.

"We call on all teachers, workers and other community sectors to support students demands for Student Representative Councils, the abolition of the age limit and an end to excessive corporal punishment"

- In Cradock, the secondary and three primary schools drew only 94 pupils. The boycott began in April.
- At Fort Beaufort, secondary school pupils boycotted classes for the second day.
- Boycotts have also hit three schools in Queenstown where classes have been suspended until Monday.
- At Soshanguve near Pretoria a school building was set alight on Thursday
- In Tembisa, near Kempton Park, a Standard 6 pupil was arrested for burning books at the Moduopo Primary School this week.
- Students at three Lebowa colleges are out on boycott and have been sent home.
- In Seshego, boycotting pupils at three high schools were sent home this week.
- At the University of Zululand, two dining rooms were set alight and gutted early yesterday morning and the campus book shop was petrol-bombed after a boycott which began on Thursday.



Where the riot act *should* be read

UNDERCURRENT AFFAIRS
BY HARVEY TYSON

The experiences of *Star* reporters during this week's over-exuberant elections suggest that they really can act out an objective role If they did not exactly achieve objectivity, they seemed to have it thrust upon them.

- Police beat, teargassed or knocked down our journalists on duty
- Demonstrators shot at or stoned them.
- Party workers, wearing gay rosettes, attacked and sjambokked *Star* reporters.

It wasn't funny Most journalists over the years have had to take urgent evasive action many times during riots, demos and political clashes But on this occasion, there seemed to be quite unnecessary overkill by the authorities.

"Overkill" is a word with which the daily SABC commentator has taken issue, but we believe it is the correct description.

SABC-TV's own films appear to support this view, as do many photographs.

It is true that the police had a difficult task — more invidious possibly than almost anything encountered by riot-control police in America and Europe But this did not justify some of the actions and baton charges that took place. Indeed the police's role was to ensure that violence *did not* occur. To many it seemed that some units contributed to the problem, not the solution.

Whatever the facts may be in every particular case, it seems essential that the Minister of Law and Order and the police chiefs should "read the riot act" to some anti-riot squads.

It is easy for the leaders to provide loyal and unquestioning support to the men in blue (and in civvies). But their first responsibility is to the public; the second to discipline in the peace force, and only thirdly is it to provide friendship and loyalty to their troops.

Some of South Africa's past troubles stem from the fact that for decades these priorities were not recognised. Discipline was neglected for short-term political reasons and in the mistaken belief that inaction would serve morale.

It is time to correct that dangerous omission.

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The photograph with this column illustrates the predicament of neutral observers.

As you can see, our two reporters crouch in front of a riot control van and between two civilian vehicles. In this position they were being stoned from both left and right by demonstrators

This was followed by the police flinging teargas in both directions. Every teargas canister fired to the left of this picture resulted in gas drifting back onto the reporters.

But they stayed sheltered between the wheels of two civilian vehicles in order to avoid being hit by stray bullets. Earlier, someone to the right of this picture fired a shot in the direction of the police. A *Star* photographer, standing in the line of fire on the other side of the truck pictured right, heard the bullet strike the vehicle just above his head

A moment after this photograph was taken (by another *Star* photographer sheltering behind a garage wall opposite) real chaos erupted.

A teargas canister landed in the surgery of a nearby clinic. People in the surgery, overcome by fumes, had to be brought out. As they gathered nearby they were joined by more voluntary medical helpers, friends, family, and pressmen.

Then teargas canisters landed very close to the distressed group . .

The resulting confusion was difficult to see in the blinding smoke, but easy to imagine.

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No place to hide.

There are other ways for newspapermen to encounter excitement. This week some of us gathered to celebrate *50 years of unbroken service* of one of our colleagues.

Des Costigan began as a sports reporter on *The Argus* in 1933 — phoning in results for a payment of 2s 6d a week Fifty years later he is known to thousands of Transvaal sportsmen and women as our bowls correspondent.

But his excitement came in between, during the war years (when he ended up in Europe directing the operations of 100 Spitfires)

Des's excitement came while he was making his way down the catwalk of a Wellington bomber. He fell out of the plane — without a parachute.

He managed to grab a piece of the aircraft and hang in the slipstream, until the navigator, "Cactus" Kelly, managed to lean out and help him back on board.

Many people fail all their lives to grasp the nettle. Grasping the Cactus, for Des, was an instantaneous reaction.

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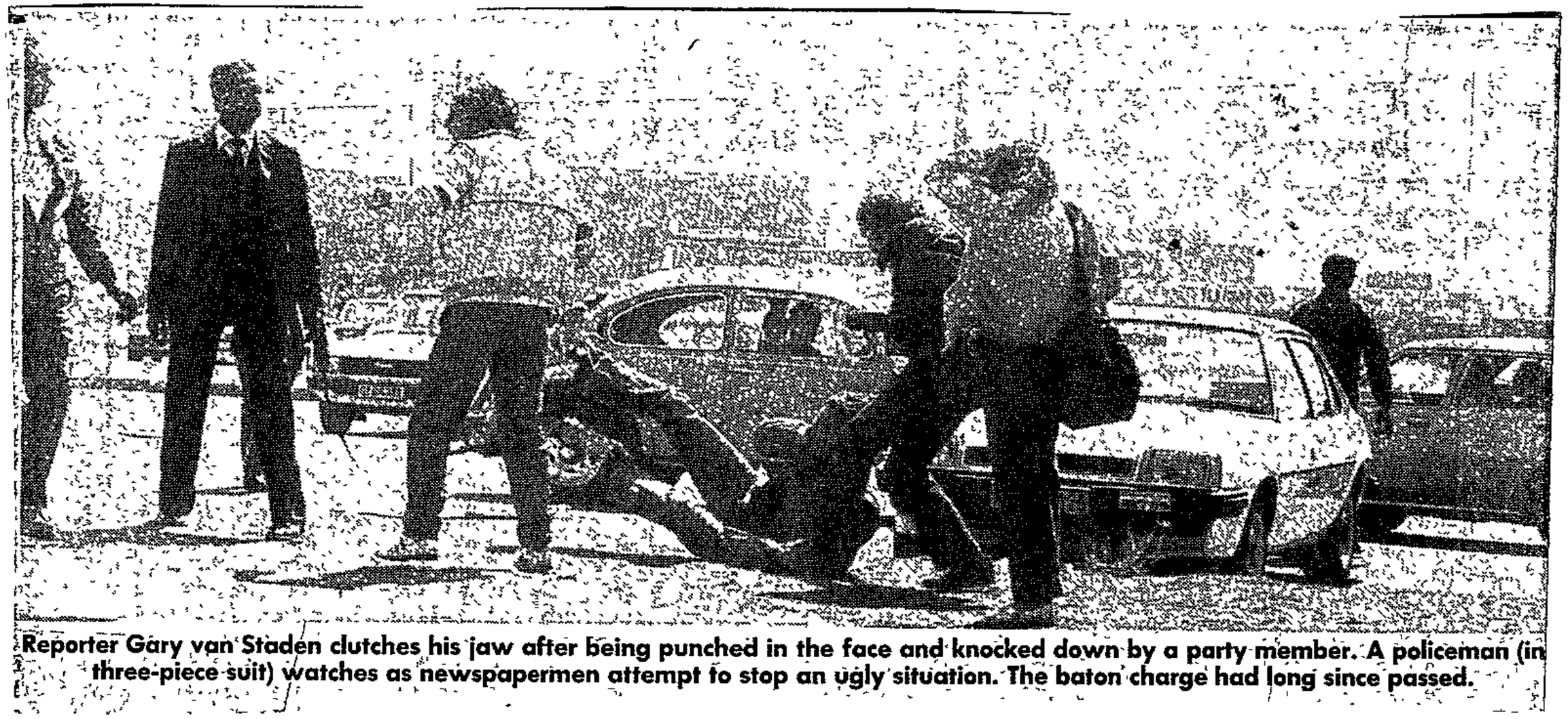

Reporter Gary van Staden clutches his jaw after being punched in the face and knocked down by a party member. A policeman (in three-piece suit) watches as newspapermen attempt to stop an ugly situation. The baton charge had long since passed.

Six policemen, some of them smiling, and two party workers chase *The Star* political reporter Gary van Staden. The policemen were returning from the baton charge to the polling station when they caught the reporter and repeatedly beat him.

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The bloody face of an innocent victim

Shopowner Mr Sonny Ragoo of Lenasia grimaces in pain after being hit on the head with a sjambok. He spent most of the day standing outside his shop as wave upon wave of demonstrators — that were being baton charged — ran past him. He was caught in the confusion. Later in the day his wife was seriously injured when her face was slashed with a sjambok.

The strong arm of the law

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"The function of the South African Police is to maintain law and order and this function will be fulfilled."

This was the official reaction to numerous allegations that policemen used excessive violence in quelling large-scale anti-election demonstrations in the Indian township of Lenasia this week.

Yes, the police were outnumbered by the demonstrators. But they were better equipped — armed with guns (rubber bullets), teargas launchers, batons, sjamboks and quirts.

Yes, they faced a barrage of half bricks, rocks, stones, petrol bombs and live ammunition.

But many people who witnessed the happenings on August 28 outside the Civic Centre feel that the police acted wrongly.

by

Mike Cohen, who was on the scene of the unrest this week.

Photographer Etienne Rothbart was with him.

At about 10 am, a crowd of anti-election campaigners began gathering on the parking area opposite the polling booths. The crowd grew until it numbered about 500.

Some were displaying placards but most were just standing around. They had turned out to show their opposition to the House of Delegates elections.

Riot police and National People's Party members lined the roadside in front of the polling booths, facing the demonstrators.

Many people who were present feel that if the police had not moved into action at exactly 11.40 am, the situation would have remained calm — for a while at least.

The decision to baton-charge the demonstrators at that stage incensed the crowd. From that time until late into the night, the police had their hands full.

And again, during subsequent police actions to stop various marches and demonstrations, many people think they used excessive violence.

Several questions have been asked:

- Was it necessary to fire teargas canisters into shops, private homes and a surgery?
- Was it necessary to single out a few people from a crowd during a wild baton charge and continuously beat them with sjamboks and quirts until they fell to the ground?
- Was it necessary for more than five policemen to beat one person at a time?
- Was it necessary to allow political party members to join the Riot Squad policemen in their baton charges? These particular party members were later seen carrying baseball bats.
- Was it necessary for the senior officer on duty (a colonel) to allow members of his squad — in this case party members who are reserve policemen — to throw rocks into the crowd?
- Was it necessary to allow these particular party workers to attack journalists who were covering both the elections and the unrest?

The Star is in possession of photographs and accounts to back up these allegations.

The attack on the journalists — five were injured — is another incident which received extensive television coverage in the US and Britain.

It must be said that the police were initially not responsible for the attack on the reporters and photographers. But they were quick to climb in when they saw the party members using sjamboks and fists.

Two of the injured journalists were political reporters on their respective newspapers. They had been covering the Indian House of Delegates parties for weeks before the elections — including the party whose workers were responsible for the assaults

The official police reaction to the assault on the journalists is. *"The official attitude of the South African Police is that when journalists mingle with rioters and the SAP are forced to take action, these journalists will have to bear the consequences*

"The only alternative is for responsible journalists to report to the officer in charge at the scene during such a situation Positive steps can then be taken to ensure that the journalists' interests are best served"

It must be pointed out — and I witnessed the attack on the journalists — that they were not caught in the police baton charge. The police had already swept past when the party workers began beating them.

The Star again has pictorial evidence where six policemen and two party workers — some of them smiling — are about to beat political reporter Gary van Staden He was badly hurt in the assault

Many of the party workers who, it has been established, are also police reservists, were carrying firearms At one stage during the demonstrations, a gun was drawn and pointed at a demonstrator.

The gun was seized by a police officer and two party workers were loaded into a police van. The same two workers were later seen at another unrest scene, armed with sjamboks and rocks.

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A political party supporter, also identified independently as a reserve policeman, is seen about to throw a rock into the crowd. He and other party supporters joined police in numerous baton charges. The rock in his right hand is circled. They were all carrying sjamboks and some were seen wielding baseball bats.

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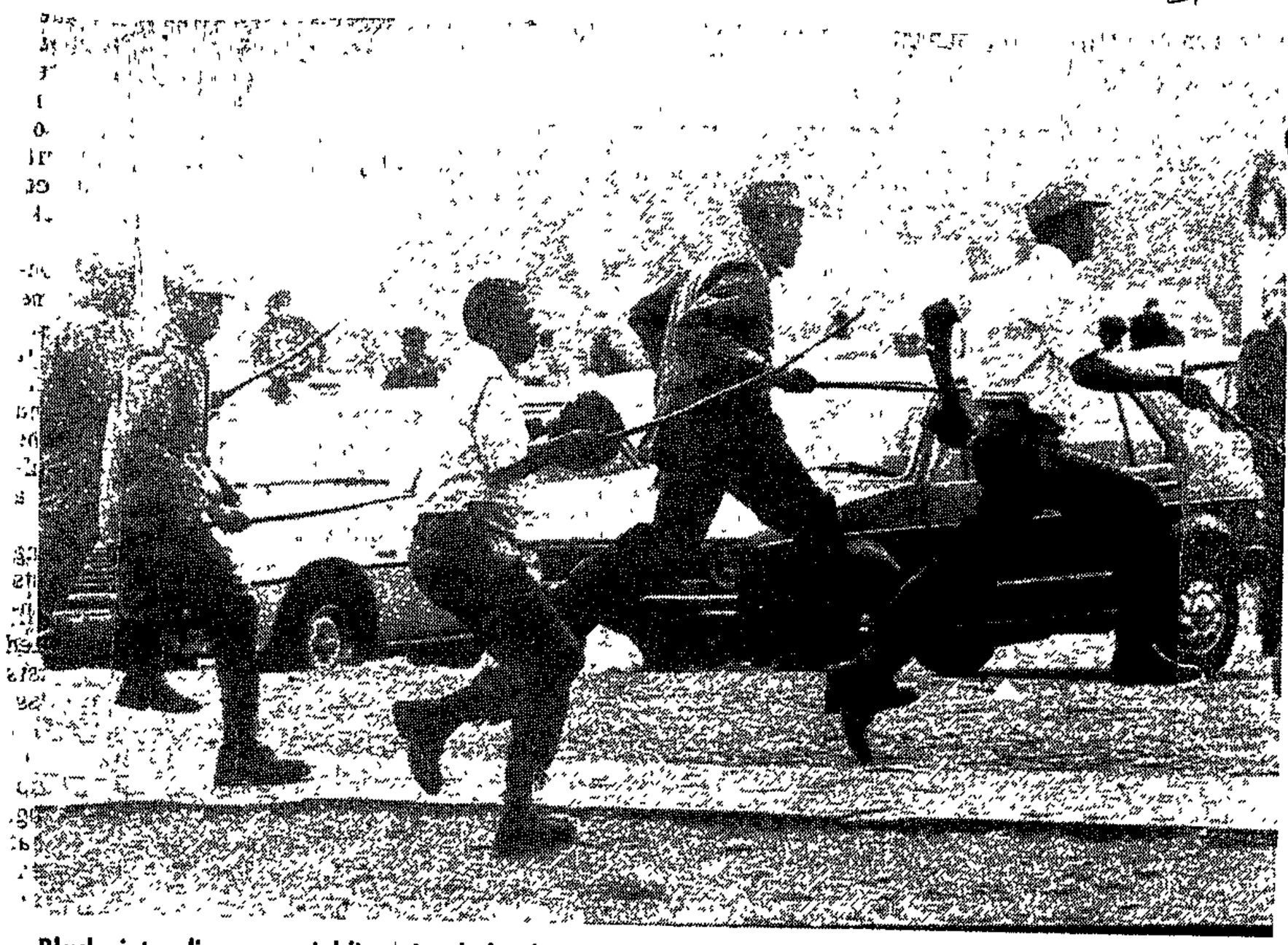

Black riot policemen wielding sjamboks during a charge near the Lenasia West polling station earlier this week.

The SAP come under a hail of rocks as a crowd of demonstrators take part in one of the many stone throwing incidents in Lenasia on Tuesday.

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NP in bid to gain English vote

by
David Braun, Political Correspondent

The National Party appears to be stepping up its efforts to recruit massive English support.

At its two most recent provincial congresses, in Natal and the Free State, the message to members was loud and clear — "welcome English-speakers in your ranks".

The Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, spoke of a political harvest when he opened the National Party Natal Congress in Durban a few weeks ago.

He was referring to the imminent collapse of the New Republic Party and the fact that the Nationalists were riding a wave of English support in the wake of last year's referendum.

Mr Botha described the NP's chances in Natal as better than ever.

"Your success will depend on your willingness to welcome people in your midst," he told the congress.

Later, in a speech at a banquet attended by Durban's elite, the Prime Minister rejected insinuations that the National Party did not reward English-speakers. His promise to prove shortly that the party did give English-speakers a place in the sun was interpreted as notice of impending appointments of leading English supporters to the President's Council.

The English-recruitment theme was picked up at the party's Free State congress in Bloemfontein this week when the provincial leader, Dr Nak van der Merwe, appealed to fellow members to extend a hand of welcome to English-speakers in the province.

"Don't think that Afrikaners can go it alone and be the sole boss," he told delegates.

The embattled NRP stands to lose the most if English-speakers do switch to the NP. It is the party most closely identified with the Nats.

The PFP, which saw more of its supporters voting for the Government's constitution than rejecting it in the referendum, can also no longer be sure of the extent of its electoral base.

The Conservative Party, which itself is trying to recruit English speakers, dismisses the National Party's attempts to seduce English voters as "hypocritical of a party which seeks only to further its own interests".

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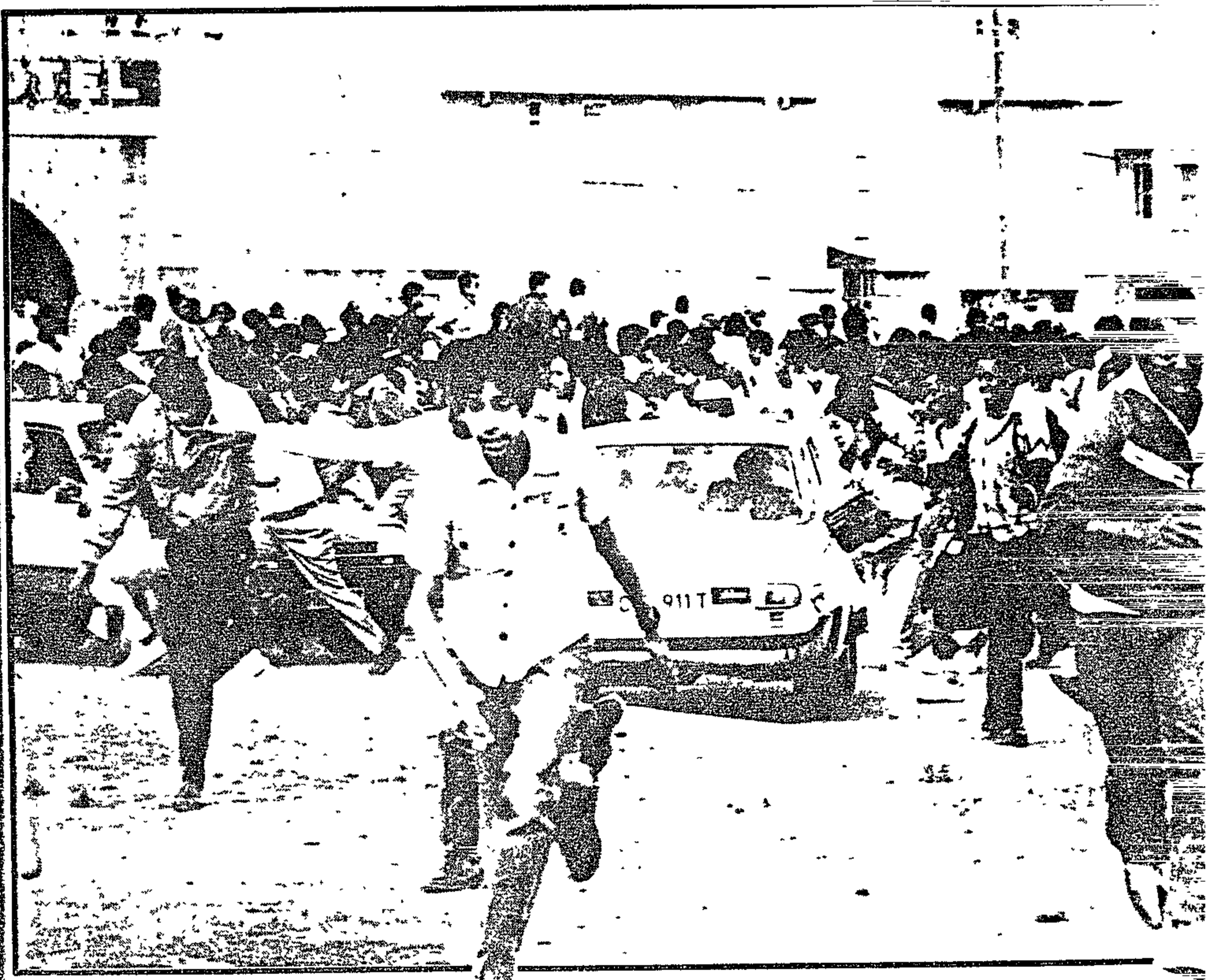

Out come the sjamboks — and police in Lenasia send demonstrators and passers-by scuttling. Later (above), a cop car was overturned by angry protestors.

It's V-Day

By KHUL

"AMANDLA' AWETHU . . ." will echo for long, long time in Lenasia, the Indian township south of Johannesburg

The teargas, stone-throwing, looting and petrol-bombing that drowned the sound of "Awethu" — reminiscent of the Soweto unrest in 1976 — will also be remembered for a long time by the residents of this sleepy

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Four police are reported to have been injured and scores of people were treated for injuries from sjamboks and fists

After the booths closed, cops were seen moving from one street to another firing teargas Youths retaliated by throwing petrol bombs at the police vans.

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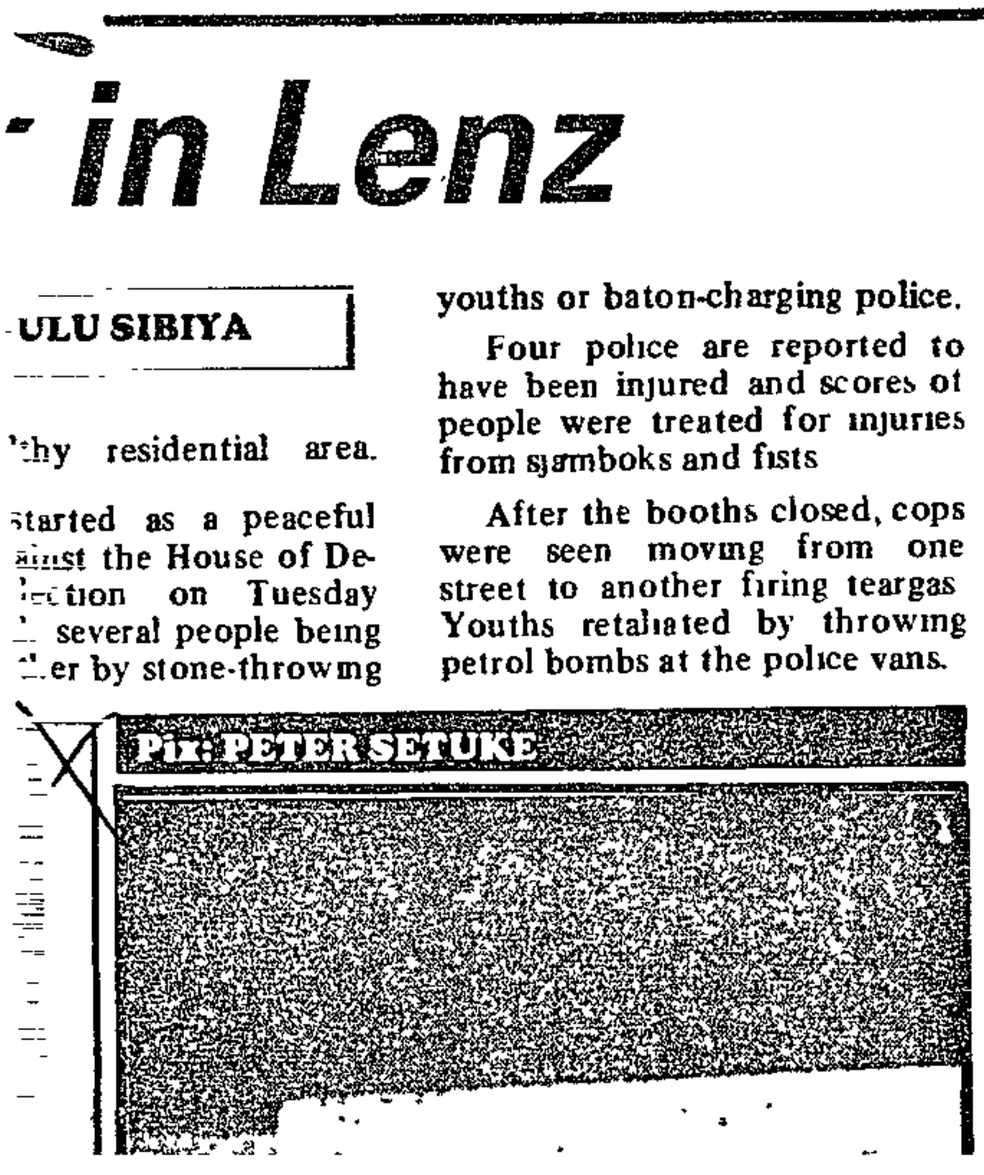
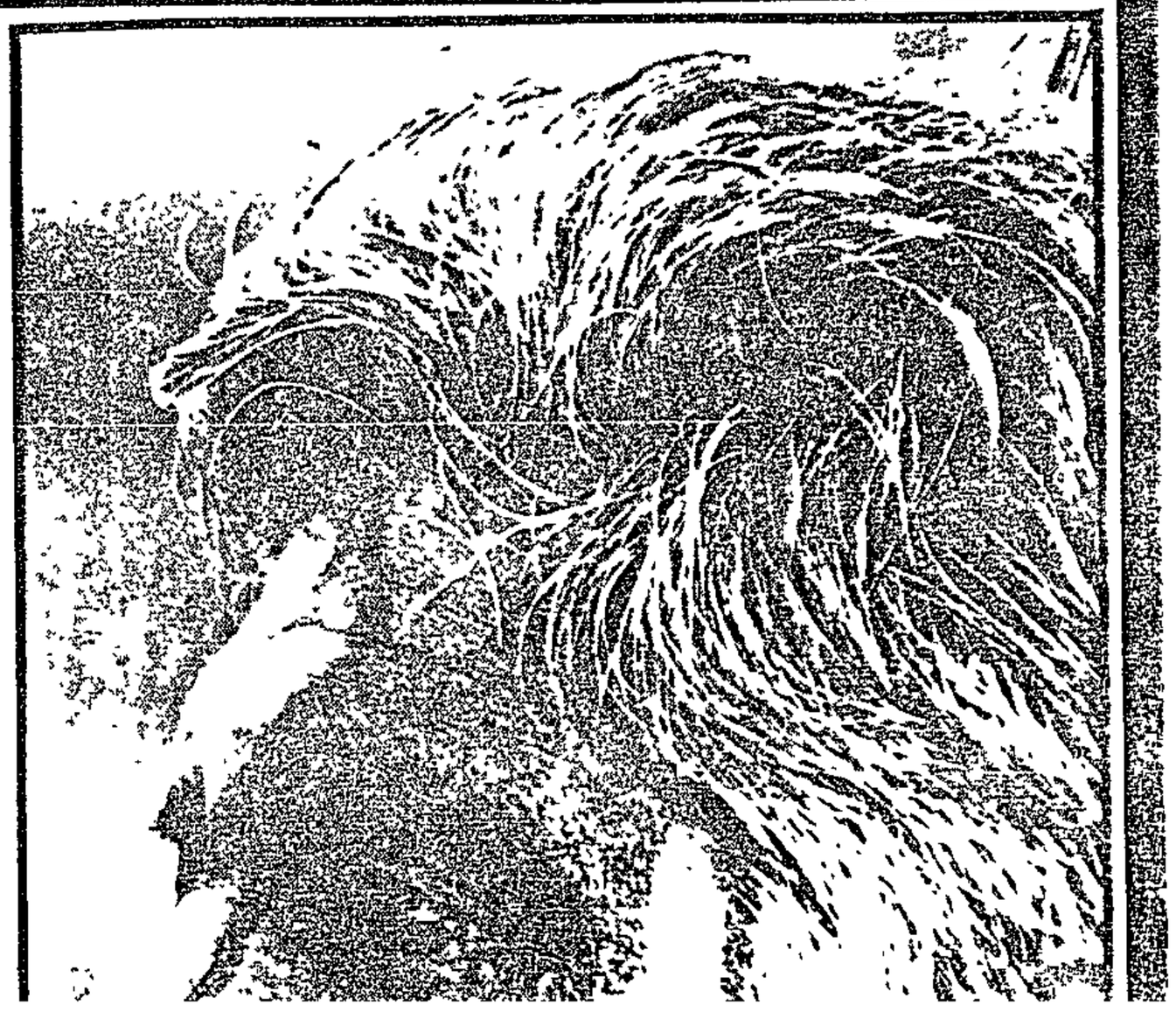
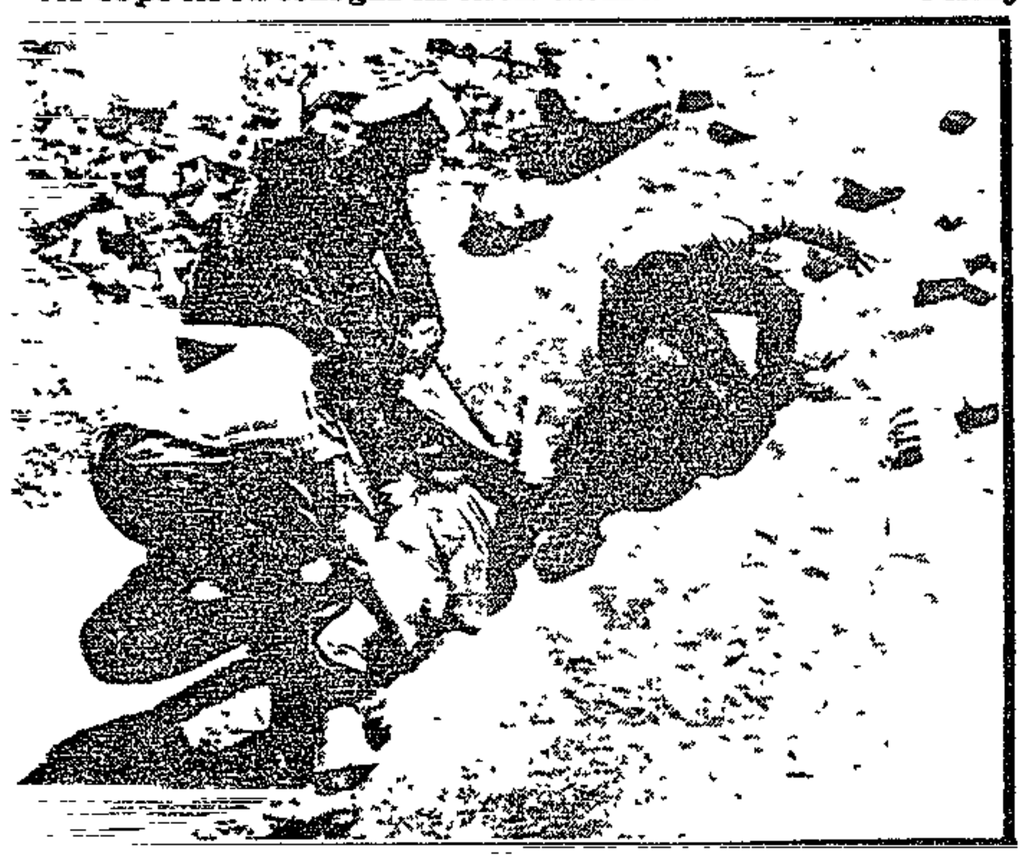


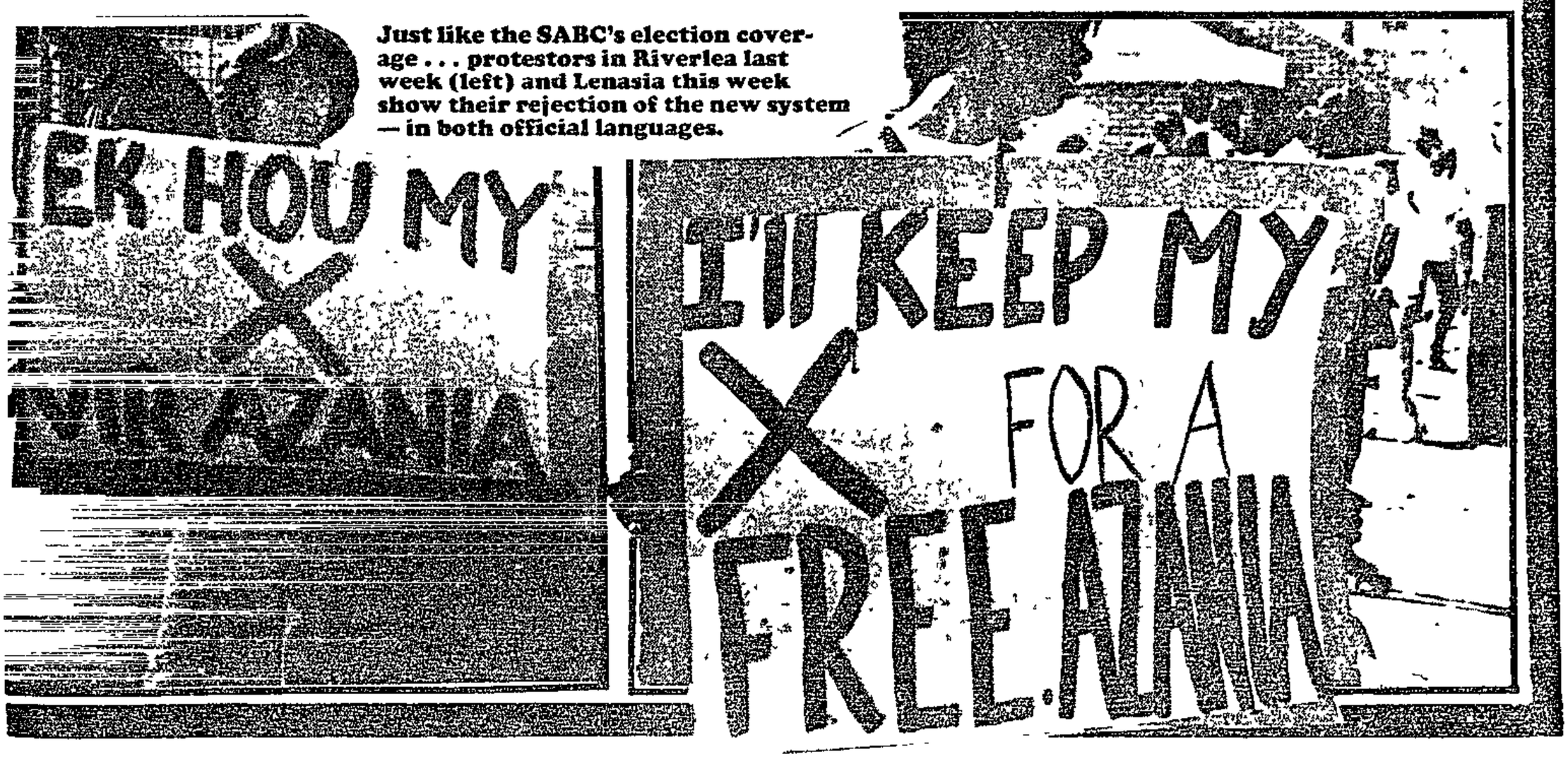


Running through the gas: Demonstrators scatter after cops fired teargas in their midst.

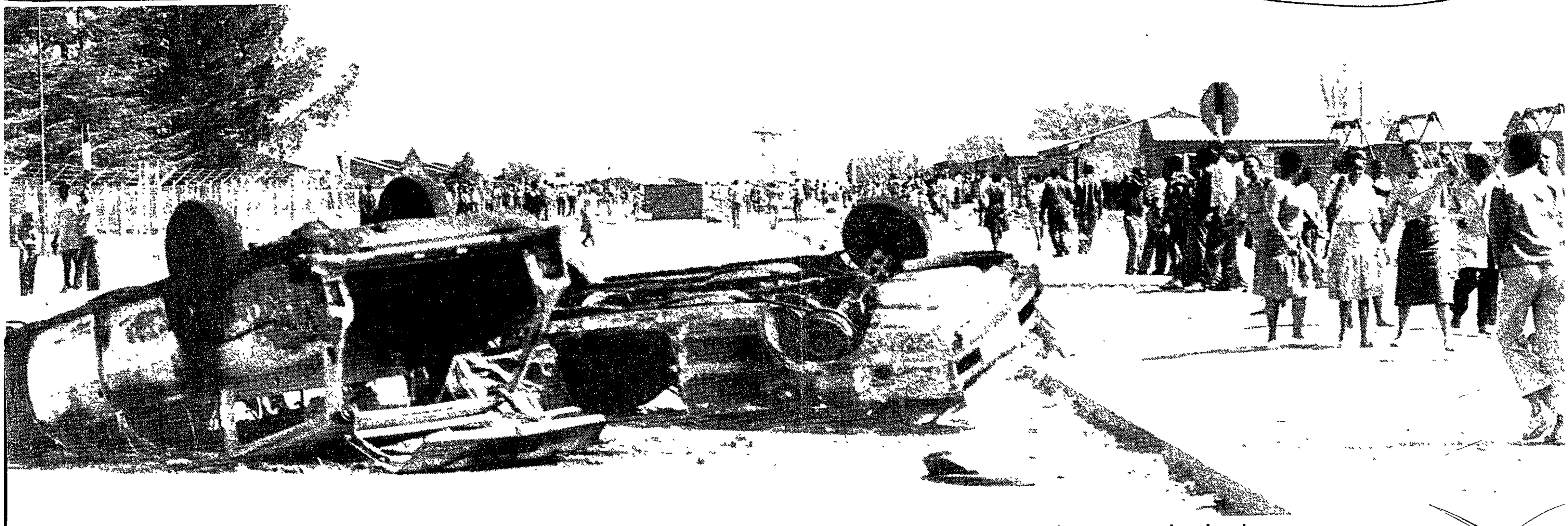
One of those who felt the sting of the cops' attack — protestor Sonny Pillay



What a drag: Cops haul one of the demonstrators away, keeping a close eye on whatever movement he can make.



Just like the SABC's election coverage . . . protestors in Riverlea last week (left) and Lenasia this week show their rejection of the new system — in both official languages.



Two cars belonging to Sharpeville's superintendent go up in flames. His house was also completely burnt out by an angry mob early today.

Brighton: 3 000 in protest

BRIGHTON — With more than 3 000 demonstrators gathered outside the conference centre here, the 10 million-member Trades Union Congress (TUC) today opened what many regard as its most crucial annual conference since Britain's 1926 general strike.

With a coal miners' strike in its 26th week and a related dock strike entering its 11th day, the TUC has to decide how much support to give the strikers against the Conservative Government.

Demonstrators chanted: "Miners, dockers lead the fight — organise a general strike", and cheered the entry of leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers — president Mr Arthur Scargill and vice-president Mr Mick McGahey. — Sapa-Associated Press.

Bond winners

One of the top prizes in this month's Bonus Bond draw has been won by the holder of a bond certificate bought in Cape Town.

This bond is among 1 366 winners in the 81st draw. Prize money totals just under R1,3 million.

The full list of winners will be published in *The Star* tomorrow, in the regular, easy-to-check, pull-out section.

Also included are more than 6 000 prize-winning bonds from previous draws for which prizes worth nearly R5 million are unclaimed.

36 killed as bus overturns

HARARE — At least 36 people were killed and 83 injured last night when a bus they were in collided with a heavy vehicle on the Harare-Masvingo road. — Sapa-Reuter.

Typhoon kills 300 people

SURIGAO (Philippines) — About 300 people are now known to have died in a powerful typhoon which swept across the southern and central Philippines at the weekend — and the death toll may rise to 1 000, a government official said today.

He said: "At least 1 000 people may have died. This is the worst typhoon ever to hit this area." — Reuter.

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Shuttle's ice problem affects solar sail test

CAPE CANAVERAL — Astronaut Judy Resnik raised a golden solar wing high above shuttle Discovery's cargo bay yesterday in demanding tests of a device that may one day harness the sun's power for space stations.

But Discovery is having problems with a large build-up of ice at the end of a line that dumps excess water overboard.

Mission control is worried that getting rid of it might delay further tests of the "solar sail".

Flight controllers ordered pilot Michael Coats to turn the shuttle's port side toward the sun, to melt the ice.

The melting procedure plunged the ship's cargo base into darkness and cold.

"Temperature restraints affect the solar array," said mission control's Steve Nesbitt. "The solar array needs to be within certain thermal limits to operate properly."

One consequence of the ice build-up is that the crew of five men and one woman has been ordered to use wastebags instead of the ship's toilet.

The blockage of the nozzle used to dump the excess water prompted mission control to force water through.

This caused the toilet drain to be blocked. — Sapa-Associated Press.

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New era for SA Govt

By Peter Sullivan and David Braun

A new constitutional era for South Africa started today when former Prime Minister Mr P W Botha was appointed Acting State President and the last whites-only Parliament was prorogued.

An extraordinary meeting of the Cabinet, with Deputy Ministers participating, this morning elected Mr Botha to act in the post in which he is certain to be confirmed on September 14.

The political procedures which have governed South Africa since Union in 1910 ceased to be valid from this morning, and tomorrow members of the Indian and coloured Houses will meet formally for the first time for a swearing in ceremony.

White MPs will also be sworn in — in a different Chamber at a different time — and the various Houses will then select their electoral college representatives.

In the electoral college whites get 50 members, coloured people 25 and Indians 13. The members will be selected from, and by, the majority parties in each of the Houses.

The National Party will therefore select all 50 whites and the Labour Party all 25 coloured members but it is still not clear who will have the majority in the deadlocked Indian House of Delegates. But it seems likely to be Mr Amichand Rajbansi's National Peoples' Party.

The electoral college will then adjourn until Wednesday when it will meet for the formal election of the State President who will be officially sworn in on September 14 at a ceremony in the Groote Kerk after which he will speak to the nation.

The day after his election the State President is likely to announce the new Cabinet which will include coloured and Indian members for the first time.

Parliament will be opened officially on September 18.

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UK record run ends in pain for Durban runner

The Star's Foreign News Service

PEEBLES (Scotland) — Veteran Natal athlete Kenny Craig was fighting a lone battle for the John O'Groats to Land's End record last night.

For his partner in the record bid — Durban-based Norrie Williamson — had been forced out because of a suspected fractured ankle.

Craig finished just short of Langholm last night and could still crack the course record.

A grim-faced Williamson, in severe pain, covered 67 km in seven hours before calling it a day. "I'm not a quitter but I can't run another 850 km with this," he said here.

Williamson's injury developed late on Friday afternoon and by Saturday lunchtime he could only limp along at 5,5 km/h. Then he was forced to give up.

Williamson would have continued his attempt to complete the course but he is booked to return to South Africa on September 15.

After running 31 km to Edinburgh early yesterday, Williamson sought aid from one of Scotland's top physiotherapists, Mr Tom McNiven, who told him he had fractured a bone in his foot.

He bandaged Williamson's leg and sent him on his way. But within two hours the athlete was hobbling badly again.

Williamson will hire a bicycle in Edinburgh today and cycle down the route ahead of Craig.

He plans to reach Land's End by tomorrow night and wants to rejoin Craig the next evening.

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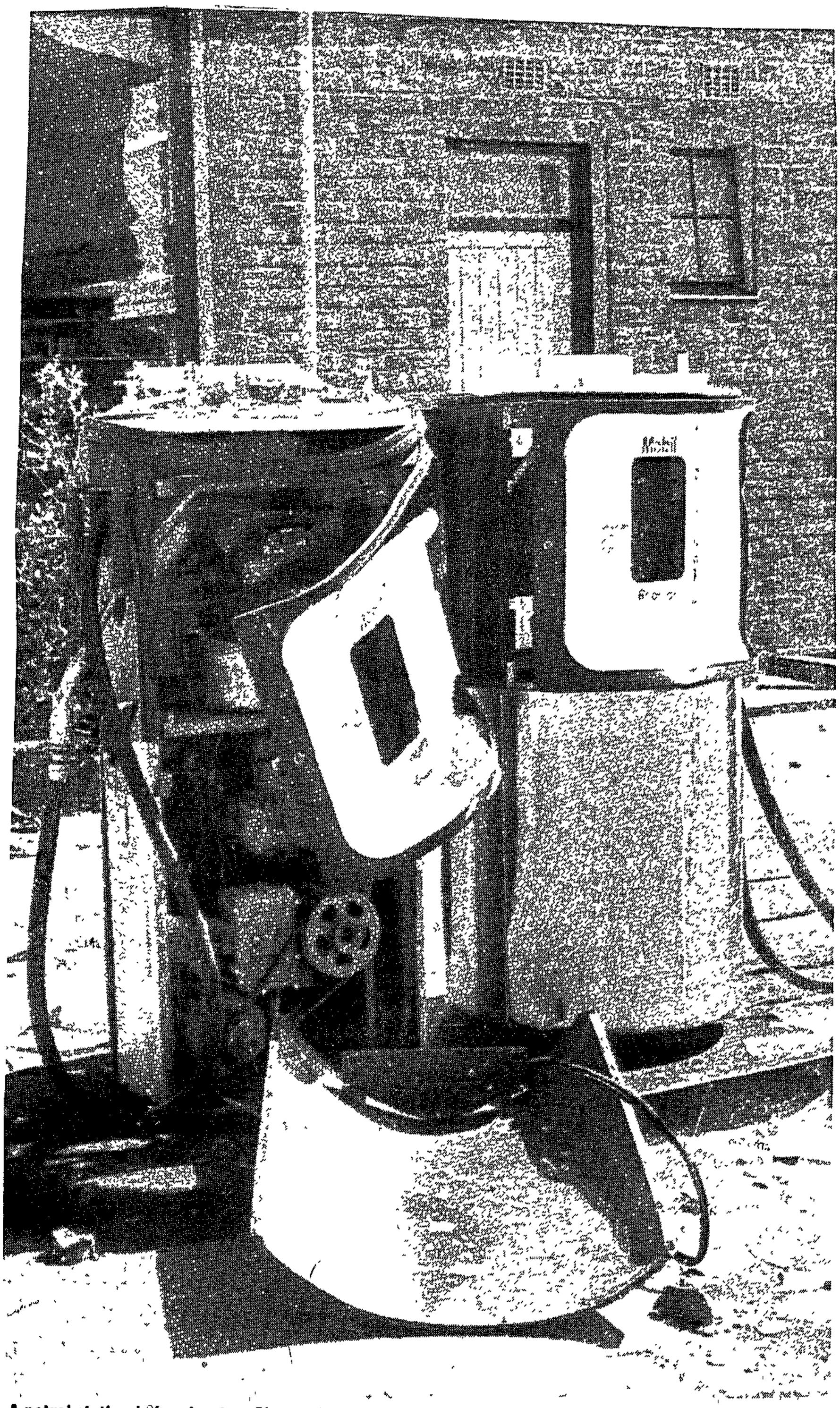

A petrol station belonging to a Sharpeville councillor was attacked and some of the pumps were ripped apart and windows smashed by a group of youths.

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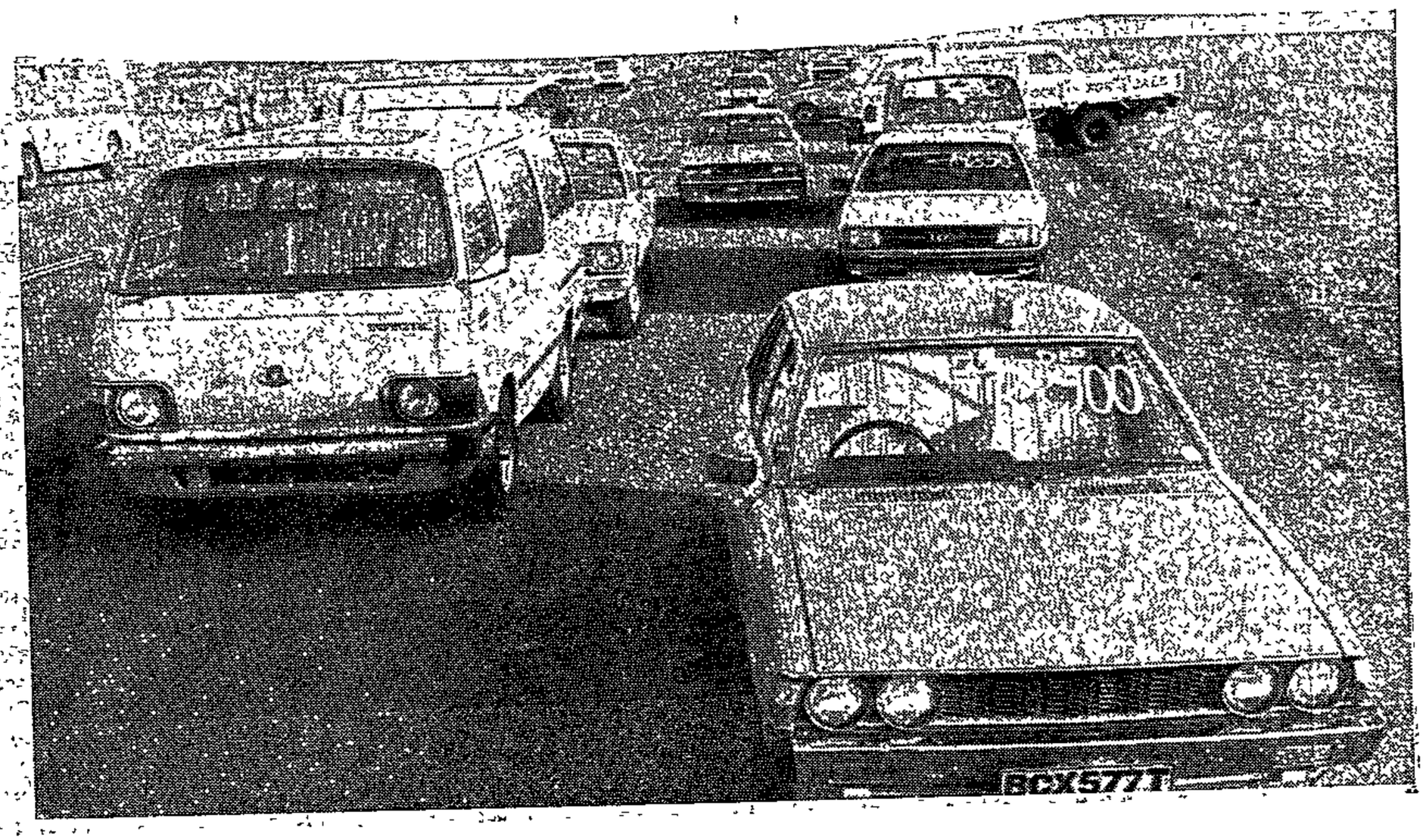
While Sharpeville was in turmoil some of the children in the area placed drums across the roads, above, and right, cars belonging to an Indian businessman were rescued from Evaton and driven to a place of safety outside the township.

Barricades and smoke as the East Rand erupts



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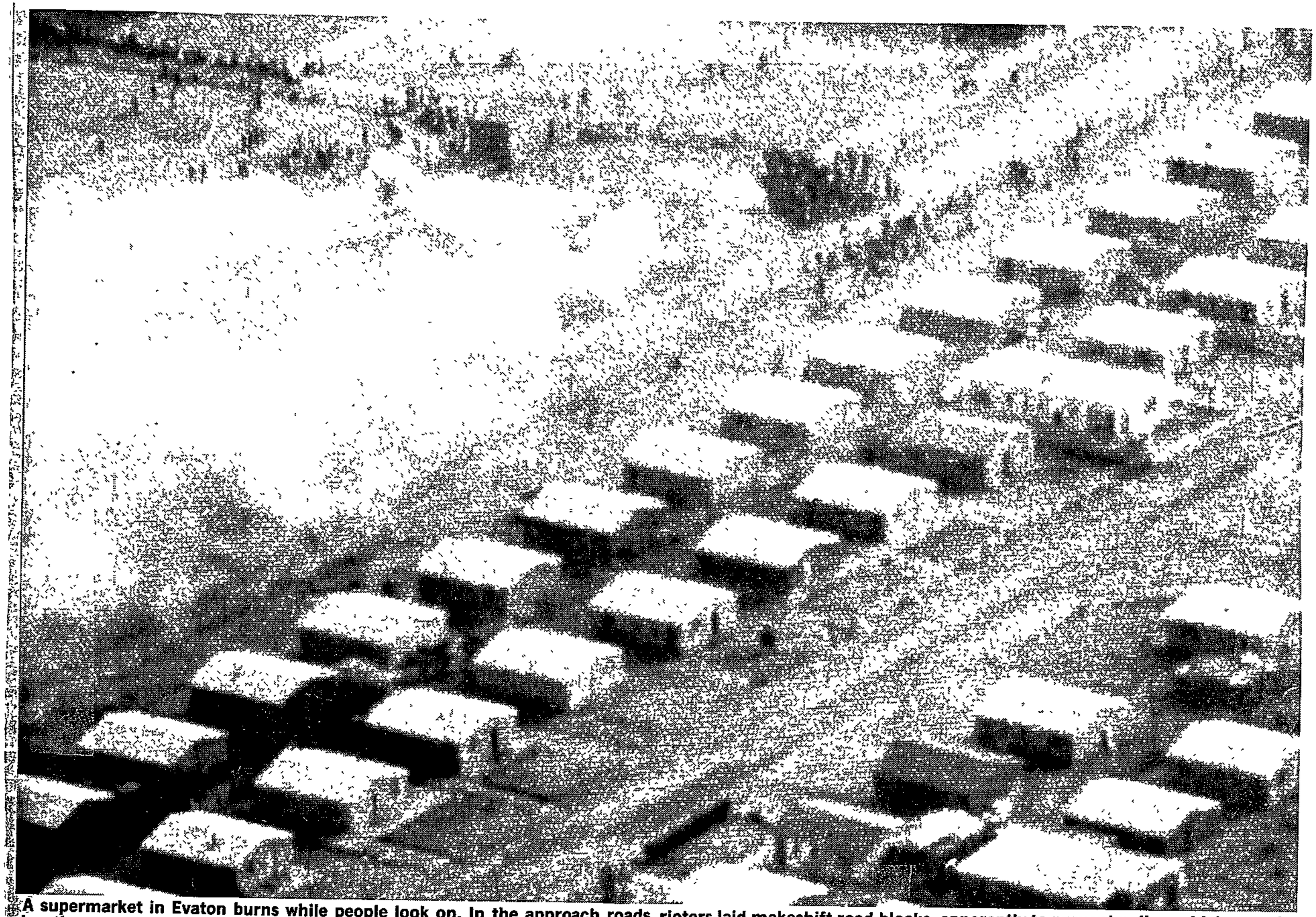

A supermarket in Evaton burns while people look on. In the approach roads rioters laid makeshift road-blocks, apparently to prevent police vehicles reaching the area.

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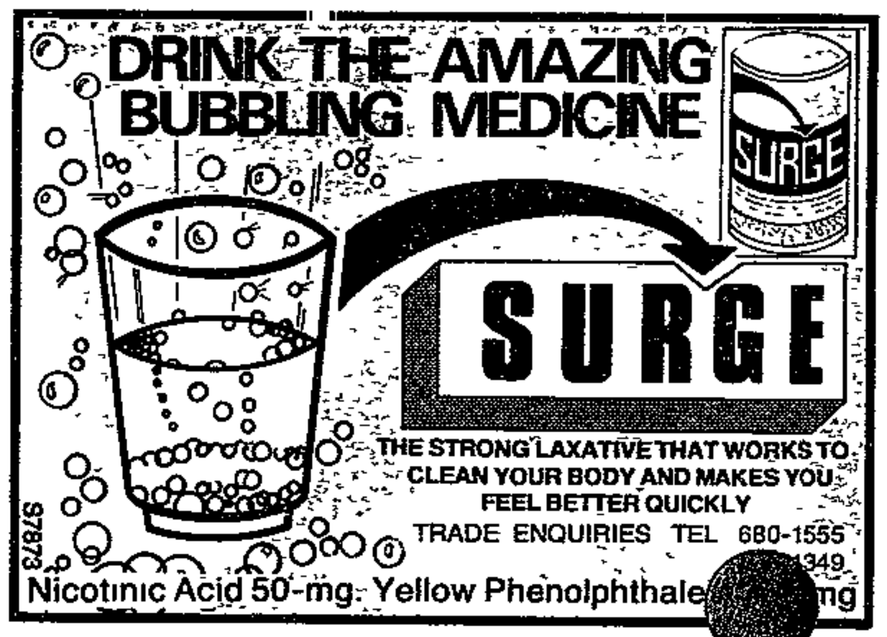

11 dead in Vaal uprisings

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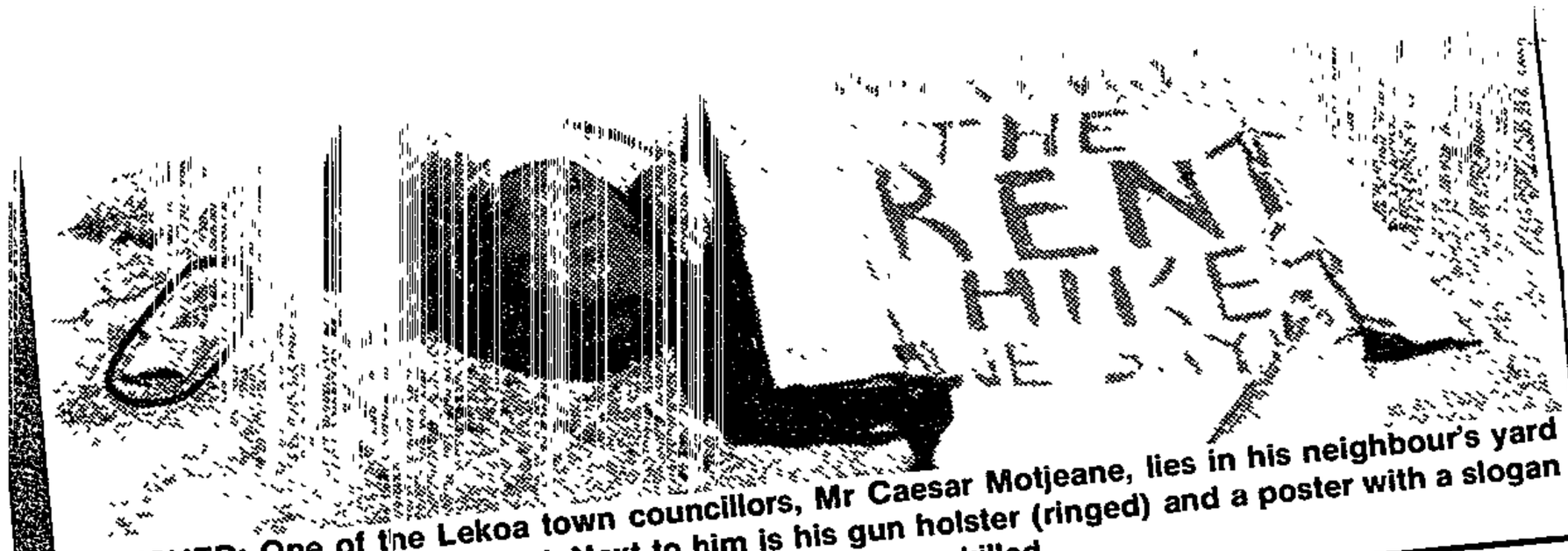

CRUSHED: One of the Lekoa town councillors, Mr Caesar Motjeane, lies in his neighbour's yard where he had his skull crushed. Next to him is his gun holster (ringed) and a poster with a slogan which says why he was killed.

Reports by SAM MABE and JOSHUA RABOROKO. Pics by JOE MOLEFE and LEN KUMALO

AT LEAST 11 people were killed, including the deputy mayor of Lekoa Town Council, when unrest broke out in Vaal Triangle townships yesterday.

By late last night, there were speculations that the mayor, Mr Esau Mahlatsi, may also have been killed by the rampaging residents who set fire to several houses, shops, vehicles and administration buildings.

In Sebokeng Zone 13, a number of policemen had to run for their lives when an angry stone-throwing mob converged on them. One policeman is believed to have been cornered, stoned and left for dead. His death has, however, been denied by police headquarters in Pretoria.

In Sebokeng Zone 11, Councillor Caesar Motjeane was stoned and hacked to death at a house where he had run for cover when a mob stoned and set his house alight.

One man, a Mr Motipidi, believed to be a manager at Mr Motjeane's shop, died in the blaze at Mr Motjeane's house. A man believed to have been shot dead by Mr Motipidi was seen lying about 50 metres from Mr Motipidi's body which had signs of having been stoned.

were heard ululating when flames house of Mr Chakane, a council was also stoned, stabbed and left for had opened fire at a group of youths who attacked him at his house.

A youth was reported wounded in the leg during the alleged shooting by Mr Chakane.

In Sharpeville, the deputy mayor of the township, Mr Sam Dlamini was hacked to death and his body burnt on the front doorstep of his home. He is also reported to have wounded two youths with his firearm before the mob set on him.

Miss Ntombi Majola (15) of Zone 7, Sebokeng was also allegedly shot to death by police.

Mr Joseph Motaung (24) of Sharpeville died after he was allegedly shot by police. Also alleged to have been shot dead by police is Mr Meloa Thinane.

Police said yesterday that two people, who have not been identified, were burnt to death while trapped in burning cars.

The chairman of the Lekoa Town Council, Mr

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Blast in Jo'burg

FOUR people were injured in an explosion at the Department of Home Affairs building in central Johannesburg yesterday afternoon, according to an SABC news report.

The explosion wrecked the third floor of the building at the corner of Harrison and Plein Street. Two of the victims were taken by ambulance to the Johannesburg Hospital.

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Students barred from technikon

THERE WAS confusion at the Mabopane East Technikon in Soshanguve yesterday morning when about 900 students were refused permission to enter the campus by security officers, who said a directive has been issued that they must first re-apply.

Students interviewed at the main entrance said they first heard of the directive when they arrived for the re-opening of the college They said some were asked if they had attended lessons on August 14 and those who did not were told they could not enter

One of the security officers produced a long list of names of those he said were to be allowed in. He said he had been given instructions to tell us to re-apply if we still wished to be students at the technikon

"We find the whole practice very unfair," said one student

Service

About 1 000 students from the technikon attended a memorial service at the Lutheran Church on Sunday. They said a colleague, Hendrick Nkuna (20), who died two weeks ago during a student-police confrontation, did not die in vain

A student leader, Mr Tiego Moseneke, said: "Our comrade died in a battle and out of necessity. He was fighting for an education acceptable for our people and over which they will also have control."

ONE could not help but notice the strong currents of love that flowed between Mr Sydney Samho and his wife Martha. The two were at a prize-giving ceremony organised by a brick company at the Carlton Centre last week.

SMOKE — Smoke billows from burning trucks and buildings in Vereeniging yesterday.

Fire-bombers strike

Three homes petrol-bombed

By MONK NKOMO

THE HOUSES of two black school committee members and the offices of an Indian rector were petrol-bombed by unidentified persons in separate incidents in Soshanguve and Laudium at the weekend.

Brigadier Hendriek du Plessis, Chief CID Officer for the Northern Transvaal, yesterday said a petrol bomb was thrown into the house of Mr James Ledwaba while he was sleeping at about 1 am on Sunday. Mr Ledwaba of 1162 Section F, Soshanguve, is a school committee member at the Soshanguve High School

Police said Mr Ledwaba was awakened by a loud sound in the sitting room When he went to investigate, he found the sitting room on fire Although he managed to extinguish the fire two rooms were partly gutted. The estimated damage, Brigadier du Plessis said, was R50 000.

A few minutes later a petrol bomb was also thrown into the house of another school committee member who stays in the same area Mr H Mathobela, of 187 Section F, was awakened by a noise in the sitting room.

Damage

Mr Mathobela, a school committee member at the Lethabong Senior Secondary School, managed to bring the fire under control Damage there was estimated at R100

Brig du Plessis also announced that furniture and various documents were destroyed by fire after a petrol bomb was hurled into the offices of Dr C Soobiah, rector of the College of Education in Laudium on Friday. The petrol bomb, the police spokesman added, was thrown through the window during Dr Soobiah's absence Damage is estimated at R3 000

No one was injured in all three incidents. No arrests have been made and police are investigating.

TREASON TRIAL IS POSTPONED

THE TREASON trial of three white South Africans was postponed to next Wednesday after they appeared briefly in the Pretoria Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr Roland Mark Hunter (25) of Johannesburg and a former Military Intelligence clerk, and a Magaliesberg couple, Mr Derek Andre Hanekom (31) and his wife, Patricia (27) face charges of high treason and contravening the Internal Security Act.

All three have been remanded in custody since their first appearance on April 27 this year, and have not yet been formally charged or asked to plead.

On August 1, they appeared briefly and the case was postponed to yesterday — the request of the defence counsel so that further particulars could be obtained from the State.

Mr and Mrs Hanekom allegedly made contact with African National Congress supporters in Botswana in 1981, where Mrs Hanekom learned a code so that she and her husband could communicate secretly with members of the organisation.

In February this year, while Mr Hunter was attached to the SA Defence Force Intelligence Section, Mr Hanekom allegedly encouraged or helped him communicate with the ANC and to pass on intelligence information.

Mr Hunter allegedly stole, or without authorisation, copied or removed classified intelligence documents, and gave some of them to the ANC. — Sapa.

Pressman shoots robber dead

A SUNDAY newspaper photographer shot dead a man and injured two others after they allegedly robbed his servant in Johannesburg at the weekend.

The head of the Johannesburg Police Directorate of Public Relations, Colonel Fred Bull, said the Pressman fired several shots at the alleged robbers after they tried to attack him when he went to enquire about the robbery.

The incident took place on Saturday at 7 am. Mr Sam Matona, who is employed by the photographer, was attacked by about 20 people who were parked in two cars next to a shopping centre in Randburg. They held him up and robbed him of R222 cash and also took his trousers

Mr Matona ran back to the house and informed his boss, who rushed to the scene armed with his firearm.

The photographer fired a warning shot after the people attempted to attack him. He then headed for his home and three men from the group followed him. He then fired several shots, killing one of the pursuers on the spot. The two others were slightly injured. They are being treated at the Hillbrow Hospital.

Meanwhile in Soweto 18 people were killed, four people injured in shooting incidents and seven women raped at the weekend

Several arrests were made.

In once incident in Eldorado Park a 24-year-old fruit and vegetable vendor was stabbed to death after being robbed of cash and his wares on Saturday.

Brigadier J J Viktor, Soweto's CID chief, said the incident took place at about 10 pm in Extension 6.

A 14-year-old Naledi girl, one of the seven females raped, told police that her brother thrashed her with a belt before having sexual intercourse with her against her will. No arrests have been made.

Four people were shot and injured in four separate shooting incidents — three of which took place at hostels

adies: You can't miss this meeting

By LEAH MATLARE

THE MONTHLY meeting of the SOWETAN Women's Club will take place at Funda Centre this Saturday, September 8 at 2 pm.

This month's meeting will centre around foster parents, foster homes and the role of community members in this often overlooked area.

Members of the club will also be presenting reports on the subject of projects that are badly in need of financial and other support.

Flowers

As promised, Mrs Priscilla Nyelele will give a practical demonstration on how to arrange flowers.

The Carlton Paper consultants will be available for any consultation related to their area of operation.

Boy drowns

A 13-YEAR-OLD Soweto boy, Michael Monareng drowned, and seven-year-old Bongani Mkhwanazi went missing at the Fun Valley music festival at the weekend.

Three people were also beaten and stabbed and a car windscreen smashed as thugs ran riot at the end of the festival.

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11 die in Vaal riots

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Mahlatsi, was stopped in one of his cars which was set alight after he ran away His house in Zone 11, Sebokeng and another of his cars, were burnt by a mob.

Also looted and set alight were his shops and bakery A car and house belonging to another councillor, a Mr Mofokeng, were also gutted

A car and a house belonging to Mr Jeremiah Mokone, the principal of Mahlodi High School, in Sharpeville were burnt out

Youths were seen siphoning petrol from cars for use as petrol bombs In several areas, where there was looting of shops and beerhalls, people were seen carrying crates of cool drinks, beer, chairs, tables, matresses and radiograms

A library in Boipatong and one in Evaton were among several shops, beerhalls and council offices which were burnt

In Evaton, Sebokeng and Sharpeville streets were impassable. They had been barricaded with rocks, dustbins and heaps of ash and a number of motorists were forced to turn back by youths and elderly women who immediately picked up stones at the sight of approaching cars.

The unrests in the Vaal Triangle were sparked off by a recently announced rent increase. On Sunday, residents resolved at various meetings held in the townships that there would be a stayaway from work in protest against the increases

Many people did not go to work and the few who did were seen walking long distances following the withdrawal of buses after incidents of stoning early in the morning.

Marched

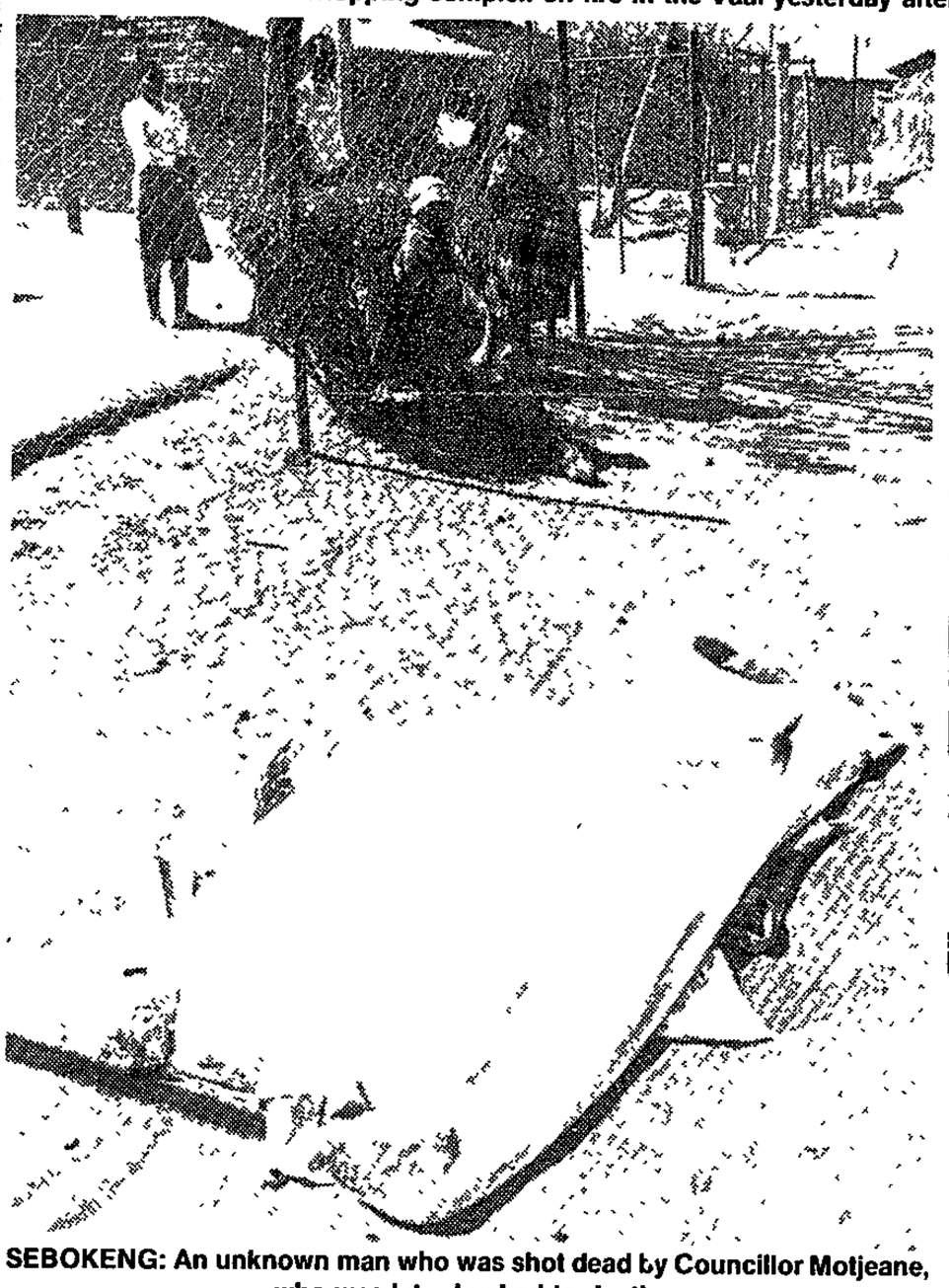
In Tembisa, youths marched through the streets, stoned and set alight a truck, burnt two vans outside a nightclub and set fire to a minibus.

In the Welkom township of Thabong, students returned to the three high schools yesterday, but by noon a dispute at the Teto school resulted in pupils being sent home

Grievances at Teto sparked the boycott which came to include all three schools after a disabled youth, Papiki Loape (18) was shot during police action six weeks ago.

SHARPEVILLE ON FIR

RAZE: A shopping complex on fire in the Vaal yesterday after people went on the rampage protesting increased rents.



SEBOKENG: An unknown man who was shot dead by Councillor Motjeane, who was later hacked to death.

SEBOKENG: Mr Motipidi — burnt and stoned when he tried to protect his employer, Mr Motjeane, who was also killed.

MAHLATSI: Mayor Esau Mahlatsi's shop goes up in flames and next to the shop is a delivery truck already gutted. Mahlatsi managed to escape with his life but his property was not that lucky.

Tucsa: Press kept out

SOWETAN Reporter

THE Trade Union Council of South Africa began their 30th annual conference in Johannesburg yesterday.

The conference was closed to the Press and other outsiders to enable the member unions to sort out their differences, both politically and in terms of finding a meaningful direction.

In his address, the acting president, Mr Robbie Botha, said TUCSA had always represented shades of opinion and had been built on the tolerance and understanding of all viewpoints represented within its ranks.

"We are, after all, trade unionists. Our trade is practical bargaining, and we should be able to bring to our debates the sound experience which will enable our inter-organisational bargaining to be fair-minded, constructive and fruitful.

"Above all, we are a democratic institution, and we must be aware of the one major implication of democracy: and that is maturity.

"Party politics is not our business, but there are issues of practical politics which most definitely are our concern. These are issues such as: Justice, Education, Housing, Poverty, actions which curb the freedoms and opportunities of our members, pensions, job creation and protection.

"Historically we have provided a platform for disenfranchised black, coloured and Indian workers, through which they have been able to protest against the Group Areas Act, Influx Control, job reservation, and other discrimination legislation.

We'll work for change - Botha

THERE IS no graceful leap to a better South Africa. It has to be built brick by brick, frustration by frustration, the acting president of the Trade Union Council of South Africa, Mr Robbie Botha said yesterday.

Mr Botha was speaking at the 30th annual TUCSA conference in Johannesburg.

"Tucsa has chosen the path of involvement with the process of change, and involvement with the institutions — such as the Wiehahn Commission and the National Manpower Commission — which can bring about the sort of changes we believe that our membership seeks.

"It is by far the most difficult path, as we know to our cost, but we believe that there has to be involvement by labour organisations in the formulation and amendment of labour legislation, otherwise the workers are at the mercy of the legislators.

"It is our earnest hope that all labour organisations in South Africa will see the wisdom of this path and join with us in the type of involvement that seeks to ensure that any changes will be to the benefit of all workers in South Africa."

Thousands won in Bop Bonanza bonds

THE names of the Bonanza draw of Bophuthatswana Development Bonds have been released.

The Bonanza winner of R75 000 is bond number AA 097154 and the bond was bought at Skilpadfontein post office in Bophuthatswana.

Second prizewinner of R20 000 is bond number CA 284464 and the bond was bought at Phokeng post office.

Third prizewinner of R10 000 is bond number AA 000832 and the bond was bought at Bleskop.

Every month some R30 000 in prizes are won by lucky development bond holders. Every third month there is an additional Bonanza prize of R75 000.

Jnrest death oll goes up

THE number of people who have died in the school unrest on the East Rand now stands at 7.

The leader of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC), Bishop Simeon Nkoane, said at the weekend that the crisis at black schools on the East Rand needed the "urgent attention" of Government and community leaders if it was to be defused.

He also called on the Minister of Law and Order Mr Louis le Grange to practise restraint before taking any police action.

The Minister of Law and Order has requested that an urgent report on the shootings on the East Rand be handed to him, reports David Braun, political correspondent from Cape Town.

The departmental investigation follows the deaths of six people, including young children, and the wounding of 20 others from gunshots during the recent unrest in the strife-torn townships of the East Rand.

Mr Le Grange said he had been informed that people had been killed, but he did not want to blame police officers at this stage.

He said the investigation was a normal departmental procedure and he would not be making his findings public. He also did not plan a public inquiry.

Mr Le Grange has stated that it is his policy that arms should be used sparingly by the police and only when its a question of life and death.

The Minister has recently been heavily criticised for the police action against demonstrators during the coloured and Indian elections.

Meanwhile in a statement this week, Bishop Nkoane said the WCC executive met with representatives from five townships, including Wattville and KwaThema "to discuss the deteriorating situation on the East Rand."

Mrs MAGAUTA MOLEFE, an executive member of the Black Women Unite.

3 killed in Pta

THREE people died violently in Mamelodi and Brits at the weekend.

A 16 year old youth, Jankie Phala of 46103, Mamelodi West, was stabbed to death during an argument at about 2.30 am on Saturday.

A 21-year-old youth, been arrested. Mr Alfred Legodi (38) of 3070 Section K, Mamelodi, was fatally wounded after being struck with a blunt instrument on Saturday night. Police have arrested a 28 year old man in connection with his death.

A 24-year-old farm labourer, Mr Modito died instantly after being stabbed in the head during an argument on the farm Kareepoort in Brits on Saturday. A 25 year old man has been arrested.

A computer company in Lynnwoodridge near Pretoria was dealt when one of the four boxes they had imported from California, USA, was found stacked with bricks instead of computer components.

Each box, the police said yesterday, contained material worth R50 000.

Samaritan

A good samaritan from Soweto narrowly escaped death when a couple he had offered a lift fired a shot at him before robbing him of his car near Soshanguve at the weekend. Mr Hanison Shongwe was nearing the township when the male hitchhiker allegedly produced a firearm and ordered him to stop. A shot was fired but he was not hit. The couple then sped off in his car. Police later arrested a man and a woman driving Mr Shongwe's car. Police also took possession of a 9 mm pistol.

Women support boycott pupils

By SIBUSISO MABASO

TWO committees were at the weekend elected by the Black Women' Unite meeting held at Dube YWCA, to look into community problems such as the so-called squatters and the orphans, and bring about propositions of how can the organisation get its members involved in community projects.

An executive member of the Black Women' Unite Mrs Magauta Molefe, said, the organisation has decided to continue with self-help projects. She said the two committees elected will mark their concern about various problems affecting the black community throughout the country.

She said Black Women Unite pledges solidarity with the boycotting students for their legitimate rights of establishing democratic Student Representative Councils throughout the country. A message of condolence has been sent to the families of students who have been killed in the boycott.

Work seminar

The meeting also pledges solidarity and praised the people who stayed away from elections.

The Black Women Unite have also announced a trip to Port Elizabeth where a women's work seminar will be held on September 8 and 9 organised by the Insurance Assurance for Workers Union of South Africa (I A W U S A) She urged all black women in South Africa to attend meetings to be held in various places.

Eastern Cape rally banned

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The Chief Magistrate of Queenstown, Mr A C van Heerden, on Sunday banned all meetings in the district organised by the Azanian Peoples' Organisation and four other student or sport organisations.

The banning order, in terms of Section 46 of the Internal Security Act, affected a rally to have been held in Mlungisi township and organised by the local branch of Azapo.

Prohibited in terms of the order were all meetings of Azapo, the Congress of South African Students (Cosas), the Queenstown Youth Organisation, the Queenstown Sports Board and the Azanian Students' Movement.

Public peace

The ban was effective from 7 am to midnight yesterday. In the order, served on executive members of Azapo early this morning, Mr van Heerden said he had reason to believe "the public peace" would be seriously endangered by any gathering of the affected organisations.

Members of Azapo from as far afield as Port Elizabeth travelled to Queenstown for the rally

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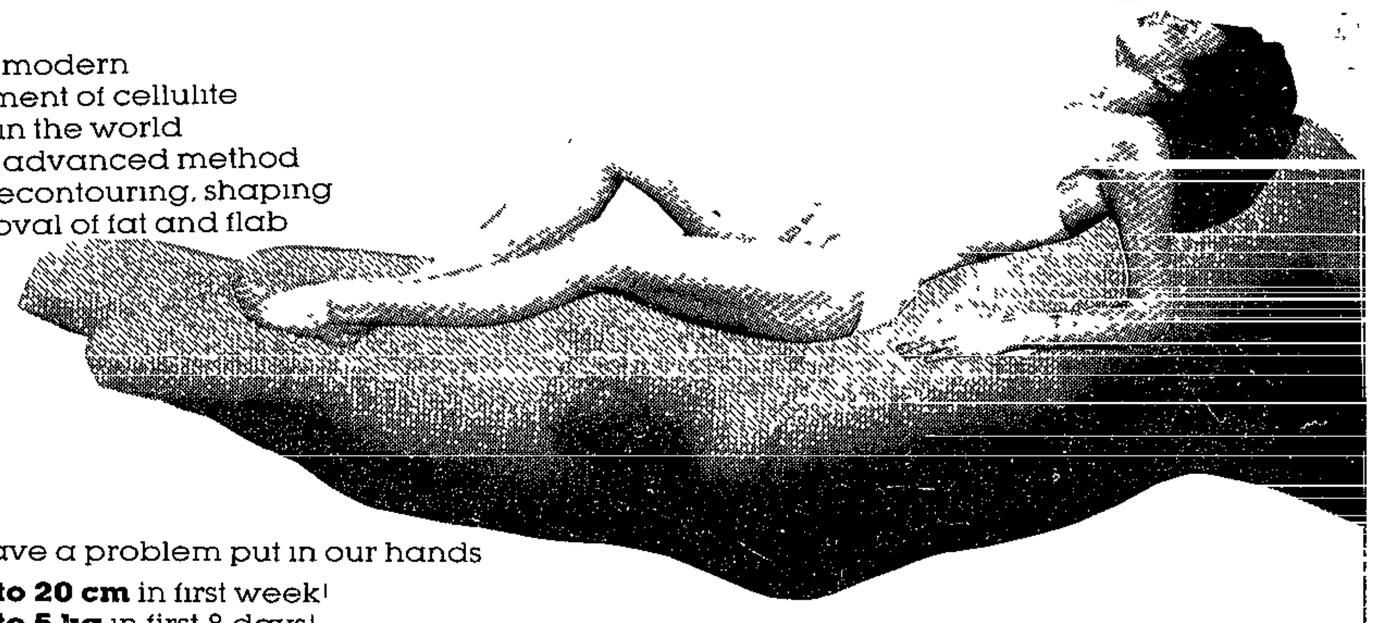

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Tembisa youths go on rampage as East

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The violence which flared in four East Rand townships last week spread to Tembisa today, where a group of youths went on the rampage, stoning a beer hall and setting vehicles alight.

The youths marched through the streets, stoned and set alight a truck near the St Gemmas Catholic School in Tembisa East and burnt two vans outside the Zniko Night Club and a minibus at Enxiweni Section. Nobody was injured.

Police in private cars, buses and army vehicles patrolled the township while some East Rand Development Board police stood guard at the administration offices at Endulwini Section.

In Mamelodi, near Pretoria, a pupil was seriously injured when police took action against students outside Phetabile High School in Mamelodi East. The school has been closed.

Colonel Danie Carlitz was unable to confirm the unrest but acknowledged that police were at schools.

The president of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches, Bishop Simeon Nkoane, has called on the Government to pay "urgent attention" to defusing the situation and has appealed to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, to ensure police exercise restraint.

Mr le Grange said in Cape Town he had ordered an urgent report on the East Rand shootings, adding that he did not wish to blame the police for the deaths at this stage.

Other developments in troubled areas this morning:

● All schools in Soshanguve

Rand violence spreads

were closed. About 10 000 pupils were told to go home when they arrived this morning. They had boycotted classes since last Monday.

● Students were due to return to the Mabopane East Technikon today after deciding at a meeting yesterday to end their three-week boycott. But today guards at the gates turned about 900 of the 1 000 students away because they had not signed the attendance register on the day the boycott started.

● Police have confirmed that the houses of two Soshanguve school committee members, Mr J Letwaba and Mr H Mathobela, were set alight this weekend.

● In the Welkom township of Thabong the three high schools reopened quietly but by noon a dispute had erupted at Teto High and pupils were sent home, a Department of Education and Training spokesman said.

Sharpeville erupts

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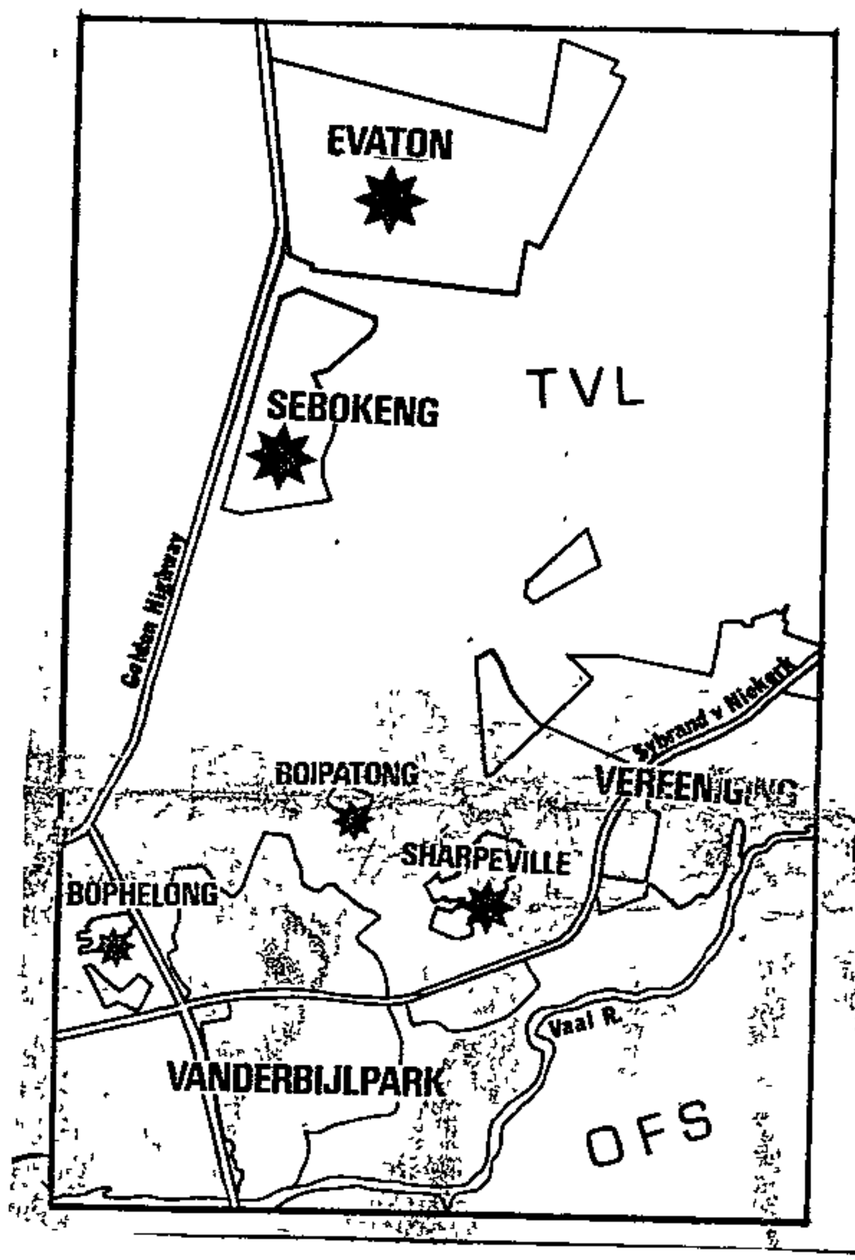
Mayor hacked to death, 2 burnt alive as mob rampages

Staff Reporters

At least three people died in the black townships in the Vaal Triangle today as youths went on the rampage, setting fire to houses, a garage, a bus depot and several cars.



In Sharpeville this morning the deputy mayor of the township, Mr Sam Dlamini, was hacked to death and his body placed under his car which was doused with petrol and set alight. Two youths were shot, apparently by Mr Dlamini, before he died.

Two people died when they were trapped in their burning cars after youths fire-bombed them. Sharpeville was burning in several places today as police cordoned off the area.

Several policemen were injured and a number of youths wounded as police were forced to take action.

Violence was also reported in Sebokeng and Evaton.

In Sharpeville, private homes, a service station, beerhalls, administrative buildings and buses and cars were destroyed by fire. Youths were seen siphoning petrol in many parts of the township to use for fire bombs.

A spokesman for Police Headquarters in Pretoria said today: "In the townships of Sharpeville, Sebokeng and Evaton, rioters stoned buses, police vehicles, private vehicles and homes. A number of policemen were injured, one of them when he was caught by a large mob of rampaging youths.

"Shops and liquor outlets were plundered and set alight and a service station was badly damaged by fire. A bus depot was gutted and beer halls, a school and private vehicles set alight.

"Two people who have not yet been identified were burnt to death when they were trapped in the burning cars."

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Police used rubber bullets and teargas in an attempt to disperse the crowds. On several occasions birdshot was used and a number of youths were injured.

A reporter from *The Star*, Revelation Ntoula, who was on the scene this morning, described the situation.

"Homes of councillors were gutted in Sharpeville today. Many places were burning.

"In Boibateng township nearby, other private houses were burnt down and beer halls looted and set alight. In Bophelong, council offices were burnt down."

Barricades

Early today makeshift barricades were set up in the main road near Sharpeville as youths prevented any vehicles entering the township.

One policeman, who was on the scene this morning, described the situation as "wild".

Residents in the townships said police used large amounts of teargas to disperse the angry crowds who moved from street to street in the anti-rent increase demonstrations which started in the Vaal Triangle complex today.

Star reporter Sol Makgabutlane described the area as a battle zone today as police opened fire on groups of youths. Several people were injured by the buckshot.

Policeman stoned

Pupils told *The Star* that police opened fire on the marchers, leaving many people injured. They said the mob then set on a group of policemen, who fled.

One policeman was cornered, stoned and left seriously injured. He was rushed to hospital.

The SAP single quarters in Sharpville was fire-bombed and a garage on the Golden Highway set alight. Both were extensively damaged.

By mid-afternoon the situation was calmer but very tense. Police reinforcements wearing camouflage uniforms and carrying semi-automatic rifles were brought in by the truckload.

The township was sealed off and journalists were not allowed to enter.

This house, belonging to a Lekoa town councillor, was set on fire shortly before thousands of protesters were dispersed by police.

Dozens of fires seen from the air

Staff Reporter

Dozens of buildings were burning in the township of Evaton and Sebokeng near Vereeniging this afternoon as police moved in with teargas.

In an attempt to control the unrest an army helicopter appeared to be directing police to new scenes of violence, looting and arson.

As *The Star* helicopter approached each burning building hundreds of black residents who appeared to be looting looked up and clenched their fists before running away in various directions.

A beerhall, burning briskly, was surrounded by police as people ran away carrying crates.

Roads leading to various burning shopping centres were littered with large planks and boulders. Police vans picked their way between the debris as they tried to disperse looters.

In front of the Imperial Supermarket a crowd of about 100 had gathered, passing out bags.

Some of the bags had broken, creating a yellow carpet of meal in front of the building. Seconds later flames erupted from the building and police raced towards it.

Further on in Evaton blacks had erected barricades of bricks and big drums across the road as a number of them attacked with axes a safe which had been dragged from a burning grocery store. A yellow police van bore down on them and they ran away.

As more flames came out of another burning building an army helicopter circled the townships, apparently directing police to new scenes of violence.

Shortly before 2 pm dozens of private houses were burning and people were milling around at a loss.

During more than an hour's flying the only police observed inside the townships were in three yellow vans and two riot squad units.

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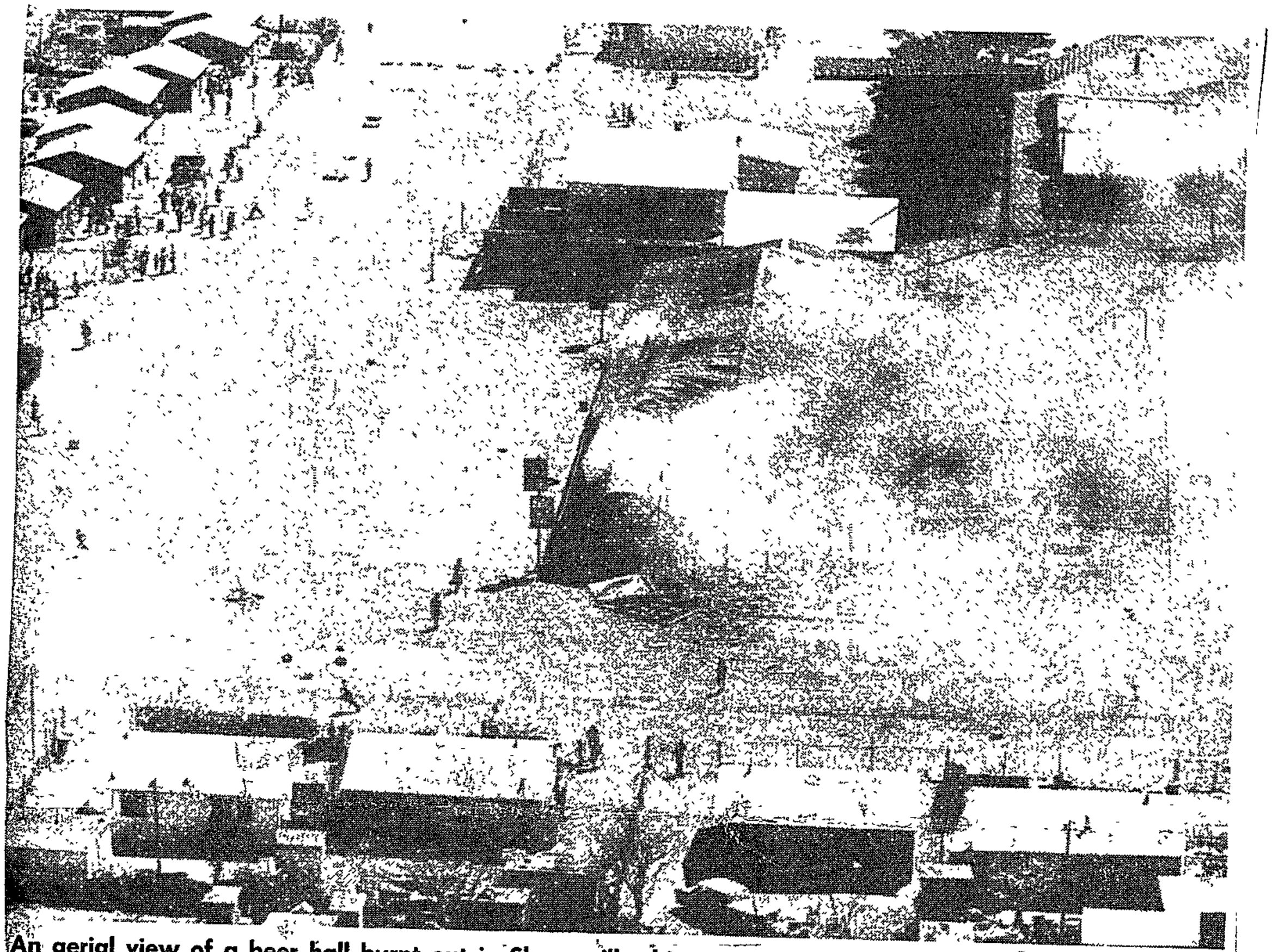

An aerial view of a beer hall burnt out in Sharpeville this morning. Other buildings damaged included a garage, councillors' houses and bottle stores.

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As death toll in township violence reaches six . . .

Minister orders shooting report

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By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

THE Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, has ordered an urgent report on shootings in the trouble-torn East Rand townships where the death toll rose to six at the weekend.

Mr Le Grange said he had information that a small number of children from the age of 10 upwards had been killed, but he did not want to "blame police officers for the shootings yet".

He said the report he had ordered would not be made public and he had no intention of launching a public inquiry.

Mr Le Grange told the Rand Daily Mail yesterday his policy as Minister was that arms should be used sparingly and only when it was "a question of life and death".

He added: "I don't give orders on the spot. That is left to the discretion of senior officers in an unrest situation.

"I don't know if it's the police or not the police," he said concerning the deaths. "All I know is that kids have been killed." He said a full report would be on his desk today.

"At this stage I can't say if more force was used than necessary. I don't know. I have asked for a report because I want to be well-informed.

"Then I'll decide for myself if the force used was warranted or not," he said.

While he was unable to confirm the number of deaths yesterday, the Rand Daily Mail established that the toll since Thursday has risen to six, with 20 injured.

The six include a six-year-old, a 14-year-old, a 19-year-old, and a 22-year-old. Twenty suffered gunshot wounds.

● Dr Frederik van zyl Slabbert, the leader of the Opposition in the House of Assembly, yesterday called on Mr Le Grange to act speedily to curb unnecessary violence and "heavy-handed action" by the authorities.

He said there was no way the education problem would be solved by heavy-handed action.

"More often than not it simply aggravates the very issue that has to be confronted," he said.

● The Witwatersrand Council of Churches yesterday expressed alarm at the violence and at the pace at which events were escalating.

A statement by Bishop Simeon Nkoane, WCC president, said the organisation expressed its "deep concern" at the role played by the police.

I know of unrest plots — Viljoen

By SUE FAULKNER

ANY "plans" to create unrest among students and scholars would fall flat if the Department of Education and Training improved conditions in black education, Mr Ken Andrew, PFP spokesman on education and training, said yesterday.

He was responding to a statement made at the weekend by Dr Gerrit Viljoen, the Minister of Education and Acting Minister of Education and Training, in which he mentioned "plans" to disrupt education.

"The Government was aware of plans to cause further disruption at black schools," Dr Viljoen said.

In his statement, Dr Viljoen called on parents to ensure their children continued their education "in an orderly manner" and did not succumb to pressure from "unscrupulous elements who preach violence and disruption, and practice intimidation".

Reacting to the statement, Mr Andrew said that in the past, Government information had proved to be sadly at variance with the true facts.

But if the Government knew of any "plans", two steps needed to be taken.

The first was to ensure that improved channels of communication between all those involved in black education were introduced as rapidly as possible — if this had not already been done, Mr Andrew said.

"If there are those who plan to encourage disruptive activities, they will not be able to operate in fertile territory in which there is considerable frustration and dissatisfaction among pupils, teachers and the community at large," he said.

In his statement, Dr Viljoen said improvements in the education system were being given serious attention. This included requests for a new and better communication system and complaints about excessive corporal punishment.

"We are firmly committed to securing equal education opportunities and standards for all population groups, and this process will not be adversely affected by any measures due to the present economic situation.

"In view of these commitments, I am particualrly perturbed . . . by the disruption of children which has been motivated largely by political considerations," he said.

Spokesmen for the Department of Education and Training were not available last night for further comment.

CALL FOR RESTRAINT

TWO prominent organisations yesterday reacted strongly to the unrest in the Vaal where at least nine people died.

The Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) and the Federation of South African Women (Fedsaw) called for restraint and expressed solidarity with the black masses involved.

Said Azapo's Zithulele Cindi and Imram Moosa: "Events in the Vaal complex are not divorced from the countrywide upheavals against rent increases, Local Authorities Act, school boycotts and the attendant demand and the rejection of the sham new deal by the black people. All these represent black dissent and opposition to all forms of legislation that is designed to dispossess them of their inalienable heritage — the land.

Azapo

"This is an indictment against the new deal that the so-called parliamentarians should be meeting today against such a background — East Rand, Lenasia, Crossroads and the Vaal complex — to decide on the ordering of lives of millions without their consent."

Azapo said people would continue to register their opposition and "rejection of this inhuman and unrepresentative regime and its institutions". "We of Azapo pledge solidarity with black people throughout the country," the statement ended.

Ms Esther Maleka of Fedsaw said her organisation called on the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, to "stop his men from their actions, the harassment of children and the detention of UDF leaders and activists".

"We are still mourning the children killed in Tembisa, Soshanguve, Parys and Daveyton, and now the spotlight is on the Vaal. We demand a stop to all police action," she said.

Fatal shots at Sun City: man is held

A 26-year-old Randfontein man is to appear before a Mogwase, Bophuthatswana, magistrate tomorrow morning following the fatal shooting of a 47-year-old American in a Sun City hotel room early yesterday morning.

A Bophuthatswana police spokesman in Mafikeng declined to give details of the shooting, saying the case was sub judice.

"But a suspect will appear before the magistrate at Mogwase tomorrow, probably on a charge of murder," he said today

The dead man, whose name has not yet been released as his next of kin have not been informed, was reported to be concluding a business deal with a man at 4 am yesterday when seven shots were fired

Sun City security officials arrived at the scene and police later arrested a man, taking possession of a pistol

Rumours that a large quantity of drugs was involved in the case could not be confirmed, but local narcotics police were reported to be connected with the investigation

The suspect is being held at the Mogwase police cells near Sun City Mr Peter Wagner, Sun City complex director, emphasised that the shooting had had nothing to do with Sun City.

The Star's Pretoria Correspondent says that the dead man, who was in his mid-40s, came from North Carolina and a Randfontein man was arrested at Boons, in the Western Transvaal, late yesterday.

Stroke killed liver swap man

By Pamela Kleinot, Medical Reporter

The death of liver transplant patient Commander Rick Vorster (45) on Friday was unrelated to his liver transplant — he died of a stroke

The stroke was caused by the dislodging of a clot from a heart attack, according to a post mortem report made available today

The report showed that Commander Vorster, who had a heart attack some years ago, had suffered another recently.

It had been complicated by the thrombus (clot), which had caused the fatal stroke.

His liver was found to be normal at the autopsy.

Commander Vorster died 50 days after undergoing the transplant.

He had been recovering well until last Tuesday, when he was admitted to the Johannesburg Hospital.

Chairman quits 'to protect family'

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The chairman of the Tembisa Parents' Interim Committee, Mr S M Namane, has resigned

He said yesterday he had done so to ensure his family's safety Mr Namane's house was burnt by angry pupils last week, causing damage estimated at R6 000.

Classes were disrupted in the troubled Tembisa township yesterday when a group of youths went from school to school to seek pupil support and then went on the rampage, stoning cars and a beer hall .

In Mamelodi East, more than 20 pupils from Rethabile Secondary School were treated for injuries after they claimed they were beaten by the police in their classrooms

In Mamelodi, students told *The Star* that they were in their classes at about 11 00 am yesterday when a group of youths stoned the roof of the school and demanded that they leave their classrooms

"A group of policemen arrived and chased some students who remained outside the classrooms and later came for those of us who were still in the classrooms," said a pupil claiming to have been injured by a police baton

Colonel J Venter of the police public relations division in Pretoria denied that children were beaten up in the classrooms

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Shattered townships, shattered people . . .

SA riots make front page news

The Star Bureau

LONDON — The riots in South Africa share the front page in most Fleet Street newspapers today with the miners' strike and the TUC conference.

The name Sharpeville is used in several headlines. One paper, the London *Daily Mail*, uses it on its own across three columns on an inside page.

Several papers recall the bloody events there in 1960. *The Times*, which heads its three-column report on the front page, "Deputy mayor hacked to death as Sharpeville rioting erupts", says the township has "one of the most emotive names in recent South African history".

Correspondent Michael Hornsby describes the rioting as "the most sustained and serious black unrest since the Soweto riots of 1976, which started in much the same way and continued for a year, claiming about 600 lives.

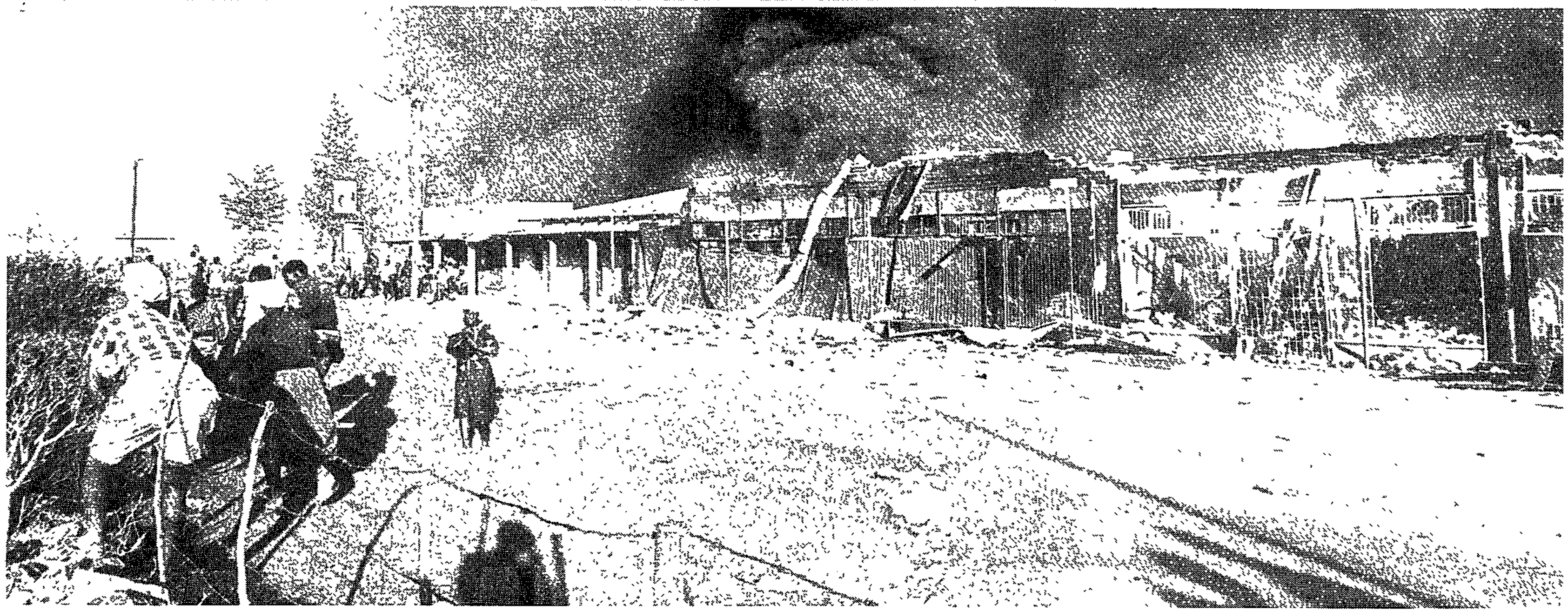
"It has provided the worst possible backdrop for the introduction of South Africa's new constitution".

Most correspondents believe the immediate cause of the unrest is anger over rent increases and discontent with the quality of black education, but consider that the new constitution's exclusion of blacks could also be a reason.

David Beresford of *The Guardian* says the black townships have been "simmering for weeks.

"The rioters appear to be turning against black councillors because of their identification with unpopular measures like the rent increases.

"The Government has been giving power to black community councils in the townships in an attempt to distance themselves from such issues."



Clouds of black smoke stretched several kilometres over ric[illegible]n Eastonville in Evaton yesterday.

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Overturned dustbins and rocks litter the road in Sharpeville as people return to the streets. They had run into houses when three police vehicles drove down the road.

Bystanders assist a young woman who fainted after being overcome by teargas fired by police in Evaton.

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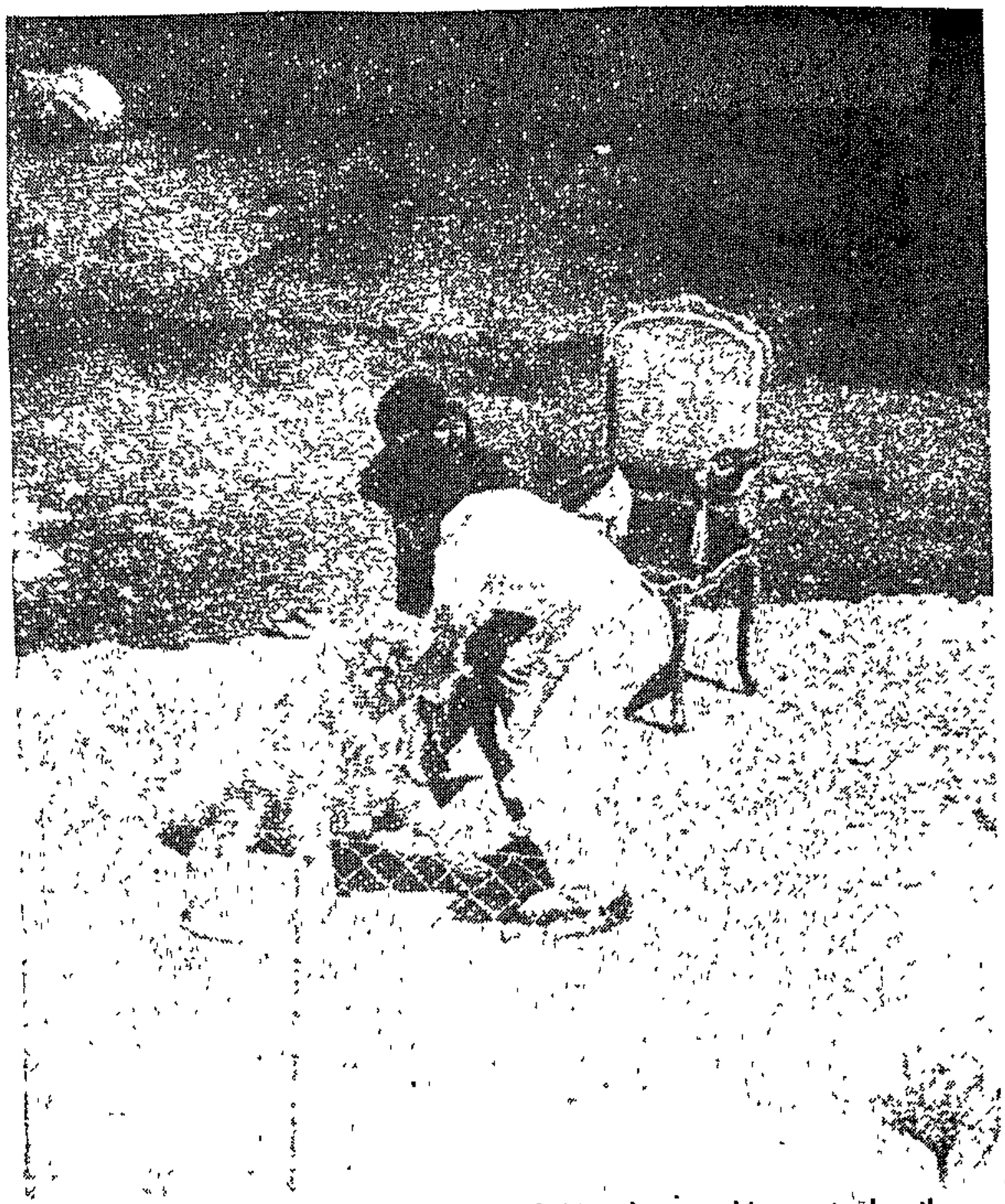


Amid the violence that flared in the Vaal Triangle townships yesterday there were few recorded instances of compassion — but Star photographer Clive Lloyd captured one: a dog was tethered in front of a flaming house in Evaton, obviously petrified and straining at its leash to get away. Two men, braving the flames, rushed in, freed the dog and then with a friendly wave at the photographer walked away.

TOWNSHIP UNREST IN BRIEF

PFP demands urgent riot probe

CAPE TOWN — The Official Opposition has demanded an urgent top-level inquiry into yesterday's riots in the Vaal triangle, which left 14 dead and devastated several black satellite towns.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, was not available for comment this morning

Mrs Helen Suzman, Progressive Federal Party spokesman on law and order, said today that Mr le Grange should launch an immediate inquiry into the unrest.

"The last thing we need now is widespread riots and unrest in the black townships.

"The greatest care should be taken before any further provocation in the form of higher charges is imposed on people already sorely taxed by inflation and rising unemployment

"The police must exercise the utmost restraint in handling disturbances, and only their most experienced men should be sent to deal with this situation," Mrs Suzman said.

Car of Vereeniging Mayoress stoned

The Mayoress of Vereeniging, Mrs Louisa Meyer, a teacher at a secondary school in Sebokeng, narrowly escaped injury when her car was stoned by a large crowd of youths in the area yesterday morning

Mrs Meyer said she was on her way to the school with two schoolgirls when the incident happened.

"As we were approaching the post office in Sebokeng, a large crowd of youths suddenly appeared in the road and started throwing stones at the car.

"I accelerated and sped off until we reached the Golden Highway," she said

● Residents in the white residential area of Bedworth Park, about 2 km away from Sharpeville, said they were living in fear of their lives after incidents of stone-throwing and violence at a nearby supermarket in the suburb.

People of all ages involved in violence

A striking feature of yesterday's unrest in the Vaal Triangle's black townships was the varied ages of people taking part

In most other black areas, youths are the driving force in riots — but yesterday almost everyone took part.

There were young children, teenagers (who were in the majority), as well as adult men and women.

In one section of Evaton, *The Star* found at least nine people overcome by teargas — including at least three middle-aged people

Outside the destroyed shopping centre belonging to Mr Esau Mahlatsi, Mayor of Sebokeng, there were groups of boys younger than eight, displaying "Black Power" salutes

A middle-aged Sharpeville woman, who asked not to be identified, told *The Star* the increased rents affected everyone, both young and old

"We had to act to show our anger," she said.

Prayers offered for troubled townships

Bishops and priests at the Johannesburg Regional Synod of the Anglican Church, held in Parkmore, yesterday adjourned proceedings to visit the trouble-torn townships in the Vaal Triangle to offer prayers for the community.

The Bishop of Johannesburg, the Rt Rev Timothy Bavin, and two suffragan bishops, the Rt Rev S Ndwandwe and the Rt Rev Simeon Nkoane, said prayers at St Michael's Anglican Church in Sebokeng and at St Cyprian's Anglican Church in Sharpeville.

Looting blamed on 'opportunists'

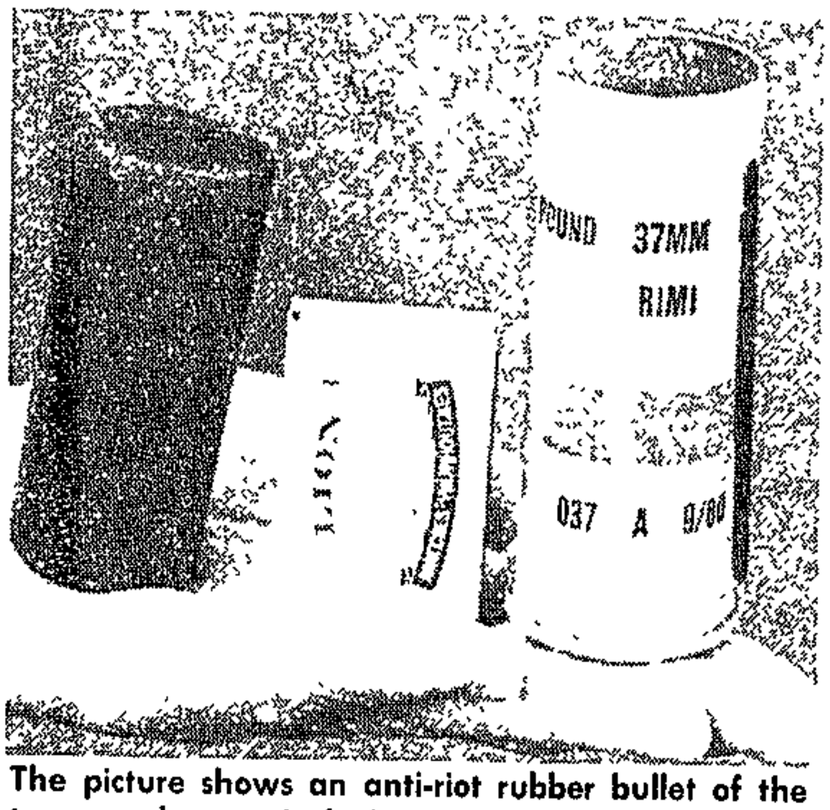
Indian traders whose shops were looted and set on fire in Evaton and Sebokeng yesterday said the act came as a major blow after their "long-standing solidarity with residents".

They said they believed the move had not been planned by residents, but had been initiated by a "band of opportunists and arsonists"

A trader who did not want to be identified said he understood only one of the 40 Indian shops in the area had been left intact.

"Without our shops, residents are going to be forced to go to town and buy at inflated prices," he said.

The trader said the Indian people had provided ample proof during elections for the House of Delegates last week that they were not supporters of apartheid



The picture shows an anti-riot rubber bullet of the type used extensively in attempts to quell yesterday's violence. The projectile (left) fits into the casing (right) and is fired by a teargas grenade launcher.

How the tension built up

By Revelation Ntoula

The uprising against civil authority in the Vaal Triangle, which yesterday left at least 14 people dead and several others seriously wounded, is the culmination of tension which has been rising for a month.

It started in the Vaal townships last month when the Lekoa Town Council announced an average rent increase of R6 on council-owned houses, effective from September 1.

The increases, said Lekoa Mayor Mr Esau Mahlatsi, were necessary because of rising costs in refuse removal, water and electricity.

Organisations such as the Sharpeville Anti-Rent Committee, the Vaal Civic Association, the United Democratic Front, the Congress of Students of South Africa, the Azanian Peoples' Organisation, the Vaal Women's Organisation and local trade unions resolved to ignore the increases Vaal Triangle residents were already paying an average of R70 a month, they said.

Residents decided to hold a mass demonstration against the increases yesterday The decision led to a sharp clash between the council and clergymen whom the council accused of fomenting unrest by allowing the resisting organisations to hold meetings in church halls.

The council later issued a written directive forbidding such meetings. The churchmen ignored the order:

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Evaton Indians' loss R25-m

By Yussuf Nazeer

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."

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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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Police find 12 more bodies: unrest spreads to Welkom

Township rioting leaves 26 dead

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As the death toll from yesterday's bloody violence in the Vaal townships grew to 26 there was sporadic stone-throwing and more looting today.

Police today discovered 12 more bodies in the riot-torn areas after South Africa's bloodiest day since the 1976 riots.

Four people were found strangled to death early this morning behind a plundered garage in Sharpeville while another man was found stabbed near the home of the township's deputy mayor, Mr Sam Dlamini, who was murdered yesterday.

An unidentified man was found burned to death in a bottle store.

Other members of the town council are believed to have gone into hiding but this could not be confirmed. Chairman of the Lekoa Town Council, Mr Esau Mahlatsi, who was reported dead this morning has been found alive.

Police confirmed that 38 civilians and eight policemen had been injured.

Thirty five people have been arrested for public violence and housebreaking.

The unrest has spread to Welkom and police used teargas to disperse groups of youths in as "very erratic and very minimal", was operating in the Vaal area.

Yesterday's violence centred on Sharpeville where, in 1960, 69 people were killed by the police in an incident that shocked the world

Reporters from *The Star* drove through Sharpeville at dawn today and, although sporadic shots could be heard and some people were beginning to line the streets, the situation was calm

A policeman on duty at the Development vate vehicles and the homes of most township officials Shops and liquor outlets were plundered and set alight

Throughout the day police used rubber bullets, teargas and smoke grenades but, as the rioting worsened yesterday afternoon, they started to use live ammunition.

Makeshift barricades of burning tyres and concrete pillars were placed across the access roads to Sharpeville and other townships and police armoured vehicles patrolled the areas, ling the townships

At least seven armoured troop-carriers were seen to enter Sharpeville just before sunset

The violence which flared in four East Rand townships last week spread to Tembisa yesterday and a gang of youths went on a rampage, stoning beer halls and setting cars alight No one was injured in the incidents

From the air over Sharpeville yesterday, thick palls of black smoke were seen coming

Huge flames billow from an Evaton trader's shop during yesterday's disturbances. Townships in the Vaal Triangle smouldered as angry residents burnt down properties belonging to the Orange-Vaal Development Board and the Lekoa Town Council.

Reports by Mike Cohen, Sol Mak

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race meeting at the Vaal tomorrow: BEST BET — Petit Prince in the third race and BEST EACHWAY BET — Chutzpah in the fifth.

Pushed into the red

Civil judgments for debt totalling over R27 million were handed down by South African courts in May this year.

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Baby shock

An air stewardess had the biggest shock of her life during a stopover in Qatar — she gave birth to a 2,7 kg baby she didn't even know she was carrying

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TUC backing

The Trades Union Congress yesterday pledged total support for Britain's striking coalminers

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Illegal liquor

Most of South Africa's discos are running the risk of police raids as they operate illegally to beat a booze ban.

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Queen story

Peter Feldman is in London to interview members of supergroup Queen and other rock stars for Tonight! His first column appears today.

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Captain Tienie Halgryn, police liason officer at the scene of the Vaal Triangle violence, said that several shops had been looted and it appeared that a "criminal element" had taken over.

Yesterday, people were hacked to death and burnt alive while others were shot dead by police as out-of-control mobs went on the ram page, looting shops and businesses, burning buildings and cars and stoning vehicles.

This morning a token bus service, described

converted into a police station, said early this morning that all was quiet Later in the day reports of sporadic stone throwing, looting and arson were received

In the townships, gunfire went on late into the night as police manned roadblocks at the outskirts of the trouble spots. Every five minutes police received radio reports from various areas telling of unrest, looting and arson.

Rioters stoned buses, police vehicles, pri-

In Boibateng, private homes were burnt down and beer halls looted and set alight. In Bophhelong, council offices were burnt down Three shops belonging to Indian businessmen in Evaton were looted and then burnt to the ground

Late yesterday afternoon, police were forced to bring in reinforcements from as far afield as the Northern Transvaal. Counter-insurgency units manned armoured cars patrol-

More than 60 buildings were reported to have been destroyed in the rioting.

The unrest in the Vaal Triangle coincided with a call from various organisations for a stayaway in protest against higher rents and increases in electricity charges imposed by the recently appointed local authority.

The violence also coincides with the introduction of the new constitution which excludes the country's 73 percent black majority.

van Staden, Neville Gotwalt, Stuart Flitton and Susan Fleming.

Pictures by Alf Kumalo, Clive Lloyd and Gideon Mendel.

More reports, pictures — Pages 3 and 4 World section and Page 1 Metro section.

Hospitals under pressure as 300 are brought in

Ambulances were seen this morning ferrying the injured victims from the Vaal Triangle's riot-torn townships to the Sebokeng Hospital at an ever-increasing tempo.

Many extra mattresses have been sent to the hospital to accommodate the injured, believed to number about 300

A spokesman for police headquarters in Pretoria said this morning that 26 people had died, and confirmed that eight policemen and 38 civilians had been injured.

Police have instructed hospitals in the Sharpeville area not to release any figures of casualties admitted after yesterday's unrest.

Dr J van der Vyver, superintendent of Sebokeng Hospital, said they had been "extremely busy" from the early hours of yesterday morning. Special teams had been called out to deal with casualties.

"The police have clamped down on us and instructed us not to tell the Press anything," he said.

He added that more than 10 patients had been transferred to Baragwanath Hospital as Sebokeng Hospital was overflowing with patients

A spokesman for Baragwanath could not confirm the number of injured people treated at the hospital as they had received the same instruction not to talk to the Press

The Mayor of the Lekoa Town Council, Mr Esau Mahlatsi, who was feared to have died in the violence, was found alive today

Speculation was rife that he had been killed by rampaging mobs

But this was discounted by witnesses today. They said Mr Mahlatsi escaped with minor injuries.

One resident said workers at the local pass office said Mr Mahlatsi had come to the office with injuries to his arms.

It was thought that Mr Mahlatsi spent last night at the nearby police headquarters just outside the township

Police confirmed today that he had been found alive

He was reported to have booked in at the Riverside Holiday Inn in Vanderbijlpark.

But investigations by *The Star* showed this report to be unfounded.

Mr Mahlatsi's name did not appear in the list of guests at the hotel

SAAN board split after a major row

By Peter Farley

A major row has broken out over the management of SA Associated Newspapers, which has provoked a massive split on the company's board

As a result of figures presented at last month's board meeting, Mr Jim Bailey, a major shareholder and director, is selling the 13,5 percent stake in SAAN controlled by himself and his family trust.

The company's worsening financial position was recently highlighted by SAAN MD Mr Clive Kinsley when he warned that a further substantial reduction in the dividend could be expected at the end of the year. Last month SAAN cut its dividend for the first time in 10 years.

The position now appears to have worsened rapidly.

It is understood that Mr Bailey decided to pull out after the rest of the board could offer no proposals that would stem the worsening losses on many of the group's publications.

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Craven peace call to TRFU rebels

By Michael Chester and Russell Gault

Dr Danie Craven, veteran president of the South African Rugby Board, today made a dramatic intervention in the Ellis Park saga with an appeal to warring factions to make a peace pact.

He also called on players of all 13 rebel clubs who have walked out of the Transvaal Rugby Football Union to stay in the provincial side if selected.

Dr Craven issued a statement in Stellenbosch insisting that the players were still eligible for selection.

The intervention may have saved the Transvaal selectors the nightmare of trying to pick a team to meet the Free State in Bloemfontein on Saturday from only three clubs that have not joined the rebellion

The 13 rugby clubs demanded — and got — the resignation of former president Mr Jannie le Roux .

They are insisting on the resignation of the Transvaal Rugby Union's entire executive and immediate changes to the TRFU constitution

Mr Luyt, whose day-old administration looks increasingly under pressure, was trying to arrange a meeting with the 13 clubs.

"I want them to understand we must talk. I want the same things they want. I agree the clubs should have more say in the union, that they should be able to oust people who don't do their jobs properly."

While the frantic efforts were being made to get more discussions underway, *The Star* was told that Mr Luyt's deputy, Dr J Poolman, was likely to resign later today.

Mr Luyt said he didn't believe it would happen.

He angrily refuted claims that he was a stooge of the "Le Roux clique" in the union.

"I am no one's puppet and certainly not Le Roux's puppet," he said. "He's out. Out.

"My aim is to get back to

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Public to decide on embryos

The Star's Foreign News Service

SYDNEY — The fate of the world's first orphaned test-tube embryos hung in the balance of public opinion yesterday after a committee recommended that they should be allowed to die.

The tiny specks of human life, orphaned after their wealthy parents were killed in a plane crash, are lying in deep freeze at a Melbourne hospital

A special committee of doctors, clergymen and laymen discussing test-tube issues recommended that a stored embryo should simply be removed from storage in any case of "accident, death, or disillusion", when no indication had been given on its fate.

California property owner Mr Mario Rios (57) and his wife Elsa (40) had left no instructions about the fate of the embryos.

Yesterday Attorney-General Mr Jim Kennan said the embryos would remain in storage for three months while the state government made a decision on the report. He said the government wanted to see how the community responded to the recommendations.

Tanks for the shopping trip

NOTTINGHAM — British Army gunner Michael Derby stopped traffic yesterday when he took his sister, Gillian (16), shopping in a 17 ton army tank.

The gunner (18) said he was just keeping a promise to take his sister shopping.

"I told Gillian I would just go and pick up the car to take her into town. When she saw the tank, she nearly fell on the floor," he said. — Sapa-Associated Press.

He had a lotto luck — R60 million worth

CHICAGO — A printer beat huge odds to win the biggest lottery jackpot in North American history — a R60 million prize that means about R3,3 million a year for the next 20 years.

Mr Michael Wittkowski (28), of Chicago, said yesterday he "jumped up and screamed" when he realised he had won the Illinois State lotto game.

Mr Wittkowski, who works for a cheque-printing company, was the only player who picked the six winning numbers after a week of frenzied ticket-buying by people across the United States.

He said he had no immediate plans for the money, except for "paying off a few bills" and will return to his printing job tomorrow, where he earns about R3 000 a month. — Sapa- Associated Press.

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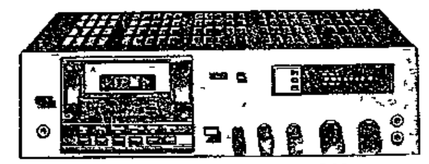

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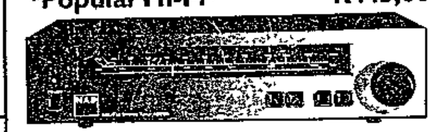

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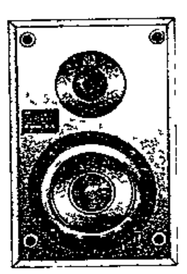

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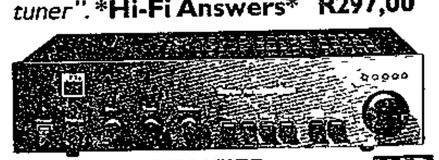

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Gales delay Mont Louis salvage

The Star Bureau

LONDON — Gales and a 5 m swell are hampering salvage operations on the French freighter Mont Louis, lying on her side off Ostend with a cargo of uranium hexafluoride

During a relative lull at low tide yesterday, which exposed the ship's side, Dutch divers cut a 15 m by 3 m hole in the hull from which they hope today to move a trailer which is blocking access to the uranium

Analysis has shown that liquid in a container lifted out on Sunday is acidic, but not contaminated by fluoride or uranium.

Thirty of the containers aboard the ship, which was on her way to the Soviet Union when she collided with a passenger ferry, are filled with corrosive uranium which would react violently in contact with sea water

Scientists and lawyers say the Mont Louis could become "another Torrey Canyon"

The Torrey Canyon, which went aground in the Channel in 1967 carrying 118 000 tons of crude oil, alerted the public to the dangers of oil pollution at sea

The loss of the Mont Louis's radioactive cargo could have a similar impact, says Dr Viktor Sebek, secretary of the Advisory Commission on Pollution of the Sea

The commission has called for regulations requiring "the notification of movements of ships carrying nuclear materials and other toxic cargoes."

Mark Phillips in car crash

The Star Bureau

LONDON — Captain Mark Phillips, 38-year-old husband of Princess Anne, was saved by his seat belt when his Range Rover was involved in a head-on crash on his way home from an equestrian meeting

A front wheel was sheared off his vehicle, but he was unhurt.

He then gave help to the driver of the other vehicle, 18-year-old professional soccer player Andrew Greenhalgh, who had

The Star Bureau

LONDON — Blonde air stewardess Mrs Susan Mackie has arrived home cuddling the 2,7 kg baby she described as "the biggest shock of my life".

Mrs Mackie said she had been stunned to find herself giving birth to baby David alone and without medical help in an hotel room in the Middle East.

Happy event caught Sue on the hop

"I had no idea I was pregnant," she said at Heathrow Airport last night.

Mrs Mackie, who is single and comes from Aberdeen, had the baby during a one-night stopover at Doha in Qatar.

David's arrival — five days ago — could have led to her arrest for having an illegitimate child, she said. Qatar regards sex for single women as a serious criminal offence.

Mrs Mackie, who is keeping the name of David's father secret, has been suspended from her job with Gulf Air.

Her first thought on going into labour was that she had caught a stomach bug.

"I was all on my own but it wasn't difficult. It was just natural," she added.

Medical experts said that a woman who travelled by air a great deal could have an irregular menstrual cycle.

She would thus be less likely to realise she was pregnant.

A Gulf Air spokesman said there was no evidence of pregnancy when Mrs Mackie, in her 20s, was examined in January for the renewal of her flying licence.

TUC decision brings national conflict closer

By John D'Oliveira
of the Star Bureau

BRIGHTON — The Trades Union Congress edged Britain closer to widespread industrial unrest yesterday when it offered striking coal miners "total support" in their battle against the National Coal Board.

An overwhelming majority of the 1 000 delegates to the TUC conference here decided their members should not move coal or coke across miners' picket lines, use fuel which had already been taken across picket lines or use oil substituted for coal.

There were dissenting voices, however, and spokesmen for two of the most important unions, the electricians and the power station engineers and managers, told jeering, booing, cat-calling delegates emphatically that their members would not obey the call.

The Iron and Steel Trades Confederation abstained because it wanted to consult its members — who will almost certainly confirm the union's opposition to strike action.

The rejection by the two unions deprives the striking miners of action that could bring Britain to its knees within days, if not hours.

But the mood at the conference after the vote was one of optimism — especially after it had been announced that the Coal Board had asked the National Union of Mineworkers to resume negotiations on a settlement.

Neverthless, spokesmen for both sides were on record within hours as saying that they would not move from their existing positions.

Although miners flocked to Brighton to demonstrate outside the conference, anticipated violence never materialised — probably because the miners were certain of TUC support.

Mr Bill Sirs of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, has already warned that the TUC's action could lead to a general strike

Most conference delegates seemed certain the miners' strike would be resolved before any wider action was necessary.

Mr Neil Kinnock . . caught in a double bind.

Kinnock stuck in the middle

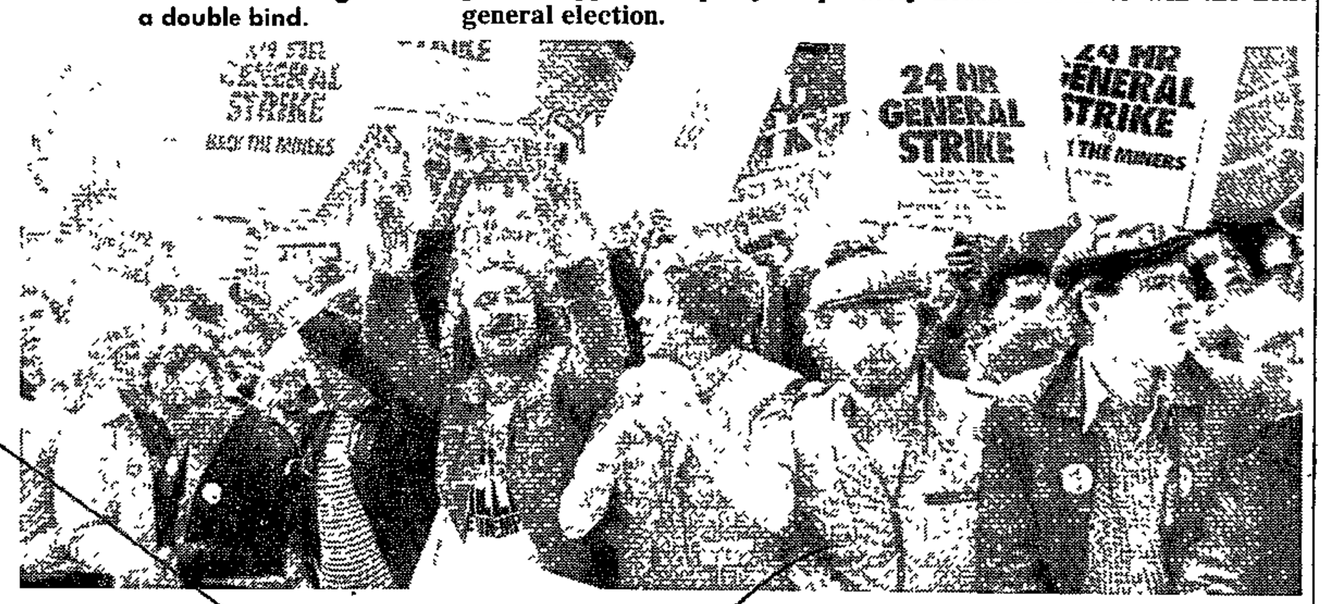
The Star's Foreign News Service

BRIGHTON (England) — When Labour Party leader Mr Neil Kinnock addresses the Trades Union Congress here today he will be in an almost impossible situation.

Before him he will have the assembled might of a trade union movement which largely finances his party and which assured his election as leader last October. It has also endorsed the six-month-old coal miners' strike.

Mr Kinnock knows that there is widespread public opposition to the miners' strike. But if he does not associate himself closely with the strike, he risks losing considerable support within the trade union movement and Labour's left wing.

If he supports the strike, he will almost certainly lose some of the public support his party desperately needs if it is to win the next general election.



Striking miners gather outside the Conference Centre in Brighton as the Trades Union Congress meets. The congress decided to give the miners unlimited support in their 26-week-old battle.

Unions to call for sanctions against SA

By John D'Oliveira

BRIGHTON — Britain's Trades Union Congress will on Thursday demand the imposition of mandatory United Nations economic sanctions against South Africa.

The representatives of 10 million British workers will also commit themselves to ensuring that there will be no repeat of Mr P W Botha's "disgraceful" visit to Britain.

These are two of the main points in a composite resolution that will almost certainly receive unanimous support from the more then 1 000 conference delegates.

Seconded by the Transport and General Workers' Union, the resolution calls for South Africa's economic and diplomatic isolation "to force an end to apartheid".

The resolution also:

- **Reaffirms the TUC's "abhorrence of the racist apartheid regime in South Africa".**
- **Condemns the English Rugby Union for a tour of South Africa that "gave credibilty to the racist regime".**

Dockers to vote

The Star Bureau

LONDON — The Port of London Authority has ordered a secret ballot on whether its 3 300 registered dockers want to return to work.

Thie poll was announced yesterday as further cracks appeared in the 10-day-old national dock strike.

Three die in Montreal bomb blast on eve of Pope's visit

MONTREAL — A bomb, possibly linked to next week's visit by Pope John Paul II, exploded in a locker in Montreal's main railway station yesterday, killThousands of people were heading home at the end of Canada's Labour Day weekend and the station was crowded. It was closed after the blast.

Brigham (65), believed to be from Rochester, New York, in connection with anonymous notes threatening the Pope that were posted to the station and to

Mr Brigham was arrested after a Canadian Press reporter said he told her in an interview at the station that he had posted letters threatening the Pope.

first representative to the Vatican"

Pope John Paul is to arrive in Quebec City from Rome next

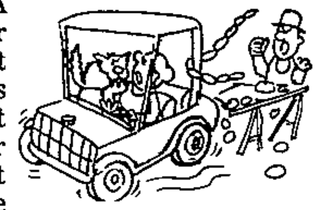
across Canada on

WORLD AT A GLANCE

Typhoon and ... storm kill 159

TOKYO — Clouds that d ...ped torrential rains on the Central Korean Peninsula over t e past three days moved southward yesterday, leaving 90 people dead, while at least 69 were killed as "Typhoon Ike" battered the Philippines South Korea's Home Ministry reported that 45 people were missing and 106 were injured, while the National Disaster Relief Headquarters said 11 220 houses were destroyed or flooded by the rain and 92 423 people were left homeless. — Sapa-Associated Press.

Cat's bite cost her R50 000



WUPPERTAL (West Germany) — A 56-year-old woman faces a bill for R50 000 in damages after her cat bit her, police said yesterday. The cat was left in the woman's car while she went shopping When she returned, it bit her arm as she drove off The woman lost control, rammed a parked car and demolished a sausage stand, which dragged a fish-frying stand down with it, burning an assistant with boiling fat. A 21-year-old passer-by fainted and the woman's car was a write-off. — Reuter.

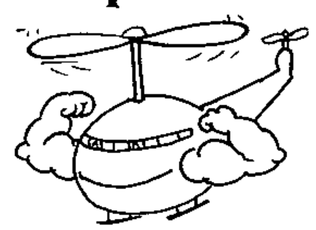
Children watch TV 10 hours a day

LONDON — Children often spend up to 10 hours a day watching television during the holidays and at weekends, a teacher claims. Even during the week, many watch for four hours daily, says Mr John Simms who conducted a survey at a Midlands school where he is head of English. — The Star Bureau.

Huge forest fires under control

NEW YORK — Thousands of firefighters have finally brought under control most of the 18 forest and brush fires which swept across Montana over the last week. The fires killed one firefighter, caused hundreds of people to leave their homes, destroyed 34 homes and ranches in Hawk Creek, and burnt out hundreds of thousands of hectares of forest and rangeland, said officials. Only four of the fires are still raging. — The Star Bureau.

Plan to build giant helicopter



FARNBOROUGH — Boeing, the American aircraft manufacturer, announced plans yesterday to build a 70-ton helicopter — the largest in the world. The Heavy Lift Research Vehicle, scheduled for 1988, will be able to lift 35 tons, it was announced at the biennial Farnborough International Air Show. It will have a glass pod underneath to aid control while lifting cargo. — Sapa-Associated Press.

Iranian shoplifters face death

MIDDLESBROUGH — Three Iranian women studying chemical engineering at Teesside Polytechnic college yesterday pleaded guilty to shoplifting They face execution if they are returned to Iran. The magistrate sentenced them to two months' jail and recommended they be deported. The Home Office will consider the deportation recommendation. — Sapa-Associated Press

Record 3-m pilgrims for Mecca

MECCA — A record three million Muslims will march 25 km to the slopes of Mount Arafat from this holy city today for the climax of their annual pilgrimage. The white-robed pilgrims, the largest number yet to assemble in the 1 400-year history of ... ritua , will blanket t e plain. — Sapa-Reuter.

traffic until the police arrived.

Both Captain Phillips and Mr Greenhalgh were breathalysed, but the tests proved negative

at least 41

The blast sent fragments of metal and glass tearing into a queue of about 150 people waiting to board a train for Ottawa

locker area. Police said the bomb must have been placed in an upper locker, because the ceiling was scorched.

Police arrested Mr Thomas

and Montreal during last week, said Detective Sergeant Jacques Grondines He said Mr Brigham would also be questioned about the bombing

saying: "I saw the clock. It said 10.17 and that is important because it has been 117 years since the Americans delegated their

Montreal by train on Monday but at a station a block from Central Station where the bomb exploded

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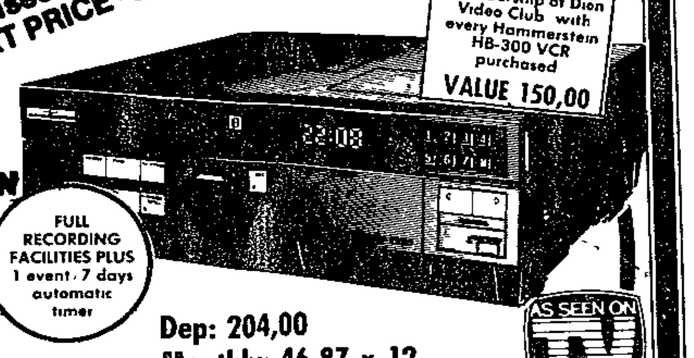

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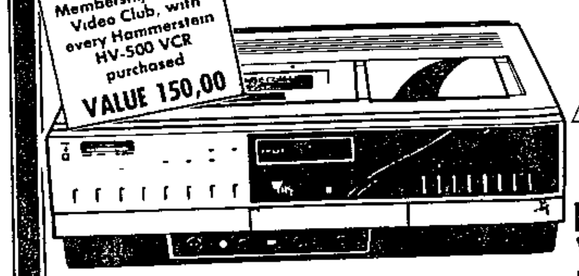

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Brazil's Senna to join Team Lotus

Britain's Formula One Grand Prix sponsor, John Player Special, said yesterday it would continue its long-running sponsorship of Team Lotus.

Team manager Peter Warr also said the Brazilian driver, Ayrton Senna, would join the team for the 1985 and 1986 seasons.

Senna (24) completed contractual terms with Team Lotus prior to the Dutch GP but will continue to drive for Toleman for the rest of the season.

The Brazilian made his Formula One debut earlier this year and finished sixth in his second Grand Prix, the South African. But he showed himself as championship material by finishing second in Monaco and then backed that up with an excellent third in the British GP at Brands Hatch last month.

Senna's career has closely followed that of his compatriot, Emerson Fittipaldi, who won the World Championship at the wheel of a John Player Special in 1972. Like Emerson, Senna's first contract with racing in Britain was at the Snetterton track.

Also mirroring Fittipaldi's career, Senna has won in every category he has entered He has won Formula Ford, Formula Ford 2 000 and last year's British Formula 3 titles on his way up.

Senna said: "I was brought up on stories of Emerson's victories in the JPS team It is great now to be joining that team with so much history. With them and their excellent car, I hope to start winning in Formula One. I am sorry to leave the Toleman team, but this is a new opportunity for me." — Sapa.

SA may have to act to end MNR impasse

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The Star's Foreign News Service

MAPUTO — The search for an end to the protracted conflict between the Frelimo Government and the Mozambique National Resistance movement seems to have come to a temporary halt.

A further intervention by South Africa may be needed to end the impasse.

OPPOSES DEMANDS

According to diplomatic sources, President Samora Machel remains firmly opposed to MNR demands for a place in the government and restoration of property and posts held before Mozambique's independence in 1975.

He is refusing to accept responsibility for MNR members, whether leaders or rank and file, who are outside the country.

Mozambique's hopes that Pretoria would "deliver" the MNR seem to have been disappointed. At the same time, President Machel is said to have accepted South African denials that it had violated the Nkomati Accord.

South Africa is anxious to see the security situation in southern Mozambique improve so that a much-needed export drive can be routed through the Maputo docks.

President Machel's trust in South Africa places the Mozambican leadership in a difficult position. If not the South Africans, then who is behind the continued MNR offensive?

It is believed that charges against "elements" in Portugal and even in the Portuguese Government have been revived.

There is not much reason for the MNR to make concessions. Although there has been a significant improvement in security in Sofala province with the opening of the Beira-Moatiza railway line, conditions in the north and south have worsened.

7 charged with 'ice cream war' murders

GLASGOW — Seven men went on trial in a Glasgow High Court yesterday for a mass murder involving an alleged war among ice cream vendors.

The seven are accused of murder, attempted murder or assault. They have all pleaded innocent.

The charges are connected with the arson deaths of six members of a Glasgow family, whose home was set on fire last April.

The victims were all workers for Marchetti Brothers — a company which runs a fleet of ice cream trucks in several Glasgow neighborhoods.

Mr Archibald McDougall, the firm's secretary, testified that the company's trucks had been vandalised, its drivers attacked and its premises threatened with arson after ice cream trucks from other firms had moved in on Marchetti Brothers' traditional territory. — Sapa-Associated Press.

Judy makes light of shuttle toilet hitch

The Star Bureau

NEW YORK — Astronaut Judy Resnick was inconvenienced but not beaten when the space shuttle Discovery's toilet broke down.

America's second woman in orbit simply turned to an old technique — and used plastic bags from the days of the Apollo missions.

Nasa officials in Houston said Judy was making light of the problem

Like the five male crew members, she now has to retire to an area screened off by a thin curtain.

The containers were specially developed for America's first space woman, Sally Ride.

The trouble with the Discovery's toilet was caused by a block of ice which built up outside the waste pipe.

The space team — Judy, Commander Henry Hartsfield, co-pilot Michael Coats, Steven Hawley, Richard Mullane and Charles Walker — shifted the craft's position so that the ice faced the sun's warmth.

But an inspection showed that only a small amount had melted.

The crew then fired a rocket burst to shake the ice free, but this also failed.

Judy and the others have managed to laugh at the problem, but the scientists take it more seriously.

A similar hitch dogged previous shuttle missions.

HÄGAR the Horrible ® By Dik Browne

Fly-on-the-nose picture a winner

LONDON — An unemployed artist's electronic picture of a moving fly landing on a baby's nose won the top honours in Britain's first computer art competition. Mr Hugh Riley (31), of Manchester, said his youngest son, Louis, inspired the design. He won R3 000 worth of computer equipment plus R10 000 to use for the study of computer art anywhere in the world. — Sapa-Associated Press.

PEOPLE

Carter and his wife help renovate a slum building

NEW YORK — Former United States President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalyn, are working their ways into the history books in New York — they are the first ex-President and First Lady to help renovate a slum

Travelling by bus from their home in Plains, Georgia, along with about 40 other local parishioners, the Carters are spending this week helping to renovate a six-storey building in Manhattan's depressed Lower East Side.

The building, being repaired entirely by donations from charities and volunteer workers such as the Carters, will be used to house needy families.

The Carters will stay in dormitories with other Good Samaritans working on the project. The former President's bedroom for the week is a narrow room with three bunk beds and a shared bathroom.

"I'm the honorary chairman of many charities, but this is the only organisation that I've lent my time and my labour to," said Mr Carter — The Star Bureau.

WEATHER

TRANSVAAL — Till 6 pm tomorrow. Partly cloudy and cool over the southern parts. Otherwise fine and warm but hot over the Northern Lowveld. It will be cloudy overnight over the central parts

JOHANNESBURG CENTRAL — Today 8 am 8 deg C, yesterday maximum, 25 deg C; minimum 13 deg C Rainfall 0,0 mm, so far this month, 0,0 mm, so far this year, 213 1 mm Average rainfall for September over 92 years, 26mm (Average annual rainfall 769 mm)

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Lisbon	27	18	Clear	Tokyo	38	28	Clear
London	23	16	Cloudy	Toronto	18	13	Rain
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Temperatures and rainfall for the 24-hour period ended 8 am today

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Bryanston	23	11	—	Bloemfontein	17	2	—
Springs	27	8	—	Durban	23	14	—
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Thirteen top clubs walk out of TRFU

By GREG STRUTHERS

TRANSVAAL rugby was in turmoil last night when 13 of the province's 16 senior clubs walked out of a Transvaal Rugby Football Union (TRFU) monthly meeting at Ellis Park and decided to form a breakaway union.

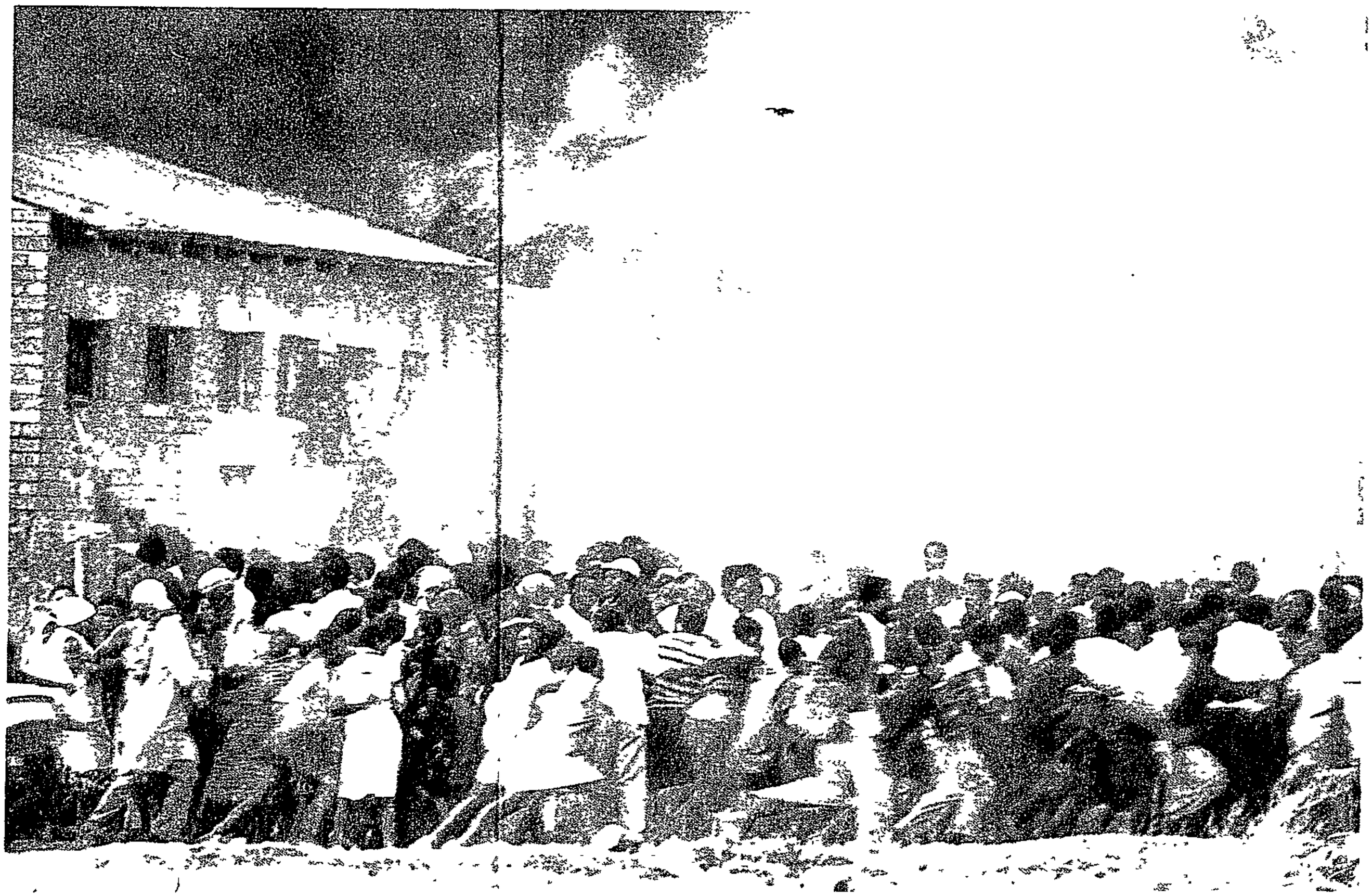
The clubs staged their walkout after members of the TRFU executive committee had refused to stand down. Earlier, TRFU president Mr Jannie le Roux and deputy president Mr Corrie Bornman resigned.

The clubs, who named Dr Jannie Ferreira of Rand Afrikaans University as their chairman will apply for

Jannie le Roux requests Press photographers to leave last night's meeting shortly before announcing his resignation as president of the TRFU.

union membership to the South African Rugby Board. According to the SARB constitution, [illegible] the

Heavily-armed police units move in as Evaton burns



breakaway clubs will only be allowed to apply for SARB membership at the next annual meeting which will be held in March or April.

Meanwhile, fertiliser magnate Dr Louis Luyt has taken over from Mr Le Roux as TRFU president and last night pleaded with the breakaway clubs to rejoin the TRFU

"Let's solve this thing around the conference table," said Dr Luyt. "We can talk it out and I am prepared to listen to the complaints of the clubs."

Dr Ferreira, however, said his newly-formed Union would only be prepared to return once the entire eight-man executive committee had quit and the constitution had been changed.

"We realise the decision we have taken has been a very harsh one, but we are determined to go forward and form our own union The feeling among us is positive and we certainly haven't thought about failure"

The 13 clubs who broke away are Alberton, Boksburg, Diggers, Germiston Summer, Jeppe Old Boys, Pirates, RAU, Randburg, Randfontein, Roodepoort, Wanderers and Wits University The clubs have elected Mr Mickey Gerber of Wanderers and Mr Avril Malan of Boksburg their vice-chairmen.

Three pro-Le Roux clubs — Goudstad,

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Barlows in hunt

A LEADING British company, J Bibby & Sons, has revealed in London that it was holding take-over talks with Barlow Rand
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Out of the dumps

TWO old gold mines given a new lease of life tell success stories in annual reports today.
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Rand below 63c

THE rand broke below 63 US cents yesterday
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Secrets revealed

THE best way to find out what prospecting work the secretive mining houses are doing may be to monitor information put out by their US partners.
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Con Gold hopes

HOPES are high that Consolidated Gold Fields will be able to make a token dividend increase when it reports year-end results.
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A mob flees from a shopping complex in Evaton as police confront looters after the windows of the building has been smashed. By late last night 11 people had been killed in the violence.

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11 dead as riots ravage townships

HEAVILY armed police reinforcements in an armoured convoy moved into riot-torn Sharpeville, near Vereeniging, last night to quell violence which thundered yesterday through black satellite towns south of Johannesburg.

By late last night 11 people were dead And early estimates put the injured at 20 civilians and seven policemen.

The dead include the chairman of the Lekoa Town Council, Mr Esau Mahlatsi, and the deputy mayor of the township, Mr Sam Dhlamini.

Mr Dhlamini was hacked to death and then put in his car, which was set alight.

Six people were killed in clashes with the police.

The unrest came on the day a stay-home call was made by various organisations in protest against an increase in house rentals and electricity charges imposed by the Lekoa and Evaton councils, which control Sharpeville, Evaton, Sebokeng and Boipatong.

There was also unrest in Tembisa, near Kempton Park, and at Mamelodi, near Pretoria.

A Rand Daily Mail reporter watched as 15 hippo troop carriers entered Sharpeville.

Sporadic shooting could be heard from inside the town throughout the afternoon and early evening.

Police roadblocks were set up on access roads and journalists were prevented from entering the areas.

Two of the dead were burnt to death in a town councillor's house in Sebokeng when rioters set it alight Rioters also set alight the house of a police warrant officer in Bophelong and robbed him of his service revolver.

Police yesterday sent reinforcements from other areas, including Johannesburg, armed with semi-automatic rifles into the townships.

A police spokesman said police were so far using only birdshot, buckshot, rubber bullets and teargas.

Police also reported that:

- Four people in Boipatong after rioters set alight administrative offices, a post office and attacked a councillor's house. Rioters also threw a petrol bomb at a business centre, starting a fire which was soon extinguished, set a shop alight and looted another shop
- Two charred bodies were were found in Sebokeng in the burnt-out house of a local councillor. The bodies have not yet been identified. Two churches and the local police commissioner's office were set on fire, and petrol bombs were thrown at a police vehicle.
- A bottlestore, an industrial bazaar and shops were looted in Sharpeville.
- In Evaton a policeman and a civilian were injured by stone throwers and a local councillor's house was attacked.
- Buses, police and private vehicles and houses, were stoned and plundered in the township

A service station, a bus depot, a beerhall, a school and a number of private cars were also set alight and damaged in Evaton

By nightfall, when journalists were escorted into Sharpeville, they were greeted by scenes of devastation. Roads were littered with stones and there were smouldering and still-burning buildings, and what police described as "still an extremely tense situation"

As the violence built up during the day, it spilled over into white areas.

At least one major chainstore near Vereeniging was stoned and the rioters erected roadblocks near Kempton Park.

From the air the smoke from a dozen fires in the townships and several burnt out buildings could be seen.

Hundreds of people watched as smoke spewed around them.

At a shopping centre in Sebokeng, hundreds of people stood watching as flames gutted the buildings and smoke rose 100 metres

At first only one or two shops were fired but half an hour later roaring flames had engulfed the entire complex

In Tembisa about 400 pupils attacked and burnt out vehicles.

At about 10am yesterday, the chanting pupils moved from school to school ordering those who were in school out of classes.

White blacks parked their cars to block roads in some places to warn people to stay away, a car-load of whites armed with shotguns prowled the streets

Police gave a breakdown of the events up until late last night. Thewy said

- A number of policemen were injured in clashes with youths.
- Several people were injured in "counter-measures taken by the South African Police"
- Police used tearsmoke to disperse groups of rioters and five youths were treated at the Vanderbijlpark Hospital for minor injuries.
- Motorists making their way back to Johannesburg along the main road from the Vaal Dam were also stoned on Sunday night.
- At Kempton Park yesterday, youths set three vehicles alight, stoned two buses and police used teargas to dispel a

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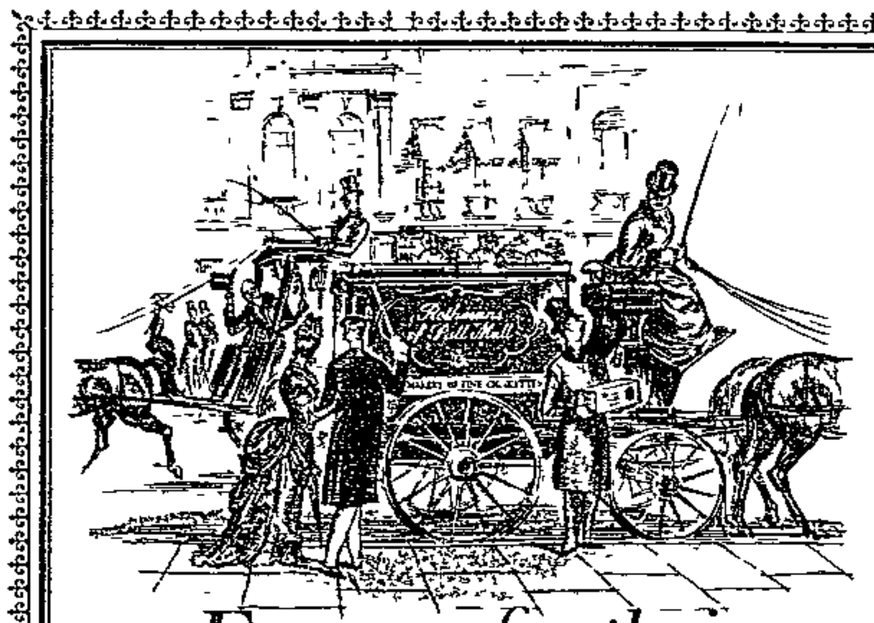
Computer parts hijacked

COMPUTER components worth more than R50 000 are missing between the United States and Pretoria, police said yesterday

The head of the Northern Transvaal CID, Brigadier Hendrik du Plessis, said the boxes arrived in Pretoria last week and, when opened, one was found to contain bricks and the other rubble

Brigadier du Plessis said the consignment was handled and weighed at four different points while in transit between California and Pretoria.

He said his men were investigating — Sapa



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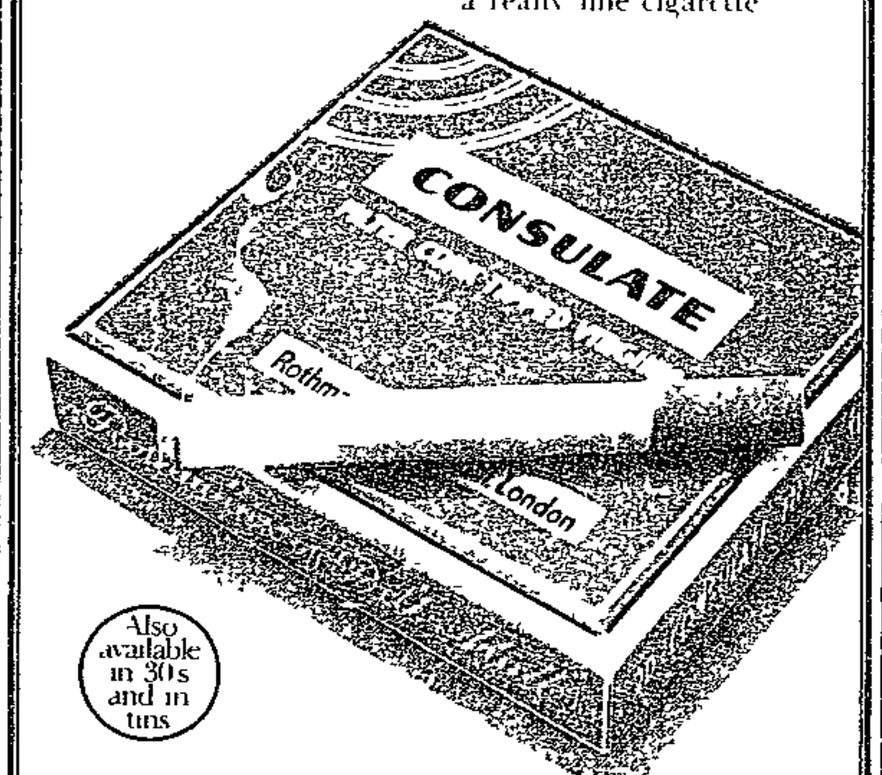

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Bishops pray as violence grips Vaal

BISHOPS of the Anglican Church visited the trouble-torn Sebokeng and Sharpeville townships yesterday and offered prayers for the community and those affected by the deaths of their relatives in the unrest.

The Bishop of Johannesburg, the Rt Rev Timothy Bavin, and two suffragan bishops, the Rt Rev S M Ndwandwe and the Rt Rev Simeon Nkoane, said prayers at St Michael's Anglican Church in Sebokeng and at the St Cyprian's Anglican Church in Sharpeville.

Meanwhile violent youths went on the rampage in Sebokeng, plundering shops and bottle stores and setting them on fire.

A mob from Sebokeng also moved to a supermarket situated in a white area near Rietspruit, and broke windows and damaged doors, gaining entry to the storeroom which they looted.

The supermarket — Golden Stores — on the Sebokeng-Vanderbijlpark road, was damaged but the quick action of the police saved it from being set on fire.

Police arrived at the supermarket in three cars and a hippo about 30 minutes after the youths had entered the stores and carried dozens of bags of oranges and other items into the township

Shops and bottle stores and a beerhall were set alight in Sebokeng yesterday morning and hundreds of cars were damaged by stone throwing youths.

By late yesterday afternoon, violence had spread to Evaton where several shops — some belonging to Indians — were also set on fire.

In Sharpeville and Bophelong unrest broke out on Sunday night and several houses, bottle stores and administrative buildings were damaged and others set alight

The unrest in the Vaal Triangle is believed to be linked with the recent rent increases which were to have come into effect on September 1.

It is believed that in Sharpeville a local councillor died.He was reported to have been hacked several times with pangas and then set alight, after three children were shot in the area.

Yesterday afternoon police fired teargas and rubber bullets in Evaton, Sharpeville and Sebokeng to disperse crowds of people on the streets. Some were looting.

Early yesterday morning Sebokeng was covered in heavy smoke after shops and bottle stores were plundered and then set alight and hundreds of cars were damaged by stone-throwing youths.

About eight buses of the Vaal Transport Corporation were damaged and were driven to other areas for safety.

Police used tearsmoke and quirts to disperse boycotting pupils at Rethabile Secondary School in Mamelodi, near Pretoria.

At Daveyton and Wattville, near Benoni, pupils milled around the school buildings in the morning and later went home.

In Tembisa youths set alight four private cars.

● About 900 students from the Mabopane East Technikon near Pretoria were turned away when the technikon reopened yesterday. Classes were suspended there after boycotts and student clashes with the police during which one student, Mr H Nkuna, died. Students are demanding the resignation of the principal Mr M Wijnbeek.

● Three black secondary schools near Welkom reopened yesterday, but students staged an immediate walkout at one. Classes were suspended during unrest three weeks ago.

Fires rage in riot-torn Reef townships

FROM the air the riot-ripped black townships along the south-east Rand were a macabre sight Fires raged, pockets of people threw stones and mounted makeshift roadblocks.

Yet in large areas of the sprawling satellite towns there was complete calm.

Also remarkable was a total absence of police at some of the hot-spots.

At a shopping centre people were milling around metres from the flames gutting the buildings, and they had laid a rudimentary roadblock of logs in a criss-cross pattern on an approaching road. They appeared calm and unconcerned at possible danger from the fires, and fearless of possible arrest.

At another fire several kilometres away, where a covered car park near what seemed to be an official building flared and sent smoke high into the air, a large group had gathered.

For a brief moment, we could not see what caused it, they dashed away from the scene to seek shelter behind several nearby hovels and one or two stone houses. But they were back in the street and watching the fire before we could circle the area.

By contrast there were square kilometres of the townships which were absolutely peaceful.

Two councillors killed in violence

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mob that had barricaded Chapman Drive in an attempt to prevent vehicles from passing.

A group of youths tried to intimidate primary school pupils from going to school early yesterday morning but there were no incidents

Then the three vehicles — one belonging to the local administration board — were set alight and burned out At 2.15pm the buses were stoned. No-one was injured

In Johannesburg, the South African Council of Churches said in a statement yesterday that the situation was deteriorating rapidly.

"The SACC deplores violence, but we have kept warning that we have a highly volatile situation and urge the authorities to be sensitive.

"It is quite plain that the systems of our society need to be looked at urgently," the statement said.

The Anglican Bishop of Pretoria, the Right Reverend Richard Krafft, called an urgent meeting of clergy in the city for today to discuss the violence.

The Anglican Church's Johannesburg diocese synod adjourned after lunch yesterday in response to the outbreak of violence. The chairman of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches, Bishop Simeon Nkoane, said the adjournment would "speak more loudly than anything else the synod can do to express its concern"

As dozens of buildings burned in Evaton and Sebokeng, an Army helicopter appeared to be directing police to new scenes of violence, looting and arson Hundreds of people looked up and ran away, raising clenched fist signs

In Tembisa, youths marched through the streets, stoned and set alight a truck, burnt two vans outside a night club and set fire to a mini-bus.

In the Welkom township of Thabong, pupils returned to the three high schools yesterday, but by noon a dispute at the Teto School resulted in pupils being sent home, according to a Department of Education and Training spokesman

Grievances at Teto sparked the boycott.

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First hints of tension appeared 6 days ago

Mail Reporter

PEOPLE living in the Vaal area knew six days ago that yesterday would be tense.

Residents were "advised" at a meeting called by organisations opposing a proposed increase in house rents in the Lekoa and Evaton areas last Tuesday to stay home from work and school, and were also told there would be no public transport yesterday.

The anti-rent groups planned a series of meetings over the past weekend in various parts of the Vaal Triangle.

Shopkeepers and other businesses were "requested" to close their doors yesterday, and the groups said they would urge a boycott of shops, garages and taxis owned by councillors.

The groups were the Sharpeville Anti-Rent Committee, the Vaal Civic Association, the United Democratic Front, the Congress of Students of South Africa, the Azanian Peoples' Organisation, the Vaal Womens' Organisation, and local trade unions.

They were protesting against a September 1 rise in rents of R5,90 for Orange Vaal Development Board houses and R5,50 for privately owned homes.

The Evaton Town Council also announced increases of R6 for residential permit fees, and other increases in the areas included electricity (from 52c to 62c a unit) and a basic levy of R12 — a rise of R2 a month.

Residents living in [illegible] houses are to pay an additional basic levy for electricity — R15 a month as against the existing R12,50

After the blast . . . the Department of Internal Affairs Building in Harrison Street. Glass was sent crashing on to the street in the blast and Mrs Josephine Tshabalala, inset, one of the victims of the explosion, said: "I thought it was war."

Picture. TLADI KHUELE

Blast rocks city

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"Something hard hit my foot it was very painfull. The other cleaners were screaming and running towards the stairs," she said

Shopkeepers in Harrison Street said the two blasts had unnerved them They hoped yesterday's explosion would be the last in the area

Minutes after the blast traffic police cordoned off Harrison and Simmonds streets and the pavements outside were blocked off to pedestrians The streets were opened again at 4 40pm

Riot policemen with dogs and speaking through loudhailers kept crowds of rush-hour commuters away from the blast scene.

Papers flitted out of windows while tattered blinds rustled in the breeze.

Two nearby flat residents, Mr Ozzie Auerswald and a neighbour, Mrs Rika Fourie, told the Mail two people were lying on the pavement and appeared to be injured. They described the confusion which followed the explosion.

A police spokesman briefly addressed reporters at the scene, saying all those injured were passersby.

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Pact with SA not on, says Mogwe

By PATRICK LAURENCE
Political Editor

BOTSWANA was committed to peaceful co-existence with her neighbours, but signing a security treaty with South Africa along the lines of an Nkomati Accord was not on the agenda of the ruling Botswana Democratic Party (BDP), Botswana's Foreign Minister, Mr Archie Mogwe, said yesterday.

Mr Mogwe was reacting to a declaration by the secretary general of the Botswana National Front (BNF) that the BNF would sign a security treaty with South Africa if it won the general election at the weekend.

The BNF secretary-general, Mr Mareledi Giddie, told Sapa the BNF would enter into negotiations with South Africa for the signing of a security treaty, not as a matter of principle but as a matter of national survival.

Noting Botswana's economic dependence on South Africa, Mr Giddie said: "If realism is the basis of our thinking, we have to accept the reality that South Africa is the economic power (of the region)."

He added: "We cannot claim to be more principled than Mozambique. The Mozambicans signed the Nkomati Accord not because they were not principled, but because they were starving."

Approached for comment, Mr Mogwe said: "We in the BDF believe in peaceful relations with our neighbours. We address ourselves to problems as they arise. We in the BDP feel we should cross our bridges when we get to them."

The President of Botswana, Dr Quett Masire, has expressed Botswana's reluctance to sign a formal security pact on several occasions in the past few months and has accused Pretoria of exerting pressure on Botswana to sign an accord.

President Masire, however, has emphasised Botswana's persistent refusal to allow her territory to be used as a springboard for guerrilla attacks against South Africa.

The BNF stand in favour of signing an accord with South Africa has taken some observers by surprise, as the BNF, under its Moscow-educated leader Dr Kenneth Koma, has generally projected a more radical profile than the more pragmatic BDP.

Meanwhile in Lesotho, two insurgents of the underground Lesotho Liberation Army (LLA) were killed by loyal forces in Leribe at the weekend, a government spokesman announced yesterday.

The renewal of LLA activity came in the wake of deteriorating relations between Lesotho and South Africa, triggered in part by Lesotho's refusal to sign a security treaty modelled on the Nkomati Accord with South Africa.

The first sign that relations between the two countries were once again strained came with the withdrawal of SA technicians from talks between the two countries of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project, a joint project under which Lesotho water, and hydro-electricity resulting from it, would be sold to South Africa.

In a major address last week the new Acting President of South Africa, Mr P W Botha, said: "In view of the failure of the Lesotho Government to satisfy the SA Government that it is willing and able to meet SA's security concerns, the SA Government finds it difficult to proceed with the feasibility study of the Highlands Water Project."

The Lesotho Prime Minister, Chief Leabua Jonathan, responded by stressing that Lesotho adhered to a strict policy of not allowing her territory to be used as a springboard for attacks on South Africa. He challenged Pretoria to give examples of Lesotho's purported threats to South African security.

Sowetan faces charges

Mail Reporter

A SOWETAN man facing charges in terms of the Internal Security Act appeared briefly in a Johannesburg Regional Court yesterday to have his case postponed to October 1.

Mr Harold Nkanyezi Twala, 25, of White City, Soweto, is being held in custody charged with taking part in the activities of an unlawful organisation, leaving the country illegally and assisting other people to do so.

Mr H J Brandt was on the bench, Mr J D Pretorius prosecuted and Mr Sello Manyatsi appeared for Mr Twala.

US actress on drug charge

LOS ANGELES. — Actress Brenda Vaccaro, who was nominated for an Academy Award for her role in the film "Once Is Not Enough", was charged with being in possession of cocaine at the weekend.

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Inspecting Securi-Rail's deterrent to unwanted intruders at the 1984 Rand Daily Mail Ideal Homes Exhibition yesterday were Andrew Cooper, 10, and brother Nicky, 8, of Roodepoort. Securi-Rail's is one of about 100 specialised exhibitions on view to the public in Sundowner, Randburg, until September 16.

Picture: DANIEL SIMON

5 000 flock to homes exhibition

By CLARE HARPER

MORE than 5 500 people have already visited the 1984 Rand Daily Mail Ideal Homes Exhibition in Sundowner, Randburg.

After a slow start on Friday when the show opened to the public, the numbers rose rapidly as the weather picked up over the weekend.

And with twelve more days of the exhibition to go there is still plenty of time for prospective home owners to find a dream house.

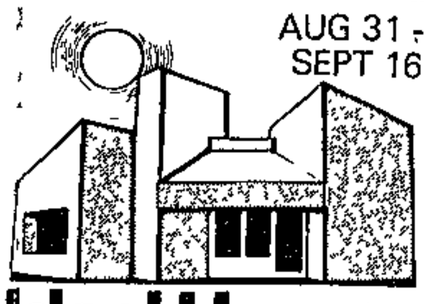
There are 100 specialised exhibitions for visitors to inspect as well as promising new and innovative improvements for your own home.

For security systems alone there are at least five companies with the latest in home security products.

The latest in household protection is offered by Attack Security and Securi-Sym, Know Security Systems and Favon Engineering.

Managing Director of Securi Rail, Mr Bill Mincher said yesterday that he was "very pleased" with the response of the public to his product.

"On the whole we've had more interest than last year,



and it is only the start of the show," he said.

Securi-Rails are offering an effective deterrent to unwanted intruders in their unique system that fixes into almost any type of wall, fence or gate.

Shelvonn Gates offer a security gate and Window Systems Vekaplast are experts in window systems and security doors.

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All the builders yesterday reported that much interest had been expressed in their homes.

Managing director of Dallas Construction, Mr Leon Katz said that people had been impressed by the "liveable" atmosphere of the houses, which have interiors created by top designers.

The nine houses on show were built by Renou Made Homes, Gough Cooper, Framebou, Montagu Homes, Dacon Homes, Dallas Construction, M R Duff Construction, Concept and Heron Homes.

Tickets are R3 for adults and children are free. Students and Pensioners will receive a R1,50 discount.

Parents wanting to browse around the show can leave their children at a playpark supervised by the Alberton Lions.

Full meals, cold drinks and snacks are available in the yellow-and-white marquee catered for by Pick 'n Pay.

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13 TRFU clubs form own union

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Police and West Rand — refused to break away.

Dr Ferreira said the clubs would hold discussions with Volkskas Bank about the possibility of using the 70 000-seat Ellis Park superbowl as their home ground.

Meanwhile, Dr Luyt said he would also approach Volkskas in an effort to have the banking house's deadline — which expired at midnight last night — cancelled.

"I'm hoping Volkskas will agree to meet me and discuss the matter," he said.

The TRFU was given until midnight last night to pay the bank an estimated R43-million banking loan debt, or the bank would start liquidation proceedings today.

SARB president, Dr Danie Craven, was unavailable for comment last night but had earlier said the matter was "sub-judice" after an emergency meeting of the SARB executive committee in Cape Town.

Confusion reigns over whether the Transvaal team will go ahead and play their Currie Cup match against Free State in Bloemfontein on Saturday.

The present TRFU has only three clubs from which to choose its players — one of which is in the Trek League.

If they do go ahead with the game against Free State the match will probably be the most one-sided in the history of South African provincial rugby.

Mr Le Roux tendered his resignation at the beginning of the monthly meeting, ending a controversial 20-year reign that has seen the union fall from grace after being the richest amateur sporting body in the world.

"I realise I am the stumbling block in the negotiations with Volkskas and have decided to resign," said Mr Le Roux in an emotional speech.

"I believe, in my heart, that we had reached a lawful agreement with Volkskas.

"I apparently stood in the way of the finalising of that contract."

He said he had therefore decided to resign in the interests of Transvaal rugby.

His deputy-president, Mr Bornman, and vice-presidents Professor Joe Poolman and Mr Abie Malan, also resigned last night.

Mr Hennie Loots resigned his vice-presidency last week.

Boycott of vets' congress

Mail Reporter

SCANDANAVIA and India have withdrawn from the World Cattle Diseases Congress, to be held in Durban later this month — for political reasons.

Dr Issy Bacher, congress organiser, said yesterday that it was the first time the veterinary congress had been held in South Africa.

He said that delegates from around the world would attend and present about 170 papers.

Asked what effect India and Scandanavia's decision would make to the congress, Dr Bacher replied: "It's a pity. I think it is narrow-minded behaviour in the extreme."

Scandanavia had refused to publicise the congress to it's would-be delegates and India had not given several interested parties the necessary permission.

The congress is due to start in Durban on September 19.

Arsonists hit three schools in Mamelodi

By Andrew Beattie, Mckeed Kotlolo and Jo-Ann Collinge

Arsonists tried to set fire to three schools in Mamelodi last night.

A woodwork block was gutted with damage estimated at more than R100 000. Firemen from Silverton arrived too late to stop the fire at Lehlabile Secondary School in Mamelodi East.

At Mamelodi High School and Ribane-Laka Secondary School attempts were made to set classrooms alight.

Damage was minimal and the attempted arsonists were chased away by night watchmen.

● The United Democratic Front was to send a team of lawyers and doctors into the Vaal townships today.

The move followed a visit by UDF office-bearers to the area last night.

They had found injured people untreated and confusion among residents with missing, dead or arrested relatives, said the UDF's Transvaal vice-president, the Rev Frank Chikane.

Those requiring advice or free assistance from lawyers should contact the UDF office at (011) 29-1916 or (011) 29-1917.

Mr Chikane said the rents in the Vaal area had been imposed by "a council that represents nobody".

He pointed to low polls throughout the country in last year's elections under the Black Local Authorities Act, adding that the Lekoa area poll was especially low.

The proportion of registered voters participating in the Lekoa poll was 14,7 percent, or 8,9 percent of residents aged 20 years or older.

The UDF described the raising of rents by councillors as "a callous move".

The UDF Transvaal region will be holding an emergency general council meeting at Khotso House in Johannesburg on Saturday.

West reacts to SA's second Sharpeville

WASHINGTON — The United States said today it had informed the South African Government that it was deeply disturbed and concerned over the violence and killings in Transvaal townships.

The reaction came after dramatic scenes from the disturbances had been shown on the major American television channels and the events prominently reported on the front pages of leading newspapers.

Television viewers yesterday saw policemen firing teargas shells from moving vehicles and an aerial view of what appeared to be looters attacking a building.

US State Department spokesman Mr John Hughes said today: "There isn't any question that the South African Government is aware of how concerned we are about these demonstrations and about the violence and the deaths."

The major newspapers appeared today when the known death toll was still at 14 and this was reflected in the front-page headlines in papers including the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*.

The *New York Times* report, datelined Sharpeville, was accompanied by a picture of rioters at a burning building in Evaton.

In London no-one thinks that Sharpeville 1984 is the precursor of dramatic change, as some did with Sharpeville 1960, says *The Times* in an editorial today.

"The message is more sombre. Things cannot go on in the long term as they are in South Africa. Violence is ever-present, occasionally bubbling up into the world headlines, and certain to get worse."

The paper says there are significant differences between the two Sharpevilles.

The immediate and surface causes of the riots are relatively trivial, but the mood of discontent has been heightened by the intense political campaign waged by the United Democratic Front and by the police reaction.

Violence is multi-faceted in South Africa and white South Africans tend to be cocooned against it, says *The Times*.

"The positive achievement of Mr Botha has been to bring out into the open the idea that some dramatic change is necessary if South Africa is to survive.

"The message from Sharpeville is that his proposed change is not enough."

● The Johannesburg Regional Synod of the Anglican Church, being held in Parkmore, last night sent a telegram to the acting State President, Mr P W Botha, protesting against reports that police fired teargas into the rectory of an Anglican minister during a prayer service on Monday night.

Thousands left homeless by Vaal township violence

Staff Reporters

Thousands of people have been left homeless in the wake of the violence that tore through the Vaal Triangle townships.

A hostel near the Sebokeng hospital was burnt down leaving hundreds homeless — in addition to those who lost their houses in the two days of rioting.

At least 100 Indian shopkeepers who lived in houses behind their stores have also been left homeless by arsonists.

The death toll has risen to 29 with the discovery of three more bodies by police late yesterday.

The Deputy Mayor of Evaton, Mr Dutch Diphoko, died in the Sebokeng hospital yesterday from injuries suffered in an at-crowd had gathered around the family home on Monday and begun to throw stones.

"My father was badly injured and taken to hospital," he said.

The official injury toll released by police is 40 civilians and eight policemen. But police say the figure could be far higher.

By yesterday afternoon, the 888-bed Sebokeng hospital was reported to be filled to capacity.

As a precautionary measure, all white administrative and kitchen staff were asked to leave the hospital, but medical and security staff stayed on.

There was strong evidence that the unrest in the Vaal Triangle was being brought under control, the Commissioner of the SAP, General Johan Coetzee, said in Cape Town last night.

105 000 black pupils are boycotting classes, says DET

By Susan Pleming

More than 105 000 black pupils from schools in the Vaal Triangle and East Rand are boycotting classes, the chief of public relations at the Department of Education and Training, Mr Job Schoeman, said in Pretoria this morning.

The 93 000 pupils from 14 secondary schools and 73 primary schools in the Vaal Triangle were not staying away because of complaints about schooling but as a result of this week's unrest in the area which stemmed from the rent increase, he said.

Mr Schoeman said about 9 000 pupils from 10 secondary schools in the East Rand townships of Katlehong, Tembisa and Daveyton had boycotted classes but primary schools there had returned to normal. Pupils from the three schools in Welkom walked out of classes yesterday after having resumed school on Monday, said Mr Schoeman.

Classes have been suspended at Minerva Secondary School in Alexandra township, and about 1 000 pupils from Mamelodi township have abandoned classes.

In Queenstown, Cape, about 3 000 pupils from three secondary schools have boycotted classes. Schools in Soweto were normal.

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120 000 pupils out

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Fearful handyman

A HILLBROW handyman yesterday said he "feared for his life" when he shot two policemen outside a block of flats.
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Sabotage continues

THE Nkomati Accord and the crackdown on the African National Congress by the Swazi authorities appear to have only minimally reduced sabotage attacks in South Africa.
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Brothel case 'bribe'

TWO women, facing charges of operating a brothel, allegedly paid a police constable R500 in exchange for the police docket relating to the case so that they would not have to face prosecution.
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Dollar rampage

THE US dollar soared above its recent range against major currencies yesterday, reaching an 11-year high above 2,93 West German marks and new records against the French franc and Italian lira.
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Consol ups profits

CONSOL, the Anglovaal packaging company had after-tax profits of R26,2m in the year to June, compared with R24,4m the previous year.
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Hotel moves

SUN International has announced senior management changes it hopes will enable the company to accelerate its plans for expansion overseas.
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Situation is coming under control, say police

Looting spree in wake of violence

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Mail Reporters

THE violence which left 26 people dead in Vaal black satellite towns south of Johannesburg and which appeared set to erupt into runaway rioting, was yesterday reduced to bouts of sporadic stone throwing and wholesale looting.

Smoke still billowed from burning shops and administration buildings which had been fired in the townships of Evaton, Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Residensia, Boipatong and Zamdela (Sasolburg).

Armoured police vehicles patrolled rubble-strewn streets under an overcast sky. Gutted shops, beer halls, cars and homes spoke of the violence of the past few days.

As dusk settled over an uneasy Vaal Triangle, at least seven fires, two of them looking serious, raged in Sebokeng township.

Motorists attempting to enter the township were stoned by mobs and most roads leading into Sebokeng and Evaton were made inaccessible by boulders and rubble.

A police spokesman said a "criminal element" had taken over from civically motivated rioters and that several shops had been looted.

Thirty-five people were arrested for public violence

By GREG STRUTHERS

TRANSVAAL rugby officials spent yesterday cooling off after a fiery monthly meeting at Ellis Park on Monday that precipitated a 13-club breakaway from the Transvaal Rugby Football Union.

And the breakaway clubs and the TRFU still appeared to be sharply divided late yesterday following lengthy discussions during the day.

"We will be holding further discussions with the TRFU," said Dr Jannie Ferreira, the chairman of the 13 senior clubs who walked out of the

Talks fail to end rugby rift

TRFU monthly meeting when the executive committee refused to resign and the TRFU administration refused to amend the constitution.

However, the clubs have backed down from an originally rigid stand and agreed to release their players for Transvaal's two remaining Currie Cup matches — the first against Free State in Bloemfontein next Saturday.

"We decided to ask our players to make themselves available for the provincial side for the sake of rugby," said Dr Ferreira. "We also don't want to embarrass any of the other rugby unions."

Newly-elected TRFU president, Dr Louis Luyt, and one of his five remaining vice-presidents, Mr Martin Nel, held discussions with the breakaway group represented by Dr Ferreria and his two deputy chairmen Mr Mickey Gerber and Mr Avril Malan.

Former Transvaal captain Ockie Oosthuizen also attended the meeting and has made himself available to lead the Transvaal team next Saturday.

Oosthuizen and veteran wing Dries Maritz walked out of a provincial practice last week after refusing to represent the TRFU under present conditions.

The walkout sparked an eventful week highlighted by the resignation of president Jannie le Roux and deputy president Corrie Bornman on Monday and the walkout by 13 of the province's 16 senior clubs.

The 13 clubs have been joined by a majority of the province's 16 junior clubs, according to Dr Ferreira.

Meanwhile, TRFU deputy president Professor Joe Poolman, of Rand Afrikaans University, yesterday held discussions with the rector of RAU, Professor J P de Lange, and has decided to stay on as Dr Luyt's Number Two.

Earlier, South African Rugby Board president, Dr Danie Craven, appealed to the two groups to iron out their differences and pleaded with the provincial players to continue playing for Transvaal.

Mr Johan Claasen, the gen-

Farmers' debt crisis

INTEREST payments on the farmers debt mountain had increased from R323-million in 1980 to more than R1 000-million, the president of the South African Agricultural Union, Mr Jaap Wilkens, said in Pretoria last night.
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Guilty of murder

A 22-YEAR-OLD white national serviceman, who drove his car twice over the body of a 15-year-old-black girl after she had been knocked down with a stone by his friend, was found guilty of murder.
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MPs sworn in

SOUTH Africa's new tricameral Parliament began functioning yesterday when the Chief Justice, Mr Justice Pierre Rabie, swore in its members.
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Nuke peace hopes

EUROPE had restored the credibility of its nuclear deterrent with the introduction of Cruise and Pershing missiles, Dr Joseph Luns, the former Secretary-General of Nato, said yesterday.
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Springs leisure park

THE Springs Town Council is establishing one of the biggest nature and holiday resorts in a metropolitan area by incorporating the Old Royal Geduld Golf Course into the Murray Park Pleasure Resort.
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How much freedom?

THE death of a 13-year-old in a Johannesburg disco on Saturday is making parents ask: how much freedom should I give my child?
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rest spread to Welkom where police used teargas to disperse groups of youths in Thabong township.

The Sebokeng Hospital Superintendent, Dr J van der Vyver, has been quoted as saying that police had "clamped down on us" and told him not to comment.

However, the Commissioner of Police, General Johan Coetzee, told the Mail from Cape Town last night:

"The unrest situation is being brought under control and the situation is normalising despite sporadic incidents of stone throwing and looting."

He made an urgent appeal to "law abiding citizens in the area to refrain from any acts which may cause further disruption and unrest.

"They can be assured of sufficient police protection," Gen Coetzee said.

A police spokesman in Pretoria, Colonel Jaap Venter, said that where necessary, police were using rubber bullets and tear gas to disperse trouble makers.

He said that although the situation was tense it was under control.

In Vereeniging emergency bedding was made available at the Sebokeng Hospital and the number of injured was estimated at between 200 and 300 people.

Official estimates are that 40 people — eight of them policemen — have been injured.

The initial trouble stemmed from the decision by the Lekoa and Evaton town councils to increse rents by R5,50.

Few businesses in the areas were open yesterday and traders warned of the possibility of a week of hunger through riot-enforced shortages.

People who wanted to go to the nearby "white" towns to buy food were unable to because of the unavalability of transport, with only a skeleton bus service operating.

A spokesman of the Vaal Transport Service, said a token bus service had been maintained to the outskirts of the townships, but there were few commuters.

Four bodies found near a Vereeniging service station appeared to have been strangled, according to police.

A Rand Daily Mail car, driven by reporter Stan Hlophe, was badly damaged by a crowd in Zone 14 Sebokeng yesterday afternoon.

Hlophe was dragged from the vehicle by an angry mob, and was rescued by a police patrol which took him to Sebokeng.

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Looters carry bags of mealie meal from a shop belonging to an Indian trader in Evaton. The shop was set alight before being looted.

Rajbansi gets his majority

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — Mr Amichand Rajbansi's National People's Party has taken the Indian House of Delegates with a majority of three after dramatic moves to swing the balance of power led to the police being called in early yesterday morning.

First signs of a switch came on Monday night when Mr R Mohangi, who won Tongaat as an independent but aligned himself with the NPP, checked out of the NPP hotel and moved to Solidarity headquarters.

Then Dr R Soobiah of Tongaat, an associate of Mr Mohangi, arrived and demanded to see the NPP's Mr N Jumuna.

Other NPP members refused to let him see him alone and an argument ensued which later led to the hotel management intervening.

Later six policemen arrived to investigate a report that Mr Jumuna was being held at the hotel "against his will".

The NPP will gain another two MPs when the State President announces his two nominees.

● But last night NPP and Solidarity confirmed that both parties were discussing forming a coalition.

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Ex-PM freed in Harare

HARARE. — The Zimbabwean Government yesterday released the former Prime Minister, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, after detaining him without charge for nearly a year.

His release was announced by the Acting Home Affairs Minister, Mr Moven Mahachi.

Bishop Muzorewa, head of the pre-independence government of Zimbabwe/Rhodesia in 1979, was detained last October, four days after returning from a private visit to Israel.

The State Security Minister, Mr Emmerson Munangagwa, had said he was suspected of being in collusion with South Africa against Zimbabwe.

Bishop Muzorewa, 59, heads the opposition United African National Council (UANC) party, which holds three seats in the 100-seat House of Assembly — Sapa-Reuter

Breakfast Quip

"Thank goodness! A plumber would charge a fortune to go all that way"

Students on drug charges

Mail Correspondent

GRAHAMSTOWN — Six Rhodes University students arrested on Monday will appear in the Grahamstown Magistrate's Court today on charges of being in possession of dagga.

One woman student arrested with the group has not been charged. The students were released from custody yesterday, according to a police spokesman.

Those to be charge are two white men students, two Indian men students and two white women.

Meanwhile, one of three women students admitted to the Settlers' Hospital over the weekend for suspected drug overdosing is still being treated in hospital.

The three apparently attended a "moonflower tea party" at the weekend, where students swallowed the crushed petals and stems of the moonflower plant.

The plant's juice, which is then swallowed with tea or coffee, apparently has the effect of an hallucinogen.

If taken in conjunction with alcohol or other drugs, the white bell-shaped petals can have serious effects and have been known to cause blindness.

Two of the woman students admitted for observation at the weekend were discharged on Monday, according to the superintendent of Settlers, Dr Graham White.

Dr White said the remaining student was in a satisfactory condition.

Identikits of hospital killer released

By EMIELIA JAROSCHEK
Crime Reporter

POLICE yesterday released their first identikit pictures of the man who allegedly shot dead Mr Royston Haines in the J G Strijdom Hospital in Johannesburg 10 days ago and of a man who could be linked to the shooting.

The picture on the LEFT shows the alleged killer as he looked to eyewitnesses when, after waiting around outside, he walked into the ward and shot Mr Haines in the chest.

Mr Haines was recovering after being gunned down near his Randburg home on July 10 this year.

The man, who wore a blue or grey-blue balaclava and extremely dark glasses, had a tanned complexion, a thick reddish/brown beard, was about 1,70m tall and of medium to slender build.

Police are also looking for a man RIGHT who was seen walking about the hospital a day or two before the shooting.

He had a similar beard and build, shoulder-length brownish hair and a strip of plaster across the nose. He wore a white jacket.

UK-SA trade

ATTEMPTS to persuade British companies to pull out of South Africa are doomed to failure, says the executive director of the United Kingdom-South Africa Trade Association.

In an interview with Business Day, Mr John McQuggan says British investment makes up nearly half of all foreign investment in South Africa.

● See Business Day

PE pigeon's homing was all at sea

Mail Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — A Port Elizabeth homing pigeon which could not see the city for the sea and found itself about 15 miles south of Bird Island on Saturday during a race, arrived home a day late after landing on a boat bound for Mossel Bay.

To the astonishment of its owner, Mrs Theresa Nel of Newton Park, "Striker" — as the bird has been named since the event — who was released with a number of racing pigeons at Welkom on Saturday at 8am, arrived home on Sunday with a note attached to its ring.

The note, written by skipper Mr David Bongers, from Cape Town, explained that the exhausted pigeon had flopped down on the fishing boat "Southern Striker" about 15 sea miles south of Bird Island.

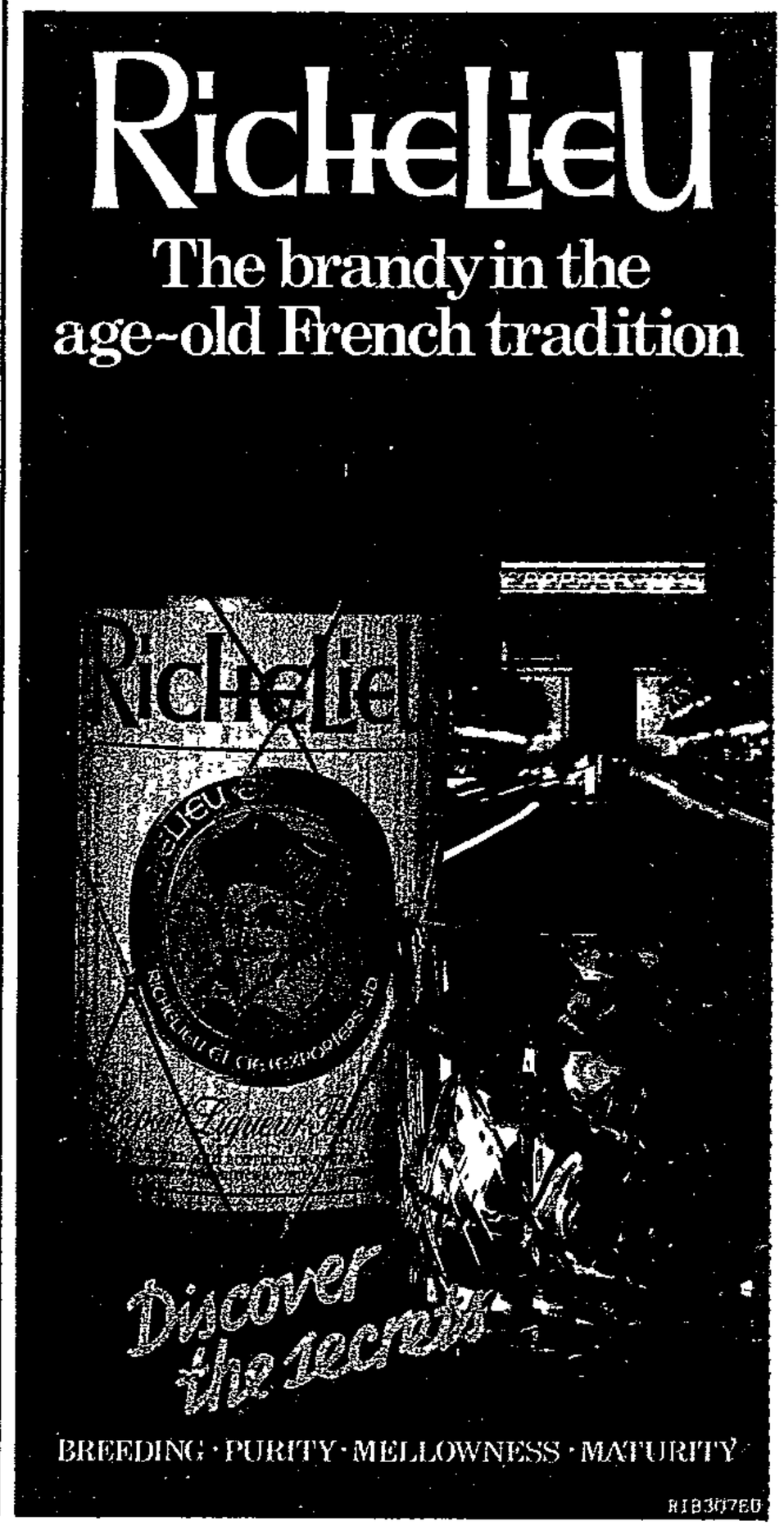
Mr Bongers gave the pigeon some water and then released it at dawn the next day when the boat reached Mossel Bay.

In spite of Striker's stint at being a seagull and his exhaustion after his extraordinary flight, he then managed to find his way home from Mossel Bay to Port Elizabeth where he was yesterday seen to be looking quite perky and recovered from his adventures.

"I am so grateful that he was able to find a place to land and that somebody found him and took the trouble to care for him," Mrs Nel said.

Corporate Division, was locked in discussions with his legal advisors throughout the day.

The banking house indicated on Monday that they would go ahead with liquidation proceedings against the TRFU after the union had failed to meet the Monday night deadline for payment of an estimated R43-million loan.



120 000 pupils now boycott in Vaal Triangle

By THELMA TUCH
Mail Reporter

ABOUT 120 000 pupils in the Pretoria, Witwatersrand and Vereeniging area are now away from school following widespread boycotts, stay-aways, the supension of classes and closure of schools in various townships.

In the Vaal Triangle yesterday 92 769 pupils stayed away from 14 secondary and 73 primary schools in Sharpville, Evaton, Sebokeng, Boipatong and Bophelong.

"We are hoping for the situation to normalise as soon as possible and none of the classes at any of the schools have been suspended," the chief liaison officer for the Department of Education, Mr Job Schoeman, said yesterday.

Department of Education and Training personnel have not been able to enter the townships to ascertain the damage to school property.

● In Katlehong, Thokoza and Daveyton on the East Rand, secondary schools were empty yesterday, as well as in Tembisa, near Kempton Park, where classes have been suspended indefinitely at the township's four secondary schools.

● No pupils arrived yesterday at the Reatobile Secondary School in Mamelodi but classes went on as normal in three other secondary schools in the township.

● Primary school children from five schools in Soshanguve, near Pretoria, did not turn up at school yesterday following unrest at schools in the township this week. But at the Soshanguve secondary school — the site of two recent arson attacks — about 70% of the pupils returned to school.

● Classes are still indefinitely suspended at Minerva High in Alexandra — hit by boycotts earlier this year.

● Six secondary schools in Atteridgeville, near Pretoria, were closed for the year following prolonged boycotts.

● More than 3 000 students of the University of the North, Turfloop, yesterday boycotted classes, demanding "eradication of the abhorrent system of education in its entirety," reports Thomas Lekgothoane.

The boycotts, which have spread from the Transvaal to the Free State and Eastern Cape now probably effect about 128 000 pupils.

● In Thabong, near Welkom in the Free State, where the suspension of classes at three secondary schools was lifted on Monday, pupils from all three schools resumed their boycotts yesterday. Pupils from Teto, Thuta-Gauta and Lebogang secondary schools are demanding the introduction of Student Representative Councils and are complaining about the presence of underqualified teachers. The DET has suspended classes indefinitely at the three schools.

● In Cradock in the Eastern Cape, most of the pupils at four secondary and three secondary schools are continuing their six-month-long class boycott.

A statement released by the president of the Congress of South African Students last night supported the widespread class boycotts.

The statement said it was the legitimate right of pupils to demand SRCs, and an end to corporal punishment and the age limit regulation. It hailed the move of the principal at Thubalethu High School in Fort Beaufort who is to allow a Thubalethu Representative Council to be introduced in accordance with a constitution drafted by pupils.

Sipho Ngcobo reports that Mr Musa Mathews Khumalo — shot dead by police last week — will be buried on Saturday at the Schoeman cemetry in Katlehong.

He is among the six people killed during the unrest on the East Rand last week.

Police told the family that students must not be allowed to carry the coffin.

"These policemen must keep off our backs. Musa was a student and we feel he should be buried by other students," a family member said.

Smoke billows from a blazing car in Evaton Township during continued unrest yesterday.

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Friendship could do no more

By DAVID CAPEL

SALLY PATEL reminded me yesterday of those pathetic scenes you sometimes see on television of people trying to get parcels and messages to loved ones across the Berlin Wall.

Only she was trying to reach friends in the riot-swept township of Evaton — and instead of bricks she was faced with a wall of teargas and frenzied mobs of people.

At first she met them head-on, telling them: "It's useless killing me — I'll only die once."

But eventually sense prevailed, and the plucky woman turned back — dazed and upset.

Mrs Patel had travelled from Johannesburg yesterday to be with her friends during their time of hardship and suffering.

She desperately wanted to get food through to them and offer accomodation after they had spent the night under the stars and clouds of teargas ... their house having been damaged in Monday's riots.

But even with a police escort, which was offered to her, Mrs Patel would not have been entirely safe. Now she wonders what her friends had for supper.

From the outskirts of this dustbowl of a township, curious passersby, untouched by the tragedy that has swept the area over the past two days, tried to gain a clear — and safe — vantage point on the main road. They were unable to enter the township.

All they could do was listen for the sporadic blasts of tearsmoke canisters and watch the thick, black plumes of smoke that filled the air.

All they saw were occasional gangs of youths running for shelter — or setting fire to a distant beerhall.

Evaton wasn't SUCH a bad place from a distance.

It was a hot day in Evaton. And the wind sometimes swept clouds of teargas over into the faces of the onlookers — making them rub their eyes.

Inside the township, teargas was only one of the problems — and by no means the biggest.

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Unrest returns to the township limelight

Mail Correspondent

THE name Sharpeville, with the grim memories it revives, is again echoing around the world 24 years after becoming as related to racial unrest in "apartheid" South Africa as the name Chicago became identified with the era of gangsterism in the United States in the 1920s.

Sharpeville, a black township outside Vereeniging, first shot into the world's political vocabulary in March 1960 when, in a demonstration against the pass-laws, a restive crowd of about 10 000 was fired on outside the police station after the station-commander had been knocked over in a scuffle.

The shooting began when someone, unidentified to this day, shouted: "Shoot!"

On what looked like a battlefield afterwards — a "battlefield" pictured on television screens and on the front pages of newspapers around the world — 67 blacks lay dead, and there were nearly 200 wounded among the crowd, which fled after the police opened fire.

Twelve policemen were injured.

The Johannesburg district surgeon, who with three other medical officers carried out post-mortem examinations on the victims, reported that 52 of the dead had been struck by bullets from behind.

The mood of the police at Sharpeville was undoubtedly influenced by events only two months earlier at Cato Manor, a notorious slum in Durban where a large crowd of blacks had killed nine policemen — including several black constables — in a riot.

● The basic causes of the violence that has racked Sharpeville this week are apparently quite different from those that put the Transvaal township on the international political map in 1960.

Business almost at a standstill

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Police Station where he made a statement.

There was stone throwing along the "Golden Highway" near Evaton.

The Vereeniging Municipality has made special arrangements to accommodate workers who pitched up so that they can sleep in the local Market Hall.

Amid the mayhem and tension the general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, Bishop Desmond Tutu, called on the Government to meet church leaders this week to try to seek a solution to the violence.

The SACC sent telegrams to the acting State President, Mr P W Botha, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, and the Minister of Education and Training, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, urging the meeting.

They read: "We call on you in Christ's name to meet urgently with church leaders this week. The countrywide ... situation is deteriorating desperately."

One Evaton resident commented grimly: "I am afraid to go and loot in the nearby shops, my children are starving, I cannot go to town because buses have been suspended,

Cars travelling near the townships were stopped and searched by the police, while inside the townships drivers were forced by youths to raise a "black power" salute.

All councillor's houses which survived the burning or stoning were under police guard.

At least three members of the Lekoa town council were yesterday reported to have been killed during the unrest in the Vaal Triangle on Monday, but yesterday Mr Essau Mahlatsi, the mayor, was found alive.

The councillors were Mr Jacob Kuzwayo Dlamini, the deputy mayor who lived in Sharpeville, Mr Johannes Chakane, chairman of the trade committee in the council and Mr Cesar Motjeane.

Warning brought 'threats to mother'

By ANTON HARBER
Political Reporter

A TRADE union official who wrote to the authorities four mouths ago to warn of widespread dissatisfaction in the Vaal area — scene of severe unrest this week — claims his family were threatened as a result of his action.

Mr George Nene, regional chairman of the Food and Beverage Workers Union, said yesterday he had written to the Orange/Vaal Administration Board in his personal capacity.

He warned the board that there was great dissatisfaction with the possibility of rent increases because services were bad, houses were in need of repair and roads were untarred.

"I was concerned with the poor living conditions of blacks in the townships. I expected the director of the board to invite me to his office, so we could discuss the problem," he said.

However, said Mr Nene, his letter was passed on to the local community councillors who discussed it at one of their meetings.

Three community councillors had visited his home and threatened his elderly mother with eviction, he said yesterday.

"I wanted to take it further, but I had to leave it be at my mother's request," he added.

Administration board officials could not be contacted for comment last night.

A University of Stellenbosch survey six years ago showed that at least a quarter of Sebokeng households fell "well below the breadline" and pointed to a housing shortage, overcrowding and unemployement problems.

The survey concluded that the local administration board was viewed with "deep-seated resentment" because of its control over influx and migrancy.

General reaction to rent increases was one of dissatisfaction and powerlessness.

Councillors urged to quit

Mail Reporter

COMMUNITY councillors should resign in their own interests and in the interests of peace in the townships, the Release Mandela Committee (RMC) said yesterday.

In a statement, the RMC said people had rejected the local authorities structures and would continue to pressurise the "puppets" that manned them.

"Events in Sharpeville and many other townships have indicated how unpopular community councils are."

Township riots, shootings make world headlines

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By MARGARET SMITH
London Bureau

LONDON. — Newspapers, radio and television news broadcasts in Britain, the United States and Western Europe yesterday gave extensive coverage to the shootings in riot-torn townships in South Africa.

In London the Financial Times carried a report across six columns on the front page, under the headline "Eleven die as bomb and riots greet South African constitution".

Also in a front-page report, the New York Herald Tribune said: "Black violence in townships in South Africa leaves 14 dead".

The Guardian's front-page headline said: "Troops go in as 11 die in township rioting", while the Standard reported: "Sharpeville: We killed 10 rioters, say police".

BBC Radio made the riots and shootings one of the main items on its daytime news, and reported that the death toll had risen to 22, and BBC TV carried lengthy reports.

To background scenes of rioters the commentator reported: "Sharpeville — after what now seems to have been the worst day of violence in eight years: A place where barricades still burn, where hundreds of buildings smoke after overnight riots.

"The police, in their heavily-armed vehicles, went back into the townships this morning to restore at least some order. The death toll has been rising. Local people say police were responsible for most of the killings. The authorities here say their countermeasures have to be firm."

In America, the unrest was big news, reports Sapa.

The influential New Tork Times carried a front-page report datelined Sharpeville, which the writer described as a name "woven into the soul of black resistance since 69 people died in clashes with the police in 1960".

The paper also devoted a full inside page to the riots, and coverage included a photograph showing rioters in Evaton, as well as a map showing the location of the various townships involved in the unrest.

The report said: "As with much of South Africa's recent major unrest, the troubles in five black townships within 60 miles of Johannesburg focused ostensibly on issues such as rent increases and educational disputes but reflected, too, a profound disaffection among a volatile black population."

The report said the intricacies of the new constitution had been overshadowed by the "contortion of violence that has gripped black townships since last Thursday".

"The white population of the Vaal Triangle is generally viewed as being largely conservative Afrikaner stock, and there were reports today of whites arming themselves with shotguns in their cars before venturing on to the streets."

The unrest in the townships was also given prominence in other newspapers and on radio and television newscasts.

Early morning news on the ABC television network yesterday presented viewers with graphic pictures of the rioting.

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Nkomati fails to end ANC sabotage

By PATRICK LAURENCE
Political Editor

The Nkomati Accord and the crackdown on the African National Congress by the Swaziland authorities appear to have only minimally reduced sabotage attacks in South Africa.

Statistics complied by the Institute of Strategic Studies show that the number of sabotage attacks, up to Tuesday's on the Johannesburg offices of the Department of Internal Affairs, is only a fraction below the figure for the same period last year — 27 against 29.

This year's figure, however, includes five petrol bomb attacks on the homes of politicians by the South African Suicide Squad, an organisation with an anonymous membership.

But closer analysis of sabotage attacks since the signing of the March 16 Nkomati Accord between South Africa and Mozambique points to an intensification of sabotage attacks between then and September 3, compared with the same period last year.

Excluding the petrol bomb attacks, there were 19 sabotage attacks or attempted sabotage attacks between the signing of the accord and Tuesday's explosion in Johannesburg. During the same period last year the equivalent figure was 15.

Professor Mike Hough, director of the Institute of Strategic Studies, offered several explanations for the continuing spate of attacks.

They included the inability of Mozambique to completely seal off its borders, the opening up by the ANC of new infiltration routes through Zimbabwe and Botswana without the consent of the governments of those countries, and the ability of some ANC fighters who entered South Africa before March 16 to evade SA security forces.

Prof Hough rejected the claim by the ANC that it had established permanent bases in South Africa, although he conceded that the ANC might have built up secret arms caches before the Nkomati Accord and, on that foundation, established insurgents on a "semi-permanent" basis since then.

The institute's figures do not include shoot-outs between security forces and ANC fighters.

But in a recently released "position paper", Mr D A S Herbst, director of the partially government-funded SA Forum, said: "Since the signing of the Nkomati Accord all but three of the more than 50 members of the ANC special operations unit have been killed or captured in South Africa and Swaziland".

Mr Herbst's explanation of the continuing ANC attacks is that they are "desperate attempts" by the ANC to convince its "sponsors" that it is able to continue its "armed resistance" in spite of Nkomati.

He does not, however, offer an explanation for the ability of the ANC to continue its attacks in spite of the reported near-annihilation of its special operations unit.

In a major speech to the old uniracial Parliament, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, said: "The Nkomati Accord and the initiatives of the Government have upset the planning of the ANC ... The ANC has been very adversely affected ... There is no doubt about that."

The initiatives resulted in "large numbers of ANC terrorists" being expelled from Swaziland, Botswana and Lesotho.

But, Mr Le Grange added, the ANC wanted to restore "its somewhat tarnished image" and planned a "desperate attempt during the next two or three months to create an impression, an image, of aggression."

The ANC leader, Mr Oliver Tambo, has twice given his version of recent events — once in Gaborone and once in Harare. But South Africans have to remain ignorant of them because he may not be quoted in South Africa.

Helicopter crashes in Kavango

Mail Africa Bureau

WINDHOEK. — A South African Air Force helicopter crashed during a "routine flight" near Rundu, capital of the Kavango war zone, on Monday, South West Africa Territory Force headquarters confirmed yesterday.

The crew of the helicopter, an Allouette 3, escaped unhurt, a spokesman said.

A board of inquiry has been set up to investigate the accident.

No further details were available.

Killer 'was threatened'

Mail Reporter

A PART-TIME gardener accused of murdering a middle-aged Craighall Park woman, yesterday told a Rand Supreme Court judge he "would have been killed" if he had not committed the crime.

Mr Patrick Mphela, 20, said it was never his intention to murder 46-year-old Mrs Margret Ann Bates. He was told to "perform the act" by an unknown person who threatened to kill him if "I didn't do it"

Mr Mphela and his co-accused, Mr Joseph Radinku, 24, are alleged to have murdered Mrs Bates and attempted to murder her companion, 58-year-old Mr John Taylor Lee.

Mr Lee told the court earlier that the two men asked for gardening work at his home on January 2 this year. After hitting Mr Lee on the head, Mr Mphela went to the kitchen and demanded money from Mrs Bates.

When he came round he staggered inside and witnessed Mr Mphela shooting Mrs Bates, the court heard.

Mr Mphela told the court yesterday he had shot Mrs Bates, "but I didn't mean to do it".

"When I heard Mr Lee's footsteps coming up the back stairs, I got a fright. We were about to run away when the shot went off."

The trial continues.

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Murder accused says he shot in defence

By NICOLA BEKKER

A HILLBROW handyman said yesterday he "feared for his life" when he shot two policemen — he killed one and a bullet lodged in the other's mouth — outside a block of flats.

Mr Godfried Rheeder, 29, father of four children, pleaded not guilty in the Rand Supreme Court to murder and attempted murder, claiming he shot the policemen in self-defence.

"I was afraid that if I didn't shoot them, they'd kill me," he said yesterday.

Mr Rheeder, of Transwerke Flats, Hillbrow, is accused of murdering Sergeant Christo Olivier, 32, and of shooting Constable Patrick Coetzee, 19, in the mouth on December 1 last year.

Mr Rheeder, who said he worked as a handyman at a Johannesburg hospital, told the court he had been drinking heavily with friends in a Transwerke flat and had fallen asleep.

"I woke up to a loud noise and went outside. There I saw these two big policemen kicking and beating my brother Nico."

He claimed he walked up to the officers and said: "But, sir, you can't take the law into your own hands."

The policemen, he said, then turned on him.

"Sgt Olivier grabbed me, hit me on my left eye and I fell down. I was then grabbed by the hair and shoulder and dragged down the stairs to the police van."

Mr Rheeder managed to escape, ran into the foyer and "watched the policemen wrestle with my brother".

"The men then came to me and started hitting and kicking me again. They were both so much bigger than me.

"They knocked me down, but I jumped up, grabbed my pistol and fired first at Const Coetzee and then at Sgt Olivier.

"I didn't mean to kill anybody — I just wanted to wound the men. There wasn't any time to threaten them or anything — I wasn't even sure of what I was doing."

Claiming he was "totally drunk" during the incident, Mr Rheeder said: "There was no reason at all for the police to assault me. I was perfectly willing to go with them."

The hearing continues today before Mr Justice L L Esselen. Mr H D Baer is appearing for Mr Rheeder and Mr J A Swanepoel for the State.

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Rising private debt alarms SA economists

By GERALD REILLY
Pretoria Bureau

RISING private debt — a symptom of the country's sick economy — is reaching alarming heights.

Economists and debt collecting agencies forecast that the debt pool will deepen as the country continues to suffer from rising inflation and low or zero growth.

Although high interest rates and tightened HP conditions are discouraging consumer spending, the reckless credit buying of the past is catching up with thousands of consumers.

According to a statement released by the Central Statistical Services yesterday, 194 580 summonses for debt were issued between March and May this year, an increase of 3,5% on summonses for the same period last year.

Civil judgments for debt in the March-May period also increased — by 10,1% — compared with the the year before.

Barclays Bank's chief economist, Dr Johan Cloete, commented that GST, spiralling prices and inflation had eaten into the real value of earnings.

He said disposable incomes would probably drop by as much as 3,5% this year.

"People have been battling to maintain living standards in the face of declining real incomes and for many this has meant heavy debt."

Ship is still stuck

By TONY WEAVER
Mail Africa Bureau

WINDHOEK. — The massive Cape Town-based tug, Causeway Salvor, is standing by in Walvis Bay ready to begin renewed efforts to tow a shipwrecked Norwegian supply ship off a sandbank on the Skeleton Coast north of Swakopmund.

The Causeway Salvor, with a pulling power of 90 tons, will attempt to pull the Fob9, a 50-ton ship, which ran aground last Saturday, on the next spring tide.

By yesterday afternoon, 25 tons of diesel fuel had been pumped out of the Fob9 in an attempt to lighten it.

The vessel ran aground just after 2am last Saturday when the skipper mistook the lighthouse at Swakopmund for that at Walvis Bay. Thinking he was running into the Walvis Bay channel, he ran aground on a sandbank.

Earlier attempts to pull the ship off with the Danie Hugo tug failed because of insufficient pulling power.

Saudis deny SA oil link

JEDDAH. — Saudi Arabia yesterday denied charges that it secretly supplied South Africa with crude oil in 1981 and 1982.

Referring to a survey conducted by the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee, a spokesman for the Saudi Foreign Ministry insisted that: "There is no truth whatsoever in the report."

The survey claimed the kingdom supplied South Africa with 67% of its oil needs in that period, despite a worldwide embargo against South Africa.

"It is known that the government of Saudi Arabia is fully committed to the boycott decision imposed on South Africa's Government because of its racist policy," the spokesman said. "There is no better proof of the inherent lie in the report than the source to which the report was attributed."

The committee is the leading pro-Israel lobby in the United States.

A spokesman for the Saudi Embassy in Washington had disputed the findings and said Saudi Arabia had "no social, political or economic relations with South Africa whatsoever". — Sapa-AP.

White rule is 'a moral outrage'

ARUSHA. — Leaders in European socialism and black African states yesterday called for international pressure to end white minority rule in South Africa, which the Swedish Prime Minister, Mr Olaf Palme, called a "moral outrage" that threatened world peace.

"It is our duty to eradicate this weird aberration in human history from the face of the earth," Mr Palme said of apartheid at the opening session of a Socialist International conference on Southern Africa.

Mr Palme, other socialist figures from 16 West European countries and black African leaders were gathered in this highlands resort in northern Tanzania for a two-day conference to plan a united strategy against apartheid.

Tanzania's President Julius Nyerere formally opened the conference, which was attended by President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia and the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, Mr Robert Mugabe.

Also at the meeting were the leaders of two Southern African guerrilla organisations, Mr Oliver Tambo of the African National Congress and Mr Sam Nujoma of Swapo.

In his speech, Mr Palme urged European delegates to mobilise pressure from their governments and in the UN to end the "international scandal" of South Africa's continued control of Namibia and apartheid, "a tyranny of a particularly evil kind".

However, Mr Palme said Sweden would not give military aid to guerrillas fighting white rule in South Africa as Swedish law banned the sale of weapons to areas involved in conflict.

But he also said he was "all in favour" of a total trade embargo against South Africa and that Sweden had frequently voted in the UN for an overall ban.

But he was sceptical that countries such as the US and Britain would ever agree to such an embargo. — Sapa-Reuter-AP.

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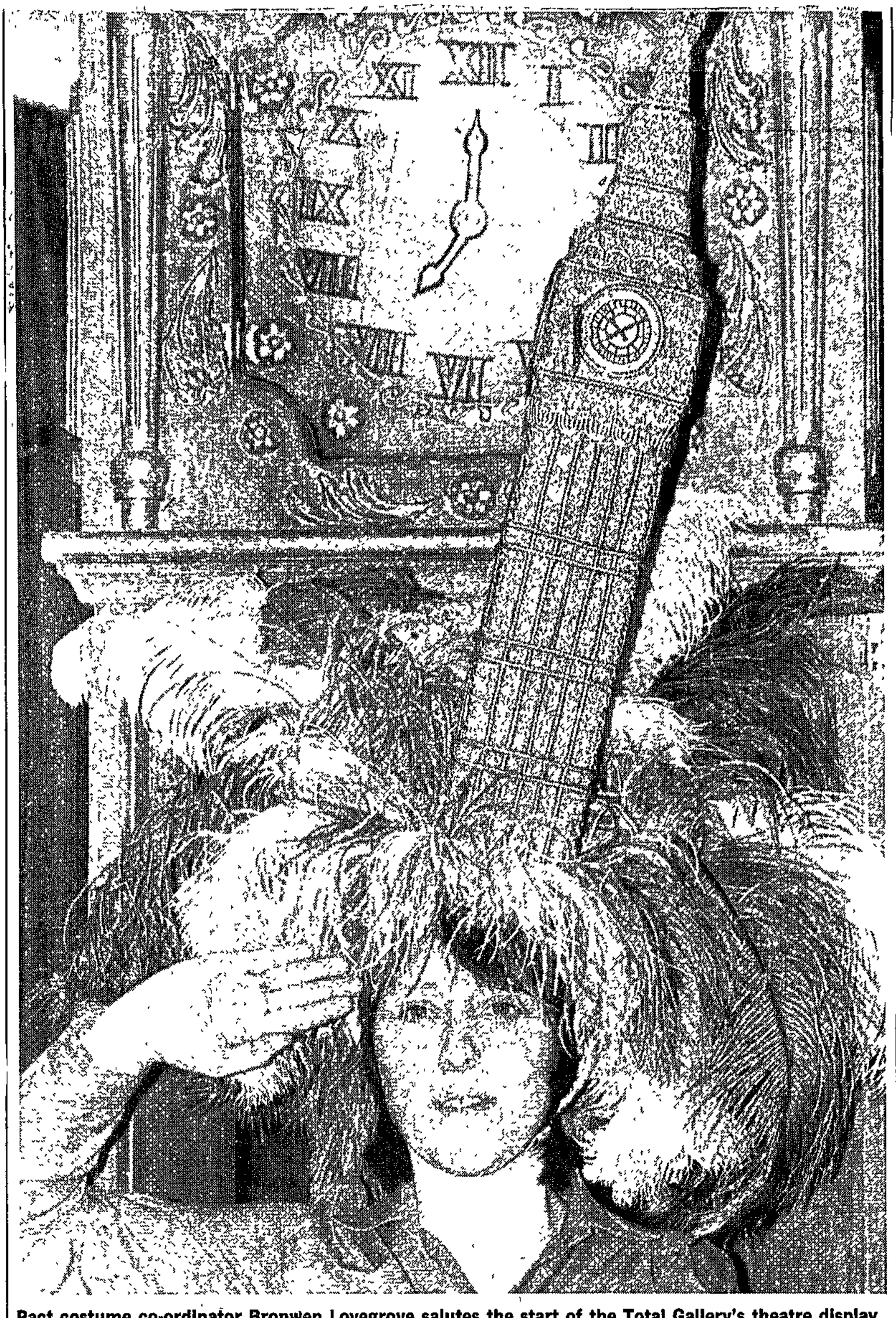

Pact costume co-ordinator Bronwen Lovegrove salutes the start of the Total Gallery's theatre display featuring props and costumes from 1964 to 1984. The glittering Big Ben, used this year, is a youngster compared with the grandfather clock that has been ticking in props rooms for the past 20 years.

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Mayors in Vaal area in hiding

GUTTED: The shells of burnt-out cars and a house in the Vaal area are testimony to the violence that swept through the townships, following a stay-away on Monday in protest against rent rises.

By SAM MABE and JOSHUA RABOROKO

THE DEPUTY mayor of Evaton, Mr Dutch Diphoko, died yesterday morning following mob violence, while the death toll in the Vaal Triangle unrest last night stood at 26.

Mr Diphoko, whose house was set alight and his bottle store looted, was stoned on Monday. He is alleged to have shot two youths who were among his attackers.

He was rushed to Sebokeng Hospital in a serious condition where he died yesterday morning.

A tense but calm atmosphere prevailed at the townships of Evaton, Sebokeng and Sharpeville yesterday as residents started licking their wounds after the violence in the area.

Yesterday a garage, a clinic and a teachers' training college were burnt down.

A man claiming to be Mr Simon Matsheka, who said he was a member of the Evaton Town Council, last night announced his resignation from the council.

Two mayors in the area, Mr Esau Mahlatsi and Mr Sam Rabotapi, and a number of other councillors have been missing since Monday when the unrest started.

According to our sources, Mr Mahlatsi and an unspecified number of councillors are staying at a hotel in Vanderbijlpark and Mr Rabotapi is believed to be with relatives in Soweto.

Police yesterday confirmed that 26 people had died and said about 48 had been hurt, including eight policemen. But according to our estimates, up to 300 people could have been injured. Police also made 35 arrests.

Ruins

A hotel contacted about Mr Mahlatsi's whereabouts denied that there was anybody by the name of Mahlatsi among their guests. The rest of the Vaal councillors had also disappeared with their families from their homes which are now irreparable ruins.

Vaal businessman, Mr Daniel Moleko, said yesterday he could not understand why his shop was gutted. He said his 12-year-old daughter was missing and he feared that she could be dead.

Another councillor, a Mr Sekobane, had his house and two cars

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Turfloop defiance

MORE than 3 600 students at the University of the North (Turfloop) yesterday defied an ultimatum to leave the campus, until they are forcibly removed or the campus is officially closed.

By SELLO RABOTHATA

The ultimatum follows a boycott of lectures by students. Authorities at the university allegedly ordered the students to return to class by 2 pm yesterday, failing which they should vacate the campus by 5 pm. Some students said they were told that if they did not leave the campus at that time, police would be called in. Late yesterday afternoon all was quiet at the university.

The president of the Students' Representative Council (SRC), Tebogo Moloi, said students held a meeting at which a number of resolutions were reached

The Rector of the university, Professor Poth Mokgokong, yesterday wanted to know who had informed the Press about the position at his campus. When told it was the students, he said: "Ask the students."

A statement released after the meeting said: "We students, noting with contempt and revulsion the proportions which the abnormal political, economical and educational situation have assumed; that black students are an integral part of the oppressed and exploited community, and not an entity distinct from the masses and further that the fraudulent system of education in the country has a direct bearing on the present education crisis;

"Resolve: to commit ourselves selflessly in the national struggle for a total eradication of the abhorrent system of education in its entirety; to actively campaign and engage ourselves within the immediate environment and communities for the realisation of these aspirations; to make a national call on all black students in the country and in other black institutions to align themselves with this campaign; and further resolve to initiate the venture by staging a boycott of all academic activities until the aspirations expressed in the first resolution are realised."

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Death Row James escapes the noose

WHEN Death Row prisoner James Mlati was told he was free to go home he thought he was being tricked into the loop of the hangman's noose.

By ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

He slowly muttered his last prayers as the prison guards took him through the remote-controlled doors which, according to prison stories, lead you to the waiting arms of your Maker. But unbeknown to him the doors led to his first breath of freedom after two years in a place for those waiting to die.

Mlati was freed on Monday this week, but he cannot forget the day Mr Acting Justice Steyn sentenced him to death. The State alleged that he and three other people assaulted a white couple near Geldenhuys railway station in January 1982 and raped the woman. He was arrested a few days later and was sentenced to death for rape and three years for assault.

"On the day in question I and my friends were enjoying ourselves at the Club Pelican in Soweto. I even posed for a snapshot with my friends at the night-club," he said cheerfully.

He was arrested near Geldenhuys railway station because his features and clothes matched the description given to the police. His alleged victims said the attacker was wearing a black leather coat and had a shaven head.

"At a very unfair identity parade I was pointed out as the suspect and charged. It was unfair because I was the only person wearing a leather jacket and obviously the complainant went for me.

"But the gravity of the matter only dawned on me when Judge Steyn announced my death sentence. I did not cry because I had lost all feeling. A hoarse cry of pain passed through my throat and that was all. My mother, too, was unearthly quiet, she just looked at me," he said

Bible

In prison, Mr Mlati said, the days were long and dragging. People spent their last days reading the Bible from cover to cover. "Coming from a staunch Christian family, the teachings of our old Swiss Mission preacher in Tshiawelo came flooding back to me. I became a convert in the first few months and I was teaching my fellow prisoners the word of God. They liked me and I enjoyed my new-found life. I am a new man now and I am going to buy myself a new Bible to symbolise a new beginning "

On the day of his release after a successful appeal to the Appellate Division by his lawyers Mr Mlati said he could not believe his luck. "I was reading a Bible verse (Matt 28 verse 1 to 11) which deals with the resurrection of Christ, when the guard told me to pack my things and follow him. I meekly followed "

His release has come as the biggest present ever for his mother Emily "I had faith in God that my son would be released one day." James is her first-born son and she has six other children.

Mr JAMES MLATI, second from left, his mother Emily on extreme left, his father Samuel and the family lawyer Mr Shilungwa Mhinga toasting the release of James from death row this week.

PIC. REGGIE NIKIWE

More dead after rioting

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burnt His brother, Mr Buti Mashala Sekobane, who is not involved in any way with the unpopular town council system, also had his house set alight.

Councillor Mr Sam Kodisang and two policemen, Mr David Kutwane and another known only as Malakia, also had their houses burnt down in Sharpeville.

Meanwhile two tear-smoke canisters and seven rubber bullets were allegedly fired into the house of the Rev Tebogo Moselane on Monday night while he was holding a prayer service with members of his family.

By late yesterday afternoon, there were still sporadic incidents of stone-throwing and looting of shops and bottle stores in Sebokeng.

Solution

The General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches, Bishop Desmond Tutu, yesterday called on the Government to meet church leaders this week to try to seek a solution to the violence.

The SACC also sent telegrams to the Acting State President, Mr P W Botha, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, and the Minister of Education and Training, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, urging the meeting.

"We call on you in Christ's name to meet urgently with church leaders this week. The countrywide situation is deteriorating desperately," the telegram said.

The telegram said the authorities must meet the "authentic leaders of the black community."

Bishop Tutu has postponed a planned trip to the United States in response to the violence and also called for an emergency meeting of church leaders and the executive committee of the SACC tomorrow.

If the lot of black South Africans was not improved, violence would escalate, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southern Africa said yesterday

• Another Evaton councillor, Mr Benjamin Angoma, tendered his resignation last night, saying he was abiding by the wishes of the local residents that all councillors resign from the local authority. He said another factor which led to his resigning was ill-health and his age. He is 73.

Mayors condemn Lekoa attacks

TWO mayors yesterday condemned the attack on Lekoa Town Council members and their properties as "unfortunate and uncalled for".

They also rejected a call by the Release Mandela Committee requesting them to resign their council positions.

The mayor of Dobsonville, Mr Don Mmesi, said: "It is very unfair that the people attacked councillors while they should have directed their wrath against the South African Government which is legislating on matters affecting them."

He said the people were "misguided and need to be educated on how Government institutions operate".

The deputy mayor of Alexandra township, Mr M Makhubire, said: "The guns were levelled at the wrong quarters."

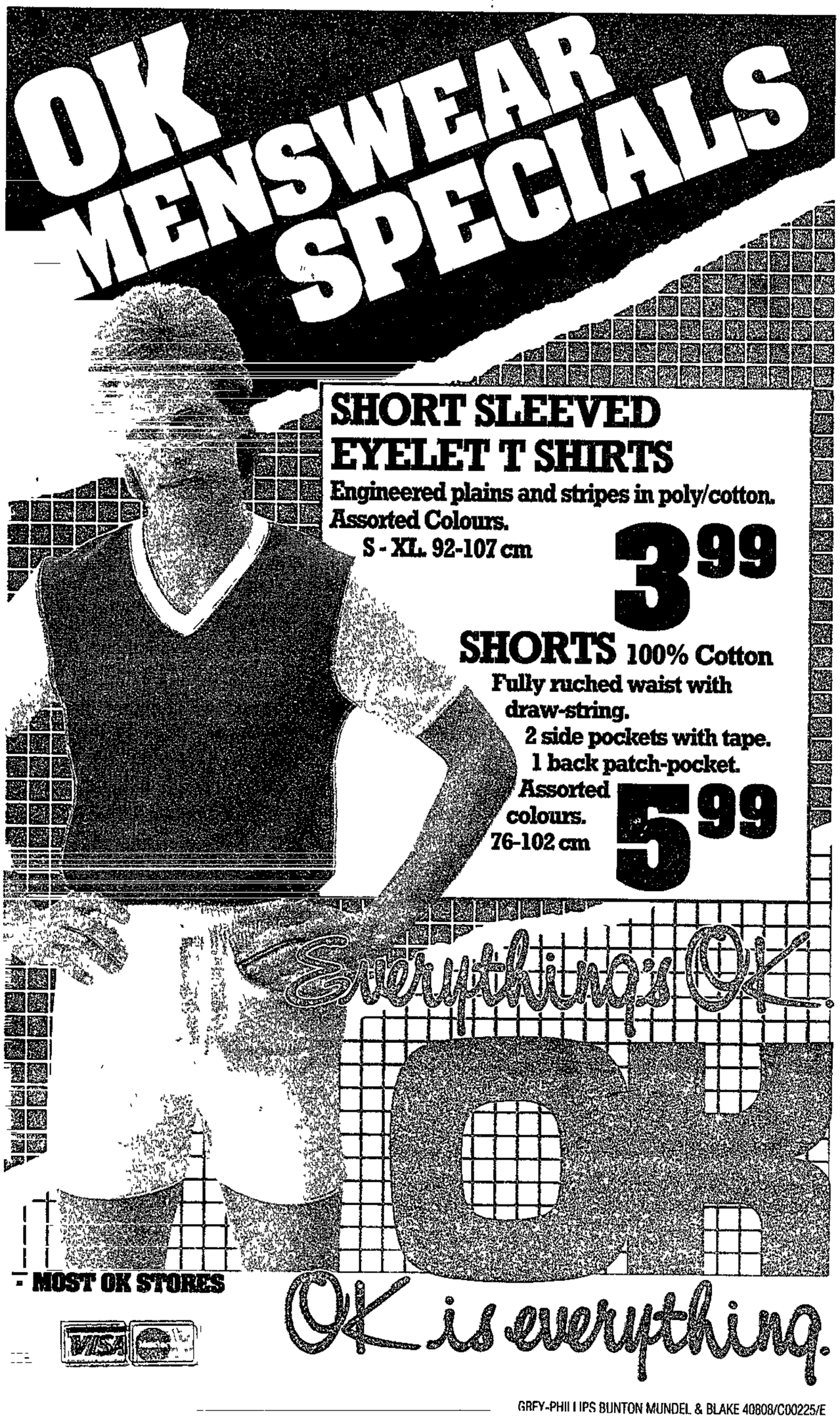
Classroom burnt

A CLASSROOM was found burnt at the Phumzile Lower Primary School in Soshanguve yesterday morning.

A spokesman for the Department of Education and Training said the damage was first discovered when pupils arrived at the school in the morning.

He added that the situation had returned to normal at all the schools in the Pretoria township except for the Rethabile High School, Mamelodi, where there was a complete stay-away. This was after several students had received treatment for injuries sustained during a police/student confrontation on Monday.

• Colonel J Venter of the Police Directorate for Public Relations has denied that police assaulted students in a Mamelodi classroom on Monday.



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Sharpeville: White flags, call for rent talks

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Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Several hundred people gathered outside the Development Board offices in Sharpeville today and demanded negotiations over the proposed rent increase.

They waved white flags and demanded talks while the violence-torn Vaal Triangle flared up again amid unconfirmed reports that the unrest which has left 29 dead has now spread to two East Rand townships, Tembisa and Vosloorus.

Lieutenant B van der Wald, a police spokesman, said riot police used rubber bullets to disperse stone-throwers 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 lieutenant said.

HOMELESS

The truck was hit once, the officer added.

Thousands have been left homeless following violence in the Vaal Triangle townships.

A hostel for single blacks near Sebokeng Hospital was burnt down, leaving hundreds homeless, in addition to those who lost their houses.

The Deputy-Mayor of Evaton, Mr Dutch Diphoko, died in the Sebokeng Hospital yesterday of injuries caused by a mob at his house on Monday morning. He was the second deputy-mayor to lose his life in the rioting.

On Monday Mr Sam Dlamini of Sharpeville was killed.

Vaal rent increases 'scrapped'

Mail Reporters

A TENSE day of negotiations yesterday — conducted at the Sharpeville township office while about 3 000 people waited outside — ended with the announcement that the controversial rent increase for the Vaal Triangle had been scrapped.

It was also announced that the local authority in the area would hold an emergency meeting to discuss demands that rents be decreased to R30.

The announcement appeared to have defused the conflict that has claimed about 30 lives in the last few days — at least temporarily.

However, the large crowd that waited outside the township office resolved afterwards not to pay any rent until officials agreed to their demands for a reduction.

And official confirmation of the decision to scrap the rent increase could not be obtained last night. Officials of the Oranje/Vaal Administration Board said they were unable to comment.

The announcement of the rent increase scrapping came after eight hours of negotiations between representatives of the protestors and officials of the administration board, two town councillors and a police representative.

The crowd of 3 000 — who stood face to face with a large contingent of armed policemen — waited outside the office all day to hear the result.

Members of the delegation of Sharpeville residents come forward to meet officials yesterday. Their meeting led to the announcement that rent increases would be scrapped. They are, from left to right, the Reverend Ben Photolo, Mr Mongezi Radebe, Mrs E Lebona, Mr Paulus Makwa and Mr Tshepo Photolo.

Picture: DANIEL SIMON

While the meeting was in progress, two more Sharpeville shops were burnt and looted and a third set alight. However, quick action by residents saved the third shop.

Negotiations began yesterday morning after a large crowd marched on the Sharpeville township office. They waved white flags and carried a banner saying "Rent R30, Release Moruti". "Moruti" referred to a local priest, the Reverend Tebogo Moselane, apparently detained on Tuesday.

Their delegation, led by the Reverend Ben Photolo, demanded that:

- All rents be decreased to R30, including service charges.
- All members of the town council resign.
- Police release all people arrested or detained during the unrest, including Mr Moselane.
- They be allowed to bury those who have died in the unrest without police interference.

In the late afternoon, the delegation told the Press they had agreed that:

- The proposed rent increases of R5,60 and R5,90 would be cancelled.
- The town council would call an emergency meeting to discuss the demand to reduce rents and service charges.

The delegation said they were told that detainees could not be released because investigations were continuing.

Police would not interfere with the burial of those who had died in the unrest, provided they did not turn the funerals into political rallies.

- General Constand Viljoen, the Chief of the Defence Force, yesterday toured trouble spots in the Vaal Triangle by helicopter and was briefed on the situation by the SA Police.

Relief work hampered by security — UDF

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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 organisa-

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Sharpeville very tense

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

THE SITUATION in Sharpeville was tense yesterday as hundreds of residents massed in the township, demanding the release of the Rev Tebogo Jeff Moselane who, they claimed, had been detained by police.

They also demanded a R30 reduction in rents, recently increased by the Lekoa Town Council. Rents are the cause of the present uprisings, which so far have claimed 29 lives.

The number of people hurt could be close to 300, as more reports from residents filtered in about the extent of the violence.

Police Chief, General Johan Coetzee in a statement on Tuesday night said he believed the police now had the situation under control and appealed for calm.

Yesterday Chief of the SA Defence Force, General Constand Viljoen visited the riot-torn area.

Police yesterday denied that Rev Moselane was in custody. According to Lieutenant Colonel Victor Haynes, Rev Moselane was definitely not detained under security legislation and a further check showed that he was definitely not in police custody.

This was confirmed late yesterday by a spokesman for the Anglican Church, to which Rev Moselane belongs. Another prominent priest in the area, Canon Benjamin Photholo, also told the hundreds of residents that his colleague, Mr Moselane, was definitely not in detention but at a place of safety after an attack at his home on Monday night.

They are protesting against the R5,90 and R5,50 increases which became effective on September 2.

Residents, carrying white flags (for peace) and placards, marched to the outskirts of the township where their delegates met officials of the Orange-Vaal Development Board.

The officials were protected by a heavy police contingent — armoured vehicles, police vans and sneeze machines — while the residents waited at a distance.

Mr Photholo told the masses that the Oradebo officials had said they could only listen to their demands, but could not make a decision

VOSLOORUS — The scene at Vosloorus yesterday when students went on the rampage.

Cops fire tearsmoke

By SELLO RABOTHATA

TEARSMOKE was used to disperse stone-throwing youths as unrest continued in East Rand townships yesterday, while a woodwork centre at a Mamelodi secondary school was gutted by fire and attempts to burn two local high schools were made.

The majority of students at the University of the North (Turfloop), were also forced out of the campus when Lebowa police were called in after they had defied an ultimatum to return to class or be sent home. The incident took place at about 11.30 am yesterday.

In Tembisa, police fired tearsmoke to disperse a group of youths who had earlier set a delivery van alight. A police spokesman said the Umfunyane Primary School was stoned and the Endunyeni beerhall as well as a Putco bus were set alight. He said two offices at the University of Zululand (Ongoye) were set alight, causing extensive damage.

Release

Major C R Liebenberg, Liaison Officer for the East Rand Police, yesterday said about 500 pupils in Vosloorus marched to the local station to demand the release of their colleagues.

Department of Education and Training (Det) said attempts were also made to set the Mamelodi High and the Ribane Laka Secondary schools on fire.

Mr Edgar Posselt, deputy chief liaison officer for Det, said the breakdown of the situation in the schools is:

- Classes have been suspended at 12 schools, with 12 500 pupils affected;
- Classes are being boycotted at 21 schools, with 18 200 pupils affected;
- Six Atteridgeville high schools have been closed, with 6 000 pupils affected.

Classes are not being attended at 87 schools in the Vaal Triangle and 93 000 pupils are af-

terday.

Mr Frans Swart, the Press liaison officer of the university, said the students had been given a directive to return to class on two occasions but that these had been ignored. Some students went back to class after the second directive but the others were removed from campus by Lebowa police: "There was no violence and the university is still open for those who want to attend classes," he said.

tion and demanded the release of their colleagues. When their demands were not met, they stoned the police station and marched to the post office and library which they also stoned.

A delivery van was set alight in the township and tearsmoke was used to disperse them.

In Mamelodi, the woodwork centre in Lehlabile Secondary School was gutted by fire.

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UDF to aid in riot areas

Doctors, lawyers to be sent in

THE UNITED Democratic Front announced yesterday that it intends sending a team of lawyers and doctors to set up a mobile legal and medical clinic in the riot-torn areas in the Vaal Triangle.

Making the announcement, the Rev Frank Chikane, executive member of the Transvaal UDF, said a delegation sent to the area on Tuesday found that a number of injured people had not received any treatment.

In some cases, families whose relatives had been killed, detained or had disappeared, did not know what to do or where to go to make the necessary inquiries.

Meanwhile, the Azanian Peoples' Organisation (Azapo) will hold a service in Soweto on Saturday evening, in honour of those who were killed during the unrests in the East Rand and the Vaal Triangle

The service, to be held at the Dube YWCA at 7 pm, will replace the cultural night which had earlier been planned to mark the beginning of the Black Consciousness Week

The week will culminate in the commemoration of the death of Black Consciousness exponent, Steve Biko, who died in police cells in 1977

Soweto residents, members of student, trade union, sport, cultural and political organisations are invited to attend the service.

Mr Chikane said in a statement that the Vaal town councils and the Vaal Administration Board were to be blamed for the unrests which started on Monday

"The rent increases come at a time when there is high unemployment and the ever increasing cost of food, clothing and transport while our people are earning meagre wages," Mr Chikane said

Doctors in a mobile clinic will help those who are injured and lawyers will offer legal counselling.

Mr Chikane went on to say that one of the councillors killed on Monday, Mr Caesar Motjeane, had been asked by residents to join them in a march to the administration board offices to protest against the rent increases.

Mr Motjeane had refused to join the march and had instead, opened fire on the crowd.

REV CHIKANE . . . UDF action.

Sinaba silenced

SUSPENDED Daveyton councillor, Mr Shadrack Sinaba, was this week ordered by a Supreme Court judge not to take part in the monthly meeting of the Daveyton Town Council held on Tuesday.

Mr Sinaba was suspended on August 7, for holding a public meeting in an open veld near Sinaba Stadium. Mr Sinaba, according to the council, had asked for permission to hold the meeting at the stadium but instead he held it in the veld

Granddad on rape rap

AN elderly Soweto man has been arrested and charged with raping his 12-year-old granddaughter.

The Orlando West man, whose name cannot be published, allegedly raped the girl in his bedroom after dragging her from the dining room on Monday night at about 9 o'clock.

In another rape case reported yesterday, a 25-year-old Emdeni South woman was raped by a man near Protea on Tuesday. No arrest has been made in this case

Meanwhile, two people have been arrested in connection with the "Wire Gang"-style attack on a White City Jabavu family three weeks ago. A 34-year-old woman, Mrs Maria Polly Mabe, was killed and then bound with a coat hanger. Her husband, Mr Pherson, was hit with a heavy instrument on the head. Money, a TV set and a radio were stolen

The first suspect was arrested last week. The two others were arrested in Zululand on Monday.

The two appear in court today.

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 government 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 Boipetong. 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 Bophelong and upwards of R70 in Sebokeng's Zone 12, where income determines rental.

Residents who are buying 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 white suburbs) and service charges. A typical rate, excluding electricity charges, is R40 a month.

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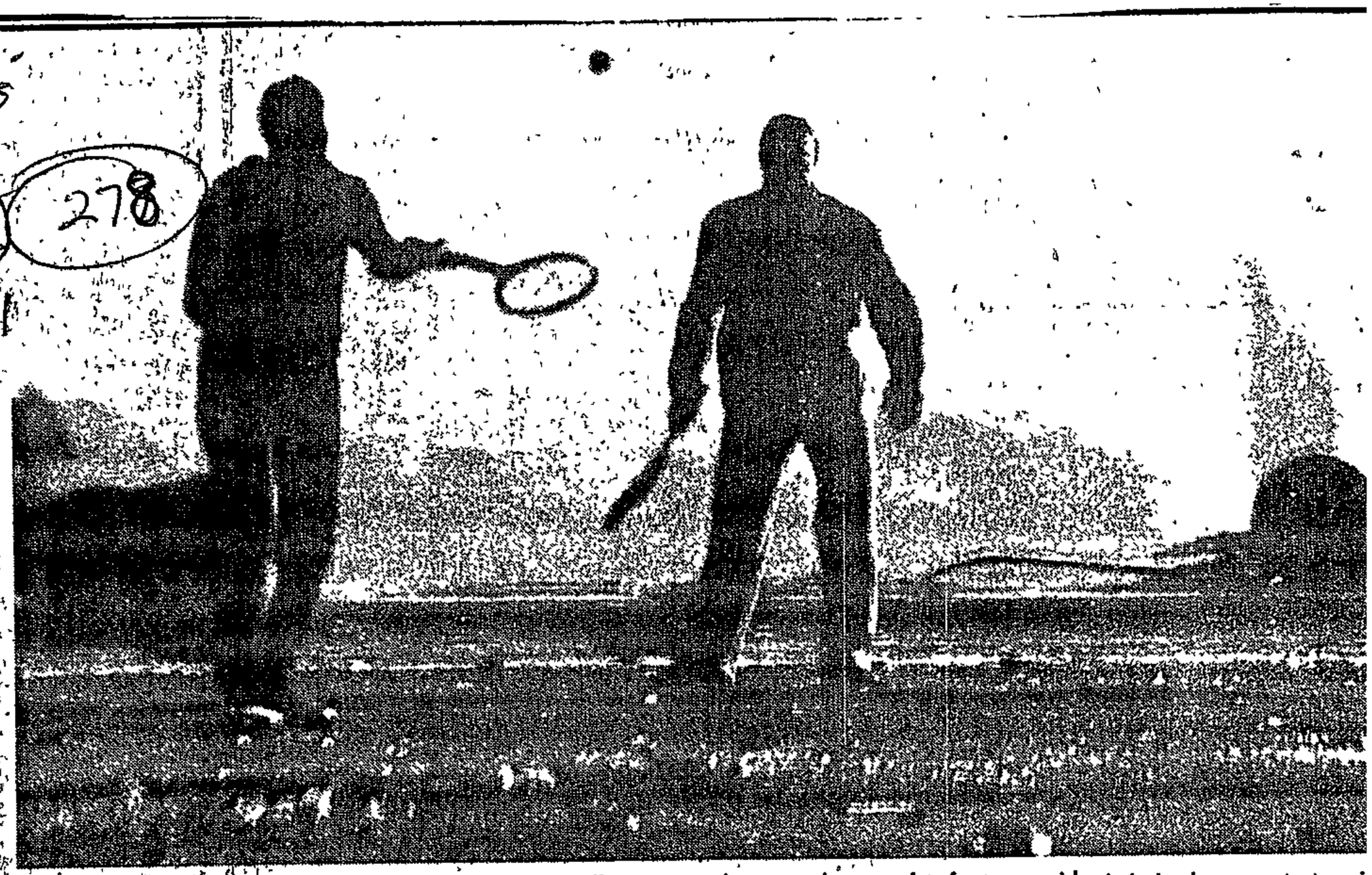

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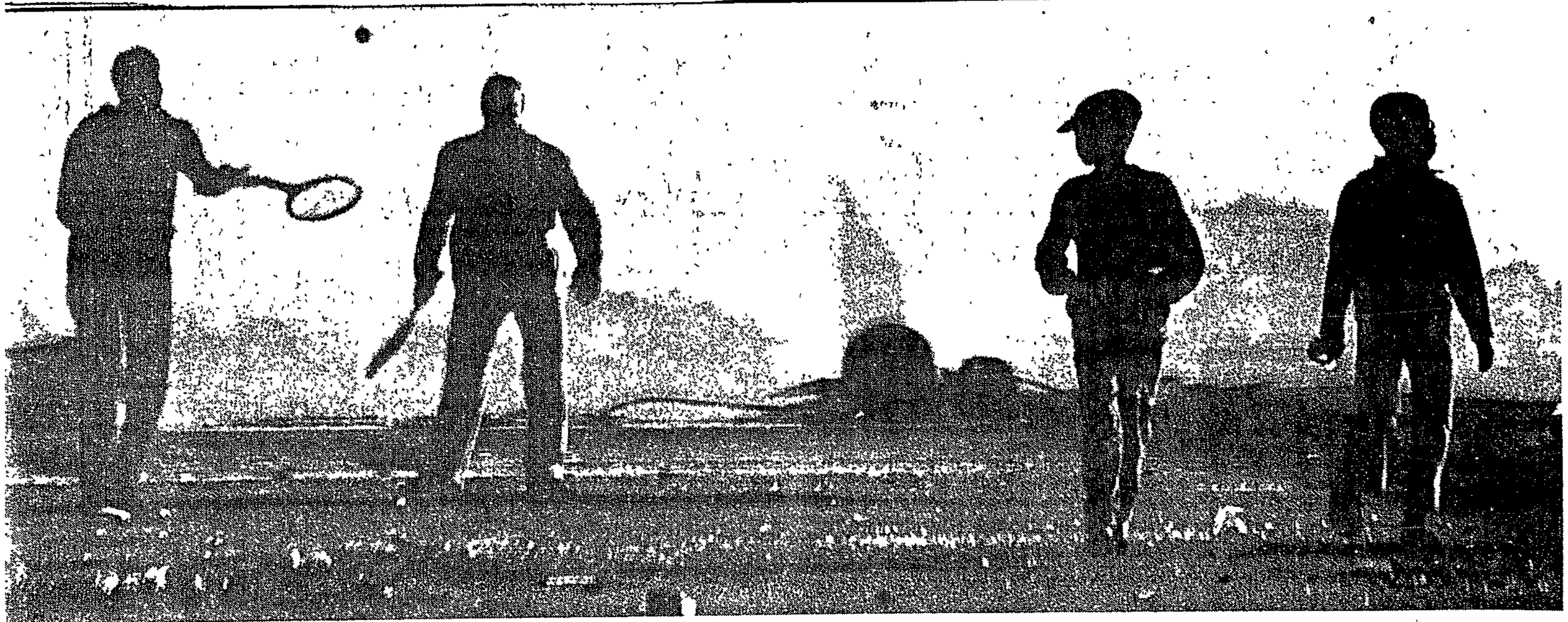

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- That the fundamental denial of political rights to black South Africans was left untouched by community councils which rested on influx control and the maintenance of the homelands.

At the launch of the Vaal Civic Association, Soweto Committee of 10 chairman Dr Nthato Motlana 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 Authorities Act would not really be autonomous — merely self-financing. And they would have no immediate sources of revenue apart from rents, licences and housing sales.

Dr Motlana 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 sojourners."

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 implemented in Kagiso, Vosloorus, Thokoza, Tembisa, Tumahole, Cradock, Atteridgeville, Soweto and Mamelodi. They are on the cards in Mhluzi, Galeshewe, Katlehong, Ratanda, Daveyton and Alexandra.

At the Parys township of Tumahole, just 30 minutes from Sebokeng and Evaton, rent rise protests ended in clashes between police and residents.

It appears that shifting responsibility for township administration from the central government to local councils has failed to depoliticise social services such as housing, creches and recreation facilities.

On the contrary, the political criticism has intensified and residents have found ready targets for their anger in the councillors who continue to man the unpopular authorities.

Ministers fly into uneasy Vaal Triangle

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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 in 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 Afri-

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107 000 are boycotting

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 boycot 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 Wattville about 11 000 continued their boycott.

The DET says classes have been suspended at 12 schools including four in Tembisa and one in Alexandra.

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 Eye 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.

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However, there have been growing indications recently that South Africa and the Multi Party Conference, will try and sidestep Resolution 435 by forcing Swapo into a negotiated settlement outside of the UN

This was the reason for the breakdown of the recent Cape Verde talks between South Africa and Swapo — South Africa wanted Swapo to accept a non-formal ceasefire outside of the UN Blueprint.

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"Was that it?" someone asked, disappointed.

Lawyers and advocates in their black cloaks strolled up and down, waiting anxiously for the go-ahead to return to their offices

Workers on a construction site in Von Brandis Street clambered to the top of the building for a better view — some perching precariously on scaffolding

Eventually the cordons were lifted and life returned to normal again — until the next blast hits the city

UDF to meet on unrest

By ANTON HARBER

THE Transvaal region of the United Democratic Front (UDF) will hold an emergency meeting of their general council in Johannesburg on Saturday to discuss the situation in the Vaal Triangle and "the general emergency situation in the Transvaal"

And yesterday the UDF decided to send emergency medical and legal teams to the Vaal area in a bid to assist those affected by the unrest

In a statement yesterday, the Rev Frank Chikane, a Transvaal vice-president of the UDF, expressed the UDF's "deepest concern" for the people of the Vaal and extended its sympathies to those who had lost relatives during the unrest.

Mr Chikane laid the blame for events in the Vaal on the shoulders of the community councillors and the development board "who carelessly raised rents despite residents' protests"

The UDF has decided to set up a mobile medical and legal clinic in the area

Residents who need assistance can telephone the UDF offices in Johannesburg

Worry, shock over unrest

By DIANNA GAMES

SHARPEVILLE and Sandton may be worlds apart, but unrest in the former has elicited a worried and shocked response from residents in the latter

This was clear in a random survey of 16 people in central Johannesburg and Sandton which showed an awareness of the present unrest — with only three people saying they had not followed events

Broadly, the points of agreement were that

- The riots stemmed from the exclusion of blacks in the new constitution,
- They were linked to the recent spate of bomb blasts in the city;
- They were part of wider dissatisfaction, with rent increases being the catalyst,
- Police presence was necessary in riot areas, and
- The unrest would eventually affect whites

Most people were shocked at the violence, and especially at the suddenness of its escalation, but not surprised that there was unrest

Two youths said blacks should have been included in the constitution, but a Sandton shopper disagreed. "There are too many of them. What would happen to us?" she said.

Mr K Whyte of Johannesburg called the rioting "the tip of the iceberg — I think we can expect this unrest to continue for quite a while. But what is the solution?"

Mr Ivor Cohen, also of Johannesburg, said the riots were the voice of a people who had no means of expression

He saw the bombs and the Vaal Triangle unrest as being separate "The bomb blasts are direct political violence, but the riots are from the man in the street whose pocket is affected," he said.

He believed police were necessary in the area but a line had to be drawn at the taking of lives

"I'm too busy, ask my husband," was the reaction of one Sandton woman

One man said he could not understand that most of the violence was perpetrated against other blacks and not against whites, while another shrugged his shoulders and said that all violence was "part of the same package".

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Midship(wo)man Cornelia Cook, left, and Sea(wo)man Sandy Brown are two candidates for the Southern Sun SADF Chef of the Year award.

Picture: TONY NAIDOO

SADF chefs cook up a winner

Mail Reporter

IT WAS Napoleon who said "an army marches on its stomach". And there is bound to be widespread agreement on that among troops in the South African Defence Force.

So what better way to improve army cuisine and incentive amongst chefs in the armed forces than by getting them to compete against each other.

A field kitchen is to be the testing ground for the Chef of the Year competition introduced by the South African Defence Force and a local hotel chain.

Three chefs each will be chosen by the army, air force, navy and medical service.

They will be required to produce a mixed hors d'oeuvre, a beef main course with vegetables, and a baked dessert.

The four finalists will compete in a Pretoria hotel in November for a trophy, free weekends in any of the sponsoring hotel group's hotels and cash prizes.

The aims of the competition are also to indirectly promote the art of cookery in South Africa and gain higher status for the profession

It is also hoped that the competition will encourage SADF chefs, who are often required to produce in difficult conditions far from good markets and facilities

Oil firm assists farmers

Mail Reporter

IT was vitally important that the future of the agricultural sector of South Africa's economy be safeguarded, said the managing director of Total South Africa yesterday

But, said Mr Bernard Lafitte, this task could not be achieved through the efforts of a few organisations and individuals

Mr Lafitte was addressing the Congress of the Transvaal Agricultural Union in Silverton, Pretoria

He presented a R140 496 cheque from Total to Mr Jaap Wilkens, president of the South African Agricultural Union for the Agriculture Relief Fund

Total's cheque represented the second of 10 half-yearly contributions to the fund, which so far totals about R430 000

Although it was encouraging that this figure had been reached, a far greater effort was needed to fulfil the ideals set when the fund was established. This would require a concerted effort by the country as a whole, Mr Laffitte said

The company had offered to make an annual contribution of about R300 000 for a five year period.

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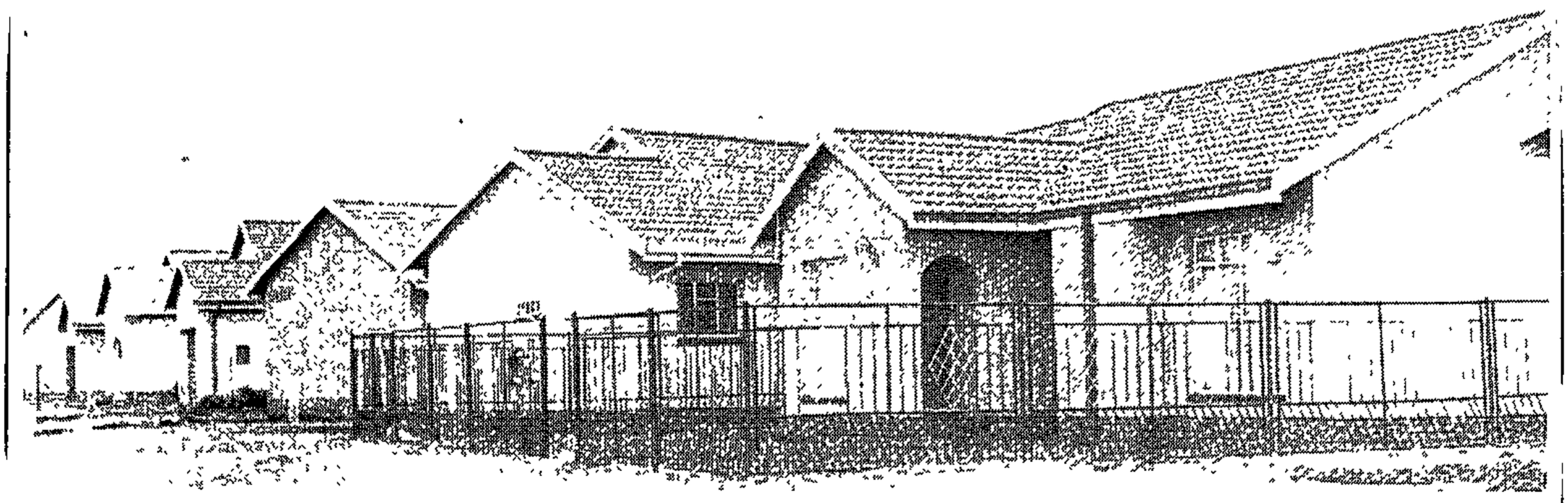
'Model' township scene of rioting



By LIN MENGE

SEBOKENG was this week one of the riot-torn Vaal Triangle townships, yet it is known as a model township with attractive housing and potential spending power of R180-million a year.

Last year a major building society advanced R6-million for black housing in Sebokeng This week its agency in the township was burnt down.

Home-ownership and home improvement are well-established there. Building society development corporations, major industries and private construction firms have acquired stands and built many fine houses.

It is one of the townships under the Orange Vaal Development Board (OVDB) where new approaches towards township development and the housing shortage have been tried out first — apparently successfully.

It was because of Mr John Knoetze's achievements in developing Sebokeng and other Orange Vaal townships that he was moved to the West Rand Development Board to take charge of the rebuilding and upgrading of Soweto after the 1976 unrest.

In 1976 Sebokeng, like Sharpeville, remained calm and carried on working. This was one the factors which Allied Building Society referred to last year when it agreed to advance the OVDB R6-million over the next four years for housing.

The society said in lending money for black housing it was important for it to feel confident of the boards. It also liked the "acceptance of joint decision-making with blacks" found in the Orange Vaal board's area. This week its Vanderbijlpark branch said the Sebokeng agency had apparently been burnt down

There was also lively interest in small business by blacks in Sebokeng. A well-attended seminar for black business executives held at Vanderbijlpark in June was told by Mr D C Ganz, chief director of OVDB, that black buying power in Sebokeng was R180-million a year

Mr Ganz said this was unfortunately spent outside the township and he urged businessmen to try to bring the money back into the area Now an unknown number of businesses in the township have been destroyed.

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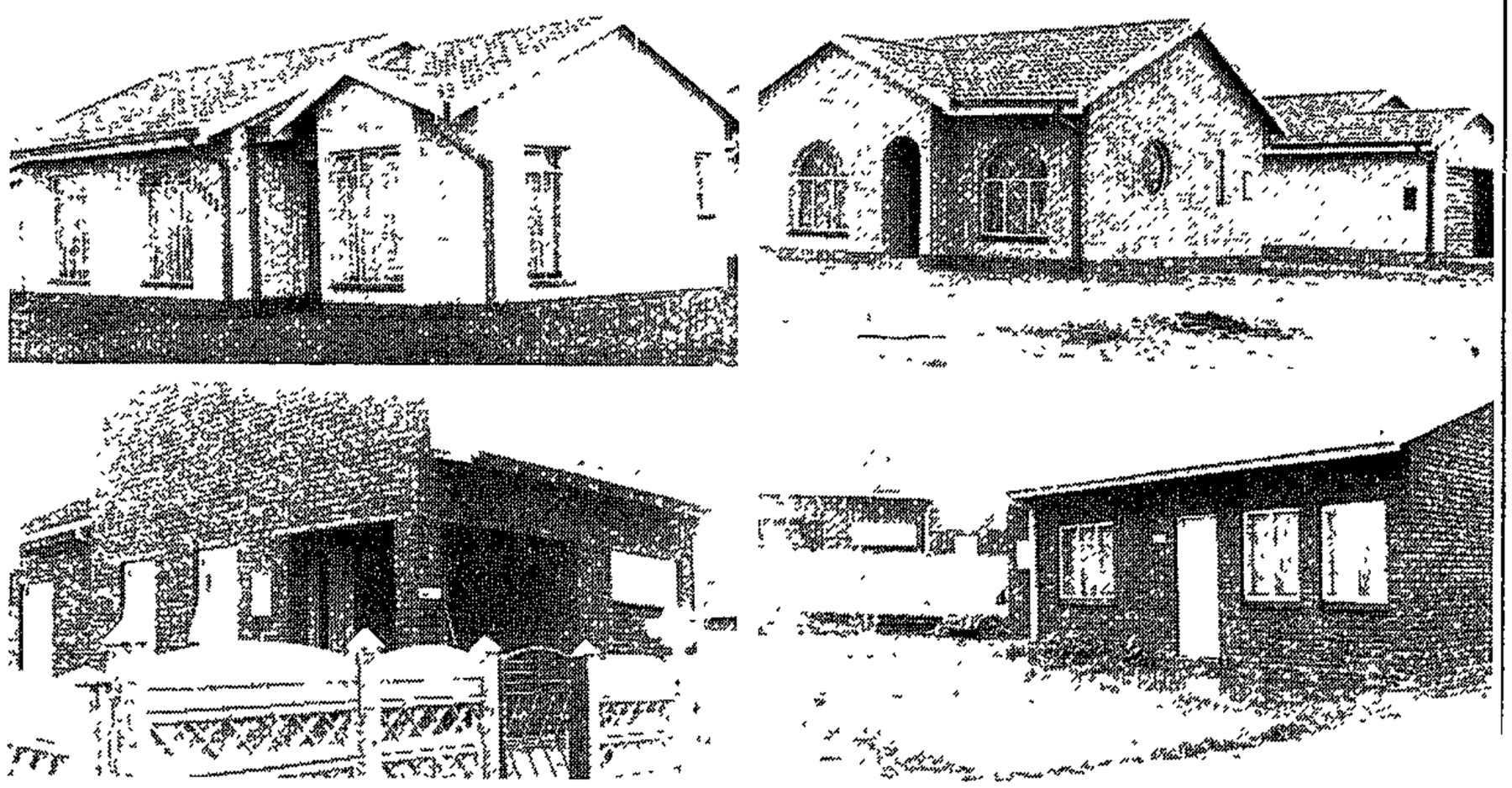

Some of the fine homes to be seen in Sebokeng. Home-ownership and home-building, with employer and building society assistance, are well-established in the town which, until this week, had a record for stability.

Rent rise not the only reason for unrest, says Le Grange after tour

Instigators blamed for Vaal riots

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By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK and ANTON HARBER

MR LOUIS LE GRANGE, the Minister of Law and Order, yesterday blamed certain unnamed "individuals and organisations" — and not only the proposed rent increases — for the unrest in four Vaal Triangle townships this week which left over 30 people dead.

He made this claim after an *in loco* inspection of the strife-torn townships yesterday afternoon on which he was accompanied by three other cabinet ministers, local public representatives and black councillors.

At one stage in Sebokeng the party, which was travelling in an armoured vehicle, was turned back when it was confronted by a crowd of several hundred people.

The group — which included Mr F W de Klerk, MP for Vereeniging and Minister of Internal Affairs; General Magnus Malan, Minister of Defence, and Dr Gerrit Viljoen, Minister of National Education and MP for Vanderbijlpark — flew over the townships in a military helicopter.

They landed at Sharpeville and Sebokeng to view the situation more closely.

Speaking at a brief Press conference in Vereeniging immediately after the tour, Mr Le Grange said: "I am not convinced that the rent increase was the real reason.

The Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr F W de Klerk, and the Minister of Defence, Mr Magnus Malan, step from a helicopter at the beginning of their visit to a subdued but deeply scarred Sharpeville yesterday. Unrest in the township broke out over proposed rent increases.

Picture DAN SIMON

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organisations clearly behind what has happened . . .".

Asked to be more specific, Mr Le Grange said he did not wish to name them until such time as the government had sufficient time and information to act against them.

Asked if the unrest was timed to coincide with the implementation of the new constitution, Mr Le Grange said he would "not be surprised".

The Minister said he had consulted only with the Lekoa Town Council and did not meet with other leaders representing the community.

"The community councils have been elected by the people . . . and must be recognised as such. As long as they exist they will be recognised by us".

Asked if the unrest would force the Government to take a harder look at the position of people in the townships, Mr Le Grange said he did not think so, as the Government was already looking into the problem of "all urban blacks in South Africa".

He denied that the military had been involved in combatting the unrest, although he conceded there was very close liaison "in cases like these".

Mr F W de Klerk said the public could be assured that all necessary steps had been taken to "bring the matter to an acceptable basis".

RICH MKHONDO reports that the Oranje-Vaal Administration Board yesterday denied the proposed rent increase had been scrapped after negotiations on Wednesday with a delegation representing Sharpeville.

On Wednesday the delegation announced that after negotiations with board officials it was agreed to scrap the proposed rent increase.

Yesterday, however, the Lekoa town clerk, Mr P N Louw, said nothing had yet been finalised.

SA's Fourie faces a rush of reporters

London Bureau

LONDON. — The latest eruption in the Transvaal townships was off the front pages of United States newspapers yesterday after a week of unusually-heavy coverage.

Most reports compared the unrest to Sharpeville and the Soweto riots.

South Africa's US Ambassador, Mr Brand Fourie, just back from talks in Pretoria on South West Africa, found himself facing a barrage of interview requests.

He argued on radio and television that the riots were not caused by the new constitution and that police had intervened "protectively . . . simply to save lives".

Typical of the reportage was this lead from the front page of Wednesday's Washington Post. Allister Sparks, formerly Editor of the Rand Daily Mail, wrote:

"The occasional thump of a rubber-bullet gun punctuated the continued looting and burning today as South Africans began to assess the bloodiest day of race rioting the country has seen since the Soweto disturbances of 1976."

Mr Sparks noted "it was unclear how many of yesterday's victims died as a result of police action and how many from mob violence, although it was evident both led to many deaths".

The report was accompanied by a widely-published photograph showing black youths fleeing an armoured personnel carrier outside a Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet.

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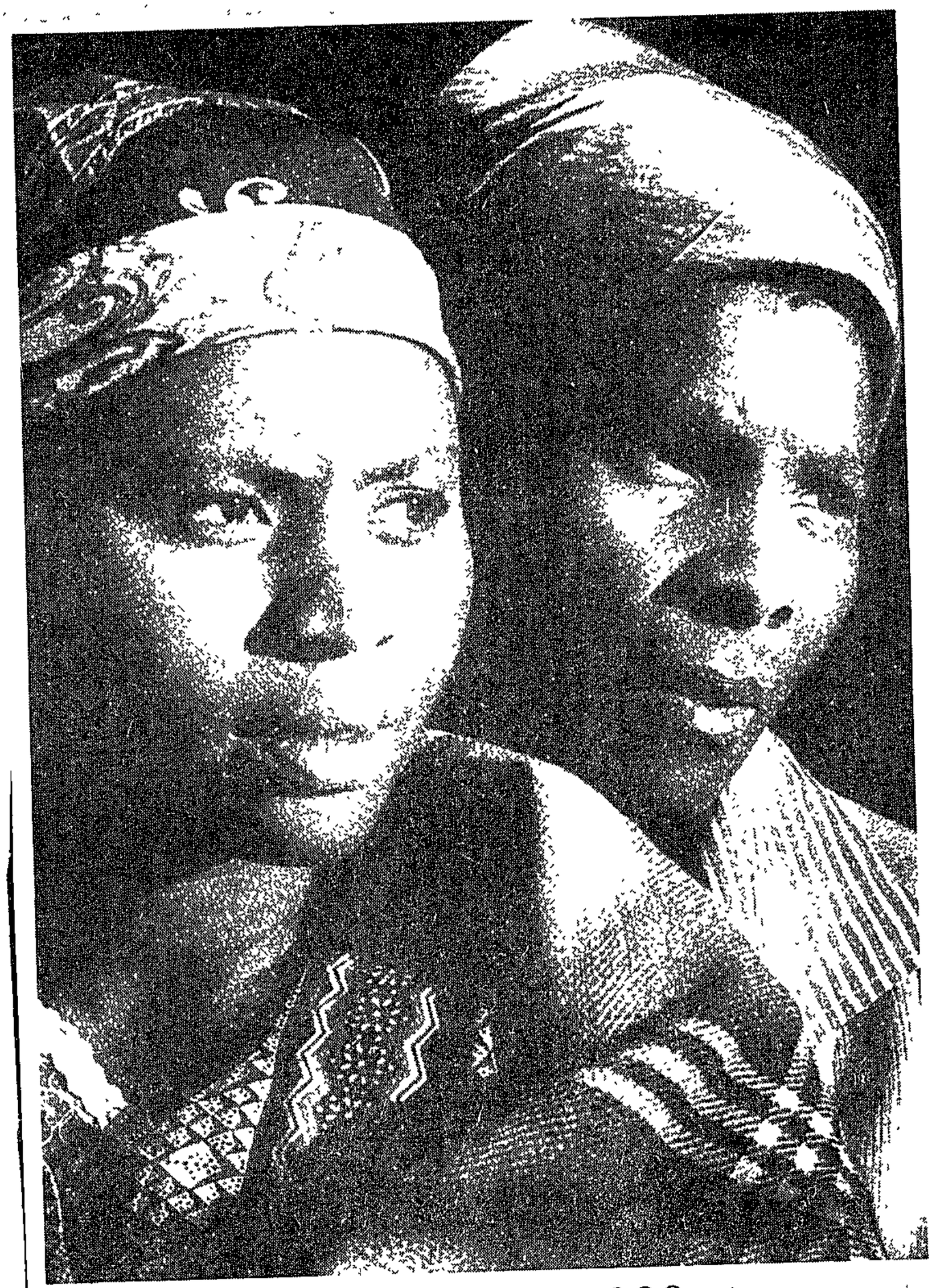
Riot casualty toll higher, says Boesak



Miss Betty Mnisi (left), mother of a nine-year-old Sebokeng pupil who was shot dead by police on Monday, is comforted by her neighbour, Mrs Elizabeth Ramoneng. Residents said her son, Wisey, was cornered by police in an alley. He was found writhing in pain with 11 bullet wounds in his back. His mother said that what hurt her most was that Wisey's grandfather had sent the boy to his mother's house, thinking it would be safer there. She told *The Star* her son might have been caught among demonstrators fleeing from police and been mistaken for one of them.

● See story on Page 3, World section.
● Picture by Alf Kumalo.

The death and injury toll in the riots in Sharpeville, Evaton and Sebokeng was much higher than had been officially announced, Dr Alan Boesak, the president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, told a South African Council of Churches Press conference in Johannesburg last night.

"Many injured have refused to go to hospital because they are treated like criminals there.

"Many are in their homes and in need of treatment," said Dr Boesak, senior vice president of the SACC.

Rioting in the Vaal Triangle and on the East Rand has, according to police figures, claimed the lives of 31 people and injured 50.

Dr Boesak and the SACC last night called on the members of the House of Delegates and House of Representatives to resign, announced that it would set up its own committee of inquiry into the riots, criticised the police for their actions during the riots and blamed unruly elements for hijacking a legitimate cause in the unrest.

RELEASE

The SACC also called for the release of people detained during the recent elections.

Telegrams had been sent to the former State President, Mr Marais Viljoen, and the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange.

No reply had been received from Mr le Grange and only a positive phone call had been received from Mr Viljoen.

The SACC would make its own assessment of the death and injury tolls and the arrests in the rioting and would release the information to the Press as soon as possible, he said.

● A delegation from the SACC will meet the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, and the Minister of Education and Training, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, in Pretoria this afternoon.

The general secretary of the SACC, Bishop Desmond Tutu, said the SACC would attempt to outline the basic causes of the unrest, and try to persuade the Ministers that it was not the work of agitators.

● See Page 3, World section.

120 000 stay away

More than 120 000 children were still staying away from school countrywide, a spokesman for the Department of Education and Training (DET) said yesterday.

The spokesman said about 25 000 pupils could be classed as boycotters The remaining pupils were staying away because the school had been suspended or because it was dangerous to go into the area.

The 93 000 black pupils staying away in the Vaal Triangle were not boycotting but were absent because their areas were dangerous or their schools had been burned down, he said.

Councillors heed pupils' warning

NOEL MLOKOTI: The Mayor of Wattville.

ALL FIVE Members of the Wattville Village Council near Benoni stayed away from the memorial service they had organised for two local youths who died in the disturbances last week.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

Kenneth Mavundla (15) and Thabo Sibeko (6) were shot dead by police in Wattville on Friday at the height of the unrest which swept through the township.

Kenneth will be buried tomorrow and Thabo will be buried on Sunday in Wattville.

The service, which was attended by about 300 people — mostly pupils was held at the Davey Social Centre on Wednesday evening. Mr Noel Mlokoti, the mayor of Wattville, was seen at the hall before the service started but later he left for his home, claiming that he had been warned by the pupils not to attend the service.

The other four councillors never turned up at the service and it was left to the Rev Jack Mokoena of the African United Ethiopian Church and Mr C M Ntsibande to conduct the service, which lasted about 30 minutes.

Before the meeting started, Mr Mlokoti told **The SOWETAN** that the pupils had given a directive that there would be "trouble" if any councillor attended the service or was seen near the hall.

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YESTERDAY'S PICTURE: Rev Tebogo Moselane.

Le Grange says rent not to blame for Vaal uprisings

VAAL TRAGEDY

LE GRANGE: Rent issue not to blame.

Moselane: 'I am safe'

By JOSHUA RABOROKO and THEMBA MOLEFE

"COME hell or high water, I shall soon return to Sharpeville."

This was the solemn commitment of the Reverend Tebogo Moselane, leader of the troubled Sharpeville community, when he surfaced yesterday.

The fiery priest has been at the centre of the storm which broke out in the Vaal complex four days ago, leaving in its wake at least 32 people dead and possibly hundreds more injured.

Rev Moselane did not mince his words when he spoke about action at his home, in which four tearsmoke canisters and rubber bullets were allegedly shot right into the rectory.

He described the action as "uncouth and uncultured."

"Tell my people that I am safe. Tell them I am not in detention — yet. The Vaal police and township councillors have accused me of having been responsible for the unrest in the area

"Who am I to control so huge an area as the Vaal Triangle, and where would I get all the time? I am involved in God's work," Rev Moselane said.

A number of tear-smoke canisters and rubber bullets were fired into his home when he and a number of friends were kneeling at prayer. His three minor children were all asleep, he claimed.

He had felt forced to vacate the rectory and stay somewhere else, he said.

One of his children fainted after inhaling the fumes, and the youngest became dizzy and hysterical.

The SAP twice declined to confirm or deny whether policemen had fired tearsmoke and rubber bullets at Rev Moselane's home. Two telexes from Pretoria simply said if the priest felt he had grounds for complaint, he should go to the nearest police station.

Rev Moselane said as he had rested enough, he would be returning to the Vaal.

THE Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, yesterday said rent increases in the Vaal Triangle area did not spark off the four-day unrests.

Addressing a Press conference in Vereeniging, Mr le Grange said he believed certain organisations and individuals were responsible for the unrests which claimed over 30 lives.

He did not identify the organisations nor the individuals.

Mr le Grange said he met and held discussions with the chairman of the Lekoa Town Council, Mr Esau Mahlatsi, and other councillors.

The Minister of Home Affairs, Mr F W de Klerk, whose constituency is Vereeniging, said that the Vaal area was the most improved in the country, in spite of the damage caused by the violence over the past four days.

Mr de Klerk assured the residents that everything was under control and all had been done to improve the situation. After a 30-minute conference the Minister left the Vaal Showgrounds by helicopter.

Meanwhile it has been announced that rent increases in the Vaal Triangle area have been suspended indefinitely.

This emerged after a delegation of residents' representatives and clergymen held "tough talks" with the officials of the Orange-Vaal Development Board in Sebokeng yesterday.

Amid the negotiations, Mr le Grange and Mr F W de Klerk, toured the trouble-torn townships of Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Evaton, Bophelong and Boipatong.

A delegation of residents was locked in day-long discussions to resolve the rent protest crisis in Sebokeng.

They converged in Zone 14 from 9am until 5pm while community leaders and policemen attempted to break the impasse.

Earlier a delegation of leaders was locked out of the Orange-Vaal Development Board headquarters after they were told that they did not have an appointment to meet the board officials.

The situation in the townships has been quiet but tense.

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Some of the thousands of Sebokeng residents who gathered in the township and demanded to talk to Orange-Vaal Development Board officials. Several times, leaders had to restrain them from confronting riot police who stood nearby.

●Picture by Alf Kumalo.

Priest comes out of 'hiding'

Religion Reporter

An Anglican priest, the Reverend Tebogo Jeff Moselane, feared detained earlier this week, yesterday emerged from "hiding" and said he would soon return to his parish in the trouble-torn Vaal Triangle.

Father Moselane left the St Cyprian's Anglican Church in Sharpeville on Monday night after two teargas cannisters and several rubber bullets were fired into the rectory while he was conducting a prayer service.

Several church members and his wife and three children were overcome by teargas. The Moselane family were taken to a doctor by a friend, and have not returned to the township.

Rumours that Father Moselane was detained were refuted by an Anglican Church spokesman.

"Father Moselane and his family have been staying with friends and will soon return."

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Rent increase not the real reason for Vaal riots, says Le Grange

Staff Reporters

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, has blamed "other forces and organisations" — not a proposed rent increase — for the violence which ripped through three Vaal Triangle townships, leaving 31 dead, hundreds injured and thousands homeless.

Mr le Grange and three other Cabinet Ministers — Mr F W de Klerk (Interior), General Magnus Malan (Defence) and Dr Gerrit Viljoen (Education and Training) — toured the riot-torn townships of Sharpeville and Sebokeng yesterday afternoon.

"I am not convinced that the rent increase is the real reason for the problem. There are individuals and other forces and organisations behind what is happening in the Vaal Triangle," Mr le Grange told a Press conference at the Vaal Showgrounds after the inspection in loco.

The Minister refused to answer questions about who or what he believed was behind the unrest or how thousands of residents could be "intimidated" into violence.

He said he did not want to make a categorical statement about the cause of the rioting, "but all I can say is that I'm not convinced that the rent increases are the real reason for the problem

"I would not be surprised if the unrest was organised to coincide with the implementation of the new constitution," he said in reply to a question from one of the many foreign journalists at the Press conference.

Minister of Law and Order Mr Louis le Grange and Mr F W de Klerk, Minister of Internal Affairs, during yesterday's Press conference in the Vaal Triangle.

Mr le Grange went on to say that he and his colleagues met the Lekoa Council in Sebokeng for discussions on the situation.

After seeing Sharpeville, the Ministers flew by helicopter to nearby Sebokeng, where they again travelled by bus. Their convoy approached a crowd of young blacks in Sebokeng but turned down a side street and drove around the crowd. Mr le Grange said police wanted to avoid a confrontation.

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Mother describes horror riot death

By Chris More and Sol Makgabutlane

Wisey, of Zone 12 Sebokeng, was one of 30 people killed during protests against a proposal by the Lekoa Town Council to increase rents.

His mother, Miss Betty Mnisi (28), yesterday described how she was called to the scene to find her young son sprawled on the ground, groaning and gasping for air.

According to a witness, Wisey was shot from behind and 11 bullets struck his back. He allegedly stood trapped and helpless against a wall in a narrow passage as police fired numerous shots in his direction.

"When I first saw my son, he did not look as if he was dying. Maybe I did not want to believe that, in fact, he was dying," said the distraught mother.

Moments after arriving, she and a friend were forced to lift the dying boy and, carrying him, run for safety as police stormed the area, dispersing people.

"When I got to my room, we laid him down. Neighbours splashed water over him and tried to give him milk to drink. But he did not respond.

"Neighbours then rushed him to hospital. On the way they went to a nursing sister nearby for first aid treatment for Wisey. The sister told them the boy was already dead," Miss Mnisi said.

Miss Mnisi said no burial arrangements were being made yet as there was a possibility of a mass funeral for all the unrest victims.

Boy (13) missing in Sebokeng unrest

As the dust settled in the troubled Vaal Tringle, both shopkeepers and residents began to count their losses.

And among them was Mrs Selina Lebeoane, a Sebokeng housewife.

On Monday her 13-year-old son, Steveson Motsamai, disappeared after he had gone out to play.

The friends with whom he usually played said they had no idea what could have befallen him.

"My worry is that my son could be sitting wounded in some hospital, or arrested, or, worse still, lying dead," Mrs Lebeoane said.

Motsamai, whom his mother described as a light-complexioned, stockily built boy, is a Std 6 pupil at Sebokeng's Modishi Higher Primary School.

"The police," said Mrs Lebeoane, "were reluctant to help us because they said our children were causing all this trouble in the area."

She appealed to anyone who might have information on her son's whereabouts to telephone her on (016) 37-1911.

Explosive tension defused

The potentially explosive situation in Sebokeng township in the Vaal Triangle appeared to have been defused yesterday.

This emerged after the director of housing for the Orange-Vaal Development Board, Mr P Louw, told thousands of residents that the controversial rent increases in Sebokeng had been suspended.

A meeting between the board, the Lekoa Town Council and the residents' delegation will be held on Monday to discuss the R5,90 rent hike that sparked the unrest which claimed the lives of at least 30 people.

Earlier in the day a church delegation was sent to negotiate with development board officials but was turned away because they no appointment had been made.

A spokesman for the delegation, Father L P Lenkoe of the Anglican Church, said Monday's talks would include demands by residents that rents be decreased to R30 a month, the release of those arrested, and the rejection by residents of the Lekoa Town Council.

Large contigents of police continued to patrol Sebokeng yesterday and residents mounted a huge clean-up operation in which makeshift barricades were removed from the streets.

But by late afternoon groups of youngsters had brought them back and lined the streets.

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A sorry week of sustained 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 and so the dissatisfaction persists. The accommodation of blacks in homeland government and local township authorities are obviosly 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 Mmesi, 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-tricameral Parliament election 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? □

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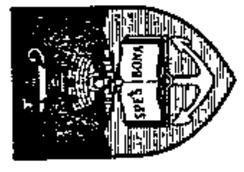
One of the victims of teargas at Evatontownship. . . .



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● 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

tion 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-

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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When hell broke loose in sleepy townships

Why the violence will not go away

This week all hell broke loose in the Vaal Triangle townships. Commentators are quizzing themselves: 'Why did it happen ?'

AGGREY KLAASTE, a black journalist working in Johannesburg, gives his opinion.

IT must seem a bit crazy to make the analogy, but the events in the Vaal, especially Sharpeville, reminded me of a sailor in the American navy when Pearl Harbour was under attack from the Japanese on December 7 1941.

In the most outrageous tones, the sailor who was literally flushed out of his bunk by bombs, was among those who exclaimed: "What's going on ? I'm not even MAD at those guys !"

Now it might just be useful to take a fresh look at the townships in the Vaal Triangle, especially a place like Sharpeville. After all, Sharpeville has become something of a watershed in the turbulent history of black politics

Cancerous wound

From March 21 1960, when 69 people died under police bullets as they protested with their passbooks outside the police station in Sharpeville, to September 3 1984, is an indecently long time for even the most cancerous wound to fester.

So it is the extravagant view that says the wounds of Sharpeville 1960 suddenly burst open in September this year. It is even more extraordinary if you take a look at some of the facts.

There is a rural, almost a somnambulant air that hangs over places like Sharpeville, like Sebokeng (also in the Vaal) and most definitely over a place like Tumahole in Parys. At least there was a sleepy air over these townships up till recent days, when suddenly all hell broke lose. This is the dangerously deceptive air that unfortunately seems to catch us all with our pants down.

Intriguing irony

Commentators are quizzing themselves in agony: why did it happen ? These people reach me like that American sailor who was so shaken by the unexpected attack from the inscrutable east.

Perhaps to most whites, blacks are just as inscrutable. The intriguing irony is that even blacks like me cannot figure out the mystery. The madness is, we should.

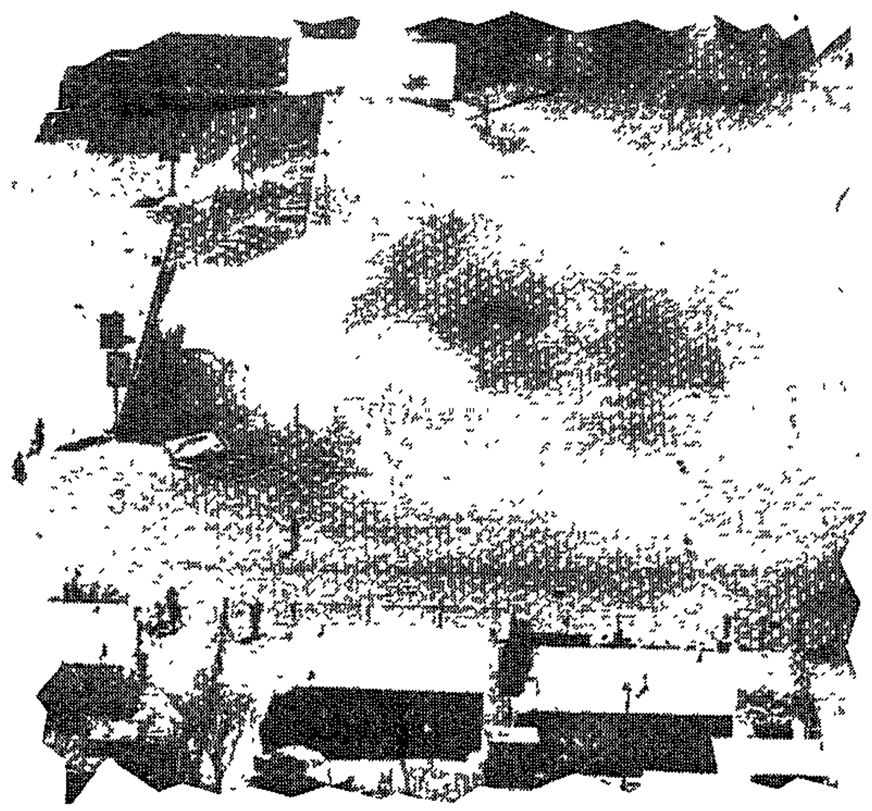
The madness is, here are these townships, to all intents and purposes the very picture of people living complacent lives, suddenly gone berserk. Going berserk, burning people and buildings, hacking, looting, setting torch to shops, and generally going on as if this was the French Revolution.

The madness is, the situation in many townships appears to be "under control", to use those famous last words from the police

The local authorities may be jeered at for being fools, they may be detested for increasing rent, but they have their act pretty well put together. Sharpeville 1960 is a thing of the hoary past. Even June 16 is almost like a bad nightmare. Everything is under control.

Certainly black children have been boycotting schools and there have been sporadic acts of violence here and there. Certainly there is intensive political activity, fuelled sometimes by the stray political swelling the ranks of the unemployed. But that is no cause for revolution. Not in the Vaal, certainly not in Tumahole.

Then a week before it happens the newspapers tuck the story of the impending stay-at-home in the Vaal somewhere inside the paper And that Monday the place explodes into a madness that curls the hair at the back of your neck.



An aerial view of a beerhall burnt out in Sharpeville during the unrest earlier this week.

The trouble is, things are under control, and this is not made better by that inscrutable impassive air that blacks have about them.

I said these things are often repeated in the comfortable wisdom of hindsight.

There is not the slightest link, I believe, between the new constitutional dispensation and the present unrest. It might just be like an act of God that these things happened simultaneously.

There is no political organisation to my knowledge that has, or had, the ability to time the two events so neatly, to time and prime the bomb to go off just when the new Parliament was being sworn in.

Unbearable suffering

So what the hell is going on here ? The truth is perhaps more simple than most political rhetoric and analysis the truth is that the people are suffering.

Suffering becomes unbearable when there is a recession If you would perhaps cast your mind back to March 1960 and June 1976, you might see a glimmer of truth in this.

Both periods saw the country going into economic stress. Such stress takes the poor man at the bottom of the rung by the scruff of his neck and throws him against the wall. Literally.

Hateful things

So that all the little pinpricks that have nothing to do with the new dispensation, so that all the little tensions that have nothing to do with one-man, one-vote, or even revolution, so that all the hateful things that make a black person without a job a starving criminal, all of them come to a boil

Believe me, being unemployed is not only a biological hassle for us. There is the Vagrancy Act, or something, that can land you a two-year stretch in jail because there is no work

That I believe is like rubbing salt into the wound That is what causes a whole community one day to wake up and say to hell with it all.

The situation is under control. The police will always put the situation under control, and this is a euphemism to say that many more people have died or are licking festering wounds.

been used as a getaway vehicle

Overpowered

In the boot of the car they found a third gun and are investigating whether it belonged to a security guard who was overpowered at the Isando branch of Nedbank last week shortly before the massive robbery

After the initial arrests and the subsequent interrogation of the suspects, the investigation moved to Durban

The head of Durban's Murder and Robbery Squad, Captain Ivor Human, and the East London Murder and Robbery chief, Lieutenant Charlie Landman, were contacted and informed of certain addresses by the Reef investigators

The result was two further arrests at an East London beach house. Police seized a total of R203 772 in East London and Johannesburg

According to police, the rest of the cash — about R30 000 — was used to buy a bakkie and an imported Ford Cougar car. These vehicles, as well as a BMW, have been impounded.

Four men will appear in the Kempton Park Magistrate's Court on Monday

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Black Consciousness meetings banned

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Black Consciousness meetings scheduled to be held in Soweto and other black townships around the country to commemorate the death of Steve Biko and those who lost their lives during the recent unrest have been banned by the Chief Magistrate of Johannesburg.

Notices of the official bannings were distributed to the media yesterday afternoon by the Security Police

The three meetings mentioned in the banning orders are:

- The Azanian Peoples' Organisation (Azapo) meeting to be held today and tomorrow in Dube, Soweto
- The Release Mandela Committee meeting scheduled for Phiri, Soweto, tomorrow.
- A meeting organised by the Federation of South African Women (Fedsaw) in Diepkloof, Soweto, tomorrow.

According to the Chief Magistrate, Mr Oelof de Meyer, these meetings could seriously endanger the public peace.

The gatherings in Johannesburg have been prohibited everywhere in the city from 8 pm yesterday to 8 pm tomorrow.

Bus set alight in Soweto

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A bus was set on fire in Soweto yesterday afternoon by a large crowd which had gathered outside the Methodist Youth Centre. Police said a group of 150 people threw stones and set a bus alight No one was injured

Proof of wild murder spree m(

by Ramsay Milne, The Star Bureau

NEW YORK — Police, in search of evidence that they expect will confirm that a Californian drifter, Henry Lee Lucas, as the most brutal killer of all time, have solved 15 Californian murders as a result of a secret 5 000 km tour of the state.

It is the tip of "a murderous iceberg", they say.

Their long journey, say the police, provided them with "clear evidence" that Lucas (48) and a companion, Otis Toole, a fellow drifter whom Lucas led by Lucas and Toole to the scenes met in a soup kitchen lineup, set out on a "recreational murder" spree across several states that led to the deaths of 360 people.

Lucas, who is already under sentence of death in Texas, has confessed to killing 360 victims in the wild rampage. The police are, however, following up each murder for legal proof of Lucas's confessions.

This week the Californian State Attorney, Mr John K van der Kamp, said investigators had forensic and legal confirmation at this stage of 15 of the murders.

Separate investigating teams were of their confessed crimes.

Lucas took them to the gravesites of 14 women and one male victim. The victims, who ranged in age from four to about 50, were killed between 1976 and 1983. According to Lucas's confessions, most of the women were raped.

At a news conference where Mr van der Kamp displayed videotapes and still pictures of the gravesites, he described Lucas as perhaps "one of the most brutal mass murderers ever".

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Early break for schools in riot townships

WITH more than 160 000 students and pupils out on boycott, black schools in trouble spots in the Transvaal closed yesterday — a week before the start of their scheduled holidays on September 14.

"School holidays in certain areas have been brought forward and the schools concerned have already closed," the Director-General of Education and Training, Dr Braam Fourie, announced in Pretoria, reports Sapa.

The decision applies to schools in the Vaal Triangle townships of Bophelong, Boipatong, Sharpeville, Sebokeng and Evaton

On the East Rand, it applies to the townships of Wattville, Tembisa, Thokoza, Vosloorus, Katlehong, Duduza, Daveyton, KwaThema and Tsakane, and in Pretoria to the townships of Soshanguve and Mamelodi

"The decision was taken as a result of the present climate in these areas not being favourable to meaningful education," Dr Fourie said

The schools would reopen after the recess on September 26

THELMA TUCH reports that it is now estimated that more than 160 000 primary and high school pupils nationwide are away from school due to boycotts, the suspension of classes, stayaways and the closure of schools

In the Vaal Triangle schools which closed yesterday, 92 769 pupils had stayed away yesterday

The liaison officer for the Department of Education and Training, Mr Edgar Posselt, said yesterday that the pupils were not boycotting school but were unable to attend due to circumstances in the townships

On the East Rand yesterday, 4 700 pupils from four secondary schools in Daveyton continued to boycott classes and there was a 60% attendance at the township's 23 primary schools

About 5 700 pupils did not attend classes at six secondary schools in Katlehong and boycotts continued at one primary and two secondary schools in Thokoza

In Wattville, pupils from two secondary schools stayed away and there was only an 11% attendance at 11 primary schools

The situation in other areas is that

● Classes have resumed at three secondary schools in Thabong, near Welkom, where the attendance was 90% yesterday

● In the Eastern Cape, pupils from three secondary schools in Queenstown continued to boycott classes, and only 100 of the 7 000 pupils at seven schools in Cradock attended classes.

● It was reported yesterday that pupils at Kelekitso Secondary School in Meadowlands, Soweto, boycotted classes and that several secondary schools in Soweto closed early.

The Johannesburg regional director of the Department of Education and Training, Mr Philip Engelbrecht, denied there had been a boycott at Kelekitso and said pupils at secondary schools were sent home early because they were writing exams

● Pupils at Seleleka High School in Soweto returned to classes yesterday after disturbances at the school on Thursday

● The boycott-hit University of the North, Turfloop, remained tense yesterday as almost the entire student body of 3 700 returned to the campus, but did not attend classes

The Rector, Professor Carl Mokgokong, met the students yesterday to discuss their demands

The students are demanding the expulsion of three lecturers and the removal of a rule which states that students who have not passed enough courses in the first semester do not qualify for the second

CEDRIC KEKANA reports that the students' boycott of classes at Turfloop which started on Monday was marked by several violent incidents that broke out between the majority of students who were for the boycott, and a group, calling itself "FIST" (Federation of International Students of Turfloop), who opposed it

Two offices at Hwiti High School, two classrooms and a staffroom were set alight and damaged by a mob of angry students

In another incident a car belonging to the Lebowa Government was set on fire and the circuit inspector's offices stoned A student room was also gutted by fire

The wave of violence came after the banning of all student meetings on campus and the eviction of all of them from campus by a large contingent of Lebowa police using batons and dogs on Wednesday

● Students at the University of Bophuthatswana have pledged support for students in South Africa "struggling for a fair and democratic education".

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and St Peter Streets in Yeoville.

SA system is cause of unrest, says academic

By CHRIS FREIMOND
Political Correspondent

SOUTH AFRICA can expect a recurring cycle of violence in black townships until the Government addresses itself

frustration.

Prof Welsh said the latest unrest did not surprise him He believed that at any one point in time there were enough issues causing griev-

Protest banned in wake of riots

any meeting to protest against detentions, or to protest about rent increases.

Meanwhile, it is reported that the trouble-torn Vaal townships were back to nor-

'Replacing rul of provinces t be costly affai

By GERALD REILLY
Pretoria Bureau

THE disappearance of the provincial councils, stripped of their major functions by the new constitution, now appeared inevitable, the PFP's spokesman on the public ser-

no reference to the roles of the provinces.

The State President, W Botha, had, however, an undertaking they w continue to function, at until the end of their te term, which would be

Schools in troubled townships close early

Black schools in Transvaal trouble spots closed yesterday — one week before the start of their scheduled holidays on September 14 — because of the "unfavourable climate for education".

"School holidays in certain areas have been brought forward and the schools concerned have already closed," the Director General of Education and Training, Dr Braam Fourie, announced in Pretoria yesterday.

The decision applied to schools in the Vaal Triangle townships of Bophelong, Boipatong, Sharpeville, Sebokeng and Evaton.

Wattville, Tembisa, Thokoza, Vosloorus, Kathlehong, Duduza, Daveyton, kwaThema and Tsakane townships in the East Rand and Soshanguve and Mamelodi in Pretoria are also affected.

PRIVATE STUDY

The schools would reopen after the recess on September 26 and Dr Fourie appealed to all pupils, particularly those in senior classes, to use the time as much as possible for private study in preparation for the important final examinations.

Teachers of the schools which have closed would have to report for duty as usual until next Friday.

● Proposals for the implementation of new and improved communication structures for black schools were submitted to the Council for Education and Training in Pretoria yesterday by the acting Minister of Education and Training, Dr Gerrit Viljoen.

COMMUNICATIONS STRUCTURES

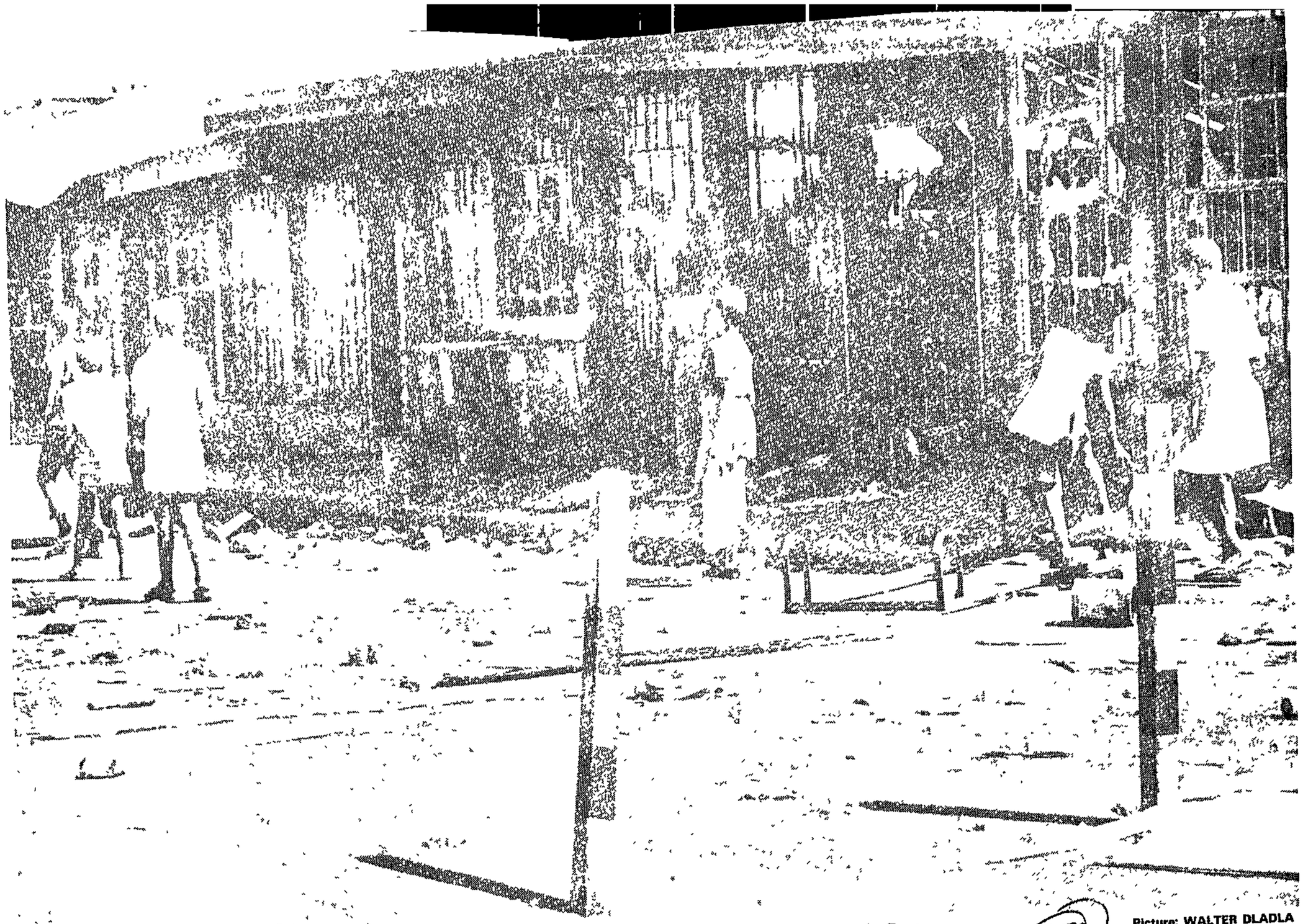
"The main purpose of his meeting with the executive committee of the council was to submit to them proposals concerning the new communications structures for schools.

"These include guidelines concerning a system of school prefects, pupils' representative councils and liaison committees for all secondary schools," a spokesman for the Department of Education and Training said.

"The Minister invited the council to comment on the proposals as soon as possible with a view to the speedy implementation of the new structures."

At a Press conference in Pretoria last month, Dr Viljoen outlined proposals for the new communications structures for black schools and said he was confident they would contribute towards eliminating an acknowledged lack of proper communication between pupils and authorities.

The Council for Education and Training, an advisory body to the Minister, consists of 24 black community leaders, mostly educationists.



● Passing children stare at Indian shops wrecked during this week's unrest in Evaton

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Indians stunned by attacks on businesses

By RAY FAURE

ATTACKS by rioters on Indian businesses in the Vaal Triangle's black townships this week has left its Indian community in a state of shock.

Several traders in the trouble-torn area watched their businesses and homes go up in flames. Black traders also suffered extensive damage to their premises.

The unrest left an official toll of more than 30 dead and scores injured

A spokesman for the Indian community in the area said 42 Indian businesses were razed Traders planned to meet this weekend to discuss whether to reopen in the areas.

More than 100 Indians — about 20 families — who were living in houses adjoining their businesses, were left homeless by rioters who looted the premises before setting them alight.

Many say they lost virtually everything they possessed. Others say they managed to salvage a few belongings.

Mystified

Indian businessmen said this week they were "totally mystified and shocked" by the attacks, which they referred to as "absolutely senseless and without apparent cause".

Despite their compliance with a request to close their businesses on [illegible] in sympathy with the protest [illegible] increased house rentals — [illegible] to be the underlying cause of the [illegible] — their businesses were still destroyed.

The request to close all business premises came in a circular to black and Indian traders in the area

"I just can't figure out why they did it. We've always been good and fair to our black customers," said Mr Yunus Badat, who lost his entire business.

He had been trading in Sebokeng, one of the affected townships, for more than 15 years, he said.

"I feel terrible — my life's work has been reduced to ashes. And I wasn't insured I don't know where to start or what to think. Fortunately I didn't lose my house as well," he said.

He was convinced that increased rents were not the real reason behind the unrest

Two families who were living on his business premises — which housed a car agency and a motor spares outlet — were left homeless, losing almost everything they possessed

He said he would be reluctant to start a new business in the area. "It's too dangerous to go back," he said.

Mr Haroon Patel, who lost three businesses and now has to support five families off his remaining one — a service station in Vereeniging — described the razing of premises as a "blow beneath the belt, in a sense".

"The Indians here have always worked closely with the blacks We've always had a good relationship with them. The attacks came as a total surprise to us," he said

Horrible

"If we had any idea something like this would happen, we would not have stocked up our shops as we did," he added.

"It was horrible. It was something we never thought would happen I just don't understand it."

He recalled that during a similar situation in the early Sixties, his family had had to provide refuge for several black families. "And now this happens to us," he said.

He and two other businessmen had watched from a safe distance through binoculars while their buildings were destroyed

Many others had found themselves in a similar predicament "Fortunately most of them managed to flee before their businesses and homes were destroyed," he said

Several Indians had sought refuge in nearby black homes before being escorted by police from the troubled areas

Mr Patel said the damage to property ran into millions of rands

He owned a hardware store in Evaton, a general dealer's store in Sebokeng and was in partnership with a black entrepreneur in a motor car business in the latter township. All three businesses were destroyed.

"The Indians naturally feel very bitter about the whole affair," Mr Patel said

He described the attacks as "wanton destructiveness".

What the looters could not carry away with them, they damaged or destroyed, he said.

"They were carting away truckloads of stuff, and nobody even tried to stop them"

Dr A H Patel, whose Evaton surgery was destroyed, said he did not think racism was a factor in the attacks.

"I also don't think it was specifically directed at the Indians, because a lot of black businesses were also destroyed," he said.

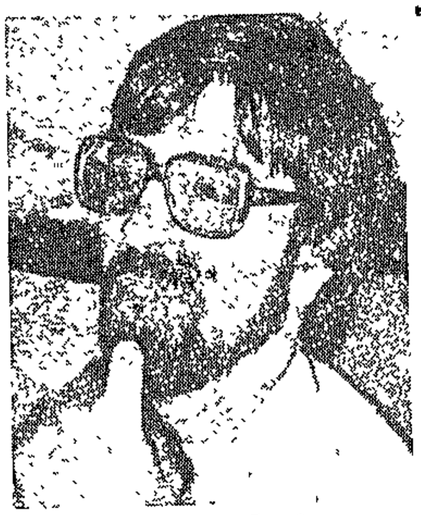
Gutted

The atmosphere in the affected townships is still tense with gutted buildings, some reduced to rubble, and the wrecks of burnt-out trucks and private cars a reminder of the four days of violence.

The homes of the two deputy mayors who died at the hands of mobs this week — Mr Dutch Diphoko of Evaton and Mr Sam Dlamini of Sharpeville — are deserted.

Street vendors are doing brisk business.

Several blacks complained they were having to pay between 70c and R1,50 for a loaf of bread and about R10 for a bag of mealie meal from vendors who were capitalising on the situation.



● Mr Haroon Patel
... 'blow beneath the belt'

Two youths arrested in Soweto

THE situation in the black townships of the Vaal Triangle — hit by sweeping unrest this week — was quiet yesterday.

But there were incidents and arrests in Soweto on Friday.

A police spokesman said a 17-year-old youth was admitted to hospital "with wounds" after a petrol bomb was thrown at a shop in Dobsonville. The adjoining house, belonging to the owner of the store, had been stoned overnight.

The spokesman said a police officer guarding the shop and house fired birdshot at the crowd, which fled. Damage was minimal and the wounded youth was admitted to hospital under police guard.

A second youth was also detained but not in connection with the incident.

In another incident a bus was stoned and set on fire by a crowd of about 150 who had gathered near the Methodist Church Youth Centre. There were no injuries.

In the same area, a short while later, stones were thrown at an administration board vehicle. Nobody was hurt. — Sapa.

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The day protest swept through the Vaal . . .

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MONDAY, bloody Monday. A day of death in the Vaal Triangle townships. A day of bloodshed, teargas and rubber bullets. A day of protest.

It was a long time coming. For weeks, residents had attended meetings to protest against the pending rent increases. But they said when no-one listened, and the day of protest came, there was no stopping it.

Buildings were burned, Lekoa and Evaton community councillors were attacked, and the police retaliated. And by the time it was all over, four councillors and at least two dozen others were dead.

Sharpeville, Evaton, Bophelong, Boipatong, Sebokeng and Residensia were in flames.

It was a spine-chilling day. On one Sebokeng street corner I saw 12-year-old Ntombi Majola lying dead, her brains scattered on the road.

Nearby 15-year-old Nomthandazo Mputheni lay hurt after being hit on the back of her head by a rubber bullet.

Later, I saw the mutilated body of councillor Caesar Motjeane, hacked to death after apparently shooting two youths.

Next to his body was an empty gun holster. On top, a placard that read "away with rentals — asinamali (we have no money)".

In Zone 11, I found councillor James Mofokeng's car, upside down and in flames. His house was also gutted.

Residents also told me how they'd seen Lekoa mayor Esau Mahlatsi flee his home after it was set alight. The mayor had to hightail it on foot — his cars were also set on fire.

Evaton mayor Sam Rabotapi's house also went up in flames. Angry residents taunted him for spending R11 000 on a mayoral chain — and women ululated when a elderly resident pranced the streets in Mr Rabotapi's gown calling himself "the new mayor — Evaton's number one resident".

The unrest in Sebokeng had started early on Monday in zones 7, 11, 12 and 13. The administration board office was one of the first targets, and the protestors soon moved on to shops in the nearby areas.

Up in flames went the zone 12 dry cleaners, the fish and chips shop and other stores owned by councillors.

In zone 14, the Texido supermarket was gutted.

Once it started, the unrest spread to nearby Evaton and the other townships. Other administration board buildings were set alight, beerhalls wer burnt and looted and roads were blocked.

The looting lasted a long time. It was almost as if the protestors were saying: "Why should some people be rich?"

And then in they'd go, emptying food stores and bottle stores and carrying off their bounty.

And then came the hunger. When the shops were burnt, and there was nothing left to loot, came the realisation that there were going to be a few empty bellies around — and nowhere to fill them.

To make things worse, the bus service was disrupted. The white shops in town had food — but there was no way of getting to them.

Mr Rabotapi and Mr Mahlatsi were reported to have gone into hiding in a hotel in the white area, and their council colleagues were nowhere to be seen.

On Wednesday, few buildings still burnt, but the police raids and protestors' roadblocks had ended.

But to those whose relatives died in the unrest, or who were themselves hurt during the violence and the police response, the memory of Bloody Monday lives on . . .

Teargas, whips at graveside

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MOURNERS at the funeral of Morgan Muzi Ntombela – the youth shot during anti-Koornhof demonstrations in Imbali recently – left the coffin inside the hall and scattered as teargas engulfed them on Saturday.

When the first mourners left at the end of the service, teargas was allegedly fired into the hall at Imbali, and as mourners made for the door, more teargas was used outside the exit.

Mourners fled in all directions. When undertakers returned to the hall to remove the coffin, they also suffered the effects of the teargas.

Some mourners returned to the funeral buses, while others boarded mini-buses.

A heavy contingent of police and traffic police then escorted the procession along the outskirts of the city to Mountain Rise cemetery.

More rounds of teargas were fired and several people were sjambokked at the cemetery where riot police formed a semi-circle around mourners.

Some mourners left when police ordered the small remaining crowd to disperse.

But some refused, and were still filling sand into the grave when police moved in firing teargas. – Sapa

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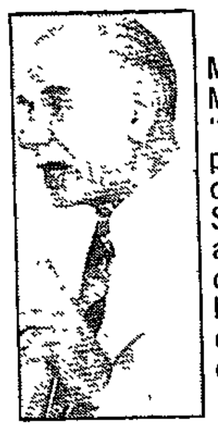
ON A WEEK OF UNREST IN THE TOWNSHIPS

24 years on . . . the spectre of Sharpeville rises again



Mr Charles Marx — "unrest was planned outside South Africa and timed to coincide with Indian and coloured elections"

By IVOR WILKINS and NEIL HOOPER

SHARPEVILLE, a name that echoes down the corridors of time, was aflame again this week in the worst outbreak of black unrest since Soweto '76.

Thirty-one people died and many more were injured as blacks took to the streets.

TV viewers around the world watched as heavy palls of smoke hung over Sharpeville and the neighbouring townships of Evaton and Sebokeng.

Government buildings were razed and dozens of small businesses were destroyed, their owners helpless as looters made off with their goods.

In places, puddles of liquor lay on the ground where plunderers had smashed what they could not carry away.

Adding to the checklist of grievance, thousands of black schoolchildren continued their boycott of classes, while, throughout the country, the deepening recession added its burden of frustration at rising unemployment and prices

Rents

In the inevitable search for explanations, a *bredie* of likely causes emerged. a R5-a-month increase in rents; black exclusion from the new constitution which was formally introduced this week; anger against alleged civic corruption in the townships; and, the familiar catch-all: agitators.

Mr Charles Marx, chief director of the East Rand Administration Board (where most of the violence took place) said he believed the unrest was planned from outside South Africa and timed deliberately to affect the new political dispensation.

Police and, briefly, army units threw a steel cordon around the townships, making periodic forays into the cauldron of unrest to disperse rioters with bullets and tearsmoke.

Not all the casualties, however, were at police hands. In the opening scenes of the grim action, mobs roamed the streets

The Deputy Mayor of Sharpeville, Mr Sam Dlamini, was hacked and kicked to death — but, before being overpowered, he shot and killed two of his attackers.

Fellow town councillor Caesar Motjeane was stoned to death. Other victims were found strangled and some stabbed.

The Government, now keenly sensitive to overseas opinion, sent a group of Cabinet Ministers in a helicopter into the townships, where they ducked angry crowds of blacks and later declared that R5 rent increases were not the cause of the unrest.

However, the planned increases were scrapped and the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, refused to say what he believed the real causes were, adding that nothing would surprise him.

The Ministers of Co-operation and Development and of Education, Dr Piet Koornhof and Dr Gerrit Viljoen, also met with South African Council of Churches leaders.

Bishop Desmond Tutu, SACC General Secretary, told them: "Until the kernel problem, which is the perceived exclusion of blacks from the running of the country, is solved, everything we do will be superficial. We would be dealing with the symptons rather than the disease."

After their talks with Bishop Tutu and Dr Alan Boesak, the Ministers spoke of their belief that peace could be restored through negotiation.

As the townships quietened towards week's end, South Africa braced itself for possible further outbreaks of unrest as the September 12 anniversary of the death in detention of black consciousness leader Steve Biko approached.

A clamp was imposed on public meetings to commemorate his death and all Transvaal black schools were closed.

Crushes

Strict terms were imposed for the mass funeral of six pupils allegedly shot by police during the riots

This week's explosion of anger was different in several respects from the events 24 years ago that seared Sharpeville's name forever in South African history.

As blacks demonstrated then against the imposition of pass laws, police crushed the uprising with stunning violence. Sixty nine people were killed and nearly 200 wounded.

Many South Africans shared the belief of most outsiders that the revolution had arrived.

Whites in large numbers packed up and fled to Britain, the US, Canada and Australia.

A machinegun post was set up at Parliament, where Dr Verwoerd's government vowed to impose its will at any cost.

hannesburg and London plunged, while the chanceries of Europe and America voiced their outrage at the bloodshed.

The events this week unfolded in a South Africa where violence has become familiar The world, too, has become used to bloodshed.

There was no prospect of a sudden white flight and the stock exchanges hardly paused from their obsession with the rampant dollar and American interest rates.

Observers also noted that, while police action still claimed most lives, much of the township violence had turned in on itself; blacks were confronting blacks in their rage, while a clearly-worried government introduced a new note and began speaking of negotiation

Looters hard at work while black smoke pours out of an adjoining building

Six-week build-up to latest bloody unrest

By NEIL HOOPER

UNREST in black townships, particularly in the Pretoria, Witwatersrand and Vaal Triangle areas, has been simmering for more than a month and a half.

It climaxed with bloody violence in Sharpeville on Monday and caused the deaths of at least 31 people, with an unknown number injured.

This is how the unrest — brought about by a variety of reasons — developed:

● July 15: A thousand pupils protest against increased rents on homes in the Tumahole township near Parys.

● August 1 Pupils at the Thabong township near Welkom go on the rampage, stoning shops, bottle stores and vehicles after having boycotted classes for three weeks.

They were protesting over a shortage of teachers and the poor relationship between white teachers and pupils.

● August 10: Two thousand pupils at Daveytown, near Benoni, boycott school and demanding the abolition of an attendance age limit on pupils.

● August 21 Pupils at Tembisa on the East Rand attack a teacher who is a member of the local management committee, and stone shops and cars. The mayor of the township is shot in the neck while in his car. His home is stoned

Teargas

Pupils in the Tumahole township stone the school building and tell primary-school pupils to return home Police use teargas to disperse them.

● August 22: Students in Soweto and Eldorado Park boycott classes in protest about the elections that day for the coloured House of Representatives. Police use teargas to disperse them.

Throughout South Africa about 700 000 pupils — mostly coloured — boycott classes.

At the University of the North 4 000 students burn effigies of the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, and the leader of the Labour Party, the Rev Allan Hendrickse.

● August 23 Students at Tembisa set alight two school buildings and the mayor's home.

● August 27 Pupils in the Kathlehong township near Germiston and Sosganguve near Pretoria boycott classes, bringing the total number of boycotters to an estimated 30 000

● August 28 Five hundred pupils of the Musi High School in Pimville, Soweto, burn down a house where the killer of a fellow student is believed to live

● August 29 At the Ikageng township near Potchefstroom the police use teargas to disperse black youths who try to march on the local Indian township where elections are taking place for the Indian House of Delegates.

In Dobsonville, Soweto, police use teargas to disperse 200 stone-throwing pupils at the Forte High School.

● August 30 Three people are killed and 18 injured in unrest in three East Rand townships — Kathlehong, Thokoza and Daveytown. During the unrest youths set fire to vehicles and stone police vehicles. Police disperse them

In Sharpeville the mayor, Mr Esau Mahlatsi, and his councillors, holding a meeting with residents to discuss their grievances about increases in electricity tariffs, have to flee rampaging youths, who then stone vehicles, houses and bottle stores in the township.

In Soshanguve, near Pretoria, youths set fire to a school.

● August 31 In Wattville, near Benoni, a six-year-old child is killed accidentally when police fire rubber bullets and birdshot to disperse a group of about 60 youths stoning vehicles.

● September 2 A hundred youths in Sharpeville and Boibatong, near Vanderbijlpark, stone cars, buses and homes of local councillors and the local headmaster.

● September 3 The deputy mayor of Sharpeville, Mr Sam Dlamini, is hacked to death and his body burnt, while councillor Caesar Motjeane is stoned to death

Two people die when they are trapped in a burning car The rioters are incensed about increased rents

In Tembisa 700 youths stone and set fire to vehicles The police use teargas and rubber bullets to disperse them

Under guard

At Mamelodi, near Pretoria, the police disperse a crowd of youths stoning school buildings.

At Sebokeng, near Vereeniging, youths go on the rampage and loot a supermarket and set fire to shops, a bottle store and a beerhall.

● September 4. The boycott of schools continues, with an estimated 120 000 pupils now staying away from classes. Looting starts in townships on the East Rand in the wake of the riots which cause at least 29 deaths

● September 5. Violence continues at Tembisa, where rampaging youths gut vehicles and homes, and stone cars, while police repeatedly use teargas to disperse them. The violence also spreads to Vosloorus on the East Rand.

Regarding the latest incidents of violence and unrest in Reef townships on Friday night and early yesterday morning police said

● A group of about 150 set a bus alight and stoned West Rand Administration Board vehicles outside the new Metro Centre in Soweto at 6 30pm on Friday.

● Early yesterday morning a petrol bomb was thrown at a shop in Dobsonville, Soweto. At the same time youths stoned the owner's house.

A security guard outside the shop fired at a youth with birdshot A 17-year-old boy was later admitted to the Baragwanath Hospital and is under police guard. Another suspect was detained by the police.

MORE RIOTS

Violent clashes in Vaal

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By JOSHUA RABOROKO

SEVERAL people were injured when tearsmoke and rubber bullets were fired to disperse crowds as fresh riots erupted in the trouble-torn Vaal complex yesterday.

Trouble started when close to 2 000 people who had gathered at the Roman Catholic Church in Sebokeng for a report-back meeting on demands they had made, were told that the meeting had been banned.

A spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria confirmed that tearsmoke and rubber bullets were used against people who stoned police vehicles. He was not aware of any injuries.

Residents were expecting to be told of the outcome of a meeting held on Saturday between a group of clergymen and officials of the Lekoa Town Council and of the Orange-Vaal Development Board.

Police, who had kept a distance, approached the crowd and ordered them to disperse. Tearsmoke and rubber bullets were fired.

Those injured in the shooting include Messrs James Dinetso, James Mashaile, Michael Phake, Klaas Lekhetho and Johannes Thekiso.

The banning of yesterday's meeting follows an order issued by the local Chief Magistrate, Mr Ernest Marais.

In terms of the banning order, all meetings, except bona fide church services, were prohibited in the Lekoa and Evaton magisterial areas as from 11am yesterday to 11am tomorrow.

• Meanwhile it is believed that **The SOWETAN'S** photographer, Len Khumalo, was yesterday shot in the head and arrested while covering the unrests in Sebokeng. Police headquarters in Pretoria have however denied any knowledge of his arrest.

Youths damage vehicles in Warmbaths township

PRETORIA — A group of youths stoned and set fire to two private vehicles in a Warmbaths township in the northern Transvaal today after earlier stoning a school building and breaking a number of windows, police said in Pretoria.

Lieutenant T Jefferson said local police had detained three people for questioning in connection with the incidents.

Sapa's Warmbaths correspondent reports that one of the cars set on fire belonged to the principal of the Bella-Bella High School in Warmbaths, Mr D Mramaboa.

Pupils were boycotting classes in protest against the detention on Friday of one of their teachers who allegedly intimidated pupils during a class boycott earlier this year.

Police were on standby at the school, the correspondent said.

In Soweto, a school building and two delivery trucks were stoned and damaged by a group of youths today.

One of the damaged trucks was a large soft drink delivery vehicle. Many of the soft drink bottles were either stolen or broken.

No police action was taken because the crowd of youths had dispersed by the time police arrived at the scene, said Lt Jefferson.

Lt Jefferson said police used tear smoke to disperse crowds who erected barricades across roads in Tumahole, near Parys, yesterday.

He said there had been isolated incidents of stone throwing and a window at a black nursing home in the township was broken.

Lt Jefferson said earlier reports that two houses had been set on fire were not correct.

"We have now established there was no arson in Tumahole," he said. — Sapa

Ban on meetings in riot areas

PRETORIA — All gatherings with the exception of bona fide church services have been prohibited until 11am tomorrow in the magisterial districts of Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark, which include the black townships of Sharpeville, Lekoa and Evaton where riots have taken place over the last week.

Notice of the prohibition by the Chief Magistrate, "deemed to be in the interests of maintaining law and order" in the two districts, was issued in Pretoria yesterday morning through police headquarters.

In terms of Section 46 1 (b) of the Internal Security Act of 1982, all meetings in the magisterial districts of Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark are prohibited until 11am tomorrow, with the exclusion of bona fide church services in the municipal area of Sharpeville.

A similar prohibition applies to the magisterial district of Vanderbijlpark and the municipal areas of Lekoa and Evaton, a police spokesman said. — Sapa

NOTHING LEFT TO BURN

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AN uneasy calm has descended on the riot-torn Vaal townships — there is nothing left to burn, and those who survived the residents' fury have fled.

Virtually every shop in the townships has been burnt and looted after one of the most violent outbursts of anger the country has seen.

Officially, the death toll since Monday's outbreak of rioting is 31 with scores injured. It could be much higher.

Now hunger is threatening the area. With no shops left to buy food from, and all deliveries to the townships and transport services halted, residents are battling to get food.

Bread is reportedly being sold for R1 a loaf.

Coal is also reported to be selling for R5 extra per bag.

The UDF, Vaal Civic Association and Baptist Church have launched a massive emergency campaign to feed 1 000 people a day in Sebokeng, and other relief measures in the townships are underway.

Residents in the Vaal Triangle under the Lekoa Township Council have, however, scored their first victory — a high-powered delegation of six led by the Reverend Ben Photolo has negotiated for the scrapping of the controversial rent increase that sparked the rioting.

The announcement came after eight hours of negotiations between residents' representatives and Government officials on Wednesday.

But residents are still demanding that:

- All rents be decreased to R30, including service charges like water and electricity;
- All members of the town council resign;
- Police release all people detained or arrested during the unrest;
- Residents be allowed to bury those who died during the unrest, without police interference.

More than 3 000 people waited outside the hall where the talks were being held, waiting for the outcome.

They dispersed later after being told that the officials had agreed:

- To scrap the proposed rent of R5,60 and R5,90;
- To scrap lodgers' fees;
- That the town council would call an emergency meeting to look at the residents' demand that they reduce rent to R30;
- That the police would not interfere with the burial of the people who died during the unrest, provided funerals were not turned into "political rallies".

The delegation told reporters that those who died would be buried side by side.

Face to face: Sharpeville peace march leader Rev Ben Photolo speaks to the cops before going into talks with administration board officials this week.

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Mass burial for students

THOUSANDS of people are expected to attend a mass funeral tomorrow of four Daveyton students who died during last week's school unrest.

The funeral of Lucky Majola, 19, Joyce Nzama, 9, Isaac Mbonani, 15, and Patrick Mpala, 19, has been organised by the East Rand People's Organisation, and the service will be held at the Sinaba Stadium at noon.

The service will be conducted by Bishop Simeon Nkoane, and speakers will include SA Council of Churches general secretary Desmond Tutu, United Democratic Front patron Smangaliso Mkhatshwa, a Congress of South African Students executive member and an Erapo executive member.

On Sunday, six-year-old Thabo Sibeko — who was shot by police last week — will be buried at the Wattville cemetery after a service at the civic centre at noon.

Turfloop students kicked out

By BENSON NTLEMO and CEDRIC KEKANA

TURFLOOP University is on the verge of being shut down.

This grim prospect follows a spate of violence at the university this week and the directive from the rector, P Mokgokong, banning all student meetings on campus.

Most of the students were baton-charged and evicted from the campus by Lebowa police.

University PRO Frans Swart confirmed that the SRC was now operating from "outside".

He added that several students were "willing to resume studies".

And early this week a group of anti-boycotters calling themselves The Fist, were beaten up when they tried to mobilise opposition to the resolution made by more than 300 students to boycott classes.

On Wednesday night serious violence broke out after police drove past the scene where students were holding a meeting.

One dies, several hurt in new outbreak of unrest

Orders announcing the bannings were pasted up at the venues where the meetings were to be held, just two hours before they were to start.

Residents' representatives who met with the Lekoa Town Council on Saturday said Mr Esau Mahlatsi, the mayor, was adamant that proposed rent increases would not be scrapped, suspended or reduced as had been demanded

Mr Mahlatsi also told them the councillors would not resign, but they could do so if they were requested to by the voters who elected them.

He said the new rents would be implemented as soon as they had been gazetted.

Hundreds of mourners turned up to pay last respects to Mr Abel Kobokea, of Sharpeville, when he was buried

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at the Evaton Cemetery yesterday.

Mr Kobokea died last week after inhaling tearsmoke which was fired by police in the township

Police yesterday also released the name of the man shot dead in Katlehong on Saturday. He is Mr Boy Simeon Sibisi, 33

Mr Sibisi was shot in the head in after a group of rioters stoned and then set fire to the house of Katlehong's mayor, Mr Alf Khumalo, Major P Crafford of the Police Directorate of Public Relations said in Pretoria yesterday

Maj Crafford said the rioters had attacked three policemen guarding the mayor's house before they set it alight. They stole two guns from one of the policemen and beat him with pangas.

The policeman is in a serious condition in Katlehong Hospital.

A total of more than 16 000 mourners attended the funerals over the weekend of unrest victims Patrick Phala, 18, Joyce Nzama, 9; Sakhile Mbonani, 14, Lucky Majola, 19; Musa Khumalo, 18 and Thabo Sibeko, 6.

In Daveyton, in defiance of an order prohibiting political actions, more than 8 000 people marched — carrying coffins shoulder high and listening to several powerful political speeches

The health and legal secretariats of Azapo held clinics in Sharpeville and Sebokeng yesterday.

A total of 154 people — not all injured in yesterday's unrest — were treated Three had to be admitted to hospital The rest required only first aid.

Mother of 5 dies in plane

Mail Correspondent

DURBAN — A fourth person killed when a light aircraft flying from Tzaneen to Richards Bay crashed near Mtunzini at the weekend, has been named.

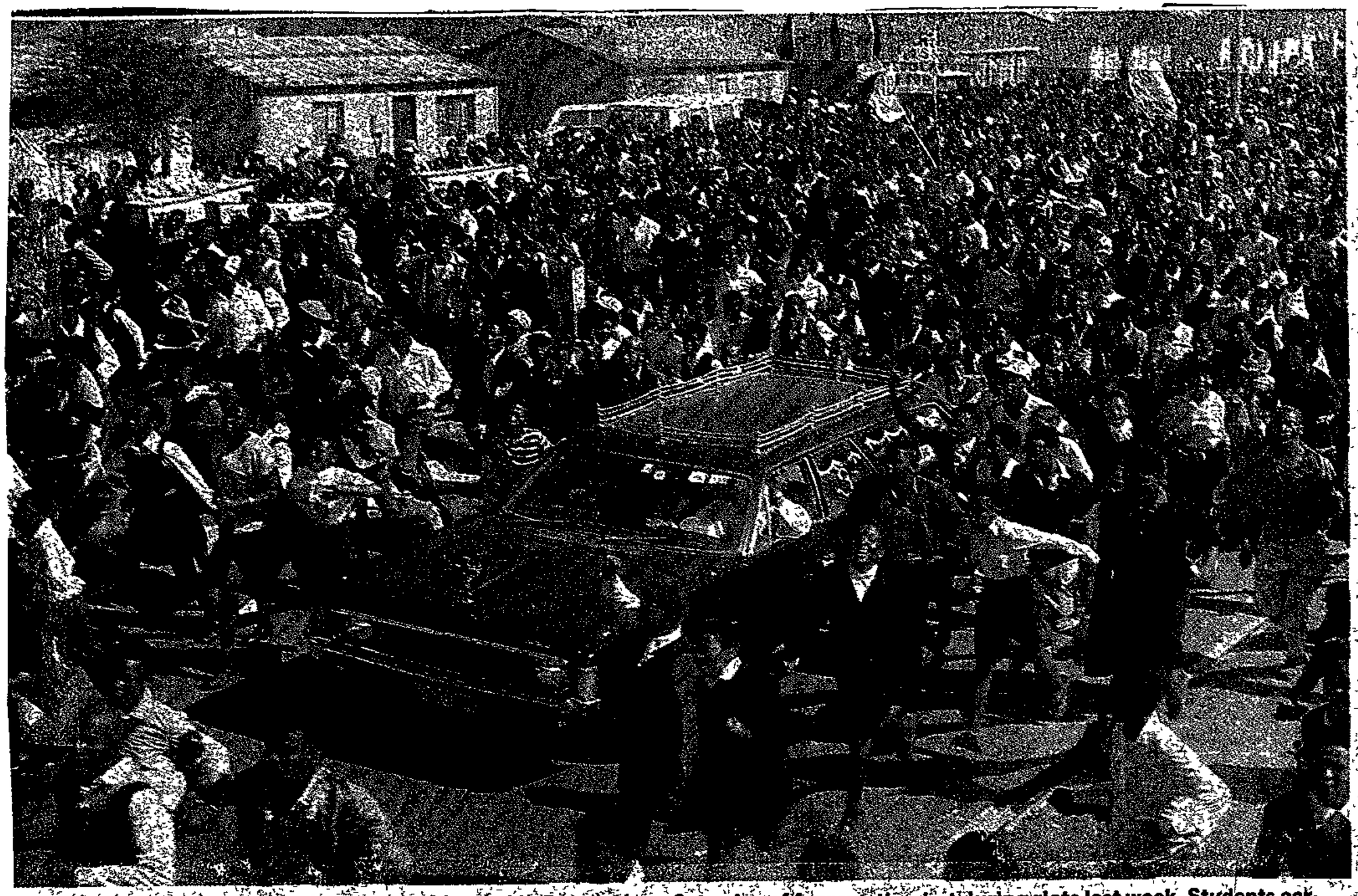
She was Mrs Anne Elizabeth Mullaney, 36, of Adshade Avenue, Tzaneen. Mrs Mullaney, a divorcee, leaves five children

The other three victims were Mr Frans Kritzener, 30, and Mr and Mrs Frikkie Britz, who leave three chilDen

A relative of Mr Kritzinger said from Tzaneen yesterday that the Cessna Piper had been bound for Richards Bay.

Police said it was believed relatives of the victims had set out for Natal to make funeral arrangements.

The wreck of the aircraft has been taken to Empangeni



Multitudes of mourners attended the mass funeral in Daveyton on Saturday of four youths shot during riots last week. Students carried the coffins shoulder high as they marched to the cemetery.

Picture: TLADI KHUELE

Man dies in new unrest on Reef

Mail Reporters

SPORADIC incidents of violence in Reef townships over the weekend cost the life of one man, left several injured and resulted in the razing of the home of Katlehong's mayor.

In Sebokeng, police used teargas and rubber bullets to disperse crowds while protesters stoned police vehicles and set up roadblocks in the town after disruptions at two gatherings, the Police Division of Public Relations said.

Police initially reported no injuries, but last night said they had received reports of several injuries.

In various incidents over the weekend;

- One man was killed and three injured — one seriously — in Katlehong on Saturday and the mayor's house was burnt to the ground;
- Also in Katlehong — which was tense but quiet yesterday — all councillors' houses and shops were under heavy police guard and a work stayaway has been called for today;
- All gatherings except church services were banned until 11am tomorrow in the magisterial districts of Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark, which includes the Vaal Triangle townships hit by violence;
- More than 6 000 mourners yesterday attended the funeral in Watville of a victim of the unrest;
- Police action against two foreign television news crews, UPITN and Visnews, cost an international media syndicate thousands of rands after police took possession of newsfilm shot at the Watville funeral.

The booking for the transmission to Eurovision Broadcast Union, which serves the 29 major television stations all over Europe, had to be cancelled, causing a loss of R2 800 to EBU for each 10 minutes of satellite time booked.

Two of the foreign TV newsmen were held for more than half an hour after they were arrested for not having permits to enter the township. They were allowed to pay a R20 admission of guilt fine.

Confirming that the film was being held, the senior staff officer at the East Rand District Headquarters, Colonel D P Combrink, said it was being held as "evidence" that the men were in the township.

- In Daveyton on Saturday about 3 000 people contravened a ban on weekend gatherings to attend the funeral of four youths killed last week during widespread unrest over rent increases.

The main focus of yesterday's unrest was Sebokeng, near Vereeniging, where residents went on the rampage after the two meetings were banned.

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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 teargas 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 Mmesi, 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.

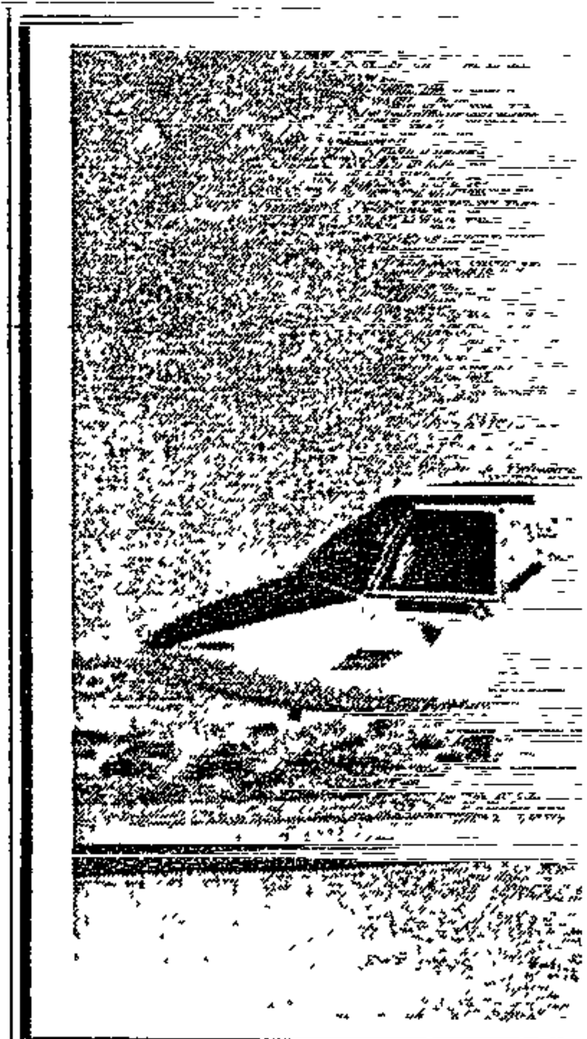
The Health Workers Association has started clinics at two centres in the Vaal area at the invitation of the Vaal Civic Association and the Evaton Ratepayers Association

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.

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.

Direct effect on about the ...

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 Slabbert said he would not be "the

STILL MORE RIOTS

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IN HIDING: Khumalo.

AN UNIDENTIFIED man was shot dead and several other people were injured when police fired tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse hundreds of youths as more riots erupted in the trouble-torn Katlehong township on the East Rand.

The man, believed to be in his late twenties, was allegedly shot dead by a shopkeeper in Phake Section when about 30 youths marched on his shop and threatened to burn it down.

Major C R Liebenberg confirmed yesterday that the man was shot dead by the shop owner at about 4.30 pm. Maj Liebenberg also said the rest of the mob ran away when the businessman fired more shots. No-one else in the crowd was injured.

Maj Liebenberg also said that several people were injured when police fired tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse a crowd of youths who had gathered near the Natalspruit Hospital, and at the entrance of the townships near the Katlehong post office. He said police had to fire tearsmoke and rubber bullets after the crowds stoned passing cars and refused to disperse.

Trouble started at about 11 am when youths, who had gathered near Natalspruit Hospital and at the entrance of the township near the post office, started stoning all cars coming from town into the township.

Tense

Maj Liebenberg said the group dispersed and regrouped at about 12 near Khumalo Street where they again started stoning cars. Once again, police had to fire tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse the crowd. No arrests were made and the group fled in all directions into the townships.

The atmosphere was still tense in Tembisa, Daveyton, Wattville and Thokoza where six people died during disturbances in the last two weeks.

In Tsakane township, a number of police were patrolling the township after word had spread that youths in the townships had organised a stayaway from work yesterday.

Members of the Katlehong Town Council are in hiding and their homes heavily guarded.

The members fear for their lives.

- Police have identified the man who was shot dead when a group of people stoned and burned down the home of Mr A P Khumalo, the mayor of Katlehong on Saturday.

He was Mr Simeon "Boy" Sibisi (33) of 95 Ngema Section in Katlehong.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

Death in Katlehong

Meanwhile the Azanian Students' Organisation (Azaso) yesterday issued a statement requesting all its members to observe Biko Day also as a day for those killed in the Vaal Triangle.

"Furthermore, we ask our members to pledge solidarity with other students who are facing harassment by the State and by the administration, especially at the University of Transkei (Unitra). We also condemn, in the strongest possible terms, the harassment of our lecturers, that is deportation at Unitra and the detention of Rev M A Stofile, who is chairman of the Fort Hare Black Staff Association," the statement added.

- Late last night the shop of a Kalehong businessman, who allegedly gunned down an eight-year-old child last week, was set slight by an angry mob.

He was first attacked but fled. The shop, and his house, which is in the adjoining property, were stoned.

Sebokeng unrest: Many to appear in court

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

A NUMBER of Sebokeng residents are expected to appear in the Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark Magistrate's Courts today on allegations of public violence and attending illegal gatherings.

Those who will appear will include **The SOWETAN** photographer Mr Len Kumalo, who was among the scores of residents arrested on Sunday outside the Roman Catholic Church in Zone 12 Sebokeng

Mr Kumalo was wounded above the left eye when police allegedly charged on the huge crowd that had gathered outside the church to hear the outcome of a meeting between a group of clergymen, community leaders and Lekoa town councillors

This followed a blanket ban on public meetings in churches, excluding bona fide church services in the Lekoa and Evaton municipal areas. Many people in Sebokeng and Evaton are believed to have stayed away from work yesterday when there was no transport available in the morning to ferry them to their workplaces. Later in the day buses and taxis moved normally while police patrolled the areas.

Sharpeville was quiet, although police patrolled the townships, and it is believed that police fired tearsmoke at several residents who came out of their homes when they saw a heavy police contingent in Bophelong township

Private doctors yesterday continued administering treatment to scores of residents who were hurt during clashes since last Monday.

By late yesterday the outcome of a meeting between residents' representatives and the Lekoa Town Council was still unknown, as the two parties were locked in discussions in an attempt to break the week-long anti-protests, which have so far claimed the lives of over 30 people and left many injured

Earlier a member of the residents' representatives had disclosed to **The SOWETAN** that some councillors have shown willingness to resign from their seats, but were afraid. The Lekoa Town Council chairman Mr Essau Mahlatsi has disputed reports that councillors want to resign and that rents would be reduced in the area

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Surprise for pupils

PUPILS on the Reef were surprised when they were turned away from schools yesterday, after a sudden closure announcement made last Friday.

The surprise closure of schools came five days earlier than expected by pupils, who were to break for their 10 days holiday from Friday

In his announcement, Mr A B Fourie, director-general of the Department of Education and Training, said that schools were being closed because the climate in "affected" areas was not conducive to beneficial education The closure order applied to all schools in the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging area.

Pupils were roaming the streets aimlessly yesterday after being turned away from schools in Soweto and Alexandra townships

A pupil at Alexandra High School, who refused to be named, said "We all turned up for classes this morning, not knowing that they were closed because we were never told "

Soweto massive

By LEN MASEKO

THE Soweto City Council has retrieved 11 "stolen" vehicles worth a total of about R360 000 following investigations into a massive racket within one of its departments.

The brand new vehicles, which are priced at R32 620 each, were recovered recently after a council-appointed commission uncovered the racket — believed to span several years and in-

Release Pressmen – Mwasa

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

THE MEDIA Workers' Association of South Africa yesterday issued a statement demanding the immediate and unconditional release of two journalists arrested by police at the weekend in the Vaal Triangle.

The two are Mr Len Kumalo, **SOWETAN** photographer, and Mr Thabo Makaba of the Rand Daily Mail

Mwasa says the two were arrested in Sharpeville on Sunday while recording the anger of black people against the oppression and exploitation they have suffered for centuries

"We note that there had again been escalation of violence against our members in recent weeks, not surprisingly coinciding with P W Botha's "new deal" constitution

Assaulted

"Our members were assaulted while covering the sham elections last month, now they are arrested while covering the unrest in the Vaal. These acts of open intimidation shall not avert us from our chosen duty of recording facts of what is happening in our society and criticising it fiercely."

SASS strikes

THE SOUTH African Suicide Squad yesterday claimed responsibility for the petrol bombing of the home of Sofasonke Party's public relations officer, Mr Ambition Brown.

Mr Brown, who was a candidate in last year's Soweto Town Council elections, had his home

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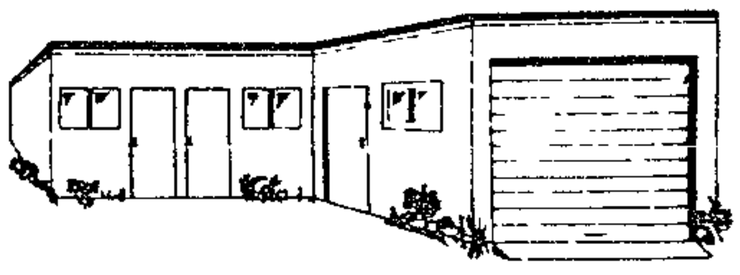

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Katlehong death and more stones

Mail Reporters

A MAN was shot dead yesterday and another seriously injured as unrest continued in Katlehong on the East Rand and spread to Parys and Warmbaths, bringing the death toll in strife-torn townships to at least 40.

A police spokesman said last night that the dead man, who allegedly tried to set fire to a shop in Katlehong, was fatally injured by a civilian.

"A 50-year-old man was injured when the SAP used tearsmoke and rubber bullets on rioters in the township," he said.

This follows Saturday's violent death of a man who was shot dead and several injured in Katlehong when mourners set fire to the home of the mayor of Katlehong, Mr A P Khumalo.

There were arson attacks on two delivery vans yesterday and police used tearsmoke on hundreds of people during sporadic incidents of stone-throwing throughout the day.

More than 300 pupils gathered at Fumana High school in Katlehong yesterday to discuss the school boycotts.They stoned the police who arrested 10 of them.

Later a bottlestore was stoned and looted and a beerhall was set alight.

In Warmbaths, in the Northern Transvaal, 600 pupils from Belabela Secondary School boycotted classes yesterday and cars belonging to a teacher and school principal, Mr D Ramaboa, were set alight.

Pupils were protesting against the detention of one of their teachers on Friday. Police arrested three pupils and there were isolated incidents of stone-throwing in the township.

In Tumahole, near Parys, in the Free State, where classes at a secondary school have been suspended indefinitely, police used tearsmoke to disperse crowds who had erected barricades around the homes of four community councillors.

Police continued to patrol Tembisa, near Kempton Park, yesterday and every shopping centre was guarded by armed police.

A school was stoned in Soweto yesterday and youths stoned two delivery vehicles, one of which was looted.

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This delivery van was set alight in Katlehong yesterday as unrest continued to flare in parts of the township.

Picture: TLADI KHUELE

Supplies flown in to assist homeless

Mail Reporter

MASERU — A spokesman of the Lesotho Red Cross Society said yesterday that planes from the Zimbabwe Air Force flew into Maseru airport at the weekend to bring emergency assistance after a tornado left nine people dead and 134 families homeless in Lesotho.

The consignment of 500 blankets and 50 tents were bought in Zimbabwe by the League of Red Cross Societies.

It will assist the Lesotho Red Cross in alleviating suffering in three villages in Berea, about 15km north of Maseru, which were completely destroyed by the storm on August 31.

The Red Cross in Lesotho had appealed for assistance to The Employment Bureau of Africa, a recruiting agency for South African mines, which donated R50 000. This was handed over to the Lesotho Minister of Interior.

Several tents were still being transported to the area yesterday to provide temporary housing for people who have been left homeless after the storm.

Emergency food supplies are also being rushed to the area by the National Disaster Committee in co-operation with the Lesotho Red Cross.

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Schools violence spreads

All schools in Soweto closed yesterday This follows the closing of schools in the trouble-torn areas of the Vaal Triangle, the East Rand and Pretoria on Friday — a week before the scheduled schools holidays — because of the "unfavourable climate" for education

Meanwhile, it was tense at the University of the North (Turfloop) yesterday when more than 3 000 students streamed out of the campus following a notice issued to students by the rector announcing the continued ban on Students' Representative Council meetings

The rector, Professor P C Mogkokong, has warned students that their residence in the hostel depended on their attending lectures — failing which they must leave the campus by 9am this morning.

There have been a number of violent incidents at the university since students began to boycott classes last week, demanding the expulsion of three lecturers and the scrapping of certain university rules.

In other incidents

- About 750 students at Dr C N Phatudi College of Education, which was closed a month ago following a boycott of classes, decided to go back to classes yesterday They decided to go back on condition no student was victimsed
- Students at Fort Hare University are engaged in a mass stayaway from lectures and are boycotting meals Student leaders have indicated the stayaway and boycott was called in solidarity with the victims of unrest in the Vaal Triangle and tomorrow's anniversary of the death of black consciousness leader Steve Biko.
- Students at the University of Zululand at Ngoye did not attended lectures yesterday, apparently in protest against the refusal by the university to reinstate 11 expelled students
- Mass funeral services are being planned for Saturday for the victims of riots.

Union members queue up for ballot

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

BLACK mineworkers have begun voting in the poll called by the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) to show support

Black councillors are staying underground

Staff Reporters

Most black town councillors on the Reef are in hiding.

In the aftermath of the unrest that left four councillors dead in the Vaal and others on the run, most councillors have been difficult to trace.

Twenty-nine other people died during the anti-rent increase protests.

The Star has been able to trace some councillors, however.

The Mayor of Dobsonville, Mr Don Mmesi, whose home and shop are under police guard, said it was the function of police to protect property and people, and that what they were doing was normal.

A mayor who declined to be identified said. "I would not like to comment. The minute you comment they come and bomb your house. The quieter the better."

A receptionist at Alexandra Town Council said the mayor, the Rev Sam Buti, was away. He would be back on Monday.

Efforts to contact the Mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, were unsuccessful. His home is guarded by West Rand Development Board policemen

The secretary of the Mayor of Daveyton, Mr Tom Boya, said Mr Boya was away in the Transkei.

The deputy mayor of Daveyton, Mr Joe Tau, said he viewed most of the destruction as motivated by personal jealousy rather than politics.

"I find that your enemies who have been lying low suddenly join in the whole thing and come for you.

JEALOUS

"One is inclined to think they are jealous as they can't acquire what you have."

He said most councillors had worked hard to acquire their businesses long before they became councillors.

The family of Vosloorus councillor Mr S Jukudo said he was away in Venda.

A kwaThema councillor, Mr H H Ngakane, said he always informed his supporters about developments in the council, and hence was not affected.

Mr Ngakane said: "By killing the councillors, the people are committing suicide.

"They are not killing the councillors; they are killing themselves. They must pinpoint the enemy. A councillor cannot be an enemy. He is a father."

Mr Ngakane said people led the councillors into their present positions by electing them into office.

Asked if township councils had any mandates from the people they claim to represent considering last year's low polls under the Black Local Authorities Act, Mr Ngakane retorted "We have other organisations around here with no mandate. Why do people not destroy them?"

An indication of the fear among councillors is the heavy life insurance taken out by the Soweto City Council.

The life of Mr Tshabalala has been insured for R100 000. Other councillors were insured for R50 000 each.

It was established yesterday that another Vaal councillor, Mr J Chakane of the Lekoa Town Council, died in hospital after being brutally attacked by a mob outside his Sebokeng home last week.

According to a spokesman for the Sebokeng Hospital, Mr Chakane never recovered consciousness after he was admitted to the intensive care unit of the hospital.

The other councillors who died in the unrest were deputy mayor of Lekoa Mr Sam Dlamini, who was hacked, Lekoa councillor Mr Leburu "Dutch" Diphoko, who was stoned, and an Evaton councillor, Mr Caesar Montjeane, who was stoned.

Mr Mmesi said Mr Diphoko would be buried in Evaton today. Mr Diphoko was killed by a mob who attacked his home and shops in Evaton. He died in hospital last week.

ESCAPED

None of the other murdered councillors has been buried.

Mr Esau Mahlatsi, the Mayor of the Lekoa townships of Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Bophelong and Boipatong near Vanderbiljpark, and Zamdela near Sasolburg, narrowly escaped death when he was attacked outside his house last week.

All the Vaal councillors' houses and businesses were destroyed in the unrest.

Word has been spreading in the Vaal townships warning residents to stay away from the funerals of the councillors, but arrangements are under way for the weekend mass burial of the 29 other people who died during the disturbances.

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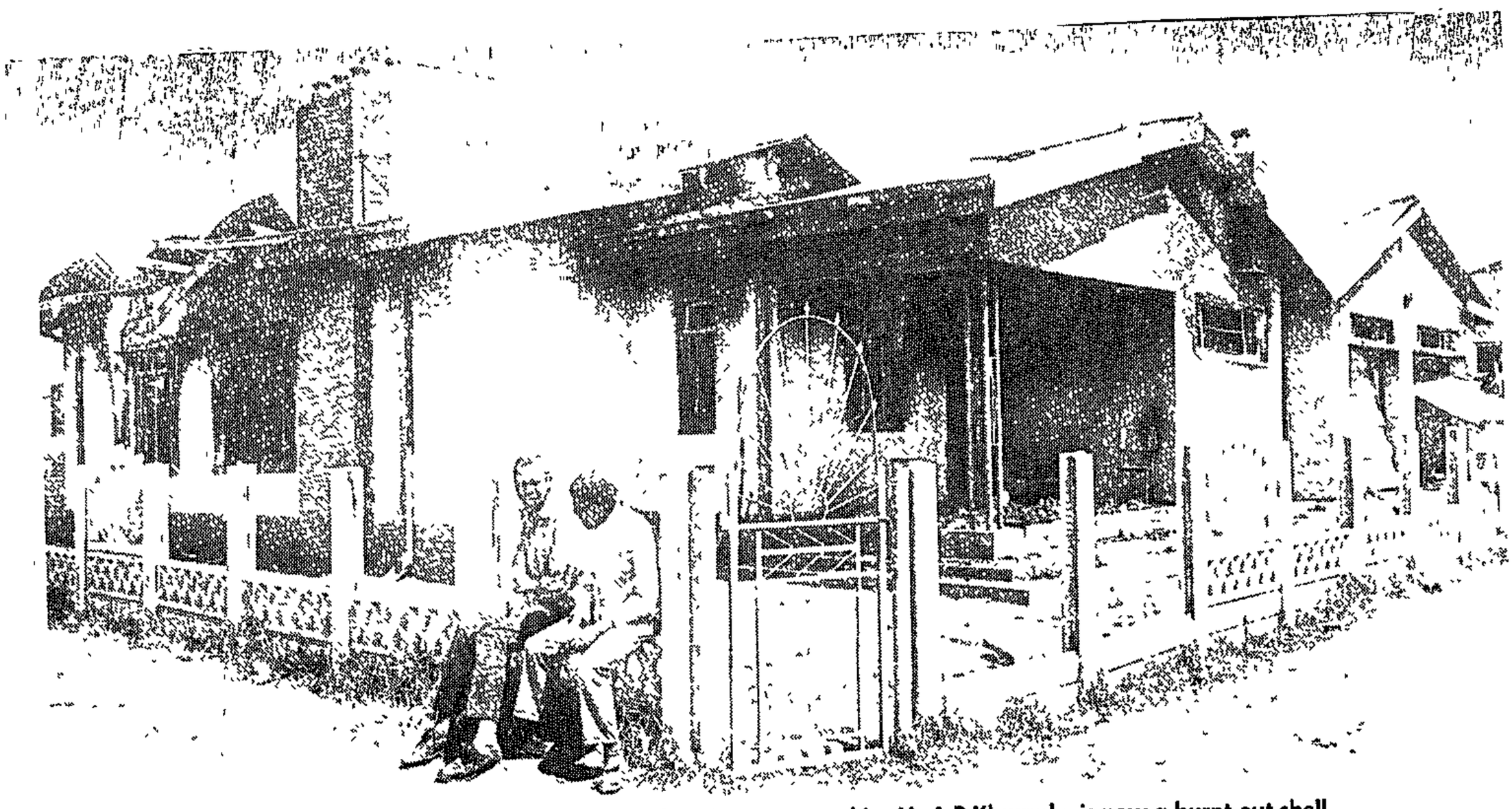

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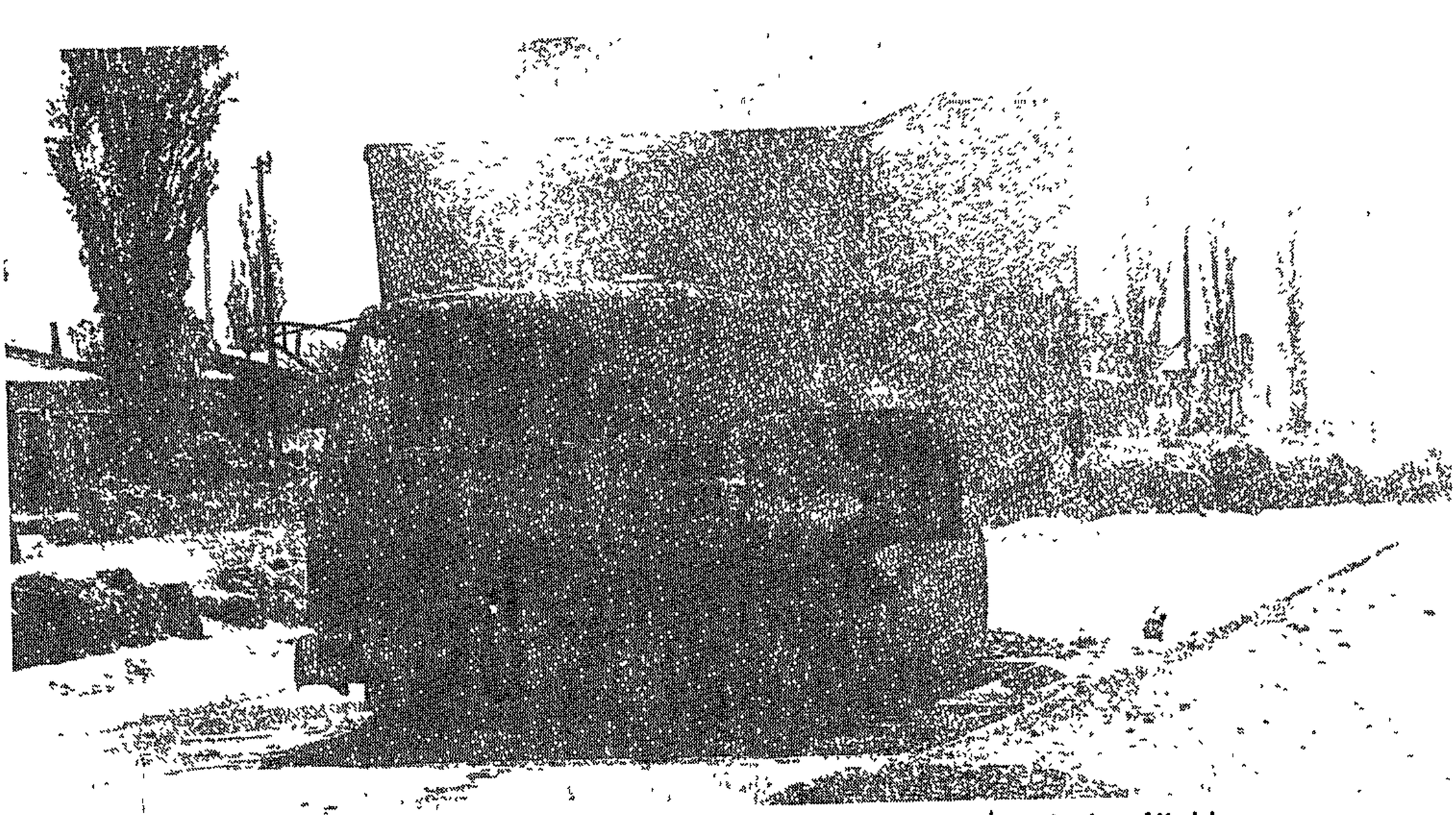

The truck . . . rampaging youths passed this way, leaving it wrecked with its nose in the dust of Katlehong.

Sowetan 12/9/84 (27P)

Cars burnt as riots continue

SEVERAL vehicles were set alight and others were stoned as riots continued in the trouble-torn East Rand townships yesterday.

At least three vehicles, including a newspaper truck, were set alight by groups of youths in Katlehong township near Germiston in separate incidents The truck, which was on its way to deliver newspapers in the nearby Vosloorus township, was set alight at about 6.30 am and the other two vehicles were destroyed by fire at about 10 am and 11 am respectively.

On Monday night, a bar lounge was set alight and looted in Katlehong and two houses in Wattville, one belonging to the deputy mayor, Mr H H Kgobe, had all their windows smashed and furniture damaged when a group of youths went on the rampage.

Tearsmoke

The other house belonged to Mrs Cathrine Hlathswayo, a member of Mr Kgobe's Ward Committee. Mrs Hlathswayo said she did not know why her house was attacked because she was not a member of the council

In Katlehong, police yesterday fired tear-smoke and rubber bullets.

A spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria, Major S van Rooyen, confirmed yesterday that three youths were arrested in Wattville after they stoned a patrolling police vehicle.

In Wattville a kombi belonging to the Department of Telecommunications was set alight near the Wattville post office.

The driver of the kombi had to run for his life as the crowd chased and pelted him with stones He was saved by police.

About 20 people have been arrested in Katlehong and Wattville since Monday when fresh riots erupted.

Assaulted

Taxis and buses were not operating in Katlehong township and people had to board them at the entrance of the townships. A number of residents, coming back from town yesterday afternoon were allegedly assaulted by youths, following a call that people should stay away from work for the whole of this week, in sympathy with the people shot dead during the disturbances in the East Rand and the Vaal Triangle.

Police could not confirm whether any person coming back from town was assaulted. The situation in both townships was still tense with police patroling the townships last night.

Truth goes unheard in this mock democracy

MY VIEW

Allister Sparks

In an unguarded moment at a Press conference near Sharpeville last week the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, revealed the source of the recurring state of conflict with the black community.

Mr le Grange and three Cabinet colleagues had just completed a tour of the riot-torn townships in the Vaal Triangle to try to assess what lay behind the eruption.

Whom did they consult on their tour? None other than the Lekoa Town Council, the body which was elected in a 14,7 percent poll in those townships last December, whose members are held in open contempt by the majority of people there and who were the chief targets of their anger during the rioting.

Only the day before, during a tense confrontation between the police and a big crowd in Sharpeville, the crowd had elected their own committee of six to have talks with officials of the administration board.

One would have thought this committee would have been an obvious group for the Ministers to meet if they wanted to get a sense of how people in the townships felt.

But no. They consulted only with a body that was hopelessly unrepresentative to begin with, whose members had been set upon by the angry mobs, and who were then holed up in the administration building in Sebokeng, too terrified to return to their communities.

When a black reporter asked Mr le Grange why they talked only with these "five percenters", the Minister replied: "If the rest of the people did not take part in the elections, that is their business. These are the elected representatives and the Government will recognise them."

There you have the whole problem in a nutshell.

The Government will not talk to those whom the black communities themselves regard as their leaders, but only to those it chooses to recognise. The result is a total lack of intercommunication, leading to deepening alienation with periodic social explosions.

It all goes back to the Sharpeville massacre 24 years ago that led a shaken Government to ban the African National Congress and the Pan-Africanist Congress.

That was a historical watershed.

There can be no doubt that those two Nationalist movements commanded the overwhelming support of the black population. Once outlawed, both decided it was no longer possible to continue their fight against apartheid by constitutional means, so they turned to strategies of violence, formed military wings and went underground. That started the incipient guerilla war we have today.

For its part, the Government set about building an alternative political structure for the black population that it hoped would fill the vacuum left by the removal of the ANC and PAC.

There followed the establishment of tribally based governments for the "homelands", which Pretoria recognised as the sole legitimate voices of the black population despite their manifest lack of popular support.

In the urban areas, community councils were set up to run the townships. Again they lacked public acceptance. There was a derisory 10,9 percent poll in the Soweto council elections last December, a 14,7 percent poll in the Vaal Triangle, an 11,6 percent in the Cape Town townships. But the Government recognised them as the authentic representatives of township blacks.

Now the alternative political structure has been further extended with the establishment of subordinate parliamentary chambers for the coloureds and Indians.

Again the communities concerned have demonstrated their rejection by boycotting the elections in overwhelming numbers. Again the Government has ignored the rejection and recognised the elected members, with their 118-voter support, as the only spokesmen for these communities.

It is the systematic construction of a mock democracy, in which unrepresentative institutions are set up and recognised while the real voices of the black people are either silenced or ignored.

It has created an appalling communications gap. The people in the townships establish their own community organisations, but the Government will have nothing to do with them It goes on establishing its own black institutions, which the majority of the blacks ignore, whose elections they boycott and whose members they despise as "collaborators".

That is why these clashes keep recurring And why, when they do, the Government consults with the "leaders" of its own creation, to be reassured by them that the grievances are not genuine, that the trouble is caused by a few "agitators", and that what is required is to crack down on them with detention and banning orders and then develop the mock democracy a little further.

● *Allister Sparks, a former editor of the Rand Daily Mail, writes this regular column and reports for several overseas newspapers*

Police use teargas on Soweto meeting

Riot police used teargas today to disperse a crowd gathered at Regina Mundi Church in Soweto to commemorate the death of Black Consciousness leader Mr Steve Bike — in defiance of the new ban on meetings.

Mr Biko died in police detention seven years ago.

According to a Reuter report, witnesses said the police surrounded the church and used teargas to disperse about 50 people.

An armoured personnel carrier, a riot police truck and five utility vehicles — two carrying teargas canisters — had lined up outside the church, but left after the gathering dispersed.

Riot policemen on the scene confirmed that teargas had been fired, adding that the meeting was illegal under the comprehensive ban which specifically prohibits meetings "in memoriam of anything".

The ban came into force over wide areas of South Africa at midnight.

In the Western Jabavu area of Soweto, cars were stoned and a delivery van was burnt out.

Vanloads of policemen drove down streets firing teargas. About 200 people who were gathered near a school and shopping centre were dispersed.

There were no reports of injuries.

When *The Star* approached police headquarters in Soweto today, a spokesman said all information had been forwarded to senior officers in Pretoria. At the time of going to press, none was available yet for comment.

The Star's Political Staff report from Cape Town that the Progressive Federal Party has flayed the Government again over its attempts to suppress political organisations.

Mrs Helen Suzman, MP for Houghton, has slammed the ban on indoor meetings, which was announced yesterday by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange.

She said: "It is extremely unwise to give the impression that South Africa is in a state of emergency. It certainly won't do our flagging economy any good."

Absurd

She said it was absurd to mark high-profile anniversaries, such as that marking Mr Biko's death, with stringent Government action, because this served only to heighten emotions.

Mrs Suzman hit out at Mr le Grange for taking South Africa into "a new era of political suppression" through his action against United Democratic Front (UDF) leaders.

It is understood that seven of them can still not be traced after being released by the Maritzburg Supreme Court on a technicality. They are being sought for redetention on new orders.

Mrs Suzman said: "These are the old Government tactics of cutting the heads off every extra-parliamentary organisation that looks like gaining influence among the people.

"These heads have a way of being replaced by others."

Professor John Dugard, of the Centre for Applied Legal Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand, said the ban was widespread and would affect all meetings of two or more persons which criticise or discuss the Government — including a Sabra meeting tomorrow.

Extended

"In 1976 a ban was placed on all open-air meetings of this kind, but now this has been extended to include indoor meetings," he said.

"This drastic action indicates that the Government's new dispensation does not involve greater freedom of expression and association."

The Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) had planned a meeting to commemorate the death of Mr Biko today. This can now not be held.

Mr Kehla Mthembu, of Azapo's Soweto branch, said this was the second year in success-

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'More than R30m unrest damage'

Ban placed on indoor meetings

RDM 12/9/84 (278)

Mail Reporters

THE MINISTER of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, has prohibited a wide range of indoor meetings until the end of the month, with effect from today — the anniversary of the death in detention of black consciousness leader, Steve Biko.

The prohibition follows weeks of unrest in Reef townships which has left a grim toll of more than 40 dead and damage of millions of rands.

In the Vaal Triangle alone, the Rand Daily Mail was yesterday told, damage had been estimated at R30-million, excluding 36 Indian-owned businesses which were plundered and razed to the ground.

Last night the official Opposition's Law and Order spokeswoman, Mrs Helen Suzman, condemned the blanket ban on meetings, saying that it "gave an impression of national emergency".

Unrest erupted again yesterday in Thabong, near Welkom, when 3 000 pupils from three secondary schools boycotted school and disrupted classes at four primary schools in the township.

Other incidents were reported in Turfloop, where a high school was completely destroyed and where the University of the North students staged a mass walkout.

The prohibition of indoor meetings was made by Mr Le Grange in terms of Section 46 (3) of the Internal Security Act, and was issued through police headquarters in Pretoria yesterday afternoon.

Indoor meetings in 22 magisterial districts — mostly in the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging area — which criticise or discuss the Government "or any actions of the Government" are prohibited.

Outdoor meetings of this nature have been prohibited for some years already by Mr Le Grange.

The only meetings exempt are in effect those held by political parties as defined by the Electoral Act, 1979, or those of "local authorities" as defined in the Black Local Authorities Act, 1982 — unless the Minister or a magistrate of a district concerned authorises otherwise.

SOPHIE TEMA reports that rioting in Vaal Triangle townships has so far resulted in damage of at least R30-million to State-owned buildings and some houses and shops.

This figure could shoot up when the final tally is reached, says the Lekoa Town Council, which controls all townships in the area.

This startling figure was reached by the chief director of the Orange Vaal Development Board, Mr D C Ganz, and does not take into account damage to other private property such as the Indian businesses and homes gutted and damaged during the violence.

The Lekoa Town Council yesterday said Mr Ganz's figure could rise sharply after investigations had been finalised.

Still to be added to the final figure are the estimated 36 Indian businesses and homes in Sharpeville and Evaton which were the target of rioters last week.

Meanwhile, the Progressive Federal Party (PFP) spokeswoman on Law and Order, Mrs Helen Suzman, yesterday slammed the prohibition, saying the government had become "hysterical".

"Anything more calculated to give an impression of a state of national emergency than this absurd and far-reaching measure I cannot imagine," she said.

"One should remember that a gathering is defined as being more than two people.

"I have no doubt that throughout South Africa there are informal gatherings of irate citizens criticis-

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Unrest: 141 in court

Mail Reporter

ONE hundred and forty-one people, including two black journalists, appeared in the Sebokeng Regional Court yesterday on various charges under the Internal Security Act as well as on charges of housebreaking and theft.

The two journalists — Mr Thabo Makaba, a photographer for the Rand Daily Mail, and Mr Leonard Kumalo, a photographer for the Sowetan — appeared before Mr James Stone on charges of public violence.

They were arrested following Sunday's unrest in Sebokeng.

Most of the people arrested under the Internal Security Act have been charged with public violence, arson, attending an illegal meeting, and being in possession of petrol bombs.

No evidence was led and none of the people was asked to plead.

Ban on indoor meetings in PWV

From Page 1

ing Goverment policy.

"Are we to believe that from now until September 30 the Goverment is above criticism? This is a total denial of democratic rights," she said.

SAPA reports that the prohibition will effect a wide range of indoor meetings, among others memorial meetings, protest meetings and meetings critical of the Government.

Today is the anniversary of the death in detention of black consciousness leader Steve Biko, who died in 1977.

The magisterial districts in which indoor meetings have been banned are the following:

Benoni, Fort Beaufort, Germiston, Heidelburg (Transvaal), Johannesburg, Kempton Park, Krugersdorp, Lower Umfolozi, Mankweng, Umtinzini, Parys, Pietersburg, Potchefstroom , Pretoria, Queenstown, Roodepoort, Sasolburg, Vanderbijlpark, Vereniging, Welkom and Wonderboom.

In his statement, the Minister classified the types of indoor meetings prohibited as follows:

"Any gathering held where any Government or any policy principle, or any actions of the Government or any statement, or the application or implementation of any Act is approved (aangeprys), defended, attacked, criticised, or discussed, or which is in protest against or in support or in memoriam of anything."

The statement goes on to say that this is: "Except in the case of any such meeting held or organised by a political party defined in Section 1 of the Electoral Act, 1979, any institution or organisation intended in Section 48 1 (f) of the Constitution Act of the Republic of South Africa, 1961, or any local authority as described in Section 1 of the Black Local Authorities Act, 1982, or which I (Mr Le Grange) or the magistrate of the district concerned specifically authorise at any time."

Mr Le Grange further said he deemed the prohibition "to be in the interests of maintaining public peace".

Stander: Shock of '76 riots led to life of c

JOHANNESBURG.—Several "indescribable" days of "confusion and chaos" spent as a policeman during the riots in black areas in June 1976, during which "unlimited hysteria was unleashed by experienced police officers", and "the actual death toll was much higher than officially furnished" were described by arch-criminal Andre Stander as the "most unpleasant revelation and shock of my life".

In a statement he wrote while in prison some two years ago and handed in to the Pretoria Supreme Court on Monday as part of a civil suit, Stander, who was shot dead by police in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, while on the run after escaping from custody in South Africa, claimed his police experience at Tembisa during the June 1976 riots had led to his life of crime after he had seriously considered suicide.

"Black people who were merely spectators were unofficially declared outlaws and shot. Everyone shot and hit and allowed the dogs to tear people apart, all with the (tacit) approval of the hierarchy of the South African Police head office at Springs (divisional headquarters) and, as far as I could ascertain, also Wachthuis in Pretoria," Stander said in the statement.

It was among other documents handed in to the court in a claim against Stander's father, General F J Stander, by the lawyers who appeared for Stander in his appeal against a sentence of 17½ years' imprisonment after he was found guilty of robbery.

The firm of H P Krog and De Wet claimed R6 725,29 from General Stander for services rendered. The matter was settled on Monday.

The statement was drawn up by Stander to be used as evidence in mitigation in his appeal. In it he told of his career in the police, which began in 1965. He said he was happy at the Police College and was at one with the country's policy. His ideal was to fight and stop crime.

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SADF major dies

PRETORIA — One of the youngest majors in the South African Defence Force, Major Erasmus Johannes Louw, second-in-command of 8 SA Infantry Training Base in Upington, has died after being severely burned when a flare struck him

The incident occurred last Thursday night during an exercise at the Riemvasmaak training ground near Upington, and the severely burned major was rushed by helicopter to Bloemfontein

A SADF spokesman confirmed yesterday that Major Louw, 29, had died of burns in the Universitas Hospital in Bloemfontein on Sunday.

He is survived by his wife Elna and a three-year-old son.

A board of inquiry has been established to investigate his death — Sapa

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R30m unrest damage

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Damage estimated at R30-million was caused in the Vaal Triangle during unrest last week

The Lekoa Town Council, which controls all townships in the area, confirmed that the Chief Director of the Orange Vaal, Mr D C Ganz, had worked out the provisional estimate.

The estimate does not include damage to Indian businesses and homes.

About 36 Indian families lost their businesses and homes in Sharpeville and Evaton last week.

The Lekoa Town Clerk, even under police escort.

Several businessmen in Sebokeng complained about fire engines failing to arrive.

But many agreed that the situation had been too dangerous, to the extent that even the police could not risk entering these townships.

Mr L Lindeque, public relations officer for the Vanderbijlpark Municipality, said yesterday: "Sebokeng has its own fire engines and we only help them when it is necessary.

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In 1977 he had begun to drink in a depressed state and soon after had committed a robbery. One incident had followed another. "I began to hate everything, myself included, and was on the point of committing suicide when I was arrested."

Stander said he realized he had reacted in a very irresponsible manner, but his actions had been "uncontrolled". — Sapa

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Tele Views

VIEWERS wanted to see a Western, a new priest on Crossroads, and thought the State President's inauguration was a waste of taxpayers' money.

"I do feel that Crossroads should not be dominated by one priest, the way it has been recently," said **Mr D S Kruger of Mowbray.** "This is a Christian country with many churches, and their views should be allowed too"

Mr N Human of Constantia said: "There are many of us who would like to see a Western again and even a replay of Bonanza or High Chaparral."

Mr Arthur Blake of Wetton thought the "inauguration of the State President on the Grand Parade was a waste of

TV 1 & 2 tonight

3.57: Programme Schedule
4.00: News
4.08: Jocko. The Great Race. China uses Jocko's beloved stock horse as his stake in a card game, and loses Jocko has to use all his guile to even the score.
4.34: Maya The Bee. Jacob's Paradise. Maya and her friends meet Jacob the bee and discover it's not true that "the grass is always greener on the other side".
4.58: Hand In Hand. Solomon's Wisdom. Keith Kennedy tells us what Solomon asked God to grant him Produced by Ken Hardy.
5.04: Children's Island. Infasu. After keeping up the search for the missing children — in spite of all the opposition — William is justifiably proud of himself at the end of the adventure. This if the final programme.
5.32: The Volunteers. The volunteers reach the halfway mark in their stay in the valley and enjoy their first and last contact with the outside world, in the form of letters from their loved ones. Two more volunteers leave the main body to set up their own camp.
6.00: News
6.14: Man's Best Friend. Working Dogs. Do you fancy a St Bernard or an Old English sheepdog as a working partner? Graham Armitage and Carole O'Leary discuss the contributions these dogs make in various fields of work.
6.21: Sportsvision. World Cup waterskiing in England
7.06: Midweek
7.33: Silver Spoons. Driver Ed. Grandfather Stratton is asked to look after Rick while Edward and Kate are away. What should have been a straightforward visit turns into a disaster when Rick talks grandfather into teaching him how to drive.
8.00: Nuus
8.29: Weer
8.36: Nuusfokus
8.49: Die Dood van Elmien Adler. Episode 3. It seems Elmien Adler flirted with several men, who all had a motive for murdering her. She and her husband also had marital problems. The case is becoming more and more complicated.
9.25: Om Die Waarheid te Sê. Tonight Dr Willem de Klerk chats to Commandant Piet Marais, chairman of Armscor, about the armaments industry.
9.54: Die Kolonel. Clarisse is at home trying to forget

Unrest (278) 12/9/84 accused (33) in court Star

More than 100 people including two newspapermen and four minors appeared in the Sebokeng Regional Court yesterday on various charges including public violence, arson, theft and attending an illegal meeting.

The charges follow the outbreak of violence in the Vaal Triangle townships over the past 10 days. One of those charged was a 9-year-old boy

Mr Len Kumalo (44), a photographer with *The Sowetan* and Mr Thabo Makaba (32), a freelance reporter, both of Evaton, were charged with public violence and attending an illegal gathering.

Their appearance follows the banning of a meeting which had been scheduled for September 9 at the Sebokeng Roman Catholic Church.

A number of people were arrested after police and residents clashed.

The accused appeared before Mr James Johnston. They were not asked to plead and the case was postponed to September 18

Bail of R200 was fixed for each of the accused while the four minors were released into the custody of their parents

Talk about nothing is safe under latest ban

By Viv Linington

Cool your cigar and button up your pinstripe - the worst has happened. The boardroom conference you held today has contravened the law.

Why? It mentioned . . . GST, perks tax, dog inoculations in Bophuthatswana, the constitution — not your own, the Government's.

Ridiculous? Perhaps so - but not according to the latest prohibition where "any gathering held where any government or any policy principle or any actions of the government of any state, or the application or implementation of any Act is approved, defended, attacked, criticised or discussed, or which is in protest against or in support or in memoriam of anything" is banned.

So you really shouldn't have criticised Mrs Thatcher for her views on the pound, nor should you allow your son to attend that university lecture that might just touch on the Government's labour laws.

And as for that new package deal and THOSE tax laws - forget it. Whisper it, around the corner, behind closed doors with secretary sworn to secrecy and well briefed.

ABSURD

"No, my boss is not discussing anything, he's simply talking to himself," she must tell any stranger who asks.

Mr Brian Bamford SC, Chief Whip of the Progressive Federal Party, has labelled the Government's ban on indoor meetings "absurb and ridiculous".

Mr Bamford said the ban could be tested in court and was in any case "bad law".

Any law which cannot be enforced was by definition a bad law and this new ban would require hundreds of thousands of policemen to monitor all kinds of indoor activity, he said.

Imagine what this will do to the traditional SAP lifestyle: no beer-drinking in the barracks for a while, no rugby training and no reading of comic books in platteland sub-stations — they'll be needing every man jack of them to try to enforce the unenforceable!

And even to speculate how they'll find the manpower for this "super snoop" — whoops, you've done it again — could land you even deeper in the legal mire.

Because manpower too can be government business.

Fourth Vaal councillor dies

12/9/84 By Revelation Ntoula Star

Another Vaal councillor, Mr J Chakane of the Lekoa Town Council, has died in hospital after being brutally attacked by a mob outside his Sebokeng home last week.

According to a spokesman for the Sebokeng Hospital who announced the death yesterday, Mr Chakane never recovered consciousness after he was admitted in the intensive care unit of the hospital. His death brings to four the total number of councillors killed in the Vaal complex since the eruption of violence last week. A mass funeral for other victims will take place this weekend.

At the graveside . . . Mr Diphoko's son, with rosette, and widow (centre) stand among a group of mourners. ● Pictures by Alf Kumalo.

Out of hiding . . Mr Rabotapi speaks at the funeral.

Slain Evaton councillor was a political victim — mayor

Evaton councillor and businessman Mr Phillemon Leburu Diphoko was a victim of the South African political situation, the Mayor of the township, Mr Sam Rabotapi, said yesterday.

An emotional Mr Rabotapi was speaking at the funeral of his colleague, who was killed in clashes between residents and councillors and police.

Mr Rabotapi said town councillors had no part in forming the legislation that made the councils possible.

He said: "Mr Diphoko died as a result of those who manipulated simple-minded people into acts of violence.

"The legislation has divided black people into two camps."

Mr Rabotapi, whose house was burnt down by angry anti-rent increase protesters, also blamed "instigators and intimidators" for the violence against councillors.

He said he did not believe that the Vaal residents took the initiative in embarking on the violence that swept through the area, leaving more than 30 people dead, four of them town councillors.

Several Evaton town councillors in the Vaal, including Mr Rabotapi, emerged from hiding to attend the funeral, which was conducted under heavy police surveillance.

By Chris More and Sol Makgabutlane

The councillors used the funeral service, attended by about 300 people, as a platform to launch scathing attacks on their opponents.

NARROW ESCAPE

Mr Rabotapi recounted his narrow escape from marauding mobs of people in Evaton last week and said he escaped death by 30 minutes.

He criticised opponents of black town councils, calling them "people who had no deeds to show their contribution to the black people's fight for liberation, except for empty slogans.

"There are those who shout, 'Kill, kill for your liberation' and those who say, 'Come, let us sit down and talk'," said Mr Rabotapi.

If there was to be any peace among blacks in South Africa, the black people themselves had to sit down and negotiate together, he said.

Dobsonville town councillor Mr Steve Nkatlo also lashed at "inciters" for having triggered the unrest.

Mr Nkatlo singled out a Vaal priest as the main "instigator" and as "the man who caused all the killings in the area.

"In all the history of black people in Africa who were oppressed, there had been no clashes between the oppressed. The people sought out and destroyed their real enemies," said Mr Nkatlo.

The Mayor of Dobsonville, Mr Don Mmesi, also spoke.

A police Casper armoured vehicle led the procession to the Evaton graveyard where Mr Diphoko was buried.

Behind the Casper, two police vans escorted the hearse and several other police vehicles joined the procession.

Other police vehicles and personnel were positioned at strategic points near and inside the cemetery.

There were no incidents during the service but scores of residents watched the proceedings from vantage points at street corners and in their yards.

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Homes, nightclub petrol bombed in Soweto unrest

Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Two homes and a nightclub were petrol bombed in Soweto early today as the unrest which flared up in the township yesterday continued sporadically throughout the night.

One house — believed to belong to a community council member — was destroyed in this morning's blaze while another home and the nightclub were slightly damaged.

Police in Pretoria were unable to say who owned the damaged property.

According to the police spokesman they were not aware of any casualties and the situation in th township this morning was "quiet."

During the night seven police vehicles were damaged by stoning youths who were dispersed by the police with teargas and sneeze powder.

Bus services returned to normal today following the suspension to the township yesterday which stranded 100 000 people

STILL WALKING

Late yesterday evening a 10km-long line of residents were still walking into Soweto from where the buses had dropped them at Baragwanath Hospital on the outskirts of the township.

An unsteady calm returned to Soweto this morning as police patrolled the township following yesterday's incidents

The unrest in Soweto, Katlehong and Grahamstown yesterday saw youths clash with police following demonstrations on the seventh anniversary of the death in detention of black consciousness leader, Steve Biko

Police said they used tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse crowds of placard-bearing demonstrators that gathered outside Regina Mundi Church in Soweto — in defiance of the ban on meetings by the Minister of Police, Mr Louis Le Grange

In Grahamstown in the Eastern Cape, about 500 youths scattered after police fired canisters of tearsmoke at them

Students at Fort Hare University near Alice continued their boycott of lectures and meals.

Tear-gas used as youths rampage

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JOHANNESBURG—Riot police used rubber bullets and tear-gas in a number of actions yesterday to control rampaging youths. They also had to disperse people who had gathered at a church in Soweto in defiance of a ban on meetings.

Crowds of youths stoned police and private vehicles in a day of widespread unrest which disrupted commerce in townships.

Only one slight injury was reported, although a number of vehicles were damaged.

People entering the Regina Mundi Church said they were going to hold a prayer meeting to commemorate the death in detention seven years ago of black consciousness leader Steve Biko

Illegal

Witnesses said police surrounded the church and used tear-gas to disperse about 50 people.

Riot policemen confirmed that tear-gas had been fired and said the meeting had been illegal under a ban issued on Tuesday by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange.

An armoured personnel carrier, a riot-police truck and five field cars, two of them carrying tear-gas canisters, had lined up outside the church but left after the gathering had dispersed.

Police also dispersed demonstrating youths in Soweto and Katlehong.

Crossfire

In White City, Soweto, youths set fire to a delivery van but were dispersed by police using tear-gas and quirts, a police spokesman said.

In the Rockville area of White City, two delivery vans were stoned and a driver was injured when the windscreen of his vehicle was smashed.

In nearby Mofolo, a resident reported after lunch that children, sent to a shop, had returned with their eyes streaming tears after being caught in crossfire between stone-throwers and police using tear-gas and rubber bullets

A witness reported a helicopter passing overhead and a heavy police vehicle parked outside her house

She said police were firing tear smoke at crowds of running children

'The atmosphere is very tense A while ago, a child of about five was passing the house when they fired tear-smoke He fell to his knees, struggling with the smoke We were even too afraid to go out and help,' she said.

In Grahamstown, between 400 and 500 youths were dispersed by police using tear-gas after they had marched — (Sapa)

Rioting Soweto youths took to the streets with stones, causing havoc to buildings and disrupting traffic. Here an unsuspecting truck driver is faced by rampaging children. He was forced to abandon his vehicle.

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Buses burn as youths go on the rampage

Stone-throwing youths in Soweto yesterday force a truck to stop, left, and then run forward to interrogate the driver, who later fled in fear.
Picture: TONY NAIDOO

100 000 stranded in Soweto unrest

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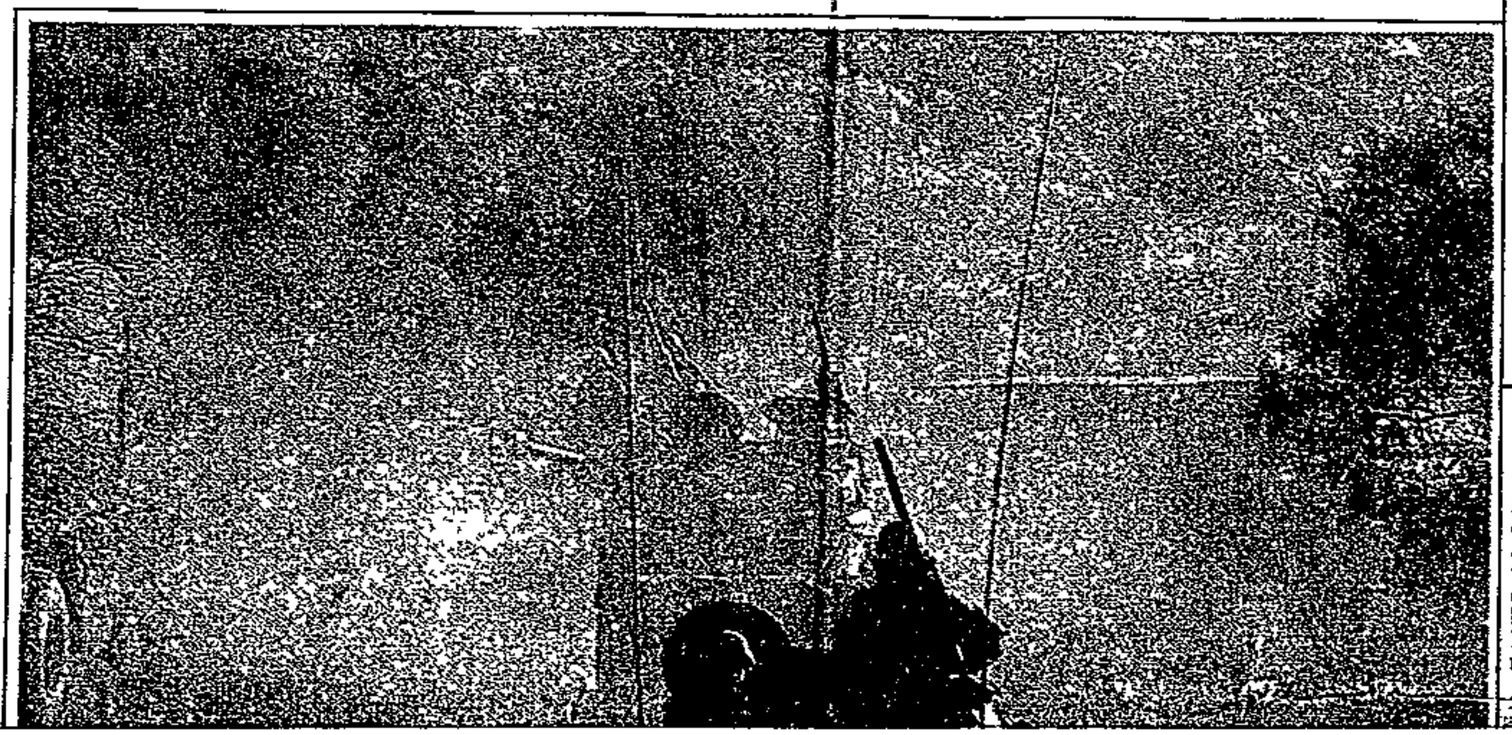
Mail Reporters

MORE than 100 000 people were stranded on the outskirts of Soweto last night when bus services to South Africa's giant black city ground to a halt following a day of sporadic unrest.

Armed camouflage policemen patrolled the township's streets at dusk and Air Force helicopters circled overhead as an uneasy calm settled on the city

At Regina Mundi Church riot police used tearsmoke to disperse a crowd of people who gathered to attend a commemorative service for Black Consciousness leader Steve Biko, who died in detention seven years ago

In a day of simmering unrest in Soweto...



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News

Anger at bannings

THE banning of all meetings on Tuesday critical of the Government was sharply criticised by various organisations yesterday.
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A Divided City

MR NIGEL MANDY says in his book, "A City Divided", it is essential that Johannesburg and its black, coloured and Asian satellites be managed as a single metropolis.
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Bid to stop LP split

LABOUR Party leaders and a group of "dissident" MPs are to continue talks in an attempt to resolve their differences and avert a "split" in their ranks.
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Hurricane panic

HURRICANE DIANA thundered towards the North Carolina, US, coast last night with thousands fleeing before its 200km/h winds and its burgeoning fury.
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Business Day

Sales surprise

THE motor industry is on target for one of its best years ever.
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Safcec slams Govt

THE President of the SA Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors (Safcec), Mr Con Roux, has launched a stinging attack on the Government's economic policies.
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Tea plea

A PLEA for the removal of the protection afforded to South African tea growers is made by TW Beckett's chairman, Mr Jan Robbertze, in his annual review.
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Local dis-content

THE Government has poured cold water on component industry hopes for a further increase in the local content programme.
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We'll be 'out of hiding soon'

Mail Correspondent

DURBAN — Five of the seven political detainees freed after a Maritzburg Supreme Court order last week are likely to come out of hiding soon, according to a statement purporting to come from them.

The handwritten statement given to the media yesterday said they would remain in hiding until they concluded their "personal affairs" and the newsletter of the Natal Indian Congress — containing some of their reports and photographs — was published.

Meanwhile, the 10 members of the European Economic Community are to make a joint diplomatic protest to the South African Government to demand the immediate release of leaders of the United Democratic Front and the Azanian People's Organisation still being detained.

The rare move by the 10 European nations comes at a time of mounting concern in Western capitals at the wave of violence and repression unleashed in South Africa since the elections for the coloured and Indian chambers in the new tricameral Parliament.

The statement about the freed detainees said they feared that if they came out of hiding now the publication

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More misery for pigs flown in from Canada

By SUE FAULKNER

A LARGE consignment of pigs which reached Jan Smuts Airport from Canada — with many dead as a result of heat exhaustion — were subject to further misery when they were delayed on the ground for up to seven hours before reaching the quarantine station.

Seventy-three of the 225 pigs died before reaching the station.

Mr Aubrey Naude, chief quarantine officer at Jan Smuts Airport, said yesterday that a Boeing 707 chartered by Anglo Cargo Airlines, which operate from Gatwick, near London, had arrived at Jan Smuts at 11.40am on Tuesday with the animals aboard

Mr Naude said there was no reason why domesticated animals could not survive a long flight if adequate precautions were taken. This particular consignment of pigs, however, was not packed in the usual way, he said.

Professor Richard Loveday, divisional manager of the piggery division of Kanhym Estates which bought the animals, stressed yesterday that Kanhym Estates had not been responsible for the transportation of the pigs and had only assumed responsibility when they arrived at the quarantine station.

"This is a tremendous blow to us. The pigs were exceptionally well-bred," he said

Each animal was worth at least R1 000, he said.

Mr Naude said yesterday that while freight animals usually travelled in "double-decker" crates with ventilation fans and drinking taps, only the most aggressive animals had managed to obtain water during the flight from Canada and there was no air circulating through the crates

"Pigs were dead when the consignment touched down. The animals were unloaded and then subjected to a terrible delay."

He said it took more than six hours for all the surviving pigs to arrive at the quarantine station because of insufficient transport.

No further fatalities are expected among the remaining pigs.

Damage, not relief

Mail Reporter

RAINS which fell over parts of the vital maize farming areas of the Western Transvaal yesterday caused slight damage to outbuildings and brought down several powerlines — but will bring little relief to the drought.

And dam levels are unlikely to be significantly raised.

A spokesman for the De-

ing much relief to crops

The rain water would go into a "kitty" and will be useful later — for planting in October, according to a spokesman for the National Maize Producers Organisation (Nampo)

Meanwhile dust storms swept throug' parts of the Western Transvaal and between Johannesburg and

Breakfast Quip

THE Rembrandt group appears well placed to benefit from picking up the pieces of the Octha diamond company.
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Bread subsidy crisis

THE R120-million allocated in this year's Budget to subsidise the bread price is running out fast and "financial adjustments" are urgently necessary, Pretoria sources say.
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Gem firm's R33m debts

A KEY company in the the financially beleaugured Octha diamond mining and cutting conglomerate has been placed in provisional liquidation in the Rand Supreme Court with debts totalling R33,3-million
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UK demo case fails

SCOTLAND YARD has confirmed it is withdrawing its attempt to prosecute more than 100 Anti-Apartheid Movement supporters who demonstrated outside the South African Embassy in July.
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Treason trial put off

THE high treason trial of three alleged members of the banned African National Congress was postponed for the third time in the Pretoria Supreme Court yesterday
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A-G's call to Koevoet

IF THE controversial counter-insurgency unit, Koevoet, wanted to "regain" its good name it must "relentlessly" investigate all allegations of misconduct against its members, it was said yesterday
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Flair

Designer back home

JOHANNESBURG-born Marc Bouwer, now a top New York designer, will arrive in his home town today.
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Sport

Lamb in, Smith out

FORMER South African Allan Lamb has been named in the England cricket team for the forthcoming tour of Australia and India. However, another former South African, Chris Smith, was left out and has decided to take a six-month break from the game.
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on fire, one was hijacked, and five were stoned;
- Youths in White City set fire to a delivery van yesterday afternoon and were dispersed by police using tearsmoke and quirts;
- At least five delivery vans were stoned, several were set alight and a driver was injured by angry youths in Rockville;
- In nearby Mofolo, a resident reported that children were caught in crossfire between stone-throwers and police using tear smoke and rubber bullets;
- Heavy police guards were placed around all administration board buildings and the businesses and homes of community councillors in the township,
- An armoured personnel carrier, a riot police truck and five Landrovers, two of them carrying teargas canisters, were placed on stand-by at the Regina Mundi Church,
- A Soweto councillor's house was petrol bombed.

As the trouble spread, bus services were suspended, creating chaos at terminals in central Johannesburg and leaving more than 100 000 people stranded.

Other trouble spots yesterday included.
- Pietersburg, where a crowd of youths burnt down buildings before being dispersed by police,
- Grahamstown, where police used tearsmoke to disperse about 500 marching youths;
- Katlehong, where police fired rubber bullets and tearsmoke at 150 youths marching towards the police station,
- Warmbaths, in the Northern Transvaal where classes were suspended at the Belabela Secondary School until September 26 following unrest at the school this week.

Services to Soweto went only as far as Baragwanath Hospital — resulting in people having to walk home.

Hundreds of people were still queuing for taxis late last night while many — discouraged by the long queues at taxi ranks — either walked home along the old Potchefstroom road or hitch-hiked lifts from private motorists.

According to reports a three-month-old Soweto child was rushed to hospital after being overcome by tearsmoke after police allegedly threw a cannister into the window of the child's home.

Police could not confirm the incident last night.

"They are stoning buses in Deep Soweto, Dobsonville and Crossroads," a Putco spokesman said.

In Molofo a fierce clash broke out between the youths and policemen armed with sjamboks.

The son of a councillor, Mr Julius Mdlalose, escaped un-

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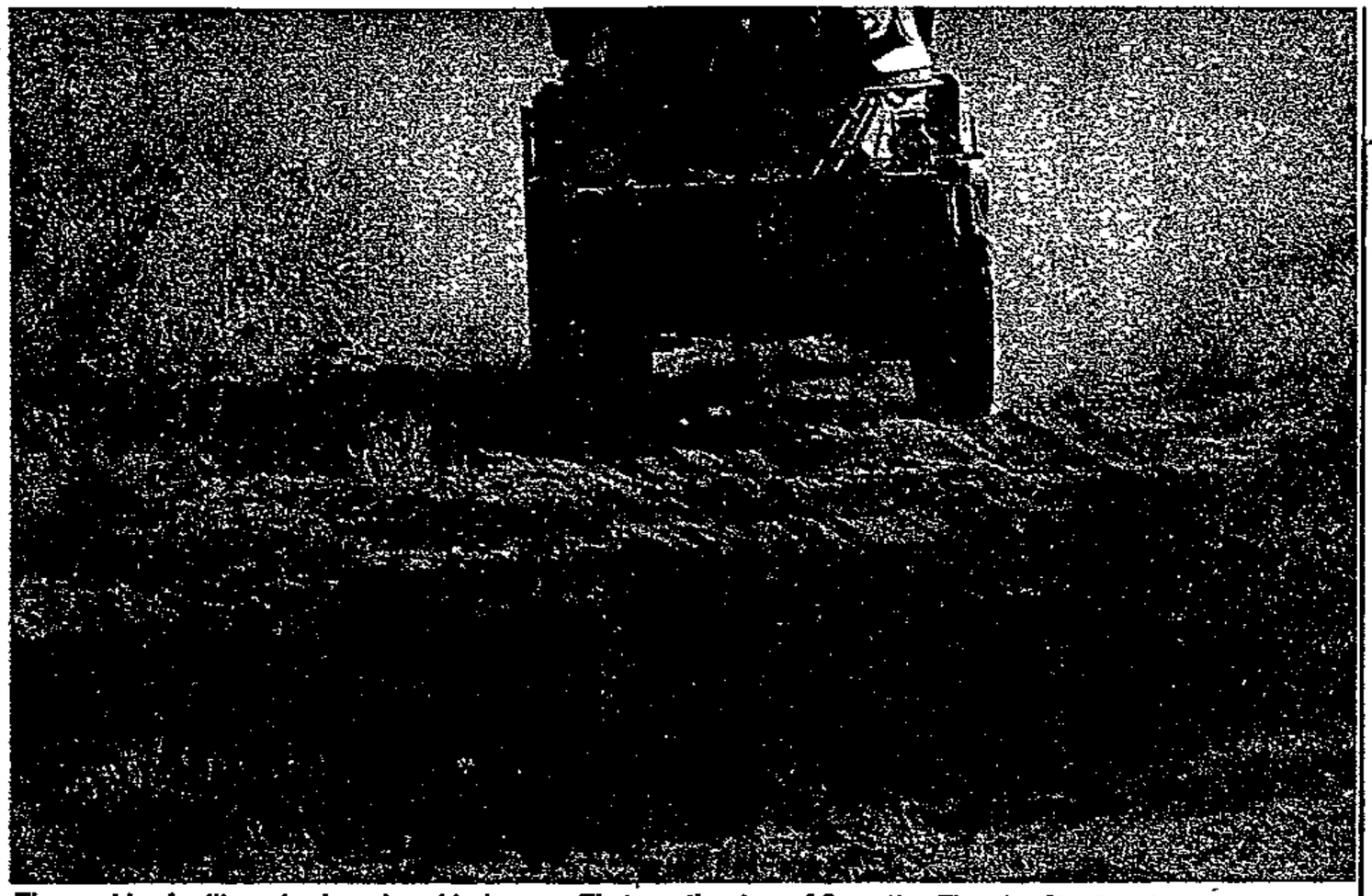


The rumble of rolling wheels under a blazing sun That was the story of Operation Thunder Charlot when the pride of the SADF'S heavy vehicle section moved into action at Lohatla, in the Far Northern Cape, yesterday.
Picture: DANIE COETZER

11 000 troops defeat 'enemy'

By COLIN HOWELL
Military Correspondent

LOHATLHA. — The crucial phase of Exercise Thunder Chariot, South Africa's biggest show of military might since the Second World War, has blasted off in spectacular fashion.

More than 11 000 troops have routed the "enemy" in nine major offensives so far but the huge mock battle is far from won yet.

When the dust settles on Friday, top military strategists will evaluate the performance of the Citizen Force soldiers of 7 Division. Already, senior Army officers have declared the initial stages of the massive exercise a "resounding success"

If any form of warfare can be described as impressive, a classic infantry offensive at night — with a breathtaking eruption of light and sound — is stunningly so

At the front line of a devastating Army attack on "enemy" positions late on Tuesday night, night became day and hundreds of flares lit up the dark skies and tracers streaked red across the Army battle school at Lohatla in the Northern Cape

Then, infantry men of the SA Irish regiment opened up Flames spat out of assault rifles from the trenches, criss—crossing the "enemy" positions

The value of having 11 000 soldiers firing 'live" ammunition in a simulated battle situation was strikingly illustrated in one incident I saw

Soon after a field engineers regiment blasted a road through a mock minefield, there was a loud explosion.

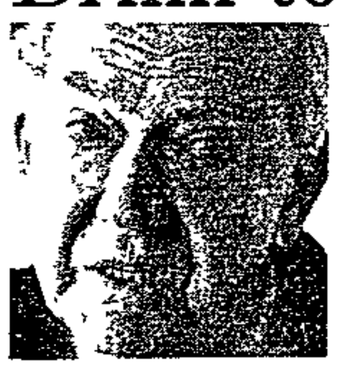
Commdt Geoff Holland-Muter, an Army officer monitoring the troops progress, had thrown a thunder flash. He then instructed a soldier to lie on the ground.

"A mine has hit him in the face and arm. He is very seriously injured," Commdt Holland-Muter shouted to troops, who immediately sprung into action.

Their emergency treatment techniques were then closely scrutinised.

"I guarantee that these soldiers will never forget what they've learned tonight", Commdt Holland-Muter said afterwards.

Drink to Graham Greene, 80



GRAHAM GREENE

LONDON — An 18th century brewery founded by an ancestor of British novelist Graham Greene is brewing 100 000 bottles of beer to honour his 80th birthday and Greene himself will sign each bottle

Greene, author of "The Honorary Consul", "The Comedians", "Travels With My Aunt", and dozens of other novels, turns 80 on October 2.

The Greene, King and Sons Brewery in Bury Street, Edmunds, northeast of London, has begun brewing 100 000 bottles of "St Edmund Special Brew" to commemorate Greene's birthday, brewery marketing director Mr Simon Redman said.

Greene's great-great-grandfather, Benjamin Greene, founded the brewery in 1799 and the author has kept up ties with the firm, Mr Redman added.

Greene was in London earlier this month to speak at a festival of movies made from his novels, and travelled to the brewery to press a button that "mashed" (began the brewing process) of his birthday beer, a function Mr Redman said was usually performed by the brewmaster

Greene's brother, publisher and former broadcaster Sir Hugh Greene, was chairman of the brewery from 1971 to 1978. — UPI

Less water could bring more colour

WATER restrictions could be a blessing in disguise if they persuade gardeners to replan flowerbeds, planting masses of more drought-resistant plants for a good show of colour.

Sima Eliovson, an expert on SA wild flowers and wellknown writer on all aspects of gardening, suggests beautiful and sensible plant choices for the Highveld gardener in Living Gardens, in Mail Weekender, this Saturday.

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Affairs in Pretoria said yesterday the first spring rains seldom raised dam levels and the ground was so parched that the water would seep into the earth without bringing down trees and telephone lines The Derby-Koster area was worst hit.

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"I've been mugged"

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Mother: Police beat my children

Mail Reporter

THREE Katlehong children, one of them mentally retarted, had to be treated for bruises after, it is alleged, they were assaulted by police at their Moshoeshe Section home in Katlehong yesterday.

The children, all from the Sehloho family — Brian, 18, Keith, 16, and Benjamin 13 — are pupils at local primary schools.

Their mother, Mrs Stephina Sehloho, said trouble started when teargas smoke, allegedly fired by police at a nearby house, drifted into their home.

"There was smoke all over the house, and I told Brian to go and fetch some water at a tap outside.

"I was shocked when a group of police ordered me not to close the door.

"They asked where my children were and I told them they were in the dining room.

"They went for my children and started to assault them, kicking them all over their bodies.

"I pleaded with them not to assault Keith because he is mentally retarded, but my pleas fell on deaf ears.

"They bundled my sons into a van which took them to Katlehong police station. They were released a few hours later."

A local doctor, who did not wish to be named, confirmed that he treated two of the Sehloho children for bruises on their bodies.

A spokesman for the police public relations directorate in Pretoria, Colonel H V Heynes, said anyone who had any complaints against the police should refer them to the nearest police station.

Call on Govt to lift ban on meetings

By MAURITZ MOOLMAN

THE banning of all meetings on Tuesday critical of the Government was sharply criticised by various organisations yesterday.

The South African Institute of Race Relations said they found the decision by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, to ban all meetings "incomprehensible".

At the same time both the United Democratic Front (UDF) and the Federation of South African Women (Fedsaw) has warned that the banning could lead to more violence.

In a statement the UDF called on the Government yesterday to "immediately lift the undeclared state of emergency" for "the sake of peace and justice".

"Peaceful and orderly meetings not being allowed, the masses are left only with the option of gathering at barricades.

"However, the work of the UDF and its affiliates will continue. Our strength is that we speak to the people in their homes, at schools, in factories and on the busses and trains — we do not rely on mass meetings alone and thus the mobilisation against apartheid will not stop," the UDF said.

They said the measurements taken by a Government, whose stability is based on violent supression, will only "heighten tension and conflict" while an ever increasing number of people "will be driven to the streets in order to express their grievances".

Fedsaw said the bannings have left them with no wonderment at the occurence of uprisings.

"The early closing of schools will not solve the problem nor will the Internal Security Act," Fedsaw states.

They added that the recognition of SRC's, rent people can afford and the release of people detained before the elections will be "some sort of relief for the present".

The SAIRR said the bannings, coming on top of the recent detentions, was "excessive", "unjustifiable" and "about the worst note on which to launch the new constitution and executive presidency".

Meanwhile, the Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee (Jodac) has condemned the "indefinite incarceration in solitary confinement" of five Johannesburg people held in a pre-dawn swoop on Tuesday, reports **PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK.**

The South African Police yesterday confirmed the detentions — under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act — which followed after the homes of the five had been searched.

Those being held include three social workers from the Centre for Social Development at the University of the Witwatersrand, Mrs Monica Dube, Miss Maxine Hart and Miss Terry Sacco.

Also being held are Mr Isaac Isaacs, of Klipspruit, and Mr Clyde Jacobs, an Eldorado Park teacher.

Mourners given police escort

Mail Reporter

POLICE in camouflage uniforms escorted mourners to the funeral yesterday of Mr Philemon Leburu Diphoko of Evaton — one of four councillors killed in the recent unrest in the Vaal Triangle.

A service attended by people from all over the Reef and the Vaal was held at the Diphoko home and was addressed by Mr S R Rabotapi, mayor of Evaton.

Mr Rabotapi told mourners he blamed South Africa's repressive laws for the unrest.

He said the South African political scene had divided blacks into two sections — one responsible for instigating violence and the other working for peaceful change.

"I cannot believe that the people of Evaton had a hand in the killing of Mr Diphoko," he said.

"I would rather say he was killed by the South African political scene which has clouded peoples' eyes and minds to do what they cannot account for."

Mr Steve Nkatlo, a councillor for Dobsonville, said a programme to eradicate people who served on Government-controlled bodies had been drawn up by inciters, who were making use of children to achieve their ends.

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EEC concern

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would be jeopardised as the police would serve them with new notices restricting them from being quoted.

The statement is signed by Mr Mewa Ramgobin, an executive member of the Natal Indian Congress; Mr George Sewpershad, president of the NIC; Mr Billy Nair, Mr M J Naidoo and Mr Archie Gumede, president of the United Democratic Front.

The statement said: "During our detention we realised that two Natal Indian Congress publications for which much effort and time were spent had to be stopped because we could neither be quoted nor our photographs published. The law prohibited this.

"On our release we took the decision to stay away from the police until these publications were brought out."

Commenting on the statement, Colonel Leon Mellet, secretary of the Minister of Law and Order, said yesterday: "The South African Police has a task to fulfil, and will do so without being intimidated."

JOHN BATTERSBY reports from London that the move by the 10 ECC members follows a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the countries in Dublin on Tuesday at which recent events in South Africa came under the spotlight.

A statement released after the meeting said in part:

"Ministers expressed their concern at the arrest and detention of those involved in the boycott (of the elections) particularly the leaders of the UDF and Azapo.

"They agreed that they should express this concern to the South African authorities and seek the immediate release of those detained without charge."

A police bus ferrying reinforcements into Soweto and a public bus are forced off the road in Soweto yesterday by stone-throwing gangs. Teargas was used to disperse the crowd.

Picture TONY NAIDOO

Police, youths clash

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hurt when a group of youths allegedly scaled through the security fence at his home and threw a petrol can into Mr Mdlalose's bedroom

The bedroom was gutted and a damage was estimated at R1 000.

Meanwhile, the South African Council of Churches yesterday condemned the banning of indoor meetings

The SACC said in a statement peace would not return to South Africa "by the imposition of added resrictions to the right of free expression, but by dealing with the root causes of injustice"

Demos protest deaths

By RICHARD WALKER

NEW YORK. — Demonstrators last night paraded outside South Africa's mission to the United Nations to protest the riot deaths and election detentions

The UN Special Committee against Apartheid earlier issued a statement accusing Pretoria of "increased repression" With "characteristic arrogance" the Government had demonstrated that it would "spare no means to maintain and entrench apartheid," charged the committee chairman, Major General Joe Garba of Nigeria.

A move is afoot to rename as "Mandela Square" a street corner adjacent to the office block housing the mission Mayor Ed Koch is said to support the proposal.

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Mugabe accuses SA again

By MICHAEL HARTNACK
Mail Africa Bureau

HARARE. — A "sizeable group" of Zapu dissidents was infiltrated two weeks ago from South Africa into Zimbabwe's strife-torn Matabeleland province, the Prime Minister, Mr Robert Mugabe, alleged in Parliament yesterday.

The allegation marks an apparent breakdown of a de facto truce which appeared to have been arranged between South Africa and Zimbabwe following the signing in February of the Nkomati Accord between the Republic and Mozambique.

While the truce lasted, South Africa was reported to have halted its support for dissidents in Matabeleland and talks took place between police and army commanders of the two countries on security cooperation.

Speaking during his monthly "Prime Minister's Question Time" in the House of Assembly, Mr Mugabe said despite recently reported incidents, the general level of dissident attacks in Matabeleland had not increased since some army units were withdrawn from the province earlier this year.

Mr Mugabe said some dissidents had escaped the security force net in Matabeleland South and had fled to the north.

"And we are also aware that a sizeable group was infiltrated from South Africa about two weeks ago — about 40 or so.

"I think some have already been arrested — captured — and they are giving us more information."

Mr Mugabe's allegation comes after unconfirmed reports of renewed South African support for "Super Zapu" dissidents and a marked increase in Mr Mugabe's verbal hostility towards the Republic.

In August Mr Mugabe expressed a guarded hope that South Africa had abandoned its "destabilisation" policy towards Zimbabwe following the Nkomati Accord.

Security sources in Harare have reported that the newly captured dissidents bear equipment which, it is claimed, is of recent South African origin, distinguishable from caches made during the 1972-80 Rhodesian conflict.

Mr Mugabe yesterday categorically denied a report in the London Daily Telegraph that hundreds of members of the Korean-trained Fifth Brigade had deserted with their rifles and equipment following the controversial unit's withdrawal from Matabeleland for retraining under British instructors.

"As far as Zimbabwe is concerned the Daily Telegraph is the Daily Nonsense," said Mr Mugabe.

'Balloon' has US worried

By SIMON BARBER
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON. — The United States Government yesterday flatly denied involvement in a new plan for South West African independence that calls for a United Nations-approved provisional government to be established in Windhoek, outside the scope of Security Council Resolution 435.

Asked whether he believed the plan was a "trial balloon" lofted by Pretoria, a senior State Department official said: "It certainly looks that way . . . it's an end run round 435."

The plan, the existence of which was confirmed by separate diplomatic sources in Washington earlier this week, proposes that a Swapo-South Africa ceasefire be followed by the establishment of an interim government made up of Swapo, the Multi Party Conference and South African officials. This would pave the way for the implementation of Resolution 435 once Angola had made a "commitment" on Cuban troop withdrawal.

US officials were clearly disturbed yesterday by the proposal and noted that it was incompatible with the UN plan. "We are still totally committed to 435. Our position has not changed," one said.

Training for nurses vital

THE serious shortage of nurses has prompted the South African Nursing Association to ask for an in-depth investigation into nurses' training.

Disturbingly low figures have been laid before the De Villiers Committee, appointed by the Minister of Health and Welfare Dr Nak van der Merwe, to investigate further facilities for medical and dental training.

Over the past five years there has been an annual decline of 6% in all categories of people undergoing training.

The SA Nursing Association said that although all nurse training required attention, it was vitally important to increase the number of black registered nurses.

The greatest problem in this area was the lack of training facilities. — Sapa.

Libyan hurt in shooting

MADRID. — Gunmen wounded a Libyan Embassy official in Madrid yesterday in the third attack this year against Arabs in Spain, police said.

Mr Mohamed Idris, a consular section employee, was shot in the elbow and forearm by unidentified gunmen who opened fire on his car. Hospital sources said his condition was not serious. — Sapa-Reuter.

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Call for one Jo'burg metropolis

By Lin Menge

MORE THAN 70% of the people who live within 25km of the Johannesburg City Hall are not white, Mr Nigel Mandy says in his newly-published book on Johannesburg and Soweto, "A City Divided".

Mr Mandy, who is chairman of the Central Business District Association, says it is essential that Johannesburg and its black, coloured and Asian satellites be managed as a single metropolis.

His book includes a detailed, highly topical account of Soweto. An accurate knowledge of the history and shortcomings of Soweto is essential to formulate constructive policies for the Greater Johannesburg metropolis and for South Africa, he says.

Although urban black permanence had been acknowledged, there would be chaos unless sensible new policies were adopted. Great damage had been done to local communities and to the welfare of the metropolis as a whole by the Government's dogmatic and unrealistic actions.

Soweto's population included one of the "largest collections of well-educated, skilled and ambitious blacks in Africa" and the presence of upwardly mobile blacks, coloureds and Indians was "one of South Africa's greatest assets and our best hope for the future".

But South Africa faced the dilemma that while it is absurd to exclude blacks from a say in metropolitan affairs, "to include them in the present system could be political suicide".

Mr Mandy noted that when the US Constitution was written, there had already been more than 100 years of experience in self-government at town and state level.

"I am not impressed by some people's suggestion that South Africa should hold a national convention immediately to argue everything out at the highest level. Lasting and meaningful adjustments at the top are not possible unless and until local and regional institutions have been rationalised."

He advocated the creation of a federally-based, two-tier form of metropolitan government in which persons of all races could participate.

Mr Mandy says by permitting Indian communities in Fordsburg, Mayfair and Marlborough, the Government appears to be abandoning the strategy of creating separate independent municipalities for Indians. The next logical step would be to treat these areas as wards in the present all-white municipalities, with the right to elect Indian councillors.

Rather than attempt to bring people back to live in the city centre, he suggested that Mayfair, Fordsburg and part of Newtown should be developed as "low-rise high-density non-white residential areas to balance Hillbrow".

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Murder attempt claim 'a lie'

Mail Reporter

A WOMAN who told a Johannesburg Regional Court yesterday that she laid a charge of attempted murder against her husband to stop him drinking faces prosecution for making a false statement to the police.

The husband, Mr Glenn Gill, who was acquitted on a charge of attempting to murder his wife, Mrs Magrita Joanna Gill, on June 29 this year by shooting her at their Jeppe Street home in Johannesburg, told the court he had since become a teetotaller.

He was also acquitted on an alternative charge of pointing a firearm.

The magistrate, Mr H J Brandt, said yesterday he suspected Mrs Gill was protecting her husband and that Mr Gill had in fact fired shots at her.

The prosecutor, Mr J L Venter, said the necessary steps would be taken against Mrs Gill, who was described as a "hostile witness" who denied the truth of her police statement.

In her statement Mrs Gill alleged that her husband returned home from work, put his things down, pointed a gun at her and fired a few shots at her.

She had to seek refuge in the bathroom, where she started screaming, she said.

Yesterday, however, Mrs Gill said that on that evening she and her husband were amicably having a drink while watching television when her husband fired two shots into the ceiling.

"I told a story to the police to scare my husband into not drinking," Mrs Gill told the court.

Mr Gill pleaded not guilty, saying: "I love my wife and would not want to kill her. I fired two shots into the roof out of tomfoolery and irresponsibility."

The magistrate declared Mr Gill unfit to possess a firearm for the next five years.

Catholic peer puts his foot in it

London Bureau

LONDON. — The Duke of Norfolk, who is Britain's premier peer, is in trouble with the Roman Catholic Church because of his outspoken views on its teaching on contraception.

The Duke has upset senior Catholics by condemning the "safe period" method of contraception, the only one permitted by the church apart from abstinence, as unrealistic.

"How can you ask a married couple to do it by thermometer and whatnot. My wife and I did that and it didn't bloody work," he protested.

His candid views are in direct opposition to Roman Catholics upholding Humanae Vitae, which is Pope Paul VI's encyclical against contraception.

Even Catholics sympathetic to more liberal policies on contraception have been offended by the Duke's outburst.

Leading Catholic laymen want the Duke sacked as president of the Catholic Union.

But that would not be easy without a ballot of all members and an overwhelming condemnatory vote.

Many responsible Roman Catholic clerics and laymen all over the world disagree with the official directive on contraception.

Many priests, asked for moral guidance, advise couples to follow their own conscience.

There are also leading laymen, like Mr Norman St John Stevas, who are unhappy about the official line.

The Duke has unwittingly raised yet another subject on which there is a sharp division between the church's Rome-based magisterium and its forward-looking thinkers.

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Olympics make profit of R250m

LOS ANGELES. — The Summer Olympic Games were a spectacular financial success, bringing in a R250-million surplus which officials attributed to high ticket sales and full payment on a television contract with ABC-TV.

The amount is about 10 times the surplus projected by the Los Angeles Olympic Organising Committee in 1983, and R219,58 million more than the surplus projected last Spring.

The money will provide unprecedented funding for training future Olympic athletes through a R125-million disbursement to the United States Olympic Committee. Another R83 million will go to a newly formed LAOOC Amateur Athletic Foundation, and the LAOOC will hold R41 million in reserve.

By contrast, the taxpayer-borne 1976 Summer Games in Montreal created a R1 600 000 deficit.

Officials of the LAOOC, gathered at a news conference to announce the results, said even they were stunned by the amount. LAOOC general manager, Mr Harry Usher, said the across-the-nation torch relay provided the "moment of magic" that spurred enthusiasm for the Games.

The LAOOC was forced by Los Angeles voters in 1978 not to use taxes to finance the Games.

The 1984 Games were funded by a R375-million contract with ABC-TV, contributions of cash, services and equipment from corporate sponsors, and staffing by volunteers. — Sapa-AP.

Gangs grab R21 000

Mail Reporter

MORE than R21 000 was stolen in two separate robberies yesterday after two armed groups held up security guards in Johannesburg.

In the first robbery á nightwatchman patrolling the Pick 'n Pay centre in Randpark Ridge was held up by four black men at 4.20am.

Two of the men broke into Rodger Jewellery Studio and stole jewellery valued at R10 000.

In another incident, three armed black men overpowered a 60-year-old security guard, Mr Raymond Jones, outside the SA Perm building society in Simmons Street, Johannesburg.

As the men grabbed a suitcase Mr Jones was carrying and which contained R16 670, it split open and the money spilt on to the street. The men grabbed R11 427.

New role for department

By GERALD REILLY
Pretoria Bureau

THE Department of Constitutional Development and Planning would assume the function of coordinating local government affairs, the acting director-general of the department, Mr W F Visagie, said in Pretoria yesterday.

Mr Visagie was welcoming members to the first meeting of the advisory committee on the subject of salaries and service conditions for town clerks.

He said that whereas in the past the provinces had tried to reach agreement on certain municipal matters, the department would now fulfil the overall coordinating role, and would bring the provinces together in a stonger unity.

Mr Visagie stressed, however, that the department's aim was not to take over the functions of the various provinces.

He said the department would simply be playing a coordinating role on issues of national importance.

One such issue was the fixing of salaries and of service conditions for the excutive officials of local authorities.

As the chief executive officer, the town clerk was among this corps of municipal officials, and was therefore considered to be an employee, he said.

But, on the other hand, he was also a representative of the council and, therefore, an employer.

It was this dual role which contributed to the town clerk's unfavourable position relative to other personnel, he said.

One of the most important requirements raised at the meeting was that a mechanism be established through which to prevent arbitrary decisions being made by employers as regards the salaries and service conditions of town clerks.

In giving advice to the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, the advisory committee should bear in mind the the difficulties being posed by the country's present economic situation, Mr Visagie said.

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Warning signals said to be ignored again

Govt criticised for attitude to unrest

By Eugene Saldanha

Reports that the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, had said high rents were not the real cause of the unrest in the Vaal Triangle have attracted criticism from community leaders.

Shortly before Mr le Grange visited the area with Mr F W de Klerk, Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr Isaac Mogase, a member of the Soweto Civic Association, had said

"The Vaal unrest was caused by the announcement that rents would go up on September 1, and the inability of the local town councils to provide economic improvements for people in the townships."

ATTITUDE

Asked if the unrest would make the Government take a harder look at the position of black people in the townships, Mr le Grange told a Press conference he did not think so because the Government was already looking into the problem of "all urban blacks in South Africa"

Mr le Grange's attitude and that of the Government have drawn adverse comment from community leaders, churchmen, township residents and others

Mr Justice Cillie blamed key Government policies for causing unrest.

There has been criticism that the Government has again chosen to ignore warning signals about simmering discontent among South Africa's blacks

One commentator said that in 1982 a Human Sciences Research Council investigation showed that riots which left a trail of destruction in the coloured township of Reiger Park on the East Rand during May 1981 were caused by a critical housing shortage and not by racial strife, as had been suggested by Government spokesmen

Two Cabinet Ministers at the time — Mr Chris Heunis, then Minister of Internal Affairs, and Mr Pen Kotze, Minister of Community Development — had blamed racial strife between coloured and Indian people for the unrest

The commentator said the HSRC survey conclusively proved otherwise

The HSRC had warned that unless the causes of dissatisfaction were removed from the Reiger Park community, it would take only a spark to set off further unrest

Today, two years after the HSRC report, Reiger Park still has a serious housing shortage.

At the time of the Soweto riots in 1976, a commentator added, the issue of Afrikaans as a medium of instruction in black schools as a cause of the unrest had been swept aside by Government officials

Four years later the Cillie Commission which investigated the riots had revealed that dissatisfaction with Afrikaans was a major contributing factor

Mr Justice Cillie blamed key Government policies for creating dissatisfaction and even hatred, culminating in the nationwide riots which claimed over 600 lives.

"This dissatisfaction and hate was one of the foremost creators of a spirit of unrest," the judge said in his 760-page report

Policies causing dissatisfaction included Bantu education, the homelands system, influx control, group areas, administration boards, salary discrimination and detention without trial, said the report.

NO CHANGE

In 1980, during the nationwide boycott of schools by coloured and Indian pupils, community leaders warned that unless separate education was scrapped the possibility of unrest in the schools would always exist.

Mr George du Plessis, chairman of the Reiger Park Ratepayers and Tenants Association, said this week. "The Government has not learned the lessons of 1976 and 1980

"The people's grievances have not been attended to"

Intense speculation on Cabinet appointments

By David Braun,
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Speculation as to who will be appointed to the Cabinet is becoming intense.

The Acting State President, Mr P W Botha, is expected to announce the appointments on Saturday.

The latest suggestion is that Mr Botha will appoint two members from the House of Representatives and one from the House of Delegates to the Cabinet but that these will be Ministers Without Portfolio.

The idea is that they would act as links between the Cabinet and the Ministers' Councils.

SUGGESTIONS

There have also been suggestions that Mr Botha will appoint only one coloured leader to the Cabinet while making another a Deputy Minister. He would also make at least one Indian leader, probably the majority party leader in the House of Delegates, a Deputy Minister.

Names being mentioned for appointment to high office include Mr Hendrickse, Labour Party chairman; Mr David Curry, Labour Party deputy chairman; Labour Party Transvaal leader, Mr Jac Rabie; Mr Amichand Rajbansi, leader of the National People's Party, and Solidarity leader Dr J N Reddy.

Whites who may be elevated to the Cabinet include the Administrator-General of Namibia, Dr Willie van Niekerk, and the Deputy Minister of Environment and Fisheries, Mr John Wiley.

Cash will fight tour

AUCKLAND — A campaign to raise R100 000 has been launched by Hart, the anti-apartheid group, so that it can fight the All Blacks' tour of South Africa next year.

The appeal has been named the Steve Biko Memorial Fighting Fund.

Hart chairman Mr John Minto said the money would be used to increase awareness about South Africa's problems, especially for blacks

Federation of Labour vice-president Mrs Sonya Davies and an Anglican clergyman, Canon Hone Kaa, are among the appeal's patrons — Reuter

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Helicopters drop teargas on Soweto

Staff Reporters

Teargas — some dispersed by low-flying helicopters — rubber bullets, stones and petrol bombs shattered the calm in Soweto today as riot police, in armoured anti-riot vehicles, moved into six trouble spots.

Incidents of violence have been reported from Senaoane, Moroka, Rockville, Dlamini, Chiawelo and Kliptown.

A Putco bus was stoned and petrol-bombed by youths near St Hilda's Anglican Church in Senaoane.

In another section of the township, a crowd of youths forced an Allied Publishing delivery van off the road and assaulted the driver before stealing the van, a police spokesman said in Pretoria.

Police used sneeze powder to disperse a crowd of youths who stoned a bus.

No injuries have been reported to the police.

But a Putco spokesman said one of the company's drivers had been injured.

The spokesman said eight buses were stoned and damaged during rioting in Soweto today.

An administration vehicle was stoned and set alight. The fire was extinguished by police.

The Reverand Joe Seoka, of St Hilda's, said riot police in an armoured car used rubber bullets, teargas and sneeze gas "to disperse people gathered at the church."

Riot police travelled round Senaoane, Moroka and Rockville in special anti-riot vehicles, vans and other vehicles.

They sporadically fired teargas and sneezegas at groups of people.

Other police in vans and armoured cars dispersed groups of youths in the townships of Dlamini and Chiawelo.

Police chased a group of youths from Dlamini into neighbouring Kliptown. The group ran into a car scrapyard where they were cornered by the police. Several teargas cannisters were fired into the yard, forcing the youths to flee.

Two homes and a nightclub were petrol-bombed early today.

One of the houses — belonging to the former deputy chairman of the defunct Soweto Community Council, Mr Tolika Makhaya — was destroyed in this morning's blaze. The other house and the nightclub were slightly damaged.

During the night, seven police vehicles were damaged by stone-throwing youths who were dispersed by the police with teargas and sneeze powder.

Bus services returned to normal today after the suspension of services to the township yesterday, which stranded 100 000 people.

In Katlehong, near Germiston, yesterday about 150 youths marched to the police station where they were dispersed with tearsmoke and rubber bullets.

The situation there was "quiet and calm" today, police said.

Police said they used tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse crowds of placard-bearing demonstrators that gathered outside Regina Mundi Church yesterday.

During unrest in Grahamstown yesterday, about 500 youths scattered after police fired canisters of tearsmoke.

Students at Fort Hare University, near Alice, continued their boycott of lectures and meals, the university's public relations officer, Mr Norman Holliday, said.

No incidents were reported from the Vaal Triangle.

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TROUBLE IN SOWETO

Youths in clashes with cops

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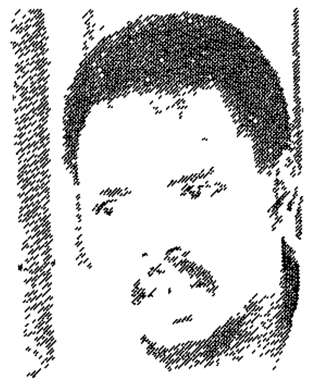

BIKO . . . unrest after illegal meeting to honour him.

POLICE used tearsmoke, sneeze machines, and sjamboks to disperse hundreds of stone-throwing youths in Rockville and White City, Soweto, yesterday.

The home of a Soweto councillor, Mr J Mdlalose, was set on fire by a group of youths before noon. Windows were smashed and furniture and clothing in one of the bedrooms burnt. Damage to goods was estimated at hundreds of rands.

The Police Directorate in Pretoria yesterday said tearsmoke was used to disperse groups of youths in some parts of Soweto.

Lieutenant T F Jefferson said a police vehicle was damaged, a private-owned car set alight and the window of a car broken during stoning incidents in Soweto yesterday morning.

Lt Jefferson said the driver of a delivery van was slightly injured when stone-throwing youths went on the rampage in Rockville.

TROUBLE: Quirt-wielding police lash a youth in Rockville yesterday. Pic MBUZENI ZULU

By Sello Rabothata, Len Maseko and Nkopane Makobane

Our news team reports that trouble started when about 100 youths gathered at the Regina Mundi Church, in Rockville, at about 10 am. The youths entered the church at 10.30 am and later came out, carrying placards, and took to the streets behind the church.

While the youths were demonstrating and singing, two sneeze machine vans approached them from the front and behind. The youths had defied an order by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, that all indoor meetings are banned in "the interests of maintaining public peace."

The youths had gathered at Regina Mundi Church to attend the seventh anniversary commemorations of the death in detention of the late Black Consciousness leader, Bantu Steve Biko.

Putco buses were withdrawn from the township after midday when the trouble intensified.

A number of delivery vans and trucks were looted, stoned and others set on fire by the rioting youths. Businesses in the township closed immediately after the rioting started gaining momentum. Police fired tearsmoke at groups

Police escort mourners

A STRONG contingent of armed policemen escorted mourners when Evaton deputy mayor Mr Philemon "Dutch" Diphooko (57) was buried in a tense but calm atmosphere at the local cemetery yesterday.

Police in armoured cars and Hippos stood guard along the 3 km road from Mr Diphooko's residence to the cemetery.

Mr Diphooko was one of about 40 people who died during the violent clashes last week

The funeral was marked by an emotional appeal from the mayor of Evaton, Mr Sam Rabotapi, who emerged from hiding and said that the problems of the people would not be solved by killing each other

Also present at the funeral were the mayor of Dobsonville, Mr Don Mmesi and his deputy, Mr Steve Nkatlo and several other community councillors. In his speech, Mr Nkatlo named a Sharpeville priest as the main instigator of the violence

Mr Rabotapi said that he escaped death narrowly before his house was gutted by fire during the disturbances. He blamed the South African laws for the turbulence in the country Blacks were oppressed, he said

Mr Mmesi, whose property was also recently petrol-bombed, said he was opposed to violence

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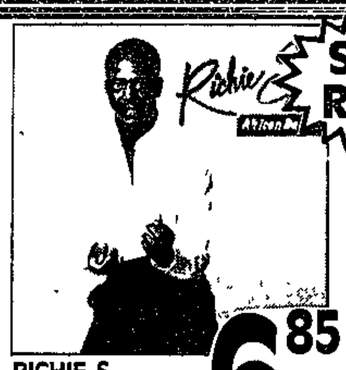

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Youths march on cop station

TWELVE more people were yesterday arrested in Katlehong township, near Germiston, when more than 300 youths marched to the Katlehong police station demanding the release of their colleagues arrested during the disturbances in the township.

Police told **The SOWETAN** that police had to use tearsmoke, rubber bullets, buckshot and sjamboks, to disperse about 300 youths who had marched to the local police station demanding the release of their colleagues.

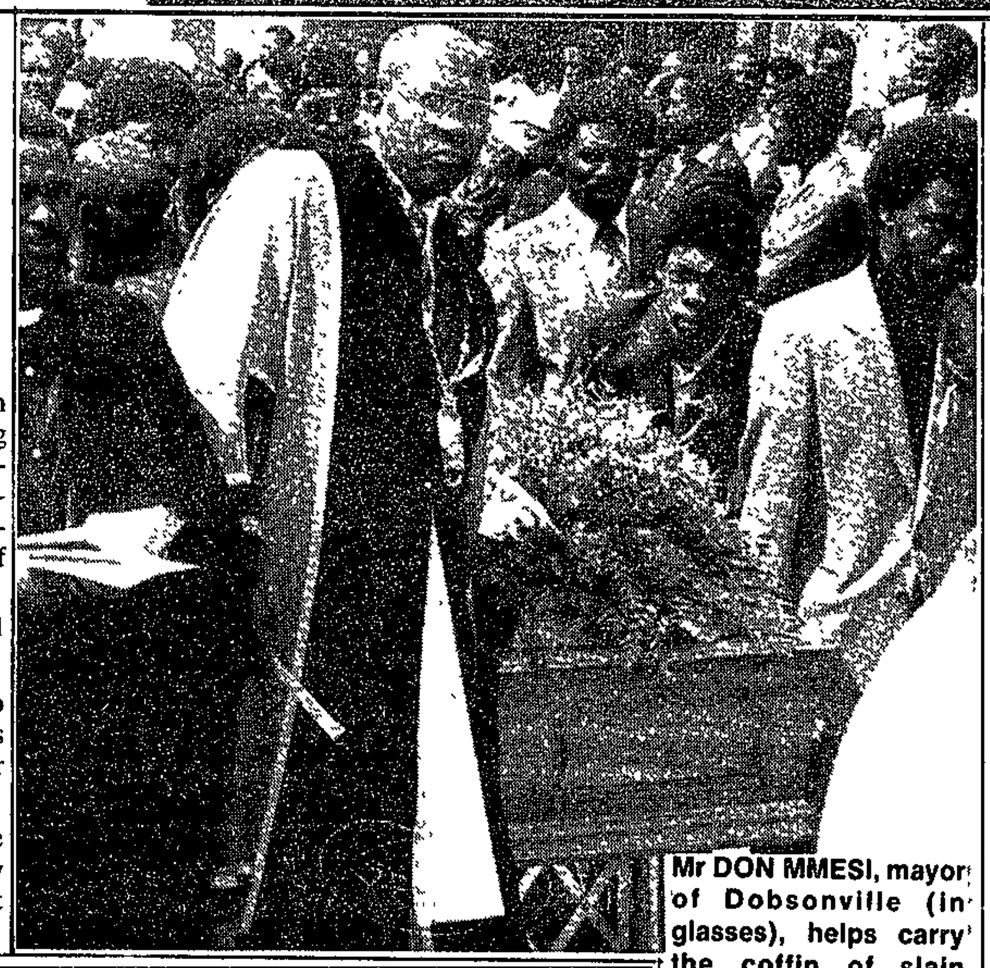
During the confrontation between the youths and the police, Lieutenant Tom Jefferson said, 12 people were arrested.

About 18 youths were arrested on Monday and Tuesday in Katlehong during disturbances, which have resulted in the death of a man, the burning down of a bar lounge, a supermarket and the burning and stoning of several vehicles.

Several people have been injured during the unrest.

Lt Jefferson also said police had to use tearsmoke when fresh riots erupted in Wattville township near Benoni on Tuesday night.

He said a 6-year-old girl and a white employee of the Benoni Municipality were injured and had to be treated at the Boksburg Benoni Hospital.



Mr DON MMESI, mayor of Dobsonville (in glasses), helps carry the coffin of slain Evaton deputy mayor, Mr Dutch Diphoko yesterday. Also carrying the coffin are sons of the dead man. He was killed in last week's violence which claimed at least 30 lives.

Hospital row in Mams

THE MAMELODI Town Council is to ask the hospital services to ensure that local residents receive a 24-hour service at the local day hospital.

The 24-hour casualty and ward services at the centre were implemented with effect from August 1 after the council had requested that hours be extended. But councillors expressed dismay after finding out that this was not being carried out They said residents still experience difficulties in getting help after hours.

"It is this council's duty to find out why services are not extended as approved by the department last month. Something is seriously wrong somewhere," said the mayor, Mr Alex Kekana.

Minister under fire

By ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

POLITICAL organisations yesterday slammed the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange's, decision to ban meetings all over the country.

All indoor meetings critical of the Government were banned as from midnight on Tuesday. The banning, which came on the eve of the memorial service of the late father of the Black Consciousness Movement, Steve Biko, will only be lifted on September 30.

The Transvaal president of the United Democratic Front (UDF), Mr Frank Chikane, called on the Government to end its undeclared state of emergency and bow to the demands of the people by scrapping the new constitution and declaring null and void the Black Local Authorities Act.

Mr Zithulele Cindi, of the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo), said the community was going to suffer as a result of the blanket ban on meetings.

"We wish to reiterate once more that such acts make an interesting introduction to the so-called reform where people are denied the freedom of association whereby they can talk about or reject such reforms," he said

A spokesman for the Azanian Students' Movement accused the Government of calling people "to talk" while using repressive methods.

DEMOS — Youths in a demonstration in Soweto yesterday. Later in the evening all was quiet with the police dispersing gatherings they considered illegal.

TEASMOKE — Youths flee a tearsmoke attack at Regina Mundi yesterday.

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The SOWETAN Woman's Club meeting in Daveyton on Saturday has been cancelled due to the unrests in the townships. The date for the next meeting will be announced in due course.

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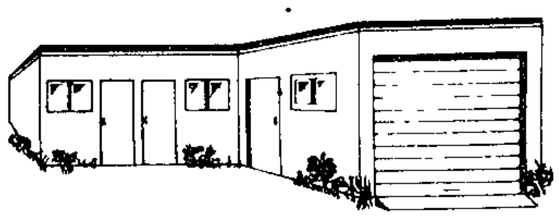

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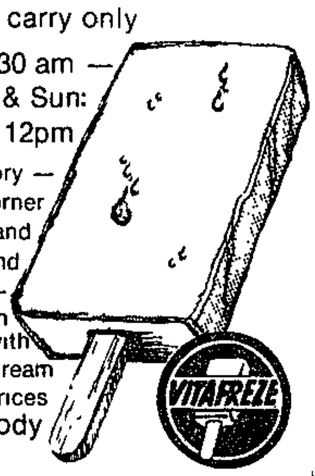

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Petrol bomb: man shot dead

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Mail Reporters

A MAN was shot dead by police yesterday after a group of people hurled a petrol bomb at a police bus.

During another day of simmering unrest two houses were fire-bombed and youths and police clashed while heavily-armed camouflaged police circled Soweto from dusk to dawn.

The heavy police contingent penetrated into deeper Soweto, occasionally clashing with stone-throwing youths and using tearsmoke to disperse angry crowds.

Bus services to the area were again in limbo, forcing hundreds to take taxis or walk.

Police protected government and Development Board buildings and the deserted homes of community councillors who have taken refuge from the violence that has hit the area this week.

At times they were met head-on by angry youths, resulting in tearsmoke cannisters being fired.

The petrol bomb incident provoked a strong warning from the police. A spokesman in Pretoria said the police would "act relentlessly against anybody who attacks them in this way".

The United Democratic Front has meanwhile said in a statement on the incident that two more people were shot and seriously wounded and between 10 and 15 people, who had b en overcome by teargas were admitted to the Baragwanath Hospital.

Police last night would not confirm this.

Lieutenant Tom Jeffersom of Police Headquarters in Pretoria confirmed the homes of the mayor of Soweto, Mr E T Tshabalala and a former mayor, Mr T J Makhaya had been fire-bombed. A nightclub belonging to Mr Tshabalala was also bombed.

Baragwanath Hospital yesterday admitted that an-

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Man killed in Soweto unrest

A MAN was killed in Soweto yesterday when police, reacting to a petrol-bomb attack on their bus, shot him, a police spokesman said.

"Late yesterday afternoon, a group of black men attacked a police bus in Soweto and a petrol bomb was thrown at it It hit the bus, but failed to explode," Lieutenant Hein Lourens, of the SA Police Public Relations Division said in Pretoria.

"Police reacted immediately and the person who threw the bomb was shot. He died on the way to hospital

Rioting continued in Soweto yesterday with police using tearsmoke to disperse hundreds of stone-throwing youths who set fire to two vehicles.

The clashes started on Wednesday and yesterday spread to more townships in the area, with most of the stone-throwing and tearsmoke firing incidents concentrated in Molapo, White City and Rockville. A large number of police were also on the scene

Lieutenant J L Barnard, of the police directorate, said: "An administration board vehicle was stoned and set alight by a group of youths A cool drink vehicle was also stoned and set alight, and a post office van was stoned Police used tearsmoke to disperse the crowd Nobody was arrested during the incident "

Putco buses were withdrawn from the trouble spots at about midday The youths, who were joined by other residents, started stoning private cars in the streets

ROADBLOCK: Youths stop a car at one of their "roadblocks" as violence in the townships continued. This was in Molapo, Soweto. Pic ROBERT MAGWAZA

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Mass funerals in Vaal today

THIRTY-THREE people, including youths whose ages range between 13 and 16, who died during the Vaal Triangle disturbances, will be buried at two mass funerals tomorrow.

Although the official death toll last week stood at 30, sources in the townships say at least 45 died in the uprisings.

A spokesman for the Vaal Priests Solidarity Group — a group organising the funerals — said the burials will be at the Sharpeville and Evaton cemeteries starting from 10 am to 1 pm.

The people were killed during clashes in the townships when residents protested at the R5,90 and R5,50 house rent increases introduced by the Lekoa Town Council.

A spokesman for the group said that they have arranged with the local funeral undertakers that the services will take place in a "calm and orderly manner."

He appealed to participants to show their respect in view of the ban by the Government on indoor meetings.

Those who will be buried are: Mr Lawrence Pekker (14) of 13750 Zone 11 Sebokeng; Mr Abram Mabukoane (15) of 13349 Zone 11; Mrs Elizabeth Sellane (43) of 2891 Zone 13; Mr Solomon Ntshundu (33) of 1555 Boipatong; Ms Alina Myanda (15) of Zone Seven; Mr Edward Tshabalala (17); Mr Christopher Kumalo (15) of 26/6 Small Farm Evaton; Mr Johannes Tsele of 5 Cana Street Evaton; Mr Michael Zondo 9618 Zone 7; Mr Julia Maduna (37) of 11 Fast Road Evaton; Mrs Agnes Mokoena of 1821 Donor Road Evaton.

Mr Abram Mofokeng (35) of 192 Adams Road Evaton; Mr David Mashole (19) of 18804 Zone 14; Mrs Maria Skaledi (34) of 18803 Zone 14; Mr Frans Tshibulani (19) of 13/5 Small Farm; Mr Moses Milanyane 19063 Zone 14; Mr Joseph Madiehe (13) S289 Sharpeville; Mr David Tusi Thotla (41) of S446 Sharpeville; Mr Frank Machobane (22) of 1334 Sharpeville; Mr Joseph Motaung (24) of S1174 Sharpeville.

Mr Stephen Brown Lebelwane of Zone 13; Mr Lawrence Pekker (14) of 13750 Zone 11; Mr William Mlaba (14) 460 Avondale Road Evaton; Mr Thinane Mofolo (12) of 495 Wright Road Evaton; Mr Joseph Mbele (32) of 11202 Zone Seven; Mr Martinus Ntlele (24) of 268 Donor Road Evaton; Mr Isaac Maboba of 1517 Thoko Road Evaton; Mr William Shange (15) of 980 Adam Road Evaton.

Mr William Sanko Ramatlakana (23) of Sharpeville; Mr Daniel Koboekae (67) of Sharpeville; Mr Petrus Mokotla of 3669 Zone 13; and Mrs Maria Mhlangeni 19004 Zone 14.

Makhaya home bombed

By ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

THE house of former deputy mayor of Soweto, Mr Tolica Makhaya, was burnt down after petrol bombs were thrown through the front window yesterday morning.

About 10 people, including small children, who were sleeping in the house when the petrol bombs exploded, had to jump from the upstairs bedroom to safety. Some were slightly injured when they fell on the ground.

The fire, which reduced Mr Makhaya's stately home to ruins, also destroyed furniture, clothes and everything else inside, according to a family spokesman. The total damage is said to run into tens of thousands of rands.

Mr Makhaya was not at the house at the time of the bombing.

The South African Suicide Squad yesterday claimed responsibility for the attack.

A spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria, Lieutenant T F Jefferson, yesterday confirmed the incident. No arrests have been made, he said.

A family spokesman, Mr Eric Makhaya, said the petrol bombs were hurled into the house through the front window at about 2am.

"They exploded and immediately ignited the whole house. I was sleeping downstairs but I could hear people screaming in terror upstairs," he said.

Holding back tears, Mr Makhaya said he did not know what is going to happen to them.

"We have lost everything and it is going to be difficult starting from scratch," he said. "Even my reference book was destroyed."

DESTROYED . . . Mr Makhaya's double storey house.

Mass funerals for riot victims

14/9/84

By Revelation Ntoula

Two mass funerals of the thirty victims of last week's Vaal riots will take place in Sharpeville and Evaton tomorrow.

A spokesman for the committee of clergymen arranging the funerals said the Evaton service would include the Sebokeng victims. The Sharpeville service would be held only for those who died in Sharpeville.

Both services will commence at 10 am and processions to the cemetery will leave at 1 pm.

The Sharpeville service, which will be conducted by several churchmen, will be held at Saint Luke's Methodist Church in the township. The Evaton-Sebokeng service will take place at Lord MacCarmel Church in Wilberforce, Evaton.

● The funeral of slain Lekoa Deputy Mayor, Mr S Dlamini, was held in Sharpeville yesterday.

He was the second Vaal town councillor to be buried in the last three days. On Wednesday, Evaton councillor Mr Phillemon Diphoko was buried in the township's cemetery.

Two other Vaal councillors who died in the unrest — Mr C Motjeane and Mr J Chakane — are still to be buried.

It is not yet known when thir funerals will be held.

Student shot dead in Soweto unrest

The unrest, which has kept Soweto on a knife-edge for the past four days, claimed its first victim yesterday when a 20-year-old student was shot dead by police.

Mrs Florence Khumalo said she came home from work late yesterday to hear that her son, Bongani, had been shot dead.

Police said they shot and fatally wounded a man who threw a petrol bomb at a police bus. The bomb hit the bus but did not explode, Lieutenant Hein Lourens at police headquarters in Pretoria said last night.

Several other people were injured in sporadic incidents of violence in the township yesterday.

Roaming gangs of youths set a brewery lorry alight in Soweto today and stole all the beer. In another incident police said a gang had forced a lorry carrying soft drinks to stop and had taken the drinks.

Throughout yesterday riot police used tear smoke to disperse groups of youths.

Armed guards patrolled the properties of the Mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, throughout the day.

One of the busiest roads in Soweto, Roodepoort Road, was lined by youths who made passing vehicles run a gauntlet of stones and rocks. Police fired tearsmoke but could not prevent the youths returning.

Teargas canisters were dropped from an unmarked blue and white helicopter which hovered over the township. The helicopter was also used to direct riot police to scenes of stone-throwing and burnings.

Police said today they "knew nothing" about the helicopter or where it might have come from.

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Soweto work stayaway is urged

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A call has gone out to the people of Soweto to stay away from work on Monday.

It is contained in a leaflet released to the Press by the Release Mandela Campaign, which urges: "Let us stay away from work to challenge Botha, Koornhof and Tshabalala. Let us stay away in unity and co-operation."

The leaflet demands that the Government make a public response to the grievances of Sowetans — regarding housing, rents, wages, unemployment, education, costs of basic commodities and services — before Tuesday.

It also demands the immediate resignation of Soweto mayor Mr E T Tshabalala and his council.

The RMC has appealed to people to simply stay in their homes on Monday, emphasising that there will be no protest march or similar demonstration.

Fire almost destroys Hwiti

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By CEDRIC KEKANA

ALMOST half of Hwiti High School near Turfloop was destroyed by fire in the wake of renewed violence which hit Mankweng township this week.

A block, which includes a library, laboratory, art centre, home craft centre and a classroom, was set alight.

The entire roof almost caved in. All the library books and laboratory, home craft and art equipment were completely destroyed.

Last week the school's administration block – two offices, two classrooms and a staffroom – was extensively damaged by fire.

At Dr C N Phathudi College, Lebowa cops used teargas and batons to disperse about 700 students at a meeting on campus.

The students had returned to college after it was closed last month after a class boycott over various demands.

SRC president Bob Mola said this week the students decided to return on September 17 on condition that no student would be victimised.

Diphooko laid to rest

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Former Evaton councillor J Hlatshwayo attacked the gruesome manner in which Mr Diphooko was killed.

By STAN MHLONGO

BIKO Day turned out to be a grand funeral for councillor Philemon Diphooko who was killed during the Vaal unrest — a strong contingent of police gave his funeral a "military" character lacking only a 21 gun salute.

Many weeped at councillor P Diphooko's funeral in Evaton on Wednesday.

The speakers did not lack tough talk either. Dobsonville mayor Don Mmesi, councillor Steve Nkatlo and Evaton mayor Sam Rabotapi attacked the gruesome manner in which Mr Diphooko was killed.

Mr Rabotapi described the deceased as "a true son of the soil, unlike the political extremists who shout black consciousness slogans but fail to better the lot of their communities"

"These political extremists are people who think they're the only ones who have the solution to this country's problems. They will not accept our views for a peaceful transition for South Africa," Mr Rabotapi said

Mr Mmesi accused those who killed Mr Diphooko of being "political amateurs", who have not matured enough for South Africa's complex politics.

Mr Nkatlo dropped a bombshell when he accused a popular Sharpeville minister as being responsible for the residents' "anti-council campaign".

"SELL-OUT" community councillors are to blame for last week's unrest in the Vaal which claimed more than 30 lives, Eastern Cape residents were told this week.

Former Robben Island prisoner Edgar Ngoyi — Eastern Cape president of the United Democratic Front — told the Uitenhage Youth Congress the Vaal councillors had "caused the bloody clash by their unwise actions".

"They are to blame for the death of those people," Mr Ngoyi said at a rally in solidarity with the victims of the unrest.

"They exploit people — they are nothing more than the agents of imperialism"

The rally was told that Uitenhage residents faced increases similar to the one which sparked off the Vaal unrest.

Speakers said opposition was being mobilised against the increases, and that the Save The Starving Committee aimed to collect thousands of signatures to prove their opposition.

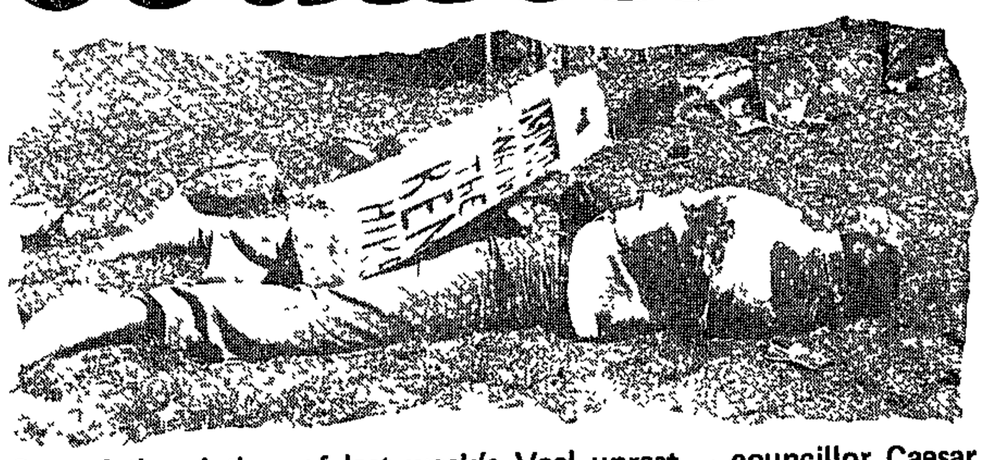
The SSC warned that residents would suffer if service charges went up. It noted that there had been numerous retrenchments in the motor industry and workers were working short time.

PE Youth Congress president Mkhuseli Jack warned the authorities that it was "the wrong time" to increase service charges.

"The dust has not yet settled on the Vaal, where numerous people suffered," he said.

"This will be a very unpopular step — there will be untold suffering."

'It's your fault, councillors'



One of the victims of last week's Vaal unrest — councillor Caesar Morjeane.

'It was either me or him!'

A Lamontville security guard was this week jailed for five years by a Durban magistrate for killing a white security guard

The court heard that Mehlo Cele and Mr Bernard Russel worked together

On November 7 last year, Cele said Mr Russel threatened to shoot him if he didn't leave the work's premises

"I then took out my knife and stabbed him three times," Cele said

ONES AND MBS

A damaged Putco bus near Moroka police station after Wednesday night's unrest.

Soweto quiet but still tense

POLICE clashed with youths in isolated incidents in Soweto yesterday as they went all out to control the streets and subdue Wednesday's unrest.

Teargas was fired as youths gathered at street corners.

A few privately-owned and police cars were damaged as the youths threw stones and set up barricades in the streets.

The violence which threatened to spread to other areas was concentrated in Senaoane.

Towards evening it spread to White City where youths were again involved in hit-and-run clashes with cops.

The house and business premises of Soweto mayor Ephraim Tshabalala and that of his driver were still under guard.

Youths stoned cars at the crossroads where Mr Tshabalala's garage is situated.

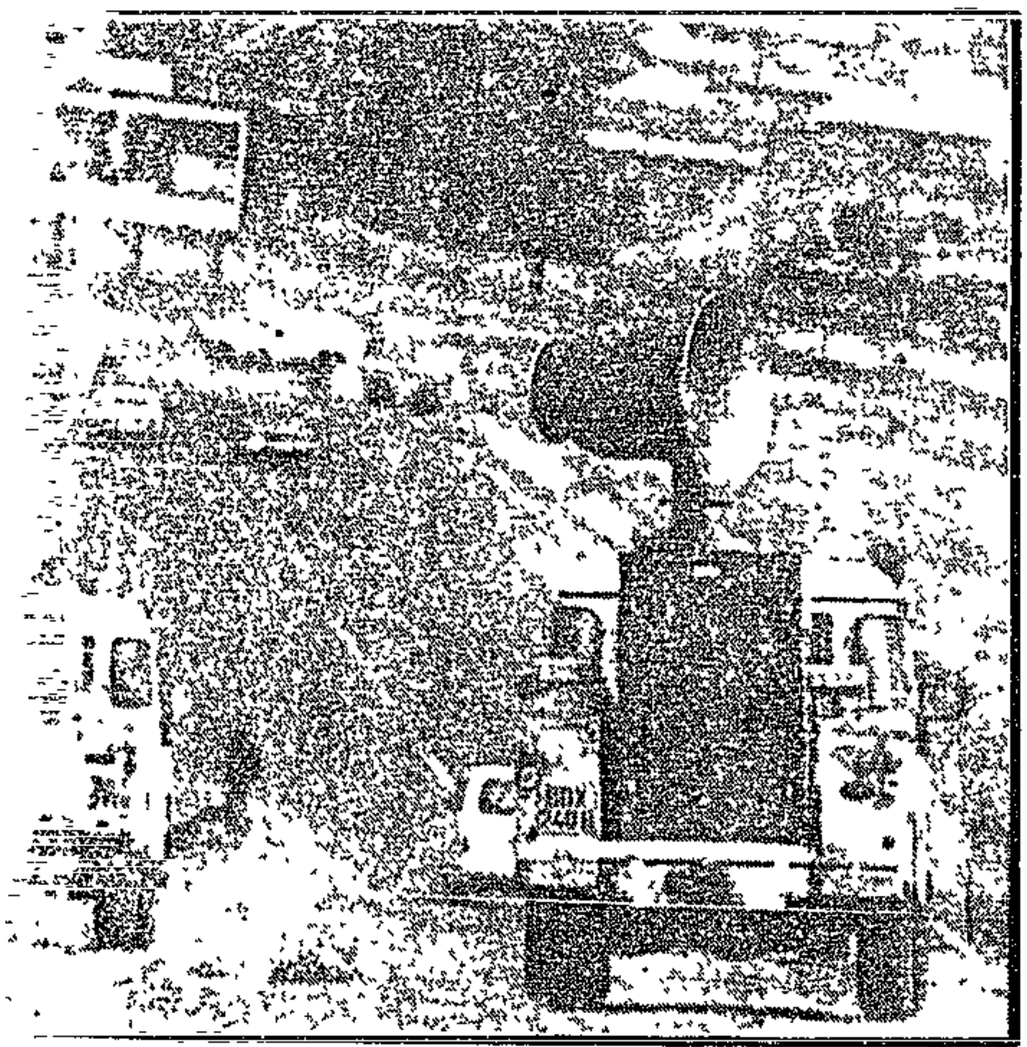
Trouble flared on Wednesday – the anniversary of Steve Biko's death –when placard-carrying demonstrators defied a Government ban on meetings and held a commemoration service at Regina Mundi Church.

Police broke up the meeting – attended by about 150 people.

One of Mr Tshabalala's businesses, the Royal Swazi Club, was petrolbombed, as was the house of deputy mayor Tolika Makhaya.

The SA Suicide Squad has claimed responsibility for the attack on Mr Makhaya's home.

● City Press journalist Derrick Luthayi's home in Senoane was also petrolbombed.



machines parked along Potchefstroom Road on Wednesday.

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TOWNSHIP UNREST: THE POLITICS BEHIND THE MAYHEM

Why Sipho robbed the bakery van . . . then set it alight

By GRAHAM WATTS
Political Reporter

SIPHO (for that could just as well be his name) picked up a rock and hurled it through the window of the bakery van that had pulled to the side of the road.

The driver fled through the streets of Soweto as Sipho and some associates took what they wanted from the van before setting it on fire

Tomorrow they may do it again.

Sporadic violence flared in Soweto this week after two weeks of rioting, looting and death claimed over 30 lives in the Vaal Triangle.

Sipho did it.

He's 22, left school in 1982 halfway through his second try at matric and has given up trying to find a job. His brother, who has a matric, also can't find a job so Sipho lost hope long ago.

His political consciousness doesn't extend much beyond knowing when to shout *amandla* (power) or push up a clenched fist, and he doesn't know who Archie Gumede is. (Mr Gumede is a president of the United Democratic Front and is one of the six men who have taken refuge in the British consulate in Durban.)

Sipho does, however, know who the government is: they are the whites from Johannesburg who own the bakery van, who pay his construction worker father and domestic worker mother too little money, who own the buses that ferry them to and from work, who make the councillors put up rents, who intentionally refuse to build houses, and who laid off the friends he hangs around with in the day.

And, of course, they are "the cops".

On Wednesday, about 150 pupils from a number of Soweto schools gathered at Regina Mundi church to hold a commemoration service for Steve Biko, the black consciousness leader who died in detention on that day seven years ago.

Sipho went along.

Prevent

The pupils were angry: their schools had been closed a week early by the Department of Education and Training and they had no doubt this was done to prevent them being together on the anniversary of Biko's death.

The meeting was illegal in terms of an order issued by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, so the police came with riot vehicles, helicopters, rubber bullets and tearsmoke to bust it up.

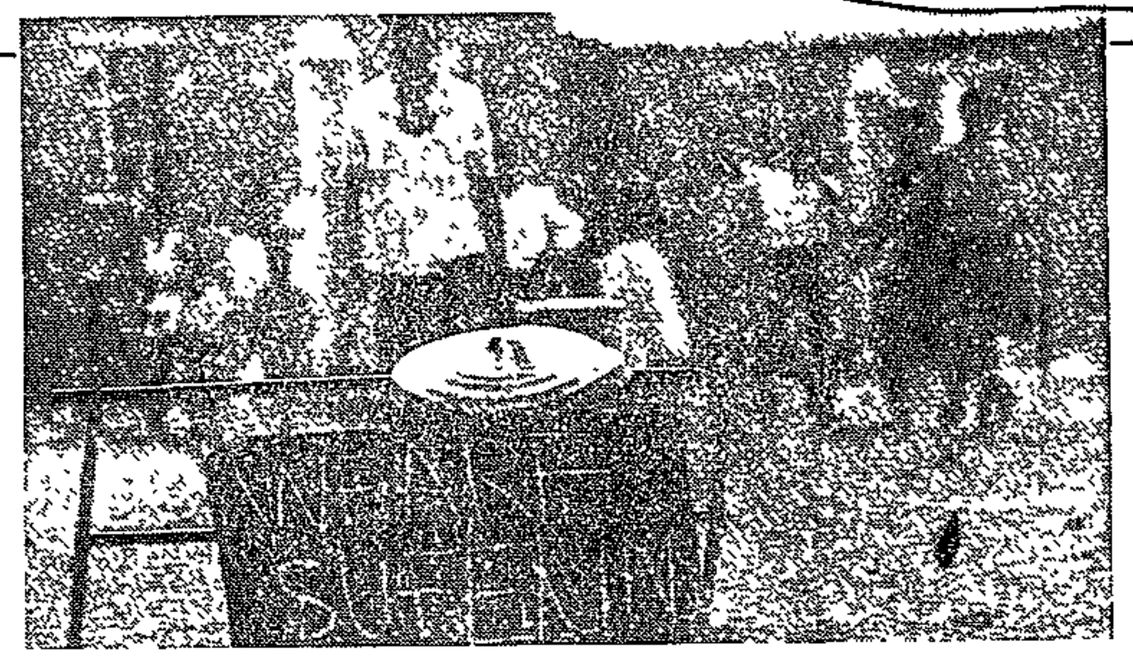
Sipho hadn't felt such adrenalin in many a long and boring day.

Putco buses, delivery vehicles, councillors' houses, shops, you name it: Sipho was going to teach this government a lesson.

He was joined by many others before the tearsmoke finally became too much and they fled, not yet satisfied.

Mr Tlhabane Mogashoa, 20, would like to get to Sipho. As national organiser of the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) and a member of its executive committee, Mr Mogashoa thinks stoning buses that take parents to work is one sure way of alienating those parents

He would much rather see Sipho join the Soweto Youth Congress (Soyco) which, like Cosas, is affiliated to the UDF. Sipho needs political education, says Mr Mogashoa, so that he can join the "progressive movement".



A township resident offers an explanation for the recent violence

This would give him something to do during the day the majority of UDF activists (poster-painters, leaflet deliverers, recruiters) are young, many unemployed recent school-leavers in the various youth congresses

Cosas and Soyco, it seems, are not yet organised enough to get to Sipho and to stop the sporadic violence

Ironically, the government often hints that it is they, and allied organisations, who are responsible for it.

What they are responsible for is marshalling at least some of the disparate demands and grievances of those parts of the community from which they come

Cosas, for instance, wants.

- An end to sexual harassment of girl pupils by teachers
- An end to excessive corporal punishment
- Improved teacher qualifications.
- A lifting of the age limit for school pupils.
- Something done about the fact that many pupils have not received textbooks.
- Democratically-elected student representative councils.

Devastating

In the Vaal Triangle and the East Rand, UDF-affiliated organisations are even less organised. There the violence was even more devastating.

They are areas particularly vulnerable during a recession, with heavy industry laying off thousands and pouring them into an explosive mixture with mass youth unemployment.

About 25% of unemployed people have never had a job, can't draw on unemployment insurance and get turned away at factory and office doors because they have "no experience".

They don't have much to lose when "the government" raises the rents or presents itself in its most provocative guise of camouflage uniform and tearsmoke gun.

Threats - so workers quit jobs early

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Staff Reporters

Hundreds of Soweto workers who defied the stayaway call this morning, left work early and streamed home in the face of a warning from youths that no car would be allowed to enter the city later today.

Workers fearing for their safety returned home early, a large number of nurses and other staffers from clinics among them.

Putco has suspended its Soweto service after several buses were stoned by youths. Putco spokesman Mr Pat Rogers said about half the normal number of passengers had been transported from Soweto this morning.

Earlier today police confirmed that another three deaths occured at the weekend in East Rand townships, bringing the known death toll after almost three weeks of unrest to 35.

Brigadier Jan Coetzee, Divisional Commissioner of Police in Soweto, confirmed there had been numerous incidents of stone-throwing in Soweto.

At least one man was seriously injured this morning when he and a group of co-workers were attacked by a group of youths, according to the man's employer

In another incident, police fired a teargas grenade and a rubber bullet when about 40 youths stoned their vehicle.

Several clinics which serve Soweto were not operating this morning and many businesses were closed.

Several delivery vans made what appeared to be their normal rounds, but others were seen parked on the outskirts of Soweto.

Brigadier Coetzee said the planned stayaway campaign had been a total failure.

"People have been warned there will be trouble when they return from work today — but I can assure them they will receive maximum protection," he said.

East Rand townships, after a violent weekend, were reported "quiet" today

Tense moments as crowds confront police at mass funerals for 25 killed in Vaal riots

40 000 mourn unrest victims

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By Chris More and Sol Makgabutlane

Two emotional and turbulent funerals were held at the weekend for 25 of the people killed in the Vaal complex riots.

More than 40 000 mourners, including relatives and members of political organisations and church groups, attended the church services in Evaton and Sharpeville.

Police arrested several people in incidents in the two townships.

The situation became tense as some members of the crowds insisted on the police withdrawing completely from the townships.

"Go away!" they shouted. "We do not want any police here. We have come to bury our heroes and we want to do it with respect and dignity ... Go away!"

At one stage, as the mourners proceeded to the cemetery in Evaton, police blocked the way.

Seconds later the crowd marched straight at the police.

The police retreated to the safety of their Casspir armoured personnel vehicles, weapons at the ready.

By 3 pm, the neighbouring township of Sebokeng was the scene of sporadic battles between police and youths.

In the main street leading from Evaton to Zone 14, Sebokeng, two roadblocks were set up, one by youths, one by police.

At the youths' end of the street a truck was stoned and then set alight.

Motorists passing were stopped and ordered to give the clenched fist salute.

GUNPOINT

Those who had passed through the youths' roadblock were stopped at gunpoint by police. But a quick explanation earned them passage.

In Sharpeville, mourners ignored the hearses and carried the seven coffins high above the heads of the crowds.

They ran through the streets, increasing their numbers as they went along.

When they finally reached the graves, the crowd formed a circle with a radius of 120 m.

Police watched from 100 m away in Casspirs and other police vehicles.

After the burial, groups of mourners turned their attention to the police.

This led to several tear-smoke canisters and rubber bullets being fired.

One woman, Mrs Maria Mohajane, was hit in the face by a rubber bullet.

At the graveyard there were more tense moments.

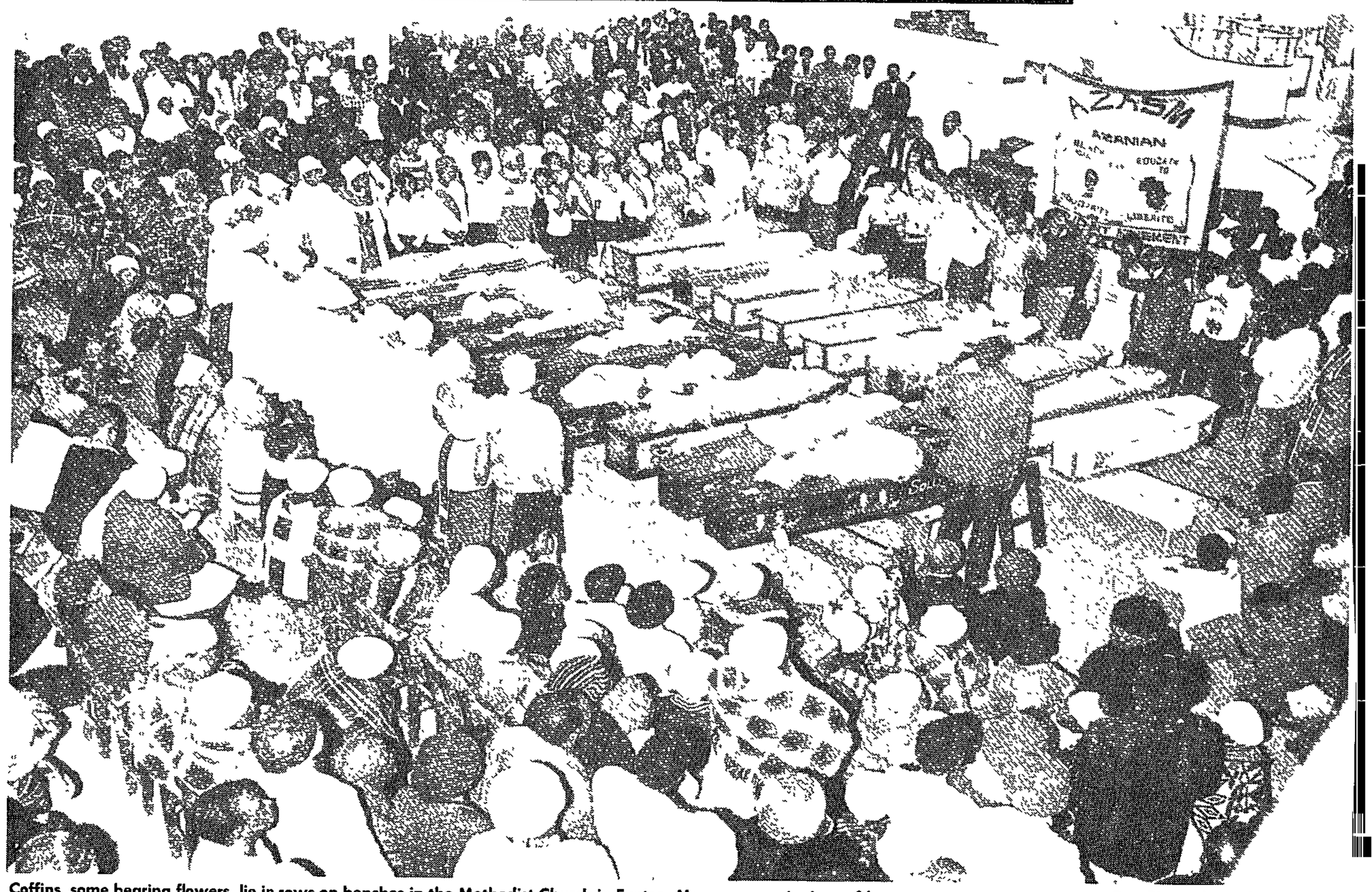
While the coffins were being lowered into their graves, several police vehicles entered the cemetery.

Mourners immediately turned to the police, saying the police had killed their people and should give them a chance to bury the dead in peace and dignity.

About 200 mourners later marched in single file towards the police, shouting, "Kill us as well! Kill us!"

The police retreated into their vehicles while the group marched around them before rejoining the people at the graveside.

A foreign television crew was nearly attacked by mourners who called them "boers". Its members, all whites, retreated to their car, which was stoned but not badly damaged.



Coffins, some bearing flowers, lie in rows on benches in the Methodist Church in Evaton. Mourners are singing softly. ● Picture by Juda Ngwenya.

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Hundreds arrested at riot funerals

By MONTSHIWA MOROKE and RICH MKHONDO

THOUSANDS of people gathered in Sharpeville, Evaton and Katlehong yesterday for the funerals of victims of the recent wave of unrest on the Reef

In Evaton, police used tearsmoke and sjamboks in sporadic clashes with mourners, and more than 200 people, among them women, teenagers and children, were arrested

In Katlehong, police opened fire on mourners with rubber bullets and teargas, and scores were arrested

In Sharpeville, stones were thrown at a police armoured vehicle, but there was no serious violence. Mourners, angered by a strong police presence, were urged by the Rev Tebogo Moselane to remain calm

The drama in Evaton began when five Hippo vehicles stopped buses on the way to the homes of the deceased. Policemen jumped from the vehicles and rushed to the buses where they started sjambokking passengers.

There were screams as people jumped through broken windows Others were sjamboked as they alighted from the doors after being ordered off the buses.

Scores of people were ordered to sit on the ground surrounded by sjambok-wielding policemen

Later, several women in church uniform were freed and the rest were ordered on to Hippos and taken away.

A police spokesman yesterday confirmed the arrest of 204 people, nine of whom were later released He said 195 would appear in court today.

He said three buses were hijacked by a small section of the crowd, the drivers robbed and the buses damaged.

Earlier, the church service was characterised by the singing of freedom songs and the chanting of political slogans

Speaker after speaker lashed out at the Government and called for the scrapping of the community councils

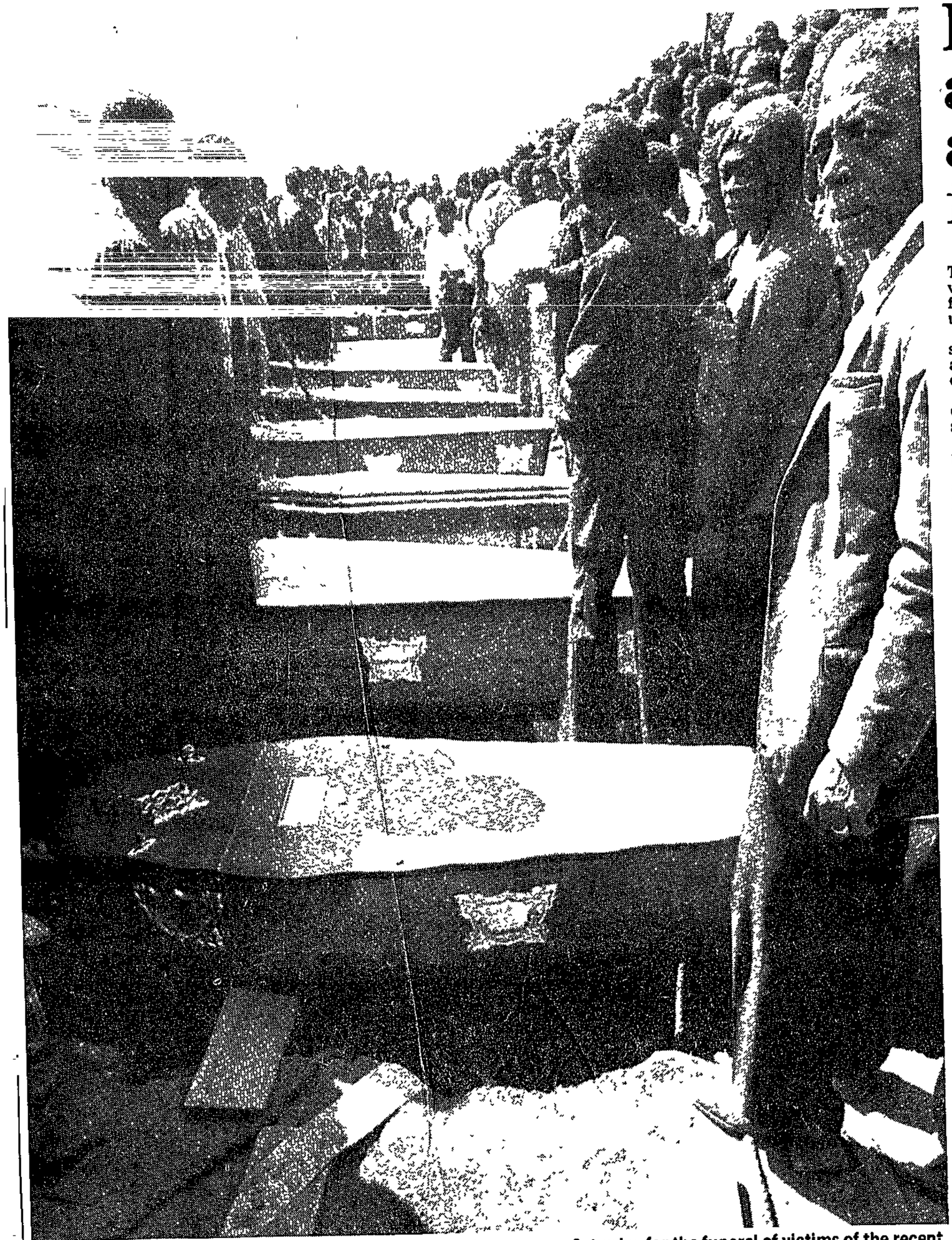
Mr Isaac Mogase of the Soweto Civic Association said he had been sent to show solidarity with the people of the Vaal Triangle.

"Your struggle for rents in the Vaal area is our struggle for rents in Soweto Your struggle against political domination by a minority regime is our struggle Your struggle for freedom and justice is the struggle of our people throughout the country," he said

In Katlehong, police arrested scores of mourners and used tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse them after the funeral of Mthikeleli Ncongwana

After the funeral police told mourners to disperse, but they refused as they were on their way to the deceased's house.

Police then used teargas and rubber bullets to disperse them. Several people were injured and others were arrested.



Thousands of mourners gather around coffins in Evaton Cemetery on Saturday for the funeral of victims of the recent unrest in the Vaal Triangle.

Picture: ROBERT TSHABALALA

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Police fire tearsmoke near shops

By SIPHO NGCOBO and STAN HLOPHE

POLICE in armoured vehicles fired tearsmoke canisters near a shopping centre in Mosolo North, Soweto, on Saturday evening, sending customers and commuters scattering.

They then drove further into Soweto in the armoured vehicles, which included Hippos and Caspirs, and more tearsmoke canisters were fired.

One of the armoured cars, which carried police armed with rifles, headed for a local shebeen where, according to a shebeener who did not want to be named, a policeman demanded liquor.

But police said last night they had no record of the alleged incident.

Later as the police drove past the shopping centre, a group of about 25 youths who had gathered nearby, threw stones and bricks at the armoured car.

Police fired rubber bullets at the youths.

More teargas canisters were fired and after one landed in a shop, shopowners at the centre decided to close up for the night.

No one was injured in the clash which took place at about 7pm.

The atmosphere in Soweto was tense yesterday as police continued to patrol in armoured vehicles.

Pamphlets were issued in all parts of Soweto yesterday by the Release Mandela Campaign Committee, urging people to stay away from work today.

A spokesman for the committee said the stayaway had been called as a protest against the Government's "drastic and oppressive" laws towards blacks.

The pamphlet demanded that the Mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, and the Soweto city councillors resign "because they have failed to fulfil their promises".

It challenged the Government to issue a public response to the "people's" grievances by tomorrow.

The pamphlet claimed that Government changes in respect of the lives of blacks since 1976 had been "petty".

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Youth rampage: Man gets killed

AN UNIDENTIFIED man was killed, two shopping centres were burnt down and several cars were stoned, after a group of youths went on the rampage after the funeral of student Mphikeleli. Philemon Ncongwane (19), a riot victim who was buried at the weekend in Katlehong township, near Germiston.

In Evaton, 195 people were arrested for various offences as mourners were returning from the funeral of victims of the recent rioting in the Vaal complex at the weekend. Those arrested were off-loaded from buses and arrested outside the Evaton cemetery.

They were taken away in police trucks and Hippo armoured vehicles.

Lt B F van der Walt, of the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria, confirmed yesterday that 195 people were arrested in Evaton on Saturday afternoon outside the Evaton cemetery.

He said all those arrested will appear in court today.

Police had to use tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse more than 500 youths who were stoning passing cars in the nearby Thokoza township.

Earlier, the youths burnt down the controversial Afrimet wholesale outlet and a supermarket belonging to a policeman in Thokoza. No other incidents were reported in the area by late in the evening on Saturday.

The razed outlet was one of the two set up last year by the giant Metro Cash and Carry group, on the controversial 51-49 percent black-white partnership. The other outlet was set up in Jabulani township in Soweto.

Mr Vela Kraai, one of the directors of Afrimet said the group of directors will only comment after investigating the cause of the fire that destroyed the outlet.

The man was killed during a confrontation with the police. According to eyewitnesses, he was run over by a truck near the men's hostel in Thokoza as he was running away from the police who were firing tearsmoke and rubber bullets into the crowd which was stoning passing cars.

Lt van der Walt could not confirm the Thokoza incidents.

Stay home call defied

Mail Reporters

THE simmering unrest which has plagued Reef townships in recent weeks was mainly confined to Soweto yesterday where cars, buses and the police were stoned, and the police fired tearsmoke and rubber bullets, in a string of violent incidents.

While there were no reported deaths yesterday, the death toll rose by three as police reported deaths in Katlehong, near Benoni, at the weekend.

A mass stayaway called for yesterday by the Release Mandela Committee had little effect as employers reported most workers made it to work, although some were late.

Workers returning to Soweto last night were stoned by a mob of 30 youths at Ikwpzi station at Mofolo North. A black youth, pointed out to police as one of a group who had stoned and looted a delivery van in Katlehong yesterday, was shot and wounded by police as he ran away.

Police used tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse

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Stay home call defied

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crowds of up to 150 people in a series of incidents in which a school, a beerhall, buses, private vehicles and the police themselves were stoned

Putco spokesman, Mr Pat Rogers, said yesterday that Putco completely withdrew its services from Soweto by 3pm yesterday after 18 of its buses were stoned and by late yesterday afternoon buses only went as far as the border areas

Mr Rogers said "Considerable damage to the company's buses had been caused by stone throwing at the weekend and the rate had stepped up by yesterday afternoon"

Inquiries by the Mail revealed that only a small percentage of people did not go to work yesterday following a "stayaway" call by the Release Mandela Committee A number of large Johannesburg employers said yesterday that the stayaway had been low key

In one incident in Soweto a man, believed to be a bus driver, was taken to hospital with an eye injury after being attacked by stone-throwing youths Teargas was used to disperse the mob

Police confirmed earlier yesterday that three more people, two men and a woman, had died in violence in Soweto at the weekend

Observer staff quit in row over political writer

By TONY WEAVER
Mail Africa Bureau

WINDHOEK — Eleven of the 13 staff members of the Windhoek Observer have resigned in protest against the suspension by the newspaper's owner of its political editor, Ms Gwen Lister

Late yesterday evening the staff were still locked in a meeting to decide a further course of action, but said they would only issue a statement later today

The editor of the newspaper, Mr Hannes Smith, initially demanded that all 11 give him their resignations by midday today in writing

He told staff members he would bring out the newspaper "single-handed"

Late yesterday, however, the committee of staff members was still trying to persuade Mr Smith to negotiate with them, and were waiting for a reply from him

On Friday last week the owner of the newspaper, Mr Thurstan Salt, and Mr Smith — who owns 49% of the tabloid — announced that Ms Lister had been stripped, of the title of political editor and would no longer be writing her weekly column

Yesterday morning all the Observer's editorial members, clerical staff and technical staff signed a statement tendering their resignations

The only staff members not to sign the statement were Mr Smith and his wife, Esther, who is in charge of the advertising section

The letter reads "We, the undermentioned staff members of the Windhoek Observer, hereby wish to state our rejection of the treatment meted out to Gwen Lister after her years of faithful, unselfish service

"If Ms Lister is not reinstated in her previous position and at least given a fair chance we, as a group, feel compelled to stand by our colleague and hand in our resignations"

After lunch yesterday, however, Mr Salt and Mr Smith called in the staff members one by one and asked them to withdraw their resignations or leave the newspaper immediately

A spokesman for the group accused Mr Salt and Mr Smith of using "terror tactics"

Both Mr Smith and Mr Salt yesterday afternoon denied receiving the joint letter of protest, saying they had not seen it

Ms Lister said last night she was "touched" by the support she was getting "I will resign first, rather than see any of my colleagues lose a job, but they are insisting that if one person resigns we all resign"

It was initially thought Mr Smith would back Ms Lister on the issue, but by late yesterday he had lent his full support to Mr Salt.

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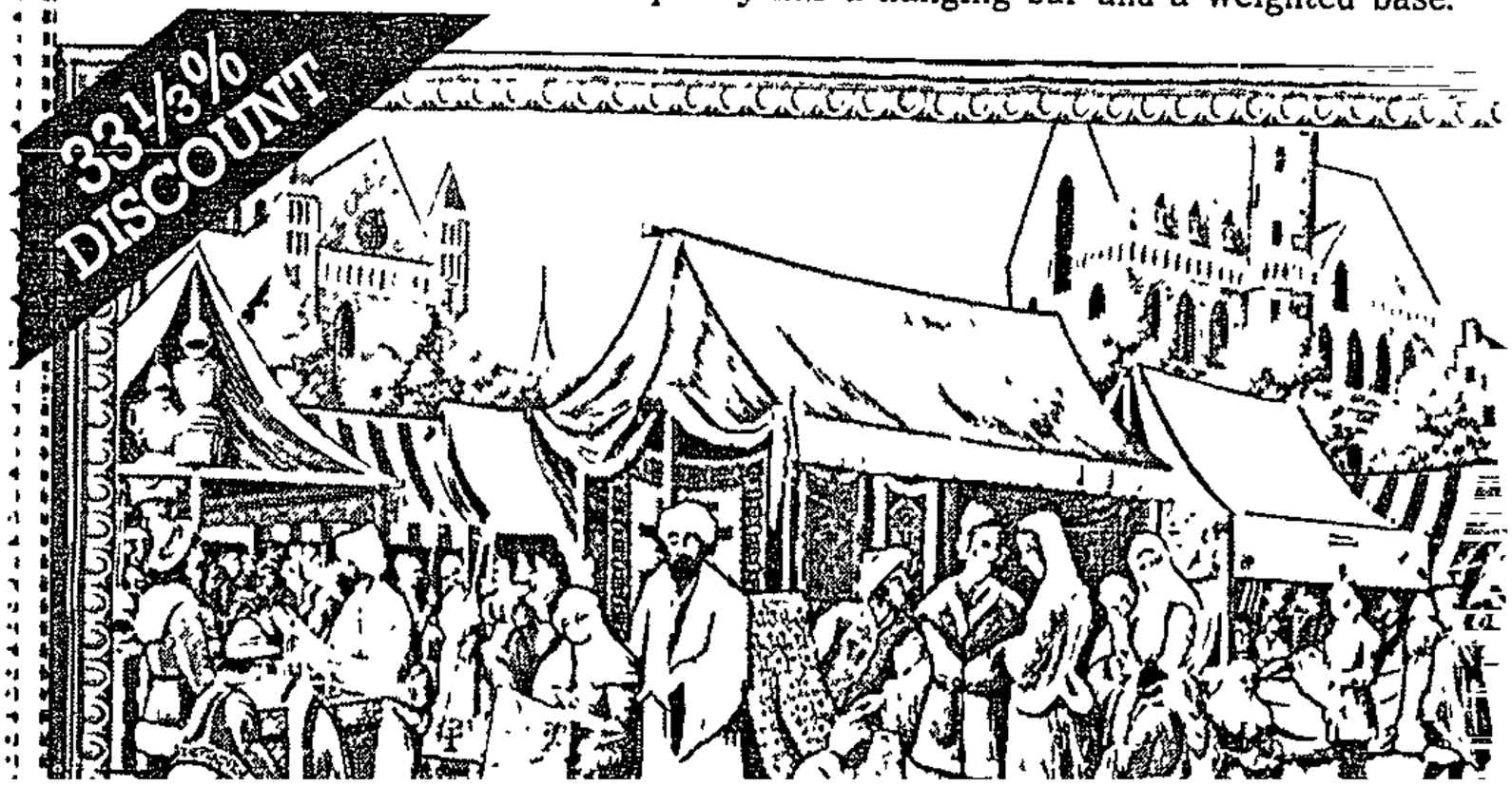

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More than 30 died in unrest — bishop

MANY more people had died in the recent unrest in the Vaal Triangle than the 30 reported in the press, the secretary-general of the Southern African Catholics Bishops Conference, Bishop Smangaliso Mkhatshwa, told an audience of about 300 UDF supporters at the Hanover Park Civic Centre last night.

The unrest had been triggered off by what people saw as an unreasonable rise in their rent.

"Even those employed do not get sufficient wages to make ends meet," he said.

"People can be pushed only so far before they either run away or say: 'No further' ".

He said he had visited a home at which a six-year-old child had been shot dead on the verandah by police in a hippo vehicle. Two other children had been wounded in the street and a technikon student had been killed by a rubber bullet.

● Ms Cheryl Carolus, Western Cape regional secretary of the UDF, called on individuals and organizations to make their objections heard today at the hearing of a City Tramway's application for an increase in busfares.

SOWETO TENSE

Thousands in work stayaway

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TENSION gripped Soweto yesterday as thousands of workers stayed away from work in response to a call by the Release Mandela Committee.

Thousands did go to work, and late yesterday those returning from work were confronted by angry youths and other people who had stayed home.

In addition many had to travel long distances on foot as Putco buses only drove as far as the outskirts of Soweto. The bus company withdrew its buses during the day when at least 23 of its vehicles were stoned.

REPORTS by Sam Mabe, Nkopane Makobane, Len Maseko and Elliot Tshingwala. Pictures by Mbuzeni Zulu.

Taxis ran as far as the outskirts of the townships with only a trickle daring to go into the depths of the township. This left thousands stranded in the outskirts.

Meanwhile the firing of tearsmoke by police appeared to be the order of the day. Angry residents telephoned **The SOWETAN**, claiming that police were firing tearsmoke at children.

The police have responded by calling on all people who believe they were victimised by police to lodge complaints at their nearest police station.

A tense atmosphere prevailed from the early hours of yesterday morning as thousands of workers heeded the call to stay away from work.

Those who ignored or were unaware of the stay-away call were seen milling at street corners and at bus stops, where they waited for several hours as no taxis or buses were operating in most parts of the township.

Walked

In many parts of Soweto, half-full Putco buses operated until around 10 am. Thereafter services were withdrawn in the townships except between the city and Baragwanath Hospital.

In Dobsonville, buses and a few taxis operated between Roodepoort and Dobsonville police station, from where passengers walked long distances to their homes.

A number of employers phoned **The SOWETAN** offices to find out what the situation was like in Soweto and whether it would be safe for their employees to go home.

Johannesburg-based firms reported huge staff stayaways and at many firms in Industria, Auckland Park and central Johannesburg, workers were allowed to go home by their employers at 12

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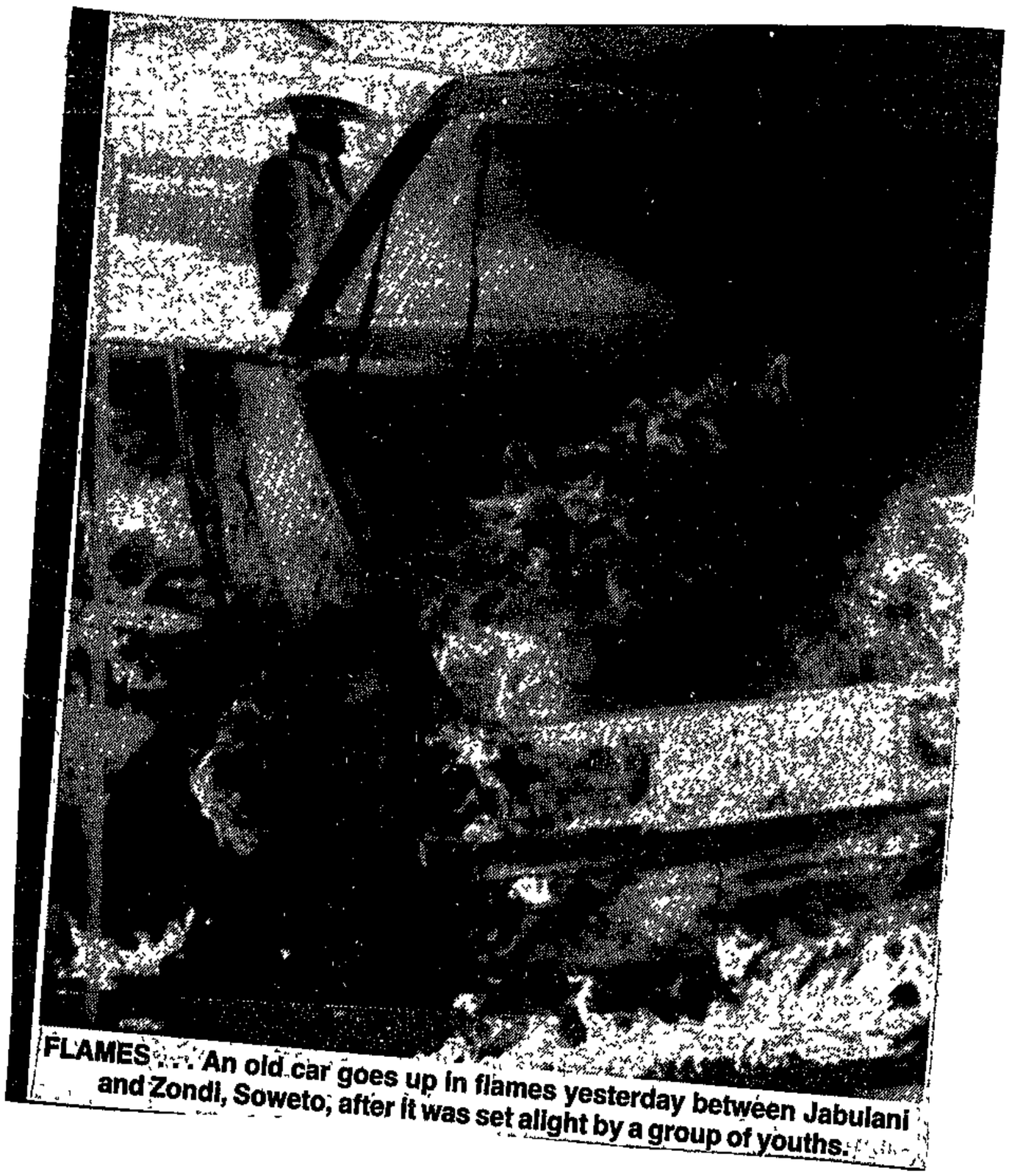

FLAMES . . . An old car goes up in flames yesterday between Jabulani and Zondi, Soweto, after it was set alight by a group of youths.

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CAMOUFLAGED policemen on a Hippo vehicle watching firemen from Jabulani Fire Brigade battle to extinguish a burning car which was set alight by youths yesterday between Zondi and Jabulani townships in Soweto.

Day of tension in Soweto

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noon and at 1 pm when they broke for lunch.

In some street corners in Diepkloof, White City and Moletsane, groups of youngsters in the 12 to 18 age group were seen stockpiling heaps of stones and empty beer and cool drink bottles, apparently in readiness for action.

Many taxi owners heeded the call and parked their taxis at home, while others worked until midday.

Except for a few small shops which were opened until shortly before midday, all shops, garages and other business outlets in the townships were closed. Banks and building societies, except for Wesbank and Barclays Bank, were also closed.

Sjambok

In Mofolo Central and Moletsane, our team of reporters saw police sjambok at least two youths who were later dragged into a police hippo.

The **SOWETAN** photographer, Robert Magwaza, was forced by two camouflaged policemen to destroy his film while trying to capture the police action in Mofolo.

Lieutenant H J Beck of the Police Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria said yesterday the number of people who reported for work was pretty normal. He said there had been a few incidents of stone-throwing in Soweto and Katlehong and police were forced to use tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse groups of youths.

He said there had been at least five incidents in Soweto of youths throwing stones at police, public and private vehicles.

Lt Beck said in Katlehong yesterday morning, a group of 150 youths broke into a beerhall and emptied beer containers. Tearsmoke and rubber bullets were used by the police to disperse the group.

In another incident in Katlehong, a group of more than 20 youths stoned a delivery vehicle and robbed it. The lieutenant said a black man whose car was stoned later pointed out a suspect to the police. The suspect tried to run away but in the process was shot at, wounded and arrested. His condition is not serious and he is being treated in hospital, where he is under police guard.

3 die during Katlehong unrest

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THREE people died in Katlehong at the weekend, a police spokesman confirmed in Pretoria, as unrest continued in the township yesterday morning.

Police fired tear-smoke and rubber bullets in three separate stone-throwing incidents involving buses.

The first death occurred in Katlehong township late on Saturday afternoon as a crowd was looting a wholesaler's premises. Police fired shots and one struck an unidentified man, killing him instantly.

Shots

A second man died in the same area later in the afternoon when a police van, returning to the local station with a number of people arrested during another stone-throwing incident, was stoned. Police fired shots and a man was killed. His identity has also not yet been made known.

The third death involved the discovery of the body of an unidentified woman in the same area.

Townships' unrest only sporadic now

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Staff Reporters

The unrest which has been sweeping through large regions of the Transvaal and Free State for the past three weeks appears to be over.

But sporadic stone-throwing and looting are continuing in Soweto and Katlehong.

In Katlehong, near Alberton, a black youth was wounded with birdshot and arrested by police today after being identified as having stoned and looted a delivery van, a police spokesman said.

In Soweto some incidents of stone-throwing were reported today. Six youths who looted a bread delivery van and set fire to it were arrested, a spokesman at Police Headquarters in Pretoria said.

A spokesman for Putco, which yesterday withdrew its buses from the area and operated only to the outskirts, said 16 buses had been stoned and 25 windows smashed in Soweto West between late yesterday and 8 am today.

"We are back to normal but there are not very many people," the spokesman said.

Last night thousands of commuters who defied a work stayaway call had to walk home from the outskirts of Soweto.

Putco bus services went as far as Baragwanath Hospital, Noordgesig Coloured Township and Shaft Number 17 on the Soweto freeway.

Numerous stone-throwing incidents with teargas and rubber bullet retaliation were reported from various sections of Soweto yesterday.

Police patrols were kept busy chasing youths through the township streets. Police were also called upon to clear the streets of scrap cars, large rocks and other rubble used as roadblocks by the rampaging youths.

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60 buses damaged in unrest

Transport Reporter

More than 60 Putco buses have been damaged and several Putco employees have been injured in Soweto since unrest erupted on Friday afternoon.

A Putco inspector's car was burnt in Soweto.

A Pucto spokesman said that between 4.30 pm yesterday and 8 am today, 16 buses were stoned and 25 windows smashed in Soweto West.

In Soweto East, nine windows of three buses were smashed.

In Putcoton near New Canada, a hijacked truck smashed into a bus. The bus was destroyed. No-one was hurt.

In Dobsonville 13 buses were stoned. A passenger sustained slight facial injuries from flying glass.

Yesterday morning 23 buses were stoned.

In Dobsonville, a busdriver was injured in the eye by glass and was admitted to the eye hospital. In Soweto East, another bus driver was injured in the eye and robbed.

Overall, 154 bus windows were smashed.

Unrest in Soweto killed two

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By Staff Reporters

Another two people died in hospital yesterday as the sporadic unrest in Soweto continued.

Lieutenant Johan Barnard, of the SAP Directorate of Public Relations, said the men had been found in Mofolo with head injuries.

They died in hospital later and the cause of their injuries was being investigated.

In Soweto this morning police used birdshot, rubber bullets and teargas to disperse a group of 75 youths who were stoning police vehicles.

Yesterday afternoon buses, a beerhall and a hostel had been damaged.

Police had responded with teargas, rubber bullets and, on one occasion, birdshot.

Six people were arrested on charges of public violence.

Putco withdrew its buses from Soweto.

Groups of rioting youths barricaded streets with bricks and small rocks in Zola, Diepkloof, Noordgesig, Meadowlands and Orlando East.

● A Pretoria man was slightly injured by stone-throwing mobs when he and two employees lost their way and ended up in the heart of Sebokeng yesterday morning.

Damage estimated at R1 000 was done to the vehicle. A police spokesman said the incident occured when Mr Lodewikus Mentz (26) of Silverton and his two employees took a wrong turning and ended up in Sebokeng while travelling to Potchefstroom.

Stoning, burning, tearsmoke and death in Soweto

UNREST RAGES

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TWO PEOPLE DIED on Monday as violence gripping Soweto continued into the night.

And yesterday afternoon there was a fresh outburst of violence in which:

- People were dragged out of taxis and assaulted,
- Cars were stoned indiscriminately by youths;
- The burning and looting of company vehicles continued;
- Shops were attacked;
- Tearsmoke and rubber bullets were fired; and
- Confrontations between police and youths continued.

There were also reports that a service station belonging to a member of the Diepmeadow Town Council had been set alight. The extent of the damage could not be confirmed but during the day some youths did try and attack the filling station.

While the morning seemed to promise a quieter day than Monday, the afternoon burst into violence with more property destroyed.

REPORTS by Sam Mabe, Elliot Tshingwala and Nkopane Makobane. Pictures by Mbuzeni Zulu and Robert Magwaza.

Putco withdrew its buses and buses entered some areas escorted by police vehicles. In some areas buses were escorted out by police with none entering. People again had to slog along the road. Some even had to walk from New Canada Station.

Later in the afternoon streets in Soweto were lined by people throwing rocks at cars.

Many cars and people turned back into town as it was quite apparent that the whole situation had now turned into anger.

Meanwhile residents from various parts of Soweto phoned to tell us that their houses were engulfed in tearsmoke. Mrs Lydia Marite said despite closed doors and windows fumes were chocking entire house-

This was in Meadowlands where people were dragged out of taxis, made to make the "power" sign and then assaulted.

On the Potchefstroom Road there were "roadblocks" at several points, and cars were stoned.

Parents in Orlando claimed that their houses were raided by policemen looking for youths apparently involved in the rampage. As a result many youngsters became the victim of furious police wielding sjamboks.

While the unrest continued people were

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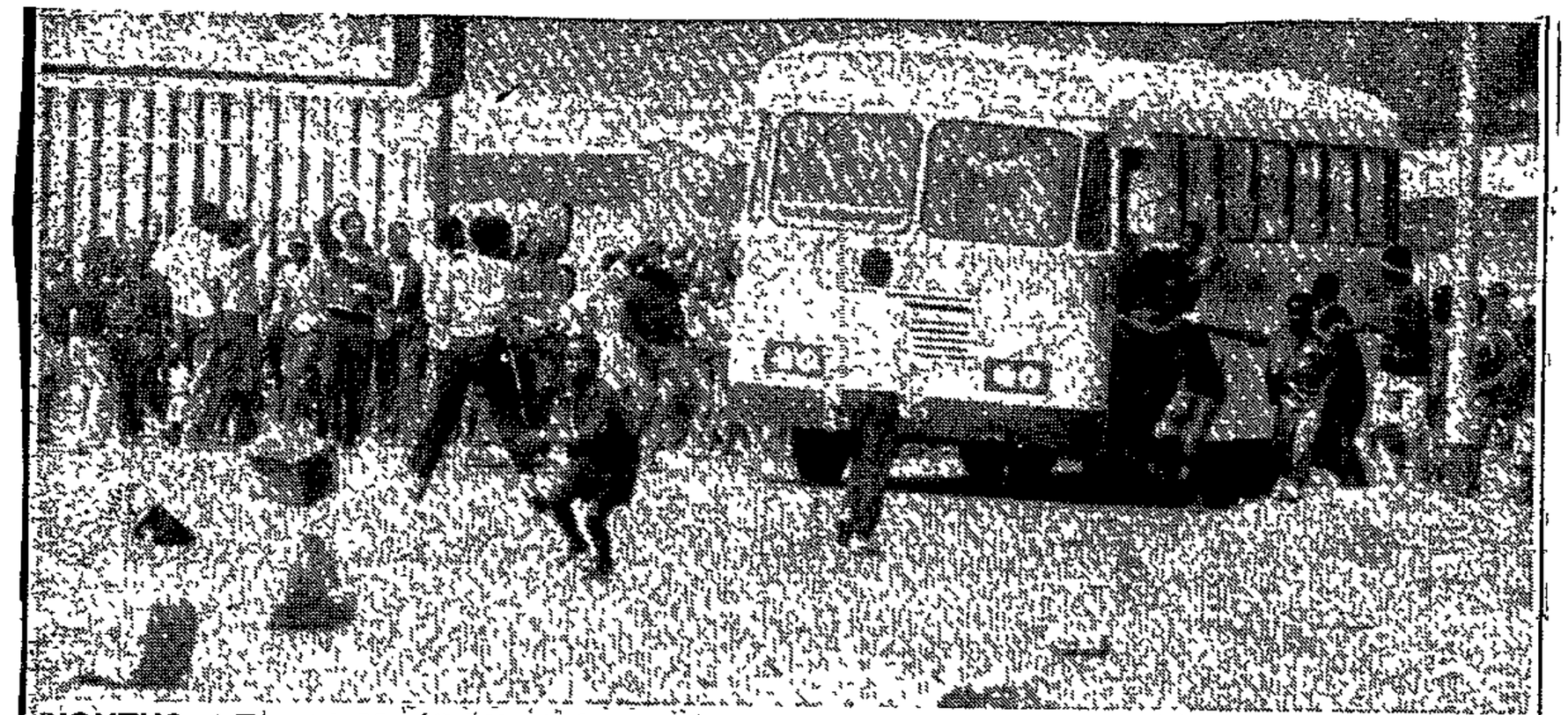

YOUTHS at Zone 1, Meadowlands stopping a hospital bus yesterday at the scene where company and private vehicles were stoned. The bus was, however, allowed to go through a roadblock which the youths had set up.

Violence rages in Soweto

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not aware when it would stop as pamphlets issued did not indicate any dates.

Most businesses were closed and commerce came to a virtual standstill in the vast complex.

Brigadier J C Coetzee, Divisional Commissioner of the Soweto Police, yesterday said police were still trying to establish the identity of a man who was shot dead on Monday night. Another person also died on Monday night.

At the time of going to press, the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria had only confirmed incidents in which tear-smoke was used to disperse "small groups" of youths.

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YOUTHS IN KLIPSPRUIT fleeing from the police during the unrest which gripped Soweto yesterday.

stoned a police vehicle while in another, they tried to barricade a street.

An injured man was sent to hospital and no further details of circumstances surrounding his injury were supplied.

Vans which deliver supplies to Soweto shops could not enter the townships as many of those which dared to enter were stoned.

A Putco spokesman said by 1 pm in Soweto yesterday, at least 15 of their buses were stoned and 50 windows were broken. In Dobsonville, two of their bakkies also had their windscreens stoned.

The SOWETAN reporters yesterday witnessed some of the incidents in Soweto. Among these were a taxi which was involved in an accident with a Hippo in Jabulani. The driver of the taxi, Mr Meshack Msibi and a passenger only known as Jane were rushed to hospital after sustaining leg-injuries.

In Zone 1 Meadowlands, a mob of more than 100 youths stoned company and private cars next to Sputnik Garage. Earlier they had barricaded the road leading to Mzimhlophe Hostel and smashed windows of the garage. Police later arrived on the scene and dispersed the youths by firing rubber bullets.

In Molapo, camouflaged police arrested at least three youths after a food company truck had been set alight.

In Mapetla, next to Merafe Station, a bakery truck was set alight after it had come to do deliveries.

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Unrest flares in townships

Mail Reporters

SPORADIC violence again flared up in two Reef townships yesterday and police had to use tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse rampaging youths.

In Klipspruit, Soweto, police used tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse an angry mob of youths who went on rampage stoning a Putco bus on its way to town. Commuters had to jump through the windows.

And in Katlehong, near Germiston, police had to use tearsmoke to disperse a group of youth who attempted to loot a storeroom of the East Rand Development Board.

Police said last night that two people had died yesterday — one person had been found on Monday with head injuries and died yesterday.

Eighteen people were treated at Baragwanath Hospital yesterday, some of them injured in battles with the police.

A spokesman for the hospital said that noone was seriously injured.

Police said they only had knowledge of a handful of people who were hurt yesterday.

A petrol bomb was thrown at a private vehicle in Soweto yesterday.

At about 11am a mob tried to attack a bakery van at a Mofolo North shopping centre in Soweto. Police fired rubber bullets and tearsmoke to disperse the mob.

In the morning a group of youths stoned a number of vehicles on the Roodepoort road near Central Western Jabavu in Soweto.

At Mapetla, Soweto, a delivery truck was attacked by a group of youths. They ordered the driver out and smashed all the windows before setting the truck alight. Police used tearsmoke to disperse them.

Every delivery truck or van entering Soweto was escorted by at least two armed policemen.

At the University of the Western Cape police used rubber bullets and tearsmoke to disperse students who were stoning a police vehicle.

Meanwhile, trains and buses to and from Soweto ran normally yesterday morning and a police spokesman said there were no attempts to intimidate commuters.

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No rent rises yet, mayor promises

By RAYMOND MASHAO.

RENT increases in the Vaal, believed to have sparked the wave of unrest that left more than 30 people dead — including four councillors — have been shelved, the mayor of Lekoa, Mr Esau Mahlatsi, said at a Press conference yesterday.

From September 1, rents in the area were to have gone up by R5,90 a month on Orange Vaal Development Board (OVDB) houses and R5,50 a month for privately-owned dwellings.

Mr Mahlatsi said the rents were shelved because they were not gazetted and it was his council's intention to make residents aware of the increases. He did not say if the council would go ahead with its intention to increase rents after its 1984-85 budget, which will end in June next year.

He said the unrest was a setback and had affected the council's initial plans to embark on several projects in the area. "Creches, the tarring of roads and the erection of mast lights were some of the projects we had in mind as part of the progress in the area."

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• COPS IN MOP-UP OPERATIONS AFTER VIOLENT DAYS IN SOWETO

STAYAWAY OFF

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TEARSMOKE — It was three days of unrest for Soweto and tearsmoke took its toll. These two youths in Meadowlands hold handkerchiefs to their faces as the fumes take on all and sundry. This was one of the many scenes in Soweto this week.

Sowetan Reporters

THE RELEASE Mandela Committee yesterday announced that the stayaway was off, while taxi operators ganged themselves into groups to protect their vehicles and passengers.

An analysis of the situation yesterday showed that a number of taxi operators were prepared to throw in their lot with the police and rout out activists and youths involved in the stoning of vehicles and burning of property.

In some quarters it was feared that black would turn against black if the Soweto unrest continued.

Meanwhile police were busy with mop-up operations, with police vehicles in abundance. So far several people have died in the Soweto unrests. Inquests are expected to follow.

Yesterday parents in Soweto complained that their children were being pulled out of their homes and sjambokked by police. Other parents have said tearsmoke is still being fired in their areas as soon as police see a group of youths together.

Success

Police have said people with complaints against the police are to report such issues to their nearest police station.

Yesterday the stayaway was called off and people were urged to return to work by a member of the Release Mandela Committee.

The announcement was made in Johannesburg by an executive member of the committee, who said the work stoppage had been a success.

The RMC spokesman said the stayaway was planned for one day only — Monday September 17 — but people had misunderstood the call to mean an indefinite stayaway.

Asked why the stayaway call was taken unilaterally by the Release Mandela Committee without consultation with other organisations

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RMC call under fire

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also claim that trade unions, which represent the working population, were not consulted and say the RMC had no right to call the stayaway without consulting the people of Soweto.

Azapo and Azasm also said the stayaway was characteristic of manipulation by whites who did this in self interest.

Lieutenant B F van der Walt of the Police Public Directorate in Pretoria, described the situation in Soweto yesterday as one of the quietest he had experienced since the unrest in black townships flared nearly three weeks ago. So far, the official death toll in Soweto, the Vaal Triangle and the East Rand stands at more than 50.

Fire

In some of the incidents reported to police yesterday, a car was gutted after about 50 youths set fire to it. In another, 10 youths stoning a Putco bus turned on the police when they arrived on the scene. The group was dispersed with rubber bullets and tearsmoke. No one was injured or arrested.

In Diepkloof, police used birdshot to disperse a crowd that stoned them.

Earlier yesterday, about 100 youths were also dispersed by police after they had stoned a bus in Soweto.

Putco added that from Wednesday afternoon until vesterday morning at 8 am, 36 buses had been stoned and 72 windows smashed. Since the start of the Soweto unrest last Wednesday, at least 250 buses were stoned, and 793 windows broken. One bus has been completely damaged and it will cost about R70 000 to replace it.

NGK calls for action on unrest

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Religion Reporter S Pan

The Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk (NGK) has called on the Government to give urgent attention to the "real reasons" for the recent spate of unrest in black townships.

In a statement today, the Broad Moderature of the NGK said the church was "concerned" at the violence and loss of lives in the trouble-torn areas.

"We urge the Government to act in the interests of law and order and good race relations, and with particular regard to the well-being of all those affected by the unrest

"We call on our members to act responsibly and with Christian awareness. We also urge Christians to pray for a solution to the problems which are responsible for the unrest," said the statement.

The NGK appealed to communities who have been affected by the unrest to voice their grievances to the authorities.

Man killed as sporadic violence hits township

A BLACK man was killed by police in Soweto yesterday afternoon on one of seven occasions when police used birdshot, rubber bullets and tear smoke to disperse groups who stoned police and their vehicles, a spokesman for the SAP Directorate of Public Relations said last night, reports **Sapa**.

Another black man was slightly injured and a police vehicle was damaged in sporadic incidents of stone throwing, he said. The dead man had been stoning the police.

Another man was slightly injured when police used birdshot to disperse a crowd of some 200 youths who stoned them in Naledi, Soweto, yesterday afternoon.

Police said the situation in the troubled area was quieter than on Tuesday and only three other incidents of stoning had been reported by late afternoon.

Police were also stoned in Orlando in the afternoon and fired birdshot to disperse about 150 people. No arrests were made. Lieutenant B F van der Walt, of the police public relations division, did not know if anyone had been injured.

A spokesman for the Putco bus company said services were again pulled back, with buses running only to the Moroka Police Station and Baragwanath. A full bus service was provided in the morning.

Damage reports were not yet available, but buses were still being stoned even though police protection was being provided in certain sectors.

The death toll for the Vaal Triangle has risen to more than 50 since violence flared three weeks ago, and damage to property is estimated at millions of rand.

Meanwhile **SIPHO NGCOBO** reports that in a statement issued after its "fact-finding mission" last week the South African Council of Churches (SACC) said it was shocked at "the irresponsible and uncontrolled actions by some members of the South African Police, and the manner in which some unruly elements in the Vaal triangle and the East Rand hijacked the legitimate protests".

The SACC called on all members elected to the House of Delegates and House of Representatives to "resign forthwith", and on those involved in the Government agencies which are responsible for the unrest to withdraw their participation forthwith.

"The SACC further expresses its solidarity with the tenants, workmen, students and parents in their struggle for justice and a participatory society and calls on the Government to consult with the acknowledged leaders of the communities and the students concerned."

The SACC also called on the Government "to release all people arrested or detained during the elections for the Houses of Representatives and Delegates".

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or trade unions, the spokesman said there had been very little time to speak to everybody.

He said members of the Release Mandela Committee belonged to various organisations and unions and it was for them to spread the word.

The timing, he said, was aimed at expressing solidarity with people in the Vaal Triangle who were protesting against increased rents and other oppressive laws of the Government.

Although the Government has not positively responded to their demands, he said, the stayaway call was a warning of bigger things to come.

The chairman of the Soweto branch of the Azanian Peoples' Organisation (Azapo), Mr Ishmael Mkhabela, has condemned the violence that followed the stayaway call.

He said: "We call upon our people to desist from witch-hunting and harassing one another in pursuance of personal, misdirected and sectarian interests."

Anger

Meanwhile taxi leaders expressed anger. Mr Pat Mbatha, chairman of the Johannesburg/Soweto Taxi Region, said he was very disappointed with the events of the past days.

The **SOWETAN** is aware that some taximen who have fallen victims to the ongoing unrest in the township have formed vigilante groups to react to the situation.

• Opportunists, agent provocateurs and adventurists should not be allowed to exploit the unrest situation in Soweto and elsewhere.

This was contained in a set-the-record-straight statement released by the president of the Azanian Students Movement (Azasm), Mr Kenny Mosime yesterday.

In the statement Mr Mosime accused the Government of turning a blind eye to the real issues and giving prominence to the "death of councillors and other known collaborators" which are secondary matters.

A late check by our reporters last night showed that the situation was near normal. Buses were being escorted into the township by police, but stone-throwing had all but ended.

Chaos in stay-away blamed on Govt ban

By PATRICK LAURENCE
Political Editor

THE stay-away campaign launched in Soweto by the Release Mandela Committee (RMC) should have lasted for one day only but the message had not been properly understood and people had stayed away for longer, an executive member of the RMC, Mr Jabu Ngwenya, said yesterday.

The original campaign was planned for Monday only However, people also stayed away — or were forced to stay-away by activists and attacks on buses and taxis — on Tuesday and, to a lesser extent, yesterday.

Mr Ngwenga admitted that the RMC message had not been clearly communicated to Sowetans, but blamed the ban on meetings for the confusion.

The call for a stay-away was made in pamphlets distributed by the RMC at the weekend.

The pamphlet read in part: "Let us stay away from work to challenge Botha, Koornhof and Tshabalala Let us stay away in unity, co-operation and understanding. We demand that the Government issues a public response to our grievances by Tuesday 18th September 1984."

Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, was elected Mayor of Soweto last year after his Sofasonkwe Party won the Soweto Town Council elections on a poll of barely over 10%.

The pamphlet ended with a demand for Mr Tshabalala and his councillors to resign.

Mr Tshabalala, who wooed voters in the Soweto election with promises to reduce rents, was the target of popular anger in Soweto for his failure to prevent increases in rentals and service charges.

If the Government failed to respond to the people's grievances, the RMC would launch an "even heavier campaign," Mr Ngwenya said

Grievances listed in the pamphlet included the rising cost of living, increasing rentals and electricity costs, low wages, shortage of houses and lack of qualified teachers in black schools.

In a statement released to the Rand Daily Mail last night the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) expressed concern over the black-on-black violence that has prevailed in Soweto since Tuesday.

It called on the people of Soweto to "desist from witching hunting and harrassing one another in pursuance of personal, misdirected and sectarian interests."

In another development, Mr Kenny Mosime, president of the Azanian Students' Movement, warned that the situation in the townships was in a "state of confusion" and vulnerable to exploitation by "agents provocateurs, saboteurs, opportunists and adventurers"

The confusion could only be remedied if people were allowed to consult openly with another, which they were prevented from doing by the ban of meetings, he said.

ANTON HARBER reports that a United Democratic Front spokesman has called on those who wish to prolong the stay-away from work in Soweto to excercise absolute restraint and discipline

In a statement yesterday, the Reverend Frank Chikane, vice-president of the UDF in the Transvaal, also said that the Government's ban on all meetings exacerbated a highly volatile situation

The UDF condemned the ban in the strongest terms because meetings were absolutely necessary to resolve the present state of affairs, he said.

It was clear that the call for a stay-away by the RMC only applied to Monday, he said.

"The UDF notes with concern that people returning from work are facing problems for not having heeded the stay-away call.

"In this regard, the UDF wishes to emphasise that the call was made for only one day There is a need for absolute restrain and discipline on the part of all those who wish to prolong the stay-away

Soweto seems to be at peace — but is it an illusion?

By Harvey Thomas

Soweto is at peace, say the police. For the time being.

Yesterday afternoon, Lieutenant Tom Jefferson of the police directorate of public relations met journalists at the Protea police station in the black city and said: "We will take you where you like."

We climbed into a Rhino riot vehicle and headed into the heart of Soweto.

Children waved. There were a few catcalls. Photographer Clive Lloyd said that he heard someone call "Amandla", but I didn't.

All about were signs of peaceful domesticity, as Sowetans of both sexes sat outside their houses gossiping.

A band of youths kicked a soccer ball around a field. People trickled into a supermarket.

At the Regina Mundi church where, just a few days ago, police fired teargas to disperse a crowd gathering to commemorate the death of Black Consciousness leader Steve Biko, an old man was tranquilly sweeping the yard.

But last night, said the police directorate of public relations, a man had been killed by police in Soweto yesterday afternoon.

It was one of several incidents in which birdshot, rubber bullets and teargas had been used to disperse crowds throwing stones.

Two others had been injured.

This seems to indicate that the situation is still volatile in Soweto.

Appearances can be deceptive.

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What we had in these situations was a

Anger, frustration . .

The first nine months of 1984 have been marked by student boycotts, rent protests and riots, election violence, mine strikes. The issues are unrelated, but do have common threads. Perhaps the most tragic of these is a total lack of communication. An example was this week's decision to scrap rent increases in the Vaal Triangle area. If the residents of Sharpeville had been told that 18 days ago . . . Gary van Staden reports.

Nineteen eighty-four was selected by novelist George Orwell as the year the system, or the State if you prefer, would control every aspect of daily life, right down to an individual's innermost thoughts.

It is hard to remember a year when the South African authorities were less in control.

The year has been marked by student unrest and boycotts, election violence, detentions, a potentially crippling strike by miners and weeks of rioting in black townships.

● The death toll stands somewhere between 41 and 100, depending on whom you choose to believe.

● The economic damage is impossible to calculate.

● And very little, if anything, has been done to ensure it doesn't happen again.

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The student unrest, the riots and the mine strike are all separate issues and to link them at all is as close to academic suicide as it's possible to come.

They arose from separate causes, followed vastly different routes and each demands a different set of criteria to bring the issue to an end.

Yet there are links. A lack of communication, basic unhappiness with the system and violence are common to all three.

Spokesmen for the Government would have the country believe there is another link . . . nameless, faceless agitators.

While it is probably true that no anti-Government organisation, inside or outside the country, is capable of manifesting such widespread influence, it would be a distortion of the truth to hundreds of thousands of people.

All they can do is exploit legitimate grievances.

The recent student boycotts, which frequently erupted into violence through a combination of police over-reaction and student provocation, began with six secondary schools in Atteridgeville, near Pretoria, last October.

If ever there was a case for urgent negotiation and compromise from both sides (the student leaders and the Department of Education and Training) this was surely it.

The pupils from the affected schools had decided to use a boycott as a weapon after their grievances failed to elicit the official response they demanded.

The major issues at stake were:

● Democratic student representation.

● Scrapping of the age limit on pupils.

● Proper application of corporal punishment regulations.

● Free textbooks.

● An end to sexual harassment of pupils by teachers.

But no structure for negotiation between the pupils and the Department of Education and Training existed.

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settlement virtually vanished.

Some compromise was forthcoming from both sides. It was not enough.

The boycott spread like wildfire and within months boycotts and accompanying violence had reached Cradock, Queenstown, Graaf Reinet, Tembisa, Welkom, Warmbaths, Nigel, Parys, Pietersburg, Soshanguve, Mamelodi, Paarl, Alexandra, the Vaal Triangle, Katlehong, Vosloorus and Daveyton.

None of the grievances listed above was new. They had been raised before and were part of what one student leader called a social time-bomb that could go off at any minute.

No one needed to be reminded that on June 16, in 1976, it did.

By August 22, polling day for the coloured community as part of the new constitution and tricameral Parliament, well over 600 000 students were boycotting classes which included several universities.

Rejection of the new constitution had now been added to the list of issues.

While the Government spoke of agitators and tough action against the students, the students refused to budge on the key issues.

No communication, no understanding of grievances, some totally unreasonable demands

moment is slightly better than a month ago. Some schools and universities are due to reopen soon.

But a long-term solution remains elusive.

Negotiations are not possible without some formal structure being created.

What should have been a warning that in present economic conditions more rent was something most black township residents could simply not afford was ignored.

Once again a breakdown in communication between residents, the Development Boards and the Government was evident.

While some concessions were apparently under consideration by State bodies, this was never communicated to residents.

In late August Vaal Triangle residents were told their rent would be increased on September 1.

The move was technically illegal as the proposed increases had not even been sent for ministerial approval, let alone Gazetted.

Protest demonstrations took place in Sebokeng which prompted the Lekoa community council, a local authority in the area, to say the increases would go ahead regardless and that

simple case of failure to communicate

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residents were lucky the proposed R5,90 rise was not higher.
Apparently a last-minute decision to postpone the increases was taken because they had not been Gazetted.
But in what was to prove a fatal error, the residents were not told.
A work stayaway and school boycott were called for Monday September 3 to protest against the rent rise.
What really happened that Monday morning will probably never be known.
What is clear is that the township of Sharpeville went on the rampage. At the end of the day the death toll was 31.
Nearby Sebokeng and Evaton followed suit and after a week of rioting all three townships had been transformed into something resembling the centre of Beirut.
Sporadic outbreaks of violence followed in Katlehong, Vosloorus, Daveyton, Tembisa and the giant of them all, Soweto.

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In the riot-torn areas a new and very frightening factor emerged.
What may have started as unbearable grievances flaring into violence soon became mindless destruction for the sake of destruction.
A pointer in this direction is that of the total death toll in the unrest so far a significant number were not victims of the police.
They were brutally murdered as every thug and gangster in the townships declared an open season.
Shops, delivery vans and stores were looted and burned under the thin disguise of punishment of the capitalist exploiters.
This week's unrest in Soweto has had a lot less to do with political grievances than with an angry desire to see something burning.
The violence on South Africa's goldmines this week developed from another direction altogether.

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It has no link with the riot-torn townships apart from the common factors of communication breakdown and deep-rooted grievances.
An important distinction accompanied the unrest on various mines.
There was a legal strike in progress, called after the National Union of Mineworkers had exhausted every avenue to win a better pay deal for its members; at the same time there was an illegal strike called by unions who are not recognised by the Chamber of Mines.
Concessions to the National Union of Mineworkers to avoid the legal strike came too late to prevent it.
Why the Chamber of Mines had to wait until the last moment to attempt to avoid what was obviously a serious threat of a strike remains a mystery.

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Whatever the reason it was a costly and tragic error of judgment.
Union officials were forced to make an 11th-hour attempt to report back to their members.
The confusion, with miners not sure of whether to heed the strike call or not, was marked to end in violence.
One important question remains: why was it necessary to call the police in the case of a legal strike?
The police were called to quell illegal strikes and seven miners died in the violence, but they were also called in the case of the legal strike.
What then, the National Union of Mineworkers may well be asking itself, is the point of doing it legally?
The student boycott, the rent riots, the mine strike and the near-constant violence which has dogged all three issues are not isolated events.

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They are all part of a sequence of discontent, misunderstanding and ignorance that runs like a river though South African history.
To make matters worse they provide an excuse for mindless violence that cannot possibly be of benefit to anyone . . . black or white.

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It is simply not possible for a handful of "agitators" to mobilise What contact there was suffered from a huge credibility gap and deep suspicion.
When the Department closed the boycotting schools the prospect of a sporadic violence (a lot of it mindless destruction of public and private property) are the legacy of student-State relations in 1984.
The situation at the

● COSAS LEADER CAN'T BE BURIED TOMORROW OR SUNDAY — BY LAW

FUNERAL BAN

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MANTHATA . . . slammed the ban.

THE Chief Magistrate of Johannesburg, Mr Oelof de Meyer, has banned the funeral of Cosas leader, Mr Bongani Khumalo, for tomorrow or Sunday.

In an order issued yesterday, Mr de Meyer said the funeral of Mr Khumalo, who was killed during an incident involving police last week, may be held on any day of the week except on a Saturday or Sunday.

By SAM MABE

At the time of going to press, the Khumalo family had not been served with the order, which is addressed to Mrs Florence Khumalo.

Mr Gilchrist Khumalo, Bongani's father, told **The SOWETAN** that all arrangements for tomorrow's funeral had been finalised and that he would consult the family lawyer on the order today.

In the order, issued in terms of Section 46 (1)(ii) of the Internal Security Act of 1982, Mr de Meyer states that he has reason to believe that public peace would be seriously endangered by the gathering for the funeral tomorrow

The order also states that the service and other proceedings must not take the form of political gatherings where any forms of state or principle or policy or action of the government of a state is propagated, defended, attacked, criticised or discussed

The body shall only be transported by means of a mechanical hearse and persons accompanying the procession shall be conveyed by motor transport only

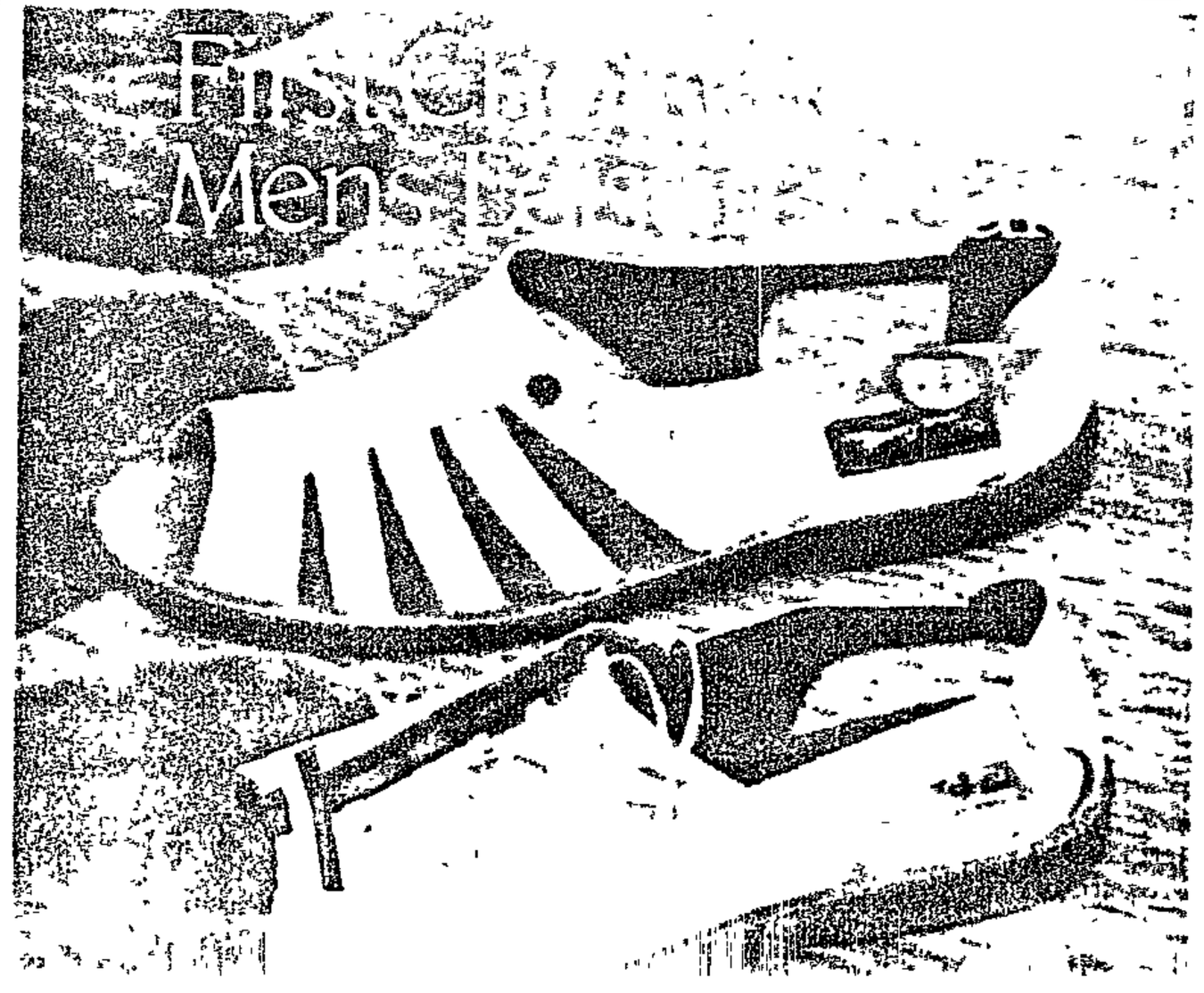
No posters or pamphlets shall be exhibited or distributed during the proceedings The order also sets out the route that shall be followed from Mr Khumalo's home, to the Regina Mundi Church and to the Avalon Cemetery.

Last night Mr Tom Manthata, secretary of the Soweto Committee of Ten condemned the Government ban on the weekend funeral.

He said the ban is one of the things that keep the people's anger at a level where it can explode at any time

"The Government action signifies its illegitimacy over black masses, even over how people should commiserate with families and how they should bury their dead," he said

Azapo, Azasm slam RMC stayaway call



Azapo, Azasm slam RMC stayaway call

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

THE AZANIAN Peoples' Organisation and the Azanian Students Movement yesterday slammed the Release Mandela Committee for the stayaway call this week.

The bitter attack on the RMC comes in the wake of the incident-filled stayaway which has so far claimed the lives of at least four people

Yesterday the police confirmed the death of 14-year-old Walter Pule Makgato, a Std 4 pupil at Tirisano Combined School in Molapo. He was shot dead on Wednesday afternoon after he allegedly hurled stones at a police vehicle Mr Bongani Kumalo, secretary of the Soweto branch of the Congress of South African Students, died last week Thursday and two other people died early this week

An RMC spokesman said they were not prepared to comment at this stage.

The joint attack on the RMC by Azapo and Azasm, says the recent developments in Soweto reflect badly on the authors of the RMC's stayaway calls. The RMC is accused of political adventurism by Azapo and Azasm: "Political adventurism can never be tolerated, especially when people's lives are at stake and loss of life is involved Such actions, are characteristic of manipulation of white self-interests."

"The RMC stayaway is an insult to the integrity of the legitimate and broadly-canvassed campaigns of our people in the Vaal Triangle We regret that Mandela's name has been associated with such a fracas.

"Our struggle is neither spontaneous nor impulsive. It is based on realistic goals and tangible objectives which can only be attained through sustained, disciplined and democratic struggle," the statement says

This attack comes after simmerings within the Black Consciousness movement that no organisation can call a stayaway in Soweto without consulting the residents, other organisations in Soweto, businesses and taxi organisations.

The two organisations

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Troubled townships — 'the future is now'

PATRICK LAURENCE
Political Editor

BY THE year 2000 black townships in the major metropolitan areas may experience large scale unrest, with adverse implications for economic growth and state control, Professor Hermann Giliomee, of the University of Cape Town, wrote in a recent article.

His attempt to depict the political situation at the turn of the century was published on the eve of the outbreak of unrest in the Vaal townships and on a smaller scale in Soweto and the East Rand townships.

The virtual fulfilment of his prediction 16 years ahead of time invites the comment: "The future is now".

But the 1976-77 unrest in black townships — in which at least 575 people died, according to the Cillie Commission — also suggests an Orwellian label: "The future is the past".

At one level there is a surreal dimension of sameness about unrest in the townships. History seems to be repeating itself in an almost nightmarish way, recalling the shibboleth that those who cannot learn from history are doomed to relive it.

But there are important differences as well as similarities between the present turmoil and the upheavals of 1976-77. A salient difference is the physical and, in some cases, murderous attacks on councillors in the black townships.

Members of the now defunct Urban Bantu Councils (UBCs) were verbally abused and harangued into resigning by black militants in 1977, particularly in Soweto and its neigbouring township of Dobsonville.

But they were not subject to homicidal assault by angry mobs and anonymous suicide squads in the way that their successors in the town councils have been.

The present situation was encapsulated in Sunday Press reports on September 9, the weekend after violence erupted in the Vaal townships.

Two deputy majors were dead, Mr Sam Dlamini of the Lekoa Town Council and Mr Phillemon Diphoko of Evaton. Both were victims of mob violence. Another victim was Councillor Caesar Montjaene.

While he lay in the morgue waiting to be buried, a colleague, Councillor J Chakane, was seriously ill in hospital. He was to die within a few days.

Juxtaposed with the recording of these deaths, were accounts of arson attacks during the same weekend on the homes of the Mayor of Katlehong, Mr AP Khumalo, and the Major of Dobsonville, Mr Don Mnesi.

Later one of the businesses of the tycoon Mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, was set alight. He has since reportedly gone into hiding.

Even before the upsurge of violence which devasted the Vaal townships at least 12 fire-bomb attacks had been carried out against Soweto councillors by the self-styled South African Suicide Squad.

A complex amalgam of several overlapping factors transformed the popular dislike of councillors in 1977 — as manifest in the campaign against the Urban Bantu Councils in that year and in the generally low polls for the Community Councils in 1977-78 — into naked violence.

One factor, ironically, was the upgrading of black township councils from powerless institutions with advisory powers only to bodies with real but limited powers.

The upgrading process was marked by the chronological progression from the UBCs — known derisively as "Useless Boys Clubs" — to the Community Councils and, finally, to the Town Councils set up in 29 townships last year under the Black Local Authorities Act.

The new town councils did not commend themselves to township residents any more than the Community Councils or UBCs before them.

Comparison of percentage polls in elections for town councils last year and elections for the community councils in 1977-78 shows that town councils were generally less acceptable.

Soweto was an exception. The poll last year was 10,7% against 5,7% in the 1978 election for the Soweto Community Council. Both polls, however, were so low as to raise serious doubts about the legitimacy of both the Town Council and the Community Council before it.

Outside of Soweto, however, there was a definite trend toward lower polls for the Town Council elections.

A study last year by the department of political science at the Rand Afrikaans University showed that blacks felt more angry at the thought of tri-racial rule by whites, coloured and Indians than at the prospect of continued uni-racial rule by whites.

It was a clear case of relative deprivation. Although blacks were offered greater (but still strictly confined) powers of local government, they felt relatively deprived compared to coloureds and Indians, who were being offered a place in the formerly sacroscant whites-only parliament.

Sociologists have long warned that a strong sense of relative deprivation is one of the most explosive of all societal forces.

The apparent lesson of Community Councils in the late 1970s and the Town Councils today is that they have little hope of popular legitimacy while they are offered as an alternative to participation in central government — instead of as a means to greater local government in its own right.

The explanation for the unpopularity of the town councillors goes deeper. South Africa's ruling National Party is increasingly pursuing a strategy of co-opting "moderate" blacks as its political auxillaries.

Like their counterparts in the "homelands" and the coloured and Indian MPs in the tri-racial parliament, township councillors have insisted that they entered the "system" to advance the cause of underprivileged blacks generally.

Their problem, however, is that they are saddled with the responsibility of administering the townships without having an adequate budget to do so.

Townships are meant to be self-financing. But they simply do not have the central business districts to tax to raise money.

Councillors are often forced to take the unpopular action of raising service and electricity charges to balance their budgets. Thus they become, in the colloquial idiom, the fall guys for the real holders of power in Pretoria.

Their businesses are often seen as evidence that they have used their positions as town councillors to advance their material interests, or — to put it less tactfully — their businesses are perceived as the "fruits of collaboration". Hence attacks on the businesses themselves.

To this already volatile combination of factors generating resentment and hatred in the townships, further explosive ingredients were added in the past year or so: the rising cost of living and the increase in general sales tax to 10%; a general situation of high unemployment; the failure of upwards of 50% of black matric pupils with the bleak prospect before them of unemployment.

Hence their availability as the shock troops of radical political forces.

Finally, the 18 months before the outbreak of large scale violence was a period of intense politicisation in the black community, as evinced by the rapid rise of the United Democratic Front (UDF) and the intense competition between it and the National Forum (NF) for the allegiance of blacks.

The UDF and the NF vied with one another to add a potent ideological element to the bubbling township crucible — the doctrine of anti-collaboration, with its contempt for "collaborators," as a political riposte to the co-option strategy of "reform" pursued by the PW Botha administration.

Currently providing London theatregoers with a truly glittering spectacle are members of the Thai National Dance Troupe who brought their elegant and highly skilled traditional dance forms to the stage of Sadler's Wells in the West End.

The peformance, combining the elements of dance, music and drama, is influenced by classical patterns established hundreds of years ago. The dance is wearing the costume of King Rama.

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More unrest 'if council' does not quit'

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By Gary van Staden, Political Reporter

The violence which flared in the Vaal Triangle recently and sparked widespread unrest could erupt again unless the Lekoa Community Council resigns, says the Vaal Civic Association (VCA)

At a meeting in Johannesburg yesterday, the association warned that the scrapping of the rent increase was not enough to defuse the situation and said the Lekoa council "had seven days to leave office"

"We want the rents reduced and are sticking to our original demand that the council should resign," a spokesman said.

Reacting to claims by the Lekoa council that the scrapping of the R5,90 rent increase would retard development in the local townships, the spokesman said "We have seen no development since the rents were raised from R35 to the present average of about R65 Why should the scrapping of a R5,90 increase suddenly make a difference?"

He said that the association was prepared to discuss rent increases which would go towards developing community services in the area

"But there will be no negotiations with the present council. They must resign and we will then talk to the creators of the system — the Orange Vaal Development Board and the Department of Co-operation and Development"

The association complained of continual police harassment and appealed to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, to withdraw "all his forces, including the Security Police" from the area.

VCA members said the threatening attitude of the authorities and the arrogance of the police would provoke further confrontation.

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non-whites in contravention of the Group Areas Act, to shebeens operating from bus stops," Mr Derby-Lewis said.

"Drug trafficking, prostitution, illegal liquor selling and so forth are becoming par for the course and seem to go unchallenged."

"The hands of the police are obviously tied — and the CP would like to know on whose instructions."

Mr Derby-Lewis said that the Conservative Party venture into Hillbrow would be the first step towards contesting the constituency in an election.

Monday's meeting will be held at the Joubert

Reforms 'have merit'

CAPE TOWN — The reform processes under way in South Africa were said to be well founded with sufficient merit as a means to non-violent reform and ensuring the country's survival and stability.

This was the view expressed by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, at a conference of the Institute of Directors.

"I base my statement on the fact that purposeful evlutionary change has been set in motion in all spheres of life and the change is guided by well-founded principles and with due consideration of the realities of our so-

Soweto Mayor wants law and order talks

By Revelation Ntoula

The Mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, today broke his three-week silence since the Sharpeville and Soweto unrest and called for peace and the restoration of law and order.

Looking exhausted, the 72-year-old civic politician, who had not been seen in public since Sharpeville erupted on September 3, said violence and the destruction of property were not the answer to the problems facing the people of Soweto.

In a passionate plea during an interview at the Soweto City Council chambers, Mr Tshabalala said he was distressed at

only means of taking Soweto residents to work.

He said this week's stay-away had resulted in work stoppages including the halting of gravedigging at Avalon cemetery. This had caused serious congestion at mortuaries that was becoming a health hazard.

GARBAGE

He said the work stoppage had also affected the cleansing department, resulting in garbage being scattered in the townships.

In an effort to resolve unrest in Soweto and to bring "lasting peace" to the area, Mr Tshabalala has invited all Soweto residents to a public meeting to be held at the

Funeral of unrest victim not allowed at a weekend

The funeral of one of the unrest victims in Soweto, shot dead by police after he allegedly threw a petrol bomb at a police vehicle, cannot be held tomorrow as originally planned because Johannesburg's Chief Magistrate ruled that would seriously endanger public peace.

Mr Oelof de Meyer issued a notice yesterday prohibiting the funeral of Mr Bongani Khumalo (19), of Dlamini 2, Soweto, from taking place at any weekend.

The funeral service would have to be held on a weekday and other conditions have been laid down.

These include:

- No political speeches are to be made during the service.
- The body shall be transported only by means of a mechanical hearse, and people accompanying the procession shall be conveyed by motor transport only.
- No posters or pamphlets shall be exhibited or distributed during the proceedings.
- The procession is to follow the shortest route from Mr Khumalo's home to Regina Mundi Church and to Avalon Cemetery.

This morning Mr Khumalo's family had not been officially informed of the ban.

JOINT BURIAL

The joint burial of two other unrest victims will apparently be held this weekend at Schoeman Cemetery near Katlehong township on the East Rand.

Miss Eunice Radebe (33) and Mr John Dlamini (28), both of Thokoza township, died last Saturday when they were returning from a funeral of other unrest victims in the area.

Abel Mabelane of *The Star's* East Rand Bureau reports that Katlehong and Thokoza traders have been asked not to close their shops tomorrow.

In a statement to the traders the Katlehong Student Movement said: "On the two previous Saturdays you had to close your shops between 12 noon and 3 pm, but because this appears to be a continuous thing we appeal to you not to close any more for tomorrow's funerals."

A child who was killed during unrest in Soweto on Wednesday night has been identified as 11-year-old Walter Makgatho of Naledi, Soweto.

YOUNGSTERS HURT

At least six other youngsters are known to have been hurt on the same day, allegedly by rubber bullets. They are April Letswene (14), Thomas Lebelwene (15), Steve Sejamoholo (14), Goodman Masomi (11), Frans Sinamela (14) and Vusi Matlala (14) all of Naledi.

The sporadic unrest in Soweto has been a spin-off from rent and anti-council action taken elsewhere in the PWV area and a one-day stayaway in Soweto on Monday.

Independent sources have estimated the death toll of unrest victims in the Vaal, Soweto and East Rand townships to have risen to more than 57 following the death of three more people in Soweto this week.

Sapa reports that in the continuing unrest in the township complex yesterday about 50 youths set fire to a car in one of the incidents reported by police in the area.

In another incident police used birdshot in Diepkloof to disperse a crowd that stoned them. There were no arrests and it was not known whether there were any injuries, a police spokesman said.

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UDF to blame for Vaal riots - claim

THE UNITED Democratic Front and some church leaders in the Vaal have been blamed for the unrests which left a trail of property destruction and several deaths in the Vaal Triangle early this month.

By SAM MABE

Mr D C Ganz, Chief Director of the Orange-Vaal Development Board, said in a statement released this week that the unrests were the work of "agitators."

He said most meetings where "this fiasco was planned" took place in houses and churches in the Vaal Triangle with what he called a "wholehearted co-operation and direction of the ministers involved."

Planned

Mr Ganz claims in the statement that the burning of shops and the driving out of community councillors was planned in the meetings held in churches and that UDF speakers promoted the uprising.

Increased rents in the Lekoa Council area were an unfounded grievance used just as a kind of smokescreen by agitators, he said.

He also said that an argument "as old as the hills" was used by agitators that poor people and old people could not afford higher rents. The exemption from rent or extension of the time of payment could be obtained in these cases, he added.

Mr Ganz also cites a research report by Benso, which he said showed that the area under the Lekoa authority had the highest average family income of any black area in 1982.

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Viljoen to meet Evaton council

JOHANNESBURG — The Minister of Co-operation and Development, and of Education and Training, Mr Gerrit Viljoen, is to hold talks with the town council of Evaton today, the mayor of Evaton, Mr Sam Rabotapi, announced yesterday.

Mr Rabotapi, whose house was completely destroyed during the unrest in the Vaal Triangle, was speaking at a press conference held at the Oranje-Vaal administration offices.

Mr Rabotapi said the council had published its intention to increase rents, but the actual increases would not have taken place until a response had been received from residents.

He said unfortunately the unrest had taken place while his council was awaiting a response from residents

The destruction he said could not have been caused by Evaton residents. He blamed the unrest on "forces from outside", and the "tsotsis" who took advantage of the situation.

Mr Rabotapi also said he would be calling a meeting of landlords "soon" because the ultimate decision on whether residents wanted to see Evaton developed and become a modern city or have their land taken away by the government lay with the stand owners.

He accused some "hard-headed" landlords of being uncooperative by not explaining to their tenants the reasons behind the proposed rent increases.

He sold the storm of bitterness that ravaged the Vaal Triangle leaving behind a trail of death, destruction of private property and looting by businesses in the area, had been widely acclaimed as having being caused by rent increases.

"But, as the destruction mentioned is so irrelevant to rent increases and in no way a solution to the problem, a closer analysis of the urban black problem is absolutely essential if a solution is to be found.

"The town council of Evaton is in complete agreement with the opinion that government legislation for blacks is repressive and unacceptable and that consultation for immediate repeal of such legislation is imperative", Mr Rabotapi said.

To achieve this, he said, all "responsible leaders" in the community, namely councillors, ministers of religion, civic organisations, teachers and students associations, should meet to form a common front in order to address themselves to their local problems.

"We can no longer afford to point fingers at each other as 'sell-outs' or 'solidarity groups' in our plight to solve our problems.

"The present method of fighting for our so-called rights by killing each other, burning and destroying black property, protesting by staying away from work at a price, and demoralising our youth by exposing them to acts of violence and hooliganism caused by lack of control in the massive action of vengenance against authorities through self-affliction, are disastrous signs of defeat in a society overwhelmed by frustration. — DDC.

GRAHAM WATTS TAKES TWO VERY DIFFERENT GUIDED TOURS TO EMBATTLED SOWETO . . .

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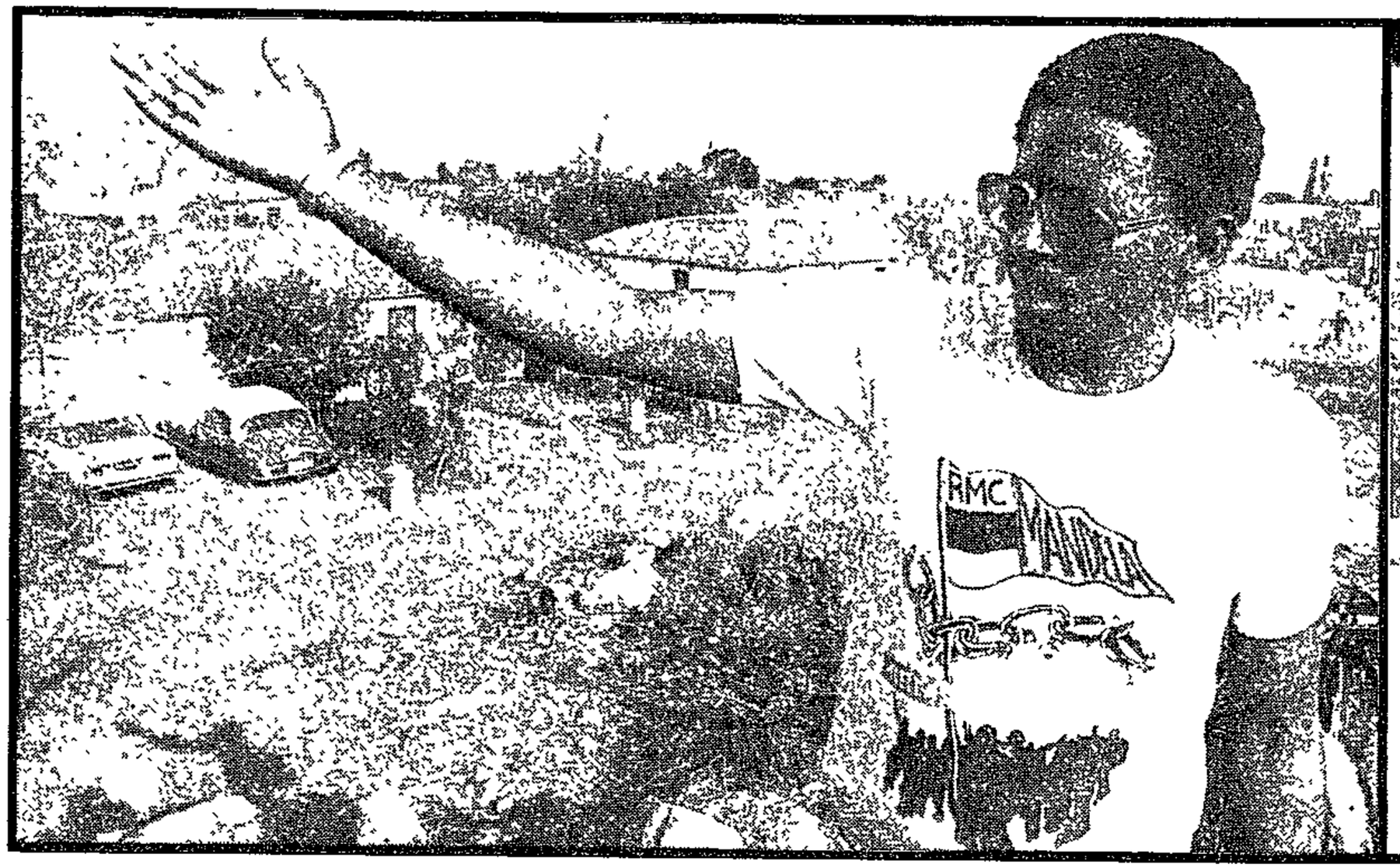
Double vision in White City



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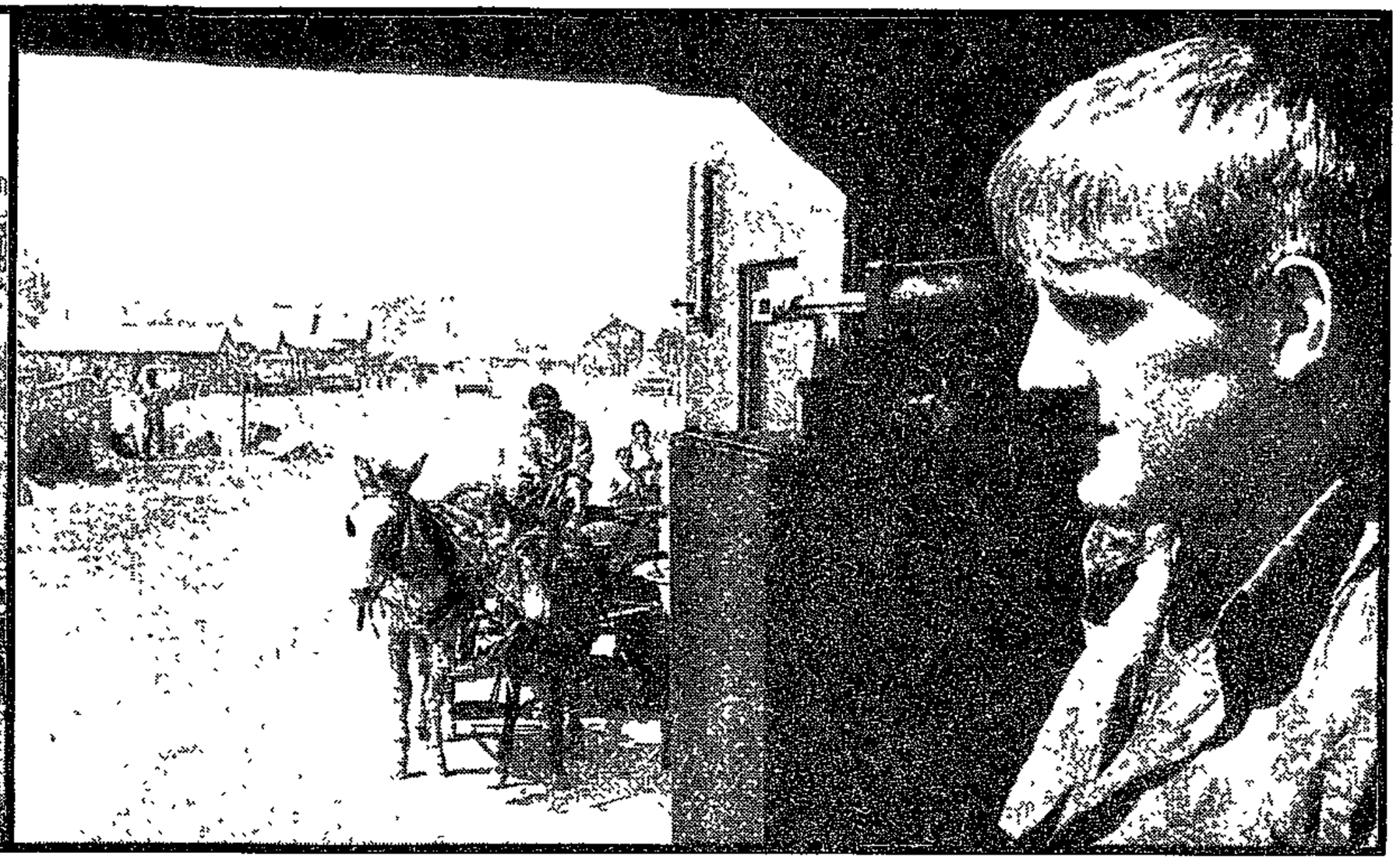

● TOWNSHIP VIEW — THROUGH THE BACK OF A CASSPIR

The REAL Soweto: Thami Mali in the 'liberated zone'

Picture: HERBERT MABUZA

THAMI Mali got out of the car and pointed ahead of him into Soweto's smoggy air: "This is White City Jabavu," he said. "It's a liberated zone."

He was only half joking.

There had been a meeting there that morning, despite the ban on all political meetings ordered by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis [illegible] increased rents — which co[illegible]pass on the message Mr Mali

A long way from any border, the residents of Soweto watched without apparent emotion as the vehicle with the hunched-up shoulders patrolled their streets.

The young constable in camouflage uniform turned the vehicle into a side road. A group of about 12 youngsters fled, but from up there they could be seen for some time

things were returning to normal.

For how long, he could not say. The price of bread was expected to go up and, who knows, the whole thing could start again.

And the police — "who have nothing to do with the price of bread" — would be caught up in the middle of it all and would again have to [illegible] the b[illegible]

The REAL Soweto: Policeman in his armoured carrier

Picture: DEENA SHAPIRO

One pointed a gun at her, turned home about 40 min-

home an extra three or fou kilometres.

Major van Rooyen doesn talk politics — not officiall anyway. His job — and tha of hundreds of policeme who have worked long hour over the past three weeks - is, as they see it, to keep th peace.

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Mr Mali, an executive member of the Release Mandela Committee (RMC) which called for a worker stayaway on Monday, took the Sunday Express on a "guided tour" of the restless township this week.

That morning's meeting was called to impress upon youngsters in the area that stoning of buses was "counter-productive". This was particularly important that day because it was pay day for pensioners who would be ferried to the pension queues by bus.

"The stayaway was for one day only," said Mr Mali. "But other forms of resistance — such as refusing to pay any

A five-year veteran of Robben Island after being convicted under the old Terrorism Act in 1976, Mr Mali is out on bail awaiting the outcome of his appeal against conviction and another five-year sentence for furthering the aims of the ANC.

White City, a depressed area in 'deep' Soweto plagued by unemployment and poverty, is Mr Mali's stamping ground.

From time to time he would pop out of the car to say hello here, pass on a message there.

Two young women emerged from a shop to lean provocatively against the car door and chat. They would

This was White City, "liberated zone".

The next day I saw White City through the gunsight mounted in the front seat of a South African Police Casspir mine-proof troop carrier.

If White City was a liberated zone, it didn't feel like it from up there.

Shouted

"The Casspir was originally designed for border duty," shouted Major Steve van Rooyen over the sound of a double declutch.

Major van Rooyen of the SAP's directorate of public relations was conducting this second "guided tour"

the matchbox houses that lined the road.

"There are only isolated incidents at the moment," said Major van Rooyen "Mostly the criminal element. Your law-abiding resident is now getting sick and tired of all this."

So was he.

On his desk at Protea police headquarters lay a copy of 'Getting the Most Out of Your Radial Saw'.

The major is a keen amateur carpenter. He bought a radial saw over a week ago but hasn't had a chance to try it out The unrest had kept him busy — up to 16 hours a day

But he was optimistic that

o over-reaction.

One of those allegations came when Mr Mali's guided tour arrived at the home of Mrs Florence Khumalo in Dhlamini, not far from White City.

Her son, Bongani, an executive member of the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) died from bullet wounds last Thursday.

Grieving

A grieving Mrs Khumalo was in bed, surrounded by supportive neighbours

Her bitterness at her son's death was compounded, she said, when not long after she had returned from the mortuary where she had identified his body, a police "Hippo" arrived in the street outside and "at least 10" men in camouflage uniform began knocking on both doors of her house.

"You know how they knock," she said, "you cannot stand it."

Mrs Khumalo said her daughters answered the door and several policemen entered her house shouting *"waar is hy, waar is hy?* (where is he?)"

They were looking for her other son, Jabu, general secretary of Cosas.

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They searched the house and found the bathroom door was locked.

Mrs Khumalo said they tried to smash the door in before going outside and smashing the bathroom window. She said they then pointed a gun through the window at Jabu who was in the bath and threatened to shoot him if he did not come out

(There was a hole in the bathroom door and a smashed window.)

"I shouted open, open, my son. I thought I cannot stand by and allow them to kill my son again."

Mrs Khumalo said Jabu came out of the bathroom and was "dragged" to the Hippo and driven away The police would not allow him to put on a shirt and shoes but her daughter managed to throw them on to the Hippo before it drove away, she said.

Mrs Khumalo said Jabu re-

...es a...er so ...ore ...e co... hardly undress himself. He had been beaten, she said.

A spokesman for the police directorate of public relations said: "If Mrs Khumalo or her son are of the opinion that they have legal cause for complaint, they are invited to file affidavits at their nearest police station. The police will then investigate their allegations"

Snaking

Mr Mali accompanied me to the Industria exit of Soweto in case there was trouble. It was well after six in the evening and cautious workers were snaking there way home from Nancefield and New Canada stations into the red haze that is Soweto's sunset.

The buses don't come this way, Mr Mali explained. The Putco drivers know where the liberated zone is. So tired workers again suffered the inconvenience of slogging it

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"And we have received many calls from law-abiding citizens of Soweto who are grateful for what we have done."

Mr Mali is equally satisfied that what the RMC is doing is intended to resist the apartheid state and achieve a non-racial, democratic South Africa.

Mr Mali works from a functional office in Braamfontein. A desk, a chair, a phone that never stops ringing

Major van Rooyen, when he is in Soweto, works from an equally functional office in Protea police headquarters. A desk, wooden in-tray and out-trays such as are the mark of government offices everywhere, a phone that never stops ringing.

Yet they are so far apart it takes one's breath away.

Rive warns on dangers of the present system

MR LOUIS Rive, the former Postmaster-General who pioneered development plans for Soweto after the unrest of the Seventies, warned this week that if whites kept blacks "in a state of perpetual economic bondage", they could expect the system to explode "from time to time".

In an interview in he wa...

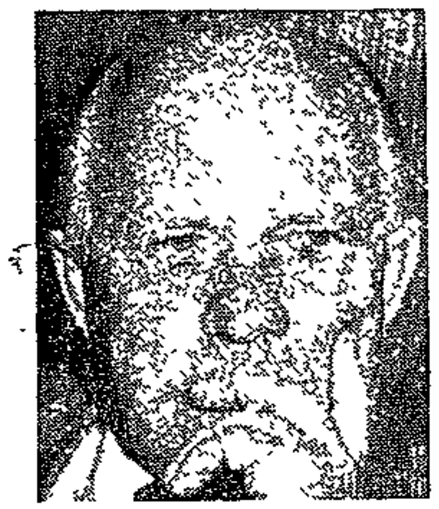
"There is just no way, no way, that we will ever solve these problems unless this is done."

Mr Rive said that South Africa did not have the financial capacity to improve the quality of life of blacks.

"If blacks do not become involved either because they are not allowed to or because they do not wish to, then it cannot be done."

However, he warned there was another side to the creation of jobs — and that was "the creation of numbers".

In 20 years South Africa could have 18 'Sowetos' to contend with.



Mr Louis Rive . . . pioneer of township development

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of township unrest that has claimed over 50 lives in three weeks, Mr Rive said: "He who covets all will lose all and will deserve to lose all."

The formidable administrator, who describes himself as a freelance development adviser, has insisted on remaining in the background since he resigned as chairman of the Greater Soweto Planning Council more than two years ago.

He reluctantly agreed to an interview this week "if it will make a contribution for the sake of our future".

Mr Rive warned that unless jobs were brought into line with the need for them, "we will have poverty and misery ad infinitum".

Problem

"And the black man is the only one who can really help to solve this problem: the black man must become an employer himself."

This would involve the removal of all impediments to blacks becoming full participants in the economy of the country, he said.

"What is needed is not a massive investment of capital but the establishment of an environment in which the black man himself can invest his own sweat equity."

But there were things that stood in the way of this.

These included the insecurity that resulted from removals and the existence of regulations that "suppressed the economic emancipation of the black man".

What was needed was a deregulation that would allow blacks to participate fully in business and a devolution of power to a regional and local level.

Camouflaged cops in a hippo guard Putco buses at the main Soweto bus terminus this week.

Stay-away call was misunderstood–RMC

YET another youth died in Soweto this week as tension continued to grip the simmering giant township.

A Release Mandela Committee spokesman said the stay-away call last week was for only one day – Monday – but people had misunderstood and continued the boycott.

Police said Walter Makgathu, 14, of 360b Naledi was killed on Wednesday night and several others injured during clashes with police and stone-throwing youths.

This brings the number of known dead people to three since sporadic unrest started in Soweto about two weeks ago.

Until yesterday, heavily-armed police were escorting delivery vans into Soweto. Government buildings, supermarkets and filling stations were heavily guarded by police.

Most people have now reported for work. But those seen in groups are being dispersed with teargas. By late yesterday police were still in force in the streets.

By KHULU SIBIYA

Police spokesman Lt-Col H V Haynes said yesterday it was difficult to say how many people have died since the stay-away call by the Release Mandela Committee on Monday.

About 100 youths stoned a Putco bus just outside Diepkloof yesterday morning.

Police in hippos and vans arrived at the scene and fired teargas and buckshot at the crowd.

Three youths were arrested.

On Monday a motorist was stoned on his way home from work. He lost control of the car and it hit a post. Two people were seriously injured and they were taken to the hospital.

Meanwhile, taxi-owners have formed a vigilante group to fight against what they call "thugs who are now taking advantage of the situation."

This follows the stone-throwing and harassing of passengers. Youths were seen forcing people out of the taxis and stoning cars.

A Putco bus driver and a conductor are being treated in hospital for eye injuries caused by broken glass in one of 36 stone-throwing incidents involving the company's buses in the Soweto area between 4pm on Wednesday and 8am yesterday.

Although services were normal, buses were still operating under police protection from the Putco depot and in Dobsonville.

Lt B F van der Walt described the situation in Soweto yesterday as "one of the quietest" he had experienced since unrest flared in the townships nearly three week ago.

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Townships tense after 900 arrests

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About 900 people were arrested in Vaal Triangle townships at the weekend. Violence continued late into last night and this morning the situation was still tense.

The arrested are being held for public violence, attending illegal gatherings and hijacking buses.

Colonel Louis Sauer, the District CID Chief for the Vaal Triangle, said today that 500 people were arrested in Sebokeng, 200 at Bophelong, and about 200 at Sharpeville.

Police have not yet laid charges against the 500 mourners arrested at the funeral service for Mr Joseph Sithole in Sebokeng.

A police spokesman at Sebokeng Police Station said today that investigations were still going on, and those arrested could appear in court tomorrow or on Wednesday.

Scores of relatives and friends gathered outside the police station and at the magistrate's court, but late this morning none of the arrested had seen them. More than 2 000 people were attending the funeral of Mr Sithole, who was killed in unrest last week.

Early this morning no buses were entering the townships and Sharpeville residents had to walk long distances to find transport.

In Cape Town, Mrs Helen Suzman, the Progressive Federal Party's spokesman on law and order, said the arrests of people attending the Sebokeng funeral could serve no purpose except to heighten anger and tension in townships.

"I think it is totally absurd for the police to be present at funerals ... to consider funerals to fall under the ban (on political meetings), and to exacerbate an already troubled situation by arresting hundreds of people," Mrs Suzman said.

She will hold a public protest meeting in the Johanneburg City Hall tomorrow.

Vehicles were set alight during the weekend unrest.

Petrol bombs

A spokesman for the Vaal Ministers Solidarity Group (VMSG), which has been organising funerals in the Vaal complex, said they were not aware that the funeral had been banned. "We knew only of the ban on a Soweto funeral."

Yesterday police used teargas and rubber bullets to disperse groups of rioting youths apparently reacting to the arrests.

Last evening in Sharpeville the home of a detective was set on fire. Police quickly put it out. The home of businessman Mr Billy Manyathela was also set alight.

Police said a group of youths making petrol bombs was dispersed.

In Bophelong, police used tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse crowds. They also used tearsmoke in Boipatong.

Yesterday, the Mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, said unrest victims would not be buried in the township in future, and their families would be ejected from the complex.

He was addressing Sofasonke Party supporters.

He claimed that tha Azanian People's Organisation and the United Democratic Front were responsible for the unrest.

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UDF blamed for trouble in townships

SOWETO—The Mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, accused the United Democratic Front yesterday of being responsible for recent unrest in black townships in the Vaal Triangle.

He was addressing a meeting attended by about 900 people to discuss the unrest.

A resolution taken at the meeting by the ruling Sofasonke Party in the Soweto Town Council suggested there should be a meeting of all political parties — including the UDF, Azapo, Azaso and the Committee of Ten — where the 'misunderstanding which has caused the riots in the Vaal townships can be thrashed out'.

Revenue

The Mayor would call a meeting of the council executive within the next few days, at which a decision would be made on whether to put the resolution to members at the monthly Soweto Council meeting on September 27.

Police were in attendance at the meeting and there were no incidents.

Suggestions were put to the audience by Mr Tshabalala on ways in which revenue could be provided so Sowetans would not have to pay rent

They included:

Asking the West Rand Administration Board and the Government to hand over all bottlestores in the township to the council (Mr Tshabalala said he would hand over his own bottlestore to the council, and the combined earnings of all the bottle stores would give Soweto about R100 million a year that could be used toward rents);

The introduction of tollgates in the township (all cars entering Soweto could each pay 20 c, taxis R1, trucks R2 or R3 according to their size, and buses R2,50);

Asking the Minister of Transport, Mr Hendrik Schoeman, to ask the Government to give the Soweto Council 2 c for every traffic ticket issued in Soweto — (Sapa)

Police act over ban on meetings

666 held after Vaal funerals

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By RICH MKHONDO

AT LEAST 666 people — most of them mourners at the funerals of victims of the unrest in the Vaal Triangle over the past few weeks — were arrested by police at the weekend, and mine violence claimed two more lives.

Of those arrested, 500 were held in Sebokeng, 132 in Bophelong, and 34 in Sharpeville.

Lieutenant B F van der Walt, of the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria, last night confirmed the figures.

Meanwhile, another victim of the unrest in Soweto last week died at Baragwanath Hospital on Friday — bringing the death toll in the area to five.

Following renewed unrest at West Rand Consolidated Gold Mine near Krugersdorp on Saturday, two miners died in hospital, bringing the number of deaths after violence at various mines to nine over the past week.

The Soweto unrest victim was Mr Isaac Rathebe of Klipspruit, who was allegedly hit by a rubber bullet last Monday.

In Sebokeng yesterday, 500 people were arrested for attending a funeral which was banned by the local chief magistrate.

In Bophelong, near Vereeniging, on Saturday, police arrested 130 people and used teargas and rubber bullets to disperse rioting youths.

A police spokesman in Pretoria, Lieutenant H Lourens, said Saturday's arrests took place after a group gathered in violation of a ban on indoor political meetings.

He said they would appear in court today.

Also in Bophelong, the funerals of the two victims of unrest which were due to be held on Saturday were postponed and mourners were told to go home.

In Evaton on Saturday, police patrolled the township during the funerals of four youths who died during unrests in the township.

Thirty-three mourners were arrested and one man was injured in Sharpeville after the funerals of riot victims.

Lt Van der Walt said yesterday the 33 were arrested for "attempted public violence".

He said police fired one rubber bullet and one man was slightly injured.

In Sharpeville yesterday police vehicles patrolling the township were attacked by groups of stone-throwing youth. Police fired rubber bullets and teargas to disperse them, and one person was arrested, Lieut Van der Walt said.

In Katlehong, near Germiston, two victims of recent unrest — Ms Eunice Radebe, 33, and Mr John Dlamini, 28 — were buried in a joint funeral service.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for Gencor, the company that owns West Rand Consolidated, said the miners died between 7pm and 8pm yesterday, following fighting which broke out between workers waiting to be transported to a shaft for the nightshift.

Mr Francois Alberts said police were called to disperse 500 workers who began throwing stones while waiting for buses to take them to work.

The stone-throwers were joined by other workers at an adjacent hostel, he said.

"Workers burned down several thatched shelters and unsuccessfully attempted to break into a hostel kitchen and hostel administration building," he said.

Police said 160 miners were injured.

Three are in a critical condition at a local hospital and five are "serious", according to the mine management. Two policemen were also injured.

Mr Alberts said the dead miners had been stabbed. He said the unrest was "believed to be related to the general unrest in the industry".

Meanwhile, more than 65% of employees at Dehva Colliery near Witbank were not in favour of a strike, the owners, Rand Mines, claimed yesterday.

However, results of a strike ballot organised by the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) show that the majority of those who voted favoured a strike in the wake of a breakdown in wage negotiations.

Results of the ballot conducted yesterday means that the NUM-backed coal miners will soon go on strike.

Out of 982 workers in the bargaining unit, 383 cast their ballots, according to figures released by Rand Mines. There were 344 votes in favour of a strike and 27 against.

Twelve papers were spoilt.

"About 65% of employees in the bargaining unit thus appear to have indicated that they are not in favour of strike action," Rand Mines said.

The NUM has asked for a 40% increase on monthly basic wages while management has offered 11,3%.

Another strike ballot will be held at Rietspruit Colliery, also run by Rand Mines, tomorrow.

Students claim assault

Mail Reporter

BLACK students from the University of the Witwatersrand returning to the Glyn Thomas residence near Baragwanath in Soweto claim they were beaten by riot police as the alighted from the bus on Friday.

The incident was confirmed by the residence's warden, Mr Vincent Maphayi, who said he is in possesion of two rubber bullets found on the scene. He confirmed that a glass door was broken in the attack.

He also confirmed that the University was seeking legal opinion on the matter.

However, Lieutenant H Lourens of the SAP Public Relations Division in Pretoria said he could not comment "on allegations by people who want to be in the news by going to newspapers instead of laying official complaints at the nearest police station".

He did not comment further or elaborate.

According to a student when their bus arrived at the Santa hospital next to Baragwanath they were met by police travelling in an armoured car.

When the bus arrived at the residence police assaulted the students with sjamboks and baton. Two students, Mr Chris Ngcobo and an unnamed female student, had to be treated for injuries.

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UDF blamed for Vaal unrest

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SOWETO — The Mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, yesterday accused the United Democratic Front of being responsible for the recent unrest in black townships in the Vaal Triangle.

Mr Tshabalala was addressing a meeting attended by about 900 people in the Eyethu cinema hall in Mofolo, Soweto, to discuss the recent unrest.

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● The introduction of toll gates in the township. All cars entering Soweto could each pay 20c, taxis R1, trucks R2 or R3 according to their size, and buses R2,50. — SAPA.

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MOURNERS ARRESTED

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Cops take 500 at burial in Evaton

By JOSHUA RABOROKA

FIVE hundred mourners were arrested yesterday when police surrounded them at the Evaton Cemetery where they were burying one of the unrest victims, Mr Joseph Sithole.

Scores of mourners were injured when rubber bullets and sjamboks were used to disperse them at the cemetery.

A spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations confirmed the arrest of 500 mourners, who he said were attending a funeral that had been banned He said the arrested 500 will appear in court today.

Whipped

He denied however, that rubber bullets and sjamboks were used

More than 2 000 people had attended the funeral service, which was held at the Baptist Church in Sebokeng. A number of people outside the church were whipped and others arrested.

The emotion-charged service was addressed by leaders from various student and political organisations.

At the cemetery, police surrounded the mourners after they had sung the national anthem and were moving towards buses and other vehicles that had ferried them to the cemetery.

The police fired rubber bullets, and chased and whipped mourners.

There was pandemonium in the graveyard as terrified mourners, many choking from teargas, ran in different directions for cover. Other mourners remained under a virtual siege in the graveyard.

Those arrested were loaded into police vans and taken to the Sebokeng police station

Angry mourners who escaped arrest described police action as "unwarranted and provocative."

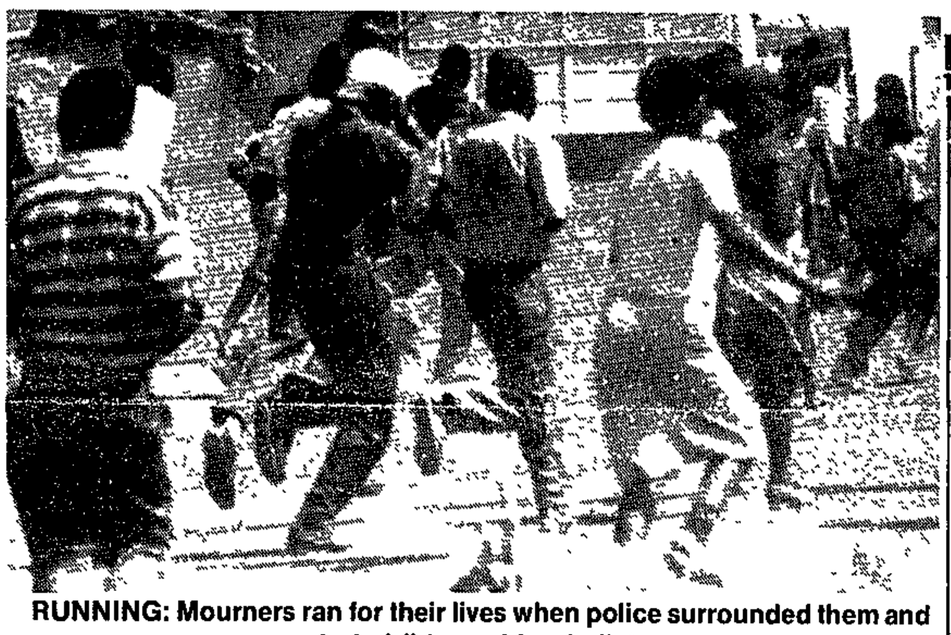
Some residents who live near the cemetery said that their windows were smashed by rubber bullets.

Hours after the furore people were still standing in groups at the graveyard. Reports were that they were taken by police cars to Sebokeng police station.

Meanwhile, another 130 people were arrested in Bophelong, near Vanderbijlpark on Saturday night.

According to the police, the 130 were attending an illegal meeting at a disused church.

• Those arrested at Evaton included **The SOWETAN'S** photographer, Len Khumalo who is presently out on R200 bail. He was arrested during the Vaal unrest two weeks ago and charged with public violence.



RUNNING: Mourners ran for their lives when police surrounded them and started firing rubber bullets.

ET: No burials for victims of unrest

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VICTIMS of police shooting in Soweto will not be allowed burial at the Avalon Cemetery in future if the present unrest does not come to an end, the mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim "ET" Tshabalala, said yesterday.

Mr Tshabalala, who is also president of the Sofasonke Party, said this to about 400 residents at a meeting held at the Eyethu Cinema in Mofolo. He voiced disappointment at the low turnout

Mr Tshabalala said only knife victims and those who died from natural causes would be buried at the Avalon cemetery. Those who were killed in unrest clashes in the township will only bring problems to their families.

"If your child dies in these clashes, the parent will be fetched from his home and along with the body, dumped on the Potchefstroom Road. There will be no house to return to if such things happen," he said

The meeting was moved when Mr Tshabalala started weeping when he described how he saw old women walking from the Baragwanath rank to places like Mapetla. He referred to the stayaway call by the Release Mandela Campaign which took place in Soweto last week, when buses, taxis and private cars were stoned by youths. His tears brought responses of "Ag Shame, Umshengu uzwe ubuhlungu", from the people who attended.

The mayor blamed a number of organisations for the present uprisings in the townships. He also named two leaders, Dr Nthato Motlana and Bishop Desmond Tutu, general secretary of the South African Council of Churches (SACC), as being among those who were "misleading" the school children.

Two organisations, the United Democratic Front (UDF) and the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) came under fire for their part in the present situation.

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Cops arrest 500 at funeral

MOURNERS: Police armed with rubber-bullet guns (left), watch mourners as they leave the Evaton Cemetery. Five hundred were arrested at the burial.

SJAMBOK: Mourners at Evaton Cemetery flee with a sjambok-wielding policeman at their heels.

Priests slammed

By SELLO RABOTHATA

EAST Rand priests came under fire during the funeral of two unrest victims a the Thokoza Cemetery at the weekend.

The verbal attack took place at the funeral service of Mr John Nyameko Dlamini (28) and Ms Eunice Makhosazana Radebe (30) held at the Methodist Church in the township. A speaker said the local priests were cowards who did not want to align themselves with the black people's suffering A call was made to them to make their churches available for services such as these

The two who were buried yesterday died after the funeral of another victim of the recent unrest in the townships, who was buried in the same area last weekend.

Taxi driver robbed

A number of youths, who the organisers said were the "tsotsi element" took the occasion to bolster their pockets A local taxi driver, who along with others was hijacked to join in the procession, was robbed of R110 while other people also reported cases of being robbed by people who claimed to have been involved in the funeral service.

Along the way to the cemetery, some of the youths who were in the procession forced people who were lined along the streets to join in. Some of the people who stay in shacks along the main road to the cemetery reported that valuables were stolen when a group of youths came in and dragged them to the funeral.

One of the organisers of the funeral, Mr Stanley Radebe, of the Azanian Youth Council (Azayco) condemned the action taken against residents in the area and said some of the people who took part in the acts were not members of any responsible organisation. He said Azayco members would try to investigate the irresponsible actions meted against the residents.

The funeral service was organised by Azayco Azapo and Azanyu.

Second tragedy hits family

FOR the second time in seven years, the life of another member of the Rathebe family of Klipspruit, Soweto, has been claimed by violence during unrests in the township.

In July 1977, Bertha Rathebe (18), a matric student at Musi High, was killed when a stray bullet struck her as she stood at the gate of her home.

Last Friday her father, Mr Isaac Rathebe (56), died at the Baragwanath Hospital's intensive care unit.

He was allegedly hit by a police rubber bullet on Monday as unrest flared in several townships in Soweto when a call had gone out for a work stayaway.

Mr Rathebe's son, Johannes, said the rubber bullet that apparently hit his father broke two of his ribs and that his lungs were punctured by the broken ribs.

Meanwhile a 17-year-old Dr Vilakazi Secondary School pupil in Zola, Themba Sithole, is at Baragwanath Hospital

By NAT DISEKO

with a head injury after being allegedly hit by a rubber bullet on Thursday.

His distraught mother, Mrs Florence Sithole (45), of 30 Zola, said she sent him to the shop to buy for family supper when he was struck by the bullet

She said she ran to the spot where he fell and told police she was the mother. Her son was taken by police to the Zola Clinic, and an ambulance later took him to hospital. She claimed she was not allowed near her son.

For two days the family searched for Themba but only managed to find him at Baragwanath Hospital on Saturday afternoon.

He is still in a serious condition.

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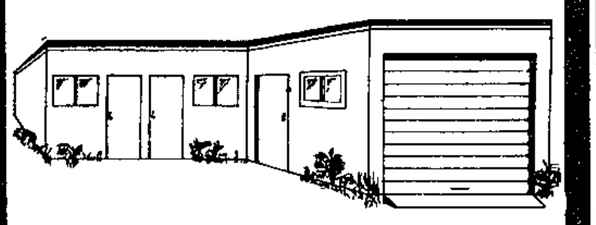

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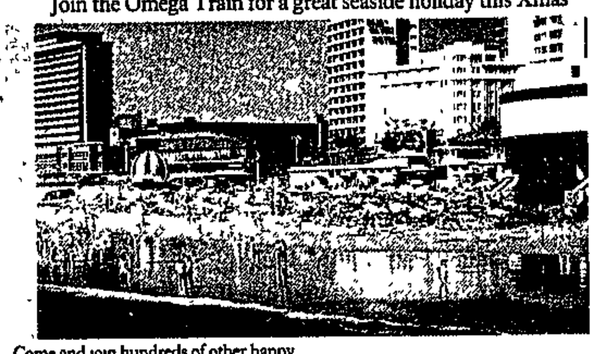

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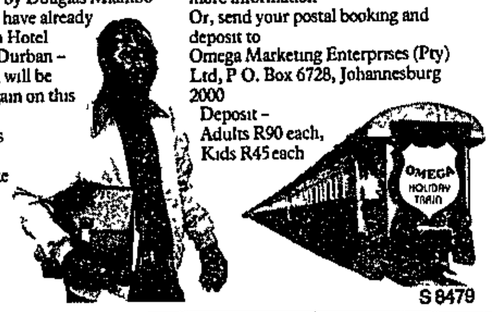

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Speakers blame Motlana and Tutu

By SIPHO NGCOBO

MORE than 4 000 Soweto residents met yesterday in response to a call by the ruling Sofasonke Party for a "peace meeting" to resolve the unrest situation in the area.

The emotion-charged meeting was held in a cinema owned by the mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim "ET" Tshabalala

Speakers, mostly Sofasonke Party members, accused Dr Nthato Motlana of the Soweto Committee of Ten and Bishop Desmond Tutu of the South African Council of Churches of being " initiators" of the unrest

Other individuals, including Bishop Tutu, were accused of being jealous of Mr Tshabalala's personal wealth

Tempers almost reached boiling point when a Sofasonke Party member boldly claimed she had material evidence that Dr Motlana and Bishop Tutu were behind the riots.

Other organisations blamed for the "revolutionary situation" included the Azanian Peoples Organisation (Azapo), the United Democratic Front (UDF), Release Mandela Campaign Committee (RMC) and the Azanian Students Organisation (Azaso).

Mr Vuyisile Rojie of the Sofasonke Party critisised the UDF for being "puppets just like the Soweto Council because they are being manipulated by their white leadership"

Mr Rojie called for the UDF to be abolished "because it is also working within the system".

Azapo was accused of plotting to kill Mr Tshabalala.

The deputy mayor, MrIsaac Buthelezi, who was chairing the gathering, managed with difficulty to keep the meeting peaceful

Mr Buthelezi also came to the defence of the RMC when it was accused of causing violence in the sprawling township.

He argued that the pamphlet issued by the organisation did not in any way condone or propagate violence

Residents agreed unanimously that any call for a stayaway from work was not beneficial to them and, therefore, they were not going to heed the calls.

Councillors and other members of the Sofasonke Party vowed that no amount of violence would force them to resign. They were adamant that they would serve their full five-year term of office — even it meant shedding blood.

"We will hit back with all the might at our disposal," said a Mr Letsatsi, a member of the Sofasonke Party executive committee.

Mr Tshabalala broke down and cried at the meeting as he pleaded against violence.

The millionaire businessman, who came to the meeting more than an hour late, agreed that agitators were jealous of his wealth.

Mr Tshabalala proposed that the executive committee of the Sofasonke Party should appoint a delegation to discuss the simmering unrest situation with leading political and students organisations, including the UDF, Azapo, Azaso and Azasm

The proposal was fully supported by the meeting, which gave Mr Tshabalala thunderous applause.

This Zionist Church priest, a Soweto resident, makes a point at the "Soweto Peace Meeting" yesterday. The meeting was organised by the ruling Sofasonke Party in an attempt to resolve the unrest situation in the sprawling township. Picture. ROBERT TSHABALALA

Greek PM sees Gaddafi

LONDON. — The Greek Prime Minister Mr Andreas Papandreou arrived in Tripoli yesterday for talks with the Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Khadafy, Libyan Radio said in a report monitored in London.

The Greek Prime Minister is expected to focus on economic matters during his two days of talks with the Libyan leader and a number of economic agreements will probably be signed. — UPI.

Angolans 'kill 222 guerrillas'

LISBON. — Angolan government troops killed 222 guerrillas of the rebel Unita movement in recent fighting, according to reports in Lisbon yesterday.

The Angolan official news agency Angop quoted unidentified military sources as saying 200 rebels died in fighting in the province of Benguela, while another 22 were killed in combat in the Moxico, Huambo and Kuando-Kubango provinces.

No dates or specific locations were given for the fighting. — Sapa-AP.

Arson attack investigated

Mail Reporter

AN OBJECT — believed to be a petrol bomb — was hurled on to the veranda of a house belonging to Mr Neil Pather in Fountain Road, Fordsburg, Johannesburg, on Saturday night.

According to a police spokesman, there were no political links involved and a case of arson is being investigated. No serious damage was caused.

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Thousands left without transport in new Vaal unrest

WORKERS WALK

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THOUSANDS of people were left stranded without transport as violence continued in most Vaal Triangle townships yesterday.

Houses belonging to a businessman, an employee of the Orange Vaal Development Board and a police constable were set alight in Sharpeville, where police in hippos and vans patrolled the township.

Buses and other vehicles were damaged after they were stoned in violence which erupted following the mass arrests of more than 900 mourners at funeral services for unrest victims at the weekend.

Scores of those arrested have appeared in the Sebokeng, Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark magistrate courts on charges ranging from attending an illegal gathering and public violence to housebreaking and theft.

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

Damage

The house of Constable Sydney Matjato Serapelo of Sharpeville was stoned and set alight, causing damage estimated at thousands of rands.

Mr Billy Manyatela, a local businessman, had his house gutted, and the house of Mr Solomon Mokoena, an employee of the Ovab, was also set alight.

In Sebokeng and Evaton — the scene of mass arrests at the weekend — the situation was tense as police and cars were stoned by angry mobs that gathered on the main roads between Zones 11, 12 and 13.

Buses left workers on the outskirts of both townships. Workers, mainly elderly people, had to walk about five to six kilometres to their homes.

By late last night the situation was still tense. In Bophelong and Boipatong buses also left people on the outskirts after reports that violence had erupted in the small townships. Police chased children in the streets of Bophelong.

Spokesmen for the Vaal Civic Association, Azapo, UDF and Cosas have condemned the incidents at funeral services when police used rubber bullets and sjamboks to disperse people.

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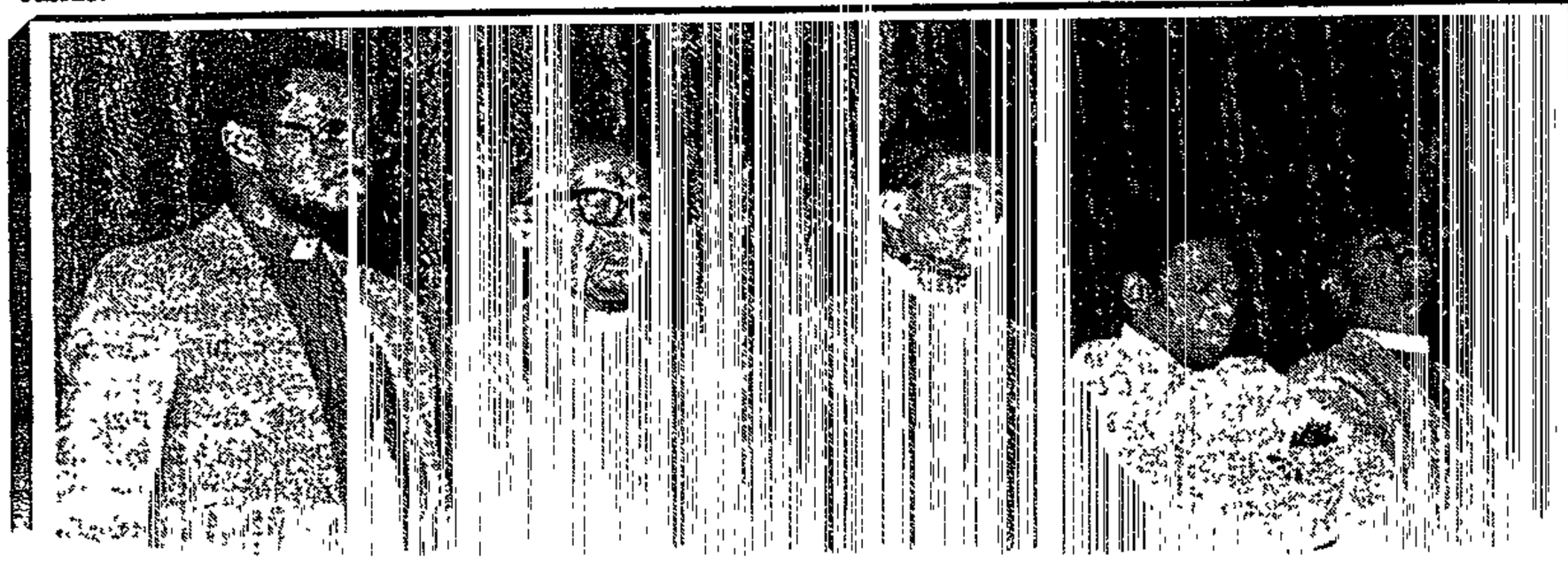

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TCA boss's home bombed

THE CHAIRMAN of the Tembisa Civic Association, Mr Goba Ndhlovu, and his family, narrowly escaped death when their Tembisa home was petrol-bombed at the weekend, causing damage estimated at more than R10 000.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

The incident happened at about 1am yesterday Mr Ndhlovu's new car, the garage and furniture were destroyed by fire after a petrol bomb was hurled into the garage.

Mr Ndhlovu said his family was asleep when he heard knocking on all the doors and windows of his house.

He said: "I woke up and when I peeped through the window I saw about 10 men surrounding my house. They were travelling in a white combi which was parked not far from my house."

One of the men, Mr Ndhlovu said, accused him of influencing pupils in the township to boycott class.

"They threatened to come back on Wednesday if pupils in the township continue boycotting classes when schools reopen," Mr Goba said.

He said as he was speaking to one of the men he heard an explosion in the garage. The men, Mr Ndhlovu said, ran into the waiting combi and sped off with their car lights off.

"I went out to investigate and I found the garage on fire. With the help of my neighbour I managed to extinguish the fire," Mr Ndhlovu said.

Mr Ndhlovu said he found a bottle with petrol next to the garage.

The matter has been reported to the Tembisa police.

Mr Ndhlovu's organisation successfully negotiated with the Tembisa Town Council last week to have the proposed rent increases suspended indefinitely in the township.

500 held mourners are still in custody

THE 500 mourners arrested at a funeral in Sebokeng at the weekend are still in police custody and are expected to appear in court today or tomorrow.

A spokesman at the Sebokeng police station said investigations were continuing and charges were still being formulated.

He said the people arrested could stay in police custody for a period of 48 hours.

Meanwhile, a string of violent incidents, in which police arrested two people and used rubber bullets and tearsmoke to disperse crowds in Sebokeng and Sharpeville, broke out yesterday after police had earlier reported the situation in the Vaal Triangle's black townships to be quiet.

No incidents were reported in Soweto. The Putco bus company said it was operating a normal service.

In Sebokeng, an empty parked bus belonging to the Vaal Transport Corporation was gutted by fire after a petrol bomb was hurled at it. Nobody was injured and police took no action, Lieutenant Hein Lourens of the SA Police Directorate of Public Re-

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Delivery trucks stoned

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lations, said in Pretoria.

In Sharpeville two bread delivery vans were stoned by crowds in separate incidents.

Police used tearsmoke to disperse the people and the driver of one van was slightly injured while the other van sped away. Damage or injuries were not known, Lt Lourens said.

Also in Sharpeville, a mob stoned a police patrol but was dispersed by police using rubber bullets. There were no injuries or damage.

At Sharpeville's Mothlili Secondary School an attempt at arson was made, but only the curtains in the building were slightly damaged. Police took no action.

In the last incident reported by late afternoon, police arrested two people in Sebokeng after a patrol was stoned by a group but dispersed with tearsmoke. — Sapa.

Vaal Triangle tense

Sowetan 25/9/84 (278)

Unrest after mass arrests

THE Vaal Triangle was yesterday tense following the arrest of more than 650 people at the weekend, mostly for attending the funeral of Mr Joseph Sithole who was killed in the aftermath of the unrest.

On Sunday vehicles were set alight as the unrest continued into the night. Early yesterday morning, there were no buses entering the townships. In Sharpeville, commuters had to walk long distances to catch buses at the outskirts of the township.

More than 2 000 people attended the funeral in Evaton.

A spokesman for police headquarters in Pretoria confirmed yesterday that more than 650 people were arrested on various charges, including the attending of an illegal gathering, the hijacking of Putco-owned buses and public violence.

A spokesman of the Vaal Ministers Solidarity Group (VMSG) which has been organising the funerals in the Vaal Complex said they were not aware that the funeral had been banned. "We only knew of the ban on the Soweto funeral."

On numerous occasions on Sunday, police used tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse groups of rioting youths who were apparently reacting to the funeral arrests in Sebokeng.

Of the 650 people arrested, 130 were arrested in Boipatong for allegedly attending or forming an illegal gathering. All the arrested were expected to appear in various Vaal Triangle magistrate's courts yesterday and today. They are at present being held at several police stations.

Sharpeville mum shot dead

Sunday Times 26/9/84 278

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

A 26-YEAR-OLD mother of two died after she was shot in the mouth during Sunday's unrest in Sharpeville, and in another incident, a seven-month-old infant died after allegedly inhaling tearsmoke.

Mrs Maria Mantoa Mvala, a switchboard operator at the Orange-Vaal Development Board offices, was preparing to go to bed when she was shot while going to the toilet in the evening.

A relative, Mr Thabo Radebe, told how his aunt went out of the house wearing her nightdress when she met her tragic death.

"My aunt had gone to the toilet and when she returned, she told us that she had been shot in the mouth. She was taken to Sebokeng Hospital and later transferred to Baragwanath Hospital where she died after she was admitted.

Innocently

"We had all along been in the house while there were clashes between police and youths outside. My aunt's mistake was to have innocently gone out to the toilet, because that is what led her to her death," he said.

Also on Sunday night, seven-month-old Nonhlanhla Mzunga was overcome by tearsmoke while in her Sharpeville home. Her parents believe the tearsmoke led to her death.

The firing of tearsmoke took place during clashes involving police and residents in the trouble-torn township.

Yesterday, the situation in the Vaal Triangle townships was calm but tense as police continued to patrol the areas in police vans and Casspirs.

Handling of SA riots shocks the French

26/9/84 278 Star

By James Tomlins,
The Star's Foreign
News Service

PARIS — The French public, well accustomed to savage riots in their own country, have nevertheless been shocked by the way the South African Police handle stone-throwing demonstrators.

The big surprise here is the way the SAP use a weapon no French policeman would even know how to handle — the whip.

General reaction here is: "Whips are used on wild animals — so that is what they think of their blacks."

There is concern here, too, over the way South African Police use their firearms.

Throughout France's entire riot period in May 1968 when tens of thousands of demonstrators attacked police formations with Molotov cocktails and paving stones, only two shots were fired — by accident.

France has a 16 000-strong special riot police division called Compagnies Republicaines de Securite (CRS).

They are given special training so that discipline will be maintained in front of howling mobs.

They are protected with plastic shields and steel helmets and are armed with rubber truncheons and pistols.

They move about in grey buses with the windows protected by wire mesh.

Each unit has men with teargas launchers.

In the event of their being overwhelmed, the CRS is backed up by the 75 000-strong gendarmerie, a militarised police force with tanks and armoured cars.

In May 1968 General de Gaulle ordered army tanks to approach Paris suburbs just to show the strength he held in reserve, but they never got as far as the city boulevards.

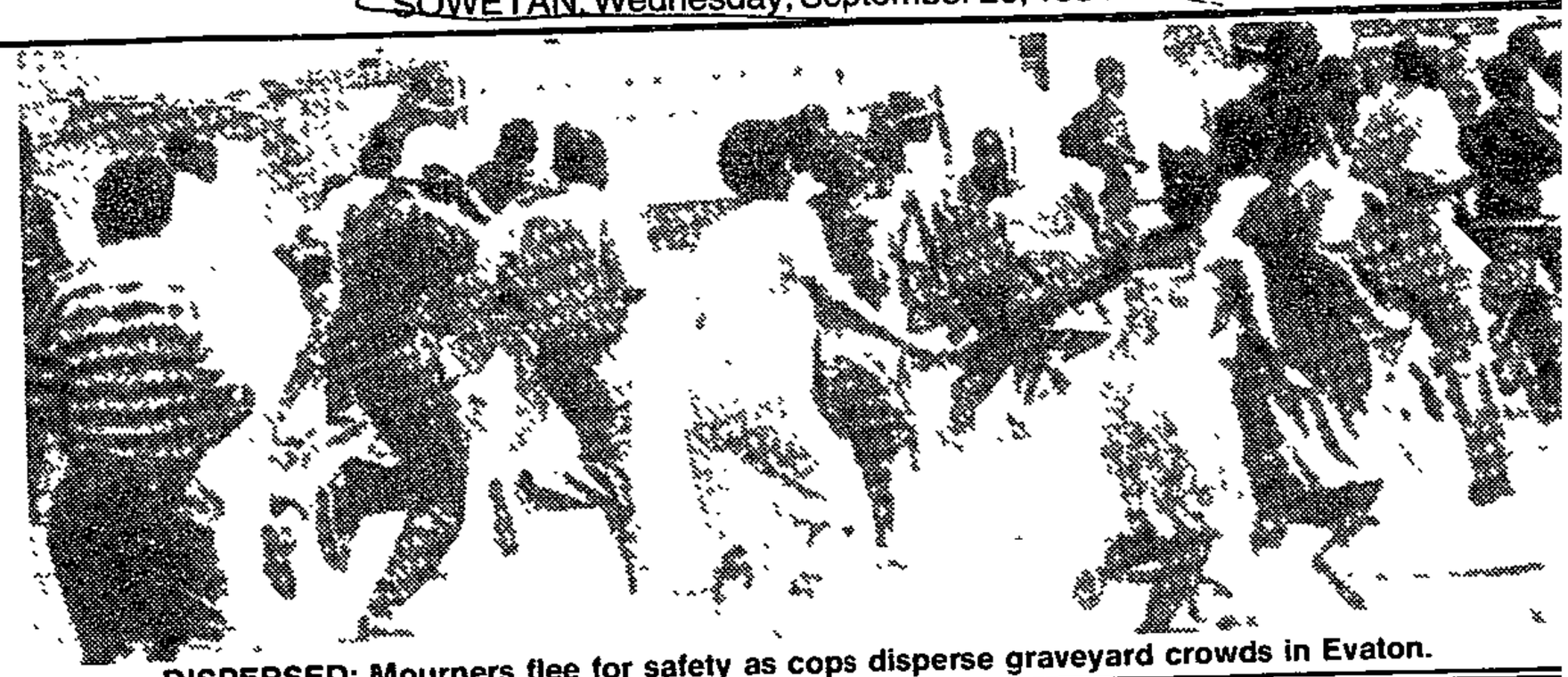
'Callous' Vaal cops slammed

By THEMBA MOLEFE

THE Evaton Ratepayers Association has criticised the weekend's police attack in which 500 mourners were arrested and many in ured when

songs," Mr Mokoena said.

A total of 900 people was arrested in all five Vaal townships during the weekend. They are expected to face charges of attending an illegal gathering or public violence and will appear in the Vereeniging, Vanderbijlpark and Sebokeng magistrate's courts this week.



DISPERSED: Mourners flee for safety as cops disperse graveyard crowds in Evaton.

rubber bullets and tear-smoke were fired at the burial of an unrest victim.

Mr Petros Mokoena, the Era's secretary who was master of ceremonies at the funeral service for Mr Joseph Sithole on Sunday, said the action of the police "was ill-thought, callous and inhuman".

Mr Sithole, of Zone 13, Sebokeng, died after being shot during the anti-high rent violence which flared up on September 3.

"The police took position at the cemetery before burial rites were finished and as soon as people moved to the cars and buses they fired rubber bullets and tear-smoke at the mourners without warning.

"They never warned people that they would be arrested or that they were contravening the law," Mr Mokoena said yesterday.

Mr Mokoena said the only funeral which was banned from taking place during a weekend was that of Mr Bongani Khumalo, the secretary of the Congress of South African Students' Soweto branch. He was shot dead by police when he allegedly hurled a petrol bomb at a police bus.

"The funeral in Evaton was peaceful and mourners did not behave in a manner that would invite police attacks on them. They only chanted slogans and sang freedom

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A PLEA FOR CALM

Khumalo funeral

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BLACK leaders yesterday appealed for calm and restraint on the part of the police and mourners at today's funeral of student leader, Mr Bongani Khumalo.

The leaders asked that police keep a low profile or stay away from the funeral, as their presence would be "provocative."

By SAM MABE

Mr Kabelo Lengane, of the Azanian Students' Movement (Azasm), said internecine clashes and bloodshed could be avoided if police were to stay away from the funeral.

Mr Lengane said: "The ruthless clampdown on mourners in Sebokeng and other similar arbitrary police actions elsewhere are in themselves enough evidence that the police are prepared to go to any lengths to create a pretext to harass people in the townships."

Restraint

He said that the conditions laid down by the Chief Magistrate of Johannesburg on how the funeral service is to be conducted implied an indirect ban on the holding of the funeral.

Mr Lengane called for calm on the part of mourners and a demonstration of restraint "in the face of all forms of provocation."

The Reverend Cecil Begbie, executive member of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC) said: "I firmly believe that without police presence, the people will exercise self-discipline, as I have witnessed at a funeral in Sharpeville."

The Rev Molefe Tsele, speaking on behalf of the Ministers United for Christian Co-responsibility (Muccor), said a slight over-reaction on the part of the police could lead to a situa-

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in a statement that the Council deplored the unrest and loss of life in Vaal and Reef townships. The statement added that the violence "must be understood as a response by the people to the current political developments in South Africa."

• The Department of Education and Training in Pretoria has urged the 93 000 black pupils in the Vaal Triangle to return peacefully to their schools today.

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tion similar to what had happened in the Vaal.

Mr Hlaku Rachidi, Transvaal vice-president of Azapo, said Bongani should be buried in a dignified manner and that this could only be possible if police kept a low profile.

"We hope that everybody, the police and the mourners themselves, will not do anything that will push emotions high, as this is what normally leads to regrettable behaviour," he said.

The South African Council of Churches appealed to boycotting students to return to school today and called on police to use restraint.

Mr Dan Vaughan, the acting General-Secretary of the SACC, said

...pton Park clothing store yesterday after a "smash-and-grab" gang

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"Undeterrred the thieves stayed inside the shop for seven to eight minutes, looting it of at least 25 Pierre Cardin mens' suits, leather goods and footwear, before roaring off.

"Residents called the police, who managed to spot the bakkie and chase it. The gang, however, eluded police in Tembisa and got away, I was later told.

"The place looked as though a tornado had hit it when we got here. The goods taken are worth about R10 000. Damage to the shop is immense. Workers have been banging away all day to repair everything"

The gang is still at large and Kempton Park detectives are investigating

approved the master plan submitted by the developers, Tract Property Com-

This would be expanded to more than 1 000 units after five years, he added

Day of fasting called in the Vaal Triangle

By RICH MKHONDO

THE Vaal Civic Association (VCA) yesterday declared Sunday September 30 "a day of mourning, prayer and fasting" in the Vaal Triangle, in honour of those of died during the unrest which swept through the area for the past weeks

A spokesman for the association did not disclose how they would observe the day except to say "it will be a day of mourning, fasting and prayer for those who died during the unrest and we urge everybody to join us".

The VCA last week condemned the scrapping of the tariff rise in the area, called on the Government to appoint a Commission of Inquiry into the causes of the unrest, and urged all councillors to resign as soon as possible "for the sake of peace in the area".

The VCA said it wanted all councillors to resign "because they have done nothing to uplift the standard of living in the area".

The association accused "forgetting about the ordinary man in the street".

Asked to comment on an earlier statement by the mayor of Lekoa, Mr E Mahlatsi, that the scrapping of the new tariffs would mean "no progress or improvements in the area", one member said they had been paying high rents for a long timebut there had been no improvement or progress.

The VCA said it would seek legal advice about the harassment of its members and the burning of the house of vice-chairman, Mr Esau Raditsela.

After the house was petrolbombed, pamphlets were distributed in the area blaming the association for loss of jobs, scarcity of food, the unwanted deaths of children, the burning of houses and the looting of shops.

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asked of gardeners might be worthwhile if they contributed significantly to the overall position. There is good evidence that this is in fact not the case.

"Instead, the environment is being damaged and the major investment in the city's gardens is being destroyed."

It was understood yesterday that the Southern Johannesburg Ratepayers' Association also verbally supported the petition, but did not sign it.

Mr Ken Giese, chairman of the federation, told the Rand Daily Mail that residents associations in his area wanted the ban relaxed because it was a "bad law".

In addition, the Montgomery Park and Roosevelt Park Ratepayers' Association on Tuesday night handed a petition to the council requesting the ban be relaxed.

Meanwhile, Johanesburg management committee chief Mr Francois Oberholzer stood by his attack on the Sandton council for easing up on water restrictions.

In Pretoria, residents who use up to 60 kl a month pay R1 a kilolitre and if that mark is exceeded they pay R2 a kilolitre, he said.

Pretoria allowed residents to water their gardens for one hour a week. This measure works because Pretoria's water is very expensive.

But in Sandton, consumers who use more water would in some cases be paying less than Johannesburg residents who were restricted to 20 kl a month, he said.

Mr Oberholzer also pointed out that water consumption in the Rand Water Board was on target in July, before Sandton relaxed its hosepipie ban

In August, consumption in the area increased by more than 8%.

"Sandton's people started the thing," Mr Oberholzer insisted, dismissing claims by Sandton's management chief Mr Rick Valente that Sandton's decision to introduce punitive tariffs would work.

No early end to water curbs

By GERALD REILLY
Pretoria Bureau

THE country cannot afford to have irresponsible municipalities ignoring water restrictions and jeopardising conservation programmes, a spokesman for the Department of the Environment, Mr Anton Steyn, said in Pretoria yesterday.

He was reacting to a decision of the Sandton Town Council to drop water restrictions and instead charge punitive rates of up to R2 a kilolitre for households exceeding quarterly quotas.

Mr Steyn said "This country is never far from water crisis and we cannot afford to have local authorities like Sandton flaunt the conservation restictions"

Sandton was an affluent area where most householders could afford to pay stiff penalties for overuse of water.

"The Sandton decision was damn-fool irresponsible action and it should be firmly taken to task," he said.

Mr Steyn said there was not the slightest chance that water restrictions would be lifted or even eased before the end of the year and if the first three or four months of summer were dry, the restrictions would stretch into next year.

"We are not a million miles away from another crisis. The authorities tell us we are in the middle of a dry cycle ...

Some of the crowd of about 4 000, mostly pupils, who attended the funeral yesterday of Cosas leader Bongeni Khumalo (19).

Schools empty as student leader buried

278 Star 27/9/84

By Chris More

Schooling came to a standstill in Soweto yesterday during the funeral of the local secretary of the Congress of South African Students (Cosas), Mr Bongani Khumalo (19).

The funeral was attended by about 4 000 people, mostly pupils.

Police presence round the Regina Mundi church in Rockville was heavy throughout the day, although they maintained a low profile for most of the occasion.

Police fired tearsmoke several times to disperse stone-throwing youths as the high spirit among the mourners threatened to lead to further clashes between the youths and police.

The funeral took place after the Chief Magistrate of Johannesburg had issued an order prohibiting the the ceremony from taking place on a weekend.

Yesterday was also the official reopening of Department of Education and Training schools on the Reef after the Spring holidays.

There was confusion yesterday morning as thousands of pupils were turned away from the schools. Many said they were not given an explanation, but were told to report to school today.

Some teachers, who did not want to be identified, said the order for schools to be closed yesterday came from DET.

By noon yesterday, most of the schools in the sprawling township were deserted.

The streets were teaming with youths, many of whom went to Rockville to swell the numbers at the funeral.

The situation in Soweto, particularly round Regina Mundi, remained quiet but tense during the funeral service.

Members of Cosas tried hard to retain order during the march, but the first incident that led to police action came as mourners returning from Avalon Cemetery stoned a nearby beerhall.

Foreign television and other media teams were allowed to cover the event.

Court rejects bail for arrested Vaal mourners

By SOPHIE TEMA

BAIL for 598 mourners arrested in the Vaal Triangle at the weekend was refused in the Sebokeng Regional Court yesterday.

The mourners — several under the age of 12 — appeared before Mr James Johnson yesterday three days after they had been arrested.

They are being held under Section 30 of the Internal Security Act.

Application for bail on behalf of the arrested people was made by Mr T H Kamdar, acting for Ismail Ayob and Associates.

Mr Kamdar, told the Bench there was a large number of minors arrested and several children were under the age of 12 and still at school.

It was therefore necessary they be allowed out on bail.

He added that the mourners were arrested between 3pm and 3.30pm on Sunday, September 24, and had been kept for more than 48 hours before they had made their first appearance.

"The 48 hours expired on Tuesday between 3pm and 3.30pm when the accused should have been brought to court," he said.

Their detention for three days before making an appearance was unlawful, he said.

He applied for their immediate release.

In his reply Mr Johnson said bail for the mourners could not be granted because the Attorney-General had still not yet decided whether to prosecute and, if so, formulate the charges.

Mr Kamdar said: "I disagree that the matter has any reference to the Attorney-General on the basis that the dockets are still in court.

"My submission is that the dockets be taken physically to the Attorney-General's office for him to refer and apply his mind to the matter.

"There are a large number of minors and several children under the age of 12 who have been held and will be prejudiced by their continued detention.

"There are also young mothers who are breastfeeding, and their infants have been left with no-one to care for them.

"There is also a large number of male accused who are actively employed and their continued detention could cause them to lose their jobs.

"I therefore apply for their immediate release."

As the court set aside for the mourners' appearance could not hold all the accused, the entire proceedings were held outside in a courtyard.

However, friends and relatives, unaware of the change in venue, gathered in the courtroom.

The mourners were held in the cells until they were moved into an encamped patio in the courtyard where the proceedings were to be held.

Spectators in the gallery only knew of the proceedings outside after the accused had already appeared.

Several parents wept when told that bail had been refused for their children.

Many said they were worried that their children had been kept in custody while still suffering from injuries after their arrest.

Several police — some in camouflage uniforms — stood in the courtyard during the bail application for the mourners.

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Man loses eye in unrest attack

By SIBUSISO MABASO

A SOWETO man told how he lost his right eye when he was attacked by stone-throwing youths in Diepkloof on the day of the stayaway last week.

Mr Frank Maila, (40), of 8123 Orlando West said he was confronted by a group of enraged youths who ordered him and his friend to get out of the car he was driving. He said the youths threatened to assault him and asked him what he wanted in the township with a car that "belonged to whites." He said: "I tried to talk to them and they shouted me down and insisted that I get out of the car and abandon it.

Brick

He added that he tried to resist while pleading with them. The youths started throwing stones. He was hit with a full brick on his right eye.

"I lost consciousness and did not see how we managed to get away from the scene. I only came to at Baragwanath Hospital with my colleague who told me that he drove me to the hospital with the smashed truck."

A woman from Orlando East who would not identify herself for fear of victimisation said: "I was driving in Orlando when about 100 people stood in front of the car and demanded that I stop, and that I got out of the car. They also demanded money before they could allow me to pass. I was fortunate because I was not flushed out of the car. I sat still confused until the youths opened the car door and took my purse, that was when I managed to escape," she said.

Mr David Khunou, of Meadowlands, was also among the victims during the unrest. He said: "I was attacked by a group of pupils who stopped my car and threatened to stone it if I did not give them money." They were not happy with his offer and they started stoning his car. He added: "I am disappointed with our children's deeds. My car was stoned and the windscreen smashed, and several people who were in the car were also injured," he said.

Mr FRANK MAILA who was stoned by a group of pupils in Diepkloof during the unrest in Soweto.

Man gets 2 years for stone-throwing

By LINDA ENSOR

STONES thrown at a Putco bus during the Alexandra bus boycotts in January resulted in a 27-year-old man being sentenced to two years' imprisonment in the Johannesburg Regional Court yesterday.

Khanda Michael Vilakazi, 27, of Alexandra, pleaded not guilty to throwing the stones which broke three bus windows, saying he was walking along a road in Alexandra when the incident took place at about 8.15pm on January 18.

The driver of the bus, Mr Joseph Mtshali, told the court he was driving along Selborne Avenue to the bus terminus when stones were thrown at the bus.

He reported the matter to the police who instructed him to drive in front of them to the bus depot.

On the return journey, Mr Mtshali said, stones were thrown by three men standing at the corner of Ninth and Selborne avenues.

Warrant Officer B A Mthembu, who was following the bus in a car, said he saw Vilakazi throwing stones with the other men who scattered in different directions when they saw the police.

Vilakazi fell as he was running away and was arrested, W/O Mthembu said.

Vilakazi said he saw two men throwing stones and ran away when a private car stopped next to him. It was dark, he said, and he did not know what the intentions of the men in the car were.

The magistrate, Mr C C Butler, said buses operated for the convenience of the public, and other stone-throwers had to be deterred.

Youth killed, tearsmoke fired after Khumalo laid to rest

MOURNERS MARCH

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A SOWETO youth was killed by a bus that was allegedly attacked by a group of stone-throwers, and thousands of mourners were dispersed with tear-smoke after the funeral of a student leader yesterday.

Police confirmed that an unidentified 20-year-old youth was run over by a bus in Diepkloof when the driver lost control during the stone attack.

The funeral of Cosas' Transvaal secretary, Mr Bongani Khumalo, was attended by about 4 000 mourners who defied a magisterial order on how the funeral was to be conducted.

By SELLO RABOTHATA

At a service held at Regina Mundi Church in Rockville, Dr Nthato Motlana, chairman of the Soweto Committee of Ten, was asked to leave the hall by students.

According to the students, this was because Dr Motlana shared the platform with Chief Gatsha Buthelezi at the unveiling of the tombstone of former ANC leader, Pixon Isaka ka Seme.

Dr Motlana did not protest but left the church hall hurriedly.

At the end of a four-hour service, mourners carried the coffin shoulder-high and marched along Potchefstroom Road to Avalon Cemetery, contrary to magisterial orders that the coffin and mourners be ferried by mechanical means.

After the service at the cemetery the mourners chanted slogans and sang freedom songs as they ran back to the cars. A few minutes later, shots were heard as tearsmoke was being fired by West Rand Development Board policemen. The group of youths, who were passing along that way, started throwing stones at the policemen.

A coal delivery lorry which came along was also stoned and two of the coalmen who were at the back fell off onto the road as they tried to duck the stones. One of them was seriously hurt. As the group of youths gathered around him a sneeze machine dispersed them.

Sapa reports that violence flared yesterday in Alexandra.

Police reported that the windows of two buses were smashed by stone throwers and a soft drinks truck was plundered by youths. The windows of a private vehicle were also smashed.

HOISTED: The coffin carrying Cosas leader, Mr Bongani Trevor Khumalo, being hoisted shoulder high by mourners yesterday.

Pic MBUZENI ZULU

15 held as black townships simmer

Unrest continued to simmer in black townships today, with stone throwings and petrol bombings reported in the Transvaal, Natal and Eastern Cape.

Fifteen people were arrested in connection with violent incidents yesterday.

A police spokesman said about 200 youths had stoned and looted a delivery truck of a cold drink company in White City, Soweto, today.

The driver had been slightly injured.

A short while later another soft drink delivery truck was stoned in White City and its windscreen smashed. The driver was not hurt.

In both instances the looters fled when police arrived.

In Mpumalanta near the Natal town of Hammarsdale, a petrol bomb hurled at the home of an undentified resident landed underneath a car and exploded.

BLAZE

The resident of the house had put out the blaze, the police spokesman said.

At Vosloorus on the East Rand a Putco bus was stoned and its windows were smashed.

Police in New Brighton near Port Elizabeth today used teargas and a sneeze machine to disperse gatherings of students.

Last night three Putco buses were set on fire in Soweto.

In Wattville, near Benoni, police arrested a man after a stone-throwing incident.

In Grahamstown about eight youths stoned three private vehicles, injuring a coloured man.

Two petrol bombs were thrown at the home of a resident of the Sobantu township near Maritzburg last night. No one was injured.

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Funeral beating man is to sue

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Political Reporter

An Evaton resident, Mr Joel Matshoba, is to claim civil damages from the Minister of Police after being injured by riot policemen who had broken up a funeral there on Sunday.

Mr Matshoba, his chest and arms still showing sjambok marks, said the police "charged without warning" after the funeral of unrest victim Mr Joseph Sithole. "It was over and we were making our way back to the buses and taxis."

After a chase through Evaton cemetary, Mr Matshoba escaped, but not before more blows from police.

He also intends to lay a charge against the police

Police low profile as violence flares

PRETORIA — Violence flared in Tembisa township on the East Rand yesterday afternoon and the Putco Bus Company withdrew its services, operating only to the outskirts of the area after four of its vehicles were damaged by stone-throwing mobs.

"The situation there is very bad," a spokesman for the company said.

Police headquarters confirmed the tense situation in Tembisa, saying sporadic stone-throwing incidents had taken place throughout the day.

Besides the four buses damaged, a local development board vehicle had been set on fire by a mob, although officials extinguished the flames in time to prevent serious damage.

In another incident, a bread delivery van was stopped and looted of its contents and in yet another a truck had its tyres slashed.

Police took no action during any of these incidents in Tembisa, Lieutenant B. F. van der Walt, of the SA Police Directorate of Public Relations, said here.

Among other incidents reported by police yesterday were:

● In Grahamstown on Wednesday night, eight youths stoned three private cars, damaging them and slightly injuring the driver of one.

● At New Brighton, near Port Elizabeth, police used a sneeze machine and tear smoke a number of times to disperse unruly crowds of black pupils who gathered in the township.

● A woman sitting in a moving bus was shot in the neck from the street outside a Soweto shop yesterday afternoon.

The woman was taken to hospital, but her condition could not immediately be established.

The driver of a bus that knocked down and killed a 13-year-old boy in Diepkloof during a stone throwing incident on Wednesday did not even know about it until he got back to his depot and police who had been following him in a hippo armoured personnel carrier told him.

This is according to a spokesman for the Putco Bus Company who provided details of the accident yesterday.

The driver had been in Zone 3, Diepkloof at 11 am when a "huge" crowd of children stormed his bus and stoned it.

He drove on, escaping the mob and did not stop until he got to the bus depot, where police informed him he had run over one of the children.

Over 90 000 black schoolchildren maintained a complete stayaway from their schools in the Vaal Triangle yesterday, the second day of the new term.

In the Eastern Cape, attendance at Grahamstown schools varied from 60 to 70 per cent, was "low to high" (25 to 80 per cent) at Port Elizabeth schools, and in Cradock, only 100 pupils out of 7 000 turned up.

In Welkom, attendance at two schools was normal, while a complete stayaway was maintained at the third. — SAPA.

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Putco pulls out of Tembisa as unrest rages on

Mail Reporters

AMID continuing violence, Putco yesterday pulled its buses out of Tembisa on the East Rand — and sporadic unrest was again reported in Soweto, Maritzburg and Port Elizabeth.

Putco withdrew its services and operated only to the outskirts of Tembisa after four of its vehicles were damaged by stone-throwing mobs, reports Sapa.

"The situation there is very bad," a Putco spokesman said.

Police headquarters confirmed that sporadic stone-throwing took place in Tembisa throughout the day.

A local Development Board vehicle was also set on fire but officials extinguished the flames in time to prevent serious damage.

In other incidents, a bread delivery van was stopped and looted and a truck had its tyres slashed.

Lieutenant B F van der Walt of the SA Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said police took no action in Tembisa.

Lieut Van der Walt said a petrol bomb was thrown at a private house in Mpumalanga township, Hammarsdale, in the early hours of the morning.

The bomb exploded after landing on a parked vehicle.

The owner, whose identity the police spokesman could not reveal, rushed outside and extinguished the fire.

No damage was done to the house and no one was injured, Lieut Van der Walt said.

No arrests have been made.

Other incidents reported by police yesterday were:

- In New Brighton, police used teargas and the sneeze machine to disperse pupils who gathered at various places in Port Elizabeth townships.
- In White City Jabavu, Soweto, a Sparletta delivery van was stoned and looted by a group of about 200 youths.

A second soft drink delivery van driver was slightly injured by 200 stone-throwing people in White City, Soweto, and his vehicle was looted. The crowd fled when police arrived.

- In Sebokeng, a crowd of about 120 people stoned a bus, smashing windows, but police again took no action.
- In Vosloosrus, another bus was damaged in a stoning incident.
- Fourteen youths were arrested in Wattville, near Benoni, early yesterday after a stone-throwing incident in the area on Wednesday night.
- In Westend Sobantu, near Maritzburg, two petrol bombs were hurled into a private home early yesterday, burning curtains and damaging a wall.

THOMAS LEKGOTHOANE reports that the office of the principal of Mohlakaneng High School in Seshego was burnt down by unknown youths on Wednesday night.

The burning came after pupils at three Seshego schools boycotted classes on Wednesday.

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In Soweto, the Putco spokesman said, the situation seemed quiet.

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Committee launches medical and legal aid fund for riot injured

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By Gary van Staden
Political Reporter

The Committee for United Action (CFUA) — formed to provide medical and legal assistance for those injured during the recent unrest — has launched a "crisis fund" to help pay some of its costs.

About R10 000 has already been donated to the fund which will administered by the South African Council of Churches (SACC) on CFUA's behalf.

"We appeal to churches and people to assist us in this undertaking," a SACC spokesman said yesterday.

The committee has also begun discussions with the National Union of Mineworkers with a view to providing medical and legal aid to any mineworker involved in the recent strike.

Many groups, including the United Democratic Front, Azapo, the SACC and the Transvaal Indian Congress, are represented on the committee.

It appealed to those who required help to come foward.

The committee's legal team spokesman said about 50 "letters of demand" would be sent to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, "in the next few days".

The letters are the first step required under the Police Act in a case of civil damages being claimed from the Minister.

Eye injury is permanent

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Mrs Neena Ragoo, the woman who was slashed across the face with a sjambok by riot police during the election violence in Lenasia a month ago, will never regain more than 25 percent vision in her left eye, according to specialists treating her.

Mrs Ragoo told *The Star* yesterday that her eye, cut open by the sjambok blow, was still puffy and closed.

"There is still some internal bleeding which causes severe headaches and occasional blackouts," Mrs Ragoo said.

The eye specialists treating Mrs Ragoo have told her that the best she can hope for is to regain 25 percent vision.

Mrs Ragoo and her husband, Sonny, were shopping in Lenasia on election day when a group of students, fleeing from the riot police, entered the shop in an attempt to elude them.

The riot police followed the students in and, in front of several witnesses, slashed Mrs Ragoo across the face when she protested. She received immediate medical attention and was later taken to hospital by ambulance. Her husband was also injured in the disturbance.

She intends to claim damages from the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange.

yesterday's strong winds, a giant tree crashed down across Bezuidenhout Street, in Bellevue, Johannesburg, blocking the entrance to a
one was injured and firemen later removed the tree, which brought traffic to a standstill.

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being threatened because of intimidation.

"Ninety percent of the boycotting pupils either don't know what it is all about or are staying away because they are being forced out of school," he said.

He added that of the 1 700 000 black pupils in the country, only 1% were affected by the unrest.

● About 1 000 pupils met at Davey Secondary School in Daveyton, near Benoni, but refused to go to their classes About 200 pupils also met at Katlehong Secondary School, near Germiston.

● In the Eastern Cape yesterday boycotts continued at three Queenstown schools and seven schools in Cradock.

● In the strife-torn Thabong township, near Welkom, one-third of pupils attended classes at Tetu Secondary School while the two other secondary schools were empty.

Meanwhile the six Atteridgeville-Saulsville schools near Pretoria, closed in May this year after prolonged boycotts, may be reopened within the next two weeks after lengthy negotiations

"We are still busy with consultations with the principals and school committees concerned, but we hope there will be good news over the next few days," Mr Schoeman said.

promoting the PAC

made to have the case running for the whole week, commencing on Monday

The State alleges that earlier this year Mr Thwala intentionally carried on with the activities, and promoted the direct or indirect interests, of the PAC.

The State alleges Mr Thwala left the country and went to Lesotho — without an endorsement upon his passport or permit, or a document of authorisation signed by the Minister of the Interior.

The State also alleges that Mr Thwala recruited three people in the vicinity of Soweto for the purpose of sending them to a PAC base in Lesotho.

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More unrest in PE and on Reef

Mail Reporter

POLICE fired birdshot at a group of about 100 youths who attacked a furniture van being escorted through Daveyton, on the East Rand, yesterday as sporadic incidents of violence and looting continued on the Reef and in Port Elizabeth.

A youth appeared to have been shot, police said, but he was carried away by friends. His identity and condition are not known.

In Daveyton about 20 youths hurled stones at the Katlego Primary School, smashing about 50 windows, before ripping four doors off their hinges, SAPA reported.

On the East Rand several incidents in which gangs of youths stopped and looted delivery vans were reported, but Lieutenant B F van der Walt of the SA Police Directorate of Public Relations said in Pretoria: "This was the criminal element taking advantage of the situation"

In New Brighton, Port Elizabeth, two incidents of stone-throwing were reported

About 200 youths gathered on the sports grounds of the Philip Niki High School where they were addressed by "instigators", Lieut Van der Walt said.

Police arrested three youths and one of the "instigators" on charges of intimidation

In Veeplaas, near Port Elizabeth, a group of youths damaged a bakkie and attempted to set it alight, after punching a hole in its petrol tanks. Police arrived at the scene and used tearsmoke to disperse the youths.

A spokesman for the Putco bus company in Johannesburg said six buses were damaged in incidents in Edenvale during the day, but no damage reports were available

The family of the mayor of Vosloorus, Mr F L Mahlangu, escaped injuries when a group stoned their house, RAYMOND MASHAO reports.

SA is given one year to 'open' nuclear plants

VIENNA. — South Africa was yesterday told to either open all nuclear plants to international inspection or face sanctions by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

An IAEA general conference resolution adopted in Vienna gave Pretoria one year in which to meet the demand.

The resolution, which expressed alarm at South Africa's nuclear abilities, was passed by 57 votes to 10, with 23 abstentions. The United States and other Western nations opposed it.

The resolution against SA was tabled by Morocco on behalf of black African states. It said unsafeguarded SA nuclear facilities enabled Pretoria to make nuclear weapons, thereby posing a security threat to the continent.

The IAEA safeguards some nuclear facilities in SA but not a pilot nuclear enrichment plant.

The safeguard system checks for diversion of civilian nuclear fuel to military projects.

An IAEA member must submit plants to safeguards if they are built with agency help, but the SA pilot enrichment plant received no such assistance.

The resolution also called on all IAEA members who had not yet done so to cease all transfers to SA of fissionable material and technology which could be used to build weapons.

It called on members to stop purchasing uranium mined by SA in South West Africa.

The resolution asked the IAEA board of governors to take action according to the statute if SA had not yet opened all plants by the next general conference

The chairman of the SA Atomic Energy Board, Dr J W L de Villiers, said the resolution was nothing new

"These resolutions have been taken before. The only difference now is that they have added a time limit to them," he said. He declined further comment. — Sapa-Reuter.

It was classified, says SATS official

Mail Reporter

THE Press was not told about "special riot-conditions" which made the South Africa Transport Services suspend race laws on trains because the information was "classified".

This was said last night by Mr Leon Els, spokesman for SATS.

He was explaining the discrepancy between the statements of another SATS spokesman, Mr Theo du Toit, and the Minister of Transport, Mr Hendrik Schoeman

Mr Schoeman said the suspension of race laws followed information received by SATS that certain people intended to disrupt the service by causing racial incidents on suburban trains.

Mr Du Toit, however, said a directive was sent out to train staff not to act against blacks illegally using "white" trains as an experiment which was to last "a few days".

Mr Du Toit said no incidents occurred during the "experiment".

50 000 died on the roads

SEOUL — More than 50 000 people were killed and a million injured in traffic accidents in South Korea in the decade to 1983, police said yesterday.

This was one of the highest casualty rates in the world, they said. — Sapa-Reuter.

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Court frees 58 Vaal youths

By NICOLA BEKKER

A TOTAL of 58 of the 598 mourners — all under the age of 16 — arrested in the Vaal Triangle last weekend were yesterday released following an urgent application in the Rand Supreme Court.

The application was brought after a Sebokeng magistrate's refusal to grant bail to the people when they appeared in court on Wednesday — three days after their arrest. Bail was turned down on the grounds that the Attorney-General had not yet decided whether to prosecute.

Mr T H Kamdar, acting for Ismail Ayob and Associates, said that after the bail application had been refused he had entered into negotiations with the AG.

"But yesterday he took the view that the youngsters must be released immediately. No charges are to be formulated against them."

Despite the outcome, the application was postponed indefinitely, in case the State re-detained the youngsters.

The application was brought on behalf of five of the detainees — Irene Mbongo, Roshina Mashini, Dina Hlopane, Hilda Tlanya and Maria Nkopane.

Mr Kamdar said the remaining 540 detainees could face charges in one of three categories:

- The first category concerns charges carrying an admission of guilt fine;
- The second concerned charges in terms of common law offences such as arson and looting;
- The third were offences which contravened sections of the Internal Security Act.

IN COURT

Move to release residents postponed

An urgent application for the release of Vaal residents who were refused bail after being arrested at a banned funeral last weekend was postponed indefinitely in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

The action was brought by five of the 598 people who appeared in the Sebokeng Regional Court on Wednesday and were refused bail by magistrate Mr James Johnson in terms of section 30 of the Internal Security Act.

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Legal representatives for the respondents, who include the Minister of Law and Order, the Minister of Justice and the Commissioner of Prisons, yesterday asked Mr Justice P van der Walt that the contents of the file not be disclosed.

The judge granted this and postponed the hearing sine die.

The outcome of the case will have implications for all 598 held. Evidence was led in the earlier bail application that several children under the age of 12 were among those held.

There were also some breast-feeding mothers in custody who had been separated from their babies.

Students demand release of mourners

A TOTAL of 93 000 Vaal students are boycotting classes in protest against the arrest of more than 500 mourners at Vaal funerals last Sunday.

They are demanding that their colleagues be released. The Vaal mourners, arrested at the graveside, have been refused bail.

In another development, lawyers acting for the arrested mourners announced yesterday that an interdict would

By STAN MHLONGO

be brought against Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange in the Rand Supreme Court today in an attempt to get bail for them.

The mourners — several under the age of 12 — are held under Section 30 of the Internal Security Act.

A number of people are reported to have been detained in the Vaal — Cosas secretary Jacob Masángane, Vaal Civic Association member Gcina Malindi, Detainees' Parents' Support Committee member Simon Nkodi and a Cosas member known only as Monamodi.

Police had not yet confirmed the detentions at the time of going to Press.

DET public relations officer Job Schoeman said the DET did not plan to close Vaal schools.

"Students are being intimidated and forced to boycott classes until community protests over rents are settled," he said.

Educationist Tamsanga Kambule said the Government and the DET were deliberately evading the thorny issues that have resulted in 50 people dying in the Vaal.

DET PRO Edgar Posselt said the situation was normal on the East Rand except at high schools in Wattville, Daveyton, Katlehong and Thokoza — students there either refused to go into classrooms or did not turn up at school at all.

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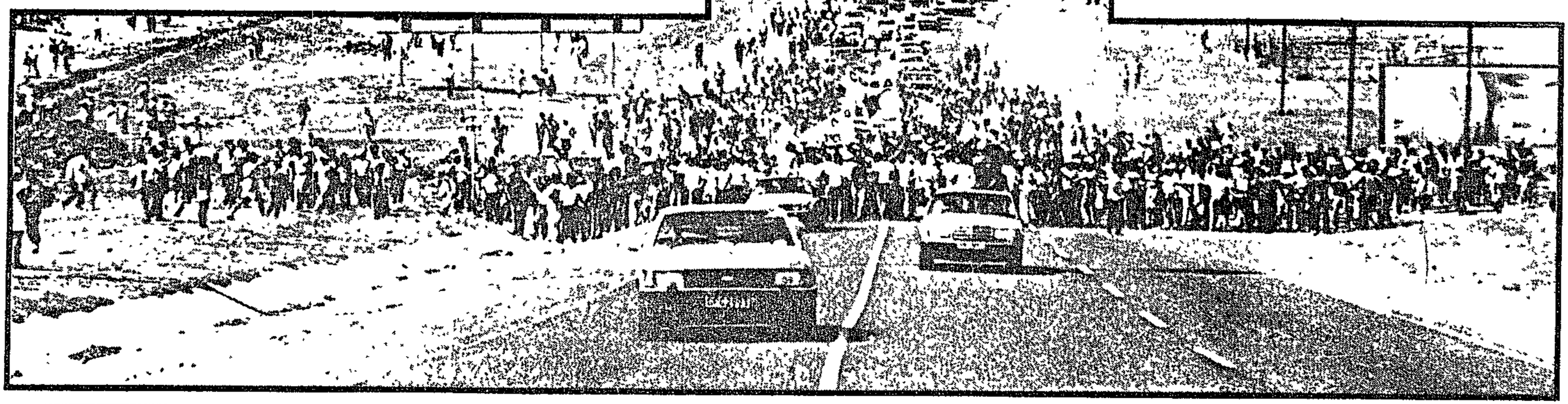
Thousands bury Khumalo



'The cops shot us'

Eight-year-old Vusi Mshigane shows his wounds from pellets fired by police near Avalon cemetery after Bongani Khumalo's funeral.

Another victim: Thami Khumalo, 22, of Mofolo South in Soweto shows his wounds.

Cops fire pellets at angry mourners

Report by KHULU SIBIYA
Pix: CONAN MAHLANGU

MOURNERS returning from Wednesday's funeral of Cosas secretary Bongani Khumalo had a shock in store for them.

Soon after leaving the Avalon cemetery, youths started stoning a beerhall and shouted that it must be destroyed, "because these are the things that destroy the nation".

But to their surprise, police leapt out of the beerhall and started shooting pellets, hitting several people — including eight-year-old Vusi Mshigane, of 966 Dlamini.

Another youth, Thami Khumalo, of Mofolo South, was seriously injured by pellets on his body and legs.

Seven people were later treated at Dr Nthato Motlana's Diepkloof surgery.

Mourners ignored a restriction order issued by the Johannesburg Chief Magistrate preventing them from singing freedom songs and carrying the coffin in a "non-mechanical vehicle".

Speakers at the Regina Mundi service included representatives from the Federation of SA Women, the SA Allied Workers' Union and the United Democratic Front.

Three die in Vaal 'reign of terror'

THREE people have been killed in separate incidents involving shooting and stabbing in the Vaal, where drivers of a white kombi are said to be causing terror among residents of the trouble-torn townships.

A spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations who was contacted for comment on the killings and the white kombi, said these were "untrue allegations" and after saying he was not prepared to comment on them, he slammed down the phone.

Families of Mr Jacob Moleleki (17) of Zone 13, Sebokeng and Mr Nicholas Mgundwa (10) of Zone 7, Sebokeng have engaged the services of a private pathologist to be present when their post-mortem examinations are performed.

The two youths were allegedly shot on Friday and Wednesday respectively The third person, Mr Alfred Mango, was stabbed with a sharp instrument on Saturday night.

Mr Moleleki was among 500 people who were arrested at the Evaton Cemetery last week. He was released on Friday after a successful Supreme Court application which followed an earlier refusal by a magistrate to grant them bail

Mr Nicholas Mgundwa was chopping wood at his home on Wednesday when he was hit by a bullet, according to relatives. At the time, members of the family were watching television.

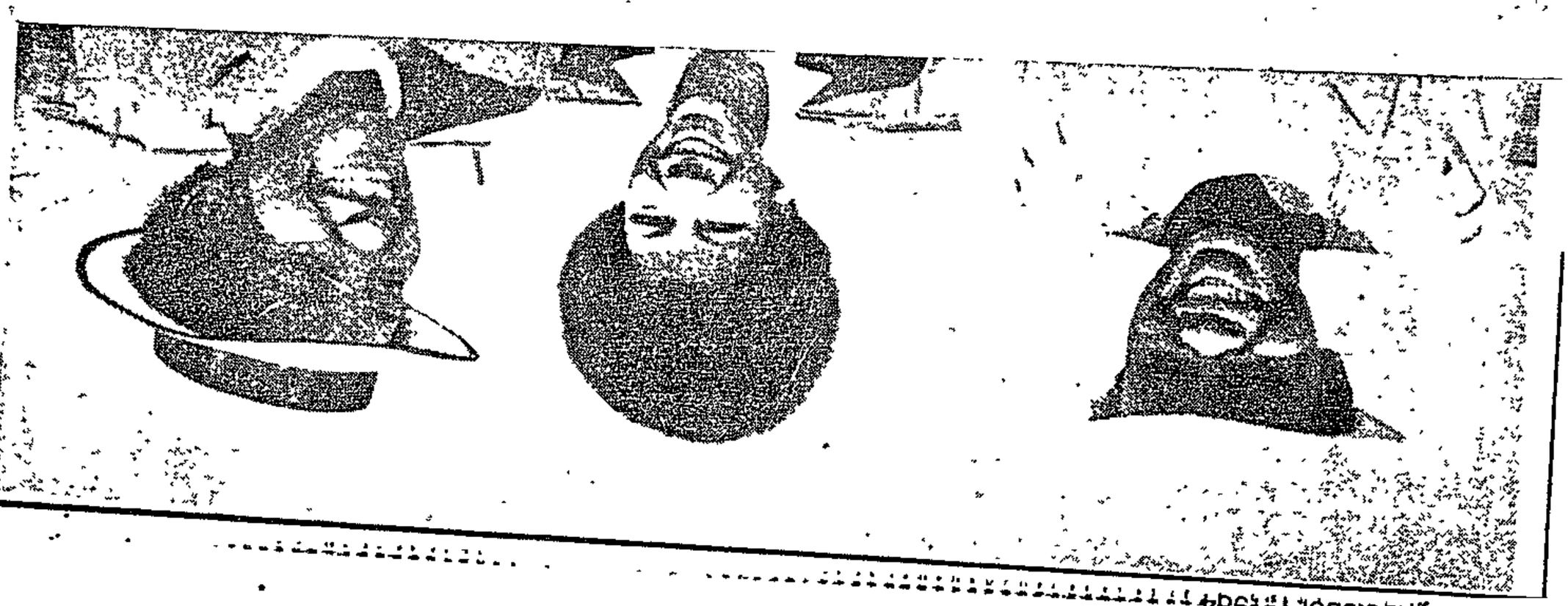
The youth was rushed to Sebokeng Hospital where he died after admission A white kombi, whose occupants are said to have been firing shots at any group of youths seen in the townships, was seen driving away shortly after the youth's shooting.

Meanwhile, there is still tension in the Vaal as buses are still not allowed into the townships.

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

THE No. 1

READERSHIP figures for newspapers have just been released by AMPS — and once more, we are the number one newspaper for blacks in the Transvaal — 723 000 people read us daily, 38 000 more than last year. So join The Number One — at 25 cents, it's still great value for money.



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Birdshot used against looters

POLICE used birdshot to disperse a group of 100 youths who robbed and then set fire to a beer delivery van in Daveyton, near Benoni, yesterday, reports Sapa.

In another incident in Daveyton, police used rubber batons and birdshot to disperse youths who stoned another delivery van.

Sporadic stone-throwing incidents occurred in Tembisa, near Kempton Park, Lieutenant Johan Barnard of the Police Directorate said yesterday. He said no injuries had been reported and no arrests had been made.

Most black townships around the country were "quiet" yesterday for the third consecutive day, a police spokesman said.

He said that while previous weekends had been characterised by sporadic incidents of violence, the past few days had been "dead quiet."

The mass unrest in black townships across the country began early last month. ● Six hundred people appeared before Mr J Coetzer in the Vereeniging Regional Court yesterday on charges of public violence, according to a Mail Reporter.

The surprise appearance of the accused follows a ruling in the Rand Supreme Court last Friday ordering the release of 58 mourners — all under the age of 16. All were granted bail of R50 each yesterday.

The other accused were told they will be granted bail when they appear in court on Friday. They were all remanded.

● Police are investigating a case of arson following the burning of two classrooms at a school in Mamelodi, near Pretoria, early on Sunday.

According to a police spokesman, Major Q D Papenfus, two classrooms at Jafta Mahlangu Secondary School were gutted by fire between 2am and 3am on Sunday.

Queen spent the day reading. — UPI

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Rampaging youths batter man to death

PRETORIA—A man was battered to death by 100 rampaging youths during an attack on a private house in Soweto yesterday, a police spokesman said.

During the same incident in the suburb of Jabulani, a youth was kidnapped, Lt Derek van der Walt said.

He also said a girl and two youths, all 17 years old, had died in Kwathema, apparently when a delivery van went out of control after being pelted with stones by a crowd of 300.

A further six people had been admitted to hospital on the East Rand in a serious condition, he said.

It is believed that the same van was later robbed of its contents of fruit juice and vinegar, he said. Ten people were later arrested.

Fifteen youths had been arrested in Soweto when 400 from Thulare Junior Secondary School in Jabulani marched to Mofolo.

Police had warned them to disperse, but they defied the order and kept on marching and started throwing stones.

Police used tearsmoke, rubber bullets, and birdshot to disperse them. No damage or injuries were reported.

In another incident, also in Jabulani, a youth was stoned to death by revenge-seeking youths and they stoned his house causing extensive damage.

Kidnapped

Another youth believed to be living in the same house was kidnapped. Police were investigating.

About 50 youths stoned a police vehicle and the car was damaged. There was no police action.

Two more youths were arrested after stones were thrown at a police vehicle in Mofolo.

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The two incidents were among several acts of violent unrest which occurred in various parts of the country.

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Six others were admitted in a serious condition, and a seventh, who was shot near the East Rand Development Board's offices, was also admitted in a critical condition.

According to witnesses, a group of about 300 youths stoned passing cars, trucks and buses, and also police vehicles.

Tearsmoke was fired at the rampaging youths and a number of businesses were closed as early as 10am when there were fears of looting.

Sapa reports that a further two people were injured when 15 vehicles and a police van were stoned in Grahamstown.

In Daveyton on the East Rand a youth was wounded by birdshot when police dispersed a group of stone-throwers. The injured youth was one of five people arrested in Daveyton yesterday following several incidents of arson looting and stone-throwing.

Police used rubber bullets and tearsmoke to disperse a crowd stoning a Daveyton beerhall. Later about 300 people returned to the beerhall and stoned police. The crowd dispersed when police fired birdshot and tearsmoke.

FUNERAL: The coffin of Mrs Maria Mvala (26), who was buried in Sharpeville yesterday. Mourners were later whipped by police. See page 3.

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More injuries and arrests in new township unrest

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By Chris More

Two youths were injured and 13 were arrested in renewed outbreaks of unrest in Soweto today. Police spokesman Lieutenant Derek van der Walt said in Pretoria that an unidentified youth was hurt when police used teargas and rubber bullets to disperse a crowd of about 150 youths in White City.

He said the group was stoning police and private vehicles when they were dispersed. Two private vehicles were damaged and 13 youths were arrested

The injured youth, who has not been identified, was taken to hospital. His condition is not known.

Teachers at the Morris Isaacson High School said a Standard 8 pupil, Michael Lephoto (17), was shot and injured in violence at the school today. The police were unable to confirm the shooting

At Molapo in Soweto 150 youths stoned police and a Putco bus They were dispersed with birdshot. No arrests were made.

The vice-principal, Mr M Bogatsu said he could not tell the exact cause of the unrest which started at about 9 am

He said a group of Morris Isaacson students who arrived by bus from the Molapo Technical High School where they had gone for a lesson reported that their bus had been stoned.

"A few minutes thereafter a skirmish ensued among the students from Morris, and those from other schools in the area who had suddenly converged on the street. There was a lot of confusion and the situation soon got out of control and stone-throwing began," Mr Bogatsu said.

According to witnesses, police who came to defuse the situation were seen dragging and sjamboking students on a kopje opposite the school.

About 11 students are believed to have been injured during the skirmish with the police.

Concern over thuggery amid township unrest

By Chris More

Residents in black townships throughtout the Reef are concerned about the wave of wanton violence that has swept through the area since unrest began two months ago.

Residents are worried that it has become difficult to distinguish between thuggery and the genuine expression of dissatisfaction against the authorities as groups of youths wage attacks on people and property.

Police have launched investigations into acts of violence in the affected areas.

In Soweto police are investigating claims that a group of about 100 youths attacked a house in Jabulani and battered a man to death.

In Senaoane six youths were injured when police fired birdshot to disperse a group of rampaging youths. The six were among 53 people later arrested.

In many areas on the Reef residents from the more affluent sections of the townships are living under threat of victimisation as word was spread that they are not part of the "struggle" because the are "too rich to bother".

Some of them were later arrested.

Several commercial vehicles were stoned.

At least four people, including three teenagers, were killed and 15 were injured yesterday in unrest concentrated on the East Rand, Soweto and the Eastern Cape.

More than 80 people were arrested.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Derek van der Walt said the driver of a delivery van apparently lost control of his vehicle when it was stoned by about 300 youths in Majola Street in the Springs township of kwaThema.

The van ran straight into the crowd

A 17-year-old girl and two 17-year-old youths died after being hit by the vehicle.

Six youths were taken to hospital seriously injured, said Lieutenant van der Walt.

Two found guilty of Chobe River murders

By Jasper Mortimer,
The Star's Foreign
News Service

FRANCISTOWN — Two Botswana soldiers were today convicted of the murder of Francistown hunter and wholesaler Mr Albert Bekker and one of the soldiers was also convicted of the murder of South African Mr Ronald Visser on the Chobe

equally responsible for Mr Ronald Visser's death as their firing constituted a joint enterprise.

However, Ngwenya was absent at the time Mr Bekker was killed and could not have foreseen the way he was killed.

The judge criticised the Botswana Defence Force for removing the bodies from the scene, not handing the soldiers'

Defecting MPs under pressure

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Pressures are growing for the resignations of the three New Republic Party members of Parliament who defected to the Na-

Soweto death toll now 36

ACTS of violence have claimed seven more lives in Soweto, bringing the number of people killed since last Friday to 36.

The township's murder toll was 29 on Monday, making it one of the highest and bloodiest recorded over a weekend this year. Police attributed the death toll to the fact that it was the end of the month.

Brigadier J J Viktor, the Soweto CID chief, said yesterday that one of the seven murders reported to police was of a 17-year-old Zone 5 Meadowlands girl. She was allegedly stabbed to death on Monday evening by her boyfriend. Police are looking for a 23-year-old man.

Arrested

In one of the two attempted murders reported, police have arrested a man and recovered a revolver.

Other crimes committed were seven robberies, in which police have made five arrests, one armed robbery in which a delivery vehicle worth R5 800 was taken, six rapes, 13 thefts, six motorcar thefts, eight thefts from vehicles, two burglaries each from business premises and residential places.

Relief food parcels for a ravaged Vaal

By SOPHIE TEMA

EMERGENCY relief services — offering food parcels at cost — for residents has been started by the Red Cross Society in the Vaal Triangle.

The move follows an appeal made to the Government and other bodies for food relief to help the Vaal community after almost all shops in their areas were destroyed by fire during the recent unrest.

Members of the community have said they are starving.

Mr D C Ganz, chief director of the Orange-Vaal Development Board reported that 20 shopping centres, including several small shops, were damaged in the Vaal area.

He said the cost of all Development Board buildings, shops and 32 houses damaged during the unrest was estimated at R30-million.

To help the Vaal community, food parcels, sold to cover only travelling costs, have been offered by the Red Cross and are obtainable from the Evaton and Tukisong clinics in Residensia. Many people say they are starving as they do not have the means to travel into town to buy food.

Food parcels will be sold by the Red Cross at the Zone 13 clinic today.

Mr P N Louw, Town Clerk of the Lekoa Town Council, said yesterday: "Our Council has arranged for food parcels to be sold at cost to residents who have no means of travelling into town for their grocery supply.

"The parcels contain the basic foods that families need from day to day and are sold by the Red Cross only to cover their travelling costs."

Many residents walk almost three kilometres from the far end of Sebokeng and Evaton to a supermarket for a loaf of bread or a packet of candles.

Miss Josephine Tsotetsi, has to lead her blind uncle, Mr Monki Tsotetsi, almost two kilometres once a week from their Zone 13 home to a shop on an adjacent farm in Rietspruit.

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Youths die as van hits mob

Mail Reporters

A DELIVERY van driver panicked yesterday as he was stoned by a mob of about 300 youths in KwaThema, near Springs, and lost control of the vehicle which ploughed through the crowd, killing three teenagers and injuring six.

The van ran over and instantly killed a 16-year-old girl and two 17-year-old boys, whose names could not be disclosed by the Police Directorate last night.

The injured were admitted to the Far East Rand Hospital and are in a serious condition, a spokesman for the police, Lieutenant Derek van der Walt, said.

According to another spokesman from the Police Directorate, the driver later gave himself up and is said to be in protective custody.

SIPHO NGCOBO was at the scene of the horrific accident in Majola Street, where distraught parents were seen carrying injured youths into their homes.

About nine policemen with sjamboks were stationed there in vehicles and the atmosphere was tense as shocked youths looked on.

Outside the Civic Centre in KwaThema youths charged 10 policemen who were firing rubber bullets at them.

The youths then attempted to set fire to the Kwa Thema Town Council offices in the centre, but were stopped by another group of policemen in an armoured vehicle.

Police also dispersed youths trying to set fire to a milling products delivery truck which they had just stoned and looted.

A Rand Daily Mail freelance photographer, **Silas Mononyane**, was robbed of his photographic equipment near the civic centre.

STAN HLOPE reports that in Soweto police used tearsmoke, rubber bullets and birdshot to disperse 400 pupils from the Thulare Junior Secondary School in Jabulani who were marching towards Mofolo.

Lt Van der Walt said the youths defied a police warning to disperse and continued marching and throwing stones.

In another incident a man was battered to death when youths stormed a private home in Jabulani.

Police used birdshot to disperse the rioting youths. Three youths were wounded and are now under police guard in a Soweto hospital, Sapa reports.

Lt Van der Walt said another youth, believed to be living in the same house, was kidnapped, but police were still investigating.

He said 53 youths were arrested in Soweto.

● In Grahamstown four youths were arrested on Monday when 500 youths allegedly marched to the Rini City offices in a bid to hold an illegal meeting.

Later, a police spokesman said, some 600 black youths marched to the main road linking Grahamstown and East London where three people were injured last night by youths stoning passing traffic. Last night the youths were dispersed by police using tearsmoke and rub-

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Youths die in unrest

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ber bullets, and there were no injuries or arrests

A crowd of about 300 youths who stoned private vehicles around the Morris Isaacson School in Central Western Jabavu in Soweto yesterday afternoon were dispersed by police using rubber bullets, teargas and sjamboks Nobody was injured or arrested

● In Daveyton, near Benoni, a policeman was injured after being struck with a stone when 400 youths allegedly tried to block the entrance to Tsele Street Police used teargas, rubber bullets and a sneeze machine to disperse the crowd.

At least 61 people have died during the past month in unrest across South Africa's black townships following protests about political rights, black education, rent rises, local government and black trade unionism.

At least four black local authorities, elected late last year on slim polls, have withdrawn highly unpopular rent hikes and bus fare increases since the eruption of violence.

● In Botshabelo township in Bloemfontein two youths pelted the car driven by two journalists from the Bloemfontein Volksblad. On Monday night buses were damaged in stone-throwing incidents in the township

Police whip Vaal mourners

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

POLICE yesterday whipped mourners who were returning from the funeral of one of the Vaal Triangle unrest victims, Mrs Maria Mantoa Mvala (26) in Sharpeville.

Mrs Mvala, an employee of the Orange-Vaal Development Board, was fatally wounded when police allegedly open fire in her yard two weeks ago.

About 2 000 mourners solemnly marched 3 km behind the hearse carrying the coffin to the St Cyprian Anglican Church where the funeral service was held.

Father Tebogo Moselane, the pastor in charge, told the emotion-charged service that people cannot be oppressed forever. "Even the Egyptians had to give in to the resistance of the Israelites whom they had enslaved."

After the service Father Moselane and four other priests led the mourners as they marched to the cemetery.

The coffin was carried aloft while mourners sang the national anthem and other freedom songs. Police in several vans kept a close watch.

Many people returning from the cemetery were beaten by police. Woman and children ran in all directions as police charged at them.

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More involved in unrest — Naude

By Susan Pleming

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Tvl township disturbances futile — Gatsha

DURBAN — The recent disturbances in black townships in the Transvaal were not useful in the struggle for liberation, the Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, said in Bonn, Western Germany, yesterday.

Speaking at a lunch attended by academics and politicians, Chief Buthelezi said black anger was a generating force making black people determined to resist oppression but every now and again it broke out in "destructive sprees of extravagance"

He said it was important that the West should recognise that black leaders in South Africa would fail to harness anger constructively if the people could not be employed by political leadership in realistic projects which could succeed.

Chief Buthelezi said that in spite of the fact that the tactics and strategies of black movements in the period between 1976 and 1978 had failed and that Inkatha had grown at a phenomenal pace, the movement was virtually blacklisted by a wide range of donor agencies

CHIEF BUTHELEZI ... destructive sprees

in the West.

Western governments who shunned Inkatha pulled the rug from under his feet, he maintained, and so did donor agencies which funded opposition to the organisation.

The KwaZulu leader said Inkatha did not instigate black-on-black violence.

Of all the black organisations, Inkatha employed the tactics and strategies which made its call for reconciliation the most compatible with its programmes.

Black disunity could not be laid at its door, Chief Buthelezi said. — DDC

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80 youths arrested as violence continues

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Makgeta High School in Sebokeng was petrol-bombed last night and several classrooms were burnt out. Police said damage was estimated at R30 000.

More petrol bombs were thrown at Mothlasi nursery school in Sebokeng last night, causing damage estimated at R5 000.

In Soweto early today about 20 youths looted a bread delivery van. The driver fled; there was no police action.

At Duduza, near Nigel, about 1 000 youths who blocked roads and stoned Mosiboni School were dispersed by police firing birdshot, teargas and rubber bullets. Three youths who were injured were later arrested.

Three petrol bombs were thrown at the development board offices in Katlehong. None of the offices caught fire but several windows were broken.

In Soweto yesterday 15 youths were arrested when about 150 youths stoned police and private vehicles in Jabavu. One man was injured.

Lebowa police detained 75 pupils at the Khaiso High School in Kagiso after dispersing with sjamboks a crowd of stone-throwing pupils.

The pupils were apparently "on strike" because the school had failed to provide "entertainment" for which they had paid earlier this year.

Youth shot dead in rioting

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By Rev Ntoula

A 15-year-old youth, Vusi Diale, who was a pupil at the Tsakane High School was shot dead as rioting mounted in Tsakane Township near Brakpan today.

According to eyewitnesses, Vusi was on his way home from the local shops when he was shot as he fled from the police.

The eyewitnesses told *The Star* they had seen the boy staggering into a nearby house.

A crowd of pupils from two high schools in Tsakane soon converged on the house where the body lay under a blanket.

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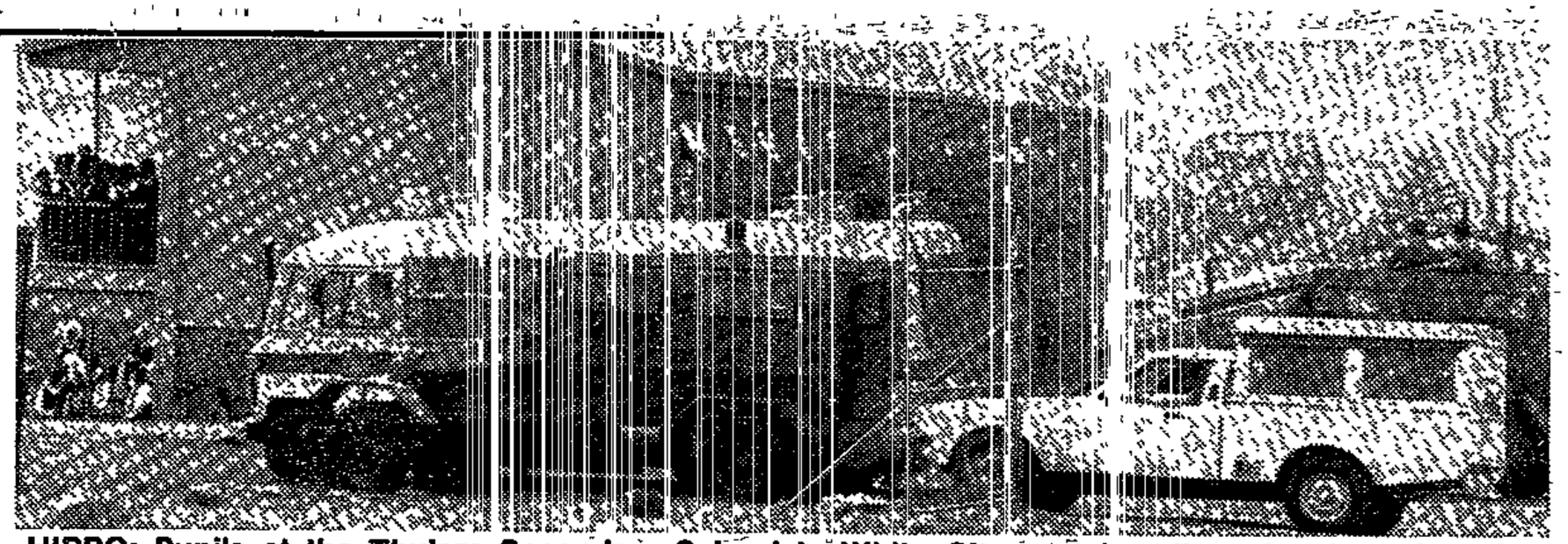

HIPPO: Pupils at the Thulare Secondary School in While City, watch police who drove into the schoolyard yesterday.

A WOMAN was killed and a beerhall and post office were set alight as the unrest yesterday spread from KwaThema in Springs to Duduza in Nigel.

The unidentified woman was killed when more than 1 000 youths went on the rampage, looting and burning down the Duduza post office and a beerhall.

A number of cars were stoned and at least two set alight. The Esibonelo High School had most of its windows smashed.

Meanwhile pupils at 24 schools in KwaThema stayed away from classes for the second consecutive day, making the township another one to be hit by the 130 000-strong boycotts in the East Rand, Vaal Triangle and Eastern Cape, according to Sapa.

In another incident, two women were seriously injured in Duduza when police used tear-

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

smoke and rubber bullets to disperse a crowd of about 400 who were marching to the nearby Tsakane township. Ten youths were arrested in Duduza during the disturbances.

In Katlehong township, police spokesman Lt van der Walt said a policeman was slightly injured during a confrontation between youths and police.

He also said an ambulance carrying a patient from Vosloorus to Natalspruit Hospital was stoned by a group of youths and police had to escort the ambulance to the hospital.

Petrol bombs

"Three petrol bombs were thrown at the local administration offices and two others were thrown at the Katlehong bottle store.

"All these petrol bombs did not explode and minor damage was done at the administration board offices," Lt van der Walt said.

Lt van der Walt also announced that an unidentified man was seriously wounded, two Putco buses badly damaged and 13 youths arrested during disturbances in Molapo and White City in Soweto yesterday. He said police had to use tearsmoke and rubber bullets when about 150 youths in Molapo and another 150 in White City stoned private vehicles and the two Putco buses.

The two Duduza women have been admitted to the Dunnotar Hospital and the Sowetan man is under police guard at the Baragwanath Hospital.

Meanwhile two of the five youths who were killed when a delivery truck ran out of control and crashed into a crowd of about 300 rioters in KwaThema, have been identified.

They are Jeremiah Mbanane (17) of 54 Sibeko Street and Cecilia Nebe (16) of 57 Legodi Street, KwaThema. They were both pupils at Phulong High School. No funeral arrangements have been finalised for them.

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Youth killed and several hurt in riots

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Tension gripped the East Rand township of Tsakane near Brakpan early today after violence yesterday which left at least one youth dead and several seriously injured following a confrontation with police.

Fifteen-year-old Vusi Diale, a pupil at Tsakane High School, died at the height of rioting.

A police spokesman in Pretoria, Lieutenant Henry Beck, said the circumstances of Vusi's death were being investigated.

Several youths were injured, apparently by birdshot pellets; others were severely bruised in clashes with anti-riot squads.

Trouble flared yesterday morning when pupils at two high schools left their classrooms and marched through the township, chanting freedom songs.

Primary school pupils joined in, swelling the crowd to about 2,000.

They threw stones at police, burnt down a bottle store and petrol-bombed a privately owned store.

At least four commercial trucks were set alight.

A Transvaal Provincial Administration traffic officer, Mr Peter Masilo, escaped injury when his car was mobbed, stoned and extensively damaged.

The bus service in Tsakane township was later withdrawn.

At Mosiliki section of Katlehong a councillor's house was petrol-bombed and youths were dispersed by police using birdshot.

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In Duduza, near Nigel, a youth was wounded and three were arrested after East Rand Development Board staff trying to put out a beerhall fire were cornered by an angry crowd.

Two pupils were arrested for intimidation at Thaba Jabula school in Soweto, said police spokesman Lieutenant B F van der Walt in Pretoria last night.

Police and youths clash

By SOPHIE TEMA

A KWATHEMA resident is lying under guard in hospital after being struck by birdshot used by police to disperse a crowd of stone-throwing youths.

Three bottle stores were plundered on the East Rand yesterday, and one was set on fire.

A Police Directorate of Public Relations spokesman said 12 people were arrested during incidents of violence on the East Rand yesterday.

The spokesman said five delivery vans were looted, with one being set on fire, and two others carrying merchandise were also looted.

In four of the incidents police used tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse crowds of violent youths, he said.

In two incidents in KwaThema, police were stoned by about 100 youths and tearsmoke and rubber bullets were used, he said.

In Dube Street, Wattville Township, one vehicle was set on fire and several cars were damaged by stones thrown by youths.

Police extinguished the blaze and no further incidents of violence were reported.

In Soweto, two bakery vans were looted by a group of youths and one was set on fire after the driver ran away.

Youths used rocks and burnt-out cars to set up road blocks in Tsakane Township, near Brakpan.

Cars entering and leaving the township were searched by a riot squad unit at a road block set up on the borders of Tsakane and KwaThema townships.

Sjambok-wielding East Rand Development Board police patrolled the township and dispersed groups of youths.

In KwaThema, residents walked long distances from the borders of the township after buses stopped running into the centre of the township.

Buses only went as far as the local police station.

The Duduza Post Office in Nigel was guarded by heavily armed police yesterday.

It was stoned by youths on Wednesday.

Youth dies in unrest

AN 18-year-old youth is believed to have been killed, several others injured and a bottle store set alight in Tsakane, Brakpan, as violence continued on the East Rand yesterday.

The youth, Mr Vusi Michael Diale, is believed to have been shot as he came out of the Tsakane Post Office, where several motor cars were stoned by rampaging youths.

Lieutenant van der Walt, of the Police Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria, could not confirm Mr Diale's death.

He said police had to use tearsmoke, rubber bullets and buckshot to disperse more than 1 500 youths who were stoning vehicles, looting a delivery van and setting four trucks alight.

Two bottle stores were looted in Katlehong, near Germiston, where other incidents of stone-throwing were reported.

The home of internationally renowned artist, Mr Stanley Nkosi, was damaged by fire after a petrol bomb was thrown at it. With the help of neighbours, Mr Nkosi managed to extinguish the fire before much damage was done.

In another incident a car was set alight in Wattville near Benoni when youths stoned private vehicles and in Kwa-Thema near Springs police used tear-smoke to disperse crowds of youths who were stoning a police vehicle, Lt van der Walt said.

In Tsakane, 12 people were arrested.

In Soweto, two people were arrested at Thaba Jabula School when classes were disrupted in the morning. Lt van der Walt said a petrol bomb exploded and caused severe damage at Makhetha High School and a number of classrooms were set on fire.

Police gunfire kills youth (278)

6/10/84 Star

A youth was shot dead by police in Jabulani, Soweto, yesterday as a new outburst of heavy rioting erupted.

Police headquarters in Pretoria said that the youth was part of a 60-strong mob that stoned a Putco bus. Police arrived and opened fire with birdshot.

Another youth, who was standing nearby, was also hit by birdshot and badly wounded.

He was taken to Baragwanath hospital. His condition was described as satisfactory.

No other serious incidents were recorded by police in Soweto although the area was described as extremely tense.

Rand 6/10/84 (278)

Schoolboy dies as unrest boils

Mail Reporters

A SCHOOLBOY was killed yesterday in continuing unrest in the East Rand townships.

The youth, Vusi Diale, 15, was a pupil at Tsakane High School.

Eye-witnesses said he was standing outside his uncle's house when he was hit by a bullet. He died instantly.

In the Mosiliki section of Katlehong, a councillor's house was petrol-bombed and youths were later dispersed by police using birdshot.

A bus was also stoned and set alight yesterday by a group of youths. This resulted in all bus services being withdrawn from the area.

The Police Directorate for Public Relations reported confrontations between police and black youths who continued attacks on township institutions and vehicles.

Police reported one man seriously wounded and 12 others arrested after various incidents across the East Rand yesterday afternoon.

A police spokesman said in Duduza near Nigel one youth was wounded and three were arrested after Development Board members — who were attempting to extinguish a fire — were cornered by an angry crowd.

Another youth was injured after police used birdshot and rubber bullets to disperse a crowd of 80 which was stoning a bus.

Twenty-five youths were arrested and four wounded yesterday in several other incidents in the township.

The spokesman said Government-associated buildings were attacked in a number of incidents.

In Soweto one person was injured and five arrested in various stone-throwing incidents.

In KwaThema police dispersed a gathering of 100 youths, using tearsmoke and rubber bullets yesterday morning.

Peaceful, prosperous ... then a township exploded

Flashback to last month's violence: Looting, arson, bus-stoning and mobbing ... a once-peaceful township loses its grip and erupts in collective hysteria

What went wrong in Sebokeng?

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A THRIVING model township has been left a riot-scarred disaster area.

That is the tragedy of Sebokeng, one of several once-peaceful black townships in the Vaal Triangle.

How did a seemingly progressive and enterprising community — which managed largely to escape the turmoil of the 1976 riots — get caught up in a vicious circle of self-destruction to the point where the Red Cross has had to come to the rescue?

Sociologists would have a field day pinpointing the reasons. But the answer seems to lie somewhere in the confusion of the present economic hardships, the disillusionment of a troubled black youth with its schooling system and future prospects, a lack of political outlets, allegations of corruption in the town councils, insensitive police confrontation, and some political rabble-rousing.

Or as Deborah Mabiletsa, executive director of the Urban Foundation, put it: "The 1976 riots and their underlying causes finally caught up with the model townships of the Vaal Triangle in 1984."

On September 4 the peaceful communities of Sebokeng, Zandela, and Sharpeville, making up the town council of Lekoa, and Evaton, exploded into bloody rioting which left more than 40 people dead and damage of more than R30-million as schools, shops and houses were burnt to the ground.

Not since the Sharpeville uprisings and shootings more than two decades ago, had the area seen anything as devastating. From a self-supporting community where private enterprise and development projects bloomed, the Vaal townships were razed to smouldering piles of debris.

By STEPHAN TERBLANCHE

The rioting mob destroyed almost every shop in the townships, burnt down houses, schools, administration offices, stoned buses and cars, brought essential services to a standstill and generally caused the total infrastructure of the area to collapse.

Finally the people calmed down and the SA Red Cross responded to a call from township citizens that they were starving. An emergency fund was started, but public reaction was slow. After 10 days the fund had only collected R200.

Appeals were made to the Government and other bodies for food relief to help the Vaal communities and emergency relief services whereby food parcels were offered to people in the region at cost, were instituted.

Why aid?

And in the aftermath of the violence white South Africans are once again asking why aid of any kind should be given to black communities who had destroyed all they had.

"That is a traditional white view in this country," says Mark Orkin, acting director of the Institute of Race Relations. "People who are to be incorporated into a productive society need hope and participation in an acceptable system."

What then went wrong with the once productive communities of the Vaal Triangle?

Sebokeng was known as a model township with attractive and modern housing and a potential spending power of R180-million a year. It is here that the Urban Foundation launched one of its first township projects, spending vast sums of money to upgrade and redevelop housing in the township.

Home-ownership and home-improvement was well-established with building society development corporations, major industries and private construction firms acquiring stands and building houses.

Progressive

Sebokeng is also one of the townships falling under the Orange Vaal Development Board (OVDB) where progressive new approaches to township development were first tried out — with much success — under the present West Rand Administration Board chairman, Mr John Knoetze.

Sebokeng and neighbouring Sharpeville remained quiet throughout the 1976 riots, causing a major South African building society to refer to this when it decided ... [illegible] ... of politics without ...

DEBORAH MABILETSA
Analysing the causes

"When people get violent and start rioting, it is a form of insanity. It is uncontrollable and they hit anything. And violence is not the answer"

Sombre and helpless ... the aftermath of violence

year to the OVDB for housing.

Last month this building society's branch in Sebokeng was burnt down.

The first signs of violence came in July when a thousand marchers, mostly school children, clashed with police in the Free State town of Parys. The march had been in protest against rent increases in the local black township.

"The school children at the time had a far greater freedom to express their anger because of the boycotts," says Mr Orkin.

"And their discontent was heightened by the fact that many of them now have to apply for a pass for the first time. Instead they receive some alien passport. But the underlying cause is still their grievance at an inferior schooling system.

Anger

"Young blacks feel they have no future. They loosely direct their political anger at the system at large. It is a

In May the first cracks appeared in the dream of stable and prosperous living in the model townships of Evaton and Lekoa. The two town councils announced arrears amounting to R3,5-million in the payments of shop and house rentals and service charges.

First the councils appealed to residents to pay what they could afford. Then they threatened prosecution of those who failed to pay, and even to expropriate their properties.

Killing

Angry residents saw demands that they pay for residential permits as an infringement on their freehold title rights.

The residents started organising meetings and the rent increases were rejected. School and work boycotts were called, and for the first time since Sharpeville the model townships seemed set to explode into large-scale rioting.

"The youngsters ... [illegible] ... with no wages, having been laid off from work. The economic recession had bitten further, and then came the last straw — rent increases channelled through community councils installed by the Government," says Mr Orkin.

On September 4 all hell broke loose in the Vaal Triangle. Thousands took to the streets stoning vehicles, burning down shops and houses and clashing violently with police who moved in in large numbers.

For almost a month the violence raged, leaving three town councillors killed, more than 40 people dead and causing damage of millions of rands.

Mrs Mabiletsa sums it up: "Workers' militancy has been fuelled by spiralling food and housing costs against hardline approaches by management who argue that the recession makes it impossible to give wage increases.

"But against this scenario we have the emergence of a strong and well-organised trade union movement and the dissatisfaction with the

"It is against this background of discontent that these riots have taken place. The boycotts were organised by the anti-rent increase committees and then other elements came in and from a peaceful call to stay away, there was rioting and looting. The rent increases were the final spark," she says.

Insanity

Mrs Mabiletsa says she does not believe that the riots were planned, nor that symbols of the system were being attacked and destroyed.

"When people get violent and start rioting, it is a form of insanity. It is uncontrollable and they hit anything. And they hit things, their own, in the townships and not in white areas because that is where the momentum gathered and went out of control.

"Afterwards the suffering follows. And the people who started the protest are sad because they had not thought it would get beyond control.

"Because of this suffering, it is true that violence is not

Pay your rental - Vaal pamphlet

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

SEVERAL thousands of pamphlets requesting residents of the strife-torn Vaal Triangle townships to pay their present house rents, service and other tariffs, have been distributed in the area.

The pamphlets, signed by the Lekoa Town Council clerk, Mr N P Louw, also list several offices where residents can contact their superintendents for advice on the issues

According to Mr Louw, residents in Zone Three, Seven and Residensia will be expected to pay the tariffs at the Residensia Hall, while those in Zone 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 will do so at Mphatlalatsane Hall.

The Oranje-Vaal Development Board offices in Sharpeville are still intact and residents can go to this office for payments as usual he said; a temporary office is provided at the warehouse of the town engineer adjacent to the Boipatong clinic for such purposes; a temporary office is provided in an empty shop next to the office of Bophelong and in Zamdela and Refengkgotso offices will be open for the public.

Several offices of the OVDB, homes, shops and public buildings were razed during the violence which erupted in the townships last month The incidents happened during the anti-rent demonstrations.

Mr Louw says that the increase of R5,90 for board's house and R5,50 per month for private house will no longer be effected as it was proposed earlier.

"However, it must be pointed out to you that in view of the non-levying of the proposed increased service charges and tariffs, the council will no longer be in a position to undertake the biggest portion of its capital programme of R17,8 million.

This capital programme, the pamphlets adds, also provides for the electrification of more houses, services to a park and self-built stand, tarring of roads and the improvement of sport facilities.

Uprisings

"In the light of the damage caused during the recent uprisings, no general maintenance to houses will be undertaken during the current financial year since the Maintenance Reserve Fund is now already excessively committed.

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Unrest : Concern over use of SADF

THE Defence Force was at the centre of growing political concern today over the use of soldiers to support police in trouble spots; suggestions that the army could be used to maintain peace in Mozambique; and the sudden scrapping of Defence Bonus Bonds.

Defence Force troops have joined police patrolling Soweto and Joza township in Grahamstown, a police spokesman in Pretoria said.

Defence Force troops helping police to maintain order in black areas were being used in a "supportive role" and on a regional basis, a Defence Force spokesman said today.

He could not say whether soldiers would be required to use firearms in riot situations.

RESPONSIBILITY

Any members of the Defence Force stationed in a particular region, including national servicemen, Citizen Force members or those in the Permanent Force, could be used for such operations.

"The responsibility for handling the security situation and for maintaining law and order in such areas remains in the hands of the police," the spokesman said.

Units of the Grahamstown-based Midland Commando are supplying logistical support to the police to help to contain persistent stoning of vehicles passing through the city.

The part-time soldiers are manning two huge anti-aircraft searchlights, one on Gunfire Hill next to the 1820 Settlers Monument, and another on the Port Alfred Road.

FARMERS ANGRY

The mobile searchlights are being used to illuminate bushy areas on both sides of the East London-to-Port Elizabeth national road.

Farmers who travel through Grahamstown at night are angry at having to face the prospect of running the 500-metre gauntlet of Raglan Road, as the national road is called where it enters Grahamstown, or add a 60-kilometre detour along dirt roads to avoid the 500-metre stretch.

There have been calls for a bypass road to be built around the notorious stretch, and farmers intend to tackle the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, on the subject when he visits Grahamstown later this month.

A work stayaway has been called in KwaThema, Springs, today to protest against the Government and its institutions.

RUBBER BULLETS

Last night a group of about 250 youths in Thokoza near Alberton were dispersed by police firing rubber bullets and tearsmoke after the crowd began throwing stones.

In Dobsonville, Soweto, yesterday a police patrol was stoned by a mob and fired rubber bullets to disperse the crowd.

Mr Philip Myburgh, the Progressive Federal Party's spokesman on defence, said the party's defence group was seeking an urgent interview with the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, on the use of troops.

The move would involve the Defence Force in internal political events and would politicise the Defence Force.

Black South Africans would see the Defence Force as an instrument of oppression.

IMPLICATIONS

The leader of the PFP, Dr F van Zyl Slabbert, and the leader of the New Republic Party, Mr Vause Raw, both expressed concern about the situation.

Mr Myburgh warned of serious political implications if the Government used the army directly to suppress riots.

Blacks would see the army "more and more as part of the apartheid regime" and could cause more South Africans to question national service than were already doing so.

Mr Raw said he was prepared to see the army being used to back up the police and preserve life, but added: "I certainly don't think this should be done regularly." — Political Staff, Argus Correspondent and Sapa.

42 arrested, one dead in more unrest

Mail Reporter

ONE person was shot dead and about 42 arrested as unrest continued in most parts of the country at the weekend.

Among those arrested was the Bishop Suffragan and Assistant Anglican Bishop of Johannesurg, the Rev Simeon Nkoane.

Of the 42 arrests, a police spokesman in Pretoria said he could only confirm five — three in KwaThema, one in Tembisa and one in Dobsonville.

The arrests bring the total number of people arrested in recent months to 798.

The figure was released by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange, at the weekend.

In the incident at KwaThema, near Springs, about 42 people were arrested after more than 8 000 mourners stoned and set alight six buses after attending the funeral of two pupils who died during the disturbances in the township.

Lieutenant H Beck of the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria, said yesterday one of those arrested was the Bishop Suffragan of Johannesburg and the Assistant Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, Bishop Nkoane.

The other two arrested were Mr Stephen Mbatha and Mr Isaia Moremohle, Lt Beck said.

In another incident in KwaThema, three petrol bombs were hurled at the house of a local policeman.

One of the bombs exploded in his bedroom, and his wife and three-year-old daughter were slightly injured.

On Saturday, in Thokoza, two policemen were attacked by three men while they were guarding Afrimet, the controversial 51% black and 49% white ownership wholesale outlet, according to Lt Beck.

A shot was fired and one man was killed while the other two fled.

In Tembisa, a group of about 30 youths attacked a beerhall and stoned three Putco buses at the weekend. Police arrested one person on a charge of public violence.

In another incident damage estimated at about R3 000 was caused when Mutandu High School was set alight in Tembisa at the weekend, Lt Beck said.

In Dobsonville yesterday a police patrol was attacked by a group armed with stones.

Police fired rubber bullets

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798 are arrested in recent months

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to disperse the crowd and made one arrest, Lt Beck said.

In Evaton, in the Vaal Triangle, 200 mourners attended the Saturday morning funeral of Mr Jacob Moleleki, who was allegedly shot while being taken home in a police van last week.

He was one of more than 500 mourners who were arrested two weeks ago.

Meanwhile, the death toll in unrest in the Vaal Triangle townships has been estimated at between 70 and 80, according to two Johannesburg Sunday newspapers.

But Lt Beck said he could not confirm these figures.

However, he did say last night that Defence Force troops had joined police patrolling Soweto, Sapa reports.

He denied newspaper reports yesterday that 21 Batallion, stationed near the township, was being used.

"Other units of the army will be used (to help police)," Lt Beck said.

A South African Defence Force spokesman refused to comment on the report, saying it was "purely a police matter".

SADF troops were last night patrolling the Grahamstown township of Joza, Lt Beck told the Rand Daily Mail yesterday.

"In one incident people placed rubble in the street and set it alight. Police and five Defence Force members attended.

"The police and troops used sjamboks to disperse the crowd and one of the troops member, Rifleman D Ball, was cut on the head by a flying missile," Lt Beck said.

PFP warns on use of army

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Dr Van Zyl Slabbert, leader of the Progressive Federal Party, yesterday warned that use of the army in combatting unrest in the townships would increase militarization of the domestic situation.

He was reacting to the disclosure by Mr Louis le Grange, the Minister of Law and Order, on Friday night that elements of the army would be used to a greater extent in "a support role" for the police.

Dr Slabbert said this could only increase tensions in the townships.

Mr Philip Myburgh, PFP spokesman on Defence, said last night that the "involvement of the South African Defence Force in internal political matters will lead to the politicization of the armed forces".

He said the SADF was made up of young men doing national service, "and involvement in internal political conflict is the last thing they want to do".

If the government felt it necessary to take political action against certain people, it should do so through the courts and not use the armed forces, he added.

Meanwhile, the United Democratic Front has said the mobilization of the South African Defence Force in the townships was "tantamount to declaring war on the people of South Africa".

Mr Trevor Manuel, a spokesman for the UDF, said the role of the military had been a fairly central focus of the anti-election campaign and was one of the reasons the constitution had been rejected.

Commenting on the notion of civil war and a state of emergency, he said:

"When you say you're going to use military force against the citizens of a country, then you know you have a very serious situation on your hands."

Bishop held after funeral

Police arrested several people at the weekend funeral of unrest victims. Among those held was the assistant Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg East, the Right Rev Simeon Nkoane.

They were attending the joint funeral of unrest victims Eunice Msipha (16) and Reuben Rama Kolane (17), who were pupils at Phulong Secondary School.

Bishop Nkoane this morning told *The Star* he was detained for three hours and asked to make a statement on the violence at the graveyard. He had refused, he said.

Six buses were stoned and set alight and a seventh was allegedly hijacked during the funeral service. Police dispersed rampaging crowds with teargas.

At the funeral a decision was taken to call a work stayaway in KwaThema, Springs, but fully laden buses were running as usual this morning.

Growing row over troops for riot situations

Staff Reporters

The South African Defence Force was at the centre of a growing political row today over the use of troops to control riot situations, suggestions that the army could be used to maintain peace in Mozambique and the sudden scrapping of Defence Bonus Bonds.

In Soweto last night SADF troops joined police in patrolling the complex, police in Pretoria said.

But Lieutenant Henry Beck of the SAP Public Relations Directorate denied newspaper reports that 21 Battalion, stationed near the township, was being used.

It has been pointed out that SADF troops deployed in any unrest fall directly under the command of the SAP.

Today Mr Philip Myburgh, the Progressive Federal Party spokesman on defence, was seeking an urgent interview with the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, for clarity on the use of the army in riot situations and as a peace-keeping force.

The leader of the PFP, Dr F Van Zyl Slabbert, and New Republic Party leader Mr Vause Raw both expressed concern about the situation.

Mr Myburgh warned of serious political implications if the Government decided to use the army directly to suppress riots.

Blacks would see the army "more and more as part of the apartheid regime" and it could cause more South Africans to question national service than were already doing so.

Mr Raw said he was prepared to see the army used to back up the police and preserve life, but added: "I certainly don't think this should be done regularly."

He was emphatic that the army should not be used in any political role such as seeking out political activists or applying laws such as influx control.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, an-

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Row over army role

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nounced at the Transvaal congress of the National Party last week that the army would play a greater role in helping police quell riots.

This came after a hint earlier in the week by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha, that South African troops could fill a peacekeeping role in strife-torn Mozambique.

Colonel Vic Heyns, an SAP liaison officer, said today that troops used by police in riot situations would fill a "supportive role".

He could not say if soldiers would be required to use firearms in riot situations. The question had not arisen yet.

He said the army had been used in roadblocks and had supplied helicopters in the past. SADF assistance was needed because of the shortage of police personnel.

Brigadier Kobus Bosman, chief SADF liaison officer, said the decision on how to use troops was the police's task as maintaining law and order was their sole responsibility.

He said SADF units had been used regularly by the police for some years on a regional basis.

Early today troops patrolled the Jabulani and White City Jabavu areas of Soweto, but by mid-morning they had been withdrawn.

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I didn't request army help, says ET

Mail Reporter

THE Mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, denied at the weekend that he had requested army troops to move into the sprawling township.

Speaking at an inauguration ceremony for Mr Ben Shirinda as councillor for Ward 2 in Mamelodi, Mr Tshabalala alleged that school pupils had requested the presence of troops so that their examinations would not be disrupted by violence.

He was responding to a report in a Sunday newspaper that quoted him as saying that the 21 Battallion stationed in Lenasia would be moved to Soweto.

But SAPA reports that a police spokesman confirmed last night that SADF troops were helping them to control unrest in Soweto.

The spokesman, however, denied that 21 battalion was involved. In his speech, Mr Tshabalala also criticised the United Democratic Front (UDF), for allegedly causing the school unrest in Soweto.

He said lesser-privileged pupils were used by the UDF to forment trouble.

Mr Tshabalala claimed that some pupils had been given cars and up to R500 to tell pupils not to attend classes.

He said the UDF was based in Lenasia and wondered how it could represent blacks when it was composed of Indians and whites.

Mr Tshabalala also blamed the funeral undertakers who "wanted a flourishing business through dead people".

He praised the South African Government for granting urban blacks local authorities because blacks now had more power.

Lawyers fear 40 may be detained

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Lawyers fear that 40 more Vaal residents who were arrested during a funeral two weeks ago may now be security detainees.

Police have neither confirmed nor denied the detentions

The number of people detained, held in raids on homes and work places or taken back into custody without court appearances during the past week could be as high as 60

Lawyers who represent the 584 arrested at the funeral say they fear a new spate of detentions because

● Thirty-two accused failed to appear in court in Vereeniging on Friday when the rest appeared. Those who appeared were offered the option of R50 admission of guilt fines or bail of a similar amount Discussions with the prosecutor suggested that the 32 who had not appeared had been detained

● Eight others were taken into custody in Vereeniging after charges against them had been withdrawn. Lawyers are still trying to establish their legal status

REARRESTED

Earlier last week in a Vanderbijlpark court another group of eight was taken back into custody after the withdrawal of charges against them

One of the eight, Mrs Lindiwe Elsie Nana, has been confirmed as a detainee in terms of section 29 of the Internal Security Act. Police have not commented on the position of the other seven.

Ten detentions have been confirmed by police in the past week, including three in the Vaal area. The latest confirmed detentions under section 29 are of East Rand trade unionists Mr Jerry Kau and Mr Glen Mallela

The National Automobile and Allied Workers' Union, of which Mr Kau is a national executive member, has condemned his detention "in terms of this unacceptable legislation".

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DAMAGED: Neighbours gather around the attacked homes yesterday.

3 brothers vanish in revenge attack

By LEN MASEKO

THREE brothers disappeared mysteriously yesterday when a revenge-seeking mob attacked two homes in Soweto where they broke windows, doors and furniture.

Families staying in the two Emndeni homes yesterday described how they narrowly escaped death when about 50 youths — armed with pangas, garden forks, axes, and knives — went on rampage "destroying anything they could lay their hands on".

Three brothers are believed to have been killed during the skirmish A pet was also stabbed during the attack

The sought people were accused for the fatal stabbing of a neighbour Mr Mtungwa Ngwenya who was killed in an Emndeni house on Saturday night

Mr Patrick Nkosi, whose brothers are believed dead, said his family was relaxing at their Emndeni home when they were pounced upon by the armed mob He described how he and other members of the family, escaped through the window as the group broke doors and furniture in the house.

By late yesterday afternoon, the Nkosi family was trying to establish the whereabouts of the missing three brothers.

Ms Gladys Mabaso said the group began stoning her home when they could not find the person they were looking for

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Reef unrest: 5 buildings fired

At least five buildings were destroyed or damaged by fire today in black townships on the Witwatersrand.

In Dobsonville, Soweto, two classrooms at the Thembelihle Senior Primary School were completely destroyed after they were set alight in the early hours.

At the Enkolweni School Hall and Library minimal damage was caused.

In Alexandra township two children were hurt when the home of a development board official was extensively burnt.

Police were called to the Soshanguve High School near Pretoria where pupils were "milling around". Some then entered classes, others went home. — Sapa.

Six schools to re-open in Atteridgeville

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Staff Reporters

The six secondary schools in Atteridgeville, near Pretoria, closed since May because of continued class boycotts, will be re-opened on Thursday.

This was announced by the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, at a Press conference in Pretoria today.

The Minister also said that democratically elected students' representative councils (SRCs) would be established at all secondary schools falling under his department (the Department of Education and Training) from the beginning of next year.

He said all six schools would be opened despite the fact that parents of pupils at Dr W F Nkomo High School had decided against the re-opening of the school.

The decision on the Pretoria schools comes at a time when community and student leaders have been waiting for the reaction of the department on the issues of SRCs and age limit regulations which were listed by student organisations as the major reasons behind the class boycotts and unrest in Pretoria, the Reef and the Vaal complex.

Trouble first started in Pretoria in February. The class boycotts continued and in May the department closed the schools.

Since that time, class boycotts have spread throughout the country with student grievances revolving around the same issues.

"This decision was taken in the firm belief that the pupils, parents and the community will benefit from such a step," said Dr Viljoen.

A detailed schooling programme had been devised to help pupils make up for lost time. This would include longer hours in the school day and extra classes on Saturdays.

He appealed to both teachers and pupils to "submit themselves to the programme" as otherwise it would be a waste of time.

A further announcement was that pupils in Stds 6 to 9 would write examinations next January.

Std 10 pupils had the choice of writing next month or as private candidates in May next year.

Dr Viljoen stressed that the decision to re-open the schools in a time of unrest was aimed at helping every pupil not to forfeit a full year.

Concerning the formation of SRCs, the Minister said it was not the intention of the DET that the pupils should take over the governing of the schools, but it was essential that the pupils should have a say in their affairs.

He warned that the department would not tolerate attempts to abuse the councils for matters other than those of educational interest and importance.

Five township buildings set alight

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Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — At least five buildings were destroyed or damaged by fire today as trouble in black townships on the Witwatersrand continued.

In Dobsonville, Soweto, two classrooms at the Thembalihla Senior Primary School were destroyed after they were set alight in the early hours of today

Police extinguish a fire which was started at the Enkolweni School hall and library and little damage was caused.

In Alexandra township near Sandton two children were hurt when the home of Administration Board official Mr Amos Kgara was extensively damaged by fire.

In Mamelodi near Pretoria classes were disrupted today at Jafta Mahlangu Secondary School apparently after a misunderstanding over money collected for an examination

REFUSED

Police on routine patrols moved towards the school and the pupils ran away.

At Soshanguve High School pupils refused to attend classes and milled around the school yard until they were sent home.

The chief of Soshanguve police said today there were boycotts at the school but no violence was reported. He said the children were involved in a peaceful boycott and there were no clashes with police.

The class boycott at Soshanguve High School started last Wednesday when six pupils were to appear in court following an arson attempt at the school more than four weeks ago.

According to teachers, the pupils refused to attend classes because they wanted to "pledge solidarity with six of our colleagues".

At J Kekana High School and Vlakfontein Technical High School, where attempts were made to disrupt classes yesterday, lessons continued as usual today. The situation at other schools seemed to be normal.

Army may be used again — Le Grange

Mr Louis le Grange . . . not because of criticism.

Political Staff

Cape Town

Minister of Law and Order Mr Louis le Grange confirmed today that South African Defence Force troops had been withdrawn from certain black residential areas — but said they would be used again if needed.

He said the decision to withdraw the troops from Soweto and elsewhere had nothing to do with current criticism of their use to help curb unrest.

The decision had been taken because the situation in the townships had eased and could now be handled by the police without the support of troops.

Referring to opposition criticism, Mr le Grange said: "We cannot govern the country according to criticism. Naturally, we take note of serious criticism from opposition leaders and their senior spokesmen. But in this case the decision was not a result of such criticism."

Internal danger

The Leader of the Opposition, Dr F Van Zyl Slabbert of the Progressive Federal Party, said today that he welcomed the withdrawal.

But it appeared that the Government still stood by the principle of using SADF troops in black areas in future. If this was its policy, a dangerous internal situation would be created. It would mean the SADF would become part of the political conflict in South Africa, and this could lead to increasing polarisation.

The national chairman of the PFP, Mr Colin Eglin, has also condemned the Government's move to use SADF troops to help curb unrest in black residential areas.

He told a report-back meeting in his Sea Point constituency last night: "I believe it is utterly wrong for the Government to use young conscripted national servicemen as part of its law enforcement agency."

Aggression shield

This move would "bring the SADF into the vortex of South African politics".

In doing so, the Government would undermine the effectiveness of the SADF as a shield against external aggression.

Mr Eglin said that in present economic circumstances, instead of cutting back on military expenditure, the Government was using the SADF to augment the police force. If the police force was under strength, then it was the force itself which had to be strengthened.

Opposition MPs were meeting Minister of Defence General Magnus Malan in Pretoria today to raise serious doubts about the morality of using troops to patrol black townships.

Mr Philip Myburgh, PFP spokesman on defence, with several others from the party's defence group including Mr Brian Goodall, MP for Edenvale, were having a lunchtime talk with the general.

They were also to raise the issue of South African troops in Mozambique.

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Isaac Raboyame (12) tells of his arrest in township riots

Allister Sparks, a former editor of the *Rand Daily Mail*, wrote this article for *The Observer* in London.

SHARPEVILLE — Hundreds of children, some as young as 12, have spent weeks in South African police cells after being arrested during the recent disturbances in black townships.

Lawyers handling their cases estimated that two-thirds of the 2 000 or more people detained were under 18.

A court last week ordered the release of 91 children under 16 from the nearby township of Sebokeng.

Isaac Raboyame, aged 12, disappeared during the trouble in Sharpeville last month.

His grandmother, Eva Ramboyame, searched the ghetto's dusty streets for four days calling on his friends, checking hospitals and asking the police.

Then came word that her grandson, whom she looks after, had been arrested.

For more than three weeks the 12-year-old was kept locked in a cell at the nearby Vereeniging police station.

On September 20 a court ordered his release and a lawyer took him home.

Police tactics during the unrest have been to detain large numbers of people and keep them locked up for several weeks while interrogators work their way through them, looking for "agitators" they are convinced must be behind trouble of this sort.

It is a rough-and-ready process that cannot be too discerning about who gets pulled into the net.

A police spokesman, Lieutenant H J Beck, said on Friday he did not know how many children had been arrested since the unrest began.

"They are kept until their parents can be traced, then they are released into the custody of their parents."

Isaac Raboyame says there was another 12-year-old, Sile Matsile, in the cell with him.

Lawyers know of a boy of nine and another of 10 who were detained, and quite a number aged 12 to 14.

At Sebokeng, where some of the worst rioting occurred, a boy of 14 was shot dead at the police station.

This uprising, like the one in Soweto in 1976, has been largely a children's revolt.

Students took the lead in demonstrations and it is they who have clashed most violently with the police.

Most of the 70 dead and more than 400 injured have been students.

They have been in ferment for months over the separate, inferior education system for blacks.

They have been boycotting classes, and the schools of Soweto, the Eastern Transvaal and the region to the south of Johannesburg were empty last week.

Youngsters like Isaac Raboyame are a different matter, however.

I found him on Friday playing football with his mates in the street outside the overcrowded little matchbox house where he lives with his granny, three small cousins and another family of five.

His father is dead and his mother works as a live-in domestic servant for a white family in another town.

Small for his age, he was nervous on meeting a white person so soon after his ordeal at their hands.

But one of the adults took him on his knee and with a grave expression the boy told his story, while Grandma Eva made concerned clicking noises in the background.

He was going to play with a friend, said Isaac, when he found himself suddenly in the middle of a crowd being charged by riot police.

He tried to run, but a policeman grabbed him and shoved him in the back of a pick-up van.

One policeman hit him on the head with a rifle butt, he said, taking off a woollen bonnet to reveal a nasty gash that has still not healed properly after more than a month.

"I was very frightened," Isaac went on, "and I cried when the man hit me."

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Inspector's home burnt

Mail Reporter

THE home of a development board inspector in Alexandra Township was extensively damaged and about five buildings destroyed by fire when violence broke out in black townships yesterday.

The house of Mr Amos Kgare was gutted by fire about 1.50am yesterday.

Two of his children, injured in the incident, were treated for burns on their legs and feet at the local clinic.

● In Orlando West, near Soweto, at least two youths were wounded when police used birdshot to disperse a stone-throwing crowd.

Two schools were set alight in Dobsonville causing damage to four classrooms.

Lieutenant Henry Beck of the Police Directorate for Public Relations said about 30 youths were stoning a delivery van yesterday when police arrived on the scene and dispersed them with birdshot.

He said: "Two people — who were not found by the police — were possibly wounded because they either ran or were carried away by others.

"Two youths were also arrested and will be charged with public violence.

"In Krugersdorp, two bakery vans were stoned and looted by a group of youths. The driver of one van fled.

"About 13 dozen loaves of bread were looted from the second van by about 12 school children."

Students yesterday claimed that a meeting that was to have been held by Soshanguve Technikon students at the Lutheran Church was disrupted by police 30 minutes before it was to start.

Students said police arrived at the church and threw tearsmoke into the building. They then ordered into the hall about 200 people waiting outside for the meeting to begin.

The meeting was to have discussed problems that have arisen at the school recently.

Sapa reports that police have said Vista University students were not involved in an attack on a bread van in Soweto on Monday, as police originally stated.

A group of people set up a roadblock and stopped and looted a bread delivery van.

The report from Sapa states that an SAP spokesman said yesterday that an investigation into the incident, which occurred in front of the Vista University at Moroka, showed that "none of the students were involved".

In Mamelodi, near Pretoria, classes were disrupted yesterday at the Jafta Mahlangu Secondary School following a misunderstanding about money collected for an examination.

Police were also called to the Soshanguve High School, were pupils were milling around the schoolyard and had not gone to classes.

Call for end to age limit for black pupils

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SOWETO — The Urban Council Association of South Africa would recommend to the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Training, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, that he abolish the age limit on pupils in black schools, the Ucasa president, Mr Steve Kgame, said yesterday.

He also recommended that the Government provide funds for township development as rent increases as a source of income were unacceptable.

His council deplored the way pupils expressed dissatisfaction with their education by boycotting or burning schools.

In a bid to alleviate the wave of unrest and solve the present boycott of classes, parents and pupils in Katlehong and Alexandra yesterday resolved to make representations to the Department of Education and Training to present the pupils' demands.

But at both meetings no decision was reached about the resumption of classes.

More than 8 000 parents and pupils who crammed the Methodist Church in Katlehong near Germiston resolved:

- To form a Parents and Students Interimm Committee that would liaise with other committees around the country.
- That representations be made to the Education Department that age limits be scrapped.
- That burning and looting in the township stop.
- That Student Representative Councils be formed as soon as possible to liase with the PSIC.
- That the police and army withdraw from the township.
- That the academic year be extended to next June.

The meeting nearly got out of control when some parents suggested that pupils should go back to school while their demands were being attended to.

In Alexandra, a "parents only" meeting resolved to elect a Parents Committee to meet representatives of the pupils and urge them to go back to school.

Parents said they welcomed the introduction of SRCs and should accompany pupils back.

A meeting of pupils and parents to discuss the educational crisis became chaotic yesterday after a conflict arose between supporters of the two major pupils' bodies.

The meeting of about 1 000 pupils and parents at the Regina Mundi Church was convened by the Azanian Students' Movement.

It was also attended by members of the Congress of South African Students, an affiliate of the non-racial United Democratic Front.

The atmosphere became tense when a motion was proposed that both Azasm and Cosas unite to draft an alternative constitution to the DET constitution for the formation of SRCs.

A number of Cosas supporters opposed the motion, saying that Cosas had already drafted an SRC constitution.

When the motion was put to the vote a number of people walked out. Azasm's publicity secretary, Mr Kabelo Lengane, who chaired the meeting, said it "unanimously" voted in favour of both student bodies drafting "a constitution which would be acceptable to all black students". — Sapa

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14 mayors to meet Viljoen

A DELEGATION of 14 East Rand mayors will meet the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, on Monday to discuss the school crisis and unrests.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

The mayors, who belong to the East Rand Urban Councils Association (Eruca), have already sent a memorandum to the Government suggesting changes in the make-up of the present education system and the councils.

The memorandum was presented to the Chief Commissioner of the Witwatersrand, Mr Jacob Korff on Monday, to hand to Dr Viljoen.

The meeting, which starts at 9 am, will be held in Dr Viljoen's offices in Pretoria. The meeting will also be attended by Mr Korff and Mr DJF Hitge, the Director of Local Government.

In the memorandum the councillors have proposed a number of changes to the present education system, including:

- The scrapping of the age limit;
- The introduction of student representative councils;
- Toning down of corporal punishment;
- The upgrading of teachers; and
- One education department for all racial groups.

The councillors also suggested in the memorandum that there should be changes in the make-up of the councils, "to restore our heavily dented image."

Exposed

They said since the implementation of the Local Authorities Act in November last year, they had been exposed to much criticism because of their lack of power.

"Residents are saying we are doing nothing for them except increasing tariffs. We have become so unpopular that some of us have been shot and our houses burnt. We have been harassed, chased out of meetings and called irrelevant by those who claim to have credibility," the memorandum stated.

They also asked that sources of income other than rent be created for the councils. Suggested sources of income included a share in the General Sales Tax, traffic licences and fines, and the imposition of a levy on buses and trains.

It was also suggested that bottle stores and the sorghum beer industry should be handed over to councils, and that the Government should make land available for the building of more houses, light and heavy industry.

ERUCA CHAIRMAN: Mr Tom Boya.

based industry, bringing in much-needed foreign exchange.

The SATB-Fedhasa talks could also possibly lead to major changes in hotel regulations, and the Liquor Act could come under reconsideration — should government decide to change existing regulations.

Changes in the offing include "liberalising" the star-grading system; more tax breaks for lower-star hotels; and changes in the automatic linkage of a liquor licence to a hotel licence. This practice has led to many one-star hotels becoming little more than "glorified liquor outlets," according to tourism sources.

With a softening of star-grading standards, hoteliers would be able to save on building and running costs, as a number of unnecessarily strict requirements and regulations could fall away without damaging basic hotel standards.

"We are taking complete stock of the whole industry, looking at consumer needs and whether existing regulations match the practical requirements of the industry. This should help the industry become more cost-effective," says SATB executive director Spencer Thomas.

At least one hotel group has already moved strongly into the "budget" gap. Cape-based Protea Hotels & Inns (PHI) MD Otto Stehlik says he is being "inundated" with enquiries from hoteliers interested in its franchise and management contract scheme, aimed at forming a chain of "economy" and budget hotels (*Business* August 17).

The beauty of Protea's scheme is that it needs very little capital outlay. Individual hoteliers wishing to join the chain have to qualify in terms of the provisions of PHI's 40-page "quality assurance programme." The aim is to ensure that all participating hotels comply with the new group's standards. Any refurbishing and upgrading costs must be carried by the participating hotelier, who will be funded by the Bankorp group (the major shareholder in PHI).

Stehlik expects PHI to comprise 20 hotels by the beginning of next year, increasing to 35 by June-July, and reaching 50 by the end of 1985. He says PHI has already identified about 100 areas in southern Africa where it would like to make its presence felt.

Protea's high-powered entry into the budget market is underlined by its appointment of Theo Behrens (former Secretary for Tourism and ex-chairman of both Satour and the now-defunct Hotel Board) as marketing director from October 1. Stehlik claims the group now has "a couple of million rand" available to market the group's hotels locally and overseas from early next year.

Protea Hotels already has a well-established international marketing division. A bigger advertising pool will enable it to launch a major marketing campaign, as soon as the group is "on stream," says Stehlik.

A wide range

He adds. "Travel patterns are changing. People are becoming more adventurous and interested in visiting outlying country areas. With many of our hotels in up-country areas — and a fair mix of rural, resort and central city locations — we will be able to offer visitors a wide range of accommodation."

Stehlik is "amazed" at the number of largely unknown hotels, with great tourist potential, that are available in various scenic areas round the country. He sees the PHI venture as an opportunity to put these hotels "on the map." PHI is also negotiating with three homeland governments on possible hotel and resort developments, and Stehlik hopes to announce one major deal soon.

The hallmark of the new group will be the individuality of its hotels. "We do not plan to operate an over-standardised, over-commercialised group of hotels," says Stehlik.

Another major group has also indicated that it is "going budget" The new Safren group is strongly involved in tourism development through its two components — Safmarine, with its *Astor* cruise liner, and Rennies, which controls Holiday Inns (HI).

Rennies chairman Charles Fiddian-Green tells the *FM* his group has investigated the issue for some time in the US and "definitely" wants to press ahead with development in the budget hotels sector.

"Safmarine are 100% with us in this venture and we are actively looking for new hotel sites. We are, in fact, already negotiating to buy acceptable sites for building purposes and would prefer this avenue of development to taking over existing hotels," says Fiddian-Green.

HI presently has 22 hotels in SA, and one in the Transkei. The rest of its stable has been amalgamated with Sun International and includes the highly successful Wild Coast Sun, and its Swaziland resort.

Marketing and sales director Tim Rands says HI's 350-room highrise, second-generation hotel on Durban's Marine Parade will be completed at a cost of R45m by April 1985, while its new 250-room Pretoria Hotel was recently opened at a cost of R28m. Rands also expects a strong overseas tourism upturn as soon as the positive effects of the rand/dollar exchange rate begin to filter through to the local hotel and tourism industries on a larger scale

SI's exclusion contract from the SA market terminates next March — and the group is already studying further local and overseas developments. However, SI is definitely not in the "budget" market, and chairman Sol Kerzner recently said it is looking for good multi-million-rand foreign hotel investments.

Presently under construction are its 120-room, R25m Thaba'Nchu casino resort hotel, due for completion by the end of 1985, and "the finest hotel in Africa" — its new 250-room, R40m Cascades Hotel at Sun City. Marketing director Stewart Banner says the group has "a few more plans in the pipeline."

The overall pattern suggests that hoteliers are increasingly becoming aware of the advantages to be reaped from a weak rand, and that a greater "targeting" on tourists — upmarket or budget, local or foreign — has to form an essential component of planning Perhaps not all SA's hotels will survive. But those that do, should be in a strong position to provide carefully catered services.

THE UNREST

Currents of violence

The continued violence in the townships is a serious matter. Opposing views on its causes and possible outcome are emerging. While events seem far from adding up to a climate of revolution, reformist intentions need to be swiftly translated into action if the unrest is not to become endemic.

There are two powerful political currents flowing parallel in SA. One, with all its hesitations, imperfections, and injustices, is the current of reform. This, it is hoped, will eventually lead to a peaceful and more just society.

The second current is that of confrontation and revolution. The motives of its proponents — though not their methods — are understandable to any who recall the history of injustice of the last 30 years. Since the army is now being used to deal with turbulent situations, it is worth looking at what the army itself thinks of the issues.

Conventional military wisdom is that revolutionaries can cause a great deal of turmoil, bloodshed and suffering But they cannot launch a successful revolution against security forces whose loyalties are not subject to subversion

Conventional military wisdom is almost certainly right. If, over a large number of

IS THE VIOLENCE RANDOM?

The violence in SA's townships and mines differs from that of 1976 in that it seems to lack a common focus. In 1976 the flashpoint was government's attempt to enforce Afrikaans-medium education in secondary schools This time there is no single grievance — in fact there appear to be too many for any simple solution.

The fighting and killings on the mines were related to the strike called by the National Union of Mineworkers, and do not appear to have had any wider political connotation.

In the Vaal Triangle, where the community violence began, the spark was provided by resentment at rent increases. This quickly translated into hostility towards the new town council — several councillors were attacked and one killed.

Lenasia election

Lenasia's violence was directly against the Indian election under the new constitution. It was obviously designed to signify Indian rejection of the new deal — and to scare off voters.

On the East Rand, scene of some of the worst incidents, the school boycotts played a major part — with 93 000 students staying away. How far the violence was politically motivated, and how far it was due to thousands of boycotting students simply going on the rampage, is another question.

As far as can be judged the Grahamstown and Port Elizabeth incidents were largely motiveless — unless they are regarded as the sudden release of frustration due to falling economic expectations and poor housing.

Soweto backlash

In Soweto, where Mayor Ephraim Tshabalala blames the United Democratic Front for the unrest, trouble seems to have been precipitated by a combination of rent and housing grievances, and school boycotts It is interesting that Soweto is the one area to show any sort of significant counter-movement — with Tshabalala mustering 4 000 people to protest against the violence.

The Pretoria townships seem to have mainly been hit by student violence following a boycott of most local schools.

The situation is confusing enough to justify government suspicions that trouble is being deliberately orchestrated using whatever grievances lie to hand. The SA Catholic Bishops Conference, no friend of government's, has called for an investigation into the causes of "this outbreak of social rage."

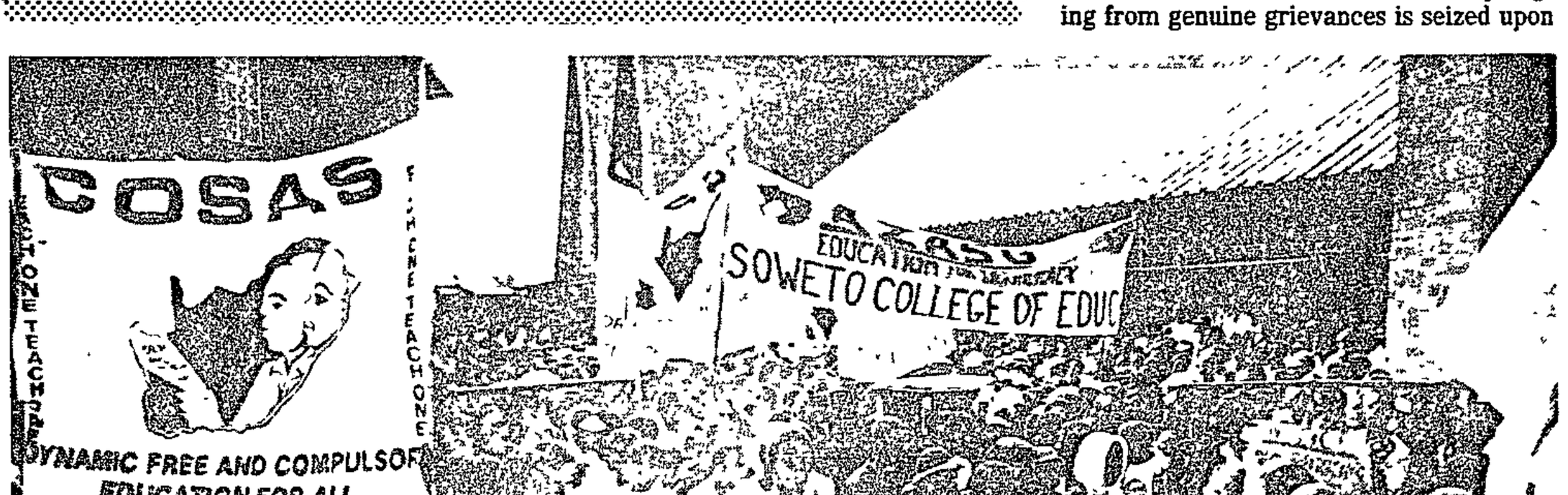
years, the revolutionaries succeeded in doing enough physical and economic damage (killing or maiming a sufficiently large number of people) they *might* succeed in bringing government to the conference table. This is a remote contingency. Government's most likely response would be to fight to the end — with the worst scenario a war that would almost certainly engulf the whole sub-continent if there was foreign intervention.

We are still very far from that. But it is pertinent to ask how relevant the current unrest — including as it does school boycotts and sporadic waves of violence — is to the plans of both the reformers and the revolutionaries.

There are two theories about the unrest. One, naturally held strongly by government, is that it is being orchestrated. Either the ANC is directly involved, it is argued, or front organisations are doing the running It is often strongly hinted that bodies like the United Democratic Front (UDF), the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo), and the Congress of SA Students (Cosas) are active in this field.

The other theory is that the unrest is almost entirely spontaneous. It therefore springs from grievances about inadequate schooling, poor and insufficient housing, increasing rents, corrupt and inefficient local government, poor and overcrowded transport facilities, the enforcement of influx control, and from falling living standards as a result of the recession.

We are inclined to believe that both theories contain truth and that unrest springing from genuine grievances is seized upon



Students' gathering ... not yet a fullscale revolt

by those with ideological axes to grind and in whose interest it is to keep the witch's cauldron bubbling.

It is always difficult for white South Africans, safely encapsulated from the realities of township life, to know precisely what is happening at any one time. They judge the state of play from the announced body counts, from ministerial and police statements and by whatever is said by blacks they happen to know.

Thus when Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange told the Transvaal National Party Congress last week that the army would be "utilised to a greater extent in a support role for the SAP" he raised a predictable row — particularly as army units were promptly deployed in Soweto and Grahamstown, only to be as promptly withdrawn due to the "situation easing."

After all, a state only uses troops against its own citizens in a declared emergency, rebellion or civil war — right? In the South African context, as it happens, wrong. Although government avoided using troops during the 1976 riots — when the police were stretched in dealing with the situation — the attitude has changed since then.

It has become policy to use the SADF wherever necessary — and it is the legally prescribed duty of the troops to render such assistance.

Among its other duties the Defence Act lays down the following tasks for the SADF: "The prevention or suppression of terrorism; the prevention or suppression of internal disorder" and "such police duties as may be prescribed."

In fact the SADF has become more and more valuable to the police. Government's 1982 White Paper on Defence says aid to the police included "22 cordon operations, 10 sweep and search operations and 633 road blocks." The 1984 White Paper avoids giving figures while making it plain that aid to the police continues.

But if military aid to the police is not a new departure, the new high-profile role of the troops carries its own dangers. It indicates to the country, and to the world as a whole, that the situation in the black townships is more serious than government has cared to admit. That cannot be good for either political or investor confidence.

That trouble should break out in the black townships just as the new constitution was coming into force is hardly surprising. From a revolutionary viewpoint outbreaks of mass unrest, violence and school boycotts signal to the world that the new constitution is not acceptable to the bulk of the people.

Grievances that could be exploited lay ready to hand; and to be fair to government most of them are not matters that can be easily remedied. Many are the result of 36 years of apartheid and they will take many years to put right.

How long the unrest will last is a moot point. The 1976 disturbances went on for many months and lasted longer in some areas than in others — particularly in the eastern Cape.

Revolt distant

In most people's judgment, however, the country is not ripe for any full-scale revolt In due course the urban areas will probably subside into the same sullen calm that followed 1976 — until next time.

The *FM* fully appreciates the genuine grievances of black South Africans. It also believes government is following a disastrous policy in attempting to press ahead with "separate development" — however much that policy might be brought up to date and explained away as something different.

Indeed it is of interest that some of government's proclaimed intentions are the antithesis of separate development — like Co-operation and Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen's statement last week that government aimed at the orderly "urbanisation" of blacks.

Whatever its flaws, this is a far cry from the old "blacks are temporary sojourners" attitude. It implies not only recognition that blacks are in the cities permanently, but that their numbers will grow both by natural means and by migration from the homelands and rural areas.

Even a government as given to belief in policy as a *deus ex machina* as Pretoria can hardly hope to keep such black masses politically powerless. Municipal votes and a theoretical say in distant and poverty-stricken homelands are not enough

No doubt Constitutional Affairs Minister Chris Heunis's Cabinet committee on urban blacks will agonise over the problem and will come up with many weird and wonderful ideas like city states or federal and confederal systems.

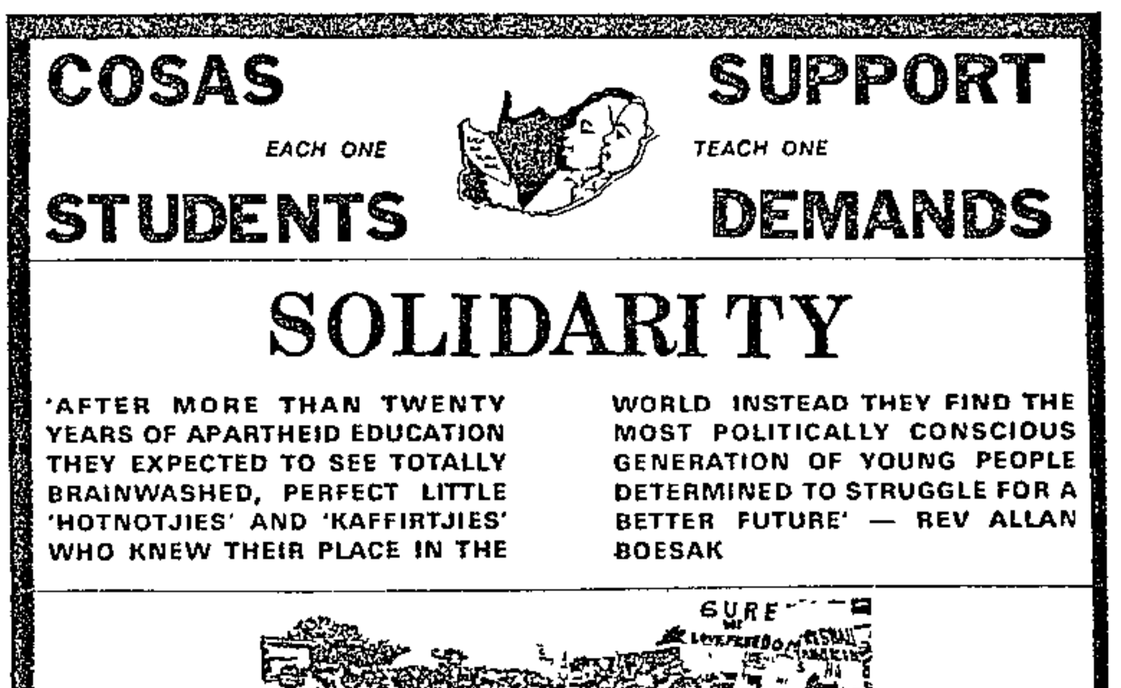
Some of these ideas may actually be tried before the realisation penetrates that all South Africans are entitled to equal rights — given some mechanism to protect minority interests.

No one, except the ANC, is demanding equal rights tomorrow. Obviously it will take time and will involve many traumatic political events before some satisfactory system emerges.

But it is unlikely to emerge in circumstances of growing violence where situations harden and hatreds become more intense. That is why we place our trust in reform, believing that, whatever the difficulties and pressures, each reform measure must lead logically and inevitably to the next.

Thus government, under the new constitution, must show itself capable of reformist action such as the repeal of the Mixed Marriages and Immorality Acts; the amendment, for the better, of the Group Areas Act; and the softening of the worst aspects of influx control and population removal.

If it does start to move in the right directions it might find that it does not, after all, need the army to hold down restless townships.



Cosas's education demand

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Conflict deepens in Lekoa Council

A CONFLICT which could split the Lekoa Town Council and thwart efforts to normalise the simmering situation in the devastated Vaal Triangle townships deepended during a dramatic meeting held at the Orange Vaal Development Board's headquarters in Sebokeng yesterday.

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

Addressing a meeting attended by Vaal employers and the Press, the town clerk, Mr N P Louw, announced that councillors had no intentions of resigning their seats and would go back to their wards within the next six months. Some had already gone back

The meeting took place after the employers, councillors, Board officials and the Press toured Sebokeng township escorted by police. Among employers were bank and building society officials

Interrupted

The meeting took a dramatic turn when Councillor Sam Kolisang interrupted Mr Louw during a speech "Mr Louw is not talking on behalf of councillors when he says we do not intend resigning He did not consult us and is not our mouthpiece. We are prepared to go to our people because we have suffered a lot.

"None of us has had a meeting with residents to explain the structure of rents. Since the Local Black Authorities Act was introduced no councillor has been allowed by the Board to talk to residents," Mr Kolisang said

However his claims were refuted by Mr Louw, who said about 30 500 notices had been sent out to residents informing them about service charge increases and not rents. These were endorsed by the council.

Deadlocked

Mr Louw reiterated that councillors were not prepared to heed the call by opposition groups to resign. Their meeting with residents' delegates deadlocked when he told them that councillors would not resign.

Unrest sweeps Reef township after police fire on mourners

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By Sol Makgabutlane

A catalogue of destruction has emerged after a weekend of unrest in Tsakane township on the East Rand.

The rioting, which began after riot control police had fired on 4 000 mourners in a cemetery, continued until late in the evening.

Police today denied reports that they had used live ammunition. But it was confirmed that rubber bullets and birdshot were used.

- Dozens of people were wounded, most by birdshot.
- A tractor and two trucks belonging to the East Rand Development Board were burned. A private lorry was also gutted.
- Four beerhalls and a bottle store-cum-lounge were stoned, looted and set alight.
- Two shops belonging to Tsakane mayor Mr S C Masilo were stoned and one set alight.
- Three houses occupied by board security personnel were damaged by stone-throwers.
- Two Press photographers, Juda Ngwenya of *The Star* and Evans Mboweni of the *City Press*, were hit by birdshot.

DIED

The unrest flared after the funeral of Vusi Diale (18) who died at the height of rioting on October 4 in Tsakane.

Ugly scenes erupted when riot control police drew up at the Tsakane cemetery where there were about 4 000 mourners. Police opened fire with birdshot and tearsmoke canisters, hitting many people.

Mourners who had pledged to make the funeral as peaceful as possible grew angry and began marching along Ndabezitha Road.

They stormed a beerhall at which two policemen were stationed.

The mourners went on to other bottle stores and beerhalls in the township and destroyed them.

In most other parts of the township youths were involved in running battles with police.

No bus services operated during the weekend.

Trouble flared in three other townships in the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vaal area at the weekend. Many people were injured and many arrested.

Stones kill baby

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Mail Reporters

POLICE launched a massive house-to-house search in Zone 7 Sebokeng yesterday to find the killers of a three-week-old baby boy who was stoned to death during a stone-throwing incident in the township.

The baby was killed during the funeral of Nicholas Mgundla, a 10-year-old boy who was shot dead by police as he was chopping wood at his parent's home three weeks ago.

According to witnesses, a group of youths began stoning vehicles near the bus terminus Youths also hijacked a bus

Mrs Kay Gordon, whose baby was killed by a stone as she drove through Sebokeng, described yesterday how, unable to turn the car around, she accelerated down the street, unaware that her youngest child was dead

She had driven her maid, Ms Anna Ramathelezi, to Sebokeng.

"About a kilometre inside the township, on one of the main streets, people — perhaps a hundred — began moving in on either side of the car.

"When the first stone hit the car, followed by more, I put my foot down on the pedal until I was travelling as fast as I could go It kept flashing through my mind that I must get everyone out to safety as fast as possible."

The front windscreen and side windows of the car were smashed by stones.

"Anna was shouting directions to me from the back seat where she was holding the baby on her lap and people started jumping back from the car as we gathered speed," she said.

When she reached the veld outside the township, she slowed down because she saw two cars and thought she might get help. Her seven-year-old son Jamie, who was sitting in the back seat, was bleeding profusely from head injuries.

"As Anna asked people for directions to the hospital, I turned round to look at Jamie's face. The baby was wrapped up in blankets. I took the covers off. The baby was absolutely still and when I held my hand over his mouth, there was no breath.

"I took him into my arms and tried mouth-to-mouth recuscitation, but nothing worked."

They drove to Sebokeng Hospital where the baby was certified dead.

Jamie was treated at the hospital and transferred to Vereeniging Hospital. He was later discharged.

Mrs Kay Gordon with her son Jamie, 7, who was concussed yesterday.

Picture. ROBBIE SCHNEIDER

Baby is first white victim of unrest

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A three-week-old white boy died yesterday when a group of youths stoned his mother's car on the outskirts of the Sebokeng township near Vanderbijlpark.

Blair Gordon, of Walkerville, was the first white victim in two months of unrest in black townships.

The incident occurred while his mother, Mrs Kay Gordon (31), was driving her maid to the Oranje Vaal Development Board's offices.

by
Melody McDougall,
Vereeniging Bureau

A bitter and distraught Mrs Gordon told *The Star*: "I was simply trying to help our domestic servant and this is what we received in return It is absolutely disgusting that a gang of frustrated youths could attack a carload of innocent and defenceless women .. and kill a baby for no real reason."

The nightmare began when a stone thrown by one of the youths smashed through the rear window and hit Blair on the back of the head. The baby's elder brother, Jamie (7), was also struck on the head by a stone

Mrs Gordon had driven into the township with Blair, her two elder sons Jamie and Neil (14 months), her daughter Bonny (11) and two domestic servants.

"I was taking my servant and her friend to the development board's offices and had only travelled about 1 km into the township when I suddenly spotted large groups of youths on both sides of the road. I wasn't expecting trouble and was driving quite slowly," Mrs Gordon said.

"The group of people then started moving into the road as if to block my way and the next instant the first stone hit the car

"Several more stones followed, shattering the back window All I could think of at the time was to give chase while praying for our safety .. there was no way I could stop and turn the car around at that stage."

Mrs Gordon said her domestic servant, Mrs Anna Ramathalezi (22), shouted to her to carry on driving at top speed until they arrived at a building site a few kilometres away from the stone-throwing mobs.

"When we stopped at the site Jamie started complaining that his head was hurting badly. Only then did I realise that my family could have been injured.

"The next moment Anna, who was holding Blair on her lap, shouted that we should get the baby to a hospital as soon as possible When I turned around to look at him I saw that his head was covered in blood and that he wasn't breathing. I immediately tried to revive him by mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, but he was already dead," she said

Mrs Gordon then drove about 5 km to the Sebokeng Hospital where the baby was certified dead on arrival. Jamie was later admitted to the Vereenig ing Hospital, where he had stitches for a head wound

● The incident was confirmed by Lieutenant Henry Beck of police headquarters in Pretoria.

At least 80 blacks have been killed in rioting since August 31 in segregated black townships south and east of Johannesburg.

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Baby stoning: blacks arrested

JOHANNESBURG—Several blacks are being held in Sebokeng in connection with the death of Blair Gordon, a three-week-old baby stoned to death on Friday

According to a police spokesman in Pretoria the suspects had been arrested after a weekend door-to-door search.

The back of Blair's head had been crushed by a stone flung into his mother's car by black rioters in Sebokeng

Dozens of people were injured in rioting in the East Rand township of Tsakane after occupants of a police vehicle fired on graveside mourners with birdshot and rubber bullets.

Police reported four attacks on beer halls during the day by crowds ranging from 200 to 500

Repeated use was made of rubber bullets and tear-gas At least two people were arrested, one of whom had been wounded by birdshot

According to a doctor at the Far East Rand Hospital three people from Tsakane were admitted with bullet wounds

One man had a wound in his head, another had been shot in the leg and another had a bullet wound in the back The doctor said all the injured, including the man with head wounds, were in 'good condition'

A police spokesman said he could not confirm claims that police had used live ammunition.

The funeral had been for unrest victim Vusi Diale, 18, and a crowd of 3 000 had gathered at the local Methodist Church for the service

Others joined the procession to the cemetery, swelling the number of mourners to 4 000

The spokesman said a group of about 200 people attending the funeral had attacked a beerhall.

Police had used rubber bullets and tear-gas but during the incident there were no injuries or arrests.

A mob of about 500 people attacked another beerhall and again police used rubber bullets birdshot and tear-gas and on this occasion made one arrest — (Sapa)

SOWETAN

Cops shoot mourners

POLICE used tear-smoke, rubber bullets and birdshot when hundreds of mourners set two beerhalls, two shops and an East Rand Development Board storeroom alight after a funeral in Tsakane, Brakpan, at the weekend.

More than 4 000 people attended the funeral of unrest victim, Vusi Diale (18), held at the local Methodist Church Ambulances worked throughout the day ferrying the injured to hospital. Four people were also arrested during the clashes between police and mourners, police said

Lieutenant Colonel H V Haynes, of the Police Directorate in Pretoria, yesterday confirmed the Tsakane incident and said a tractor and two trucks were also set alight at the Eradebo offices He said a number of people were also injured when police fired birdshot

Rioting in the area started after police fired on mourners at the cemetery. All hell broke loose when people ran in all directions and others headed for the Ndabezitha Beerhall and smashed the brickwall down before setting it alight. A number of other mourners stoned the Pilane Beerhall and set it alight, some of the mourners also looted the place.

The local bottle store and lounge was stoned, set on fire and looted during the riot. Two policemen who were on guard at one of the beerhalls were attacked by a group of youths but escaped serious injury by firing rubber bullets and birdshot into the crowd

Cars passing along the streets in the township were stopped and petrol demanded by groups of youths Two newspaper photographers were also hit with birdshot.

The two are Judas Ngwenya of The Star and Evans Mboweni of a Sunday paper.

An undisclosed number of people were taken to the Far East Rand Hospital for treatment after clashes with police Pic page 2.

Ukhamba Black Aces received a rude shock in their own backyard, Lynnville Stadium in Witbank, yesterday when Frasers Celtic relieved them of two points via a 2-1 drubbing. Celtic pulled themselves into the top eight bracket at the expense of Wits University who lost 1-0 to Orlando Pirates at the Orlando Stadium on Saturday.

Desperate

Cape Town Spurs, who are also placed precariously in the relegation quagmire pleased their victory starved fans at the expense of an equally exit bound Kwikot Benoni, who they beat 2-1 in Cape Town yesterday. Putco Ama-Zulu also desperate for points to remain in the first division added to Stallions misery by beating them 2-0 in Durban.

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Shots fired at meeting

SHOTS were fired and a car belonging to a Mamelodi councillor damaged when a group of placard carrying youths tried to disrupt a Urban Councils Association of South Africa conference at the weekend.

By ALINAH DUBE

This took place at the Mamelodi YMCA on Saturday morning. Councillor Chiloane's car was parked in the yard when demonstrators smashed its windows. They displayed placards reading "Boycott the conference, Away with councillors, They are puppets and Away with high rents".

The brief demonstration came to an end when a councillor fired shots from his revolver. Five people were later arrested and placards were confiscated by the police.

Reacting to the incident, the national organiser of Ucasa Councillor Zikhali Ndlazi said: "While we are aware of the fact that we are operating from Government created institutions, it does not mean that we are blind to the inadequacy of these bodies. We have, however, opted to use these political vehicles as a means of obtaining meaningful representative organs through which people can articulate their aspirations fully on the Government level."

The president Mr Steve Kgame called on councillors not to be forced into resigning their posts by people who were "murderers" of the black society. He said scoolchildren were gradually ceasing to be students as they were being used to kill their own brothers who serve on Government created bodies.

He said councillors stood for elections not because they agreed with details of the policy but "we think loopholes and deficiencies in the machinery administering affairs of black people in urban areas could be exploited and used to pressurise the Government into meaningful change."

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Methodists to discuss means to end violence

Religion Reporter

CALLS for a national confer-
ence to seek an end to violence
in South Africa and for the cre-
ation of a new non-racial con-
stitution are due to come be-
fore the 102nd conference of
the Methodist Church, opening
in Pretoria tomorrow.

The motions, which originat-
ed in the Cape Synod in
June, were referred to the
church's Christian Citizenship
Department for consideration.
Its report is due to be debated
on Wednesday next week.

Heading the Cape delegation
to the conference is the Rev
Abel Hendricks, chairman of
the Cape District, who told the
district synod: "There can be
no peace without justice — so-
cially, politically and economi-
cally."

Major proposals

Among major Cape proposals to be considered by the policy-making body of the church, supported by similar motions from the other district synods, are:

● A condemnation of the new constitution as unacceptable in that the tricameral system is based on "the heresy of apartheid".

This is linked with "the church's commitment to seek a national convention in which representatives of all groups in South Africa would work out a new non-racial constitution.

● The rejection of the Government's "separate education" policy, with the Methodist Church asked to "strive for the creation of an undivided, non-racist and democratic system of education for all the people of this land".

● A warning to the Government that continued enforced removals, including those in the Peninsula, would "reinforce bitterness and resentment in a people who have been repeatedly harassed".

● A proposal that the Methodist Church should adopt an anti-apartheid Confession, on similar lines to the draft Confession of the Ned Gereformeerde Sendingkerk.

One of the most contentious issues before the conference is likely to be that of military conscription.

Thousands miss classes in PWV

By Sue Leeman, Pretoria Bureau

Thousands of pupils are still boycotting lessons and classes remain suspended for many others in spite of recent attempts by the Department of Education and Training to defuse the tension in black schools.

Sporadic unrest is still flaring in townships in the PWV area and in the Eastern Cape.

The DET recently conceded the proposed establishment of student representative councils.

But pupils have rejected the councils because they claim they were not consulted over the constitution of the bodies.

A spokesman for the DET, Mr Edgar Posselt, said this morning it was not possible to determine exactly how many pupils were still missing classes.

But in Atteridgeville, where six high schools were reopened on Thursday, more than 5 000 pupils are still boycotting classes.

At the Pafogang Secondary School in Soweto it was reported yesterday that most pupils (between 800 and 1 000) did not turn up for classes.

ON THE MARCH

About 400 pupils of the Morris Isaacson Senior Secondary School in the township were reported to have marched through the streets yesterday. Police later dispersed them.

At Minerva High School in Alexandra classes have been suspended indefinitely. The suspension affects up to 1 000 pupils.

At all four secondary schools in Tembisa classes have been suspended.

Mr Posselt said the trouble-torn Vaal Triangle had largely returned to normal but there were still stayaways in some areas, including Sebokeng near Vereeniging where there was a low attendance at all schools.

In other townships in the region, including Sharpeville, there was no attendance. Thousands were estimated to be boycotting classes here.

On the East Rand school attendance varied, with no attendance at some schools and attendances of up to 80 percent at others.

Mr Posselt said most of the Eastern Cape was still affected by stayaways. Pupils are boycotting classes in Grahamstown, Queenstown, Craddock, Graaff-Reinet and Uitenhage.

Classes are still suspended in King William's Town and Fort Beaufort.

Township unrest continues

A group of rioting youths tried to set a school on fire near Pretoria, in one of a few incidents of township unrest countrywide yesterday, a police spokesman said.

He said a group of youths tired to set classrooms alight at the Holy Trinity School in Atteridgeville.

Two policemen were slightly injured when Crossroads squatters near Cape Town stoned a police vehicle. Police used rubber bullets to disperse the crowd.

In Sebokeng damage estimated at R2 000 was caused when a storeroom and three classrooms at a high school were set on fire.

Police used teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot to disperse marching youths at the Morris Isaacson Secondary School in Soweto yesterday.

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Police, pupils clash in Soweto

By SIPHO NGCOBO

SCHOOLS UNREST continued in Soweto yesterday, where two Putco buses were stoned by pupils, and police fired rubber bullets at pupils and arrested others after a meeting at which the newly-introduced Students Representative Council (SRC) was rejected.

The meeting — held at the St Francis of Assisi Church in Rockeville, Soweto — had been organised by the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) and the Soweto Youth Congress (Soyco).

Rejecting the newly-introduced SRC, pupils said at the meeting that they and their parents had not been consulted by the Government before the constitution was drafted.

"We demand the type of SRC that our parents and all the students countrywide will have a say in formulating," a Soyco speaker said.

The following resolutions were taken at the meeting:

● Pupils would not sit exams at the end of the year.

● Pupils demanded the immediate and unconditional release of student leaders arrested in Security Police swoops recently.

If the arrested students had committed any offence, the State should bring them before a court of law, the resolution added.

● Pupils demanded the abolition of the controversial age limit governing entrance to schools, as well as the scrapping of the prefect system and corporal punishment.

The new SRC was further criticised by a speaker as a bluff which was being implemented to perpetuate the "evil aims of apartheid".

Another speaker, from the Soweto campus of Vista University, lashed out at the education system for blacks, saying it "grooms and teaches us to be good slaves".

An executive member of Cosas told those at the meeting that "when Dr Verwoerd introduced Bantu education, he said the then ministry could not teach a black child any mathematics."

The speaker quoted Dr Verwoerd as having said: "Don't teach a native child mathematics because he cannot utilise it anywhere."

Another speaker said "the present system of education is designed to make us individualistic, selfish and also fills our minds with poisonous self-centredness.

"We want the type of education that will make us responsible and dedicated parents of tomorrow," the speaker added.

After the meeting, chaos broke out outside the church when about 1 000 youths chanting freedom songs and slogans, stoned two Putco buses.

Police in armoured vehicles who had been stationed outside the church, managed to prevent one bus from being seriously damaged.

They fired rubber bullets into a crowd of rampaging students outside the church, scattering them in different directions.

After realising that about 10 students were still inside the church hall, police surrounded the building and arrested all the students present.

Those apprehended were taken at gunpoint to the nearby armoured vehicles.

Rand Daily Mail reporters were also confronted by police.

Their car was thoroughly searched and they were warned that no photographs could be taken.

Fresh violence breaks out in Soweto schools

By Themba Khumalo

Fresh violence started in several Soweto schools today when classes were disrupted by stone-throwers and a bakery van was set alight near Sekano-Ntoane High School.

Thousands of pupils arrived at their schools to find political slogans calling for a total boycott of the end-of-the-year examinations on the walls and blackboards.

At Orlando High School, one of the biggest in Soweto, pupils and teachers ran for cover during their morning prayers after they were stoned by anti-examination groups who moved from school to school telling the pupils to go home.

The class disruption seemed to be aimed at the Std 7, 8 and 9 pupils who were due to sit for their final examinations yesterday morning.

In Senaoane township a group of youths put to flight the driver of a bakery van and his two assistants before they looted and tried to set alight the van.

A Riot Squad police unit travelling in an armoured car later arrived and dispersed mobs with teargas while they were helping themselves to bread and cakes.

Following this violence, several commercial and delivery vehicles were seen parked outside Moroka Police Station. Drivers sought police escorts so that they could completed their rounds.

The renewed violence in Soweto came after an emotional student meeting at Regina Mundi Church yesterday at which pupils decided not to sit for the examinations while their colleagues were in police detention.

Coetzee denies that 32 people 'vanished'

The Commissioner of Police, General P J Coetzee, said last night the allegation by British Labour Party MP Mr Donald Anderson that a number of people had mysteriously disappeared after having been arrested by the South African Police during the recent riots was "blatantly false".

Referring yesterday to his visit to the Vaal Triangle and Soweto, Mr Anderson said he had compiled a list of 32 people who had "vanished" after their arrest during a funeral service.

"Where are these people, Mr Pik Botha?" he asked.

Sapa reports that General Coetzee said in a statement: "The SAP can, and have accounted for each and every person arrested by them.

"As far as Mr Anderson's other allegation is concerned in which he claimed that three youths were shot dead by the police, I want to stress that the three youths died in an area in which criminal and riotous elements were rampant and who were responsible for the deaths of a number of people.

"These deaths, however, are the subject of exhaustive investigations as is required by law, and courts of law will eventually adjudicate thereon."

Jo-Anne Collinge reports that the case of the 32 mourners, reported to have "disappeared" since their arrest at a funeral almost a month ago, is being investigated by police in the region.

The Chief CID Officer for the Vaal Triangle, Colonel Louis Sauer, today denied that the group was missing. They were accounted for in police files but it would take some time to release details to the Press and find the relevant files, he said.

But he added that it was extremely difficult to ascertain immediately where they were, as they were part of a group of more than 500 arrested.

11 children in jail because parents cannot be traced

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Eleven mourners under the age of 18 have been in jail in Vereeniging for almost a month because their parents cannot be traced, lawyers say

They were among 584 people arrested at a funeral in September. Many children and teenagers were released without charge into the custody of their parents at the instruction of the Attorney-General.

But those whose families could not be traced were still in custody, lawyers said this week, as the condition of parental custody could not be met

They appealed for parents whose children had disappeared to contact church leaders who would help them ascertain whether their youngsters were among those in the cells

A spokesman for the West Rand Police Division, which controls the Vereeniging area, has confirmed the youths are still in police custody.

● Concerned parents should contact Father Edward Lennon at the Catholic Church in Sebokeng Zone 14. Phone (016) 37-1621.

Mob stones police van

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Mail Reporter

A DELIVERY vehicle was looted and set alight, a shopping centre plundered, a school gutted and a police van attacked and damaged, as sporadic incidents of violence continued in Evaton, Vanderbijlpark and Soweto yesterday and late the previous evening.

In Molapo, Soweto, a group of about 30 youths attacked and stoned a number of delivery vehicles A delivery vehicle was attacked, looted and then gutted at "Pietersburg Shopping Centre" yesterday

Orlando East, also in Soweto, was trouble-torn as youths blocked the freeway, stoning and damaging a number of passing vehicles

A delivery van belonging to a sweets manufacturing company, was stopped, looted and badly damaged by a group of youths using bricks and stones.

A spokesman for the SAP Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria confirmed that police used birdshot to disperse about 200 youths in Boipatong who were attempting to burn the beerhall.

At Vanderbijlpark, a mob attacked a police vehicle and stoned and damaged it Three black men were arrested at the scene of the attack

In Evaton, a junior secondary school was attacked and set alight The fire brigade put out the flames

A number of buses were also stoned resulting in the stoppage of the public bus service in the township ,

A shopping centre was also plundered in the same area after a mob threw stones.

On Monday, in Mofolo South, Soweto, Mr Hezekiel Modiba, 66, suffered a broken jaw from a rubber bullet when police in armoured vehicles opened fire near the Sizwe Shopping Complex.

Mr Modiba, an employee at a dairy in the shopping centre, was hit when hundreds of students from Morris Isaacson were marching to Lobone Secondary School

Townships quieter as violence dies

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The countrywide violence which flared up in townships this week subsided last night, but police reporting stonings in kwaThema and Tembisa and a case of arson in Sharpeville.

In Tembisa last night two Putco buses were stoned. At the second stoning police dispersed a group of about 15 youths with sjamboks.

At kwaThema, near Springs, three Putco buses were stoned. When police arrived the crowd had fled.

In Sharpeville, where the home of Mr K Sekobane and two cars were set alight, damage was estimated at R10 300. There was no police action.

Earlier yesterday and on Wednesday violence was reported from Soweto, Soshanguve near Pretoria, Rocklands near Bloemfontein, the Vaal Triangle, Tembisa, Katlehong, Duduza and Daveyton.

Several people were injured, some of them seriously as youths set fire to schools, buses, delivery vans and private vehicles.

At at least eight schools on the Reef, in Soweto and in the Vaal Triangle, incidents of arson and violence were recorded.

By last night most areas had quietened down.

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Five held as Reef unrest simmers

Mail Reporter

FIVE people were arrested as unrest flared up again yesterday in the Vaal Triangle, the Reef and Rocklands near Bloemfontein.

Police used tearsmoke, rubber bullets, birdshots, quirts and sneeze machines to disperse rioting crowds.

According to the Public Relations Division of the SAP in Pretoria, a classroom was set alight in Tladi High School in Soweto and five benches were destroyed.

On Wednesday one youth was seriously injured in Soweto as police tried to disperse a group of rampaging youths.

A group of youths gathered at Diepdale High School at Diepkloof.

Police opened fire with birdshot and rubber bullets and one 20-year-old youth was seriously injured and taken to hospital under police guard.

In another incident in Soweto, two delivery vans were stoned and looted. One person was arrested.

In the Rocklands township near Bloemfontein a group stoned cars and a driver of a delivery van was robbed of cash.

In Soshanguve near Pretoria, classrooms at Hlanganani High school were set alight and extensive damage was caused.

When police arrived, the crowd stoned them and one policeman was injured.

In Boipatong in the Vaal Triangle, a group of about 50 people stoned the community hall and four of them were arrested.

In other incidents in Boipatong, a bread delivery van was stoned looted and the driver was robbed of R775.

In Sharpeville a bus was stoned and an attempt to set it alight was averted by the arrival of police.

In Tembisa, a petrol bomb was hurled into a house belonging to a councillor. Slight damage was reported and police are investigating.

Incidents of stone throwing, burning of cars and looting were also reported from the East Rand townships of Katlehong, Duduza, and Daveyton .

Nobody was arrested in the incidents.

ERNEST NKABINDE reports from Vereeniging that several people in the Vaal Triangle were arrested by police yesterday following the stoning of Mrs Peggy Barlett of Vanderbijlpark on Tuesday.

A police spokesman confirmed that Mrs Barlett was injured when a group of people stoned her car, but would not confirm whether the arrests had been made in connection with the incident.

● IN Sovenga near Pietersburg, the Faculty of Agriculture students at the University of the North yesterday resolved to return to lectures after a class boycott that started on Monday.

More than 30 students boycotted classes after a professor allegedly called them baboons.

Churchmen horrified over baby's stoning

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LEADING South African churchmen have reacted with horror to the fatal stoning of baby Blair Gordon, but the United Democratic Front (UDF) responded coolly yesterday to the killing.

The UDF — some of whose members have been attacked by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, for having links with the banned ANC — said the stoning was "unfortunate" but warned that more such incidents were likely until the Government sorted out the underlying problems.

By NEIL HOOPER

The president of the South African Council of Churches (SACC), Bishop Manus Buthelezi, and the outgoing president of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa, the Rev Fremont Louw, reacted with horror to the stoning.

The East Rand representative of Chief Gatsha Buthelezi's Inkatha movement, Mr Steve Mbatha, condemned the incident and expressed sympathy with the baby's parents.

The president of the SACC, Bishop Buthelezi, who is bishop of the Central Diocese of the Lutheran Church, said the SACC's reaction was one of horror.

"Any violent death is unwelcome. This case is particularly shocking because the victim was a little baby, who was not even aware of the background to the attack on it."

Mr Louw, said he, too, was shocked by the stoning.

"The stoning to death of this child is yet another manifestation of the sick and violent society in which we live.

"I am appalled by the killing of this innocent babe and condemn in the strictest terms the act of those responsible.

"It is clear to me that only when all people — rulers and ruled — recognise that the civilised norms inherent in the Christian faith need to be embraced will the spectre of such ugly incidents disappear."

The Rev Frank Chickani, an executive member of the UDF, said that in a conflict situation "any person could be a victim.

"So many innocent people have been killed already.

"When a white appears in the vicinity of the administration board offices, obviously the people will see that person as a symbol of white oppression. This is going to go on happening as long as there is oppression."

Mum tells of tragedy

ANNA RAMATELETSA
Was holding Blair

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have died," Mrs Gordon said.

At first, neither the mother nor the maid could believe little Blair was dead.

"Blair was still making little noises and movements and I tried to resuscitate him."

A crying Anna, whose own baby died five months ago, said: "Blair was blue in the face. I was holding him on my knee wrapped in his blanket below the level of the car windows. I didn't even know a stone had hit him."

Mrs Gordon, directed by Anna, drove to Sebokeng Hospital where the dead child was taken from her arms.

"I don't know how my mother can stand it. If my baby had just been killed I would not know how to live," said Bonnie.

Jamie, concussed and bleeding from a head wound caused by flying glass, had five stitches. He was later taken to Vereeniging Hospital and discharged.

Mr Gordon, alerted by a neighbour, rushed to Sebokeng.

Sebokeng police escorted the family home. The maid identified at least one of the stone-throwing youths and one arrest was made.

"Do I want justice? One hundred percent I do. Though it will not bring back my baby," said Mrs Gordon.

Mrs Gordon telephoned her parents in England on Friday night to break the sad news. She was afraid they would hear of the tragedy on television first.

"This has not changed my mind about South Africa. It is still my home," she said.

Mrs Gordon said she would consider carrying a firearm in future — but only if she knew how to use it properly.

The funeral of little Blair is to be held this week. The family has not yet discussed when or where the child is to be buried

Violence in Soweto

RIOTERS set a bus alight in Soweto after the driver parked his empty vehicle outside his home yesterday.

Colonel Vic Haynes of the Pretoria Police Directorate said the bus was set alight while the driver was inside his house.

In another incident, police used sjamboks at Kwatemba to disperse about 100 youths stoning two buses.

A police vehicle was slightly damaged. Another was stoned at Soshanguve, near Pretoria, when two policemen tried to drive through a crowd of about 400 youths.

Violence and looting sweep Vaal Triangle as unrest spreads in townships

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL

JOHANNESBURG — Police have used sjamboks, tearsmoke, rubber bullets and birdshot to disperse unruly mobs of up to 1 000 as a wave of violence and looting swept through the Vaal Triangle and elsewhere in the country.

At least five youths were arrested in the region yesterday, and near Graaff-Reinet two men were arrested after a policeman was hit by a stone while dispersing a crowd.

An Alberton man was injured when his car was stoned in Katlehong. About 150 youths stoned Administration Board staff at the Satanda Community Hall near Heidelberg, before being dispersed by police using tearsmoke.

Petrol-bomb

An increasing number of delivery vehicles were stoned and looted by mobs.

● In Tembisa a petrol-bomb was hurled at the home of a councillor, but no damage was caused.

● In Soweto a school was set on fire. A number of benches were burnt and a classroom damaged.

Also in Soweto, two delivery vehicles were stoned and looted by people armed with knives and axes. A driver was robbed and a youth was arrested. In another incident about 50 youths looted a delivery vehicle.

● In Naledi a group stoned vehicles before being dispersed with birdshot.

● In Boipatong youths stoned a community hall. Four were arrested. In another incident a delivery van was damaged. The driver was robbed of R775.

● In Sharpeville a bus was extensively damaged but attempts to set fire to it failed.

● In Soshanguve near Pretoria about 1 000 youths stoned vehicles. Police dispersed the crowd with sjamboks and tearsmoke.

Youths stoned a school, smashing windows before police — who were also stoned — used sjamboks, tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse them. One policeman was slightly injured.

● In Daveyton youths looted a delivery van.

● In Katlehong a delivery van was stoned and extensively damaged. A group of about 120 were dispersed with tearsmoke and rubber bullets. — Sapa.

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Toll of dead children stands at 16

At least 16 children aged 15 and younger have died during unrest in the Vaal, Soweto and on the East Rand.

This has emerged from a study of reports in *The Star* and from information provided by independent sources.

Most of the children who died were from the Vaal Triangle.

Some of them were said to have been fatally wounded by bullets or through other circumstances related to unrest.

By Sol Makgabutlane

one died in the stoning of a car in which he and his mother were travelling.

Do the South African Police try to avoid opening fire in densely populated areas so that civilians will not be hit by stray bullets?

The SAP's directorate of public relations in Pretoria replied: "We wish to reiterate our previous statements in which we said that we cannot answer in-depth questions on the unrest at present, as inquest proceedings and court cases will follow.

"We cannot anticipate these judicial proceedings."

Another question: If it is proved beyond doubt that a minor not involved in unrest was shot by South African Police personnel, do police launch an inquiry and take disciplinary measures against the offender?

A spokesman for the directorate replied: "Each and every unnatural death is at all times fully investigated and evidence obtained placed before the Attorney-General for decision."

Those aged 15 and younger who have died since September 1 in the Vaal, Soweto and on the East Rand areas are:

- Maud Ndzunga (7 months), Sharpeville. Found dead after she was overcome by tearsmoke while in her home.
- Walter Makgatho (14), Naledi, Soweto. Found with bullet wounds during unrest in Soweto.
- Stephenson Lebeoane (14), Zone 13, Sebokeng. Found with bullet wounds.
- Joyce Nzama (9), Daveyton, East Rand. Found with bullet wound.
- Isaac Mbonani (15), Daveyton, East Rand. Found with bullet wound.
- Kenneth Mavundla (14), Watville, East Rand. Found with bullet wound.
- Dingaan Mofolo (14), Evaton. Found with bullet wounds.
- Abram Mabokoane (15), Zone 11, Sebokeng. Found with bullet wound.
- Wiseman Mnisi (9), Zone 12, Sebokeng. Found with bullet wounds.
- Joseph Malieha (13), Sharpeville. Found with bullet wounds.
- Joseph Mphutlane (13), Sharpeville. Found with bullet wounds.
- Elias Ndebele (13), Soweto. Died after being knocked down by a bus when, it is said, he ran from tearsmoke.
- Collin Kubheka (13), Soweto. Died in unrest. Details unknown.
- Thabo Sibeko (6), Wattvile, East Rand. Found with bullet wounds.
- Siphiwe Nicholas Mgudlwa (10). Said to have been shot as he chopped wood in his yard.
- Blair Gordon (three weeks), Sebokeng. Died after a stone-throwing incident.

Some of the names of the children were released by the Vaal Ministers' Solidarity Group, which was able to collect names and addresses of 66 unrest victims in the Vaal.

The group said 11 more people died in the unrest but they were still to be identified.

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Man shot in clash after funeral

Mail Reporters

A MAN was shot dead and a youth injured by a rubber bullet when police in armoured vehicles opened fire on thousands of mourners shortly after the funeral of an unrest victim, Mrs Martha Ndabambi, in the Vaal township of Sharpeville yesterday.

A spokesman from the Pretoria public relations department of the South African Police confirmed the incident.

A fierce clash broke out between youths and police as youths hurled stones and bricks at an armoured vehicle and police answered with rubber bullets

A policeman was hit on the chest with a stone and a youth shot with a rubber bullet during the ensuing battle.

The dead man was shot by police during a second clash between the police and mourners which took place about 30 minutes after the first one.

The rampaging mourners were taken by surprise when a police vehicle arrived to reinforce a lone Casspir.

Mourners went on the rampage shouting, "Hippo! Hippo! Hippo!" Asked where they were going, some of them said they were hunting a police Hippo they had clashed with outside the cemetery.

They ran around the township shouting. When they found the Hippo a clash broke out as police opened fire resulting in the death of an unidentified black man.

A contingent of police manned the scene of death interviewing and taking statements from a number of residents.

In an earlier incident a house was attacked, stoned and gutted in the township.

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Youths and Police outside Sharpeville cemetery shortly before the fierce battle in which a youth was hit by a rubber bullet. The incident happened during the funeral of Martha Ndabambi, who was killed during the recent township unrest.

Police at Sharpeville, where another victim of the current unrest was shot yesterday, shortly after the burial of Mrs Martha Ndabambi, herself a victim of the disturbances. The name of the man shot yesterday is not yet known. Picture. TONY NAIDOO

Man shot in t'ship violence

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Mrs Martha Ndabambi, a 59-year-old mother of six was overcome by tearsmoke on September 4 when a police helicopter shot tearsmoke cannisters in the trouble-torn township She was taken to the Sebokeng Hospital where she died three weeks later on October 3

More than 5 000 mourners attended the emotion-charged service which was held at the St Cyprian's Anglican Church where a number of organisations, including the Congress of South African Students, took part.

The township's dual carriage main road was virtually closed to motorists as mourners, who chanted freedom songs, raised clenched fists and shouted political slogans marched to the cemetery led by the Rev J Dabula of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Rev Tebogo Moselane, Father Lord McCamel, the Rev W Malumbase and Mr J Moleki all of the Vaal Ministers Solidarity Group

At the graveyard the mourners, mostly youths, recited poetry dedicated to all riot victims.

At the same time the deceased's husband, Mr Andrew Ndabambi, confirmed that the family was taking legal action against the Minister of Law and Order.

● Unrest flared again in most parts of the Transvaal and the Cape yesterday

In most incidents police used tearsmoke, birdshot, rubber bullets and quirts to disperse youths

According to a spokesman for the Public Relations Division of the SA Police in Pretoria, at the Eastern Cape township of New Brighton near Port Elizabeth, a storeroom at Newell High School was burned

At Graaff Reinet two petrol bombs were hurled at the house of Mr F Mphephu, headmaster of the local high school and chairman of the local community council, causing extensive damage

At Kwa Zakhele near Port Elizabeth, the house of a local policeman was stoned and his car set alight

Shots were fired and a youth of 16 was wounded and arrested

Policeman stones funeral crowd

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Mail Reporter

A POLICEMAN threw stones at mourners during the funeral of a Sharpeville unrest victim yesterday.

The stoning took place on the premises of the St Peters African Methodist Episcopal Church, where the service was held.

Scores of mourners were also reported bruised when police sjamboked them outside the graveyard.

A group of policemen in camouflage uniform entered the church premises and the mourners who were standing in the yard were ordered to disperse.

However, mourners standing outside the overcrowded church refused to disperse.

Some challenged the police to leave the premises.

One of the policeman then picked up some stones and hurled them at the mourners, some of whom scattered in the yard.

Others forced their way into the packed church.

A contingent of policemen in camouflage uniform then started sjamboking those mourners outside the graveyard.

Police were also seen dragging two youths into a police riot vehicle parked near the church.

Scores of mourners were reported injured. Asked to comment yesterday, Colonel Vic Heynes of the Police Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria said he did not believe that a policeman could stone mourners.

"We view the matter in a very serious light.

"We in fact regard this allega-

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Sjamboks fly at funeral

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tion as a serious accusation and if the Rand Daily Mail publishes it, the police will conduct a full scale investigation and who ever is found to be responsible or in the wrong will suffer the consequences — be he a journalist or a policeman," he said.

Asked about the sjamboking of mourners, Colonel Heynes murmured an inaudible reply.

The Rand Daily Mail phoned Colonel Heynes again and repeated the questions about the sjamboking and stoning of mourners.

The Colonel re-iterated the same statement on the stonings.

However, he referred the Mail to a Lieutenant Barnard to obtain information concerning the sjamboking incident.

A number of Sharpeville residents yesterday condemned the "violent act by police".

The Reverend J Dabula, of the St Peters African Methodist Episcopal Church, said:

"I consider a policeman to be a friend and protector of the people but our police force does the direct opposite.

Another man shot dead in unrest

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Crime Reporter

The death toll in the recent unrest in Transvaal townships rose again yesterday when a black man was shot dead by police in Sharpeville.

A group of about 500 people was apparently stoning vehicles near the local police station when a detatchment of camouflage policemen opened fire.

The day, commonly known in the black community as "Black Wednesday" in commemoration of October 19 1977, when the then Minister of Justice and Police, Mr Jimmy Kruger, banned two newspapers and numerous Black Consciousness and anti-Government groups, was marked by violent outbursts in many black townships.

At about 2 pm yesterday, about 200 blacks began gathering near the Sharpeville police station.

They began stoning vehicles. Police opened fire with live ammunition and one man was shot dead. He has yet to be identified.

Yesterday morning, at the Semonwane School in Soweto, a group of youths was apparently trying to intimidate pupils into refusing to write examinations.

Police were called by school authorities and 11 youths were arrested.

Renewed violence flares in Tvl townships

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Violence flared up again in the townships today. In one incident a youth was injured when police fired birdshot to disperse a stone-throwing crowd in kwaThema on the East Rand.

And in the Vaal township of Sharpeville the atmosphere was tense following yesterday's arrest of Father Jeff Moselane. Incidents of stone-throwing were reported from Atteridgeville, near Pretoria, and at Itsoseng, near Potchefstroom, two cars were set on fire.

All the main roads in the kwaThema township were blocked with rocks and rubble and most shops and garages were closed. The bus service into kwaThema was suspended following a call to all residents to stay away from work.

The stayaway, which is estimated at almost 100 percent, follows a call made at a mass meeting in the township yesterday. The meeting was held in defiance of a court order prohibiting the holding of meetings in the area.

Buildings belonging to the East Rand Development Board were under heavy police guard today. Police said a 15-year-old youth was hit in the left arm and leg when birdshot was used to disperse a group of people stoning a police patrol van.

In Sharpeville many people stayed away from work in protest against the detention of Father Moselane, the popular Anglican priest who was taken from his home by police yesterday.

Banning

Mr Moselane's arrest followed closely on the banning of a mass meeting which was to have taken place at a church in Sharpeville yesterday.

In Sharpeville last night the home of Mrs Salomi Musasi was set on fire. Damage is estimated at R5 000. One person was arrested.

At the Klokwe School at Itsoseng near Potchefstroom pupils overturned the cars of the principal and vice-principal and set them on fire.

Police used rubber bullets and teargas to disperse a group of about 500 people who gathered outside a hall at New Brighton near Port Elizabeth and began stoning police vehicles yesterday, police spokesman Lieutenant Henry Beck said. No injuries were reported.

Army cordon round Sebokeng as police search every house — 345 arrests

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Security crackdown

From MIKE COHEN
Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Operation Palmiet (bulrush), the biggest combined operation launched by the Defence Force and the police using a total of 7 000 men, led to the arrest of 354 people today in house-to-house swoops in Sebokeng.

The entire black township near Vereeniging was sealed off Not one house was left unsearched as police in camouflage uniforms, normal uniforms and in plainclothes awakened each household.

Thousands of soldiers from several units of the South African Defence Force lined all the access roads to Sebokeng. Soldiers were posted every 10 metres along all the tarred roads.

Convoy after convoy of armoured troop-carriers entered the township as the operation began at 3am on the instructions of several Cabinet Ministers and the heads of the Defence Force and the police.

Crack unit

Sebokeng, with a population of 120 000 people, awakened to the invasion by soldiers and police under the command of Brigadier Bert Wandrag, officer commanding the crack Counter Insurgency Unit.

Soldiers and police were brought in from as far away as the Northern Transvaal and Potchefstroom while the operation was planned in strict secrecy. The first indication of action was given late last night when the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, issued a statement to the Press.

Reporters and photographers were barred from the township until daybreak. However, I toured the streets at 3.30am.

Soldiers and police line the roads while others patrol in troop carriers in Sebokeng township today during Operation Palmiet.

All access roads to and from Sebokeng were blocked by police and the Defence Force today as the two forces launched the biggest operation of its kind in South Africa. All vehicles

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Weapons

The main roads were lined with soldiers, all carrying semi-automatic weapons. Every car entering or leaving the township was searched and the occupants frisked.

As police moved from house to house the same routine was followed in each case. They had strict instructions not to force entry.

At each front door two policemen stood on either side of the doorframe as others surrounded the house. They knocked and repeated the knocking until the door was opened.

Then at least eight policemen entered and searched the premises. Residents were questioned and, when necessary, arrests were carried out.

The arrested people were put into police vans. Soldiers took no part in the searches.

Drug laws

Police said the arrests were made on allegations ranging from possession of unlicensed arms and ammunition and possession of banned literature to offences under the drug laws and for the possession of stolen goods.

Special courts have been established to hear the charges.

A police spokesman, Lieutenant Henry Beck, said everything was being done to have the people appear in court "as soon as possible".

"The people were arrested for minor crimes and it was felt they should not be kept in jail unnecessarily."

entering or leaving the township were searched.

Police hand out 'why we're here' pamphlets

Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — As police entered each house residents were handed pamphlets reading: "What are we doing here? We are here to promote a normal social life, continued education, safe travel, stability, a healthy community and the delivery of food."

Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange said that in the past few months revolutionary forces had created an "unrest situation" in several black residential areas.

"This has resulted in the loss of many lives, extensive damage to property, the disruption of essential community services and the intimidation of thousands of schoolchildren to boycott schools. In the Vaal Triangle alone damage runs into millions of rands.

"The Government has therefore decided that this lawlessness must be curbed."

Calls for withdrawal of troops from township

Political Staff

DEMANDS were made today for the immediate withdrawal of the Defence Force from the huge seal and search operation in the strife-torn Sebokeng township in the Transvaal.

Extreme concern was expressed about the situation with fears being raised that the police must have lost control if military assistance was required.

Mr Peter Gastrow, a Progressive Federal Party law and order spokesman, said the police action in raiding homes, even of innocent people, in the early hours of the morning could now form a rallying point behind the anti-Government elements which would make the situation far worse

Mr Philip Myburgh, the PFP defence spokesman, left Cape Town today to meet the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, in Pretoria for urgent discussions

Mr Myburgh said "My worst fears have now become a reality. We warned the Government to use troops only under exceptional circumstances and only when it is necessary to protect life and property."

EXTENSION OF POLICE

Mr Myburgh said the action would lead blacks to perceive the Defence Force as an extension of the police, would create the impression in the minds of whites that all blacks were "troublemakers," and would add to the dilemma of those called up to do military service "when they find their job is not to defend South Africa against external aggression but rather as part of the machine to enforce the Government's policies internally".

Mr Pat Poovalingam, the chairman of Solidarity, said "It is a matter for deep anxiety where the situation appears to be so serious that the police have lost control.

"The admission by Mr le Grange that there is a revolutionary situation in South Africa shows the Government has failed completely to meet the reasonable wishes of all sections of the population."

The use of the Defence Force gave credence to "those who have alleged that the army is the enemy of the people."

Mr Vause Raw, the New Republic Party's defence spokesman, said that with the Security Council in session at the United Nations it was an "inopportune" time to carry out the action although he did not oppose the use of the Defence Force in back-up roles such as providsing roadblocks and cordons.

CIVIL WAR

The stipulation was that the army should not be involved in police duties of searching, arrest and interrogation.

The United Democratic Front's spokesman, Mr Trevor Manuel, said its warnings weeks ago that South Africa was entering a state of civil war with the threatened use of troops had proved real

He added that the kinds of offences on which people had been arrested showed "the authorities were looking for something they could not find under beds or in wardrobes. The anger of the people over rentals and lack of participation in government doesn't hide in those places."

The president of the South African Council of Churches, Bishop Manas Buthelezi, expressed shock at "what amounts to the siege of Sebokeng".

He added: "The flexing of military muscle on the part of the Government only serves to delay a real solution."

Marriage comes befor

Civil war declared, say UDF and Azapo

Staff Reporters

Black political organisations have slated the huge deployment of troops in Sebokeng, describing it as an act of aggression equivalent to declaring civil war.

Their criticism has been echoed by the South African Council of Churches, while opposition white parties have differed on the issue.

The Progressive Federal Party repeated its opposition to troops in the township and New Republic Party leader Mr Vause Raw regarded the action as "acceptable in principle but inopportune" in view of United Nations focus on South Africa.

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'It's civil war' say the UDF and Azapo

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The United Democratic Front's spokesman, Mr Trevor Manuel, said the UDF's warnings weeks ago that South Africa was entering a state of civil war with the threatened use of troops had proved real.

He predicted: "It is unlikely the people of Sebokeng will be beaten into submission. On the contrary their anger will make way for bitterness and further black/white polarisation."

The UDF has appealed for people to "rally in defence of the people of Sebokeng" to "show contempt for these actions".

UNDER BEDS

He added that the kinds of offences on which people had been arrested showed "the authorities were looking for something they could not find under beds or in wardrobes. The anger of the people over rentals and lack of participation in Government doesn't hide in those places."

Mr Ishmael Mkhabela of the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) also said the move was a declaration of war

"The revolutionary threat of which the Government talks has its roots in unrepresentative minority rule."

The president of the South African Council of Churches, Bishop Manas Buthelezi, expressed shock at "what amounts to the siege of Sebokeng"

He added "We all know that what the people of Sebokeng and other areas want are basic human rights including the right to elect and participate in a government of their choice."

The SACC, in a statement issued through Sapa condemning the Government for handling the current township unrest with "its customary methods."

"The situation is serious and the SACC again pleads with the government to meet with the people around the conference table," the statement said.

The PFP's chief spokesman on Defence, Mr Philip Myburgh, said he was deeply worried about the apparently deteriorating situation which made it necessary for the Government to use the military to back up the police in what were obviously police functions.

"This action by the Government in using national servicemen in this manner will increase the resistance to conscription sevenfold," he said.

The Federation of South African Trade Unions (Fosatu) expressed outrage at the actions of the police.

Fosatu said it believed the unrest in the Vaal Triangle had been caused by the appalling conditions people were forced to live under in South Africa's dormitory townships.

Hundreds held in swoop

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By Mike Cohen, Crime Reporter

Operation Palmiet, the biggest combined operation yet launched by the police and South African Defence Force — it involved 7 000 men — saw one person being arrested every minute in house-to-house swoops in Sebokeng today.

The raids began before dawn and by 8.30 am 348 people had been arrested and the entire township sealed off.

Not a single home was left unsearched as police woke each household.

Sebokeng has been the most violent township during the recent unrest in the Vaal Triangle.

For this reason it is regarded as a sensitive area and was chosen for the operation.

Thousands of troops from several SADF units lined the access roads. There was an armed soldier every 10 metres along all tarred roads.

Convoys of armoured troop carriers were seen entering the township after the operation began at 3 am on instructions from several Cabinet Ministers and the heads of the SADF and SAP.

Sebokeng, which has a population of 120 000, awoke to the "invasion" by troops and police under the command of Brigadier Bert Wandrag, officer commanding the crack Counter-Insurgency Unit.

Secret plan

Troops and police were brought from as far as the Northern Transvaal and Potchefstroom. The operation had been planned secretly for two weeks.

The first indication of the operation was given late last night when Minister of Law and Order Mr Louis le Grange issued a statement to the Press.

Reporters and photographers were barred from the township until daybreak. I was able to make a brief tour of the darkened streets at 3.30 am.

The main roads were lined with soldiers. All vehicles entering or leaving the township were searched. So were the occupants.

Then came the house searches. Police had strict instructions not to enter any house forcibly.

At each house two policemen stood on either side of the front door as others surrounded it.

They knocked until the door was opened. Then at least eight policemen entered and searched the premises. Residents were questioned and some arrested. Those arrested were put in police vans.

Troops took no part in the searches.

Police said arrests were made for alleged offences ranging from possession of unlicensed arms and ammunition, banned literature or stolen property, and drug law offences.

Pamphlets explaining the police action were handed out and youths were urged to return to schools.

At the time of going to press, no incidents of violence had been reported by the police.

"Everything is running according to plan," Colonel Leon Mellet, Press Officer to the Minister of Law and Order, told local and foreign newsmen.

Though police and SADF officers were tight-lipped about further such raids, it is understood they will continue at random in other townships in future.

Mr le Grange said in his statement last night that in the past few months revolutionary forces had created a situation of unrest in several black residential areas — particularly on the West and East Rand and in the Eastern Cape.

"This has resulted in the loss of many lives, extensive damage to property, disruption of essential community services and intimidation of thousands of schoolchildren to boycott schools.

"The Government has therefore decided that this lawlessness must be curbed with all available means, and that law and order must be restored effectively."

Work delays

The Minister appealed to employers in the Vereeniging-Vanderbijlpark areas to be patient if their employees are delayed for work.

Chris More reports that there was uncertainty this morning about when and where the arrested people would appear in court.

A police spokesman, Lieutenant Henry Beck, said all was being done to have them appear in court "as soon as possible".

"They were arrested for minor crimes, and it was felt they should not be kept in jail unnecessarily long," he said.

But *The Star* was unable to find out in which court or courts they would appear.

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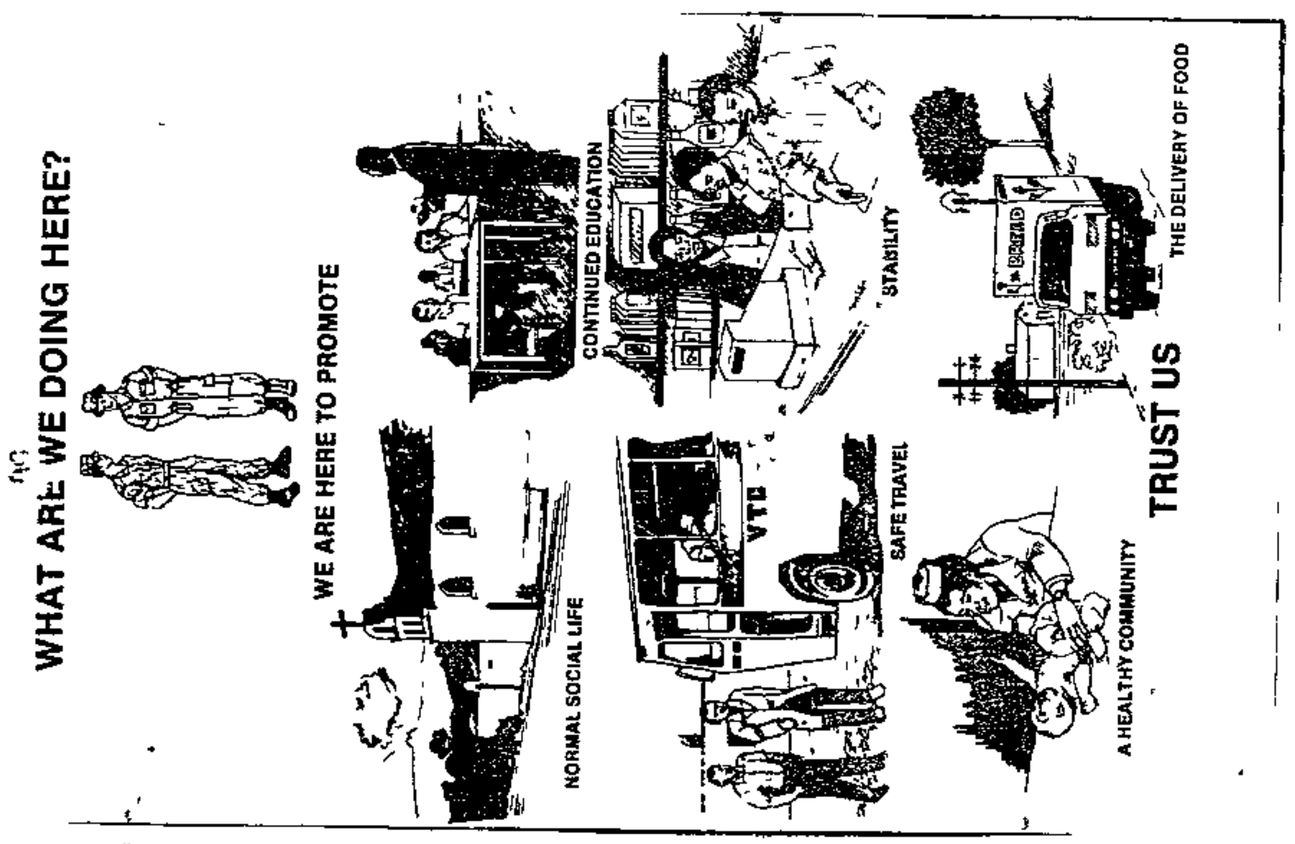

RIOTING ERUPTS

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Businessman shot dead as wave of unrest hits KwaThema

By MZIKAYISE EDOM and SAPA

A WELL KNOWN Kwa-Thema businessman was shot dead, a bottle store set alight and several cars and buses were stoned when fresh violence erupted in the area yesterday.

Hundreds of residents who defied the stayaway call and went to work were stranded last night when they found that buses were not prepared to enter the township and taxis were unavailable.

A statement from the police said a wave of violence struck KwaThema, with a 15-year-old youth being injured by birdshot and the arrest of about 50 people as police used birdshot, rubber bullets and tearsmoke to disperse rioting crowds of up to 1 000 who set up roadblocks, stoned police vehicles and set fire to buildings

"The situation there is very tense," a SA Police spokesman said in Pretoria.

Earlier reports yesterday said workers in the township appeared to have heeded a stayaway call made on Saturday in solidarity with boycotting pupils.

The 15-year-old youth injured yesterday was struck in the left arm and leg by birdshot fired by police to disperse a group stoning their vehicle.

Hospital

He was taken to the Far East Rand Hospital and his condition is not serious.

The businessman shot dead was Mr Jerry Khumbuza (25), of 55 Mcakumbana Street in Kwa-Thema. He owned a shoe and leather manufacturing plant in the township.

He was shot during a clash between police and a group of about 300 youths who were allegedly stoning cars and buses in Majola Street at about 10 am.

He died on the way to the Far East Rand Hospital in Springs.

Mr Khumbuza's elder brother Peter, told **The SOWETAN** yesterday that his brother was on the way to town to buy material for his new factory.

"My brother was waiting for a taxi at Majola Street when he was shot. He died on the way to hospital."

Putco pulled out its bus service in the township and taxis were also not operating for most of the day. Buses picked up and dropped passengers at the entrance of the township.

Meanwhile sporadic stone-throwing incidents were reported in Thokoza township near Alberton and Tsakane near Brakpan yesterday morning

Palmiet Stw needed 23/10/85 Mayor

By Melody McDougall, Vereeniging Bureau

Helicopters in the early morning sky were the first indication for most white residents of the Vaal Triangle that something was afoot in Sebokeng township.

Scores of residents reacted with shock and surprise when they learned that 7 000 troops and police had invaded and cordoned off the township at about 3 o'clock this morning in a bid to rid the area of dissidents.

Vereeniging's mayor, Mr Mauritz Meyer, said he learnt of the invasion, called Operation Palmiet early this morning. Mr Meyer came out in support of the operation and said it was really necessary.

Another spokesman for the Vereeniging Town Council, the Town Secretary, Mr J J J Coetzee, commented that it was in the interest of the black people themselves that law and order should be restored to the areas.

A police spokesman confirmed that about 350 people had been arrested during the operation by 8.30 this morning.

Youth injured, sixteen arrested on East Rand

Mail Reporters

A 15-YEAR-OLD youth was shot and injured by police firing birdshot and 16 others were arrested in the East Rand township of KwaThema when renewed violence broke out yesterday.

A police spokesman confirmed the incidents, but could not confirm that a 28-year-old man and a 12-year-old girl had been shot dead in the same area yesterday.

A spokesman from the Far East Rand Hospital said 10 people had been admitted for treatment after yesterday's incidents. The police spokesman could not confirm this.

The spokesman said police fired birdshot to break up a group of youths who were stoning a police patrol in KwaThema.

A 15-year-old boy was slightly injured in the left arm and leg and was taken to the Far East Rand Hospital, but was not in a serious condition.

Witnesses said no buses were running in the township and streets had been blocked off with barricades.

It was also established that a beer hall had been set alight, petrol bombs hurled at two police hippo vehicles and a policeman allegedly seriously injured.

Shops, beerhalls and all schools were closed in the area.

Most people did not go to work following a stayaway call decided on Saturday by almost 2 000 people at a rally of the newly-formed KwaThema Parents-Students Committee.

The group called the stayaway to press demands for educational reform and the withdrawal of police riot squads.

They also called for the abolition of the school age limit, the release of all scholars detained during recent unrest and the setting up by students of school councils of their own choice.

Witnesses said a group of young people were loaded in police vans and made to remove the barricades which were blocking the streets.

Witnesses said they were periodically sjamboked by police.

A police spokesman said school children at the Tlokwe High School at Itsoseng, near Potchefstroom, overturned and set alight cars belonging to the principal and vice principal.

However, no police action was reported.

More than 80 blacks and at least one white have died in black townships in two months of violent unrest sparked by protests about black political rights, rent rises, local government and black education.

At least 93 000 black students last week boycotted classes at schools near Johannesburg to protest "inferior education" and the lack of consultation by Government in plans to introduce student councils next year.

Baby's mother isn't bitter with blacks

By PETER WALLINGTON

JOHANNESBURG — The mother whose baby died after being struck by a stone in Sebokeng says Bishop Desmond Tutu's words on the incident comforted her.

Mrs Kay Gordon said she felt no bitterness towards black people because of the tragedy, only towards the man who actually threw the stone that killed her baby boy, Blair, this month.

She had been touched when the bishop said the death of the three-week-old baby, like the death of any child, was "deeply distressing".

Mrs Gordon said she had half expected trouble when she saw crowds of people lining the street into Sebokeng. She was taking two domestic workers to the pass office in Sebokeng when the incident happened.

Her other children, Jamie, 7, Bonnie, 11, and Neil, 14 months were also in the car.

Suddenly the crowd turned nasty and people started throwing stones and rocks. Mrs Gordon sped away and it was only when whe stopped the car several kilometres away that her domestic worker said Blair needed to get to a hospital.

Mrs Gordon tried mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, but the baby was already dead. He was cremated last Thursday.

"I don't believe most blacks are as hostile as those who surrounded the car," She said. "My servants were grief-stricken and couldn't believe what happened."

Mrs Gordon expressed her thanks to friends and others who had offered financial assistance to help pay for the funeral and for the damaged car.

"We are struggling to come out, just like many others, and it was a relief to know there wre people who would help us if necessary," she said.

Mrs Gordon said she did not know why people had stoned her car.

"But the problems that cause things like this to happen must be solved — I'm sure most people just want to live happily without fear."

POLICE PROTECT a taxi transporting passengers in the Vaal yesterday. There was renewed violence in Sharpeville following the detention of the Rev Tebogo Moselane of the Anglican Church.

Violence flares in Vaal

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

POLICE fired rubber bullets and used shamboks to disperse crowds of angry youths on the second day of renewed violence in Sharpeville yesterday.

The crowds, which had earlier made roadblocks on the main streets and called for a stayaway from work, stoned several vehicles and buses as violence gripped the township once again.

The renewed violence, which started on Sunday night was sparked off after the detention of the Rev Tebogo Moselane, who is an executive member of the Vaal Black Priests' Solidarity Group. The crowds were angered by the ban on all public meetings in the township imposed on Saturday by the Vereeniging Chief Magistrate. The ban expires today.

Mr Moselane, who together with several priests has been involved in negotiations with the Lekoa Town Council during the height of the unrest, was detained by police at his home on Sunday evening.

Police have confirmed his detention under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

The United Democratic Front (UDF), Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo), Vaal Civic Association (VCA) and student movements have condemned in the strongest terms Mr Moselane's detention. They demanded his immediate release.

After his detention on Sunday night, angry mobs stoned vehicles and buses to two townships and police fired rubber bullets to disperse them. By late last night police patrolled the township as scores of workers walked distances to their homes because buses could not enter the township.

Sebokeng, Evaton, Bophelong and Boipatong townships were reported to be quiet as no incidents were reported there.

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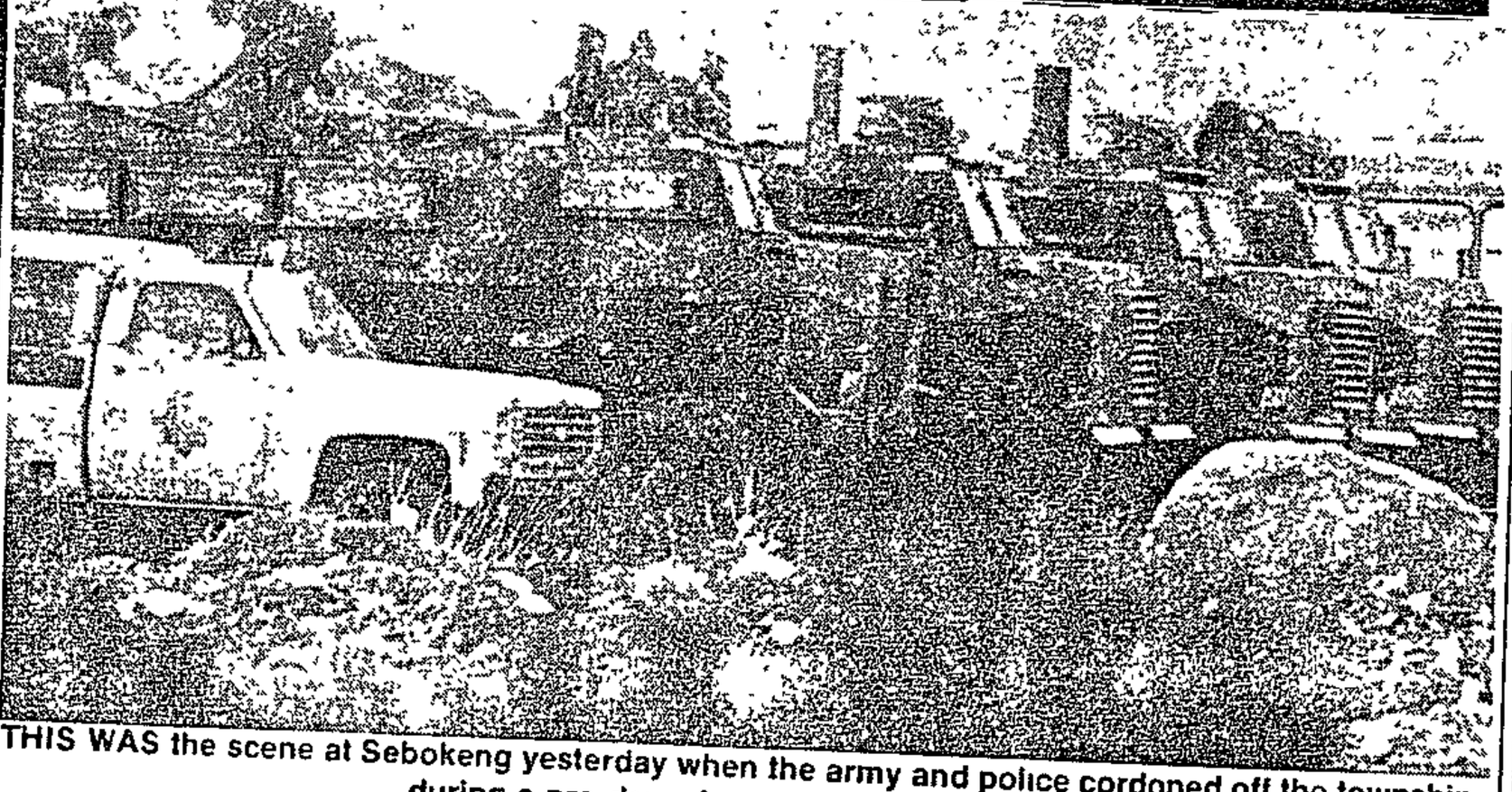
Army moves into Sharpeville

VAAL SIEGE



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The ministers are the Rev T Malombazo of the Presbyterian Church in Africa and Rev Luther Mateza of the Presbyterian Church of South Africa.

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He added that the kinds of offences on which people had been arrested showed "the authorities were looking for something they could not find under beds or in wardrobes. The anger of the people over rentals and lack of participation in government doesn't hide in those places."

Mr Ishmael Mkhabela of the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) also said the move was a declaration of war.

7 000-strong force swoops on more townships

Sharpeville gets same treatment

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Mail Reporters

A MASSIVE 7 000-strong police and army force invaded the trouble-torn Vaal townships of Sharpeville and Boipatong yesterday afternoon after they had pulled out of Sebokeng were 354 people were arrested.

And, as the new swoops began, hundreds of people were being put on trial before five special courts set up in Vanderbijlpark and Sebokeng

The house-to-house search in Sebokeng was aimed mainly at "revolutionaries" — but none were found. Instead, the 354 people arrested were held under migration and influx control laws and other charges including possession of dagga, firearms, pornographic material and stolen goods

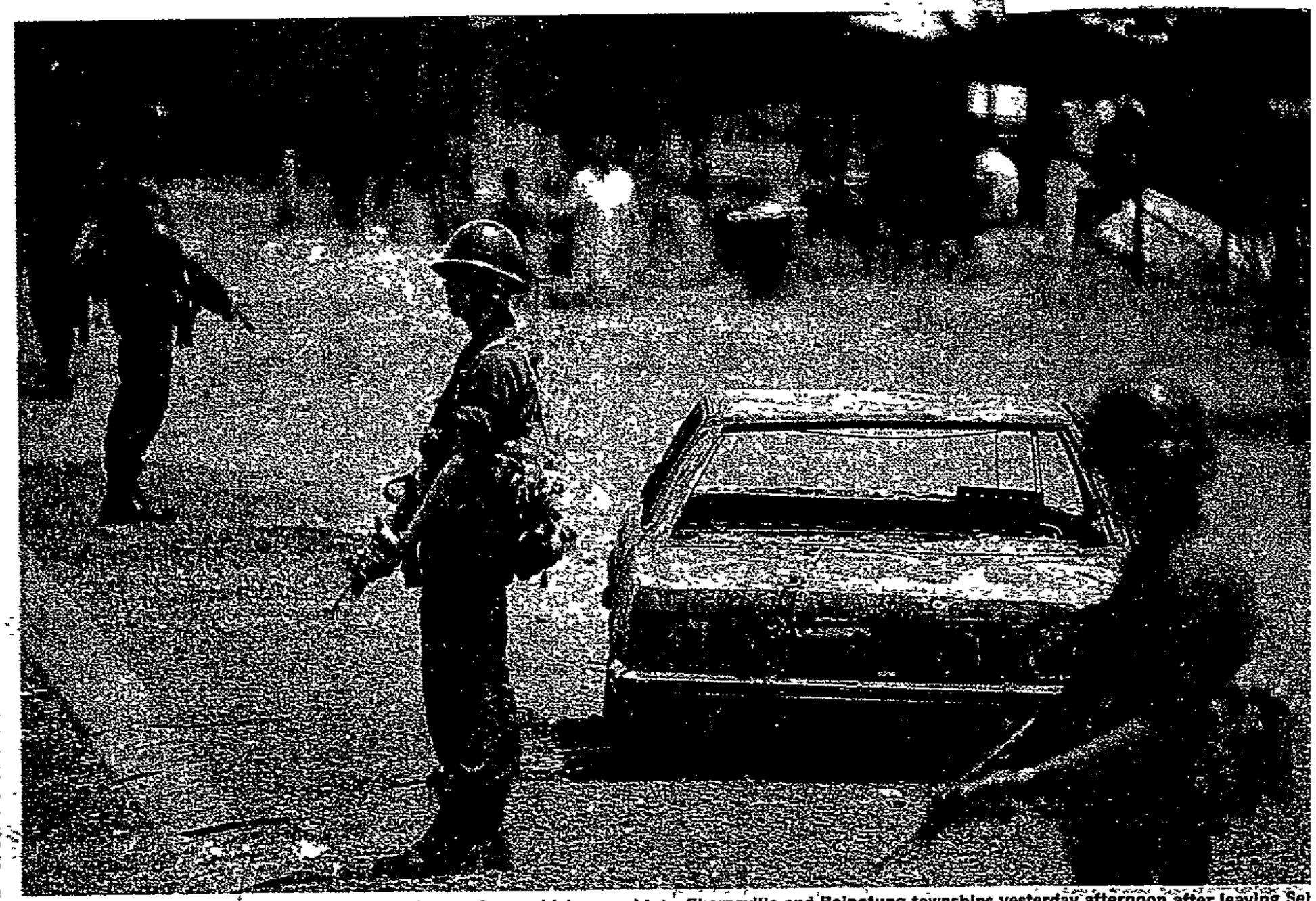
Orange stickers carrying the words "Co-operation for peace and security" and "I am your friend, trust me" were affixed to houses and cars once they had been searched and checked, and residents were also stamped with red dye.

Police Colonel Leon Mellet, Press secretary to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, told Rand Daily Mail reporter STAN HLOPHE — who was on the scene in Sebokeng at 2am yesterday — that there had been no "total arrest" during the swoop.

However, some people sought in connection with alleged looting, arson, and intimidation during unrest two months ago had been arrested, he said

The first swoop began at 2am in Sebokeng when troops searched all 19 500 houses in the area, some of them twice.

It was announced late yesterday afternoon that the combined force had been instructed to move on to the neighbouring townships of Sharpeville and Boipatong "because the manpower is at present available"



Part of the 7 000-strong combined police and army force which moved into Sharpeville and Boipotung townships yesterday afternoon after leaving Sebokeng in the morning More pictures Page 2.

Picture: TONY NA

A Pretoria police spokesman, Lieutenant Johan Barnard, said the Sharpeville/Boipatong cordon and search was not part of the original plan

But, as the police/army task force was in the area, it was decided to extend the operation

Last night a senior police spokesman, Colonel Vic Haynes, said only nine arrests had been made in Sharpeville and Boipatong and all were on criminal charges

"There have been no incidents and everything is proceeding quietly," Col Haines said.

The combined SAP-/SADF operation was launched to "effectively rid the areas of criminal and revolutionary elements," according to Mr Le Grange.

In Sebokeng, buses, taxis, private vehicles, and pedestrians were thoroughly searched by police and thereafter issued with red stickers which read "Co-

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America regrets Sebokeng operation

The Star Bureau

WASHINGTON — The United States Government said yesterday that South Africa should attach proper weight to the internal and international consequences of its combined military and police operation at Sebokeng.

At a briefing for reporters at the US State Department, chief spokesman Mr John Hughes said the US deeply regretted the South African Government's action at Sebokeng in which, it understood, about 350 people were arrested.

"These repressive measures are bound to obscure and put into question South Africa's professed intentions of dealing with the problems of the country by reform and consensus," he added.

EARNEST HOPE

"It is the earnest hope of the US that the South African Government will attach proper weight to the internal and international costs of this action.

"We continue to urge the South African Government to open a meaningful dialogue with the leaders of the non-white communities, especially the black community, to establish mechanisms for airing grievances without resort to violence or repressive measures and, at the same time, to open the way for political participation by South Africans of all races."

Details of the Sebokeng operation have been widely reported in the American media.

Sebokeng swoop is sinister and silly, says UK paper

The Star Bureau

LONDON — South African action at Sebokeng, which was major news on British television and radio yesterday, continues to make front-page headlines in the quality national Press here today, but is the main story only in *The Guardian*.

The popular papers carry reports on inside pages.

In its second leading article on South Africa in two days, *The Guardian* says that if there was a local Lenin behind the riots no doubt he ensured that he was among the quarter of the population that was not raided.

The Guardian added: "The operation thus manages to look both sinister and silly at the same time: sinister for hurling the equivalent of half a division at a helpless community and silly for turning up pornographic literature but no copies of Das Kapital.

"Short of using the air force against pickpockets, it is difficult to imagine a clumsier attempt at law enforcement."

The Guardian says the South African Government persists in blaming revolutionary forces for the recent township unrest, but never seems to find them, adding:

"The real cause is the most blatant and brutal system of race discrimination of modern times, but those who run such a system cannot afford to admit it, even to themselves."

The Times, highly critical of Britain's handling of the affair of the Durban Six and the Coventry Four, concludes:

"The most charitable interpretation of the British Government's attitude is that it wishes to avoid giving South Africa any pretext to close the Durban consulate and/or force Britain to hand over the fugitives.

"But that is a risk that should be taken, since the way things are going we shall not end up much better off in any case.

"Britain does not owe South Africa any favours.

"On the contrary, South Africa should show more concern for the maintenance of good relations with Britain than she does.

"She may be able to force her African neighbours into submission for the time being, but among the governments of the industrialised world she has no great choice of friends."

Methodists condemn Palmiet

By Eugene Saldanha, Religion Reporter

A high-level delegation from the Methodist Church of Southern Africa which yesterday visited Vaal townships told the church's conference in Pretoria that the police and army operation was provocative and intimidatory.

The five-man delegation, led by past president Dr Khoza Mgojo, was appointed after an emergency debate during which many delegates expressed horror at the pre-dawn swoop.

The president of the Methodist Church, the Rev Peter Storey, informed the office of the Minister of Law and Order that the conference would view with grave seriousness any failure to recognise the concern which led to the appointment of the delegation.

Dr Mgojo said residents in the area were taken by surprise in the early hours of yesterday morning when the army and police swooped

He said the police and army had distributed pamphlets proclaiming that they were in the area to promote peace and stability. But the residents regarded the presence of thousands of armed men as provocative.

"People in the area have been restrained, despite this intimidatory action," he said.

Mr Storey said the Methodist Church, the biggest in South Africa, had thousands of members in Sebokeng, as well as members who were doing their national service.

"We are,, therefore, extremely concerned about the army's move into Sebokeng," he said.

Last night, a two-hour vigil attended by delegates to the conference was held to show solidarity with residents in Sebokeng and other areas in the Vaal.

Tonight the recently unbanned Dr Beyers Naude will address an open session of the conferene.

● The Rev Ernest Baartman, of Mdantsane in East London, yesterday became president-elect of the Methodist Conference after a close ballot.

He will take office at the end of 1985.

A minute to get a record as criminal

By Michael Tissong

Some people arrested in a raid on Sebokeng township early yesterday took less than one minute to earn criminal records when they appeared before Vanderbijlpark magistrates.

Hundreds of people aged between about 19 and 55 faced various charges including failing to produce passes and possession of dangerous weapons.

Some hearings where people pleaded guilty lasted 57 or 59 seconds. They were fined R30 (or 15 days) for pass law offences and R40 (or 20 days) for possession of dangerous weapons. They were all taken to the cells and it appeared that none had money for the fines.

Where the accused pleaded not guilty the hearings lasted about three minutes and were postponed to various dates.

The cases went something like this:

Prosecutor: On the morning of October 23 1984 you failed to produce your pass. Do you plead guilty or not guilty?

Interpreter repeats the question in the vernacular.

Accused: I was sleeping. I did not have my pass with me. I guess I am guilty.

Interpreter: I plead guilty, Your Honour.

Magistrate: I find you guilty as charged. Do you have anything to say in mitigation of sentence?

Accused: I will try to get a pass.

Magistrate: Anything else?

Accused: No.

Magistrate: You are fined R30 or 15 days' jail.

Total time: less than one minute.

Sash condemns SADF 'on glorified pass raid'

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Staff Reporters

The Black Sash has launched a stinging attack on the Defence Force for Operation Palmiet, accusing it of taking part in a "glorified pass raid".

Sash national president Mrs Sheena Duncan said yesterday: "We trust the fathers of the young servicemen used in this operation in the townships will raise their voices that their children were put into a civil war situation against the men and women who work with and for them."

The United Democratic Front (UDF) has observed that the charges brought against people held in the exercise were not of a political nature, but were criminal charges and pass law infringements.

"They won't find 'agitators' because what the Government is having to contend with in the Vaal is popular resistance based on real grievances," said UDF treasurer, Mr Cassim Saloojee.

The massive police and Defence Force swoop on the Vaal Triangle came to an end last night with a further 10 arrests in Sharpeville and neighbouring Boipathong as a reduced force completed the intensive sweep.

TOWNSHIPS QUIET

Police spokesman Lieutenant Henry Beck said Sebokeng, Sharpeville and Boipathong were very quiet this morning and no incidents of unrest had been reported.

The 10 arrests in Sharpeville and Boipathong were mainly for pass offences.

Operation Palmiet in Sebokeng, in which about 350 people were arrested, was extended to nearby Sharpeville and Boipathong at 3.20 pm.

Police said the decision to extend the swoop was made on the spur of the moment after the Sebokeng operation finished early.

Rain and muddy conditions hampered progress, but by 7 pm the second sweep had been completed

Two incidents of unrest in Sharpeville earlier yesterday made the extended sweep desirable, police said.

The earlier incidents in Sharpeville resulted in police firing rubber bullets to disperse crowds. Five people, including two priests, were arrested in terms of the Riotous Assemblies Act.

The Commissioner of Police, General Johann Coetzee, and several other senior officers flew into Sebokeng by helicopter early in the afternoon to inspect the progress of the operation. Later a group of MPs was briefed.

Vaal school boycott is still on

By Chris More

The Vaal school boycott is continuing despite efforts yesterday by the police and the South African Defence Force to urge pupils to return to classes.

A pamphlet was issued stating the reasons for the "occupation" of Sebokeng, Sharpeville and Bolpatong yesterday. One of the reasons was "to promote continued education".

Pupils have been boycotting school since a protest was called against rent increases on September 3.

The Department of Education and Training has given all matric candidates a deadline of October 26 to decide if they want to sit the examinations in November or next May.

This morning a teacher accused the police and SADF of aggravating the situation by their "occupation" of the townships.

She said: "The soldiers have scared the children. I doubt if they will return to school this year."

She said it was foolhardy for the authorities to try to use force to make the children return to school as "it will only make them stubborn".

A parent said her children would not go to school until she was sure they would be safe. The township was teeming with police and confrontations were likely because of the volatile situation.

She said: "I am sure the police and soldiers cannot be trusted now as they must be exhausted. The slightest provocation could have ugly results."

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SA unrest affects UK trade

By NEIL BEHRMANN

THE township unrest in South Africa, which has been given widespread coverage in the UK, is beginning to have an impact on British-South African trade.

A South African exporter who distributes goods to small and large UK retailers said three important customers were considering stopping orders. They were embarrassed about having South African products on their shelves.

Other businessmen were also worried, but it was too soon to determine the impact on exports.

"British and South African businessmen have expressed disquiet, but it is too early to discern trends," said Mr David Willers, London director of the South African Foundation.

Britain is South Africa's third largest export market after Japan and the US.

In the first eight months of 1984, South African exports to the UK totalled £528m, about the same level as 1983. Exports for the whole of 1983 totalled £765m.

South African exporters complained that political and diplomatic moves failed to consider the adverse effects on business. South African bankers in London also expressed concern.

"Bankers are practical people. Credit managers who recommended South African issues a few months ago are now embarrassed.

He suspected that South African borrowers would be forced to raise funds at slightly higher rates.

But the huge raid on Sebokeng left South African shares in London unscathed. In previous years prices would have collapsed.

Stockbrokers said that fund managers in the UK and North America were still buying South African gold shares because the devaluation of the rand raised profits.

"Political events these days do not affect the South African market," said Mr Mark Harris, at brokers Williams De Broe Hill Chaplin.

"But the signs we have seen now would have been taken seriously a few years ago."

The UK government continues to leave trade decisions to the private sector. The policy expressed by the Minister of Trade, Mr Paul Channon, in November last year, remains unchanged.

About 30% of Britain's economy is dependent on exports and South Africa is the UK's 13th-largest market after North America and European nations.

In the first eight months of this year Britain exported £819m worth of goods to South Africa, against £687m in 1983. Exports for the whole of 1983 were £1 109m.

In his speech last November, Mr Channon said: "The development of an active trading relationship with South Africa is a very important element of the government's policy of seeking constructive engagement as the best means of encouraging peaceful change in South Africa.

"I may say that the firmly held view of successive British governments has always been that trade between countries is a matter for the commercial judgment of the companies concerned.

"It should not be at the sway of political judgments, either international or domestic, and the United Kingdom normally opposes trade sanctions.

"The government does accept some controls on our trade with South Africa but remains firmly opposed to wider sanctions."

Violence created by police - Duncan

The police were deliberately creating incidents of violence in townships because they were much easier to control than non-violent protest, the president of the Black Sash, Mrs Sheena Duncan, said in Durban last night.

Addressing a meeting on violence, Mrs Duncan said a clear pattern of action had emerged in the townships.

"There would be some form of outdoor protest, illegal in terms of the 1976 ban on outdoor meetings. The police would use this ban to order the crowd to disperse. Then, without giving them a chance to do so, they would start throwing teargas."

The confusion as a result of the teargas would then escalate into the use of sjamboks, rubber bullets and stones, she added.

"There has been no violence in the communities until the police have intervened. My theory is that the police deliberately create violence," she said.

A spokesman for the police public relations division in Pretoria said last night the police actions were never intended to harass or intimidate people.

"Instead the function and duty of the police is to maintain law and order."

He did not think Mrs Duncan's statements were worthy of further comment. — Sapa.

France slams big sweep in townships

PARIS. — France yesterday joined the United States in condemning a massive search-and-arrest operation by the South African Army and Police in the Vaal Triangle, calling the raids an affront to human dignity.

"The French Government is dismayed about the reports of operations of repression in South Africa," the Foreign Ministry said in a communique.

"The French Government, which has constantly condemned the South African Government's policy of apartheid, firmly denounces this new wave of repression which is accompanied by measures particularly harmful to human dignity," the communique said.

In Washington, a State Department spokesman said the US "deeply regretted these repressive measures" which "put in question the SA Government's professed intentions of dealing with the problems of the country by reform and consensus".

In London, the operation drew strong Press criticism.

The Guardian regarded the action as the indiscriminate lashing out of an enraged, blinded Cyclops.

"South Africa's authorities persist in blaming 'revolutionary forces' for the recent violence, but somehow never seem to find them," the paper said.

"The most blatant and brutal system of race discrimination of modern times" was the real cause, the paper said.

The conservative Daily Telegraph said: "In past months the South African Government has made much of its diplomatic successes which have served to reduce almost to zero the level of terrorist infiltration from neighbouring countries.

"There seem, however, to be quite enough actual or potential enemies already living inside the country.

"One suspects that in the long run it will not greatly profit the SA Government if it meets present grievances by doubling expenditure on black education and withdrawing rent increases. Will anything less than majority rule ever finally satisfy the country's blacks? Will even that suffice?"

In Harare the Herald newspaper, under the headline "Message for P W Botha", said Pretoria's deployment of troops in the townships was aimed at silencing black opposition to South Africa's "satanic" racial segregation policies.

It urged Mr Botha to urgently initiate talks with detained black nationalists to avoid "further bloodshed".

In Paris, the African National Congress yesterday called for international sanctions against South Africa in reprisal for Tuesday's sweep, and warned the Government that the arrests would not halt "the struggle to wipe out the hated system of apartheid". — Sapa-Reuter-AP and UPI.

Search successful — SAP

Mail Reporter

THE police had attained more with its "Operation Palmiet" in Sebokeng, Sharpeville and Boipatong than it had hoped for, Colonel Leon Mellet, Press secretary to the Minister of Law and Order, said yesterday.

Col Mellet described the operation as "very successful".

He added, however, that no decisions had been taken by the Department of Law and Order on possible future operations.

Altogether 7 000 policemen and SADF troops took part in the operation.

Police conducted house-to-house searches in Sebokeng, Sharpeville and Boipatong while the SADF cordoned off areas.

Contrary to a Rand Daily Mail report yesterday that "troops" were used to search homes in Sebokeng, Col Mellet said that only police were involved in this.

It was also reported that unrest broke out in Sebokeng on Tuesday during the operation. This was an inadvertent error — the situation was calm in the township during the operation.

However, as the Mail reported, there was unrest in Sharpeville on Tuesday, and police confirmed that 500 people marched on the township's Orange/Vaal Development Board offices.

In incidents before the Sharpeville search, rioters set up roadblocks and then set fire to them.

Col Mellet said the Mail's report had given the impression that the main purpose of Operation Palmiet had been to search for revolutionaries.

The Mail was referred to a statement by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange, saying the purpose was "to restore law and order" and "to rid the area of criminal and revolutionary elements".

Soccer, school ... and tsotsis

By SIPHO NGCOBO

A GROUP of soldiers yesterday played football with Sebokeng youths on a piece of open veld between Zones 12 and 13 in the township.

And, when Rand Daily Mail reporters arrived on the scene, a young SADF officer was lecturing to a number of youths.

He was heard saying: "Julle moet terug skool toe gaan" (You must go back to school). He also told them to beat up any "tsotsi" who set fire to a shop or urged them to boycott classes.

At the same time, the group of soldiers was teaching the youths how to march and salute in military style.

But the big police/army sweep through Sebokeng, Sharpeville and Boipatong on Tuesday came under fire from residents of these areas yesterday.

One said he had heard a radio report that the Government had claimed that residents in these areas were co-operative. "My brother, I must say here and now that the Government is bluffing the world."

All those interviewed expressed anger at the raids and said they detested the presence of soldiers in the townships.

A Zone 13 Sebokeng resident who said she and her children were woken by heavy knocks at about 3am condemned "Operation Palmiet" as "harassment and unnecessary intimidation of innocent people".

"I hate the sight of these soldiers and policemen. The sooner they get out of Sebokeng the better," she said.

A 76 year-old woman who said her house was raided by a group of policemen with dogs could not hide her anger when she started talking about the raids.

"This Government, instead of decreasing the high rents, dodges the problem and sets the soldiers on us," she said.

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Unrest: 14 held

Police arrested 14 people yesterday during unrest on the East Rand and in the Eastern Cape.

Marching youths in Tembisa set three houses and several vehicles on fire and stoned police vehicles.

A police constable was hit on the head by a stone and a man was injured in stone-throwing incidents in Katlehong. The administration board offices in the township were stoned.

Police used teargas to disperse a crowd of about 1 000 who blocked Khumalo Street, Kathleong. Rubber bullets and birdshot were used to disperse 200 youths who attacked an administration board hostel.

A bus driver arrested a girl in Soweto after 20 youths tried to set the bus on fire. — Crime staff.

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Unrest area most expensive for blacks

By Carolyn Dempster,
Labour Reporter

The Vaal Triangle, which has been plagued by violent unrest in recent months, is the most expensive urban area for black families in South Africa.

This finding is contained in the latest biannual Household Subsistence Level (HSL) survey published by the University of Port Elizabeth's Institute for Planning Research.

In the September survey of 22 major urban centres, the institute found that it cost a black family of six R330,25 a month to live in the Vaal Triangle.

The next most expensive urban centres are Johannesburg at R327,11 a month, and Pretoria where it costs such a family R316,82 a month to live.

The HSL is calculated on essentials: food, rent, transport, fuel and lighting.

In another shocking finding, the survey revealed that in spite of the seven percent cut in General Sales Tax on basic food items in July, food costs have risen by a phenomenal 14 percent for black families.

Increasing food prices affected the black ration scale more than the coloured ration scale, the survey found, indicating that the cost of basic foods such as maizemeal increased more than other items.

"This raises the question as to how the benefit of the GST-free items was passed on to the consumer," says Professor J F Potgieter, director of the institute.

Overall, the HSL in the five major urban centres — Johannesburg, Pretoria, Cape Town, Durban and Port Elizabeth — has risen by 8,3 percent for black households in the six months of March to September this year.

If the rate of inflation continues its current trend, the average HSL for a black household is expected to reach R337 a month by September 1985.

Commenting on the general survey trends, Professor Potgieter says the increases were higher than expected and the HSLs in Port Elizabeth, Kimberley, Pretoria and Uitenhage rose by more than 10 percent each.

Over the last year the pattern for coloured households surveyed has shown a slower increase, more in line with the Consumer Price Index of 11,8 percent.

Unrest in townships flares anew

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ARSON and stone-throwing continued in black townships around the country yesterday and at least two people were injured in clashes with police using tears-moke, birdshot, rubber bullets and quirts.

According to a spokesman for the SAP Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria, rioting continued mostly in the Eastern Cape, West Rand and East Rand in the wake of Tuesday's combined SAP/Defence Force cleanup operation in the Vaal Triangle.

The incidents involved youths who marched in large groups throwing stones and setting fire to schools, other Government buildings and private property. Vehicles and houses were set alight.

Stone-throwing attacks were made on policemen trying to disperse unruly crowds, and a number of police vehicles were damaged.

An SAP spokesman, Lieutenant J L Barnard, reported 14 arrests.

At least two people were reported injured, one by a rubber bullet.

On the East Rand, Katlehong, Thokoza, Tembisa and Duduza were hit by violence.

At Katlehong, general stone throwing occurred and police fired tearsmoke and rubber bullets. In Komoholo section, a truck was burnt out and another blaze was put out by the fire brigade.

Arsonists set fire to a delivery vehicle and 300 students stoned Zamo Junior School.

The administration offices were also stoned.

In Soweto, 20 youths hijacked a bus and tried to set it alight. The driver arrested a teenage girl.

In Tembisa, 200 students marched through the streets after a meeting, lobbing stones at vehicles and damaging a delivery vehicle and two buses. A furniture truck was burnt out. Ten youths were arrested.

However, the spokesman said most of yesterday's violence occurred in the Port Elizabeth area in the townships of New Brighton and Kwazekele, where six schools were stoned and four houses set alight on a day of repeated clashes with police.

● Further major police-backed searches through black townships, similar to the operation in three Vaal Triangle areas yesterday, would be launched if the SA Police believed them necessary, a police spokesman in Pretoria said yesterday.

Lieutenant Henry Beck said the police would keep a presence in the Vaal Triangle townships "until we are satisfied that the situation has stabilised". — Sapa.

Township raids: US capital plans action

By Neil Lurssen,
The Star Bureau

WASHINGTON — Outraged by the police-cum-military operations in Transvaal black townships, Washington city councillors introduced tough new legislation yesterday to punish United States companies which do business with South Africa.

If it becomes law, the companies stand to lose hundreds of millions of rands of business in the city.

Earlier this year Washington passed a law giving the city pension fund two years to get rid of millions of rands worth of shares in companies which have South African ties. The law also ordered the city to close its accounts in banks which continue loan transactions with South Africa.

Yesterday's proposal takes the sanctions further. It will list demerit points against US companies doing business in South Africa, and these points will be taken into account when they bid for contracts.

A city spokesman explained: "If, say, five companies bid for a city contract and two of them have South African connections, the chances are the winner will be among the other three."

The spokesman could not say exactly how much money was at stake, but noted that Washington had a R3 600 million annual budget, and hundreds of millions were spent on construction.

The chief sponsor of the law, Councillor John Ray, said: "We are saying loud and clear that we do not support apartheid."

The Bill will expire automatically when the council session ends soon. But it will be introduced again early next year.

Its passage through the council's Government Operations Committee and the full council by March or April is thought to be a certainty.

The only place where it could be stopped is the US House of Representatives, which has to approve Washington's financial measures because of the large Federal subsidy the city receives.

Analysts here say that a Congressional veto seems unlikely because the House of Representatives approved the earlier disinvestment measure and because the House Congressmen — Democrats and Republicans — have shown a growing willingness to support sanctions against South Africa.

A Reagan election landslide which brings more conservative Republicans into Congress could alter the picture, but few analysts expect the Republicans to gain control of the House of Representatives.

The Senate, which is expected to stay in Republican hands, and which has been the chief barrier against sanctions so far, plays no role in Washington's financial affairs

Companies with South African ties are expected to lobby against the new proposal — but their lobbying failed to stop the disinvestment law passed by Washington in May

Unrest sparks new US disinvestment campaign

SIMON BARBER

WASHINGTON. — The latest wave of unrest in South Africa has prompted the Washington City Council to consider stiffening its seven-month-old disinvestment law.

Councillor Mr John Ray, author of the original legislation which prohibits the city from investing in firms that do business with the Republic, is now calling for those firms to be denied city contracts as well.

"There could be no more appropriate time to withhold this government's support from any company which continues to do business in South Africa," Mr Ray said yesterday.

Mr Ray's planned legislation came as unrest continued yesterday in South Africa, reports Sapa.

There were incidents of violence in Soweto yesterday afternoon, according to a police spokesman in Pretoria, Lieutenant Johan Barnard,

A Post Office vehicle was set alight by some 50 youths in Dhlamini, and the blaze had to be extinguised by the fire brigade.

Lt Barnard said police fired one rubber bullet when a group of youths started stoning a police vehicle.

However Sebokeng, Sharpeville and Boipatong, where 358 people were arrested earlier this week during a major crackdown, were reported to be quiet.

More than 80 people have died in the recent rioting, and over 100 000 pupils have been affected by school boycotts.

In Thokoza, two delivery vans were stoned and damaged, one by a group of some 40 youths who dispersed when police fired on them with rubber bullets and tear smoke, Lt Barnard said.

At the Morris Isaacson Secondary School, rioters used a hammer to break the windscreen of a private vehicle. Another private vehicle's windscreen was smashed with an iron bar in an incident in Moroka North.

Mr Ray's new Bill requires local government agencies to penalise contract bidders that either have business dealings in South Africa directly or have investments in other companies with South African ties.

The information is "relatively simple to obtain", Mr Ray said, because publicly held firms are required to list their corporate holdings and business activities with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Similar legislation is being hotly debated, and appears to the wave of disinvestment's future.

Statements criticing police action in the unrest situation were issued yesterday by the Black Sash and the Congress of South African Students (Cosas).

Cosas said that by sending the South African Defence Force and the police into the townships the Government had shown it had lost control of the situation.

Cosas also dismissed the "new moves" made by the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, toward "tightening" the education system as not being the solution to the fundamental problems of black students.

The president of the Black Sash, Mrs Sheena Duncan, said in Durban last night the police were deliberately creating incidents of violence in townships because it was much easier to control than non-violent protest.

Addressing a meeting on violence, Mrs Duncan said a clear pattern of recent action in the townships had emerged throughout the country.

"There would be some form of outdoor protest, illegal in terms of the 1976 ban on outdoor meetings. The police would use this ban to order the crowd to disperse. Then, without giving them a chance to do so, the police would start throwing tear-gas," she said.

The confusion as a result of the tear-gas would then escalate into the use of sjamboks, rubber bullets, stones and other weapons.

"There has been no violence in the communities until the police have intervened. My theory is the police deliberately create violence because it is easier to control," she said.

A spokesman for the police Public Relations division in Pretoria said last night the police actions were never intended to harass or intimidate people.

"Instead the function and duty of the police is to maintain law and order."

He did not think Mrs Duncan's statements were worthy of further comment.

Le Grange gives 'no assault' promise

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By JOSHUA RABOROKO

THE MINISTER of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, yesterday made an undertaking to the Rand Supreme Court that neither he nor any person in his employ would assault or apply unlawful duress on a Sharpeville youth presently in detention.

The Minister made the undertaking without making any admissions and without prejudice to his rights. It was made pending a final determination.

The undertaking was given after an urgent application to the Rand Supreme Court by Mrs Tlalana Maria Sakoana of Sharpeville on behalf of a youth presently in detention. He was detained on October 18 with several other youths from the area.

The hearing was before Mr Justice H Nestadt who postponed the matter to February 5, 1985, when the police would respond to the application.

Ms Sakoana submitted an affidavit detailing how the youth was arrested and that she was told it was in connection with the unrest in the Vaal complex early in September.

In his undertaking the Minister of Law and Order said: "Pending the final determination of this matter and without making any admissions and without prejudice to his rights the Minister of Law and Order undertakes that neither he nor any persons employed by him or under his control will do any of the acts referred to in paragraphs 2 (a) to (d).

The acts referred to are:

- Assaulting the detainee;
- Interrogating in any manner other than that prescribed or permitted by law;
- Employing any undue or unlawful pressure on him; and
- Subjecting him to any form of unlawful duress.

British investors anxious about Sebokeng crackdown

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JOHN BATTERSBY reports from LONDON

THE combined military-police crackdown in three Rand townships this week has caused more concern in London than any other internal development since Soweto in 1976.

It is not the panic of 1960 or the spectre of 1976.

It is a future-directed concern — tinged with confusion and uncertainty — as investors and political analysts make an assessment of whether resorting to troops is the crossing of a Rubicon leading to civil war.

More strident critics of South Africa's internal system are asking Is the police state becoming a para-military state?

According to observers of the South African-British business scene, the first signs were apparent this week of investor anxiety because of the political events of the past two months.

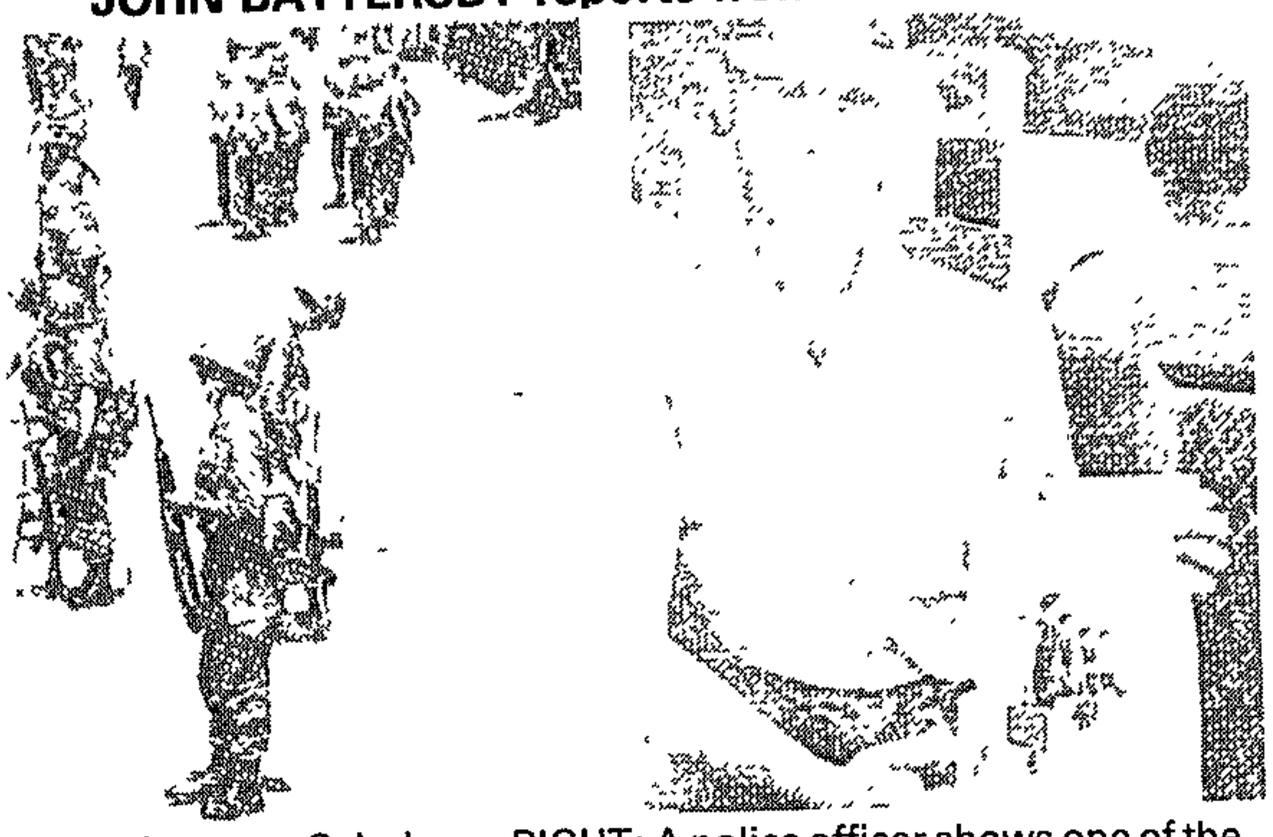
Damage

The concern would appear to be based on the cumulative effect of the wave of violence and repression sparked off by the August elections for the new constitution and the five-week diplomatic impasse over the Durban sit-in and the non-return of the Coventry four.

There is no doubt that the Coventry reprisal — apart from the obvious diplomatic damage it has caused — has eroded the special relationship between Britain and South Africa and precipitated a new evaluation of the basis on which that relationship was founded.

It is against this backdrop that concern caused by the sealing of Sebokeng should be seen.

Political factors have not played a major role in Anglo-South African trade — as they are be-



LEFT: Troops in Sebokeng. RIGHT: A police officer shows one of the pamphlets which were distributed in the township during Operation Palmiet this week

So how have the goings on on the East Rand affected their perceptions?

There are two schools of thought ..

The first says that the decision to use troops in a deteriorating internal security situation is a necessary evil in a volatile situation in which the present administration's policy of piecemeal change is unleashing enormous tensions, rising expectations and frustrations.

Protagonists of this school would argue that a judicious mixture of repression and concession is a rational response in this situation.

They are already resigned to a protracted period of civil and labour unrest as the society moves into a period of dynamic transition.

We could call this the "violent evolution" school

The second school argues that the deployment of troops by the South African government is an admission of defeat, the

of an editorial in the Daily Telegraph this week:

"One suspects that in the long-run it will not greatly profit the South African government if it meets present grievances by doubling expenditure on black education and withdrawing rent increases. Will anything less than majority rule ever finally satisfy the country's blacks? Will even that suffice?"

We could call this the "no-win" school

Behind the human rights rhetoric and strong words about a "breach of faith" at Coventry, cool heads at the British Foreign Office are assessing the long-term implications of the violence and repression on the East Rand

Commitment

While Britain has a diplomatic and moral obligation to judge events in South Africa by its own value framework there is an understanding that the unmodified tools of Western democracy are limited in dealing with the extraordinary pressures at work in that society

While painfully aware of the shortcomings of the new constitution, Britain is using its diplomatic influence to urge President P W Botha to pursue his commitment to finding a *modus vivendi* for accommodating the political aspirations of blacks.

It seems that, in the internalized violence and threatening anarchy in Sebokeng and Sharpeville, the South African government perceives a threat to its plans for black advancement and the governability of the townships.

It sees the fragile government-imposed administrative infrastructures being destroyed before the government's eyes.

It sees the calculated decision to use troops in response to this situation — a decision announced two weeks ago by Law and Order Minister Mr Louis le Grange

Unacceptable

It can understand the South African government's need to restore order in those townships so that it can re-impose some form of day-to-day administration while it proceeds with its political manoeuvres to draw black "leaders" into consultations over their future development

But all this does not detract from the fact that the British government regards the methods being used as — to use the diplomatic parlance — "totally unacceptable".

Ironically, it was British diplomatic concern over detention without trial, as articulated in an EEC protest over the detention of black leaders connected with the election boycott, that led indirectly to the Durban sit-in and the subsequent impasse over the Coventry four

The seriousness of the diplomatic crisis was reflected in Britain's rare vote against South Africa in the United Nations Security Council this week.

Structures

But sharp diplomatic exchanges about human rights and "breaches of faith" should not be allowed to obscure the underlying causes of the violence and repression which have gripped South Africa for the past two months.

The stability that foreign investors — and more importantly South Africans themselves — seek will not come about until meaningful structures are created to accommodate the political aspirations of blacks and offer redress for their mounting political frustrations.

Durban and Coventry are essentially peripheral issues

The future will be determined by the government's ability to meet the genuine grievances of the people of Sebokeng and Sharpeville and the hundreds of other townships throughout South Africa.

'The siege of Sebokeng'

Political Reporter

ABOUT 50 people attended a brief lunchtime meeting yesterday in central Johannesburg called by the United Democratic Front to show solidarity with the people of the Vaal Triangle.

Mr Siphiwe Mogodosa, president of the Azanian Students Organisation (Azaso), said the "siege of Sebokeng" by the police and army should be seen in terms of an undeclared civil war in South Africa.

It — and other recent acts of repression — should be seen as acts of desperation by the Government, he said.

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Mourners flee cops

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

MOURNERS scattered in all directions in Sharpeville yesterday when police in camouflage moved in with sjamboks after the funeral of the latest Vaal unrest victim.

The victim was Lemmy Isolene (16), of Sharpeville, who was killed in the township's street last week Friday after the funeral of another victim, Mrs Martha Ndabambi. This was during a confrontation between youths and police.

Shortly after hundreds of mourners started moving away from the local cemetery on foot, police vans which had been parked some distance from the graveyard, approached slowly.

Policemen with sjamboks alighted. Despite earlier appeals from church ministers and student leaders that mourners — mostly youths — should not run away, many started jumping fences of nearby houses and others ran in different direction to open velds.

The SOWETAN reporters on the scene witnessed a number of youths being chased into houses and sjambokked

Earlier, when mourners marched to the graveyard, many residents in the township who feared attending the funeral, had lined the streets in anticipation of what could happen after the burial.

Meanwhile The SOWETAN yesterday received reports of some incidents in the other Vaal townships where pupils had defied a call to return to school.

In Sebokeng, two schools were reported to have been gutted after they had been set alight by youths. In another incident in the same township, youths are said to have chased out teachers from Tshitso Higher Primary School in the morning

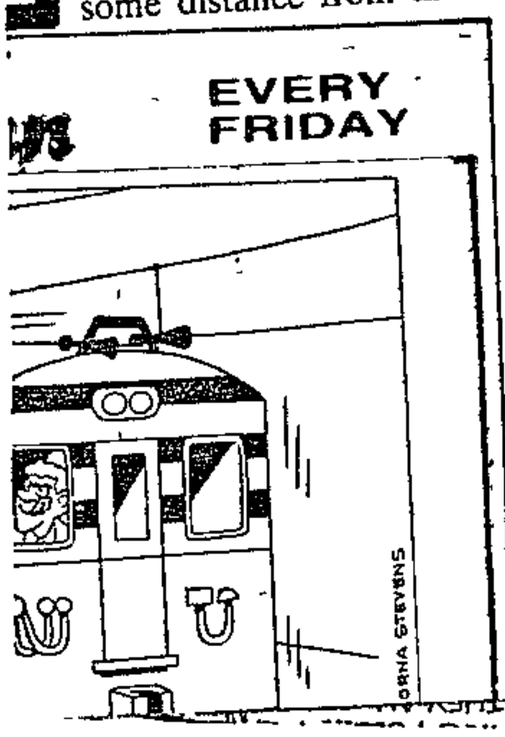
In Evaton, information we received was that a shop was robbed of some goods by youths and a paraffin delivery truck driver was also robbed of cash. Four youths were later arrested and handed over to police.

And yesterday at the time of going to the Press, Lieutenant J L Barnard of the Police Public Relations Division in Pretoria, told The SOWETAN that he had not received any report of incidents in the Vaal area.

He said in Soweto a group of 50 youths set alight a Post Office in Dlamini, but the fire was later extinguished by the fire brigade.

In another incident, a group of youths damaged a windscreen of a privately-owned vehicle in Moroka North by smashing it with an iron bar. At Morris Isaacson School in Central Western Jabavu, thugs smashed a windscreen of another privately-owned vehicle by using a hammer.

In Thokoza, police used tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse a group of 40 youths who stoned and damaged a delivery vehicle.



ABOUT 150 people attended a protest meeting at Khotso House in protest against the SAP-SADF raid in the Vaal this week. The meeting was addressed by several speakers, including Azaso president, Mr Simphiwe Mgoduso.

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Order restrains police from assaulting man

Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The mother of a Vaal detainee has applied successfully for an order restraining the police from assaulting, unlawfully interrogating or subjecting her son to unlawful duress, according to lawyers for the applicant.

The order was made in chambers yesterday by Mr Justice Nestad in an urgent action brought before the Rand Supreme Court by Miss Tlalane Maria Sakoane of Sharpeville, whose 18-year-old son, Solomon, has been held under section 29 of the Internal Security Act since October 18.

In papers before the court a young neighbour of Miss Sakoane, Mr Bernard Tefo Sabatso, 17, testified:

- He was taken to Vereeniging Police Station and placed in the same cell as Mr Solomon Sakoane and about 16 others.
- During the first night they were assaulted by six policemen.
- Next day he was taken to an office for interrogation, during which he acknowledged he knew Mr Sakoane.

"The policemen then read a statement which they alleged had been taken from Solomon. They referred me to part of the statement that said that Solomon and his friends were responsible for burning councillors' homes on September 3."

Mr Sabatso's affidavit continues that when he denied being part of any such group they hit him.

Mr Justice Nestad issued an order that the Minister of Law and Order undertake that "neither he nor any persons employed by him or under his control" will assault, unlawfully interrogate, employ undue or unlawful pressure on, or subject unlawful duress on Mr Sakoane.

The order was made without prejudice or admission of guilt, pending the outcome of the full hearing, which was postponed to February 5. Costs were reserved.

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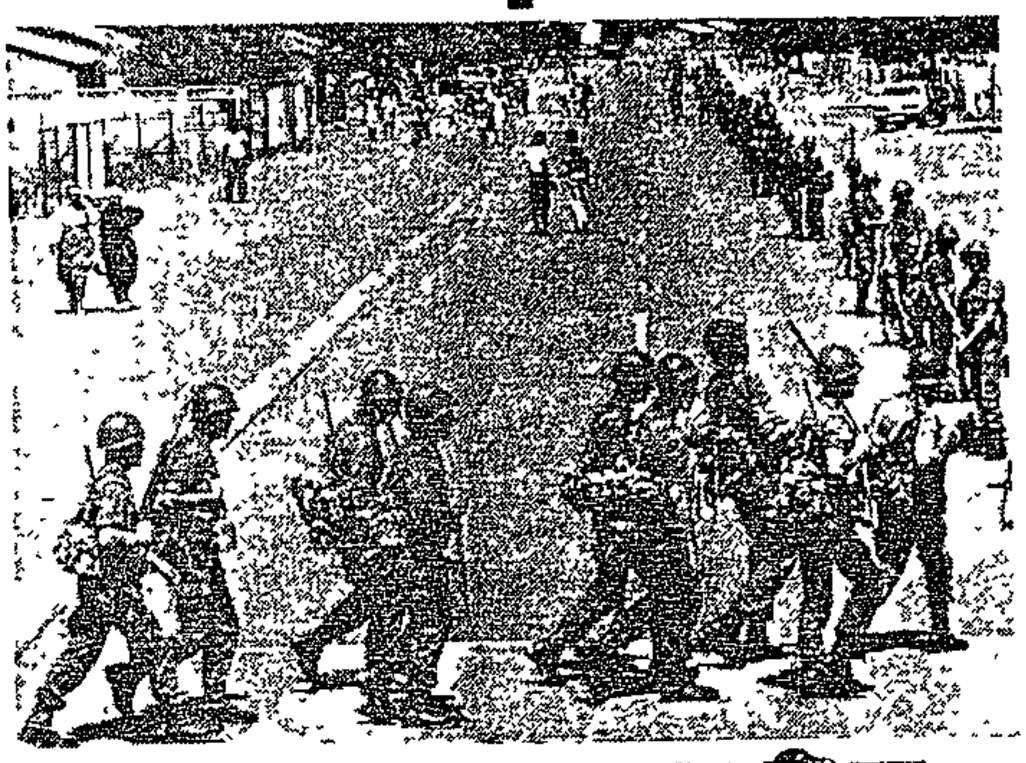


SULLIVAN ON SATURDAY

POLICEMEN this week praised the "co-operation" of the people of Sebokeng, a black township invaded by 7 000 policemen and assorted South African Defence Force troops trying to restore order to the troubled community

The co-operation was hardly surprising

Imagine you live in Bryanston An armed soldier stands every ten metres down the suburban street, there are military vehicles parked in a ring around the suburb, thousands of policemen are milling about outside

It is 3 am Someone knocks on your door. When you answer the knock, frightened, half-asleep and dressed in your dressing-gown, a police officer accompanied by two constables politely asks if he can search your house. Through your front door you catch a glimpse of a turret aimed at your favourite oak tree.

What are you going to do? Tell them to get stuffed?

Of course the residents of Sebokeng "co-operated" with the police. That does not justify an operation which received strong and adverse news coverage throughout the world.

Having rid myself of the scorn I felt driven to heap on the absurd comments from the police, I also have a rather reluctant obligation to praise them. This time they acted with a semblance of sensitivity, unlike the many times in the past when policemen raided black homes without a thought for the feelings of the inhabitants.

Pamphlets were issued to house-dwellers (there are few homeowners in Sebokeng) to tell them the police were their friends. Residents were repeatedly told that the police were there to help law-abiding citizens, stickers were handed out and fingers dyed red in an attempt to stop residents being interrogated twice.

When policemen are made to do things like that it helps to train them. When you hand a man a sticker telling him you are his friend and there to help him, it is difficult to behave as if he has no rights at all, and even the most recalcitrant policeman is likely to learn a little respect for the black citizens he is supposed to protect from lawlessness.

Enough of the praise — that sort of attitude towards blacks from this country's policemen, was long overdue anyway, and is any citizen's right, not a privilege.

Let's go back to Bryanston.

Once the officer and his men had entered your home, they would start searching your rooms, including the bedroom your spouse was trying to tidy, and may just find a book which is on the banned list How many people know whether Albert Luthuli's "Let My People Go" is still banned?

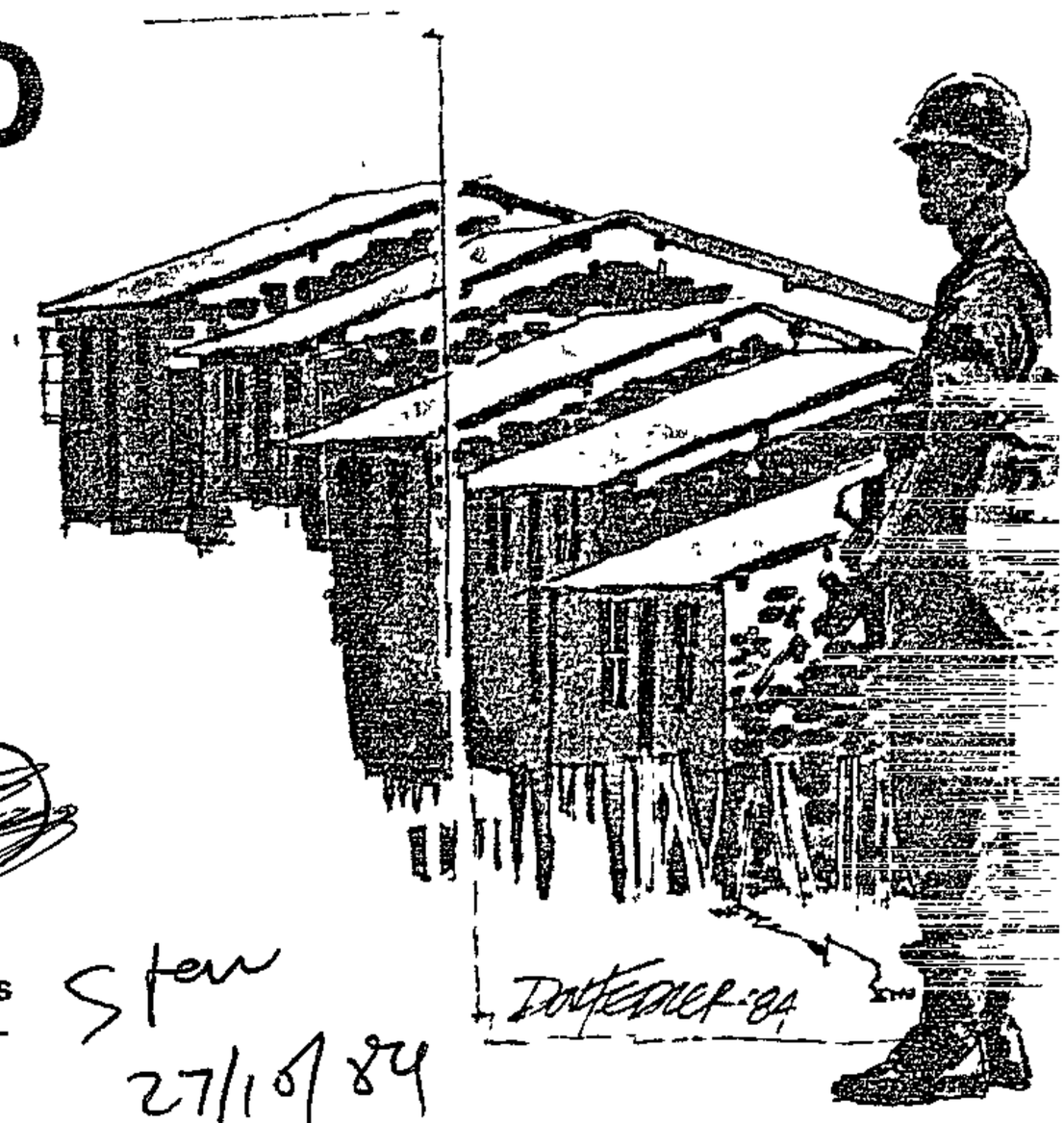
Perhaps you have an old university rag mag which was later banned. Or perhaps you enjoy Playboy. Maybe there is a copy of Anna Sewell's "Black Beauty" in your child's bedroom, and your heart stops because you remember reading somewhere that they once made a mistake and banned it

Let us assume you are not a paragon of virtue and a knife or gun or banned book is found in your home. Luckily Bryanston residents don't have to carry passes, so they can't nab you for that. The police arrest you, take you to jail in Sandton where you spend the night and part of the next day.

That afternoon you are tried in a special court, where your case could be remanded or could be heard in 59 seconds. You are fined R50 to R500, and if you cannot pay you are immediately taken back to the cells to serve five or 50 days.

Perhaps then you would understand why some Sebokeng residents are just a teeny bit resentful of the way the police restored law and order to their troubled township.

Gun law is no solution to black unrest



The "invasion" of townships by the army raises many questions, but a gun provides no answers, writes GARY VAN STADEN

NORTHERN Ireland, Matebeleland, Warsaw, Prague, Afghanistan, the Lebanon, Nairobi flashpoints of massive civil unrest or attempted coups at one time or another where the national army has been used against the local population.

This week South Africa once again joined the band when they sent a 7 000-strong contingent of South African Defence Force and police personnel into the troubled Vaal Triangle townships, notably Sebokeng and Sharpeville.

The South African Government has been at pains to point out that the army was used only in a supportive role, and that, but for insufficient personnel, the police would have handled the situation on their own.

Their reasoning may be easy to understand but that doesn't alter the fact that thousands of law-abiding black citizens woke up on Tuesday morning to find themselves gazing down the barrel of a gun held by a soldier from their own army.

The blacklash was immediate with both the United Democratic Front (UDF) and the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) condemning the action as "civil war".

The "invasion" of Sebokeng, as one Afrikaans daily newspaper called it, was planned in the utmost secrecy and executed under the banner of Operation Palmiet.

The reasons for the operation, in the words of Mr Louis le Grange, Minister of Law and Order, were that in the past few months revolutionary forces had created a situation of unrest in several black residential areas — particularly on the West and East Rand and in the Eastern Cape.

"This has resulted in the loss of many lives, extensive damage to property, disruption of essential community services and intimidation of thousands of schoolchildren to boycott schools.

"The Government has therefore decided that this lawlessness must be curbed with all available means, and that law and order must be restored effectively."

Many questions, however, remain unanswered.

- Why was the situation in the black townships allowed to develop to the point where the Government was forced to call in the army?
- In view of the fact that not a single arrest for a "political offence" was made, does this not lend support to a Black Sash claim that it was nothing more than a massive pass raid?
- While about 350 people were arrested and charged for various offences, thousands of others were presumeably innocent. How much further damage to already strained race relations has been done by bundling an entire township out of bed at 3am and searching their houses under the guns of their own army?
- Have the Government decided that, no matter what the cost, the present schools boycott must be broken?
- Under South African law a home may not be entered or searched by the police without a

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search warrant unless there is reasonable evidence that a crime has been committed. Under what provisions were hundreds of homes searched without such a warrant?

● Was it really nessessary to stamp people's hands. ("They were branded like cattle," one Lenasia employer told *The Star*) with red ink. The "branding" was humiliating and served no real purpose, as in many cases people went to work and did not return to the township for hours?

● And the most frightening question of all Just how far out of touch is the Government with legitimate black grievances, and what do they intend to do about them?

The fact that of the 350-plus arrests made during the operation, not one was for for alleged "political offences," did not surprise the UDF.

"They won't find 'agitators' because what the Government is having to contend with in the Vaal is popular resistance based on real grievances," a Front spokesman said.

The Black Sash joined in the fray and accused the SADF of taking part in a glorified pass raid.

"We trust the fathers of the young servicemen used in this operation in the townships will raise their voices against their children being put into a civil war situation opposing the men and women who work with and for them," a Sash spokeswoman added.

Azapo said the use of the army amounted to a declaration of civil war.

"The occupation of the Vaal shows that the South African Government has completely failed in its policies of apartheid. Both the police and army have through this act been exposed as the arms of coercion and suppression.

"We warn the people behind the aggression against the people that legitimacy cannot be won by naked forces of violence.

"The Government speaks to recognised leaders of the neighbouring states, but it will not speak with recognised leaders of the blacks in South Africa. This makes a mockery of its purported policy of detente," an Azapo spokesman said.

Even the conservative American Government of President Ronald Reagan attacked the use of the South African army against its own population

A United States Government statement called the measure "repressive" and added that it cast grave doubts on the process of reform in South Africa.

South Africa has used the SADF to quell unrest before, the major instances being

● 1913 — a mine strike.
● 1914 — a railway workers strike
● 1922 — the "Rand Revolt."
● 1949 — Zulu riots in Natal.
● 1959 — Indian riots at Cato Manor.
● 1960 — black pass law protests.

More recently troops were deployed in Soweto for a brief period and Minister le Grange said at the time he would use them again if required.

On Tuesday morning he did so.

Representatives from all the major white political parties and a coloured Labour Party man were taken on a tour of the Vaal Triangle following the army's "invasion."

Most agreed that the Government "had no other choice," though the Progressive Federal Party warned that the consequences of such action could be "very grave" and urged that troops be used only as a last resort.

One of the SABC's Current Affairs programmes this week quoted Minister of Home (Internal) Affairs Mr F W de Klerk as saying last weekend that the country was engaged in a decisive battle for survival against revolutionary forces that had chosen black townships and educational institutions as the battlefield.

The Government obviously sees the current spate of unrest as a battle for survival and thus felt justified in calling in the army.

The army, however, was called in without any attempt being made on the part of the Government to negotiate with the recognised leaders (the Vaal Civic Association, Azapo and the UDF) of the Vaal townships.

In fact, three senior Cabinet Ministers recently said they refused to do so.

There are no provisions under South African law laying down when the defence force can be called in to quell local unrest. A formal declaration of a State of Emergency or Martial Law is not required in terms of the Defence Act. Legally and constitutionally, therefore, the Government is entitled to call in the army whenever it sees fit

There could be many problems, however, should they begin to make a habit of the practice.

Hundreds of new citizens (by automatic naturalisation) are already more than a little disturbed at the prospect of doing military training "in defence of apartheid." To now see that the army is used to quell black unrest is not going to make matters any easier for them.

In addition there are South African young men, born and bred, who are more than willing to defend their country but who may balk at the prospect of keeping a politically oppressed black majority in check by force.

The greatest problem, however, is, has been and probably will remain for some time, one of dealing with black white confrontation over equal political rights.

If there is a "lesson of Africa" then it is that this problem cannot be solved over the barrel of a gun. □

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Cops move in on Cape and East and West Rand

VIOLENCE ROCKS SCHOOLS

By KHULU SIBIY
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Port Elizabeth youths flee from police teargas and rubber bullets during this week's unrest.

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Exams in jeopardy

A WAVE of violence this week spread through black townships around the country — on the eve of the matric exams.

Police confirmed the renewed rioting erupted in the Eastern Cape, West Rand and the East Rand.

The rioting followed this week's combined SAD/Defence Force swoop on the Vaal Triangle.

It also comes before thousands of matric students countrywide sit for final exams. The students have until today to decide whether or not they want to write.

Police said stone-throwing and arson continued this week.

In New Brighton near Port Elizabeth, student fury left several homes — including the mayor's — damaged by stones.

They dispersed when the police fired teargas and rubber bullets.

Several other homes belonging to school principals were damaged.

The majority of incidents involved youths who marched in large groups, throwing stones and setting fire to schools.

Police also clashed with nearly 1 000 pupils who marched from Loyiso High and Ikwezi Lomso Secondary School.

The youths were sjambokked after being dispersed by teargas.

Youths also surrounded a policeman while carrying out an arrest in Kwazakele, a spokesperson said.

The youths began stoning him, but he used teargas to get clear and arrested a man and a woman for questioning.

In another incident, a headmaster mediated between police and stone-throwing students at Henry Ngonza Secondary School.

In another incident he persuaded the pupils to leave the school premises before the police took action.

Meanwhile, the number of PE schools affected by class boycotts rose to 25.

In Grahamstown, three high schools and 10 primary schools were affected by the stayaway.

In Port Alfred there was a complete boycott, and Queenstown was also affected.

One secondary school in Graaff-Reinet reported a total boycott.

By late yesterday there was no sign that pupils in the trouble-torn areas in the Vaal Triangle, East Rand and Eastern Cape would sit for their examinations.

At Atteridgeville, more than 3 000 pupils out of an estimated 6 000 were going to classes.

Anatomy of the unrest

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Several questions on the unrest in the townships and the Government's method of dealing with it were raised in The Sunrise Star's Review section yesterday. Today The Sunday Star shows the extent of the unrest and publishes a series of interviews with the people of Sebokeng.

AT LEAST 131 South Africans have died violently in the present township unrest, according to figures compiled by the Institute of Race Relations in Johannesburg.

Most have died within kilometres of Johannesburg in townships that are, to most whites, little more than vague names in Press reports and on news bulletins.

Though the number killed has not yet reached the proportions of 1976 when 575 people died between June 16 and the following February 22, the toll continues to climb steadily and the bloodshed shows no sign of ending.

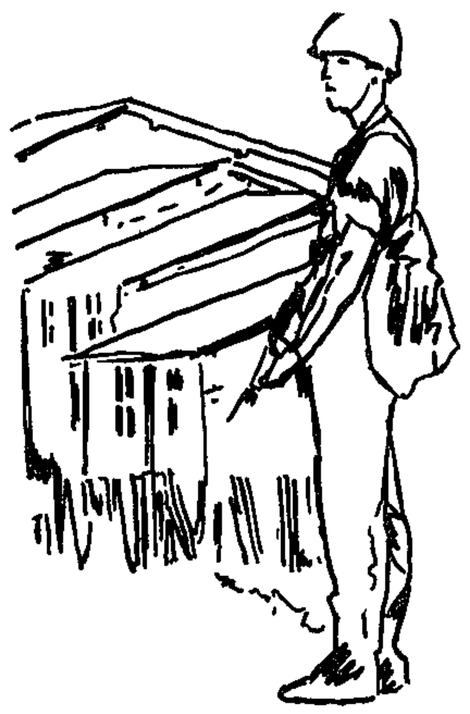
The grim record, compiled largely from Press reports because of the difficulty of obtaining accurate official statistics, begins with the death of Emma Sathekge (15) under the wheels of a police vehicle in an Attridgeville school grounds on February 13. It continued to grow over the past week with the slaying of kwaThema businessman Mr Jerry Khumbuza (25) and does not include hundreds of injured.

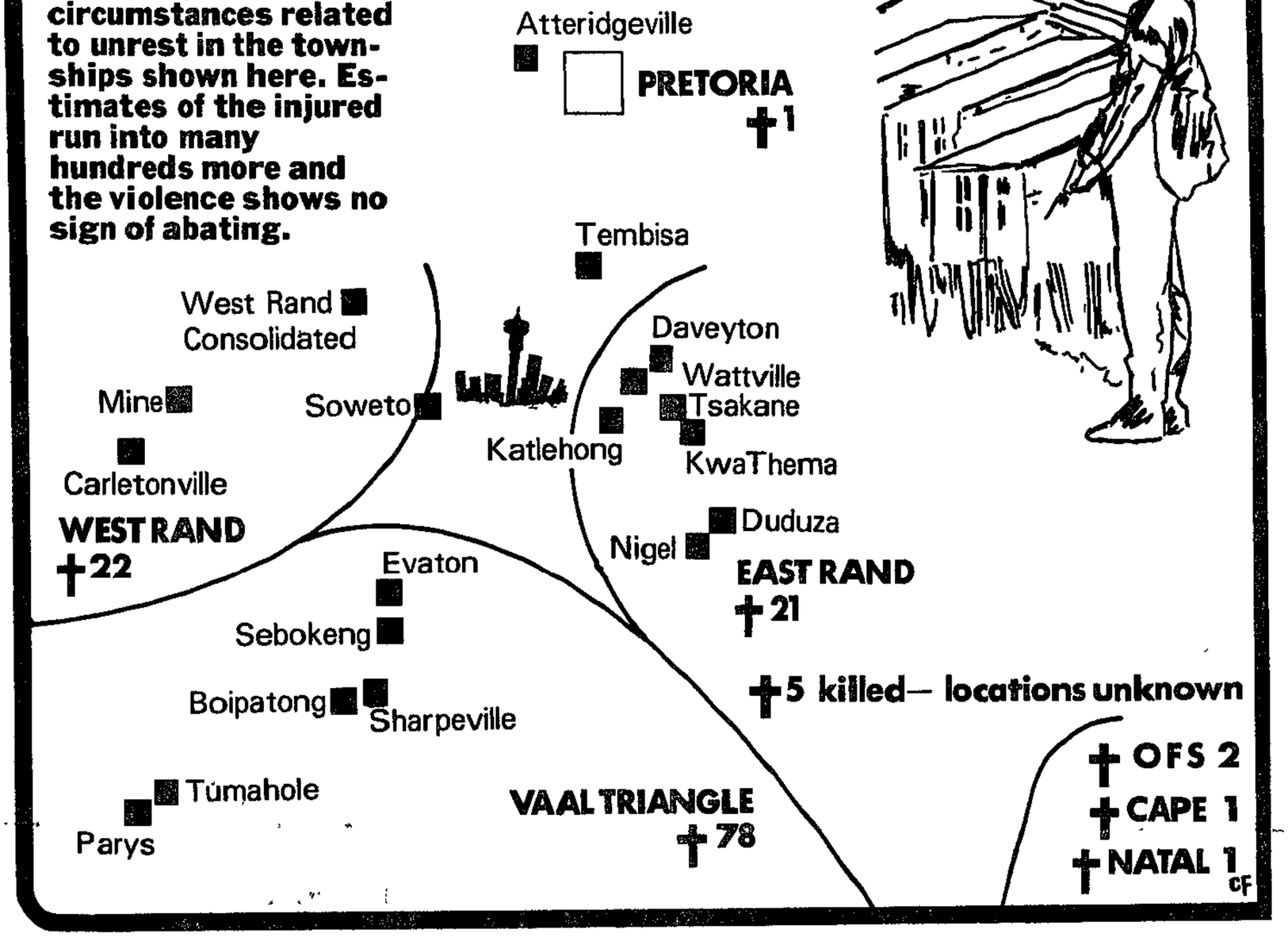
The youngest to die so far were three-week-old Gordon Blair, killed when youths stoned his mother's car in Sebokeng, Nonhlanhla Mzunga (seven months), killed in his home by tearsmoke and Thabo Sibeko (6) shot dead in Wattville.

Combined with a lack of knowledge on the part of most whites about the township's geographical location is a distressingly vague knowledge of the appalling socio-economic conditions that have sparked the boycotts, riots and killings there.

The oft-repeated official talk of intimidation and "criminal elements" has largely obscured the fact that many black parents who have for years watched their children's attempts to study by candlelight genuinely support the school boycotts.

Since February 13, 1984, 131 people have died in clashes with the police or in circumstances related to unrest in the townships shown here. Estimates of the injured run into many hundreds more and the violence shows no sign of abating.





After the 'invasion' — what Sebokeng is saying

IN HOMES, buses and trains urban blacks are discussing the merits or otherwise of the 7 000-strong police and army "invasion" of Sebokeng, Sharpeville and Boipatong. The Sunday Star sent reporter SOL MAKGABUTLANE to identify both sides of the debate.

IN SPITE of the outcry that accompanied Operation Palmiet — which involved 7 000 policemen and servicemen systematically combing every house in Sebokeng — some people in the area saw the raid as being necessary.

But finding one of them this week was like looking for a needle in a haystack.

A middle-aged Sebokeng man to whom I spoke refused to divulge his name but was glad to give his opinion.

He said: "Sebokeng was sliding dangerously close to anarchy. We found bands of youths being a law unto themselves. They snapped into action at the whim of the moment.

"Everyone here is angry with the way our affairs are administered. Our rents are among the highest for four-roomed units. But I do not like the way the whole thing has been taken over by our children.

"Young people are very brave and not afraid to face the police. Some do it for adventure, others just join in for the fun of it.

"Some of them did not know what the fighting was all about."

He said that when the youths ran out of acceptable targets they attacked the innocent residents.

"Some residents were accused of being high-income earners and would not play a meaningful role in the fight against high rents because they could afford them.

"Some youngsters also damaged the homes of people related to town councillors. The question is: What did these people do? Just be cause they happen to be relatives of a councillor do they get the same treatment?

"We also saw youngsters burning shops belonging to people who had nothing to do with the Lekoa Town Council, let alone the rent increase in Sebokeng."

"But have people thought for a moment what these children do during the day? I have seen young boys, some no older than 10 years, sniffing glue because there was nothing else for them to do. Girls are also roaming the township streets — and the consequences are well known."

The "clean up" operation had been necessary to help restore order.

SHE DECLINED to reveal her identity and insisted she would speak only after total anonymity had been guaranteed.

"I am scared — everyone is scared. We don't know what the real motive of the raid was. We feel even more scared for our children. The police gave us pamphlets and urged the children to go back to school.

"But our children have good reasons to refuse to go back to school. Some people are saying most kids are not going to school because they are being intimidated by 'tsotsis'. But I haven't seen anyone preventing the children from going to school.

"The pupils have grievances which they have made known to education authorities many times. Newspapers say children in East Rand townships are also staying away from school until their demands are met. Will the same people now say 'tsotsis' are stopping the East Rand children from going to school? I don't think so.

"These children in the Vaal are also boycotting classes to stand with their parents in the fight against high rents.

"We in the Vaal are tired. Very tired," she said, gesturing with her hands to drive her point home.

"We have been pleading for a long time that we have no money for high rents. Our children are also tired.

"Now, instead of talking to those we appointed to handle the rent issue for us, the authorities are sending in troops.

"It's a good thing for them to say 'tsotsis' have hijacked the true grievances of the residents by going around robbing people and destroying property. But have the authorities attended to our original complaints?

Does she think this week's huge police swoop on Vaal townships has helped to restore orderly life.

"There were some people who threatened orderly life by imposing a reign of terror. They went around in kombis at night demanding money from some families. These things needed to be stopped I think that's where this week's raid helped because people were starting to live in fear of their safety.

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A conservative backlash is building up in Soweto

This is an edited interview with a Soweto resident whose views are by no means representative, but who is angry about what is happening in the townships. He has asked not to be identified because he is scared of intimidation from all sides.

WHILE Soweto is in the grip of student unrest, there are officials in the Soweto Council who — for greed and selfish ambition — are doing things which could plunge the township into labour unrest which will result in loss of life and destruction of amenities worse than anything it has seen yet.

Long before student unrest exploded over Soweto, labour unrest was already simmering.

It is only the fact that most labourers, male and female, employed by the Soweto Council are mature and conservative people that we have so far been spared further tragedy.

Another very important thing about these workers: their courage has kept Soweto's essential services functioning in the teeth of savage efforts by riotous students to disrupt vital amenities.

These hardworking men and women go out on trucks and trailers each day to remove rubbish, repair sabotaged sewerage pipes and drains and sweep streets.

They have to endure insults, beatings and stonings at the hands of schoolchildren.

One woman nearly lost her left eye early in the unrest. A 65-year-old man was seized by three youths, who lacerated his face slowly and deliberately with with broken bottles until he was semi-conscious.

These assaults are filling us with cold rage. We cannot understand why these students, who claim to be fighting for black liberation, intimidate and torture their own people.

If the unrest goes on for much longer, South Africa will see a bloody phenomenon ... a headlong clash between the conservative and the radical blacks, which could turn Soweto into another Beirut or Belfast.

The backlash is fast building up, and the United Democratic Front will soon find itself in hot water, as will its friends, Azapo and Cosas.

Already Soweto taximen are angry at the destruction of their vehicles and disruption of their businesses, and already many hostel migrant workers are threatening to retaliate the next time students beat them up when they leave trains and buses.

Conservative black people take a long time to get angry, but when they do their anger outlasts that of the radical intellectuals ... ask any faction fighter.

It is blatantly obvious that no one in authority ever bothered to learn anything from the riots of 1976 — not the men in the Soweto Council nor the people in the Department of Education and Training.

No one seems to care that our country is drifting slowly towards the rocks of no return like a storm-ravaged sailing ship.

The death of a country as great as ours does not come with the suddenness of Armageddon. It comes slowly and insidiously through a long series of seemingly minor events which happen sporadically over years ... until in the end you find it reduced to an angry armed camp where everyone fights everyone else and no one has the courage left to cry: "Shwele! Let there be peace!"

This is what is going to happen to South Africa, and it will happen as surely as it happened to Iran, the Lebanon and Vietnam.

It will happen to South Africa unless all of us, black and white, stand up and stop the nonsense.

I am sick of living in terror, I am sick of burying murdered friends and cradling wounded fellow-workers with bloody faces.

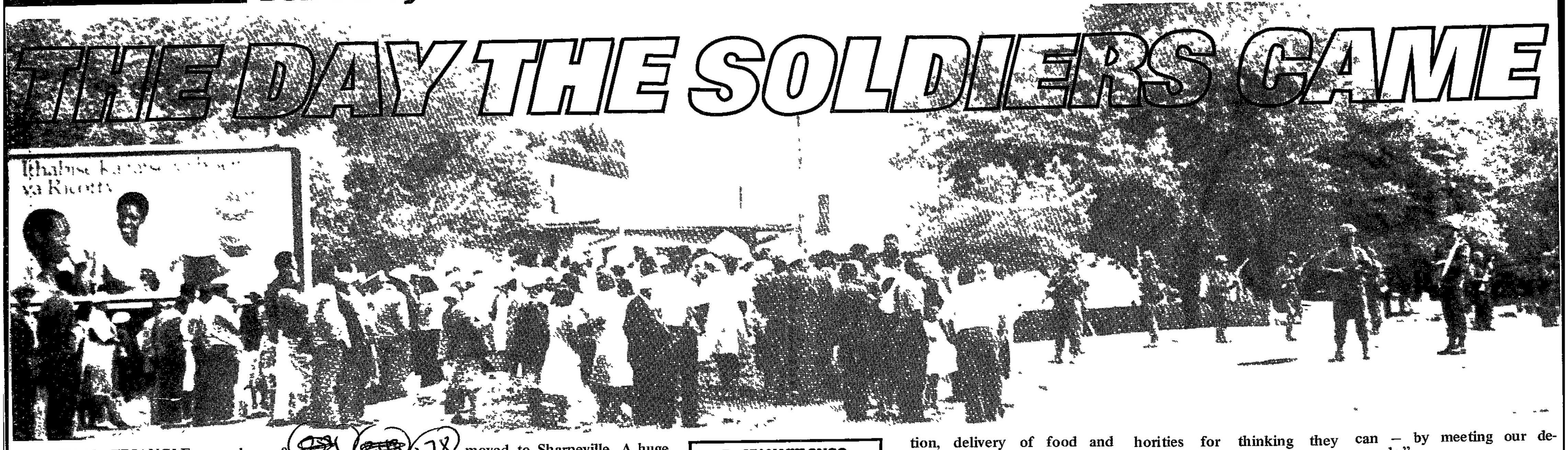
I want to demand of the new "tricameral" government just what kind of country it expects the new South Africa to be if the larger part of the population — the blacks — is torn apart by violence, official corruption and crime.

The government should know that no matter how militarily powerful a country may be, it cannot survive a class or race upheaval.

I can no longer sit on a fence and watch indifferently as great ugliness happens to those I love; I can no longer bear to see my people in agony through the stupidity and selfishness of politicians I feel I must do something.

'Don't they realise there's a vast difference between us and Swapo?'

THE DAY THE SOLDIERS CAME



By STAN MHLONGO
Pic: PETER SETUKE

THE VAAL TRIANGLE resembled battle-scarred Beirut this week.

Residents woke to find their streets crawling with armed soldiers and armoured vehicles. The boys from the border had taken control – in the heart of their own country.

It was a rude awakening for the 120 000 Sebokeng residents – particularly those who hadn't paid their rent. Did the arrival of 7 000 soldiers and police mean they were going to be evicted form their homes?

The fear grew when many realised "Operation Palmiet" (Bullrush) came only two weeks after the Vaal unrest claimed its first white victim, a three-week-old baby.

The "invaders" moved quickly. By daylight, some 354 people had been arrested for offences such as possession of dagga or banned books.

Army camps were set up in various parts of Sebokeng, and the cops searched almost 20 000 houses in one day.

By sunset, the soldiers had moved to Sharpeville. A huge roadblock was set up on the outskirts of the township.

Women, men and children were thoroughly searched . . . the boys from the border had taken control.

For many – particularly kids – these raids meant the first glimpse of handgrenades, machineguns and hippos.

They also meant a sense of bewilderment.

As one man observed sarcastically: "The soldiers who defend our borders . . . did they have to wage a total onslaught on defenceless residents? Don't they realise there is a vast difference betweeen residents and Swapo?"

The soldiers wore badges with "Trust us" messages – but it was hard to trust people who arrived in trucks before dawn.

Pamphlets saying "We are here to promote normal social life, safe travel, a healthy community, continued education, delivery of food and stability", met with the same response.

Resident Elizabeth Mbele was just one of those who were angry. She was annoyed by the way the soldiers interrogated her about the African National Congress, among other things.

"When they saw I had some Inkatha forms which mentioned the ANC, they rattled on and on about the organisation as if I am affiliated to ANC, and not Inkatha."

She also criticised the authorities for thinking they could force people to pay rent.

"Orange-Vaal Development Board chief D C Ganz must not try to intimidate residents into dropping their rent boycott by calling in the army," she said.

"We want rent to be reduced to R30, and all the councillors must resign, as we demanded.

She added: "The soldiers cannot resolve the present stalemate in the Vaal. Only the authorities and councillors can – by meeting our demands."

Vaal Civic Association chairperson Lord McCamel added his criticism: "The authorities spoke to a delegation of six chosen by the people after the death and destruction of property on September 3.

"But nothing has been heard from them since.

"The soldiers are naive about civic politics and local situations and will not bring peace."

Man shot after police search

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Susan Pleming and Jo-Anne Collinge

POLICE shot dead a Tembisa man near the township's Umfuyaneni shopping centre when he tried to escape officers

A police spokesman in Pretoria said last night that Mr Willie Elias Mpande (24) had tried to escape after about 200 black youths stoned him and the police on Friday

An eyewitness, who made a statement to the Black Sash, said Mr Mpande ran only three to four metres before police shot him in the back He died on the way to hospital.

The shooting happened after the man was searched on suspicion of possessing dagga, said the eyewitness Police found only tobacco cigarettes

Reports of unrest yesterday·

● The home of a black policeman in Grahamstown was stoned. Youths also set fire to a chair at a secondary school Police extinguished the blaze

● Police vehicles were stoned twice in Kwazekele, near Port Elizabeth — first by about 10 youths, then by a mob of 60 Tearsmoke was used to disperse the crowd in the first incident Police took no action in the second

● Fifty-two people on their way to a funeral in Sebokeng were arrested for allegedly throwing stones at police They were released in the afternoon

Incidents of unrest on Friday night

● In New Brighton, Port Elizabeth, several buses were stoned and an attempt made to set Mavell Secondary School on fire

● In Kwazakele, a petrol-bomb was hurled at a private vehicle It did not explode and there were no arrests.

● About 10 youths stoned private vehicles on the Uitenhage —Port Elizabeth main road. Three were damaged and a man arrested

Police deny using force at Sebokeng

Mail Reporter

SEBOKENG residents who allege they were assaulted by police at the weekend should lay complaints at the nearest police station, a spokesman for the public relations division of the SA Police said yesterday.

The police spokesman was reacting to Sunday newspaper reports which said scores of mourners at the funeral of an unrest victim Mr Elias Phele were treated for weals, bruises and cuts after being beaten with sjamboks.

"If anyone feels that he has a legitimate cause for complaint they must submit affidavits at their nearest police station so it can be investigated", the spokesman said.

The police spokesman categorically denied that police had used violence at any stage during or after the funeral. However, he confirmed that scores of mourners had been arrested and taken to the Sebokeng police station.

"Fifty-two people, in two buses, were arrested about 11am on their way to a funeral in Sebokeng after they had started to throw stones. They were arrested and taken to the Sebokeng police station, where they were warned and released.

"No violence had been used", the police spokesman said.

The spokesman could not explain, however, how the mourners, who were travelling in buses, threw stones. He could also not say how long the mourners were kept at the police station.

A spokesman for the Vaal Ministers Solidarity Group (VMSG) said yesterday mourners were returning from the funeral when two buses were intercepted and escorted to the police station.

"The police used sjamboks, gun butts and also kicked the mourners. We tried to talk to them and the explanation they gave was that they had been here for eight weeks and were longing for their wives and children", the VMSG spokesman said.

The Rand Daily Mail was unable to obtain a statement from the Sebokeng Hospital yesterday about any casualties.

No incidents were reported at the funeral of another unrest victim, Mr Jerry Khumbuza, a businessman from KwaThema, Springs, who was shot dead by police last Monday.

Police tell of 54 arrests

— Mail Reporter

FIFTY-FOUR people were arrested this weekend in connection with unrest incidents in black townships, the South African Police said last night.

A police spokesman said that except for one incident, black areas in the country were "very quiet" yesterday, but several incidents of unrest were reported.

- In Leandra, near Springs, a house and a bakkie belonging to the chairman of the Leandra black local authority, Mr Johannes Mlotshwa, were gutted by fire;
- In Vosloorus four men stoned the house of the township mayor. One person was arrested in connection with the incident;
- Fifty-two 52 people on their way to a funeral in Sebokeng were arrested after, police allege, they had thrown stones. The mourners, in two buses, were taken to Sebokeng police station where they were warned and released;
- One person was arrested in Duduza, Brakpan, when police used tearsmoke, rubber bullets and birdshot on about 40 youths stoning police vehicles; and
- Two stone-throwing incidents were reported in Kwazikhele in the Eastern Cape on Saturday.

The only incident reported yesterday also took place in Kwazikhele when about 16 youths stoned private vehicles. Police used tearsmoke to disperse the group. There were no arrests or injuries.

The spokesman said there were three incidents in Grahamstown at the weekend. On Saturday morning, a policeman's house in the local township was stoned, and police put out a small fire at a school.

On Saturday night, an unknown number of youths stoned police vehicles, but there was no police action.

Mayor's house burnt as crowds burn down mayor's house

LEANDRA RIOTS SPREAD

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

LEANDRA township in the Eastern Transvaal, yesterday exploded in anger when about 5 000 residents went on the rampage burning down the house of mayor Mr Johannes Mlotshwa.

In Vosloorus on the East Rand, extensive damage was done to the house of the local mayor, Mr Fanyana Mahlangu, when it was attacked and stoned by a crowd on Saturday at about 11 pm.

An eye-witness told **The SOWETAN** that all the windows of the house were smashed by the crowd and part of Mr Mahlangu's furniture was badly damaged, causing damage estimated at thousands of rands.

A spokesman for the public relations unit of the SAP in Pretoria has confirmed both incidents.

He said in Vosloorus, Mr Mahlangu's house was attacked by four people who smashed all its windows and damaged part of the furniture.

"A person has been arrested in connection with this incident and is due to appear in court today," Lt van der Walt said.

In Leandra, trouble started at about 9 am when about 5 000 people disrupted a meeting called by the Leandra Community Council to discuss the fate of some of the residents in the area threatened with forced removal to KwaNdebele.

The police spokesman said: "Police had to use tearsmoke, rubber bullets, buckshot and sjamboks to disperse the crowds," stoning police vehicles and private cars.

A number of people are believed to have been injured during the clashes between the residents and the police and at one stage, it is reported that police had to run for cover and call for reinforcement after they were allegedly attacked with stones by the angry mob.

Police could not confirm if anybody was hurt during the clashes.

The councillors were holding their meeting at the Mpumelelo Higher Primary Schoolk, when they were forced to flee.

Eye-witnesses said some of the councillors were manhandled and threatened with assault before they managed to escape.

A witness said: "From the school, the mob took to the streets singing freedom songs."

Pen is weapon in township propaganda

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By AMEEN AKHALWAYA

WHEN the Defence Force distributed pamphlets in Sebokeng and other townships last week it joined the pamphlet war — a battle that is intensifying in the townships.

The pamphlets said: "We are here to promote normal social life, continued education, safe travel, stability, a healthy community, and the delivery of food'

Once cars and houses had been searched, stickers saying "Co-operation for peace and security" and "I am your friend, trust me" were affixed to them.

Whether the pen that accompanied the sword succeeded in winning friends and influencing the residents is debatable. But the issuing of pamphlets highighted a different type of war in the townships the paper war.

Government and anti-government organisations are turning increasingly to pamphleteering to get their views across to township dwellers

As a result, the sitution is often chaotic as residents struggle to decide to whom to listen, or whether to listen to anybody.

"Disinformation" pamphlets, purporting to come from one or other anti-government organisation, add to the confusion. And to make things even more difficult for residents, verbal and sometimes physical skirmishes take place between anti-government organisations over strategy in calling for stay-aways and boycotts of educational institutions and consumer products.

But why are the organisations turning increasingly to pamphlets? The Azanian People's Organisation has regularly attacked the established Press for refusing to publish its views at length, if at all, and thus relies on meetings and newsletters to get its views across

But meetings are also risky. Open-air political gatherings are banned Last month, Minister of Law and Order Louis le Grange banned all meetings in 21 areas — except those held by registered political parties — at which politics are discussed

Then again, magistrates in various districts sometimes ban meetings at the last minute — as happened in Port Elizabeth last weekend

Says Mr Trevor Manuel, acting general secretary of the United Democratic Front. "Any organisation serious about reaching its people needs control of media of one type or another.

"We don't have access to the most powerful medium, television, which is very biased against democratic organisations. We are also not in control of newspapers, so we are not in control of how our statements are used.

"Oral communication," says Mr Manuel, "would be ideal, but it is not always possible So we hand out pamphlets as well"

Pamphlet distribution also enables the organisations to politicise people. "When we distribute pamphlets, we talk to the people, telling them why we are seeking their support. In that way, we establish trust and confidence," says Mr Manuel

Of course, pamphlets and posters also open the way for "disinformation".

For example, during the coloured and Indian election campaign, posters put out by the Transvaal Indian Congress urging a poll boycott were countered by similar posters purporting to be the work of the congress, urging people to vote

But Mr Manuel believes people quickly recognise "disinformation".

"These pamphlets are dropped in the dead of night by unknown people, so nobody knows who distributed them. As a result, such pamphlets are rejected by the people."

Pamphleteering in black areas is not a new phenomenon. The ANC and later the PAC used pamphlets widely during their campaigns of the fifties. In fact, after these organisations were banned in 1960, pamphlets became their major means of communicating with the black public.

But now there are many organisations in the political, trade union and educational arena, and with the Government intent on countering their influence the battle for the hearts and minds of township residents is on in earnest.

Rather the pen than the sword

Assault and loss of property alleged

Palmiet victims are bitter over treatment

By Chris More

A week after the massive Operation Palmiet swoop on Sebokeng, some victims are still bitter about their experience at the hands of the police.

They have made allegations against police of assault and loss of property during the raid.

The claims emerged when *The Star* interviewed three people arrested for pass offences.

COMPLAINTS

In a telex reply to questions from *The Star* based on claims by the Sebokeng residents, the Police Directorate of Public Relations said:

"The SAP cannot comment on each and every allegation levelled against us by people who feel that they had been slighted.

"Should any of these complainants feel that they have legitimate causes for complaint, they must submit affidavits at their nearest police station so that it can be investigated."

Police said they were polite when making house-to-house raids but people interviewed disputed this.

Mr Johnson Mtimkulu (46) said the police were noisy and uncompromising when they came to his home.

He also claimed that they assaulted him while he was in custody at Vanderbijlpark Police Station, and on Tuesday he ate at only about 8 pm.

Mr Mtimkulu complained that prisoners were made to clean the prison in Vanderbijlpark and the living quarters of the warders, wearing their own clothes. As a result his shoes were damaged because he was working in an area flooded by water from a hose.

He was backed by his wife Georgina.

She said the police refused to say at which police station her husband would be kept. She said that on the Tuesday she went to three police stations before finding him.

She said that when the police came to her house they asked her husband: "Where is the revolver or other dangerous weapon?" When they said there were none the police demanded their reference books and house permit.

ACQUITTED

She had her passbook, but her husband had left his at work.

Mr Mtimkulu spent three days in jail.

Ms Sakhipe Zakangabone (22) said she did not know why she was arrested. She had produced her passbook.

When she was arrested at about 3.30 am she was forced to take her four-year-old son with her to the police station.

She said she took umbrage when, after being acquitted in the Vanderbijlpark Magistrate's Court, she had to walk home carrying her child. She had no money or means of contacting her people.

Mr Alson Mhlongo said he was arrested for allegedly wasting the time of the police.

He said he had his reference book somewhere in the house but could not find it. He said the police told him he was wasting their time and they would arrest him if he did not hurry.

He could not find the book and was arrested. He said he spent a day in jail and was released on Wednesday after his father paid a R25 fine.

Mr Mhlongo said his father, Mr Adolphus Mxuso, had complained that money was missing after the police raid. He had sought advice and was going to report to the police.

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SAP deny tearsmoke killed girl

The South African Police have strongly denied an allegation in recent newspaper reports that they were responsible for the death of a baby girl during an operation in Sharpeville on September 3.

It has been alleged that Maude Zungu died as a result of tearsmoke in the room where she was sleeping.

"This allegation is devoid of all truth ..... It has been ascertained the baby died of natural causes and that a doctor issued a death certificate to the effect that death was due to haemolytic anaemia," a spokesman for the SAP Public Relations Division said in Pretoria yesterday.

"It is obvious that allegations of this nature are printed with the express purpose of tarnishing the image of the SAP," he said. — Sapa.

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Group plans stayaway action

Political Reporter

A NUMBER of trade unions, political and youth organisations have come together to form the Transvaal Regional Stay-Away Committee and to investigate the possibility of organising a stay-away or other protest action.

The committee is to be launched at a Press conference in Johannesburg today.

According to a spokesman for the committee, its members include the Federation of South African Trade Unions, the Council of Unions of South Africa, the SA Allied Workers Union, the Motor Assembly and Component Workers Union, the Release Mandela Committee and youth organisations from Soweto, Tembiso, Alexandra and elsewhere.

This represents an unusual combination of trade unions, members of the United Democratic Front and members of the National Forum.

The protest will be directed against the crisis in education, the current unrest in the townships, retrenchments and similiar issues, the spokesman said.

Unrest costs Putco R1-m

By
NKOPANE MAKOBANE

ATTACKS on Putco buses in the ongoing township unrest have cost the company R1-million in damages.

Mr Pat Rogers, Putco's public relations executive, told **The SOWETAN** yesterday that in the past six weeks, eight of their buses were completely destroyed and 460 damaged.

He said with one bus costing R80 000, it was going to cost the company R640 000 to replace the destroyed buses.

"The people responsible for the destruction of the buses are doing a great disservice to the community. These buses will have to be replaced and repaired and in the end it is the commuter who has to pay for them," he said.

Mr Rogers also announced that Putco's application to increase its bus fares by 12,5 percent on December 3 in the Transvaal has been approved by the National Transport Commission (NTC).

He stressed that the forthcoming increases have nothing to do with the damages the company suffered in the unrest. The increases were approved by the NTC on September 26.

He said the last increases in Pretoria were in September last year and on the Reef in January this year.

Decrease

The Reef increases, he said, were to have been implemented at the same time as the Pretoria ones, but were delayed by four months because of the decrease in the price of fuel which was announced by the Government in the middle of last year.

He said before the coming increases had been approved, Putco had approached all councils, large employers of labour, organised commerce and industry, Government departments and other interested parties for comment.

He gave reasons for the increases as wages and salaries, fuel, cost of replacing buses, maintenance of vehicles and spare parts.

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Police seal off Sharpeville and Boipatong

Mail Reporters

MEMBERS of the South African Police, assisted by the South African Defence Force (SADF) and the Orange Vaal Development Board police, yesterday sealed off Sharpeville and Boipatong in the second major search of Vaal townships in 10 days.

Vehicles passing through roadblocks at all entrances and exits to the two townships were thoroughly searched by policemen in camouflage uniforms while troops stood guard.

A spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria, Lieutenant B van der Walt, last night confirmed that police were in the Sharpeville and Boipatong areas but said they were not involved in any "special operation".

He was not able to confirm that the SADF were involved.

During the day, a Rand Daily Mail photographer had spools of film confiscated by a Major Louw at Vanderbijlpark police station after he was twice stopped in the townships.

The first incident took place at the western end of Sharpeville.

A police sergeant, clad in camouflage uniform, ordered the reporter and photographer out of their car, and they were subjected to body searches by the sergeant.

"You are driving around reporting lies about the Army and Police and then sending all your lies to America," the sergeant said.

About 20 minutes later the journalists were confronted by another armed contingent.

The journalists were taken to Vanderbijlpark police station where they met Major Louw.

They were told no pictures could be taken in "an operational area".

● The Mail's Pretoria Bureau reports that more than 600 students at the Hebron College of Education in Bophuthatswana went on the rampage yesterday, burning two official mini-buses and damaging windows.

The protest started when the students were told of the dismissal of the college's Students Representative Council (SRC).

Bophuthatswana police confirmed the incident.

● Sapa reports that unrest continued in the Eastern Cape township of KwaZakele yesterday, after a youth was fatally wounded when a group of youths stoned police on Monday.

Nine incidents of crowd violence in KwaZakele were reported by an SAP spokesman in Pretoria, Lieutenant D van der Walt.

Numerous incidents were also reported in Joza, near Grahamstown, where the body of a 14-year-old boy, Patrick Majogolo, was found on Monday night.

Police are investigating.

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Black groups call for 2-day stay-at-home

By ANTON HARBER
Political Reporter

MORE than 30 organisations — including some of the largest black trade unions, the United Democratic Front and student and youth organisations — have launched a joint campaign for a two-day stay-at-home next week.

They have formed the Transvaal Anti-Stay-Away Committee and are distributing 400 000 pamphlets and 5 000 posters calling on people all over the province to stay in their homes on Monday and Tuesday.

They have called for shops to close, for taxi drivers not to operate and for buses to stay out of the townships on the two days

They have also sent telexes to the Minister of Law and Order Mr Louis le Grange, and the Minister of Co-operation and Education Dr Gerrit Viljoen, asking them to heed the demands of the people in the townships

According to the committee, which held a Press conference in Johannesburg yesterday, the stay-away call emerged from a meeting of 37 organisations called by the Congress of SA Students (Cosas) last Saturday.

They have demanded.

- The resignation of community councillors,
- The withdrawal of the police and army from the townships.

The nine trade unions involved met on Wednesday night and added demands for:

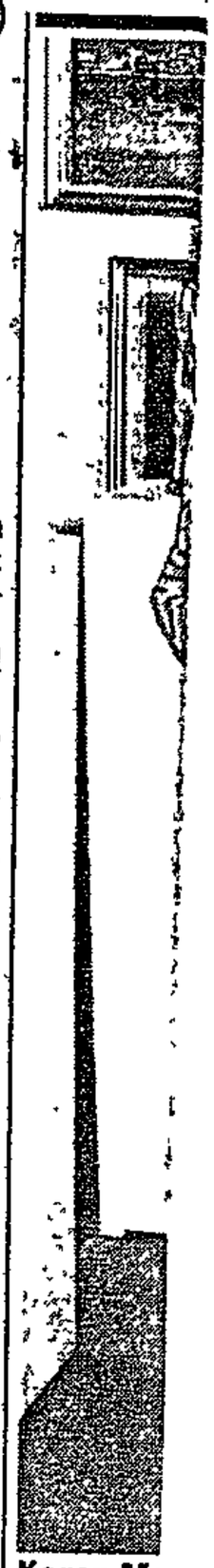
- The stopping of rent and bus fare increases,
- The release of all detainees and political prisoners,
- The reinstatement of dismissed workers, particularly the Simba Quix workers;
- The withdrawal of "unfair GST and tax-[illegible]"

They have recommended that their members stay indoors, but that health workers be allowed to provide medical services.

They also decided to send copies of their statement to managements, church ministers and to Putco. Members of Cosas were visiting hostels in the townships yesterday, asking migrant workers to support the stay-away.

The trade unions involved are the Federation of SA Trade Unions, the Council of Unions of SA, the SA Allied Workers' Union, the Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union of SA, the United Mining, Metal and Allied Workers of SA, the General and Allied Workers' Union, the Municipal and General Workers' Union, the Scooter Drivers' Association of SA and the National Union of Print and Allied Workers.

Other organisations taking part include the Release Mandela Committee, the Federation of SA Women, the Vaal Civic Association, and the Soweto Civic Association.



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Unrest the focus of talks

Mail Reporter

DISCUSSION of the present unrest will feature high on the agenda of the Metal and Allied Workers' Union (Mawu) when they hold their annual general meeting at KwaThema stadium, near Springs, on Saturday.

Thousands of metal workers from throughout the country are expected to attend the meeting, which will review the union's stand on wage negotiations for the metal industrial council.

A Mawu spokesman said union members would also debate the issue of the new super federation of emerging unions which is in the process of being formed.

SAP search two more townships

JOHANNESBURG — Members of the South African Police yesterday sealed off Sharpeville and Boipatong in the second major search of Vaal townships in ten days.

Vehicles passing through roadblocks at all entrances and exits to the townships were searched.

A spokesman for the police directorate of public relations in Pretoria, Lieutenant B. van der Walt, confirmed last night that police were in the areas but was not able to confirm whether the SADF were involved. A spokesman for the SADF referred inquiries to the police.

According to the SA Police, the raids were conducted to ask for pass books.

Those who were arrested are expected to appear in court today.

● More than 600 students at Hebron College of Education in Bophuthatswana went on the rampage yesterday after the college's students representative council was dismissed. — DDC

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Army launches more action in the Vaal

By SELLO RABOTHATA

HUNDREDS of members of the South African Defence Force and the police yesterday manned roadblocks and patrols in the Vaal Triangle townships after residents had allegedly been warned to pay their rents.

Residents told **The SOWETAN** that police moved around the townships on Tuesday evening informing them through loud-hailers that they should pay their monthly rents, or their electricity and water supply would be cut off. The actions of the police and SADF security forces yesterday brought fears that the threat would be carried out.

Respected

A spokesman for the Police Headquarters in Pretoria said, on inquiries from **The SOWETAN:** "There is no operation similar to Palmiet under way at present. No orders were issued to the residents by the South African Police, but in the interest of law and order certain requests were made to residents by the police. Helicopters were not used."

The police spokesman was reacting to inquiries by **The SOWETAN** on whether they had the authority to ask people to pay rates and rents and that children must return to school

Those who manned the roadblocks, also issued pamphlets to people entering the townships, written in Sesotho and English, reading. "The members of the combined SAP and SADF security forces want to thank the peoples of Sebokeng, Sharpeville and Boipatong for their co-operation and support in the actions to make the area safer for all to live in

Discomfort

"Although the peoples of these areas had some discomfort in the house to house searches and roadblocks, they accepted the steps as a necessity from which they all would benefit. We appreciate your dignity, kindness and support

Our heartfelt thanks. You earned the respect of all our members "

All cars getting in and out of the townships were stopped, occupants told to move out while others searched the car.

In Sebokeng, a group of soldiers placed their guns aside and played football with boys in the area. At the entrance to Boipatong township, two army tanks were on standby. No incidents were reported throughout the day

SACC blames Vaal unrest on political climate

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By Eugene Saldanha, Religion Reporter

The ongoing unrest in the Vaal Triangle is a response by the people to the current political developments in South Africa, says the South African Council of Churches.

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Ecunews says the SACC has called on the Government to meet the authentic leaders of the black communities so that a mutually-acceptable solution to the spate of unrest may be found. It warns: "A fire that cannot easily be extinguished is already burning.

"At the same time, we issue a clear call for the students to return to school. We believe, with the other leaders of our community, that the cause of freedom for all in South Africa can be achieved only as our people are built up, and trained for the leadership roles they are to occupy one day.

"We plead with the authorities that they will heed the cry for righteousness that has arisen from the people in recent days," says *Ecunews*.

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The United Democratic Front (UDF) has declared support for the planned two-day stayaway spearheaded by students, trade unionists, civic activists, and youth groups.

The UDF predicts that the protest planned for Monday and Tuesday in Transvaal industrial areas will be a positive display of unity by all sections of the population, and a measure of people's resistance to Government policies.

DISTRIBUTION

● If there are distribution problems in home deliveries and corner sales on the stayaway days, *The Star* will try to ensure that all cafes are well supplied with all editions of the newspaper.

Lawyers question SADF role in Vaal raids

By Langa Skosana

The police and army raids of black townships in the Vaal Triangle last week have been questioned by a group of eminent legal men.

Lawyers for Human Rights, representing about 800 lawyers across the country, says the recent decision to employ both Defence Force and police in a major operation, Palmiet, has done untold harm to race relations and the cause of human rights in South Africa.

It calls on the Government to confront the real grievances of the black community and to set about providing answers to these grievances.

In Johannesburg yesterday the group's chairman, Mr J Browde, said that for the past two months black townships had been troubled by unrest.

"Lawyers for Human Rights believe this unrest may be traced in some instances to specific issues such as increased rents or poor schooling.

ROOT CAUSE

"But the root cause remains, as far as we are able to judge, the failure of the Government seriously to indicate a determination to abolish discriminatory laws and to provide for black participation in the central political process."

Mr Browde said that although the Defence Act allowed the Defence Force to be employed on service in the prevention or suppression of internal disorder the wisdom of such action was another issue.

"This action suggests that the army is to be used to enforce influx control and to suppress black political aspirations," he added.

"This means the army will be perceived by blacks to be the instrument of white political repression and will promote hostility towards the Defence Force among blacks."

At the same time, he went on, the use of the Defence Force in this manner would encourage resistance to military call-up among whites who did not wish to participate in the suppression of black political aspirations.

PRIVACY

Mr Browde said that while the police might have had good cause to enter and search certain houses, the Lawyers for Human Rights believed that the law did not authorise mass raids of this kind which inevitably invaded the privacy and rights of law-abiding citizens.

"Imagine the public outcry that would follow such a raid on Linden or Waterkloof," he added.

"One has only to picture this hypothetical case to highlight the doubts as to the legality of the police action.

"Lawyers for Human Rights question the legality of the police methods employed in Operation Palmiet ... and believe that they have seriously undermined respect for law in the black community."

Mr Browde said the establishment of special criminal courts to hear cases arising out of Operation Palmiet was of special concern to Lawyers for Human Rights.

Accused persons were brought to trail so quickly that they were given no opportunity to obtain legal representation or to prepare their own defence.

"It is inconceivable that proper justice could be done by these courts in an environment of political hysteria with no lawyers present to act as intermediaries," he added.

Police reply to Mail questions on Vaal unrest

By COLIN HOWELL

THE Rand Daily Mail yesterday submitted 12 questions to the South African Police concerning the continued military and police presence in Vaal Triangle townships.

The questions related to the combined military and police presence in the area and the confiscation of a Mail photographer's films by a senior Vanderbijlpark police officer — a decision promptly overruled when the Mail protested to SAP headquarters in Pretoria.

The questions put to the police yesterday were:

- Did members of the SADF assist any police in the above townships (Sharpeville and Boipatong) yesterday?
- If so, on what scale and in what capacity ... how many soldiers were called in and what were they required to do?
- For how long did/are they remaining in the townships?
- Would it be true to say that an operation similar to, but smaller than, Operation Palmiet was/is underway?
- If this is not the case, would the SAP put yesterday's Army/police action into perspective?
- Have Sharpeville and Boipatong been declared "operational areas or zones", as a senior officer told a Mail reporter yesterday?
- Why did the officer, a Major Louw, confiscate film from the Mail photographer?
- By what authority did Major Louw seize the films, saying the Press "had to obtain permission" to take photographs in the areas?
- Major Louw told our photographer he would have the film processed and that the Mail could get them back on Friday. Why?
- Why were the Mail journalists, who were carrying Press Cards issued by the Commissioner of the SAP, stopped and searched not once, but twice, in the townships?
- In cases where the SADF is called in to assist the SAP, is the SADF liaison team entitled to comment on any aspect of the SADF role or does the SAP Directorate handle all enquiries?
- Are SADF troops openly at the disposal of the SAP, to be deployed when the SAP sees fit or are such decisions taken jointly or individually by the SAP and SADF?

The complete telexed reply received from Lieutenant-Colonel Vic Haynes is:

"Questions 1-5: The SADF did assist the SA Police at roadblocks yesterday (Wednesday), as they did on numerous occasions in the past.

"Questions 6-10: If the Mail is of the opinion that they have legal cause for complaint against Major Louw or any other member of the SA Police, the Editor should complain formally whereafter this office will arrange for affidavits to be obtained from all concerned.

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"Question 12: For answer to this question, we refer you to statements made by the State President and the Minister of Law and Order on this topic."

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TVL STAYAWAY — MAJOR TEST FOR THE UNIONS

By KHULU SIBIYA

SOUTH AFRICA'S union movement and its democratic political organisations are headed for their biggest test ever next week — a massive stayaway which could bring the Transvaal to a halt.

The organisations — more than 30 in all — have called on people to stay at home on Monday and Tuesday in protest against the Government's refusal to "heed the demands of the people".

The Regional Stay-at-home Committee — formed last week — has distributed about 40 000 pamphlets and 5 000 posters urging people in the Transvaal to back their call.

They have also written to Putco and the railways urging them to stop services on Monday and Tuesday, and asked taxi associations to operate only inside the townships — not into the cities.

Telegrams have been sent to Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange and Education Minister Gerrit Viljoen, asking them to "meet the demands of the people — before it's too late".

Their demands are:

- The army and the police must be withdrawn from the townships;
- Rent increases must be stopped;
- All community councillors must resign;
- All political prisoners and detainees must be released;
- All dismissed workers, including those fired by Simba Quix, must be reinstated;
- Bus fare increases must stop;
- The Government must withdraw GST and taxation.

Among the unions calling for the stay-at-home are the Federation of SA Trade Unions, Council of Unions of SA, SA Allied Workers' Union, Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union, United Mining and Metal Workers' Union, General Allied Workers' Union, Municipal and General Workers' Union and many others.

The committee called a Press conference this week to announce its decision.

It said shops in the townships would be closed for the two days, but health workers — including doctors and nurses — will still provide medical services.

It said the decision to call for a stay-at-home was taken by unions, civic organisations and students at a meeting at Khotso House last weekend.

Among the organisations represented at that meeting were the Release Mandela Committee, Federation of SA Women, Soweto Youth Congress, United Democratic Front and the Pretoria, Vaal, East Rand, Alexandra and Soweto civic associations.

Union spokesperson Moses Mayekiso said: "The Government is busy spreading lies that we, as parents, are divided from our children. We want to make it clear that as parents and as workers we are closely affected by the school crisis, because we pay school fees and other dues."

Replying to questions about the confusion that followed the last stay-at-home campaign, the organisers said: "We have learnt from that mistake. We won't do it again".

French thumbs down to UDF 3

THE FRENCH Government is the latest to refuse sanctuary to the United Democratic Front leaders holed up in the British Consulate in Durban

The UDF and Natal Indian Congress asked for support and refuge from the French.

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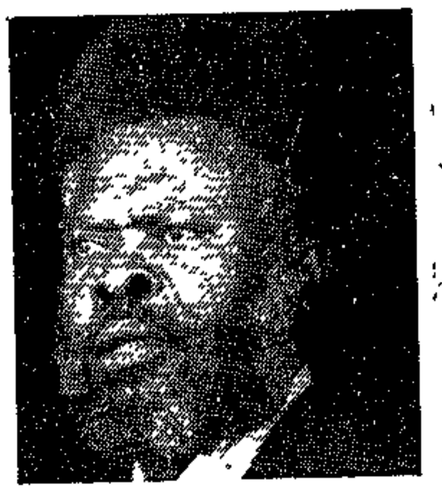

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A broad range of union groupings have supported the call. Thus, for instance, the Federation of South African Trade Unions (Fosatu) is on the same platform as the United Mining, Metal and Allied Workers (Ummawosa) which recently split from Mawu, a Fosatu affiliate.

And the common stand between worker-based organisations such as Fosatu and political bodies like the United Democratic Front is important given the debates that have raged over unions who have refused to affiliate to the UDF.

The claim has been that the "workerist" union groupings such as Fosatu are concerned with shop-floor issues to the exclusion of political struggles in the wider community.

It is a claim that will not be easily made in future.

Perhaps, most importantly, the stayaway call is the first time in decades that organised labour has involved itself so directly in the ongoing political campaigns in the townships.

Politically that is an important step for the unions, but one which the Government and employers are no doubt taking careful note of.

Power cut in Sharpeville

SHARPEVILLE was at the weekend without electricity in what appears to be another step by the authorities to force residents in Vaal townships to pay their rents and rates.

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

Though no confirmation could be obtained it appeared that the cutoff was official after repeated calls for residents to pay their rates had failed

The electricity was cut off on Saturday morning and late yesterday the areas were still without electricity.

It is feared the local Orange Vaal Development Board may now threaten to close off the water supply, and extend the cutoffs to other parts of townships in the Vaal complex under the authority of the Lekoa Town Council.

Residents in Vaal townships have not paid rents and rates since September when violence broke out, claiming the lives of scores of residents So far at least 80 people are feared to have died with hundreds injured or maimed.

This was the worst violent explosion in a black area since 1976 and parts of the area are still in ashes. Shops were looted and then burnt, the homes of councillors razed to the ground by mobs, four members of the Lekoa and Evaton Town Councils were killed and countless vehicles and property belonging to the board destroyed.

Yesterday residents held a meeting in which the blackout and other issues were discussed. In an emotional meeting residents

- Resolved not to pay rents until they are reduced to R30 per month,
- Resolved to insist that members of the community council resign,
- Demanded the release of the Rev Geoffrey Moselane and others from detention; and
- Called for a stay-away today and tomorrow.

The emotion charged meeting was also asked to elect a local residents' committee — the Sharpeville Civic Association — to represent the people. A spokesman said it was unfortunate that the present "regime was intransigent".

As the meeting was held the police presence in the area continued with the townships tense. There were police roadblocks and police vehicles patrolled the areas.

- A meeting in Soweto yesterday committed itself to a stay-away today and tomorrow.

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Ignore stayaway call, pamphlets urge workers

WITBANK. — Police and traffic officers distributed pamphlets at roadblocks around townships in the Eastern Transvaal at the weekend urging residents to ignore this week's stayaway call.

A police spokesman confirmed that roadblocks were mounted on Saturday night and early yesterday morning.

He said it was "routine" work to prevent upheavals that might occur today and tomorrow, the days for the stayaway called by several black organisations and trade unions.

Pamphlets distributed to motorists by the police read:

"The UDF (United Democratic Front) and the RMC (Release Mandela Committee) have brought guns and Hippos. They have 'invited' the police and the army to our townships where the UDF and RMC were then. Where were they when the mobs attacked us, stoned us and burned our houses?

"Maybe our sweat, toil and energy has been abused? Yes, and our children's blood has been shed in vain when people like the UDF and RMC encourage them to riot.

"Let us stand up once and for all and defy these organisations which threaten us, attack us and give us orders.

"The students did get their SRCs and age limits were lifted, but still they are not satisfied.

"How can we support fellow workers who are jobless when we stay away and lose our jobs?

"If business owners close their shops and buses, trains and taxis do not run, where will we buy food?

"The stayaway call will not hamper the organisations who want it. For the sweat and toil is ours as the people. We do not have time to walk around with pamphlets like stayaway committees. We have to work to earn a living. Why don't these people spend the money they are spending on pamphlets on something worthy like food and clothing for the poor?"

A spokesman for the Putco Bus Company has said they intend operating a normal service today.

He said the company would only alter its service if trouble in the townships warranted it. — Sapa.

400 000 pupils skip classes in stayaway boost

By THELMA TUCH
Education Reporter

THOUSANDS of pupils supported the call for a work stayaway yesterday, inflating the number of pupils absent from school — due to the prolonged schools unrest — to about 400 000.

A total of 283 schools in the Vaal Triangle, East Rand, Pretoria areas were completely empty yesterday.

In Soweto, where there are 375 schools with a total of more than 200 000 pupils, attendance ranged from poor to normal, according to a spokesman for the Department of Education and Training (DET).

A number of schools visited by the Rand Daily Mail were empty and at some schools pupils were sent home early.

The Soweto matriculants registered to write yesterday's Technical Drawing paper turned up and completed the examination.

No candidates in the Eastern Cape, Vaal Triangle, East Rand or Pretoria were scheduled to sit for this paper, but today many are scheduled to write Biology and Physiology.

The call for a stayaway by a number of trade unions and student and youth organisations is to back several demands including those of pupils who have been involved in extended school boycotts this year.

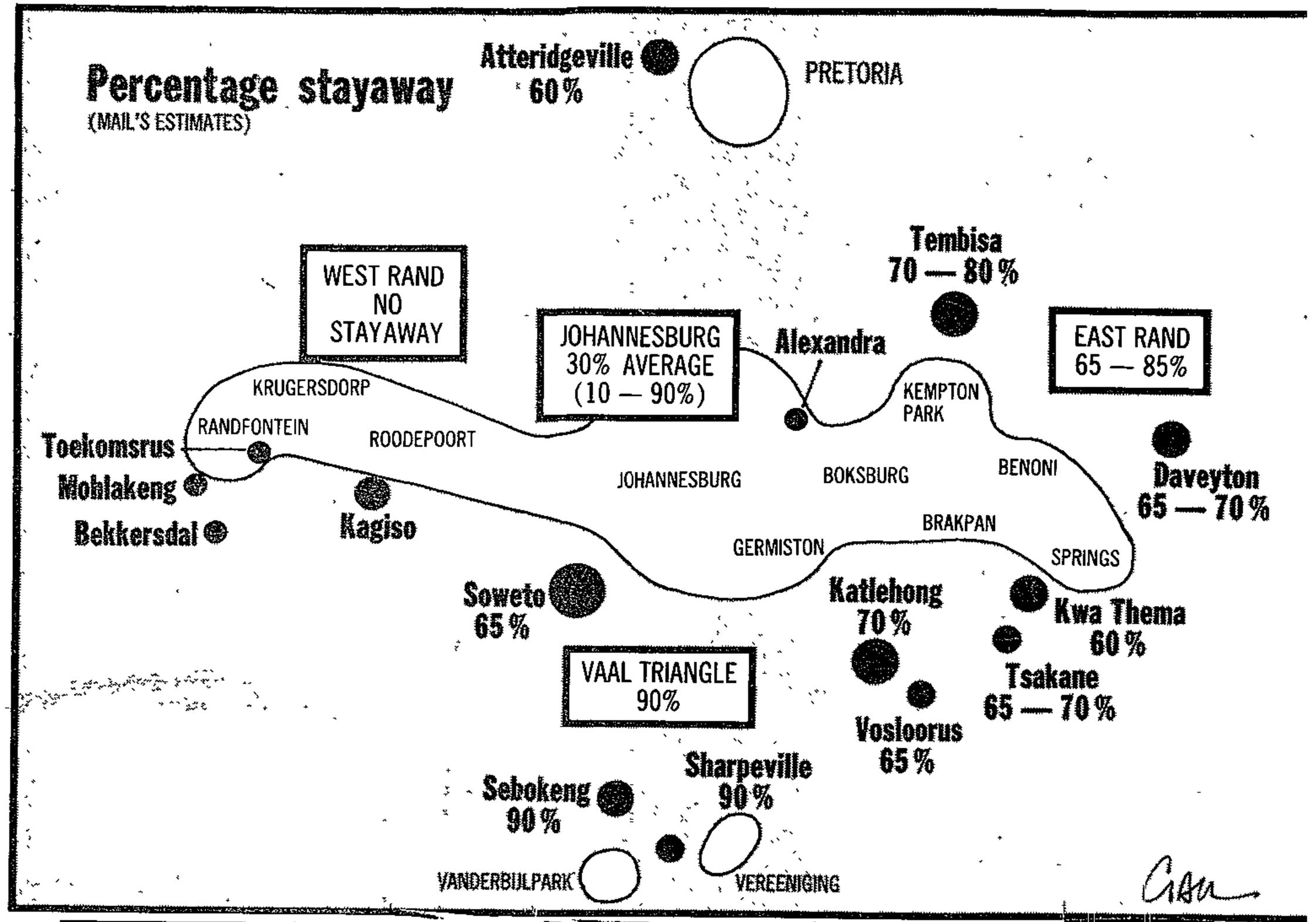
● On the East Rand yesterday 171 schools were totally empty. About 153 000 pupils stayed away from schools in nine townships — Katlehong, Daveyton, Wattville, Vosloorus, KwaThema, Tsakane, Duduza, Thokoza and Tembisa. Of these pupils, 125 000 were from 143 primary schools and 28 000 from 28 secondary schools. Only one primary school in Katlehong was unaffected by the stayaway.

● In Atteridgeville, near Pretoria, seven secondary schools and 25 primary schools in the township were completely empty. About 25 000 pupils were affected. Schools in Mamelodi and Soshanguve continued normally.

● The 93 000 primary and secondary school pupils continued to stay away from 87 schools in the Vaal Triangle townships.

● The educational deadlock continued at 60 schools in the Eastern Cape where about 50 000 pupils continued their stayaway in Port Elizabeth, Cradock, Uitenhage, Port Alfred, Queenstown, Graaff Reinet, Grahamstown and Fort Beaufort.

● More than 3 700 students at the University of the North boycotted classes yesterday in support of the call for a stayaway, reports CEDRIC KEKANA.



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Buthelezi hits at organisers of 'stayaway'

By CHRIS FREIMOND
Political Correspondent

THE Chief Minister of KwaZulu and president of Inkatha, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, yesterday accused the organisers of the two-day work stayaway of dividing blacks and harming the cause of liberation.

In a statement released in Johannesburg, Chief Buthelezi also accused the organisers of turning to intimidation and violence against fellow blacks when their campaign did not succeed.

He appealed for black unity and said whites only laughed at blacks when efforts at mass protest failed.

"Black South Africa should by now have learnt that black unity is a prerequisite for effective mass action.

"We have had no effective national strike and black political leaders who call for a stay-at-home protest do the struggle for liberation a grave injustice every time they do so and fail to succeed," Chief Buthelezi said.

The current wave of unrest and displays of black anger were providing some black political organisations with "the opportunity to seek acclaim they do not deserve", he said.

Mass black action would not succeed while "black internecine conflict" was endemic in SA.

"White intransigence will, I believe, have to be taught a lesson by blacks employing their power of labour and their consumer power ... But when we blacks turn to teach them that lesson they must not laugh at us because we fail and fall into disarray and come into conflict with each other," he said.

Only black political organisations which were well-founded, with grassroots support and which were disciplined and acting in harmony with other organisations could succeed in mass action.

"I want to make the point that black organisations that are not membership-based but, like the United Democratic Front (UDF), rely on affiliation, do not speak for the broad mass of black people when they call for stay-at-home protests.

"Because they do not speak for the mass of people we have witnessed how they then turn to beating local black populations into submission. The intimidation is going on at this very minute.

"Ordinary people, the average man and woman, do not want political leaders who lead them into chaos and who lead them into being beaten up by their fellow blacks.

● The UDF issued a statement last night welcoming the "successful response to the stayaway call".

The statement, sent by the Rev Frank Chikane, Transvaal vice-president of the UDF and member of its national committee, restated "the Government's need to heed the demands", and said the greatest damage the Government could do would be to "once again ignore just demands and respond to the stayaway only with violence".

E Rand shops say they're coping

Mail Reporter

DESPITE the massive stayaway on the East Rand "business went on as usual" for most supermarkets, shops and restaurants yesterday.

A Springs restaurant owner, Mr Barney Levine, whose entire black staff stayed away yesterday, summed it up: "I had a total stayaway, but we were open for business as usual and coped beautifully."

Absenteeism at East Rand factories and other businesses ranged from 15% to 85%.

Business was very slow in supermarkets, where till controllers had to stand in for female till assistants who did not turn up for work.

Filling station owners manned pumps themselves.

Courts on the East Rand were also hit as interpreters stayed away.

In Springs the prosecuting staff had to make do with one interpreter, and at other courts several cases had to be postponed because interpreters were unavailable.

Black ambulance drivers at most of the fire stations turned up for work.

Mr Johan Venter, Chief Fire Officer of Springs, said: "All my men turned up for work."

Unrest death toll rises to 16

Arson, shooting mark stayaway

Staff Reporters

The death toll from the unrest in black townships throughout the country rose from 10 to 16 today as the two-day work stoppage called for by various organisation and trade unions entered its final day.

Two women and four men died late last night and early this morning in countrywide unrest, the SAP Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said today.

Attacking police

A white policeman was seriously injured yesterday, the police spokesman said, and seven men were injured while they were attacking the police, railway police and officials of the East Rand Development Board.

At least 31 people have been arrested on various charges including public violence.

The call for a work stoppage was made to protest against the Government's handling of township grievances.

Early this morning hundreds of police in army vehicles moved into Tembisa township on the East Rand to quell the wave of violence that has broken out there.

Tembisa has been the most troubled of the townships in the PWV where tens of thousands of workers have responded to the stayaway call.

The stayaway has been marked by violence including arson and police shooting.

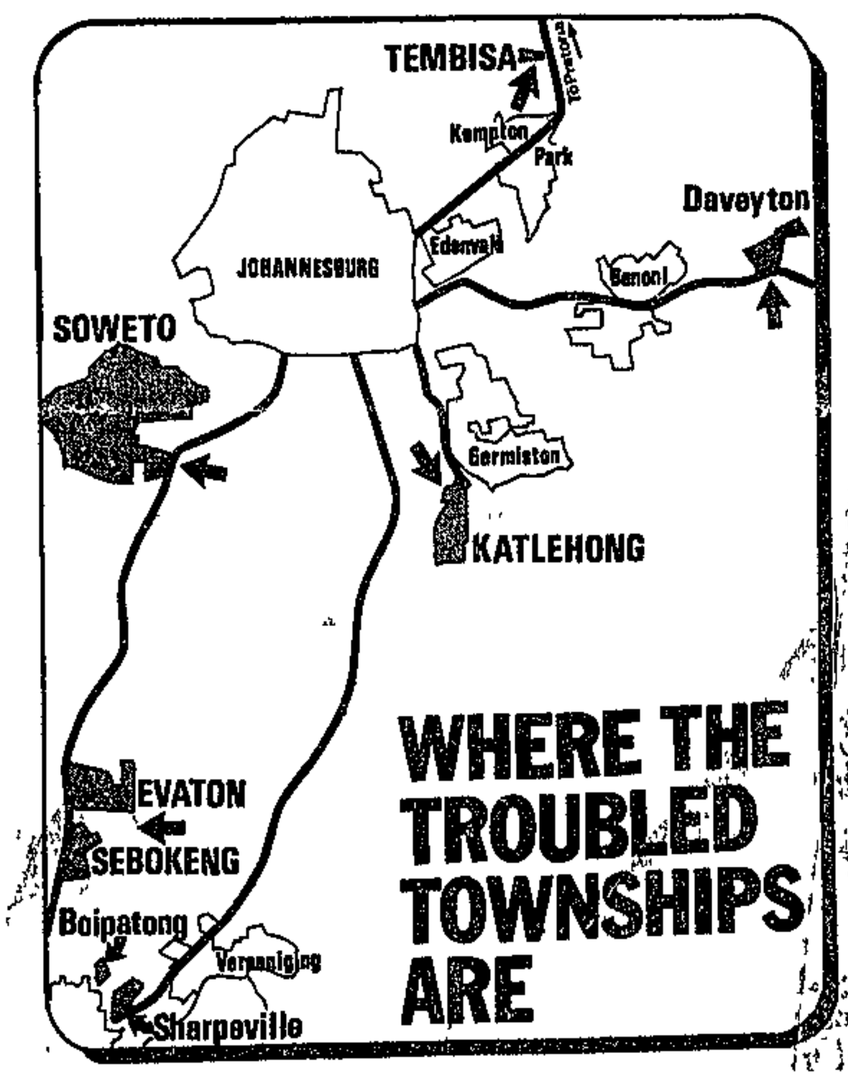
But peace has prevailed in other areas, among them the Vaal region where, despite an almost total stayaway, townships have been tense but largely peaceful.

Events in the areas of unrest from 3 pm yesterday to 5 am today included:

● kwaZakhele (near Port Elizabeth) — Birdshot used to disperse stone-throwing crowd. A black woman was found dead as the mob dispersed but the cause of death is unknown and police are investigating.

● Boipatong (near Vereeniging) — Roads were barricaded and a bus was set alight. Extensive damage reported.

● Katlehong (near Germiston) — A private house was set alight and a private vehicle was stoned and looted. Birdshot was fired but no injuries have been reported.



● Katlehong — Later, a group of about 200 stoned the house of a council member and police fired birdshot. Two men dead.

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● Attridgeville — An attempt was made to set a bus alight.

● Daveyton — In Dungone Street a group of about 100 were dispersed by police. The body of woman was found in the street but the cause of death is not yet known.

● Tembisa — Guards at a bottle store were attacked and birdshot was fired at the crowd. A man was shot dead.

A youth died and nine other people, including a three-year-old, were treated for bullet wounds at Kalafong Hospital after unrest erupted in Atteridgeville, near Pretoria, yesterday.

Wounded

A Kalafong Hospital spokesman confirmed that 10 cases were treated for bullet wounds and one of the two patients who were admitted died at the H F Verwoerd Hospital in Pretoria after he was transferred from Kalafong because of the seriousness of his condition.

The violence which grew in the Tembisa township yesterday continued today as the Lerato Shopping Centre at Difateng Section was set alight by a group of youths at about 10 am.

Another shopping centre at Mpho section was also destroyed by fire today.

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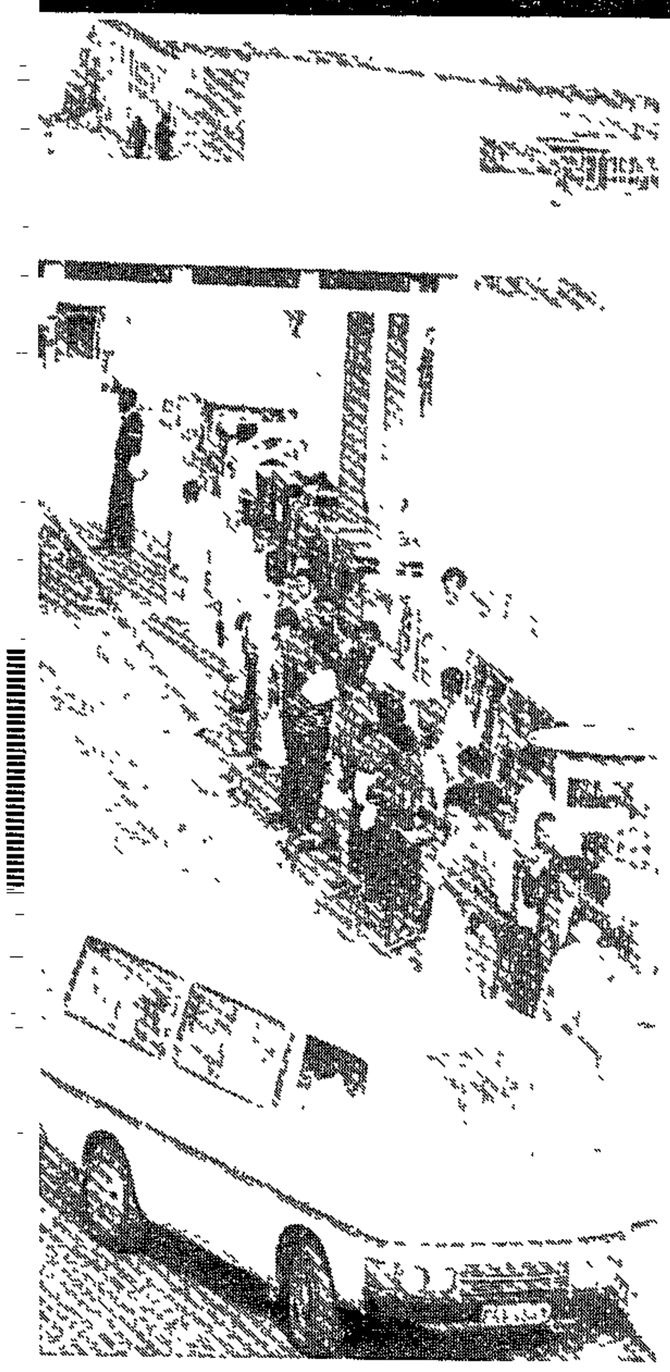
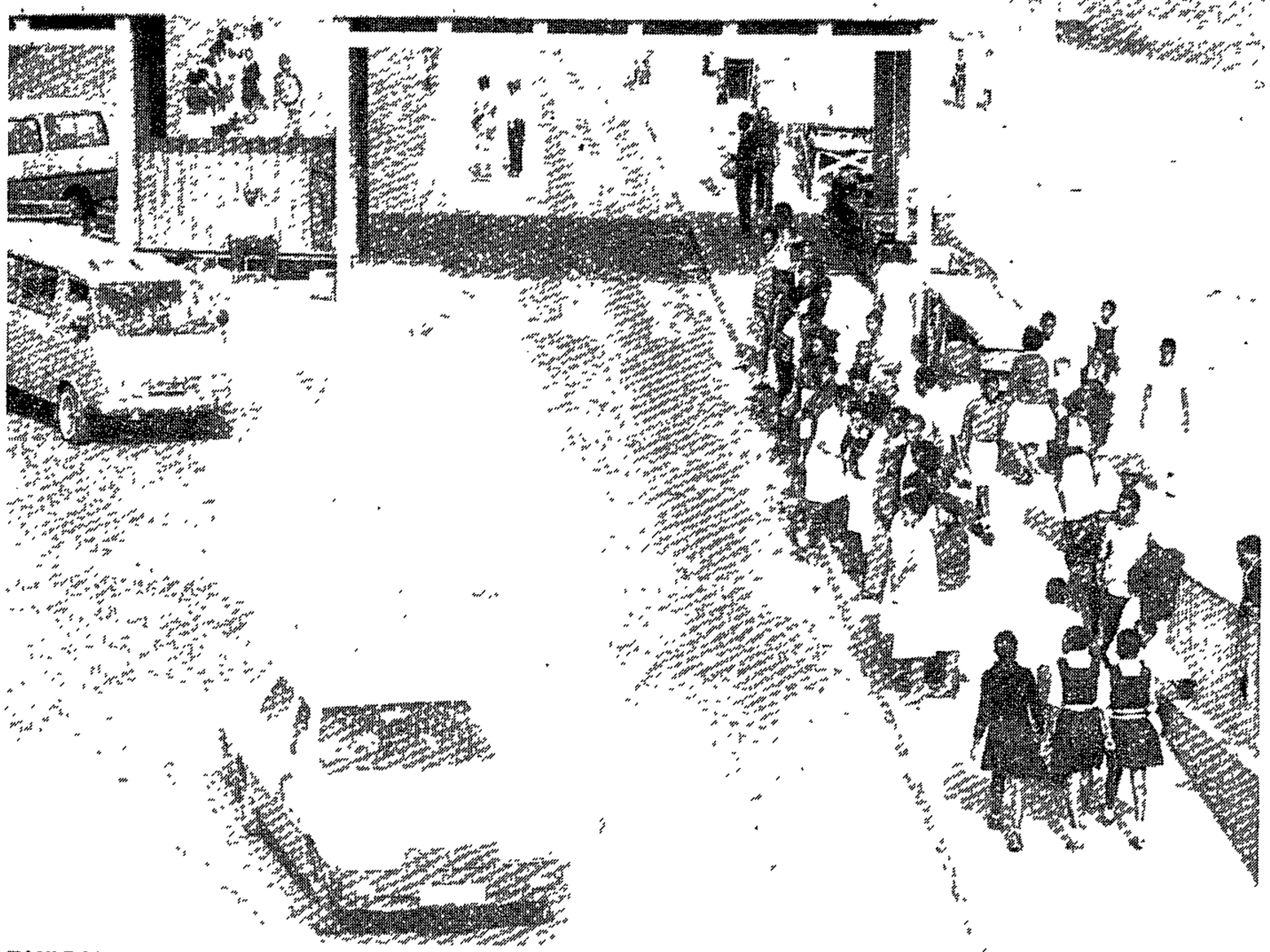
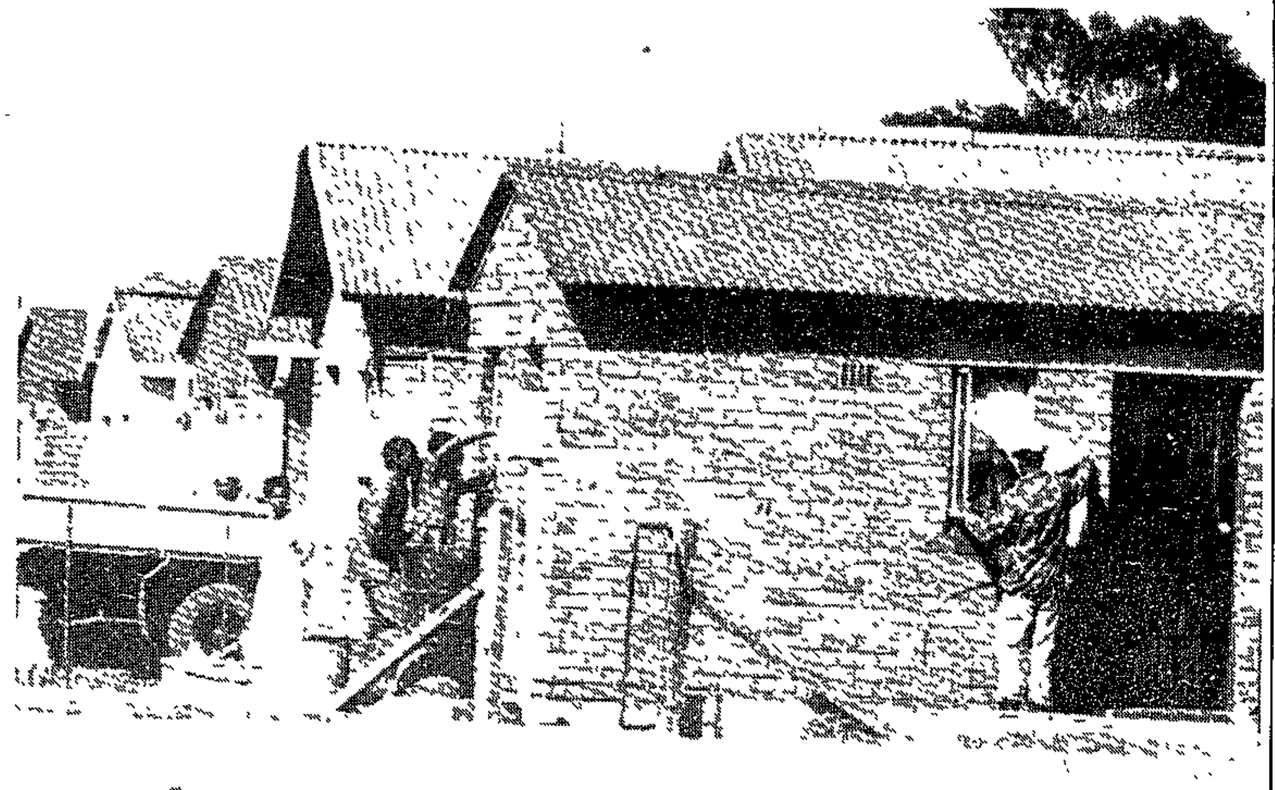
Day 1 of the stayaway

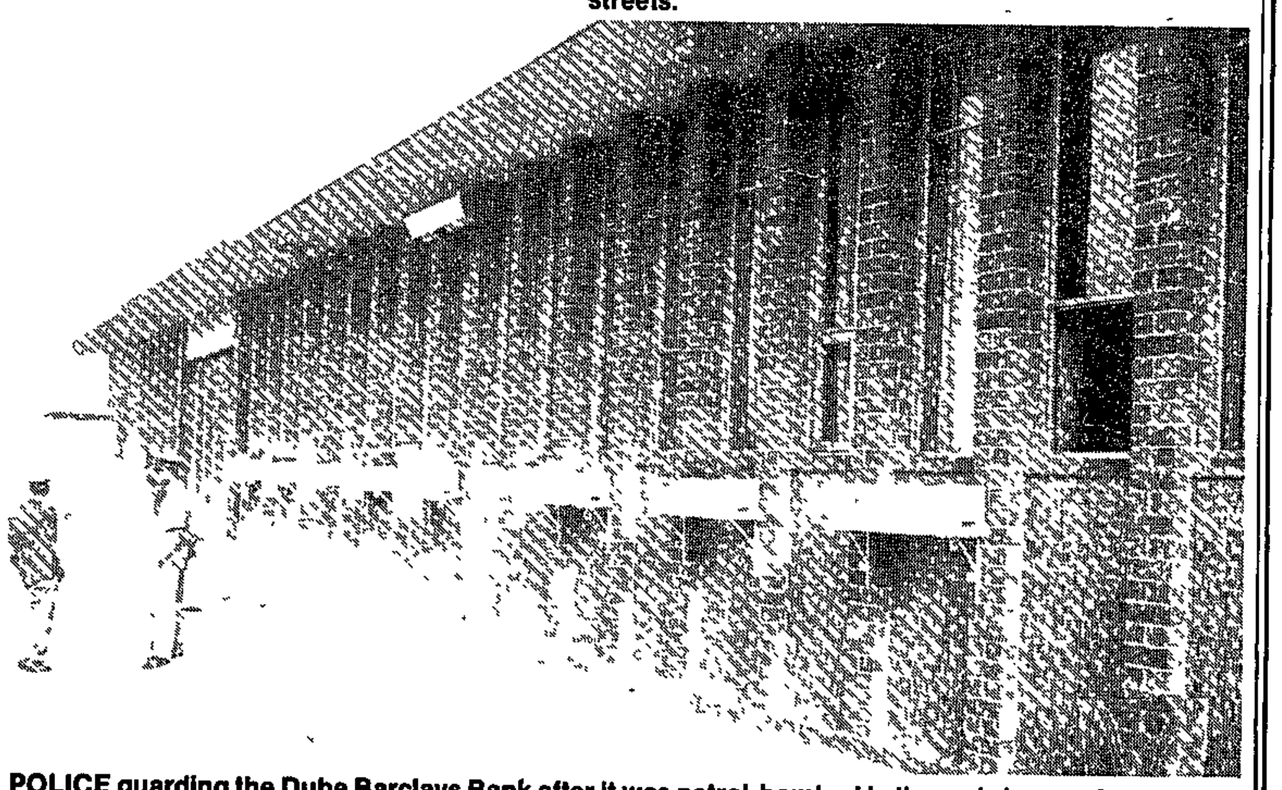




BARAGWANATH BUS AND TAXI RANK which is usually a hive of activity was a deserted place yesterday morning on the first day of the two-day stayaway call. These commuters waiting for transport were among a few that braved their way to work.



POLICE in Wattville search for youths who had run into a house after erecting barricades in the streets.



POLICE guarding the Dube Barclays Bank after it was petrol-bombed in the early hours of yesterday morning. Little damage was caused.

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Big boost for hunger fight

OPERATION Hunger is back on the road to financial recovery, at least R40 000 the richer after Radio 702's 12 hour radiothon at the weekend.

"We will be able to order supplies now and keep our feeding projects going at least till the end of the year," said Mrs Ina Perlman, director of the fund which feeds 600 000 people.

The organisation put a freeze on food orders 10 days ago when its debts mounted to R1,5 million and launched a fund-raising campaign in which the radiothon was the first major event.

Promises of money tumbled in to the radio station, whose 30 lines kept ringing through the wee hours of Sunday morning.

A woman who had been disabled in an accident gave the first R1 000 of her compensation pay-out to Operation Hunger. Somebody emptied a R400 from a piggy bank and said good-bye to an overseas holiday.

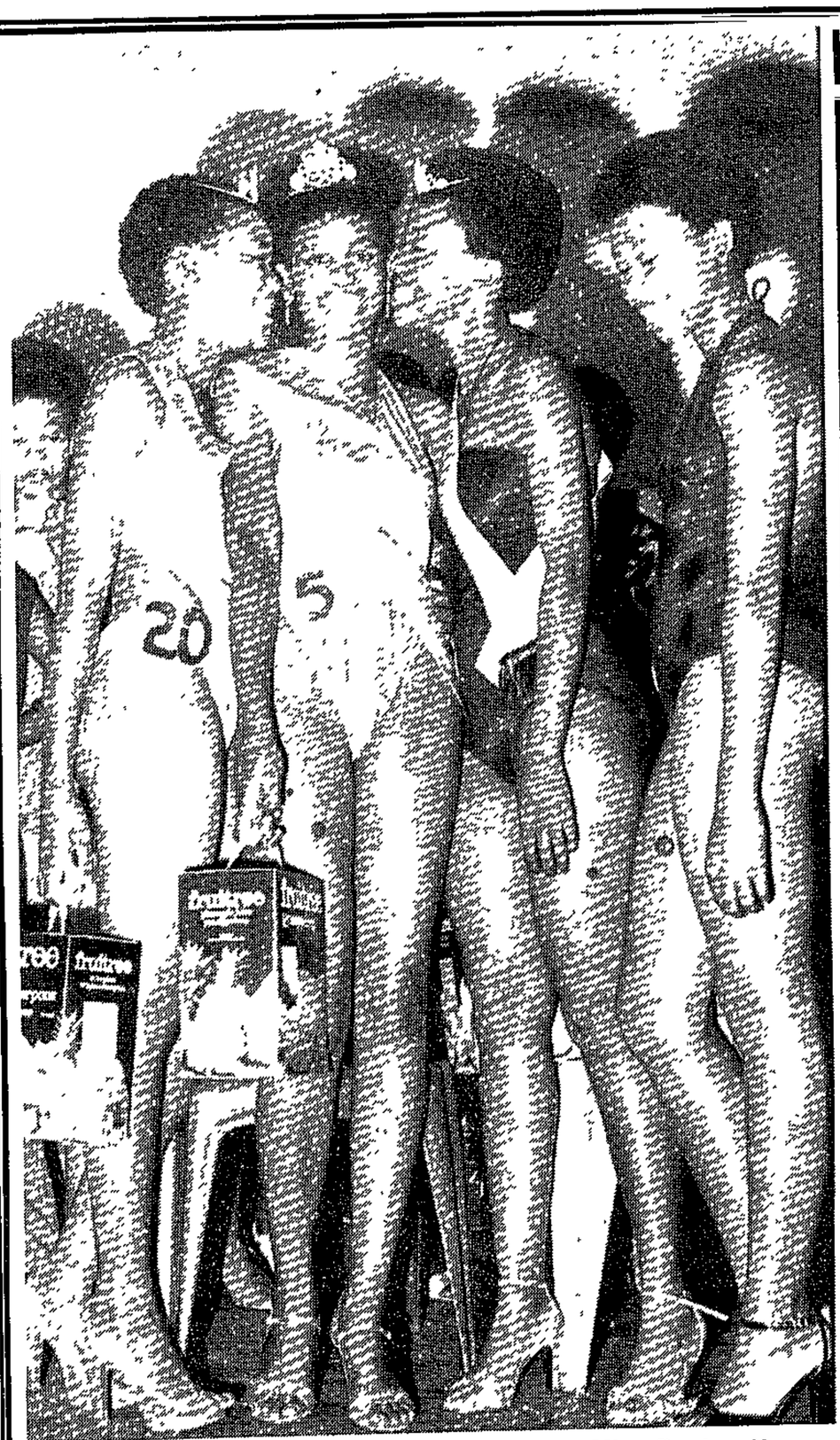
A group of part-time gardeners contributed what they could spare from their meagre and uncertain earnings. Several pensioners sacrificed a month's income while a number of children decided that their parents should cut the size of their Christmas gifts and give the rest to Operation Hunger.

Tributes to assassinated Indian Premier Mrs Indira Gandhi amounted to almost R5 000.

Detemination

"It was truly a remarkable outpouring of love and compassion," said Mrs Perlman. "People showed a determination that our rural areas should not be allowed to deteriorate to the degree they have in some other parts of Africa."

• Operation Hunger has warned the public not to give to any collector who fails to produce a Government form authorising him / her to collect on the fund's behalf It has become aware that a few bogus fund-raisers are using its name.



BEAUTY: There were thrills galore during the Miss Dunlop Young Rebellions beauty contest at the Davey Social Centre, in Wattville, at the weekend. Miss Nompumelelo Tanjane romped home with the first prize and the runners-up were Ms Caroline Sebothoma (left), Miss Jennifer Molema (right) and fourth prize went to Miss Charlotte Tsagane.

AIM supplies for MNR

MASSINGA (Mozambique) — Mozambique National Resistance rebels operating in the southern province of Inhambane were resupplied by air in September, according to a captured rebel interviewed by the Mozambique news agency Aim.

Simiao Fernando, a 16-year-old schoolboy who claims he was kidnapped by the MNR in August of this year, said he was taken to a base called Kohune in the Inhambane district where he received six weeks military training and participated in three attacks against local peasants.

On the third occasion he was captured

Parachute

He told Aim he watched an aeroplane make three parachute drops in September. The material arrived at eleven or twelve o'clock at night

Fernando said he participated in the recovery of the material and helped carry it inside the base. He said that it consisted of mines, mortar shells, boxes of ammunition, green uniforms, boots and food for the base commander, Henrique Inguane.

He said he did not know where the aeroplane had come from, but that rebel commanders told him it had also brought "three Boers."

Confirmed

Fernando admitted he had not seen the three. The commander said that they were parachutists and remained in the base for three to four days. They left on foot heading southwards, presumably to a prearranged pick-up point.

In an interview with Aim, the Inhambane provincial military commander, Major-General Domingos Fondo, confirmed there had been an airdrop in September. He said that there had also been a similar incident in June.

Pretoria

However, he thought that the Pretoria Declaration of October 3 in which the South African Government pledged to play an active role in dismantling the MNR would "put a stop" to such aerial REU drops.

But, General Fondo stressed that the armed forces in Inhambane would not rely solely on the Pretoria Declaration to end rebel activity in the province.

NZ firm hit by apartheid protest

WELLINGTON —Anti-apartheid shareholders riotously disrupted the annual meeting of a New Zealand company which imports South African wine, but failed to have any of their six candidates elected as directors.

More than 50 shareholders and proxy holders, many wearing black and white masks, drowned out the reading of the report with anti-apartheid chants at the annual meeting of Quill Humphries Ltd in Christchurch.

The company has been subjected to protests since 1982 because it sells and distributes South African wine

When the meeting opened about 30 protesters pulled on black and white masks and two people unfurled a three-metre banner reading "shareholders protest against South African imports."

Chants

The annual report was drowned out with whistles and chants of "amandla" and "rhubarb."

Many of the protesters used the voting papers for the election of three directors as paper darts.

The elected directors walked at the end of the meeting to chants of "shame."

5 hurt in stayaway violence

AT LEAST five people, including a three-year-old child, were injured, one critically, after being hit by rubber bullets fired by police in Atteridgeville/Saulsville yesterday morning.

Thousands of people including teachers and students heeded the call — amid fears of risking their lives — to stay away from work and school yesterday.

Those injured by rubber bullets included Mr Andries Kula and Mr Wallace Ramskin, both of Atteridgeville. They were both hit in he neck. At the time of going to press, doctors at the Kalafong Hospital were battling to save Mr Ramskin, who was critically wounded.

Others, who were also rushed to the hospital, included a middle-aged man and a three-year-old child.

Another man, also wounded in the neck, was found inside a surgery of a local doctor.

A spokesman for the Police Directorate in Pretoria yesterday said although he could not confirm the casualties, police did use tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse a mob of youths who were erecting barricades in the streets.

Only a few people, mostly men, trickled to their respective places of employment in the almost empty trains. There were no buses or taxis, and only nurses were allowed to go to work.

Scores of those who wanted to go to work were stopped and sent home at the three local railway stations in the morning.

The township's business centres were also closed. No newspapers were sold and most families had no bread.

A group of youths went from house to house at about 4.30 am removing dustbins in each house to build barricades in the streets, especially in the main roads. Clumps of large rocks and huge rubbish containers were also used to build the barricades from as early as 1 am.

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This computer thinks

TOKYO — A Japanese electronics firm claims to have made a big advance in the world race to develop a "fifth-generation computer."

Fifth-generation computers will be able to think, and Nippon Electronics Company (NEC) says it has developed the first artificial intelligence in a computer with practical applications.

NEC says its computer is capable of designing its own super large-scale integrated circuits. Such circuits could be designed in the past with the help of a computer, but no computer has been able to do the work on its own.

The new artifical intelligence, for which a new computer language has been developed, can also be employed in many areas of computer-aided design.

The company is to give details of its invention at an international conference on fifth-generation computers which opens in Tokyo Tuesday.

It will be attended by 1 000 representatives from 30 countries.

US elections live on TV

THE AMERICAN presidential election results will be shown live on SABC-TV between 5 am and 8 am tomorrow.

An SABC spokesman said the programme, "News Focus," today would cover the election campaigns

The spokesman said news flashes and audio inserts about the election results would be broadcast on Radio Orion from midnight today to 6 am tomorrow.

East Rand train stoned, set alight

Five die as stayaway takes hold

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Mail Reporters

FIVE people died — four of them reportedly shot in violent clashes with police — as tensions mounted in Reef townships, where vast numbers of workers heeded a stay-at-home call yesterday.

The worst violence occurred on the East Rand where a mob of rampaging youths ambushed a surburban passenger train at Tembisa, near Kempton Park.

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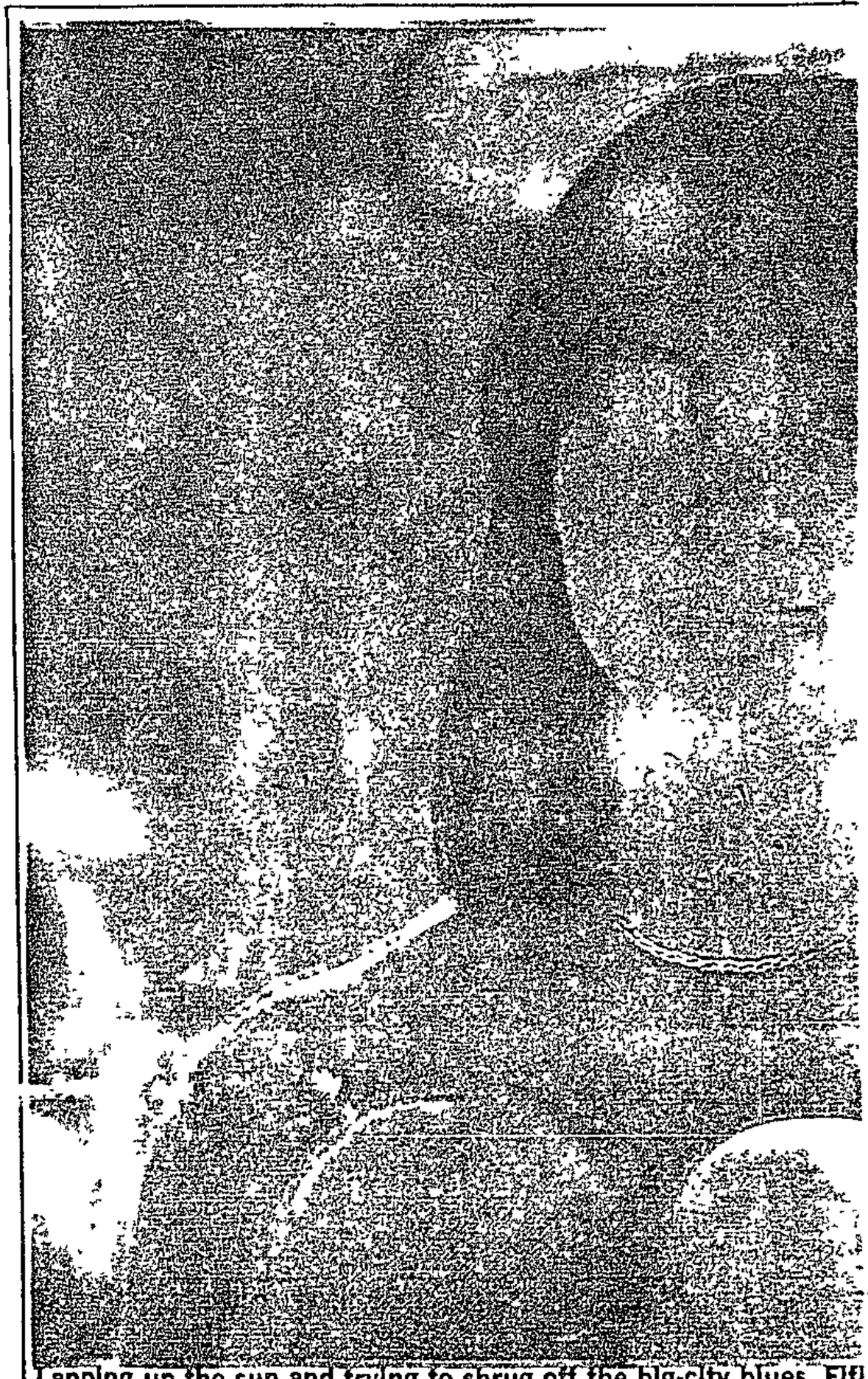

Lapping up the sun and trying to shrug off the big-city blues, Fifi Coronationville Hospital in Johannesburg, takes it easy at the Su

Gunwoman holds

By EMIELIA JAROSCHEK
Crime Reporter

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Fire tenders from the Kempton Park Fire Station rushed to the scene, but youths prevented firemen from getting to the blazing coaches.

Reinforcements were called for and the youths fled.

At Tsakane, near Brakpan, pupils blocked main roads into the township with rocks and burning tyres, and stoned buses and other vehicles.

At Vosloorus, near Boksburg, police fired rubber bullets and used teargas to disperse youths who stoned buses and cars.

At Tembisa a black police constable was injured when a petrol bomb was hurled at a councillor's house. A police spokesman declined to name the constable or the councillor.

He said, however, that by yesterday afternoon the situation was under control in most East Rand townships.

In Soweto, two petrol bombs were thrown at a bank in Dube early yesterday.

Taxi ranks were deserted and all shops closed as they heeded the call not to operate until tomorrow.

"Except for a few unsuccessful road barricades, the situation in the area is virtually normal," a police spokesman said.

Lieutenant Tom Jefferson of the SA Police public relations division, last night refused to discuss what actions the police would be taking in the townships to curb unrest and protect workers wanting to go to work today.

"The police were successful in getting workers to work and there were not enough buses to accommodate all the workers," he said.

The Divisional Commissioner of Police, in Soweto, Brigadier Jan Coetzee, said iso-

Buses stay out of Soweto

lated incidents of violence in Soweto yesterday had come to an end. "People can now go to work normally," he said.

Putco buses carrying passengers from town to Soweto did not enter the township, forcing most workers to walk long distances to their homes.

A Putco spokesman said the number of commuters using Atteridgeville transport had dropped "significantly".

In Katlehong a shop was reported to have been set on fire in Tshongweni Section and youths attacked and burned beer halls in

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Emfuyaneni, Mqansa, Makhulong and Tsepo sections.

A truck which had come to fetch employees of a certain firm was stoned and set alight, and a delivery vehicle was burnt out.

Later, a policeman's house was gutted.

A number of shops were reported to have been looted and set alight.

All the shops in the area were closed and youths used car wrecks and rocks to barricade the deserted streets. Police in armoured vehicles and four-wheel-drive vehicles fired birdshot, tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse people at barricades.

At Katlehong police station a number of youths, some apparently seriously injured and bleeding profusely, were seen sitting at the charge office.

In Kwa Thema on the East Rand the stayaway was said to be virtually 100% effective, while about 80% of residents in Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle are said to have stayed at home.

All was quiet in the West Rand townships of Mohlakeng, Kagiso, Toekomsrus and Bekkersdal.

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Violence flares during huge work boycott in Tvl

TWO PEOPLE were killed yesterday as hundreds of thousands of workers in the Transvaal stayed away from work.

And a policeman has died after being stoned by a mob in Duduza on Sunday. The policeman's death is the first fatality in the police force since the unrest started several months ago.

Late yesterday it was reported that the mayor of Tembisa, Mr Lucas Mothiba, and his family, had been taken to a place of safety. Calls to his house were not answered. Three buildings in Tembisa were burning, one the house of a policeman, the other the house of a councillor and the third said to be a shop belonging to Mr Mothiba.

The stayaway was organised by several organisations and trade unions, and was the biggest display of strength by black workers for the past decade. The organisations that participated included the Soweto region of the United Democratic Front, the Congress of South African Students, the Council of Unions of South Africa, the Federation of South African Trade Unions and the Commercial Catering and Allied Workers' Union of South Africa.

OUR teams on the spot were: SELLO RABOTHATA and MBUZENI ZULU (East Rand); JOSHUA RABOROKO and LEN KUMALO (Vaal); ELLIOT TSHINGWALA, NKOPANE MAKOBANE and JOE MOLEFE (Soweto); LEN MASEKO and MOJALEFA MOSEKI (Tembisa and Alexandra); MONK NKOMO, THOMAS KWENAITE and ALINAH DUBE (Pretoria).

Atteridgeville and Tembisa townships were among the hardest hit by the stayaway.

The two townships were barricaded from was injured in a confrontation. He was declared dead on arrival at the Kalafong Hospital.

were in the Vaal, East Rand, Atteridgeville and Alexandra. A check by our teams found that at these areas not more than 10 percent of workers went to work.

In Soweto, home to more than ½-million workers, thousands did

units of the SADF, manned many roadblocks in many areas affected by the stayaway.

Police used tearsmoke and rubber bullets on numerous occasions. It was clear that those returning from work were in for a rough time.

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The two who have died are an unidentified man in Katlehong, shot while he and others were allegedly looting a liquor outlet; and a youth in Pretoria, Sello Phefo (15). Mr Phefo was on a visit to 44 Masemola Street, Atteridgeville, when he

early morning and people could not leave or enter the townships.

Huge boulders and dustbins formed barricades and in the background youths were ready to stone any car that left or entered the townships.

The biggest stayaways

not go to work. Although there are no official figures, the stayaway could have been more than 50 percent effective. According to TV news many factories reported that more than 60 percent of workers did not pitch up.

Police, assisted by

HALT: Police searching a van entering Daveyton on the East Rand yesterday.

Pic. MBUZENI ZULU

Youths were lining routes home ready to assault people.

While Soweto had been the scene of violence in the previous stayaway, the behaviour of the people yesterday was of dignity. Though people were uneasy, the mood was easy-going. People had just not gone to work and were not interested in who had gone to work.

Assaulted

In Alexandra township scores of people returning from work were severely assaulted by gangs of youths waylaying them near 15th Avenue. People were hit with golf clubs and an assortment of weapons. Many went to their homes with gaping wounds and bleeding profusely.

Buses getting into and leaving Alexandra had

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Six more killed in unrest

Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The death toll in the past 24 hours of unrest in black townships throughout the country rose from 10 to 16 today as a call for a two-day work stoppage entered its scheduled final day today.

Two women and four men died late last night and early today, police headquarters in Pretoria said.

A white policeman was seriously injured yesterday. A police spokesman said seven men were injured during attacks on the police, railway police and officials of the East Rand Development Board.

At least 31 people have been arrested on charges which include public violence.

The call for a work stoppage was made by various organisations and trade unions in protest against the Government's handling of township grievances.

Peace prevailed

Early today hundreds of police using army vehicles moved into Tembisa township on the East Rand. Tembisa has been the most troubled township in the area.

The stayaway has been marked by violence, including arson and police shooting.

But peace has prevailed in other areas — such as the Vaal region where, with an almost total stayaway, townships have been tense but largely peaceful.

The following is a diary of events in the unrest areas from 3pm yesterday to 5am today.

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● Kwazakhele, near Port Elizabeth: Birdshot used to disperse a stone-throwing crowd. A black woman was found dead as the mob dispersed. Cause of death unknown. Teargas used after police vehicle stoned.

● Boipatong, near Vereeniging: Roads barricaded. Bus set alight.

● Katlehong near Germiston: House set alight. Private vehicle stoned and looted. Birdshot fired. No reports of injuries. Mob of 200 stoned the house of council member. Police fired birdshot. Two men dead. About 100 youths stoned cars Teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot used. No reports of injuries. Post Office vehicle set alight. Car stoned and hijacked.

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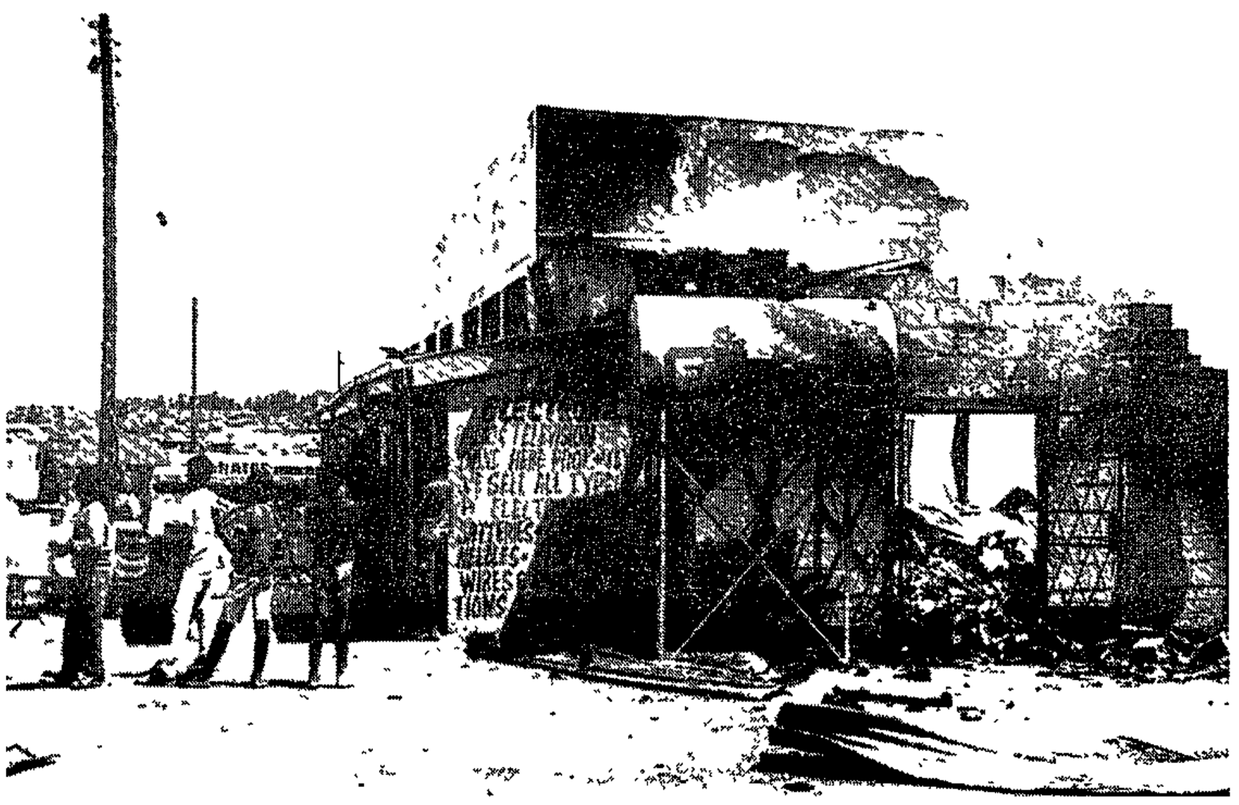

BURNING: A shopping complex burns in Tembisa in an aftermath of the violence that gripped the area.

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CAR: Burnt out car in Ratanda is evidence of the violence in the area the past two days.

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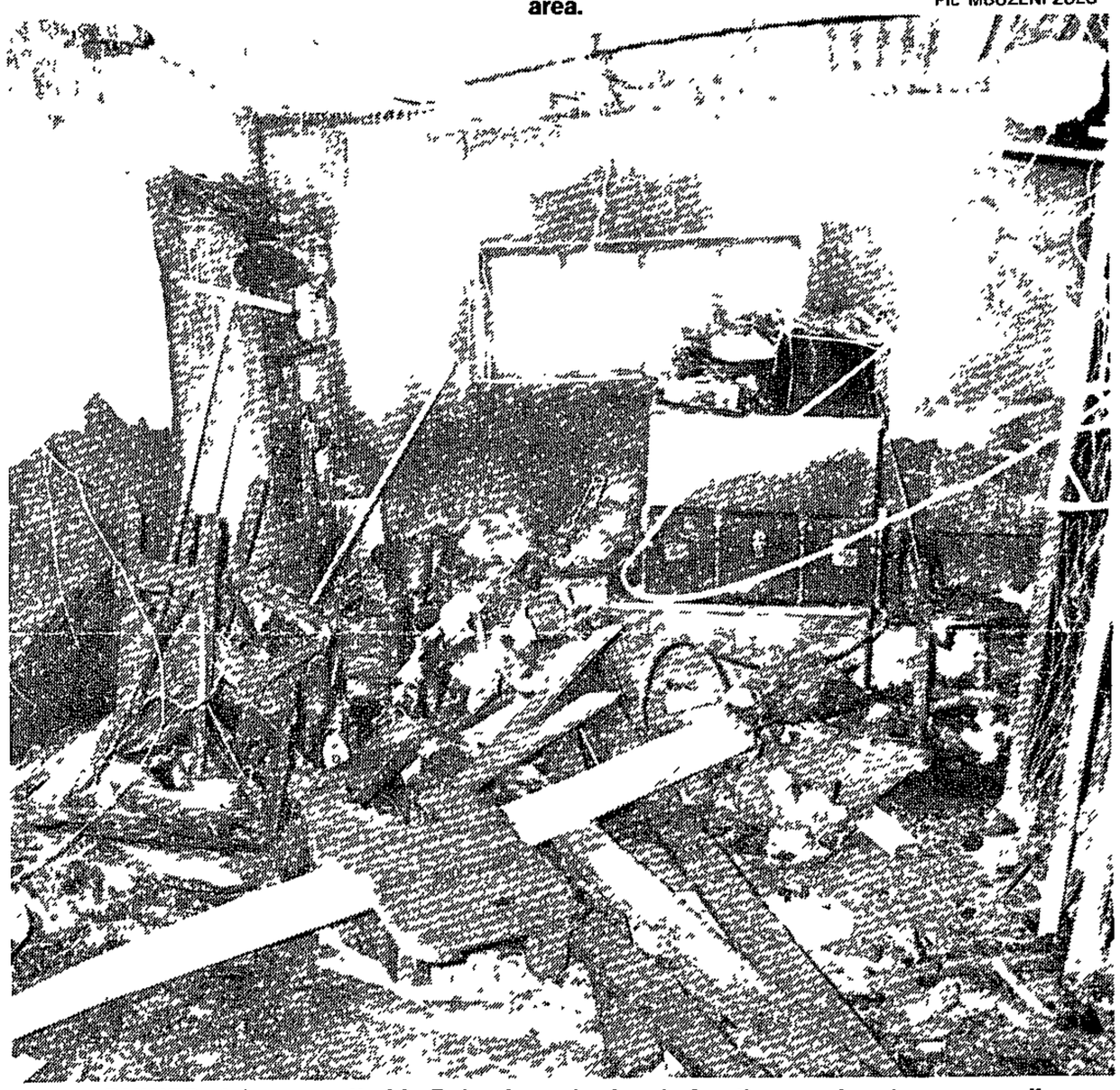
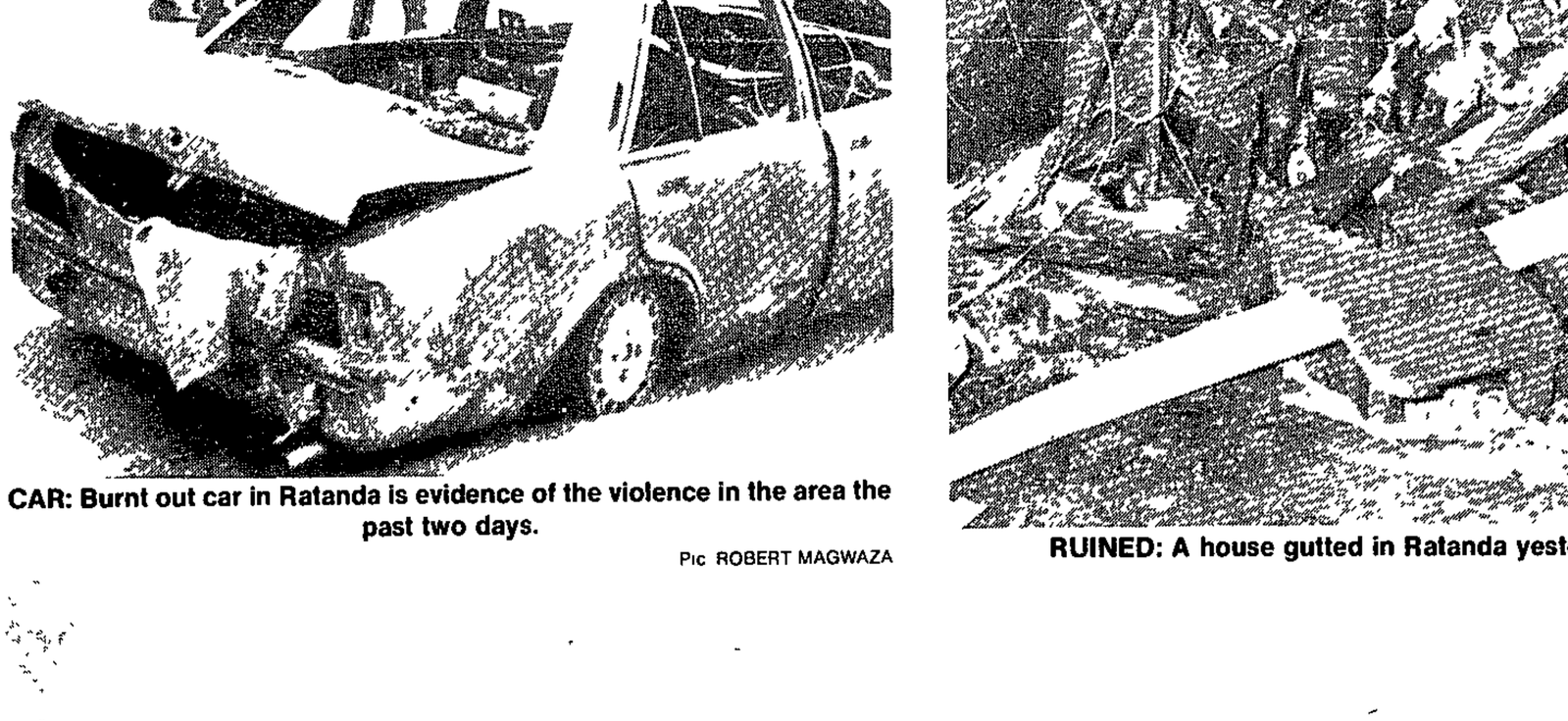


RUINED: A house gutted in Ratanda yesterday during the massive stay-away call.



A BEERHALL: Stoned and set on fire by a mob in Ratanda as violence became the order of the day.

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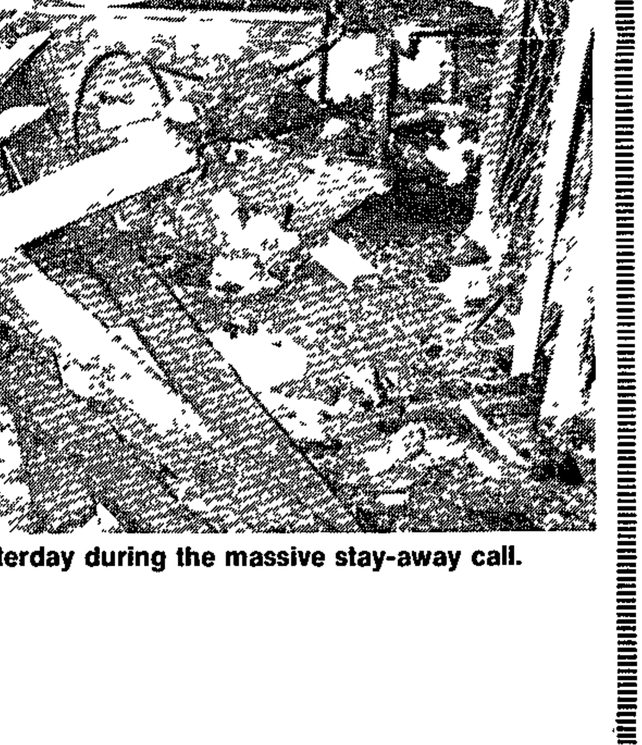

GUTTED: A house in Ratanda after angry mobs went on the rampage.

Now the unrest account of destruction . . .

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Hundreds of residents in Tembisa East yesterday queued for food at the Oakmoor Station Shop — the only one which remained open during the unrest which started on Monday

Some residents boarded trains to Olifantsfontein and Birchleigh to buy food there

Bread

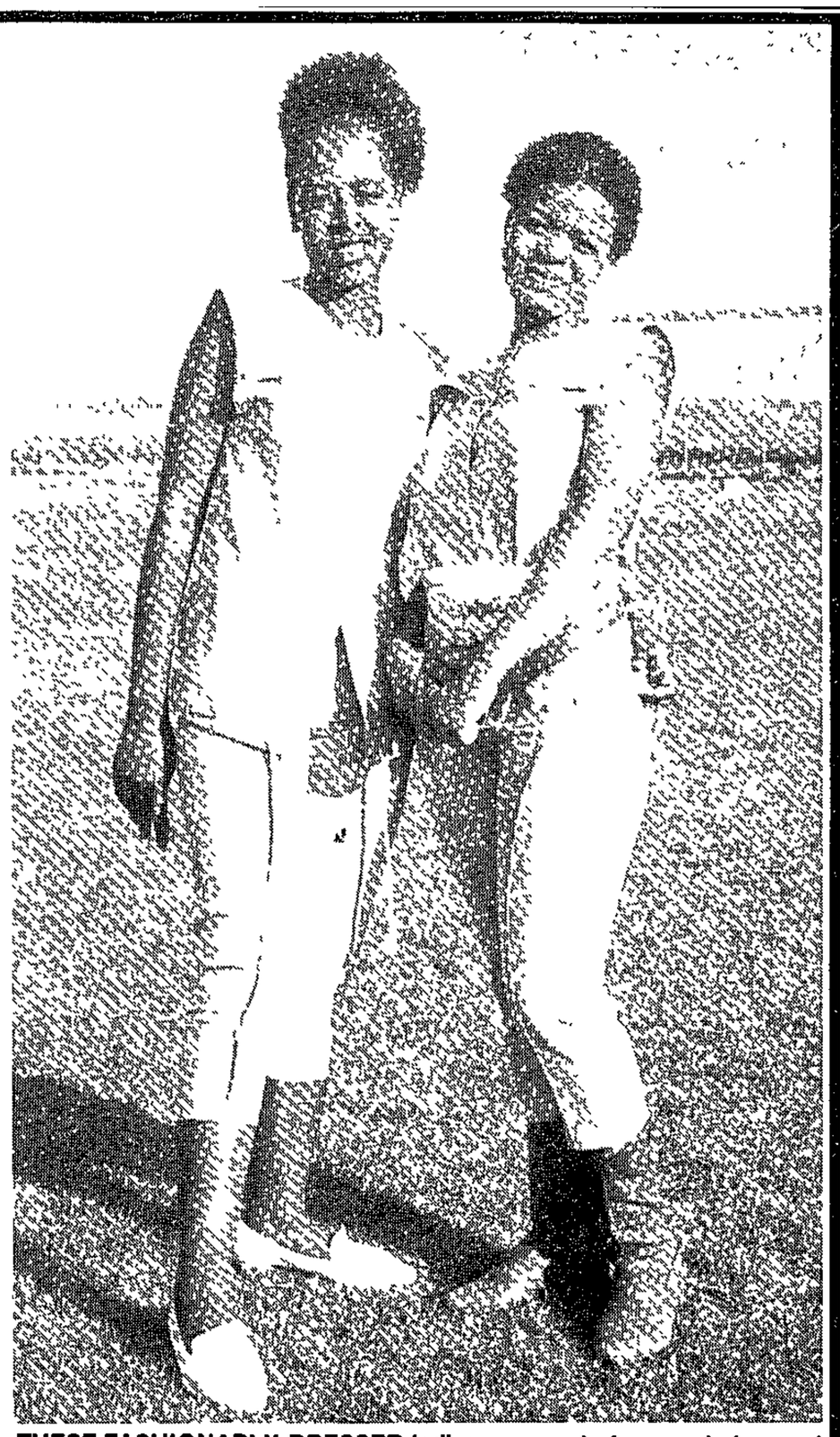
At Oakmoor residents paid 50 cents for a loaf of brown bread All shops in the township remained closed during the two-day stayaway.

Many stores have been destroyed by rioters since the weekend. The violence which grew in the township continued yesterday as the Lerato shopping centre at Difateng Section was set alight by a group of youths at about 10 am

Another shopping centre at Mpho Section was also destroyed by fire yesterday.

Men in police and army vehicles continued to patrol the township and the area was kept under surveillance from two army helicopters.

Residents have expressed fears that the surveillance from the air could be in preparation for a house to house search similar to that which took place in the Vaal area.



THESE FASHIONABLY-DRESSED ladies were part of a crowd of several hundred who attended a music festival in Soweto recently. They are Ouma Pali (left) and Nelly Maseko.

Six people drowned

SIX people have drowned and one more is still missing, presumed dead, after a freak hail and rain storm swept over Vereeniging suburbs early yesterday, washing away cars, a bus and causing hundreds of thousands of rands damage to the area.

A young mother and her nine-month-old child were killed when they were trapped in a vehicle which was washed away by the raging floodwaters. Her husband managed to escape.

The death toll yesterday afternoon included·

Mrs Deborah Koen (23) of Steenbok Street, Leeuhof, Vereeniging, and her baby daughter Tarryn

Mr P W Coetzer (33) of Blesbok Street, Meyerton, and three as yet unidentified men.

Police are still searching for Mr Piet Laubsher of Kookrus, Meyerton, who has also been listed as missing — presumed dead

But, police fear the death toll may rise as their search continues

Another mother — and her three children — had a miracle escape when their house was flooded in the rising tide. They were initially reported missing but were found alive and safe at their home yesterday.

She is Mrs Clara Bellinghan of Unitas Park who spent a terrifying night trapped in their home as it was flooded.

Swapo urged: Join peace moves

SWAPO must join the search for peace in Namibia, a leader of the SWA National Union, Mr Moses Katjiuongua, said in Windhoek.

Mr Katjiuongua, quoted by SWABC, was commenting on a statement offering Swapo and other political parties an opportunity to join the multi-party conference on Namibia (MPC)

The leader of the Swapo-Democrats, Mr Andreas Shipanga, which is also represented in the MPC, said it was essential to achieve reconciliation internally before independence

The president of the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance, Mr Kuaima Riruako, said yesterday the people of SWA/Namibia had been "circumvented (by the international community) when decisions are taken about their future."

Swapo insurgents "are no longer at war with South Africa but at war with their own brothers and sisters in Namibia," Mr Riruako said.

The MPC wanted to assume control over the affairs of Namibia in all branches of government as soon as possible.

The MPC was facing the reality that South Africa was the only power that could grant independence to Namibia. — Sapa

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National Taverns move for applications

THE National Tavern Association is processing more than 100 applications for conditional permits for selling liquor in shebeens.

Mr Peggy "Bel-Air" Senne, president of the association, told **The SOWETAN** that all the applications are for shebeens situated in the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vaal area.

"This means that the appearance of the liquor world in the townships is going to change dramatically and for the better. Soon there will be hundreds of new licensed premises," he said.

visional liquor licences of which 36 were in Soweto People who have been issued with "real liquor licences" in Soweto and Kagiso were five and he hoped next year by this time there would be no less than 2 000 with proper and conditional permits.

"The NTA executive committee is working very hard to get as many licences approved as possible. Because we have a lot of shebeens to legalise, we even have to ask for a special sitting of the National Liquor Board as we cannot wait for nine months

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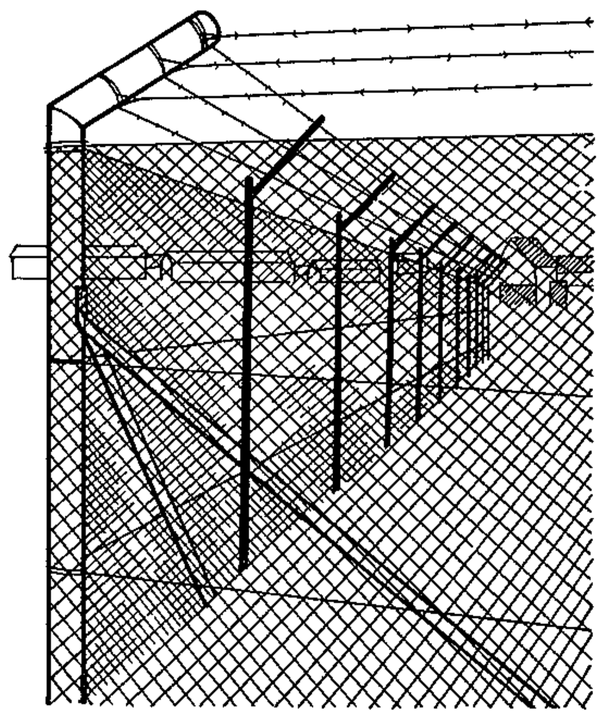

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Sasol fires 90% of workforce

Mail Reporter

SASOL yesterday dismissed 90% of its workforce — believed to be 6 000 — for not coming to work despite warnings that failure to do so would constitute a breach of their employment contract.

In a statement last night Sasol said workers were repeatedly requested to to resume duties yesterday.

They were told that those who had not reported for duty by 10am yesterday would automatically be regarded as having been dismissed.

Thousands of workers stayed home yesterday — especially on the East Rand — on the final day of the two-day stayaway called by the Transvaal Stayaway Committee.

Stayaway figures released by Federated Chamber of Industries members were:

Kempton Park 100%, Springs 90%, Germiston 85%, Wadeville 95%, Industria between five and 50%, Boksburg up to 98%, Denver 20%, Vanderbijlpark 90%, Benoni 50%, Benrose 60%, Elandsfontein 20%, Randfontein 3% and Sandton 20%.

Army, cops patrol Vaal townships

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A HEAVY police force, backed by members of the South African Defence Force, was on duty as the stayaway called by several trade unions and community-based organisations came to an end in the Vaal Triangle townships yesterday.

Thousands of workers heeded the call to stay home for two days. Police in the townships — Bophelong, Sebokeng, Evaton, Sharpeville and Boipatong — manned several roadblocks in and around the areas.

There was no public transport or taxis to ferry people to their various destinations, including the neighbouring towns of Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark where residents have been buying their groceries and other items since the burning down of shops in September.

Storm

A railway line between Vereeniging and Meyerton was disrupted yesterday after a heavy storm destroyed a bridge near Vereeniging station. Most people were left stranded without trains.

The situation in the areas was quiet but tense as police and the army patrolled streets.

Most Vaal residents expressed mixed feelings about the stayaway, and they indicated that they did not understand why it was called, unlike the recent uprisings, sparked off by increased house rentals.

A resident said: "The stayaway was called to protest rent hikes. This week's call has not been fully understood by residents, although we supported it."

The Reverend Lord McCamel, chairman of the Vaal Civic Association, said that he was "highly impressed" by the people's behaviour during the two days as "no bad incidents" were reported in the area by late last night.

Rioters, police in bloody clashes

Troops step in as death toll mounts

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Mail Reporters

TROOPS moved into the townships of Tembisa, near Kempton Park and Tsakane, near Brakpan yesterday as the death toll in Reef townships rose to 17 after another day of bloody clashes between police and rioters and looters.

The final day of the stayaway call by the Transvaal Stayaway Committee was again marked by massive staff shortages at businesses on the East Rand and, to a lesser extent in Johannesburg and Pretoria.

All streets in Tembisa were unpassable after they were barricaded with stones, old cars and burning tyres. The township was still smoking yesterday evening.

Cars trying to go through the barricaded streets were stoned and police and soldiers patrolled the township and guarded government buildings.

As the unrest intensified, and police and soldiers moved in, a blanket ban on information on the use of troops was imposed.

In a shock move, the SA Police public relations division refused to confirm that Defence Force troops had been deployed in the townships.

In future, senior spokesman Colonel Jaap Venter told the Rand Daily Mail, the SAP would not comment on or release any information concerning the army's role in combined police-army operations in South Africa's townships.

And the Defence Force reiterated its policy that all statements concerning the SADF's role "are the responsibility of the SA Police".

Since a policeman died early on Monday, seven people have died during unrest in Tembisa, five in Katlehong on the West Rand, and three in other Transvaal townships.

The body of a woman was also found by police yesterday after unrest in a township in the Eastern Cape. The cause of her death was unknown, police said.

At Tsakane, SADF units moved in with police to guard the health clinic, post office, shops and other buildings against possible arson after two beer halls had been burnt down during Monday's unrest.

Lieutenant Tom Jefferson, of the SAP public relations division, said yesterday he could not deny or confirm the presence of army troops in Tsakane.

Huge dustbins, old cars and big stones also barricaded the streets of Daveyton, Katlehong, Vosloorus and Tsakane and youths milled around, scrutinising all cars trying to get through. Police used tearsmoke and birdshot to disperse them on several occassions.

Several people are believed to have been arrested in Tembisa, Katlehong and Vosloorus but police could not confirm the arrests.

In yesterday's violence and bloodshed:

- Two men were fatally wounded in Tembisa when police fired birdshot at mobs stoning bottlestores;
- In the West Rand township of Katlehong, two youths were killed when police used birdshot to disperse group of about 200 youths stoning the house of a council member;
- A post office vehicle and a private house were also set alight in the township, where numerous car-stoning incidents were reported during the day;
- In Boipatong a bus was extensively damaged when rioters used it as a road barricade and then set it alight, police said;
- In Daveyton, the body of a woman was found after police used tearsmoke to disperse a group of about 100 youths. Police are investigating the cause of her death and
- In another part of the township, some 500 youths stoned police and were dispersed with tearsmoke, rubber bullets and birdshot.

Police reported the following incidents in Tembisa and Katlehong yesterday afternoon:

- Police trying to remove barricades in Tembisa fired birdshot at a mob of stonethrowing youths. One man was slightly injured, treated and arrested for public violence;
- Also in Tembisa, police fired birdshot at a group of 50 people looting a shop. A man, aged 28, was wounded, treated and held for theft;
- A youth slightly injured by birdshot was arrested with two others for public violence after police fired at a mob stoning a Tembisa shop and
- Police also used birdshot and rubber bullets to disperse a crowd at Makhulong B Section, Tembisa, at about 2 pm. An 18-year-old youth was injured.

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Reef stayaway 'may be only the beginning'

By ANTON HARBER and JEANNETTE MINNIE

THE Transvaal Regional Stayaway Committee (TRSC) has raised the possibility of further stay-at-home protests in the wake of what it described as the "overwhelming success" of this week's action

Mr Thami Mali, chairman of the TRSC, said yesterday that such stay-at-home calls could be repeated — and possibly on a larger scale — if the Government continued to ignore the demands set out when the stayaway was called.

The TRSC will hold a "post-mortem" meeting in Johannesburg on Saturday to discuss the effects and consequences of this week's stayaway

All the organisations who joined the stayaway call — including the two large black trade union federations, Fosatu and Cusa — have been invited The meeting is likely to consider how to take the protest further.

Mr Mali said in a statement yesterday that the protest had proved to the Government "that we now have power in our hands and can use it in any way we like.

"We cannot go back any more now. Our duty is to step up resistance and create an ungovernable situation and actually force the State to declare some of the area as liberated zones," he said

The TRSC said all the areas in which posters and pamphlets had been distributed achieved a stay-at-home total of not less than 75%, with some as high as 95%.

Mr Mali said the stayaway had proved that trade unions and student and community organisations, rather than Chief Gatsha Buthelezi's Inkatha, enjoyed the support of the people

Chief Buthelezi criticised the call for a stay-at-home.

A spokesman for Fosatu (the Federation of South African Trade Unions) said the trade union movement regarded the stayaway as having been "a very effective and major protest" against the "totally unacceptable" situation which had developed in Transvaal townships

The Fosatu spokesman described worker involvement in the stayaway as a "significant" development.

The Release Mandela Committee (RMC) yesterday also warned of more effective protest action in the near future if the Government continued to ignore "popular demands".

It described the stayaway call as an "overwhelming success, despite underhand tactics by the Government and agents of reaction to break the call"

"In the eyes of the majority of our people the stayaway was the only effective action (by which) to draw the attention of the world and shake the South African Government to its senses about the grievances and demands of the oppressed and exploited South Africans," it said.

● Mr Mali said yesterday that he had received dozens of death threats at his Soweto home since the stayaway call had been issued.

The company that printed the TRSC pamphlets had also received many threats, he said.

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S destruction ... Now the unrest account of Sowetan 7/11/84 (278)

THE DEATH TOLL in the past 48 hours of unrest in black townships throughout the country rose from 10 to 16 as a call for a two-day work stoppage entered its final day yesterday.

Two women and four men died late Monday night and early Tuesday in countrywide unrest, the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said yesterday.

A white policeman was seriously injured. The spokesman said seven men were injured while they were attacking the police, Railway Police and officials of the East Rand Development Board.

At least 31 people have been arrested on several charges including public violence. The call for a work stoppage was made by various organisations and trade unions in protest against the Government's handling of township grievances.

The following is a diary of events in the unrest areas from 3 pm on Monday to 5 am yesterday.

1. New Brighton, (Port Elizabeth): Police used rubber bullets to disperse a group which had barricaded a road No reports of any injuries.

2. Kwazakhele (near Port Elizabeth): Birdshot used to disperse stone-throwing crowd. A black woman was later found dead as the mob dispersed. Cause of death unknown, police investigating.

3. Kwazakhele: Tear-smoke used after police vehicle stoned.

4. Boipatong (near Vereeniging): Roads barricaded. Bus set alight. Damage extensive.

5. Katlehong (near Germiston). Private house set alight. Private vehicle stoned and looted. Birdshot fired. No reports of any injuries.

6. Katlehong: A group of about 200 stoned the house of a council member. Police fired birdshot. Two men dead.

7. Katlehong Group of about 100 stoned private vehicles. Tear-smoke, rubber bullets and birdshot used No reports of any injuries.

8. Katlehong: Post Office vehicle set alight

9. Katlehong: Private vehicle stoned and hijacked.

10 Atteridgeville. Attempts made to set bus alight.

11. Ratanda. Private vehicle set alight No police action.

12. Daveyton: Police patrol stoned Tear-smoke, rubber bullets and birdshot used. No reports of any injuries.

13 Daveyton: In Dungone Street, a group of about 100 dispersed by police. Body of black woman found dead in the street. Cause of death as yet unknown.

14. Daveyton. Private vehicle gutted Tear-smoke used to disperse stone-throwers.

15. Tembisa Guards at a bottle store attacked Birdshot fired at the crowd One man shot dead.

16. Relela: Bottle store attacked. Guards fired birdshot. One man shot dead

17. Two trucks set alight in the Felanuo Section.

• A youth died and nine other people, including a three-year-old toddler were treated for bullet wounds at the Kalafong Hospital after unrest erupted in Atteridgeville near Pretoria during the massive stay-away campaign on Monday

A Kalafong Hospital spokesman confirmed that 10 cases were treated for bullet wounds and one of the two patients who were admitted died at the HF Verwoerd Hospital in Pretoria after he was transferred from the Kalafong Hospital because of the seriousness of his condition.

Hundreds of residents in Tembisa East yesterday queued for food at the Oakmoor Station Shop — the only one which remained open during the unrest which started on Monday.

Some residents boarded trains to Olifantsfontein and Birchleigh to buy food there.

Bread

At Oakmoor residents paid 50 cents for a loaf of brown bread. All shops in the township remained closed during the two-day stayaway.

Many stores have been destroyed by rioters since the weekend The violence which grew in the township continued yesterday as the Lerato shopping centre at Difateng Section was set alight by a group of youths at about 10 am

Another shopping centre at Mpho Section was also destroyed by fire yesterday.

Men in police and army vehicles continued to patrol the township and the area was kept under surveillance from two army helicopters.

Residents have expressed fears that the surveillance from the air could be in preparation for a house to house search similar to that which took place in the

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Death toll rises after 2-day stayaway

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THE DEATH toll stood at 20 yesterday while 6 500 workers were fired by Sasol as the two day stayaway ended.

In Daveyton the unrest continued, with youths stoning cars and erecting barricades. People returning from work were being molested.

Scores of people were injured during the stayaway. Hospitals have refused to give details, following instructions from the police.

We have received reports that some people have had their ears cut by youths for not heeding the call to stay at home. The reasoning behind this brutality is that the said people were not prepared to use their ears so they must be cut.

The violence was heaviest in Tembisa where at least seven people died. Several people died in Ratanda, Heidelberg The rest of the deaths are spread in other East Rand townships, with two deaths in Pretoria, and five in Katlehong.

Army

Police and army units were involved in clearing up operations after a large force entered Tembisa at the peak of the violence on Monday. Yesterday the violence still continued, but on a smaller scale, with the police manning the township.

Lieutenant T F Jefferson, of the Police Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria, said yesterday two members of the South African Police were injured in separate incidents in Tembisa and Katlehong.

The first policeman was stoned by a mob in Tembisa while trying to remove objects that had been used to barricade a road. Police fired birdshot to disperse the group and a man was slightly wounded. He is receiving medical treatment and is to face a public violence charge.

In two other incidents in Tembisa, police used birdshot to disperse two groups, one looting a shop and the other stoning a store. Two men were wounded in the incidents.

The Katlehong policeman was injured during a confrontation with a group of youths. He is being treated in hospital and his condition is not serious.

Lt Jefferson said that by yesterday at 8 pm, the number of people who had died since Sunday night, including the policeman in Duduza, stood at 20.

He said Soweto and the Vaal Triangle had been quiet, but police would still patrol the areas to "maintain law and order."

The SOWETAN has established the names of the three people who were shot dead during disturbances in Ratanda, Heidelberg on Monday.

They are Mr Moses Mokoena (21) of 2753 Matlala Street, a relative of Mr Paul "Sparks" Mokoena, the chairman of the Ratanda Civic Association.

The others are Mr Joseph Pooe (24) of 2097 Mamabolo Street, and the third is only known as Mr Mofokeng.

Stoned

A house and two cars belonging to a former member of the Ratanda Community Council, Mr George Sithole, were set alight on Monday night by a crowd of about 200 which attacked his home at 8.30 am. The crowd is said to have first stoned Mr Sithole's property before setting the cars and the house on fire. The cars were destroyed by the fire and the house was damaged.

Several vehicles, including trucks and tractors belonging to the East Rand Development Board (Eradebo), were also set alight by a rampaging mob in Ratanda. The bottle store and beerhall were set alight and the local office of Eradebo was stoned.

Two Atteridgeville / Saulsville students, aged 13 and 16 years, have died at the Kalafong and H F Verwoerd hospitals after confrontations during the stayaway.

Wallace Rumskin (13) of 93 Ramokgopa Street, Saulsville, died shortly after being admitted to the Kalafong Hospital and transferred to the H F Verwoerd Hospital on Monday night.

The other victim was 16-year-old John Phefo of 44 Masemola Street, a Form One student at the Tidimanong High School in Rustenburg.

• A group of youths

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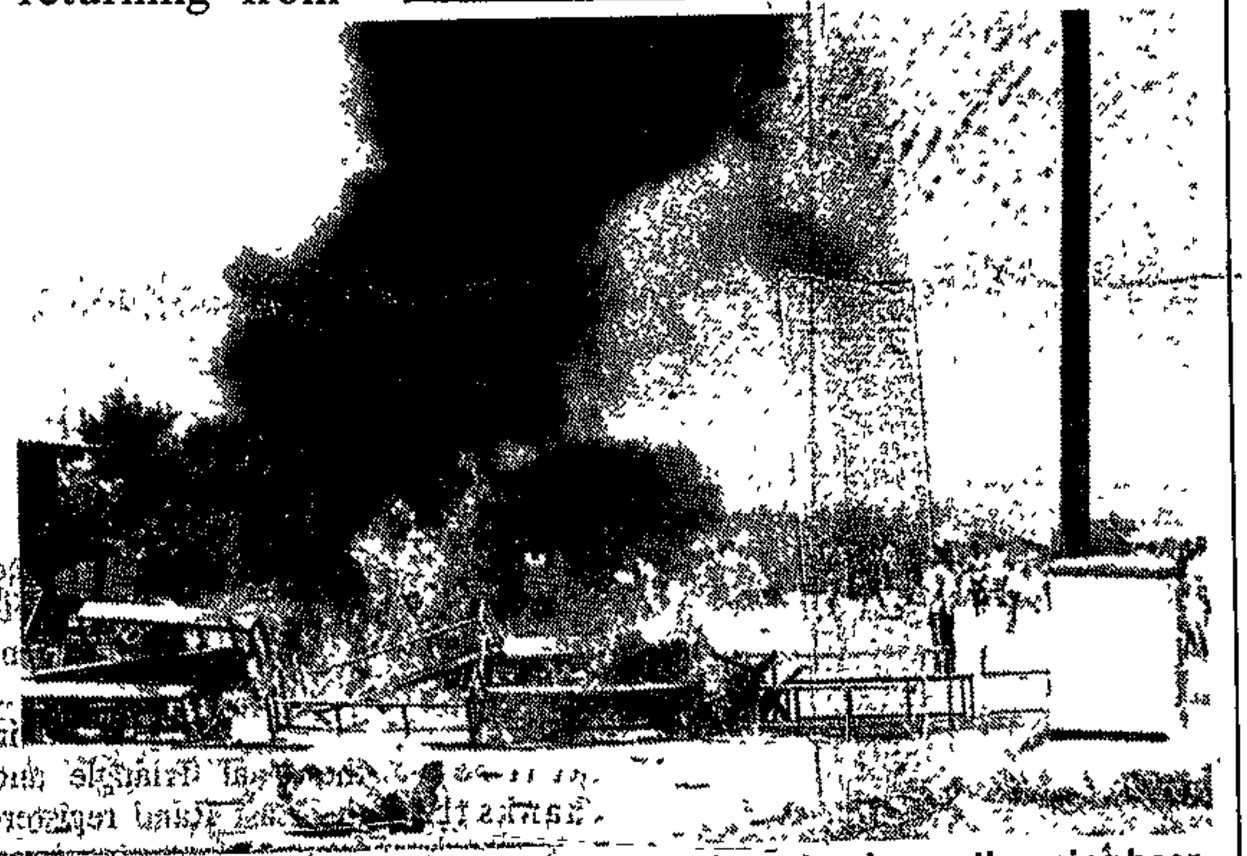

SMOKE BILLOWS from one of the barricades set up by youths using beer bottle crates to fuel their fire. The scene was Tembisa yesterday.

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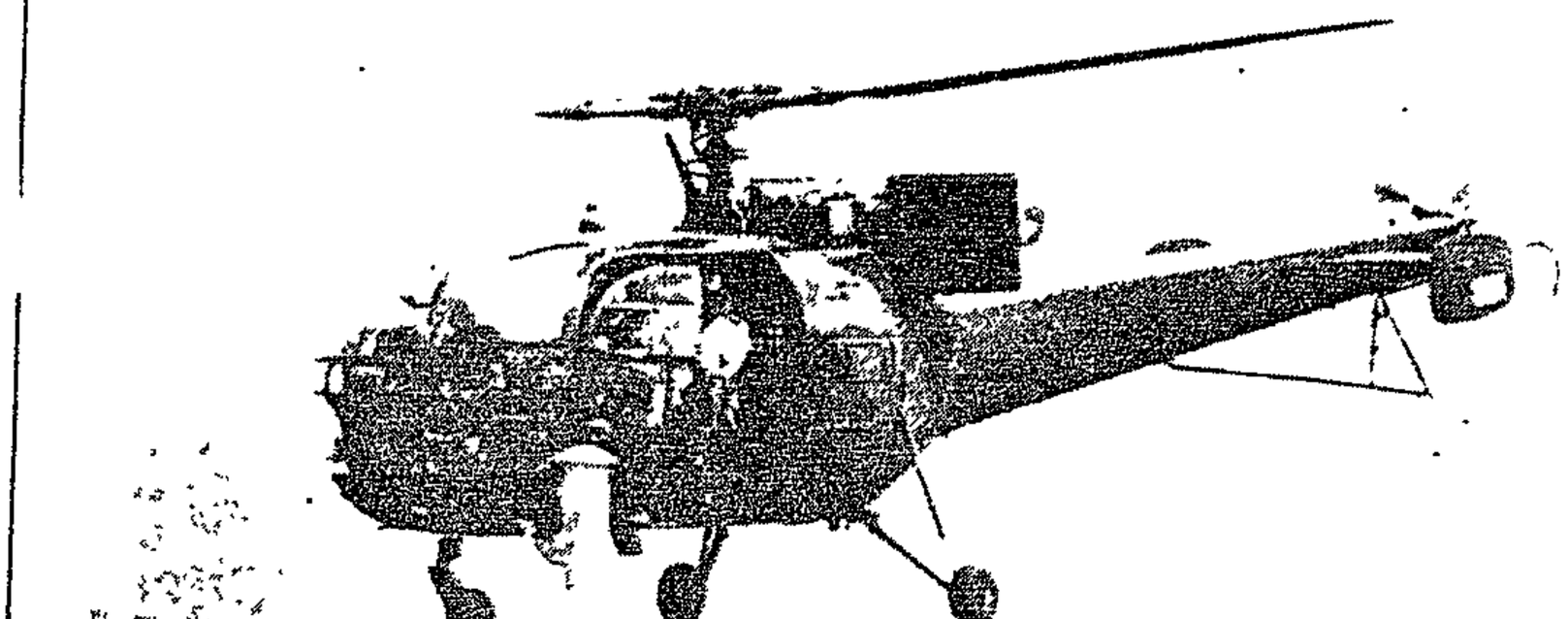


ONE OF THE TWO helicopters that were assisting ground army patrol staff in Tembisa takes off to another trouble spot yesterday.

Pic MBUZENI ZULU

Govt warned of more stayaways

TWO GOVERNMENT Ministers have themselves to blame for the past two-day stayaway becuase they have refused to listen to the demands of the people, Mr Thami Mali, chairman of the Transvaal Stayaway Committee, said yesterday.

In a statement released to The SOWETAN yesterday he said the committee would like to warn the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange and the Minister of Co-operation, Education and Training, Mr Gerrit Viljoen, that such events would become "our daily activities if the demands that led to the stayaway are not met "

"The committee, on behalf of all the organisations that it represented, thanks the

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

Transvaal people, shopkeepers and taxi-owners for observing the call to stay away from work

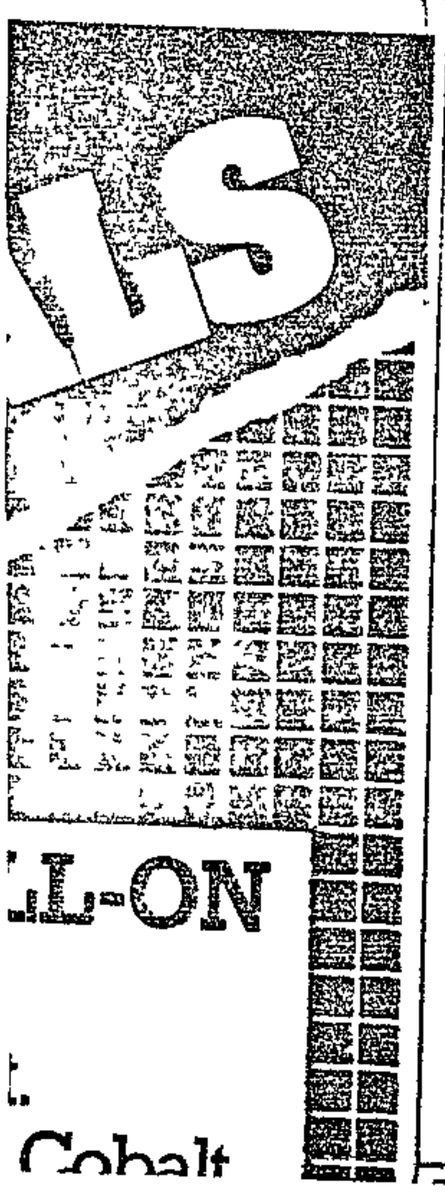
"We have proved to the Government that we have power in our hands and we can use it the way we like No amount of intimidation from the State can stop the people on their way to liberation

"We cannot go back anymore now, and our duty as oppressed people is to step up resistance," he said

According to the committee's assessment, all areas that received posters and pamphlets had at least 75 percent of people heeding the call, with some areas in the Vaal Triangle and the East Rand registering a 95 percent stayaway.

We are happy that anonymous pamphlets that called the people to defy the call, and the utterances of Chief Gatsha Buthelezi did nothing to sway the people Trade unions, student organisations and relevant community organisations enjoy the support of the people and not Inkatha and Government media

"We are now going to call on the people to boycott all the councillors' shops and businesses until they resign from the Government created body," he said



SA pleading with us says Mugabe

300 schools remain empty in PWV area

By THELMA TUCH
Education Reporter

NEARLY 300 schools in the PWV area remained empty yesterday on the second day of the work stayaway called for by various organisations to back numerous demands, including those made by boycotting pupils countrywide.

Worst hit were Atteridgeville, near Pretoria, a number of East Rand townships, and the Vaal Triangle, where there was a total stayaway from all schools

Pupils also stayed away in Soweto, Alexandra and Landverwacht, near Standerton.

This response to the stayaway call coincided with the prolonged education crisis in the Vaal Triangle, the East Rand and the Eastern Cape

Yesterday's concerted action saw the absence of an estimated 400 000 pupils from schools in the different townships

The Department of Education and Training (DET) could not say how many of the approximately 200 000 Soweto pupils stayed away from the 375 schools in the township.

A spokesman for the department said attendance at primary schools in Soweto and Alexandra ranged yesterday from 60% to 90%.

Meanwhile, the stayaway call did not deter Soweto matric pupils from continuing their exams.

About 6 000 of them turned up at the various centres to write their Biology paper. Also, in the nine East Rand townships, 2 832 matric pupils wrote yesterday.

The stayaway had made significant gains for the education struggle in South Africa, said a statement released yesterday by the National Education Union of South Africa (Neusa).

It said overwhelming numbers of parents were supporting pupils' demands

It added that repressive measures such as the suspension of classes, the closing of schools, the patrolling by police of exam centres and the baton-charging of boycotting pupils only exacerbated a crisis of already drastic proportions.

● About 6 000 pupils from six schools in Landverwacht, Standerton, responded to the stayaway call, increasing the number of pupils in the Highveld region who stayed away yesterday to 159 000;

● The 3 700 students from the University of the North who continued to stay away from lectures yesterday were joined by about 800 workers at the university who downed tools.

CEDRIC KEKANA reports that students went on the rampage, storming and looting the main kitchen, shortly after more than 200 Fedics workers joined hundreds of construction workers in a mass walkout.

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Calm returns to townships

Mail Reporters

DEFENCE FORCE troops were seen pulling out of the troubled East Rand township of Tembisa yesterday as thousands of workers returned to work after a massive two-day stayaway during which at least 22 people died violently.

Relative calm returned to the Reef's tense townships after clashes and bloodshed continued on Tuesday night — even in a the previously-subdued Soweto, where a woman died from burns after a Putco bus under police escort was petrol-bombed.

Lieutenant Tom Jefferson of the SA Police Public Relations Division said yesterday that "as far as the SAP knows" 22 people had died in the widespread unrest since the weekend.

Police yesterday released details of several violent clashes around the country on Tuesday night.

No deaths were reported yesterday, although there were sporadic incidents at Tembisa, New Brighton near Port Elizabeth, and Hillcrest in Natal.

A number of Defence Force vehicles were yesterday seen leaving Tembisa, scene of violent clashes between rioters and police in the past few days, but police continued patrolling, SAPA reports.

Two youths have died in hospital after violent clashes in Atteridgeville, near Pretoria, on Monday and another man has died in a Tembisa hospital.

Police said John Sello, 16, of Masemola Street, Atteridgeville, died on Monday, and Wallace Ramskin, 13, of Ramoshopa Street, died on Tuesday.

Police are investigating the deaths.

In Hillcrest, near Durban, 40 men were arrested yesterday after a mob hurled stones at buses and police vehicles.

A bus was stoned yesterday afternoon in New Brighton, near Port Elizabeth, where violence also flared. Police took no action, a police spokesman said.

In Port Alfred in the Eastern Cape, a man was fatally wounded and a policeman slightly injured when police fired birdshot at about 20 stone-throwing youths on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Assocom says between 50 and 60% of workers in Johannesburg appear to have heeded the stayaway call.

Firms on the East Rand were hardest hit.

'Biggest stayaway in 35 years'

By PATRICK LAURENCE
Political Editor

THE two-day stayaway strike on Monday and Tuesday was the most successful stayaway strike in the 35 years that it has been used as political weapon, Professor Edward Webster, of the University of the Witwatersrand, said yesterday.

Prof Webster, who has made a detailed study of 18 stayaway strikes since the launching of the first one in May 1950, said of the most recent: "It was highly successful".

It was difficult to compare national with regional stayaways — the 1961 stayaway initiated by Nelson Mandela was national whereas the one launched on Monday was confined to the Transvaal — but in terms of the numbers involved the latest was also the most successful, he said.

Prof Webster highlighted a key difference between the six stayaways of 1976-77 and the one launched on Monday by the Transvaal Regional Stayaway Committee: trade unions remained uncommitted in 76-77 but gave their support to the latest.

He offered two reasons for the involvement of unions in the latest stayaway strike:

● In 1976-77 the unions were still concentrating on securing their position on the factory floor, whereas they now felt that their organisational base in the factories was more substantial; and

● There was greater polarisation of South African society and therefore greater pressure on the unions to choose sides rather than stand aloof.

Prof Webster cited the condemnation of this week's stayaway by Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, of KwaZulu and Inkatha, as a sign of the sharper division of South Africa into two camps.

Another difference between the stayaways of 1976-77 and this week's is that those of 1976-77 were concentrated in Soweto whereas the latest drew most support from townships on the East Rand and in the Vaal Triangle.

"There is a strong correlation between the degree of organised labour in an area and the success of the stayaway," he said of the most recent stayaway.

Prof Webster, who closely monitored the latest stayaway, sees the November 1984 strike as a resurgence of the patterns of the 1950s when the stayaway was the product of an alliance between community organisations and trade unions rather than the work of students alone.

Thousands of workers paid off at Sasol

By JEANETTE MINNIE and SIPHO NGCOBO

AS thousands of Sasol workers who heeded the stayaway call were paid off yesterday, Fosatu charged that "Sasol, a State-linked company, had chosen to provide massive industrial relations confrontation" and said the union organisation was looking for the support of other unions to take action against Sasol.

A Sasol spokesman said yesterday 2 500 had been paid off yesterday and Sasol had begun recruiting from the homelands.

Sasol replied accusing the Chemical Workers Industrial Union, a Fosatu affiliate, of "surreptitiously organising a secret walk out" which could have seriously harmed the industry.

Sapa reports the Minister of Home Affairs and National Education, Mr F W de Klerk, yesterday warned that the Government would not tolerate destablising activity in any sphere, including that of labour relations.

Mr De Klerk said the principle of South African labour legislation — keeping politics out of employer/employee relations — was under pressure and trade unions were being seen by some as a launching pad towards political power that bypassed the normal political democratic process.

Speaking at the annual congress of the Motor Industry Employers' Union in Cape Town, Mr De Klerk said: "Political rights will be achieved by everyone through evolutionary constitutional development ... South Africa cannot afford to allow its labour and economic spheres to become a political battlefield."

Sasol's workers were paid off at a field near Secunda's eMbalenhle Township.

A contigent of armed police in camouflage uniform sealed off the field and some manned roadblocks at the entrance of the township, scrutinising every vehicle entering the township.

Workers were getting their wages from about 11 security vehicles with the guards standing by.

The eMbalenhle hostel which housed thousands of

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Fears for missing strike official

By PATRICK LAURENCE
Political Editor

A LEADING MEMBER of the Transvaal Regional Stayaway Commmittee, Mr Ephraim Monareng, has "disappeared", the committee chairman, Mr Thami Mali, said yesterday.

Mr Monareng was last seen on Friday and neither his wife and relatives nor his close friends know where he is, Mr Mali said.

Mr Monareng — president of the Soweto Youth Congress and an executive member of the Release Mandela Committee — was the stayaway organiser for the Northern and Eastern Transvaal.

His disappearance before the launching of the stayaway strike on Monday has triggered fears that he may have been detained.

A request for information was telexed to the SAP Public Relations Division by the Rand Daily Mail yesterday. A reply has not yet been received.

The Stayaway Committee, which co-opted Mr Zola Skele to replace Mr Monareng, is to hold an assessment meeting on Saturday in the wake of the stayaway strike on Monday and Tuesday.

1 000 held

Stayaway: 55 buses damaged

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At least 55 Putco buses were damaged by rioters in six Witwatersrand townships during the two-day stayaway called by various organisations on Monday and Tuesday this week, said Putco's public relations officer, Mr Pat Rogers.

He said statistics of bus damage from different areas were still pouring in so it was difficult to estimate the total damage caused.

Buses were stoned in Tembisa, Vosloorus, Alexandra, Atteridgeville, Soweto and kwaThema

A spokesman for Putco last month estimated damage caused to the buses during unrest in townships around the Witwatersrand at more than R1 million.

The Director-General of Transport, Mr A B Eksteen, has blamed the destruction on the "criminal actions of a small percentage of dissatisfied people who air every thinkable and unthinkable grievance in the form of bus boycotts, stone-throwing and intimidation of law-abiding citizens".

He said heavy losses suffered by bus companies, damage to property and lowered income often resulted in bus tariff increases.

The Government would not continue to bear the brunt of this financial burden, Mr Eksteen said.

Stayaway death toll rises to 23

The death toll in unrest since Sunday evening has risen to at least 23 with the discovery of the body of a man in Tembisa late yesterday.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said the body was found near a men's hostel. The cause of death was not known, he said.

At New Brighton, near Port Elizabeth, 30 youths stoned police vehicles and were dispersed with rubber bullets. Two men were arrested on charges of public violence.

Two more men were arrested on charges of public violence yesterday: one at Ratanda near Heidelberg and another at Port Alfred.

Apart from the 6 000 Sasol workers, few employees appear to have been dismissed because they stayed away from work. Many employers have adopted a "no work, no pay" attitude.

The situation at black schools had improved, said a spokesman for the Department of Education and Training, and matric examinations proceeded.

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More violence as death toll hits 22

By SELLO RABOTHATA

SEVERAL PEOPLE travelling in a kombi yesterday fired shots and threw petrol bombs at police and development board inspectors guarding a councillor's house in Katlehong, Germiston.

This was the latest act of violence on the East Rand, which this week experienced violent clashes between the police and groups of youths. Two of the men were arrested.

Meanwhile two more people were found dead in Ratanda, near Heidelberg, and the death toll after this week's unrest stood at 22 late yesterday.

The two have been identified as Gibson Twala, a Form Four student at the Ratanda High School, and the other as Matoto Mosikare.

Lieutenant T F Jefferson, liaison officer of the South African Police, said the two were found dead late on Tuesday afternoon and that the cause of death is unknown.

The death of the two, brings to six the number of people who died during the two-day unrest in the area. Several residents also claimed that police conducted a house-to-house raid, telling people to go back to work. This could not be confirmed with the police yesterday. School children said they were told to go back home when they reported for classes.

The toll in Tembisa was seven dead; Katlehong four dead; Ratanda six dead; Atteridgeville two dead; Duduza and Alexandra townships one each.

Normality

Normality returned to Transvaal townships yesterday as workers went back to work after observing the two-day stayaway called by the Transvaal Regional Stayaway Committee (TRSC). Buses and taxis also started operating normally, transporting workers in the morning.

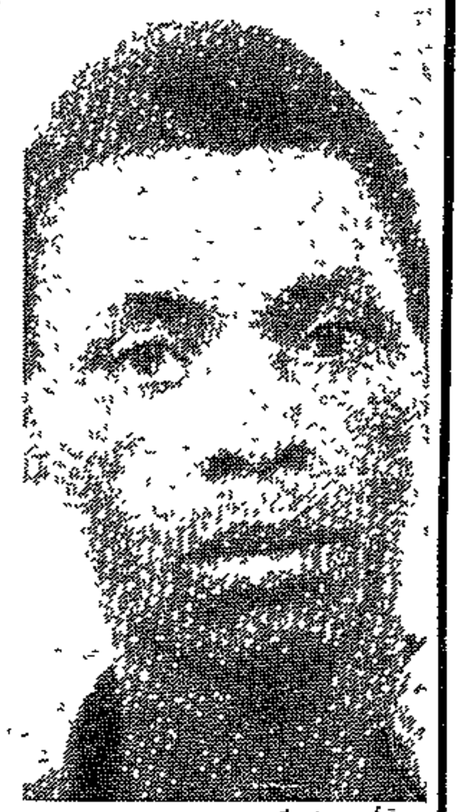
Police said a group of people travelling in a kombi had shot at SAP and Development Board members guarding a council member's house. The guards fired back and wounded two of the people, who had reportedly also hurled bombs. Two men were arrested. In Daveyton, police used tear-smoke, birdshot and rubber bullets to disperse groups of people who stoned them while escorting buses into the township.

East Rand Development Board (Eradebo) workmen were busy clearing the roads of stones, burnt cars and other items used to barricade streets. In some areas police were still patrolling while others stood guard outside homes of people who were victims of attacks by youths.

Boycott

Sapa reported that only 24,6 percent of the 2 832 East Rand pupils scheduled to write biology and physical science matric examinations yesterday turned up for the papers. There was no attendance at any of the East Rand's 53 schools and all the pupils in the Vaal Triangle and Atteridgeville continued to boycott classes yesterday.

A DET spokesman said that the attendance rate at Soweto schools yesterday was 60 to 90 percent. About 6 000 Soweto pupils wrote biology and physical science papers. In the Eastern Cape about 56 schools, including those at Port Elizabeth, Queenstown, Grahamstown and Cradock continued to boycott classes.



DEAD: Peter 'Section" Pooe of Ratanda, killed on Monday.

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Stayaway: Organisers and business differ on effects

JOHANNESBURG. — The organisers of the two-day Transvaal stayaway have claimed that it was an effective method to bring about change

But the labour adviser of the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce, Mr André Malherbe, said such action was counter-productive because it would harden the attitudes of employers, who might be forced to replace men with machines.

Mr Thami Mali, chairman of the Transvaal Regional Stayaway Committee (TRSC), expects employers to be influenced by the work stoppage into forcing the Government into acting on black grievances.

The TRSC, which consists of several trade unions, student organisations and affiliates of the United Democratic Front, warned that future action would follow Government intransigence.

He said a meeting on Saturday would discuss the effect of the stayaway and decide on future action.

Mr Mali described the stayway as "successful"

"THE BEST JUDGES"

"It was not our intention to antagonise employers. If they are really concerned about workers, they should influence the Government to solve Government-created problems.

"We, as residents and workers, are the best judges of our problems and we know how to solve them," he said. "We don't expect people who do not have our interests at heart to be supportive of our actions."

Mr Malherbe said: "It is a counter-effective way of raising grievances. "It is not a conciliatory measure. It hardens attitudes and I believe it hasn't done the black man's cause any good. He has been denied the democratic right to go to work because of intimidation.

"This kind of action is harmful to the cause of change because business is doing quite a bit for blacks."

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Orchestrating the black stay-away

PATRICK LAURENCE, Political Editor

THE Transvaal Regional Stayaway Committee has shot to prominence because of its pivotal role in organising the stayaway strike on Monday and Tuesday, rated by Professor Edward Webster, of the University of the Witwatersrand, as the most successful stayaway in 35 years.

The committee members were largely unknown until its formation barely a week ago.

To a degree they may be described as second-tier leaders forced to assume a more conspicuous role by the detention of many of the more visible leaders in the UDF since the crackdown on the eve of the August elections for coloured and Indian chambers in the new Parliament.

The chairman of the committee is Mr Thami Mali, who is also chairman of the UDF in Soweto.

Like his fellow committee members, he is of the new generation of young blacks who were blooded — politically-speaking — in the upheavals of 1976-77.

Committee members are: Mr Themba Nontlatane, of the Municipal and General Workers Union of South Africa; Mr Moses Mayegiso, Transvaal secretary of the Metal and Allied Workers Union; and Mr Ephraim "Oupa" Monareng, president of the Soweto Youth Congress.

Mr Monareng, however, "disappeared" last Friday and a new man — Mr Zola Skele — was co-opted to replace him. Mr Monareng's political confreres fear that he has been detained.

The committee was formed after the Congress of South African Students called a meeting of black organisations to discuss the educational, civic and labour "crises" confronting blacks.

The committee's composition is significant because it includes two trade unionists, which, in turn, reflects the backing for the stayaway of key trade union movements, a factor critical to its success, according to Prof Webster.

Unions which supported the stayaway included: the Federation of SA Unions, with nine affiliated unions and a membership of nearly 110 000; the Council of Unions of SA, with 12 affiliates and a membership of more than 140 500; the Commerical, Catering and Allied Workers Union of SA, with a membership of 40 500; and the SA Allied Workers Union, with an estimated membership of between 100 000 and 130 000.

An interesting point about the committee is the absence from its ranks of representatives of the Congress of SA Students (Cosas), which was the catalyst behind the decision to launch a stayaway in Transvaal.

Mr Mali said in explanation of their absence: "They have serious problems in the townships organising the boycott of schools and exams.

"Committee members had to be released by the organisations to serve on it. Cosas could not afford to release its men."

Seen in the context of a long tradition of stayaway campaigns in support of political demands, the latest staywasy represents — in the view of Prof Webster — a return to the tradition of the 1950s, when stayaways were based on an alliance between community leaders, students and workers.

It stands in contrast to the stayaways of the 1976-77, which were largely student initiated and student led.

While the six stayaways of the mid-1970s were not totally unsuccessful, they suffered from an in-built, structural weakness: their organisational basis, the Soweto Student Representative Council, was "too narrow" and failed to "link up with the interests of the workers." (Prof Webster).

But, even in optimal conditions, the stayway as a demonstration of power in support of demands has inherent, structural weaknesses.

They cannot go on for too long — two or three days at the most — before the cost in lost wages and even lost jobs becomes too high for most workers.

As far as the state is concerned, forewarned is forearmed, and the lesson of the past is that crippling pre-emptive action by the state is on always on the cards, as in the case of the 1961 stayaway called by Nelson Mandela.

But, against that, if stayaways fail because of draconian reaction from employers and the state, the organisers and even some of strikers may conclude that the level of resistance must be raised.

It is significant that the failure of the 1961 stayaway was followed by the formation of the African National Congress fighting unit, Umkhonto we Sizwe, in December 1961 ... and that the stayaway failures 1976-77 helped to feed the exodus of young blacks to ANC training camps in neigbouring states.

Inkatha's call to reinstate fired workers

By PATRICK LAURENCE

THE East Rand branch of Inkatha has send a telegram to the management of Sasol 2 and 3 at Secunda, asking it to reinstate the 6 000 workers who were dismissed for taking part in the two-day stayaway strike, an Inkatha official disclosed yesterday.

"We feel they were victims of a situation not of their own making," Mr Steve Mbatha, assistant secretary of Inkatha on the East Rand, said yesterday.

"Some of the Sasol workers are members of Inkatha as well as of the trade unions. They had expressed concern that the stayaway might lead to violence. The stayaway committee can create violence but it can't stop it

"We in Inkatha believe in boycott as a strategy but we don't believe in violence The stayaway was ill-timed. A large number of people are unemployed It is not the time for people to lose jobs."

Mr Mbatha accused the stayaway campaign organisers of being indifferent to violence, asserting that their attitude was that the victims of violence were the inevitable "casualties of the strug-

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6 detained in 3 raids

By ANTON HARBER

IN AN apparent clampdown on the organisers of this week's stayaway, Security Police yesterday raided three offices and detained six people, including four members of the committee that organised the protest

Police raided and searched the offices of the United Democratic Front (UDF) in Khotso House; Media and Research Services (MARS), a non-profit organisation that is closely tied to the UDF and its affiliates, in Braamfontein; and the Federation of SA Trade Unions (Fosatu) in Germiston.

They had a warrant issued by the Chief Magistrate of Johannesburg which said they were investigating terrorism and subversion in terms of the Internal Security Act.

In all three raids police appeared to be looking for members of the Transvaal Regional Stayaway Committee (TRSC), which organised the stayaway, and related pamphlets and documents

They detained Mr Thami Mali, the TRSC chairman and leader of the UDF Soweto area committee, and TRSC members Mr Moses Mayegiso of Fosatu and Mr Themba Nontlantane of the Municipal and General Workers Union of SA.

They also held Mr Peter Makgoba, a regional chairman of the Congress of SA Students (Cosas), and Mr Obed Bapela, an employee of MARS and member of the Alexandra Youth Congress.

Cosas played a key role in drawing to-

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Police swoop on stayaway men

gether the organisations that participated in the stayaway.

Police also confirmed that they had detained Mr Oupa Monareng, a TRSC member and president of the Soweto Youth Congress, under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

This means that only one member of the committee, Mr Zola Skele, who was co-opted after Mr Monareng's disappearance, has not been detained.

The police swoop began with a raid on Mr Mayegiso's house at 4 30am. They searched it for two hours before taking Mr Mayegiso to union offices in Germiston and searching there for three hours.

Later in the morning plainclothed police raided and searched MARS offices and confiscated a small number of documents and pamphlets.

At about 12.30pm about 10 policemen raided the UDF offices. They told two UDF officials who were in the offices that they were looking for pamphlets on the stayaway, and asked for two of the stayaway organisers.

They took about 50 documents with them, including UDF pamphlets, minutes, files, telephone books and lists of resolutions and names of people who had attended UDF meetings and seminars.

UDF officials said they found only one stayaway pamphlet lying on the floor of the office.

Police returned to the MARS office at about 2pm and surrounded the building before entering to arrest Mr Mali and Mr Nontlanane.

A UDF spokesman issued a statement condemning the raid as "blatant intimidation geared towards disrupting the UDF machinery.

"The raid is both a deprivation of our privacy and an insult to the millions of freedom-loving South Africans whose aspirations we represent," he said.

The International Metalworkers' Federation (IMF) is believed to be taking up the detention of Mr Mayegiso at both a local and international level

By late last night the police public relations office had not replied to a telex asking for confirmation and details of the detentions.

POLITICAL ACTION

Union role was crucial

A major factor in the success of the politically motivated stayaway from work by urban blacks this week was the involvement of trade unions — including some that have previously fought shy of political issues

United action on this scale has seldom occurred before. When it did it usually resulted in something close to a national emergency. School and university boycotts, the introduction of the new constitution, appalling economic conditions and continuing unrest in the townships all contribute to the high level of black dissatisfaction

This week's stayaway was the fourth, the most widespread and effective action called this year. A stayaway in the Vaal Triangle on September 3 had fair support and resulted in the worst rioting since 1976 A Soweto stayaway on September 17, called by the Release Mandela Committee, got a poor response On a local level, the October 22 stayaway, called in the Springs township of Kwa Thema, had 90% support.

There was also strong union involvement in the Kwa Thema stayaway and there is little doubt that union participation added to the clout of this week's action, which was initiated by the Congress of SA Students (Cosas).

Unions which responded to Cosas's plea for united action were the Federation of SA Trade Unions (Fosatu); the Council of Unions of SA (Cusa), the Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union; the United Mining, Metal and Allied Workers' of SA; and several United Democratic Front affiliates such as the SA Allied Workers' Union, the General and Allied Workers' Union and the Municipal and General Workers' Union.

The stayaway was called to support demands for.

☐ The withdrawal of the army and police from the townships;

☐ The resignation of community councillors,

☐ A stop to rent and bus fare increases;

☐ The release of detainees and political prisoners,

☐ The reinstatement of all dismissed workers,

☐ The withdrawal of "unfair" gst and other taxes; and

☐ Democratically elected Student Representative Councils at black schools and the abolition of educational age restrictions

The stayaway was preceded by a massive pamphlet campaign exhorting people to stay in the townships This was countered by other pamphlets, widely assumed to be the work of security agencies, which questioned the value of the action

It is impossible to gauge the full extent of the stayaway Most accounts agree that the greatest response came from the Vaal Triangle area, where it is estimated that more than 90% of the township residents stayed at home, and on the East Rand, where the boycott was 80% to 90% effective.

It was in these areas that most of the violence occurred. According to police, 15 people had been killed by the time the *FM* went to press Reports were received of buses being stoned and set alight, while several homes were petrol-bombed.

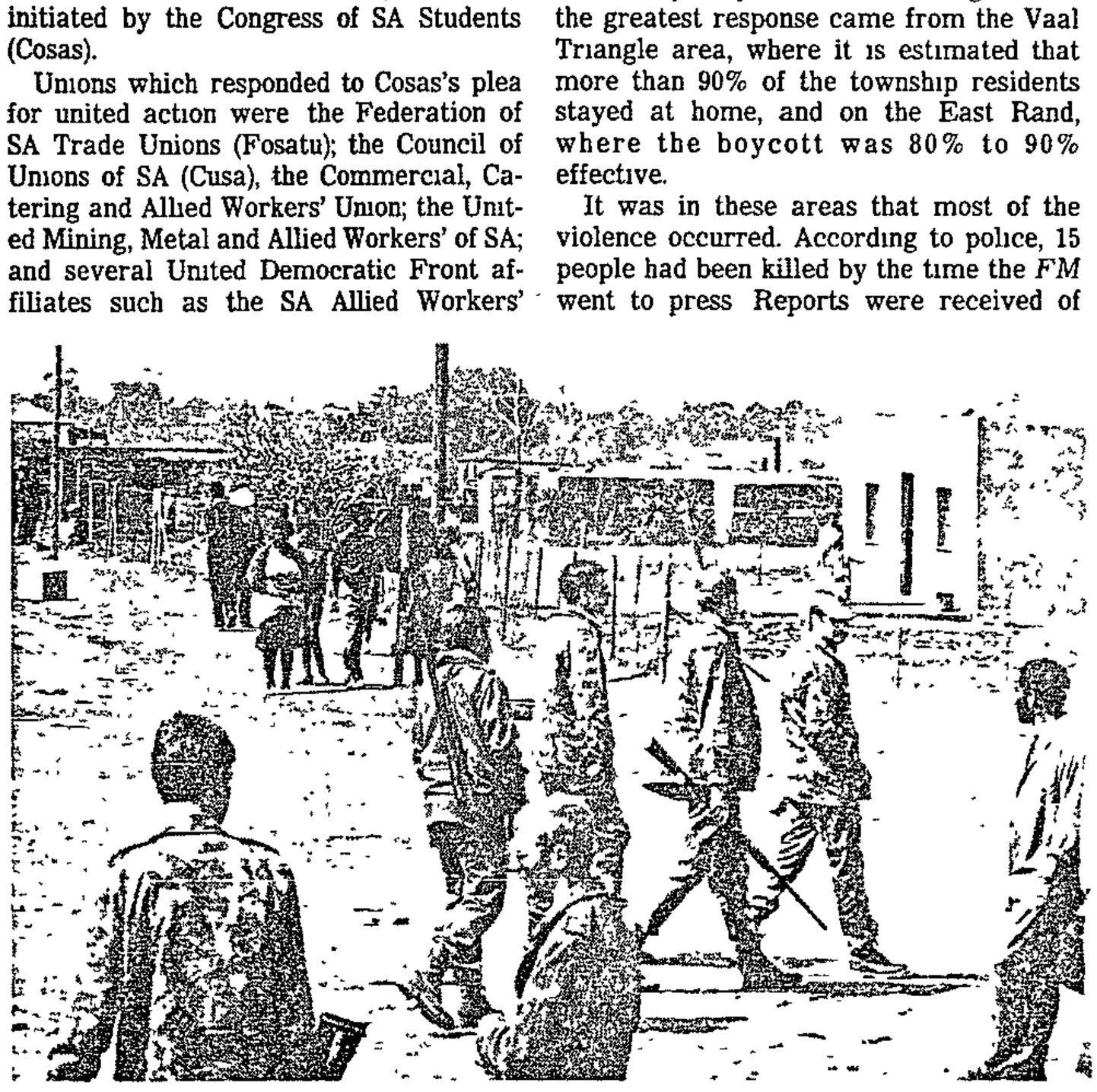
The stayaway was less effective in the Johannesburg area Bus windows were shattered by stonethrowers in Soweto on Tuesday morning, but in general there was a low level of violence The West Rand was hardly affected at all. In Pretoria, companies drawing their labour from townships in Bophuthatswana were barely affected, although most residents of Atteridgeville stayed home.

Some employers reported greater attendance on Tuesday, although substantial increases were mainly confined to Johannesburg Union sources, however, claim more people stayed away on Tuesday.

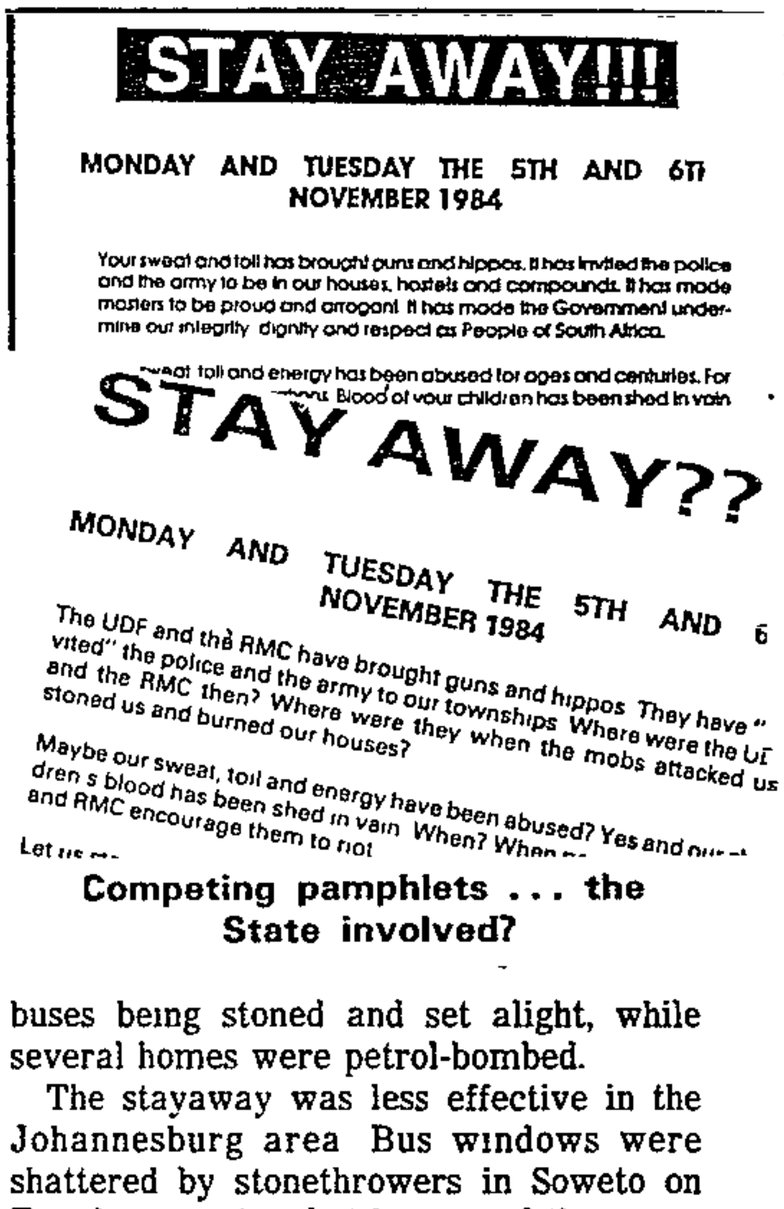
No doubt intimidation played a role, but it would be short-sighted to view the result as anything but highly significant A Fosatu spokesman hailed the stayaway as "massively successful." He said workers had shown remarkable restraint and discipline and blamed the violence on the police presence.

At the time the *FM* went to press the big question from the union side was how employers were going to respond when their workers returned Fosatu's line is unequivocal. A spokesman says: "This was a protest against State policies and employers should keep out of it. If they involve themselves in disciplinary action the implications now and in the long run will be serious for them."

Most employers canvassed by the *FM* said they had no intention of taking action other than withholding payment for the two days. Employer organisations and industri-



Police act ... but workers stayed away



STAY AWAY!!!

MONDAY AND TUESDAY THE 5TH AND 6TH NOVEMBER 1984

Your sweat and toil has brought guns and hippos. It has invited the police and the army to be in our houses, hostels and compounds. It has made masters to be proud and arrogant. It has made the Government undermine our integrity dignity and respect as People of South Africa.

...weat toil and energy has been abused for ages and centuries. For ... Blood of your children has been shed in vain

STAY AWAY??

MONDAY AND TUESDAY THE 5TH AND 6 NOVEMBER 1984

The UDF and the RMC have brought guns and hippos They have "invited" the police and the army to our townships Where were the UDF and the RMC then? Where were they when the mobs attacked us stoned us and burned our houses?

Maybe our sweat, toil and energy have been abused? Yes and our children s blood has been shed in vain When? When ... and RMC encourage them to riot

Let us ...

Competing pamphlets ... the State involved?

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DESERTED CITY

Soweto looked deserted on Monday and Tuesday as many residents kept off the streets in response to the call by activist groups and trade unions to stay away from work.

The usual heavy crowds at railway stations and bus and taxi ranks were absent, even at peak periods. Police stood by at railway stations and at bus-stops, but there was little violence Even traffic officers were nowhere to be seen

Shops, including banks and most garages, were closed. Most schools were also closed, although a few opened on Monday morning, but later the .pupils were sent home.

In neighbouring Kliptown, all shops and garages were open and traders did a roaring business. By 10 am on Monday, the entire Kliptown shopping complex had run out of bread.

Many hostel residents in Soweto heeded the stayaway call. At Jabulani, one of several hostels in Soweto, many workers spent Monday drinking and playing games under the trees.

The response to the call to stay away appeared to have increased on Tuesday. From 5.30 am to 7.30 am, only a sprinkling of passengers waited at bus-stops throughout the townships, and many buses were empty when they left the terminal.

A Soweto trader who had apparently stocked bread for the two days but decided not to open his shop loaded his bread in a van and tried to sell it outside Dobsonville Police Station on Tuesday.

A Barclays Bank branch in Mahalefele Street, Dube Village, was petrol-bombed at about 4 am on Monday. By Tuesday morning, someone had scrawled on the wall: "Next time we kill."

al relations consultants were unanimous that great sensitivity should be shown.

But some employers had already adopted a hard line. Sasol, for example, dismissed the entire morning shift which forms the bulk of its 6 500-strong workforce at Sasol II and III on Tuesday morning and had issued an ultimatum to the remainder of the workers to return to work in the course of the day.

The long-term implications of the stayaway still have to be evaluated. But according to industrial relations consultant Gavin Brown, it may well mark the beginning of higher-level union involvement in political affairs. He argues that given the heated political feelings in the current climate among union members, unions had no choice but to get involved.

Despite the sporadic violence during the two days he believes that union involvement may well have provided for more control and discipline in the communities.

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ER councils slam UDF

AN East Rand town councillors meeting in Zithobeni township near Bronkhorstspruit has levelled a scathing attack on the United Democratic Front and the organisers of this week's two-day stayaway which resulted in the death of at least 23 people.

Most of the deaths occurred in the East Rand townships during clashes with the police on Monday and Tuesday.

At least seven houses belonging to councillors on the East Rand were attacked by rioters while two shops were gutted. Another belonging to the mayor of Katlehong, Mr A P Khumalo, was looted.

Several people were injured while others were arrested at the height of the rioting during the stayaway.

Leading the attack on the UDF and "intimidators" at the monthly meeting of the East Rand Urban Councils' Association (Eruca), was the association's chairman and mayor of Daveyton, Mr Tom Boya, who called upon the councillors to take a firm stand against the violence which was being perpetrated in the townships.

Mr Boya blamed organisations such as the UDF and the Committee of Ten for the staging of the stayaway and the ensuing violence, stating that it was obvious that a large number of people had been intimidated and forced not to go to work.

"We know that our people were threatened with violence and that they were told that their houses were going to be destroyed if they went to work," said Mr Boya.

"Organisations like the UDF and the Committee of Ten cannot claim to represent the black people. After all, who elected them?" inquired Mr Boya.

Violence

Mr Boya said the East Rand councillors had been turned into targets of violence and destruction because of what they had achieved compared to other councils elsewhere in the country.

"Those against us now realise how much we have achieved since being elected into power and now want to destroy us," he said. He cited as examples of the successes, the fact that an Eruca delegation had recently held talks with the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, on the question of land, education and unrest in the country.

"This is clear proof that we are in the midst of the struggle," said Mr Boya.

Unions lauded for stayaway campaign

THE overwhelming support for the work stayaway on the East Rand and in the Vaal Triangle has been attributed in part to the major role played by the Federation of South African Trade Unions together with other unions organised in the areas.

A spokesman for the Fosatu Sub-committee on the Vaal Unrest, and members of the Transvaal Stayaway Committee, said yesterday that in highly organised factories in the Springs, Benoni, Katlehong and Kempton Park locals, a 100 percent stayaway had been recorded.

This was as a result of the industrial action being fully discussed at shop floor level. At least 80 percent of the factories in these areas are organised by Fosatu unions.

Among the unorganised factories, no more than 10 to 20 percent of the labour force had arrived for work for the second day.

A Fosatu national spokesman said in the federation's view, the solidarity shown by workers had shown how important it was to consult organised workers before taking such action.

"It also quite clearly shows willingness to protest against Government policy on these issues," he added.

Presence

Police maintained a high presence in KwaThema, Springs, Daveyton and Benoni, and sources in the township claimed that armed police had attempted to pressurise workers to board Putco buses and return to work.

In Daveyton, police were also reported to have gone on house-to-house searches telling workers to report at the factories, but with little success.

In Alexandra and Soweto, worker resolve seemed to be weakening as increasing numbers of people caught public transport into urban and industrial areas during the course of the day.

Putco has reported decreased passenger loads in most parts of the PWV. At Tembisa it it transported a mere 100 people yesterday and is "sending in only an occasional bus escorted by a police hippo", public relations executive Mr Pat Rogers said.

The proportions of normal loads being carried yesterday were: KwaThema 7 to 10 percent; Vosloorus 30 to 40 percent; Alexandra 80 percent; Soweto 60 and 90 percent; Mamelodi normal; Ekangala (Bronkhorstspruit) 70 to 90 percent.

Damaged

He added that 60 buses had been damaged, mainly in areas where the stayaway was not strongly observed.

In Soweto and on the routes south to the coloured townships and Evaton drivers have continued a stayaway, ranging from 10 percent to 40 percent of staff complement.

Tense

The situation in both townships was reported as quiet but tense as police patrolled the streets.

A spokesman for the Transvaal Chamber of Industries said the stayaway seemed to be concentrated on the East Rand and in the Vaal Triangle, and in these areas it was quite widespread.

Major retail chains continued operations in spite of the stayaway, and a spokesman for the OK Bazaars said none of the stores outlets had been closed. It was incorrectly reported that some of the branches had closed down operations.

"In most cases our black staff constituted only 50 percent of the total workforce, so we are able to continue operations as normal," said the spokesman.

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Union tells of worker anger at Sasol

By JEANETTE MINNIE

THE Chemical Workers' Industrial Union (CWIU) said yesterday that unlike the "gleaming futuristic" image most whites had of Sasol, for workers the plant meant "danger, arduous working conditions, barrack-like hostels, racial oppression, rumours of men killed in accidents during the night and whisked away and, generally, a very repressive environment".

The general secretary of the CWIU, Mr Rod Crompton, said the union told workers they were exempt from the two-day work stayaway call, but that the workers insisted on supporting the call.

At a Federation of South African Trade Unions (Fosatu) Press conference yesterday, Mr Crompton said Sasol workers were given exemption because of the nature of the Sasol plant as a "State project" and because the union had only recently organised itself at the plant.

"However, given the pent-up anger and frustration of Sasol workers at this stage, they insisted on observing the stayaway and decided to follow it with a bus boycott on their return to work".

He said the workers had intended to stage a bus boycott from Monday this week because the bus company, United Transport, had refused to negotiate with the union about workers' grievances over transport.

When they heard of the Fosatu work stayaway call for Monday and Tuesday, they decided to join that instead and to hold the bus boycott afterwards.

Mr Crompton sketched the following events from Monday:

● On Monday more than 90% of the workforce stayed away. In the hostel complex the stayaway was 100%. A large contingent of army and police vehicles stationed themselves at the hostel gates and the township.

● At 6pm on Monday helicopters dropped thousands of pamphlets on the hostels threatening them with dismissal if they did not return to work by 10am the next day, and this "angered" workers.

● Shop stewards and organisers held an all-night meeting and it was agreed that a general meeting would be held early in the morning and that the union would recommend a return to work.

● On Tuesday a meeting of 6 000 workers took place in the hostel grounds at 6am The unions had persuaded the management to allow the meeting and to keep the police and the army out of it. But during a break in the meeting, while shop stewards were meeting, two "hippos" drove into the crowd of assembled workers. The stewards managed to prevent violence but the meeting broke up and workers were now determined to stay away.

● A meeting between the union and management was arranged and while union representatives were waiting for management, the build-up of army and police presence increased substantially and a sneeze machine also made its appearance

● About noon, management said it was no longer prepared to have any dealings with the union since the employees had been dismissed.

Fosatu chief detained in police swoop

By ANTON HARBER
Political Reporter

POLICE yesterday detained Mr Chris Dhlamini, the president of the Federation of SA Trade Unions (Fosatu) and one of the leading figures in the trade union movement

Mr Dhlamini was held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act while at work at the Kelloggs factory in Springs yesterday morning.

His detention is likely to have major repercussions both locally and internationally, and particularly among the 110 000 members of Fosatu's affiliates.

Mr Dhlamini is also president of the Fosatu-affiliated Sweet, Food and Allied Workers' Union (SFAWU).

It is believed his detention is part of the police clampdown on those responsible for the organisation of this week's two-day work stayaway.

Earlier, Security Police raided and searched the regional offices of Fosatu and a number of its affiliates in Germiston.

They also took photographs and details of all the union's officials who were present.

Meanwhile, the police division of public relations has confirmed the detention earlier this week of six people, including four members of the committee that organised the stayaway.

They are Mr Thami Mali, Mr Themba Nontlantane, Mr Moses Mayekiso and Mr Oupa Monareng, of the Transvaal Regional Stayaway Committee, and Mr Obed Bopela and Mr Peter Mokgaba, all held under Section 29

However, police said they were unable to confirm the detention of Mr Dhlamini.

JEANETTE MINNIE reports that Fosatu has begun informing overseas trade unions of developments surrounding the stayaway, including the detention of Fosatu officials and others, the township unrest and the recent dismissal of 6 000 Sasol workers

At a Press conference in Johannesburg yesterday, Mr Jay Naidoo, the general secretary of the SFAWU, said the aim was for these unions to take the issues up with their government and for these governments to in turn take up the issue with the South African Government.

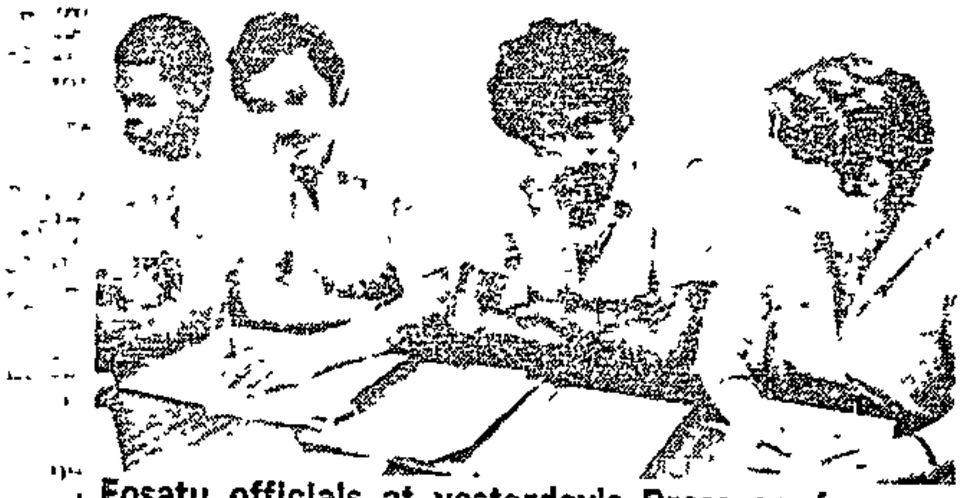
Mr Joe Foster, the general secretary of Fosatu, is presently in Europe attending the convention of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and he has already urged major international union representatives to take up the issues.

Fosatu has also decided to declare the coming festive season a "Black Christmas" and will urge all its members not to celebrate and not to buy anything special other than essential goods.

And at the next round of unity talks this month between the major trade union federations, which include Fosatu and the Council of Unions of South Africa (Cusa) and major independent unions, the issue of unified trade union response to the recent events will be high on the agenda

Mr Naidoo condemned the police raids on Mawu and Fosatu's Germiston offices as an "invasion of our legitimate rights without any reason".

Cusa, the second major trade union federation who supported the stayaway call, yesterday released a statement declaring its unconditional support for all unions and unionists who were presently under "State attack"



Fosatu officials at yesterday's Press conference, from left: Mr Clement Mbuyisa, vice-president of the Paper, Wood and Allied Workers' Union; Mr Rod Crompton, general secretary of the Chemical Workers' Industrial Union; Mr Jay Naidoo, general secretary of the Sweet, Food and Allied Workers' Union, and Ms Chris Bonner, branch secretary of the Chemical Workers' Industrial Union.

Picture: THABI KHUELE

UDF welcomes success of the campaign

The United Democratic Front (UDF) said it was "overwhelmed by the success" of the first day of the stayaway and appealed to township residents to stand firm in observing the second day as peacefully as possible.

The UDF Soweto Commitee is one of 37 organisations that launched the Transvaal Stayaway Committee a week ago.

UDF Transvaal vice-president, the Rev Frank Chikane, yesterday called attention to the demands "that gave rise to this drastic action by our people".

He said the demands included better education and reasonable rents.

"But the real issue is that people are no longer prepared to be ruled by other people.

"The underlying demand is that the Government should listen to the voice of the people and get rid of apartheid."

He said the stayaway was a determined attempt to make those in power listen.

Tembisa Unisa students stranded in township

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By Abel Mabelane

Several Unisa students from Tembisa were stranded and could not write examinations at Kempton Park after a group of youths sealed off the township yesterday.

Trouble started early on the first day of the stayaway when hundreds of workers on their way to work were turned back in different parts of the township by armed youths.

Unisa authorities said they were aware of the problem and have asked the students to write to the university explaining the situation.

In other incidents in the township, police opened fire on a group of people who stoned the house of the Mayor, Mr Lucas Mothiba, in Mashimong section.

Attempts were also made to set alight the house of the principal of the Tembisa High School, Mr Ralph Mothiba, on Sunday night.

Beer halls at Makhulong, Tsepo and Sedibeng section were set alight.

Unconfirmed reports said that three people were shot dead when they looted liquor from the Sedibeng Bottle Store owned by the East Rand Development Board (Eradebo).

A shop in Mashimong section extension belonging to Mr Jerry Morakile was stoned and looted by a group of youths.

The main road going to Olifansfontein was barricaded with rocks, cars and huge rubbish containers.

Soweto calm during stayaway

By Phil Mtimkulu

Yesterday, the first of the two-day stayaway, went without incident in Soweto as the residents of the sprawling township stayed behind doors and left the streets deserted.

There were no clashes between youths and the police.

The few workers who had gone to work were not molested. Not a shot was fired in anger. Police drove round and some escorted empty buses.

The usual prediction: "it is going to be bad in the evening when the workers return home" was proved wrong.

Buses offloaded passengers at the Baragwanath rank where they got taxis to take them home. But taxis were hard to find. The few operating were overloaded.

Workers who used trains warily walked in groups. But nothing happened to them.

By 6.30 pm the streets of Soweto were deserted. All was quiet, except for the distant sound of approaching thunder.

Water as usual but residents did not pay bills

Reports by Vaal Triangle residents that water supplies were being cut by Lekoa Town Council were untrue, the chief director of the Orange-Vaal Development Board, Mr D Ganz, said.

Residents began stocking up water because of the rumours that the council would cut water supplies yesterday.

Electricity to some areas was, however, cut at the weekend. Mr Ganz said 20 distribution boxes had been damaged in unrest since September.

"We cut off electricity supplies to safeguard people against being shocked. In other cases we cut supplies because people did not pay accounts."

Residents of Evaton, Sharpeville, Boipatong, Bophelong and Sebokeng have not been paying rent and rates since the demonstration began on September 3.

They have demanded that rents be lowered to R30 a month or else they will not pay what they say are exorbitant rentals.

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'Sasol 'morally right' to fire 5 400

Weekend Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Sasol was "morally right" in its decision to dismiss the 5 400 workers who participated in the two-day stayaway, and would not tolerate the interference of its operation by unrelated actions, the corporation's senior general manager Dr Dirk Mostert has said

Those dismissed constituted 38 percent of the total workforce of 12 015 at the corporation's two Secunda plants.

Dr Mostert refuted allegations that the mass dismissal was carried out on the orders or the behest of the Government or that it was a political decision, in spite of the fact that seven of Sasol's directors are government appointees or have direct state links

'Unavoidable'

He said last night the decision to dismiss them was carried out by the senior management of the company, and the action was "unavoidable" owing to the sophisticated nature of the plants which depend for their safe operation on high labour force reliability.

Dr Mostert said that owing to the extraordinary measures and precautions taken by the company, there had been no loss of production so far.

He added there was not likely to be any loss of production in the period that it took to recruit and re-train a replacement black workforce, which had already begun

Dr Mostert denied the army had been called in to assist with the running of the plant, and said the remaining Sasol workers, including 1 600 black workers, were keeping the two plants going

Sasol is the only company to have dismissed workers for participation in the stayaway, while other companies who traditionally have adopted a hard industrial relations line have opted for a "no work, no pay" approach.

The Chemical Workers' Industrial Union, of which 4 000 of the dismissed workers were members, has claimed that Sasol, aware of its symbolic image in South Africa, could not tolerate the concept of its workers participating in a politically motivated stayaway and let it pass unpunished

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The final wish of a loving mother who died during stayaway

by
Phil Mtimkulu

A Soweto mother of three young children lost her life during the two-day Transvaal stayaway when a petrol bomb was thrown at a Putco bus.

Mrs Sarah Ntswaki Motsumi, of Naledi, is the only known Soweto victim of the unrest. Her death brings to 24 the number of people who died as a result of the stayaway.

Her mother-in-law, Mrs Lydia Tsamaisi, said Mrs Motsumi did not go to work on Monday — the first day of the stayaway. But she decided to go the following day.

"We had warned her against using a bus and told her to use a train. She did that in the morning, but in the afternoon she decided to use a bus.

PETROL BOMBED

"We were at home at about 6.30 pm when we saw a woman who stays nearby running past in great pain. She told us that a bus in which she was a passenger was petrol bombed. She said Ntswaki was also in that bus.

"Together with her (Ntswaki's) husband we rushed to the scene where we found her already in the ambulance. She had burns on her face and other parts of the body.

"She spoke to her husband and said he must look after their children.

"She died in hospital at about midnight."

Putco spokesman Mr Pat Rogers confirmed a bus had been petrol bombed at Naledi on Tuesday and three passengers were severely burnt in the incident. Mrs Motsumi, who was also injured, had died in hospital.

Mrs Motsumi leaves her husband, Joseph, and three children, aged nine, eight and 18 months. She will be buried next Saturday.

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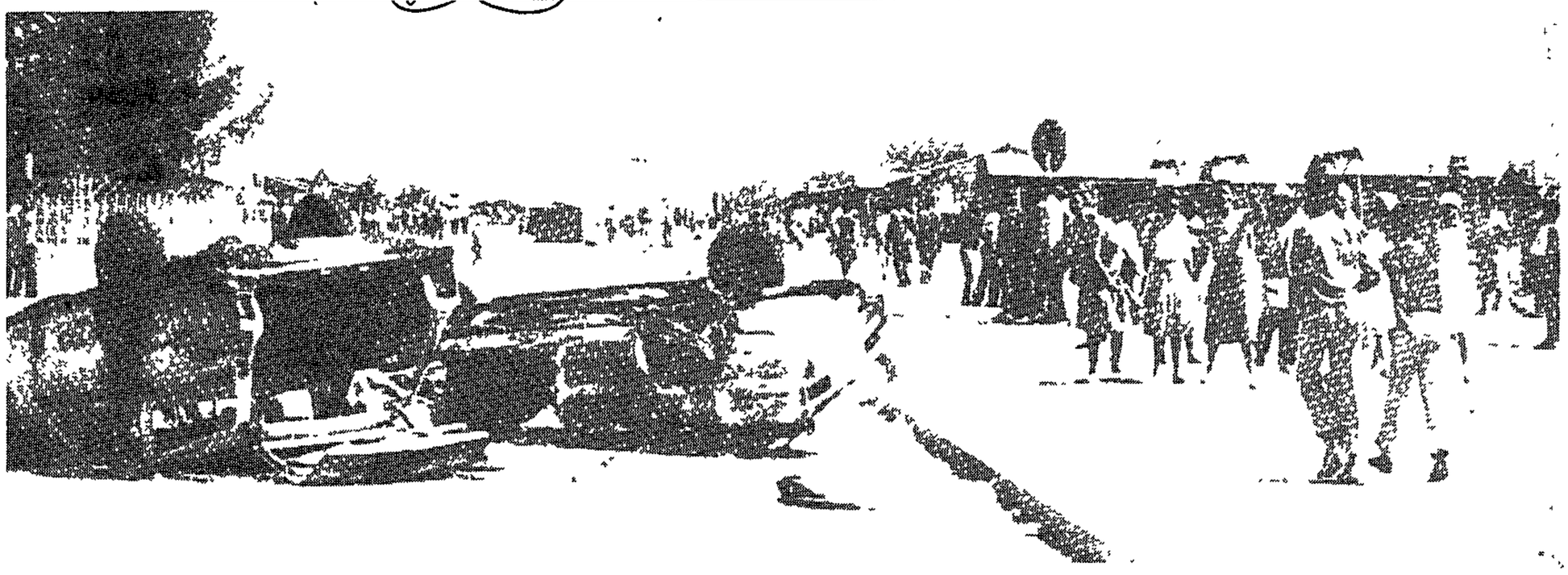


The politics behind the worker stayaway

Weekend Argus special correspondent JOANNE COLLINGE reports

THE headlines sound familiar: "Many thousands of natives stay away from work — factories at a standstill" and "Police out in strength but nothing to do".

They are 27 years old, appearing in The Star on June 26 1957 when support for the Congress Alliance's call for a one-day stay-home crippled industry in Johannesburg and Port Elizabeth

This week's massive stayaway is only the latest chapter in a 34-year tradition of political protest by widescale withdrawal of labour.

Many observers regard it as the most effective of these actions — involving the largest number of workers in a wide range of townships clustered at South Africa's industrial heart

They also tend to find similarities — not with the more recent wave of stay-homes associated with student grievances of 1976 and 1980 — but with the earlier demonstrations.

The first of these was on May Day 1950 when the ANC called its first stay-home in protest against low wages and the banning of Communist Party leaders.

The death toll on that first one-day stay-home was 18 in Alexandra, Sophiatown, Orlando and Benoni.

Five more major stayaways took place in the '50s — most of them achieving solid support in at least the main centres of Port Elizabeth, Johannesburg and Durban. They constituted protests at the laws of the Nationalist Government and in 1957 formed part of the "pound a day" wage campaign.

But the last stay-home of the decade — the three-day 1958 protest which co-incided with the white general election in April — was a failure. And it was the contrast between this event and the earlier successes that led analysts to draw tentative groundrules for effective stay-home organisation.

Firstly they proposed that an effective link between trade unions and political groups was crucial to organising a stayaway.

In 1957 much of the preparation was done on the factory floor while in 1958 there was greater reliance on door-to-door organisation which proved effective only where political organisation was already strong.

Secondly, it became clear that stayaways were essentially concerted protest action, an effort to persuade rather than coerce as a general strike would do. South African workers could simply not hold out for many days away from work

Political scientist Tom Lodge emphasises that the stayaways were "intended as demonstrations of strength — they were not in themselves direct attacks on the power of the State"

Wits sociologist Professor Eddie Webster has elaborated on the impact of this demonstration of popular power, saying that it forces the ruling group to consider the question of reform more seriously

It also has an impact on participants "in a way that leads to further organisation and action"

The lessons of the '50s appear to have carried weight in the latest stay-home Interestingly, the initiators of the action — as in 1976 — were school children. But this time round they were not content to organise for the workers and present them with an ultimatum to stay home.

The destructive consequences of unrest. . .

The strategy this time was one of co-operation and joint planning — and they achieved unheard-of co-operation between unions which have stood aloof from community-based action and political groups.

In the process unionists and politicians have declared an overlap of interests.

One union officials stated workers had a plain "duty to support the democratic demands of the students".

He also said workers paid for education and wanted a say over it and drew attention to the links between educational policy and unemployment.

He attacked the council structure created by the Black Local Authorities Act — one of the main targets of the township civic associations and of the United Democratic Front.

"We know these councils have no funding except rents and our (wage) demands (won in negotiation) will be drained away through higher rents."

A UDF spokesman, on the other hand, insisted that the stayaway was fundamentally a demand for political rights

But he added the protest was also a signal to the private sector "As long as the private sector takes capital as more important than justice people will see it as the enemy."

This attitude was reinforced when the police shot people to protect property — property to which the people had no access.

The pattern of support for the stayaway suggests that both union organisation and political mobilisation helped secure high absenteeism

The areas of greatest support were in Ratanda (Heidelberg), where virtually the whole township stayed home, the Vaal where an estimated 90 percent joined the stayaway and the East Rand where an estimated 80 percent shunned work.

The East Rand solidarity has been claimed as a trade union achievement, as Fosatu has strong representation in the area and used its shop steward structure to promote the stay-home

The Vaal, on the other hand, is not a union stronghold Its support can be due only to political consciousness, which appears to have been sharpened by the events since the September 3 rent protest Last week's work stayaway drew noticeably greater support than the action two months earlier — despite over 70 deaths and Operation Palmiet

Likewise, Ratanda — where residents have forced the resignation of the entire community council — appears to be a civic association action.

During the stayaway State counter-measures varied In some townships police maintained a low profile In others there were repeated and violent clashes between residents and police. The death toll was 23.

In the aftermath key organisations have been raided by Security Police and leading figures taken into custody.

But history suggests this will not stem the use of the general stayaway — which Lodge describes as "the most important political weapon of black protest politics"

Sebokeng police accused of kicking, flogging

Boys 'had to swallow burning cigarettes'

by
Jo-Anne Collinge and
Maud Motanyane

Five primary school pupils from Sebokeng claim they were made to swallow burning cigarette butts when they were held at the police station in the township this week.

In a separate incident, two youths have alleged that they were severely sjambokked by police on Tuesday. They displayed open weals on their bodies to the Press.

The Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria has declined to comment on the allegations, which were submitted in detail.

However, police say anyone who believes he has a legitimate complaint should submit an affidavit at the nearest police station. They say allegations will be investigated.

It is understood all seven youths will shortly lodge formal complaints with the police.

The youngsters and their parents have asked that their names not be published, although they are known to the police.

The five primary school pupils, aged between 10 and 15, allege that they were taken from their homes late on Tuesday afternoon by about 11 policemen.

At Sebokeng Police Station they were allegedly handed over to seven white policemen, who forced them to share a cigar and smoke cigarettes. They were then allegedly forced to swallow burning cigarette stubs.

They claim they were hit, kicked and sjambokked by all seven policemen and made to stretch their hands out on the floor while police wearing boots trampled their fingers.

In separate, corroborating statements, the boys said they were released about midnight, driven to Sebokeng Post Office and left to find their way home.

They said the only reason they were given for their arrest was that they were responsible for barricading the streets — an accusation all deny

In the second allegation against police at Sebokeng, two youths, aged 18 and 19, claim they were taken from their homes in Zone 3 Sebokeng some hours after witnessing a street fight between two women.

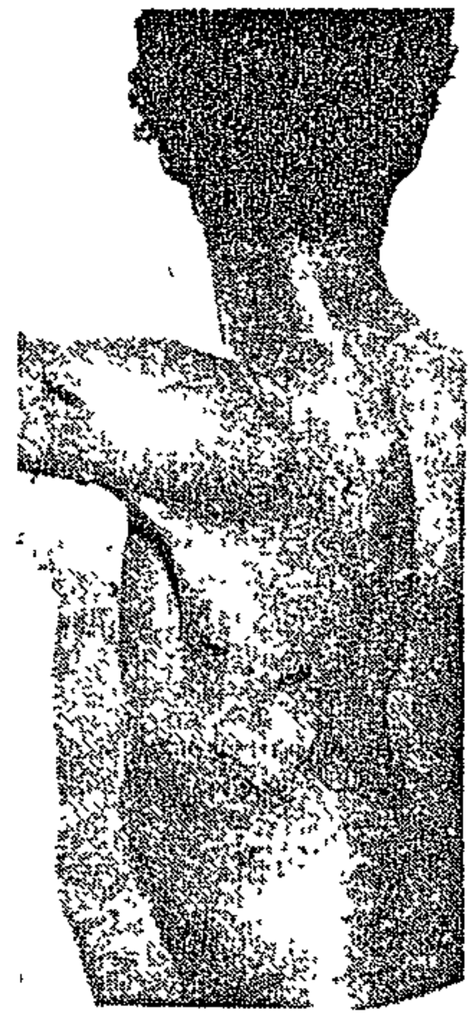
One of the women involved in the fight allegedly accompanied the police and pointed out the youths to them.

One youth claims he was taken from his home after midnight by nine policemen, most of them white. On being let into the house, the youth says, "one white policemen came straight to my bedroom and started sjambokking me.

"He dragged me out of bed into the yard. When I was on the floor he trampled me with his boots."

It is claimed the police then took the youth to the house of a friend, who was brought from his bedroom, kicked in the stomach and thrashed with a sjambok

The youths say they were taken to Sebokeng Police Station, where police told them the woman involved in the fight had accused the youths of threatening to burn her house.



Open weals criss-cross the body of a Sebokeng youth, who alleges that they result of police assault in his home and at a police station.

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Violence after funeral

GRAHAMSTOWN — A primary school was burnt down, a beer hall set alight and several people injured in clashes with police after the funeral of an unrest victim here yesterday.

And there was an almost total stayaway from work here coinciding with the funeral of Patrick Mdyogolo, 15.

Employers reported that "only a handful" of black workers turned up — in some cases none at all — after the call for a mass boycott of work as a sign of mourning.

At Rhodes University residences, where almost no black staff turned up, wives of wardens rose at dawn to make breakfast for hundreds of students who are in the throes of end-of-year examinations.

The stayaway was called by black youth organisations, including the Congress of South African Students (Cosas), which flooded the townships with pamphlets threatening that the homes of workers who defied the call would be burned.

During a spate of violent incidents, police used tearsmoke, birdshot and rubber bullets to disperse large crowds of youths in Tantyi and Fingo Village after the funeral of Patrick who died last week after apparently being hit by a rubber bullet.

A spokesman for the police in Pretoria confirmed that the primary school had been burnt, but was unable to confirm that the beer hall had been destroyed.

He confirmed several incidents in which tearsmoke, rubber bullets and birdshot were used to disperse crowds in Joza, Newtown and Fingo Village.

Last night there was still a heavy police presence in Raglan Road, with two hippo trucks and a number of four-wheel-drive vehicles patrolling the area. Two South African Defence Force searchlights mounted on trucks were turned on shortly after dark and from their position on Gunfire Hill illuminated parts of the township.

Vehicles were stoned in Raglan Road at lunchtime and eyewitnesses saw police sjambok teenagers. As far as could be ascertained, no motorists were injured.

Three victims of birdshot injuries were admitted to Settlers Hospital yesterday afternoon, including a 12-year-old boy. They had all been shot in the legs, according to a doctor — DDC.

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Township violence still simmers

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By WIM VANVOLSEM

TOWNSHIP unrest continued yesterday with several incidents involving crowds of black youths and police.

The SA Police Directorate of Public Relations confirmed that:

● In Joza, Grahamstown, the Methodist church was set on fire.

● In Fingo, also near Grahamstown, burning tyres were thrown into a beerhall which was completely destroyed.

Workers at the hall were attacked by a crowd of about 200 youths.

Police dispersed the crowd with rubber bullets and tearsmoke. One woman and two men were arrested.

● In Oudtshoorn, a police constable's house was set on fire while he and his wife were asleep.

The couple was not hurt. Their home was destroyed.

● In Duduza, East Rand, 30 youths attacked a police constable guarding a beerhall.

● In Sebokeng, a mob of between 150 and 200 youths stoned police.

● At Vosloorus on the East Rand a group of 40 youths looted a beerhall before setting it alight.

Interview by GRAHAM WATTS, Political Reporter

'I AM A REVOLUTIONARY,'

THAMI Mali leaned forward and looked over the top of his glasses. He wasn't being hesitant. He just wanted to make sure he was understood.

It was a simple thing he wanted to say: "Exactly."

I had just accused him, if I based my judgment purely on what he had said to me, of being a revolutionary.

"Exactly, " he repeated. "And we make no excuses for it."

I recalled that, as with all interviews, I had offered to turn off the tape recorder at any stage should he ask me to go "off the record".

As it turned out, nothing was said off the record.

Thami Mali — and his "comrade", Siphiwe Thusi — had agreed to an interview on the second day of a two-day work stayaway in the Transvaal this week which had seen industry and commerce wracked by 65% to 90% absenteeism

Mr Mali is chairman of the Transvaal Regional Stayaway Committee, a hastily elected group of four men representing more than 30 trade unions and 'community' organisations affiliated to the United Democratic Front.

Mr Thusi is an organiser for the General and Allied Workers Union, one of the participating unions.

Outside, as we spoke, the country was torn by conflict. The police and army were in the townships. Seventeen people had died already and the financial cost was still being estimated. Railway coaches smouldered, Putco buses stood wrecked at the sides of the roads they had dared to enter.

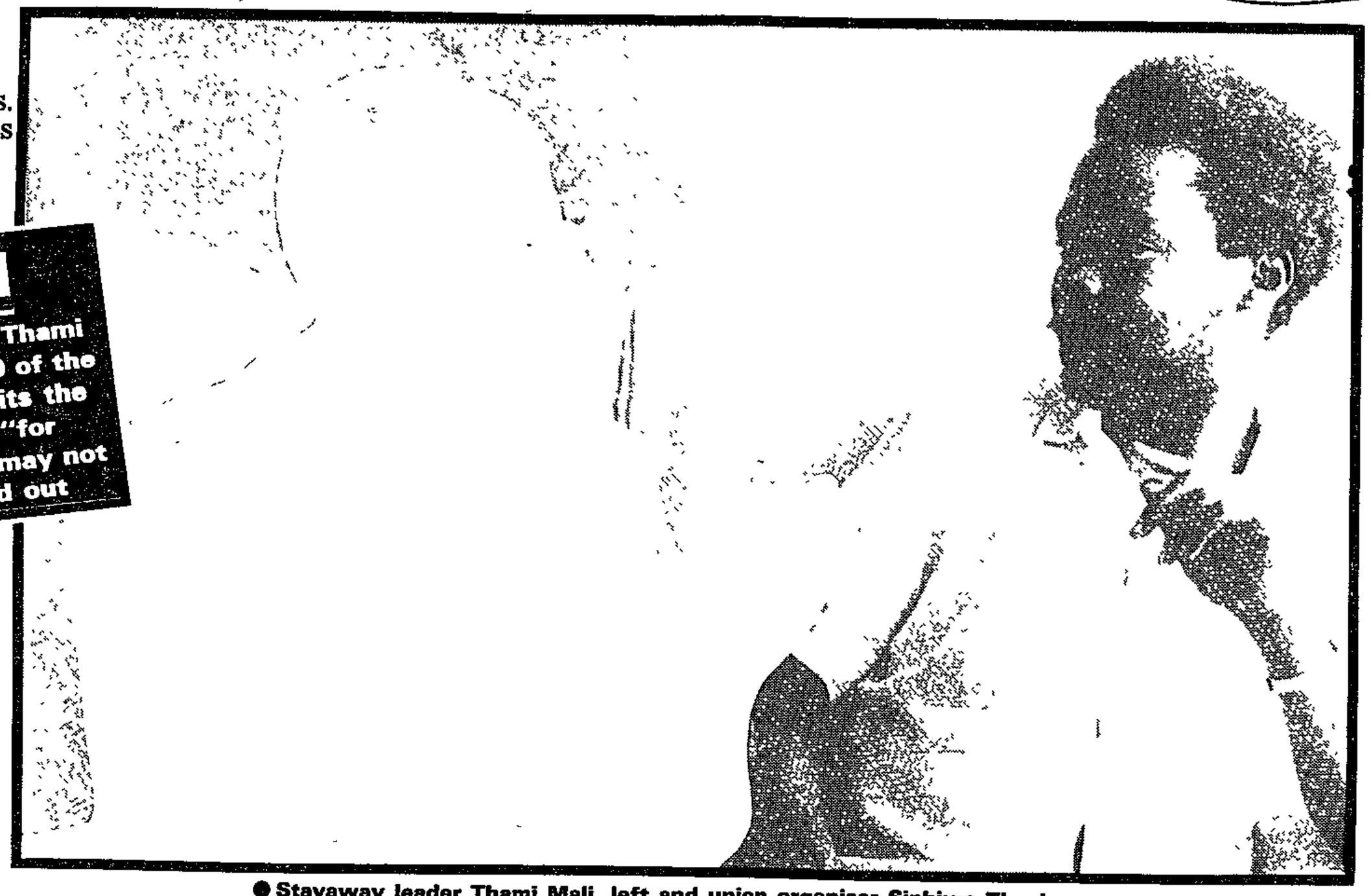
If Messrs Mali and Thusi had helped to organise the stayaway, what were they doing with me on its second day drinking coffee in the centre of Johannesburg and talking revolution?

They explained it quite simply: the "people" run their own stayaways. Messrs Mali, Thusi and others just do the organising groundwork. Though later, when they left, they told me with a youthful enthusiasm that they were "returning to the people".

Who are these men who admit, even claim, to be revolutionaries?

LATE FLASH

A day after giving this interview, Thami Mali was detained under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act which permits the police to hold him indefinitely "for interrogation". His picture, which may not be published, has been blanked out



● Stayaway leader Thami Mali, left and union organiser Siphiwe Thusi

> "Our people have learned to suffer and to sacrifice. Even from the poorest areas, the resistance of the people is non-stop"

> "I asked (my interrogators) who they were defending. They were also members of the working class. I am also fighting to liberate them"

> "We as oppressed masses . . . have power. We want to prove to the government that what it thinks is the will of the people is not true"

> "The most poverty-stricken man understands. What is two days' pay? The people don't even see it. They are used to having no money"

These demands were sent in tele grams before the stayaway to Mr I Grange and the Minister of Co-opera tion and Development and of Educa tion and Training, Dr Gerrit Viljoen

They included the astonishing cal to scrap GST and "unfair taxation" One is prepared to concede that thi government might one day somehov find its way clear to meet one of th other demands, to release all politica prisoners for instance, but scrap tax es?

There is no compromise, said Mr Mali

"We can determine the future o this country's economy And the eco nomy of a country is its backbone, n matter how powerful it might be po litically.

"It depends on the working class which comes predominantly from the African areas in which the stayaway was called."

Can a stayaway be sustained?

Suffer

Mr Mali again: "Our people have learned to suffer and to sacrifice. Look at the poverty of our people. Even from the poorest areas, such as White City (Soweto) where I come from, the resistance of the people is non-stop, even without the participation of us activists.

"The most poverty-stricken man is the man who understands."

Mr Thusi: "What is two day's pay? The people don't even see it. It goes on transport to get to work, on school fees and uniforms for their children in inferior schools. They are used to having no money."

Mr Mali: "We are aware that a longer stayaway will cause suffering. But if that shortens our moment of sorrow and which we already experience then it is accepted, as it has been a tradition of the liberation struggle all over Africa."

This country's history, I tell them, is littered with the lives and imprisonment of people who say what you are

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THE WORDS OF THAMI MALI, ONE OF THE MEN WHO ORGANISED THIS WEEK'S TWO-DAY STAY—AWAY

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The Sasol workers are mostly mi-grants, live in hostels and therefore control their own "picket line". These two city men are disqualified by their dress and accents from telling them what to do.

And that goes for their relationship with tens of thousands of other workers on the East Rand and in the Vaal Triangle who stayed away on Monday and Tuesday in the biggest political strike since the weapon was first used by Nelson Mandela in 1950.

Something else is going on out there. If it wasn't, Messrs Mali and Thusi wouldn't be inside here.

But since they are, I ask what it is they want. Is it one-man-one-vote in a unitary South Africa?

Yes, but that's not enough. It must be a "workers' state", based on the principles of the Freedom Charter, which they call "a set of minimum demands".

The Freedom Charter is a document that in 1955 was drawn up and signed by an alliance of organisations under the 'congress' banner, including the African National Congress before it was banned.

It's all about how "the people shall govern" and how the land "shall belong to all those who work it".

So you want a socialist South Africa?

"Exactly."

What had they hoped to achieve with the two-day stayaway?

Mr Mali: "We wanted to bring the government to its senses. We as oppressed and struggling masses have power and we can use it the way we like. And we wanted to prove to the government that what it thinks is the will of the people is not true."

He speaks not of aims or intentions. He speaks of demands.

Mr Mali: "We are determined mor
than ever before that we will be free.

Not once during the interview di
either man use the word "whites". Th
enemy, they said when asked why
was "the state".

When he was last inside, Mr Thus
tried to persuade his interrogator
that they were oppressed.

"I asked them if they owned an
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INNERS OR LOSERS? WHAT STAYAWAY TACTICS SPELL FOR THE FUTURE

ERE were a few jests doing the rounds this
ek that the two-day work stayaway in the
ansvaal inconvenienced white employers
cause they had to make their own tea.

Economists say this is not far off the mark.
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mstances the consequences could be more
ious.

Not that the organisers of the stayaway
ended it to make a substantial impression
the country's economy. But as a show of
ength it was founded on the premise that
e withdrawal of labour can be a powerful
litical weapon because of the damage it can
use.

It was the first time in South Africa that
ıde unions and militant organisations have
ted in such dramatic concert.

But, says Dr Johan van Zyl, director of the
derated Chamber of Industries (FCI), "in
ew of the recessionary circumstances in
ich it came it is possible that some industri-alists may even have welcomed the stay-away".

"Many have serious financial problems and are looking for shortened working weeks," he said.

Dr van Zyl warned, however, that now that the organisers of the stayaway had demonstrated their ability to do it, "they could repeat it during an upswing in the economy which would have much more serious consequences".

Damage

"The stayaway organisers intended to make a political point, which is to say they can cause damage to the South African economy — and they can," said Dr van Zyl.

The question arises whether, during a recession or upswing, a politically-motivated strike of the proportions seen this week could force the country into a political crisis.

The consensus is that it could.

It is common cause amongst economists and academics that the South African economy is sufficiently dependent on black labour for its use as a political weapon to be effective.

Dr Charles Simkins of the University of Cape Town's department of economics said it depended on how long the strike weapon could be wielded.

"If there was a national stayaway for two to three weeks it would be a massive shock to the system and could bring about a political crisis," said Dr Simkins.

"But there are few reserves in the black community to sustain such a stayaway. The question is the extent of organisational power of the black working class.

"What is important about this week's stayaway is the extent to which groups that have not worked together before were involved in its organisation," said Dr Simkins.

He referred to the co-operation between trade union groups such as the powerful Federation of South African Trade Unions (Fosatu) and the Council of Unions of South Africa (Cusa) on the one hand and United Democratic Front affiliated organisations on the other.

Professor Mike Hough of the University of Pretoria's Institute for Strategic Studies, said stayaways such as this week's served a variety of political functions.

Weakened

"There is the intended breakdown in external confidence in the country's economy, resultant disinvestment and weakened production, all of which are emphasised in revolutionary literature," said Prof Hough.

This was coupled with widespread intimidation, "a variation of the picket line".

Prof Hough doubted, however, whether the black community had the resources to pursue a sustained general strike.

"They have little funding, there are organi
sational problems and, in the light of existing
unemployment, dismissal is a real fear.

"There are also none of the social welfare
benefits enjoyed by unemployed and striker
alike in countries such as Britain," said Pro
Hough.

Economists said one of the root causes o
the politically-related industrial unrest wa
the dire economic circumstances in the black
community. This allowed radical appeals to
fall on more willing ears.

But the unrest could, in a vicious circle
exacerbate the causes of hard times amongs
both employed and unemployed by fuelling
the increasing tendency amongst industrial
ists to go for capital rather than labour inten
sive investment.

One of the chief reasons for this was the
wage demands of the workers themselves
particularly since the early 1970s.

Infiltrated

Mr Mali has the credentials, and very African they are too. Five years on The Island for harbouring terrorists. He gave shelter to two ANC men who had infiltrated the South African Police in the Seventies and he was put away for it. They got 20 years.

Mr Thusi has been in and out of detention — once after helping organise a service to erect a commemoration stone at the grave of executed ANC guerrilla Solomon Mahlangu.

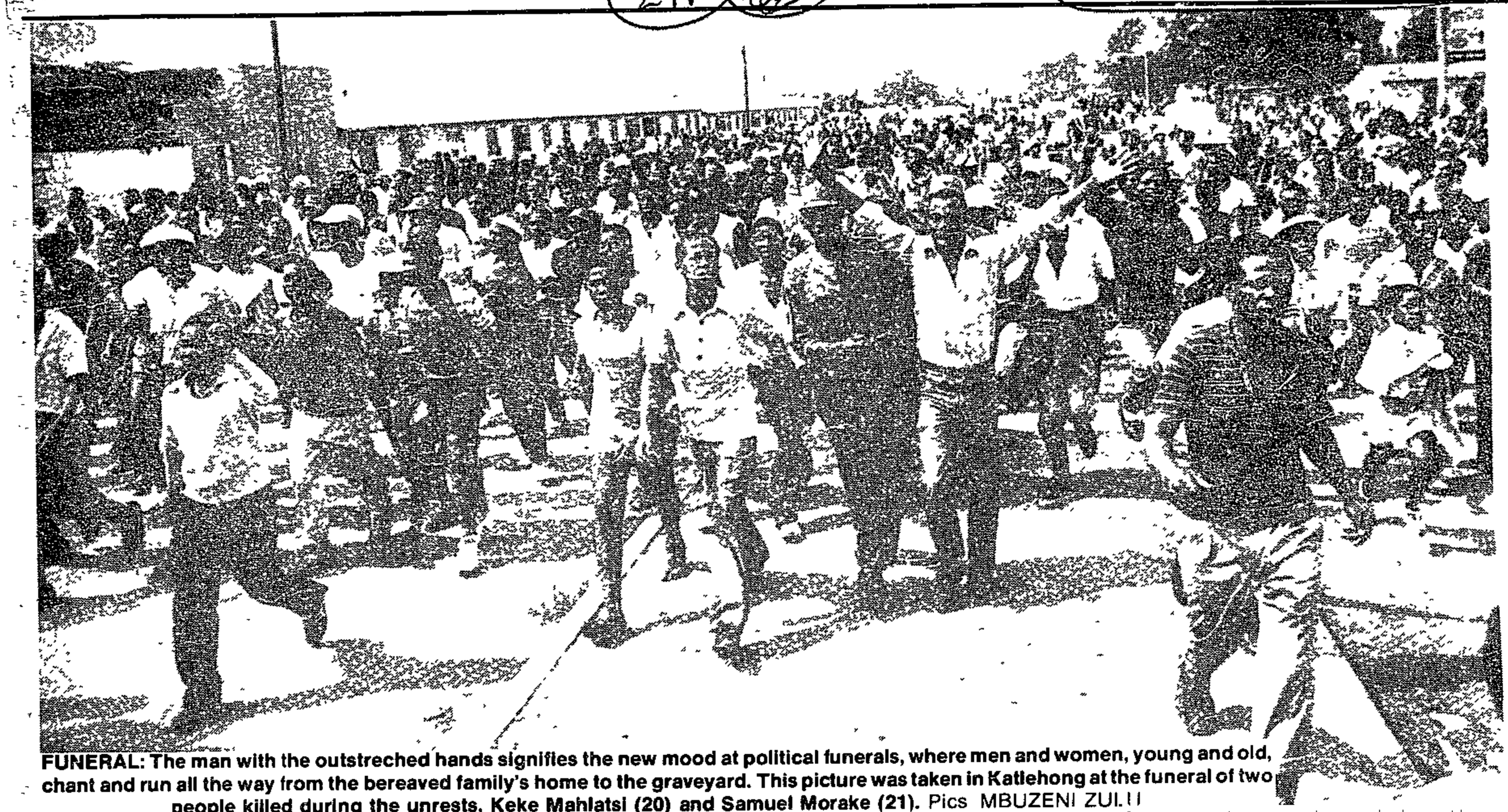
Mr Mali says it quite frankly: "Our intention is to make this country ungovernable."

It was like undergraduate bravado. Mr Mali sometimes sounded like a bad movie script, all that talk of the masses and the will of the people an bringing Mr Louis le Grange, Minister of Law and Order, "to his senses".

But I had to take these two men seriously. Mr Mali in his blue track suit with the natty red trimmings and his trendy glasses, Mr Thusi in his simple checked Cassidy shirt that looked borrowed. South African revolutionaries don't wear fatigues and berets nor do they smoke cigars. (Mr Mali smokes Perillys. Mr Thusi smokes other people's.)

Mr Mali has a matric and a teacher's certificate though his politics makes him, as he puts it, "unemployed and highly unemployable". Mr Thusi has the same problem, made worse by his limited education.

They live off handouts from their "comrades" and friends.



FUNERAL: The man with the outstreched hands signifies the new mood at political funerals, where men and women, young and old, chant and run all the way from the bereaved family's home to the graveyard. This picture was taken in Katlehong at the funeral of two people killed during the unrests, Keke Mahlatsi (20) and Samuel Morake (21). Pics MBUZENI ZULU

Pupils buried

TWO East Rand pupils shot during unrest in the complex were buried side by side at the weekend.

The two were Keke Mahlatsi and Samuel Morake, both of Katlehong, Natalspruit. They were shot dead during last week's two-day Transvaal stayaway.

Double

The double funeral, attended by about 2 000 mourners, was marked by political speeches — mostly condemning the Government's apartheid policy. Police kept a low profile and the funeral went without any incidents.

The two were pupils at Alafang Secondary School.

Organised business will meet Mr Louis le

Unrest victims buried today

THREE of the four funerals of unrest victims that were to be held in Ratanda on Saturday, but were banned by the Chief Magistrate of Heidelberg, will now be conducted today.

Moses Mokoena (21) of 2753 Matlala Street, Joseph "Section" Pooe (24) of 2097 Mamabolo Street and Matoto Mosikare (22) of Matlala Street, will be buried at the Ratanda cemetery between 12.30pm and 1.30pm.

The fourth victim, Gibson Twala, a Form IV pupil at the Ratanda High School, was buried yesterday at the Kwa-Thema cemetery.

All four died last week during violence between the police and groups of youths, following the two-day stayaway call on Monday and Tuesday.

The disturbances left 24 people dead, scores of houses, buildings and vehicles destroyed by fire.

Resigned

At least 10 members of town councils in the East Rand townships of Tembisa and Duduza also resigned from their seats last Thursday because of a call made by residents.

Strict conditions forbidding the weekend funeral services were contained in orders issued under the Internal Security Act by Heidelberg Chief Magistrate, Mr P C Terblanche.

The four, the orders state, may only be buried between 10am and 4pm during the week.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

Other conditions are:

- Not more than 50 mourners should attend a funeral service.
- Corpses and mourners must travel only in motor vehicles from the church or home to the cemetery along the shortest route.
- No placards may be displayed during the funeral procession, at the church or at the cemetery.
- No singing of freedom songs or political speeches should be made at the church, home or at the graveyard.
- The families may not hold a mass funeral for the deceased, even if the funeral services are held during the week.

Scores of relatives who arrived at the weekend, with the hope that the four will be buried on Saturday as it was earlier planned, may miss today's funerals as most of them have to return back home as far as the Orange Free State, Lesotho and Swaziland.

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SHOULDER-HIGH: Coffin of one of the pupils who was shot dead during the stayaway.

SADF, SAP probe over deaths of 3

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

THE South African Defence Force and the SAP are to launch a full-scale investigation into the deaths of three people after an armoured vehicle collided with a taxi in Vosloorus at the weekend. The police have denied that a police vehicle was involved but said it belonged to the army.

Newspapers yesterday reported that four people died in the accident, but the police said they knew of only three dead The reports said three people, a woman and two men died on the spot One of the dead was the father of six, Mr Sydney Kona (52) of Vosloorus. The man who they claimed later died at Natalspruit hospital was Mr Jimmy Dlamlenze, no address and age given

The police version yesterday was that only three people — to their knowledge — had died They also said the armoured vehicle was not a police one, but belonged to the army

A military spokesman said a body of army officers has been convened to investigate the circumstances surrounding the collision. The South African Police have also launched their own separate investigation into the incident "

Several taximen, who could not tell what injuries Mr B Dladla the driver of the taxi, had sustained, spoke with concern about the condition of their colleague after they had been told that doctors had instructed the hospital staff not to give any food to Mr Dladla

It is believed that doctors had instructed that Mr Dladla should not be given food because "he will be fed intravenously " He was transferred to the Intensive Care

Owner

Efforts to contact the taxi fleet owner and employer of Mr Dladla, Mr Samson Zulu, through the phone to get information about Dladla's condition proved fruitless.

The names of the injured are.
Mr Zandile Malegaase of 1485 Naledi, Mr Charles Kgalema of 4194 Moagi Street, Mr Hendrick Sibanyoni, of 2031 Malete Street; Mr Steven Mabanga of 2080 Mabanga Street.
Mr Dlamini of 4109 Boets Drive in Vosloorus

The accident occurred at the corner of M C Botha Drive and Mabaso Street at the entrance to Vosloorus on Saturday at about 6 am Passengers in the taxi were going to work

Nobel Priz not for bisi

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

IT is on the cards that Bishop Desmond Mpilo Tutu, who recently won the Nobel Peace Prize, will not be elected the new Bishop of Johannesburg when the Anglican Bishops Synod meets today.

The bishops, led by the Archbishop of Cape Town, The Most Rt Rev Phillip Russell, will meet at Modderpoort, near Ladybrand in the Orange Free State The meeting is expected to go on until Friday.

The Synod is made of 23 bishops and bishops-suffragan, including Archbishop Russell, come from various parts of Southern Africa, including Namibia, Lesotho and Swaziland.

Deadlock

Last month the Diocese of Johannesburg's Electoral Assembly made of about 400 delegates reached a deadlock over the election of a new bishop, after a strong number of conBishop Tutu and Mr Lee failed to achieve this WETAN yesterday that Bishop Tutu was regarded as contr two black bishops Diocese of Jo burg.

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Trade unions slam dismissals at Sasol

Labour Reporter

EIGHT Western Cape trade unions today condemned the detention of leading South African trade unionists and Sasol's dismissal of 6 500 workers following last week's work stayaway in the Transvaal.

The Food and Canning Workers' Union, the General Workers' Union, the Clothing Workers' Union, the Plastic and Allied Workers' Union, the Retail and Allied Workers' Union, the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association, two Fosatu affiliates, the National Union of Textile Workers and the Paper, Wood and Allied Workers' Union, described the detention of trade union officials as "grossly provoctaive".

Fosatu president, Mr Chris Dlamini, and other union office-bearers and officials were detained in a security-police swoop following the two-day stayaway.

The unions demanded the reinstatement of the Sasol workers, who had been dismissed and said they were prepared to back their demand "with appropriate action".

A union spokesman said he could not say what "appropriate action" the unions would take.

(Report by P Green, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town).

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Unions may declare 'black Christmas'

Labour Reporter

THE largest black labour body in the country, the Federation of SA Trade Unions, is to consider a nation-wide campaign to declare a "black Christmas" this year to protest against Government action against trade unions.

The 150 000-strong federation, which played a key role in the two-day stayaway in the Transvaal, condemned the detentions of its president, Mr Chris Dlamini, and officials Mr Moses Mayekiso of the Metal and Allied Workers' Union and Mr Agilizwe Solo of the National Union of Textile Workers

At a specially convened Fosatu central committee meeting this weekend, the Transvaal region suggested that workers declare this a "black Christmas" and not celebrate the end-of-year holidays.

AFFILIATES

"Fosatu is not prepared to stand by and watch its leadership being detained We see this as a direct attack on unions and we will be contacting other unions to support us," said a federation spokesman

The Transvaal region's proposal for a "black Christmas" will be discussed by all Fosatu affiliates and regions.

Fosatu also said it wished to "state clearly" why hundreds of thousands of Fosatu members in the Transvaal stayed away.

"We believe this is necessary because there has been too much focus on reports of violence and too little on the issue"

AGE LIMIT

Fosatu said it supported the stayaway because it wanted:

- A "clear announcement" on removing the age limit in schools
- Democratically constituted student representative councils in schools.
- The army removed from Vaal Triangle townships "and a stop to police harassment of residents".
- The suspension of rent and bus fare increases.

(Report by P Green, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)

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Another Fosatu man 'held'

By ANTON HARBER and JEANETTE MINNIE

SECURITY POLICE are believed to have detained another leading figure in the Federation of SA Trade Unions (Fosatu), Mr Bangalizwe Solo, bringing to four the number of unionists in detention without trial.

At the same time, Fosatu, which represents about 110 000 workers, has hinted at action "to protect Fosatu and ensure the release of those detained".

Fosatu said in a statement that it was not prepared to stand by and see its leadership detained. A spokesman added that these were not just "empty words".

However, no further details were given, except that decisions taken in this regard at a weekend meeting have been referred to the regions for approval.

According to Mr Solo's lawyers, he was detained on Saturday morning and is being held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

Mr Solo is an East Rand organiser for the Fosatu-affiliated National Union of Textile Workers. He was also the information officer of a special Fosatu committee formed recently to monitor the unrest situation in Transvaal townships.

The police directorate of public relations said yesterday that it was unable to confirm the detention.

Last week, police detained Mr Chris Dlamini, the Fosatu president, Mr Moses Mayekiso, the Fosatu representative on the Transvaal Regional Stayaway Committee, and Mr Themba Nontlanane, of the Municipal and General Workers' Union of SA.

They were held in a general swoop on people involved in last week's two-day work stayaway. Police are also holding Mr Jerry Kau, also of Fosatu.

In a statement yesterday, Fosatu said: "Detailed and far ranging decisions have been taken by a specially formed central committee to protect Fosatu and to ensure the release of those detained."

Fosatu totally condemned the detention of its office bearers and officials.

The detentions were a "direct attack on unions" and it would be asking other unions to support it in its actions, Fosatu said.

The Fosatu central committee will also ask other regions to consider implementing the proposal for a "Black Christmas" in the Transvaal as a national campaign urging all members not to celebrate and not to buy anything apart from essential goods.

And a number of Cape Town trade unions have said they consider the detention of Mr Dlamini as an attack on the trade union movement as a whole and the detention of members of the stayaway committee as "grossly provocative".

Township riot victims speak out

With acknowledgment to the Metropolitan Digest and the S.A. Digest.

September was a diffi-ult month," said Bar-ey, a taxi owner from reater Soweto "What tarted as a protest en-ed in nothing but crime nd vandalism.

"These people are uining my business. I ill hardly make enough ucks this month to cov-r my HP payments on is taxi. I lost a lot of oney from these peo-le stopping me from aking passengers to oweto and back.

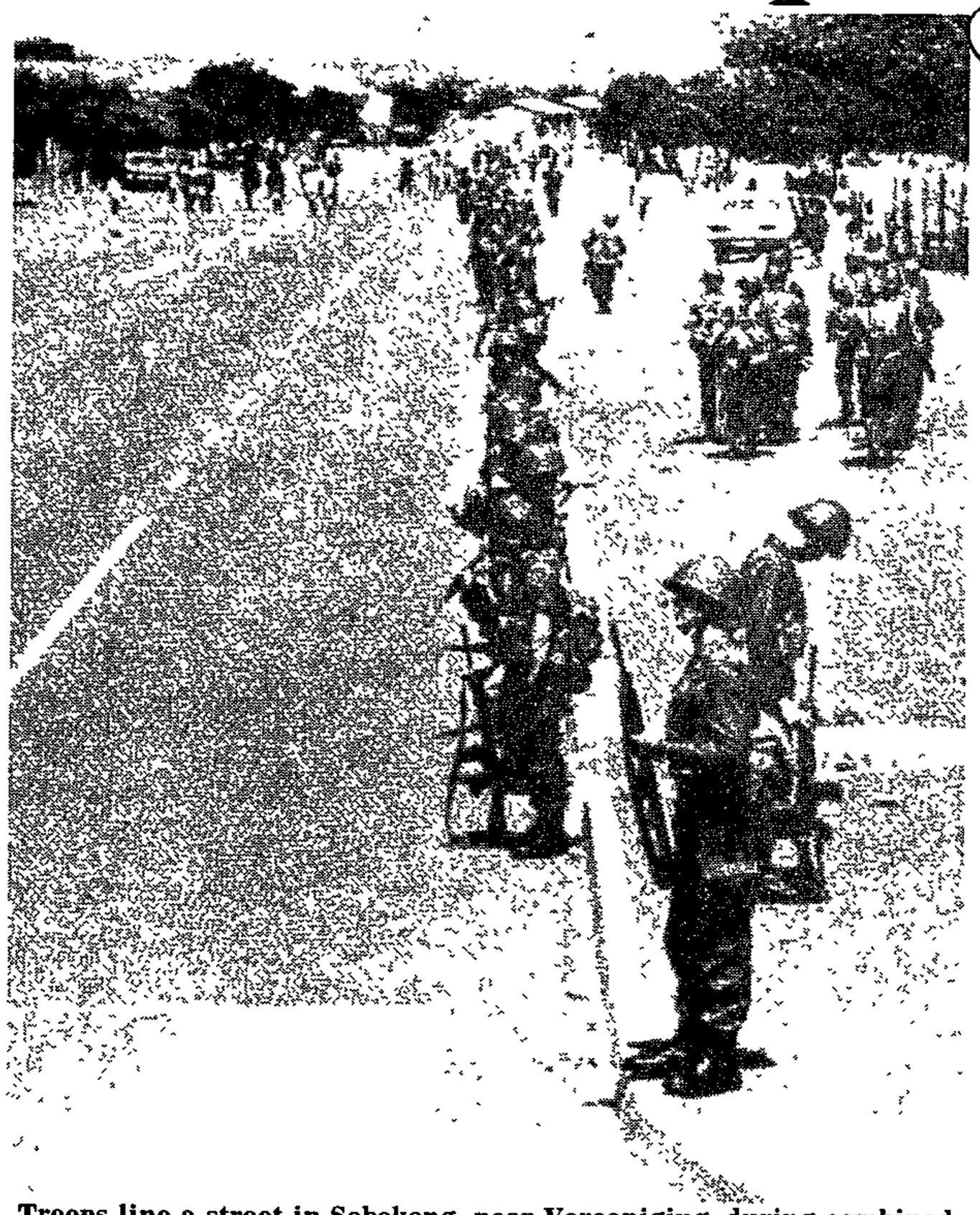
"When I picked up assengers, I was stop-ed and people had to et out and walk home ne night, my friend was iving down Old Potch oad when a mob of peo-le stopped him near aragwanath Hospital.

"They asked him a lot f questions and then hey stoned his taxi. hey even used pipes to nock out the head lights nd windows. Phillip orked hard to pay for iat taxi Now how will e earn money to pay the P and the repairs?

"We taxi owners do not ll have insurance. How re we going to pay now r special riot insur-nce? Instead of protest-ig for a better life for s, these people have aused us more ardships."

"I know an old lady," aid a nurse from ebokeng, "who came ome from Vanderbi-park, when a mob of oligans and children opped the taxi she was avelling in

"They were all told to t out, but had to leave their parcels in the taxi This old lady had been to town to do her shopping. You know what those people did? They stole all her groceries! If it hadn't been for her friends who looked after her, she would have had nothing to eat for the rest of the week."



Troops line a street in Sebokeng, near Vereeniging, during combined police and army action during recent violence in the Vaal triangle.

Once again, it was the buses belonging to the major transport services which were easy targets for stone throwing. Windows were smashed by stones and even bricks. Passengers and drivers were harassed.

Sello, a bus driver, complained "Man, did I have a tough time these last few weeks' People insulted me, threw stones at me, even tried to set the bus alight Why do people hate me?

"I only work for this company I do not put up the bus fares What do these guys want? Would they rather walk home, or what?"

Of course, it was not the stone throwers who suffered. It was the ordinary passengers who had to walk many kilometres home because buses were stopping at the outskirts of the towns.

September mornings on the highveld are still cold, and many people travelled to work with icy wind blowing in through the broken windows "I was really freezing on the bus some mornings," says Beverly (21), a waitress in town. "Some people even got sick from riding on those broken buses."

Beverly's brother, Godfrey (29), complained to us about the burnt down post offices. "These riots have caused me a lot of trouble and money My telephone was out of order for a few days. I do not think that was because of the riots, but anyway, I had to go to Vereeniging to report it.

"Also I had to walk from shop to shop to find out how much I had to pay on my accounts because I did not receive my post. Now the other post offices are so busy You have to walk miles and miles to post a letter or buy a stamp No man, these riots are just a lot of hassle"

A man in the Vaal Triangle area who used to work in a shop that had been burnt down during the riots said.

"When I went to work the next day, everything was in ruins That morning, the shop owner informed me that he would have to dismiss me. Now I am one of the unemployed"

An elderly couple from Evaton, Mr Robert Khumalo (69) and his 61-year-old wife, told a reporter from the Sunday Mirror newspaper how they stood by helplessly as a mob of people from Evaton raided their well-stocked general dealers shop

"I lost about R10 000 in one day and still wonder why my own people attacked me I am an old man and have never been involved in town council affairs nor did I ever intend being a supporter," Mr Khumalo said.

"I have never believed I would be regarded as an enemy by the people with whom I lived since I opened this shop in 1952"

Now he will have to start all over again. "I will start by selling oranges at the street corner and build myself up from there."

Mr Khumalo said that he had heard some of the attackers on his shop say that they were not fighting against high rents, but also against the wealthy

Mr Esau Mohlatsi, Chairman of the Lekoa Town Council, said that the council would help the shop owners who were victims of the riots to rebuild their businesses.

A supermarket owner on the East Rand was very bitter when he spoke to our reporters, "Listen, I was the one who saw the need for a supermarket in the community," he said. "I took the risk of raising the money to start the business Now the people start messing me around

"Now the stock on my shelves is fast disappearing because these thugs have been stopping the delivery vans coming through I have had to put up my prices and pay off some of my workers Now people have to shop in the White areas, even for things like bread and milk, and are not spending money in local areas."

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Hippo crash: Four dead

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By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

THE DEATH toll of the taxi-army vehicle collision in Vosloorus at the weekend rose to four when another victim died at the Natalspruit Hospital on Sunday.

The victim was a mother of three, Mrs Josephine Ngwenya (40) of 1712 Moagi Street in Vosloorus.

Her husband, Mr Aaron Ngwenya, told **The SOWETAN** that his wife left home on Saturday morning for work but later during the day he was told that she was at the hospital after the taxi she was using was involved in an accident with an armoured vehicle.

"Late on Sunday afternoon, after visiting her on Saturday, I was told she was dead," said Mr Ngwenya.

The other people who died in the collision are Mr Sydney Mona (52), of 1269 Khari Street, who will be buried on Sunday at 2pm, Mr Jimmy Dlamlenze (54) of 1266 Fanana Street, who will be buried on Saturday at 2pm, and Mr Johannes Mabizela (52) of 1545 Langa Street, who will be buried at Nkandla in Zululand at the weekend.

Others injured in the collision are still being treated at hospital. They are Mr Jackson Malegase, of 1485 Naledi, Mr Charles Kgalema, of Kgalema Street, Vosloorus, Mr Bongani Dladla, the taxi driver, and Mr Zwebelishiya Khumalo, of 1409 Roets Drive, Vosloorus. All are at Natalspruit Hospital.

Those who were treated and discharged on Saturday after the accident are Mr Isaac Khumalo, of the Vosloorus Hostel, Mr Steven Mabanga, of 2080 Moagi Street and Mr Hendrick Sibanyoni, of 2031 Malete Street in Vosloorus.

Raid aimed at finding criminal elements

Police and SADF swoop on Tembisa

STAR 13/11/84

By Trevor Jones
and Chris More

Hundreds of policemen, supported by the Defence Force, swooped on Tembisa township today in a concentrated anti-crime drive.

The police action started at 10 am under the command of Brigadier Bert Wandrag, chief of the SAP Task Force. He was assisted by the Divisional Commissioner for the East Rand, Brigadier D J Crafford, and Colonel D Greyling, CID chief for the area.

A large force of detectives began searching for suspects in specific cases. The detectives had warrants of arrest for people wanted in connection with 31 murder cases, 39 cases of serious assault, 10 of armed robbery, four rape cases, and 29 cases of theft.

Colonel Leon Mellet, spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order, said the anti-crime action was aimed at rooting out a criminal element in the township which has about 250 000 residents.

"Experience has shown that it is these thugs and hooligans who are responsible for most of the arson, looting, stone-throwing and so on," said Colonel Mellet.

He said that other police duties would be to protect commuters, schools, community service centres and to remove obstructions in the streets.

Colonel Mellet would not say how many men were involved in today's swoop but said the number was "considerably less" than in the recent Sebokeng operation. He emphasised that no house-to-house searches were being conducted.

Policemen in Tembisa were also distributing pamphlets among the residents explaining the reasons for the action and asking for the support of people living in the township.

Colonel Mellet said the anti-

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Police and army personnel hand out pamphlets urging pupils to go back to school and adults to return to work.

● Picture by Alf Kumalo.

Youth riot after funeral

PRETORIA—Rampaging youths in Atteridgeville near here yesterday set fire to buildings and vehicles, while on the East Rand, police, supported by the Defence Force, launched an anti-crime drive in Tembisa.

Youths in Atteridgeville went on the rampage after the funeral of 13-year-old Wallace Solly Ramskin, a Std 4 pupil who died after being hit by a rubber bullet during unrest in a two-day stay-away last week.

After the church service hundreds of mourners marched 1,5 km to the local cemetery with the boy's coffin held shoulder-high.

Mob fled

Groups of youths then set fire to a council bottlestore and beer hall, burning the manager's car, as well as stoning several vehicles and another bottlestore.

The manager said he had been with his wife and a small child when the mob threw petrol bombs into the store.

He said the mob fled when police arrived. His wife and the child, as well as the driver of a stoned delivery van, were taken to hospital.

On the East Rand, hundreds of police, supported by members of the South African Defence Force, swooped on Tembisa township yesterday.

A spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order, Col Leon Mellet, said the drive would continue for as long as is necessary and at least another few days.

Warned

The swoop began at 10 a.m. with detectives searching for suspects in connection with 31 murders, 39 serious assaults, 10 armed robberies, four rapes and 29 thefts.

Meanwhile Putco has warned that the company would in future be quicker to pull its buses out of areas of unrest and slower to return.

'The company warned in an article in its monthly newsletter: 'We are not prepared to take as many risks to life and property in future.'

Two Putco drivers had been seriously injured and several had suffered minor injuries 'while serving their community', the company said. — (Sapa).

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Cops, army in Tembisa raid

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"This police action will continue for as long as is necessary — at least another few days," he said.

'Stayaway unique'

LAST week's stayaway was unique in its scale and in the number of organisations that backed it.

This is according to the South African Institute of Management (SAIM) which has warned in a statement that companies, in the interest of the stability of their workforce, must enter into a process of consultation with workers to find out what political role was expected of the private sector.

"Black spokesmen, encouraged by the success of the stayaway, predict that similar tactics will become a common characteristic of the strategy of black resistance to racial political inequality," the SAIM says.

The management body adds that the focus of this action is "the perceived alliance" between the Government and the private sector and the lack of credibility of "free enterprise" in facilitating a redistribution of power and wealth.

In the light of this, the SAIM says, clear understanding of the following issues must be developed:

- An emphathy for the social and economic environment in which employees live and work;
- That an ongoing consultative procedure, between management and workers, in the areas of social responsibility and community involvement be maintained: and
- The company then proceeds to clearly set out how it proposes to handle pay and related matters in the case of future stayaway action.

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Police swoop in Tembisa nets 53

Mail Reporter

POLICE yesterday moved into Tembisa with warrants of arrest for more than 100 people — and by last night had arrested 53 — while large contingents of South African Defence Force members maintained a support presence.

It was the start of a massive police intensification to crack down on crime in the East Rand township which is expected to last for several days.

Hundreds of CID and uniformed men yesterday morning moved into the township — which has a population of about 250 000 — with more than 100 warrants of arrest for crimes ranging from murder to theft.

Colonel Leon Mellet, spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order, said the campaign was aimed at Tembisa's criminal element in an attempt to make the township safe after the unrest and looting of the past few weeks.

He said Tembisa had a very high crime rate with 1 833 reported crimes in 1983 and 1 772 so far this year, adding that many of the warrants were for incidents of crime during the unrest.

The action is headed by Brigadier Bert Wandrag, chief of the SAP Task Force, who is assisted by

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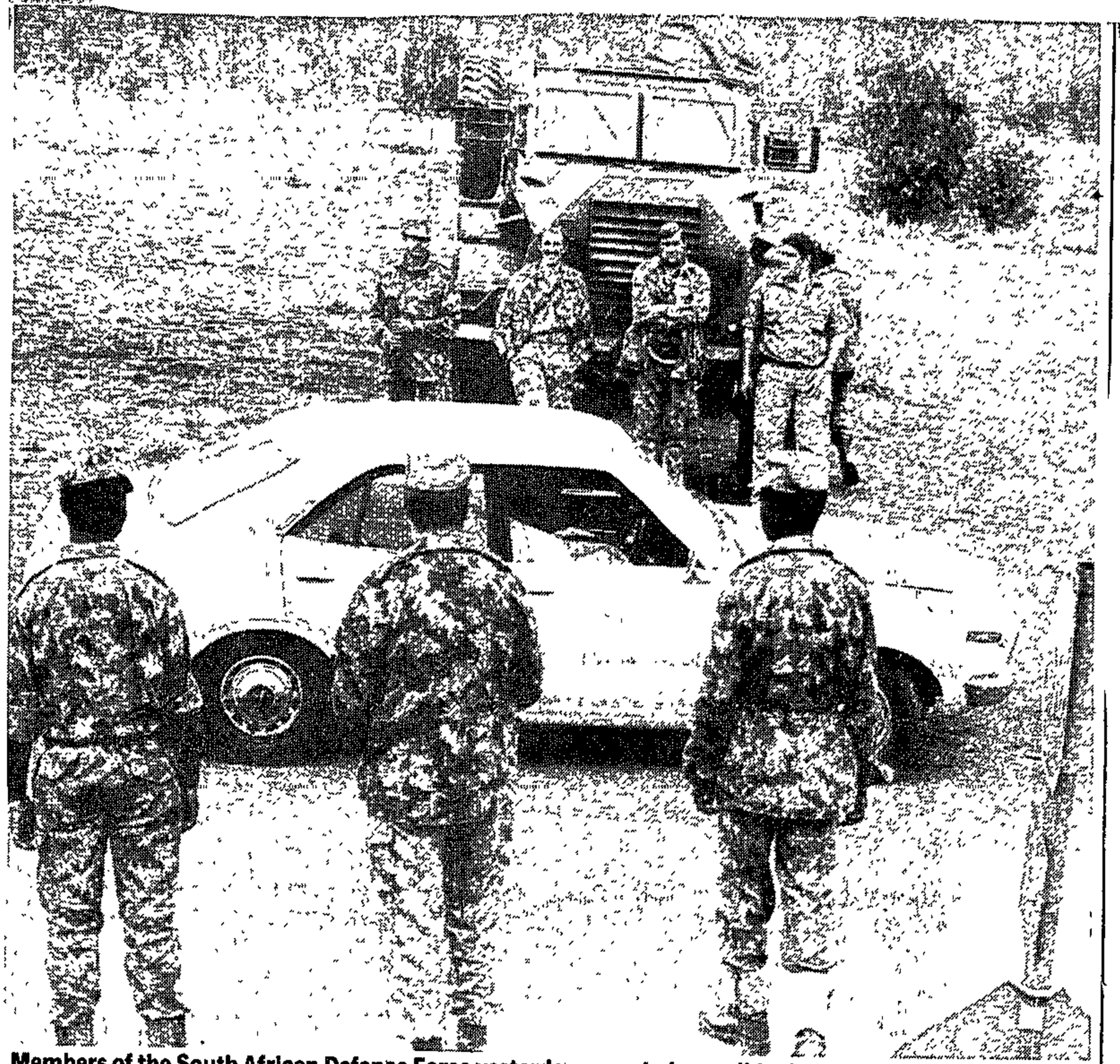

Members of the South African Defence Force yesterday mounted a roadblock at the entrance to Tembisa, on the East Rand, as part of an intensified police crime crackdown in the township.

Tembisa: 53 held by police

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Divisional Commissioner for the East Rand, Brigadier D J Crafford and Colonel D Greyling, CID chief for the area.

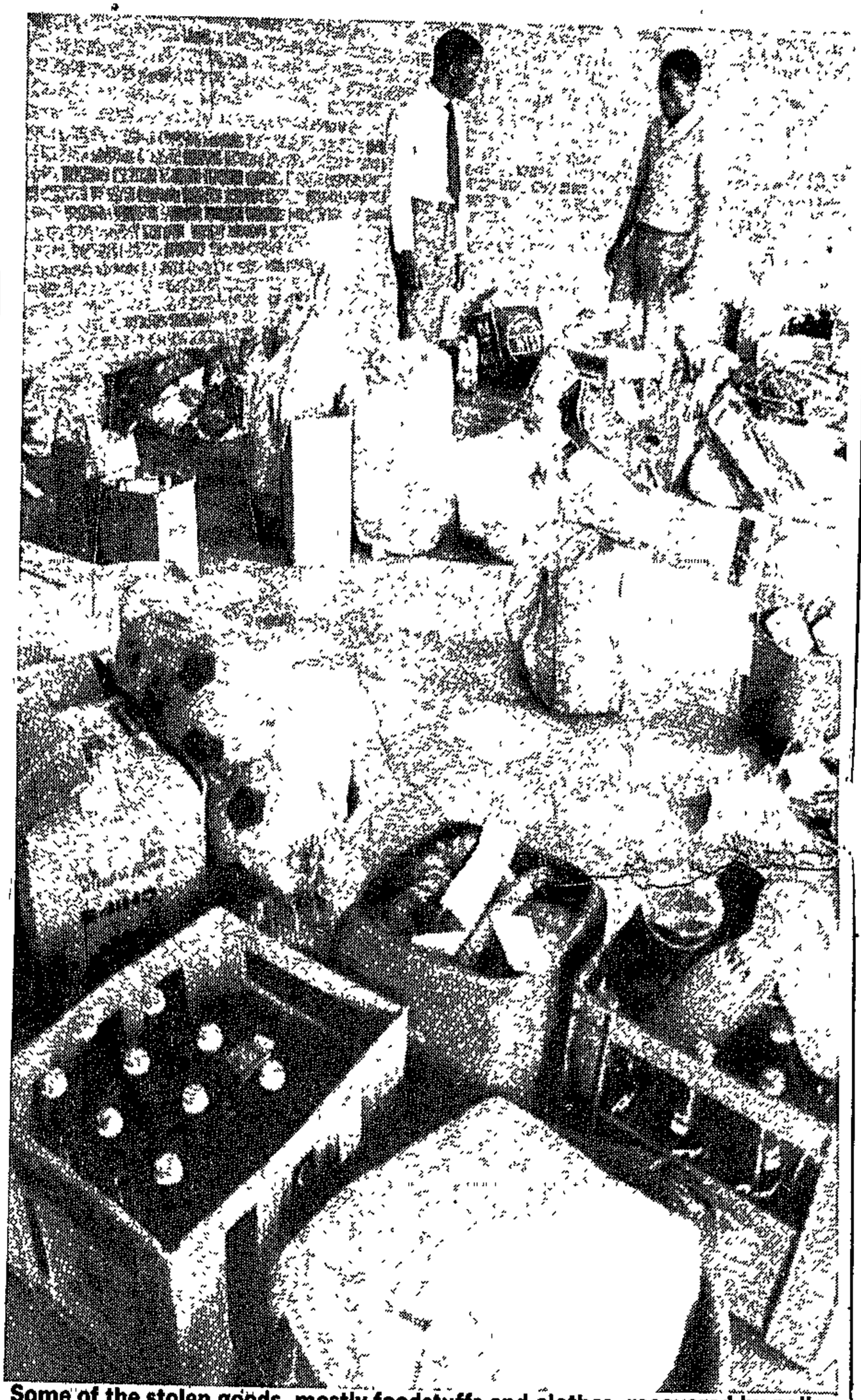
Col Mellet said the Defence Force were there in a "logistical" role and, while he would not reveal numbers, said the combined force was considerably less than the 7 000-strong force that entered Sebokeng last month.

The township seemed quiet yesterday when the Press were driven around and while children gathered around and waved at the troops, many residents seemed wary of the military vehicles prominent on their streets.

The Progressive Federal Party's spokesman on law and order, Mrs Helen Suzman, described the operation as part of the Government's "reign of terror in the townships".

"The Government's show of force — indeed reign of terror in the townships — can only exacerbate the existing state of tension in those areas."

"What is needed is a sober appraisal of the situation and a statement of intent to deal with the underlying factors such as widespread unemployment which contributes to unrest and instability and provides fertile ground for those who promote violence."



Some of the stolen goods, mostly foodstuffs and clothes, recovered by police during a crackdown on crime in Tembisa over the past few days.

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The combined police/army swoop on the East Rand's Tembisa township yesterday had its lighter moments when soldiers and children played an impromptu soccer game. A police spokesman said 53 people were arrested and goods recovered which had been looted from shops during the unrest. Picture by Alf Kumalo.

100 taken in swoop on Tembisa

Police have arrested more than 100 people in the anti-crime swoop on Tembisa township on the East Rand.

The drive to "root out criminal elements" began on Monday but moved into top gear yesterday when hundreds of uniformed policemen and detectives, supported by members of the South African Defence Force, moved into the township.

A police spokesman in Pretoria today said that 53 people had been arrested yesterday in connection with crimes ranging from murder to charges under the Liquor Act.

A further 50 people have been arrested in connection with the looting of Tembisa stores. Food, drink, clothing, two electrical generators and other items looted in recent unrest have been recovered.

Some the goods were buried in backyards.

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Tembisa swoop: 100 taken

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Tembisa businessmen today declined to confirm or deny the rumour that they are planning to confront the United Democratic Front (UDF) and the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) to get compensation for property lost during last week's two-day stayaway.

The businessmen promised to give details of allegations after they had consulted as a group.

The township was tense this morning as police, backed by the army, continued their operation to root out suspects involved in crimes allegedly related to last week's two-day stayaway.

Residents told *The Star* the raids were based on information given to police by local businessmen who were victimised during the stayaway.

A resident, who did not want to be named, said: "Most of the goods were dug up in the backyards of houses in the neighbourhood of the shops. But the businessmen had accurate information of the big culprits. They gave their names to the police."

The police crackdown in Tembisa yesterday has been condemned as "extremely disquieting" by the Northern Transvaal Progressive Federal Party.

Northern Transvaal PFP chairman Mr Rowan Haarhoff said today the reason given by the police for the massive drive was absurd.

"How on earth does one unearth criminal elements like murderers, rapists and robbers by erecting roadblocks and searching hundreds of homes?"

He described the swoop as a political action to intimidate dissenters and said the Minister of Police should publish a list of the arrests not later than Friday if he wanted to prove otherwise.

● From Port Elizabeth it is reported that SADF units and vehicles have been stationed permanently along Grahamstown's notorious Raglan Road area.

Confirming the presence of four or five vehicles and up to 60 troops, police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape Colonel Gerrie Van Rooyen said they were helping police control stoning incidents.

Traders in Tembisa to confront UDF

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TEMBISA businessmen are planning to confront the United Democratic Front (UDF) and the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) for compensation of lost property sustained during last week's two-day stayaway.

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Hunted

The residents said the businessmen had grouped together and hunted people suspected of looting their shops which were damaged during the stayaway.

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Inkatha youths slam stayaway

THE WEST Rand region of the Inkatha Youth Brigade has levelled a scathing attack against the organisers of last week's stayaway "which was imposed on thousands of people, some of whom have lost their jobs".

In a statement issued after its general meeting held at the Vulamazibuko Higher Primary School, Diepkloof at the weekend, the Brigade singled out the United Democratic Front (UDF) and condemned it for "going it alone" without consulting other organisations.

Referring to the stayaway as a "dismal failure" the Brigade said:

"It was very unwise for the UDF to try to go it alone without consulting us and the people at large. We are tired of these people who claim to be fighting for unity while they depend on borrowed strategies they cannot bring to fruition.

"We wish to warn our brothers and sisters in trade unions that they must not allow themselves to be the playthings of political nobodies like the UDF," the statement said.

Reacting to the Youth Brigade's attack, the UDF said it found it a complete waste of time to respond to the statement as it was devoid of any facts.

"Even the most reactionary of analysts acknowledged the success of the stayaway," the acting secretary general of the front, Mr Trevor Manuel, said.

Business groups warn Govt as . . .

6 leaders held in police raids

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By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK and ANTON HARBER

AS Security Police detained another six people yesterday, the country's three major business organisations issued a strongly worded warning that the wave of detentions of trade union leaders could endanger labour peace.

The Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut (AHI), the Federated Chamber of Industries (FCI) and the Association of South African Chambers of Commerce (Assocom) said the detentions had put at risk the harmonious relationship between employers and a large section of their workforce.

Their statements were among an extraordinary range of condemnations from individuals and organisations yesterday of the current spate of detentions.

Held yesterday were Mr Piroshaw Camay, general secretary of the Council of Unions of South Africa, Ms Kate Philip, the president of the National Union of SA Students, Mr Guy Berger, of the Media and Research Services, Mr John Campbell, of the Screen Training Project, and Mr Jethro Dlalisa of the Federation of SA Trade Union's Transport and General Workers' Union.

Their arrest bring to about 220 the number of people presently in detention without trial in what the Detainees' Parents Support Committee (DPSC) has called "the worst wave of repression since 1976, reminiscent of the post-Sharpeville state of emergency".

This has brought the total number of people detained this year to 1 034, the highest in many years.

The AHI, the FCI and Assocom warned that the wave of detentions of trade union leaders was exacerbating a "very delicate" labour situation.

They urged the Government to enter into top level discussions with key industrial, commercial and labour organisations as soon as possible.

The private sector was "deeply concerned" about the detentions at a "sensitive time such as the present" and, like the Government, were anxious to preserve stability in the economy, the statement said.

The detention of Mr Camay, who is well-known in international trade union circles, seems set to focus more international attention on the detentions.

The detention of Mr Camay — who played an important role in the recent two-day work stayaway — brings to 12 the number of unionists believed to be held in detention without trial.

Two other detainees, Mr Berger and Mr Campbell, are both members of the Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee (Jodac), an affiliate of the United Democratic Front that concentrates on organising the white community.

A sixth man, Mr Victory Kgobe, was also believed to be held, but no details could be obtained last night.

Police confirmed the detention of Ms Philip under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act, but have not yet replied to queries about the other detentions.

Strong reaction came from organisations such as Nusas, Jodac, Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR), the Friends of Nusas Society (Fons), Wits and Cape Town universities, the Release Mandela Committee, the Transvaal Indian Congress and the Progressive Federal Party.

Trade union condemnation came from Fosatu, Cusa, the Urban Training Project and the Trade Union Council of South Africa (Tucsa), who all called for the immediate release of detainees.

About 35 students from the University of the Witwatersrand held a brief picket on Jan Smuts Avenue, Johannesburg, to protest against the detentions. Plainclothes police kept a

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Union leader detained

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close watch, but no incidents were reported.

Dr Stuart Saunders and Professor Karl Tober, vice-chancellors of the universities of Cape Town and Wits respectively, condemned Ms Philip's detention as did Professor Alf Stadler, chairman of the Wits Senate Academic Freedom Committee.

Mrs Helen Suzman, PFP spokesman on Law and Order, warned that if the Government carried on in this fashion, it would cause an escalation of the present disturbances into a crisis situation.

A spokesman for Anglo American Property Services — who employ one of the detainees, Mr Dlalisa — said they felt strongly that any detained employee should be charged or released and would be contacting the Security Police.

Tucsa said such detentions were destructive to community and industrial relations.

Mr Jules Browde, chairman of the LHR, said the detentions appeared to be "further indication of the intention of the authorities to stamp out the right of protest in South Africa and to prevent even university students from expressing views considered inimical to the racial policies of the Government".

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Boesak must be charged — Le Grange

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VIRGINIA — The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, has advised the Commissioner of Police to charge Dr Allan Boesak, patron of the United Democratic Front, under a section of the Police Act.

Mr le Grange last night told a public meeting in Virginia that a dossier would be opened on Dr Boesak and, after a "proper investigation" of charges under Section 27 of the Police Act, would be handed to the Attorney-General.

Section 27 states that members of the public may not be calculating or deliberate in what they say about the police.

Dr Boesak, who is also head of the World Council of Reformed Churches, was referred to by Mr le Grange as a "liar and slanderer".

The basis of the Minister's attack on Dr Boesak was an article in Australia's *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper.

In the article, said Mr le Grange, Dr Boesak had said the South African Police were committing "the most unbelievable atrocities" and gave the example of a 12-year-old black youth who, although innocent, had been shot in both legs by a policeman.

'MURDER MACHINE'

The article had referred to the South African Defence Force as "one of the most sophisticated murder machines in history," Mr le Grange said.

He added that Dr Boesak had referred to "civil war in South Africa with more than 7 000 African troops surrounding Soweto a month ago".

Dr Boesak was also quoted as saying that South African whites had been a violent people ever since they first came to the Cape hundreds of years ago. Dr Boesak had also alleged that the Afrikaanse Weerstandbeweging, "Which is supported by the government," had made regular threats on his life.

"All these allegations are lies, calculated lies," Mr le Grange said.

Only Dr Boesak could say whether he had actually given the interview and whether he was quoted correctly, Mr le Grange said.

"But unless and until he publicly disputes this article he will be known as a liar and a slanderer of his country, while at the same time being a minister and head of the World Council of Reformed Churches."

The minister said Dr Boesak would have the opportunity to accept or deny responsiblity for the article once a charge was laid under Section 27 of the Police Act and a dossier opened, which would be passed onto the attorney-general. — Sapa.

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Unrest victim's funeral banned

Mail Reporter

THE Magistrate of Alberton, Mr George van Huysteen yesterday banned the funeral of a Katlehong unrest victim which was to be held tomorrow

According to the ban, the funeral of Mr Anthony Mosoenyane, 33, must be held during the week.

Mr Mosuenyane, who died at the Katlehong police station, was one of about 23 who died in disturbances during last week's mass stay-away

The Mosuenyane family yesterday received a letter forbidding the weekend funeral under the Internal Security Act.

The letter forbids the funeral from being held from 6am on November 17 to 6am on November 19.

In the letter, the Magistrate said he had reason to believe public peace would be seriously endangered by the funeral.

Other conditions included ● That the body of the late Anthony Mosoenyane shall be transported in a closed-in motor vehicle

● That no banners with slogans shall be displayed

● That all persons who follow the motor vehicle with the said body shall travel in motor vehicles and will not be allowed to follow the procession on foot

Mystery still surrounds the death of Mr Mosoenyane.

His mother, Mrs Rosemary Mosoenyane said her son had been missing since the beginning of the stay-away. She went to Katlehong police station thinking he might have been detained.

She said a policeman told her that her son was being held at the police station and she should bring him clothes and food.

Before she could return, however, a policeman arrived to tell her that he had died.

Yesterday a police spokesman said he could not comment on the death

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White workers visiting Tembisa get eye-opener

By MONTSHIWA MOROKE

THE Manpower and Management Foundation (MMF) on Wednesday took some of its white employees to Tembisa, near Kempton Park, to help them understand problems experienced by co-workers during periods of unrest . . . and were confronted with a situation which the executive director said resembled Belfast.

The company hoped that the visit would act as an incentive to other employers.

Two minibus loads of employees from the MMF visited the township — the scene of violent unrest during last week's two-day work stayaway — at the suggestion of Mr Grey Mbau, a company executive.

Following the "Know Your Environment" visit, employees told the Rand Daily Mail that the trip had been an "eye-opener". They also said they had been "horrified" by the heavy presence of the army.

The executive director, Dr John Burns, said all black workers of the company had been granted permission during the stayaway to be absent from work, for employers had not wanted to "expose" them to danger.

Dr Burns said he felt white workers had felt resentment because of the stayaway, but said he did not think the white staff understood the pressure under which black workers lived.

He therefore decided to arrange the visit, and obtained the necessary permission.

He said: "It is one thing visiting Soweto on a sunny Sunday afternoon and another to find people locked in like at Belfast."

Dr Burns said there had been criticism from various quarters when the visit was proposed — firstly that it was an unnecessary risk, and secondly that blacks would misinterpret the purpose of the visit.

The visit was originally planned for Soweto, but it failed because whites had been barred from visiting the township for three months.

2 300 arrested after raids on Sebokeng hostel

Mail Reporter

OVER 2 000 men were arrested following a raids at a Sebokeng hostel on Wednesday and Thursday nights, a police spokesman said in a statement released to Sapa yesterday.

The raids, in which 2 300 inmates were arrested, was the biggest for rent defaulters by any development board, and was conducted by the Orange Vaal Development Board, backed by the South African Police.

Victims of the raid said they believed the clampdown was connected to the failure by inmates to pay rents in arrears since September.

Those with the money paid the R45 arrears, while those without were warned to pay.

According to inmates, police entered their rooms and pointed rifles at them, demanded passbooks and hostel permits.

They pointed out that they had nowhere to pay rents, as during the riots in September all offices had been burned.

Mr D C Ganz, the chief director of the OVDB, said yesterday: "Many hostel residents complained about intimidation as well as trespassers entering hostels and using their accommodation.

"In view of this, the necessary action was taken," he said.

OVDB police, with the help of the SAP, reportedly also arrested several people in Sharpeville yesterday in connection with pass book and other offences, during the second raid in the township in three weeks.

In Katlehong police fired tearsmoke and birdshot to disperse a group of youths yesterday. No serious incidents were reported.

Sapa reports that police said yesterday 120 people had been arrested in the East Rand township of Tembisa since the SAP and the Defence Force began an "anti-crime" drive in the area four days ago, in which about 1 500 police were deployed.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said charges included theft, arson, and possessing or dealing in dagga.

In Daveyton, police assisted by members of the SADF searched all cars entering the township and issued pamphlets stating: "The police and the army are in your areas to ensure that the people can carry on with their normal activities: To go to work and to go to school."

● Yesterday, a spokesman for the Police Directorate in Pretoria replied to a telex sent by the Mail, inquiring into the death of Mr Anthony Mosoenyane.

According to his family, Mr Mosoenyane died after being detained by the Security Police on Tuesday last week.

In the reply, the spokesman said: "The deceased died in Natalspruit Hospital and not in police detention."

● In the Eastern Cape, Sapa reports that seven people were detained in Graaff Reinet following unrest in the black township on Thursday night, in which a youth was shot dead.

According to a police spokesman, between 200 and 300 youths had attacked the house of the Mayor of the Graaff Reinet township, Mr F Mpepho. They then, according to the spokesman, attacked the mayor.

Putco to act faster in riots

By RAYMOND MASHAO

PUTCO will be quicker to pull its buses out of areas of unrest and slower to return.

This was confirmed yesterday by Putco's public relations officer, Mr Pat Rogers, who said that if there was any unrest "we will act more quickly than we have done in the past when we used to operate normally".

Asked if the company would consider a permanent withdrawal of buses in trouble spots, Mr Rogers said: "We would always monitor the situation.... we are there to provide service but we would be a little bit cautious."

In this month's edition of Putco News the company noted that during unrest in the past few weeks two drivers had been seriously injured and several others suffered minor injuries while serving their community.

Seven buses were destroyed and 460 buses had broken windows and other damage. Some were hijacked.

The company said in all, unrest caused damage worth about R1-million and it took 18 months to replace a bus.

"We are not prepared to take as many risks to life and property in future.... we shall be quicker to pull out of areas of unrest and slower to return."

● Putco also announced that members of the police force no longer travelled free on its buses.

It was learned that the South African Police had decided not to renew the contract under which it paid an annual sum to cover fares for commuters, and they are now expected to be self-sufficient.

Nearly 2 500 arrests in Tvl

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Nearly 2 500 people have been arrested in the Vaal Triangle and East Rand since Tuesday this week, a policeman spokesman confirmed last night.

And in the past four days 1 500 policemen have been deployed in four days in the East Rand township of Tembisa, where 128 arrests have been made.

Police searches continued in Sharpeville, Daveyton and Katlehong yesterday.

Some 2 300 inmates were arrested following a massive raid at a Sebokeng Hostel on Wednesday and Thursday nights, a police spokesman confirmed last night.

The raid, the biggest for rent defaulters by any development board, was conducted by the Orange Vaal Development Board backed by police.

Those with the money paid R45 rent arrears while those without were warned to pay the rents.

Residents said they had nowhere to pay rents as during the riots in September offices were all burned, Sapa reported.

A spokesman from the police directorate said he could not confirm last night whether SADF members were deployed in any of the townships.

• Sapa reports a number of detentions in Graaff-Reinet, where a youth was also shot dead.

A police spokesman said between 200 and 300 black youths had attacked the house of the chairman of the community council and mayor of the Graaff-Reinet township, Mr F Z T Mpepho. Several shots were fired.

"Later on that evening a black youth with a bullet wound in his right shoulder was dropped off at the Midland Hospital. He subsequently died."

He said that among the five detained last night were Mrs Joyce Stewart, secretary of the Graaff-Reinet Community Organization (Grafcom), Mr Mvuleni Kuboni, president, and Ms Belinda Swartz of the Congress of SA Students.

"Two others were detained with them but we are still confirming their names."

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Cabinet hardliners smash labour truce

● Mr Tony Bloom
... Premier chief

By JEAN LE MAY: Political Correspondent

DELICATE negotiations between big business and black labour were shattered this week when hardliners in the Cabinet seized the initiative for strong-arm tactics to control township unrest.

The wave of detentions and arrests came as rumours of impending unrest swept the white community although newspapers, besieged by callers, were unable to substantiate them

The detention of 12 trade union leaders and the arrest of more than 2 500 people coincided with the start of negotiations to avert another labour stayaway

Prevailed

The Cabinet hardliners, identified by political sources as Mr Louis le Grange, Minister of Law and Order; General Magnus Malan, Minister of Defence, and Mr F W de Klerk, Minister of Home Affairs and National Education, were said by the same sources to have prevailed over protests from colleagues who urged consultation with blacks rather than police action

All three men have taken hardline positions in public Mr le Grange, justifying the detentions in a speech in Virginia this week, said some of the detained leaders had been on a "core committee" which organised the stayway on November 5 and 6 when an estimated 800 000 blacks stayed away from work in the Pretoria/Witwatersrand-/Vereeniging area

Mr de Klerk, in a speech in Cape Town, said "certain elements" must be removed from trade unions, while Mr Malan, accepting the freedom of Edenvale on Friday, said unrest in the townships was proof of the total onslaught against South Africa,

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Mr Piroshaw Camay, leader of the Council of Unions of South Africa (Cusa), was detained the morning after he had had informal discussions with executives of the Federated Chamber of Industries (FCI).

This has been confirmed by Dr Johan van Zyl, executive director of the FCI, who told foreign and local newspapers "We were making good progress — until the detentions began"

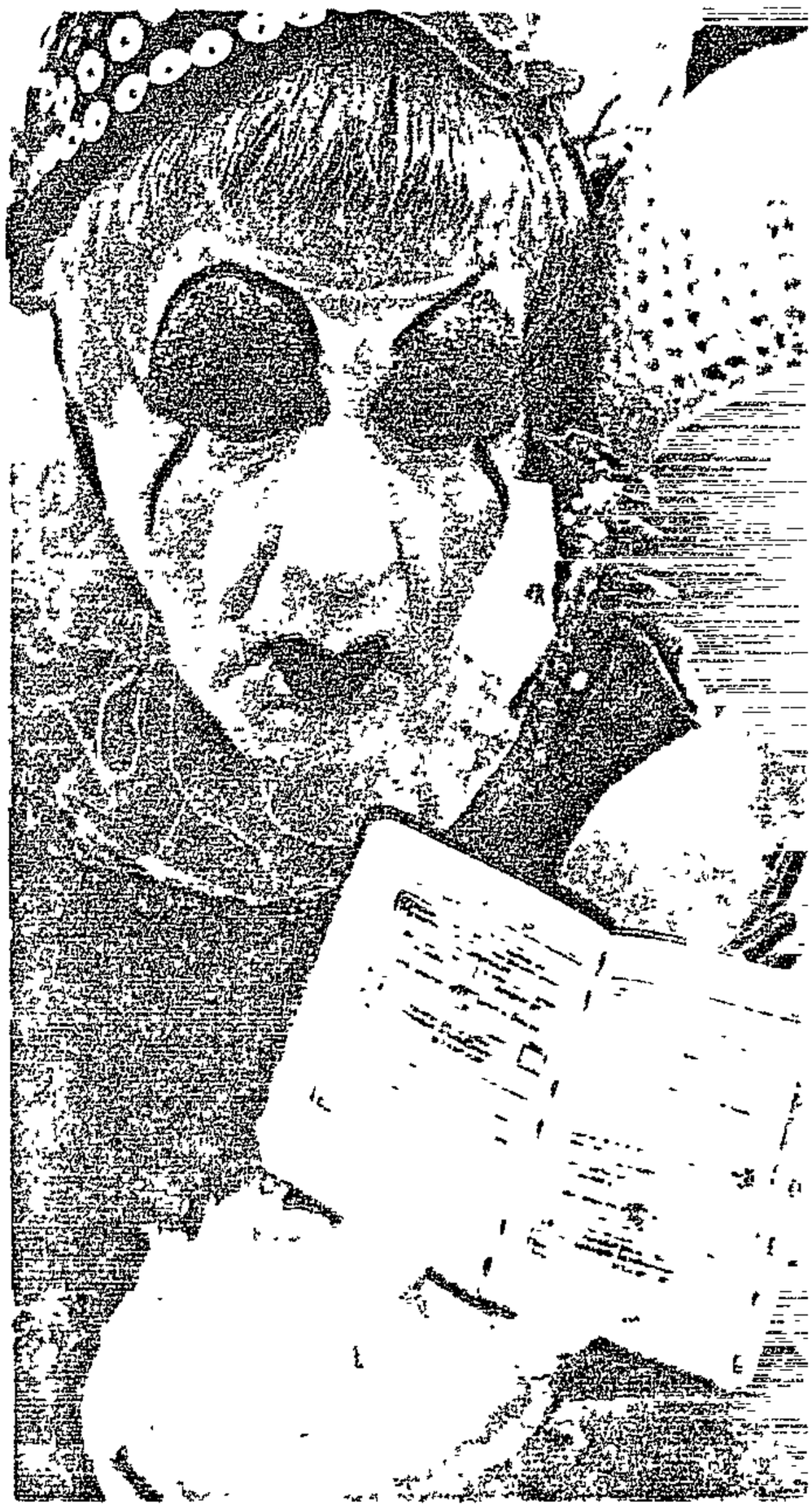
Mr Tony Bloom, chairman of the Premier Group, said the FCI had been "in the middle of negotiations" when the trade unionists were detained

"We attempt to play a low-key negotiating role," he said "I am sorry that Mr le Grange reacted the way he did because it upped the temperature on the government side — it was already pretty high on the other side"

The strong-arm tactics brought organised commerce and industry — which only a year ago gave Mr P W Botha, then Prime Minister, solid support in the referendum — into open conflict with the government.

In an unprecedented public protest, the country's three major employer organisations — the FCI, the Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut and the Association of Chambers of Commerce (Assocom) — condemned the detentions

They warned the government that "harmonious and productive relations" with workers were at stake and urged it to hold top-level discussions with key industrial, commercial and labour organisations involved in the unrest as soon as possible.



Clown in ring over pa

WHEN South Africa's White Face Clown, Mr Gilyan Francesco, stepped into the Roodeport magistrate's court on Friday, all the fanfare of a circus seemed to come to town. Two bomb scares in three hours had court officials and the public rushing in and out of the courts.

Yet Francesco the clown was taking on a more serious role: to challenge the pass laws.

He was appearing in court for employing an unregistered domestic, Mrs Eunice Mgaga.

He first tried to ... years ago. After 11 ... Rand Administration Rand Developement home by Mrs Mgaga ... her 'chief', Mr ... wrongfully having a ... ploy.

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"The government tells us they have given us the machinery and that it is up to us to negotiate with the trade unions — then they step in and detain the very people we are negotiating with," said a source.

A top-level company representative on one of the employers' bodies described the difficulty experienced by many employers in accepting that the stayaway had had a vast groundswell of support.

His interpretation was that they had fallen for the official line that the stayaway had been organised by a relatively small body of people and that intimidation — not grassroot support — was responsible for the extensive stayaway.

Assocom and the FCI plan to discuss the issue with Mr le Grange this week.

Mr Raymond Parsons of Assocom said that "organised commerce does not propose to respond publicly to Mr le Grange on this matter". Assocom would discuss "the whole question of stayaways, intimidation, violence in the townships and the role of trade unions" with Mr le Grange.

"We hope that this meeting will clear up any misunderstandings about the views of the private sector," Mr Parsons said.

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which, he added, was now "a reality".

Dr Gerrit Viljoen, Minister of Co-operation and Development, and at least one other Minister urged a more conciliatory approach, the sources said.

Mr Pietie du Plessis, Minister of Manpower, said in an interview with the Sunday Express that police action was not directed against the trade unions, but against individuals.

"There are still plenty of trade union leaders left to negotiate with employers," he said

Officials at director-general level in several government departments are deeply distressed by the detentions, according to the same sources.

The position of the Reverend Allan Hendrickse, Minister without Portfolio from the (coloured) House of Representatives, appears to be ambivalent.

He responded to requests for a telephone interview with the statement that he disapproved of detentions without trial except in cases where the Minister of Law and Order had "adequate reasons".

Mr Amichand Rajbansi, Minister without Portfolio from the (Indian) House of Delegates, was "unavailable".

Business sources said the government's ambivalent approach to trade unions had more than once been criticised at the highest level — within the Manpower Commission, a permanent commission of the Department of Manpower.

The criticisms were to the effect that while the department itself maintained an "arm's length" approach to negotiations with trade unions, negotiations had been upset previously by precipitate police action against the people with whom negotiations were being conducted.

With most of their parents in jail or court, the children of Weilers Farm "mother" each other. Mandla (front) gives a comforting hug to little Zolani. Behind them trails Viyella Xaba with her brother, Buti. • Picture by Juda Ngwenya.

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Police, army in midnight raid

By Jo-Anne Collinge

In a midnight raid police and soldiers rounded up hundreds of people living in outbuildings and shacks on Weilers Farm near Ennerdale 15 km north of Sebokeng, police confirmed today.

Scores of young children were left unattended when their parents were taken away from the settlement.

The few adult residents left on the farm this morning said the entire camp had been surrounded at about midnight on Saturday "by men in every kind of uniform".

Police had then entered each home to search. In many cases all adult members of the household had been arrested, residents said.

Today, as the wave of court cases resulting from the raid began in Sebokeng, dozens of preschoolers played in the littered yard of Weilers Farm. "Older" sisters and brothers of five and six years comforted toddlers, lugging them around on their hips.

Some women related how they had been taken away in police vans, but were released a short distance from the farm when their distress at leaving young children became clear.

A spokesman for the West Rand police division which controls the Vaal Triangle area confirmed today that the raid took place but said the exact arrest figures could not be given.

Weilers Farm is home to several hundred people — a last resort for those defeated by the housing queues in Soweto and Sebokeng or evicted from farmland that has been converted into coloured and Indian townships.

The weekend raid is the first in which military vehicles and personnel were reportedly used. It is believed that the action is related to the unrest in Sebokeng.

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Intimidation and thuggery aptly describe stay-away

LETTER SPECIAL

PAUL MAREE, of Fairland, Johannesburg, writes on the recent stayaway by black workers.

AS A regular reader of your newspaper I feel I cannot let your leader of November 12 on Sasol's dismissal of the black strikers go unchallenged. This very indignant, one-sided and emotional diatribe, leaves a bad taste in one's mouth. Incidentally, I am by no means a CP supporter in disguise.

It is of course your right to state your point of view, but one would expect of a newspaper espousing the liberal cause, to at least try to give a more balanced view. I believe you are doing your own cause a lot of damage through the reaction you are creating.

I believe the two-day stayaway was uncalled for and extremely counter-productive. Channels exist to deal with labour grievances and even on the educational front the authorities are bending over backwards to accommodate the dissatisfied. But the fact that nothing seems to be able to satisfy a section of our black community, points to some ulterior motives.

People who have been working for many years to bring about a more just dispensation for our black community, get extremely frustrated when we see how a band of militants, for their own gains, wreck all the goodwill that has been built up over a long time.

Sasol, as an employer of a large workforce in a very sensitive industry, gave the workers ample warning that they would be fired if they did not return to work. It in fact gave the strikers an opportunity to resume work. This appeal was not heeded.

What else would you want the company (or any other company for that matter) to do? You can't allow yourself to be held to ransom indefinitely. Sometime or another one has to say: "So far and no further."

You come up with a string of emotional phrases such as "tough, ruthless and uncaring", or "unsavoury image" or "harshness" or "embittering its internal labour relations", but not a word about what prompted this action in the first place.

And not a word about Mr Thami Mali, chairman of the Transvaal Regional Stayaway Committee, reportedly saying their intention was "to make this country ungovernable".

He also proudly boasts the fact that he is a "revolutionary". Need one say more?

If these people try to wreck the South African economy and do destabilise the whole community, not only the whites will suffer. So many blacks stayed away not because they were in sympathy with the stayaway call, but because they feared for the safety of their families. Intimidation and thuggery are two good English words to describe this situation.

Of course the black community must do everything in its power to better its situation, but whites who are too scared to criticise any black action in case some blacks may take umbrage, are closet liberals not worth anything.

One often finds that those people are always apologising for their white skins.

Every time there is a slight increase in rentals for black housing, you have a near riot on your hands. What would happen if the whites should the same every time the building societies increase the bond rates?

Every time there is a slight increase in black bus fares you have stoning and arson incidents. I believe the last little lot cost Putco more than R1-million. Who has to pay for this wanton action?

The authorities are at present begging and pleading with black pupils — many of them grown men — to come back to school and to write exams.

In the meantime black kids who do heed this call get assaulted by black youth mobs roaming from school to school. Is it any wonder that one's patience runs out? And is this reaction that is setting in — across the board — not beautifully playing into the hands of the Far Right in the country?

Those of us who believe that all of us in this country, irrespective of what colour we are, have no choice but to learn to live side by side, must appeal to the black moderates, the so-called "silent majority," to stand up and be counted.

They cannot leave the fight against black radicalism to a handful of whites.

And to the many white "apologists": You have become part of Africa, but remain proud of your white heritage. I do not for once believe our black friends would want us to renounce our "roots."

It is equally absurd to equate wanting to protect one's own culture with racism. This is a home truth many closet liberals apparently havent learnt yet.

Council to spend on guns

THE Katlehong Town Council will spend about R15 000 for the purchasing of 20 shotguns for use in the control of rioting in the township in the future.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

According to the September council minutes in the posession of **The SOWETAN**, the council resolved that authority be conveyed to the Acting Town Clerk, Mr P J Bouwer, for the purchasing of 20 shotguns for use in the control of rioting in Katlehong.

The council also resolved that authority be conveyed to overspent the relevant vote number.

A source close to the council told **The SOWETAN** at the weekend that the guns would be purchased any day from today as the money was already available.

In the same meeting, Mr A P Khumalo the mayor of Katlehong, said in his unopposed motion that he thanked the South African Police and those of the East Rand Development Board (Eradebo), for the role they played during the disturbances.

He said: "They acted and are still acting in a manner that they completely became residents of our townships. Many councillors have benefitted from the presence of these people."

He also claimed that councillors were made targets when the issue concerns schools and school committees.

The firearms, our source said, would be kept at the local offices of the board and will only be used during the disturbances.

"Policemen working for the board and the council will also be trained on how to handle the guns. Obviously, the money will come from the residents," he said.

The Press and the public were barred from attending the meeting because of "security reasons," Mr Bouwer said.

"They (the opposition in the council) were told that the money was being used on a good project, that of protecting the councillors against bad elements within the community," the source said.

Mr Khumalo and Mr Bouwer were yesterday not available for comment.

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The SAP were called in when the men began stoning the buildings.

A police spokesman said stones damaged three police vehicles at the scene, but no arrests were made.

In another clash, two policemen were injured yesterday in an incident involving a group of stone-throwers in Bophelong, a SAP spokesman in Pretoria said.

The spokesman did not report any other incidents of unrest, saying that the situation elsewhere in the country was quiet.

In Bophelong, about 70 people were stoning a private home when police arrived and fired rubber bullets.

No one was arrested in the action. — Sapa.

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'Private sector must become honest broker'

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Concerned about the escalating violence and sustained conflict in South Africa's black townships, the United States/SA Leader Exchange Programme (Ussalep) Council recently convened an urgent meeting of leading black figures and private sector representatives. The aim was to determine the root causes of the unrest and examine the role of the private sector and black organisations in addressing the problem. CAROLYN DEMPSTER reviews the findings of the forum.

Mr Relly

Bishop Buthelezi

Exclusion from the new constitutional dispensation, political frustration, isolation and despair caused by decades of political and economic inequality are the foundations upon which the current civil unrest in black townships has been built.

But more than this, the forum found, the intensity of the unrest can be attributed to a number of compounding factors.

Primary among these is economic hardship.

Retrenchment, unemployment and inflation have exacerbated the economic deprivation already felt by black families who have no option but to vent their despair in political action.

The significance of the economic pressures on black households in recent months has been manifested in the high level of looting and the prolonged disruption of the education system.

Rather than motivated by any criminal intent, looters were more intent on relieving the family plight and chose to steal essential foodstuffs — leaving non-essentials such as clothing and other items behind, it was observed.

The malfunctioning education system was cited as the second most crucial compounding factor in the unrest.

Education is a priority concern in the black community and dominates black values — inasmuch as it is the key to prosperity, and the only route whereby black youth can achieve material aspirations in the South African system.

Currently the black education system is plagued by deficiencies — an inadequate and underqualified teaching force, a burgeoning number of black pupils and a growing antagonism between pupils and teachers.

In spite of increased spending, the State's resolute stance on the apartheid base of education has only served to heighten the tensions and stresses. It was also stated that the grievances expressed by boycotting pupils in recent years could not be separated from broader social and political injustices.

High unemployment, an abnormally high school drop-out rate and the crowded living conditions prevalent in black townships all contribute to the degree of social deviance — rape, murder, drunkenness — which has become part of the unacceptable fabric of township society

Influx control, the migrant labour system and the humiliation entailed in the administration of the pass law system have contributed to a collapse in family structures, and a high level of "deferred aggression".

Resistance to rent increases, when reflected, against this background is understandable.

The introduction of the community councils has done nothing to alleviate these conditions, the finance required by the local municipalities is not forthcoming and nepotism runs rampant. In the face of this residents are asked to pay more when they can least afford it.

Transport, because of the location of the townships, is also a major concern and expense. Putco buses have frequently been attacked because they are perceived as symbols of State oppression.

Against this backdrop, the black community has little truck with private enterprise and the benefits of the free enterprise system — which they see from the other side of the fence, but have little access to.

It was suggested that the private sector has a role to play as "honest broker" between factions such as black workers and the government.

It was also mooted that in the long-term interests of the survival of private enterprise in South Africa, the business sector should be seen to play this role.

Suggestions put forward to achieve this end included:

- Co-operative schemes to democratise the workplace and involve black and white, labour and management in all facets of business operation.
- Consultation and community involvement in the development of social responsibility programmes.
- Urgent representations to be made to Government for the recognition of social responsibility as a tax deductible investment in the development of the country.
- The private sector should act as a strong lobbyist for reform.
- A renewed effort aimed at job creation, development of skills and a programme addressed to the rural crisis.
- Investment of pension funds in black urban areas.
- Improved communication and greater understanding between the races is imperative to racial harmony. As white attitudes can only be influenced by an intimate understanding of black fears and aspirations, ongoing forums for meaningful dialogue should be established.

Finally it was decided that the "notion of free enterprise" cannot be sold to blacks as the free enterprise system is currently interpreted as synonymous with the status quo.

If attitudes are to be changed, the private sector would have to become the catalyst and conduit for the redistribution of economic and political power. If it does not take this route, then business will continue to be perceived as a partner in racial oppression

Slump hits film

From Caron Germiston

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Mr Parsons

The meeting

More than 85 prominent figures from the union movement, business, commerce, the church and academia were invited to attend the meeting

Among those present were Mr Gavin Relly of the Anglo American Corporation, Bishop Manas Buthelezi of the South African Council of Churches, Mr Piroshaw Camay of the Council of Unions of South Africa, Professor Lawrence Schlemmer of the University of Natal, Mr John Kane-Berman of the SA Institute of Race Relations, Dr Robin Lee of the Urban Foundation, Advocate Arthur Chaskalson of the Legal Resources Centre, Dr Nthato Motlana of the Soweto Committee of 10, Mr Percy Qoboza of *City Press*, Mr C Kuun of the Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut, Mr Raymond Parsons of the Associated Chamber of Commerce and Dr Sam Motsuenyane of Ussalep.

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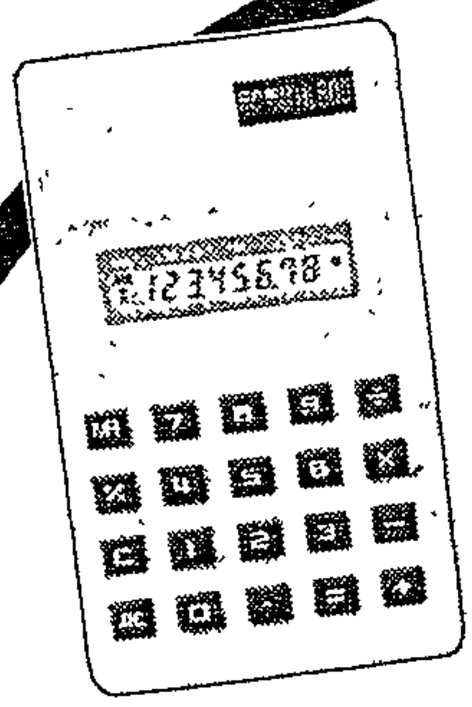

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Foolish move politicises the black trade unions

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MY VIEW

Allister Sparks

Mr Louis le Grange has described the current wave of unrest in the black townships as more serious than the 1976 Soweto disturbances For once I agree with him.

The unrest is not yet as widespread as it was in 1976 and the casualty figure is still lower Mr le Grange said last Thursday that 130 people had been killed (another three have died since then), while the official death toll for eight months of unrest in 1976 was 575.

But the conflict this time is more the result of pointed political action, less the spontaneous outburst of rage which erupted in the Soweto schools eight years ago.

Many of the protests have been planned and there is a basis of political organisation in the form of co-ordinating committees which have brought together a wide range of organisations in the black community, the most important being the United Democratic Front.

As Mr le Grange has noted, there are many more adults involved this time. It is not just a youth rebellion.

There are several other important differences as well.

One is that the black trade union movement has become involved for the first time, which could lead to the political mobilisation of our racially defined working class

Until now the most important unions have resisted repeated attempts by black political organisations to draw them into the political struggle They seemed determined to concentrate on improving the wages and working conditions of their members instead.

Now, by its heavy-handed actions against the unions, the Government has gratuitously done what the black politicans could not. By detaining leaders like Mr Chris Dlamini, the president of Fosatu, and Mr Piroshaw Camay, the general-secretary of Cusa, the Government has politicised the black union movement at a stroke. It is something it will live to regret. Future historians may well record it as the single most foolish action in 36 years of nationalist rule.

The protest strike of November 5 and 6, which prompted these detentions, was itself enormously significant. Prompted itself by the heavy-handed Sebokeng raid of October 23, it was by far the most successful action of its kind that has been staged in this country.

This shows that, with unionisation, blacks now have the ability, and the willingness, to inflict serious damage on the economy to further their struggle for political rights.

The unrest also has the makings of a constitutional crisis With the new constitution barely in place, it has been stripped of legitimacy by the massive boycott of the coloured and Indian elections in August and now by the evidence that it has accelerated the alienation of the Africans

It has virtually wiped out the system of black local authorities which the Government has established in the townships, and which were to have formed the basis of the next phase of its constitutional development.

The Government has been working towards the idea of creating a national council for urban blacks, based on these township councils, which could be given authority over urban black "own affairs" and also be slotted in beside the "homeland" governments in the confederal framework of the envisaged "confederation of Southern African states."

This would complete the "neo-apartheid" constitutional structure.

But the township councillors, who are despised as "collaborators" in their communities and often live in conspicuous luxury, have been primary targets during the unrest. Seven have been killed. Their houses and businesses have been put to the torch Many have resigned and others have fled According to one authoritative source, only four of the 22 councils in the affected township are still functioning.

I do not know how the Government can restore that structure. There will be no takers for these jobs. Only a few days ago elections to replace Heidelberg's Ratanda Council, which resigned en masse, had to be postponed because there were no candidates.

The only alternative would seem to be to go back to direct rule by the white administration boards, but if the Government does that it will block its own constitutional plans.

Has the unrest reached the level of a revolution? No. It is still too directionless to be called that, but it has more direction to it than the 1976 upheavals, and if the Government continues to refuse to give blacks a role in the central government, so that their grievances and aspirations can be democratically expressed, then the next outbreak will doubtless have more direction still.

● *Allister Sparks, a former editor of the Rand Daily Mail, writes this regular column and reports for several overseas newspapers.*

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Traders not blaming UDF

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Mail Reporter

TEMBISA businessmen are not planning to confront the United Democratic Front (UDF) and the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) for compensation for property lost during the two-day stayaway, it was announced yesterday.

The Tembisa Chamber of Commerce (TCC) chairman, Mr Simon Mthethwa, said yesterday the chamber dissociates itself from a statement published in a morning newspaper last week that they intend confronting the UDF and Cosas for compensation fpr loss of property sustained.

"We abhor and treat such utterances with the contempt they deserve," he said.

He said their position had always been clearly defined — they were in business and had never wished to be in politics.

"We prefer to leave politics in the capable hands of politicians.

"We hate to see some faceless person misusing the good name of the traders for their own short-term political ends."

Mr Mthethwa said they called on Cosas and the UDF "to rally around us in times of trouble because we need each other for the journey ahead".

Chief Gatsha to slam violence

CHIEF Gatsha Buthelezi, leader of the 985 000 strong Inkatha movement, is to condemn black violence in the townships when he speaks at a mass meeting scheduled for the Jabulani Amphitheatre, Soweto on Sunday.

The SOWETAN learnt yesterday that Chief Buthelezi is inviting blacks to the stadium to tell him "what they feel and what they want". Informed sources said that the meeting is being billed as "consultation" with the people. Chief Buthelezi will be asking blacks to demonstrate their black power and black unity at the stadium by putting forward their black wisdom.

A poster announcing the meeting says Chief Buthelezi, who is also Chief Minister of KwaZulu, is demanding justice and full political rights from the South African Government.

At the same time it is known that Chief Buthelezi believes people should "direct their anger" and he has stated that he deplores the destruction of worker power among blacks on black political conflicts.

Speaking at KwaMashu near Durban at the weekend, Chief Buthelezi said: "Expressions of black anger now sweeping the country will not lead to constructive ends being achieved unless black South Africans stopped to think."

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Fired Sasol men hold demo outside firm's HQ

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

ABOUT 100 former Sasol workers, fired for participating in the recent two-day stayaway, yesterday demonstrated outside the company's headquarters at Rosebank, in Johannesburg's northern suburbs.

A spokesman for the workers said they had intended to inspect Sasol's share register, but had been held up by police searching their bus en route and had arrived from Secunda at 4.20 pm, 10 minutes before closing time.

Barred entrance to the building, the workers stood outside holding placards saying "We demand our jobs back", "A hungry man is an angry man" and "Our pension money was used to deport us".

White employees leaving the building sidled nervously past them and police eyed the situation warily ... but after about 15 minutes the workers returned peacefully to their bus.

In a clear change from their earlier policy of not re-employing any of the 5 400 workers sacked after the stayaway, Sasol announced this week that they would take back some of the workers under certain conditions.

A statement, by Sasol's public relations officer, Mr R Hugo, said workers would be re-employed if they could satisfy the company that they were victims of intimidation and incitement.

Worker leaders have interpreted this shift in the company's policy as a sign that Sasol is having difficulty finding replacement labour for the workers.

Following the demonstration Mr Hugo refused to comment other than to say the company had "taken note" of it and that they would be re-employing workers on a "fair and equitable" basis.

Yesterday, Mr Rod Crompton, general secretary of the Chemical Workers' Industrial Union, said any settlement had to be negotiated with the union and if the company was considering intimidation as a criterion for re-employment, all union members should be re-employed as they were all subject to massive intimidation — by the army and police.

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Lamontville mum claims S A P wounded her son (3)

Mercury Reporter

A LAMONTVILLE mother yesterday described to a Durban magistrate how she had found her three-year-old son lying on his back with 'blood squirting out of his body' after he had been hit by shotgun pellets fired by police while he was playing in the yard at his home during unrest in the township last year.

Mrs Sylvia Nobantu Qulu said this at a hearing before Mr E Klusmann in the Civil Court, Durban, in which she is suing the Minister of Law and Order for damages of R1 500.

The Court was told that her son, Thulasizwe, had been wounded by a member or members of the South African Police at his home at 73 Gwala Street about 2.30 p.m. on June 26.

The boy suffered small skin wounds on his face, chest and left leg and had to receive treatment at the King Edward VIII Hospital, she said.

Birdshot

Mrs Qulu is claiming damages on behalf of the child whom, she said, had sufferd pain and a temporary loss of amenities of life, and permanent disfigurement as a result of the shooting. She alleged that the shooting had been either intentional or through negligence.

Cross-examined by State attorney Mr L J Rogerson, who appeared for the minister, Mrs Qulu denied there had been any unrest in the township on the day of the shooting.

She had not been aware of any trouble at the intersection near her home and neither had she been aware that people were throwing stones and bottles and that police were firing birdshot, she told the Court.

She also denied that her son had been shot at the scene of riots in the township.

Mr Luxolo Crispen Qulu, 20, an uncle of Thulasizwe, told the Court that he too had been struck by pellets after police opened fire while he was walking into his home after basking in the sun.

Dustbin

'As I walked I felt some hot things getting into my leg after an explosion. I discovered bits of metallic particles embedded in my leg and they were partly exposed. I then removed them. There were five wounds in my leg

'Metal particles from the blast were also lodged in the kitchen door and around the area where I had been sitting on a dustbin in the yard.' He said his nephew had sat on the ground crying after the shooting.

The Minister of Law and Order has denied that any policeman assaulted the child and has also denied that he suffered any injuries or that he was entitled to compensation.

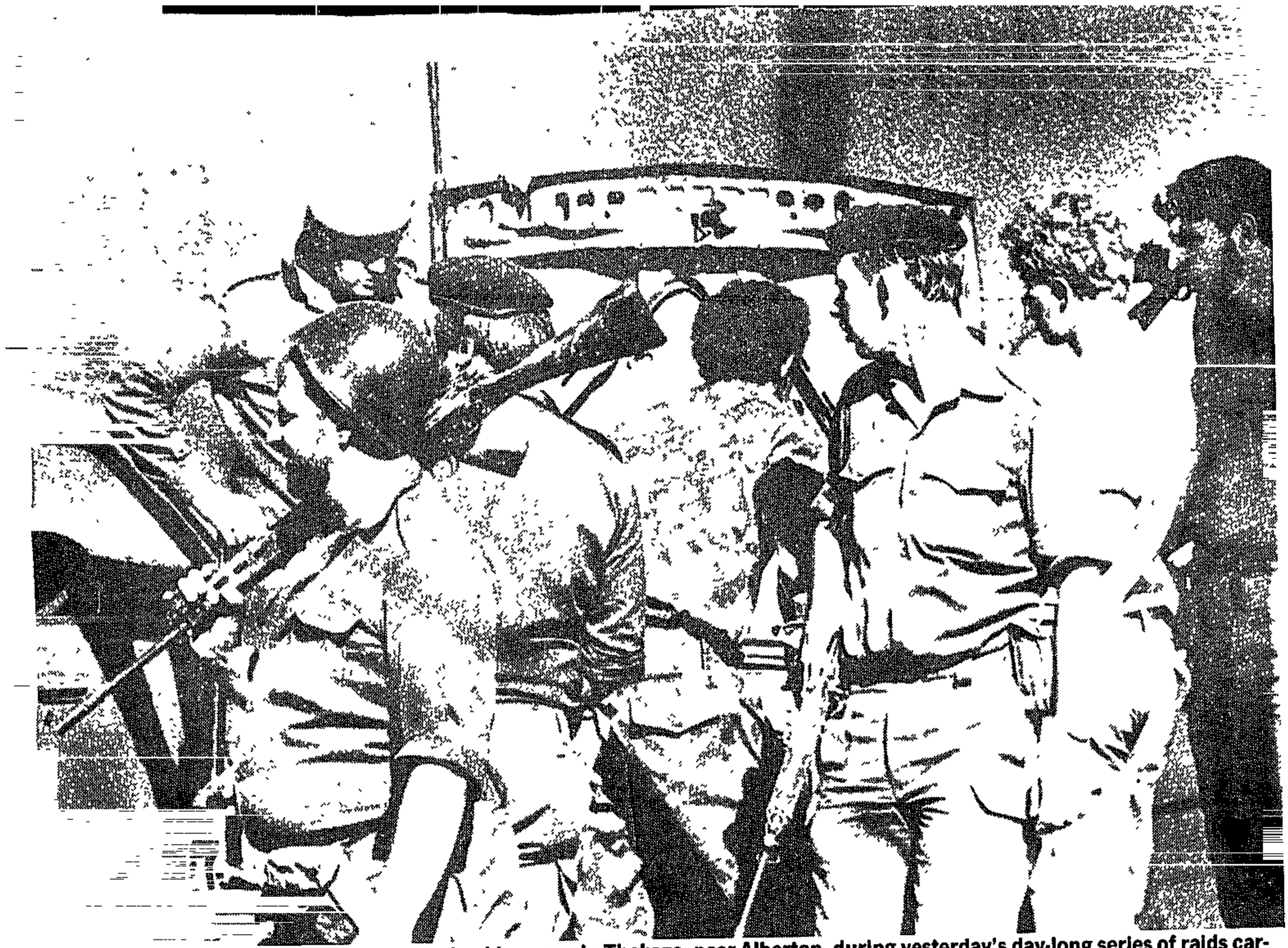
In an alternative plea, the minister stated that if it were proved that the child was injured by a policeman as alleged, the shooting was unintentional and was not negligent.

The minister claimed that during the period up to and including July 1, 1983, there had been continuous and organised riots and incidents of lawlessness in Lamontville.

Several serious crimes had been committed, including murder, attempted murder, serious assault, public violence, arson, sabotage and interfering with the police and hindering the police in the execution of their duties.

The minister said in the alternative plea the boy had been shot accidentally. The shooting had been unintentional and he asked that the claim be dismissed.

The hearing was adjourned *sine die*. Advocate G van Niekerk, instructed by Chennells Albertyn, appeared for Mrs Qulu.



Troops of the South African Defence Force checking a car in Thokoza, near Alberton, during yesterday's day-long series of raids carried out in armoured cars on premises in the East Rand township.

Picture TLADI KHUELE

All-day raid by army patrols

Mail Reporter

MEMBERS of the South African Defence Force, travelling in armoured vehicles, raided homes and premises in the township of Thokoza, near Alberton, yesterday.

Residents said troops were first noticed at about 7am as they began their operation, and that the sections they entered included Phenduka, Tabantsimbi, Everest and Thokoza.

Some residents told the Rand Daily Mail the soldiers went into their homes, looked around and then left without saying a word.

They also entered yards, looked at cars and motorbikes and asked whose they were, the residents explained.

The main reaction of the local population was described as one of curiosity and surprise.

A spokesman for the public relations division of the South African Police said yesterday police were no longer commenting on the day-to-day activities of the army in the townships.

"If the army is there it will be to assist the police in a supportive role, like they have done elsewhere recently," the spokesman said.

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Teargas used to disperse Natal workers

Mail Correspondent

DURBAN. — Police used truncheons, teargas and rubber bullets to disperse a crowd of workers at a Toyota plant in Prospecton in Durban, yesterday. Dozens of employees were injured, some seriously.

Mr Bob Devlin, the personnel director of Toyota Manufacturing, described the police action as "totally unnecessary".

In the past, he said, police had been called in to remove women selling "iJuba". Yesterday he had heard a group of women ululating and men shouting.

"I saw the workers weren't happy about the 'iJuba' sellers being removed so I went down and spoke to them in Zulu and told them not to allow themselves to be provoked.

"Our blokes didn't do a thing. They just stood there while the Indian policemen arrested the women and put them into their vehicle.

"Suddenly three riot vans raced up and armed white policemen with dogs spilled out. As soon as the Indian policemen saw them they ran back to their van and grabbed long rubber truncheons. They started beating everyone in sight. The workers scattered in panic and ran in all directions.

"Then someone threw a can or a stone and the white policemen started firing rubber bullets and teargas," he said.

Mr Devlin said 25 people were hurt, three of them seriously. The incident was being taken up with the Commissioner of Police, General Johan Coetzee.

A police spokesman said the trouble started while policemen from Isipingo were busy with a normal crime prevention patrol.

When the workers started throwing bottels and stones at the policemen the help of the Durban Reaction Unit was called in.

The policemen fired rubber bullets and teargas to disperse the crowd. Fifteen blacks were arrested. There were no reports of injuries.

Mrs Helen Suzman reacted sharply to the alleged unprovoked attack and called for an immediate highlevel inquiry.

"The eyewitness account is absolutely horrifying. It is totally unacceptable that innocent bystanders should be attacked by the police in the way described, and if the story is true... then the strongest possible measures must be taken against the riot policemen who unleashed such havoc amongst the workers."

● The National Automobile and Allied Workers' Union yesterday expressed shock and anger at, what it called, brutal police action against workers at the Toyota plant at Prospecton.

No recompense for 30 families

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

THE 30 families near Ladysmith who were 'relocated' last month to Waaihoek, Northern Natal, would not receive any compensation for their forced removal, a Government spokesman said yesterday.

During July about 30 other families were paid R1 700 each after they were removed from areas near Ladysmith to the Klip River district.

Ten families in the community, who were removed from a different portion of the original farm they had been living on, were refused compensation.

Mr P J Snyman, of the Department of Co-operation and Development in Pietermaritzburg, said those moved to Waaihoek last month would not receive financial compensation because they were regarded as having 'illegally squatted on the land they were living on'.

According to a spokesman from the Association for Rural Advancement (Afra), the people, mainly women, were living in tin huts, in poverty with an inadequate supply of water.

The spokesman said the Department of Co-operation and Development planned to move nearly 10 000 people — 6 720 from Matiwanes Kop to Uitlught, 2 830 from Kirkentulloch and Driefontein to Waaihoek, and 420 from Steenkoolspruit to Vaalkop.

These communities will be part of about 100 000 black people in the Ladysmith area who are destined to be removed from their homes.

Officials from the Department of Co-operation and Development have said the removal of the 30 families to Waaihoek was not the start of a mass removal drive in the area.

Police deny raid

POLICE yesterday denied a Johannesburg newspaper report that members of the South African Defence Force yesterday raided homes in Thokoza on the East Rand.

The report said members of the defence force, in armoured vehicles, "raided homes and premises" in Thokoza.

Residents said troops "went into their homes, looked around and then left without saying a word," and also entered yards and examined vehicles.

Police spokesman, Lieutenant Tom Jefferson, said the SADF was only present in Thokoza in support of the SAP — as a "back-up" to police — who conducted "a standard crime prevention" search of the township.

● The Rand Daily Mail based its report on eye-witnesses accounts and these were put to the police for comment. A police spokesman replied that police were no longer commenting on the day-to-day activities of the army.

Chief Gatsha Buthelezi addresses about 15 000 people who gathered at the Jabulani amphitheatre in Soweto yesterday for a prayer meeting.

Buthelezi attacks Cosas and UDF

By Langa Skosana

The Chief Minister of kwaZulu, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, yesterday said the recent unrest in South Africa's black townships was a cumulative effect of the anger of blacks against the system of apartheid.

He told about 15 000 people gathered in Soweto for a prayer meeting that the best strategy against apartheid was the unity of blacks against those who enforce apartheid.

"Our non-violent approach does not mean we are cowards I say to you that if they burn your house you should burn their houses too," the Chief Minister said

He said the Congess of South African Students (Cosas) was an organisation gone mad

"Cosas works among your children exhorting them to lose their lives on township streets. Cosas will fail and in failing they will drag your children down with them, and destroy the things you strive for," said Chief Buthelezi

"We are angry because we are politically oppressed, we are angry because we are made stateless, we are angry because our people are poor and because they suffer desperate hunger and want And we are angry because all the strife is so needless and so senseless," he said.

He said anger did not have to be violent to achieve anything. Anger could be cold, calculating and determined in effect.

"Anger must sustain efforts that will in the end bring about radical change," he added.

Sapa reports that Chief Buthelezi also attacked the United Democratic Front.

"The UDF national leadership, before the UDF threw its weight behind the national stayaway, used an underhand power-play to deceive the world that the stayaway was democratically decided."

Chief Buthelezi told the people: "Black South Africa knows there is no easy victory in the struggle. They know that those who are power-hungry will seize on anything and make anybody pay any price for their own glorification.

"You, the ordinary people of South Africa, know full well that the South African Government cannot be toppled overnight. You know that when violence erupts in your townships, and when that violence becomes inward-directed and you yourselves are the victims of it, that Pretoria laughs at you. You know that those who say they can reduce this country to ungovernability tomorrow, are vain in their stupidity"

A Zulu in traditional dress who attended Chief Gatsha Buthelezi's prayer meeting in Soweto yesterday

CHIEF SLAMS UDF

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Buthelezi on attack in Soweto

CHIEF GATSHA Buthelezi, president of Inkatha and Chief Minister of Kwa-Zulu, yesterday made a blistering attack on the United Democratic Front and the Congress of South African Students as those responsible for recent attacks by blacks on blacks.

Addressing thousands of followers at the Jabulani Amphitheatre, Soweto, he said he was not against strike and stay-at-home calls, but was "opposed to any tactics and strategies which are dictated to the masses by the few, and which are forced on the people by criminal acts of intimidation.

"I am opposed to all attempts to use Black Power in strategies which will fail I am opposed to using Black Power which results in the suffering of the ordinary people, but which gains nothing for the ordinary people I am opposed to the use of Black Power to boost the image of certain people and organisations in the eyes of the media

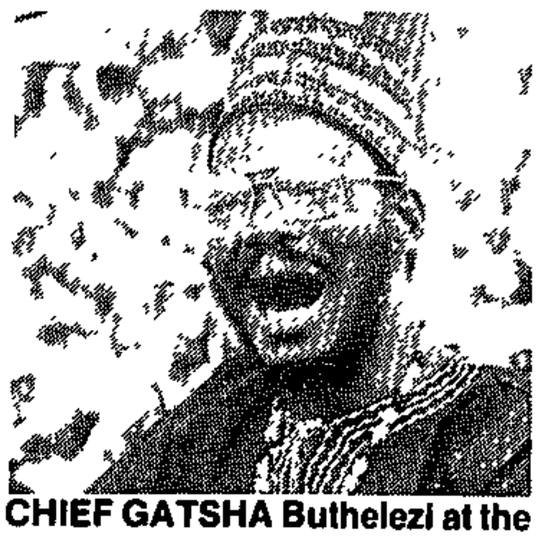
"Do you want to suffer? Do you want to lose your jobs? Do you want to go hungry? Do you want your children to die so that these few can hit newspaper headlines?

"We have had strife in our townships now for months. A great many people have died. Others have been brutally beaten up, and yet others have lost everything they possess as their homes have been attacked and their property detroyed," he said.

Chief Buthelezi made his visit to Soweto at a time when unrest has hit the entire Pretoria, Witwatersrand and Vaal complex, with scores of people in detention, more than 100 dead and many others injured

Chief Buthelezi was welcomed into Soweto by deputy mayor, Mr Isaac Buthelezi, who made the welcoming address. Mayor Mr Ephraim Tshabalala was also present.

SOWETAN Reporter



CHIEF GATSHA Buthelezi at the Amphitheatre yesterday where he slammed the UDF and Cosas.

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In his speech Chief Buthelezi said many people preached black unity, but were engaged in black against black activities. He said this was his fourth visit to the Transvaal in which he had canvassed for black unity.

"This in itself should indicate to each and every one of you how much I am committed to the unending quest for black unity. Throughout my political career, I have always regarded black unity a a priority in the black struggle for freedom," he said.

Referring to the situation of confrontation he said: ". . . experience in black politics has taught me that whenever the flames of black anger are raging, and however justified they may be, there will always be those who, because of their political bankruptcy, would exploit this anger and misdirect it

"Black people seem to have forgotten who their enemy is, and black people seem to be fighting their own shadows now, instead of directing their anger in such a way that we all reap its benefits."

He said the Government had given credibility to the UDF by detaining its leaders and Thami Mali. According to Chief Buthelezi, the UDF and some leaders were manipulating the situation for their own ends.

He also slammed the Congress of South African Students and

Stayaway organisers could face charges

ORGANISERS of the mass work stayaways now face the possibility of a dramatic "show trial" on charges of economic sabotage or subversion.

Dossiers have been opened on several of the scores of people — including 19 trade union leaders — held in detention, a senior officer of the Security Police has confirmed after enquiries by **The SOWETAN.**

Investigations were still in progress, he said. He did not rule out the possibility of more arrests in the wake of the stayaways on November 5 and 6, which caused losses in industrial production estimated in tens of millions of rands.

The authorities are trying to determine whether it can be proved that ardent trade unionism and political protest have crossed into what the Internal Security Act defines as terrorism or subversion.

Confirmation of the investigations follows an appeal by big business to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, to charge the detainees or release them.

The appeal was first made by the Association of Chambers of Commerce at talks with the Minister at midweek, and is likely to be supported by both the Federated Chamber of Industries and the Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut.

All three bodies have warned the Minister that detentions without trial have already jeopardised industrial peace.

Observers predict that if extremists are put on public trial it would draw the most intense international attention since the Rivonia trials of the 1960s.

Police preparing dossiers are known to be concentrating on Section 54 of the Internal Security Act, which provides a wide legal interpretation of terrorism and related offences.

Under particular scrutiny, it is understood, are offences regarded as subversive. These carry a maximum penalty of 20 years in jail — or 25 years if violence is involved.

A sub-section of the Act classifies a "subversive" as anyone who, among other violations:

- Causes or promotes general dislocation or disorder, or attempts to do so.
- Cripples, prejudices or interrupts any industry or undertaking, or the production, supply and distribution of commodities or foodstuffs.
- Interrupts, impedes or endangers the manufacture, storage, generation, distribution or supply of fuel, petroleum products, energy, light, power or water, or sanitary, medical, health, educational, police, firefighting, ambulance, postal or telecommunication services, or radio or television broadcasts.
- Endangers, damages, destroys or renders useless or unserviceable any installation referred to above.
- Prevents, hampers or deters anyone from assisting in the maintenance of law and order.
- Causes, encourages or foments feelings of hostility between population groups.
- Conspires with any other person to commit or bring about any of the above disruptions.

'Don't heed unrest threats'

The Commissioner of Police, General Johan Coetzee has called on the public not to be misled by rumours circulating in the country about threatening unrest, the SABC reports.

General Coetzee said people who believed such rumours fell prey to radicals who wanted to create a fear psychosis within the population.

Anyone becoming a victim of such a strategy was an enemy of South Africa by becoming part of the strategy, the radio quoted the General as saying.

He said the police force "with its information gathering infrastructure," knew what was going on in the country and who was responsible for the rumours.

General Coetzee said the ANC and various pressure groups associated with it were revolutionary organisations seeking to upset the existing order by violence. — Sapa.

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Stayaway slammed at Azapo meeting

SATHS COOPER ... Azapo vice-president.

By LEN MASEKO

STAYAWAYS could not be described as a success if human life was lost in the process, 16 community organisations declared at the weekend.

And previous stayaway calls were an "uncalculated action" lacking political substance and direction, the organisations concluded at a meeting in Soweto called to review the current unrest situation in the country.

The meeting, convened by the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo), took a critical view of the previous stayaway campaigns, describing them as "ill-timed."

Among organisations represented at the meeting — which was held at St Hilda's Anglican Church, Senaoane — were the Azanian Students Movement, Black Clergy Caucus, the Steve Biko Foundation, the Black Allied Mining and Construction Workers' Union, and Women Unite.

Slated

The organisations slated reports that previous stayaways had been successful, saying this raised a question as to what criteria were used to determine the success of such campaigns.

"Can stayaways be termed successful when lives are lost unnecessarily?" one representative asked.

Among points made at the meeting were:

- The community was not consulted when such a call was made;
- The stayaway concept was taking ethnic lines, with the so-called coloureds, Indians and whites not participating. Ironically, there were whites among the stayaway organisers; and
- Stayaways helped unscrupulous employers to "get away with murder," by retrenching their workers to avoid paying bonuses to them

Mr Saths Cooper, deputy president of Azapo, told the meeting: "The community, imposed with the idea of a stayaway without consultation, appeared to stay away from work solely in fear of their safety rather than in solidarity with the cause."

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Cops, army patrol Vaal townships

HUNDREDS of police and army personnel patrolled the Vaal Triangle and East Rand townships at the weekend in what police described as "normal routine duties."

Heavy police and army presence has characterised most Reef townships following recent unrest in the area.

Residents have expressed fears that the latest moves, of introducing the army in police operations, was in preparation for a takeover by the army of what were basic police duties.

A spokesman for the police headquarters in Pretoria yesterday morning confirmed that the army assisted the police in weekend patrols in Sebokeng and Sharpeville in the Vaal, and in most East Rand townships.

The spokesman said the patrols were "normal routine crime prevention operations."

Meanwhile, the tense atmosphere in Sharpeville was sustained when more than 2 000 residents resolved at a mass meeting that the service charges they were paying at present were too high and called on the Lekoa Town Council to scrap some and reduce other charges.

The meeting, called by the Vaal Civic Association, came only three days before the local councillors are due to elect a new mayor and his deputy. The elections will be held today.

FCI urges Minister to charge labour detainees

By GERALD REILLY
Pretoria Bureau

ORGANISED commerce and industry has consolidated its demand on the Government that recently-detained trade union leaders be brought to court and charged.

In Pretoria yesterday a delegation of the South African Federated Chamber of Industries told the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, that the detainees should be charged as quickly as possible with the specific offences they were alleged to have committed against the State.

This follows a similar demand made last week by the Association of Chambers of Commerce (Assocom) at a meeting with Mr Le Grange.

Present at both meetings were the Minister of Manpower, Mr Pietie du Plessis, the Commissioner of Police, General Johan Coetzee, and the Director General of Manpower, Dr Piet van der Merwe.

The FCI delegation at yesterday's meeting was led by its president, Mr J R Wilson, and its chief executive, Dr Johan van Zyl.

"The Assocom and FCI meetings follow a recent joint statement by Assocom, the FCI and the Afrikaansehandelsintituut ... which warned that the detention of trade union leaders threatened labour peace.

The AHI is due to meet Mr Le Grange on Thursday.

In a statement after yesterday's meeting the FCI said the Minister of Law and Order said the State only acted where individuals were involved in activities which threatened the security of the State, and not because of their political views or trade union activities.

For this approach to be demonstrably clear, the FCI statement said, both inside and outside South Africa, and especially in the workplace, the detained unionists should be charged in court as soon as possible with the specific offences they were alleged to have committed.

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Buthelezi sees Sasol over firings

Mercury Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG—The Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, appealed to Sasol yesterday to accept its recently fired workers for re-employment and to give them preference over outsiders.

More than 6 000 workers werer dismissed by Sasol at its two Secunda plants earlier this month after they supported the two-day work stayaway call

He made the plea at a special meeting here yesterday morning with the manager of Sasol, Mr Paul Kruger, and the manager of Sasol II, Mr W de Waal

Chief Buthelezi said he was interceding for workers who had appealed to him do so

But a statement released yesterday by the Chemical Workers' Industrial Union (CWIU) said that 800 Sasol workers, including dismissed employees as well as workers still employed at the plant, had rejected attempts by Sasol to negotiate with homeland leaders, community councillors and other non-union bodies and had reaffirmed their allegiance to the union

'At no stage have union members requested this intervention They called upon Sasol management to stop avoiding its responsibility and to negotiate with the mandated representative — the CWIU,' the statement said

Proposed

Workers at the meeting also rejected Sasol's conditions of re-employment, which include that workers will have to show that they were not 'instigators' in the two-day work stoppage and that they had not 'intimidated' fellow workers They will also lose all their previous service benefits

Chief Buthelezi proposed that people who were prepared to sign a 'simple' declaration that they were not organisers or 'intimidators' in the stayaway should be re-employed

He advised the company against trying to use its work force as part of a witch-hunt.

He said that if employees were to be forced to prove their 'innocence', they could do so only by dissociating themselves by name from those who were the 'intimidators'.

'While such naming may be of value to the company, I believe that it borders on using the work force as part of a witch-hunt and this is not really sound management'

Sasol said yesterday it had explained to Chief Buthelezi that as Sasol operated a highly sophisticated chemical plant, a stable work force was imperative.

'Sasol explained the basis on which its recruitment was currently taking place, including the sympathetic consideration which would be accorded to ex-employees under certain conditions,' a statement said

Bereaved Mrs Hazel Mpondo, whose seven-year-old son was shot dead this week during an incident involving youths and Orange-Vaal Development Board inspectors. ● Picture by Alf Kumalo.

Mother tells of Sub-A boy's death

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The grieving Sharpeville mother whose seven-year-old son was shot and killed on Tuesday, after an incident involving youths and Orange-Vaal Development Board inspectors, today described her shock when the news was brought to her by neighbours.

"At first I refused to believe that it was my son who at that time was a bloody mess," said Mrs Hazel Mpondo (30), the mother of Godfrey, a Sub-A pupil at the Sediba Lower Primary School.

AWAKENED BY SHOTS

Mrs Mpondo said she had been asleep but was awakened by two loud shots near her house.

"I was about to investigate when I noticed a group of people moving towards my house with one of the men carrying my son who appeared to be dead at the time.

"For a moment I refused to believe it was my son and thought I was dreaming. I kept shouting 'Oh, My God! Oh, My God!' as the men delivered my bleeding son to me with his younger brother, Meshack, screaming and praying for his brother's life.

"But to me it was obvious that he was dying as he was gasping for breath in my arms," she said.

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CHILD SHOT DEAD

Another life lost in Vaal

By SELLO RABOTHATA

A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD Sharpeville boy was killed and a 15-year-old youth wounded in two separate shooting incidents in the area on Monday afternoon.

The seven-year-old boy has been identified as Godfrey Mpondo, a Sub-standard A pupil at the local Sediba Lower Primary School. He died at the Sebokeng Hospital on arrival. The 15-year-old, who has not yet been identified, has been admitted to the Sebokeng Hospital.

A spokesman for the Police Directorate in Pretoria yesterday confirmed the two incidents and said police are investigating charges of murder and attempted murder. The spokesman said all was quiet in the Vaal townships yesterday and no further incidents were reported.

Police said that on Monday a group of youths in the township had allegedly hijacked a garbage truck belonging to the Orange Vaal Development Board. The driver of the truck, travelling with two board inspectors, approached the youths and one of the inspectors fired warning shots and the group dispersed. After the group had scattered, a seven-year-old boy was found with a bullet wound through both hips. He was taken to hospital where he died on arrival.

In the other incident, police said, a 15-year-old youth was wounded when he was presumably shot with a shotgun by unknown people who were travelling in a white delivery van.

MOURNERS FLEE COPS

SCORES of mourners returning from the funeral of a riot victim had to run for cover when police fired tearsmoke,and shots were heard in Vosloorus, Boksburg, yesterday.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

The more than 1 000 mourners were returning from the funeral of Mr Phinius Twala (20) of 982 Kunene Street, Vosloorus, who was shot dead during the disturbances in the township two weeks back.

He was to have been buried on Saturday, but his funeral was banned by the Boksburg Chief Magistrate, Mr Cornelius Roetson last Thursday in terms of the Internal Security Act of 1982.

According to the order, Mr Twala could only be buried on a weekday.

The order also prohibited the mourners from singing freedom songs, displaying placards or making political speeches at the funeral service.

They were not allowed to march from the deceased's home to the graveyard and the coffin and the mourners had to be transported in vehicles.

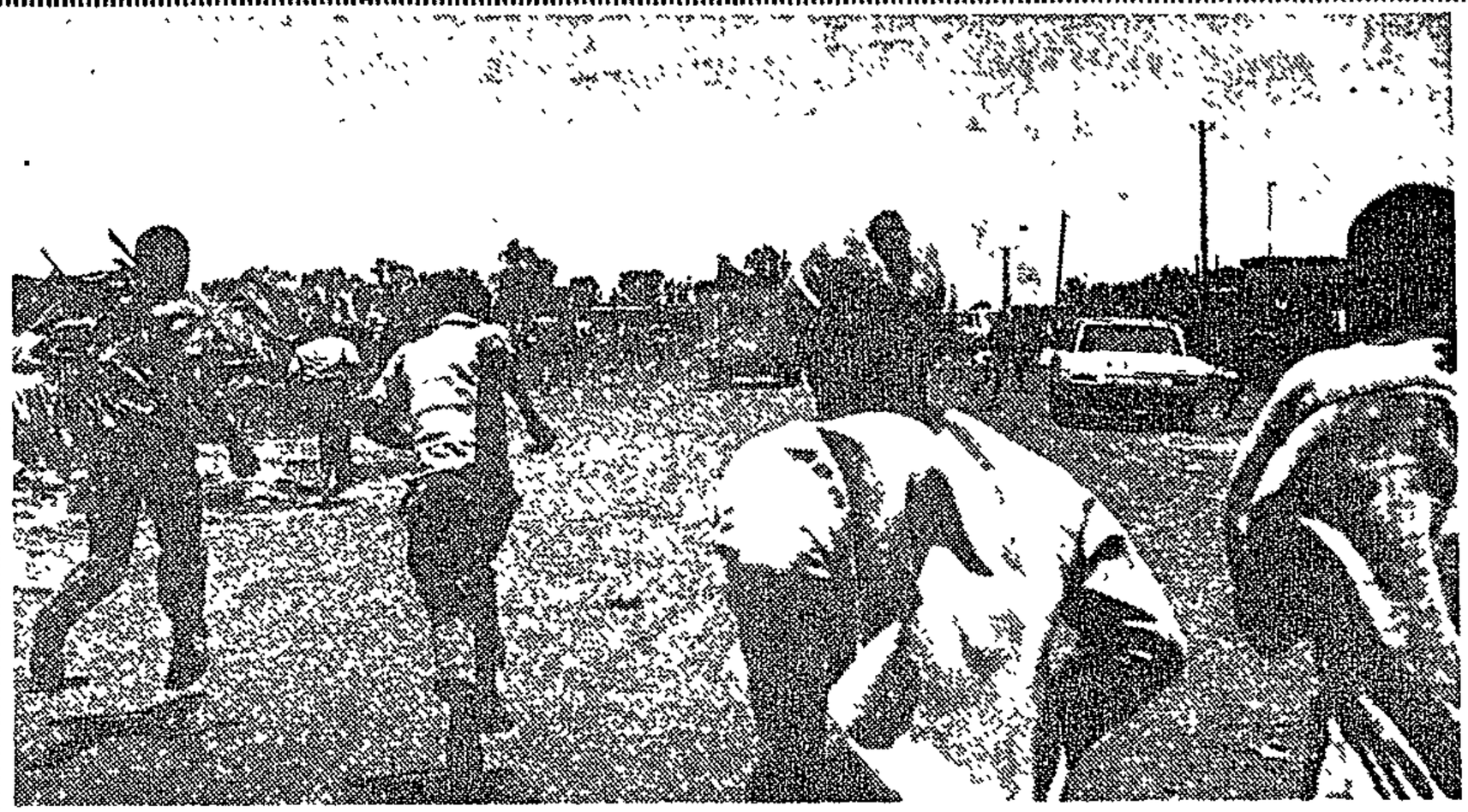
All these orders were defied by the mourners except the one that Mr Twala be buried on a week day.

Yesterday's trouble started as mourners were leaving the graveyard. Police and members of the SADF.

porters heard shots.

Police also used sjamboks, and scores of mourners had to run in different directions for cover.

Major S van Rooyen of the SAP unit in Pretoria last night said he had no report concerning the incident.



A HIGHVELD Development Board police van speeding off from angry stone throwing youths in Leandra Township yesterday.

Violence flares in Leandra

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

VIOLENCE flared in the Eastern Transvaal township of Leandra yesterday when a mob of youths threw stones at Highveld Development Board policemen guarding a bulldozer demolishing 28 shacks and brick houses on the plot of a resident.

The stone throwing incident happened at noon, immediately after a member of the Leandra Action Committee (LAC), Chief Ampie Mayisa, was arrested by police in a hippo.

At the time of going to press yesterday, police had not yet confirmed the incident.

After the police hippo drove away with the chief, angry youths attacked a Board police van driven by a white policeman It drove off at high speed, leaving behind black policemen who had to run for their lives as hundreds of stones and other objects rained on them.

Also attacked was the bulldozer operator, who drove in circles before he eventually managed to escape the mob's fury

A short while after the stone-throwing incident, the police hippo returned and police started chasing youths. Our reporters saw at least one youth being cornered and arrested.

For more than two hours after the incidents, the township was gripped with tension as youths lined the streets, holding stones in anticipation of police reinforcements

The demolition took place at the stand of Mr Andries Fakude, whose late father acquired it in 1904 under the title deed right The stand is sited adjacent to the newly-built houses in Mpumelelo Township.

According to Mr M A Nkabinde, chairman of LAC, Mr Fakude had been opposed to selling his land to the Board to make way for a shopping complex.

Mr Fakude could not be traced yesterday. Some sub-tenants on his plot told **The SOWETAN** they were angry that they had not been informed about the demolition move.

They said they were surprised when at about 8 am, police and the bulldozer arrived and started destroying their homes

Reprieve for matric students

ABOUT 4 000 matric students who were subjected to intimidation after their examination centres were disrupted, will be eligible to sit for examinations in May/June next year, the Department of Education and Training announced yesterday.

Speaking at a Press conference in Pretoria yesterday morning, DET's Chief Public Relations Officer, Mr Job Schoeman, also warned that accusations that the educational dispensation was geared to entrench the black man's role as labourer and second class citizen were "unfounded and malicious". Allegations that the results of black matriculants were "doctored" to fail them were also false, Mr Schoeman said.

Dr H A Mocke, DET's Chief Director (auxiliary services), said the department conducts its examinations on a scientific and just basis. Standards laid down in the syllabus and examination question papers, he added, were closely controlled by panels of external moderators appointed by the JMB.

Army there but 'did not act'

By CHRIS FREIMOND
Political Correspondent

COLONEL Leon Mellet, a spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order, confirmed yesterday that Defence Force personnel were deployed in Vosloosrus township, near Boksburg, on Tuesday.

But Col Mellet denied that SADF units were involved in action against anybody.

A Mail team witnessed SADF personnel in action against mourners at a funeral in the township on Tuesday.

A police spokesman denied to a Mail reporter on Tuesday night that SADF units were deployed in the township.

Yesterday, Col Mellet claimed the SAP spokesman, Major S van Rooyen, told the Mail reporter that he had no knowledge of SADF involvement in Vosloorus and could not confirm or deny allegations of SADF involvement.

The Mail reporter said he was told by Maj Van Rooyen that SADF personnel were not deployed in Vosloorus. When the reporter told Maj Van Rooyen that SADF vehicles were seen in the area, Maj Van Rooyen denied that SAP personnel used SADF vehicles.

The Mail yesterday published a photograph of an SADF vehicle in Vosloorus, as well as eyewitness accounts of SADF action against mourners, including the firing of teargas canisters and the beating up of people by soldiers.

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AHI support for security laws for sake of 'order'

Mercury Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG—The Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut fully supports the Government's actions in terms of the country's security laws aimed at ensuring peace and good order, according to a joint statement by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, and the AHI after discussions yesterday.

The meeting followed the recent wave of detentions of trade union leaders.

After similar recent meetings with the minister, the South African Federated Chamber of Industries and the Association of Chambers of Commerce called on him to charge or release the detained trade unionists.

In a joint statement two weeks ago the AHI, Assocom and the FCI warned the Government that the detention of trade union leaders threatened labour peace.

However, no demand to charge or release the leaders was made by the AHI in last night's joint statement.

The statement said the effect of the recent unrest and stay-aways on employee and employer relationship were discussed.

The minister and the Government were assured by the AHI of its full support for actions taken in terms of the security legislation

The minister and the AHI agreed South Africa's internal security was a top priority for orderly development of the economy, race relations and co-existence under a new consititutional order.

There was also no difference of opinion, the statement said, on the prime importance of close collaboration and mutual understanding of the important role of the parties concerned in the maintenance of good order.

During the discussions, the statement said, there was agreement on the importance of dialogue between the AHI and employee organisations as well as between the AHI and the Government.

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'Show trial' of unionists is feared

APPREHENSION over a show trial of trade unionists detained after the recent two-day stayaway is mounting in industry and union circles.

A number of East Rand and Vaal Triangle companies have been approached by the police to disclose details of financial losses suffered as a result of the two-day stayaway earlier this month

Other information which the companies are being asked to surrender includes:

- The number of workers at the factory;
- Which union they belong to,
- Who the shop stewards are; and
- How many of the employees participated in the stayaway

The inquiries have evoked ripples of concern in industry.

Most of the company spokesmen approached said they would have preferred to handle the stayaway issue as a labour matter without the interference of the authorities

Mr Bobby Godsell, industrial relations advisor to the Anglo American Corporation, confirmed that one of the Corporation's subsidiaries had had "a very casual request" from the police for information.

He said he believed the request was part of an investigation by the police prior to charging the union leaders currently in detention under Section 54 of the Internal Security Act.

Worried

A number of company spokesmen, who wished their firms to remain unidentified, said they were worried about the implications of a show trial of detained union leaders under Section 54.

However a spokesman for the SA Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said the police could not comment on routine investigations.

Section 54 is extremely broad in its ambit and provides for a 20-year jail sentence if the person is found guilty and convicted on a charge of subversion

Offence

Any person who "causes or promotes or attempts to promote general dislocation or disorder in South Africa, or cripples, prejudices or interrupts any industry or undertaking, or the production, supply or distribution of commodities or foodstuffs," can be found guilty of an offence under the Act.

Mr Sam van Coller, executive director of the Steel Engineering Industries Federation of South Africa (Seifsa), the massive metal employers' association, said he had heard of the inquiries.

In specific instances, the police were allegedly asking employers to sign affidavits detailing their losses as a result of the stayaway.

sets, which has declined from 87,1% for the older sets to 66,8% for the new high-pressure 600 MW sets. While the improvement of thermal efficiency has stabilised the cost of coal per MW, De Villiers reckons the stage has been reached where marginal improvements in efficiency can only be achieved at an exponential increase in capex

So it is time to put on the brakes Escom is not only an electricity monopolist, it is close to a coal monopsonist It is the sole forecaster of power needs, but De Villiers suggests that its econometric methods ("forecast and build"), despite inordinately long lead times to commission new units, are too risky in times of economic discontinuity It should rather seek to emulate the US example of saving electricity In 1981, electricity consumption in the US was 32% lower than had been estimated in 1974 — the equivalent of 200 generating plants of 1 000 MW capacity, each costing about $3 000m.

THE SILENT MAJORITY

Stirring the masses

Nobody in his right mind argues that SA's blacks do not have real and serious grievances Or that these are raising the level of anger — particularly in the urban townships — to dangerous heights.

But it would be a mistake to see the bulk of urban blacks as potential militants. Like ordinary people around the world, they have natural human aspirations and seek (often under humiliating circumstances) to stay on the right side of the law. They want a better life for themselves and for their children Instead, their grievances are being played upon by those who wish to see SA slide into a spiral of revolutionary violence aimed at increasing polarisation, and perhaps leading, in the end, to civil war. So the radicals hope.

Perhaps fortunately, the difficulty of political organisation among the masses is one of the chief problems facing the radicals People who want to get on with their lives, and are not anxious to face police bullets (even rubber ones) or to lose their jobs and their livelihoods, do not make easy political prey.

The anger they feel is largely the result of the irritants of daily life to most of which their white counterparts are not subjected From overcrowded little houses — in which Natal University's Lawrence Schlemmer points out the average real occupancy is now about 10 — they set out for work through crime-ridden streets to shabby, often dirty, dangerous and over-crowded transport systems

In addition they are harassed by constant police checks on their documentation, by constant harping from militants on their political and material wrongs, and, to top it all, to serious inter-generation tensions that pit parents against their radical older children

Then there is the climate of fear. SA's urban black townships are among the most criminally violent residential areas in the world — with Soweto alone having an average of 25 murders and 40 rapes each weekend Many people count themselves fortunate to reach home safely in the evening and dare not go outdoors again until the next morning.

Even then they have to fear the crashing on the door that means political or criminal hoodlums have selected them for punishment, robbery, murder — or the settlement of some vendetta, political or otherwise.

Government contends that the success of the recent worker stayaway — and the accompanying unrest — is largely a result of agitation, incitement and intimidation. This raises the question of whether there is a "silent majority" of urban blacks who want only to get on with their lives and their jobs, and who are being prevented from doing so by radicals.

Most areas have little social cohesion The summary of the recent US-SA Leadership Exchange Programme (Ussalep) meeting on the causes of the current unrest (attended by representatives of private enterprise, foundations, universities and black business) puts it this way "The proximity within which blacks of all classes must live their lives creates what was described as 'a lumpen proletariat'

Natal's Schlemmer ... political temperature rising

"This factor relates to the quality of life in black townships (which was) described as 'physically insecure' and 'socially oppressive.'"

That is the *social* background to the stayaway, the violence and the unrest. Small wonder that in past attitudinal surveys of urban blacks have put material and educational improvements higher on their lists of priorities than political reform

But, now, that seems to have changed — largely as a result of frustrated hopes arising from government's weak reform programme According o the Ussalep summary "It was suggested (that) the current intensity of civil unrest in black townships is a function of the political frustration, isolation and despair experienced by blacks as a result of historical, political and economic inequality. *But particularly their exclusion from the new constitutional dispensation* as compounded by a number of other coincidental factors."

Schlemmer agrees that black exclusion from the new constitution is a key factor in the frustrated expectations that led to the unrest and the stayaway. In addition, Professor D A Kotze, head of the Department of Development Administration and Politics at Unisa, has put it this way "The dominant impression one has of black politics in the Twentieth Century is one of unceasing turbulence, the consistency of the black man's frustration, the increasing radicalisation of standpoints and the growing willingness to resort to violence"

The apathy of the early Seventies came across strongly in opinion surveys published at the time The change to greater politicisation comes across clearly in three more recent surveys. those of Germany's Bergstrasse Institute in 1977; the survey conducted for the Buthelezi Commission in 1981, and that by Schlemmer conducted earlier this year.

Questions aimed at measuring degrees of political commitment put by the Bergstrasse survey and the Buthelezi survey suggested that, on the Witwatersrand, there was a 67% increase in support for a more politically militant line between 1977 and 1981. The Schlemmer survey suggests that the politicisation of both urban and rural areas has reached a plateau — but has done

Township kids ... more attuned to violence

so at a very high level.

Schlemmer notes: "Violence, as an alternative, is fast becoming a respectable option and it is the implications of this that are worth considering What we have identified is certainly not the precise proportion of people who are revolutionaries. We have, however, identified the scope of what appears to be a growing climate of revolutionary ideology."

The relative success of the recent stayaway was therefore no surprise to the sociologists. They point out that both the Buthelezi and Schlemmer surveys contained questions on what would happen if a stayaway were called by *respected* political leaders. In both cases a high number of respondents (in excess of 60%) expected many people to stay away from work. In the event the estimated stayaway was about 60% of the workforce

It would not, however, be easy to call another successful stayaway in the near future — and probably impossible to make one work if it was scheduled to last longer than a few days.

Schlemmer notes that the two-day stayaway period was shrewdly chosen, enabling many workers to treat it as an unofficial holiday taken at little risk that they would lose their jobs. "Workers were prepared to co-operate providing there was little risk to their livelihoods," he comments.

A longer stayaway, however, would almost certainly have fizzled out because of worker recognition that their jobs would then be in jeopardy.

The question of intimidation is crucial. It certainly happens. However, as Schlemmer has found, the high migrant involvement in the stayaway tends to suggest that intimidation was not a key factor.

"If there was intimidation then workers gave into it too readily," he says "The degree of intimidation radicals can organise is nothing to the counter-intimidation workers, particularly migrants, can exercise if they wish." Schlemmer adds that hostile migrant reaction to radical pressure has in the past brought political activity to an abrupt, if somewhat bloody, halt in certain areas

So while there is a "silent majority" anxious to get on with their lives, the desire to live peaceably is not unconditional — and does not preclude support for political action.

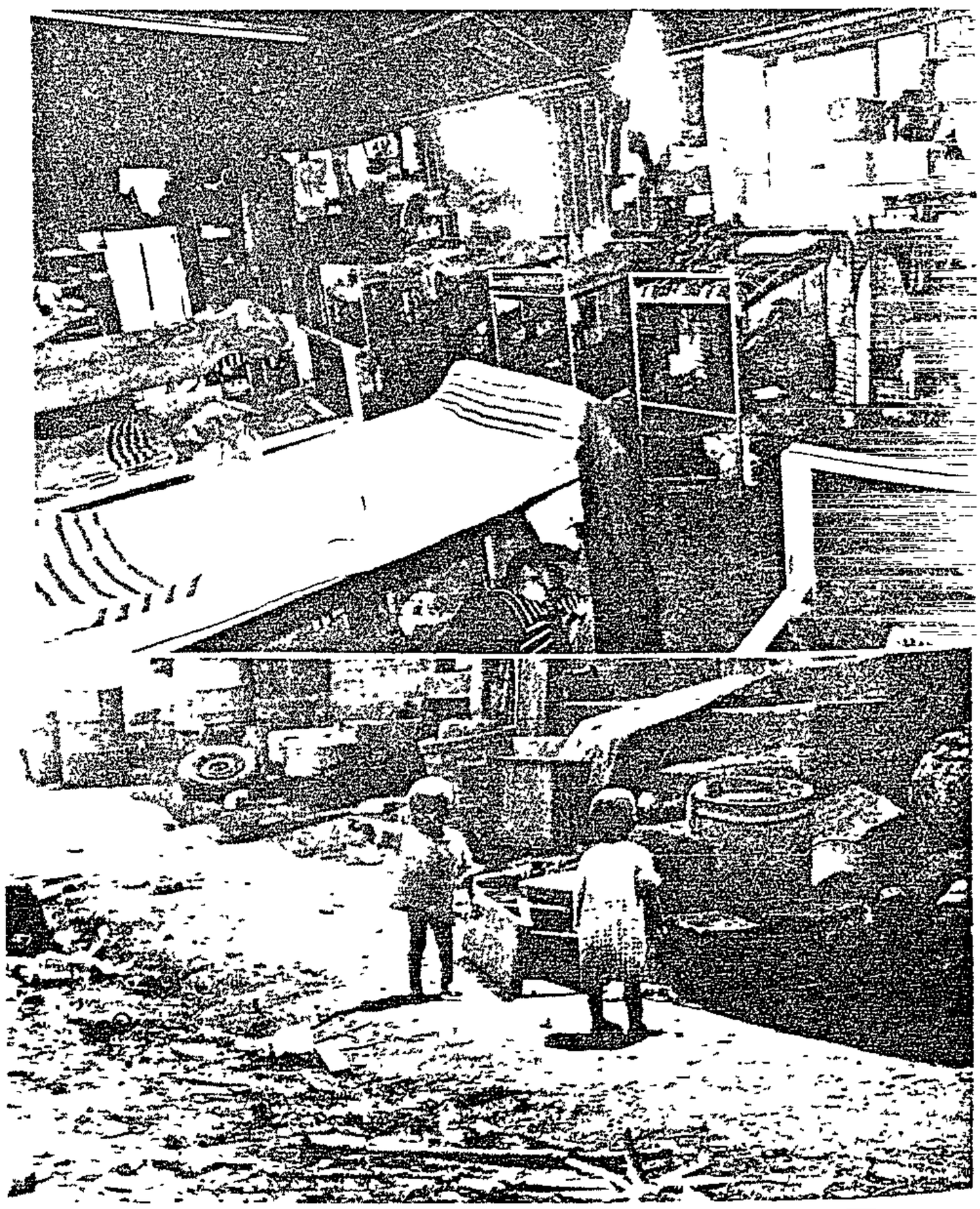
Schlemmer notes of the Buthelezi survey that on the Witwatersrand virtually every respondent (just under 100%) said they would expect "either war, revolution, intervention from outside, military incursions by guerrilla forces or strikes, riots and boycotts" if there was no change in the lives of blacks within 10 years

The Buthelezi survey also found that fully 64% of respondents on the Witwatersrand predicted mass strikes if government did not introduce reasonable changes in the fairly near future. Neither government nor employers should, therefore, assume the recent stayaway, or the unrest, is primarily the work of agitators or of intimidation.

In the intention of some of its organisers it may have been a revolutionary type of action. In the intention of most participants it was probably no more than an expression of frustration and anger with no clear idea of where, if anywhere, it could or should lead.

But as a message of frustration it should carry a clear message to Chris Heunis's Cabinet committee on the political future of urban blacks.

Simply put, this is that the opportunity to live in peace, and make material progress, is a *sine qua non* if the silent majority is to remain silent. People simply don't wake up in the morning and think about politics — people are adaptable, even in SA. But when the harassments of daily living mount up and nothing is done about them, the hope of betterment is stifled. That must not be allowed to happen.



Hostel and alley life ... a climate of fear

Work camps for rioters — HNP paper

PRETORIA — The Herstigte Nasionale Party mouthpiece, *Die Afrikaner*, has proposed that black rioters be sent to labour camps as a solution to the current unrest.

Die Afrikaner says its own investigation indicated that many rioters were involved in the unrest because "they had too much free time on hand." Labour camps could end "this boredom of blacks"

The newspaper says the country can no longer afford the loss of property, life and labour caused by unrest and adds that rioters could, with great success, be sent to labour camps "for a number of years"

The newspaper's editor, Mr Z B du Toit, declined to comment when asked for more details on the proposed camps. He also declined to comment on a comparison between the proposed camps and Hitler's labour camps.

The newspaper also called for a paramilitary unit under the Commissioner of Police to deal with unrest — Sapa

Stayaway planners face sabotage trial

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ORGANISERS of the wave of black unrest that reached a peak with the mass stayaways on the Reef three weeks ago may be tried for economic sabotage or subversion.

A senior officer of the Security Police confirmed last week that dossiers had been opened on several of the scores of activists — including 19 trade union leaders — held in detention

Investigations were still in progress He did not rule out the possibility of more arrests in the wake of the November 5 and 6 stayaways that cost tens of millions of rands in industrial production losses

The probe appears to be intended to ascertain whether ardent trade unionism and political protest crossed the border line into what the Internal Security Act defines as terrorism or subversion

CHARGE

Confirmation of the investigations follows an appeal by big business to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, to charge the detainees — or release them.

The appeal was first made by the Association of Chambers of Commerce at talks with the Minister and is likely to be supported by both the Federated Chamber of Industries and the Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut

All three organisations have warned the Minister that detentions without trial had jeopardised industrial peace

Observers forecast that if extremists are put on public trial it will draw the most intense international attention since the Rivonia trials of the 1960s

Police preparing dossiers are known to be concentrating on Section 54 of the Internal Security Act, which spells out the legal interpretation of terrorism and related offences.

SUBVERSIVE

It is understood that under particular scrutiny are offences regarded as subversive and carrying a maximum penalty of 20 years in jail — or 25 years if violence was used.

A sub-section classifies a subversive as anyone who.

- Causes or promotes general dislocation or disorder, or attempts to do so.
- Cripples, prejudices or interrupts any industry or undertaking, or the production, supply and distribution of commodities or foodstuffs
- Interrupts, impedes or endangers the manufacture, storage, generation, distribution or supply of fuel, petroleum products, energy, light, power or water, or sanitary, medical, health, educational, police, fire-fighting, ambulance, postal or telecommunication services, or radio or television broadcasts.

Case postponed as validity of subpoena is queried

The validity of a subpoena issued to Mr Gary van Staden, political reporter of *The Star*, demanding that he disclose information about his sources, was postponed today after lengthy legal argument.

Senior Counsel Mr Jules Browde submitted before a magistrate that the points raised by Mr van Staden's legal team could be decided only by a judge.

The hearing was postponed until Wednesday for consideration of this argument. Earlier a proposal to hold the hearing in private was also contested.

The prosecutor applied for the hearing to be held in camera because it was not a trial but merely part of the investigating process of the police.

Mr van Staden's counsel said that he merely wanted to argue the legality of the subpoena at this stage.

The magistrate, Mr L S du Toit, agreed that the court remain open for the time being.

Mr van Staden is appearing on subpoena to answer questions

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Subpoena is queried

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about a meeting he attended on
September 21 when members of
the Vaal Civic Association is-
sued a Press statement which
was published in *The Star*.

The subpoena suggests that
Mr van Staden was likely to
give material evidence concern-
ing a contravention of the Inter-
nal Security Act.

Mr van Staden is reluctant to
give information as he does not
believe he was witness to any
crime of any kind, and, to pro-
tect homes and possibly lives, he
gave an undertaking not to re-
veal his sources.

An earlier subpoena concern-
ing the same meeting was with-
drawn when Mr van Staden last
appeared at court with a legal
team led by Mr Denis Kuny SC.

Today Mr Browde handed to
the court an affidavit sworn by
Mr Kuny and another by Mr van
Staden.

These told how Mr Kuny had
informed the prosecutor at the
last hearing that he intended to
challenge the validity of the
proclamation under which a
crime was alleged to have been
committed.

The prosecutor said he would
issue a fresh subpoena — and it
was served within two hours.

Mr Browde argued before
court today that the second sub-
poena was an abuse of the pro-
cess of the court.

The prosecutor, Mr A van
Wyk, told the magistrate that he had
before November 23 he had
struck a deal with a Mr Iyob, an
attorney, who he was led to be-
lieve represented Mr van Sta-
den, on the basis that Mr van
Staden would answer some of
the questions asked.

There were eight questions in
the original subpoena and the
investigating officer wanted
subpoena Mr van Staden to an-
swer a further question.

"I told the investigating of-
cer not to bother about another
subpoena because Mr van Sta-
den had agreed to answer que-
tions," Mr van Wyk said.

"When I was told that the v
lidity of the subpoena would
contested I withdrew the ori
nal and issued a new one."

Fosatu blames Govt, business for unrest

The Government and big business are equally to blame for the intolerable conditions in the black townships that have led to widespread rioting in the past months.

In a hard-hitting editorial, *Fosatu News*, mouth-piece of the Federation of South African Trade Unions (Fosatu), calls on the Government and big business to find "real solutions to the problems they have created".

The wave of unrest in the townships culminated in a successful two-day stayaway by thousands of black workers in the PWV area at the beginning of last month, backed by the major union federations, including Fosatu.

In a rare joint statement last month Assocom, the Federated Chamber of Industries and the Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut, condemned the detentions following the stayaway and called on the Government to either charge or release the detainees.

The three organisations later held meetings with the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange.

In the editorial Fosatu asks how long big business can afford to "sit idly" on the sidelines professing not to be political.

"They say they deplore the repressive actions of the Government, but it is clear that they have benefited from these oppressive policies," it said.

"South Africa has become an industrial giant at the expense of the welfare of its workers. The townships were built to provide dormitories for the millions of workers that big business desperately needed.

"But in order to keep the profits high, as little as possible was spent on providing workers with decent living conditions. And because only a basic education was needed to operate the machines in the factories, little money was spent on schools, technical colleges and universities for the country's blacks."

Fosatu said the two-day stay away was a demonstration of deep-seated discontent among township residents as a result of high unemployment, increased food prices, bus fare and rent hikes, inadequate housing, low wages and poor education

"But once again it is met by the repressive fist of the Government. The townships are virtually occupied by the police and the army — worker and progressive leaders are detained," the editorial said.

"Contrary to what the present Government believes, it will not be able to forcefully suppress the growing discontent in the country's townships forever. Nor can it afford to ignore the justified demands being made by workers and students.

"It is time that the Government and big business began to consider real solutions to the problems they have created.

"Is is unfair for workers to demand to live in reasonable conditions? Is it unfair for workers to demand the right to work and receive a living wage? Is it unfair for workers' children to demand a decent education?

"Fosatu says no, it is not unfair. These are basic human rights. Fosatu will not surrender until these have been achieved," the editorial said.

COP KILLED IN VAAL

Big battle at Sebokeng Hostel ends in 2 deaths

TWO MEN — one a policeman — were killed and two other policemen seriously injured when violence erupted between police and hostel inmates in Sebokeng at the weekend.

By ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

Constable R J Sedi died after being stabbed repeatedly during a knife and gun fight at the Sebokeng Hostel on Friday.

Constables J C Marevate and N Mako were seriously wounded in the brawl — Marevate was stabbed 16 times in the head and body.

All three were undergoing police training in Hammanskraal and were on temporary duty at the Sebokeng police station.

According to a statement released from police headquarters in Pretoria, the three policemen went to the hostel after complaints of "excessive noise."

On arrival at the scene some inmates attacked the policemen with stones and all sorts of weapons. One of the policemen opened fire with his service shotgun and hit one of the attackers, killing him instantly.

The policemen were then cornered and assaulted, until Constable Sedi was killed and the other two injured. Constables Marevate and Mako were saved by reinforcements, who dispersed the mob.

No-one has been arrested so far and investigations are being conducted at "top level," according to a police spokesman.

• Another policeman is lying wounded in the Hillbrow Hospital after being shot by a white man from a passing motor car in Bryanston at the weekend.

Constable K Mokone told police that he was on his way home on Sunday night when a passenger in a passing car fired a shot at him. He was not seriously injured and police are still looking for the gunman.

15 slain

In Soweto Brigadier J J Viktor, the divisional CID commander, said 15 people were slain in the township during the weekend.

• Thirteen people were killed in the East Rand over the weekend, Colonel D Greyling, the assistant divisional CID officer in the East Rand said yesterday. No arrests have been made.

September 3 — the story that led to Johannes' arrest

When Sebokeng exploded in early September, Johannes Rantete wrote a man-in-the-street account of the days of violence. Since then he has been detained under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act. His booklet remains unbanned. JO-ANNE COLLINGE presents excerpts . . .

The third day of September was, in the eyes of 20-year-old Johannes Rantete, an historic day for the residents of Sebokeng, a day when rent protests swelled to rebellion.

"It saw the fulfilment of forewarned strikes," he writes in his recently published booklet "The Third Day of September".

"It saw the destruction of shops and many other things, including the lives of various people and community leaders."

The slogans that ruled Bloody Monday, he says, were: "Amandla! Ngowethu! Power is ours" and "Asinamali! We have no money".

Mr Rantete, son of a factory worker, writes not as a political analyst or activist but as an author who involved himself in the strikes to view all the horrific events of such a rebellion.

When the crowds took to the streets on September 3 in a protest march against rent increases, Mr Rantete was kept in their yard by his parents.

"In all my born days I had never found myself amidst a striking crowd and thus the hindrance laid upon me by my parents was as painful as the heart of a divorced man," he writes.

Needless to say, he found his way out and was soon rolling down the street with two friends.

In a short time he heard buses had been stopped from entering the township; he saw roads blocked with rocks; he witnessed a huge crowd escorting a battered car driven by a white man and demanding that it again be stoned.

He watched from behind a fence as a vanload of police and a huge crowd of residents clashed at the shops in Zone 13.

Police jumped from the van, he writes, carrying glass-like plastics which they used as shields against the stone-throwing mobs.

But: "The police could not withstand such stone-throwing and the truck drove off.

"Some police, seeing the truck was going, ran for their lives and two of the plastic shields were thrown away.

"The mob lifted the shields aloft and began to sing."

The bottle store was looted before police reinforcements arrived in two trucks, firing teargas.

"A white cop fired a rubber bullet which fell some distanee away from me," writes Mr Rantete.

"I went and picked up that piece of black rubber and smelt it.

"I really can't tell what happened when I threw that rubber away.

"I became dizzy and lost my strength and then some pains struck at my eyes.

"I ran to the water tap and cleansed my eyes."

It took Mr Rantete some time to realise it was teargas carried on the wind, and not the rubber bullet, that had caused his dizziness.

Meanwhile the crowds had taken to dousing each teargas canister with water.

"This system became the shield of the strikers and the police drove off to other zones," writes Mr Rantete.

Throughout Bloody Monday he followed a trail of burning, looting and teargassing through Zones 13, 14, 11 and 12.

Tuesday saw more strikes and more burning and looting, he says, adding:

"Helicopters droned overhead early in the morning and people crowded the streets again.

"The thing that made the strikes continue was the presence of the helicopters dropping teargas here and there."

On the whole, though, Tuesday saw less teargassing than the previous day, he says.

Wednesday he records as a quiet day, apart from an early spell when two helicopters arrived, commotion started and havoc reshaped.

By 3 pm, he writes, "I looked everywhere but the strikes were dead . . . the following days were the days of hunger. People had nowhere to get food."

Mr Rantete insists: "It was really the rent hikes that led to the unrest.

"People showed their deepest concern by rioting, but the Minister of Law and Order dismissed that motive, being unable to feel how rent increases affect the people."

He also points out that warnings of the rent protest had been given, accompanied by demands that the councillors resign.

"The call for their resignation was a clear rejection of the Government's new system of implementing the black town councils which the people didn't ask for," he says.

Mr Rantete preaches a moral to those councillors who survived the violence and have not resigned: "They must learn that leaders are like children.

"They do what the community wants.

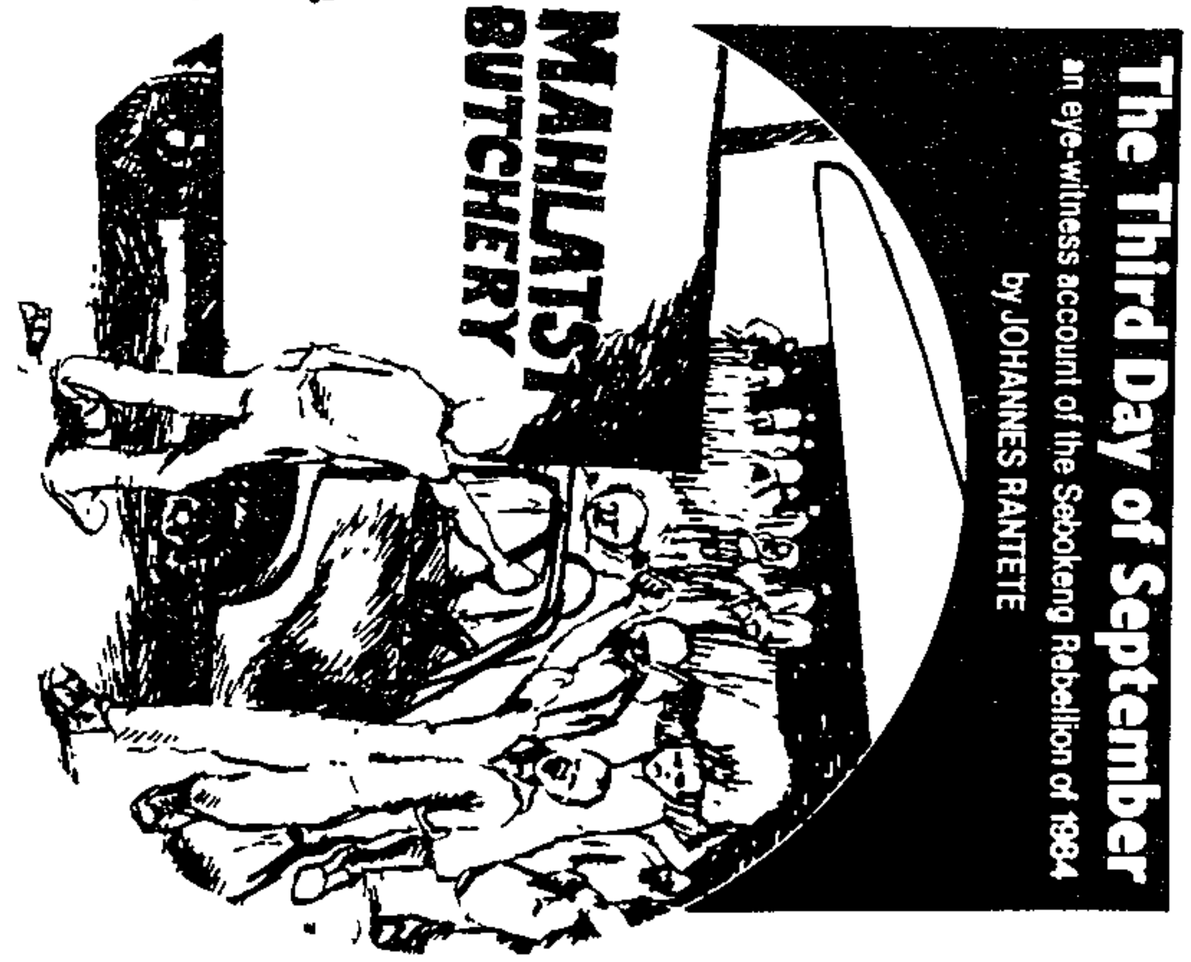
"They are called leaders because of the communities which they lead.

"They need not think for the whole community or approve their dreams without consulting the community.

"They are held in high esteem because of the poor people beneath their footsoles.

"They must beware: if they provoke the people beneath their feet they will fall painfully to the thorn-infested ground."

● "The Third Day of September" is the first book in the Storyteller Series published by Ravan Press, Johannesburg.



The cover of Johannes Rantete's booklet.

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POLICE DIG UP BODY

Husband was not told

EYE-WITNESSES yesterday reported that police yesterday morning exhumed the body of a Sharpeville unrest victim without informing her husband.

The body of Mrs Mantoa Mary Mvala (26) of 6503 Phelandaba Section, Sharpeville, was exhumed at about 9.00am according to eye-witnesses.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said that the body of Mrs Mvala had been exhumed yesterday after the necessary authority had been obtained from a magistrate

He said the body had been exhumed so that a further post mortem could be held. This would probably be done today, he said.

Lawyers

The spokesman said the exhumation had been reported to the lawyers of the dead woman's family.

Mrs Mvala's husband, Mr Thami Owen Mvala (32) got a rude shock when he was told that the body of his wife had been exhumed from the Sharpeville Cemetery

"That is not true. It cannot happen," Mr Mvala said

Mr Mvala rushed to the cemetery to see for himself and found the grave of his wife empty. He was overcome by emotion and broke down while inspecting the wreaths that he had placed on the grave on the day of her burial

Mrs Mvala died on September 24, at the Baragwanath Hospital after she was shot the previous night while at her home She was buried at the Sharpeville Cemetery on October 2

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Cops detain Vaal writer

POLICE have detained a young Sebokeng writer, whose eyewitness account of the September troubles in the Vaal was published by Ravan Press six weeks ago.

Muntshutshu Johannes Rantete (20) is being held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act for interrogation, police in Pretoria confirmed on Monday.

According to Ravan Press, he was taken in on November 23.

The publishers of Mr Rantete's booklet The Third Day of September, say: "Simple curiosity — the very quality which led him to write the account which he mailed to the publishers while events were still unfolding in the Sebokeng area — appears to have led to Rantete's detention."

The booklet has not been declared undesirable by the Publication Control Board

Ravan Press adds that police have visited its premises and demanded photographs which were taken by Rantete and which were the basis of pen sketches illustrating his booklet.

Cops sjambok mourners at unrest funeral

POLICE used sjamboks yesterday to disperse hundreds of mourners in Sharpeville after the funeral of Godfrey Mpondo (7), who was killed in a shooting incident in the township last week Monday.

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

Lieutenant H J Beck of the Police Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria yesterday confirmed the incident. He said about 600 of the 2 000 mourners gathered in the street after the funeral and started stoning the police, slightly damaging a police vehicle.

He said police dispersed the crowd with sjamboks and arrested one man, who is likely to face a public violence charge. No weapons or firearms were used, he said.

Godfrey, a Sub-A pupil, was shot dead after a group of youths had allegedly hijacked a garbage truck belonging to the Orange-Vaal Development Board. A board inspector approached the group and fired warning shots. Godfrey was later found with a bullet wound through both hips and died in Sebokeng Hospital.

Before the sjambokking, the funeral went ahead without incidents.

Hippos

Throughout the burial service, police in 10 hippos and other vehicles kept a close watch on the mourners singing freedom songs and shouting slogans. As the mourners left the cemetery, the police vehicles started moving towards them. This led to many mourners scattering in all directions and creating tension in the township.

The SOWETAN reporters later learned from unconfirmed reports that a black foreign television cameraman was stopped by police after he had captured a scene of police sjambokking a youth, but was later allowed to go. However, Lt Beck told **The SOWETAN** that he had received no report on the incident.

MOURNERS carrying the coffin of Godfrey Mpondo shoulder high in Sharpeville yesterday. Police later used sjamboks to disperse them.

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Police sjambok mourners

Mail Reporter

SEVERAL mourners who attended the funeral of Godfrey Mpondo, 7, of Sharpeville, were yesterday assaulted by police with sjamboks.

The incident happened when the mourners left the local cemetery after the burial.

The police, who had kept a low profile during the service, came in with 10 hippo vehicles.

Mourners had to flee as the police charged at them.

Godfrey was shot dead by an Orange Vaal Development Board inspector in Sharpeville last Monday.

Another youth, Dominic Tladi, 15, was seriously wounded.

A spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations said yesterday that a group of about 600 people who had attended the funeral stoned the the police outside the cemetery.

"One police vehicle was slightly damaged. The police then dispersed the crowd by using sjamboks. One man was arrested", the police spokesman said.

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Sjamboks used to disperse 15 000 chanting mourners

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By Themba Khumalo

About 15 000 Sharpeville mourners, mostly youths, were scattered yesterday by sjambok-wielding police after the funeral of Godfrey Mpondo (7), who was allegedly shot by police from the Orange Vaal Administration Board.

After the funeral service the mourners marched 5 km to the Sharpeville cemetery, shouting political slogans which praised Godfrey as a hero. They also chanted freedom songs praising the banned African National Congress.

During the march mourners hijacked cars and forced them to join the procession. All local shops were closed and other businesses came to a virtual standstill.

Godfrey was killed by a bullet last week after an incident in which a municipal refuse truck was hijacked. With him was a friend, whose name is not known, who was also shot and wounded. He is in a critical condition at the Sebokeng Hospital.

Police travelling in about 15 armoured vehicles watched the events from a distance until after the funeral.

They then charged the mourners and a few people were sjambokked.

An unnamed youth whom police said pelted them with stones was arrested by the riot squad.

A photographer from a BBC television crew was questioned and later escorted out of the township by the police.

At the Methodist service stickers on the walls blamed the Government for the continuing unrest in black townships.

A spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations said that a group of about 600 people had stoned the police outside the cemetery.

Catholic bishops' report presents horrifying picture of indiscriminate killings

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Many see some police as violent criminals

The "Report on Police Conduct During Township Protests" is based entirely on affidavits made before a Commissioner for Oaths, says the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference. Many deponents were also questioned by a lawyer, say the publishers. They add that deponents were not specially selected and the report reflects the variety of irregularities perpetrated by the police, but not their full extent. Many people were said to have been afraid to sign statements and were excluded from the report. The report covers the period August to November of this year. The investigation was launched towards the end of September and finished in under two months by a research team.

Since the township disturbances began less than four months ago the police have come to be seen by many people as disturbers of the peace and perpetrators of violent crime, says the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference "Report on Police Conduct During Township Unrest".

The report backs its claims of irregular police activities with summaries of sworn statements by more than 40 people.

It says an estimated 150 people died in the disturbances and suggests police use of firearms was on occasion unprovoked and indiscriminate.

The first affidavit in support of this sets the scene as Sharpeville and the time as early evening on September 3. It tells of a family and neighbours chatting in a garden as two police vehicles pass slowly by. It goes on:

By Jo-Anne Collinge

"As one vehicle passed the house a shot rang out.

"Immediately a youth's head jerked back and hit the wall. He fell, grabbing his head.

"At Baragwanath Hospital his left eye was removed. He now has an artificial eye.

"When he returned to work he found he had been dismissed."

A statement from Mr Samson Mgudlwa, father of 10-year-old Nicholas who was shot while chopping wood in the yard, reads:

"I carried Nicholas into the house.

"He was limp and bleeding badly on the left side of the head. I could see his skull.

"I took the child to a hospital. I found a rubber bullet on the ground where he had been shot."

Nicholas died in hospital three days later.

● A young Sebokeng woman tells of walking to work on September 3, the first day of the Vaal unrest.

"She noticed a policeman pointing a gun at her and believed he was trying to frighten her.

"She heard a noise and felt something hit her. She jumped into the air and then fell."

A rubber bullet was said to have fractured her leg.

● A 29-year-old Sebokeng man swore he had been simply walking along when police in a Hippo fired at him.

He was hit by several objects, then pushed into a police truck and beaten with sticks before being sent to hospital where he spent two months.

The report claims that beating of residents by police has in many cases been both indiscriminate and excessive.

It says:

"The most savage example of this conduct is the incident involving Miss M N, a Standard 3 pupil from Soweto.

"While she was walking home a Hippo truck passed her and a policeman told her to board the truck and he would buy her sweets.

"When she refused, another policeman pointed a small gun at her and ordered her on to the Hippo.

"When inside the Hippo she was told that the children in uniform were the ones who caused trouble.

"They sjambokked her and she screamed.

"One policeman then put his hand over her mouth and two other policemen continued to sjambok her for some time.

"Thereafter they told her to get out and go home.

"A medical practitioner at the Orlando Clinic examined her the following day and found the following injuries:

● Eight weals on her left thigh.
● Three weals on her left buttock.
● Fourteen weals on her left forearm.
● Five weals on her left chest.
● Twelve weals on her right forearm.
● Seven weals on her right thigh.
● Internal bleeding.

Further allegations of random beating are made by:

● A 51-year-old Sebokeng man who says he was sjambokked by two young policemen while walking home from a friend's house.

● A 19-year-old girl student who swears that, bleeding profusely from the mouth after being beaten with a sjambok and baton, she was made by a policeman to sit in a dirty puddle and wash herself, before being beaten again.

She says she was treated at Ga-Rankuwa Hospital.

● Soweto youths preparing for the installation of the Catholic Bishop of Johannesburg say they fled in fear when police arrived near their hall in Orlando carrying sjamboks.

They say some of them were sjambokked, rubber bullets were fired at others as they fled and one was left unconscious on the lawn.

Their injuries are reported to have been detailed by a district surgeon.

Claims are made of police looting a Visionhire outlet in Sebokeng and a bottle store in Zone 14 of the same township.

It was claimed by one deponent that police were seen drinking while shooting at crowds of people.

Apart from causing injury and loss of life, indiscriminate shooting of teargas and rubber bullets also caused damage to property, the report says.

It claims that police acted in such a way as to humiliate people and that there are many reports of the use of racially insulting and obscene language

It summarises the story of Mr A T, a 33-year-old married mar

He states that police pulled his moustache while keeping him in a Hippo.

Mr A T swore that he could not swim but was ordered into a dam at the edge of the township and told to submerge five times while police shot rubber bullets into the water near him.

The report states that a common observation of those who made statements was that the police had behaved as if they were at war.

Rubber bullets, sjamboks in mine hostel

The injury figures in September's brief legal strike by members of the National Union of Mineworkers mounted to about 250 in a single night in Welkom when riot police

policeman in camouflage uniform who was using a sjambok.

"I tried to run away but as I came out of the room I was hit on the back of the neck with a [illegible]"

been beaten, shot in the right eye with a rubber bullet and beaten a second time with a pickhandle.

His damaged eye was re-[illegible]

were on a legal strike."

● Mr W N alleges he was as saulted with pickhandles anc sjamboks.

"I realised that there were police and soldiers all over anc

moved into the compounds.

The Press was denied access to the hostels and the Conference report provides one of the few workers' accounts of police action.

The report describes it as a vicious assault.

Workers at President Brand mine gave the following testimony:

● Mr S T said he was woken in his hostel bed at about 9 pm: "I was being beaten by a white

After some beating, he says, he ran on and was hit in the leg by a rubber bullet. He was admitted to hospital for surgery.

"That night at the hostel I saw police doing terrible things to the workers," he says.

"The people were jumping through windows to try to escape the police.

"The people were badly beaten by the police and then just given to the police dogs."

● Mr S M was said to have

● Mr M T lost an eye, allegedly as a result of a sjambok beating, and was hit in the stomach by a rubber bullet.

He says he was beaten by policemen using pickhandles.

"I did not know why they were hitting me," he says, "but they kept saying we should get to work.

"I am not doing night shift. I am working day shift.

"I had not gone to work on that day because all the miners

the only alternative was to jump from the first floor to the ground floor," he says.

He adds that he jumped and fell badly, breaking a leg and dislocating a knee.

"At this stage," he says, "I am not able to say for sure how many soldiers or police hit me with pickhandles whilst I lay down.

"They were saying, 'Kaffir bok, jy dink jy's slim (you think you're clever)'."

Missiles that can kill . . . by a doctor

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The false belief that rubber bullets are incapable of causing serious harm may have led to reckless use of them, Dr Clifford Goldsmith reports to the Conference inquiry.

"Fired at close quarters a rubber bullet can kill, particularly if it strikes the head," he says.

He counters claims that teargas is a safe and humane way of dispersing a crowd.

The chemical can kill, he warns, if a person cannot escape from a room filled with the gas.

"Infants and the aged may not be able to escape and this explains why more infants have died from teargas," says Dr Goldsmith.

He cites the cases of two young children admitted comatose to hospital last month.

"It took three days for the children to become lucid," he says.

"Both had been exposed to teargas less than 24 hours before being admitted to hospital."

Dr Goldsmith says some forms of teargas are more dangerous than others and adds that the exact contents of South African teargas are not known.

Animal experiments have shown that very high concentrations of the gas do severe organ damage, especially to the lungs, kidneys and liver, he adds.

Where death occurred in these experiments it was most often due to lung damage and suffocation.

On the harmful potential of rubber bullets Dr Goldsmith says: "It is incorrect to believe that the rubber bullet is incapable of opening the flesh.

"I treated one case where the chest muscles of a woman patient had been ripped open down to the bone."

He points out that a rubber bullet is 90 mm long, 35 mm in diameter and weighs about 100 g.

Dr Yosuf Veriava says: "The impact of a rubber bullet causes serious visceral damage, especially when it strikes the head, chest or abdomen."

He explains that a rubber bullet to the head can cause intra-cranial bleeding.

"I know of one child whose skull was fractured by a rubber bullet and who died of meningitis as a result," he says.

If rubber bullets hit the chest they may fracture ribs and cause bleeding into the lungs, adds Dr Veriava.

Damage could also be caused to the heart, liver, spleen, kidneys and bowels by rubber bullets.

Police deny claims of brutality

By ANTON HARBER

POLICE yesterday reacted strongly to a Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference (SACBC) report on "irregular" police activities during the recent unrest and said they had already found "untruths".

The SACBC report — a litany of alleged rape and reckless violence —by police — was released in Pretoria yesterday.

It called for an immediate inquiry into police conduct in the townships and for appropriate disciplinary action.

Archbishop Denis Hurley, president of the SACBC, said yesterday that he had tried unsuccessfully to see the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, before releasing the report.

The SACBC — the highest Catholic body in the sub-continent — is made up of 33 bishops from South Africa, South West

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Police reject report

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Africa, Malawi and Swaziland.

The report was titled: "Police conduct during township protests, August-November 1984," and was based on affidavits from about 45 residents of various townships in the Vaal Triangle.

It includes an allegation that on November 23 two girls, aged 15 and 16, were held captive by policemen in a hippo in Sharpeville for 14 hours and repeatedly raped.

The two have identified their assailants to the police who are investigating, according to the report.

The report cites as examples:

● "The callous killing of one Jacob Moleki," an arrested youth who was allegedly shot in the forehead at point blank range by a policeman who accused him of stealing a jacket. The allegation is based on affidavits from four youths.

● A 20-year-old Sharpeville man who was shot while "sitting in his front garden chatting with members of his family". As a police vehicle drove past, a shot rang out and the man was hit in the eye.

The report also contains allegations that many residents — including innocent bystanders — were beaten indiscriminately and excessively by the police.

In what it described as "the most savage example", the report told of an unnamed standard three pupil who had been ordered at gunpoint into a hippo while walking home from school.

A policeman had held a hand over her mouth and hit her with a sjambok for some time. A medical report recorded 49 weals all over her body.

Asked to comment on the report, the police directorate of public relations said: "The SAP find it strange that a responsible body such as the SACBC should resort to collecting, collating and publishing information with regard to alleged misconduct during the recent unrest in black townships, without first consulting the SAP so that thorough investigations could be conducted into all aspects of the alleged misdeeds and subsequently, a truthful, objective report published.

"A cursory and superficial perusal of the contents of the publication already reveals untruths as regards detailed chronology and events," it said.

Police rebury riot victim

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By ALI MPHAKI

POLICE yesterday morning re-buried the body of Sharpeville unrest victim, Mrs Mantoa Mary Mvala, after they exhumed it for a second autopsy on Tuesday.

Her husband, Mr Thami Owen Mvala, said he was refused permission to see the body of his wife when police brought it to the cemetery early yesterday morning, and only told to "look at the coffin and go away."

He said he went to the cemetery to ensure that it was his wife's body that was being buried and that it was replaced in the right place.

Mr Mvala got a rude shock this week when witnesses told him about the digging up of his wife's grave. He was not informed by the police that the body of his wife would be exhumed.

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Riot cops accused of rape

STARTLING allegations of rape, looting and malicious damage to property by members of the South African Police during the recent unrest in black townships were revealed in Pretoria yesterday.

The allegations, contained in a sworn affidavit by some of the victims, were disclosed by the South African Catholic Bishops Conference (SACBC) at a Press conference led by Archbishop Dennis Hurley. The allegations of police brutality were compiled by a research team of the SACBC from some of the victims in a 37-page report. All the statements were drawn from sworn affidavits collected in various townships Each affidavit was taken on oath before a Commissioner of Oaths, Bishop Hurley said.

Violence

In the report, labelled "Police Conduct During Township Protests," the victims outlined the "unprovoked" and "vicious" action of the police which claimed an estimated 150 lives. The SACBC in the introduction stated "we are shocked by the violent attacks on so many people during the last three months of turmoil "

Allegations of "reckless or wanton violence" included a statement by Mr Samson Mgudlwa, whose 10-year-old son Nicholas, was allegedly killed by police with a rubber bullet while he was chopping wood in his home at about 8 pm on September 24. "I carried Nicholas into the house He was limp and bleeding badly on the left side of the head I could see his skull," his father testified.

Other allegations include·

- That Jacob Moleleki was shot in the forehead at point-blank range by a policeman at the Sebokeng police station in September. This case is being investigated;
- The raping of two girls aged 15 and 16 years inside a police hippo on November 21;
- Certain policemen participated in looting and damaging of shops in Sebokeng on September 3 and 4, and
- Tearsmoke was used recklessly

According to the allegations, iron cages were also used to hold the arrested mourners after the burials of victims at the Evaton Cemetery on September 23. "Besides the use of these degrading forms of incarceration, some of those held in custody allegedly were not given medical treatment when they needed such treatment," the reports stated.

Archbishop Hurley, who accused the police of "exaggarating their powers during distrubances" said the police were now regarded by many people in the black township as "disturbers of the peace and perpetrators of violent crime." Most of the victims, he added, were innocent and were more passers-by or in their homes or on school premises at the time of the incidents.

Archbishop Hurley, who expected the Government to take disciplinary action against the police concerned, also announced yesterday that the 37-page report on police brutality would be presented to Mr Louis le Grange, Minister of Law and Order

Archbishop Hurley also announced that most of the cases reported were being investigated by the police and in other cases lawyers were still being briefed.

Police action: Methodist call

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Methodist Church of Southern Africa has called for a judicial commission of inquiry into police conduct during the recent unrest, following a report by the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference (SACBC) in which the police have been accused of "irregular" conduct.

The Rev Peter Storey, president of the Methodist Church, said in a statement released in Johannesburg late last night that the SACBC report on police conduct during the township protest must be taken "with utmost seriousness, and nothing less than a judicial commission of inquiry into police action is called for"

Servicemen

"The report also reinforces the call by the Methodist Church not to use national servicemen in police operations A statement like this by bishops known for their responsibility and integrity cannot be fobbed off by the SAP public relations office"

Meanwhile the SACBC said yesterday that it did not approach police before publishing its report for fear that publication could have been halted

The SACBC was responding to criticisms of their report by the police directorate of public relations who said they found it strange that the SACBC should publish information on alleged police msiiconduct without first consulting the police

The directorate also said they found "untruths in the chronology and events", and questioned the motives of the bishops in publishing the report

Reacting to the police directorate's criticisms, the SACBC said "Not a single incident referring to 'untruths' has been quoted by the police

"The chronology, which includes details of a number of deaths, was drawn up from press reports and research done by the South African Institute of Race Race Relations and the Detainess Parents' Support Committee (DPSC)

Affidavits

"All other details were obtained from affidavits taken before a commissioner of oaths and verified independently by a lawyer, who was convinced of their accuracy.

The SACBC report, which gives detailed accounts of alleged reckless violence by police, was released in Pretoria on Thursday

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Probe hears evidence over unrest

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SEVERAL organisations and individuals in the Vaal Triangle have already given evidence to the commission of inquiry investigating the reasons for the unrest in the area.

Professor Tjaart van der Waal, Rector of Potchefstroom University, is chairing the commission.

Organisations and individuals such as teachers' associations, priests' groups, civic associations and student groups have given evidence since December 4, when the commission began sitting.

The commission was set up by the Minister of Co-operation and Development and of Education and Training, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, after the Deputy Minister, Mr Sam de Beer, addressed a meeting of school principals in the Vaal Triangle two weeks ago.

The teachers told the Minister that if the rent issue was not resolved, students had indicated they would not go back to classes next year.

The students claim the rent issue affects them as they have to get money from their parents to buy books, uniforms and other school necessities. They say if the rent is not reduced to R30 a month they will not go to school.

The riots broke out when the Lekoa and Evaton town councils announced that they would increase rent and residential permit fees in September.

Meanwhile, Vaal residents are being asked to come forward to give evidence to the commission or send written statements. The commission has extended its sitting session to December 14.

It has also become evident that the relationship between employers and their employees on the Vaal is gradually getting worse because of the rents issue.

The Lekoa Town Council has asked employers to deduct a maximum of 25% from the salaries and wages of their employees who are in arrears with their rents and service charges.

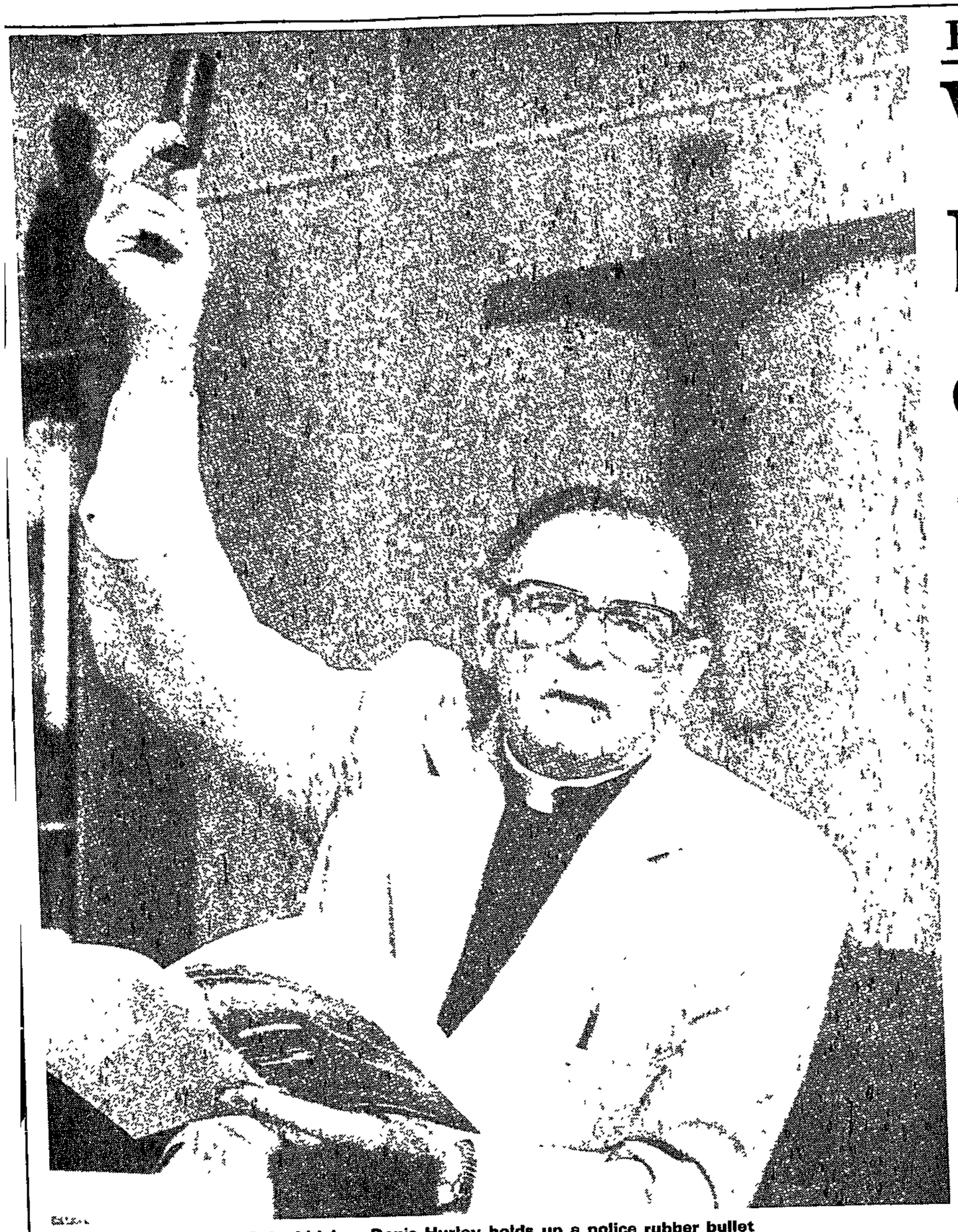
The request has put employers in a difficult position. They believe the rent issue does not concern them, but in terms of regulations promulgated under Proclaimation 186 of 1967, employers are compelled to make deductions.

Dr Viljoen has already met employers and requested them to urge their employees to pay rents as essential services cannot be supplied if the council has no income.

Employer organisations have already approached the council and the Orange Vaal Development Board in an attempt to resolve the issue.

And in Soweto, in its first public statement on the recent township unrest, the Greater Soweto Chamber of Commerce has expressed its total sympathy with those detained and killed during the unrest.

Mr Makena Tshabalala, chairman of the chamber, yesterday issued a statement saying the traders of Soweto aligned themselves with the community and its concerns over the economic situation, detentions and deaths.



● Archbishop Denis Hurley holds up a police rubber bullet

Report on township protests criticised

We can't probe bishops' unrest claims — police

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By GRAHAM WATTS
Political Reporter

THE South African Police said yesterday they were not able to investigate the allegations made in the report of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference (SACBC) on police conduct during recent unrest "because they were made anonymously".

"We do not have the names and addresses of persons from whom to obtain statements," a spokesman for the police directorate of public relations said

"The SAP will investigate any charge which is formally made by way of affidavits. The allegations contained in the (bishops') report were made anonymously and only so-called initials of the complainants were furnished," the spokesman said.

The police comment follows a Press conference in Pretoria this week at which representatives of all the main local and foreign news services heard Roman Catholic Archbishop Denis Hurley say that the police appeared to have been "promoters of further unrest and disturbance" and "creators of resentment and antagonism" in the black community

Protests

Archbishop Hurley's remarks were based on a "report on police conduct during township protests" compiled and published by the SACBC.

SACBC fieldworkers and priests, assisted by an attorney, conducted a four-week investigation in Transvaal townships during which about 45 affidavits were drawn up. They alleged irregular police activity during the three months, beginning with the outbreak of violence in the Vaal Triangle on September 3

The report — in the form of a booklet — alleges "reckless and wanton violence", including.

- Indiscriminate use of firearms.
- Assaults and beatings.
- Assaults on mineworkers
- Damage to property.
- Provocative, callous or insensitive conduct.
- Indiscriminate or reckless use of teargas

The report alleges two "senseless and callous" deaths, two cases of rape of teenage girls by white policemen in the back of a Hippo personnel carrier and a number of serious injuries resulting from prolonged assaults or the indiscriminate use of rubber bullets, birdshot and conventional bullets

It also alleges an "unprovoked and vicious attack on sleeping workers" at the President Brand gold mine during a legal strike called there and at eight other mines by the National Union of Mineworkers

In its introduction, the SACBC says. "In presenting this report, we are well aware that others besides the police are engaged in illegal and violent activities We also recognise what the police have done in protecting the innocent from criminals and hooligans.

"Among the estimated 150 deaths (as of November 26, 1984), at least eight persons are known to have been killed by persons other than the police.

● At the Press conference, Archbishop George Daniel (left), Archbishop Denis Hurley, Archbishop Peter Buthelezi, Bishop Reginald Orsmond and Father Smangaliso Mkhatshwa.

Exploit

"Furthermore, we acknowledge that some persons and groups may exploit the situation for their own criminal ends We concede, too, there may have been times when the police were provoked or needed to protect themselves

"But that cannot justify unwarranted or unlawful conduct on the part of the police. More is expected of the police, who are specially selected, trained, equipped, organised and paid to uphold the law and to protect all in society.

"For the sake of the whole of South Africa it is important that the police actions described in this report be seen neither as legal nor as a contribution to the good order of the country. Therefore, notwithstanding the circumstances prevailing in the townships, we cannot allow this travesty of justice to pass unnoticed."

Immediately after the report was made public, the police directorate of public relations issued a statement accusing the bishops of having "ulterior purposes".

'You are going to die as your mother died'

THIS affidavit of a 33-year-old father of two contains in detail what Archbishop Denis Hurley, referring to the whole report, described as "typical of police action throughout the unrest".

"On 15/9/84 I attended the mass burial of 7 people from the Methodist Church in the cemetery in Sharpeville. After the burial I walked alone to (address supplied) to my brother-in-law's house — a walk of about 10 minutes. I had stayed there that week.

"At about 4.30pm — one hour after the funeral — police arrived in a Hippo There were about 8 white police in camouflage uniforms and one in SAP blue. They stopped outside the house, possibly attracted by the people drinking outside the house — (about 10 people).

"Three policemen entered the house. 'Everybody out' they said. When I was outside I was asked 'Who is the owner of this house?' I pointed out the owner. Then they grabbed me by the belt

IN THE ORIGINAL WORDS: A FATHER'S AFFIDAVIT

of my trousers and brought me to the Hippo (B6 might be the number of the Hippo).

"When I was in the Hippo I asked them 'Why are you arresting me?' They replied 'Why have you attended the funeral?' I replied 'I did not attend the funeral.' Then they asked 'Why did you carry that flag or banner?' I replied 'I did not carry one.'

'I thought I was going to die'

"After this they kicked me on my left cheek, just under the eye. They continued kicking and beating me on the face and on the left and right side of my ribs. I thought I was going to die. Since 1982 I have been suffering from a heart condition — pericarditis.

"When I entered the Hippo I saw about 6 bottles of beer The police brought 3 more bottles of beer with them from the Shebeen. They kept beating me while the Hippo was moving. They drove to Manyokolo St and turned into Mphahlele St.

"They stopped at the corner and entered another house. They brought out a + – 23 yr. old male, whipping him with a PVC whip. They continued the whipping until they reached the deserted northern area of Sharpeville.

"During the time the Hippo was in motion they were drinking Brandy & Coke. When they reached the trees at the side of the Stadium they told him to get out — still beating him. As he ran away, they shot at him with rubber bullets but they missed.

"They continued insulting me, one kicked me saying, 'Jou ma se g . . ., jou ma se p . . . .' I told them my mother had passed away but they said 'You are going to die as your mother died'.

"The Hippo drove off again and stopped at another house. Some police climbed down and delayed outside a while — then they returned to the Hippo. One of them remained on board — a policeman wearing a SAP blue uniform and cap called me over near him. He started to pull my moustache and told the others to do the same. Then he told me to take off my T-shirt. It was covered with blood.

"The other policemen came to the Hippo and then they drove towards Sharpeville police station. Before they got there they told me to lie down. One stood on my neck and another on my lower spine. Every time I moved they kicked me.

"We drove away from the police station to-

from there to Seapoint section past the shops and on to the water dam. Near Seapoint section they told me to stand up on the top of the Hippo and raise my arms and shout in my own language 'Everything is right'.

'You are going to swim'

"'Can you swim?' they asked. 'No' I replied. 'Today you are going to swim' they said. They ordered me off from the top of the Hippo. They pushed me over and I fell on my face. One said 'Go and wash the blood from your face and mouth.' I ran to the water. One policeman was prevented by another from whipping me again.

"They told me to go into the water where it was deep. They told me to submerge myself 5 times and wash the blood off. They shot 3 rubber bullets into the water near me. Then the commander told me to come out and he said 'It's now 6 o'clock you must sit under that tree and stay there until 7 when we will come and check.' When I was running to the tree they shot at me with a rubber bullet which hit my hand.

"When they moved off I went to a relative in a state of shock and shivering. They tried to console me and gave me food. I went to the clinic on Tuesday 18th. They gave me tablets and something for bruises. Later on 25th I went to a private doctor."

● The statement was sworn to in the presence of a Commissioner of Oaths.

Untruths

The statement also said that a superficial reading of the report revealed untruths and inaccuracies in chronology and detail.

The SACBC replied the next day saying it stood by the report.

"The conference notes that the police directorate of public relations has issued the following general repudiation: 'A cursory and superficial perusal of the contents of the publication already reveals untruths as regards detailed chronology and events.'

"The conference also notes that not a single incident referring to 'untruths' has been quoted. The chronology, which includes details of the number of deaths, was drawn up from Press reports and research done by the South African Institute of Race Relations and the Detainees' Parents Support Committee.

"All other details were obtained from affidavits taken before a commissioner of oaths and independently verified by a lawyer who was convinced of their accuracy.

"The SACBC did not approach the police before publishing the allegations of police brutality as it feared the publication thereof could have been halted."

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Sebokeng violence erupts

A POLICE van was stoned and windows of a Vaal Transport Co-operation bus smashed yesterday by angry youths as another wave of violence gripped Sebokeng.

The incident happened as people who had attended a meeting of the Vaal Interim Committee left the local Roman Catholic Church in Zone 12.

Stones started raining on the van as it passed the church and the crowd nearby ran in all directions when one of the policemen in it pulled out a rifle.

For an hour thereafter, there was tension in the vicinity as people lined up the main road in anticipation that reinforcements were to be summoned.

Stand

The resolutions passed at the meeting were that residents reiterated their earlier stand for rent to be reduced to R30, and that pupils should return to school next year.

On the issue of Commission of Inquiry behind the unrest, those attending were not decided whether residents should give evidence or not.

At another meeting in Sharpeville yesterday, the local civic association reported back to thousands of residents that the deduction of employees' wages or salaries by some companies in the Vaal Triangle to "force" them to pay house rent had no force and effect and could be tested in a court of law.

Mr Phillip "Chippa" Molefe, the association's PRO, said they had at the weekend consulted their lawyers who confirmed that the action by the companies rendered them vulnerable to legal action.

"We have instructed the lawyers to write to the council to tell them that their action can be tested. At the same time the council is to be given a deadline to tell the companies involved to withdraw their move as this will render them legally vulnerably," he said.

Mandate

Despite the council's action to enlist the employers to effect stop-orders from workers' remuneration, the residents gave the association a further mandate to continue talks with the council.

Mr Molefe told the meeting that after presenting the residents demands to the executive committee of the council, which included Mr Esau Mahlatsi, the mayor, they were told that only a full councillors' meeting can take a decision.

Mr Mbuyiselo Botha, an executive member of the association, also said they were there to meet the Vaal Transport Co-operation this week, to discuss the resumption of buses to enter the township.

He said parents should advise their children not to stone buses. They would also point out to the management of the bus service that they were not the targets in the residents' grievances and as a result of the buses not entering the township, the sick and elderly were the ones who suffered.

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Probes into unrest deaths

PRETORIA — Police investigations would be launched into all the deaths that resulted from police action in township unrest during the past three months, according to a police spokesman in Pretoria yesterday.

He was reacting to weekend reports of two police investigations into the shooting of two youth and the alleged rape by two policemen of two teenage girls.

Both incidents were publicised in a booklet on police violence published last week by the South African Catholic Bishops' Conference (SACBC).

The SAP spokesman said the police investigations had not resulted in police action.

The officials of the townships had reached 96 by the middle of November. Inquests totalled 195

Police killed

According to figures released by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange during a speech in Virginia last month another 34 deaths and 215 injuries were not related to police action. Two police members were killed and a further 84 injured during the same period.

The police spokesman said would not be launched into cases of injury "unless people charged that they had been injured illegally".

The spokesman confirmed that a member of the SAP had been temporarily suspended after the police investigation into the alleged murder of Mr Jacob Mole-leki.

According to the SACBC report, Mr Mole-leki through the fore-head at point-blank range.

The spokesman also confirmed that police were investigating allegations that two black girls, aged 15 and 16, had been raped by two white policemen in September. — Sapa

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Zamdela mob burns shops, stones police

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By Revelation Ntoula and Trevor Jones

Violence broke out last night in Zamdela township, near Sasolburg, last night and two shops belonging to a Lekoa town councillor, Mr Paul Mahlatsi, were gutted by fire.

Six policemen suffered slight facial injuries when beer bottles and stones were thrown at them. An 18-year-old man was arrested.

The rioting started at dusk when residents chanting freedom songs marched through the streets. Later the two shops, a butchery and a supermarket belonging to Mr Mahlatsi, who is a brother of the Lekoa Town Council mayor, Mr Esau Mahlatsi, were set alight before the police arrived.

Police said today that the violence was not connected in any way with unrest but was a spontaneous reaction following SAP action against criminal elements.

According to eyewitnesses,

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the burning of the shops was followed by general rampaging which lasted throughout the night. Gunfire was also heard. However a police spokesman said today that no live ammunition had been used in the township.

By early this morning buses were not entering the Free State township and workers either walked to work or did not go.

The situation remained tense and police were patrolling the area.

Last night's violence followed a mass meeting which was held on Sunday at which residents expressed bitterness at circulars sent out by the Lekoa Town Council warning them to pay up their electricity bills or face stern action.

The residents complained that the Lekoa council had neglected Zamdela township and that councillors from Sebokeng, a nearby township, were using Zamdela to make money by operating shops.

A delegation is to meet officials of the council and the Orange-Vaal Development Board tonight.

Residents of Zamdela are demanding that their township, which is part the Lekoa complex of Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Boipatong and Bophelong, be allowed to break away from the Transvaal townships.

A referendum to decide the matter is to be held next March.

The background to last night's violence, said Captain Johan Fouche, police liaison officer for the Northern Free State, was that at 8.30 pm the police went to a house in Zamdela.

They had received information that property involved in a housebreaking case was being kept and sold from one of five houses used for smuggling, he said.

"At one of these houses the members of the SAP were confronted by a group of 50 black men and the policemen were stoned with empty and full beer bottles. The SAP left the scene.

"At 10.10 pm the police returned with reinforcements. They were again confronted by about 50 men who threw bottles and stones at them," said Captain Fouche.

The police used tearsmoke to disperse the group. Later a bus belonging to the Vaal Transport Corporation was hijacked by about 40 men, he said.

The bus was crashed into the Thabong Butchery and the crowd looted the butchery and two neighbouring businesses and then set them on fire.

Police again used tearsmoke to disperse a group of about 80 people. Four SAP vehicles were damaged and six policemen were slightly hurt.

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Night soil removals resumed in Tembisa

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Sowetan

THE Tembisa Town Council has started removing night soil and garbage in the area, which have not been collected for the past five weeks.

Mr Piet Harmse, the Tembisa town clerk told The SOWETAN last week that the council could not risk sending its trucks in the township last month because of the disturbances that were taking place.

He also said a number of their trucks were out of order and could not continue collecting night soil and garbage in the area.

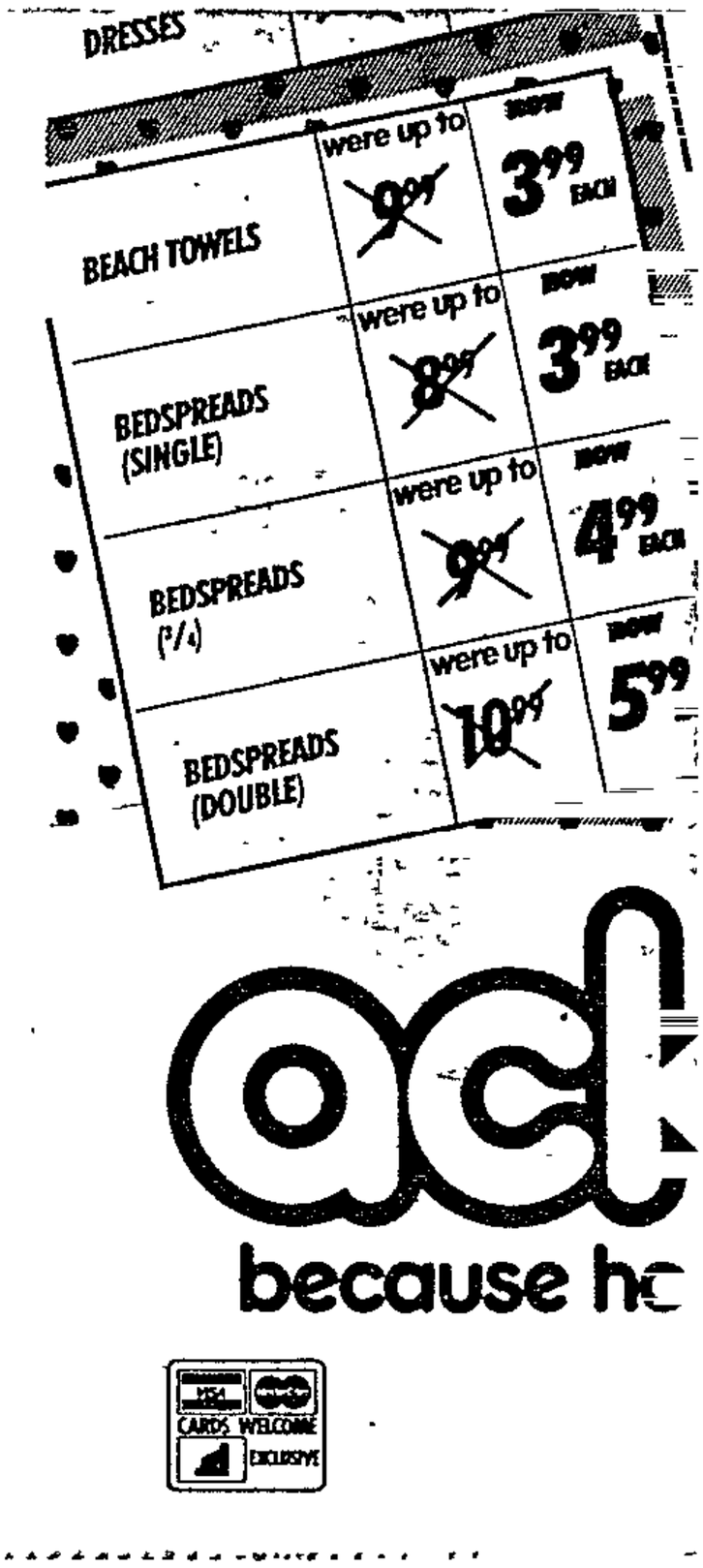
There were fears in the township that if the night soil and refuse were not collected, an epidemic would break out. Mass refuse containers in each and every street in the township were overflowing with rubbish and residents were now using every available open space in the township to dump their rubbish.

So far, the council has started removing night soil and garbage in the township's Moriting and Lekaneng sections.

Zungu to be buried

A PUTCO supervisor, Mr Arthur Maphumzane Zungu, who died last Saturday at the General Hospital, is to be buried on Saturday.

A service will be held at the Alexandra Roman Catholic Church starting at 12 noon and the cortege will leave for the cemetery at 1 pm.



Hippo rape probe over

INVESTIGATIONS into allegations by two Vaal girls who claimed they were raped in a hippo by two policemen have been completed and the docket has been handed over to the Attorney-General for his decision, police said yesterday.

A spokesman for the Police Directorate HQ in Pretoria, Lieutenant T F Jefferson, said the decision on whether or not to charge the two men would be made by the AG in the next few weeks. The two policemen, Lt Jefferson said, were still holding their jobs.

The investigations are a sequel to an incident in which two girls, aged 15 and 16 and living in the same house in Sharpeville, claimed that they were raped in the back of a hippo battle car two weeks ago.

The girls said the police picked them up in the afternoon after they were allegedly involved in an argument with a group of boys over a camera. They claim they were forced to move around with the police.

Zamdela quiet after rioting

ZAMDELA township near Sasolburg was quiet but tense yesterday following violence that broke out on Wednesday night when two shops belonging to a Lekoa town councillor, Mr Paul Mahlatsi, were burnt down.

The Police Public Directorate spokesman said yesterday there had been two separate incidents in the township in which police had used tearsmoke to disperse the crowds.

He said in the first incident, seven policemen were investigating a case of housebreaking when a group of about 50 people started to throw bottles and stones at them. The policemen suffered slight injuries and a police vehicle was also damaged.

The policemen, however, managed to withdraw from the scene until reinforcements arrived. In the meantime, the crowd continued to throw stones and attempted to set private cars alight. Police used tearsmoke to disperse them and no-one was arrested.

In the second incident, rioting started at dusk when a group of about 40 marched through the streets. A bus was later hijacked and driven through the display window of a butchery and supermarket belonging to Mr Mahlatsi, who is a brother of the Lekoa Town Council mayor, Mr Essau Mahlatsi.

After plundering the shops, the group set them alight. Police arrived and used tearsmoke to disperse them. An 18-year-old man has been arrested and is to be charged with public violence.

The police spokesman said yesterday that the violence was not connected in any way with the unrest, but was a spontaneous reaction following the South African Police action against criminal elements.

According to eye-witnesses, the burning of the shops was followed by general rampaging, which lasted throughout the night. Gunfire was also heard. However, the spokesman said no live ammunition had been used.

By early yesterday morning, buses were not entering the Free State township and workers had to walk to their places of employment, while many did not go out of the township at all.

The situation remained tense and police were patrolling the area but no fresh incidents were reported yesterday.

Violence must stop — Mayor of Soweto

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By Jon Qwelane

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The senseless violence which plagued the Soweto Council had to stop because it was making the institution a laughing stock, the township's new Mayor, Mr Edward Kunene, said at the weekend.

He was speaking at the funeral of murdered councillor Mr Edward Manyosi, who would have been elected mayor of the huge township complex had he lived 10 hours longer.

Mr Manyosi'a arch-rival in the Soweto Council and the man he would have opposed in the elections, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, was absent from the funeral. So were his followers in the Sofasonke Party and in the council.

"Let us stop this senselessness. We are now a laughing stock, particularly for whites because they see we are fighting over a meatless bone. Let us stop this violenece.

"If you dig a grave for someone, know that yours is also waiting to be occupied. And if you hate your fellow man, know that you actually hate yourself," the new mayor said.

'COWARDS' BLAMED

He declared — and was supported by other councillors in their speeches — that no political organisation could be blamed for Mr Manyosi's death.

He blamed "cowards" and said: "We are not afraid to tell them that they will neither lead nor benefit as long as they take out the souls of those who want to uplift the African people."

Mr Kunene named a number of political organisations in the black community which are opposed to bodies like the council, and said this time the accusing finger could not be pointed at them. He said the killers were closer to the council.

The acting chairman of the council's management committee, Mr Daniel Rasmeni, said that in the 12 months since the council was elected it had achieved nothing but "this evil deed".

Mr Rasmeni said the slain councillor was murdered "because he refused to carry out dirty instructions from higher up in the council. He was killed for his righteous ways".

GREATER DETERMINATION

Mr Rasmeni said there was no way the followers of Mr Manyosi would look back. If anything, they would march forward with even greater determination.

Another councillor, Mr Letsatsi Radebe, said Mr Manyosi was murdered "by the power struggle inside the council".

"But hitmen and petrol bombs will not drive us back as councillors, otherwise we will be selling out the spirit of Manyosi.

"We say we will be ready to go down to the grave with bullets in our bodies if necessary. But we shall never surrender," Mr Radebe said.

Large numbers of police were at the Jabulani Technical High School where the funeral service was held, and at the Soweto Council chambers where the body was taken for a final tribute.

Many policemen were also present at the Doornkop Cemetery where Mr Manyosi was buried, while others patrolled the block in Jabulani where he had lived.

Christmas riots hit Vaal

YOUTHS WATCHING the stoned and gutted rent offices in Boipatong township on Christmas Day.

PICS LEN KUMALO

POLICEMEN removing articles from the burnt house of a Boipatong cop on Christmas day.

THIS WAS the scene in Boipatong township on Christmas day. The tricycles were some of the articles that were taken out of the local offices and set alight.

SHARPEVILLE and Boipatong townships residents cleaning at the Boipatong Cemetery on Christmas day.

YOUTHS MARCHING from Sharpeville township to nearby Boipatong township on Christmas Day to clean up graves. Clenched fists and freedom songs were the order of the day.

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2 youths shot in Pta unrest

By ALINAH DUBE

TWO YOUTHS were shot and several others arrested on Christmas Day in Mamelodi, Pretoria, after the house of local deputy mayor and national organiser of the Urban Councils Association of South Africa (Ucasa), Mr Zikhali Ndlazi, was stoned and his wife's car petrol-bombed.

A group of local youths allegedly marched on Mr Ndlazi's house at 10 pm on Tuesday and smashed all the windows before setting the car alight. Those injured after police opened fire were Mr Lawrence Kgomo and Mr Solomon Phiiusa, who were rushed to the Kalafong Hospital.

Their condition was described as fair by a hospital spokesman yesterday.

Soweto

In Soweto the home of councillor, Mrs Violet Petjaulema, was also attacked and petrol bombed Her bedroom, and daughter's car were destroyed by fire during the 3 am attack, which occurred when the policeman on guard duty was asleep Mrs Petjaulema said she was awoken by the guard who told her that the house was on fire. Neighbours helped put the fire out, and damage to property was estimated at about R20 000

Mr Ndlazi said he was watching a television programme when he heard someone shouting "Power" outside. When he tried to check, he was stopped by stones which came through the window.

"After alerting my wife to what was going on, I battled to get hold of the telephone which was next to a window where a group of youths shouted "come out sell-out" We then used the back door and handed our children over to a neighbour I, however, managed to grab the telephone and informed the police," Mr Ndlazi said

He added that when the police arrived the youths had surrounded the house and were trying to set the sitting room curtains on fire. His wife's car was already burnt He estimated the damage at more than R10 000

Mr Ndlazi blamed the Mamelodi Youth Organisation (Mayo) and the United Democratic Front (UDF) whom, he said, had been marching in the neighbouring streets during the day He said such acts would not stop him from serving as a councillor and felt that people who committed such campaigns should come out and confront their opponents in the open

A police spokesman in Pretoria also announced that

- A car belonging to the Mamelodi mayor's daughter, Miss Emily Kekana, was burnt in front of her father's butchery during the past weekend
- A recently built National African Federated Chamber of Commerce centre in Soshanguve was broken into Thieves made away with about R20 000 from the safe; and
- A KwaThema man Mr George Buda was found dead in Mamelodi. His address has been given as 18 Ramothibe Street.

BOMBED: Mrs Petjaulema's daughter's car and the bedroom which were gutted by fire during a petrol bomb attack. PIC ROBERT MAGWAZA

'Cheating probe' delays

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1984: That was the year that was

OUR PRETORIA Bureau reporter, MONK NKOMO, looks at Pretoria in 1984 and remembers some of the events that made big news in the community — including the closing down of schools.

1984 IS THE YEAR in which Atteridgeville students demanded a greater say in school affairs.

THE year 1984 will be remembered by many in Pretoria's townships as the year of students' deaths, school boycotts, petrol bomb attacks on town councillors and the closing down of their oldest and most famous maternity hospital for blacks.

About 6 000 students boycotted classes for almost the whole year in Atteridgeville, with the students adamant that the authorities exceed to their demands, the major demand being the introduction of Student Representative Councils (SRC).

The sporadic unrests led to the fateful day on February 13 when Emma Sathekge, a form one student at the D H Peta High School was run over by a police landrover inside the school premises. She died later at the Kalafong Hospital after sustaining internal injuries.

An inquest magistrate in Pretoria, Mr J A Diener, on July 31 ruled that Emma's death was caused by Lt David Hugo McLachlan, who drove negligently inside the school premises The same policeman later appeared in the local magistrate court charged with culpable homicide. The case was postponed and is scheduled to be held in January next year

Meanwhile the continuous boycotts of classes eventually resulted with the Department of Education and Training closing down the Hofmeyer, Saulridge, Flavius Mareka, Saulsville and the Dr W F Nkomo high schools for about four months. The schools were later reopened but the boycotts continued despite DET's introduction of SRC's. All the students, except the final matriculants at the six high schools will have to repeat their classes next year.

Black organisations throughout the country, then launched a massive campaign protesting against the government's "apartheid laws". A two-day stay away from work was enforced in November At the end of the two days two students, aged 13 and 16 years were killed after being allegedly hit by police rubber bullets Wallace Rumskin (13) of 93 Ramokgopa Street and a standard four pupil at Mangena Mokone High or Primary School and John Phefo (16), a form one student at the Tidimanong High School in Rustenburg, who stayed at 44 Masemola Street, were the victims.

Mamelodi township's residents, who enjoyed a relatively quiet season, although with the highest murder rate in Pretoria, were "shocked" when one of their councillors Elison Chiloane (48) appeared in court on three charges of attempted murder, unlawful pointing of a firearm and unlawful firing of a shot at Mr Piet Pitso. He was acquitted on two of the charges but convicted on the second count He was warned and discharged.

Other incidents to remember included the following:

- the alleged kidnapping of an 11-year-old standard three pupil in Atteridgeville, Moses Ramonyai, who was bundled into a kombi and forcibly taken to an initiation school. Another victim was a Mamelodi taxi driver who was also kidnapped and forced to go to the initiation school near Mamelodi. He was later released after his family intervened,
- the on-off R8 rent increases in Atteridgeville "illegally" imposed in July, were finally called off by the local town council;
- two black male employees who allegedly offered women jobseekers contraceptives before demanding "sex for jobs" at the Atteridgeville labour offices, were transferred after pressure from the local town council which investigated the matter;
- the maternity section of the Holy Cross Nursing Home, where about 25 000 babies were born since 1939, was closed down in April to make way for an old age home;
- the South African Government withdrew

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petrol bombed in separate incidents Mr Mashao resigned from the council in November, citing pressure from his

in November. Damages estimated at millions of rands were incurred after the heavy storm.

And the year 1984

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Soshanguve and the city on April 30 amid protest from the commuters. Putco has since been requested by the dissatisfied residents to apply for a permit to operate again;

• the houses of Atteridgeville councillors Z Z Mashao (ex-Mayor) and E M Sibanyoni and that of the council's secretary Solomon Ramalla were

• the leader of the Progressive Federal Party, Dr Frederick van Zyl Slabbert made history when he became key speaker at the inauguration of the Mamelodi People's Party on August 21;

• the worst hailstorm in years, with some stones the size of tennis balls cut a trail of havoc in GaRankuwa and Brits

stay in the gallows for gangster Cameron "Kangaroo" Adams and Vincent "Vivi" Stuurman who were eventually executed in Pretoria on November 20. A last-ditch effort to spare them was again rejected by Mr Justice D J Curlewis who lashed at their counsel for having "played ping-pong for two years."

Violence erupts on Xmas Day

VAAL RIOTS

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By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

VIOLENCE erupted in the Vaal area on Christmas Day in what was a dramatic enactment of a Black Christmas.

Angry youths returning from Boipatong Cemetery after cleaning the graves went on the rampage, setting alight the house of a local policeman, Mr Thabo Motati, and the rent offices, which were in the process of being rebuilt.

Trouble in the township started after there was shooting, as thousands of residents, singing freedom songs and shouting slogans, passed the rent offices.

A number of youths were wounded by buckshot fired by two policemen guarding the place. Minutes later, the two policemen had to run for their lives to escape the mob. Shortly afterwards the offices were stoned and set alight. Some youths then stormed a storeroom and looted items ranging from eating utensils to building materials. They also destroyed at least four cycles belonging to the council

While this was happening, another mob attacked Mr Motati's home with stones and later set it alight. According to witnesses, Mr Motati fired several warning shots at the crowd before he managed to flee with his attackers hot on his heels

There were no other people in his home.

In both instances, the fire brigade from Vanderbijlpark was summoned

Shebeen

In another incident on Christmas Eve, a beer lounge in Zone 12 Sebokeng was burnt down. The fire is said to have started at 6 pm

The SOWETAN has also learnt that another policeman's house and the house of a resident were set alight in Sharpeville on Christmas Day. There is also information that a shebeen queen's house in Boipatong was burnt on the same day, and an attempt was made to attack a firm adjacent to Boipatong township.

The Vaal unrest coincided with the call spearheaded by political and community organisations and trade unions to observe a Black Christmas which was from December 16 until yesterday. The call had been made to show sympathy with families of those who died, and were injured and detained during the unrest this year.

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As a result, the Vaal townships residents decided to clean up the graves. On Christmas Day, Boipatong residents moved to Sharpeville at about 6.30 am to help clean the graves at Vuka and Phelindaba cemeteries. Later the crowd moved to Boipatong Cemetery. Police who watched the residents from a distance, kept a low profile.

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No arrests

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A spokesman for the police directorate in Pretoria yesterday said a crowd of 800 returning from the graveyard, broke into the administration offices and burnt the ceiling. Police used birdshot to disperse the crowd but there were no injuries and no arrests.

Commenting on the incident of the burning of a policeman's house, Captain M Dippernaar of the police directorate called this a "cowardly act." He said 500 people attacked the policeman's house. A petrol bomb was thrown through the living room window and 75 percent of the house was destroyed. The constable fired two shots with his private firearm.